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David Lee Roth to headline **Du Quon State Fair**

DU QUOIN - The Du Quoin State Fair is thrilled to announce that renowned frontman and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer David Lee Roth will take the Grandstand stage on Saturday, August 23.

Rock and roll icon David Lee Roth, the voice of Van Halen, has left an indelible mark on rock music. As the frontman of the legendary band, Roth helped define an era with anthems like "Jump," "Panama," "Hot for Teacher," and "Runnin' with the Devil." His high-energy performances and unique vocal style quickly made Van Halen one of the biggest rock bands of the 80s. With over 80 million records sold worldwide, the band's impact on rock music remains unrivaled. Roth's contributions were a pivotal part of Van Halen's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

"Bringing a legend like David Lee Roth to the Du Quoin State Fair is a major win for our fairgoers and for Southern Illinois," said Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II. "He's a rock powerhouse, and his music has spanned generations. This show is going to be something special."

Tickets for the David Lee Roth concert became available Friday, May 9 via Ticketmaster.

AMBOY Lee County Dispatch instructs father how to unwrap umbilical cord during infield delivery

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Amboy News Editor

SUBLETTE - Chevenne Edwards was just about to go to sleep on a normal Monday, April 28 night.

However, the 24-yearold woman who was 39 weeks pregnant had to wait for rest.

"It was unexpected. I was getting ready for bed. I had to use the bathroom. I heard a pop but went back to bed," said Edwards, who was ironically supposed to be induced on April 28 but was pushed back. "The pop was my water broke. I told Ryan (husband) it had broke and called my mom to come stay with our other two children. It felt way longer than an hour. My water broke at 10:45 and we had him at 11:45. We called a few times and waited for them to get there. I started to feel the urge to push.

"I told Ryan, 'I think I need to push,' and he looked at me with wide eyes and said, 'No, you don't.' At first, I didn't want him to call 9-1-1, but after he looked and saw the baby's head, he





Ryan Edwards, left, went into dad, husband mode on April 28 as his wife Cheyenne, next to him, was going into labor instead of going to bed, the original plan. When he saw the baby's head, he called 911 and met Lee County Dispatcher Kelly Boos, right, and she instructed him through delivery, which included untangling the umbilical cord wrapped around Wilder's neck. Boos, as well as members of Lee County Dispatch and Sublette Fire Department received "Stork Pins" from Mercyhealth. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

called 9-1-1."

When Ryan called 9-1-1, Lee County Dispatcher Kelly Boos was on the call.

Boos wasn't waiting for the call to happen, but when Ryan told her the baby's umbilical cord

was wrapped around Wilder's neck, she was prepared.

"I was not expecting that kind of call. I was happy to help him through it and happy to have a healthy baby here now," said Boos,

33, from Dixon, who has been dispatching for five years with the last wo being for Lee County. "We have a protocol system called PowerPhone. It has different protocols and there is one in there for childbirth. I pulled

it up on our computer and walked him through step by step of what was going on. Knowing the umbilical cord was wrapped, there were certain instructions to give him at that point. See **DELIVERY** page A3

Surratt arrested on meth charge

DIXON – On May 8, the Lee County Sheriff's Office conducted a search warrant at 141 Fall Road, in rural Dixon, after conducting a narcotics investigation.

Subsequent to the search warrant, Jonna R. Surratt, 43, of the search warrant address, was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine, a

Class 3 felony.

Citizens are reminded to report suspicious activity or drug intelligence information by calling the Lee County Sheriff's Office at (815) 284-6631 or Crime stoppers at 1-888-CAUGHT-U.

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Rep. Fritts announces 2025 Summer Tour

DIXON-State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) announced his 2025 Summer Tour of District 74 recently.

"I am excited to be-Rep. Fritts. "These annual summer tours have become one of my favorite parts of being a State Representative. It allows me to meet with hundreds of constituents and have authentic conversations about their needs and priorities. Being able

to assist them with state issues or bringing their ideas back with me to Springfield is what this iob is all about."

The tour consists of gin my third annual coffee and conversation summer tour to speak events and town halls with constituents," said held on most Wednesdays from June 4 to August 27. Coffee and conversation events will all be held at locally owned coffee shops and restaurants. Rep. Fritts will also be touring local businesses, attending community events, and more.

Rep. Fritts contin-

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ued, "I look forward to meeting with as many of my constituents as possible this summer, as I work to better understand the needs of every community in the 74th

District." The tour begins with a coffee & conversation event at 8:00 a.m. in Franklin Grove and a town hall at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 4 in Waterman.

To view the full 2025 Summer Tour schedule, visit RepFritts.com/ SummerTour.

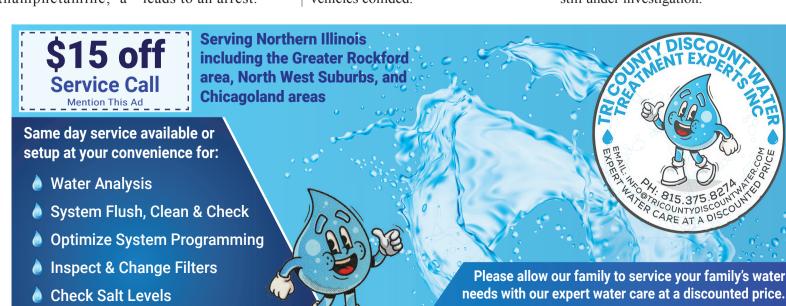
Harley, Dodge Journey collide in rural Dixon

DIXON – At approximately 4:57 p.m. on Monday, May 12, the Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to a two-vehicle crash in the area of Palmyra Road and Peek Home Road in rural Dixon.

Investigating deputies learned a 2020 Harley driven by Jordan M. Goodell, 26, of Rock Fall,s was traveling northeast bound on Palmyra Road. Melissa J. Blomberg, 35, of Dixon, was traveling southwest bound on Palmyra Road in her 2018 Dodge Journey when the two vehicles collided.

Goodell was transported to OSF Saint Katharine Hospital in Dixon and was later transported to OSF Saint Anthony in Rockford for further treatment. Blomberg and her passenger were transported to CGH Medical Center in Sterling for non-life-threat-

ening injuries. The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Dixon Rural Fire Department and Advance EMS Ambulance Services. The cause of the collision is still under investigation.



LOCAL NEWS

Amboy High School Report

Janet Crownhart, Principal



Special thanks to those that created and hung this wall. It honors the trades and shows students who walk by it daily what options they have available to them in the trades. The wall looks awesome. Now, we are looking for someone to help with a military wall as well.

The end of the year is drawing to a close. The community is invited to attend and participate in these graduation or end of year ceremonies.

Baccalaureate is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21 at St. Patrick's Church in Amboy.

Honor's Night is at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22 in the Amboy High School gym. Students honored will receive an invitation via mail to attend.

Graduation is at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 25 in the AHS gymnasium. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Graduates will pick up their diplomas immediately following the ceremony at the concession stand located in the Clipper Cove.

Freshman, sophomore and junior final exams are May 27-29.



New pumper tank added to Sublette fire prevention arsenal

By BRANDON LaCHANCE

Staff writer

SUBLETTE – Thinking about how to stop a fire or how to rectify a situation is what's usually on the mind of a member of the Sublette Fire Department.

However, recently, the thinking caps were used in a different direction, financially, as the department made moves to bring in a new fire prevention apparatus.

"We replaced our 2000 engine with a pumper tanker. Essentially, we moved two trucks into one. We got rid of both a tender and an engine this year," said Sublette Fire Department Assistant Chief Nick Dinges. "It's kind of nice; Compton got our used engine and Walnut got our used tender.

'We felt to be fiscally responsible

to the district, combining two vehicles into one made a lot of sense. It was the decision of the Sublette Fire Department Board of Directors. We were lucky enough to get a demo fire engine from Iowa.

"It was coming offline and the timing was just right. It made sense for us to do this."

The selling of the two used vehicles covered 50 percent of the nearly \$450,000 price tag hanging from the new pumper tank, which was picked up in Iowa.

"With fire trucks approaching the \$1 million mark, it's almost unattainable for small departments like Sublette," Dinges said. "We had to look at a way to be fiscally responsible, so we went with a commercial chassis. We felt that would do a lot for our district.

"A lot of times we're responding with 4-6 people on the firstout fire engine, but we always need water. This new one, which will be our second truck, has 3,000 gallons.

"Between our first two trucks, we'll have 4,000 gallons of water. When the third comes, our actual tender, we'll have 7,500 gallons of water immediately. If we don't get a fire knocked down with that then we have some big problems."

The Sublette Fire Department hopes to have the new vehicle in service and hitting the streets by June after a few hoses, nozzles and decals come in and are applied to the pumper tanker.

Of course, the Sublette Fire Department patch will be included.



Lee County Mini-Food Center at Teen Turf is always open; always looking for donations

The food center outside of Teen Turf, located at 235 W. Main St. in Amboy, has anywhere from 300-400 people open its door every week. With as much use as the center has, which Lee County and Teen Turf is thrilled about, there is always a need for donations. Although food donations are nice, Teen Turf prefers money donations because of food restrictions and regulations, protocols, and the directors know what items monetary donations would benefit the most. All donations can be dropped off at Teen Turf or sent to Venmo, TeenTurf-235. If a check is written, if it doesn't say it is for the food pantry, it legally has to be split with other Teen Turf endeavors. The food center goes through 400 pounds of fruit and vegetables, and 150 pounds of meat, every week.

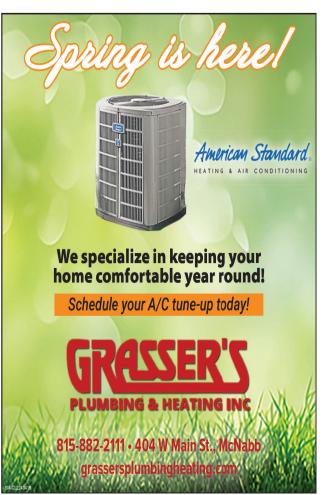
Brandon LaChance/Amboy News



AJHS fifth graders learn about pizza

The Amboy Junior High School fifth graders have been pepperonied, peppered, cheesed, sausaged, crusted, tomatoed, onioned, mushroomed, and gratefully bamboozeled into a lesson at Maria's Pizza in Amboy at the end of the year. This school year couldn't end without the visit which includes the students learning about how pizzas are made and where all of the ingredients come from by teacher Katie Pratt, playing bingo, a tour of Maria's by owner Joe Mazzarisi, and of course, eating pizza.

Photo courtesy of AJHS fifth grade teacher Betsy Jones







as April Student of the Month

Addison Pertell, daughter of Rick and Janelle Pertell and a senior at Amboy High School, was named the April Student of the Month at Whiteside Area Career Center in Sterling. Photo contributed

LOCAL NEWS

BIRTH

Paxton J. Wiersma

Casey and Stephanie (Hitchins) Wiersma of Naperville are the proud parents of their newborn child, Paxton James, born Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Edward Hospital in Naperville. He weighed 4 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Gary and Cathy Hitchins of Peru. Maternal grandparents are Len and Cindy Wiersma of South Beloit. Maternal great-grandmother is Myrtle Setchell Hitchins of Peru. Paternal great-grandmother is Daune Wiersma.

Pawpaw Tree Fest is back

PAW PAW – The Pawpaw Tree Festival is returning for the second straight year at Veteran's Memorial Park on Saturday, Sept. 20 in Paw Paw.

The Paw Paw Lions

Club is hosting this year's event, which will be bigger and better than the inaugural festival with more trees and fruit for sale, more food trucks, a beer garden featuring an original home brew, live music, and a 5K run.

Returning activities are the biggest Pawpaw weigh-in, informative speakers, kids events, and tram tours of local Pawpaw trees.

For all updates and schedules, follow the Pawpaw Festival in Paw Paw IL Facebook page or visit pawpawfest.org.

Sublette Memorial Day service 11 a.m. Monday, May 26 at Ellice Dinges Center See Page 11 for Amboy program

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

AMBOY – The Amboy Lions Club meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, May 26 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.

AMBOY – The City of Amboy committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, June 2 at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. The meetings take place the first Monday of every month.

is at 7 p.m. Monday, June 9 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette. **EAST GROVE** – East Grove Township is holding

its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10 at the

SUBLETTE – The next Village of Sublette meeting

AMBOY – The Board of Trustees of the Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11 at the Amboy Township Building, located at 106 South

East Grove Township Hall.

Prospect in Amboy.

MAY TOWNSHIP – The monthly May Township meeting will take play at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 at the township maintenance building.

LEE CENTER – The Lee Center Township meeting

is at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 12 at the Township Hall. AMBOY – The Amboy/Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 18 at the Amboy Township Building, located at 106 South Prospect in Amboy.

AMBOY - The Amboy City Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 23 at the Amboy Community Center, 290 W. Wasson Road. The council meets every third Monday each month.

DIXON - The Lee County Board of Health will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8 at the Lee County Health Department, located at 309 Galena Avenue, Suite 100

OUR FAMILY PROTECTING

YOUR FAMILY

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"It was quick. The baby was already coming when he called. It went fast. The father was awesome. He was super cool. He did everything I asked of him when I asked him to do something. It was a great outcome."

The instruction from Boos to Ryan Edwards, 28, lasted 7 minutes, 36 seconds.

However, to Ryan, it seemed "The seven minutes definitely felt

like seven years. It was a lifetime. It was something to experience," said Ryan, who along with Cheyenne also have River (4) and Atley (2). "It was definitely a new angle on childbirth. Never in my life would I think I'd be the one delivering. I would do it again, honestly. I think a lot more dads need to at least have the option to be a little more hands on The bond afterward was surreal just holding him with the umbilical cord still attached. It was magical.

"With Kelly, I couldn't have

asked for a better dispatcher at the time."

For their efforts in helping the Edwards give birth, Boos and the Lee County Dispatch team as well as the Sublette Fire Department crew who arrived on the scene, received "Stork Pins" from Mercyhealth Associate EMS Medical Director John Pakiela on Thursday, May 15 at the Sublette fire station.

"As a fire chief, it makes me very, very proud to have our EMTs and first responders be able to step up and support our community like they do," said Sublette Fire Chief Kevin Schultz. "It is an important piece for everyone to be able to have rural community health. Our first responders and our EMTs are the first line in the community health

Shelley Dallas, director of Lee ounty 911 Emergency Telephone System Board said this is the first Department, we thank everybody infield delivery for Lee County Dispatch. Sublette Assistant Fire

Chief Nick Dinges, who has been in EMS for 28 years, said (and Schultz nodded in agreement) it's the first time there has been one in Sublette as well.

"I want to thank the chain of survival we have in rural America. It starts with our dispatchers," Dinges said. "They did a phenomenal job and we want to thank them for that. It went on to our responders at the Sublette Fire Department. The crew was Sublette EMS Captain Mary Ehlers, paramedic Jen Stampfler and Roger Wittenauer.

"Within 4-6 minutes, our team arrived on scene. The baby was out and the color was pretty good. Roger helped stimulate the baby's breathing and dry him off. They were able to cut the umbilical cord and finish the delivery in the ambulance on the route to CGH Hospital.

"On behalf of the Sublette Fire for the teamwork and professionalism."

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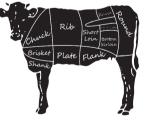
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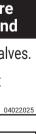
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HEALTH NEWS

IDPH urges Illinoisans to 'Fight the Bite,' avoid ticks during Lyme Disease Awareness Month

SPRINGFIELD – With warmer weather comes "tick season" and the annual observance of National Lyme Disease Awareness Month throughout the month of May. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is urging the public to learn how to protect themselves from ticks and Lyme disease.

"Lyme disease is a serious bacterial infection transmitted through the bite of infected ticks," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "Lyme Disease is the most common vector-borne illness in the United States affecting more than 500,000 people nationally each year. As the summer approaches, I encourage our residents to learn to 'Fight the Bite' and protect yourself and your loved ones from tickborne illnesses. If you have been in wooded or high grassy areas and are experiencing symptoms – fever, fatigue, headache and a circular rash see your health care provider immediately.'

IDPH has created Pocket Cards, a Tick Defense Knowledge Check crossword puzzle and other materials for school aged children that make it fun for everyone in the family to learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones from tickborne illnesses.

Director Vohra said the most important thing people can do to "Fight the Bite" is to diligently check themselves, their pets and children for ticks after spending time in areas where ticks live, such as in and near wooded areas, tall grass and brush. Removing ticks within a 24-hour period reduces the risk of potential disease transmission.

In addition to Lyme disease, other serious tickborne diseases include Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Tularemia, Ehrlichiosis, and Babesiosis. Some tickborne illnesses can be life threatening. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is particularly dangerous and may cause death as quickly as five days after symptom onset.

If you become ill with fever and/or rash after being in an area prone to ticks, contact your healthcare provider immediately.

IDPH has created an interactive Tick Surveillance Map that documents the counties in Illinois where the different tick species have been confirmed as well as the diseases they may carry.

Public health officials note that Illinoisans who are travelling out of state should be aware that there is a much higher prevalence of Lyme disease in certain geographic areas, including Wisconsin, Minnesota and parts of Michigan, and across the northeastern United States.

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

Walk in the center of trails. Avoid wooded, bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter. Our Camper Checklist provides more details on how to protect yourself.

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 tooll that can help you find the product that best suits your needs.

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.

To kill ticks after being outdoors, put clothes in the dryer on high for 10 minutes (or one hour for damp clothes).

Bathe or shower within two hours after coming

If you find a blacklegged tick on you that may have been attached for more than three 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. A submission form can be found HERE on the IDPH website.

If you are a clinician, click HERE for more information about Lyme Disease and click HERE for more information about Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

First mosquito in Illinois to test positive for West Nile virus in 2025 found in Winnebago County

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Public Health is reporting that the first mosquito pool of the year to test positive for

West Nile virus this year was collected on May 9 in Rockford by the Winnebago County Health Department.

The specimen tested pos-

itive for WNV on May 12. "The news of the first

batch of mosquitos carrying West Nile virus is a reminder for Illinois residents to begin

diseases caused by mosquito and tick bites," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "The best defense against West Nile virus is to practice the 'Three R's': reduce, repel, and report'. IDPH urges everyone, and

protecting themselves from

older or have weakened immune systems, to 'Fight the Bite' and protect themselves and their families from mosquitoes and the viruses they carry."

especially those who are

Lastyearin Illinois, IDPH reported that 72 counties around the state reported positive tests for WNV in mosquitos, birds, horses or humans. There were 69 confirmed human cases of WNV according to IDPH data and 13 human deaths, the highest number since 17 deaths were recorded

IDPH maintains a robust surveillance system to monitor WNV both in the environment, with laboratory testing of mosquito batches and sick horses, and among Illinois residents by investigating and monitor-

ing human infections. West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. Most people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms; however, in rare cases, severe illness including meningitis, encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 60 and individuals with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

IDPH urges the public to Fight the Bite by practicing the three "R's" - reduce, repel, and report:

REDUCE- make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut. Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

REPEL-when outdoors. wear shoes and socks, long pants and a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt, and apply an EPA-registered insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, IR 3535, para-menthane-diol(PMD), or 2-undecanone according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

REPORT - report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The local health department or city government may be able to add larvicide to the water, which will kill any mosquito larvae.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the IDPH website.

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First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032

Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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St. Mary's Church – West Brooklyn Rev. Randy Fronek Mass - Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday – 5:30 p.m.

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LOCAL NEWS



Roberts Armory WWII Museum in Rochelle open for Memorial Day

Roberts Armory WWII Museum will be open to the public from 1-4 p.m. Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. The Higgins Boat will be open for viewing, weather permitting. To get to the free museum, follow the signs on the Army truck at Rt. 251 and Intermodal Drive (approximately three 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 next opening will be August 16. More information is available on the Rochelle website at: http://www.enjoyrochelle.com/online-directory/what-to-do/history-attractions/robert-s-armory. Photo contributed



SRCCF donates \$1,500 to Teen Showcase

Teen Showcase organizers met recently with a representative from the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation. Pictured, left to right, are Jodi Mahoney, North Central Behavioral Health Systems president, Jenny Barrie and Leslie Dougherty of the LaSalle County Health Department, Ellen Vogel of OSF, Noelle Sliker, NCBHS Vice president, Tracie Mazzorana, NCBHS Community Relations coordinator/prevention specialist and Teen Showcase coordinator, and Fran Brolley, SRCCF president. SRCCF played a role in the 38th Annual Teen Showcase at Illinois Valley Comuunity College by donating \$1,500 to fund a keynote speaker Fabian Ramirez, a renowned motivational comedian who was bullied in middle school. Photo conttributed



June 13-15, 2025

5:00-7:00 Paint the Town (\$5) Gurney street (behind bank) Foam Party Included / Snacks provided. (Rae 910-7711 / Ashley 878-7909)

5:00 Chiller's Shakeups & Ice Cream (\$)

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 4:00 Food - Taco Special / Beer

- Tent Opens Chiller's Shakeups & Ice Cream (\$)
- -8 Blondin's Bounceables (Wristbands \$10)
- :30 Baby Buff Winners Announced-Allen School
- (Mara 579-1833) 5K Stampede-High School
- (Stacy 878-6962) 8:30-12 Music By THE BRAT PACK - Beer Tent
- 11:00 Egg Sandwiches Parade Registration is in the High

School parking lot. Parade Route will go North this year on Main Street, starting Come get your

buffalo burger!

Congratulations 2025 Grand Marshalls: 2 Time State Champion in 8 man Football. Here's SUNDAY, JUNE 15 your 2023-24 Amboy / La Moille / Ohio Clippers Football Team

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- 8:00 Tractor Show (Munro 303-1960) 10:00 Food / Beer Tent Opens
- Parade Registration HS Parking Lot 10-4 Vendor Fair (Tammy Mcstoots-Stachowiak 830-8215) 11:00 Parade-Main Street (Jeremy 343-6848 / Brian 200-2899)
- 12:00 Adult Waterfights Registration-Sheldon Street by Park Chiller's Shakeups & Ice Cream (\$)
- 12-4 Silent Auction 12-8 Blondin's Bounceables
- 1:00 Adult WaterFights Begins Magic Show by John Measner 1-3 Kids Fun fair
- 1-4 Around the Town Entertainment - Caricature Drawing 2:00 Magic Show by John Measner
- wristband)

3:00 Magic Show by John Measner 3-7 Music By WISE GUYS - Beer Tent

2:30-4:30 Foam Party (included in 8-12 Music by WILDCARD - Beer Tent

11:00 Egg Sandwiches

9:00-10:30 Churches of La Moille

- Service Park Pavilion 9:30 Biscuits and Gravy (food tent) 10:30 Sign Up Bags Tournament -
- 11:00 Food / Beer Tent Opens
- Kiddie Waterfights Registration - Sheldon Street
- Chiller's Shakeups & Ice Cream (\$) 11:30 Kiddie Waterfights begins 1-6 Music by BURN N BUSH - Beer Tent

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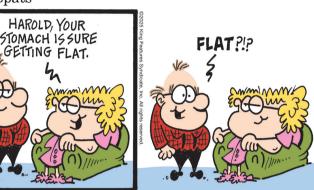






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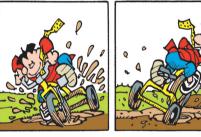


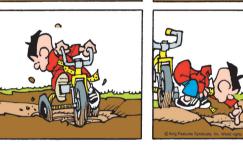










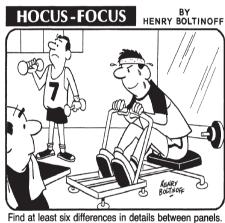




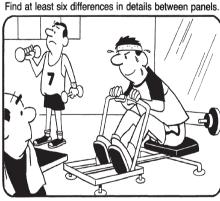












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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals X

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"When Andy said he was building a __ _ set in the

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then **DECOR** FRALE **IMBLEN** Loaded NEADL **TODAY'S WORD**

SCRAMBLERS

May 19, 2025 Posting Date King Crossword

ACROSS 1 Eve's man 13 5 Agt.'s take 8 Summit 15 12 C&W artist McEntire 18 20 13 Geological period 14 Linguist Chomsky 15 Magnificence 17 Leslie Caron 40 role Next in line 43 19 Business goal 46 21 Poetic contraction 52 53 22 Feudal labor-55 56 23 Rx writers 59 58 26 Actor McKellen

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boxing routine 31 Nest egg Charles choices

33 Vat 35 Foolproof

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38 Diner order 40 "Awesome, dude!"

45 Spud 47 Scan again

51 Help a hood 52 French title

54 Go sightsee-

56 Mrs. Nick

57 Antitoxins 58 Susan of "L.A. Law"

36 Picture puzzle 59 "Shoo!" **DOWN**

1 Golden 41 Muscat's land 43 Summer mo.

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4 "Olympia" painter Edouard

5 Views slyly 6 French vineyard

8 Long-haired cats

> 10 Creche trio 11 Send forth

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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.

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

- King Crossword -

1. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym URL stand for?

2. MOVIES: What is the name of the ghost that haunts the girls' bathroom at Hogwarts ("Harry Potter" series)? 3. HISTORY: Which decisive battle

ended the Revolutionary War? 4. LITERATURE: What is the pseud-

onym of the author Eric Arthur Blair?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which of the national parks is the most visited

in the United States? 6. TELEVISION: Which medical series is based at Princeton Plainsboro Teaching Hospital?

7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Denmark? 8. U.S. STATES: In which state is Gla-

9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first vice president to die in office? 10. SCIENCE: What are elements like

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10. Noble gases 9. George Clinton 8. Montana 7. Copenhagen 6. "House, M.D" Park 5. Great Smoky Mountains National 4. George Orwell

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1646 **SPECIAL USE**

The Petitioner, Grace Fellowship Church Sublette, acting for and on behalf of itself, states as follows:

1. The Property is legally described as: Lots One (1), Two (2), Six (6), Seven (7), and Eight (8), in Block

Twenty-four (24), in Addition to the Village of Sublette, situated in the Village of Sublette, County of Lee and State of Illinois. PIN 19-22-09-463-005,

ed on the north side of W. Main Street, where Center Street sects W. Main Street, Sublette, in Sublette

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is required.

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The property is locat-

Township, Lee County,

3. The property is currently zoned as: R-2. Single Family Residen-

tial District.

4. The petitioner desires a special use permit for the purpose of operating the existing Grace Fellowship Church

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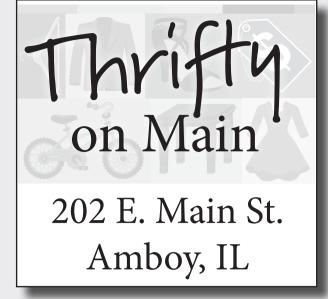
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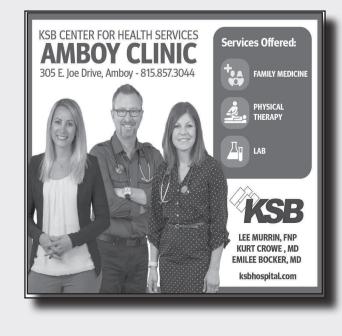
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SPORTS



Amboy senior Carson Barlow slides into home plate against Hiawatha during a IHSA Class 1A Amboy Regional Quarterfinal Monday, May 19 in Amboy. The No. 7-seeded Clippers won the game 12-1 to advance to a semifinal against top-seeded Forreston at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21 in Amboy.

Amboy wallops Hiawatha 12-1; advances to regional semifinal

AMBOY – The hosts of the IHSA Class 1A Amboy Regional wanted to send a message.

The No. 7-seeded Clipper baseball team chiseled it in granite as it defeated No. 9 Hiawatha 12-1 in a quarterfinal on Monday, May 19 in Amboy.

Amboy scored first, in the bottom of the first on two Hiawatha errors, one of them bringing in two runs. The Clippers continued to tack on in the second when freshman Landon Carter singled to center field, senior Caleb Shugars doubled, and Hiawatha committed another error to bring in two more runs.

In the third, freshman Bryson Deery and Shugars hit RBI singles adding a run each.

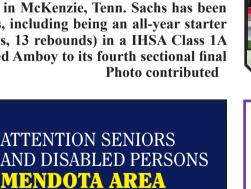
In total, the Clippers had nine hits as seniors Eddie Jones and Brody Christoffersen, and Carter each collected two hits. Senior Carson Barlow, Jones, Deery, and Carter had two RBI apiece.

With the victory, Amboy advances to a regional semifinal against top-seeded Forreston at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21 in Amboy.



Emily Sachs commits to Bethel University

Amboy senior Emily Sachs is advancing her basketball career and her academics next school year at Bethel University in McKenzie, Tenn. Sachs has been a valuable player for the Lady Clippers, including being an all-year starter as a senior. Her double-double (19 points, 13 rebounds) in a IHSA Class 1A Hinckley-Big Rock Sectional Semifinal led Amboy to its fourth sectional final in program history. Photo contributed



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Maddie Althaus advances to the IHSA State Track Meet in the 400-meter run

EDGINGTON – Amboy sophomore Maddie Althaus made Amboy girls track and field coach Michael Robinson proud.

Not only did she advance to the IHSA State Track Meet by running a state qualifying time in the 400-meter dash at the IHSA Class 1 A Rockridge Sectional on Wednesday, May 14, but she defeated her self consciousness.

"Maddie was really nervous going into it," Robinson said. "We ran her in the 400 at the Northwestern Upstate Illini Conference Meet last week and her time was really close to the state qualifying time. "We knew she was right

was just about keeping her nerves in check and making sure she performend to her abilities."

there and could do it. It

Althaus finished third with a 1:01.91, which beat the state meet requirement of 1:01.94.

The sophomore was close to participating in more events at state but fell short with a fourthplace finish in the 200 (27.37) and was part of the 400-meterM relay team with sophomore Alexa McKendry and juniors Jillian Anderson and Bella Yanos, which finished third with a 52.42.

Sophomore Morgan Kreiser was 13th in the 100-meter run (13.95), junior Grace Althaus ran a 1:07.16 for fifth in the 400, junior Samantha Nauman was 11th in the 800 with a 2:48.42, sophomore Karona Gall ran a 6:31.92 for 10th in the 1,600-meter run, McKendry was sixth in the 100-meter hurdles (18.09) and 12th in the 300 hurdles (57.66), senior Emily Sachs was fifth in the shot put (33 feet, 6 inches) and fifth in discus (107-4), Anderson was ninth in the high jump (4-7), Yanos was eighth in the long jump (15-1).

Cheer on Amboy sophomore

Maddie Althaus

at the IHSA State Track Meet

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