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Orzech Towing

Orzech Towing is celebrating its 1st anniversary as a repair shop for all automobiles, semi-trucks, and trailers and 24-hour towing service located at 301 N. Richmond St. in Subletee. Ethan Orzech, 30, from St. Charles and has lived in Compton for the last eight years, previously had a tow yard in Compton, which began in 2019. When Chris Leffelman was looking to sell Leffelman Auto Repair, Orzech felt the Sublette location would be a great way to expand his services. In his words, "Business has picked up since I've opened in Sublette and being along Rt. 52." Orzech towing has traveled as far as the Wisconsin border and Chicago suburbs.



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Vaessen Brothers – 98 years strong

started in 1926 by Paul and Ralph Vaessen ery stall and two more sales offices. The as an auto repair shop. In 1933, the Vaessens obtained the franchise with Chevrolet. In 1953, the dealership expanded. While repairs were still being made at the first location, the new building (currently known as Rt. 52 Roadhouse) consisted of a showroom, office and a three-bay service station.

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

When Paul retired, Neal and his wife, Donna, became full owners of the business. Their three sons, Greg (Fixed Operations Manager), Jeff (Parts Manager) and Nick (Sales Manager) have all joined the business. In 1998, the business underwent a remodel in the current building. Greg's daughter, Kourtney joined the business as the Internet Manager and is the first of the 4th generation to join the business. In the year of 2012, the dealership underwent a full remodel of their building and expanded

VAESSEN Brothers Chevrolet, Inc. was the showroom by adding a new-car delivremodel was fully finished in 2014. Today the second, third and fourth gen-

> eration all work together to help provide the customers with the best car buying experience in the area.

"We are a family owned and operated business providing the best in the area service department, a great parts department and wide selection of new Chevrolets and used vehicles."

This year, Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet, Inc. will be celebrating 97 years of business. Their most recent remodel in 2012 changed the front of the building and the inside from top to bottom. Come see how great their building looks for yourself.

In the sales department, they have sales consultants who have received the Mark of Excellence Award for their outstanding work, and in the service department they have ASE and GM Certified technicians.

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Becker Detailing is being discussed or you may say one of them when you pick up your vehicle, "Looking like new again," or "Looks better than the day I bought it." Becker Detailing, located at 204 N. Jefferson Ave. in Amboy, offers detailing and ceramic coating services and it sells detailing products and vehicle accessories such as truck bed coverings, running boards, and floor mats. Becker Detailing has been serving vehicles for six years. Call 815-823-7697 for detailing inquiries or check out beckerdetailingllc.com to see what the detailing company has to offer.

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New Owner, same community-based hangout

It wasn't a joking matter when Rachel Miller took over as the new owner of The Last Alarm from Barb Harrison on April 1, 2024, April Fool's Day.

The new owner laughs with her customers and has a good time with her business endeavor, but she doesn't giggle when it comes to giving back to the community or the behind-the-scenes duties which lead to the fun hangout offering events, entertainment and beverage specials.

"I've worked at The Last Alarm for 11 years. I originally took this job to get out of the house. When someone mentioned Barb wanted to retire, I couldn't imagine working for someone else because I knew I would be left to answer a lot of questions on how de do this or how do we do that. I kind of went into it as I either buy the bar or I'm not doing it at all.

"It's business as usual. We will still have Queen of Hearts on Wednesdays. We have Trivia on Tuesdays. Both events have been great because you can drink or not drink and still enjoy yourself. And we're planning on utilizing our indoor and

patio space as much as Bags for the Lutheran possible with bands and entertainment.

"We have our everyday drink specials posted on our board inside the bar and on weekends we'll put a chalk board on the sidewalk showcasing what we have as well."

The Queen of Heart drawing has become a big event as the winning pot is split between the winner, a non-profit organization, and 10 percent goes back into the pot for the next drawling.

Teen Turf, the Amboy Lion's Club and the Amboy Fire Department have been beneficiary organizations of Queen of Hearts previously, while Buddy

Celebrating 20 years in business!

Church will receive a donation from the current

Giving back to the community through Queen of Hearts was important to Harrison and is as equally important to Miller.

The new owner has already brought in a DJ and plans to schedule entertainment throughout the year.

Of course, customers can sit inside and enjoy the scenery, or they can listen to music while relaxing with a drink outside on the patio, which was created only three years ago.

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Owner Rachel Miller

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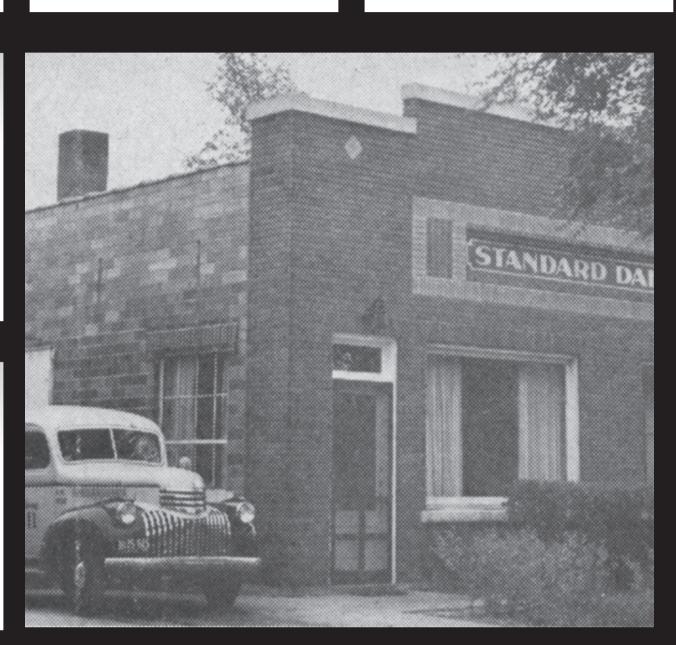
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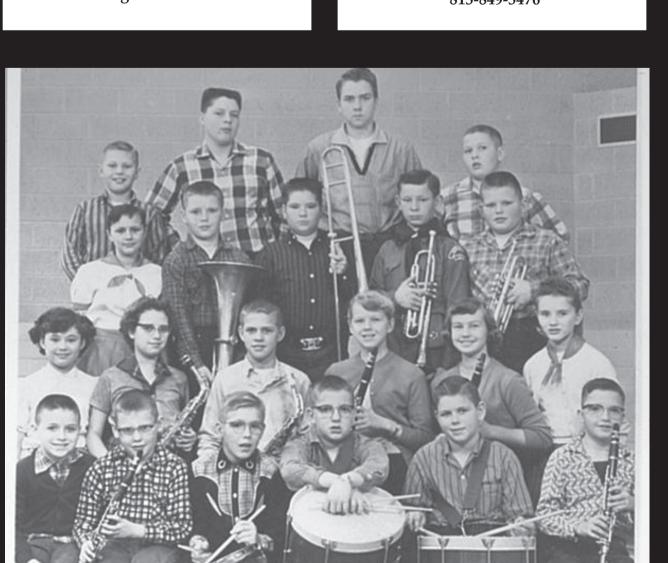
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where they will also find details about the product lines Jones-Berry carries and a convenient link to e-mail questions or submit an order.

After more than 100 years serving Amboy and the surrounding area, the Jones-Berry Lumber Company is pleased offer this technology while staying true to their commitment of customer service, which has been their mission

right from the start.

The lumber company began with William Jones, a farmer and businessman born and raised in Bradford Township, who formed the lumber company in 1910. Jones was committed to "reasonable prices and honorable methods" a practice that is honored to this day.

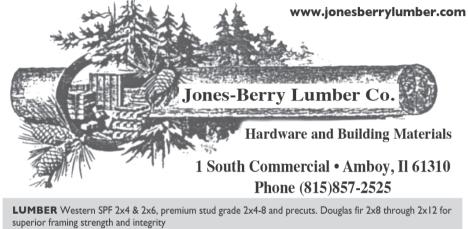
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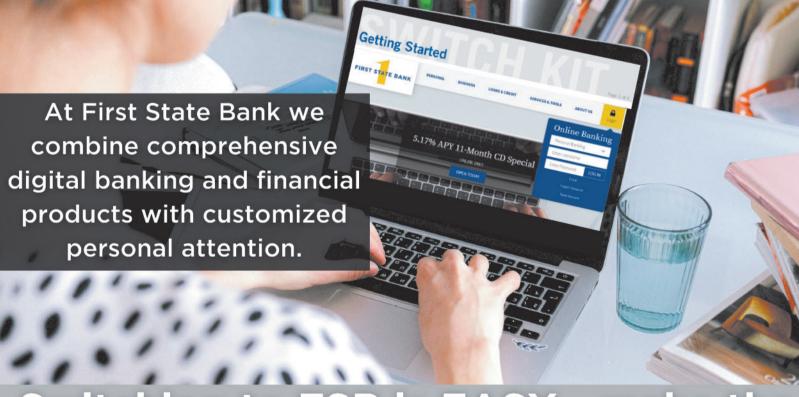
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