

# Amboy School Board members sworn in

**BY BONNIE MORRIS**  
Editor

**AMBOY** – Newly elected school board members were seated during the April 22 Amboy Board of Education meeting. They included incumbents, Katie Pratt, Elsa Payne and Rory White. Board officers were also chosen. Nicole Jones will continue her role as board president, Katie Pratt will serve as vice president and Elsa Payne was selected as secretary.

The board approved meeting dates and times for the coming year. Most board meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. The exceptions will be in May, October and November when the meetings are held on Tuesday, as well as the board retreat scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2022.

**PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS**

Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart congratulated March Student of the Month Gabby Jones.

- Curriculum and School Improvement
- Information for summer school has been sent to families. The high school plans to have four in-person, teacher taught classes. Each class will be held for two weeks, 3 hours per

day. They will also offer their normal credit recovery program on Apex.

- Work has begun on Transitional ELA through the ROE in conjunction with Sauk Valley Community College.
- The Ed Pathway team met with the ROE on April 13 and then as an Amboy team on April 14 to begin planning the work needed for the Pathway grant.

School Activities

- Homecoming festivities were held the week of April 5. The theme was super-hero. Students decorated the hallways, made class T-shirts, and had a pep rally on April 9. King and Queen were Brady Jones and Breanna Blaine.
- Two FFA members, Dana Merriman and Mason Ely, are working outside of school to develop educational videos, which will be shared by the Lee County Farm Bureau during their virtual Ag Expos for 5th graders in the county.
- The FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team placed 1st as a team at the District contest on April 7. Individual placings included:  
3rd place chairperson-Kelton Schwamberger

Floor members:

- 4th-Dana Merriman
- 6th-Emma Dinges
- 7th-Andrew Jones
- 10th-Lauren Althaus

The team will advance to the state contest on May 15.

- An in-person FFA banquet was held on April 21 with a limit of 50 guests.
- Kelton Schwamberger, Dana Merriman and Emma Dinges will run for section FFA officer positions at the section banquet on April 27.
- Kelton Schwamberger and Emma Dinges will compete in public speaking contests to advance to the state contest on April 28.

**Amboy Junior High Principal Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement

- On April 8, the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: Finish IQF and submit, submit April Progress Report, update 1003(a) budget for 2020-2021, and summer school.
- Faculty meetings were held March 22, March 25 and April 12 to discuss PBIS and IAR testing.

PBIS

- On March 22, the monthly PBIS celebration/assembly was held over Google Meets and the following awards were handed out:  
Students of the Month  
5th Grade-Michael Hood and Amylia Bump.  
6th Grade-Janella Gallagher and Brandon Campiran.  
7th Grade-Peyton Payne and Victor Lopez-Belmontes.  
8th Grade-Cierra Kessel and Caleb Shugars.  
P.E.- Quinton Leffelman and Madisyn Heath.  
Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Makayla Burt, Caylee Hummel, Henry Klein, Grady McLaughlin, Teagen Payne, Emma Richardson, Daymeir Ellis, Caiden Heath, Madisyn Heath, Chase Huggins, Hayden Hunsberger, Hope Lauzon, Chloe Vaupel, Emilee Blaha, Devyn Cheever, Gavin Eisenberg, Wyatt Hoffman, Bradley Schmidt, Bristol Bulfer, Brody Christoffersen, Michael Farrar, and Jaden Haley.

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## First lady Biden discusses higher education investments in Illinois visit

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**SPRINGFIELD**—First lady Jill Biden and U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona visited Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon on April 19 to discuss how the American Rescue Plan will support higher education in Illinois.

After touring the facility, Cardona and the first lady announced President Joe Biden’s investment in higher education through the American Rescue Plan, the latest federal COVID-19 pandemic relief package, which includes \$40 billion for higher education infrastructure projects and programs to make education more accessible.

Gov. JB Pritzker was also in attendance for the visit on Monday, along with other Illinois lawmakers, but did not speak publicly.

As a professor at Northern Virginia Community College, Biden is a longtime advocate for education, especially community college education.

During her husband’s former vice presidency, Biden was appointed by President

Barack Obama as honorary chair of the College Promise program, a national initiative to make two-year community college education free.

“What starts in one community college classroom can create a chain effect that is eventually felt by every single American,” Jill Biden said.

She announced at the news conference that Sauk Valley Community College will be launching its own College Promise program. Although the program was established six years ago, President Biden intends to build on this initiative to make higher education more attainable, according to the first lady.

“(President Biden) is ready for big ideas and bold action, so that all Americans can go to community college and have the support they need to finish and get good jobs,” Jill Biden said. “Together we are going to get this done because community colleges are our future.”

Cardona said the pandemic has had a significant impact on community college attendance, citing a 10 percent decline in community college enrollment this year.



First lady Jill Biden visits Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon to discuss federal relief and investments in higher education. (Credit: Illinois.gov)

“Most (community college) students are part-time students, part-time workers, parents, caregivers and displaced workers,” Cardona said. “Community college plays such a critical role in addressing equity, and making sure that gaps, exacerbated by the pandemic, close.”

In Illinois, 19 higher education institutions

will benefit from the American Rescue Plan funding, including Illinois State University, the University of Illinois System, Illinois Valley Community College and Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, to name a few.

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## Lee County COVID-19 Update: April 26, 2021

**LEE COUNTY** — Between April 20-26, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 70 new cases have been reported, including one from the Dixon Correctional Center and six from Jack Mabley. Here are the ages that were reported: 10 under the age of 12, 9 in his or her teens, 9 in his or her 20s, 13 in his or her 30s, 8 in his or her 40s, 9 in his or her 50s, 2 in his or her 60s, and 3 in his or her 70s.

This brings the total number of cases to 3,786 as of April 26. They also reported as of April 26, 12 residents have been hospitalized and 69 residents have died.

The Lee County Health Department’s website has a COVID-19 section, including information for people who have tested positive. This provides guidance as you wait to hear from one of the health department’s

contact tracers.

There is sometimes a delay between residents receiving their positive results and the report getting to the health department; additionally, they are experiencing a surge in cases and likely have a good number of people already on their list to be contacted in the order received. See www.LCHD.com/ Covid19 for more.

**Vaccine**

As of April 23, according to IDPH 20,610 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee County, and a total of 9,419 people in Lee County have received both doses of the vaccine.

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

## City, Depot Commission look to invest funds in foundation

**BY TONJA GREENFIELD**  
General Manager

**AMBOY** — Looking at a cost of more than \$500,000 for restoration of the Amboy Depot Museum, the Amboy Depot Commission proposed to the city council about moving its endowment funds for the museum to a non-profit foundation.

The Amboy City Council met for its monthly meeting on Monday, April 19 in the Amboy Community Building. Alderman Brett Dewey and Bill Bontz were absent.

On the agenda under new business was an action item for the Depot Commission to invest its funds into the

Starved Rock Community Foundation.

During the committee meeting the city council held on April 5, they were introduced to the Starved Rock Community Foundation, which is an organization for non-profit donations with a tax deductible status.

According to the Starved Rock Community Foundation’s website, the foundation was founded on Oct. 1, 2015 and its mission is to match people who care with causes that matter.

The foundation helps donors choose the best gifting strategy and simplify giving

choices for the donors.

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## GOP puts new twist on Illinois redistricting plan

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**SPRINGFIELD** – Illinois Republicans have added a new twist to their call for an independent redistricting commission in hopes of overcoming Democrats’ claims that their plan would likely be found unconstitutional.

The new twist, discussed Wednesday during a Statehouse news conference, would be to allow two different commissions – the one they are proposing in legislation, and the one mandated after a certain point under the Illinois Constitution – to work side-by-side to come up with new legislative and congressional district maps.

“The constitution has a commission that exists. It can’t be changed, it is what it is,” said Rep. Ryan Spain, R-Peoria. “So how do we feed the correct information into that constitutional redistricting commission? ... We recommend the use of Senate Bill 1325 as the best way to gather input because there are still legislators that are included on the constitutional commission.”

Republicans introduced SB 1325 in February. Its language is substantially similar to that of a proposed constitutional amendment that Democratic Sen. Julie Morrison, D-Lake Forest, introduced in 2019 with a bipartisan

group of 37 cosponsors – more than the three-fifths majority needed for passage.

It calls for establishing a 16-member redistricting commission appointed by the chief justice of the Illinois Supreme Court and the next most senior justice from the other party. The commission would be made up of seven Democrats, seven Republicans and two independents and would “reflect the ethnic, gender, and racial demographics of Illinois.”

Since its introduction, though, Democrats have argued that such a plan cannot be adopted through legislation, but only through a constitutional amendment.

That’s because the Illinois Constitution, as it currently reads, already spells out a procedure for redistricting. It says lawmakers have until June 30 to approve maps, and if they fail to meet that deadline, the responsibility goes to an eight-member commission, divided evenly between Democrats and Republicans, with some members who are legislators and some who are not.

Because the Republican plan is different from what’s provided in the constitution, Democrats argue, it would almost certainly be overturned by the Illinois Supreme Court.

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## Lee County Sheriff’s office investigated fatality near Steward

**LEE COUNTY** — On April 21, at 1:44 a.m., the Lee County Sheriff’s Office responded to a single vehicle crash on Steward Road, north of Hayes Road, rural Steward.

A Chevrolet pickup, being driven by John Zimmerman, 34, of Rochelle, was southbound on Steward Road when it ran off the west side of Steward Road and overturned. Zimmerman was pronounced deceased at the scene. A passenger, Kelsey Crosby, 27, Steward, was transported to Rochelle Community Hospital by ambulance for non-life-threatening injuries.

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office was assisted at the scene by the Ogle-Lee Fire Department, Rochelle Ambulance, Illinois State Police and the Lee County Coroner’s Office.

The crash is still under investigation.

## Stoller advances S.A.L.T. deduction bill

**SPRINGFIELD** – State Senator Win Stoller (R-German-town Hills) released the following statement after Senate Bill 2531 passed out of the Illinois Senate on April 21:

“This legislation has the potential to help up to 400,000 Illinois business owners save thousands of dollars annually on their federal tax fillings at no cost to the state of Illinois.

“This past year has been challenging for all of us, but especially for our small business community. Through the passage of my S.A.L.T. bill, the state can begin to help alleviate some of the burdens they currently face.

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## With Fondest Memories

**We remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us.**

On Wednesday, May 26, The Amboy News will publish a special Memorial Day page devoted to those who are gone but not forgotten.

The memorials will be similar to the sample below:

**Andrews, David C.**  
**July 10, 1961-May 5, 1980**

**May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.**

**Always in our hearts,**  
**John and Mona Andrews and Family**  
**(SAMPLE)**

(actual size)

**If you wish, select one of the following FREE verses below to accompany your tribute.**

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
12. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

**To remember your loved one in this special way, send \$10.00 per listing. Your special tribute will become a permanent memorial record in our paper.**

**Deadline is Friday, May 21, at 9 am.**

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**Please publish my tribute in the special Memorial Day Page on May 26.**

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Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of passing \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is Friday, May 21, at 9 am.**

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- On March 26, AJHS held their 3rd Quarter Celebration. Students watched a movie and had popcorn with candy toppings and Gatorade.
- School Activities
- On March 26, faculty and staff went over the IAR practice.
- IAR testing started on April 13 for 5th-8th grade students.
- AJHS is hosting three small home track and field meets this year on April 21, April 29 and May 3.
- Mr. Kerley has started optional outdoor concert band practices with the concert band after school on Tuesdays.
- Track, Academic Bowl, Young Authors and Speech pictures were taken on April 14.
- **Principal Joyce Schamberger, Central Elementary**
- School Improvement
- Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing for grades 3 and 4 will be taken at the end of the month.
- Preschool screenings were held April 6 and 7. There are 30 spots for preschoolers.
- Kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year is open.
- PBIS
- The Fourth Quarter PBIS Incentive for Central School will celebrate the end of the school year by walking to Dairy Delite for a treat, which will be paid for by Central PTC.
- Central will also celebrate the end of the year with a track and field day on May 21. Chris Payne will plan the activities for students. The rain date is Tuesday, May 25.
- A virtual End of the School Year Awards assembly for Central School will take place on May 24. All grade levels will be recorded

and posted on Parent Square.

School Activities

- Schamberger congratulated Mikayla Hussey for being granted items from Donor's Choose. She received many items for her preschool classroom and the school.

### OTHER BUSINESS

- The board approved submission of a waiver to keep the fee for Driver's Education at \$250 for the school years 2021-2026.
- Approval was given to continue allowing the children of all district staff members to attend Amboy schools at no cost. Nichols pointed out that the policy is a win-win for the district as it is a hiring incentive and also increases enrollment at Amboy schools.
- Turftamers of West Brooklyn was approved to provide mowing services for a one-year term.
- A quote from Midwest Educational Furnishings, Inc. for library furniture was accepted.
- Approval was given to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Community Unit School District 220 for professional services. Nichols said the two districts want to create a shared position that will include grant writing and other services.
- "This is a one-year commitment but we hope it will create a significant value for the district," he said.

### PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board approved Amie Wiseman as District Librarian for the 2021-22 school year.

The next regular board meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18 at Central School. All meetings are open to the public.

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The eligible institutions will be required to spend at least half of these allocated funds to provide direct relief grants to students to cover an array of student costs of attendance, such as housing, food and technology expenses, among other needs.

Similar to funding from previous federal relief packages, remaining funds can also be used by the institutions to cover lost revenue, technology costs due to remote learning, faculty and staff training, or payroll.

The National Education Association released a fact

sheet that outlines the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund included in the American Rescue Plan, which found that about 7.5 percent, or nearly \$3 billion of the \$40 billion in grants will be specifically dedicated to historically Black colleges and universities, tribal colleges and universities, minority-serving institutions and other under-resourced institutions.

Approximately \$36 billion will go to 3,500 public and private, nonprofit colleges and universities, and around \$395.8 million will be allocated for 1,630 for-profit institutions, according to the American Council on Education.

"My husband, our president, understands...if we want our communities to

thrive, if we want our businesses to have more skilled workers that they need, if we want to prepare our economy for the future, there is no greater investment that we can make than in education," Biden said.

Cardona also noted an infrastructure proposal backed by the president would invest in community college facilities, and the discretionary budget proposed by the president "increases the maximum Pell Grant by \$400, the largest since 2009."

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The foundation also invests donor's money to grow in perpetuity to protect the future of the entire Starved Rock country region.

The council was told on April 5, that through the foundation, there are many ways for donors to donate including using the website and apps, and that each donation will get a thank you and also tax deductible paperwork. The council was also told that the endowment funds would be completely covered and insured.

Amboy Depot Commissioner Linda Disney told the council on April 5, that they have reviewed the engineers report regarding the costs to restore the museum and the highest bid was \$600,000. Cost for a temporary fix would be around \$50,000.

In regards to transferring the funds to Starved Rock Community Foundation, during the April 19 meeting, Amboy City Attorney Matt Keegan said first, the city had to make sure it had the authority to transfer money from the trust to the foundation. Then, he said, it becomes political.

"Does the city want to give up control of the funds," Keegan said, adding it's the city's decision to make. He added if the city agrees to give up control of the funds, then is Starved Rock Community Foundation the right candidate for the funds.

Disney said that with the Starved Rock Community Foundation people would be able to donate to a 501c and that donors would know that the money donated would be going to the museum and not something else in the city.

Keegan said playing devil's advocate, that the city is responsible for the museum and what if there is a conflict over what the Starved Rock Community Foundation would do with the funds as opposed to what the city would do with the funds. He added that this would be another organization involved that the city doesn't have control over.

The board tabled the action item of transferring the funds to the Starved Rock Community Foundation.

### Nuisance List/Violations

Amboy Police Officer Lisa Hart presented a list to the city council of 60 addresses that have been served for nuisance violations. These violations include inoperable vehicles and some form of property clean-up needed.

She told the council that she has had some compliance but the people who haven't complied, haven't for many years.

Amboy Mayor John Schamberger asked Hart how many of those listed should the city take legal action against. Hart recommended eight property owners.

Keegan told the council that there is no fast tracking when it comes to taking residents to court for the violations.

"It won't get better unless we spend some money," Alderman Frank Stenzel said.

Schamberger said to move forward with legal action against these eight property owners and asked Hart to do a follow-up at every meeting.

The next Amboy City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, May 17, in the Amboy Community Building.

**Recycle! Recycle!**



## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## Welcome New Board Member

We are excited to welcome Shannon Nichols to our Teen Turf Board. She brings an education background and is a vital member of our afterschool program. She joins our amazing team: Deb Albee, Barb Harrison, Pam Thomas, Mark Grossman, Trese McNinch, Cindy Phillips, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Kimberly Watley.

## Covid Draw Down &amp; Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru

Things will be a little different this year. Our Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru will be held at the Teen Turf building, 235 West Main and time T.B.A. Tickets are \$50 and includes dinner, dessert, and a chance to win The GRAND PRIZE OF \$1,500. There will be other cash prizes as well. The drawing will be held on the Teen Turf's Facebook page live at 7 p.m. The Teen Turf Virtual Auction will be held on Air Auctioneer.com starting June 4, at noon and will end at 8 p.m. on June 10. There will be a variety of items to bid on and win. Tickets will be sold through our board members and Eileen Piper.

## Fosters Detassling

Does your child want to make some money this summer? Fosters has dropped off detassling applications. We currently have applications in our 24/7 foyer hanging up on our bulletin board. Your child must be 12 years old by July 1 in order to apply.

## Summer Program

We are currently working on a program that is within Illinois safety guidance and Covid procedures. Details and times are T.B.A.

## Thank You's

We are blessed to receive the following items from folks: Jennifer and Frank Montrates, owners of Sublette Saloon for the granola bars and juice boxes; Carol and Ned Ely for their monetary donation; Michelle and Cory Wiemken for the Nesquik; Candy Robinson for the microwave; Donna Wellman for her amazing treats; Pam Love for the puzzles and various items; Mary and Dick Payne for the baseball gloves; Tim and Lynn O'Laughlin for the chip boxes; Fran Kessel for the food; and Brian and Kathy Stukenberg monetary donation in memory of Gene Erisman.

## Needs

Individual Chip bags or Pretzels. We need used Working or New computer towers with Windows 8 or later. We need them for our third and fourth graders upstairs.

## Final Word

Father, thank you for intervening in our lives and allowing us to have a personal relationship with you. Thank you for your love for us today and forever.

Thank you for the blessings you've given us and our families. Help us use those blessings to bless others. May we live a life of true joy as we see you at work around us today! In Jesus' name. Amen.

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"Republicans know that this bill is nothing but a smoke-screen," Sen. Rachele Crowe, D-Glen Carbon, said during a recent redistricting hearing. "A bill cannot trump the constitution. There's no ifs ands or buts about that. A bill cannot trump the constitution."

Asked to respond to that during Wednesday's news conference, Spain and other House Republicans, for the first time, argued that two commissions could work simultaneously, with the one created under legislation providing information and guidance to the one mandated under the constitution.

"I think that we're at a critical point in which changing the constitution is just not going to happen at this point, because the Democrats will not allow that question to be placed on the ballot," said House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs. "And so we are looking for any way to be able to find an alternative."

At issue in this year's redistricting process is not just who draws the maps, but what population data will be used in the process.

Due to the pandemic, as well as a number of natural disasters last year, the U.S. Census Bureau will be late producing the detailed, neighborhood-level data needed for legislative redistricting. The Census Bureau has said it will have that data in an old, "legacy" format by the end of August, but it won't be available in a more user-friendly format until late September.

## Pegasus Special Riders to host pork chop dinner

ASHTON - Pegasus Special Riders will be hosting a Pork Chop Pick-up Dinner at Ralphie and Lulu's in Ashton on Thursday, May 6 from 4-7 p.m. Because of continued concerns over Covid-19, Pegasus has cancelled their annual summer Family Picnic fundraiser and this dinner serves as a replacement for the event.

Meals are \$10 each and include a pork chop sand-

wich, baked beans, potato salad and Dave's famous homemade ice cream. Extra pork chop sandwiches are \$3 each. Reservations are preferred but not required. Please make reservations by calling Ralphie and Lulu's at 815-453-2103.

Pegasus Special Riders is located halfway between Franklin Grove and Oregon. It is a non-profit organization providing therapeutic

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.

PAWPAW - The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, at Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. 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.

OREGON - The Lee County 4-H Federation All Skate for Lee County 4-H'ers and their families will be held at Pine Creek Skating Rink from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 1, and at 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 15. There is a 40-person max each date. All attendees must register online at [go.illinois.edu/4HLeeSkate](http://go.illinois.edu/4HLeeSkate).

ASHTON - The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, May 3, at Ashton-Franklin Center High School, 611 Western. 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.

AMBOY - The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m.

on Monday, May 3, at the Community center.

AMBOY - The Lee County Extension Office, 280 W. Wasson Rd., will host Lee 4-H Animal Science Workshop with 4-H Alumni, Grace Klein, from 5 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4. Learn and experiment how your animal's traits are passed down. Class sized is limited and social distancing guidelines will be followed. Register online [go.illinois.edu/Lee-AnimalScience](http://go.illinois.edu/Lee-AnimalScience).

DIXON - The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 7, at Dixon 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.

FULTON - The Whiteside County Master Gardener Plant Sale will be held from 8 a.m. until noon (or when all plants are sold, whichever comes first) on Saturday, May 8, at Cattail Park, 100 19th St.

DIXON - The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12 to 6 p.m. on Monday, May 10, at the Dixon Fire Department, 210 S. Hennepin. 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.

AMBOY - The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 10, at

the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## White warns residents to be aware of two scams targeting Illinoisans

**SPRINGFIELD** — Secretary of State Jesse White is warning Illinois residents to be on alert for a pair of scams seeking to defraud Illinoisans.

"I have zero tolerance for fraudsters who prey on people in desperate times," said White. "My office is working with the Illinois Attorney General's office to protect Illinoisans from falling victim to these fraudulent schemes. In addition, we have notified the Federal Trade Commission and the FBI."

In the first scam, White is warning the public of scammers who are sending unsolicited text messages, claiming to be from the Illinois Secretary of State. The text messages contain

vague references to "Problems with your information" and another reference to "\*IL\* Secretary of State." Each text also contains a link attributed to "uipendingcases.org."

White says the text is a scam and recipients should not click on the link or provide any information. Visiting the website could place malware on the recipients' devices or trick them into disclosing sensitive personal information. The Secretary of State's office never requests personal information, like a Social Security number, via text message. "Delete the text," said White. "Do not click on it and do not provide any of your personal information."

## IDOA accepting specialty crop block grant proposals

**SPRINGFIELD** — In an effort to expand the availability of fresh, locally-grown produce and strengthen the competitiveness of Illinois' specialty crop industry, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is now accepting Specialty Crop Block Grant Proposals. The application can be found in the IDOA website and must be returned to the Department by 4 p.m., on May 24.

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, local and government entities, trade and commodity associations, public and private colleges/universities. All projects must begin in calendar year 2022. Illinois encourages applications that benefit small farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, socially disadvantaged producers, military veterans and underserved communities.

To encourage further expansion of the specialty crop industry and to take full advantage of the allocated federal funds, the Department invites the development of projects pertaining to the following issues:

- Enhancing food safety
- Improving the capacity of all entities in the specialty crop distribution chain to comply with the requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act, for example, by developing "Good Agricultural Practices," "Good Handling Practices" and "Good Manufacturing

Practices" and in cost-share arrangements for funding audits of such systems for small farmers, packers and processors

- Investing in specialty crop research, including research focused on conservation and environmental outcomes

- Supporting the growth of organic specialty crops

- Developing new and improved seed varieties and specialty crops

- Improving pest and disease control

- Increasing child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops

- Improving efficiency and reducing costs of distribution systems

Projects that benefit a particular commercial product or provide a profit to a single organization, institution, or individual are ineligible. Farmer's markets, roadside stands and community-sponsored agriculture programs should consider submitting proposals to the USDA's Farmers' Market and Local Food Promotion Program.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service defines specialty crops as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and horticulture and nursery crops (including floriculture)." There are more than 3,200 producers devoting more than 90,000 acres of Illinois farmland to specialty crops production.

## BILL continued from page A1

"This is a common-sense, bipartisan proposal that passed unanimously out of the Senate. I look forward to continuing to advocate for this proposal as it moves through legislative process."

In the spirit of bipartisanship, Sen. Stoller has reached out to Democrat members of the House, including State Representative Anthony DeLuca (D- Chicago Heights) who

will carry the bill in the House.

Senate Bill 2531 utilizes an IRS-approved method to allow pass-through entities, such as S-corporations and partnerships, to bypass the \$10,000 cap on the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction, which was introduced by the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in 2017.

Currently, 14 states have passed or are in the process of passing similar legislation.

In the second scam, fraudulent websites are offering online vehicle registration renewals for license plate stickers and then charging residents an additional fee for the registration.

White warns Illinoisans that one particular website — IllinoisCarReg.com, is misleading customers with an unauthorized website promoting online license plate sticker renewals. Once the customer provides personal information, the sham company charges the customer a fee of \$39.99, in addition to the sticker fee. This company, which has websites for multiple states, is misleading residents across the nation. The Federal Trade Commission is investigating the company in an effort to shut

it down over concerns of how the company may be using the personal data that it obtains from customers.

White strongly urges Illinois residents who wish to renew their license plate stickers to make sure they are visiting [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) before proceeding to renew their stickers online. The process is simple and easy. Residents need their registration ID and PIN, which are located on the renewal notice and registration card — which most people keep in their vehicle's glove compartment. Vehicle owners may then visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) and click on "License Plates Renewal" under Online Services.

## IHSA officials conference to remain virtual this summer

**BLOOMINGTON** — The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) announced on April 15, 2021, that it will not hold its 2021 Officials Conference in-person but will offer virtual clinics in its place. The event had been tentatively scheduled for July.

"Given the unusual IHSA sports scheduling this spring and summer, we felt it best to delay the traditional IHSA Officials Conference until 2022," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "Having so many sports packed into the spring and summer limits our staff's ability to put the time and resources into developing a truly meaningful conference. We are excited to be able to offer some virtual clinics in this summer and to expect to see everyone again in 2022."

The IHSA revealed that it anticipates the IHSA Officials Conference returning to its regular in-person format in 2022, with the conference taking place on July 8-9, 2022, in Normal. All IHSA officials that achieved milestone years of service (15, 25, 30, 40) during the 2020-21 school year will be recognized

and receive their pin at the 2022 Conference.

"We know how much the IHSA Officials Conference means to so many officials around the state," said IHSA Assistant Executive Director Sam Knox, who has over 20 years' experience as an IHSA official in baseball and basketball. "It embodies the camaraderie and passion that keep so many of us coming back to this vocation year-after-year. The virtual clinics will be a great addition this summer, but we can't wait to return to normal in 2022."

The IHSA will announce more details on the virtual clinic formats for this summer soon. Officials who complete the virtual clinics will be provided clinic credit.

The Association also set its 2021-22 Officials License Renewal date to begin on July 1, 2021.

The IHSA Officials Conference ran for 20 consecutive years prior to being canceled due to the pandemic in 2020. The event annually draws around 700 attendees, with officials from around Illinois taking part in general and sport-specific officiating workshop sessions.

## CGH Health Foundation to host virtual silent auction fundraiser

**STERLING** — Need a gift for Mom or something kid-friendly for the summer?

Don't miss the CGH Health Foundation Annual Appeal Silent Auction. Bidding begins Friday, April 30 at 7 a.m. via [AirAuctioneer.com](http://AirAuctioneer.com) and ends Tuesday, May 4 at 9 p.m.

All proceeds go towards funding 18 projects to assist area children and adults - your dollars stay local.

A special project this year is to offer two extra days of Ways to Wellness Program mental health counseling for our patients, with one day specifically devoted to pregnant and post-partum moms.

Baskets are physically located at the CGH Health Foundation office at 2600 N. Locust Street, Sterling, and can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 30, Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4.

Photos and descriptions of baskets will be available through the online auction website. Watch for the link on [www.cghmc.com/auction](http://www.cghmc.com/auction) on Thursday, April 29.

Cash, checks, Venmo, and credit/debit cards accepted. Payment is required before baskets can be removed. Pickup of baskets will be at 2600 N. Locust St. on Wed., May 5 and Thurs, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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# SOCIAL NEWS/SPORTS

## The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

### Big Sky

British author Kate Atkinson is a prize-winning novelist who has also written highly entertaining crime novels featuring her private investigator Jackson Brodie. In "Big Sky," the latest installment, Brodie is by far the most unassuming character amidst a large group of misfits, trophy wives, and evildoers. "He tried not to use the term 'private detective' – it had too many glamorous

connotations (or sleazy, depending on how you looked at it). It raised people's expectations."

Brodie is an ex-cop whose career has dwindled to following an adulterous couple while he tries to spend time with his moody teenage son at a ramshackle Yorkshire seaside town. Brodie's constant companion is Dido, an ancient Labrador Retriever, who belongs to Brodie's ex-partner Julia. When Dido growls at some rowdy teenage boys, Brodie asks her: "Really? You and what wolf?"

What is so remarkable about "Big Sky" is that its style is comical yet the subject matter is the unspeakable malevolence of human trafficking and child abuse. Atkinson pulls it off by creating fully realized lives for each of her large cast of characters. We follow their ordinary lives, though in an interview, Atkinson mentions that each of them has committed a crime, usually to survive, but for the evil men to brutalize young women and children in what Brodie calls "One more battle in the war on women."

There are Nadja and Katja, two Polish sisters, Skyping with a man from an employment agency called Anderson Price Associates, who is arranging to fly them to London

to take up glamorous jobs in hospitality. His "office" in an old trailer is a desk and a tape of background office voices.

One of the most appealing characters is Crystal, who, having escaped her abusers, ends up a hooker, but in the end, transforms herself into the perfect trophy wife. She dresses her little daughter Candy in Disney princess outfits, and hires Brodie because she fears someone is following her. There is sad-sack Vince, who, having lost everything, wants to end it all on a cliff, only to be rescued by do-gooder Brodie who talks him down using country and western lyrics.

Two young policewomen, Ronnie and Reggie, go about making inquiries about an old pedophile ring and wind up with increasing frequency in the middle of the action. These two tiny, novice cops are so tough that they earn the nickname "the Kray Twins," after two of Britain's most notorious killers.

Unlike most crime stories and mysteries, where the resolution is the point of the novel, "Big Sky" is one of those rare detective novels one could enjoy a second time around. Perhaps that is the point of the curiously enigmatic scene of Chapter 1, which is repeated in the novel's closing chapter.

## Two Lady Clippers chosen to Class 1A All-State Basketball team

AMBOY – Two Amboy Lady Clipper basketball players were recognized with post-season honors by being chosen to the Illinois Associated Press Class 1A All-State girls' basketball team as voted on by a statewide panel of sports writers and broadcasters and compiled by Steve Tappa, formerly of the Moline Dispatch and the Rock Island Argus. Senior Mallory Powers was one of six

players to be chosen to the Class 1A First Team, while classmate Abi Payne was one of six players selected to the Second Team.

Players received five points for a first-team vote and three points for a second-team vote.

Each voter picked a five-player first team and five-player second team in each class. A player must have been named on two ballots

to receive honorable mention.

All media members in the state were eligible to nominate and vote for players. There were 18 voters in each class.

(\*Note: There was a voting tie for the final first and second team spots in 1A.)

### CLASS 1A FIRST TEAM

Anna Griffin, Aurora Christian (6-1, Sr., G/F) 79, Amiah Hargrove, Christopher (6-2, Fr., F) 70, Tayler Barry, Shiloh Tri-County (5-6, Sr., G) 66, Brooke Heiman, Indian

Creek (5-9, Sr., PG) 55, \* Mallory Powers, Amboy (5-11, Sr., G/F) 54, and \* Tiana Timpe, Stockton (6-0, Sr., G) 54

### CLASS 1A SECOND TEAM

Haley Wallace, Brimfield (5-8, Sr., G) 47, Grace Nelson, Altamont (5-9, Fr., PG) 44, Abi Payne, Amboy (5-9, Sr., PG) 32, Karlie Krogman, Lanark Eastland (5-10, Sr., F) 27, \* Addison Newbon, Decatur St. Teresa (5-9, Sr., SG) 23, and \* Tabytha Toelke, Dakota (6-0, Sr., G) 23

## Lady Clippers play tight match, earn win over West Carroll

AMBOY — Amboy and West Carroll played a tight three-set match that went to the Lady Clippers, 17-25, 25-23, 25-20, on April 19 at the AHS gym.

Mallory Powers (10) and Olivia Dinges (5) topped the Lady Clippers in kills, Gabby Jones dished out 20 assists, Dinges had three blocks, and Eden Lindenmeyer (16), Powers (13) and Madelyn McLaughlin had stellar defensive efforts with double-digit digs. Brianna Blaine added two blocks, while Dinges, Gabby Jones and Elly Jones had one ace serve apiece.

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The Lady Clippers made short work of Polo, 25-13, 25-17 on April 22 at the AHS gym.


Powers led the charge with 12 kills and Gabby Jones jump-started the offense with 17 assists. Blaine added four kills, while Dinges and McLaughlin had three apiece. Blaine also had a good night at the service line with five aces and Lindenmeyer supplied 11 digs.

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Amboy wrapped up the season with a 25-23, 25-20 triumph at Polo on April 24.

Powers hammered down 12 kills and Gabby Jones set up the offense with 18 assists. Blaine chipped in with four kills, while leading the way in digs were Lindenmeyer (17), Powers (9) and McLaughlin (8).

The Lady Clippers concluded the season with an 8-5 overall record and a 6-2 conference mark.



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# Opinion

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances ~ The First Amendment

## A bipartisan proposal for creating more affordable housing in Illinois

BY REPS. DELIA RAMIREZ AND TOM DEMMER

These are incredibly challenging times for middle-class and working families all across our state. The COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating aftermath are only adding to the pain.

In the city of Chicago and Illinois' more populous areas, the housing crisis is all too real and frightening. We have been battling dwindling stock of affordable housing for years. What used to rent for \$700 a month a few years ago now costs \$1,500 a month. Property taxes have quadrupled. People have jobs and the incomes to live somewhere reasonably priced, but there is nowhere to turn.

In Illinois' more rural areas, the problems are almost reversed, yet equally



REP. DELIA RAMIREZ

frustrating. Populations have declined and jobs are scarce. Families with some security stay in their homes for many years, and developers simply do not have the means or the resources to build affordable homes and apartments. Those who must find a place to live often end up traveling long ways from home to make ends meet.

The pandemic has made



REP. TOM DEMMER

all of these problems worse. We face a massive eviction crisis, landlords owed thousands of dollars in back rent and barely making it themselves, and too many people facing homelessness.

We know that when people struggle to find a safe, affordable place to call home, the rest of their lives are chaotic: Their physical and mental health declines, their

children struggle in school, and it's hard to keep a job – if they can find one.

Despite all this, we are coming together as a Democrat and Republican in the Illinois Legislature to push for the hope we see ahead.

Hundreds of millions of dollars in rental and landlord assistance and other aid is on the way from Washington, and we will work together to ensure it reaches the people most in need today. To ensure we are investing in our state's affordable housing future for tomorrow, we are pushing for the Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit.

The federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit has helped finance many affordable homes and apartments in recent years, but the need far outweighs the available resources. Many good developments that need just a little

funding support to get off the ground remain stagnant.

In House Bill 3123, we are proposing the Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit to build on the federal aid, providing that needed boost to private housing developers ready to go to work.

We estimate building 3,500 homes or apartments every year through the program, supporting 17,150 jobs over the next 10 years and creating more than \$1 billion in extra income for Illinoisans over a decade.

Illinois would join 20 states now using the tax credit to match more federal funds for building affordable housing, and recent congressional action means there are even more federal aid dollars available for these projects.

The best news? While the tax credit comes with an estimated annual \$35 million price tag, Illinois will see zero expenses until the projects are complete and the hous-

ing occupied. We will see the direct benefits of today's investment at no cost to taxpayers until more people have a place to call home. We must credit the leadership of the Illinois Housing Council and its coalition of supporting partners for helping us push for this long-term solution.

We view many of our problems and their solutions differently. But we are in complete agreement on affordable housing: It's time to give more Illinoisans help to live better lives, and the Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit is an easy investment in that shared vision for a better future.

Healing from the pandemic starts at home. We're ready to fight in Springfield for making sure more Illinoisans have that affordable place to call their own.

Rep. Delia Ramirez is a Democrat from Chicago, and Rep. Tom Demmer is a Republican from Dixon.

## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago April 29, 1921

A reduction of 3 cents a gallon in the price of gasoline was announced by the Standard Oil Co. Tuesday morning. This will make gasoline .22 and 6 tenths at filling stations and also on tank wagons.

Miss Lotie Hopkins of Cappa is the guest of Miss Vera Bitterly this week.

Dr. C.A. Wilcox started Wednesday for Memphis, Tenn., to attend the annual convention of I.C. surgeons.

The American Legion has rented Mrs. Anna Klein's hall over the Hass Bakery which was recently vacated by the I.O.O.F. Lodge.

### 75 Years Ago May 2, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. George Welty have

purchased the Mrs. Catherine Leake residence property on north Mason Avenue and moved there from Marion Township.

Kenneth Plume is now employed at the Michigan Alkali Co. in Wyandotte, Mich.

Mrs. Margaret Hinkle entertained a group of boys of St. Anne's School Tuesday evening in honor of her son Francis who was observing his birthday.

### 50 Years Ago April 29, 1971

Donald Minnick, Ronald Vaessen and Delmer Dinges were unopposed in their bid for election as trustees of the Sublette Village Board at the election April 20 in the Sublette Community Building.

The board of education of Community Unit School District #271 held its

reorganization meeting at Lee Center on April 19, 1971 and re-elected Ray Dallam and William Woods as president and secretary, respectively.

### 25 Years Ago April 25, 1996

On Saturday, May 11, Amboy Sporting Goods will open its doors for the first time at 44 E. Main St. The business is located in the building formerly occupied by Green River Cyclery.

Kevin Kellen, also known as "The Bird Man," visited the second graders at Central School. He discussed blue birds and their needs. The students helped Kevin build a new blue bird house to display at Central School.

## Need for organ donations remains great

Matt Creemens went on Facebook looking for a babysitter and ended up losing a kidney.

The 47-year-old Springfield computer programmer and married father of four was looking for a teenager from his church to watch his kids. As he perused various social media posts, he came across a link concerning the health challenges of one of his church's pastors.

Steve Patzia, co-lead pastor at Cherry Hills Church, was born with a rare kidney disease and found himself nearing organ failure in 2019.

"It was strange, I found myself staring at that page and I couldn't make my hand move. The Holy Spirit was leading me. It is a difficult thing to describe but I not only felt compelled to move forward but also was very much at peace," Creemens said.

The two men, who are both in their 40s, did not know each other particularly well.

"I don't remember ever speaking with Steve one-on-one before this, but I listened to his sermons, so we had that connection," he said.

When Creemens began the process, he underwent several medical tests to see if his kidney would be a good match for Patzia. But he didn't inform his pastor that he was having the test done or contemplating being a donor.

"I kept taking tests and I kept proving to be a good match. Finally, the doctors said I needed to tell Steve."

Creemens' inspiration to donate a kidney came from words of John the Baptist in the Gospel of Luke: "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none."

Creemens said he believed that admonition could apply as easily to someone with two kidneys as someone with a pair of shirts.

Pastor Patzia said he was

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



shocked when Creemens made the offer.

"I just knew that he had called the church and scheduled a private meeting with me. I didn't know what it was about – but I wasn't looking forward to it," he said.

Creemens laughed and said, "When someone wants to meet in private with the pastor, a lot of times it's about something really bad. So, I think I took him a bit off guard."

April is Donate Life Month in the United States. The two men illustrate the need and generosity present in today's transplant network. State and health officials say the need for organ donors remains high.

In August 2019 Patzia and Creemens underwent their surgeries at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

"Some of my earliest memories were of being in the hospital at the University of Minnesota. This disease is something I had lived with my entire life," Patzia said. "When I woke up from surgery, I remember thinking, 'So this is what normal feels like.'"

Almost immediately after surgery his pallor gained a healthy glow, debilitating muscle cramps disappeared and urinary issues became normal.

"The biggest thing I noticed was that I wasn't tired all of the time. Before the surgery I needed 12 or 13 hours

of sleep every day. After the surgery, I could get by with a normal seven or eight hours," Patzia said.

Creemens was released from the hospital after just one day.

"I was ready to go back to work about after two weeks. I ran a half marathon a few months after surgery," he said.

Patzia, who has two children with his wife Peggy, recovered at home over four months. When he returned to the pulpit, the congregation gave both he and Creemens a standing ovation.

"They were celebrating, being part of something bigger and that is what the church is all about," Patzia said. "We're all about loving each other, supporting one another. That's something Cherry Hills is amazing at doing, not just for their pastor, but for whoever's going through a difficult time or a difficult situation."

Patzia added he found spiritual significance in the transplant.

"Somebody who's willing to literally take the risk to give their kidney for the sake of another helped me see the cross in a whole new light," he said. "Jesus is not only willing to give a kidney, but gave his entire body so that we may have a new life. In the same way, Matt gave his kidney so that I could have new life."

Of the 18,000 individuals who donated organs in the United States in 2020 about

6,000 were living donors according to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

The need for organ donors remains great said, Dr. Marc Garfinkel, who heads the kidney transplant program at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

"One metric is that there are nationwide approximately 100,000 people waiting for a kidney transplant right now. And there are only approximately 21,000 kidney transplants done every year. And the rate of additions to the waiting list outpaces the number of organ transplants."

Illinois is a leader when it comes to enrolling individuals to be potential organ donors, said Secretary of State Jesse White, whose office administers the state's donor registry.

"I learned more about this program being the secretary of state, then I did being a state lawmaker," he said. "I realized now that an individual can get a second chance at life or they can improve the quality of someone's life if they step up and say, 'Yes, I want to give this person a second chance at life. I want to give them an organ that will allow them to live a long and productive life.'"

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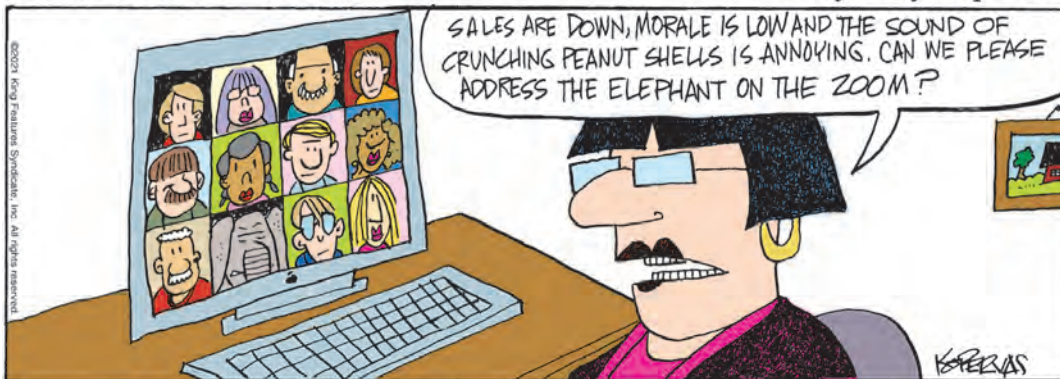
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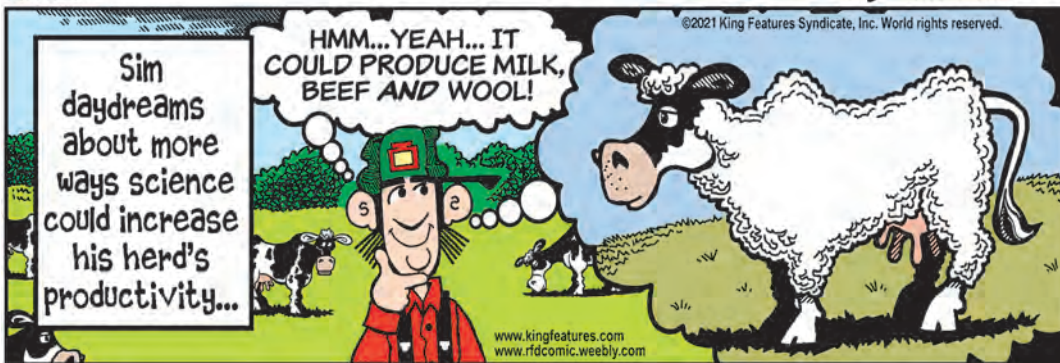
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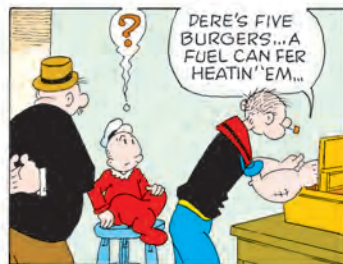
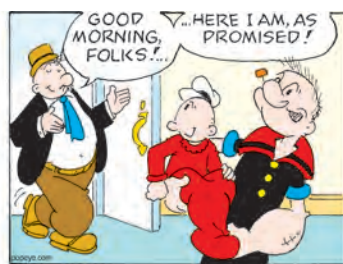
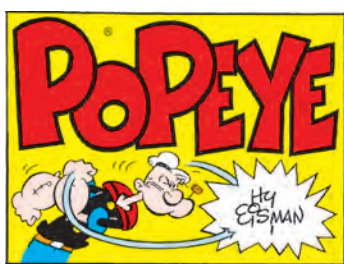
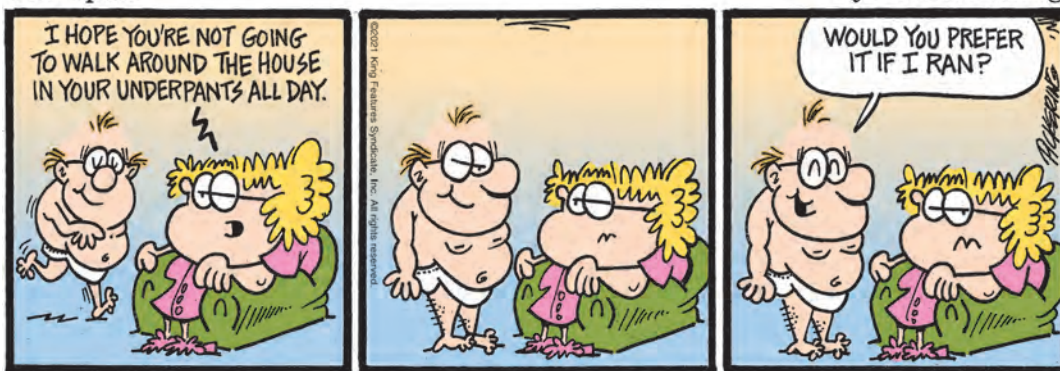
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## LAFF-A-DAY



"That's my story. Now I'll give you his story."

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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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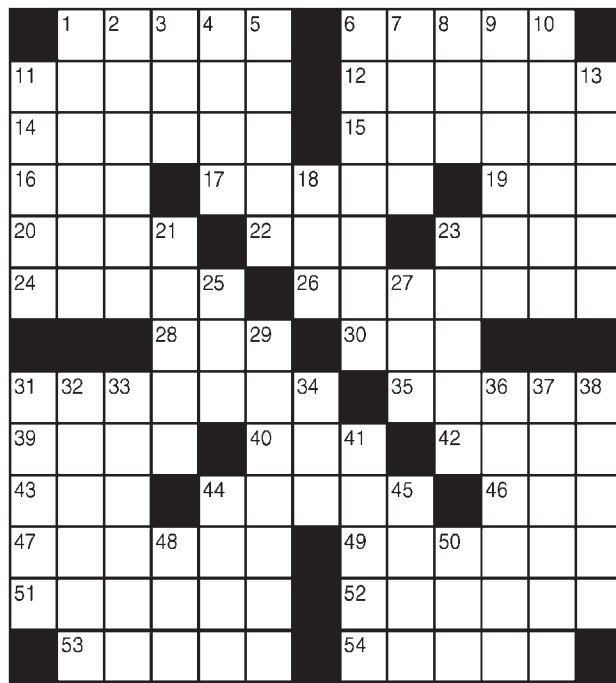
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Fashion
- 6 Cougars
- 11 Copier part
- 12 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
- 14 Sweatshirt variety
- 15 "The Raven" maiden
- 16 Off-roader (Abbr.)
- 17 Burn with steam
- 19 Khan title
- 20 "Moonstruck" star
- 22 — -la-la
- 23 War god
- 24 "Praying" singer
- 26 TV actor
- 28 Business mag
- 30 Melancholy
- 31 Dagwood's lady
- 35 Chic again
- 39 Lariat
- 40 Neither mate
- 42 Actress de Matteo
- 43 — -de-France
- 44 Red Square figure
- 46 Last (Abbr.)
- 47 Sister of

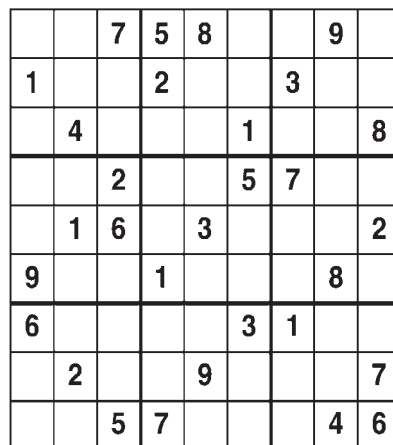


- 26 Moses
- 28 Restaurant fan
- 30 Sports venues
- 31 Not as small
- 35 Admin. aides
- 39 Plant firmly
- 42 Columns
- 43 Secondhand novel
- 44 Chess piece
- 45 On the train
- 46 Composer Prokofiev
- 47 Crude cabin
- 48 Rental contract
- 49 Canine cry
- 50 Bonn's river
- 51 Threw in
- 52 Moreover
- 53 Corn serving
- 54 Movie houses
- 55 Hat edges
- 56 Nabokov
- 57 Puccini works
- 58 Very long time
- 59 Plod
- 60 Counted (on)
- 61 Western flick
- 62 Sentry's weapon
- 63 Cannes milk
- 64 Linguist Chomsky
- 65 Check-cashing
- 66 needs
- 67 Sphere

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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: What is Canada's northernmost territory?
2. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a bar named Paddy's Pub?
3. SCIENCE: Mycology is the study of what?
4. MUSIC: Which city is mentioned in the Eagles' 1972 song "Take It Easy"?
5. MEASUREMENTS: Which civilization was the first to divide a day into 24 hours?
6. U.S. STATES: How many states border Colorado?
7. MOVIES: "Hedwig's Theme" is the music that marks which movie series?
8. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novella "Breakfast at Tiffany's"?
9. LANGUAGE: What does The Magna Carta mean in English?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for June babies?

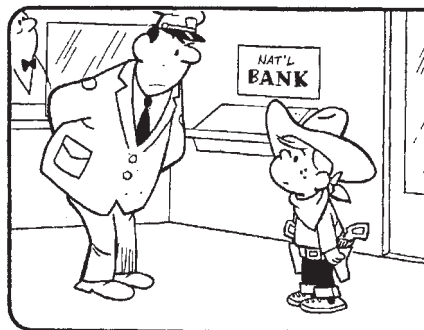
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Badge is missing. 3. Pocket is added. 4. Stripe is different. 5. Kerchief is different. 6. Pen is missing.

## WADDE

Today's Word

1. Shale 2. Flower; 3. Depart; 4. Shield; 5. Flower; 6. Depart; 7. Flower; 8. Depart; 9. Shield

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## 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.

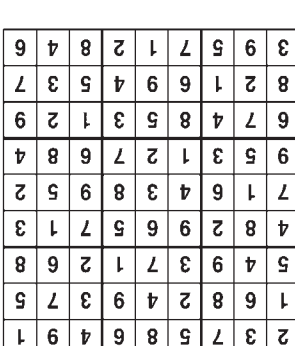
Clue: X equals J

GTWY NZLWZYW JWVZLWN EIPP  
EISKYF DTW GKYDWS, K FIWNN TW  
VZIPE JW XWXYW KY XRYIRSA.

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## King Crossword

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Terry L. )No.  
Politsch, )2021  
deceased. )p-41  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of  
the death of Terry L.  
Politsch of Sublette,  
Illinois. Letters of Office  
were issued on April 5,  
2021 to Mary Politsch  
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MULTI-TOWNSHIP AS-  
SESSMENT DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
MARCH 31, 2021  
  
GENERAL FUND  
REVENUE SUM-  
MARY: Property tax  
- \$24,137.68; Interest -  
\$23.14  
TOTAL REVENUES:  
\$24,160.82  
GENERAL FUND - EX-  
PENDITURE SUM-  
MARY: All other dis-  
bursements less than

(\$2,500.) - \$2,258.66  
TOTAL VENDORS:  
\$2,258.66  
GENERAL FUND -  
COMPENSATION  
SUMMARY: Range :  
Under \$15,000; Car-  
men Bollman  
Range: Under  
\$1,000.00: Lisa Bickett,  
Leesa Burke, Deborah  
Schultz, Daniel Ste-  
phenitch  
TOTAL COMPENSA-  
TION: \$15,800.00  
SUMMARY STATE-  
MENT OF CONDITION:  
GENERAL FUND - BE-  
GINNING BALANCE:  
\$40,599.19; REVE-  
NUES: \$24,160.82;  
EXPENDITURES:  
\$18,058.66; ENDING  
BALANCE: \$46,701.35  
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## SPORTS

## Clipper Highlights: #14 Brad Considine

I'd like to begin by making it known that I have never personally met this former Clipper. However, I've spoken to him on several occasions since the creation of this group and have had some of the greatest conversations with him about our program. From all of the stories I've heard of his days as a Clipper, I cannot help but see similarities in my Clipper career that followed 28 years later and how we continue to feel about Amboy Football.

Without further delay, it's my great honor to announce this week's Clipper, fellow Clipper Quarterback, fellow Mark Smith Award winner, #14, Brad Considine.

Brad was a 1981 graduate of Amboy High School. It's my opinion Brad is one of our top Clipper Field Generals, even though he only started his Senior season.

Brad's Junior season he spent as the second team Quarterback and Safety for the 1979, State Runner-Up, Clippers. For some of the younger members of this group, that may not know, Brad only was second team because his older brother Rick was the starter. Though playing time throughout the 1979 season was scarce, Brad was a front row student of the game. Watching opposing defenses, picking up their tendencies, and watching brother Rick calling his own plays was a great apprenticeship as he would lead the Clippers in 1980.

"He was so intelligent on the field. If he lacked in other areas, he sure made up for in intelligence. He knew how to set plays up. Nothing was more evidential than his first play call of the game at Galena where he threw a touchdown on a 42 option pass," brother, Rick Considine, shared.

Rick concluded, "he was a great leader and communicator on the field and would always welcome the opinions and insights of his teammates."

For Brad, the competitiveness began well before his junior year.

"Rick and I would game plan together, we pushed each other. Growing up we were always competing," Brad shared.

Entering his Senior season, Brad was surrounded by great, experienced talent. Brad struggled during the first two contests of the season, Mendota and Spring Valley Hall.

"I believe I was something like 3-22 passing our first two games that season. It took a little while for things to click," Brad stated about the slow start to the 1980 season.

The rest of the season, Brad and the Clippers would gain momentum with each weekly victory. Brad was mentioned in a news article prior to the Week 3 contest

## Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



against Newman. The article was previewing the matchup and mentioned each team struggled at the Quarterback position. Not just Brad, but the entire Clipper team took the comments personally because they knew the caliber football player Brad was. Faced with that adversity and criticism, Brad, exploded against Newman and led the Clippers to a 42-14 conference win. The following week, against Fulton, Brad had his best statistical game. The numbers read: 5-9 passing for 108 yards and 3 passing touchdowns of 55, 12, and 32 yards; 44 rushing yards on 5 rushes with 1 touchdown run. Brad also threw for a 2-point conversion, putting the finishing touch on the Clippers' 42-24 victory over the, previously, undefeated Steamers.

That performance earned Brad the Rockford Register Star Player of the Week. Brad finished the Runner-Up season with 13 touchdown passes, 918 passing yards, eight touchdown runs, and 525 yards rushing. As impressive as those numbers are, Brad is the type of Clipper to trade every touchdown, two-point conversion, and yard for one more victory each of his two Varsity seasons. Individual success is, to this day, something Brad is hesitant to acknowledge. Winning was the only care Brad was concerned with as a Clipper.

"To come home with Rick after our State loss my Junior year and then following our State loss my Senior year, it



#14 Brad Considine

was a deep seeded pain felt by our whole household," Brad shared.

A two-time State Runner-Up, Mark Smith team award recipient, 1st Team All Conference Quarterback, 2nd Team All Area Quarterback, and RR Star Special Mention All Area Quarterback were the well deserved awards that followed Brad's Senior season as a Clipper.

Friend and former teammate, George Schwamberger, shared, "Brad was so smart. He called all of our plays in the huddle and knew how to set things up. He ran the entire offense about as perfect as you could, especially the option. He was a great leader and had such a great attitude that was looked up to."

Friend and former Center and Teammate, Greg King provided, "Brad was one of the most underrated QBs in Amboy football history. He had to follow in the footsteps of his brother who was probably the best athlete to grace Amboy. Brad was Brad though. He made it his. He ran the option to perfection. He made those around him better. He was a good thrower

and a great faker. No greater example than the first play at Galena. They had given up five points all year. We ran an option pass play on first play of the game. The DBs and LBs came up so fast it was an easy throw. Galena never recovered. He was also so cool under pressure. We had some turnovers against Havana in the semis but Brad never flinched. He took command of the huddle and helped bring everyone into focus and we went back to the State Championship."

Brad continued his Football career at Illinois State University as a walk-on his Freshman season. Brad did not continue his collegiate career after his Freshman season, by his own choice. No matter the length of his collegiate career, it gives our program great pride to add a Quarterback to the list of Division I athletes.

Clipper Football continues to hold a special place in Brad's heart. When he looks at his scrapbook he's taken back to the best time in our history. He is by far, one of our most gracious Clippers. During our conversation, Brad shared his appreciation for everyone involved in our program, top to bottom.

To this day, Brad compliments the system in place, "From the hard work and mental toughness that was hammered into each Clipper, to the 'on-field' strategies of allowing Quarterbacks to call their own plays, that was what I really admired and enjoyed about our program."

Brad concluded, "Growing up you don't appreciate how special it is. Our community has always had a very 'in it together' attitude. Combine that with the other characteristics and values our program teaches along with the team concept and it will surely promote success later in life. I am so thankful for the experience. It was great

fun, two years of great fun."

So, to my fellow Quarterback/Mark Smith Award winner, #14, Brad Considine, thank you for your contributions to Clipper football. Although we have never personally met, based on the stories I've heard, the great substance of our conversations about Clipper Football, and love you continue to show for your former teammates you've become one of my favorite Clippers. 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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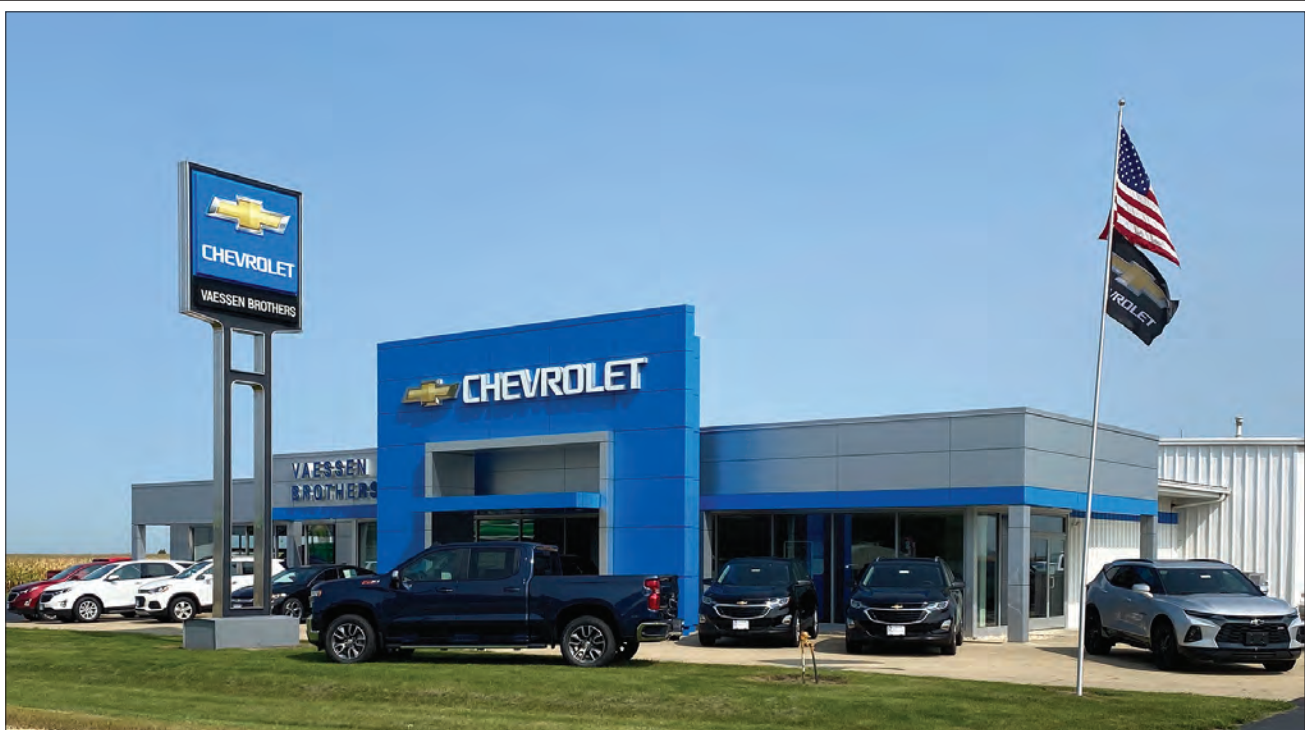
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Family owned and operated, Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet will be celebrating its 95th year in business this year.

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## Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet celebrating 95 years in business

**SUBLETTE** — Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet, Inc. was started in 1926 by Paul and Ralph Vaessen as an auto-repair shop. In 1933, the Vaessens obtained the franchise with Chevrolet.

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When Paul retired, Neal and his wife, Donna, became full owners of the business.

Their three sons, Greg (Fixed Operations Manager), Jeff (Parts Manager) and Nick (Sales Manager) have all joined the business. In 1998, the business underwent a remodel in the current building.

Greg's daughter, Kourtney joined the business as the Internet Manager and is the first of the 4th generation to join the business. In the year of 2012, the dealership underwent a full remodel of their building and expanded the showroom by adding a new-car delivery stall and two more sales offices. The remodel was fully finished in 2014.

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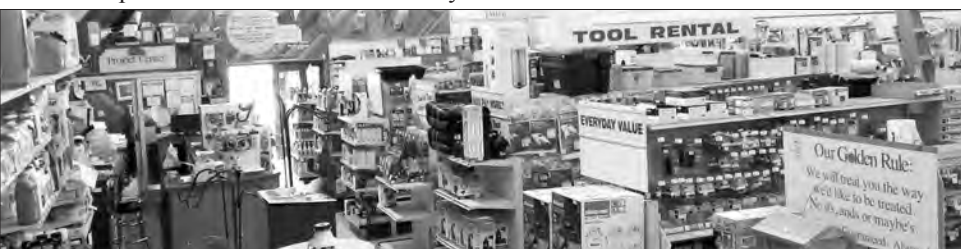
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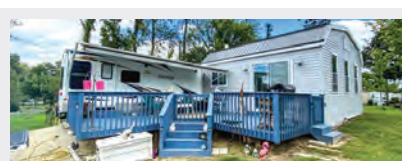
**Sec. 10, Lot 231 \$124,900**

Stunning lot located on Bass Lake! Includes an eye turning 2020 Quailridge park model with one bedroom, a loft, and a full bathroom. Tons of improvements in the last year. Step outside and relax on the spacious deck or sit around the lavish firepit and enjoy the tranquility of the lake. Newer seawall. All appliances and furniture stay! Also includes a shed, jon boat, and a kayak rack. Park model is equipped with C/A and heat and even has winter water. Enjoy this site all year round!



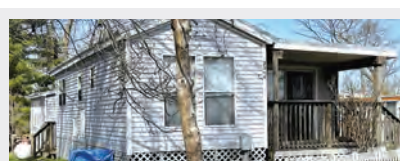
**Sec. 13, Lot 119 \$59,900**

Beautiful 2016 Quailridge Park Model with a covered deck. Lot also features 2 sheds, fire pit, patio, and a spacious gravel driveway. Common area to the rear. This property has been very well maintained and is all ready for you to be its next owner! Call today to schedule a showing.



**Sec. 22, Lot 124 \$56,900**

Are you ready to enjoy camping in a luxurious way? Take a look at this 2011 Keystone Sprinter with a jaw-dropping room addition that was built in 2018. Room addition is equipped with the top of the line fixtures, has a BRAND NEW electric fireplace, a fridge, a 60 inch TV and a like-new couch. Addition also has a spacious loft area, so there is plenty of sleeping room for everybody. Lot is pie shaped and has 2 gravel driveways, a storage shed, a deck, fire pit, and is sewer. New rubber roof coating was JUST put on. Please note that the seller is still completing some updates within the property, see broker comments.



**Sec. 23, Lot 6 \$45,000**

All ready to move into this 2000 Breckenridge Park Model, room addition attached, all furniture and appliances, skirting, LP tank and contents, covered front and back deck, another room addition detached for entertaining, shed and Fire pit. Metal roof 2019 over park model, rooms and shed. This property is located in a cul de sac with common area to rear.

Sec. 1, Lot 56.....	\$69,900	Sec. 16, Lot 87 PENDING.....	\$24,000
Sec. 2, Lot 35 PENDING.....	\$15,900	Sec. 17, Lot 45 PENDING.....	\$40,000
Sec. 2, Lot 69 SOLD.....	\$60,50	Sec. 22, Lot 124.....	\$56,900
Sec. 5, Lot 204.....	\$48,000	Sec. 23, Lot 6.....	\$45,000
Sec. 5, Lot 409 PENDING.....	\$69,900	Sec. 24, Lot 74.....	\$30,000
Sec. 5, Lot 419 PENDING.....	\$85,000	Sec. 26, Lot 102.....	\$25,000
Sec. 5, Lot 441 PENDING.....	\$46,000	Sec. 27, Lot 100.....	\$16,900
Sec. 10, Lot 231.....	\$124,900		
Sec. 10, Lot 222 REDUCED.....	\$75,000		
Sec. 11, Lot 176 SOLD.....	\$9,000		
Sec. 13, Lot 119.....	\$59,900		

### BUILDING LOTS

25 W MILTON ST., AMBOY 5 LOTS.....	\$28,500
109 W MAIN ST., SUBLETTE.....	\$20,000
919 MISSOURI DRIVE, DIXON.....	\$19,500

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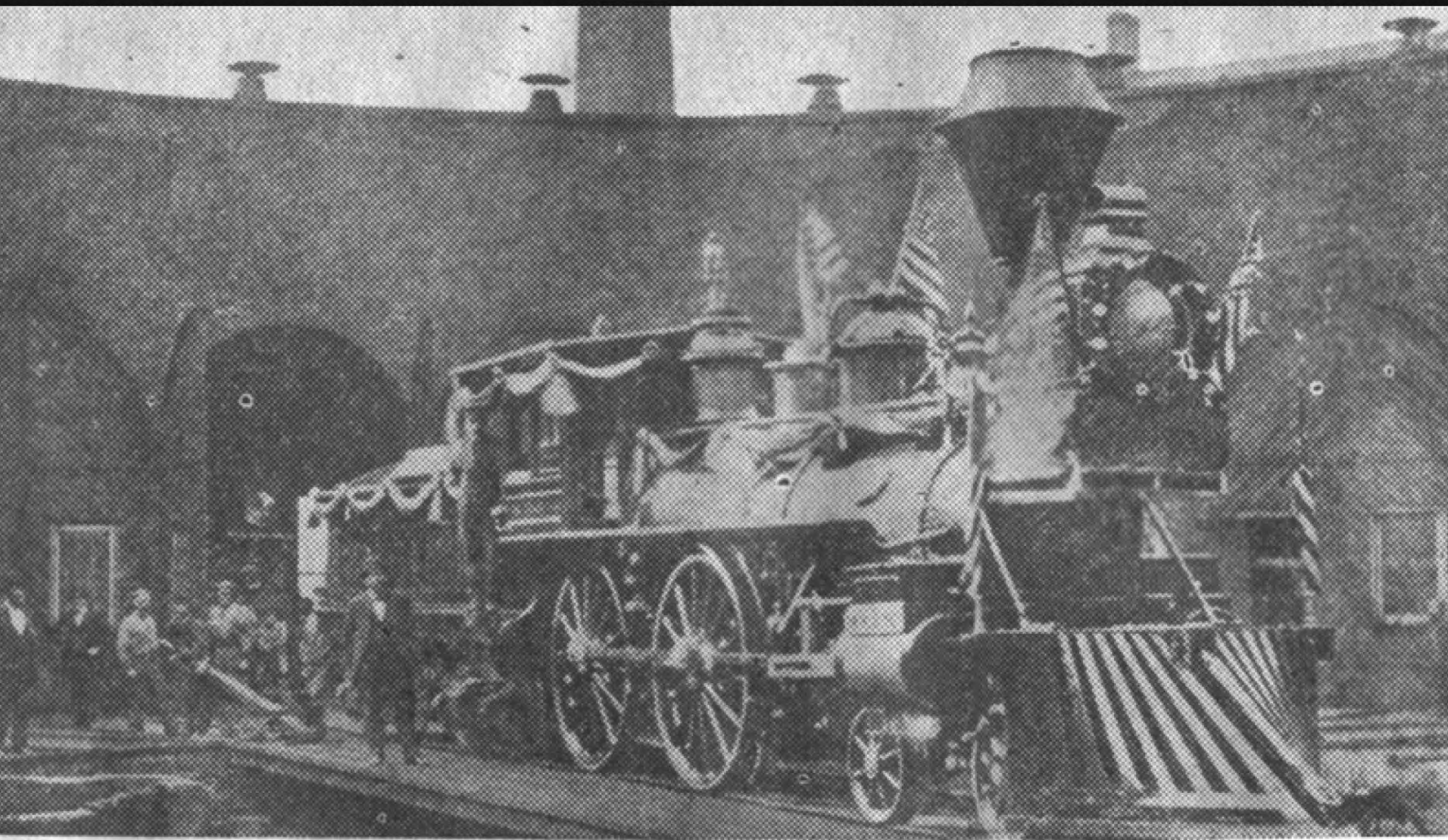
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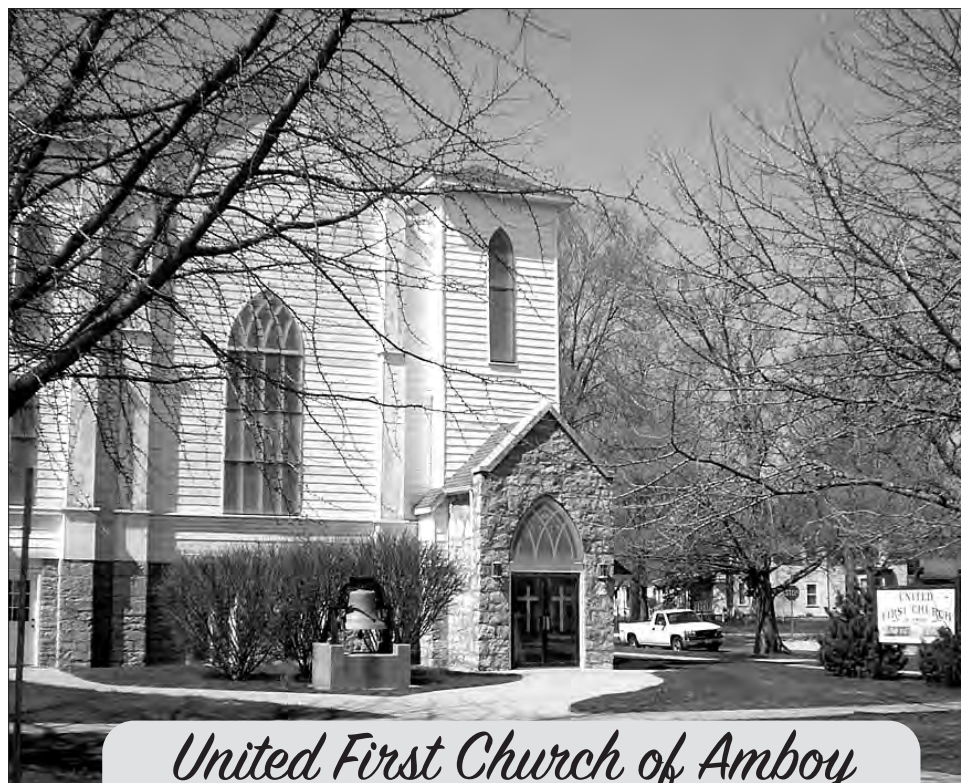
*First Baptist Church*

*24 N. Mason, Amboy  
Pastor Rocky Fritz*



*St. Patrick Catholic Church*

*32 N. Jones, Amboy  
Father John Gow*



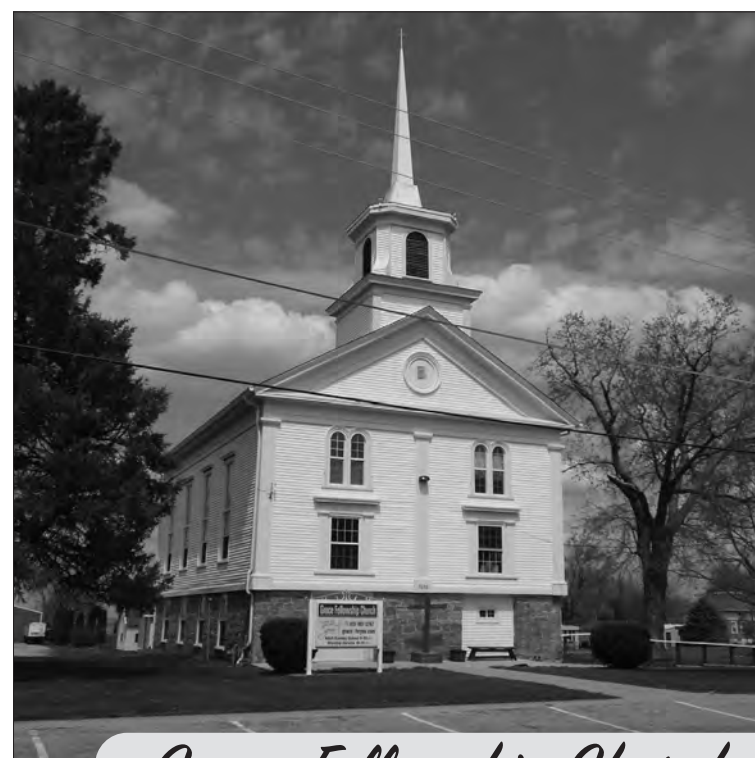
*United First Church of Amboy*

*East Main & Jefferson, Amboy  
Pastor Mark Glenn*



*Immanuel Lutheran Church*

*960 US Route 52, Amboy  
Pastor Barb Otten*



*Grace Fellowship Church*

*500 W Main St., Sublette  
Pastor Brian McWethy*



*East Grove Union Church*

*449 Reuter Rd., Amboy  
Pastor Richard Wulff*



*First Congregational UCC of Lee Center*

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## First State Bank boasts 18 branches throughout Illinois

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*First State Bank has three locations in Mendota - the main facility, top, at 706 Washington St., the driveup ATM, pictured below left, at 800 Illinois Ave., and Plaza North at 1403 13th Ave. First State Bank is also located in West Brooklyn, pictured below right, at 2514 Johnson St, West Brooklyn.*



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# OUR PATH FORWARD

## 2020 a step forward for Leffelman & Associates

BY AMBOY NEWS STAFF

**SUBLETTE**—Moving forward during a pandemic is a difficult feat for any business, but Leffelman & Associates was one local business able to make progress amidst a year full of setbacks for many. Building on that success is how Leffelman & Associates plans to make 2021 even better.

Larry Leffelman purchased the Wilson Roemich Agency, whose origin dates back to 1899, in 1969 after serving in the Army and working in insurance for seven years in Bloomington.

"I had been in the Army and traveled quite a bit but I had always wanted to come back to Sublette," Leffelman recalled.

As the business flourished Leffelman purchased the Burkhardt Agency in 1972, the Duffy Agency in 1980 and the Ortgiesen Agency in 1990. The agency now has offices in Amboy, LaMoille and Sublette.

Larry and wife, Rose, are now retired and the agency is under the capable leadership of their daughter, Chris Klein. As CEO, Klein has an optimistic outlook for moving forward while keeping the agency's longstanding traditions of reliability and

outstanding service.

"I believe last year was a great year for us because we were available. Even when offices were closed, we were able to provide our customers the service they needed and deserved," Klein said. "Technology helped because we were able to work from home when necessary and it helped people find us. With so many people having extra time on their hands, they were able to investigate companies online and many found us. We were able to give them the time and service they were looking for."

As an independent insurance agency, Leffelman & Associates can write policies from a large variety of companies for just about anything. Many people think home or auto insurance as the only insurance an agency can write, but nothing is farther from the truth. Leffelman & Associates is an Independent Insurance Agency. This gives them the ability to write policies on just about anything with a large variety of companies.

Klein said, "We can write basically anything, even problem accounts. Multiple claims or unique coverages often make getting insurance nearly impossible, but we don't give up, we will find



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a way."

That ability is a treasured asset of the agency.

"Technology makes many things easier but the ability to find the perfect policy for our clients comes from years of building relationships and

working with other agencies, the Independent Agents of Illinois, and the Independent Farm Agents of Illinois" said Klein. "Relationships are the key."

The agency offers commercial (large and small busi-

nesses), farm, crop, home, vacation home, auto, life, health, fire department, government entity and non-profit policies. Special endorsements for unique items may be added to policies and non-traditional outshoots, such as farm stands, qualify for coverage.

"We do what is right for the customer 100% of the time. We're going to do it correctly no matter what," reiterated Klein.

Leffelman & Associates staff is highly qualified to meet all your insurance needs and devoted to their customers: Chris Klein, CIC (Certified Insurance Counselor) AFIS (Agribusiness & Farm Insurance Specialist) has over 40 years' experience; Lexi Willey, Chris' daughter, CISR (Certified Insurance Service Representative), 7 years' experience; Riley Klein, Chris' son, University of Illinois degree in agriculture and consumer economics, 6 years' experience; Lisa Quest, CISR, AFIS, 27 years' experience; Julie Burkardt, CISR, 24 years' experience; Tess Fleming, CIC, CISR, 14 years' experience. Other employees are Cathy Schultz, their "super sub"; and Mary Reglin, their newest employee and licensed agent.

The agency motto is "Our

Family Protecting Your Family" and everyone working at Leffelman & Associates feels like family whether or not they are related. The motto embodies what the agency is all about.

Every weekday morning on WGLC, radio listeners have an opportunity to call in and try to correctly guess the name of the Leffelman & Associates agent that will come up when the wheel is spun. Winners receive a jackpot that accumulates with each day from the last winner.

Winning at the on-air game is only one way to win with Leffelman & Associates. You will never get a "corporate office" or service center when you call. Friendly, personal service provided by a local person is the only way to do business as far as Leffelman & Associates is concerned.

Leffelman & Associates' offices are located in Amboy, LaMoille and Sublette. The home office, Sublette, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon. The Amboy and LaMoille offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

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