

Celebrating **The 2018 AMBOY DEPOT DAYS Aug. 23-26**

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Welcome to the 37th Annual Amboy Depot Days



**Amboy Mayor
John Schamberger**

It's that time of year again folks, welcome to the 37th Annual Depot Days. This year's festivities will surely entertain all ages. The weekend will kick off on Thursday night downtown at the main stage for the Miss Amboy Contest, be sure to stick around for family night with all rides costing only \$2.

On Friday the community wide garage sales begin at 8 a.m. and the carnival will open at 6 p.m. The food stands will be open at 10 a.m. with a wide variety of choices. Saturday morning is off to an early start with the Depot Days Dash 5k. The Amboy Fire Department will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station starting at 7 a.m. This year the library will be hosting a few special guests, PJ Mask, Catboy, Spiderman and Cinderella Characters will be doing a meet and great from 11 a.m. until 1

p.m. and photos will be available from On 3 Photo. Shortly after that the parade will begin at 3 p.m. followed by live music downtown from Eileen Quest and Guests, and then Brushville will wrap up the night on the main stage.

As they say, the best for last, Sunday we will be hosting one of the largest Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Shows in Northern Illinois. Have you got your 50/50 tickets yet? Last year's winner received \$110,885.

On behalf of the City Council, I would like to thank all of our sponsors that make this weekend happen, without them this great event would not be possible.

This is one weekend you will definitely not want to miss in Amboy, see you there.

**John Schamberger
Amboy Mayor**

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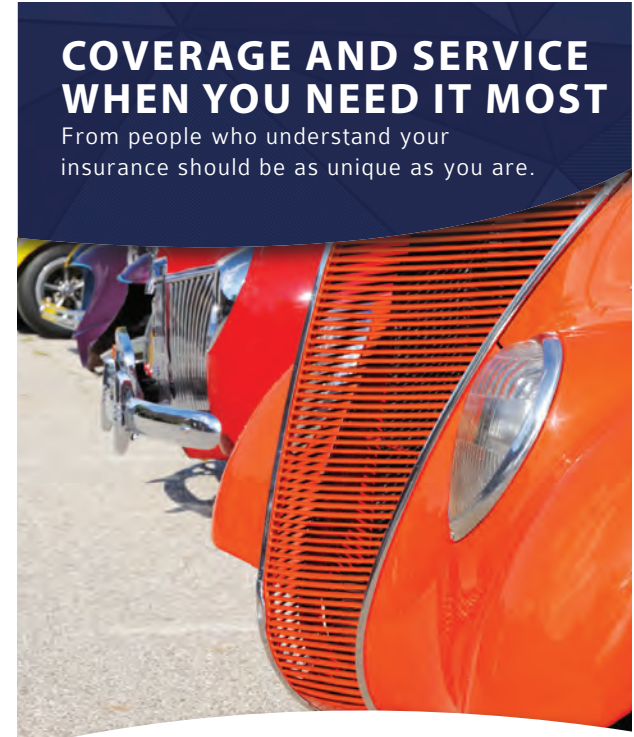
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Area's biggest and best car show returns to Amboy Sunday, Aug. 26

AMBOY - The area's biggest and best car show returns this year bigger and better than ever. The Amboy Depot Days Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show will take place on Sunday, Aug. 26 (rain or shine) during Depot Days in Amboy. As in years past, the judged show will include an array of cars, trucks and motorcycles on display throughout the downtown area. Pre-registration has indicated that this year's show will be a big one.

"We are doing something new this year," said show coordinator, Garth Dallam. "The cars and trucks will be parked as they come in, not in classes as we have done in the past. This is something we have been talking about for months, so we are going to try it and see if it works." Cars will begin parking on Main Street next to the highway and continue down to Whisky Ave. Then they will fill Sensient Parking lot and progress from there. The cars that enter the show do not have to be judged, but judging sheets

will be on each car. Once Main Street is full, the entrants will have one hour to get ready before judging begins.

"If the sun shines, they will come," said Dallam.

The Amboy Depot Days Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show was started in 1991 by a group of friends who not only had an interest in antique and classic vehicles but also desired a way to showcase their community. Since that time, the show has grown not only in the number of vehicles on display but also in the quality of vehicles, which has continued getting better each year.

The IASCA (International Auto Sound Challenge Association) will also be part of the show again this year.

These cars will be on display at the triangle at the Amboy Junior High School.

Help is needed to park cars and judge them. If you are interested in helping in any way please contact the show organizers.

"As volunteers, our day



starts early," said Hank Gerdes. "Most car shows start registration at 8 a.m. We start registration at 6 a.m. and by 5 a.m., there is a double line waiting to get in. Cars come from as far away as Iowa and Wisconsin for this show."

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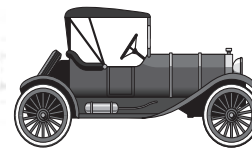
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Gerdes and his crew, also known as the A Team, start at 2:30 a.m. Their job is to close the streets and set up the gates. Then another crew comes in to mark off the various classes and set up markers.

“We also have to set up the tents, the motorcycle area, the registration booth and it all has to be ready to go by 6 a.m.,” Gerdes said.

Registration of vehicles will be from 6-11 a.m. Sunday morning and dash plaques will be given to the first 600 cars and first 65 motorcycles. Judging takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There are 47 classes and three trophies are awarded in each class; four trophies will be awarded for any class with over 20 entries. Awards will be presented after 3 p.m. on the main stage near the Depot Museum.

Participant voting awards include best engine, best paint, best interior, best GM, best Ford, best Mopar, Best of Show and Best of Show Motorcycle. Other awards include Mayor’s Choice Award, Miss Amboy Award and a special prize to the longest distance traveled to the show.

Special features at the show this year will be two old Hudson cars with Nas-

car engines and a monster truck.

A free shuttle service will again be available on Sunday. Visitors may park at Amboy High School and be transported to the downtown area.

Proceeds from the Amboy Car Show benefit various projects within the community. More information is available online at www.depotdays.com.



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Amboy Lions Club parade to "Chasing Your Dreams"

AMBOY – The Amboy Lions Club is accepting parade entries for the 2018 Amboy Depot Days Parade. The parade takes place during Depot Days on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. This year's parade theme is "Chasing Your Dreams."

The parade line up will take place at Amboy City Park, E. Main Street, beginning at 1:30 p.m. with judging at 2:30 p.m.

The parade will cross IL Route 52 heading west and continue down Main Street and wrap up at the Amboy Middle School.

Organizers expect a large contingency of politicians since it is an election year. No one is paid

to participate in the parade. Parade announcer Hank Gerdes will be stepping down this year.

As in the past, cash prizes are offered in the following categories: Best of Theme, Marching Units, Kids, Tractors, Trucks, Cars, Horses, Clowns, Commercial and Judge's Choice.

There is no entry fee to be in the Depot Days Parade. Registration is not required but appreciated, to register, call Ken Novak, parade chairman, at 815-440-8866 (cell) or 815-288-2760 (work), e-mail amboyionsclub@gmail.com or register online at amboyionsclub.com.



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August 23, 24, 25, 26

Thursday, August 23

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6pm-10pm Carnival on Depot Museum Grounds
"Family Night Special" All Rides \$2.00
6:30pm Depot Days Little Dancers-on Main Stage
7pm Miss Amboy Pageant & Little Miss Amboy
8:30pm Announcement of Miss Amboy of 2018

Friday, August 24

8am-4pm Community Wide Garage Sales
8am-5pm Craft Booths - Downtown
10am-10pm Food Stands open - Depot Museum Grounds
6pm-10pm Carnival on Depot Museum Grounds.
Arm bands \$20.00 for unlimited rides.
7:30p-9:30pm Sid V and The Human Resources on Main Stage. FREE - Sponsored by Shell Oil
9:30p-12:30a K.C.'s Beer Garden: Against the Grain

Saturday, August 25

7:30am Adult 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Amboy Education Foundation.
Contact: Joyce Schamberger, 815/857-2164 or register at www.amboy.net
7am-12pm Pancake Breakfast: Amboy Fire Department at the Fire Station
8am-1pm Amboy Farm Tractor. Downtown Amboy. John Pierce at 815/973-4676
8am-5pm Community Wide Garage Sales
8am-5pm Craft Booths - Downtown
10am-10pm Food Stands open - Depot Museum Grounds
11am-1am K.C.
11am-1pm Beer Garden: South of Bandstand
Kids Meet & Greet PJ Masks, Catboy, Spiderman & Cinderella at Pankhurst Memorial Library, 3 S. Jefferson Ave.
Noon-3pm Carnival on Depot Museum Grounds
Arm bands \$20.00 for unlimited rides
2pm-4pm Free Face Painting by Whimsy Paint (Depot Parking Lot)
3pm Depot Days Parade - Sponsored by the Amboy Area Lions Club - www.amboylionsclub.com to sign up

Amboy's Depot Days is presented to benefit the Amboy Depot Museum. Your support is greatly appreciated. The Depot Days Committee wishes to give a special thank you to the many people who volunteer their time, energy and funds to ensure the success of Depot Days.

Carnival sponsored by Amboy Area Chamber of Commerce. Plenty of FREE parking is available! Thank you for joining us!

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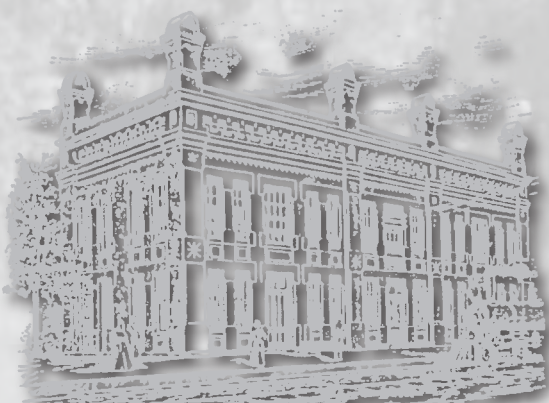
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August 23, 24, 25, 26

Saturday, August 25

- 3:30-5pm Live Music by Eileen Quest
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- 4pm-5pm Teen Turf Donkey Drop-Chance to win \$\$
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- 7pm-9pm Brushville on Main Stage. FREE
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- 9pm-1am K.C. Beer Garden: Live Music

Sunday, August 26

- 6am-3pm 28th Annual Depot Days Car, Truck & Motorcycle
Show — Downtown Amboy.
- 6:30-10am Pancake Breakfast: Knights of Columbus, at the Beer
Garden
- 8am-4pm Crafts - Downtown Streets
- 8am-4pm Community Wide Garage Sales
- 10am-4pm Food Stands Open
- 11:30am Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show Judging - Downtown
Amboy
- Noon-5pm K.C. Beer Garden: South of the Bandstand
- Noon-4pm Carnival on Depot Museum Grounds.
Arm bands \$20.00 for unlimited rides.
- 3pm Depot Days Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show
Awards Presentation & 50/50 Drawing. Lastyear's
50/50 winner received \$110,885. Main
Stage by Depot Museum

INFORMATION BOOTHS

Information Booth. On West Main St. in front of First Federal. 50/50 Ticket Sales: Available at Jones & Berry Lumber, 2 Sisters on Main, Mort's Tap, Depot Tap, The Last Alarm, Shell.

DAILY INFORMATION

- FREE SHUTTLE on Sunday. Park at Amboy School, 11 E. Hawley St.
- First Aid & Cooling Center at the Lee County Farm Bureau, 37 S. East Avenue.
- Food Stands & Restrooms are open all weekend on Depot Grounds.
- Community-Wide Garage Sales: Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8am-5pm. Garage sale maps available at City Hall or the information booth.
- Museums open for viewing. Stop in and enjoy a little of Amboy's history. The Gift Shop will be open.
- Car Show Registration and information - Contact Garth Dallam 815/857-2946. www.amboycarshow.com

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Travi named 2018 Depot Days Parade Grand Marshal

AMBOY — The Amboy Lions Club is proud to announce that Jean Travi has been named the 2018 Amboy Depot Days Parade Grand Marshal.

For 39 years Jean Travi has taught three generations of Amboy youth, many of whom have gone on in various sciences related fields.

Jean grew up on a farm outside of Hampshire, the daughter of Art and Shirley Getzelman. Her family was science oriented with her father being a farmer, her mother a nurse, brothers, Bob of Denver, Colo., and

Tom of Hampshire, both veterinarians, and sister, Ann, of Hampshire, an ER nurse.

Her father was a 30 year 4-H leader and she and her siblings showed beef cattle and exhibited various other projects. In 1970 she was chosen Northern Illinois Shorthorn Lassie and toured the county fairs that summer to present trophies and ribbons. One of those fairs was the Lee County Fair.

Jean recalls, "Amboy seemed like a nice, friendly rural town, a lot like her hometown of Hampshire."

In 1971, she graduated with a BS in Education from Illinois State University and saw that District 272 was looking for a teacher. After submitting her resume, she was called in for an interview.

On that spring Saturday in May she remembers walking into a beautiful new high school building that was being transformed for the prom that evening. Principal Jim Braida was on a ladder hanging decorations for the "Age of Aquarius" prom theme. After a tour of the building and an interview she was offered the job and

has always been grateful for the opportunity to begin her teaching career in Amboy.

It was at Amboy High School that she met her husband, Jim Travi, of 44 years. For the past 33 years he has been a Financial Advisor with Waddell & Reed in Sterling, son, Matt, is an AHS and Western Illinois University graduate and is the lead software design engineer for Gain Compliance out of Des Moines, Iowa. He lives with his wife Andrea, daughter Ella, (4) and son, Cade (1) in Cumming, Iowa.

Jean is active in St. Patrick's Parish of Amboy and served 18 years as sacristan. She also helps her husband plant, weed and maintains the Amboy Welcome signs.

Jean received her MS from Northern Illinois University and taught her entire career at AHS. "The first year I taught Health and Physical Education with Jim Mahar, Life Science and was the coach for football, basketball and wrestling cheerleading," she said. "In 1972 Title 9 was passed which mandated girls could participate in team sports so I also became the frosh-soph and varsity volleyball and basketball coach for many years. At that time we played conference teams but our facilities were not the best.



Jean Travi

Sandy Mahar refereed most of our volleyball matches standing on a wooden step ladder with it tied to the gym wall for stability. The host and visiting teams then met for "milk and cookies" after the game.

When Orville Spurlin retired she took over the Biology classes, Anatomy and Physiology and was fortunate to team-teach the Environmental classes with Joyce Gibson and Gary Carlson, as well as coach the Northwest Council #1 Environthon teams with Mark Streit. "I am ever grateful to Lyle Reuter, Hazel Reuter, Deb Carey and Sally Baumgardner and other community volunteers for their many hours of help with our prairie trips in educating our students about the great local area prairies of our state," said Travi. "Gail Dunn and Carolyn Nelson were always available to help with

various research projects and preparing student slide show presentations for state competitions."

In the 1990s Mr. Braida and Sauk Valley College introduced AHS to Tech Prep courses in the vocational and applied technology fields. Amboy participated in the "school to work program" for many years.

Jean was a National Tandy Corp. Technology Scholar finalist and nominated several times for the Illinois Science Teacher of the Year.

"One of my favorite classes was Anatomy and Physiology," said Travi. "I have had many of my students continue on into various medical professions. We were able to take field trips to the Sauk Valley Community College Science and Nursing Departments, including examining Sauk's human cadavers. My classes were invited for many years to the office of the late Dr. Thomas Lawless to examine the eye."

Many of Jean's students were allowed to take advantage of job shadowing opportunities at KSB Hospital with medical, business, pharmaceutical and laboratory personnel. During her last 5 years of teaching, she was able

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Ticket sales will end on Saturday at noon, at the Ashton, Dixon, Ohio, and Sublette locations.

Amboy locations will sell tickets until noon on Sunday.

Tickets may also be purchased at two locations on Main Street during Depot Days festivities each evening & all day on Sunday.

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Safety measures in place during annual Depot Days

AMBOY – The Amboy Fire Department will ramp up the safety procedures during the Amboy Depot Days this year.

“Each year we try to build on the services that we were able to offer the year before,” said Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant.

In the 2018 Depot Days there will once again be a cooling center housed inside the Lee County Farm Bureau Building from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There will be an area for cooling off, an area to have your vitals checked, a first

aid station, a triage area and a treatment area that will be staffed by EMTs and a physician from Mercy Health.

In addition to the cooling center, there will be five mobile ATV with an EMT and a paramedic on them to assist visitors as needed.

There will also be five stations throughout the area, staffed by local churches, that will dispense free water. The water is donated by the Amboy Fire Department, Republic Services, the Amboy Lions Club and Amboy Food and Liquor.

“One of the major issues we have seen over the years, is that people become dehydrated,” said Bryant. “So we hope to alleviate issues by having free water available to everyone. The water was donated by the Amboy Fire Department, the Amboy Police Department, the Amboy Lions, Republic Service and the Car Show committee. Area churches will handle dispensing the water.”

“Every year we get better and are better prepared to handle emergencies,” said Bryant.

The attendance at the car show on Sunday averages about 100,000 people.

In addition area departments who will assist this years event include Advanced EMS Dixon, Sublette Fire Department, Harmon Fire Department, Walnut Fire Department and Compton Fire Department.

“The weather definitely dictates the day,” said Bryant. “If it is as hot, we will be busy.”

Handicap parking will be available at the Amboy Fire Department parking lot.

Sid V and The Human Resources to take the Main Stage Friday night

AMBOY — Sid V and the Human Resources will be taking the Main Stage from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 24. This free concert is sponsored by Johnson Oil Company.

Sid V and The Humane Resources are a very ex-

perienced, band - guitar, keyboard, bass, drums. They've lived the music they play. All of members of the band are singers and musicians who perform a wide variety of oldies, classic rock, blues, country, some big band, folk mu-

sic, polkas and cute songs for all ages from the 50s through 80's and some select songs before 1950 and beyond the 80s up to the current era.

St. Louis Joe sounds like Elvis and Roy Orbison, Matt sounds like Mick

Jagger, Van Morrison, Tom Petty and Bob Dylan, and together with Mike and Sid perform Beatles, Stones, Led Zeppelin, Chuck Berry, Butterfield Blues Band, Creedance, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Doors, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Charles, Little

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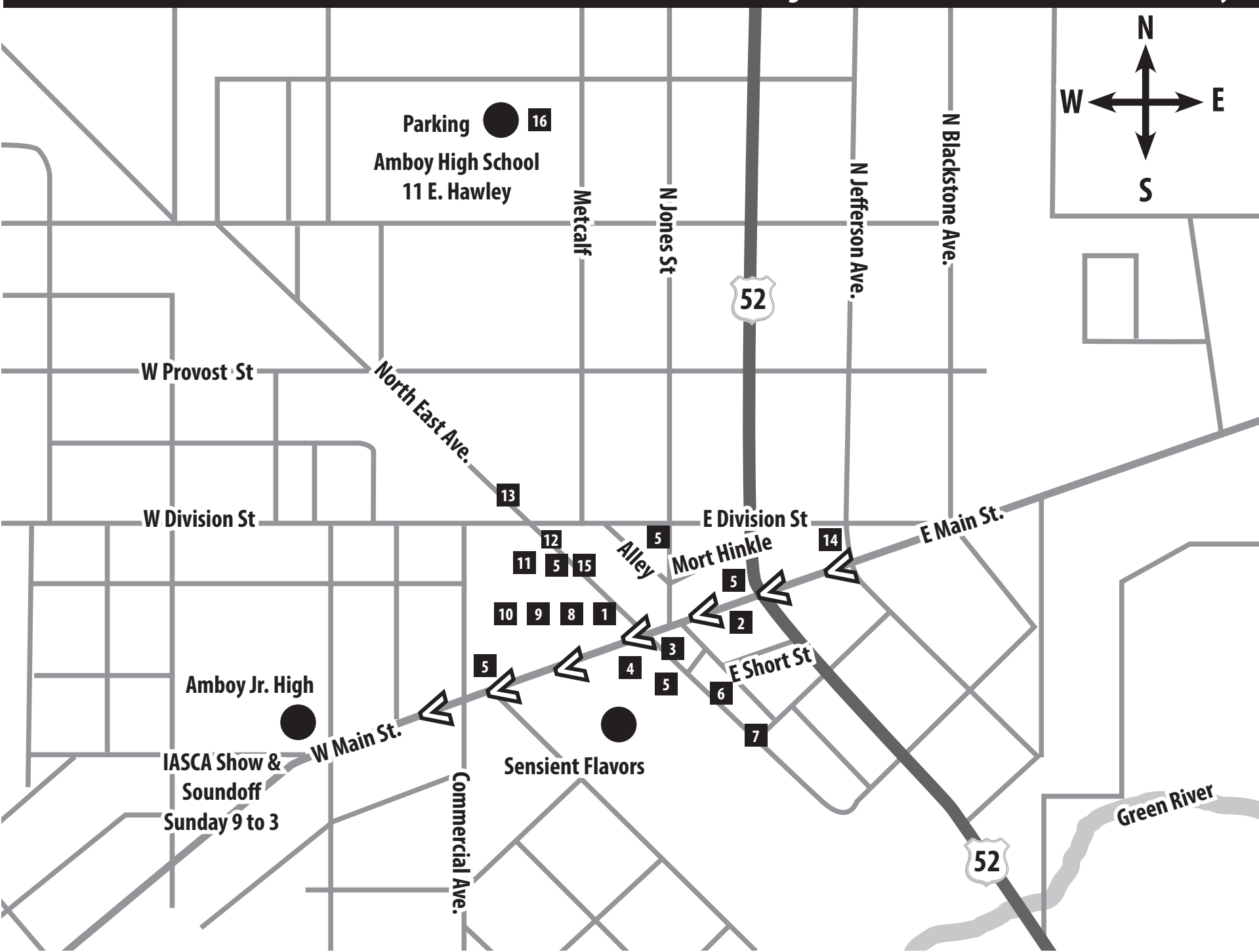
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| 1 | Amboy Depot Museum | 9 | Carnival/Food Stands |
| 2 | City Hall/Police Department | 10 | Freight House |
| 3 | Information Booth | 11 | Palmer School |
| 4 | Car Show Registration/Bandstand | 12 | Veterans Park |
| 5 | Water Stations (Sunday Only) | 13 | Fire Station |
| 6 | K.C. Beer Garden | 14 | First United Church |
| 7 | Rest Rooms | 15 | First Aid Cooling Station |
| 8 | Rest Rooms | 16 | Parking and Free Shuttle to Downtown on Sunday |
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Depot Days Craft Show

AMBOY - Crafters will start lining the streets of downtown Amboy on Friday morning, Aug. 24 and be open for business at 8 a.m. Various items will be available for sale until 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and until 4 p.m. on Sunday throughout Depot Days.

Be sure to browse through the colorful downtown booths and see all the unique handmade items offered by crafters this year. In addition, vendors with all types of new merchandise will line the streets of Amboy.

While shopping downtown, be sure to also stop in and visit Amboy's local merchants.

See page 20 for a list of this year's vendors.



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A festival of flavorful food awaits at Depot Days

AMBOY – Enjoy some taste tempting treats all four days of Depot Days 2018. Food vendors will open for business on the Depot Museum grounds starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday evening and be on hand continuously through Sunday. If you are looking for gyros, pizza, corn dogs, brats, funnel cakes, ice cream and a wide array of other tasty treats, you will find them in Amboy.

On Saturday morning, get off to a great

start with a hearty pancake breakfast at the Amboy Fire Station, where the Volunteer Fire Department will serve from 7 a.m. to noon. Then fuel up again on Sunday morning with an all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast served by the Knights of Columbus at the beer garden, downtown Amboy from 6:30-10 a.m.

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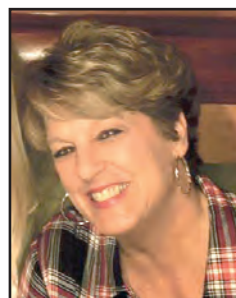
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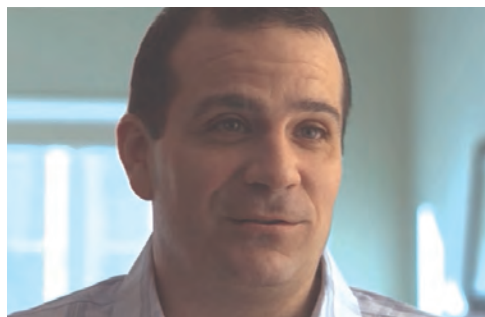


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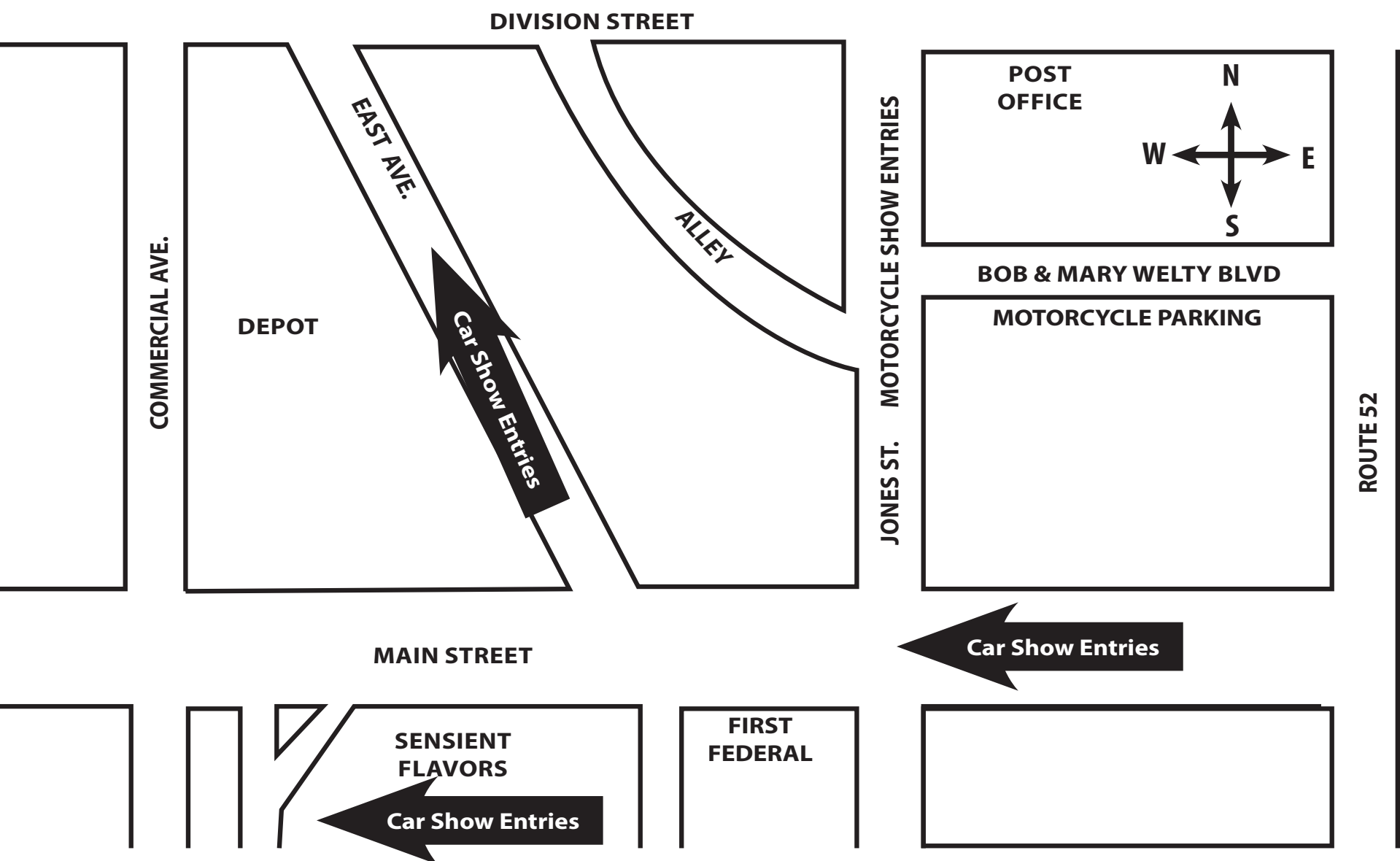
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2018 AMBOY DEPOT DAYS CAR SHOW MAP



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- A** Rest. - Orig. Models A - B - T
- B** Rest. - Orig. Antique Cars 1948 & Older
- C** Rest. - Orig. Cars 1949 - 1954
- D** Rest. - Orig. Cars 1955 - 1956 - 1957
- E** Rest. - Orig. Cars 1958 - 1963
- F** Rest. - Orig. Cars 1964 - 1965
- G** Rest. - Orig. Cars 1966 - 1967
- H** Rest. - Orig. Cars 1968 - 1969
- I** Rest. - Orig. Cars 1970 - 1972
- J** Rest. - Orig. Cars 1973 - 1986
- K** Rest. - Orig. Cars 1987 - 2005
- L** Rest. - Orig. Cars & Trucks 2006 - Present , Cleanest Vehicle Wins
- M** Street Rods - Steel Bodies 1934 & Older
- N** Street Rods - Steel Bodies 1935 - 1939
- O** Street Rods - Steel Bodies 1940 - 1948
- P** Street Rods - Glass Bodies

- R** Corvettes 1968 - 1982
- S** Corvettes 1984 - 1996
- T** Corvettes 1997- Present
- U** Customs (includes Low Riders)
- V** Street Machines 1949- 1957
- W** Street Machines 1958 - 1965
- X** Street Machines 1966- 1967
- Y** Street Machines 1968 - 1969
- Z** Street Machines 1970 - 1975
- AA** Street Machines 1976- Present
- BB** Pro Street Cars & Trucks -Tubbed
- CC** Rest. - Orig. Trucks 1969 & Older
- DD** Rest. - Orig. Trucks 1970 -2005
- EE** 4X4 Trucks Modified
- FF** 4X2 Trucks Modified 1953 & Older
- GG** 4X2 Trucks Modified 1954 & Newer

- HH** Convertibles (top up for judging - no Corvettes)
- II** Special Interest - Cars Only, Unique Vehicles
- JJ** Special Interest- Other Than Cars
- KK** Cruiser Class - Non-Judged Class for Exhibition Only, Any Vehicle
- LL** Harley Davidson Stock Big Twin
- MM** Harley Davidson Custom Modified Big Twin
- NN** Harley Davidson Dressers
- OO** Vintage Chopper & Vintage Harley Davidson 00-1992 & older
- PP** Harley Davidson Sportsters
- QQ** Stock Trikes
- RR** Radical Baggers
- SS** Special Interest - Bobbers, Hillclimbers, Trikes, Rats, etc.
- TT** Metric Motorcycles & Indians
- UU** Antique Metric 1992 & Older
- VV** Rockets
- WW** Choppers

10th Annual Depot Dash to offer families a little friendly competition

AMBOY — Have you started training for the 10th Annual Depot Days Dash? Don't do it alone, get your family to join in. New this year is the Family Challenge.

The 10th Annual Depot Days Dash 5K Run/Walk for Education will take place on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 8 a.m. sponsored by the Amboy Education Foundation. The starting line will be at the Amboy High School track, 11 East Hawley Street, in Amboy.

The Depot Days Dash committee has noticed over the past several years there are a number of family groups participating in the Depot Days Dash and we thought, "What about a little friendly competition?" A team can be as few as

five members and as many as 10 and can be related through birth or marriage.

A trophy will be awarded to the top finishing team, but personal satisfaction can be attained by just beating your brother's, sister's or cousin's team.

Remember this is a 5K Run/Walk so not everyone needs to be a competitive runner. Decide on a Team Name and Captain before registering. After the Team Captain is registered other team members can join the team.

Pre-race packet pick up will take place from 4 – 6:30 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 24, at the Amboy High School cafeteria. Check-in on Saturday will be from 6:45-7:45 a.m. near the high school entrance.

Walkers are welcome.

Awards will be given for first, second and third place overall (male and female) and also for the female and male winner in each of 14 age groups. A trophy will also be given to the first Amboy finisher (male and female). The awards ceremony will take place at 9:30 a.m., at the stage near the Depot Museum.

A Corporate Challenge category is also available. Teams must include at least five members who are current employees up to a maximum of 15 members.

The place of the top five runners will be added together for the team total. The team with the lowest score will be the winner and receive a plaque and

bragging rights for one year. Companies may enter more than one team.

Running clubs are not eligible. Corporate teams must register in advance; no race day registration will be allowed.

The race will feature

splits at mile marker 1 and 2, aid station on course, traffic control, refreshments, T-shirts to participants (while they last), B-Bib timing provided by Accu-split, and is USATF certified.

Go to www.amboy.net

to access on-line registration. You can also mail registration forms to PO Box 46, Amboy and the committee will get you registered.

All proceeds benefit the students of the Amboy School District.



Have a safe and fun time at this year's Amboy Depot Days.

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The real winners of the Depot Days 50/50 raffle

AMBOY — The 50/50 drawing is probably the most exciting part of the Amboy Depot Days for many people. As part of the Depot Days celebration the car show started having a 50/50 drawing. In the early days, the ticket holder took home 50 percent of the drawing and the Amboy Depot was the recipient of the other cash. The Amboy Depot Museum is still a recipient of a cash donation, but the car show committee has had the opportunity to donate to many other community interests as well.

The drawing grew over the years and the recipient list has grown as well.

Over the years, the lucky ticket holders have realized winnings of anywhere from \$8,400 in 2001 to \$149,333 in 2015. The 50/50 drawing grew at a rapid rate over the past few years.

Last year's winner took home \$110,885. This year second - fifth place will also receive a cash prize of \$5,000.

But the real winners are the local organizations that benefit from a piece of the pot.

Last year's recipients were Amboy, Sublette and Ashton fire departments, Amboy Depot Museum, local food pantries, Lee County Fair Association, Ashton Lions Club, Lee County Shop with a Cop, Lee County Ag in the Classroom, Amboy Youth Soccer, Amboy's Central School Library, Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society and Sublette 365. In total, these organizations received more than \$100,000

through the 50/50 drawing.

Each year organizations are able to submit a request for a donation from the committee to assist with their needs. The letter needs to be clear on what the funds are being sought for and the amount they are requesting. After the car show is done, the committee meets to recap the recent show and to review the requests. The entire committee votes on which of the requests and decides on the amount to be rewarded.

Another way that the committee gives back is by offering \$2,000 scholarships to students who will be attending a trade school.

Other sources of revenue for the car show are the donations for the trophies and the sale of t-shirts and hats.

Tickets are available now. The locations where tickets are available is located on page 8 this special section.

The tickets sell for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Typically they are sold right up until time for the drawing, which is at 4 p.m.



on the day of the car show.

Winners need not be present to win.

You can follow the drawing information on Facebook at Amboy Depot Days 50/50 Drawing.

Be sure and get a ticket, you just never know, it could be your lucky year.



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Miss Amboy Pageant takes stage on Thursday night

AMBOY - The Miss Amboy, Junior Miss, Little Miss and Little Mister Amboy Pageants will take place during this year's Depot Days on Thursday, Aug. 23.

The pageant will be held on the main stage in the Depot Museum parking lot beginning at 7 p.m. Announcement of Miss Amboy 2018 is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

To participate in the pageants, girls must live in the Amboy School District.

This year's contestants vying for the crown of Miss Amboy include:

Margaret Vaessen is a 16 year old Junior attending Amboy High School. She is the daughter of Michael and Brenda Vaessen. Margaret is sponsored by Sublette Mechanical. She is currently serving as the Class of 2020 Vice President. She is an accomplished track

and cross country athlete, who has competed at the state level in both sports. Margaret is a member of National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society, Student Council, 4-H, and FFA. Margaret is serving as the Amboy FFA Chapter Vice President and the Section 2 Treasurer. Her future plans include attending college and double majoring in math and English to become a teacher.

Emma Weber is a 15 year old sophomore attending Amboy High School. She is involved in FFA, AHS Poms Team, and was the fresh/soph cheer team captain last year. She is a lifeguard out at Woodhaven Lakes, who is going to be her sponsor. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, and actively volunteers at local animal shelters.

Hope Sachs is a senior

at Amboy High School. She is being sponsored by Amboy Food & Liquor. Extracurricular activities she's involved in includes football cheerleading, basketball, band and musicals. Volunteer work she participates in is coaching little lady clippers, summer basketball camp, science siesta and community service projects for 4-H. Her plans for after high school is to study aerospace engineering and music.

There will also be the Little Miss Amboy, Little



Margaret Vaessen

Mister Amboy, and Junior Miss Amboy pageants before Miss Amboy is



Emma Weber

crowned. Prior to the pageant, enjoy a performance by the



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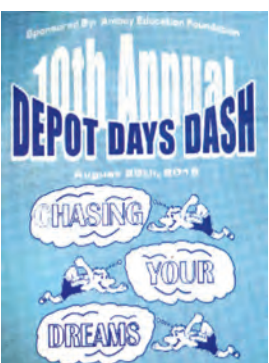
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- 2005 WAYNE WEIDMAN

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- 2002 MADGE KING
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- 1999 BERNARD BUSHMAN
- 1998 BOB DICKINSON
- 1997 JOHN A LIGGET
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Amboy Depot Museum open during annual Depot Days

AMBOY - The Amboy Depot Museum is located in a former depot and division headquarters of the Illinois Central Railroad located in downtown Amboy.

The structure is an architecturally unique two-story building built of brick and cut Joliet limestone and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Depot has been completely restored both inside and out and includes the original brick tarmac surrounding the depot and the grounds of the former rail-yard, which is now preserved as a city park. Also reconstructed were the distinctive chimney caps on the building's eight chimneys, fully restoring the building to its original exterior configuration. Within the museum are artifacts of both the history of Amboy and the Illinois Central Railroad.

The museum complex also includes a freight house with additional artifacts, a fully restored one-room country schoolhouse, a retired steam engine and a caboose. Everyone is welcome to stop in and enjoy some local history at one of the best small-town depot museums to be found anywhere.

The Amboy Depot Museum and gift shop will be open to the public throughout Depot Days. Their regular hours are from 1 - 4 p.m., Sunday and Thursday, and from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday. They are closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Depot closes for the season from Nov. 1 through March 31.

The museum is located on Main Street, two blocks

west of US 52. There is no admission; donations are accepted.

They may be reached by phone at (815) 857-4700 or e-mail information@amboydepotmuseum.org.



Brushville to take the Main Stage Saturday night

AMBOY - Get ready for some fabulous country music, Amboy, as 'Brushville' will take the Main Stage for a high-energy show from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 during Amboy Depot Days.

Brushville for its lively shows, Brushville has been playing sold out venues because of its high energy performances.

Brushville has been igniting stages all over the Mid-

west for the past four years. The band has been sought out by the biggest and best events that the industry has to offer, including Chicago's Country Music Festival, Country Fest and Country Thunder in Wisconsin, as well as premier venues like two-time ACM Nightclub of the Year winner, Joe's Bar in Chicago, and Spinnaker Beach Club in Panama City, Fla., for spring break.

To prove just how much of an impact Brushville can have, the band entered the Battle for the Saddle at Nashville's legendary Wildhorse Saloon in 2012.

See **MUSIC** page 21

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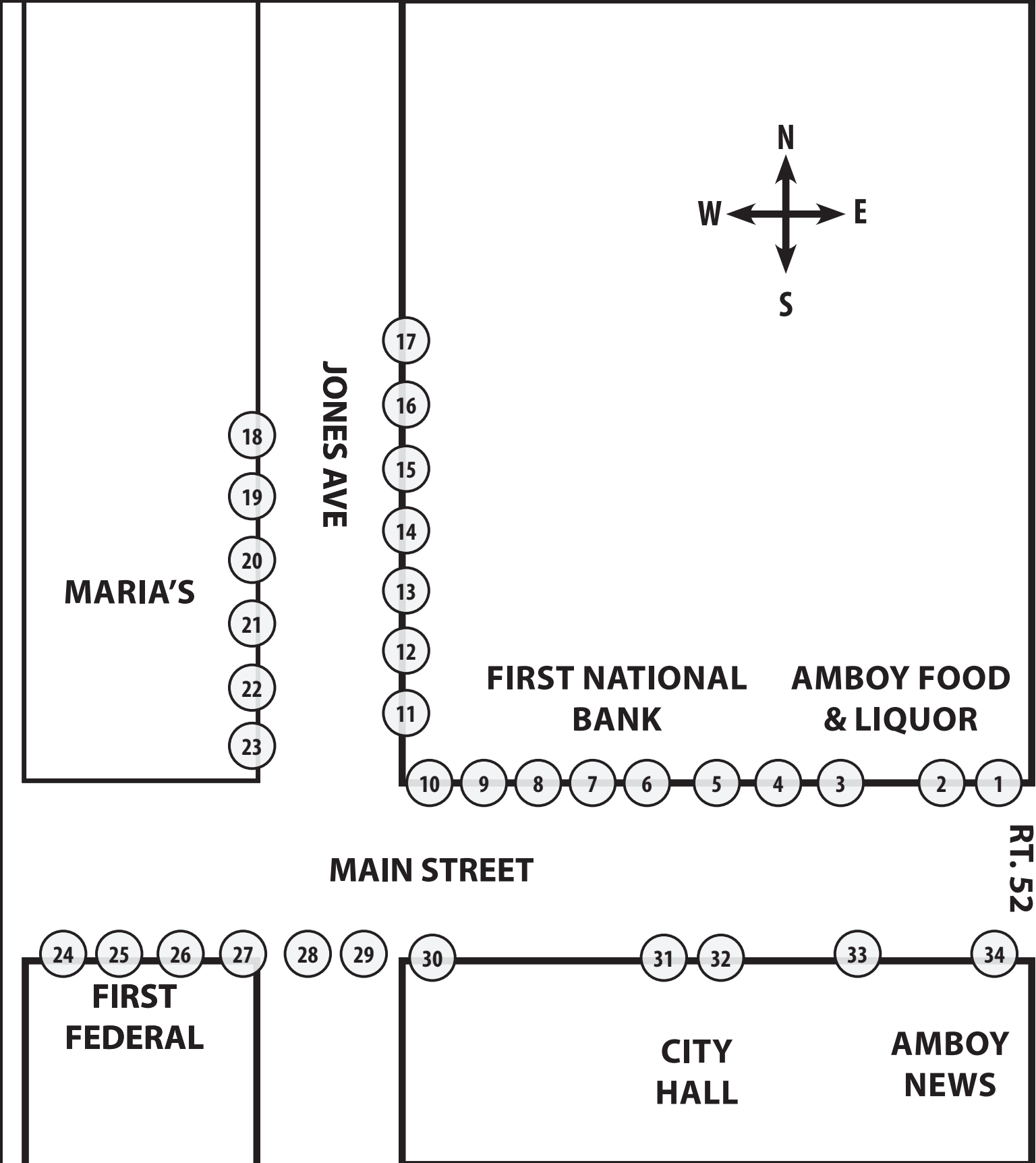


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- 27. Laser Artwork
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2018 AMBOY DEPOT DAYS VENDOR MAP



Teen Turf hosts Donkey Drop fundraiser

AMBOY - Want another chance to win money during the Amboy Depot Days? Stop by the Donkey Drop, which will be held on Main Street across from Sensient Flavors office, after the parade, at about 5 p.m.

Here's how it works, folks purchase a square for \$10, there are 100 squares to be sold. When the donkey drops his load, if it lands on your square, you will receive \$500. It's as simple as that.

Coordinator for this year is Mark Grossman said, "We don't want to let our friend, Rich down, so we will continue this for him."

Proceeds from the Donkey Drop will benefit Teen Turf. Rich Geiger, who passed away recently, was a member of the Teen Turf board and coordinator of the Donkey Drop in the past.

Tickets are available from Eileen Piper at Teen Turf. Call 815-857-4800 to make arrangements. Tickets must be purchased in advance.



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Out of the over 300 national bands that entered, Brushville came out on top and was selected the winner by a panel of top industry professionals including Michael Knox (the man credited with "discovering" talents such as Jason Aldean, John Rich and Gretchen Wilson).

One reporter compared a Brushville show to a hockey game. "It was an engineering masterpiece as all members could switch out of one song mid-stream and into another seamlessly. It was like watching a hockey game where the play-

ers changed, but the action and the game clock kept rolling."

Brushville, which originated in Bloomington, Ill., blends four extremely talented musicians, with incredible harmonies, an explosive stage show and a fresh, dynamic sound produced by an array of instruments to create an unforgettable experience for the audience.





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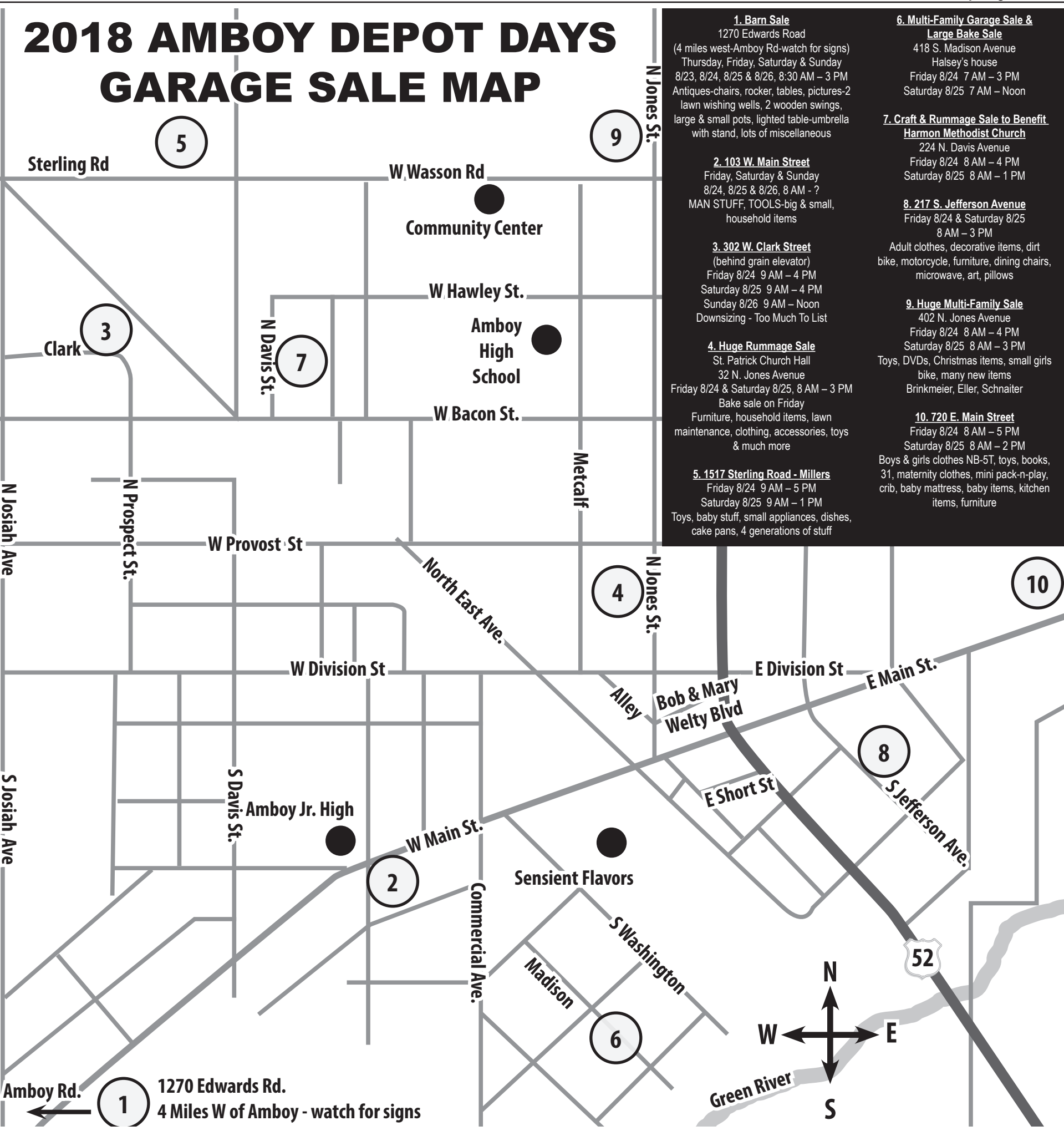
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- 1. Barn Sale**
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 Antiques-chairs, rocker, tables, pictures-2
 lawn wishing wells, 2 wooden swings,
 large & small pots, lighted table-umbrella
 with stand, lots of miscellaneous
- 2. 103 W. Main Street**
 Friday, Saturday & Sunday
 8/24, 8/25 & 8/26, 8 AM - ?
 MAN STUFF, TOOLS-big & small,
 household items
- 3. 302 W. Clark Street**
 (behind grain elevator)
 Friday 8/24 9 AM – 4 PM
 Saturday 8/25 9 AM – 4 PM
 Sunday 8/26 9 AM – Noon
 Downsizing - Too Much To List
- 4. Huge Rummage Sale**
 St. Patrick Church Hall
 32 N. Jones Avenue
 Friday 8/24 & Saturday 8/25, 8 AM – 3 PM
 Bake sale on Friday
 Furniture, household items, lawn
 maintenance, clothing, accessories, toys
 & much more
- 5. 1517 Sterling Road - Millers**
 Friday 8/24 9 AM – 5 PM
 Saturday 8/25 9 AM – 1 PM
 Toys, baby stuff, small appliances, dishes,
 cake pans, 4 generations of stuff
- 6. Multi-Family Garage Sale &
Large Bake Sale**
 418 S. Madison Avenue
 Halsey's house
 Friday 8/24 7 AM – 3 PM
 Saturday 8/25 7 AM – Noon
- 7. Craft & Rummage Sale to Benefit
Harmon Methodist Church**
 224 N. Davis Avenue
 Friday 8/24 8 AM – 4 PM
 Saturday 8/25 8 AM – 1 PM
- 8. 217 S. Jefferson Avenue**
 Friday 8/24 & Saturday 8/25
 8 AM – 3 PM
 Adult clothes, decorative items, dirt
 bike, motorcycle, furniture, dining chairs,
 microwave, art, pillows
- 9. Huge Multi-Family Sale**
 402 N. Jones Avenue
 Friday 8/24 8 AM – 4 PM
 Saturday 8/25 8 AM – 3 PM
 Toys, DVDs, Christmas items, small girls
 bike, many new items
 Brinkmeier, Eller, Schnaiter
- 10. 720 E. Main Street**
 Friday 8/24 8 AM – 5 PM
 Saturday 8/25 8 AM – 2 PM
 Boys & girls clothes NB-ST, toys, books,
 31, maternity clothes, mini pack-n-play,
 crib, baby mattress, baby items, kitchen
 items, furniture

Tractors to be featured in downtown Amboy on Saturday

AMBOY — The 19th Annual Amboy Depot Days Tractor Show will be held from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 25, in downtown Amboy,

at the Sensient Parking Lot.

This year's featured tractor is the Ford.

The first 50 tractors to be display will receive

dash plaques and door prizes.

The tractors will also take part in the annual Depot Days parade. Line-up for the parade starts at

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of teaching, she was able to start a "CSI-Forensics Class." Since there were no textbooks for this class at that time, she had various members of the community in to help students use science techniques to "solve cases" such as dusting for prints, analyzing hair and fiber samples, examining handwriting for forgeries,

and fingerprinting, thanks to Amboy Police Chief Blake and other police officers. After retiring from AHS, she continued teaching anatomy for two years to the medical insurance coders at CGH Hospital in Sterling.

"It is an honor to serve as this year's Amboy Depot Days Grand Marshal," said Jean. "This year's pa-

rade theme is Chasing Your Dreams. As I look back on my teaching career, I am thankful that I had so many great colleagues, mentors and volunteers to help me along the way. I am very happy and honored to have played a part in my student's educational career pathways and to live for the past 47 years in Amboy."

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