

Amboy School District announces its new teachers for 2019-2020

AMBOY — Amboy Community School District has announced the following teachers have joined the school year for this school year.

Ashley Dunlap teaches Fourth Grade ELA at Central School. Before coming to Amboy, she taught fifth grade for one year at Southside in Morrison and fourth grade for three years at Eastland.

She received her Bachelor of Elementary Education degree from North Central College, and a Master’s Degree in Reading/Reading Specialist from the University of Concordia-Chicago.

She is married to Brad Dunlap, and the couple are the parents of Adalee, age 1.

Brad Dunlap teaches Junior High PE, Health, and coaches high school boys basketball. Before coming to Amboy, he spent two years as a grade sixth through 12th grade PE teacher at Warren High School, and one year as PE/Health teacher at Riverdale Middle School. He was also the head basketball coach at Warren High School from 2016-18, head boys basketball coach at Riverdale 2018-2019, and was also the junior high track coach at Riverdale 2018-2019.

He received his Bachelor’s Degree in K-12 PE/Health from Wartburg College.

He is married to Ashley and the couple has one daughter, Adalee, who will be one on Sept. 21.

Vanessa Goslin is the Amboy Central Elementary and Junior High Art teacher. Before coming to Amboy, she taught sixth through 12th grade at Putnam County Junior High and High School, one year at teaching Kindergarten through third grade at Bristol Grade School, and a half year teaching Kindergarten-Fifth Grade at Tonica Grade School.

“I am so happy to be starting a full-time K-8 Art position with Amboy,” Goslin said. “It’s a dream come true and only 15 minutes from home.”

She received her Bachelor of Science in Education-Visual Arts from Northern Illinois University in 2008. She also earned degrees from: Quincy University, ESL Endorsement in July 2019; Illinois Valley Community College Associate of Arts August 2005; and Art Institute of Phoenix AAS-Computer Animation December 1999.

She is married to Herbie Goslin, a retired Pharmacist.



Ashley Dunlap



Brad Dunlap



Vanessa Goslin



Faith Sachs



Ashley Platz



Kaylee Jones



Emmie Henkel



Scotlyn Schabacker

The couple has a Pug named Pippi, and a female fawn. They also have three nephews: Shea, age 10, Brogan, age 5, and Quinn, one month.

Faith Sachs is teaching Special Education at Amboy High School. Before coming to Amboy, she taught at Washington Elementary in Dixon, and was a self-contained, resource and behavioral special ed.

She earned her Associates degree in Liberal Arts from Sauk Valley Community College, and her Bachelor of Arts Special Education from Western Governors University.

She is married to Charles, and they have three children, Hope, age 18, Emily, age 12 and Samuel, age 4.

Ashley Platz is teaching sixth grade math at the Amboy Junior High. Before this position, she taught second-fourth grade math in Amboy, fourth grade at Montmorency, and math and English to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders at St. Mary’s in Sterling.

She earned her Bachelor’s in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

She is married to Shawn, and the couple have a seven month old son, Brody.

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Board approves replacing lights in village with LED

BY TONJA GREENFIELD
General Manager

SUBLETTE — New LED lights are coming to the Village of Sublette, and with the help of a ComEd rebate, it will only cost the village a third of the estimated cost.

The Sublette Village Board met on Monday night for their monthly meeting in the Ellice Dinges Center. All board members were present.

Acting Village President John Stenzel said the village had received a proposal from Ensol that showed the cost of replacing the current lights with LED lights at five different locations in the village: the water plant, the park, the Ellice Dinges Center, Main Street and Water Tower, and the two Welcome to the Village signs. The total cost for all five locations is \$21,987.

The ComEd Energy Efficiency Program offers local governments incentives for replacing streetlights with energy-efficient LED fixtures. The ComEd Rebate Share of the program would be \$14,648, bringing the village’s total expense to \$7,330.46.

The motion to replace the lights at all five locations was approved unanimously.

New trustees

The Village of Sublette Board has a vacancy due to the resignation of Trustee Laura Jackson at the end of the August meeting.

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NEW TREES

Pete and the Dreamscapes crew recently made a donation to the Amboy City Park. The City of Amboy thanks Pete and the Dreamscapes crew for the new trees at the Amboy City Park. They appreciate the time and donation.

Photo submitted

Born in the shadow of 9/11

BY STEVEN SPEARIE
The State Journal-Register

Jordan Bruder is too young to remember the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

But she recalls growing up believing the blame for the the 9/11 attacks was squarely put “on Muslim people,” an indictment some people in the towns she grew up in south central Illinois continue to harbor about the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., that killed nearly 3,000 people.

“Everything was whitewashed for me,” said Bruder, a sophomore studying business and political science at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield.

That re-orientation—“a self-discovery,” Bruder termed it — began with talking with her father, Eric Bruder, a middle-school history teacher, as well as doing her own research about 9/11.

“That’s made all the difference for me,” Bruder said. “Being a hateful person, that came from a place of ignorance. Now I feel I can go out into the world and be more tolerant.”

Bruder is part of a generation, now entering college, that has no direct memory of that day or weren’t even born yet. It’s giving professors new challenges and new audiences to teach about one of the most defining moments of the history of the United States. And to older people who have their “where-were-you” stories about 9/11, that gap can be jarring, if understandable.

College students may know about the events and the significance of them, said Christopher McDonald, a professor of political science at LLCC, but they aren’t able to experience the same visceral impact of those who watched the horror from 18 years ago.

McDonald, who teaches an “Early Start” program for high school seniors for LLCC, has seen this moment coming.

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FFA ACCEPTS CHECK

Bryce Erbes, pictured left, President of the Amboy FFA Alumni Association, accepts a check for \$1,000 from Mark Streit, Amboy FFA Alumni and former agriculture teacher at Amboy High School. The check represents the chapter’s share of raffle tickets sold for a John Deere gator. The raffle was sponsored by the Illinois FFA Alumni Association. Streit was the top ticket seller in Illinois. The John Deere gator was won by Lars Lee from Pearl City.

Photo submitted



FOOTBALL

Amboy Varsity Football team picture and results from game on Sept. 6

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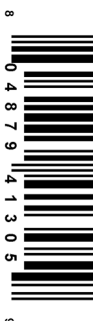
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"There's a distance for these students," McDonald acknowledged. "They sense it's really important, though."

"I feel like these (students) are supposed to feel like (9/11) resonates, but it doesn't," said Kristen Chenoweth, the director of admissions at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, who also teaches a freshman seminar class. "They know it was something serious, but it's not really tied to their lives in any tangible way."

But Karen Contreras, a student at the University of Illinois at Springfield who is originally from Palatine, said even if today's students don't personally remember it or don't have a personal story about it, "we understand how momentous it was and continues to be."

"You don't forget."

Generation grew up with 9/11 repercussions

It's compelling for Paige Calvert to talk to older relatives and teachers who can describe exactly where they were and what they were doing when the events of Sept. 11, 2001, unfolded.

Calvert, a freshman from Pekin at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign,

only knows about the terrorist attacks through conversations and what she learned in school. For a person born less than eight months before 9/11, Calvert said the events "seem like a faraway historical moment." She was first introduced to the tragedy as a second-grade student.

"It feels so close to many people," Calvert added. "It's crazy that we're the generation not even alive when this world-turning event happened and now we're ready to go off into the world."

Like Calvert, many students were introduced to the terrorist attack as elementary school students, though the introduction was usually to first responders and other heroes, not the graphic details of the day.

But this generation of students also grew up with the repercussions of 9/11. That means when they fly, they are getting to airports early and getting screened by the Transportation Security Administration. A slew of names and terms — Osama bin Laden, "no fly lists," Guantanamo Bay and the War on Terror — connected with 9/11 are part of the students' lexicon.

Emotion has also gripped them.

Faith Metellus was born less than two

weeks before 9/11. Earlier this year, she went to New York and saw where the World Trade Center once stood.

"I didn't have a personal connection to it," said Metellus, a freshman at UIS from Northbrook, "but seeing the names and photos (at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum), that hit me."

Going to the site, said Metellus, a pre-nursing major, "made me imagine what it was like for the people there. I feel empathy for them. I know people were traumatized."

Metellus said her mother recalled that on 9/11 her grandfather burst into the room, screaming, "We're at war." They turned on the television, just in time to see one of the towers collapsing.

"(My mother) had to lay down because she was in so much shock," Metellus recalled being told.

Calvert remembered her mother, a third-grade teacher, telling her the only thing she could think about that day was getting home.

"They didn't fully comprehend what was going to happen next," Calvert said.

Understanding the magnitude

Carolyn Peck, a UIS professor of psychology, weaves the 9/11 events into her graduate-level Death and Dying class. For those students who have no memory of 9/11, she encourages them to get some sense of the event to understand its magnitude.

"That makes it more than a history lesson," Peck said. "Seeing those interviews with survivors or relatives of those who died that day, it really forces students to pay attention."

Like many people, Christopher McDonald flipped on the television to watch the coverage of 9/11. Now, he said, people go to their laptop or smartphone.

"I think (students) understand how the world changed after 9/11," Kristen Chenoweth said, "just like I understand after the assassination of President (John F.) Kennedy how security changed around the president."

"We look at what changed — our under-

standing of the Bill of Rights, freedom of speech, freedom of information — since 9/11. I think they know that it has changed, but they don't know what it was before, so it's hard for them to feel it."

Zygfried Kurzynski, a freshman at UIS from Park Ridge who was born just before 9/11, said he, too, grew up hearing derogatory terms leveled at people as terrorists. But even that understanding has changed as he has grown.

"We learned (in a high school psychology class) that no matter how unbiased you say you are, you do judge people based on what you learn from society," said Kurzynski, a biology and pre-med major. "As I grew up, especially with the school shootings, it redefines what we perceive a terrorist as."

"That can make people even more scared today because they don't have a bias. These days (a terrorist) could be almost anybody."

McDonald has seen that too: In his "Early Start" classes, he has asked students to describe a "terrorist." There was a time that mainly versions akin to bin Laden popped to mind for his students. Last semester, McDonald said, students produced a description of a caucasian school shooter, rather than a "Middle Eastern" figure.

"This was a huge shock to me," McDonald admitted.

Today's college students said even if they don't have their own memories of 9/11, they have been affected by it.

"I do think about it," Metellus said of the anniversary. "It's important to remember all the lives taken."

Bruder said one of the most important post-9/11 lessons she has absorbed is the need to continue to spread the truth about what happened.

"It's important for us to keep the stories alive and fresh," Bruder said. "History is bound to repeat itself, but I hope to God it doesn't."

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Kaylee Jones is teaching fifth grade math and science. This is her fifth year teaching. She previously taught sixth-eighth grade math and science at St. Andrew in Rock Falls.

She graduated with her Associate Degree from Sauk Valley Community College and received her Bachelor's Degree from Ashford University. She majored in Elementary Education with certifications in Middle School Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies.

"I am excited to be back home in Amboy as teacher," she said. "I loved growing up in the school district and had wonderful teachers. It's my time to give back to the community by continuing

Amboy's legacy of producing great kids and I can't wait to see where this year takes me. This year I also am coaching the Color Guard at the high school and I am truly enjoying the opportunity to work with such talented students."

Emmie Henkel is teaching fourth grade math at Central School. Before coming to Amboy, she taught fifth grade in Dixon for five years.

She graduated with her Bachelor's Degree from Northern Illinois University, and received her Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from the American College of Education.

She is married to Ryan

Henkel and the couple has three children, Ellie, age 5, Annie, age 3, and Jackson, 18 months. The couple are expecting baby number four in November.

Scotlyn Schabacker is teaching social studies to fifth and sixth graders. Before coming to Amboy, she taught middle school for two years.

She received her Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, and received a Middle School Endorsement from the University of Phoenix.

She is married to Kevin, and the couple have a two-year-old son named Peter.

Business After Hours event set for Sept. 18

AMBOY — Everyone is invited to the next City of Amboy Business After Hours mixer on Wednesday, Sept. 18, hosted by Amboy Food and Liquor. This event will celebrate and welcome their new full-service deli.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

This after hours mix n' mingle is open to the public, not just the business owners. So, grab a friend and stop by to see some familiar faces while catching up on what's going on around town, and most importantly support your local businesses.

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LOCAL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Ashley Althaus

Althaus named AHS September Student of Month

AMBOY — Ashley Althaus has been named the Student of the Month for September at Amboy High School.

GPA: 4.28/4.0; 4.0/4.0

Membership an Involvement: Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field, FFA, 4-H, Student Council, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Lions Club, NJAA (National Jr. Angus Association), Cross Country (1 Year), and Church Lecturer.

Awards and Honors: Academic All Conference, All Conference in Track and Field, 3x State Track & Field Qualifier and Medalist, Best Defense in Basketball, Best of Show and Jr County Outstanding 4-H, Star Green Hand for FFA, State Degree FFA, and St. Timothy Award.

Best memories of AHS: Being the first girl's team to win a sectional championship in 35 years and getting 3rd, 5th, and 8th place at the state track meet.

Future Plans: I plan on attending Iowa State University next fall majoring in Agricultural Studies

Amboy Book Fair: "Reading takes you to incredible places"

AMBOY — "Reading Takes You Incredible Places" at the Amboy Central PTC Book Fair, Sept. 30 – Oct. 4 at Amboy Central School. The Disney themed fair will be open to the public Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Extended hours include Wednesday and Thursday, 3:30 to 7 p.m.

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 100 publishers. This is a great opportunity to complete early holiday shopping and support your community school.

Online ordering is also available www.scholastic.com/bf/amboycentralschool. Online shopping is perfect for family members unable to attend the fair or to purchase items you forgot once the fair is gone. Books ordered online will be shipped to the school at no charge and this year can be shipped direct to your home.

All proceeds benefit the Central School PTC and the Amboy Central School library. The PTC supports Central School teachers and students by purchasing important classroom materials and equipment, paying portions of field trip costs, and contributing to good behavior rewards and incentives.

Email calendar items to mmays@amboynews.com

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
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Wednesday – Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed peas, whole kernel corn, garlic bread, apricots
Thursday – A) Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes/gravy, winter blend veggies, wheat bread, fruit cocktail B) Soup & Sandwich, chicken noodle & ham
Friday – Cheesy beef taco, flour tortilla, lettuce, tomato, Spanish rice, beans, fresh fruit

Meals served Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 am
Reservations needed 10:00 am day before

Amboy Community Center
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DIXON—The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, Sept. 12, 17, 19, 24, 25 and 26. 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

AMBOY—Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 USRT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

AMBOY—The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. at Central School Gym, 30 E. Provost, on Thursday, Sept. 12.

AMBOY—The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

AMBOY—The Amboy Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Lions Shelter in the Amboy Depot parking lot, 30 E. Main St. The market will be held each Saturday. Call Alice Dukes at 815-857-4015 for more information.

MAYTOWN—A Cemetery Mass on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, at St. Patrick's Church Cemetery,

1336 Maytown Rd. Bring a chair and a Mass intention of a dearly departed loved one. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

DIXON—The Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., will host VITAS Healthcare as they present wills, advance directives and more at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 16. Call VITAS representative Kristi Christiansen at 815-252-2088.

AMBOY—The Amboy American Legion will meet at the Old Napa Building, 399 N. Metcalf Ave., at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 16.

AMBOY—The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 16, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY—The U of I Extension will host "Fall Gardening", a Four Seasons Horticulture Webinar, at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the Lee County Extension Office, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Advance registration is required. To register, call 815-632-3611 or online at go.illinois.edu/4seasons-CLW.

AMBOY—The Lee County Health Department will have a Blood Pressure Clinic from 8 to 10 a.m. at Amboy Food Pantry and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Amboy Community Center on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Call LCHD at 815-284-3371 for more information.

Sen. Stewart and Rep. Demmer to host Children's Health & Safety Expo Sept. 21 in Dixon

DIXON—State Senator Brian Stewart and State Representative Tom Demmer invite all area families to attend a free Children's Safety Expo on Saturday, Sept. 21 in Dixon.

The Expo, which will take place from 9 a.m. until noon at Reagan Middle School, 620 Division Street in Dixon, will feature a Police K-9 demonstration, the landing of an OSF Life Flight medical helicopter, a large touch-a-truck interactive exhibit and more than 35 booths staffed by a variety of groups and organizations that assist children and families.

"Our Children's Safety Expo will give area residents access to a bunch of government agencies and local businesses, all in one convenient location, as well as a lot of fun activities for the kids," Stewart said. "The Expo also gives families an opportunity to interact with their friends and neighbors and compare notes about the issues they face as parents. Hope to see you there!"

Admission is free, and there will be free refreshments and

Change of Location for AHS class of 1979 reunion

AMBOY—The Amboy High School Class of 1979 will be at the Long Branch Saloon at 5:30 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 21, for its 40th Class Reunion.

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AMBOY—The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road, on Wednesday, Sept. 18, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

SUBLETTE—The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 18, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

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 third Wednesday of the month drive, Sept. 18, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY—The Crochet and Knitting Club will meet from 12 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Pankhurst Memorial Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Everyone is invited and there

is no charge. Call 815-994-1536 for more information.

AMBOY—Business After Hours will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Amboy Food & Liquor. This after business hours mixer is open to the public, not just business owners.

AMBOY—The Amboy-Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect Ave.

MORRISON—The Full-ton Saddle Club will have trail rides at Morrison Rockwood State Park on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 2 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. Call Larry Greenwood at 815-499-4680 or Susie Patton at 815-772-7593 for more information.

AMBOY—The Amboy Lions Club will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

STERLING—The U of I Extension will host monthly Wits Fitness classes, interactive activities designed to exercise your brain, at the Sterling Public Library, 102 W. Third St. To register, call 815-632-3611 or online at go.illinois.edu/witsfitness.

DIXON—The Lee County Health Department will have Glucose and Cholesterol Screenings on Thursday, Sept. 26. Call 815-284-3371 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Amboy Police

Burglary to motor vehicle

On Aug. 30, at 2 p.m., a 15-year-old female juvenile was arrested for burglary to motor vehicle. She was released to her parents.

Burglary to motor vehicle

On Sept. 4, at 3 p.m., a 12-year-old female juvenile was arrested for burglary to motor vehicle. She was released to her parents.

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DIXON

Sept. 21-22 • Anderson's Pumpkin Patch Opening and Vendor Weekend
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James F. Zinke

March 11, 1940 - Sept. 3, 2019

MENDOTA - James F. Zinke, 79, of Mendota passed away Sept. 3, 2019 at the Mendota Lutheran Home.

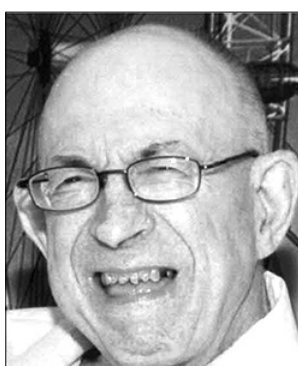
Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette with Rev. Randy Fronck officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Sublette. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at the Merritt Funeral Home in Mendota with a Rosary service at 4:30 p.m.

James was born March

11, 1940 in Mendota to Alton and Dorothy (Dinges) Zinke.

Survivors include three brothers, Richard (Mary) Zinke of Mendota, Gary (Janet) Zinke of Mendota and David (Mary Jo) Zinke of Sublette; and several nieces and nephews.

James was a farmer for many years. He showed Angus Cattle and was a member of 4-H. He was an avid Cubs, Red Sox and Chicago Bears fan and loved anything John Deere. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sublette.



Memorials may be directed to Mendota Area Senior Services, Mendota Lutheran Home or Mass Intentions.

On-farm workshop held for teachers

DIXON — On Thursday, Sept. 5, 25 teachers from Lee, Ogle, DeKalb and Whiteside counties attended Cultivating Your Classroom, a unique on-farm teacher workshop hosted by the Pratt Family on Grand Prairie Farms.

The workshop invited teachers to the farm to collect engaging agriculture-themed lessons and activities designed to boost current ELA, math, science and social science curriculum. Katie Pratt, Lee County Ag in the Classroom coordinator, planned the event.

"I really wanted this to be a highly interactive event," Pratt said. "Attendees learned about technology use on the farm and then drove one of the tractors outfitted with GPS and auto-steer technology."

Teachers visited with presenters from Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom, Nutrients for Life Foundation, U of I Extension, Facilitating Coordinators for Agriculture Education, and Whiteside County Ag in the Classroom.

In addition to activities for the classroom, teachers visited with Deanne Frieders, blogger at This Farm Girl Cooks about meal preparation tips.

"Teachers work in a high stress environment every day," Pratt said. "We wanted to ensure they not only received information for their classrooms, but for their life too."

KSB Community Well-



Mrs. Wendy Schnorr, second grade teacher at AFC Elementary, drove a tractor with the help of Ethan Pratt. During the tractor ride, Pratt explained the use of GPS and auto-steer on the farm.

Photo submitted

New board lays out the yellow brick road for first community production

DIXON — The Historic Dixon Theater Group (HDTG) board is excited to announce our first community production at The Dixon: Historic Theatre for next summer: "The Wizard of Oz."

Show dates are set for June 12-14, auditions will be held sometime late January through early February of next year and we'll be seeking actors and actresses of all ages to come out and audition.

More information about auditions, callbacks and where auditions will be held will be released on our Facebook page as the dates get closer.

They are also seeking

community members that are interested in joining our team to create a magical show and help revitalize community theater in Dixon. Director Tim Boles is seeking individuals interested in staff positions and backstage crew: Music coaches, Pit Band Director (and musicians), Rehearsal Accompanist (piano), Stage Managers and more.

If you are interested in any of those positions or would like to see the full list positions we're seeking, please visit our Facebook page or contact Sean Ports at dixontheatre@gmail.com or call him at 815-440-2999.

They'll be taking application through the end of November so they can form

our production team and prepare for auditions ahead of those dates.

They are very excited and honored for this opportunity to bring theater back to The Dixon and to the Sauk Valley area. They are looking forward to hearing from you and meeting the people that have missed seeing shows at The Dixon as much as the group has.

LIGHTS continued from page A1

At the August meeting, Stenzel said he created a questionnaire for anyone who is interested in the open board seat, and asked to have all of the questionnaires back by Sept. 4. Stenzel told the board on Monday night that he had received back one questionnaire, from former Village of Sublette Trustee Robert Bulfer. The motion to

approve Bulfer as Jackson's replacement on the board was approved unanimously.

In other board news:

The board approved a motion for a budgeted amount of \$7,500 to go to Wendler Engineering for topographical survey of S. Front Street, Chestnut Street and East First Street. They also approved a proposal by TJS Excavating

ness was also on-site talking about stress management and healthy eating.

Teachers left with a tote of classroom materials sponsored by Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District and Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation.

Refreshments were pro-

vided by funding from Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Lee County Ag in the Classroom provides agriculture themed lessons and materials to Lee County teachers grades K-12. For more information about this program, call 815-857-3531.

providing the alcohol for the event.

The board approved a bid from Bonnell Industries to sandblast and paint the 2007 truck in the amount of \$4,901. The motion was approved with Trustee Brian Wilson abstaining from the vote.

Trick or Treating hours will be announced at the October Village Board meeting.

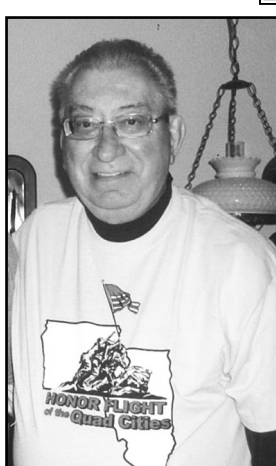
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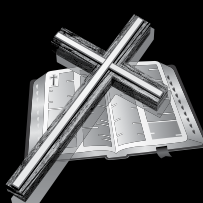
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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Sabbath is a break With God

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

Last week our country celebrated Labor Day—a day to honor the ethic of hard work with a day of rest. We all need something that breaks our stress, interrupts our pain with a little bit of pleasure and joy, something that breaks our labor with a little bit of peace.

In a way, it is just like a rest-stop on the road. It is time out, a break time, even if just a little while. You know, when you go traveling and you are going by car, driving for hours, and you really need a pit stop? Maybe it is a bathroom break you need, or a fresh bottle of water, or a snack, or a brief nap. Or maybe you need to stretch your legs, because you have been cramped up in a bucket seat for a really long time. Or worse, maybe you are almost out of gas! That feeling of panic, worry and anxiety when that gas gauge is all the way down to the bottom, and you are scraping along just knowing you could end up by the side of the road out of gas in a strange place in the middle of nowhere with no gas station for miles.

Then you see that sign on the road that reads: “Rest Stop 1 Mile.” You heave a sigh of relief. Made it.

You are exhausted. You are tired. You are parched. Your stomach is making

grumbly sounds. You can just feel those hunger pangs starting to gnaw at your peace of mind. Then that rest stop comes, and you climb out, get some refreshing water, get some kind of food in your stomach, and stretch those aching limbs. It’s almost a feeling of heaven. That is the kind of feeling of simple joy that comes with getting a needed rest. And you needed it! Because it is hard to keep your eyes on the road when you are weary from traveling. Rest stops were created for this kind of necessary break. Day been long? Road been hard? Life been tough? Take a break. Pull over. Relax. And refresh. Stop and rest.

In the Jewish tradition, we call that “sabbath,” named by God, who after six days of labor in creating the entire universe, decided to take a little rest. But rest is a tricky kind of word.

You see, we have kind of misconstrued that word in our culture today with the idea that taking a “rest” means taking time for ourselves just to do more stuff. Or sleeping in instead of going to church. But here is the problem with that. That’s not the kind of rest that God intended with the sabbath.

Sabbath is not a break FROM God. Sabbath is a break WITH God.

Some of you know what I mean.

Imagine you are married or you have a partner and you work hard all week and barely see each other. And then you get to the weekend, and all you want to do is enjoy each other’s company, revel in relaxation together. It is all about the relationship.

Shabbat is a “rest of the heart.” The word is used hundreds of times in the scriptures to signify the peace of God. You observe sabbath “to” or “with” God. And during that time, God “releases” us from our heavy load or burden.

From our days of toil and trouble, we are given rest, reprieve, renewal, refreshment. In other words, sabbath is time to take a breath. But not just any breath—a breath from our master rejuvenator, the Holy Spirit.

This is why Jesus told us, “Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest.” Jesus is our Sabbath. He IS our break. Sabbath is a time when we allow Jesus to refresh us, heal us, renew us, and rejuvenate us before sending us out again into the mission field to follow him into long and sometimes difficult places filled with hurting and agnostic people.

Sabbath is not nap time but take a breath time. But it’s a time when we remember that each breath we take is a gift of life from God.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Heartland

In her memoir, “Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth,” Sarah Smarsh argues that “to experience economic poverty in a country famous for its abundance is to live with constant reminders of what you don’t have, like running a marathon next to a cool reservoir from which you are not allowed to drink.” Worse still, it is a country where a “money deficit is equated with a moral deficit.”

Smarsh was born in August 1981 into an extended family of poor farmers outside of Wichita, Kansas. Ronald Reagan has resoundingly won election by talking about the outrages of a welfare queen from Chicago, about a bureaucracy run amok in Lyndon Johnson’s war on poverty, and thus inaugurated decades of America’s assault on its working poor. “If you live in a house that needs shingles, you will attend a school that needs books,” Smarsh’s young father nearly dies from chemical poisoning a week into a job transporting used cleaning solvents. “It’s a hell of a thing,” she writes, “to grow the food, serve the drinks, hammer the houses, and assemble the airplanes that bodies with more money eat and drink and occupy and board, while your own body can’t go to the doctor.”

Smarsh escaped poverty, in part, she believes, because she was the first in her family to have a constant home, unlike her mother who moved 48 times before starting high school. The home is her Grandma Betty and her seventh husband Arnie’s 160-acre farm. Sarah’s teenage mom Jeannie, who considered breast feeding the lowest shame of poverty, and her gentle, hardworking father divorce after a few years. Jeannie moves with the kids to Wichita, and it is in Sarah’s middle class school that her intelligence is recognized and she begins to flourish.

Smarsh is especially persuasive on the shame of being poor and white. “Poor whiteness,” she writes, “is a peculiar offense in that society imbues whiteness with power – not just by making it the racial norm next to which the rest are ‘others’ but by using it as a shorthand for economic stability.” There are many kinds of poverty, but “financial poverty is the one shamed by society, culture, unchecked capitalism, public policy, our very way of speaking.”

To the inevitable question of “How did you get out?” she replies that she didn’t, nor would she want to. “Class, being a false construct, like any other boundary or category we impose, you don’t really climb up or down, get in or out. Mine isn’t a story about a destination to be reached, but rather about sacrifices I don’t believe anyone, certainly not a child, should have to make. Those sacrifices leave scars.”



AHS CLASS OF 1964

The Amboy High School Class of 1964 met at Maria’s Pizza and Italian Restaurant in Amboy for their 55th Class Reunion on Aug. 24, 2019. A total of 36 people gathered, 19 classmates and spouses. Pictured in the front row, left to right: Gilbert Leffelman, Kathy Elliott, Sandy (Tolbert) Fore, Mary Lou (Young) LaPlaunt, Joyce (Vincent) Green, Janet (Streit) McMillan, Jeanne (McLaughlin) Ladzinski, and Cheryl (McCaffrey) Balsam. Back row: Jack Braggo, Don Wells, Jim Kreiser, Pam (Kalebaugh) Ortgiesen, Tom Full, Cindy (Ehlbeck) Gerdes, Dennis Eisenberg, Steve Albrecht, Sue Baer, Dorothy (Wiegel) Kristopsen, and Dick Vivian.

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Opinion

Remembering those killed in action

There is power in names. That is something of which former Illinois Congressman Paul Findley was keenly aware. Findley, a Republican from Jacksonville, died last month at age 98.

Findley, who served in the U.S. House from 1960 until 1982, was an early critic of American military involvement in Vietnam.

"We were looking for a way to send a message of our opposition," said Stephen Jones, a former aide to Findley. "He had voted against extending the draft and reappointing General (Earle) Wheeler as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. But then we came up with the idea of putting the name of every servicemen killed in action into the Congressional Record."

More than 35,000 names were initially entered into the record, throwing the Government Publishing Office into disarray and forcing the Congressional Record to be published a day late for perhaps the first time in modern history.

"It had an impact. More than 100,000 copies were printed and it became one of the most requested items from that office. To the best of our knowledge, it was the first time all of those names became publicly available. Every six months, Paul would add names of additional people killed in action to the record."

The printed names were read aloud at anti-war demonstrations, treasured by families of those slain and stood as a silent testimony to the horrible cost of war.

In the years following the conflict, the list took on new significance.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



"My father always believed that the architect for the Vietnam Memorial, Maya Lin, drew her inspiration to list all of the names on the memorial from the work he had done with the Congressional Record," the congressman's son, Craig Findley told me this past week.

What is known, is that Lin used the list Findley had the Pentagon compile to inscribe the name of every American killed in Vietnam onto the memorial, Jones said.

The black granite wall, with the names of 58,318 fallen soldiers carved into its face was completed in late October 1982 and dedicated in November 1982. The wall is V-shaped, with one side pointing to the Lincoln Memorial and the other to the Washington Monument.

Lin's conception was to create an opening or a wound in the earth to symbolize the gravity of the loss of the soldiers, sailors, airmen and

Marines.

The memorial is now the most visited site in Washington. Mary O'Malley Bragg, of Mansfield, first visited the memorial with her mother to see her brother Freddy's name.

"It was so emotional. There were people just like us standing there crying. Each name on that wall represents a whole universe. Each person on the wall is loved and is connected with others and each name represents its own tragedy."

A rubbing of Fred O'Malley's name is framed and hanging in her home.

"It's so nice that when friends visit Washington, DC, they trace his name and share it with us. It reminds us that he is remembered and honored. I keep all of them."

For Steve Watts, of Galesburg, visiting the wall is a means of coming to terms with a tumultuous era.

"The name of my cousin, Gale Vogler, is on that wall. He was five years older than me and we weren't close. But it was a controversial time. I remember being worried about being drafted. I don't like the word 'closure.' For me, going to the wall and seeing his name was like putting a period at the end of a sentence."

Vogler was a standout athlete at United Township High School in East Moline.

For this writer, when I first stood in front of that black granite wall, I was a senior at Galesburg High School visiting our nation's capital with a dozen of my classmates in April of 1983.

Although the war had ended only eight years earlier, for a teenager it was ancient history. It might as well have been the Romans and Carthaginians fighting in 264 BC, Vietnam seemed a distant time, unrelated to me.

As I reached out and touched the black granite and my fingers traced a random name, a National Park ranger sidled next to me.

"Do you know the average age on this wall?" she whispered. I shook my head and she said, "19."

I looked again into the wall and saw my 18-year-old self, reflected back among the names. A chill passed through me. These were men and women my age. The war became real.

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

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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Sept. 12, 1919

Adolph Kalpprodt is here from Detroit to spend a week's vacation at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hupach left Thursday morning for a short visit with relatives at Sandwich.

Miss Tress McBride went to Dixon Thursday to visit a few days with her sister, Mrs. David James.

Charles Elliott of West Brooklyn is staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Elliott while attending school here.

75 Years Ago Sept. 7, 1944

Mrs. Albert Lupton and daughter Viola were among those who attended the Ogle County Fair at Oregon Sunday. Mrs. Howard Shaw has resigned her

position as waitress at the Amboy Café and last Friday began work at the Amboy Milk Products Company.

Joe and Jimmy Powers, Earl Supinger, Ronnie Ellis, attended the dinner and Labor Day celebration in Maytown.

Charles "Bud" Powell of Rochelle spent the weekend and Labor Day here with his father William Powell.

50 Years Ago Sept. 11, 1969

Steel is now being erected on the two cement slabs just north of the Amboy Sterile Packaging Company building in Amboy. An all-steel structure containing 16,000 square feet, with an inside height of 12 feet, is being erected by Amboy Maintenance Construction.

State Representative Dr. David D. Shapiro (R-Amboy) was selected as the "Best Freshman Legislator of 1969" in a poll conducted among the readers of the

"The Illinois Political Reporter," it was announced last week Thursday.

25 Years Ago Sept. 15, 1994

The quick action of a neighbor saved a sleeping man when an arsonist set fire to a mobile home early Saturday morning. Scott Dalrymple escaped injury when his neighbor, Margaret Cyplers, spotted the fire in the rear portion of the mobile home at 141 N. Blackstone and awoke him, according the fire report.

Dr. Louis Ohlendorf is retiring from the veterinary practice he has maintained here for 40 years, and an open house is planned at Shady Oaks Country Club.

Many of the people involved with the 1984 Class 2A State Football Championship team gathered at AHS Friday to dedicate a new trophy case that will house that trophy and the two state runner-up awards from 1979 and 1980.

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Amboy Homecoming activities kick off on Sunday

Please feel free to contact AHS Student Council Advisor, Danielle Benesh (dbenesh@amboy.net) with any questions regarding high school homecoming events.

A map of Amboy, NJ, showing a route for a scavenger hunt. The route is marked with a thick black line and arrows, starting at Amboy High School and ending at Art Espe - State Farm Insurance Agent. The route passes through several locations, including Amboy Central School, Amboy Fire Department, Jones Berry Lumber Co, Amboy Jr High School, Sensient Flavors, Amboy Depot Museum, Casey's, and Art Espe - State Farm Insurance Agent. The map includes street names like N Main Ave, E Main St, and S Commercial Ave.

The AHS Homecoming Parade will leave Amboy High School parking lot at 2:20 pm and travel south on East Ave, east on Provost St past Central School, south on Metcalf Ave, west on Division St, south on Appleton Ave past the Junior High School, west on Main St, north on Jones Ave, and will end back at the high school. Parade lineup begins at 1:45 pm and all units must enter at the WEST end of the high school parking lot to be positioned in the lineup.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF MARK S. BRUCKNER, Deceased.

2019 P 47

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARK S. BRUCKNER, of 707 6th Avenue, Dixon, Lee County, Illinois on July 6, 2019. Letters of Office were issued on August 22, 2019 by the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Lee County to the representative and Independent Administrator, SHAR-ENE BRUCKNER, 115 Cairnwell Pass, Goose Creek, SC 29445. The attorney for the representative of the estate is Robert J. Thompson, 119 West First Street, Ste. 200, P.O. Box 1016, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Lee County Services Building, 309 South Galena Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021, or with the representative, SHAR-ENE BRUCKNER, 115 Cairnwell Pass, Goose Creek, SC 29445, within six (6) months from the first publication of this Claim Notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of specific notice to known creditors, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that time period is barred.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.

BY: SHAR-ENE BRUCKNER, Representative/Independent Administrator
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Attorney for the Estate
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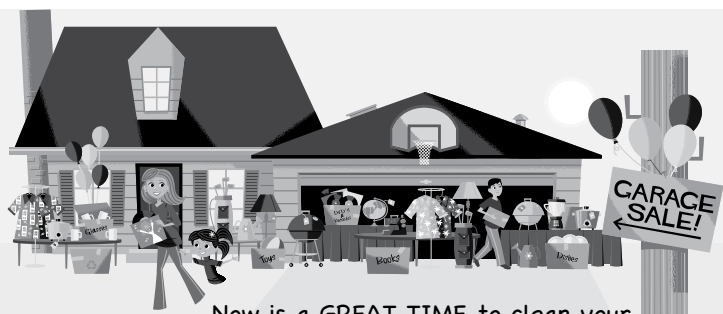
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SPORTS

Lena-Winslow shuts out Amboy Clippers

AMBOY – Powerful Lena-Winslow proved to be worthy of its lofty state ranking as it sank Amboy-LaMoille, 62-0, in a Northwest Upstate Illini Conference crossover game on Sept. 6 at the AHS field. The Panthers entered the game as the state’s second-ranked football team in Class 1A.

The Clippers managed to pick up 190 yards of offense in the contest – 92 on the ground and 98 from the passing game.

Lena-Winslow churned out 365 rushing yards as it moved to 2-0 on the season, having outscored its opponents 112-6.

The Clippers (0-2) will return to action on Friday, Sept. 13 when they travel to Forreston for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. The Cardinals are 2-0 after defeating Galena, 52-9, in week two.

Kish teams host Cider Donut Run/Walk 5K

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College volleyball and cross country teams will host a family-friendly Cider Donut Run/Walk 5K and ticket auction on Oct. 6. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. at the Kish Baseball Field with a 10 a.m. 5K start time.

“This is a great way to get our athletes involved with the local community,” comments Emily Bodmer, volleyball head coach. “We work to support our athletes’ holistic development—academically, athletically and with community involvement. It’s about developing character.”

Participants may pre-register now through Sept. 30. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Pre-registered participants will receive a t-shirt and apple cider donut from Jonamac Orchard.

People may register the day of the event as well. Day-of tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under. An apple cider donut is included but a t-shirt is not guaranteed.

Online registration for the 5K is available at www.ciderdonut5K.eventbrite.com.



Amboy Varsity Football

Front row, Weston Wittenauer, Carson Barlow, Justin Wicaryus, Tucker Lindenmeyer, Caden Wittenauer and Eddie Jones. Second row, Dylan Tornow, Zackery Wicaryus, Luke Moore, Dylan Daniels and Corey Pinter. Third row, Aiden Smith, Haden McCoy, Jairon Hochstatter, Sean Fitzpatrick, Marcus Winn, Tanner Schrock, Trevor Vaessen and Maxim Ryjov. Fourth row, Frank Montantes, Lane Boehle, Brad Gazza, Seth Browning, Austin Norman, Brady Jones and Preston Henkel. Fifth row, Phillip Stewart, Chandler Pohl, Jordan Gully, Joe Quest, Zack Ceretto, Brian Murphy and Bernard Carvalho. Sixth row, Head Coach Gary Jones, Assistant Coach Sam Jones, Assistant Coach Scott Payne, Assistant Coach Kenny Shrimplin, Assistant Coach Jeremy Wittenauer, and Assistant Coach George Schwamberger. Absent from photo is Assistant Coach Andrew Full.

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Amboy Dance Team

Front row, Aly McKendrym Natalia Soto, Brittany Barlow, Sabdy Herrera, Kaityln Reindel and Mariah Huffman. Back row, Coach Selena Rapp, Nicole Latta, Sophie Nelson, Shelby Laws, Angel Warner, Gracie Esquivel, and Susie Santiago.

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Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Fri., Sept. 13

AJHS Volleyball @ Montmorency Tournament - TBA

AHS Varsity Football @ Forreston - 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 14

AJHS Volleyball @ Montmorency Tournament - TBA

AHS Golf @ Baker Park, Kewanee - 8:30 a.m.

AHS Cross Country @ Zearing Park, Princeton -
9:00 a.m.

Mon., Sept. 16

AJHS Volleyball @ East Coloma - 8th-5:00

p.m./7th-6:00 p.m.

AHS Golf (H) Durand/Pecatonica - 4:00 p.m.

AHS Cross Country @ Rockridge - 4:30 p.m.

AHS Varsity Volleyball @ Newark - 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 17

AHS Golf @ Sunset, Mt. Morris - 4:00 p.m.

AHS Varsity Volleyball (H) Durand - 6:00 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 19

AHS Cross Country @ Skare Park, Rochelle - 4:30 p.m.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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Volleyball

Breanna Blaine

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Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.
Lunch option each day of the featured item or salad bar or yogurt with whole grain crackers or peanut butter & jelly or Grab&Go smoothie.

Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Chicken bacon flatbread, salad, onion, tomato, chips, fresh cut veggies/ranch, jello cup
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart Nachos Grande, salad, salsa, onion, jalapenos, tomato, black beans, fresh veggies, pears
Wednesday	- Breakfast pizza or pick two from breakfast cart - Loaded fries w/ground beef & cheese, bread/butter, fresh veggies, broccoli, juice cup
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Grilled cheese w/ham, goldfish, green beans, fresh cut veggies, pineapple, pudding
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Stuffed crust pizza, fresh cut veggies/ranch, juice box, applesauce cup

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CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU September 16 – 20

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Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.

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Keep it clean

Cleaning the surface of

equipment can go a long way toward keeping it operating smoothly. Use a pressure washer to remove caked-on mud and other debris. Titan iron suppliers recommend quickly washing equipment after usage so that substances do not have the chance to harden.

Learn the equipment

Over time, it is possible to employ your senses of sight, sound and even smell to determine if equipment is working properly. Familiar-

ize yourself with the owner's manual so you can troubleshoot minor problems. Any unusual sounds, odors or responses from the gear should be noted.

Routine maintenance checks

Routinely inspect hoses, fittings, and seals to ensure they are in good working condition. Be sure fluids, such as coolant and oil, are at the proper levels. Check and replace filters as needed. Tires need to be properly inflated, and inspect the battery for corrosion or other signs that it may need to be replaced. Check belts for cracks.

Tour the exterior of the equipment looking at signals and lights to ensure they are in proper working order. Hardware should be tightened and any missing pieces replaced.

Heavy farm equipment needs motor oil, hydraulic oil and filters changed more frequently than automobiles. Such equipment also may need more frequent lubrication of chains and cables. Always check and inspect equipment prior to jobs requiring heavy and extended usage.

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Maintenance on farm equipment helps keep operations running along and protects expensive investments.



NATIONAL
Farm Safety &
Health Week
September 15-21, 2019

The International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH) urges everyone involved in agriculture to recognize National Farm Safety and Health Week, taking place September 15-21, 2019.

This week serves as a great opportunity to reflect and revisit the importance of safety on farms and ranches, as well as adopt new and innovative practices to promote the awareness of safety solutions year-round.

With a goal of protecting people in agriculture, the 2019 theme, "Shift Farm Safety Into High Gear," reminds us to practice safety more intensely and actively in the day-to-day tasks we must accomplish around the farm or ranch.

ISASH is a world leader in the development of agricultural safety and health professionals. ISASH membership brings together countless agricultural leaders throughout the world. Members include engineers, educators, insurers, physicians, nurses, veterinarians, statisticians, communicators, business leaders and others with extensive farm backgrounds. ISASH provides opportunities for sharing research and intervention programs, improving professional skills and knowledge, networking and other supportive activities.

"Our members are a valuable and accessible resource for anyone who lives, visits and works on farms and ranches," says Scott Heiberger, ISASH President. "Our organization is here to work with the industry in identifying

safety needs and offering solutions."

Beginning in 1944, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety & Health Week. This recognition has been an annual promotion first initiated by the National Safety Council and has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the first document. This year, National Farm Safety and Health Week will again dedicate each weekday to relevant and emerging topics facing agriculture. The 2019 topics include:

Monday - Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety

Tuesday - Farmer Health & Suicide/Opioid Prevention

Wednesday - Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture

Thursday - Confined Spaces in Agriculture

Friday - Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture

ISASH extends a special thank you to the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety for their continued support and advocacy of farm safety and health practices. For more information on National Farm Safety and Health Week and safety resources, please visit the website of the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety necasag.org.

Learn more about the International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health by visiting our website isash.org, liking our Facebook page facebook.com/ISASH, and following us on Twitter and Instagram @real_isash.

Sharing the road with tractors during the fall harvest

By Lyssa Seefeldt,
UW-Extension Agriculture
Agent for Marquette
County, Wisconsin

September brings on all of the things that I like about the fall. The nights are cool and crisp, the days are sunny and mild. The leaves start to change color. Pumpkin sale wagons start sprouting up all over. The harvest season is upon us.

With the fall harvest also comes farmers with tractors and equipment on the roads. When you see a tractor ahead of you, please start slowing down from an adequate distance. Often the farm equipment is moving slower than you anticipate, so you will catch up quicker than you think you will.

According to the National Agriculture Safety Database, "A passenger car traveling at 55 miles per hour approaches a tractor traveling in the same direction at 15 miles per hour at a rate of 59 feet per second. If the car does not slow down, it reduces the distance between itself and the tractor by the length



of a football field in just 5 seconds." [1]

The average driver of a car traveling at 55 mph would take 224 feet to stop, leaving the driver in the above mentioned scenario only a few seconds to decide to slow down to avoid a collision.

Tractors and equipment are furnished with the slow moving vehicle emblem, reflectors, and lights to help you understand just how

wide the equipment is. Turn signals are especially helpful to watch for, and for farm vehicles without turn signals, watch for hand signals from the operator. Reflectors and lights help you determine how far pieces of the equipment are protruding in the rear and to the sides as it can be hard to tell where the edges of the equipment are, especially at night.

Always use caution when passing. It is illegal to pass in a no passing zone. Be patient, wait for a passing zone and for the left lane to be free of oncoming traffic.

When traveling behind or in the opposite direction of farm equipment, be sure to be watching for signals the equipment will be turning soon. Left turns into field or farmstead driveways are especially misleading. The tractor often has to make a slight swing to the right first before turning left to help the equipment following trail into the driveway properly. It is easy to mistake the slight turn to the right as an indicator that the equipment is turning right, when in fact the tractor and equipment is turning left.

Please remember that farmers are just trying to do their job. Farmers are someone's family too.

[1] Schwab, C., Miller, L. and M. Hanna. Reduce farm accident risks on the farm. Iowa State University Extension. Available at <http://nasdonline.org/1273/d001077/reduce-farm-accident-risks-on-the-farm.html>.



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Agriculture ranks among the most hazardous industries. While sharing your love of the farm, don't forget to share safety rules that keep your family safe.

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Safety tips for parents of young farmers

People who live in cities, exurbs or suburbs may not come across farms very frequently. But millions of people, including children, still live on farms.

Protecting children from injury on farms, especially those who perform work on farms, is of paramount importance. The American Society of Safety Engineers offers the following safety tips to parents of children who will be spending time on farms.

- Know and obey the laws. Various state and federal laws are in place to protect young children from farm-related accidents and injuries. Age requirements dictate which jobs children can perform on a farm, and parents should adhere to those requirements. Asking children to do more than they're physically capable of can lead to accident, injury or even death.

- Review equipment operation instructions. Before assigning children a task on the farm, parents should review the equipment operation instructions. Doing so can help parents reacquire themselves with tools and equipment they may not have used in awhile, and that can make it easier for them to teach kids how to use such equipment. In addition, reviewing equipment instructions may provide insight to parents unsure if their children are old enough to use certain tools.

• Inspect equipment. Before children perform any tasks on the farm, parents should inspect the equipment their children are likely to use to make sure each tool is safe. Make sure tools are in proper working order, as broken or poorly working equipment increases the risk of accident or injury.

- Enroll children in farm safety camps. The ASSE recommends that parents contact their local Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau offices to enroll children in farm safety camps. Such camps can teach kids safe farming techniques and the proper ways to use age-appropriate tools.

Another way for parents to protect their children on the farm is to set a positive example. Parents can do so in various ways. Using equipment properly, removing tractor keys from ignitions when tractors are not in use and exercising caution when using hazardous materials shows kids the importance of caution when working on farms.



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Putting a fire plan in place can keep a busy harvest season from going up in smoke

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Every year there are reports of combine fires. In a study of nearly 9,000 grain combine fires in the U.S., it was reported the majority (41.3 percent) were caused by crop residue. Crop residue and dust accumulate on engines and cracks and crevices through the combine. Managing this is key to decreasing risk of fire starting on the combine. Managing this is key to decreasing risk of fire starting on the combine. When it comes to preventing combine fires, there are the three P's to remember: prevention, preparation and practicality.

Prevention

- Keep the machine clean. Power-wash to remove caked-on grease, oil and crop residue. During harvest, frequently blow dry chaff, leaves and other crop materials off the machine. Remove any materials that have wrapped around bearings, belts and other moving parts. Be sure to check those pockets where wires or lights are housed and chaff accumulates.
- Eliminate heat sources. Exhaust systems surfaces, exposed electrical wiring and worn bearings, belts and chains can potentially generate enough heat to start dust and crop residue on fire. Check these areas daily and make repairs if there are problems.
- Don't park a hot combine in the shed or shop. After a long day of harvesting, smoldering hot spots may be present in the combine. If those spots suddenly flare up, at least you won't lose the building.

Preparation

- Keep at least one fully-charged, 10-pound ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher with an Underwriter's Laboratory approval in the combine cab.
- Mount a second, larger fire extinguisher on the outside of the machine that can be reached from ground level.
- Recharge partially discharged extinguishers.
- Have a cell phone.
- Have a plan. Turn off the engine, get the fire extinguisher and your phone. Get out and get help.
- Stay a safe distance away.
- Know when to wait for help.

Practicality

- Get out of the combine.
- Call 911 before beginning to extinguish the fire.
- Approach the fire with extreme caution. Small fires can flare up quickly with the addition of air (by opening doors or hatches).
- If fire begins spreading in the field, try to contain it. This may include tilling a strip around the fire to create a barrier.
- Consider your safety first. Combines can be replaced.

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Safety reminders during fall harvest season

With the urgency felt by farm families during the fall season, here are some safety reminders.

Equipment

Unfortunately, many farmers use older equipment during the harvest season that does not have recommended safety features. Keep your equipment in good condition and check to ensure all guards are properly positioned. Check to make sure that you have the recommended lighting on your tractor and implements especially when traveling in the early mornings or evenings.

Turn off the machine

Everyone is rushing to get that last field harvested and then the corn harvester gets plugged. Even though you are in a hurry to get done, you must always turn off the tractor before you get off the tractor to check or unclog any piece of equipment.

Rest and Breaks

During the harvest time, it is very easy for farm family members to not get adequate rest, take breaks, and even eat meals. In order for you to remain alert during harvest, you cannot sacrifice rest and nutrition. When doing fieldwork, take short breaks throughout the day to get out of the tractor to stretch. Stay hydrated and pack nutritious snacks or meals so that you have energy to complete the day's work.

Extra Workers

When it is crunch time during harvest, a person may sometimes accept help from a neighbor, family member, or friend. However, it is important for you to provide that person with farm safety training related to the task that they will be helping with on the farm.



Youth Safety

If you have youth (either your own, hired, or volunteers) working for you during the harvest season, evaluate the job they are doing to ensure they are not taking on more responsibility than they are mentally, cognitively, and physically able to accomplish. Always provide training for youth workers prior to doing any work and check in with them on regular intervals to

check on their progress and safety.

Body Mechanics

Not all harvesting is done with tractors and combines. Some fall crops require hand harvesting and heavy lifting. Remember it is better to make multiple trips with lighter loads than to strain your body by lifting or carrying too much. When carrying an object, hold the object as close to your body as possible and

lift with your knees rather than your back.

Sleep

Do not ignore your health during the harvest season. As hard as it might be, try to get adequate sleep which will help you rejuvenate from a hard day and prepare you for the next busy day.

Accessing the Tractor

During chopping, a person can get on and off the tractor numerous times to hitch and unhitch wagons. Consider using a hitching system to reduce the number of times you need to get on and off the tractor. If it is unavoidable, maintain 3 points of contact when getting on or off the tractor and avoid jumping off of the tractor or tractor steps to improve your safety and to protect your joints over time.

Personal Protective Equipment

Use personal protective equipment such as ear plugs, gloves, and safety glasses when appropriate.

Traveling on Roadways

Check to make sure that you have the recommended lighting on your tractor and implements especially when traveling in the early mornings or evenings. When possible, avoid traveling on roadways during the busy morning and evening commute times. Use an escort vehicle when necessary.

Do your part to make this a safe and healthy harvest season.



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Facts and figures on farm safety

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, agriculture is among the most hazardous industries. Fatal and nonfatal injuries pose a significant threat to farmers, including the many young people who work on farms. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, in an effort to promote productive and safe workplaces, supports programs that conduct research on injuries associated with agriculture as well as pesticide exposure, pulmonary disease, musculoskeletal disorders, hearing loss, and stress. Studying the results of such research, compiled by NIOSH, may compel veteran and novice farmers to further emphasize safety measures and promote practices that can reduce risk for accidents on the farm.

Estimates indicate that there were roughly 2.1 million full-time workers employed in production agriculture in 2017 and between 1.4 and 2.1 million hired crop workers employed annually on crop farms in the United States.

An estimated 893,000 young people under 20 years of age resided on farms in 2014. More than half of those young people performed farm work, and an additional 266,000 youth were hired to work on farms in 2014.

Each day, roughly 100 agricultural workers suffer injuries that cause them to miss time at work.

In 2014, 12,000 youth were injured on farms, and 4,000 of those youths could trace their injuries to farm work.

In 2016, 417 farmers and farm workers died from work-related injuries. Tractor overturns and other transportation incidents were the leading cause of death for these farmers and farm workers.

A rollover protection system, or ROPS, is a structure, similar to rollcages and rollbars in cars and trucks, intended to protect farm equipment operators from injuries caused by overturns or rollovers. NIOSH notes that an ROPS is the most effective way to prevent overturn deaths. Despite that, in 2014, only 62 percent of tractors used on farms in the U.S. were equipped with an ROPS.



Humane housing for safe and comfortable livestock

Livestock regulations are evolving to make conditions more humane and comfortable for animals.

Consumers depend on various agricultural producers to provide the fruits, vegetables and meat and dairy products they rely on for sustenance. The conditions in which livestock are sometimes housed and cared for is a cause of concern for many such consumers. However, farmers who understand that their livelihoods depend on the health of their animals often do their best to keep their livestock healthy and comfortable.

Animal agriculture is evolving as animal scientists, veterinarians and farmers seek ways to provide for animal health and welfare. At the same time, farmers are seeking ways to minimize the negative impact these changes can have on employees and the environment.

Indoor housing

Data published in 2016 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture found that indoor housing protects livestock from harsh external environments and serves to decrease exposure to parasites and diseases spread by insects, wildlife and other vectors.

Although some are quick to say that outdoor living is better and indoor conditions can be unsanitary, many studies have proven the opposite. Increased prevalence of infectious disease and parasites are well-known risks associated with outdoor housing of livestock, says the USDA. This has been proven by studying both indoor and outdoor chickens, as well as swine.

Battery cages

Many people are concerned about the welfare of hens spending time in battery cages. These cages prevent hens from fighting with one another, but they also put the birds in very tight quarters. Battery cages were often coveted because their sloped floors allowed clean eggs to roll away into collection areas, making the process less labor-intensive.

Farmers are trying to find a balance between keeping eggs clean and birds safe while providing humane living conditions without affecting the cost of eggs. In some areas, such as the European Union, battery cages are no longer in use. Egg-laying hens in Canada also may find battery cages a thing of the past thanks to the new NFACC code for the care and handling of Canada's hens.

In addition, Publix, Wal-Mart, Costco, Denny's, and more than 20 other major companies have stopped buying eggs from producers who use battery cages.

Group housing

Agricultural lawyer: Attorneys who specialize in agriculture deal with water and environmental issues, represent agricultural labor in disputes, ensure proper marketing techniques are followed, handle real estate and land use issues, and much more.

Animal control officer: These officers enforce local and regional laws that pertain to the treatment and care of animals. They patrol for distressed animals and ensure cruelty-free practices are adhered to.

Grain buyer: Grain buyers build relationships with producers so they can purchase grain for their

particular companies. They negotiate purchase agreements, source grain supplies and issue purchase orders.

Poultry hatchery manager: Hatchery managers oversee all of the aspects involved in poultry hatching. These can include management of personnel, handling and sorting of eggs, maintenance of equipment, coordination of pick-ups and deliveries, and overseeing quality control.

Soil scientist: Among the many tasks they might perform, scientists in the field of agriculture test soil samples for minerals and contaminants. By studying the soil, scientists can recommend which crops the land can

support, how much livestock can feed in an area and the implications of agriculture on the area as it pertains to managing natural resources.

A career in agriculture presents many exciting opportunities in a number of different applications. It's a vast industry that utilizes professionals with an array of skillsets.



Veal production has long been a point of contention among animal welfare activists. The traditional option has been keep calves alone in "veal crates," which are small and provide limited movement. Many veal farmers have slowly transitioned away from veal crates, says the organization Animal Smart.

Group pens and indoor barns are climate-controlled and allow calves to stay together. Some farms even afford the calves some outdoor time for fresh air.

Group housing is more social and less restrictive for the calves. According to the American Veal Association, veal farmers spent more than \$50 million over 10 years to transition to these group housing systems. Calves can stand, stretch, lie down, groom themselves, and benefit from year-round ventilation to thrive.

Furthermore, milk-fed calves raised for veal are raised until age 22 weeks, and marketed at 500 pounds, which is much older and larger than many people likely know, according to AVA.

Great strides are being made to ensure that livestock are provided humane living conditions and environments to keep them comfortable and safe.

Explore a career in agriculture

The agricultural industry provides a variety of opportunities to professionals interested in this often misunderstood field.

According to the employment resource AGCareers.com, more than 250 career profiles are available to people interested in a career in agriculture. And while jobs in agriculture may not be as prevalent as they were a few centuries ago, when 72 percent of the workforce was employed in farm occupations in the United States, agriculture remains a booming industry that greatly affects the nation's economy. Today, one in 12 American jobs is depends on agriculture, according to the career resource Payscale.

The following are some potential professions for those considering careers in agriculture.

Agricultural business manager: This person oversees the business operations of a farm by providing organization and leadership during the production process. He or she contacts creditors, selects seeds, buys new equipment, and ensures the distribution of product.



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