



**EASTER EGG HUNT**

*More than 150 children took part in the Annual Cliff Walter's Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Amboy Lions Club on Saturday, April 20. The weather on Saturday was perfect for the event. Pictured left, Amboy Lion Club members colored 90 dozen eggs on Friday. Pictures of the winners appear on Page A2.*

Photos submitted

## Report changes to your farm operation

**AMBOY** — The Lee County Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Amboy is reminding the farmers and farm land-owners the importance for everyone participating in FSA programs to make sure their records with the county office are accurate.

Any change in the following requires the updates and changes to be shared with the Lee County FSA Office:

- Mailing address and email address changes
- Direct deposit and bank account

changes

- Death of a farmer or associate on the farm (Successor-in-Interest).
- Entity status (Individual, Trust, Partnership, Estates, etc)
- Change in operator, tenant or land ownership
- Farm changes when land is sold or purchased (copy of Recorded Deed)
- Changing administrative counties
- Land brought into production or clearing of brush and trees
- Before new tile is installed

Updating record changes now will save time during contract sign-up. Farm changes will also significantly impact your acreage reports that are filed annually with the Farm Service Agency and your crop insurance agent.

Our records are only as accurate as you report them.

For more information regarding FSA programs contact the Lee County FSA Office or visit the USDA Web site at <http://www.usda.gov>.

## House OKs doubling of fines for drivers who pass stopped school buses

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**SPRINGFIELD** — Drivers who don't stop for school buses could see a doubling in ticket fines under a proposed state law that passed the House on Thursday.

House Bill 1873, sponsored by GOP Rep. Darren Bailey of Xenia, doubles the fine for first offenses to \$300 from \$150, and for second offenses to \$1,000 from \$500.

It passed the House on Thursday morning by a vote of 74-16, with 12 representatives voting present after extended and heated debate.

Bailey called the bill a matter of "public safety, to protect school children as they load and unload off buses."

Critics said increasing penalties don't deter people from violating the law, and provide only extra hardship for those who already have the least ability to pay them.

Chicago Democrat Melissa Conyears-Ervin was the first to voice opposition, saying she could not support the bill if the public is not educated about it simultaneously.

"Residents that can't pay it may lose

their license, may in turn not be able to go to work, and may in turn not be able to put food on the table for their children.

"There are people that will have no clue of this legislation, and all the bill will do is put them in a deeper hole," Conyears-Ervin said.

Bailey said he'd be willing to work with her on educating the public about the change in fine structure, because education "is what will raise the awareness to protect our children."

Others, like Jacksonville Republican C.D. Davidsmeyer, said a driver's first violation of the law should be enough education.

HB 1873 changes only the fine structure for school bus violations.

It does not change other provisions of current law for drivers to have their licenses suspended for three months for first violations and for a year for second violations.

In those cases, drivers can apply to the Secretary of State's office for a restricted driver permit, which allows them to drive to and from work.

Plainfield GOP Rep. Mark Batinick, one of the bill's sponsors, said even with the doubled fines, Illinois' laws for failing to stop for school buses are weak.

"I'm sitting over here stunned that we're putting the price tag to say [an extra] \$150 is too much for a school kid," Batinick said.

He referenced other states' penalties, some of which include jail time and fines as much as \$10,000.

Minnesota, he said, has a \$500 fine and 90 days of jail time for a first offense.

"We're at the low end of the fines on this, which is probably why it keeps happening, because nobody cares about the fine," Batinick yelled.

Bailey said Illinois school bus drivers reported more than 20,000 instances where buses were passed while the "STOP" arm was out in 2017, according to a survey by ABC 7 in Chicago.

Opponents maintained that doubling fines is regressive, and would result only in financial hurt for those who can't pay it.

"This bill is based on a flawed premise," said Democrat Will Guzzardi of Chicago. "The idea [is] that by raising penalties on certain types of behaviors, we will deter those behaviors."

"Raising the fines isn't going to keep our kids any safer. It will just take more money out of the pockets of people who can least afford it."

## Board makes appointments to fire protection districts

**BY MONETTA YOUNG**  
Special to the Amboy News

**DIXON** — At the April Lee County Board meeting, the board denied a request for the zoning ordinance variation as recommended from the zoning board.

The Zoning Board had approved a petition from Kole and Kelsie Weaver for a special use permit. The couple was planning to purchase property and open a wedding barn on Sink Hollow Road, north of Illinois Route 2.

Several board members reported that they had been inundated by phone calls from citizens showing concerns over the possible ramifications of this type of venue in the quiet rural neighborhood. The major concerns had to deal with increased noise levels as well as increased traffic on Sink Hollow Road.

The zoning board had put several restrictions on the variance, including no music and alcohol after 11 p.m. When all was said and done the board voted no by an 11-9 vote.

While those involved noted that the county could use the revenue that this type of venue could create, the members voted it down and for now it is a done deal.

The board appointed Foster Dorn as a trustee to the West Brooklyn Fire Protection District, Tyler Burke as a trustee to the Sublette Fire Protection District, Robert E. Jones as a trustee to the Sublette Fire Protection District, Edwin Lilja as a trustee to the Amboy Fire Protection District, and Jeffrey Politsch as a trustee of the Paw Paw Fire Protection District.

They also appointed Michael Napodano as a commissioner of the Lee County Housing Authority and Christ Henkel to the Lee county Regional Planning Commission.

## Amboy fire members lose home to fire, donations sought

**AMBOY** — The Amboy Fire Department is asking for the community's assistance after the home of two of its lifetime members burned down on April 18.

"We need help supporting one of our own Amboy Fire Lifetime Members. Les and Betty Shaw's home was mostly consumed by fire this morning," the fire department posted on Facebook.

The Amboy Volunteer Firemen Association has set up a bank account at the First National Bank in Amboy under Les and Betty Shaw Fire Account. Donations can also be mailed to Amboy Firemen/Shaw Fire Account, PO Box 165, Amboy IL 61310.

Donations of personal or household cleaning supplies can be dropped off at Dinges Fire Company, 243 E Main Amboy.

The fire department is also hosting a raffle to benefit Les and Betty Shaw. Raffle tickets will be available beginning on Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$5 a ticket or 5 for \$20. Prizes in the raffle include a crossbow, guns or monetary prizes. You can pick up your raffle tickets from Amboy volunteer firemen.

Les and Betty have been members of Amboy Fire and Blackhawk Firefighters Association for more than 20 years.



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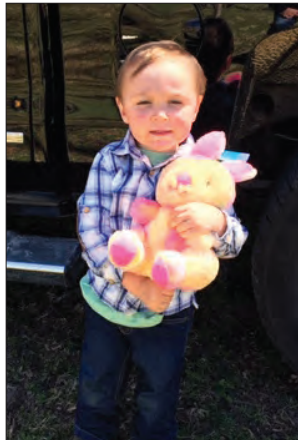
## Amboy Lions Club Cliff Walter's Easter Egg Hunt winners



First place for the 2-3 year olds Kendall Helms



Second place for the 2-3 year olds Blake Montavon



Third place for the 2-3 year olds Myles Riley



First place for the 4-5 year olds McKenzie Warner



Second place for the 4-5 year olds Kainan and Annelise Considine



Third place for the 4-5 year olds Amelia Ortiz



First place for the 6-7 year olds Jason Villegas



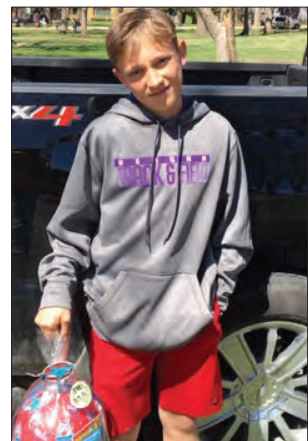
Third place for the 6-7 year olds Grace Conderman



First place for the 8-10 year olds Kassidy Matson and Carmen Patterson



Second place for the 8-10 year olds Mackenzie Sus



Third place for the 8-10 year olds Kaleb McPhail

### Annual Reagan Run set for July 6

**DIXON** — The Reagan Run began in 2000 with 315 runners and walkers. In 2018 there were over 1350 participants on race day, this included participants from 19 states and 2 countries. The Reagan Run 5K Race is an annual event held in conjunction with the Petunia Festival in Dixon, during the first week of July and celebrates its 20th Anniversary this year.

The 20th annual Reagan Run 5K will be held at 8 a.m., on Saturday, July 6, at the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home, 816 S. Hennepin Ave.

Registration is available online at getmereregistered.com or at the Dixon Chamber and Main Street office, 87 S. Hennepin Ave. Registration fees are as follows: \$20 through May 31, \$25 June 1 through June 23, \$30 June 24 through July 5, \$35 on race day before 7:30 a.m. at Haymarket Square, \$10 for Active Military personnel.

Race features include: bib tag timing,

water stations, medical team, free massage for participants, post-race refreshments, start mats, and t-shirts while supplies last.

Packet Pickup is from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday, July 5, at the Dixon YMCA, 110 N. Galena Ave., or on race day at Haymarket Square 317 W. Third Street. Race day registration is also at Haymarket Square.

The Free Kid's Fun Run will start promptly at 7:30 a.m. This is a fun and safe event for kids 9 and under. The course is 6/10ths of a mile, it will begin at the corner of Hennepin Ave. and 8th Street and end at Haymarket Square. T-shirts available while supplies last, pre-registration is encouraged.

Gather your co-workers and join the Corporate Challenge.

A minimum of five runners is required and companies can enter more than one team. Please pre-register by July 5.

For more information and a link to registration please visit [www.reaganrun.com](http://www.reaganrun.com).

### Two graduate from Illinois Farm Bureau Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow Program

**LEE COUNTY** — Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) created Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT), an agricultural leadership development program designed to give participants a head-start on tackling tomorrow's responsibilities.

Twenty-one IFB members representing seventeen counties have successfully completed the 40th ALOT program. Evan Quinn, of Franklin Grove and Matt Schoenholz, of Paw Paw, represented Lee County as part of this year's program. The 2019 ALOT sessions were held in Oglesby, Cambridge, Polo, Springfield, and Bloomington.

To date, more than 1,000 participants

have graduated from the program since its inception.

The nine-week training program allows participants to study and develop leadership skills in the areas of communication, political process, agricultural economics, and global issues.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization controlled by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB represents two out of three Illinois farmers.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Farm Service Agency issues maintenance reminders for CRP acres

**AMBOY**—The Lee County Farm Service Agency (FSA) is informing producers with land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to inspect the cover on their CRP land.

"There is a real concern in our office about weeds on CRP land, especially noxious weeds like Canada Thistles," said Jerald Quinton, County Executive Director of the Lee County FSA Office.

Quinton is asking that all CRP participants check their CRP land to make sure they do not have any weedy patches that would threaten the approved cover on their CRP land. If you do have any weedy patches, Quinton asks that you please spot mow or spray these areas to control the weeds, immediately.

Participants need to also inspect the general condition of the acreage devoted to CRP and check that the crop lines have not changed. This is especially important with sod waterways enrolled in the continuous CRP. Waterways are designed for a unique width and shape for that watershed to be eligible to be in CRP. Waterways or buffers not being properly maintained will have to be corrected to the original design and specs by Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Lee County FSA Committee established the following rates for 2019 for failure to control noxious weeds or undesirable vegetation that competes or prohibits the establishment of the approved conservation practices:

Non-control of weeds \$14.20 per acre (times 2)  
Non-control of wind or water erosion \$25.70 per acre (times 2)  
Failure to establish or maintain eligible cover \$25.70 per acre (times 2)

Unauthorized haying or grazing – Value x Acres x 2  
All CRP maintenance activity, such as mowing, burning, and spraying, is conducted outside the primary nesting or brood rearing season for wildlife and according to the conservation plan, except that spot treatment of the acreage may be allowed during the primary nesting or brood rearing season if the weeds, insects or undesirable species would adversely impact the approved cover and approval is granted by the Lee County FSA Committee.

Anyone with questions or concerns regarding this matter should contact the Lee County FSA Office at 815-857-3621. Or visit the Farm Service Agency's website at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Tri County Gun Club to host open house

**POLO**—Tri County Gun Club of Polo, will be having an open house on May 4 and 5, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day.

This is open to the public at no charge. All of the ranges will be open with a range officer or instructor in charge. There will be 10 different shooting sports in session and an archery area also. There will be manufacturer's representatives in attendance both days.

There will be raffles and door prizes. There will be a food stand from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. each day.

Tri County Gun Club is located between Polo and Milledgeville on South Brookville Road just north of Hazelhurst. Watch for the gun club signs.

## Amboy Police

**Speeding**  
On April 16, at 10:04 a.m., Jordan A. Curtis, 22, of Paragould, Ark., was issued a traffic citation for speeding 49 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a citation and released after posting bond.

**Aggravated Assault**  
On April 11, at 11:38 p.m., Sarah R. Zorica, 40, of Amboy, was arrested for aggravated assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.

**Speeding**  
On April 15, at 8:16 p.m., Rosa L. Barb, 64, of Sterling, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was

issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

**Speeding**  
On April 20, at 11 p.m., Elizandro L. Cabada, 48, of Oak Lawn, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

**Speeding**  
On April 20, at 5:36 p.m., Mikayla F. McWelly, 19, of Amboy, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

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

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**AMBOY**—The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, at Amboy Junior High School, 140 S. Appleton.

**DIXON**—The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Flu and other Adult Vaccines, free radon test kits or the application process for medical cannabis.

**DIXON**—The Expressions Art Exhibit and Sale Reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at The Next Picture Show, 113 W. First St. The sale is a major fundraiser for the Sinnissippi Foundation. Call 815-284-6611 or visit [www.sinnissippi.org](http://www.sinnissippi.org) for more information.

**FRANKLIN GROVE**—Chaplin Creek Village will have a spring cleaning of the campus at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, and all volunteers are welcome to come out and help make the site beautiful!

**DIXON**—The Phidian Art Club 31st Annual Literary

Competition winners will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, at the Dixon Public Library, 221 S. Hennepin Ave. The public is invited.

**AMBOY**—The Pankhurst Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 29, at the Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

**ROCK FALLS**—The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1. The third Wednesday of the month drive, May 15, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**POLO**—The Tri-County Gun Club of Polo, S. Brookville Rd., will have a Open House from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May

4, and Sunday, May 5. This event is open to the public at no charge. A food stand will be open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day.

**AMBOY**—The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, May 6, at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave.

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

**AMBOY**—The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

**AMBOY**—Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 USRT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 9. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.



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Wednesday – Salisbury steak, cheesy potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, sliced peaches  
Thursday – A) Southwest salad-black beans, corn, cheese, chicken, tomato, onion-dinner roll/butter, fruit juice B) Soup & Sandwich, chicken rice & tuna salad  
Friday – Hot ham & cheese, wheat bun, tator tots, baked beans, diced pears  
Meals served Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 am  
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# OBITUARIES

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### Billy Joe McCoy

Dec. 10, 1951 - April 16, 2019

**DIXON** — Billy Joe “Tink” McCoy, 67, of Dixon, passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at CGH Hospital in Sterling.

He was Homecoming King at Amboy High School in 1969 and graduated in 1970.

Billy worked for Dixon Web for 50 years prior his retirement.

Billy was born on Dec. 10, 1951, in Dixon, the son of Rueben Lee and Hedy (Logan) McCoy. He married Susan (nee: Haenitsch) Summers, known as “Papa and Ami” they have been inseparable for 40 years, married 17 of those years on Feb. 23, 2002 in Dixon.

Billy enjoyed riding his motorcycle, but most of all loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; seven children, Lisa Henegar, of Dixon, Laura (Andy) Atkinson, of Franklin Grove, Leslie Lauzon, of Franklin Grove, Scott (Christine) Lauzon, of Freeport, Troy Bradley, of Dixon, Gordon (Linda Hendrickson)

Bradley, of Rock Falls, and Teresa Bradley, of Dixon; 24 grandchildren: Kyle Bradley, Kristi Scott, Matthew Reynolds, Stephanie Reynolds, Nathan Lauzon, Mandy Dummer, Stevie Dummer, Michelle Atkinson, Andrew Atkinson, Sisi Atkinson Williams, David Atkinson, Erik Atkinson, Brian Atkinson, Brendon Atkinson, Sara Thompson, Brittany Pottorff, Katy Lauzon, Joey Lauzon, Kassie Lauzon, Cory Bradley, Jacob Bradley, Jozlyn Bradley and Lisa Hendrickson; beloved Papa to numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jim McCoy, of Pensacola, Fla., Tony (Diane) McCoy, of Amboy and Tim (Connie) McCoy, of Amboy; and one step-sister Cindy (Dan) Anderson, of Amboy; and many nieces and nephews.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents and one infant sister, Dara Jeanette McCoy.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Cremation Rites have been accorded.



Honorary pallbearers are Kyle Bradley, Anakin Bradley, Scott Lauzon, Troy Bradley, Gordon Bradley, Cory Bradley, Jake Bradley, Matt Reynolds, Andy Atkinson, David Atkinson, Erik Atkinson, Brian Atkinson, Brandon Atkinson, Stevie Dummer, Joey Lauzon and Nathan Lauzon.

A memorial has been established.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to [www.prestonschilling.com](http://www.prestonschilling.com).

### Kevin J. Powers

Dec. 13, 1959 - March 11, 2019

**AUSTIN, Texas** — Kevin J. Powers, 59, of Austin, Texas, formerly of Amboy, died March 11, 2019, at his home.

Kevin was born Dec. 13, 1959, in Mendota, the son of Joseph and Elaine (Herbert) Powers.

He attended Amboy schools. He was a talented golfer and basketball player. He continued to play both sports while at Highland Community College. He then graduated from Southern Illinois University.

He is survived by both his parents; his daughter,

Elizabeth (Michael) Luther, of Corpus Christi, Texas; his son, Blake (Kelsey) Powers, of Austin, Texas; his grandchildren, Brooke, A.J., and Carly, of Austin; his brothers, Mark Powers and Stephen (Nicole) Powers, both of Amboy; and his sister, Barbara (James) Berger, Ark.

He was preceded in death by the mother of their children, Connie Cimino Powers.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial of the cremated remains will take place at a later date at St. Patrick Cemetery, Amboy.



## Get prepared for severe weather

**STERLING** — Severe weather season is here. Would you like to have a better understanding of tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, and other types of severe weather? If so, consider attending a Severe Weather Webinar from 1:30 – 3 p.m., on April 25, at the Whiteside Extension Office in Sterling or you can attend at home on your own computer.

Extension Educator and weather instructor Duane Friend will cover current research

on tornadoes and lightning; types of tornadoes and thunderstorms; Information on tornadic winds, damage and protection, and interesting facts on tornadoes, thunderstorms and lightning

The seminar is free to attend, but registration is required. Space is limited.

Registration deadline is April 24. Register online at <https://go.illinois.edu/storm> or call 815-632-3611 if you would like to attend at the Whiteside Extension Office.

## Foreign persons must report U.S. agricultural land holdings

**AMBOY** — Lee County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Jerald Quinton reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

“Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction,” said Quinton.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

“Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the

fair market value of the agricultural land,” said Quinton.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

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## Rock River Hospice and Home to host yearly memorial service

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Remembering is how we carry our loved ones into the future with us. Come remember and celebrate those being missed.

There will be a candle lighting service,

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We welcome all who have lost loved ones regardless of using hospice services. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

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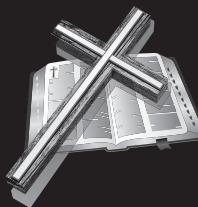
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## SOCIAL NEWS

## The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

## 'My Beloved Orchids'

Charles Darwin considered the orchid "the pinnacle of evolutionary transformation." He called them "my beloved orchids." The first orchid guide appeared in China in 1228, and in Victorian England, women were forbidden to own orchids because of the suggestive shape of the flower. The International Orchid Register lists over 100,000 orchid species and hybrids. These are some of the facts about a plant that outlived dinosaurs in Susan Orlean's captivating and hilarious modern classic, "The Orchid Thief."

Orlean explains what sparked her interest in orchids: "In 1994, I headed down to Florida to investigate the story of John Laroche, an eccentric plant dealer who had been arrested along with a crew of Seminoles for poaching rare orchids out of a South Florida swamp. I never imagined that I would end up spending the next two years shadowing Laroche and exploring the odd, passionate world of orchid fanatics." Laroche is "a tall guy, skinny as a stick, sharply handsome, in spite of the fact that he is missing all his front teeth. He has the posture of a dente spaghetti." What makes him compelling is a combination of virtue and criminality. He and the Seminoles stole the fabled ghost orchid, an endangered species, out of the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve, but he meant to clone them, so everyone could afford them.

In America, the Lowell's were instrumental in introducing tropical orchids, but Florida is the heartland of the orchid. Aside from thievery, greed, jealousy, hatred, backstabbing, and how the head of a famous Seminole chief came to be displayed in the front window of a local pharmacy, Orlean traces the history of the orchid, along with many elegant descriptions of the flowers. Orchids can live forever. They can be hybridized, mutated, and cloned. In fact, they were the first ornamental to be cloned (Orlean describes the cloning process). Their seed pods contain millions of seeds. Hurricanes carried their seeds from South America to Florida, and since it takes seven years for an orchid to bloom, orchid growers wouldn't know what had blown in until seven years later.

Victorian England was gripped by "orchid delirium." There were orchid greenhouses as big as mansions and orchid kennels for keeping the plants when not blooming. Orchids were a badge of wealth, refinement, and worldliness. Orchid hunters became famous for their derring-do as they braved jungles and their fellow orchid hunters who were not beyond resorting to murder to get their hands on a rare species. In the midst of the crazy shenanigans in Florida, Orlean too became passionate about seeing a ghost orchid in bloom. It seemed to her that in a world beyond our control, "the reason it matters to care passionately about something is that it whittles the world down to manageable size."

## Junior Gardener SPIN Club set to meet

DIXON — Youth completing third - eighth grade are invited to learn about the wonderful world of gardening through hands-on investigation of growing their own vegetables and flowers and learning to use the harvest. A portion of the produce grown will be given to food insecure situations.

The Junior Gardener Special Interest Club will meet from 4:30 - 6 p.m., on Tuesdays, May 21-Aug. 6 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1013 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon. The cost is \$10, an additional \$20 4-H membership fee will apply to youth not registered in 4-H. Register online at go.illinois.edu/LeeCoJG.



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Tyler Dempsey, Taylor Behrends

## Couple announces plans to marry Sept. 21

AMBOY — Tyler Dempsey, of Amboy, and Taylor Behrends, of Tiskilwa, are engaged to be married.

Parents of the couple are Michael and Kim Stram, of Amboy, and Don Dempsey, of Dixon, and Lester and Cindy Behrends, Tiskilwa.

The bride elect is a graduate of Princeton High School, and graduated with her Bachelor and Master's degrees in accounting from Bradley University. She is employed as a Staff Accountant, at Illinois Valley Container, in Peru.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Amboy High School and is employed as an operator for Union Pacific Railroad, Sterling.

The couple is planning a Sept. 21, 2019 wedding at St. Louis Catholic Church, in Princeton.

## Advice on the care of fresh-cut flowers

URBANA — Flowers are a great way to celebrate a special occasion, such as a holiday, birthday, anniversary, or a new baby.

"Of course, you don't need a special occasion to enjoy fresh-cut flowers or a flowering potted plant," says Jennifer Fishburn, a University of Illinois horticulture educator. "Sending flowers shows thoughtfulness and is a good way to brighten a person's day."

A little care for your cut flowers will help them last the maximum time possible, Fishburn says. The basic needs of fresh-cut flowers are water, food, sanitation, and cool temperatures. Keep in mind certain types of cut flowers last longer

than others. For example, carnations can remain vibrant for one to two weeks, while roses have a shorter vase lifespan.

Flowers are 90 percent water, Fishburn notes. As a flower transpires (breathes), it gives off water, therefore, water is needed to supplement the loss. When receiving loose wrapped flowers, cut the stems with a clean, sharp knife, clippers, or shears, and remove about 1 inch of the stem. Roses need to be cut under water. Avoid using household scissors, as they will crush the stems rather than cut. Remove any foliage that will be under the water level to discourage bacterial growth. Place stems in a clean, sanitized container with warm water and a floral

preservative. Avoid overcrowding flowers in a container.

Keep the water fresh and clean at all times; cloudy water indicates bacterial growth. Bacteria can clog stems and shorten the life of flowers. Consider replacing the water every 2 to 3 days. When replacing water, re-cut the flower stems. Flowers that go limp are not taking up enough water and need to be re-cut. Always discard wilted blooms.

Flowers are sensitive to heat and drafts, so avoid placing near heat sources such as registers, radiators, appliances, or in the full sun. Most fresh-cut flowers prefer cool temperatures, 65 to 72 degrees Fahrenheit.

## With Fondest Memories

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

On Wednesday, May 22nd 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 Thursday, May 16, at 3 p.m.**

**Fill out the form below and drop off or mail to:**

**The Amboy News  
(With Fondest Memories)  
245 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 162  
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Please publish my tribute in the special Memorial Day Page on May 22nd.

Name of deceased \_\_\_\_\_

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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

## Paying it forward

Over the last 30 years, I've met plenty of characters in newsrooms, but by far my favorite was a reporter by the name of Joel Kirkpatrick.

He was a larger than life fellow, with a big booming voice and a barrel chest always clad in Mexican Guayabera shirts. And he wore hearing aids the size of bricks behind his ears.

A hole was drilled in the floor of his van under the driver's seat. A hose with a funnel was inserted in the hollow, which enabled him to urinate as he drove on long road trips or just around town.

I first met Joel on my first day as a professional reporter at the Galveston Daily News back in 1988. I was all of 23. And I thought he was ancient. He must have been something like 55.

Joel, a competitive shotgun shooter, lost his hearing one blast at a time in an era when hearing protection on ranges was not as common as today.

He was a kind-hearted soul who operated his own outreach to the hard-of-hearing in Galveston, Texas. He would give a needy person a hearing aid and \$20 to get it fitted at a local hospital.

Whenever I would ask Joel how on earth he could afford to give away hearing aids, he would just smile and shake his head. It would remain a mystery until my final week at that paper.

Joel played up being a Texas good 'ol boy. (He once weathered a hurricane sitting in a closet reloading shotgun shells with a kerosene lamp burning.) But the Joel I knew also would read Plato in his evenings at home.

He is the sort of fellow worthy of emulation. But my wife

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By Scott Reeder



won't let me drill a hole in the floor of my truck or load shotgun shells by kerosene light.

However, this past week, I decided to be a bit like him by giving a pair of hearing aids away.

About four years ago, I purchased a pair at Sam's Club in Springfield, from a zealous hearing specialist who promised me free batteries for as long as I owned them and vowed I could apply the full purchase price toward a trade, should I ever want to upgrade.

Hearing aids are expensive. They cost as much as some used cars.

I spent the next few years with the monetary equivalent of a Ford or Chevy tucked behind each ear and enjoying life. I better understood my three daughters high-pitched voices and heard well when I sat in the back of courtrooms covering trials.

When I looked about upgrading to a pair compatible to my cell phone, I was told by a hearing specialist at the store where I purchased them that her predecessor had made many promises he shouldn't have and that they couldn't honor his verbal commitment to apply the purchase price toward a trade.

I purchased a pair elsewhere.

But then I got to thinking: How can I bless a person in need with my old pair? I posted an ad on Facebook offering to give them to someone with a demonstrated need. Within minutes, two people contacted me.

I decided to give them to a woman who supports herself cleaning houses, cares for her elderly mother and has suffered a 50 percent hearing loss.

Things have changed since Joel Kirkpatrick was handing

out those \$20 bills for re-fittings three decades ago. Hearing aids now have proprietary software. And the vendor wanted \$650 to prepare the hearing aids for someone new.

I sent an email to Bentonville, Ark., to one John Furner, the CEO of Sam's Club. I explained my predicament and my desire to help someone. The next morning, I received a call from his assistant informing me they would waive the \$650 fee and would provide a gift card to cover the cost of six months' worth of batteries for the woman in need.

I wondered if Joel was smiling from above seeing someone walk in his footsteps.

And then I remembered how I learned how Joel was able to help all of those people. During my final week at the Galveston paper, Joel invited me to attend a Lion's Club luncheon with him.

Shortly after we sat down, a man handed Joel a mason jar full of hearing aids. I asked Joel, "Who was that guy?" But Joel just smiled and shook his head.

I then turned to the fellow sitting on my other side and asked the same question.

His response: "Oh, him? He's the local undertaker."

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## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago April 25, 1919

John Carroll arrived home from France last Friday. He was mustered out at Camp Grant.

The Women's Club voted Tuesday to devote its energies during "Health Promotion Week," to raising funds for the Amboy Hospital. A committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. John M. Egan, Mrs. W. P. Barnes and Mrs. T.F. Dornblaser with Mrs. Egan as chairman.

Miss Johnson and Miss Manley spent Sunday in Bloomington.

Cecil Emery came out from Chicago to spend Sunday at the L.A. Emery home.

### 75 Years Ago April 20, 1944

Corp. Paul W. Cable of Fort Sheridan returned to duty Wednesday after spending a short furlough here with his wife.

Second Lieutenant Jack Brink of the US Army Air Forces, arrived in Amboy Wednesday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Brink. Jack has been stationed at Stockton Field, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson and sons Jerry and Larry and Carl Hegert spent Sunday in Villa Park with the former's sister and family. Other guests there were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stanley and two children.

William Kellen, which was also that day, was celebrated.

### 25 Years Ago April 28, 1994

Patricia A. Burke, a teacher at Amboy high and junior high schools, was honored at the spring meeting of the Northern Illinois Business Education Association April 16 at Harlem High School in Rockford.

For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, members of the Amboy Woman's Club will be raising money to offset the cost of the marigold plants that will line Route 52 again this summer.

Area residents joined with people across the United States and around the world in mourning the death of Richard M. Nixon, who died last week at the age of 81. The 37<sup>th</sup> president's funeral was Wednesday. Flags flew at half mast around this area.

Students in Miss Piper's first grade class recently celebrated Earth Day by planting a tree near Central School.

### 50 Years Ago April 24, 1969

Jeffrey Alan Wiegel, Sarah Beth Shapiro and Cynthia Louise Brasky of Amboy will receive Honors Day Recognition on May 2 at the University of Illinois. The annual Honors Day Convocation will be held that afternoon at 1:30 in the Assembly Hall.

Sublette Fire Protection District last week accepted delivery of a new Chevrolet sports van from Vaessen Brothers, Chevrolet dealers of Sublette. It will be used as a rescue truck and is equipped with a resuscitator, stretcher and first aid equipment.

The Neighborhood Birthday Club surprised Mrs. Louise Theiss at her home Thursday afternoon, April 17, in observance of her birthday. She is a former member. The birthday of Mrs.

## Report highlights need for consolidation

The rural City of Marengo is located in western McHenry County, about 60 miles northwest of Chicago.

It occupies about five square miles and is home to 7,496 residents, according to 2017 U.S. Census estimates.

Marengo also is home to three separate school districts—Marengo Community High School District 154, which supports one school; Marengo-Union Elementary School District 165, which supports three schools; and Riley School District 18, which also supports a single school.

That's three school districts serving five schools in a rural community with fewer than 10,000 residents.

That's also three superintendents earning taxpayer-funded, six-figure salaries as well as three administrative support staffs costing hundreds of thousands more.

Marengo is the poster child for why school consolidation is a must in Illinois.

A new report from the Metropolitan Planning Council shows that Illinois' public school districts spend twice the national average—\$544 per student in Illinois compared to \$226 nationally—on administration expenses. Those costs largely are composed of the salaries and benefits of district superintendents and other administrative support staff.

According to MPC's analysis, Illinois school districts spent more than \$1.1 billion on general administration costs in Fiscal Year 2016. No other state in the

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By Dan McCaleb



country topped the billion dollar mark.

The state of California serves more than three times the number of students in Illinois, yet spends 33 percent less on school administrative costs.

Please keep in mind that's California—a state not known for its frugality.

The largest driver of this outrageous cost is the number of school districts in Illinois.

There are 852 public school districts in the state, the highest total in the country. Of them, one in four supports a single school and more than 40 percent serve only one or two schools.

The higher the number of school districts, the larger the administrative bloat.

And, of course, school districts largely are funded through property taxes. That administrative bloat is one of the fundamental reasons why Illinois homeowners are required to pay the second-highest property taxes in the United States.

School district consolidation is a must for Illinois. Illinois lawmakers have attempted to prompt school

districts to consolidate over the years with varying degrees of success—mostly very little.

This session, state Rep. Rita Mayfield, D-Waukegan, filed House Bill 3053, which passed unanimously last month in the House, 109-0. The measure would create the School District Efficiency Commission, which would be charged with recommending which school districts should be consolidated into unit districts based on an "optimal amount of enrollment" in each.

Voters in each of the designated school districts recommended for consolidation could then vote on whether to move forward with the recommendations. The goal is to reduce the number of school districts by at least 25 percent.

"HB 3053 is the most significant effort Springfield has ever taken towards more efficient administration in education and ensuring the money taxpayers spend on schools makes it to class-

rooms first," Adam Schuster, director of budget and tax research for the Illinois Policy Institute, said. "Illinois has had study commissions in the past and the experts have weighed in; nearly everyone understands that school district consolidation is the right thing to do. ... This bill takes the issue beyond more studies and discussions. If HB3053 is enacted, voters will finally be empowered to take real action to reduce bureaucratic waste in their schools."

Lawmakers are in the first of a two-week spring break. They return to Springfield April 30.

Passing HB3053 out of the Senate and then sending it to Gov. J.B. Pritzker for his signature should be a top priority for a state that needs to begin chipping away at myriad unnecessary costs taxpayers are expected to fund.

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## LOCAL NEWS



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

## The beauty of the resurrection morning

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

This week we contemplate what it means to live in the shadow of the cross, what it means for the living Christ, the resurrected Jesus, to live among us and within us. Just as His light emanates from Him in His transfiguration, so His light envelops us in His shadowy Holy Spirit presence. To feel the presence of the risen Christ around you is to be enshrouded in His holy Tabernacle of Light and shadow. And as we "shadow" Him in our walk with God, we learn what it means to live in the Light.

In the Hebrew tradition, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the ruach, is called the tabernacle of God. God with us (Emmanuel) means God "tabernacling" or making a dwelling place with us here on earth first in the form of Jesus and then in the presence of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus incarnates with us, the near and present God casts God's light over

the earth, God's shadow moves over the land, and God fills it with God's holy and living presence.

This is the beauty of the resurrection morning. On that early morning outside of Jerusalem, just at dawn when the sun was still dark and barely rising, the women made their way to the tomb to find it empty. However, it was not empty. What they found were angels of light, casting God's Light and presence—both light and shadow throughout the empty Cave. Why? To signal to us that God is still with us. Jesus in the first Light of morning...was no longer dwelling in the "darkness," but again walked within the Garden in the light of the morning.

"And whoever sees Me sees the One who sent Me," said Jesus. "I have come into the world as a light so that no one who believes in Me should remain in darkness" (John 12:46).

The beauty of the Gospel, the exquisite and awesome surprise of Resurrection

morning is the three-dimensional, real-time, flesh and bone Person of Jesus, walking that Garden, just as God walked the garden with us from the very beginning of Time. The Light had come into the world... "The true light that gives light to everyone..."

"He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:9-14)

Let us walk again with Him, and He with us in the beautiful garden with God.

## Amboy soldier graduates from special course in Springfield

**SPRINGFIELD** — Spc. Ryan Koch, of Amboy, was among 19 Soldiers representing six states who graduated from the Motor Transport Operator Reclassification Course April 18 at the Illinois National Guard Regional Training Institute, Camp Lincoln, Springfield.

"You have graduated with skills to safely transport people and equipment over long distances," Lt. Col. Michael Hough, Commander, 2nd Battalion, 129th Regiment (RTI) told the Soldiers. "These are wonderful skills to have. Motor Transport Operator is a crucial Military Occupational Specialty in the Army today."

"As transporters, you are the spearhead of logistics," said CW2 John Tierney, Mobility Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 108th Sustainment Brigade. "I challenge you to be the best you can be."

"As you travel to your homes, I want you to feel gratitude that you have a profession of Arms that teaches you how to defend our country and provides you with a skill that really helps the Army on the battlefield," Hough said.

"I know you've all heard the saying that nothing happens until something moves," Tierney said. "In our jobs as transporters, bad things happen if nothing moves."

Tierney urged the Soldiers to be prepared to learn more about their jobs when they arrive back at their units.

"Commanders at every level depend on you to move their equipment," Tierney said. "We are first in, last out Soldiers. When you get back to your units, be a leader, seek out initiatives and be resilient."

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May 8, 2019  
June 12, 2019  
July 10, 2019  
August 14, 2019  
September 10, 2019  
October 9, 2019  
November 13, 2019  
December 11, 2019  
2020  
January 8, 2020  
February 12, 2020  
March 11, 2020  
March 25, 2020-Continued Meeting (End of Fiscal Year)  
April 14, 2020 - Annual Town Meeting followed by Monthly Township Meeting.  
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Respectfully submitted,  
Glen Foss, Clerk  
No. 0407  
April 24, 2019

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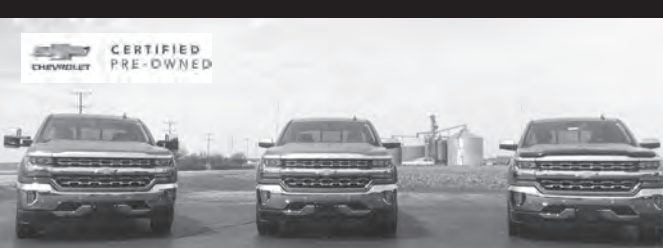
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by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



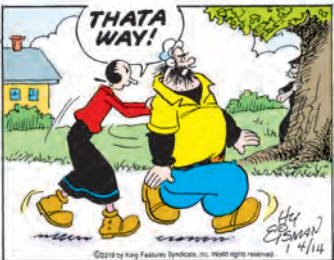
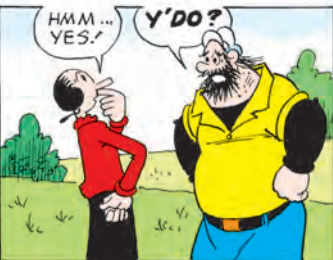
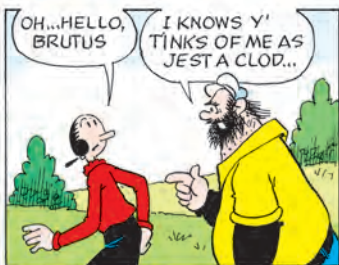
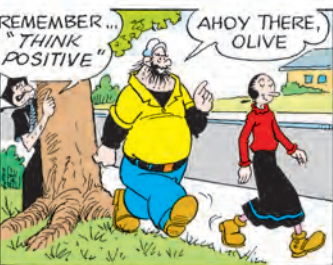
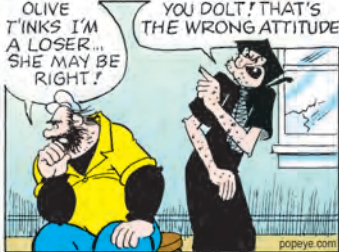
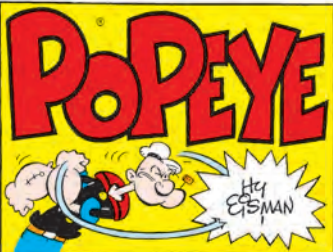
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by Mike Marland



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by Jeff Pickering



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## LAFF-A-DAY



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TODAY'S WORD

## King Crossword

Posting Date April 22, 2019

### ACROSS

- 1 Fellow  
5 " — Blue?"  
8 Barbershop item  
12 Mentor  
13 CD- —  
14 Sheltered, at sea  
15 Office machine  
17 Tarzan's transport  
18 Scrooge's outcry  
19 Hateful  
21 Future mare  
24 Met melody  
25 Sandwich cookie  
26 Site of many sites  
30 Swindle  
31 Paquin and Quindlen  
32 Id counterpart  
33 Gap  
35 Bartlett, for one  
36 Line of stitching  
37 Papa  
38 Triangular letters  
41 " — Town"  
42 Pelvic bones  
43 Lyon-based crimefighting group  
48 Expansive

### DOWN

- 1 Film high-tech tricks (Abbr.)  
2 Attila, for one  
3 Skill  
4 Colorado city  
5 St. Louis attraction  
6 Cattle call?  
7 Undying  
8 Ritzy spread  
9 Hodgepodge  
10 Server's handout  
11 Honey bunch?  
16 Shaft of light  
20 Conks out  
21 Central points  
22 Press  
23 Fasting period  
24 Region of Vietnam  
26 Tending to spread  
27 Requirement  
28 "Zounds!"  
29 British conservative

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- 49 Old hand  
50 Norway's capital  
51 Initial chip  
52 Author Umberto  
53 Spruce (up)  
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9 Hodgepodge  
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35 Buccaneer's bird  
37 Payable  
38 Prima donna  
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40 Roster  
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45 Omega preceder  
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47 Actress Myrna

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Trivia test

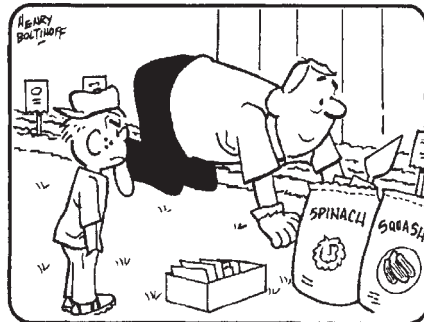
by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president was a former union leader?
- MUSIC: In what year was the Beatles' song "Yesterday" released?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Doctor Zhivago"?
- HISTORY: Who was Britain's first prime minister?
- GAMES: In the game of Monopoly, what happens if you roll doubles three times in a row?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the Dewey Decimal System used for?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the teapot character in "Beauty and the Beast"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is the only one that has a Spanish motto?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Nicaragua?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented by the condition called chromophobia?

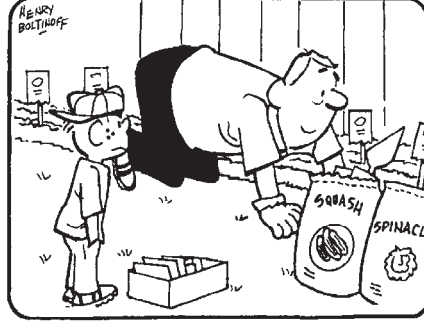
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's cap is backward. 2. Bags have been switched. 3. Man's shoe is different. 4. Fence is longer. 5. Box is closer to boy. 6. Extra marker is in garden.

## 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: S equals R

RZTNAKZ GVMK KVVUGMBO  
KGNS MK RMOOZS NBF VZNPMZS  
GVNB GVZ UGVZS, M'F VNPZ GU  
TNY Y MG GVZ LZNGMZS LZGZUS.

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## REFUND

Today's Word

3. Endow; 4. Drain;  
1. Sutor; 2. Flare;

## SCRAMBLERS

solution

## Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

4	9	2	3	7	5	1	8	6
1	6	7	4	9	8	2	3	5
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6	3	8	5	1	6	2	7	

## King Crossword

Answers

C	H	A	P	A	M	I	C	O	M	B
G	U	R	U	R	O	M	A	L	E	E
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Early spring garden cleanup and fruit tree care

URBANA – Weather permitting, early spring can provide the time to begin early garden and yard clean up, says Richard Hentschel, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

“No matter how tidy the yard and garden looked last fall, Mother Nature always leaves behind some natural and unnatural debris,” he says. “Dead twigs and small branches have come down out of mature tree canopies; leaves from the neighborhood collect in shrubs and ground cover beds; plastics from the recycling bin seem to escape and decorate larger shrubs and tree canopies.”

The early dry spring weather is a good time to get around the yard, rake up, and

uncover plants that have been matted down and smothered by leaves. Some herbaceous ground cover plants do not deal well with being covered up when attempting to emerge. Layers of leaves hold water and can provide suitable conditions for disease development while the weather is cool and damp. Go easy on the raking, Hentschel recommends, so you do not dislodge or damage plants and foliage. Depending on the freeze-thaw cycle during the winter, ground covers with shallow roots may have heaved up out of the soil. It is never a good idea to go out and work a bed in wet weather. If you take a sample of the garden soil and squeeze it and it stays together, it is too wet to work. A better day will come.

Fallen twigs and branches are a lot more common with older, established trees. As trees mature, interior branches receive less and less sunlight until they can no longer survive. This is a normal condition. Winter snow collecting on the branches, along with winter winds, overload the dead branches and they snap off. “Some trees are just messier than others are in this regard,” Hentschel says. “Willow trees would be a good example. Twigs are prone to cankers, which girdle those smaller branches, and down they come. Smaller twigs can be added to the compost pile or bin. Larger branches may need to go to curbside pick-up.”

While we can put off some yard clean up during unpleasant weather, certain activities

have to occur in the home orchard in spring. For example, trees must be pruned annually to train branches into a scaffold pattern. Hentschel says, depending on local weather, this can be anytime from January through March. “Usually, we can find a day or two when the fruit trees can be worked on,” he says. Another project for fruit trees is the annual spray program, with a dormant oil recommended as soon as temperatures are above freezing for 24 to 48 hours, depending on the product’s label. This is the easiest way to control overwintering adult insect pests and egg masses, by thoroughly covering the trunk and branches where insects and eggs can be found.

## Illinois receives additional \$15 million to fight opioid crisis; Illinois on track to receive \$29 million more in 2020

CHICAGO—The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) announced today that Illinois will receive an additional \$15 million from the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to combat the opioid crisis across the state.

Since September 2016, Illinois has been awarded over \$82 million in federal funding to expand the prevention and treatment of opioid use disorders and the response to opioid overdoses. Illinois will potentially receive another \$29 million in 2020.

“With the additional funding, we’ll continue to work to ensure that all communities throughout the state have access to treatment for opioid use disorder,” said IDHS Secretary Designate Grace B Hou. “Through the expansion of medication-assisted treatment, increased number of recovery homes, additional substance use treatment at local jails and hospitals and the continuation of

community outreach, Illinoisans will have more access to treatment than ever before.”

The new funding will also strengthen and enhance the Illinois Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) to continue the state’s efforts to prevent the misuse of prescription opioids, and continue to support the availability of naloxone, a life-saving drug that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

“We’re excited to grow our programs that have shown success throughout the state,” said Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) Director, Dani Kirby. “The influx of federal dollars has not only helped us to expand access to medication assisted treatment programs, but also to pilot new programs to find out which ones are bringing the most successful prevention, treatment and recovery efforts to Illinois residents.”

According to the CDC, expanding access to medication assisted treatment (MAT) is essential to an effective response to the dra-

matic increase in opioid-related problems. MAT involves the use of a medication to treat a substance use disorder in tandem with counseling and social supports. These medications are similar to taking medication for diabetes or asthma – they help people manage their disorder so that they can maintain their recovery. It is not the same as substituting one addictive drug for another. Once stabilized, patients do not experience the compulsive thoughts and behaviors that come with a substance use disorder.

As of March 2019, over 12,000 individuals with opioid use disorder have been served in Illinois through the federal Opioid Crisis Response Grants, which does not include individuals served through federal block grant funds, state funds or Medicaid dollars.

Since the Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances launched in December 2017, there have been over 11,000 calls and 21,000 website visits made to the Helpline.

IDHS continues to expand prevention and outreach efforts and treatment and recovery services so all Illinoisans have access to these resources.

The State Opioid Response Grant is one of four federal grants that the State of Illinois secured from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to battle the opioid epidemic.

The State Opioid Response Grant is administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services’ Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery.

For more information about federal Opioid Crisis Response Grants or IDHS programs and initiatives, visit the IDHS March 2019 Opioid Crisis Response Update.

If you or someone you know is experiencing opioid use disorder or other substance use disorders, call the Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances at 1-833-2FINDHELP or visit HelplineIL.org.

## 21st annual Kids’ free fishing expo planned in Peru

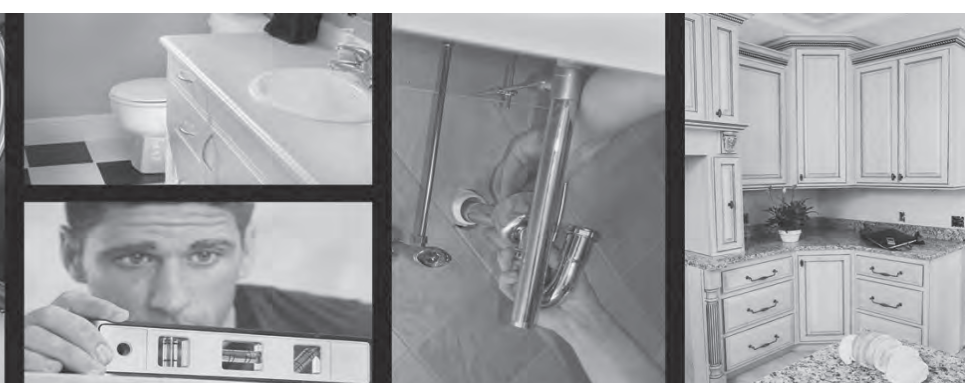
PERU – The 21st annual Kids’ Free Fishing Expo will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Baker Lake in Peru. Some of the features at the event will be

“how-to” clinics for boys and girls ages 6 and up starting every 15 minutes, free fishing games with prizes, casting games, live fish displays, free literature, door prizes, tips from

local fishermen and more.

A limited number of fishing poles will be available for loan and bait will be provided. Free food and drinks will also be available.

For more information, contact Mark Dudek at (815) 220-3901, Tom Wall at (815) 223-3671 or go to the web at [www.better-fishing-assoc.org](http://www.better-fishing-assoc.org).



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# SPORTS

## Clippers baseball shuts out Durand-Pecatonica April 16

**AMBOY** — Great pitching and plenty of timely hitting propelled Amboy to a 10-0 rout of Durand-Pecatonica in Northwest Upstate Illini Conference varsity baseball action on April 16 at City Park.

Hunter Zimmerly threw a complete-game three-hit shutout in leading the Clippers to the victory. He was in total command, striking out 12 and walking two over six innings. The game was called because of the 10-run rule.

Zimmerly also did plenty of damage with his bat. The senior pounded out three singles and had four runs batted in.

Clayton Kemp also had a great day at the dish with three singles, a double and two RBI. Picking up two hits apiece were Lane Boehle (single, double) and Mitchell McLaughlin (two singles). Andrew Thier added a single and two runs batted in.

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The Clippers defeated Durand-Pecatonica for the second time in two days, 9-3, on April 18 at Du-Pec.

Amboy scored five of its runs in the final two frames to pull away for the conference win.

The weather was chilly but the Clippers' bats were on fire as they pounded out 15 hits. McLaughlin led the attack with two singles and two doubles. Stroking two hits each were

Kemp (single, double), Zimmerly (two singles), Maverick Lindenmeyer (two singles) and Logan Whelchel (two singles). Boehle added a double.

McLaughlin worked 6 2/3 strong innings on the hill to get the triumph. He gave up seven hits, three runs, walked two and struck out nine. Whelchel recorded the final out.

The Clippers improved to 7-6 overall and 6-1 in league play.

## Lady Clippers finish in middle of the pack in Rock Falls

**AMBOY** — Amboy-LaMoille finished in the middle of the pack in the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Lady Steamer Invitational on April 16 at Fulton.

The Lady Clippers finished fifth out of 10 teams with 55 points.

The top four teams were Fulton (130), Milledgeville (91), Riverdale (68) and Erie-Prophetstown (57).

Amboy-LaMoille finished first in four events. The lone individual first went to Kylee Brown in the long jump with a distance of 17-0. That mark set a new LaMoille school record.

The Lady Clippers broke the tape in three of the four relays. Forming the 4x100 team (52.48) were Sidney Corcoran, Brown, Brooklyn Whelchel and Emma Lundquist. The 4x400 team (4:17.32) consisted of

Corcoran, Whelchel, Ashley Althaus and Lundquist. Also claiming the top spot was the 4x800 relay of Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Kelynn Boyle, Dulce Bajarano and Ashley Althaus in a time of 11:06.

April 16 – Lady Steamer Invite

Fulton 130, Milledgeville 91, Riverdale 68, Erie-Prophetstown 57, Amboy-LaMoille 55, Clinton 42, Morrison 37, West Carroll 32, Newman 12, Camanche 4

A-L 1<sup>st</sup> place: 4x100m relay (Sidney Corcoran, Kylee Brown, Brooklyn Whelchel, Emma Lundquist), 52.48; 4x400m relay (Corcoran, Whelchel, Ashley Althaus, Lundquist), 4:17.32; 4x800m relay (Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Kelynn Boyle, Dulce Bajarano, A. Althaus), 11:06; Brown, long jump, 17-0

A-L 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 4x200m relay (Corcoran,

Brown, Whelchel, Lundquist), 1:50.49

A-L 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Brown, 200m dash, 27.55

A-L 6<sup>th</sup> place: Ortgiesen, 300m hurdles, 59.64

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The Lady Clippers kept up their busy schedule when they traveled to Rock Falls for the Rock Falls Invitational on April 19. There were eight teams in the meet and A-L finished fifth with 70 points. Bureau Valley owned the top spot with 139 points.

Amboy-LaMoille took first place in one event, the 4x400-meter relay. The foursome of Corcoran, Whelchel, Lundquist and Ashley Althaus ran a time of 4:13.20.

April 19 – Rock

Falls Invitational

Bureau Valley 139, Rock Falls, 113, Dix-

on 79, Milledgeville 76, Amboy-LaMoille 70, Riverdale 43, Newman 18, St. Bede 13

A-L 1<sup>st</sup> place: 4x400m relay (Corcoran, Whelchel, Lundquist, A. Althaus), 4:13.2

A-L 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 4x100m relay (Corcoran, A. Althaus, Whelchel, Lundquist), 52.9; A. Althaus, 400m dash, 1:02.87; Lundquist, 300m hurdles, 50.25; Brown, long jump, 16-0.5

A-L 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Margaret Vaessen, 800m run, 2:30.49; 4x200m relay (Corcoran, A. Althaus, Whelchel, Lundquist), 1:51.48; 4x800m relay (Ortgiesen, Boyle, Lauren Althaus, Vaessen), 10:51.48

A-L 4<sup>th</sup> place: Boyle, 3200m run, 13:57

A-L 5<sup>th</sup> place: L. Althaus, 800m run, 2:43.43; Vaessen, 1600m run, 5:52.95; Corcoran, 100m dash, 14.07

## Clippers boys track team sectionals announced

**ORION** – The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team will participate in the Orion Class 1A Sectional on Friday, May 17.

Other teams in the sectional include Ashton (A.-Franklin Center), Cambridge [Coop], Earlville [Coop], Galva, Granville (Putnam County), Henry (H.-Senachwine) [Coop], Hinckley (H.-Big Rock), Kewanee (Wethersfield) [Coop], Manlius (Bureau Valley), Orion, Peru (St. Bede), Princeville, Shabbona (Indian Creek) [Coop], Somonauk, Spring Valley

(Hall) and Toulon (Stark County).

First- and second-place winners in each event, including relay teams, from the sectional will advance to the State Final Meet. In addition, any individual or relay team who equals or surpasses the qualifying standard in the finals for the class they represent in the sectional meet will advance to the State Final Meet in their class.

The State Meet will be May 23-25 in Charleston.

## Lady Clippers track team assigned to Erie sectional meet

**ERIE** – The Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team has been assigned to the Erie Class 1A Sectional to be held on Thursday, May 9. Field events will begin at 4 p.m. and running events will start at 5:30 p.m.

Other schools in the field include Aledo (Mercer County), Ashton (A.-Franklin Center), Cambridge [Coop], Earlville [Coop], Erie [Coop], Fulton (H.S.) [Coop], Manlius (Bureau Valley), Milledgeville [Coop], Morrison, Orion, Port Byron (Riverdale), Rock Island (Alleman), Shabbona (Indian Creek)

[Coop], Sherrard, Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) and Taylor Ridge (Rockridge).

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The State Meet will be May 16-18 in Charleston.

## Mendota Sweet Corn Festival to host golf outing June 1

**MENDOTA** – The 2019 Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 1. The shotgun start will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Mendota Golf Club.

The cost is \$65 per person or \$260 for a foursome.

The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, tee gifts, entry into contests, one

raffle ticket, cook-your-own steak dinner and prizes for winners.

The outing is sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information or an entry form, call the Chamber office at (815) 539-6507. Entry forms are also available at the Mendota Golf Club. The registration deadline is Friday, May 17.

## Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

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Wed., April 24	Kindergarten Preregistraion - Central School - 6:00-7:30 p.m. AJHS Scholastic Bowl Regionals @ TBA
Thurs., April 25	AHS Fresh/Soph Softball @ Dakota - 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Dakota - 4:30 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball (H) Dakota - 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting – AJHS – 7:00 p.m
Fri., April 26	AHS Boys Track @ Oregon - 4:00 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Softball @ Oregon (West Park) - 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball (H) Oregon - 4:30 p.m. AJHS Track (H-AHS) – 9:00 a.m.
Sat., April 27	AHS Spring Concert - Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
Sun., April 28	EARLY DISMISSAL – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY
Mon., April 29	AJHS – 1:15; Central – 1:20; AHS – 1:25 AJHS Track (H) Polo/Forreston/Earlville – 4:00 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ Ottawa (Masinelli Field) - 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Earlville - 4:30 p.m.
Tues., April 30	AJHS Track @ Bureau Valley High School – 4:00 p.m. AHS Girls & Boys Track (H) Hinckley-BR/AFC/Milledgeville – 4:00 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ AFC - 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) AFC - 4:30 p.m.

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Wednesday	- Breakfast burrito or pick two from breakfast cart - Fried chicken legs, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, fresh cut veggies/ranch, berry cup, fruit cobbler
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Pulled pork on bun, tator tots, cowboy beans, fresh cut veggies/ranch, peaches, baked apples
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Cheese stuffed crust pizza, broccoli, cauliflower, cheese, fresh cut veggies, juice cup, dried fruit trail mix
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Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Grilled chicken breast on a bun, lettuce, tomato, sweet potato fries, broccoli & cheese, pears, cookie - Early Dismissal 1:25 p.m
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## Memories and Machines:

### A visit to Mead Sesquicentennial Farm

By Michael Chunko  
Special to  
The Amboy News

Tom Mead is a man who enjoys stories. He has plenty to share, if you take time to head out to his base of operations and (by his admission) cluttered office and want to sit for a while. You'll be fascinated and come away with an appreciation of the human spirit and ethic of hard work. "Dad was 75 when he passed," he begins, smiling at the thought of the man who mentored him and never slowed down too much until he had to. "He was a man who averaged about five hours of sleep a night, and always had something going," Tom explains.

But that's just the beginning of his reminiscences of yesteryear.

"We're beginning our 170th year of linear family that has owned and farmed the 'Sesquicentennial Farm,' property just west of Amboy. That tract of land is part of what brought the Mead family to this area in 1850, along with the friendship of the Harvey family who lived near them in Ireland.

"They came here first; we followed," he said.

"My dad also re-powered



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farm tractors," Tom relates, taking engines from 160 to 320hp; that's been written up in some area newspapers, but not too much about our farm and its history.

"I did some research and discovered that Mead Farms is the one of the four oldest family farms in Lee County and oldest in Amboy Township, and I have a photograph

of two young men on a horse; one of them is my grandfather and the other is his brother, Frank," he says, smiling at the tattered and aging photo.

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By 1976, the dealership was ready for expansion again to where they are currently located. In 1977, Ralph Vaessen retired and his son, Neal joined the business.

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 fourth generation to join the business. In the year of 2012, the dealership underwent

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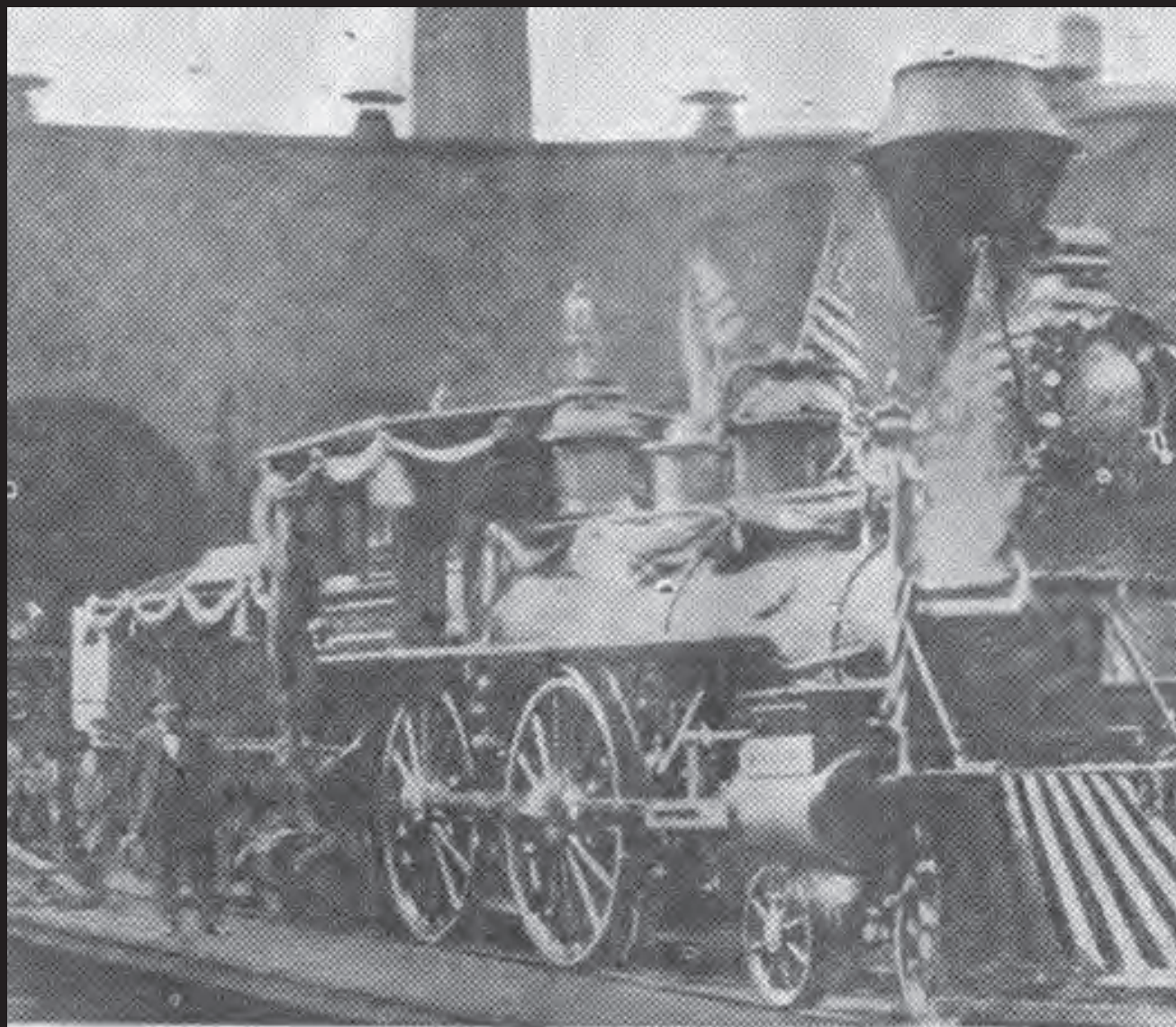
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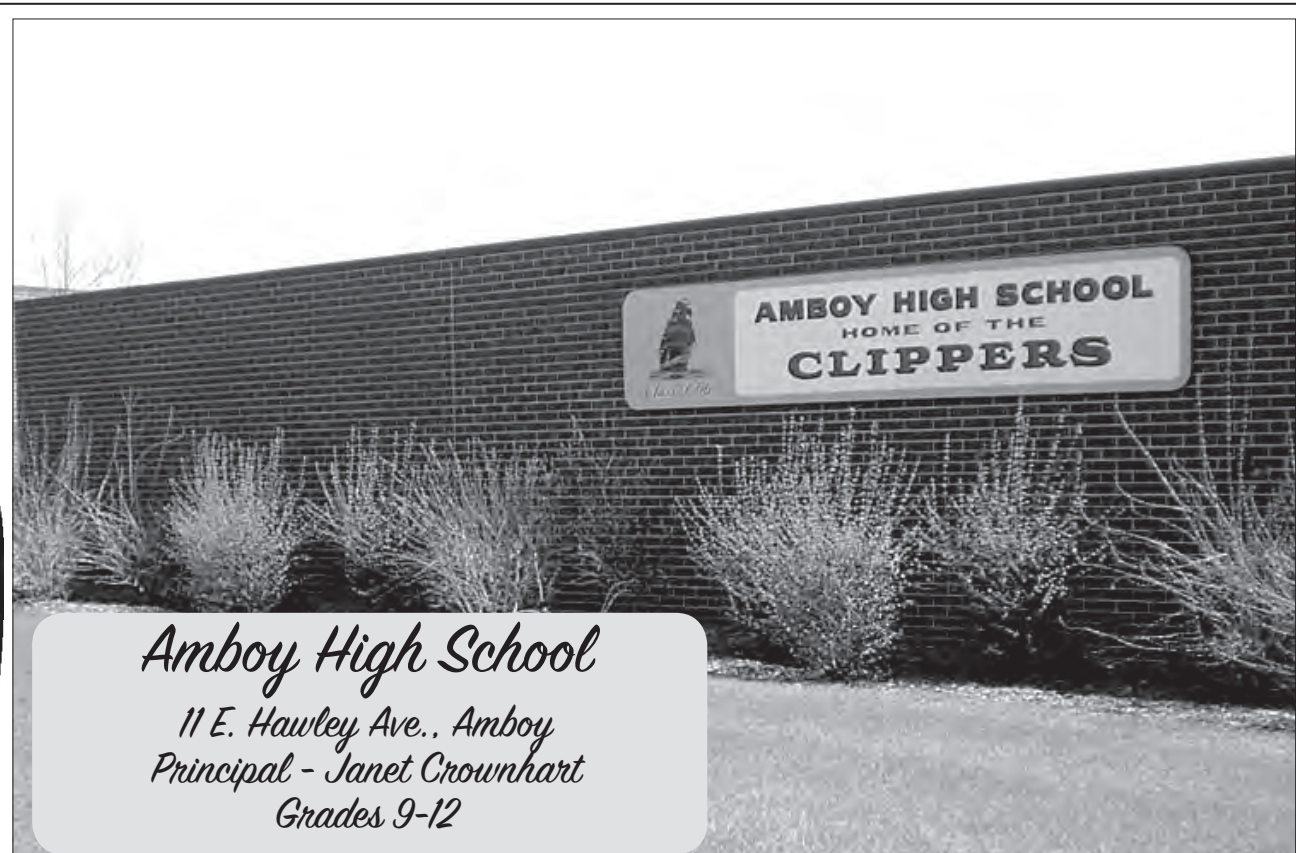
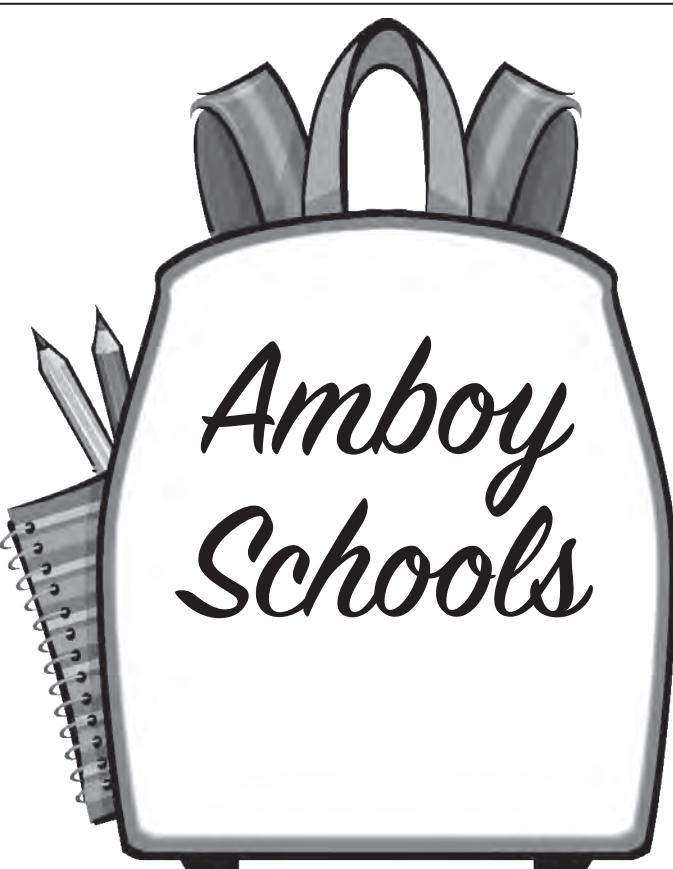
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## Community support helps The Warehouse Boutique continue to grow



*This remodeled room at The Warehouse Boutique will be where skin care treatments will be offered. It is also where spray tanning is done.*

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AMBOY — With the support of the community, The Warehouse Boutique and Salon has seen a successful beginning and is looking forward to the future.

Vickie Vinnedge-Gerdes and husband, Bill Gerdes, purchased the AgView FS warehouse, located at 204 N. Jefferson, in Amboy, in 2015.

Vinnedge-Gerdes said she originally thought of having an “occasional store” when the warehouse space became available but was approached about the need for salon space by local stylists. The concept of boutique and salon was formulated and the transformation from warehouse to a unique rustic/industrial space began. In November 2017, a grand opening was held on The Warehouse Boutique and Salon.

The boutique features a variety of clothing, jewelry, gift items and home décor.

Vinnedge-Gerdes and her daughter make all of the leather earrings available at the boutique, and they were recently commissioned to sell their jewelry at a store in Roscoe.

“The community has really embraced and supported us,” Vinnedge-Gerdes said.

There are five stylists in the salon, and two part-time staff, while Vinnedge-Gerdes herself does nails and runs the day to day operations of the boutique.

The salon currently offers spray tanning, and their tanning bed will be ready for customers once their license is approved by the state of Illinois.

Vinnedge-Gerdes said Cameron Koch is currently going to school to train as an esthetician, and by next spring, the salon will be able to offer skin care treatments, like facials, to its customers.

Another avenue of growth for the salon is that they are looking for a dedicated barber to join their team of stylists, Vinnedge-Gerdes said.

The business is in the process of expanding into the adjacent space of the vacant warehouse. Vinnedge-Gerdes said this space, once



*The stand up tanning bed will be available for usage as soon as the license from the state of Illinois arrives.*

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completed, will be able to be used for multiple purposes, and could even be a hall for rental. One idea, she said, is that they are looking at using the space for an occasional evening out that would fea-

ture wine tastings and live music.

Vinnedge-Gerdes said she is also looking into starting a summer kids club with art classes that would be housed in the expansion.

There are even plans for the outside of the business.

Vinnedge-Gerdes said they are thinking about hosting a food truck festival this summer. She said she would like to see them host community events that would bring everyone together.

The salon is open for appointments Monday-Saturday, with walk-ins available on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The boutique is open Thursday from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Appointments may be made by calling 815-857-9273.

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*The salon offers nail services, including pedicures.*

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## Jones-Berry Lumber adds new website for shopping convenience

With the launch of their new website, [www.jonesberrylumber.com](http://www.jonesberrylumber.com), Jones-Berry Lumber now offers even more convenience for their customers. This user-friendly website makes it easy to browse Jones-Berry's comprehensive catalog of hardware items and place orders from the comfort of home.

Shoppers now have instant online access to Jones-Berry's vast array of merchandise including hand tools, electrical, lawn and garden, power tools and accessories, plumbing, automotive, fasteners, heating and cooling, sporting goods, hunting, fishing and camping supplies, hardware, housewares, office and school supplies, paint and sundries.

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*Jones-Berry Lumber continues to provide the same friendly service customers have come to expect.*

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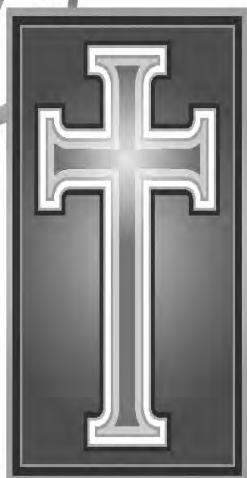
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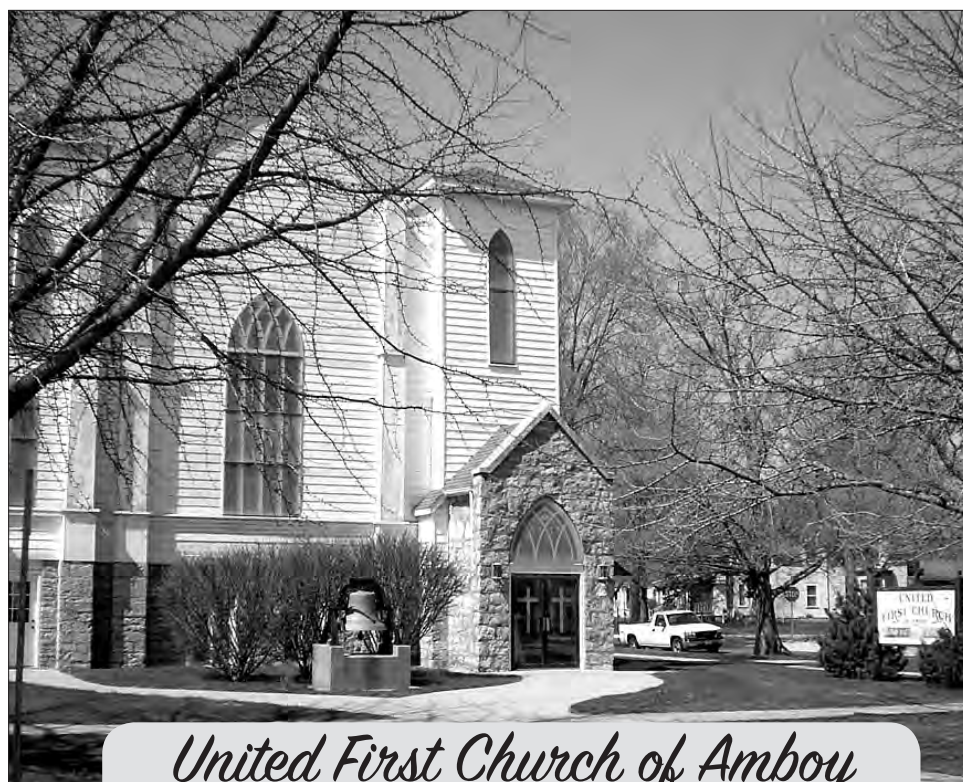
## First Baptist Church

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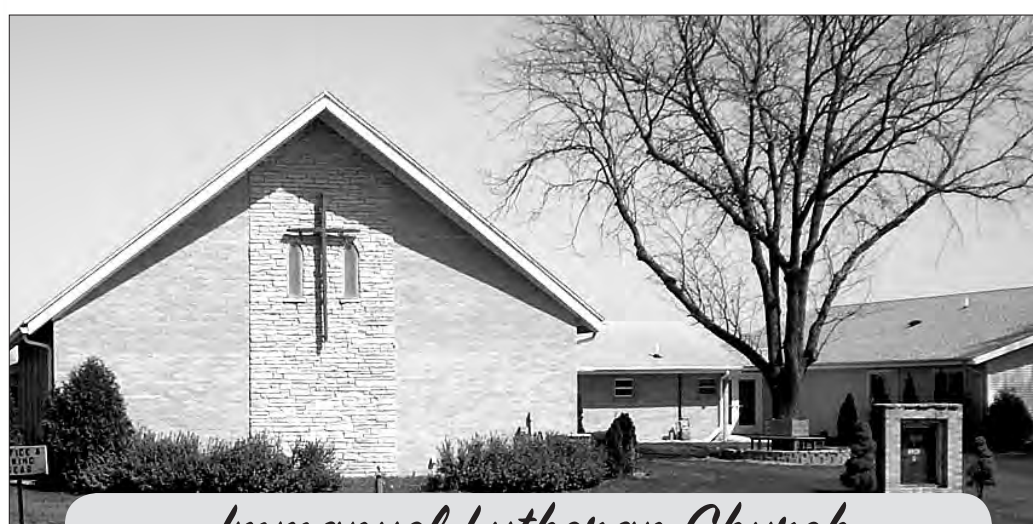
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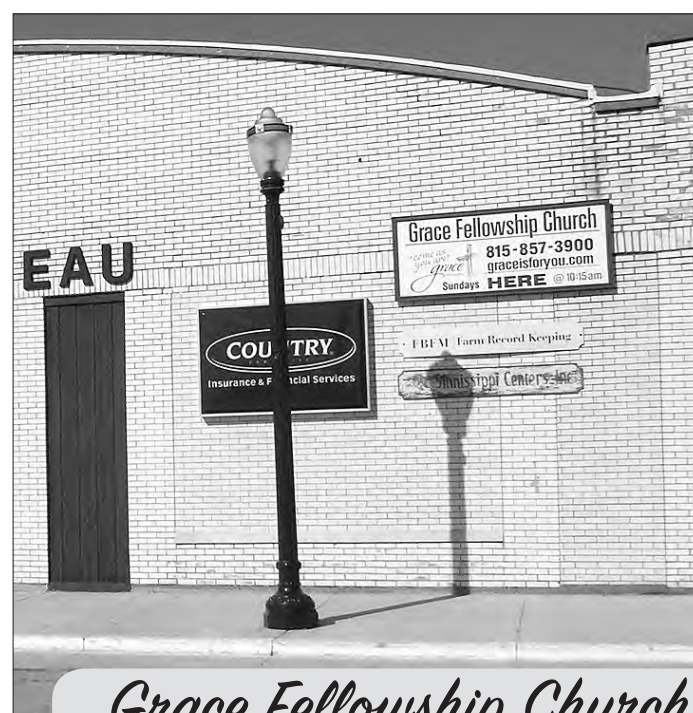
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# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## Leffelman & Associates to mark 50 years (2019)

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Reflecting on the past five decades, Larry Leffelman said back in 1969 he was employed at an insurance company in Bloomington when suddenly an opportunity arose. "Out of nowhere I got a note regarding the possible purchase of the Wilson Roemmich Agency in Sublette," he recalled. "I had been in the Army and traveled quite a bit but I had always wanted to come back to Sublette."

Leffelman had been working in insurance for six or seven years at that time but he was ready for a change and welcomed the opportunity to be his own boss. The note presented a way he could get back to Sublette and be able to stay in the insurance business, which he liked.

After doing some research on the Wilson Roemmich Agency, whose origin dates back to 1899, he was advised by a co-worker that it would be a good investment. The deal was finalized that year and Leffelman opened his office in the front part of what is now La Fiesta with one employee, Rosalee Full.

As a new business owner, Leffelman utilized the lessons he learned while attending Officer Candidate School in the Army. His goal was to work at least three nights a week, in addition to regular business hours. "OCS teaches you discipline," he explained. "That's what drove me, guided me. We worked hard and built up our business fast."

When opportunities to expand were presented, Leffelman was ready. He purchased the Burkardt Agency in Sublette in 1972, the Duffy Agency in Amboy in 1980 and the Ortgiesen Agency in Amboy in 1990. He also opened an office in LaMoille. "It was a wonderful, wonderful experience," Leffelman said of the past 50 years.

Although Leffelman and his wife, Rose, are now retired, the business remains in the family with their daughter, Chris Klein taking over as CEO and their two grandchildren, Riley Klein and Lexi



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Willey, also working in the business. "They've done a heck of a job," he said. "I'm very pleased with everything that's going on."

Chris Klein, CIC (Certified Insurance Counselor) AFIS (Agribusiness & Farm Insurance Specialist) has over 40 years of experience.

She started working for the agency as a file clerk when she was 12, before working full time in 1985.

Chris' daughter, Lexi, came to the agency full time in 2013 after getting her degree in business management from Sauk Valley Community College. Chris' son, Riley, started full time in 2014 after graduating from the University of Illinois with a degree in agricultural and consumer economics.

As the Leffelman family celebrates the agency's 50th anniversary this year, they are committed to serving the area for many years to come.

They also pride themselves on employees that are devoted to Leffelman & Associates and their customers. Lisa Quest, CISR (Certified Insurance Service Representative) AFIS (Agribusiness & Farm Insurance Specialist) has 25 years of experience with Leffelman & Associates; Tess Fleming, CIC (Certified Insurance Counselor) CISR (Certified Insurance Service Representative), 12 years; and Julie Burkardt, CISR (Certified Insurance Service Representative), 22 years. Additional employees include: Lori Althaus in LaMoille, and Teresa Davis, Kaity Wilhite, and Cathy Schultz in Sublette.

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# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## Amboy Food and Liquor continues to expand

### New Amboy Deli to open soon

**AMBOY** — Since opening in December 2016, Amboy Food and Liquor has underwent two remodeling projects.

The first was completed in early 2018, when the business was expanded by 2,500 square feet after purchasing the property to the east of the store. Using local contractors, they transformed the old building into a seamless extension of the store. This extension now houses the store's liquor department.

The second project is nearing completion and when done, will house the new Amboy Deli. Amboy Food and Liquor purchased the former Dixon and Giesen Law Firm building to the west of the store. This new space will add an additional 1,600 square feet to the store. The

same local contractors are busy transforming this space into the new Amboy Deli.

Talking with owner Sanjay Desai and Tommy Patel, Desai's nephew who runs the day-to-day operations of the store with his wife, Bhavi, the idea of putting a deli in the store was in the works from the beginning, but they didn't have the room in the original footprint, and they didn't know what they wanted to offer in the deli.

"We wanted to offer something different," Tommy said. "Something you can't get around here."

The new Amboy Deli will offer fresh sliced meats and cheese, sub sandwiches, salads, pizza including an option of a gluten free crust, rotisserie chicken, and breakfast subs.

Patel said the bread for the sandwiches

will be baked in the store and be similar to an Italian sub style bread.

The new deli space will also offer bar tables for people who would like to eat in the store.

The exact date of when the new Amboy Deli will be open has not yet been determined, but both Sanjay and Tommy say the date is coming soon.

With the addition of the deli, the main portion of the store will also see some changes.

The produce department, now located in the back of the store, will be moved to the front of the store. The pop/soda section will be moved toward the back of the store.

A men's and women's public bathroom

will also be added toward the back of the store.

Sanjay and Tommy continue to take suggestions from customers and seek the feedback of the residents in Amboy on what else they would like to see in the store.

"We are so thankful for the support we have received from the community," said Sanjay. "We are happy to be able to provide these services to such a caring community."

Amboy Food and Liquor summer hours are Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. – 10 p.m., and Sunday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

When the new Amboy Deli opens, Amboy Food and Liquor will be changing their opening time to 6 a.m. Monday – Friday.



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