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#### **Sublette Fire Protection District** to purchase new radios with awarded grant

**BRANDONLaCHANCE** Amboy News Editor

**SUBLETTE** – The Sublette Fire Protection District is set to receive \$25,200 after being named a recipient of

the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal 2024 Small Equipment Grant Program.

Sublette Assistant Chief Nick Dinges wrote the grant and Sublette Fire Chief Kevin Schultz approved it in efforts to purchase new radios for the department.

"We're going get eight new radios. They're going to be the Motorola brand," said Chief Schultz. "Communication on a fire scene is really a key factor on whether things go well or things can go very badly, very quickly. Having good quality radios really makes a difference in survivability and the general outcome of what happens at a fire scene.

"We are really, really thankful for this grant because it's going to provide eight new lines of communication. We always figure grants extend our ability to pay for things. If we had to go out and buy radios, we may have bought one or two. The fact we can get eight and not pay much is a huge dividend for us."

Schultz added providing quality, safe equipment and resources for the Sublette Fire Protection District is important to secure volunteers can perform at a high level.

A total of \$4 million was awarded to 165 fire departments/districts and EMS providers across the state. The program was established



to provide grants of up to \$26,000 each for the purchase of small firefighting and ambulance equipment.

Also receiving a grant, worth \$18,442, was the Leland Community Fire Protection District.

The OSFM received 417 applications, requesting approximately \$9.5 million in funding for this grant period, which is a \$2.5 million

increase from a year ago. Most Illinois fire departments, fire protections districts, township fire departments, and stand-alone, nonprofit ambulance service providers were eligible to apply. All fire departments, fire protections districts and township fire department applicants were required to have participated in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for a minimum of two years prior to applying.



Amboy Junior High learns at Maria's Pizza

What is the most fitting environment for the last lesson in Ag in the Classroom's pizza unit? Maria's Pizza. Amboy Junior High School packed the tables on Tuesday, April 23 for information on where all the ingredients from pizza comes from, played games, ate pizza, and took a tour of Maria's with owner Joe Mazzarisi, left by the oven. **Brandon LaChance/Amboy News** 

#### Amboy fifth graders learn about corn, animals, 4-H at Lee County Ag Expo

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – Natalie Pratt held up a corn cob and pronounced, "Corn is the best superpower," to a group of fifth graders Friday, April 19 at the Lee County Ag Expo on the grounds of the Lee County 4-H Center.

Pratt, a junior at Amboy High School and newly named president of the Illinois Association FFA Section 2, thinks it's only right the younger kids know everything about agriculture, especially corn.

"I love corn and I love being able to teach the kids about corn. This is my third-year teaching at the Ag Expo," Pratt said. "All the kids are super excited to learn. It's amazing to see the kids be so interested in agriculture, especially since we live in such an agriculturally dominate community.

"The number of kids that don't know a lot about agriculture is concerning and I'm excited to teach them more about what's going on in their comm nity. This way, when they're driving or riding past a corn field, they know what's going on in the field."

The Ag Expo, in its 19th year, invites all fifth graders from Lee County.

Amboy brought as many as they could and had Amboy Junior High School teachers Mike Olson, Scotlyn Schabacker, and Betsy Jones guiding groups around the nine different stations including butterflies, mushrooms, horses, 4-H, beef, corn, soil, dairy, and goats.

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Natalie Pratt, Amboy High School junior and president of the Illinois Association FFA Section 2, displays a corn cob as she teaches a group of Amboy fifth graders during the Lee County Ag Expo on Friday,

April 19 at the Lee County 4-H Center. **Brandon LaChance/Amboy News** 

# A Tribute to the fallen of World War I

Editor's note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on Lee County veterans who served during World War I. These heroes are part of Amboy's history and it is our honor to publish these articles so you can learn about their service to our country. This article was researched by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey, and written by Dempsey.

#### **PVT. Conrad Ernest Miller**

354th Infantry Regiment, 89th Division Buried at Arlington Na-

tional Cemetery WWIFact: Soldiers who

were killed in action were often buried or reburied several times – first near the battle site, then transferred after the war to an official American Cemetery in Europe, and sometimes back to their hometowns at the wishes of family.

When Congress declared war on Germany in the spring of 1917, large



numbers of young men would soon enter the army, creating a labor shortage affecting farms and factories across the country. Many who were not yet in uniform sought jobs away from their home towns either out of personal choice or necessity. A native of Calumet, Oklahoma, Conrad Miller was working on the Erbes farm in Sublette Township when he registered for the selective service in Dixon on May 29, 1917. On his draft application, he listed his sister and family as dependents and his home address back in Oklahoma. It is not known how long

he resided in Lee County

before entering the army



as a private, assigned to the 354th Infantry Regiment, 89th Division.

In his final report of the war, General Pershing wrote that from October 16th to November 1st, the First Army awaited the outcome of four key operations, one of them the clearing of the Bois de Bantheville (a dense wooded area near Bantheville). By the morning of October 23rd, the 89th Division had cleared the woods during some of the bloodiest artillery and gas attacks the 89th had endured during the entire war. In an effort to push back the Americans, German forces launched relentless mustard gas artillery shells

on the 89th, especially

Private Millers unit, the

354th Regiment. Massed in a densely wooded area, the 353rd and 354th took non-stop high explosive bombardment resulting in a loss of 1,200 men, 400 of whom were killed by gas. In the first week of October, observers counted over 10,000 high explosive shells and 985 gas shells falling on Pvt. Miller's sector. On Oct. 23, when Bois

de Bantheville was reportedly cleared, patrols for the 354th found remnants of German troops still embedded in the woods, armed with rifles, grenade launchers, machine guns and artillery. Eliminating these pockets of resistance would mean heavy losses on the American side. On

the morning of October

27th, under fierce artillery attack, Pvt. Conrad Miller was killed in action when his regiment was directly hit by the greatest concentration of high explosives and mustard gas launched that day. By the end of the month, the 89th Division had joined several other divisions to successfully clear this area, a key to the success of the Meuse-Argonne Offensive which ended any possibility of German victory.

Originally buried at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in France, Private Conrad E. Miller was re-interred at Arlington National Cemetery in 1921. Although his time in Lee County was brief, his sacrifice remains in our

memory forever.



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# LOCAL NEWS



Three AHS students named to the Illinois Association FFA Section 2 Officer Team On Wednesday, April 17, the officer team was elected for Illinois Association FFA Section 2. Left to right, Amboy's Natalie Pratt was named president, Amboy's Brysen Full vice-president, Stillman Valley's Gwen Hall reporter, LaMoille's Jack Heinzeroth secretary, Amboy's Grace Althaus treasurer, Byron's Olivia Cunningham sentinel. Photo contributed







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

On Wednesday, May 22 The Amboy News will publish a special Memorial Day page devoted to those who are gone but not forgotten.

The memorials will be similar to the sample below:



Andrews, David C. July 10, 1961-May 5, 1980

May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.

Always in our hearts, John and Mona Andrews and Family (SAMPLE)

(actual size)

#### If you wish, select one of the following FREE verses below to accompany your tribute.

- We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
- 2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
- Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
- Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you
- until we meet again. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
- Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
- Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always
- 9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
- You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
- May God's graces shine over you for all time.
- You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
- We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
- 15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

To remember your loved one in this special way, send \$10.00 per listing. Your special tribute will become a permanent memorial record in our paper.

Deadline - Thursday, May 16, at noon

Fill out the form below and mail or drop off in our dropbox located at: 245 E. Main St., Amboy

The Amboy News, PO Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310

Please publish	n my tribute in the special Mem	orial Day Page on May 22.			
Name of deceased					
Relationship to me	Number of selected verse				
Date of birth	Date of	passing			
Additional information					
Print your name here					
Address	Phone nur	nber			
City	State	Zip			

#### Lee County Ag in the Classroom names Coloring Contest winners

**DIXON** – To celebrate National Ag Week this past March, Lee County Ag in the Classroom sponsored a coloring contest. More than 215 students from seven Lee County representing grades Kindergarten through eighth entered.

The Lee Co. Farm Bureau Young Leaders Committee reviewed all entries and chose grade level winners from each participating school and grade level winners county wide.

The following Amboy students were selected: First Grade School Winner: Kain Kaleel **Second Grade School Winner:** Ryker Morrissey Third Grade School Winner: Kendall Hopper Sixth Grade School Winner: Madison Lahmiller **Eighth Grade School Winner:** Channing Fellows The following Amboy students were selected as county winners:

First Grade County Winner: Ryleigh Wolf Third Grade County Winner: Kendall Rose **Eighth Grade County Winner:** Faith Fenwick County winner received a Culver's gift card

and a book from the Lee Co. Ag in the Classroom library. Participating schools included Amboy Central, Amboy Junior High, Paw Paw, Ashton-Franklin Center, Washington (Dixon), Jefferson (Dixon), and Reagan (Dixon).



Brayden Rapp, center, shares a display about beef cattle on his phone with a group of Amboy fifth graders during the Lee County Ag Expo on Friday, April 19. **Brandon LaChance/Amboy News** 

#### **Ag Expo** continued from page A1-

"It's so important because we live in a farming community. The kids don't realize the things that are around us that are so important to Amboy," said Jones, who teaches ELA and social studies at AJHS. "I learn something new every single year. When they talk about 4-H, kids think they have to live on a farm to be in the club. That's not the case. They describe that to the kids here and show them they can do other things in 4-H like horticulture, photography, baking, and more. Everyone can be in 4-H.

"Every single station at the expo allows the kids to actively participate. Being able to touch a horse was huge because some kids will never be able to touch a horse. Some will never stand by a cow, goats, or rabbits. They learn about water. They're by huge tractors and equipment they've never seen before.

"An event like this offers them opportunities they may not have again, and they get to have fun learning.





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# LOCAL NEW

#### **TEEN TURF**

#### Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Dave Sutton for fruit bars; Lisa & Scott Bicket for the fruit bars; Kathy & Dan Bonnell for the fruit cups; Mark & Veronica Grossman for the various items; Tom & Anna Mainhart for the granola bars and chips; Linda Lou Wedekind for the ladder; Kathy Kessel for the cookies; Donna Wellman for the cookies; Lonnie & Dan Schaefer for the table; Martha Henley for the cookies and various items; Ron & Marlene Egler for the monetary donation in memory of Ed Erbes; Cathy Reglin for the suitcases; Anonymous donation of various items and Colleen & Glenn Robison for the breakfast bars and floral arrangement.

We are indebted to our afterschool volunteers: Bonny, Sandy P, Sandy D, Mary, Amber, Brian, Karen, Candy, Kathy G, Kathy K, Donna, Shannon, and our Impact Volunteers.

We could not make the decisions or hold events without our Board members: Brian, Barb, Mark, Shelli, Amber, Joshua, Madison. Of course, our treasurer, Roxy 24th Annual Teen Turf Draw Down and Auction

Our online auction on Airauctioneer.com ends at tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Pick up will be on Friday, May 3rd from 9-5 p.m. and Saturday, May 4th from 10-4 p.m. We may have a few 50/50 tickets left at the time of

No tickets will be sold on Sunday, May 5th. If you already have tickets, please refer to the orange paper you received with your ticket. Here is the information if you need to refer to chicken pick up: Thank you for purchasing a Teen Turf Draw Down ticket. It shows that you believe in us and what we do here. The dinner pick up will be at the Long Branch Saloon 55 S East Ave (in the alley) in Amboy. Your ticket entitles you to two dinners: either 1/4 dark chicken or 1/4 chicken light. We will be serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday May 5th. You can call Bev Halsey at 815-564-8395 or Carol at 815-499-0842 starting at 10:00 a.m. They will give you a time to pick you your order. Then show up at your designated time and tell us your name and we will bring your food out to you. This is Drive thru

#### Needs

Fruit snacks and chocolate chip bars **Final Note** 

only. Thank you for your support!

In the moments when doubt clouds my heart, please be the beacon that reminds me of the remarkable creation I am in your image. Grant me the gift of unshakable self-belief, the unwavering conviction that my uniqueness is a divine blessing, and the unwavering confidence to confront the world with the grace of your light. I humbly acknowledge and appreciate your boundless grace, which sustains my spirit.

Amen.

#### Dinges Fire Company hires retired Byron Fire Deputy Chief as Fire Apparatus Specialist

to announce it has hired Tim Salo as Fire Apparatus Specialist. Tim recently retired from the Byron Fire Protection District (BFPD) in Byron, Illinois as Deputy Chief. He spent 32 plus years of service at BFPD. Tim will work alongside Orin Snodgrass, who he worked with at BFPD for 24 years, selling fire trucks throughout the Midwest.

"While it's bittersweet to retire from BFPD, I couldn't be more excited to start a new career at Dinges Fire Company," said Salo. "I have known Dinges Fire Company CEO Nick Dinges for 30 years, having worked with his brother for 31 years. Once Nick started Dinges Fire Company, BFPD bought equipment from them, and service and sales has always been top notch. I look forward to staying in the industry helping Dinges Fire provide the

AMBOY - Dinges best, safest and most Fire Company is pleased affordable products to our local communities and throughout the Midwest."

"We are so thrilled to have Tim join our dynamic and fast-growing team," said Dinges Fire Company CEO Nick Dinges. "Tim is extremely knowledgeable, he's a hard worker and he's well known in the fire service industry. He is the perfect fit and I look forward to seeing him excel and grow himself and our company."

Tim grew up on a dairy farm in northcentral Minnesota and has resided in Byron since 1990. He is married to his wife Shelly for almost 42 years and has two sons, two daughter-in-laws, one daughter, five grand kids and one on the way.

For more information on the Dinges Fire Company and its growth, visit www.DingesFire.com or follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook or Instagram.

#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**AMBOY** – The Amboy Civic Organization currently meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at 4:30 p.m. at Maria's Pizza in Amboy, 110 E. Main Street. Please note, we no longer gather at 4 p.m. May 5 will be our first gathering at 4:30 p.m. Sharing dinner will provide a great opportunity for socializing and sharing community news. A short business meeting will follow. The A.C.O. will end the evening playing Bunco together.

**DIXON** – 4-H Junior Gardener teaches children about the wonderful world of gardening through handson investigation of growing their own vegetables and flowers and learning to use the harvest. The 4-H Junior Gardener SPIN Club is meeting from 4-5:30 p.m. every Tuesday from May 7-July 30 at the Immanual Lutheran Church in Dixon. The club is for youth ages 8-18 and the cost is \$30 for non-4-H members and \$10 for 4-H members. For more information contact the Lee County Extenstion Office at 815-857-3525. Register online at go.illinois.edu/leeco.jg.

**AMBOY** – The Board of Trustees of The Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 at the Amboy Township Building, located at 106 South Prospect St. in Amboy.

Trustees of the Village of Paw Paw will commence at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 at the Paw Paw Village Hall. LEE CENTER – The Lee Center Township meeting

PAW PAW – The regular meeting of the Board of

will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 9. AMBOY – The Amboy Lion's Club May meeting will

be at 6 p.m. Monday, May 13 at the Amboy Community

Center, located at 280 W. Wasson Rd.

at 202 S. West Street in Sublette.

**SUBLETTE** – The next Village of Sublette meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, May 13 at the Ellice Dinges Center

**DIXON**–The Wits Fitness month workshop is taking place from 1-3 p.m. Monday, May 13 at the KSB Town Square Center in Dixon. Experience a monthly journey with Kara Schweitzer, an educator from University of Illinois Extension, as she leads participants through interactive activities crafted to stimulate the brain and enhance cognitive function and memory. We will be offering this program at the Edward Murphy Room at KSB Town Square, 101 W. Secton St. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

**EAST GROVE** – East Grove Township is holding its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 at the East Grove Township Hall.

**STERLING** – The monthly workshop held by Wits Fitness is from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, Mauy 14 at the CGH Health Foundation Community Room in Sterling. Experience a monthly journey with Kara Schweitzer, an educator from University of Illinois Extension, as she leads participants through interactive activities crafted to stimulate the brain and enhance cognitive function and memory. We will be offering this porgram at the CGH Health Foundation Community Room. New participants are welcome to join at anytime. Registration is not required but appreciated by calling Beth Sterk at

#### Fourth annual John Crady Memorial 5K Run/Walk

The Fourth Annual John Crady Memorial 5K Run/ Walk will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 1 in Prophetstown.

The race, which has a \$25 entry fee, begins and ends at Eclipse Square located on the corner of IL Hwy 78 and Railroad Street.

Medals will be given for all age groups and trophies to the wiining male and winning female, plus the winning masters male and female.

Commemorative T-shirts will be awarded to all registrants who sign up before May 16. Shirts of various sizes will be available on race day.

Fresh fruits, cookies, and beverages will be available after the race.

A silent auction table will be at the park. Gifts of Hope, an organ donor organization, will have information. John Crady was a donor and the family encourages others to sign up. His corneas were donated within days of his passing.

Race proceeds will be donated to Erie-Prophetstown High School golf and cross country teams and E-P Junior High cross country teams. In 2023, we were able to donate \$4,100 thanks to all of our generous

Sign up on the website, www.johncradymemorial.5K.run until May 16. Contact Carol Crady at sic3crady@yahoo.com with any questions.

This Week's Student of the Week is:

Parker Nauman

<u>Student's Favorites</u>

Favorite Color - Pink and Blue

Favorite Food – Peanut Butter

Sandwich & French Fries

Favorite Book - How to Catch a

Favorite Song – Need a Favor by J

Favorite Game – Freeze Tag

Favorite Animal - Bunny

815-625-4790 EXT. 3977 or by emailing beth.sterk@ cghmc.com.

AMBOY - Plan Commison Meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 at Amboy City Hall. The meeting will address audience concerns and approve, discuss Z Best Property, 215 E. Bluff St., zoning change from residential to light industry.

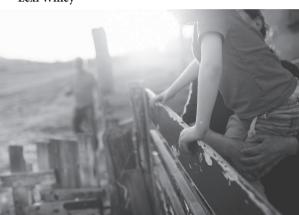
**AMBOY** – The Amboy City Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 20 at the Amboy Community Center, 290 W. Wasson Road.

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

**AMBOY** – You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US Highway 52, Amboy. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Chairs are provided for an approximate 30-minute workout. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.



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# **OBITUARIES**

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#### Harold (Junior) Becker May 14, 1940 - April 21, 2024

AMBOY - Harold (Junior) Becker, age 83, died Sunday, April 21, 2024 after a brief battle with cancer.

He was born May 14, 1940 to Harold & Mary (Kelly) Becker. After graduating from Saint Bede Academy, he joined his father as a life-long farmer in Maytown. Other occupations included working for G & L Electric, Eisenberg Tiling & Lilja Excavating.

After retiring, he enjoyed bartending at Mort's Tap and was a self-taught electrician who loved putzing around on washers, dryers and odds and ends. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy as well as the Knights of Columbus. His loves included watching his grandchildren's sporting events and dance recitals. He also enjoyed bowling, playing cards, checkers and doing word

finds. He truly took joy in making everyone around him laugh. He could play the accordion and organ by ear. He loved dancing the polka with his wife.

He married Mary Payne in Dixon on October 8, 1971. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his sister Shirley (Sister Maureen), two brothers-in-law, Bill & Mike Payne, and two nephews, Dave & Doug Payne.

Becker is survived by his children: Maureen, Colleen, Marty, Cindy, & Connie Becker, Karen (Andy) Jones and Sharon (Jeff) Edmunds; grandchildren: Sean, Natalie and Ashley Becker, Allison, Alexandra & Brady Jones; great grandchildren Hayley and Liam Becke;, sister-in-law Wilma Gascoigne, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will begin with a 10 a.m. prayer



service on Thursday, April 25 in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick's Church in Amboy with Father Gaw officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Visitation will be held from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24th with the rosary recited at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or to the donor's choice. Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.

#### Joan A. Christoffersen March 16, 1936 - April 21, 2024

Joan married Harlan

DIXON - Joan A. Christoffersen, age 88, of Dixon died Sunday April 21, 2024.

She was born March 16, 1936 in Dixon the daughter of Lawrence and Gertrude (Fitzsimmons) Dempsey. Joan was a graduate of Catholic Community High School known as Newman High School. She owned and operated the Walton Tap with her husband Chris from 1962 to 1980.

Christoffersen also worked at the Dixon State School, owned and operated Gamut Liquors in Dixon, and the Fireside Inn in Harmon. Before retirement, she had been a waitress at the Town and Country Restaurant in Dixon.

Joan enjoyed many trips to the casino with her nieces Colleen, Rhonda, Kathy, Julie and friend Lyle. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon.

"Chris" Christoffersen July 22, 1961 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. He preceded her in death Aug. 21, 2007. She was also preceded in death by two granddaughters, one great grandson, four sisters Mary Trumble, Rita Schindler, Lenore Knoll, Arvilla Brechon, and three brothers Earl, Joseph and William Dempsey. Joan is survived by her children Jeff (Tami) Christoffersen of Amboy, Mike (Gina) Christoffersen of Dixon, Mona (Bradley) Daum of Dixon, nince grandchildren Jenni (Michael Eccles) Hermeyer, Joshua Christoffersen, Tara (Adrian) Medina, Magan (Christian) Welstead, Brody Christoffersen, Tim (Caitlin) Christoffersen, Luke (Jolinda) Christoffersen, Lindsay (Johnny) Witherow, Sydney



Christoffersen, 19 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Funeral services will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday April 26, 2024 at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Burial of cremains will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.

#### **Gordon Meyer** June 28, 1934 - April 23, 2024

**DIXON**—Gordon Meyer, to Dixon. He is survived by 89, of Dixon passed away on April 23, 2024 at his home. He was born on June 28, 1934, in DuPage County, IL the son of Alfred and Hilda (Hartmann) Meyer. The family moved to rural Amboy when Gordon was ten years old. He graduated from Amboy High School in 1952 and served in the Army from 1955 to 1957. Gordon farmed his entire

his wife of forty-five years, Joy (Kerchner) Meyer, their three sons Rex (Lori) Meyer of Harmon, IL; Don (Paula) Meyer of Amboy IL; Alan (Sarah) Meyer of North Oaks, MN; son-in-law Ryan Hochgrebe of Blue Springs, MO; nine grandchildren Lindsay (Casey) Reuter, Ian Meyer, Avery Meyer, Eva Meyer, Paul Meyer, Maren Meyer, Elsa Meyer, Carmen Dieken, Heidi Hochgrebe; three great-grandchildren Lila, Jack, and George Re-

uter. Meyer is also survived by one sister Joan Kessel, three sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

Gordon is preceded in death by his first wife of nineteen years Fern (Nichols) Meyer, one daughter Robin (Meyer) Hochgrebe, three grandchildren Josephine, Austin, and Allison Meyer and his parents.

He was an active and charter member of the Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Dixon, where he served as chair of the church's stewardship committee for many years and as an Elder. He was a lifelong member of the Lee County Farm Bureau, active in the Cattle Feeders'Association, Maple Grove Drainage District, Farm Credit Board, and the Amboy Lions Club, where he was awarded the Melvin Jones Award. He also served as president and was Rose Day Chair for many years.

Meyer loved to travel and went on agricultural study trips to China, Brazil, and Argentina, and traveled for leisure to 10 other countries, and all over the United States, with Joy. He was proud of the fact that the teacher at the Welty School in Marion Township, Lee County, asked him to come early to school every day to start the fire with kerosene, corn cobs, and coal when he was in seventh and eighth grades, as the school had no

heat or electricity. He also had to go outside and pump water for the group to share.

He was the last eight grader to graduate from the Welty School. Gordon enjoyed spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, watching things grow, especially in his garden when he couldn't get to the farm as often anymore.

His favorite thing to do was ride in the combine or tractors during harvest the last years with his sons or grandson. He also enjoyed going to the "coffee shop" and visiting with new friends after retiring when he didn't go to the farm.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to Tunnel to Towers Foundation (https://t2t.org) and Serenity Hospice and Home.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 26,



2024 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2035 IL Rt. 26 Dixon, IL. and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2024. Funeral services will follow on Saturday April 27, 2024 starting at 11 a.m. at the church with Rev. David Andermann, pastor, and Rev. Ryan Hochgrebe officiating.

Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

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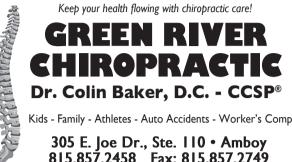
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For more information, please contact Mark Dudek at 815-220-3901, Barry Welbers at 815-488-2035, or check out the website, www.better-fishing-assoc.org.



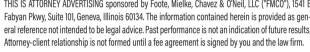




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# What do we say?

Not every word is easy to say.

Not every thought is easy to convey in the intended meaning or with the exact correct amount of emotion or passion or remorse or sympathy.

Not every word is constructed in the proper way or the politically correct or most meaningful portrayal on Facebook or other social media.

Sometimes we just don't know what to say or how to say what we want to say. Even to our loved ones, close friends, or people we view at as more than an acquaintance.

These thoughts can be said for many things in life whether someone in your close circle or a person on a buddy list that has went through a breakup, earned a huge award or achievement at work or school, broke an arm or a leg, just started a new relationship, is getting married, is having a baby, was fired from a job, became sick, or any other life influencing, good or bad moment.

As someone who has gone through almost every one of the above events, and multiple occurrences of the next one, the worst one in all meanings of the worst one, is when someone dies.

Whether it's a 95-year-old grandmother who was battling cancer, Alzheimer's, dementia, diabetes, a pandemic, or heart disease, or an infant, toddler, gradeschool-aged kid, teenager, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, who leave us too soon, it is the worst.

Hands down, not debatable...the absolute worst. There isn't a right word to console.

There isn't a right word to grieve.

There isn't a right word or way to understand.

In most instances, especially the tragic

out-of-the-blue nightmares, it's a blur of anger, sadness, depression, confusion, and to be honest, hatred. "If there is a God, why did he do this?"

"What could we have done different?"

"This can't be."

"Why?" "Why?"

"Why?"

Rarely is there a word, a thought, a sentiment which will truly heal or overshadow the loss. Grief comes and is handled in different ways by many. I could discuss how I felt when my

3-year-old sister died when I was 10, or my best friend (I'll call him my brother until I can't speak or breathe anymore) died when we were both 21, or when close friends died during the

COVID-19 pandemic (one from the pandemic, two in car accidents, another from a drug overdose), or when both of my great-grandmothers were overtaken by dementia and diabetes a few years apart. The right words wouldn't be said.

The legit needed words to honor them to justice or the words to help someone deal with their pain wouldn't land with precise aim because there is no equated number, science, or equation for emotion or what human bonds mean deep down.

Flawless, faultless, error-free words needed to help you heal, through my stories, don't exist.

And yours to me.

Although it seems like there is nothing to say to the heartbroken or words for the heartbroken to say, there is.

They won't instantly change what happened or bring back their loved one. But they help let them know, you're here, you care, and we'll get through this together.

"I'm sorry for your loss."

"You're in my thoughts and prayers."

"They're in a better place."

"They're looking after you, your guardian angel." These are the ones said or seen the most, and there

are countless other sayings or sentiments we use to reach out, to console. It doesn't have to be a paragraph. It doesn't have to be an hour-long phone conversation.

It just has to be support.

That's a sign of although the lost are lost, and loved forever, there are still the here and there are still the to be found. The words help more than people realize even though

they're not perfect and don't change what happened. For those grieving, hurting, and falling into a dark

place, words can't truly express what needs to be expressed, but there is comfort in all of them.

Keep your head up.



Column

By Brandon

LaChance

### ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

# 100 years ago May 2, 1924

G.A. Page, an experienced jeweler and watchmaker, opened a jewelry and repair shop in the Gridley Store. W.J. Leake had the misfortune of

being kicked in the knee by a horse.

Air mail from San Francisco to New York in 33 hours, beginning July 1, is promised by the Post Office Department plan. Air mail postage is eight cents per ounce or any fraction hereof for each airmail zone.

# 75 years ago April 28, 1949

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the large barn at the William J. Fenten residence on East Main Street. The alarm was sounded at 11:05 and when the Amboy firemen arrived, the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the structure.

Joseph M. Grennan, popularly known as "Joe Mike," has leased the Standard Service Station at the intersection of Mason Avenue and Main Street. He succeeds John Stouffer, who operated the station for a period of three years.

Art Stewart, fishing in Green River back of St. Patrick's Cemetery, landed a five-pound blue catfish, the largest yet reported.

Miss Donna Long, a senior at Amboy Township High School, placed in the "excellent" group for Class C schools in the cornet competition in the state finals held in the women's gymnasium at Easter State College in Charleston.

# 50 years ago May 2, 1973 A special invitation is being

extended to all Amboy people to attend a meeting of the Lee County Historical Society at the Farm Bureau Auditorium. The program will be given by Gary Carlson, of the Amboy High School history department. His subject will be "The Early History of the Illinois Central Railroad in Amboy."

Valerie Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, Amboy, was presented with a trophy for winning the Amboy City Spelling Championship. Valerie placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the Rockford Spelling Be Contest. Initially more than 12,000 fifth through eighth grade students from 88 schools in 40 communities began as participants in the spelling bee.

"Someone is very likely to get hurt," Mayor Ken McCracken told the Amboy News as he reported that vandals have been throwing rocks through the windows of the old ICRR Depot. The depot is being rehabilitated through the efforts of the Amboy Bi-Centennial Commission. "Volunteers working inside the building could be hurt by flying glass and the rocks that are thrown. It seems strange that with all the effort that is being put forth to make the old depot a renewed landmark that there are still some vandals who want

to destroy it. I believe if parents will read this article to the thoughtless members of their families, maybe we can put an end to the vandalism. Of course, we needn't remind the vanddals that if they get caught, we'll bring charges against them.'

# 25 years ago April 29, 1999 The shooting deaths of 12 students

and one teacher at Columbine High School in a suburb of Denver by two current students at the school caused many questions and concerns even among the staff and students at Amboy High School. "It's not just a phenomenon of the large cities naymore. Our staff was very concerned, especially the next day," said Mary Summers, superintendent of the Amboy Community School District. "We focused on securing place. We need to have a place to meet (after the tragedy)."

Pork producers in the area are lending a helping hand to those in need his year. Area hog farmers participated in the Farmers Reaching Everyone Sharing Hogs (FRESH) program. Area food pantries received amounts of fresh pork to be given to those in need.

Amboy High School named Chris Dickinson the March Student of the Month. Dickinson is highly involved in school activities such as football, track, FFA, National Honor Society, Drama Club, and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program. He has also received the Illionois State Scholar Award

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I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO FEEL INSULTED OR FLATTERED....

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Wild Side"

King" lion

8 "The Lion

actress Moore

# LOCAL NEWS

April 29, 2024 Posting Date

#### King Crossword

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#### **ACROSS**

by Dave T. Phipps

THIS IS LIKE THANKSGIVING WHEN ONE OF THE RELATIVES BRINGS UP POLITICS.

by Gary Kopervas

by Jeff Pickering

by BUD BLAKE

IT SAYS YOU SHOULD

HOCUS-FOCUS HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

HAVE PLANTED THEM

YA, "SESAME" STREET SMARTS.

CLUCK CLUCK

CLUCK CLUCK

DO ANY OF YOU LISTEN OR DO YOU ALL JUST TALK LOUDLY OVER EACH OTHER?

CLUCK

CLUCK

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- Marie 30 Fib
- 31 Cobra feature 32 IRS employee
- 33 Exceptional 34 Mornings,
- briefly
- 35 "Oy -!" 36 Duck down
- 37 "Pop Goes the -'
- 39 Evening hrs. 40 Chopping
- tool 41 Portugal's place
- 45 Apple com-
- 48 Hit song by Shawn

- Mendes and Camila Cabello
- 51 Walked (on)
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- 7 "Walk on the
- 50 "Oops!"
- 53 Infatuated
- 55 Swiss peak

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- Camus 1 Door fastener 23 Pleased 24 Green land
  - 26 "Candida" playwright
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- 9 "Hail!" 36 Represent 10 Actor Cariou 38 Malia's sister 39 Wine grape 11 Curved letter 42 TV host Kelly 16 Yearned 20 Soul, to
  - 43 Slanted type (Abbr.) 44 Org. for

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33 Stair part

35 Puzzle

- seniors 45 Coffee holder 46 "Caught ya!"
- 47 Gear tooth 49 Goof up
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## Weekly SUDOKU

#### by Linda Thistle

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

#### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging **♦♦♦** HOO BOY!

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**WORD LADDERS** 

Can you go from LASER to FACES in 6 words?

Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

**LASER** 

**FACES** 

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

— King Crossword —

L | a | A | H

A|A|A|M

 $M \mid E$ 

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is smallest in surface area?

- 2. TELEVISION: Which sitcom has the theme song, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name"?
- 3. ANATOMY: Which part of the human body is involved with ACL surgery?
- 4. GAMES: What is the victim's name in the U.S. version of the board game "Clue"?
- 5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the world's largest species of frog? 6. SCIENCE: What do isobars indi-
- 7. LITERATURE: In the novel "Don Ouixote," who is the human companion
- to the title character? 8. MOVIES: In which movie did actor
- Bill Murray live the same day over and 9. THEATER: Who is believed to be
- the first actor in a Greek drama?
- 10. MUSIC: What is the name of Beyonce's 2024 country album?
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10. "Cowboy Carter." 9. Thespis, 6th-century poet 8. "Groundhog Day." 7. Sancho Panza. 6. Atmospheric pressure. 5. Goliath frog. 4. Mr. Boddy. 3. The knee. "Cheers." 1. Lake Ontario.

Answers

PUSHUPS Τοdαγ's Word

3. Erupt; 4. Hint 1. Utmost; 2. Scalp; noitulos

SCRAMBLERS

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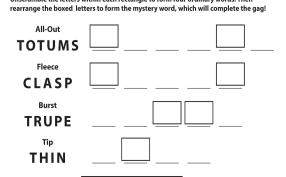
**MORD LADDER** 

Answer Weekly SUDOKU

ear loaves. chunks of baked bread: heads that are shaped like at the sides of folks? Very peculiar body parts

CryptoQuip

now see how invigorated you feel?!"



**TODAY'S WORD** 

# Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

## **CryptoQuip**

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that  $\dot{X}$  equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals B

lower. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Sleeve is different. 6. Ear is

Differences: 1. Can is larger. 2. Brush has no paint on it. 3. Rail is

UCPX QCBDWOIP YVLX QIPKG IK KEC GOLCG VS SVWMG'

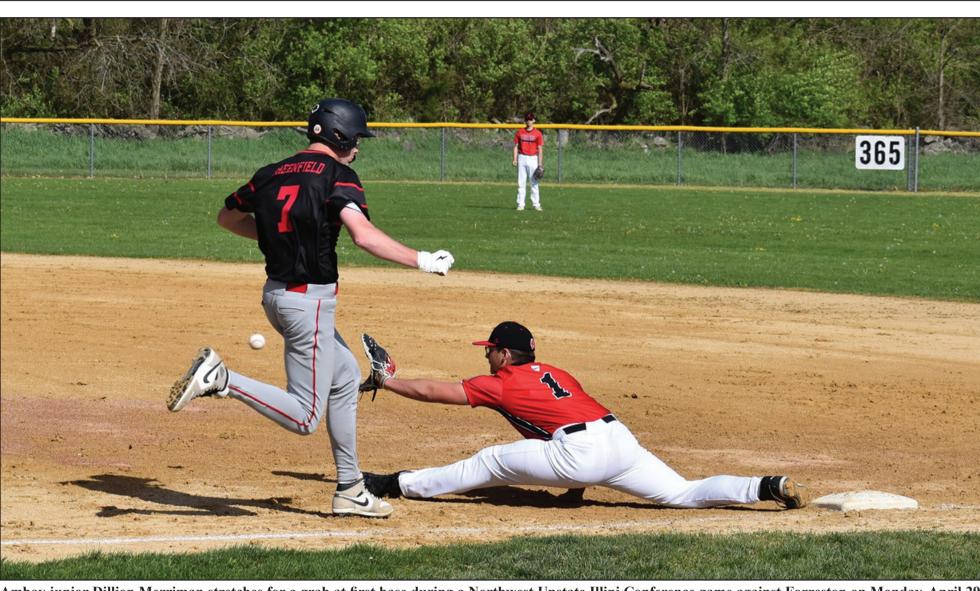
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BEDTMG VS YIMCL YPCIL:

CIP WVIUCG. ©2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

SCRAMBLERS

# **SPORTS**



Amboy junior Dillion Merriman stretches for a grab at first base during a Northwest Upstate Illini Conference game against Forreston on Monday, April 29. The Clippers fell 12-3 after holding a 3-0 lead in the second inning. Photo courtesy by Brenda Merriman

#### Clippers stay busy at the ball park

Rain and thunderstorms have influenced all baseball schedules this season including Amboy.

Last week was a jam as many games in as you can week to make up for postponements as the Clippers played four games in six days since Sundays don't count as baseball days.

The onslaught of games started with a 15-5 win against Milledgeville on Tuesday, April 23 on the road, followed by a 9-2 loss to Milledgeville Thursday, April 25 at Amboy, a 16-0 four inning walloping of Orangeville-Aquin-Lanark on Saturday, April 27 at Pearl City, and a 12-3 loss to Forreston on Monday, April 29 at Amboy.

The Clippers have an 8-11 overall record and are 4-4 in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference.

In the 15-5 win over Milledgeville, Amboy scored 10 runs in the second inning.

The offensive charge was led by junior Quinn Leffelman's three runs scored, double, single, hit by pitch, and stolen base, junior Eddie Jones was 4-of-4 at the plate with four singles, three runs scored, and two stolen bas-

es, and junior Dillion Merriman was 3-of-4 with three singles for three runs.

Senior Landon Whelchel scored two runs with a double and a single, and four Clippers scored one run (senior Landon Montavon, juniors Carson Barlow and Brody Christoffersen, and sophomore Rylan McNinch) with Barlow hitting 3-of-3 with two singles, a double, and a walk.

In the conference rematch, the Clippers fell to the Missiles, 9-2, with Montavon and Jones scoring runs.

The Clipper offense came alive once again in the fourth-inning win over the Orangeville co-op as Leffelman scored four runs, Whelchel accredited for three runs and three RBI, Montavon crossed home plate three times, Chirstoffersen was 3-of-4 with three RBI, Barlow scored twice and had two RBI, and Merriman, Jones, senior Austin Shugars, and McNinch each scored once.

On Monday, Amboy tallied three runs in the second inning for the lead until Forreston scored three in the fourth, four in the sixth, and five in the seventh.

Amboy's three runs came from Barlow, Jones, and Shugars.

#### Lady Clippers move above .500

The Amboy softball team enters the last three weeks of the regular season with an above .500 record as the Lady Clippers are 8-7 overall Upstate Illini Confer-

On Tuesday, April 23, Amboy lost an 8-7 battle with conference foe Milledgeville on the road.

At the plate, junior Tyrah Vaessen went 2-of-5 with two singles for three RBI, sophomore Peyton Payne was 2-of-3 with two singles, sophomore Alyvia Whelchel was 2-of-4, and sophomore Ellie Mclaughlin hit a home run.

Mclaughlin was the losing pitcher.

Against Forreston on Monday, April 29, Amboy recorded a 12-1 win and 5-3 in the Northwest in five innings to move above .500.

Whelchel was the winning pitcher on six strikeouts, two hits, and four walks. Offensively, she was 1-of-2 with a single and five RBI.

Sophomore Kiera Karlson was 2-of-3 with a single, a double, and an RBI, Payne and junior Haleigh Stenzel tallied two RBI apiece, and sophomore Brittlyn Whitman hit a single and a double for two RBI.

#### Amboy girls track to compete at Bureau Valley Sectional

MANLIUS – The Amboy Lady Clippers will compete in the Manlius (Bureau Valley) Class 1A Girls' Sectional Track Meet to be held on Wednesday, May 8 in Manlius. Field events start at 4 p.m. and running events will kick off at 6:30 p.m.

Joining the Lady Clippers in the sectional will be Ashton-Franklin Center, DePue, Earlville, Erie, Fulton, Granville Putnam County, Henry-Senachwine), Manlius Bureau Valley, Milledgeville, Morrison, Ottawa Marquette, Peru St. Bede, Port Byron Riverdale,

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these Sunday concerts

are an opportunity for

Rock Island Alleman, Shabbona Indian Creek, Spring Valley Hall and Sterling Newman Central Catholic.

First- and second-place winners and those who meet or exceed the qualifying standard in each event, including relay teams, will advance to the State final

The IHSA State Meet is scheduled for Thursday, May 16 through Saturday, May 18 at O'Brien Stadium on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in

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# **Amboy High School**

Softball: Peyton

Payne

**Baseball:** Landon Whelchel **Girls Track:** Madison Althaus

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**Boys Track:** Henry **Nichols** 

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an opportunity to meet

new friends and celebrate

the summer season. This

year the series will feature

eleven concerts instead of

the normal ten! The Levitt

Monday, May 6

**Teacher Appreciation Week** 

AHS JV Baseball @

Newman-After Varsity AHS Softball @

Newman-4:30 pm

AHS Varsity Baseball @

Newman-4:30 pm

Tuesday, May 7

**Teacher Appreciation Week** 

AHS Art Club-3:30-4:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8 Teacher Appreciation Week Thursday, May 9

**Teacher Appreciation Week** AHS Softball (H) Somonauk-4:30 pm AHS Varsity Baseball (H)

Somonauk-4:30 pm

Friday, May 10 Teacher Appreciation Week

Valley-4:30 pm

AHS Boys Baseball (H) Rock Island Alleman-Varsity-4:30/Fresh/Soph-6:30 AHS Softball (H) Bureau

Sixth Annual Levitt AMP Galva Music Series lineup announced concerts are welcoming and inclusive destinations where people of all ages and backgrounds come

> together. The 2024 lineup in-

cludes the following acts: June 2 - Rachel Brooke (Country), Rye Davis (Country)

June 9 – Sweet Lizzy Project (Rock), Gallivant

June 16 – Shanna in a Dress (Folk Pop), Emily

the Band (Folk Pop) June 23 – Creole Stomp with Dennis Strough-

matt (Creole), Black Cat Zydeco ft. Dwight Carrier (Zydeco) June 30 – Dyer Davis

(Rock, Blues, Soul), David Rosales (Americana,

July 7 - STEAM Irish Quartet (Traditional Irish), Blame Not the Bard (Traditional Irish)

July 14 - LowDown Brass Band (Brass), Kommuna Lux (Ukrainian)

July 21 – Rhythm Future Quartet (Gypsy Jazz), Mozzy Dee w/3 on the Tree (Rockabilly)

July 28 – EmiSunshine (Bluegrass, Folk, Pop), The David Mayfield Parade (Bluegrass)

August 4 – Lone Piñon (Mexican), Sunny War (Gospel, Folk, Avant Gar-

# May 6-10.

#### **AMBOY CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**Amboy Central** Jennifer Atkinson Haylie Barrera Elizabeth Bontz **Aubrey Burke** Laura Dickinson Sydnie Garriott Vanessa Goslin **Amanda Henkel Emilie Henkel** Valerie Manning Jessica Meusel Cara Milewski Lisa Moore James Murphy Chris Payne Kimberley Payne Jamie Rodriguez Kathleen Russell Amy Schwamberger **Emily Seier** Renee Seloover Jennifer Shafer Lindsay Spinelli Myah Trujillo

Anna Willis

Joanie Zimmerly

**AMBOY JR HIGH** Katherine Bulfer Christofer Delimata **Brad Dunlap** Kelly Foster Allison Fox **Andrew Full** Vanessa Goslin Noah Hansen Katie Henkel Elizabeth Jones Kaylee Jones Avery Kerley Jeannie King Sara Krabbenhoeft Sarah Land Christian

Lindenmeyer

Robin Lovgren Michael Olson Scotlyn Schabacker Sean Shepard **Yvonne Vicks** 

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James Browne Katie Bulfer Megan Bus Cyndi Carlson **Deb Cleary** Janet Crownhart Janis Dunklau Madeline Harvey Joseph Heavner Amelia Hemmen Travis Kemmerer Michael Kolton Tyson Powers **Bryson Prusator Emily Rose** Faith Sachs George Schwamberger Elizabeth Scriven Abelardo Sustaita Christopher **Tidmore** Kelly Whitman Regine Wilson

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