

Grain storage concerns dwindle as harvest winds down

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AMBOY—As corn and soybeans disappear from Illinois fields, so are worries about storage space for crops.

“There was a lot of old-crop corn out there and that continued to move right up until harvest,” John Boeker, southern region manager for Total Grain Marketing, told FarmWeek.

Farther north in Eureka, Grainland Farmers Cooperative CEO Terry Bline said elevator workers were also able to get old-crop inventories down before combines started up.

“Farmers reluctantly sold some of the crop even though they weren’t excited about the prices,” he told FarmWeek. “And we offered more price-later programs on some soybeans just to get those moved.”

While many elevators had adequate space as harvest kicked off, harvest brought unique aspects that caused a few logistical challenges.

Bline said fieldwork in

his areas has been constant with no rain delays, and that scenario applies to most of the state.

“The harvest has been unusual in the sense that we basically did all the soybean harvest before we did any corn,” he said. “There was a three- or four-day period where the corn receipts were pretty intense.”

He said typically the Eureka location has a balance of corn and soybeans coming in at the same time.

“Soybean yields were so good, we ended up putting some soybeans in the corn space that we didn’t plan on because it was the most pressing need at the time,” Bline said. “So, we’ve been assessing our corn space needs and we’re just taking it day by day.”

Bline said overall the cooperative is good on space, but some locations are tighter than others and while putting corn on the ground is an option, he is hopeful they will be able to avoid that this season.

Bryan Rader, merchandising manager for FS Grain, said they, too, were



Crews move grain onto a temporary pile at the FS grain elevator near Amboy. (Photo by Catriona Rawson of FarmWeek)

anticipating a big crop and their U.S. Route 30 location near Amboy began piling corn in a bunker last week.

“That was built to use in a bigger yielding year or a fast-paced environment,” he said. “That’s just a temporary space pile that won’t stay on the ground very long.”

He said FS Grain has not had to find emergency storage for grain yet this

year. And with an estimated 30% of harvest left to get through in the area, he said they should be able to avoid that at their 18 locations in northern Illinois.

Boeker, who oversees elevators in Louisville, Watson, Sandoval, Greenville, Hookdale and Mulberry Grove, said workers in those locations saw most of the soybeans come in first. “Which was kind of a blessing,” he said. “It’s

almost easier to handle one commodity at a time.”

He said soybean yields came in a bit lower than expected earlier in the season, which alleviated some of their space concerns, and the late start to planting in his region should also ease the pressure.

“A lot of corn was planted after the 20th of May to the 10th of June here, so some people dropped acres and didn’t plant as

much corn,” he said.

Boeker said the weather allowed both crops to dry naturally, which makes elevator logistics a bit easier, too.

“My expectation two months ago was that we were going to see a lot of wet corn, but because of the unusually dry fall we have had to dry very little of either crop,” he said.

Boeker said there is carry in the market right now, so elevators and farmers alike are thinking outside of the box and finding places to store grain.

“When a farmer can get rewarded 20 or 30 cents for holding corn off the market for one or two months, they’re going to figure out a way to do that,” Boeker said. “They’re finding other locations or making other arrangements just to pick up that carry in the market.”

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Election packets have been picked up for April 2025 election

AMBOY – In the April 2025 election, four positions on the Amboy City Council are up for grabs: president and alderpersons for the first ward, second ward, and third ward.

Election petition packets have been taken by incumbents Frank Stenzel (mayor), Greg Noble (first ward), Bill Bontz (second ward), and Dave Shaw (third ward). A

packet has also been assigned to Jeff Parker as he is running for third ward alderman.

The Village of Sublette has had packets taken by incumbents as president John Stenzel, trustees Julie Kessel, Bob Bulfer, and Larry Ellis, and clerk Makenzie Kessel.

The filing period for the April 2025 election is November 12-18.

U.S. 30 bridge work in Lee County began Nov. 4

DIXON – The Illinois Department of Transportation recently announced, weather permitting, construction was to begin Monday, Nov. 4 on the bridge carrying U.S. 30 over the Union Pacific Railroad in Lee County. The bridge is located a mile east of Interstate 88.

Work will clean and paint the structural steel on the bridge. One lane will be open to traffic and controlled by temporary traffic signals during the project, which is expected to be completed by the end of November.

Motorists can expect delays and

should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on X at @IDOTDistrict2 or view area construction details on IDOT’s traveler information map on GettingAroundIllinois.com.

Trafficking arrests highlight need for SAFE-T Act reforms

MORRIS – On the evening of Thursday, October 24, the Grundy County Sheriff’s Office pursued and arrested two individuals found in possession of 3 kilograms (6.9 pounds) of fentanyl.

Following the arrest, Grundy County officials were required by the SAFE-T Act to hold a Pre-Trial Release Hearing within 48 hours.

Before the hearing, Grundy County officials confirmed that both suspects were Honduran nationals, with one having an Immigration Detainer Warrant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. At the hearing, the local State’s Attorney requested detention for both suspects due to the severity of the charges. The court granted one detention request based on the outstanding warrant and criminal history.

The other suspect was released because no records of criminal history were available during the 48-hour hearing window required by the SAFE-T Act. After the hearing was over, Grundy County officials

were informed by California authorities that the released 18-year-old suspect had a juvenile record, which could have led to his detention if the information was available sooner.

In light of this incident, State Senator Sue Rezin (R-Morris) and Grundy County Sheriff Ken Briley are calling for reforms to the SAFE-T Act, including the current 48-hour Pre-Trial Release Hearing requirement. Additionally, Senator Rezin is exploring legislation that would stipulate that Class X felony charges related to the possession of fentanyl are presumed to be detainable under the SAFE-T Act, putting the burden of pre-trial release on the defendant instead of the State’s Attorney and Judge.

“According to the DEA, the amount of fentanyl seized in this arrest is enough to kill 1.5 million people. This terrifying statistic underscores the real dangers that our communities face from this trafficked poison,” said Senator Rezin. “The pre-trial release of this

suspect highlights the critical gaps that remain in the SAFE-T Act that must be addressed to ensure our local law enforcement and judicial system have all of the tools they need to protect the public.”

“This incident shows the urgent need to give law enforcement and State’s Attorneys the time necessary to gather all of the relevant information before pre-trial release decisions are made,” said Sheriff Briley. “The current requirements under the SAFE-T Act limit our ability to fully assess a suspect’s background, which opens the door for the release of potentially dangerous individuals. Allowing more time would ensure that we have the evidence needed to make informed and responsible decisions that protect our communities.”

Senator Rezin and Sheriff Briley’s proposed reforms aim to enhance community safety and equip law enforcement with the authority and time they need to make informed pre-trial detention decisions.

Sublette projects take a step further with an engineer

BRANDON LaCHANCE
Amboy News Editor

SUBLETTE – The agenda and conversation during Village of Sublette meetings have featured reoccurring projects over the last year.

Before the Monday, Oct. 14 meeting, a committee meeting took place with an engineer from Willett Hofmann & Associates.

“There was a committee meeting with the engineer about more projects in Sublette that need to be done,” Sublette President John Stenzel said. “We’ve had a preliminary budget for engineering and design, and we added to it because we expanded the scope. We’re at the point where we need to expand again because more stuff has been added.”

“He showed us some maps with designs he has worked on. We went over the maps for the drainage, water, and street projects

on Richmond, Virginia, and Reeve Street, and we went over motor fuel tax project for 2025 and the sidewalk replacement plan. The consensus was to put another \$20,000 into the design budget.”

Sublette is also in the process of setting up a meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation about the tile running under Hwy. 52.

The paperwork for a \$30,000 IEPA Grant for water service line inventory has been accepted and received. The board hopes to hear by the end of November of whether or not the grant will complete in the same fashion as the paperwork.

Sublette received three bids for the three-year maintenance contract the board has advertised since the existing deal with Rick’s Lawn & Property Maintenance expires Tuesday, Nov. 12. Rick’s did not

want to renew the contract.

A motion was made to go with Turf Tamers, LLC in West Brooklyn for \$38,450 per year for three years. The motion was seconded, but voted against, 4-2.

After discussion and Stenzel stating the board could either rebid or someone could make a motion for a different sealed bit, an alderman made a motion to accept Nick’s Lawn Care’s bid of \$55,000 per year.

It was seconded and the vote was 3-4 with two nays and one abstaining, which means Nick’s Lawn Care will get the Sublette maintenance contract.

The filing period for the April 2025 election is November 12-18 for five positions on the Sublette board: president, clerk, and three trustees.



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Mercyhealth’s new urgent care facility is open

DIXON – Mercyhealth is pleased to announce the opening of a new urgent care facility at 1504 S. Galena Ave., Dixon.

The location, which held a grand opening on Wednesday, Oct. 30, will be open 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week, with services provided by board certified emergency medicine doctors. Patients can take advantage of high-quality urgent care close to home without the inconvenience of long wait times.

To learn more about job opportunities at this or any Mercyhealth location, visit careers.mercyhealthsystem.org.

LOCAL NEWS

Amboy High School Report

Janet Crownhart, Principal

High Five Friday with the varsity football team and cheerleaders was successful.

On Friday, Nov. 1 the Amboy varsity football team and cheerleaders met at Amboy Central School to welcome the Central school students to school, give high-fives, and play on the playground with them.

While it was pretty cold, Central students had a great time.

Great job to the cast and crew of the fall play, "The Play That Goes Wrong". All three shows went extremely well and we are proud of you.

The Veterans Day Ceremony will be on at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11 in the Amboy High School gymnasium. The public is welcome to attend. Please bring a valid driver's license with you to sign in.

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, there will be a technical school/certificate program night for parents of all high school students interested in the trades. Discussions will be held on what programs Sauk Valley Community College has available to students, and what steps would be taken if SVCC does not have a



program of choice.

There will also be discussions about financial aid and help with how to get started on FAFSA.

The second round of football playoffs will be a home game at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 vs. Martinsville. Let's fill the bleachers and fence line with Clipper Fans!



Kenley Wilson is November's AHS Student of the Month

AMBOY – Kenley Wilson, daughter of Dan and Amy Wilson, has been named The First National Bank in Amboy Student of the Month for November.

GPA: 4.0

Memberships and Involvement: National Honor Society president, Student Council vice president, Leo Club vice president, FFA Chapter Parliamentarian, class secretary, girls basketball player for four years.

Awards and Honors: Member of the highest honor roll throughout my entire time at Amboy and College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award.

Best Memories of AHS: Math classes with Dinger and football games, especially state last year.

Future Plans: Attend a four-year university (undecided) and major in biology before going to optometry school to get my Doctor of Optometry degree.



Roberts Armory WWII Museum Open for Veterans Day

Roberts Armory WWII Museum will be open to the public in honor of Veterans Day from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 in Rochelle. To get to the museum, follow the signs on the Army truck at Rt. 251 & Intermodal Drive (Approximately 3 miles). Many World War II artifacts are on display including tanks, trucks, cannons, and Rochelle News-Leader newspapers from 1945 presenting photographs of Rochelle residents who served during World War II. The Higgins Boat will be open for viewing, weather permitting. The next opening will be Memorial Day 2025. More information is available on the Rochelle website at: <https://www.enjoyrochelle.com/online-directory/what-to-do/history-attractions/robert-s-armory.html>. There is no admission charge.

Pankhurst Memorial Library November events

Mommy & Me: 10-10:45 a.m. every Tuesday

LEGO Club/Craft Club: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday

Book Club: 5-6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4 & Monday, Nov. 18

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Crochet Club: 5-6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 & Wednesday, Nov. 20

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Saturday, November 23rd, 2024. The band starts at noon and dinner will be served at 1pm.

Homework Club

We will have applications ready in the Teen Turf hallway and at each of the schools. You can drop the applications off into our mailbox in the hall, to us in person, or into the school office. If you have a 3rd grader or above, they may be able to attend. They will ride the bus, have a hot meal, a fun place to play, and of course complete homework.

Volunteers

We welcome all volunteers for our after-school program, which runs normally Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Volunteers help serve lunch, supervise kids, and help with various homework tasks. If interested, please call us at 815-857-4800. You can volunteer whatever time you have. We even have volunteers come in the morning to help with other prep tasks.

Donations

We always feel so thankful and blessed for what our community does for us. Please bring donations inside the building during the day while we are here. If you have a large donation, drop off, please do not leave it outdoors. We would like you to call Teen Turf to set up a time to drop it off, as we do not want items to go unseen and to sit out in the elements. Thank you for thinking of us and we appreciate your support!!

Pantry

We are looking for egg donations for the food pantry. Contact us at 815-857-4800.

Final Note

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

AMBOY POLICE

WARRANT

Laura Harmon, 49, of Amboy, turned herself in at 1:55 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17. She was wanted on a Lee County warrant. Harmon was taken to the Lee County Jail.

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DIXON – While our lives may be constantly on the move and the convenience of having so much at our fingertips in digital form, there is a great deal of benefit to putting pen to paper. Join Illinois Extension for “Bullet Journaling” from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Sauk Valley Community College and learn the benefits of bullet journaling. It can help organize life tasks, thoughts, and feelings, help identify stressors, help process emotions and intrusive or avoidant thoughts, gain insight and confidence, and promote empathy. Supplies are included. Cost is \$12 for ages 13-plus. Register online at: go.illinois.edu/CommunityEdSVCC.

HARMON – The Harmon United Methodist Church will hold a soup and sandwich supper from 4-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7. Vegetable soup, ham and bean soup, ham sandwiches, desserts, and drinks will be served. The supper is a free will offering with all donations go toward new siding for the church. Everyone is welcome.

SUBLETTE – The next Village of Sublette meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette.

AMBOY – The Amboy Lions Club meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11 at the Amboy Community Center, located at 280 W. Wasson Rd. The Lions Club meetings take place the second and fourth Monday of every month.

DIXON – Join Illinois Extension Educator Kara Schweitzer from 1-2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11 and Monday, Dec. 9 at the KSB Town Square Center in Dixon as she leads participants through monthly interactive activities crafted to stimulate the brain and enhance cognitive function and memory. The free classes, which can be joined at any time, are for adults of all ages interested in strengthening their brains.

STERLING – 4-H club leaders and aspiring leaders are invited from 12:30-3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11 at the University of Illinois Extension Office in Sterling to enjoy pizza, explore the 4-H officer roles and duties, and gain some new ideas to make club meetings fun and efficient. Youth will participate in team building activities, problem-solving challenges and learn how to effectively communicate, delegate and inspire those around them.

EAST GROVE – East Grove Township is holding its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at the East Grove Township Hall.

STERLING – Join Illinois Extension Educator Kara Schweitzer from 1:30-3 p.m. p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the CGH Health Foundation Community Room in Sterling as she leads participants through monthly interactive activities crafted to stimulate the brain and enhance cognitive function and memory. The free classes, which can be joined at any time, are for adults of all ages interested in strengthening their brains.

DIXON – The Lee County Board of Health meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 at the Lee County Health Department, located at 309 S. Galena Ave. Suite 100 in Dixon.

AMBOY – The Board of Trustees of The Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the Amboy Township Building, located at 106 South Prospect St. in Amboy.

PAW PAW – The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Paw Paw will commence at 7

p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the Paw Paw Village Hall.

LEE CENTER – The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14.

AMBOY – Bring the family from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 to the Lee County 4-H Center in Amboy for some 4-H fun. Activities will include games, touch a tractor, scavenger hunt, a walk barrel train, talk to a farmer and more. Popcorn, hot dogs and hot chocolate will be available. Admission is free but please bring a canned good or other non-perishable food item to be donated to the food pantry. Hosted by the Lee County 4-H Federation.

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John Aaron Vivian May 4, 1972 - Oct. 21, 2024

AMBOY – It is with great sadness that the family of John Aaron Vivian, 52, of Alexandria, Virginia announces his passing on October 21, 2024.

There will be a remembrance ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 9 at Mihm-Jones Funeral Home at 303 East Main Street, Amboy. Visitation will be from 9 a.m.-11 a.m., followed by a service, then burial at Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center. A Celebration of Life will begin immediately following services at John's favorite local restaurant, Long Branch Saloon. A meal will be provided, and all friends and family are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests contributions in John's memory to the Ashton-Franklin Center Athletics Department at 611 Western Ave, Ashton, IL 61006. Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

John was born on May 4, 1972, in Dixon, and grew up in Amboy. He attended Franklin Center High School where he played football and bas-

ketball. He excelled academically and athletically, ranging from FFA Section Vice President to being a high school class officer, demonstrating his life-long drive and ambition.

John attended the University of Illinois and graduated with a degree in Economics. While in college, he tried out for the Illinois basketball team as a walk on and played for the Fighting Illini for two years. He pledged in his first semester and became a brother of Sigma Pi. Returning to his alma mater years later, he received an Executive MBA with honors. John excelled in his professional career, working 22 years with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency both in Illinois and at headquarters in Washington, D.C. and then as a consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

An athlete and avid runner throughout his life, John enjoyed watching sports and cheering on his favorite sports and cheering on his favorite teams, the Cubs, Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls, and his beloved Illini. He en-



joyed attending games and concerts with his life-long friends and extended family, particularly his cousins. His friends will always remember his wonderful smile, mischievous wit, and infectious laugh.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dolores White. John is survived by children Andrew, Claire, Mark, and Adam, all of Woodbridge, Virginia; his former spouse Cynthia and mother of their four amazing children; his father, Robert Vivian (Glenda) of Amboy, Illinois; brother, Jay Vivian (Carolyn) of Shawnee, Kansas; sister, Jennifer Vivian of Madison, Wisconsin; and nephews and nieces- Grace Vivian, and Jake, Colin, and Hope Kaecker.

Michael Allan Bernardin May 13, 1950 - Oct. 30, 2024

AMBOY – Michael Allan Bernardin passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, after fighting a two-year battle with Multiple Myeloma.

In lieu of flowers please make your donation to Unity Hospice or The Hub City Senior Center.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday Nov. 3 at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday Nov. 4 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy for Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery in West Brooklyn. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Bernardin was born in Rochelle on May 13, 1950, and lived his entire childhood in Amboy. He graduated in the class of 1968 from Amboy High School.

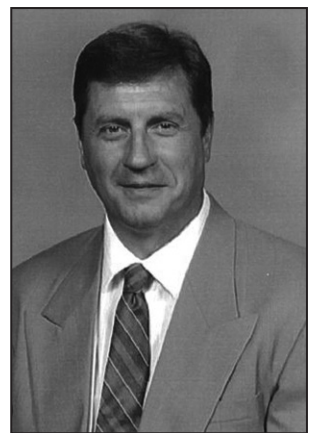
On Sept. 5, 1992, Mike married Mary Margaret Furuseth, and they became a blended family of five daughters: Amy Bernardin (John) Smith, Lisa Bernar-

din (Ryan) Zorn, Laura Bernardin, Micki Joslin (Mike) Blevins, and Marcy Joslin (Dan) Brown.

Michael had many interests in his life but two of the things he loved most, besides life on the farm, were music and cars. He would sit in the music room for hours listening to all types of music. He would make custom CDs for friends and always had the stereo blaring in his shop when he worked on his second great passion, his antique cars. He was the proud owner of a 1934 Ford, which he rebuilt three times, and his 1928 Ford he was purchased years later. Of course, he tore it apart and rebuilt it too, but that was just Mike.

In the summer, he would hit at least one car show a week. He could be found Wednesday nights at his favorite spot, Smokin Coops, where they became like family to Mike. Trophies meant nothing to him. He just loved seeing all his friends and talking cars.

Mike worked for 28 years at Northwestern Steel and Wire before de-



ciding to run for Highway Commissioner of Viola Township. After winning the election in 2005, Mike faithfully served the community for over 19 years. Sometimes working 24 hours straight to clear the snow because "it just needed to be done".

Mike is survived by his wife, his daughters and nine grandchildren: Justin (Sarah) Smith, Matthew Smith, AJ Smith, Nathan, Jacob and Emma Zorn, Luke and Lexi Brown, and Ashton Blevins, and his sister Jean (Don) Kreiser.

Bernardin is preceded in death by his parents Edwin and Sue Bernardin, his sister Marie Boyer, and his parents-in-law Dean and Margaret Furuseth.

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LOCAL NEWS

ComEd, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus award 24 grants to support holiday light events in northern Illinois

CHICAGO – The festive season is fast approaching, bringing with it opportunities for communities to come together and spread cheer. To support local holiday light displays across northern Illinois, ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus today announced grants of up to \$2,500 each for 24 northern Illinois communities through the annual ComEd Powering the Holidays Program.

“Holiday light displays have a unique way of bringing people together and creating shared moments of wonder and joy,” said Melissa Washington, Senior Vice President of Customer Operations and Strategic Initiatives at ComEd. “Through our partnership with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, we’re proud to help create experiences that are not only visually remarkable but that also create deep, meaningful connections between our neighbors.”

Since 2021, the Powering the Holidays grant program has celebrated the unique character of local communities by supporting holiday events that promote cultural exchange and foster inclusivity. With the latest 2024 grant recipients, ComEd has now provided a total of \$172,000 in

funding to 70 communities and organizations for holiday light displays since the program’s launch.

“We’re excited to continue our partnership with ComEd through the Powering the Holidays Program,” said Neil James, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. “It’s always inspiring to see the creativity and diversity of the light displays that these grants help bring to life year after year. These events do more than brighten our communities; they create opportunities for people to come together and share an appreciation for the rich cultural traditions that make our communities unique.”

Communities will use these grants to power holiday light events taking place between November 1, 2024 and February 13, 2025. Municipalities, townships, counties, and other local government entities within ComEd’s service territory were eligible to apply for funding.

Powering the Holidays is part of ComEd’s ongoing commitment to supporting holiday light events across Chicagoland including popular holiday attractions at Lincoln Park Zoo, Brook-

field Zoo, The Morton Arboretum and Chicago Botanic Garden. To learn more about Powering the Holidays, visit the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus website.

The 24 ComEd Powering the Holidays grant recipients and the programs to be supported are:

City of Mendota Christmas (Mendota, Ill.) – The Mendota Christmas event will include free horse-drawn carriage rides, hot chocolate, Santa rides on a firetruck, a book giveaway and free crafts for children. Funds will be used to purchase high-quality, energy-efficient LED lights for the large Christmas Tree in Veteran’s Park and lights for a tree decorating contest. The event will be held on December 7th, 2024.

Merry and Bright Event (Bartlett, Ill.) – The Village’s annual event will include a tree lighting, a small business hot cocoa crawl, carriage rides, food trucks and a food donation drive. Funds will be used for tree lighting and decorations in Bartlett Park. The event will be held on December 6th, 2024.

Broadview Holiday Magic Event (Broadview, Ill.) – Broadview Holiday

Magic transforms the community into a winter wonderland with a tree lighting ceremony, street lighting, performances from carolers and musicians, holiday-themed games and crafts. Grant funds will be used to purchase and install lights, wreaths, garlands and other decorations for trees, lamp posts and buildings. The event will be held on December 14th, 2024.

25th Ward Alderman Office (Chicago, Ill.) – The 25th Ward office, serving Little Village and Pilsen, will create a public light display for residents at the Plaza Tenochtitlán, which has a rich history and heavy foot traffic. Community organizations, schools and youth organizations will be involved in the event. The event will be held on December 7th, 2024.

A Brighter Crete Country Christmas for All (Crete, Ill.) – Funds will be used to purchase high-quality, energy-efficient lighting for a tent and to replace outdated lights for Santa’s Sleigh. The event features entertainment from professionals and local youth groups, followed by Santa riding through the community to pick up donated toys and food. The event will be held on December 7th, 2024.

Central School retirees gather for lunch

AMBOY—Amboy Central School retirees and guests gathered for lunch at the Long Branch on Thursday, October 24, with 36 in attendance.

Judi Callison welcomed everyone, and Lois Gillespie, social chairman, shared messages from some of those unable to attend.

A tradition at Central School and a highlight of the day, Gillespie wrote an original song to the tune of “Strangers in the Night.” After singing it to everyone, the words to the song were passed around, and the entire group sang it along with her.

George Steffen offered the prayer followed by a great lunch.

Cake with a picture of Central School was served. Mr. Weidman brought his famous “green bowl” of delicious homemade cookies.

A memorial table honored those who have passed away: Robert Ortmann, Alice Austin, George Mason, Kathy Worton and Dick

Lohse.

Those attending were: Liz Albrecht, Judy and Neil Brinkmeier, Phil and Judi Callison, Vicki and Chris Conderman, Sue Duffy, Mary Ehlers, Karen Ely, Lois Gillespie, Linda & Jim Grady, Joe Jahn, Kay Karlson, Linda and Gerald Klein, Mary Knowles, Paula Leffelman, Marlene Lohse and Janelle Elliott, Delores and Jan Mason, Jane Rabel, Sandy and David Rebuck, Joyce Schamberger, Chris Shaw, David and Sue, Terry Weber, Dennis and Brooke Weidman, Sharon Woodring, and George and Julie Steffen.

Those unable to attend were: Nancy Anderson, Carol Biester, Pam Campen, Lynda Fleming, Deb Gilmore, Sue Godsil, Kirsten Kavanaugh, John Maltbey, Carol Schaniter, Susan Shaw and Shirley Willis.

Following lunch, a time of rekindling old friendships was enjoyed by all.

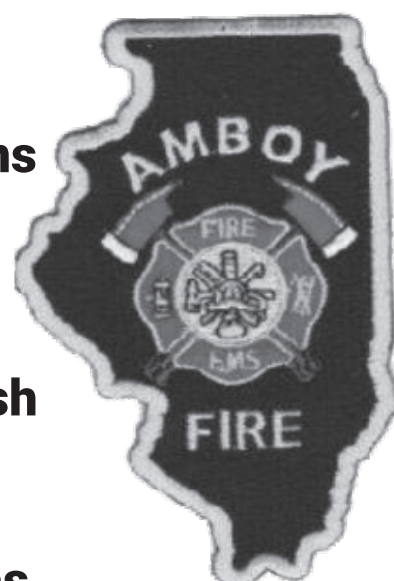
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Opinion

What a weekend in Amboy

Usually during a weekend, I am all over the place. On a normal fall Friday night, I'm usually anywhere in a two-hour radius covering a football game whether play-by-play broadcast on a Starved Rock Media channel, writing for The Amboy News or The Mendota Reporter, or to get visuals and audio quotes for the Edge of Your Seat Podcast. Saturday and Sunday usually mean, I'm at a baseball, softball, volleyball, or basketball tournament officiating games/matches.

There are also family events, friend interactions, and a little video game playing. This past weekend, I can sum up my weekend in one word...Amboy.

It started Friday when I talked to five people for five different stories seen in this edition of the paper and future copies.

Saturday, I covered the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team's Illinois 8-Man Football Association first round playoff game against West Central (See page A11 for the story).

I am very appreciative of the fact I get to talk to coach Scott Payne every Monday morning when I'm not able to attend Clipper games to get a story and know everything going on with the team.

But as an active journalist, I love being on the sideline with a front row view of all the action.

It's enjoyable to a sports fanatic like me to mingle with the players, coaches, officials, photographers, fans, athletic directors, principals, and everyone else associated.

In the last 20 years, there are very few IHSA football

weekends I have not been a part of. I'd guess less than five.

Column

By Brandon LaChance



Knowing I had another engagement in Amboy Saturday, I didn't leave as soon as the game was over.

I have wanted to check out Uncle B's Bar and Grill since it opened and haven't had the chance. Although the establishment has nothing to do with me, I was first called Uncle B by my second of 11 nieces and nephews some 15 years ago and now every one of them, their friends, and my friend's children call me, Uncle B. I like to say I'm the mafia uncle (it's a joke, I don't have any ties).

So, it was only fitting I go to the bar and grill.

The service was good and the food was decent. There were about four or five menu items I wanted to try. This means,

I'll be back (in my worst Arnold Schwarzenegger impersonation).

After an hour, I was at the Amboy Community Building for the retirement party of former Amboy Fire Chief, Jeff Bryant Sr.

I remember the first time I spoke to Bryant Sr. over the phone about three years ago. It was not a happy or friendly phone call as he was calling to find out where I had found out false information and why I reported it.

After we both said our side, we made peace.

Since then, our rapport has been amazing and when he called me to tell me he was retiring, I was happy for him because he has served on the Amboy Fire Protection District for 36 years, but I was sad that I

won't get to work with him at all or as much as we have over the last 36 months.

He's an intelligent, motivated man and I know he isn't truly retiring. Plus, everyone I know who is retired is busier now than they were before.

On Sunday, I was back at Amboy High School for the fall play, "The Play That Goes Wrong".

On the program, the G at the end of wrong is backward, but my work computer wouldn't let me make it happen.

Anyway, the play was great.

I felt bad because I couldn't give it 100-percent of my attention as phone notifications continuously went going off, but the student performers had me laughing almost the entirety of the show.

In a performance I know was tricky to nail the timing, the cast and crew had the ultimate hammer when I saw the play on Sunday. I was definitely glad I went.

Following the play, there was one more interview for a story planned for the November 13 edition of The Amboy News.

I'm not from Amboy and before I began as a journalist and then an editor for The Amboy News, I had only stopped in Amboy a few times.

I wish I had gotten to know the community and its people before because I'm happy to be in Amboy anytime whether it's to chat, watch a game, honor the deserving, or catch a show.

I'll be back (in my voice) ...real soon.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 years ago Nov. 7, 1924

The Methodist parsonage on East Main Street was sold to Mrs. Charles Gentry of Compton, who is to have possession the first of December. The Methodist people have bought Ed Loan's bungalow on Adams Avenue as a residence for their pastor.

A barn on the former residence of Miss Cornelia Badger at Binghampton was destroyed by fire together with its contents, consisting chiefly of hay and straw. The community fire truck was sent to the rescue but owing to scant water supply and a good start on part of the fire, was not able to save the structure.

75 years ago Nov. 10, 1949

Buren Bybee was the high bidder for the residence of the late Jess Davis, which was sold at public auction for \$2,100.

Amboy's fire trucks were called out twice within 10 minutes. The first call was to Mrs. Ida Parker's residence on South Jefferson Avenue. As the truck was returning to the station a second call came in to a grass fire near Frank Antoine's.

50 years ago Nov. 7, 1974

Nominees for the 1975 Illinois Teacher of the Year from this area met with State Schools Superintendent Michael J. Bakalis in Springfield,

where they were honored and the Teacher of the Year was named. 1975 Teacher of the Year is Tom Nicholson, a career education instructor at Orion High School in Henry County. Also nominated were Elsie Fay Hart (Rockford), Ann Koprowicz (Rockford), Ronald Buening (Galena), E. Lita Grabeklis (Rockford), and Margaret Payne (Amboy).

Dr. Donald Skidmore, superintendent of Amboy Community Unit School District No. 272, has prepared an article for publication in The Amboy News: In this final article of the series that I have written regarding the junior high school referendum, I wish to comment on a question which has been frequently asked. The question is, what will happen if the junior high school referendum fails? The future is difficult, if not impossible, to predict. There are certain probable events I can speculate including is none of the major renovation work will be done, which includes building upgrades, window and roof problems will remain, the plumbing system, the lights will not be upgraded, to name a few.

Ladd Construction Company workmen had completed the black-topping of downtown brick streets in Amboy. The streets resurfaced were Main Street from Mason Avenue to East Avenue, East Avenue from Main Street to Division Street, and the brick pavement on Jones Avenue north of Main Street to the alley.

25 years ago Nov. 4, 1999

Although the Amboy School District spends less per pupil than many other schools in the state, it concentrates its money on education. Amboy spends \$2,664 for each student, compared to the state average of \$3,990 and the average for the same size of school of \$3,177. But more of Amboy's money goes for the Education Fund 77.4 percent, compared to the statewide average of 72 percent.

Amboy Fire Chief Frank Stenzel reported at the latest meeting that the Amboy Fire Department has received a staffing waiver from the state. Stenzel clarified that the department would still answer emergency calls.

The Amboy School Board of Directors presented 26 plaques at the last meeting to those who made donations to the school's track and field complex. The plaques were given to the Amboy Lions Club, Cecil Harrison, Joe Flessner, Gerald Klein, Keith Leffelman, Tom McConville, Tim Oester, Don Full, Tom Fassler, Joe Jahn, Carol Miles, Bill Burke, Ralph Schultz & Sons Electric, Tom Trumpinski, Curt Harrison, Deb Schultz, Clarence and Dorothy Michel, Dennis Weidman, Tractor Mirror Inc., Steve and Catherine Brownlee, Amboy Junior Tackle Football, Sauk Valley Motors Ltd. (Doug Payne), Snack-N-Go, Kevin's General Store (Kevin and Julie Malach), Brad's Tree Service and Pete's Place (Pete and Brenda Prevenas).

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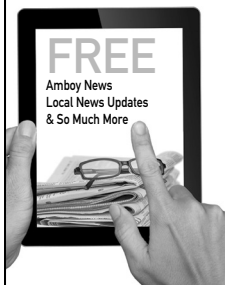
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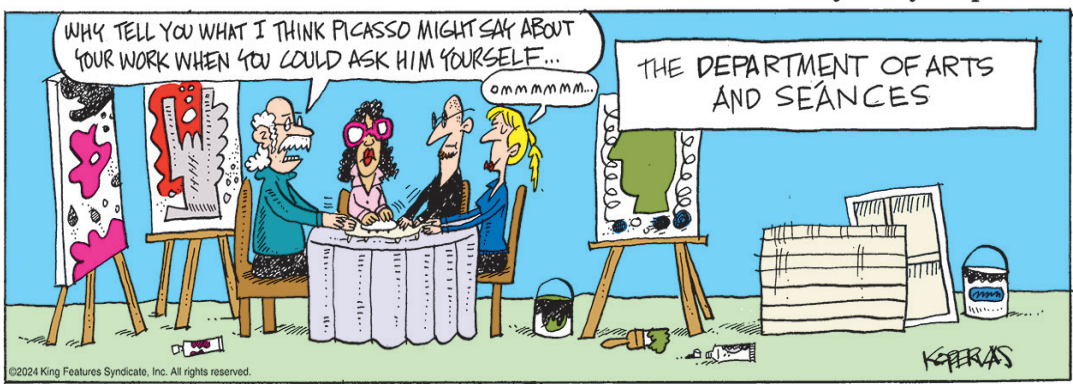
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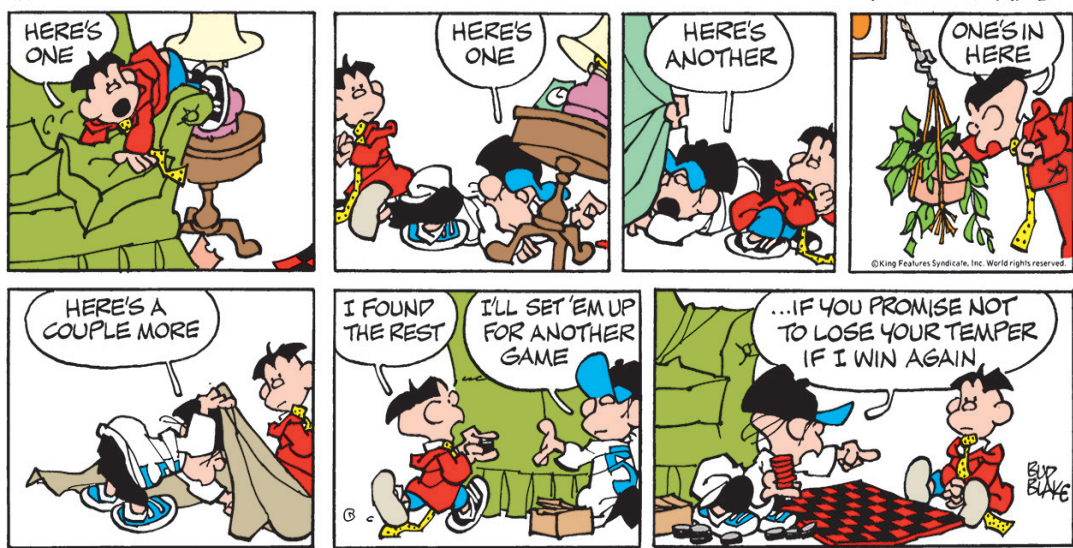
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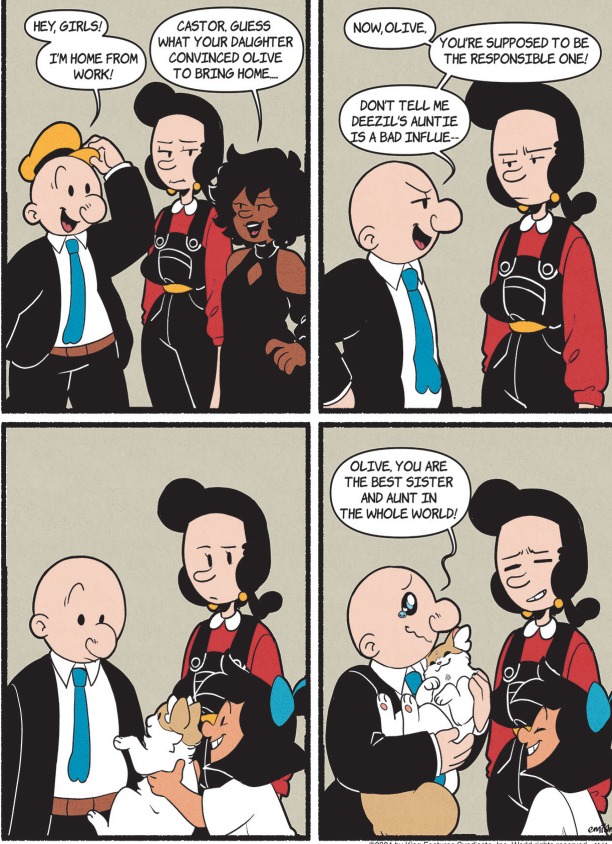
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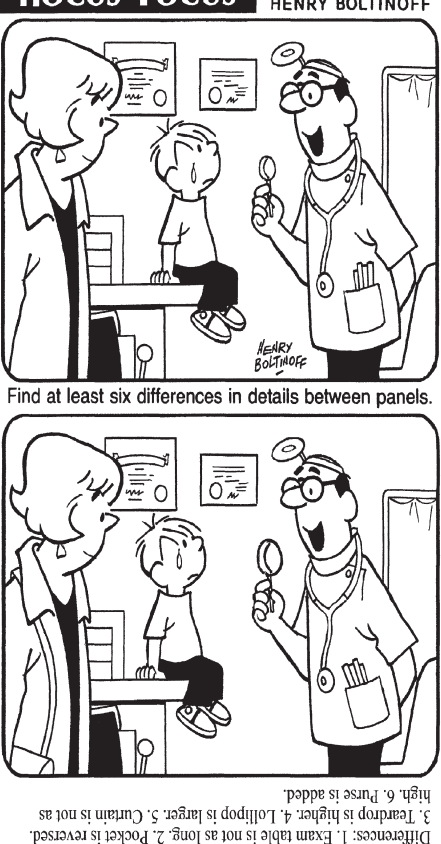
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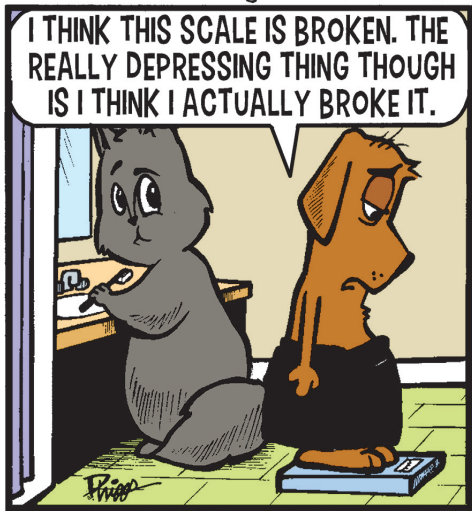
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals L

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EDDXUCR KQ WQBNQXDKK.

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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!

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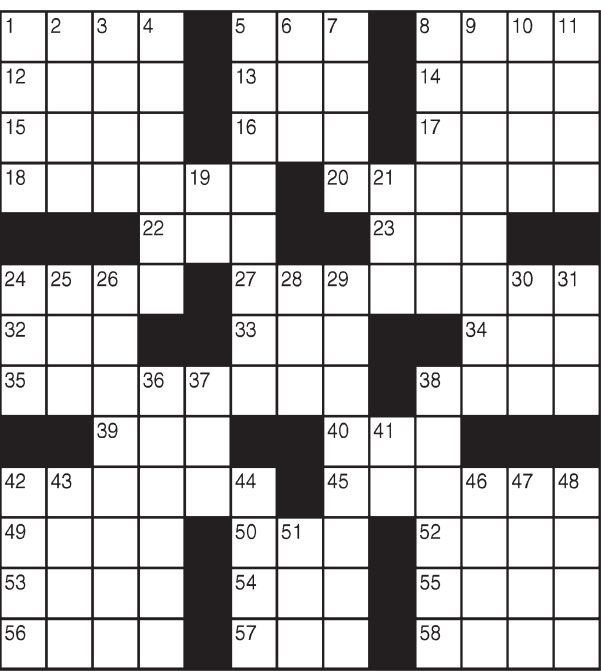
TODAY'S WORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Story lines
- 5 Entanglement
- 8 Victor's cry
- 12 Barking mammal
- 13 Artist Yoko
- 14 Scrapped mission
- 15 Hawaiian city
- 16 Tic-tac-toe win
- 17 Corrida bull
- 18 Surround
- 20 Edge
- 22 Standard
- 23 Fiddle stick
- 24 Umps
- 27 Revolt
- 32 — Baba
- 33 To and —
- 34 Modern, in Bonn
- 35 They can hold their heads high
- 38 Aussie greeting
- 39 Takeoff stat
- 40 Comic Philips
- 42 On the job
- 45 Destroys
- 49 Hoodlum
- 50 Privy
- 52 Small combo
- 53 Oklahoma tribe
- 54 GI entertainers
- 55 Full house, e.g.

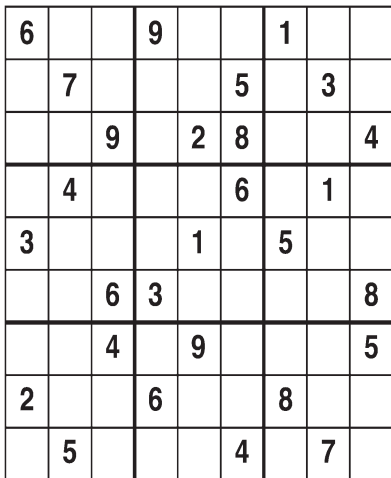


- 10 Folklore monster
- 11 Queen dowager of Jordan
- 19 "— Boheme"
- 21 Kimono closer
- 24 Tatter
- 25 Yalie
- 26 Kindling
- 28 Opposite of "post"
- 29 Guitar-making material
- 30 PBS supporter
- 31 Chap
- 36 Makes amends
- 37 New Deal pres.
- 38 "Faust" dramatist
- 41 "— Deeds"
- 42 Awestruck
- 43 Dorothy's dog
- 44 Heidi of "Project Runway"
- 46 Rocky outcrop
- 47 Monarch
- 48 Freshens lawns
- 51 Sugar suffix

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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 BLOWN to DROPS in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

BLOWN

DROPS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What was the name of the tournament in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What was the name of the train service that started in 1883 between Paris and Constantinople (Istanbul)?
- LITERATURE: Who did the pigs represent in the allegorical novel "Animal Farm"?
- ART: Which European city houses the Reina Sofia museum?
- TELEVISION: What is the product that Don Draper makes an ad for in the final episode of "Mad Men"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of unicorns called?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which presidential retreat is officially named the "Naval Support Facility Thurmont"?
- MUSIC: Which composer is featured in the film "Immortal Beloved"?
- HISTORY: The Great Wall of China was mostly built by which dynasty?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of fruit is also known as the Chinese gooseberry?

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- Answers:
1. The Triwizard Tournament
 2. The Orient Express
 3. The ruling class
 4. Madrid, Spain
 5. Coke
 6. A blessing
 7. Camp David, Maryland
 8. Ludwig van Beethoven
 9. Ming Dynasty
 10. Kiwi!

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Today's Word

1. Snipe; 2. Brute; 3. Stick; 4. Reign

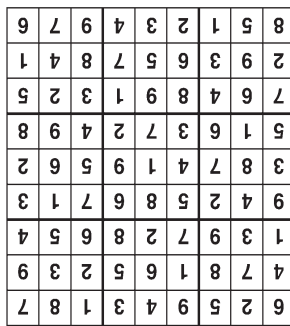
SCRAMBLERS

CROWS, CROPS, DROPS

BROWN, BROWN, CROWN

Answer

WORD LADDER



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

CryptoQuip

If only I could reverse the bad effects that aging is having on my body, I'm feeling so youthful.

STATE NEWS

First tick infected with a rare tickborne illness in Illinois discovered in Lake County

CHICAGO—The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced that the state’s active tick surveillance system has discovered the first tick in the state to test positive for Ehrlichia muris eauclairensis (EME), a bacteria transmitted by blacklegged tick bites that can cause human ehrlichiosis, a severe disease that can cause complications if not treated quickly. IDPH’s Vector Control Program is warning healthcare providers in Northern Illinois to be aware and on the lookout for ehrlichiosis, caused by EME. Ehrlichiosis can be easily treated with antibiotics, typically doxycycline, but can cause severe illness if left untreated.

The blacklegged tick, also called a deer tick, was collected on May 17 by Lake County Health Department staff who receive funding through IDPH’s Environmental Health Tick Surveillance Grant program. The tick was recently tested and confirmed positive for EME by the CDC. Along with ehrlichiosis, ticks submitted by IDPH to CDC are tested for several diseases of human-health importance, including Lyme disease, babesiosis, anaplasmosis, and Borrelia miyamotoi disease.

The disease was first discovered in an

Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, resident in 2009. All known human cases of EME have occurred in Wisconsin and Minnesota. In Illinois, ehrlichiosis is primarily seen in Southern Illinois and spread through the bites of infected Lone star ticks. With the Lake County discovery, a second tick species is now known to spread ehrlichiosis in Illinois. Infected adult and young blacklegged ticks can spread EME to people. Blacklegged ticks are commonly found in areas with woods, brush, leaf litter, and tall grass. Adult blacklegged ticks are active from October-December and any winter day above freezing.

“The discovery of the first tick in Illinois carrying EME, a rare and serious disease, is a great reminder of the importance of our active tick surveillance program in Illinois,” said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. “Tickborne illnesses such as Lyme disease and EME can cause severe illness, especially if untreated. Anyone who spends time in wooded areas or brush, including hunters, should be sure to check for ticks every few hours and remove any that you find. If you experience common symptoms of tickborne illnesses - such as fever, sweats, chills, muscle aches, nausea, or vomiting – see

your healthcare provider immediately and let them know about tick exposure so that you can obtain testing and treatment that can prevent serious illness.”

The announcement of the discovery of a new pathogen in Illinois comes ahead of the 2024 Illinois Tickborne Disease Conference on October 22 in Champaign. The conference is hosted by IDPH, the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and the Illinois Lyme Association. It brings together clinicians, health care providers, researchers, local health departments, and other leaders in the field of Lyme and tickborne diseases. The conference provides an opportunity to educate clinicians, researchers, local health departments, and community advocates on Lyme and other tickborne diseases and state-of-the-art, evidence-based treatment and prevention strategies.

Following are additional tips for how to avoid tickborne illnesses and have a healthy time outdoors:

Walk in the center of trails. Avoid wooded, bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.

Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to find. Tuck long pants into socks and boots.

Apply an EPA-registered insect repellent containing 20% DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus according to label directions. The EPA has a search tool that can help you find the product that best suits your needs.

Treat outdoor clothing and gear with 0.5% permethrin.

Conduct full-body tick checks on family members (underarms, ears, belly button, behind knees, between legs, waist, hair and scalp) every two to three hours. Also check any gear or pets taken on outings.

Put your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes (or one hour for damp clothes) to kill ticks.

Shower within two hours after coming indoors.

If you find a blacklegged tick on you that may have been attached for more than two days, then seek medical attention to decide if you need an antibiotic to prevent Lyme disease.

It is often helpful to keep the tick for species identification. Place the tick in rubbing alcohol or in a sealed bag/container to bring to your healthcare provider or local health department for submission to IDPH.



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ROCKFORD – Peanuts’ timeless holiday television special comes to life on stage with the national tour of A Charlie Brown Christmas Live On Stage (www.acharliebrownchristmas-live.com), skating into Rockford at the Coronado Theatre at 7 a.m. Tuesday, November 19.

The critically acclaimed holiday celebration that the whole family can enjoy brings Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus, and the rest of the Peanuts gang together live on stage as they

uncover the true meaning of Christmas and perform songs from the unforgettable musical score in a tribute to the legendary composer Vince Guaraldi. The Broadway-style production complete with all-new immersive sets, lighting, choreography, and colorful costumes has sold more than 300,000 tickets over the prior holiday seasons.

Tickets are available on Ticketmaster.com, by calling 815-968-5222, or in-person at the BMO Center box office (10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday).

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Nov. 11
EARLY DISMISSAL-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY-AHS-11:18/AJHS-11:20/
Central-11:25
Amboy on Stage Rehearsal-AHS Auditorium-3:30-7:00 pm
AJHS Boys Basketball @ St. Mary’s, Sterling-8th-5:00/7th-6:00
AJHS Boys Basketball (H) Sauk Valley Catholic-6th-5:00/5th-6:00

Nov. 12
AJHS Boys Basketball (H) East Coloma-6th-5:00/5th-6:00
Technical & Certificate Program Night by SVCC-AJHS Cafeteria-6:00-7:30 pm
AJHS Boys Basketball @ East Coloma-8th-5:00/7th-6:00

Nov. 13
AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm
AJHS Boys Basketball @ Dixon Catholic-6th-5:00/5th-6:00

Nov. 14
AJHS Boys Basketball (H) Dixon Catholic-8th-5:00/7th-6:00

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Nitro Circus to return to the U.S. this fall in all-new tour

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The tour will make a special stop November 10, 2024 at the BMO Center in Rockford. Tickets are available for purchase at Ticketmaster.com, by calling 815-968-5222, or in-person at the BMO Center box office (10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday).

Nitro Circus’s elite roster features top athletes like Australian Ryan ‘R Willy’ Williams, the holder of over 100 ‘World’s Firsts’ on both scooter and bike and one of the most viral sports figures on social media with videos garnering over 500 million views. Joining him are Adam Jones, a 6-time X-Games medalist in Freestyle Motocross, and Andy Buckworth, a BMX icon and the first rider to successfully land the superman double front flip. These athletes will push the boundaries of what’s possible with high-flying stunts, tricks, and heart-pounding excitement. Fans of all ages will witness all-new competitions, pitting the best against the best in friendly showdowns showcasing Freestyle Motocross, Skate, BMX, Scooter, and Crazy Contraptions. With nonstop energy underscored by a live DJ, attendees can join in on the fun with new interactive elements that bring them closer than ever before to the competition.

Fans are also invited to elevate their experience with the exclusive Nitro Circus Track Pass, designed for the ultimate fan and an unforgettable adventure. With the Nitro Circus Track Pass, fans will enjoy early entry to beat the crowds, floor access for an up-close view of the Nitro Circus track, FMX and BMX bikes, an exclusive athlete autograph session* to meet the stars behind the stunts, a commemorative lanyard, a limited-edition poster and more! *Nitro Circus Athletes subject to change.

National Lung Cancer Screening Day

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SPORTS

Clippers cruise through I8FA first round

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – From the opening kickoff until the final horn of the first round Illinois 8-Man Football Association playoff game against No. 13-seeded West Central on Saturday, Nov. 2 at The Harbor, the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team was in control.

The No. 4 Clippers advanced to the second round with a shutout, 54-0 victory.

“It felt pretty good to have my number called. We’ve been working all year to make it to this point,” said senior running back Josh McKendry. “We’ve been working hard this week. We’ve been practicing hard. Coach has been getting on us about mistakes. I think that is what helped us pull away early in the game.

“We have a bunch of athletes on this team that can do whatever they want on the field, basically. It’s pretty fun to have a bunch of guys who can run the ball. With us all being seniors, it has made us closer. We’ve been playing together for so long; I think since the third grade. I wouldn’t want to play with a different group of guys.”

McKendry scored three touchdowns including the first two end zone trips of the game on carries of 22 yards (9:32 1Q) and 12 yards (5:45 1Q). His third score was a 7-yard burst in the second quarter. His three touchdowns came on 48 yards on five carries.

Senior Brayden Klein took in a 6-yard score with 3:23 left in the first quarter to take a 22-0 lead and sophomore Caiden Heath trucked in a 2-yard TD at 11:56 in the second frame for a 30-0 lead.

“We came out firing off of the ball against West Central. We’ve been struggling a little bit. At the beginning of the year, not everyone was doing what they needed to do,” said sophomore Trevor Stenzel, who plays on both the offensive and defensive line. “But we’ve come together and the last few weeks we’ve played better. We looked sharp (Saturday). It’s awesome when we can keep them scoreless. If they score, they can

get happy or fired up. It’s hard to do that with no points on the board.

“I am friends with everyone who was on the team last year. As this season has went on, we’ve all gotten really close. It’s been good bonding. Playing football with friends, it doesn’t get better than that.”

Eddie Jones, the senior quarterback, threw two passes in the game (67 yards) including a 48-yard scoring strike to junior Rylan McNinch with 8:26 in the second.

After McKendry scored his third touchdown to give the Clippers a 46-0 halftime lead to inject a running clock in the second half, senior Tyler Huggins finished the games scoring with 9 minutes remaining on a 2-yard run.

“Our offensive line did a good job (Saturday) coming out, getting off of the ball, and opening up holes for our backs,” Clippers coach Scott Payne said. “Josh McKendry did a good job of running the football. He had three touchdowns and helped set up the play-action pass in the first half.

“Josh, Ed Fry, and Brayden Klein all did a great job of running the ball. Quinn didn’t get hurt, but we pulled him early in the game in a cautionary type of thing because we were already up big and didn’t want to risk an injury.

“It all comes down to our offensive line and they did a tremendous job against West Central.”

Besides holding the Heat scoreless, the Clippers recovered four fumbles during the contest.

Payne said his defensive unit controlled the line of scrimmage and didn’t let much get into the secondary.

Amboy is now in the I8FA quarterfinals against No. 5 Martinsville at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at home.

Martinsville won its first-round matchup against Milford-Cissna Park, 52-22 behind quarterback Kaiden Simons, wide receiver Gavin Leloup, and running back Adam Parcel, who ran for over 200 yards and scored three touchdowns.



Amboy senior running back Ed Fry (No. 6) stiff arms a West Central defender in the Clippers 54-0 first round I8FA victory Saturday, Nov. 2 in Amboy.

Kish College to host 2024 Veterans Day Ceremony

MALTA – Kishwaukee College will host a Veterans Day ceremony at 12 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, in the Student Center. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided for all guests during and after the ceremony.

Guests should enter through Door 6, the Student Center entrance. The event will be recorded and livestreamed on Kish’s social media platforms.

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Wisconsin Russet Potatoes 10 lb bag



\$4.99/ea.

HOT BUYS

U.S.D.A. Choice T-Bone Steak



\$10.99/lb.

Reg. Price \$13.99/lb.

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Beef Tenderloin Steak



\$12.99/lb.

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AMBOY DELI

St. Louis Style Ribs



\$2.99/lb.

Reg. Price \$3.99/lb.

AMBOY DELI

~ Deli Special ~
Piggie Burger with Bacon and Cheese



\$5.99/ea.

Reg. Price \$7.29/ea.

AMBOY DELI

Jack's Pizza

13.8 to 15.8 oz.



2/\$7

Reg. Price \$4.99/ea.

Food Club Shredded Cheese 6 to 8 oz.



2/\$4

Reg. Price \$2.79/ea.

Ruffles Potato Chips 5.5 to 8 oz.



2/\$9

Reg. Price \$5.99/ea.

Pepsi Products

24 pack cans



\$11.99/ea.

Reg. Price \$14.99/ea.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Farmland Bacon

16 oz



\$4.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.99/ea.

Oscar Mayer Lunchables 8.8 to 15.2 oz



\$2.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$3.69/ea.

El Monterey

Burritos or Chimichangas 30 to 32 oz



\$5.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$6.59/ea.

Daisy Cottage Cheese 24 oz



\$3.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$3.99/ea.

International Delight Coffee Creamer

32 oz.



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.99/ea.

Totino's Pizza Rolls

24.46 to 24.8 oz



\$5.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$7.59/ea.

Hawaiian Punch

128 oz



\$3.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.19/ea.

Snack Pack Pudding or Gelatin

4 pack



2/\$3

Reg. Price \$1.89/ea.

Del Monte Vegetables

11 to 15.25 oz Select Variety



2/\$3

Reg. Price \$2.19/ea.

General Mills Chex Cereal

12 to 14 oz Select Variety



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.59/ea.

JIF Peanut Butter

15.5 or 16 oz



2/\$5

Reg. Price \$3.49/ea.

Quaker Instant Oatmeal

8.2 to 14.1 oz



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.29/ea.

Red Gold Tomatoes

14.5 or 15 oz



2/\$3

Reg. Price \$1.99/ea.

Kraft Dressing

14 to 16 oz



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.19/ea.



Amboy American Legion Veterans Day Program

**Monday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m.
at Amboy High School new gym**

Program Schedule:

Prelude and Posting of Colors	Amboy American Legion Post #453
Pledge of Allegiance	By Scarlett Payne, Eighth Grade, Amboy Junior High School Student Council President
National Anthem	“Star Spangled Banner” performed by Amboy Junior High and High School Concert Band under the direction of Mr. Travis Kemmerer
Welcome	Grace Royer, Senior, Amboy High School Student Council President
Song	“Veterans, We’re Proud of You” by performed by Central Elementary School students under the direction of Mrs. Amy Schwamberger
President Joe Biden’s Veterans Day Proclamation	Mr. James Browne, U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Amboy High School teacher
What Veterans Day Means To Me	K-8 Amboy Students
Speaker	Grace Royer, Senior, Amboy High School
Band	“American Heroes,” arranged by Carl Strommen, performed by Amboy Junior High and High School Band under the direction of Mr. Travis Kemmerer
Moment of Silence	“Taps,” played by Hunter Rasmussen and Morgan Kreiser
Retire The Colors	Amboy American Legion Post #453 (Rifle volley will be held following the school ceremony at Legion Park.)

Amboy CUSD 815-857-2164	Amboy Dental Group 815-857-2015	Amboy Shell 342 N Mason Rd., Amboy 815-857-2990	Amboy Veterinary and Trego Vet Services 815-857-2215	Becker Autobody 815-857-2632
Becker Detailing 815-823-7697	Carriage House Electric 815-615-9181	CGH Medical Center & CGH Health Clinics 100 E. LeFevre Road Sterling, IL 61081 815-625-0400	City Of Amboy 815-857-3814	Erbes Realty, LLC 815-535-6295
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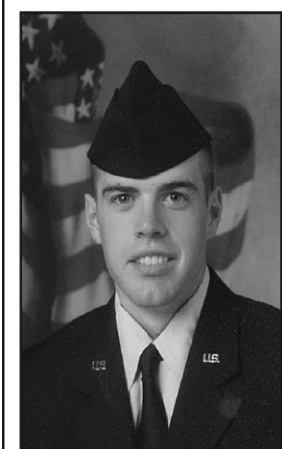
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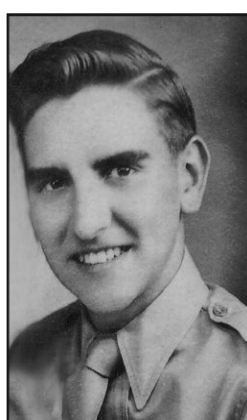
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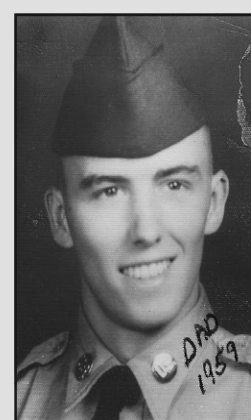
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Adam J. Seloover
Air National Guard
2002-2008
EH Senior Airman
Training in San Antonio, Texas
Army National Guard
2012-2014
Specialist
Training in South Carolina
Currently resides in Dixon.



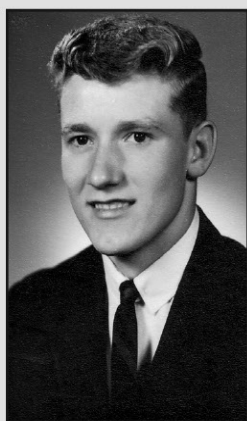
Keith R. Noble
U.S. Air Force – Staff Sergeant
Dec. 7, 1948 – Sept. 2, 1952



Floyd W. Noble, Jr.
U.S. Army-Special Military
Police
Aug. 1957 – Aug. 1960
Served in Germany



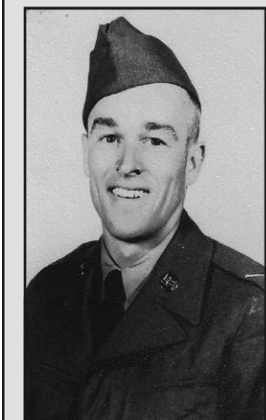
Richard Noble
U.S. Army – Pvt.
Special Military Police
June 27, 1957 – June 26, 1960
Korea



E. Steven Jeanblanc
U.S. Army
1970 – 1972
Served in Germany



William R. Boyle
Deceased 1982
Army Staff Sergeant
Fort Sheridan 1943-1945
Tours of duty in Southern
Philippines-Luzon
He received the Purple Heart after
being wounded in Luzon-Pacific
Theatre.



Howard Jeanblanc
U.S. Army – 1st Lieutenant
Tank Corps
1952-1956
Reserves 1956-1958



Ferdinand A. Jeanblanc
U.S. Army
WW II



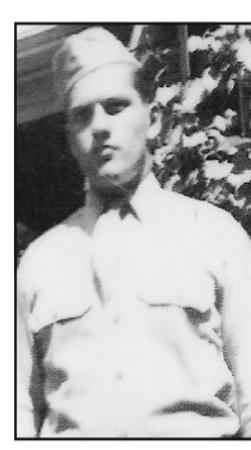
C. Brian McWethy
Amboy IL
U.S. Army; Sergeant
Basic Training - Ft. McClellan,
Alabama, Advanced Individual
Training - Ft. Gordon, Georgia
Permeant Duty Station - 101st
Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell,
Kentucky
Completed Air Assault Training.
Received the Army Commendation
Medal and two Army Achievement
Medals among many other medals.
Proudly served from Nov. 1, 1983 -
Nov. 1, 1989.



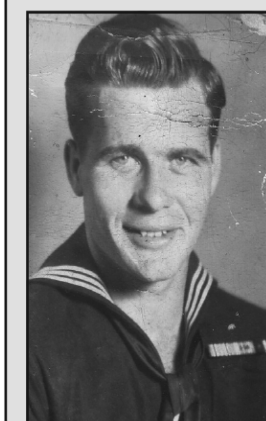
James J. Braida
Deceased 9-9-2018
Branch - U.S. Army P.F.C.
Location of Training: Camp
Chafee, Ark. 1954 – 1956
Dates in Service:
Tours of Duty: In Panama. Was
a radio operator and served in
Panama guarding the Panama
Canal.



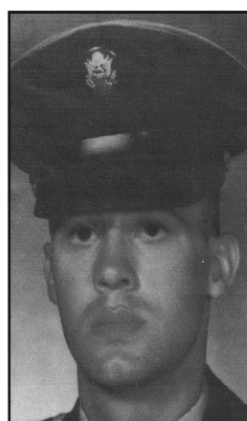
Arthur A. Brown,
Deceased 4-25-08
U.S. Navy
1943-1946



Robert Jones
Air Force
European Theatre
1944-1945



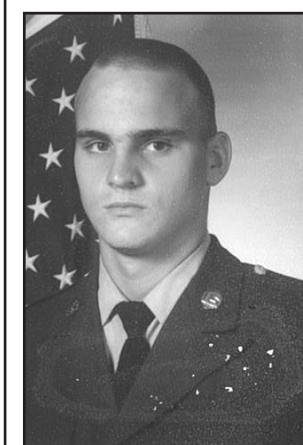
Harold Leland Harmon
Deceased
U.S. Navy – WW II
Gunner's Mate 3 V-6
Trained: San Diego, Calif.
May 1943 – Feb. 1946
USS Sullivan-DD537
Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa,
Japan, crossed Equador.
Asiatic-Pacific-9 stars
Philippine Liberation-2 stars
Protecting withdraw of severely
damaged ships with saving 66
survivors; received Meritorious
Mast Award given to the crew.



Harold Laverne Harmon
Deceased
U.S. Army-SP4
Trained: Fort Campbell, Ky.
October 1970 – September
1971
Vietnam – Infantry.
Marksman Badge-Vietnam
Service
Medal-Campaign Star-2
overseas
Bar – Bronze Star (Combat)



L. Harold Glessner,
Deceased
U.S. Army – Corporal – 1st
Armored Division
Trained: Ft. Knox, Ky
1941 – 1945
Northern Africa and Italy
Enlisted November 1941 at Camp
Grant. Sent to Ft. Knox; then sent to
Northern Ireland in May 1942; then to
Northern Africa and landed there on
Nov. 8, 1942 (his 25th birthday); was
at Anzio battle and on to Rome.



Chad Callison
E-4 – US Army
Byron
1989-1991
Medic



Kade Callison
Senior Airman -
US Air Force
Stationed in Guam
June 2019-present
Kade and his wife, Adeline,
will return to the states in
December where he will be
stationed at Ellsworth Air
Force Base in South Dakota.



Kayla Callison
A1C/E3 – US Air Force
Stationed at Travis Air
Force Base in California
Aug. 2020 – present
Medical Lab Technician



Mark Callison
E-4 Specialist – US Army
Dixon
1987-1990
Power Equipment
Generation Repair



Tyler Callison
Petty Officer 2nd Class
– US Navy
Stationed at Naval Base
Coronado
January 2019-present
Tour of Duty – Germany
Received Junior Sailor of
the Year at his Command for
2020 and 2021



**Fred W.
Schmidt**
1950-1054
Air Force Staff Sergeant
Korean War
Trained in San Antonio
and Elmendorf Air Force
Base in Anchorage, Alaska

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John Branigan Miller
MA1 – US Navy
Serving at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas
Trained in Great Lakes, Ill.
Feb. 22, 2011 – Present
He is Harold and Helen Glessner's grandson.

Louis L. Sari, Sublette
U.S. Air Force – Sergeant
Trained: Lackland AFB and Chanute AFB
June 21, 1972 – June 20, 1976
Minot, ND
Missile Maintenance Technician on ICBM Minuteman Missiles.

Kevin Sporleder, Sublette
U.S. Air Force – Sergeant
Trained: Lackland AFB, Sheppard AFB
June 1977 – June 1981
Scott AFB
Two years orthopedic ward; two years orthopedic clinic

Erich Biester
U.S. Army – Pvt.
1942-1944
China, India, Burma

Richard J. Wagner, Deceased 10-9-08
U.S. Army – Corporal
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.
1952-1954
Served in Germany during Korean War

Gerald H. Eisenberg
U.S. Army
1959-1961
Deceased

Charles Keith Jeanblanc
U.S. Air Force – Second Lieutenant
Aug. 13, 1940 – March 3, 1945
Served in Iceland and England
Killed at Isle of Skye, Scotland in plane crash
Buried at Cambridge, England

Earl Hubbell
Army WW I
Age 16 in 1916

Fred G. Appleman
National Guard 1959-1961
Army SP4 1961-1963

Dr. Brandon Klein, Amboy
Air Force
E-5 Staff Sergeant
Trained: Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas
2000-2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom, United Arab Emirates Feb. through Sept. 2003.

Cecil E. Harrison, Amboy
U.S. Army-Guided missiles
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Vashon, Wash.
1955-1957

John Fanelli
U.S. Air Force WW II
Died in Action
June 6, 1944

Russell Eugene Wittenauer
US Army
TEC 5
War: World War 2
Birth Date: 5-13-1920
Death Date: 2-22-2003

Ron Wittenauer
Army
Vietnam 69-70
Rank - SPC 5
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri

Joshua Earl Wittenauer Ashton
Marine Corp - Corporal
Trained: Camp Leguine, North Carolina
Served in Okinawa, Japan and Iraq from 1999-2003
Josh received numerous awards during his service period. Family members are honored to have an award named after him at Romeoville High School. It is the Joshua Wittenauer Memorial Freshmen Leadership Award and is given to an outstanding MC JROTC freshman yearly.

Garrett Newman
US Air Force
Captain
2013-present

Abigail Newman
US Army National Guard
2nd Lieutenant
2019-present

Jerry Newman
US Army National Guard
Colonel (retired)
1985-2020

Squire Hardy
Sgt E4 Air Force
1964-1968
Trained at Lackland Air Force, San Antonio, Served in Vietnam
Passed Nov. 3, 2009

Dale O. Hardy
Sgt E4 Air Force
1964-1968
Trained at Lackland Air Force, San Antonio, Served in Vietnam and Guam
Passed June 28, 1998

George Poulus
E5 Army
1960-1963 and 1996-1970
Served in Vietnam and Korea
Passed June 26, 2017

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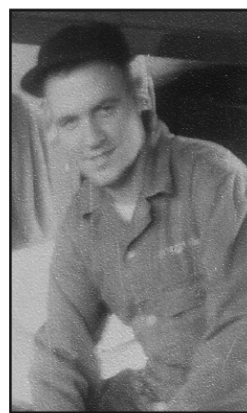
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Donald E. Antoine
Korean War



Ted Etheridge, Amboy
Air Force Staff Sergeant
Trained: Edwards AFB, Los Angeles
1953-1957
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Philippines



Curtis J. Latta, Corpus Christi, Texas
U.S. Army Sergeant First Class
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Ft. Rucker, Ala., Ft. Eustis, Va.
Dec. 1987-April 2010
Honduras, Germany, Ft. Hood, Texas, Korea, Alaska, Ft. Rucker, Ala., and 8 tours in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan.
1986 Amboy High School graduate. Son of Joyce Green and Dick Latta. Resides in Texas with Vanda Larken and four children Cody, Andrew, Tori, Daniel. Employed by the Dept. of Defense under Aviation Missile Command in Redstone, Ala., and is deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan.



Donald H. Schamberger, Amboy
Army Signal Corps-Corporal
Trained: Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.
May 27, 1953 to May 27, 1955
Stateside duty with the fixed division of the Army Signal School as a ballistic meteorologist and air traffic controller. He received Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal.



John G. Carlson, Deceased
U.S. Navy Seabees
1944-1946
Philippines, Okinawa



William C. Kessel
859 Morgan Road, Amboy, IL
Army
Corporal
Trained: Fort Riley, Kansas
dates in Service: 1952-1954



Donald C. Wittenauer, Amboy
Air Force Airman First Class
Trained: George AFB, Victorville, Cal.
1951-1955



Lester C. Underhile, Dixon
U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.
1968-1970 Vietnam
Amboy High School Class of 1966
Retired letter carrier 30 years
USPS, Wife Laura, 3 children, 7 grandchildren.



Russell A. Smeltz, Amboy
U.S. Army-Corporal
Trained: Ft. Gordon, Ga.
1953-1955 Member of 65 M.P. Co.
He was stationed with Four Power (American, British, French, and Russian) Occupation Forces in Vienna, Austria. Retired from R.R. Donnelley, Chicago. After 38 years. Married 55 years.



Camden Z. Ross, Amboy
Army National Guard – SPC
Trained: Ft. Jackson, SC, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and Gowen Field, Idaho
June 2005 to June 2012
Operation Enduring Freedom



Carson D. Ross, Amboy
Army National Guard – SPC
Trained: Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Bragg, NC
July 2007 to Present
Operation Enduring Freedom



LeRoy Klein, LaMoille
U.S. Army – PFC
Trained: Ft. Sill, Ok.
1945-1946 Pacific Theater
Trained in field artillery. Also had five brothers in the service



Nathan E. Klein
National Guard 2003-2009
Iraq 2006-2007



Valery R. Klein
National Guard 2005-2011
Afghanistan 2008-2009



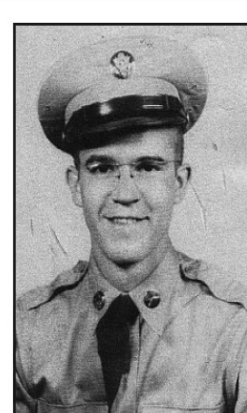
Alexandra R. Klein
National Guard
2007-2013



Nathan Olson Schamberger
Second Lieutenant Air National Guard
#182 Airlift Peoria Base since 2000



John Edward Schamberger
Senior Airman Air National Guard
#182 Airlift Peoria Base since 2004



Ralph Whisenand
491 Dry Gulch Rd., Amboy
Army Sgt.
Trained: Fort Riley, KY
1950-1953
Korea & Japan
3rd Infantry Division, 7th Reg. D Company, 30 day combat training in Japan, combat at Pork Chop Ridge and Hill 105 Korea



James McLindsay Jr., Deceased 6-15-89
U.S. Army – Private
Trained: Camp Breckenridge, Ky.
1952-1954 Korean War
Wounded March 17, 1953



Joshua A. Jeanblanc
U.S. Marines-Cpl.
1993 – 1997
Deployed on U.S.S. Saipan to Iraq
Son of Chuck Jeanblanc and Gail Jeanblanc



Jason Wittenauer
Amboy
U.S. Army National Guard-SFC
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.
March 21, 1996 – Present
Operation Enduring Freedom
October 2003 - March 2005
During his military career he has received more than 17 awards and medals related to his service.

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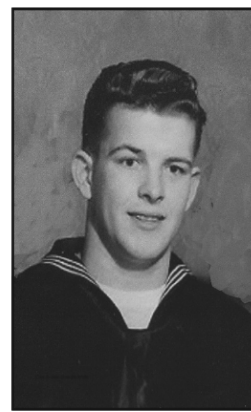




Floyd W. Noble Sr.
Army - Pvt. Co.A.
129th Infantry
33rd Division
1st Batt.
Camp Grant, IL



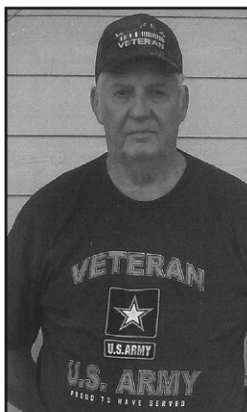
Cpl. W. Gail Glenn
Deceased
U.S. Army
Location of training:
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO
Dates in service: 6/25/52- 6/25/54
Tours of duty: Korean Conflict
Crane Shovel Operation 159th Field
Artillery Div.
Retired from IL Dept. of
Transportation as supervisor at the
Silvis Garage.
Wife; Carol. Three Children; Larry,
Cinda, Debra. Ten grandchildren,
twenty-three great-grandchildren.



Don Wellman
U.S. NAVY
1952-1956
Passed away Jan. 14, 2015.
He was a mechanic who loved
his family, fishing, gardening
and AFC basketball games.



Ralieg Herral Sr.
US Army
WWII
Pacific Amphitheater
1925-2003



Larry Truckenbrod
US Army – Pvt. 1st Class
1953-1955
Fort Smith, Ark.



Andrew L. Conderman
US Army Reserves, Army
National Guard – E-7
1971-2011
Ft. Knox, Ky. and Ft. Dixon,
N.J.



Ralieg David Herral Jr.
US Army
Wounded in Vietnam 1967
1947-2013



**Major
Nathan A. Truckenbrod**
Currently serving in South
Korea Tours of Duty in
Iraq, Germany, Alaska and
South Korea
Nate has been serving our
country for years. He has
made it his career to protect
our country.



Donald R. Gascoigne
US Army – SP3
1954-1956
Korean War
Presently Lives In The
Veterans Home In Lasalle



James Mead
Spc National Guard
1997-2003



Richard G. Koch
Winnebago
US Air Force Sgt
Location of Training: Lackland Air
Base, San Antonio, Texas
Dates in Service: Dec. 27, 1961 - Dec.
15, 1965
Tours of Duty: RAF Wethersfield -
England, 20th Transportation Squadron
Driver's school instructor, VIP driver for Base
Commander, chosen to transport VIP's at Sir
Winston Churchill's funeral, awarded 20th Tactical
Fighter Wing plaque for meritorious service from
March 1962 to November 1965, awarded USAF
Good Conduct Medal and Safe Driving Plaque
Award for tour in England. Born in Amboy,
graduated Amboy High School class of 1957



Gary Conderman
U.S. Air Force
E-4
Location of Training: Lackland
AF Base
Dates in Service: October 1965
- October 1969
Tours of Duty: Vietnam



James T. Hauenstein
Joined the US Army in 1955 while
employed as a Lineman with
Public Service Co.
Basic training at Fort Lenard
Wood, Mo., then to Fort Bliss,
Texas, and from there stationed
out of Presidio, San Francisco,
Calif.
Served in the Nike Missile Outfit.
Unit stayed stateside.
He was a sharpshooter, and he loved
the Army and played Army Baseball.



**Brittany Nicole
Jeanblanc**
U.S. Air Force
Trained: Sheppard AFB,
Wichita Falls, Texas
2008 – 2013
She is the daughter of James
Jeanblanc and Anne
Jeanblanc



Lawrence P. Marchesi
US Army Specialist 4th Class
Fort Leonardwood, Mo.
1961-1964
Tours of Duty in Korea, Germany,
Fort Riley, Kansas
Retired from the Illinois
Department of Corrections.
Amboy High School graduate of
1960.
Currently lives in Morris with
his wife, Nancy. The couple has
a daughter, Lynn, who lives in
Antioch.



**Corporal
James D. Donoho**
USMC
Served June 1956-April 1958
Trained at Camp Pendleton,
CA
101 Promenade Avenue #209
Wayzata, MN 55391
1956 graduated Amboy High
School
Married Jane Young in 1957



**Sgt/Major
Richard L. Wiser**
USMC Retired
Served 1955/1985
Viet Nam Vet (1967/1968)
424 Joy Ct
Jacksonville NC 28540
1955 graduate Amboy HS
Married Judy Young in 1957



**Colonel
Timothy L. LaPlaunt**
USMC Retired
Served 1964-1992
Viet Nam 1967-1968
Dessert Storm 1990-1991
148 Shaelah Court
St. Charles, MO 63304
Married Mary Lou Young 1965



Louis Vaessen



Joseph H. Vaessen
Private US Army
6th Armored Division Basic
Infantry at Fort Leonard
Wood, Mo.



Larry Marchesi

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<p>Michael R. Wadsworth U.S. Marine Corp. – Captain Vietnam War</p>	<p>Robert M. Wadsworth Lieutenant – WWII January 1945</p>	<p>Joseph Hoyle U.S. Army – Vietnam 1967-1969</p>
<p>Lyle A. Dierdorff, Deceased U.S. Navy 1946-1948</p>	<p>Wayne Hoyle U.S. Army – Spec. 4 1943-1945 Okinawa</p>	<p>Robert Emmert, Deceased U.S. Navy – Radioman for 6 years 1940-1946 Casablanca</p>
<p>Ronald F. Williams Amboy U.S. Army-SP4 Medic Cadreman Ft. Benning, Ga. Sept. 10, 1958 – Sept. 10, 1960</p>	<p>Carroll "Casey" Jones Third Army Sergeant April 1941-Jan. 10, 1945 Killed in Action Luxembourg</p>	<p>John A. Jones U.S. Army – Pvt. Died at Sea Sept. 22, 1945</p>
<p>Charles Dickinson Tech Sergeant U.S. Army Air Force, World War II 1942-1945 China, Burma, India Theater "Over the Hump" Former Commander of the Amboy American Legion.</p>	<p>Matthew Dickinson Sergeant Engineering Attachment U.S. Army, 3rd Group Special Forces Airoborne Fort Bragg, N.C. 2013-2018 (Afghanistan 2014)</p>	<p>Thomas Dickinson SPC 4 U.S. Army, 1/11 Infantry 5th Infantry Division and 3/187, 101st Airborne Division, Quang Tri Province I Corp Vietnam 1970-1971</p>
<p>George M. Schwamberger Corporal in U.S. Army in Korea in 1953-1954 Trained in Champ Chaffee, Ark. Currently resides in Franklin Grove</p>	<p>Korina Dickinson Army Intelligence, SPC 4 82nd Airborne Division Fort Bragg, N.C.</p>	<p>Darin M. Yocum Marine Lance Corporal Presently Serving Trained in San Diego</p>
<p>Delbert E. Yocum PFC-SPC4 Army 1966-1968 Trained in Fort Campbell, Kentucky Vietnam 1967-1968</p>		

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