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Amboy schools still in session despite obstacles

By BONNIE MORRIS

AMBOY - During the first month of in-person classes, Amboy schools have faced some ups and downs but remain open. Reporting at the Sept. 17 board of education meeting, Superintendent Joshua Nichols said the district had been very fortunate until recently when an Amboy High School student tested positive for COVID-19.

Working with the Lee County Health Department, contract tracing was done and an additional 18 students had to be quarantined for 14 days because of close contact with the positive student. In addition, Nichols said a number of other AHS students are also in quarantine because they were in close contact with a positive case outside of school, such as family member or relative.

"This means for about another week we will have 41 percent of the high schoolers remote learning," he said. "When they come off of their quarantine time periods, they will come back to in-person instruction."

Nichols said later that he was aware of three additional Amboy students, who are remote learning and have not been in the school buildings, who have tested positive as well.

When asked by a board member how

teachers are doing during this difficult time, the responses included "frustrated" and "stressed." A big area of concern is students who do not participate in their remote lessons. "If kids don't even log in, we can't make

them," one teacher responded.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart congratulated August Student of

the Month Nick Tarr.

Curriculum and School Improvement

- Aug. 19 and Sept. 2 the SEL and Transitional teams met to plan upcoming homeroom
- The Continuous School Improvement Team met Sept. 10 to discuss current plans, homeroom, challenges with remote learning and which goals to tackle this school year.
- During SIP day on Sept. 14, teachers met as SEL and Transitional Teams to plan the next few weeks. Teachers also received an update on the continuous school improvement plan and had time to work on mandated trainings and prep for remote learning.

School Activities

- Mrs. Crownhart and Mr. Schwamberger attended a NUIC Conference meeting on
- The Spanish Honor Society and Student Council sponsored a blood drive on Sept. 4 at the Community Building and exceeded their goal of 35 units.
- · Volleyball and football were able to have contact days the weeks of Sept. 8 and 14.
- Crownhart congratulated newly elected FFA officers: Mason Ely - President, Dana Merriman - Secretary, Kelton Schwamberger - VP of Community Development, Lauren Althaus - VP of Student Development, Olivia Dinges - VP of Chapter Development, Ethan

Building Activities

· Fire drills were scheduled around the construction schedule so they could be completed before walls are blocked off.

Pratt-Treasurer, Bradley Dinwiddie - Report-

er, and Brooklyn Hoffman - Sentinel.

Amboy Depot Commission to host open house on Oct. 3 **AMBOY** — The Amboy Depot Commission would like

to invite the public to come to an open house on Saturday, Oct 3, at 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., and view our outdoor Museum grounds. They ask that everyone please wear a mask and because this is outdoors, they feel the 6-feet will be no problem for our public. Last year, on Oct. 3, our community and county shared the

loss of one of our beloved citizens, Sharon U. Thompson. As a native Amboyan, we all were proud of her accomplishments as Lee County Treasurer for 20 years, elected President of the Illinois County Treasurers' Association in 1982/83. She served on the SVCC Board of Trustees in 1996. Selected by the Governor of Illinois to serve on the Property Tax Appeal Board and also was a realtor-broker for Burke Realty for 20 years. As busy as she was, she also volunteered for the museum during many Depot Days. Our organization wanted to honor her today with a memorial brick that will be dedicated to her family in our Memorial Brick Pad earlier in the day. During 2018, we ran a campaign to get all school classes

remembered by purchasing a Memorial brick for our brick pad that sits east of the train. It was such a success that it was voted to make a new brick pad designated for all the school associated bricks. The new pad was completed just before Depot Days 2019 but never got dedicated to our community. The new pad is located at the north end of Clint Conway Park by the Palmer School House.

Also, during Depot Days 2019, the Illinois Society Children of the American Revolution presented our museum with a Bronze Bench depicting two children who road the Orphan Train sitting on the bench holding a toy.

Board approves

salary increases for

elected officials

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette Board of

The board met in regular session on Monday, Sept. 14 at

The ordinance had to be passed 180 days before the

Trustees approved salary increases for those elected and

the Ellice Dinges Center. All board members were present.

next election on April 2021. The new salary rates are as

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AMBOY

Lee County COVID-19 **Update: Sept. 21, 2020**

Health Department will host a COVID-19 mobile testing site from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 50 East Ave., in Amboy. COVID-19 symptoms are not required to get tested and one does not need a doctor's not to get tested either. There will be no out-ofpocket cost regardless of ability to pay.

Call 708-747-7441 to reserve your testing at Amboy's mobile location.

Positive Tests

Between Sept. 15 and Sept. 21, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 28 new cases have been reported and here are the ages that were announced: 8 in his or her 20s, 1 in his or her 30s, 2 in his or her 40s, 3 in his or her 50s, 3 in his or her 60s, and 1 in his or her 80s. Five other reported cases are in Dixon Correctional Center inmates.

This brings the total number of positive cases to 327. Of the 327 cases, 267 have recovered. Currently, there is 1 resident hospitalized due to COVID-19.

The Unified Command Team would like to remind our community that COVID-19 remains in our area and continues to be a real threat. Some people who have tested positive

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County have had no symptoms or mild symptoms Others have felt miserable or even been hospitalized. Although there are individuals considered at a higher risk for complications due to COVID-19, some otherwise healthy people have also become very sick. The more the virus spreads & the more cases we have locally, the risk of very ill or hospitalized

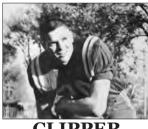
individuals increases. Please, for yourself and others, follow the state and federal recommendations. It's easy to remember as the 3 W's: Wash your hands: Watch your distance; and Wear your mask. We don't want to backtrack from the great work our community has done.

Also, we'd like to mention the process of contact tracing. If your local health department tries to contact you, please answer or return their call. Some people may feel distrustful or afraid of the term "contact tracing." This is actually a strategy used for many years in public health to reduce the spread of infectious disease. Contact tracing is a critical piece of our mitigation efforts against COVID-19. More information can be found at this link: https://www.cdc.gov/ coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/ contact-tracing.html

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CLIPPER HIGHLIGHTS

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<u>Obituaries</u>

Richard I. Garland William J. Apple

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Village President shall receive \$2,400 per year, payable at the end of the fiscal year Village Trustees shall receive \$1,500 per year, payable at the end of the fiscal year

Village Clerk shall receive \$5,400 per year, payable

at a rate of \$450 per month

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

appointed after the April 2021 election.

General Manager

For Committee meetings, committee members, trustees, village president, village clerk and village treasurer shall receive \$25 per committee meeting, special meeting, and fiscal year-end meeting, but in no case can one person be paid for more than one meeting attended on a single day.

Payable at the end of each fiscal year.

Village Treasurer shall be fixed on an annual basis and determined at the time of appointment of this position, which is the first meeting of each fiscal year.

See **SUBLETTE** page A2

Lee County Republicans open headquarters in Dixon

DIXON — Surrounded by red, white and blue banners, quotes from President Ronald Reagan and patriotic songs, the Lee County Republican Central Committee hosted a Grand Opening of their new Republican Headquarters in downtown Dixon on Saturday morning.

Prior to opening the new facility State Representative Tom Demmer addressed the crowd on the steps of the headquarters' entrance saying, "If we hope to restore fiscal discipline and combat the culture of political corruption that has plagued Illinois for far too long, then we must elect Republicans who are committed to changing the culture in Springfield.'

Senator Brian Stewart echoed Demmer's remarks saying, "We must get out every day between now and election day to get



our friends, families and and campaign materials. co-workers to vote the whole Republican ticket."

Immediately following a short ribbon cutting ceremony the crowd flooded the lobby gathering yard signs

Jennifer Dallas, Lee County Republican Chairwoman expressed that the event exceeded her expectations, "There is a lot of excitement for President Trump and all

didates and the turnout today is proof of that."

For several hours people came and went throughout the morning as volunteers dis-

tributed more than 500 signs

of our local Republican can-

as well as other campaign material. The Lee County Republican Headquarters is located at 98 South Galena Ave. at the corner of S. Galena Ave and 1st Street - former US Bank Building.

LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Fish Fry

We are having a Drive-Thru Fish on Friday, Oct. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. It will be a pick up only at the Boehle Youth Center (Teen Turf building) 235 W. Main in Amboy. Dinner includes Fish, Coleslaw Bread, Potato Salad, and Dessert. Cost of dinner is \$9 in advance. Please see Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195 and board members for tickets: Deb Albee, Barb Harrison, Pam Thomas, Mark Grossman, Trese McNinch, Cindy Phillips, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Kimberly Watley. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 on the day of event. You can also see those kids you know that come to the homework club. They are selling tickets in order to attend a Pizza Party at a future date.

Things in Need

If you would like to donate to Teen Turf, we are in need of the following items: Antibacterial wipes, Toilet paper, Paper Towels, Cases of Water bottles, and Febreze. Monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated. The support of our community has kept us going all these years.

Teen Turf

We are now open, however it is not like any year before. Students had to pre-register before coming and we are limited on space due to Illinois State guidelines. Please do not send a child without speaking to Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195

Thank You's

Thank you to those who leave items in the

pantry. Thank you Mike Blackburn for the beef. Thank you for the monetary donation from the memorial of Leroy Daniels. Thank you to Barb Scheider, Julie and Todd Morgan, Fran Kessel and Michelle Cheshire. Thank you to our board members for their assistance in provide a safe and wholesome environment for our kids: Deb Albee, Barb Harrison, Pam Thomas, Mark Grossman, Trese McNinch, Cindy Phillips, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Kimberly Watley. Thank you to Pete Rood and Larry Piper for taking care of the cans.

If You are in Need If you or someone else you know needs

icine, please don't hesitate to contact Eileen the club said they are not going to do any-

anything, for example, food, toiletries, or med-

Piper at 815-440-8195. She can arrange for someone to pick and drop off those items in a safe and timely manner. We also have extra meat, milk, eggs, and bread if you need them.

A Note to say hello or Happy Birthday in September

If you know any person, young or old who is need of a Hello or a Happy Birthday. Please reach out to us via Facebook Messaging or please call Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195. We have given out over 100+ cards.

Final Word

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

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Payment shall be paid in full and shall be payable either at the end of the fiscal year or on a monthly basis.

Village Economic Development Coordinator shall be fixed on annual basis and determined at the time of appointment of the position, which is the first meeting of each fiscal year. Village Planning Commission shall be

fixed on annual basis and determined at the time of appointment of the position, which is the first meeting of each fiscal year.

These changes are effective May 1, 2021 as applied to those positions that are elected during the April 2021 election, and also will apply to those elected during the April 2023 election.

The last increase the village approved was in 2007. The motion to approve the above ordinance was approved 6-0.

Trick or Treat

Acting Village President John Stenzel asked Village Clerk MacKenzie Belan to look into whether or not the village could have Trick or Treating hours this year. Belan said that as of the meeting, the Lee County Health Department has not come out and said no Trick or Treating.

She said she talked to the 4-H Club who normally hosts an event for Halloween, and

thing this year. She said she also spoke with Pastor Brian McWethy of Grace Fellowship Sublette, and reported that the church is planning on doing something. Belan said that certain things should be followed this year for Trick or Treating like the treats already in a bag and the bags on a table in the front yard, so children won't be going up and ringing the doorbell.

Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel said she feels it's up to the parents if they want their children to go Trick or Treating, adding that residents can turn their lights off if they do not want Trick or Treaters.

date, time, guidelines for people, until the next board meeting.

In other board news: The board discussed rentals at the Ellice

- Dinges Center and recommended directing Ellice Dinges Center Janitor Freddy Arteaga to write requests down for 2021 but that nothing is guaranteed. · Economic Development Chair Don Ding-
- es said he is working on a tentative schedule for 2021 events, and that as of right now, it doesn't look promising for having the Sublette Christmas Walk. The next Sublette Village Board meeting

will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 12, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

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The board decided to hold off setting a **DEPOT** continued from page A1

We just installed the bronze informational plaque next to the bench. It is truly a beautiful piece of art to be viewed by all. The group selected our museum because the Orphan Train movement stopped in Amboy and the sitting president, Bryn Callahan, who selected the project also had an ancestor who rode the Orphan Train from New York City orphanage to Illinois.

Our newest addition to our campus is two cement benches and one cement square picnic table with four attached benches. Three families donated these memorial items. A plaque will be on each cement piece. Shirlene Lowe purchased a red brick cement bench in memory of her husband, Robert.

The children of Helen Glessner, a past president of the Depot Museum Commission and local teacher also purchased a matching red brick cement bench. Both benches will be placed

the Museum to the Palmer School House. Kathleen and Mary Lou-

along the sidewalk from

ise Branigan along with the Joanne Branigan Trust from Phoenix, Ariz., purchased a red brick cement square picnic table with four benches in memory of their parent's, Frank and Kathryn Branigan, local business - Branigan Motors. This picnic bench will be placed across the street from the Lee County Tourism Building, north of the museum.

The Depot Museum would like to thank these three families for their generous donation to help beautify our Clint Conway Park.

The Commission members will be around for any tours of the buildings or to answer any questions. The Depot Museum, Freight House and Palmer School House will all be open for viewing.



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Cathy Myers, Lee County Clerk and Recorder would like to announce that beginning THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 2020, VOTE BY MAIL and EARLY VOTING will be conducted in the Election Department of her office, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E. Second St., Dixon.

VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, October 29, 2020 and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

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PLEASE NOTE: Lee County Courthouse will be closed October 12, 2020.

The votes cast during this time will not be counted until Election Day. Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded. Website: www.leecountyil.com

> Email: election@countyoflee.org **Phone:** 815-288-3309

Cathy Myers 09232020 Lee County Clerk & Recorder

LOCAL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

PRINCETON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24, at the First United Methodist Church, 316 S. Church St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The final Amboy Farmers Market of the seeason will be held Friday, Sept. 25, from 9 a.m. until

noon in the Depot parking lot.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, at the AFSCME Union Hall, 622 Palmyra Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall, 202 S. Locust St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5, at the Community

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the YMCA, 110 N. Galena Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension will present the online program "Mushrooms of Illinois" with Dr. Andrew Miller from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Register online at go.illinois.edu/ mushroom. For more informat contact Mary Nelson at mnelsn@illinois.edu.

ican Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Sterling Bethel Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit Red-CrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

AMBOY-Teen Turf will hold a Drive-Thru Fish Fry on Friday, Oct. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. Pick-up only at the Boehle Youth Center, 235 W. Main St. Call Eileen at 815-440-8195 or see a board member for advance \$9 tickets. Tickets will be \$10 the day of the event.

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Lee County State 4-H Fair results announced Cherith Bulfer Photogra-**Emily Sondgeroth**

LEE COUNTY — University of Illinois Extension has released the winners for the virtual state 4-H general project show. These 4-H projects were judged at the local 4-H virtual shows and were chosen to advance to the state fair.

All qualifying youth exhibiting in the state general project show will receive a recognition ribbon, Award of Excellence.

Champion and Reserve Champion awards are given to the top exhibits in the class. Inspire awards are given at the judges' discretion for projects they wish to highlight or acknowledge as inspirational.

Following is a list of youth that participated from Lee County 4-H:

4-H Member Project Award

Riley Bally, Visual Arts: Chalk/Carbon/Pig-Award of Excellence

Evan Belzer Leadership 1 Award of Excellence

Owen Belzer Vegetable Gardening Display Award of Excellence, Cham-

Catherine Bloemker Passport to the World-Indiv

Award of Excellence Aby Buettner Civic Engagement 1 Award of Excellence

Award of Excellence, Champion

Ella Coffman Food Decorating-Intermediate Award of Excellence

Aaron Conderman Entomology 3 Award of Excellence, Reserve Cham-

Emily Conderman Visual Arts: Glass/Plastic Award of Excellence

Rhayanna Cotter Animal Science Award of Excellence

Logan Crawford Advanced Visual Program-Award of Excelming lence, Inspire

Ross Eden Rock Hounds 1 Award of Excellence, Champion Olivia Gingras Food Sci-

ence 1 - 4 Award of Excellence, Champion Lillian Haws STEAM

Award of Clothing 1 Excellence, Champion Olivia Hintz Animal

Science Award of Excellence Caleb Johnson V i s u a l

Arts: Wood Award of Excellence Nolan JohnsonEntomol-

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desire to do more for your

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AFPD was recently awarded another grant in the amount of \$120,762.

The RURAL EMS TRAINING GRANT is handled by The Substance

Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center

for Substance Abuse Treatment. This grant provides funding for

emergency medical services in rural areas - AFPD is 1 of 27 rural

agencies in this program. The grant will be used for: Recruitment and training for new and current EMS personnel

• Development of new ways to educate EMS providers using

advanced technology and virtual learning

 Aguire OSHA approved EMS personal protective equipment · Complete specific training on mental and substance abuse

disorders and the appropriate care of patients with said disorders

• Purchase and train EMS personnel on the use of the opioid overdose antidote, naloxone, to utilize in case of opioid overdose

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our department that benefit our personnel, our department, and

ultimately our community!

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Scrapbooking-Beginning Award of Excellence

Excellence Caroline Montgomery

Award of Excellence Addison Morley Shopping in Style - In-

iting Award of Excel-

Bethany Odle Visual Arts: Clay Award of

Lucas Odle Award of Excellence

Vegetable Display Award of Excellence STEAM Clothing 2 Award of Excellence Josh Sondgeroth

Award of Excellence, Reserve Champion

Wyatt Sondgeroth Welding Award of Excellence

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Amboy Police

Driving While License Suspended On Sept. 12, at 5:44 p.m., Isaiah M. Latigo, 21, of Amboy,

was arrested for driving while license suspended, and operating uninsured vehicle. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Disorderly Conduct

On Sept. 15, at 4 p.m., Steven T. Mclain, 23, of Amboy, was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.



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OBITUARIES

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Richard I. Garland Nov. 3, 1929 - Sept. 14, 2020

SUBLETTE — Richard I. Garland, 90, of Sublette, died Monday, Sept. 14, 2020 at the Rock River Hospice Home in Sterling.

He was born Nov. 3, 1929 in Princeton, the son of Cornelius T. and Gertrude (Battin) Garland. He was the only one of his parent's 11 children born in a hospital.

Richard served in the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry as a B.A.R. gunner during the Korean Conflict before marrying Leila Ann Rapp on June 28, 1952.

He worked at Conco in Mendota until retiring in 1978. He then worked for Chicago Whiting Crane Company. He had also owned and operated the Galand Vault Business and with his wife owned and operated the Garland Health Spa both in

He was member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette, the Elks Club in Mendota and was a volunteer fireman/

ambulance driver for 18 years with the Sublette Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Joyce Ann Garland; his parents; five sisters, Delores Chesley, Midge Hochstatter, Evelyn Ryan, Vivian Gabel, Rosmund Buckley; and four brothers, Joseph, Clifford, Virgil and Raymond Garland.

Richard is survived by his wife, Leila; children, Jerry (Pat) Garland, of Sublette, Karen (Dan) Leake, of Dixon, Sue (Maurice) Zimmerlein, of Sublette, Patti (Jim) Heintzelman, of Dixon, Dean Garland, of Island Lake, and Roger (Michelle) Garland, of Hilliard, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother, Robert Garland, of Springfield.

A public visitation was held from 9 - 10:45 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Face cov-

Thanks to all who sent

cards on my special

birthday. Thanks to

Kim Stram for arranging

a surprise party.

Jack Dempsey



erings and public distancing

A private family Mass of Christian Burial followed at the Church with the Rev. Randy Fronek officiating. Burial with military honors followed in St Mary Cemetery. Memorials have been established to Sublette Fire Department, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and Rock River Hospice and Home.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.

William J. "Bill" Apple March 17, 1942 - Sept. 15, 2020

AMBOY — William J. "Bill" Apple, 78, of Amboy, died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020.

He was born March 17, 1942 in Amboy, the son of Charles and Mildred (Bushman) Apple. He was an Electrician with IBEW Local 364 until his retirement in 2004; 20 years of which he spent at the Byron Nuclear Station.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Amboy American Legion, Knights of Columbus and the Fr Boland Assemble of the 4th Degree. He was also a member of the Amboy School Board for 20 years from 1985 to 2005. Bill was a veteran of the

United States Air Force. He always enjoyed bicycling, gardening, and his daily coffee with friends at the Amboy Family Restaurant. Bill married Sharon Sel-

oover Fahs in Amboy on Sept. 19, 1975. He was preceded in death by his wife on Nov. 13, 2003; his parents; one brother, Donald Apple; and one sister Betty Eichelberger.

Bill is survived by his children, Susan (Nick) Vaessen, of West Brooklyn, Patrick (Jenny McCoy) Apple, of Amboy, Tammy (Mark) Henkel, of Sublette, Lori (Mike) Schultz, of Byron; and 10 grandchildren, Trevor and Tyrah Vaessen, Ashley and Hannah McCoy, Chad, Derek, and Austin Henkel, Lyndsey (Peter) Hodapp, Nick and Ben Schultz. He is also survived by three sisters, Eileen Linton, of Rock Falls, Rita Clifton, of Sterling, Doris (Leonard) Amesquita, of Rock Falls; three brothers, David (Doris) Apple, of Rock Falls, Robert (Betty) Apple, of Tampico, Gene (Jane) Apple, of Morrison; and many nieces and nephews.

Public visitation was held



from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m., on Satruday, Sept. 19, 2020, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. Face coverings are required. A private family mass of Christian Burial followed with Rev. John Gow officiating. Burial with military honors followed at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Memorials have been established.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.

U. of I. Extension News

Attend astronomy webinar to learn more about the night sky

Calling all amateur astronomers, join University of Illinois extension in an online zoom webinar as we explore the night sky. Take a tour of the stars and discover their lifecycle.

Learn how to identify stars, constellations and planets, and delve into some myths and stories. We will discover the best way to ob-

serve the night sky and look at how a telescope works. Astronomy 101 will be held on Monday, Sept. 28, 2020 from 2 - 3 p.m. Register online to attend at: https:// go.illinois.edu/astronomy. For more information contact Mary Nelson, University of Illinois Extension Ag and Natural Resource Program coordinator at; mnelsn25@ illinois.edu.

Mushrooms of Illinois Webinar

Please join University of Illinois Extension, Carroll, Lee and Whiteside Counties for a fascinating presentation by Dr. Andrew Miller, on the Mushrooms of Illinois, Wednesday Oct. 7, from 1 –

2 p.m. for an online webinar presented via Zoom. Dr. Miller will discuss the

large variety of fungi that occur throughout Illinois. The major groups of macrofungi will be presented including several edible and poisonous mushrooms.

Dr. Andrew Miller is a research professor and serves as the Director of the Herbarium at the Illinois Natural History Survey at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Anative of Illinois, Miller began his formal education in mycology (the study of fungi) under the tutelage of Dr. Andrew Methven at Eastern Illinois University and completed his doctoral degree at The Field Museum in Chicago.

Miller has traveled extensively throughout the world collecting and describing fungi, documenting their biodiversity, and studying their evolutionary relationships. An expert on both large macrofungi and small microfungi, he has described over 100 species of fungi new to science.

Register online to attend at:go.illinois.edu/mushroom. For more information contact Mary Nelson, University of Illinois Extension Ag and Natural Resources program coordinator, at mnelsn25@illinois.edu.





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> St. Mary Church Fr. John Gow 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670

New Mass Times Begin Sept. 1st Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

St. Flannen Church Fr. John Gow 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670

New Mass Times Begin Sept. 1st Mass: Sunday, 9 am

United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745

Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center

www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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> Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

East Grove Union Church Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321 449 Reuter Road, Amboy Phone 815-376-6661 1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd.

Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. 'Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!' Come as you are and join us on the journey!

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Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.

Rev. Randy Fronek West Brooklyn Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church

St. Patrick Church Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.

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SOCIAL NEWS



Robbins celebrated 90th birthday Sept. 19 STERLING—Ken Robbins celebrated his 90th birthday

on Sept. 19, 2020.

He grew up on farms in rural Amboy and Harmon and graduated from Ambov High School. He served in the Army during the Korean conflict and was stationed in Hawaii. He is retired from both farming and the USPS where he was an Amboy rural carrier.

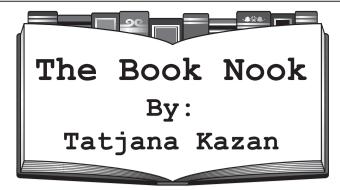
He married Bernie Worrell (deceased) and had two daughters, Marnie (the late Rick) Slater, Lynette (Bob) Mackay, and one son, Jeffrey (deceased). He has five granddaughters. Malia, Marissa, Mackenzie, Cassidy and Peyton, and one great-granddaughter, Laetyn.

Kenny would really enjoy hearing from you. Please send him a card at 2705 Avenue E, Apt. 114, Sterling, IL 61081.



Ken Robbins

Recycle! Recycle!



Vesper Flights

of things snatched from the

air. "On warm summer eve-

nings swifts fly low and fast,

screaming in speeding packs

around rooftops and spires.

Later, they gather higher

in the sky, and then, all at

once, they rise higher and

higher until they disappear

from view. These ascents are

called vesper flights, after the

n "Vesper Flights," English author and naturalist Helen Macdonald (author of the award winning bestseller "H is for Hawk") captures the spirit and wonder of her experiences in a series of short essays. "One day when, quite by surprise, I discovered that if I held a falcon egg close to my mouth and made soft clucking noises, a chick that was ready to hatch would call back...I spoke through the shell to something that had not yet known light or air, but would soon take in the revealed coil and furl of a west-coast breeze and cloud of a hillside in one easy glide at 60 miles an hour...I spoke through an egg and wept."

The essays range from hares: "Most boxing hares are does unwilling to mate with bucks making sexual advances on them. They rise up and fight them off" to free-roaming wild boars which are thriving in British woods. "From the introduction of boars to New Hampshire in the 1890s, boar-like wild pigs have now been reported in at least forty-five states.'

She describes the exhilaration of watching nocturnal birds from atop the Empire State Building, as well as the plight of hundreds of millions of birds flying at nightfall north every spring to their breeding grounds and back again in the fall. "More than a hundred thousand die each year in New York City alone." [Chicago lies along a critical migratory route for millions of birds. To protect them, Chicago launched the Lights Out program in 1995.]

Swifts, unlike all other birds, never descend to the ground. Their nests are made Latin vesper for evening." These flights take them to heights of eight thousand feet. "The remote air, the coldness, the stillness, and the high birds over white cloud suspended in sleep." Macdonald joined an ex-

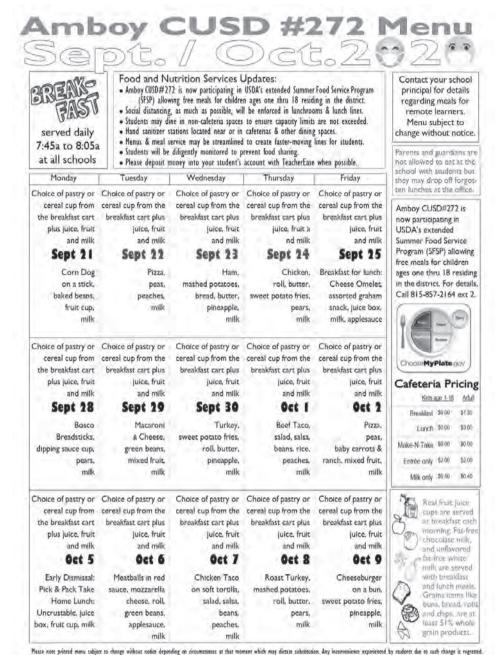
pedition to the extreme environment of Chile's Atacama Desert in search of organisms that live in conditions analogous to those on Mars. "There are places here that haven't much changed in five million years." They find "these exquisitely tough, tiny, almost invisible signs of life held between finger and thumb." Led by Natalie Cabrol, a Mars specialist, who has free-dived into a crater lake atop the Licancabur volcano at twenty thousand feet and discovered a new zooplankton species.

Climate change on Mars and on Earth. Cabrol points out that the earth itself is in no danger whatsoever. "It will survive whatever we throw at it. What is in danger is the environment that made us possible. We are pretty much cutting the branch we are sitting on. It's going to

be sudden and frightening.' For a wonderful weekly blog on our prairies and wetlands, I highly recommend Tuesdays in the Tall Grass: https://tuesdaysinthetall-

grass.wordpress.com/

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pinion

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

Cloak of anonymity makes it next to impossible

to hold sources accountable

By Scott Reeder

read The Atlantic magazine story asgerting that Deneld Trump denigrated Guest Column professionals.

The clock serting that Donald Trump denigrated America's war dead, and then I cringed. It's certainly troubling if any president were to say such a thing. But I have no way of reaching an objective determination on whether it was said or not.

Why? The story is based on anonymous

Not only do we have no idea who these people are, we have no idea why they are speaking up now – two years after – the alleged utterance. And we also don't know what access, if any, they had to the president.

Regular readers of this column know I'm no fan of Trump. But I am a fan of good journalism. And The Atlantic story doesn't make the cut. Yes, there are rare instances where uniden-

tified sources are necessary, but it has become all too common a practice in American journalism.

In this case, the journalist is asking us to take his word that he was told these things.

Sorry, I'm not biting.

"Not having any identified sources in that story makes it far less credible," said Al Tompkins, a senior faculty member at the Poynter Institute, a journalism school for news

The cloak of anonymity makes it next to impossible to hold sources accountable. What if they are lying or simply mistaken? Their identity will never be known.

I remember 25 years ago, I had a source on the Moline City Council who would leak to me what was discussed in closed executive sessions.

After I published a story citing an unnamed source spilling the beans on a project the city was involved with, my source rose the next week, wagged his finger at his colleagues and denounced "whoever was leaking to the press." I sat there, notebook in hand unable to hold

this person accountable without breaking my promise of confidentiality. In other words, I'd inadvertently given the fellow a ticket to lie. Some might say that is an extreme example.

But it really isn't. People in government are routinely asked by supervisors, peers and other reporters if

they were the confidential source in a news story. Do you think they tell the truth when they are asked? Don't bet on it. And sometimes it's not the source who is lying.

"There are liars in every profession—including journalism,"

Tompkins reminded me.

Friends have pointed out that The Atlantic is a prestigious

publication and for that reason we should give it extra credibility. Well, I love the magazine and have subscribed for more than 25 years.

But I also know that Jayson Blair worked for the New York Times, Stephen Glass for The New Republic, Janet Cooke for the Washington Post and Jack Kelley for USA Today. And each of these scoundrels fabricated sources despite working for high-profile publications.

So, the prestige of a publication doesn't make it immune to wrongdoing within its ranks.

It's worth noting that the Associated Press and other news organizations have apparently contacted some of the same individuals as The Atlantic and been told the same things not for attribution.

Well, if the magazine's competitors could figure out who the sources were within a few hours, don't you think the president and other administration officials have a pretty good idea who is talking, too? So, if the political insiders are in the know, the only people

being deprived of the knowledge are the readers. And we have no way of evaluating the credibility of the

information. In that light, what value does it have?

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. He can be reached by email at ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.

Letters to the Editor

Encourages people to support Teen Turf's fish fry

I am writing as a parent of children who attend Teen Turf, a Teen Turf board member, and an AmeriCorps worker who volunteers at Teen Turf. So, you can say I have a vested interest in Teen Turf.

We moved to Amboy 10 years not knowing anyone. My husband and I had migrated to the Midwest from California a few years earlier. We sought organizations that would help us and our children feel welcomed. I think you can see where

Eileen Piper and her volunteers greeted us with open arms. All of my kids have participated in homework club and the summer program. They are giving back to Teen Turf by volunteering in homework club, summer program, and various fundraisers.

I do have a point. Due to Covid-19, we were unable to have our dances, fundraisers, and our biggest event The Draw Down. Mrs. Piper runs a tight ship and has been doing

it for over 25 years. However, Teen Turf still needed to pay the bills even when we had to close the doors. We looked towards different avenues to help the community: having our make-shift pantry, assisting seniors, and having our limited summer program. We were grateful to all those that gave us a monetary donation or items we could use.

I am asking the community of Amboy to assist us again by attending our Fish Fry on Friday, Oct. 9 from 4-7 p.m., at the Boehle Youth Center (Teen Turf building) at 235 West Main in Amboy. Advance tickets are \$9 and you can call Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195/815-857-4800 or see any board member for tickets.

The children that are attending the homework club are also selling Fish Fry tickets for a chance at a Pizza party. So, if you can see it in your heart to help us help the kids, please consider buying a ticket to support us.

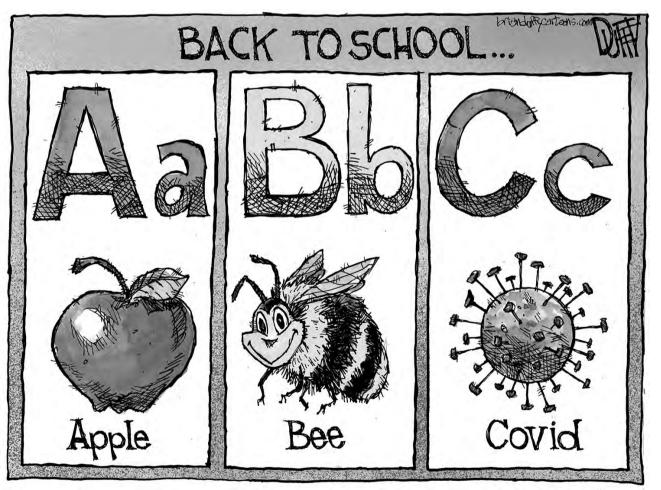
Thank you for your time, **Pam Thomas**

Small town living at its best

Dear Editor,

A kind lady at the Amboy Thrift Shop helped me to return a family Bible that had been dropped off with other items. This sweet lady recognized it was special and helped me return to its owner. Small town living at its best.

Carol Fredericks Amboy



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Sept. 24, 1920

Miss Anna Bryant is absent from Canavan's Store on her vacation.

Mrs Anna Klein and family and Mr. and Mrs. G.P. Finch and family tested the new pavement to Sterling Sunday.

Miss Caroline Hamblock, chiropodist, will be in Amboy, Wednesday, Sept. 29.

75 Years Ago Sept. 20, 1945

William Morrissey, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Morrissey, and grandson of Frank Brady, left Sunday to enter the seminary at St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, to begin his studies

for the holy priesthood. Mrs. Kenneth McCracken has accepted the position as office secretary at A.T.H.S. and began her duties

Wednesday. During the summer Mrs. McCracken was employed at The First National Bank.

Jack Edward, John J. Wagner, August Marchesi and Lester Ullensvang went to Oregon Tuesday afternoon where they enjoyed golf, playing a dinner match.

50 Years Ago Sept. 24, 1970

Amboy Volunteer Firemen, their wives, Amboy Fire Protection District trustees and their wives enjoyed a steak cook-out at the fire station on Sunday evening and honored Fire Chief Ken Spitz and Dr. John P. Walsh for 20 years of service in the fire department.

Tony Cook, Amboy High School senior who lettered in wrestling during the 1969-70 school year, was awarded the Michael Janson memorial award last week Wednesday. Tony, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cook of rural route one,

Amboy, told the Amboy News, "I greatly appreciate the votes of my teammates which brought me this honor."

25 Years Ago Sept. 28, 1995

The Amboy News has been sold to John and Mary Koski of Aurora. Dave and Deb Volz will turn over ownership of the 141-year-old weekly newspaper on Oct. 1.

The Northern Illinois University football team that captured the league championship in 1983 and won the California Bowl will be enshrined in the Huskie Hall of Fam next month. Rick Considine, a 1980 graduate of Amboy High School, was a member of that team and will be honored with his teammates during a Hall of Fame banquet to be held Friday during the Homecoming weekend, Oct. 6-7.

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and include address and phone number or e-mail address for verification purposes. Neither the street address nor phone number will be printed. Letters should be typed or legibly handwritten, and no anonymous letters will be published. Any comments of public officials should be limited to issues

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Political endorsements will be published, however letters from candidates endorsing themselves will not be printed. Letters may be dropped at the Amboy News office, 245

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by Dave T. Phipps

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by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

LAFF-A-DAY

"Harvey's mother-in-law moved in last week."

APPARENTLY, YOU HAVEN'T SMELLED THE TOWEL.

AND THE CATCH-THE-GUY-

THE-GREASIN' CONTEST!

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AND I BET YOU'LL HAVE A

GUEST HOUSE FOR YOUR MOM AND DAD, RIGHT?

NO. NO IT DOESN'T. BUT IT DOES

MAKE ME LIE ...

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CONTEST ...

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by Dave T. Phipps

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by Linda Thistle

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Differences: 1. Rug is missing. 2. Hat is backward. 3. Blanket is shorter 4. Man's hair is different. 5. Sun has fewer rays. 6. Shrubs have been added.

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: B equals F

MB HAPOCHXMHZ EHCPAYMHXP

RCHZS PWBO RCMZSP, OTVK PTWAXR

EWPO XMSVXK YCVBVC IWIH-SWHXH.

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Τοday's Word 3. Margin; 4. Ingest 1. Float 2. Supply;

uoitulos SCRAMBLERS

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- 2. AD SLOGANS: Which national
- company's slogan is "We'll leave a light on for you"? 3. ANATOMY: Which bone are babies
- born without?
- 4. HISTORY: Which European monarch was known as the "Sun King"? 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What
- is Samhain? 6. MEDICAL TERMS: What is the condition formally known as diastema?
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- 9. MUSIC: Which country is the rock
- group AC/DC from?
- 10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the pri-
- mary ingredient in traditional hummus? © 2020 King Features Synd., Inc.

10. Chickpeas eilerteu A. 4 8. Hundred Acre Wood 7. Mona Lisa 6. A noticeable gap between two teeth beginning of winter celebrating the end of the harvest and 5. A Gaelic festival Oct. 31-Nov. 1 4. Louis XIV of France

3. Kneecaps, which develop after birth 2. Motel 6

1. Istanbul, Turkey Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

[N | O | N]

Answers — **Kind** Crossword —

> Answer Meekiy Sudoku

most likely prefer Coca-Koala. drank soft drinks, they should If Australian marsupials

CryptoQuip



PUPYLS Edge ARMING Eat

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Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 2020

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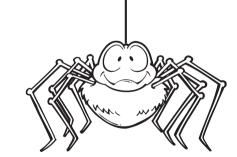
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Principal Andrew Full, Amboy Junior High

Curriculum and School Improvement

• On Sept. 1 the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to review the first few days of school, complete the 1003 (a) grant and budget for 2020-2021 school year, discuss pacing guides for the new curriculums, priority standards, update the School Improvement Plan, update the to-do list, and discuss supports to put in place for curriculum implementation.

• On Sept. 3 a faculty meeting was held to discuss students, hand out "face cups," discuss SLO's, and discuss the school year in general.

• On Sept. 14 teachers were given time meet with remote learners, work on SLO's, and complete Ed Learners Network Trainings.

Ms. Vicks and Mrs.

Dinges have been meeting with ELA and math teachers to discuss the new curriculum.

PBIS

• On Monday, Sept. 14, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly over Google Meets and the following awards were handed out for Students of the Month and Clipper P.R.I.D.E.

School Activities

· AJHS had 18 students return to school from remote learning. There are still 48 students remote learning, about 20 percent of enroll-

• Speech Team will start soon with Yvonne Vicks as coach and three members. • Student Council will also

start soon with co-sponsors Ashley Platz and Kaylee

Principal Joyce Schamberger, Central Elementary

School Improvement/

Professional Development

· Teachers worked on their SLO's and completed mandated trainings.

Benchmark testing on all students K-4 has been completed. • The RtI committee met

and discussed the results of recent benchmark testing. **PBIS**

• The Prize Closet for Central School students to purchase using Scooby Doo Cash is being stocked by suggestions from students and teachers. Central School PTC will support the PBIS program.

• During the SIP virtual assembly, students were recognized for Student of the Month.

School Activities • The Second Step pre-

sentations began remotely on Sept. 16 using Google Meets. Edie Peterson from the YWCA of the Sauk Valley is the program presenter.

Second Step presents programs on Social Emotional Learning.

• Joe Jahn and Mr. Payne trained Central students on bus evacuation as part of the required drills.

OTHER BUSINESS

· Nichols said work is progressing on the new junior high with panels going up for what will be the building's offices. • The board approved the

2020-2021 budget following a budget hearing. The complete budget is available to view on the district website [amboy.net] under the District heading. • Purchase of a 2018

45+1 wheelchair passenger school bus was approved by the board. • The Junior High School

Improvement Plan was ap-PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board accepted the res-

ignation of Billie Doering as part-time cafeteria cook and hired Dennis Matz as a bus driver.

The next regular board

meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at Central School.

All meetings are open to the public.

Amboy Golf results

Sept. 16 at Shady Oaks (varsity) Amboy 209, Freeport Aquin 216 Amboy scores: Hayden Wittenauer 48, Jackson Brubaker

Results of Amboy High School golf matches are as follows:

57, Austin Bogle 51, Jared Warner 55, Carson Reuss 55, Jordan Harris 56 (junior varsity)

Freeport Aquin 206, Amboy 280 Amboy scores: Griffin Bushman 65, Danzele Schwarz

62, Shawn Lauer 108, Garrett Sage 84, Carter Boehle 69 Sept. 17 at Hinckley-Big Rock (varsity)

Hinckley-Big Rock 186, Amboy 190 Amboy scores: Hayden Wittenauer 44, Austin Bogle 49,

Jared Warner 61, Jackson Brubaker 43, Carson Reuss 60, Jordan Harris 54 (junior varsity) Amboy scores: Griffin Bushman 60, Danzele Schwarz

60, Luke Corcoran 72, Garrett Sage 60

Amboy scores: Hannah Atkinson 69, Tatum Stroh 59

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SPORTS

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This week's Clipper Highlight is the first Clipper from the 1960s to be recognized. This week's Clipper is Amboy through and through. It's my honor to announce #14, Gordy Koch, as this week's Clipper Highlight.

Gordy was a 1961 graduate of Amboy High School and a three year Varsity starter at running back and outside linebacker.

Long before the Big Rivers was formed, Amboy belonged to the ILLOWA Conference. Teams from both Illinois and Iowa competed on the gridiron. There was no playoff system at that time, only the regular season.

Six decades have passed since Gordy's playing days as a Clipper but the memories

"My sophomore year Coach Goode called up the entire sophomore backfield," Gordy stated. Gordy's sophomore season was the Clippers' most successful season throughout his four years. The 1958 Clippers posted a 5-2-1 overall record. The only tie coming against DeWitt, Iowa, 20-20.

"I remember that game because Dewitt was pretty good. I caught a 40 yard pass to set up one of our touchdowns," Gordy added.

The other highlight that sticks out to Gordy is the tough loss to, eventual undefeated, Rock Falls.

"We were the only team to score two touchdowns on them that entire season," Gordy shared. Gordy recorded an impressive 13 solo tackles in the game.

"We all played hard but sometimes we just didn't have enough in the second half. We had maybe 15 of us on the team so most of us never left the field," Gordy

This era of Clipper football was undoubtedly different. A lot of talented athletes who could have contributed immensely to Clipper success were unable to go out for football as they were needed on the farm or to work to help provide for their household.

Gordy shared, "we all had jobs and were expected to help at home. If we wanted a letterman jacket or anything else we had to pay for it. Sometimes we would get called into Beggs' to stock shelves at midnight."

A humbling statement for us younger Alumni to hear.

Gordy had nothing but great words to speak of all his teammates. Gordy mentioned Don McCoy and my great Uncle, Dan Morrissey as being two of his teammates and high school friends.

Fast forward roughly 20 years. Gordy took on a different role as a Clipper. Not only did he raise two former Clippers (Gary and David Koch) but he was a member of the chain gang for Clipper

"I got a front row seat to a lot of great Clipper games," Gordy shared.

I was fortunate to speak to both Gary and David prior to this write up.

Gary stated, "Dad loved watching us play in the 80's and all of his grandchildren that followed." Gary added, "Dad loves Amboy, the people of Amboy, and Amboy Football.'

David shared, "My son Kye will be a freshman this year at Amboy and he plans to wear #14 as my Dad did."

I can only imagine the tremendous amount of pride that brings to Gordy and the rest of the Koch family.

I've been very fortunate to spend a lot of time with Gordy as he and I made up the "Sod Squad" (mowing crew) for the City of Amboy Maintenance Department many years ago. Some of the best days I've had in our

Clipper **Highlights**

By Spencer Morrissey

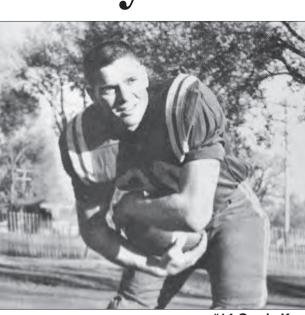


beautiful community were spent laughing with Gordy and learning the rich history of Amboy and Amboy Football. Gordy is all Amboy and represents the very best pillars of our community and football program. Gordy's dedication, hard work, and love for his family and community make him more than deserving of this highlight. Gordy's caliber as a man is one to be emulated, as much as any of the great Clipper men of the past, who have lived their lives by those great qualities.

So, to my good friend, #14, Gordy Koch, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for the memories I'll never forget. You are, without a doubt, an eminent figure of our Amboy Clipper community. Best of luck to your grandson, Kye, as he begins his Clipper career and carries on the Koch name on the gridiron. 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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#14 Gordy Koch

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