



Four Lee County Deputies awarded sheriff’s association 2022 Deputies of the Year

LEE COUNTY — On Jan. 13, 2023, the Illinois Sheriff’s Association honored Chief Deputy Derek Ranken, Deputy Nathan Hollinger, Deputy Joe Presley, and former Deputy Kolton Morgan with the 2022 Deputies of the Year Award. These gentlemen earned this distinction for their efforts in locating and saving the life of 3-year-old boy over the evening of December 22, 2021 in Harmon.

At approximately 12:56 a.m., the Lee County Sheriff’s Office received a call regarding a 3-year-old boy that was missing from his home in Harmon. The night shift, consisting of then Sergeant Derek Ranken, Deputy Joseph Presley, Deputy Kolton Morgan, and Deputy Nathan Hollinger, immediately

responded to the area. Not only were they searching for a small child, but the child was last seen wearing only a diaper and the temperature that morning was 17-degrees Fahrenheit. Deputies searched the immediate area, as well as the home, extensively. The search area broadened, and additional resources were called in to assist with the search.

At approximately 2:27 a.m., Deputy Morgan located the child, naked and lying face down near a ditch on the east side of town. Deputy Morgan wrapped the boy in his jacket and then handed him to Deputy Hollinger so he could get some additional blankets from his squad. The child was unresponsive. It was believed that the child was exposed to the elements, unclothed, for approxi-

mately two hours.

At the direction of Sergeant Ranken, Deputy Morgan and Deputy Hollinger transported the child to KSB Hospital in Deputy Morgan’s squad car. This location in the county is somewhat remote, with no ambulance service in close proximity. It was immediately apparent that time was of the essence.

Deputy Presley was the lead car to ensure the safe passage along the route to the hospital. While enroute, Deputy Hollinger performed CPR on the child twice, which resulted in the child reacting positively. Dixon City Police Officers were at the city limits, and they assisted with traffic control as the Deputies rushed to the hospital.

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Pocket Pillows combines AHS theater history and future

AMBOY — In January, the stage at the Amboy High School Auditorium got new curtains. Thanks to a generous anonymous donor and participation in the Dash for Cash during the intermission of the 2022 spring musical “Disney’s Moana Jr.”, backstage and main curtains were replaced.

“We are so grateful for the support,” said Dash for Cash organizer Katie Pratt.

Pratt said a theater supporter suggested using the old main stage curtains in some sort of a fundraiser. After brainstorming and finding AHS alumni who sew, the ‘old’ curtains are now repurposed as pillows.

“The main front stage curtains were in decent condition, so we didn’t want to throw them away,” Pratt said. “These pillows are the perfect way for people to have a tangible piece of AHS with them.”

Pillow sales will fund more auditorium upgrades. Projects under consideration include new acoustic paneling and seating.

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AUTHOR READING EVENT

Andrea LeFevre, a 2010 Amboy High School graduate who was raised in Sublette and now lives in Ashton, read her children’s book, “A Day on the Farm with Mama - Harvest Edition” Saturday at the Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

Sublette board approves purchases, looks at future projects

BY TONJA GREENFIELD
Publisher

SUBLETTE — The village of Sublette board approved a few purchases during their monthly meeting.

The board met in session at 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 13, in the Ellice Dinges Center. All members were present except for village board member MacKenzie Belan.

The board approved a purchase of a Hach meter for the water department at a cost of \$2,085.50. The meter will be used to test water.

The board also approved a motion to purchase an eight foot and a 14 foot step ladder for the Ellice Dinges Center.

In other board news:

- The board approved a temporary liquor license for Sublette 365’s event on Feb. 25.
- Don Dinges reported to the board that he and Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel compiled a list of Sublette events for 2023. He also said he has lined up a speaker for the Memorial Day service.
- Stenzel reported that all Cross Connection/Service Line water surveys and Comprehensive Plan surveys were sent out. As of the previous Saturday, 34 water surveys were returned and 44 comprehensive plan surveys were returned.
- The board has approximately \$57,000 to use as part of the American Rescue Plan

Act. They discussed using the money for playground equipment for toddlers, speed signs and/or speed bumps for the village, or downtown projects. Board members will continue to look into options.

• On the April 4 Consolidated Election, there will be three village board seats up for election. On the ballot are: incumbent MacKenzie Belan, Linda Klaser, Brigantia O’Sadnick and Richard Klaser. Two candidates are officials write ins – incumbents Scott Hanson and Jeff Myers.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, March 13, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

Free income tax preparation assistance available

CHICAGO - Low-to-moderate income families and older adults needing assistance filing their 2022 income taxes can receive free help through several trusted programs across Illinois.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), American

Association of Retired Persons’ (AARP) Foundation Tax-Aide Program, and the Ladder Up Tax Assistance Program, provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in select locations statewide.

“It is important for Illinois

taxpayers to know they can receive help from qualified volunteers certified by the IRS at various locations statewide,” said Illinois Department of Revenue Director David Harris.

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A Look Back At Amboy Area Heroes Who Served During World War II

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

P.F.C. Arthur Cyril Michel

Arthur C. Michel was born on Nov. 7, 1923 in West Brooklyn, to Jacob and

Christena Burkhardt Michel. Jacob was the owner of Michel’s Barbershop in Amboy, while making his home in West Brooklyn. Clarence, the oldest of Arthur’s five brothers would eventually take charge of the barbershop until his retirement many decades later.

After completing his education at Amboy High School, Arthur began working at the Green River Ordinance Plant west of Amboy. At age 18, he registered for the draft, and was inducted into the U.S. Army in February of 1943.

At the time of this writing, we were unable to locate Arthur’s service records which



would have indicated his assignment, overseas duties, and other details. He is listed on the National Archives honor roll for Lee County soldiers who died during service in World War II, having achieved the rank of Private First Class in the U.S. Army. His listing indicates that he died of non-battle causes.

P.F.C. Michel was likely at home on furlough when, on Sept. 14, 1944, he died in a drowning accident on the Rock River near Nelson. No other details of this tragedy were found in public records. We do know that P.F.C. Michel was actively involved in the war effort with the U.S. Army, and showed his

willingness to sacrifice for his community and country.

Citations:

- World War II Victory Medal
- Army Campaign Medal
- Army Presidential Unit Citation
- Army Good Conduct Medal



LOCAL NEWS



DEPOT DAYS DONATION - AG IN THE CLASSROOM

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$500 to Katie Pratt for the Ag In The Classroom program. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$40,000 to local organizations this year.
Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



DEPOT DAYS DONATION - SUBLETTE COMMUNITY BUILDING

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$2,000 to Katie Leffelman for the Sublette Community Building. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$40,000 to local organizations this year.
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Upon arrival at KSB, waiting nurses and doctors performed CPR, while also using the AED approximately four times, as the child coded. Eventually, all efforts were successful, and the child regained consciousness. He was subsequently stabilized and transported by helicopter to St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria for further treatment.

Statements made by the attending ER personnel at KSB Hospital summarize this best – “the quick actions and de-

cision-making by on-scene personnel, rapid transport to the hospital, warming the child and performing CPR while enroute, saved this child’s life.”

“I cannot adequately express my gratitude and pride in knowing how exemplary our personnel responded and performed that morning. This was an outstanding team effort by all involved. Their quick action, decision-making, coordination, and response to this incident, provided us the best opportunity for a successful outcome,” Sheriff John C.

Simonton, retired Lee County Sheriff.

The new sitting Sheriff, Clay Whelan was present at the ISA Awards Ceremony with these fine deputies and presented their plaques and gave testimony to this heroic event. “I am extremely proud to be a part of this team and work alongside these deputies,” stated Sheriff Clay Whelan, Lee

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Pillows are \$25 and pillow covers are \$15. Quantities are limited. Pratt said they hope to have pillows for sale at this year’s spring musical, if they are still available.

To order, visit <https://tinyurl.com/AHSPillows>. Payment information is shared in the order form. No pillows will be shipped or delivered. A pick-up date and time will be shared with purchasers.

AMBOY POLICE

Possession of Vape Smoking Device

On Feb. 14, at 9:45 p.m., a 16-year-old male juvenile was issued a city ordinance violation for possession of a vape smoking device.

Possession of Vape Smoking Device

On Feb. 14, at 2:15 p.m., a 14-year-old female juvenile was issued a city ordinance violation for possession of a vape smoking device.

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TEEN TURF

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Afterschool program

You must call 815-857-4800 to be put on. If you are not registered, please do not send your child without speaking with us.

Valentine's Day Dance

A full thank you will be in next week's paper

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that assist Teen Turf in its endeavor of helping people:

Thank you to Penny Mallow for the monetary donation in memory of Gary Mallow; Laurie and Dan Nauman for the Thrivent donation for our Fish Fry; Donna Wellman for the stickers and cookies; Andy and Gina McCoy for the items; Diane Faivre Swiat for the library books; Linda Grasser for the clothes; Martha Henley for the cookies; Margaret and Jerry Shaw for the Legos; Matthew for delivering ice cream bowls from Ag View FS; Leroy and Alice Dukes for the monetary donation; Glenn and Dorothy Hammer for the monetary donation for a special project; Craig and Janet Setchell for helping the seniors; Vaessen Brothers for helping the kids; Pete Rood for always helping with projects; Anonymous donation from Union Pacific Fund for Effective Government PAC Charitable Gift Program; Zach and Julie Ross monetary donation in memory of Diane Powers and Irene and Eileen Ramsdell for the meat, cheese, bread, and cupcakes.

Needs

Looking for Pokeman, Minecraft, Fortnite, Retro video games like Pac Man, Sonic, and Mario items for our summer program.

Final Word

Father, Your word is trustworthy and worthy of all praise. Your word is true and Your promises are faithful. When difficulties strike fear in our hearts, We know we can come to You for help. We entrust our lives to you. We need not be afraid for there is nothing any mere human can do to us. When troubles come, please remind us to always trust You. When difficulties arise, teach us to continually depend on You. When the challenges ahead seem overwhelming, carry us through by Your grace. Amen.

Sheriff announces Super Bowl campaign results

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Sheriff's Office announced it made one DUI arrest, issued 13 other citations and six criminal arrests during the recent Super Bowl enforcement campaign. Citations issued by deputies include;

- seven Speeding Citations
- two Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle Citations
- two Improper Turn Signal Citations
- one Illegal Transportation of Alcohol Citation
- one No Valid Driver's License Citations

- two arrests for Possession of Methamphetamine
- one arrest for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- one arrest for Obstruction of Identification
- one arrest for Obstruction of Justice
- one Warrant Arrest

The Super Bowl weekend "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" enforcement effort ran from Friday, Feb. 10, through the early morning hours of Monday, Feb. 13.

The goal was to keep impaired drivers off the roads and ensure more

people buckle up and follow all traffic safety laws.

"Motorists should understand that we are serious about cracking down on impaired drivers and seat belt and other traffic safety law violators. We do it to save lives," said Chief Deputy Derek Ranken.

The recent law enforcement campaign was made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns.

Scholarship application deadlines for CGH Auxiliary and CGH Health Foundation

STERLING – Nursing and healthcare college scholarships are offered annually by the CGH Auxiliary and the CGH Health Foundation.

There are two separate applications, both of which can be found at www.cghmc.com/scholarships.

The CGH Auxiliary awards annual \$1,000 scholarships to students who reside in the CGH service area. Students must have been accepted into their professional school of healthcare study and meet the criteria established by the Auxiliary. Last year five scholarships

were awarded.

Return the completed form to the CGH Medical Center Auxiliary office no later than Thursday, June 15. Contact Deb Keaschall, 815-625-0400, ext. 5727, or email debra.keaschall@cghmc.com for more information.

There are four CGH Health Foundation nursing and healthcare scholarships available with just one application. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Residents of the CGH service area are eligible, including individuals living in Whiteside, Lee, Ogle, Carroll and

Bureau counties.

The application deadline is Thursday, June 15, 2023. Students already accepted into their professional school of study for either a nursing or healthcare degree are eligible.

Go to www.cghmc.com/foundation/scholarships/. Scan completed forms to Foundation Executive Director Joan Hermes at joan.hermes@cghmc.com or drop off at 2600 N. Locust St. or put in the Foundation mailbox at the hospital.

For more information, contact Joan Hermes, 815-625-0400, ext. 5672.

Representative Fritts assigned to six committees

SPRINGFIELD — State Representative Brad Fritts (R-Dixon) has officially been named to serve on six House Committees; Transportation: Rail Systems, Roads and Bridges, Transportation: Vehicle Safety, Labor and Commerce, and Financial Institutions, as well as two Appropriations Committees dealing with Public Safety and Higher Education.

"I look forward to diving in deeper on these topics over the next two years, and influencing the legislation and work that comes out of these committees in a positive way for my district and all of Illinois," Rep. Fritts said.

Committee assignments were handed out by House Republican Leader Tony McCombie this week while legislators were down in Springfield for the first full week of session in the 103rd General Assembly. Committees meet at the discretion of their Democrat chairpersons and are not yet scheduled to meet, but expectations are that committee work will begin next week.

The 74th District is located in central Illinois and is comprised of the communities of Dixon, Mendota, Rochelle, and Sterling. Rep. Fritts was sworn into his first term in the House of Representatives on Jan. 11.

"I encourage anyone to reach out to my office with input on these policy areas, I welcome all feedback from the district to ensure your views are fairly represented in our statehouse," Rep. Fritts continued.

The Representative is opening a new office, centrally located in the district, at 101 W 1st Street, Suite 501, in Dixon. Constituents can contact Rep. Fritts' office with their thoughts on legislation in the General Assembly and these committees by emailing Fritts@ilhousegop.org. Find more information about the Representative and the new district at his new website, www.RepFritts.com.

AMBOY—The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Feb. 27. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

LEE COUNTY—Dig in with confidence this spring with Growing Great Vegetables, a five-week webinar series covering how to grow a vegetable garden from seed to harvest. Log on at 6 p.m., for a weekly online workshop covering a new topic, engage with Illinois Extension horticulture experts, and receive emails with factsheets and even more research-based tips. Register before Feb. 26 for the series at go.illinois.edu/GrowingGreatVegetables. Cost to attend the series is \$10. This series will be held on Feb. 28, March 7, 14, and 28.

POLO—The 38th Annual Farm Toy Show will be held at Polo High School, on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Polo Lions Club. There will be approximately 75-100 dealers. Adult admission is \$3 and children under 12 are free.

FRANKLIN GROVE—Wouldn't it be terrific for all ages to learn more about

gardening? The Lee County Master Gardeners have started a gardening series called "Big and Small Gardening." This series will be held at the Winfred Knox Library in Franklin Grove the first Tuesday of each month with alternating months offering a youth program at 4 p.m. or an Adult program at 6 p.m. Vegetable Wars will be held March 7 at 4 p.m. One may register for these programs by calling the library at 815-456-2823. For full series details: go.illinois.edu/LeeBigandSmall

AMBOY—The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

MAY TWP—The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, at the township maintenance building.

LEE CENTER TWP—The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

STERLING—The Illinois Extension Whiteside Master Gardeners offer Saturday with a Master Gardener Series. Explore gardening on the second Saturday of

each month at the Whiteside Extension office, 12923 Lawrence Rd. Sterling, from 10 a.m. to noon. "Good Gracious Great Ball of Flowers" will be the topic for the March 11 program. Most people remember Hydrangeas from

childhood; today, we are falling in love with them all over again, and the good news is that we can now grow many varieties and colors. Registration is required and can be completed at go.illinois.edu/whitesidesaturdays

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VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, March 30, 2023, and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Closed legal holidays. The votes cast during this time will not be counted until Election Day. Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded.

Website: www.leecountyil.com

Email: election@countyofflee.org

Phone: 815-288-3309

Nancy Petersen
Lee County Clerk & Recorder

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LOCAL NEWS

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Lee County 4-H Project Pool: A Fun Morning for Everyone

Youth ages 5-18 will have the opportunity to learn more about 4-H at Project Pool hosted by University of Illinois Extension. This fun-filled program will run from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 18, at the Lee County 4-H Center. Sessions for the day are party planning, rabbits, chickens, goats, horses, salt painting, starting seeds, weather, and rice krispies. Ages eight and older will choose three sessions to attend while ages 5-7 will have their activity. Registration fee is \$15 and can be done online at go.illinois.edu/project-pool. For more information, contact Katie McBride at the Lee County Extension Office, 815-857-3525 or kmcbr2@illinois.edu

Ebbesmeyer recognized at state level for 4-H accomplishments

University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator, Martha Ebbesmeyer, was recognized recently for her outstanding work in the area of youth development by the Illinois Extension Professionals for Youth Education (IEPYE) and the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals (NAE4-HYDP). Ebbesmeyer was recognized with two team awards for Excellence in Peer Professional Development and Excellence in Camping.

Ebbesmeyer served on a team of fellow 4-H Youth Development Educators that were selected at the state level for the Excellence in Peer Professional Development Award. This award was given for their work in developing a series of virtual trainings for new 4-H Extension Program Coordinators. This series offered and continues to offer monthly training for new 4-H staff, where they introduce specific topics relevant to the 4-H program. These training series also offer a comfortable setting where new staff can address questions or concerns amongst peers in the same position. Staff participating in these trainings have found the series helpful and informative.

Ebbesmeyer was also a member of a team of 4-H Youth Development Educators that collaborated to provide training for a Northern Illinois teen camp counselor team, which they were recognized with the Excellence in Camping award. The team of seventeen teens served as trained volunteer camp counselors over the course of three days during a 2021 Northern Illinois 4-H day camp. Camp counselors were trained and supported by six Extension staff members. Counselors provided leadership by planning camp activities, implementing programs and mentoring campers. Counselors reached a total of 91 campers from ten counties.

Ebbesmeyer serves as

the Extension Educator for Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside counties for the University of Illinois Extension. Martha provides leadership to the 4-H Youth Development programs and youth initiatives. For more information about programs provided by Ebbesmeyer and the 4-H Youth Development team, visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/clw>.

Put Ready...Set...Grow...on Your March Calendars

On Saturday, March 18, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners of Carroll, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties will be hosting 2023 Ready...Set...Grow...gardening workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Loveland Community Building, 513 W 2nd St., Dixon.

This year's keynote address: Literary Gardens, will be presented by Master Gardener and natural history writer Cindy Crosby. Cindy takes a fun look at gardens in literature and poetry. From Agatha Christie's mystery series to Brother Cadfael's medieval herb garden to

Michael Pollan's garden in "Second Nature," to the "Secret Garden" beloved of children's literature, there are so many gardens that helped shape the books we love to read. See your garden with new eyes and come away with a list of books you can't wait to explore.

Ready...Set...Grow... will also offer two breakout sessions, a swag bag, a book nook, door prizes, and a Master Gardener Help Desk. Breakout sessions include Growing Great Grapes, Natural Fairy Gardens, Tree Management, Hummingbird Gardens, Contained Compositions, Backyard Orchard, Growing Vegetables Through the Seasons, and Nature Journaling.

The fee for this program is \$25, and registrations will be accepted until March 10.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/ReadySetGrow

If you are interested in more information about Ready...Set...Grow... or becoming a Master Gardener, please contact your local Extension office.

Lee County: (815) 857-3525

IAA Foundation announces scholarship recipients

BLOOMINGTON — Seven individuals are getting financial support to enroll in truck driver training classes thanks to the Driving Agriculture Forward Scholarship program, funded by Illinois Farm Bureau and administered by the IAA Foundation.

Recipients include Nathan Ault of Warren County, Jared Farr of McDonough County, Kyle Skromme of Whiteside County, Brennan Keifer of Kane County, Andrew LeFevre of Lee County, Jeremy Glenn of Marshall County and John Reel of Woodford County.

"Investing in individ-

uals who keep agriculture products moving and who represent the strength and diversity of our industry is something we are proud to do," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation.

Scholarship applications are available year-round with consideration deadlines occurring quarterly. The next application deadline is March 31, which correlates to drivers who intend to enroll in a commercial driver training program at an Illinois community college between April 1 and June 30, 2023.

All applicants must be Illinois residents and provide proof of enrollment during their corresponding award cycle. An endorsement from a farmer, County Farm Bureau leader, agribusiness, or food process business is required.

Eligibility guidelines and applications are available through the IAA Foundation website at www.iaafoundation.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It is a great honor to serve Amboy as your new Postmaster. In my years with the United States Postal Service, I have seen firsthand the role the Postal Service plays connecting neighbors and our community to the nation. Our Post Offices serve as a lifeline for our small businesses to reach customers no matter where they are.

Under Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's leadership and Delivering For America, the Postal Service's 10-year plan, we are maintaining universal six-day mail delivery and expanded seven-day package delivery, stabilizing our workforce, and spurring innovation to meet the needs of our modern customers.

Just as the Postal Service continues to provide a vital service for our nation, the staff of the Amboy office will proudly continue that same public service in this community.

On behalf of the 650,000 women and men of the United States Postal Service, I thank you for continuing to support the Postal Service. Providing reliable mail delivery while strengthening the future of this treasured institution is our commitment to you.

Sincerely,
Jamie Senn
Postmaster

TAXES

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"These individuals are ready and willing to assist taxpayers in filing their state and federal tax returns accurately and on time by the April 18 deadline."

How taxpayer assistance is provided and when services are available varies by region, based upon volunteer capacity.

"Even modest tax refunds can be a significant boost to older adults' household budgets," said Illinois Department on Aging Director Paula Basta. "By seeking free tax prep assistance from a trusted local program, you have the best likelihood of getting your full refund and of getting your taxes done on time, correctly and hassle-free."

The IRS' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals needing assistance in preparing their own tax returns. People making \$60,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English-speaking taxpayers can take advantage of this service. In addition, the TCE program offers free tax help, particularly for those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors. VITA and TCE sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations across the country.

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program provides free tax assistance, with a special focus on taxpayers over the age of 50 or who have low-to-moderate income. Availability is determined at the local or community level. AARP membership is not required to receive assistance.

In Chicagoland, the Ladder Up Tax Assistance Program (TAP) provides free basic tax return preparation for families earning up to \$60,000 and individuals earning up to \$32,000 annually. IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers assist in filing federal and state returns.

Taxpayers can search for a free tax assistance provider closest to them by visiting IDOR's website tax.illinois.gov. Individuals with questions should contact IDOR's Taxpayer Assistance Division at 800-732-8866.

Taxpayers may also visit any of IDOR's offices located in Chicago, Des Plaines, Fairview Heights, Marion, Rockford, and Springfield to receive assistance. Staff at these locations can help with any Illinois state income tax filing inquiries and are available weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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SOCIAL NEWS



Local nature and history

By Jim “Mazie” Long



Owl be seeing you: Owls are reclusive birds with nocturnal habits. But their haunting calls will guide you to them, especially at dawn and dusk. A Screech Owl is shown here.

Whooo’s there? It’s only one of our many owls

In February, when our outdoor, natural world seems locked in the icy grip of winter, the Great Horned Owl lays her eggs. If you walk through a quiet recess of woods where few people go, you may see a Horned



Jim “Mazie” Long

The tiny Saw-whet Owl is also remarkably fearless. I have met several in winter in different places over the years. I approached within three feet of one in a bush. I slowly moved my hand toward the bird and got my finger within a few inches

before he flew. I approached another within six feet and walked past. When I looked back, he was still there.

Our owls all gulp down their food, hair, feathers, bones, and all. They regurgitate the indigestible parts in the form of pellets. The pellets often pile up beneath an owl’s nesting place. If you carefully pull the pellets apart, you will find a few mouse skulls and small bones among the hair.

Editor’s Note: James Brady Long was born in Amboy on June 12, 1926. Known by many as “Mazie”, he grew up in Amboy, served in the army during World War II, then studied forestry at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. His studies in botany and forest protection continued as he ventured into farming here. A beloved story-teller, his farm became a place of learning and adventure for relatives and friends. In his later years, he contributed a series of local nature articles to The Amboy News. Upon his death in 2000, his many hand-written drafts were gathered and initially curated by Brenda Boyle. The present, renewed series draws from those drafts, both unpublished and previously published.

Resources:
Owls of Illinois:
bit.ly/3YewEQ7

RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE!

This Week’s Student of the Week is:
Delaney Bulfer

Student’s Favorites:

- Favorite Color – Pink
- Favorite Animal – Unicorn
- Favorite Food – Lollipops
- Favorite Book – What Would Daria Do?
- Favorite Game – Mario Cart
- Favorite Song – I Love Rock And Roll

THE PASTOR’S PEN

YOU’VE GOT A FRIEND

BY PASTOR RICK WULF,
The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends,
I trust that as we are now three quarters of the way truth this month and Valentine’s Day has past and as we have just celebrated Presidents Day, and have gotten through another Winter event, you will be able to see God’s goodness and greatness. Truly, He has blessed our great nation with much more than we deserve.

As we look back upon our history as Americans, we are reminded that our Founding Fathers, if they weren’t Christians, and many were very strong and committed ones, some were deists, at the least most acknowledged the God of the Bible. They sought to build a new nation upon Biblical principles, and I believe they did a great job. It is our duty as God’s children to fight for and uphold those principles. I believe whatever these men believed, the most had God as their guiding force in their presupposition toward life.

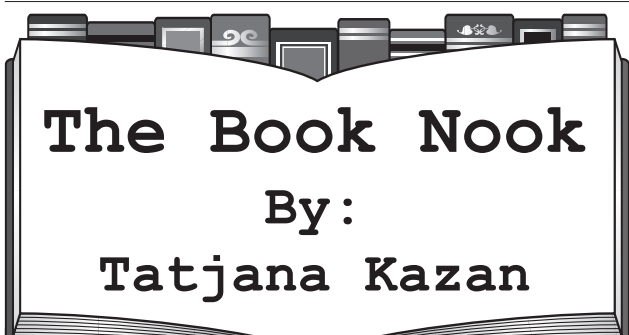
As long as you acknowledge His position, and honor Him, then pretty much all will go well, but when you stop doing so and leave God out of the “equation of life,” all that you have left is a big emptiness, and that I sadly fear is where America is headed. When I look at the world around us, I almost feeling a bit guilty with how God has blessed us with so much. Our hearts do go out to the peoples of Turkey and Syria, with all that they have gone through during these past couple of weeks after the earthquakes hit. Most of us can’t begin to comprehend what they have been going through, with the great loss of life and so many more injuries and the near total destruction of property in the affected areas, as well as the economic losses incurred. All that we can do is pray for those affected and to give as we are able.

We also pray for those who are coming to their assistance to help in whatever way they can. Other than the scientific explanation of what happened, I can’t say definitively why, other than quoting Paul’s statement in Romans 8:20-22, “For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”

We are living in a cursed world because of Adam and Eve’s decision to rebel and not trust God through disobeying His command about “that” tree. God’s Word and will are good, but when we choose to disobey Him, He cannot go on blessing us individually and as a nation. His holiness and righteousness demand justice for our sins. As we will be observing in about 40 days, Jesus’ death on the cross that made payment for those sins, the Bible very clearly states that it can only be received by our personal confession of faith in Christ and request His forgiveness for those dreadful, eternity-condemning sins. He paid the price for a debt He didn’t owe, at an expense we couldn’t afford, our lives. Think about this for a while.

Once again, it is our Christian faith that gives meaning and purpose to our lives. Because He lives, we live. If you are not sure about your relationship with Jesus, I would strongly encourage you to find a Bible, read the New Testament and find out for yourself who He is. Then, find a church to attend that preaches the Bible, the Word of God, and grow in that faith. You are always welcome to come on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., to the East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd. at Union Rd. in Rural Amboy. Have a Blessed February.

May God continue to bless and sustain you.



DEEP FREEZE

In the Prologue to Swedish author Viveca Sten’s thriller, “Hidden in Snow” (2020), a worker arrives early morning at one of the chairlifts in the small ski resort of Åre. It is minus twenty degrees and the winter season has just begun. He sets the machinery in motion, but as the chairs ride down toward him, he sees a figure in one of the chairs. “It looks like a mannequin—and yet it doesn’t. The human features are there, but every sign of life has been obliterated. The eyebrows and eyelashes are thick with snow crystals, the face has stiffened in an icy grimace. The skin is blue white, the lips shrunken from the cold. The chair sways, and the body slides off and lands on the snow at his feet. He stares openmouthed at the frozen corpse. ‘Damn,’ he whispers. ‘Not you.’”

It’s a great opening to a thriller. But it makes no sense to me that over a third of this long novel is devoted to the urgent search for this missing girl when we already know that she will freeze to death. Her name is Amanda Halvorsen,

Tales for Tots on Feb. 25, from 10 - 10:45

Jr. Craft Club on Feb. 27, from 4:30 - 6

March Programs:

Mommy and Me - Every Tuesday from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Lego Club on March 4, from 10 – 11 a.m.

School Age crafts on March 11, from 10 – 11 a.m.

Diamond Painting Club (Adult program) on March 13, from 4 – 6 p.m.

Tales for Tots on March 18, from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Jr. Craft Club on March 27, from 4:30 – 6 p.m.



Pankhurst Memorial Library announces the following activities.

February Programs:
Mommy and Me - Every Tuesday from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Senior Dining Menu

February 27 - February 28
8 oz. of low-fat milk served with each meal

Monday – BBQ riblett, wgr wheat bun, cheesy potatoes, country mixed veggie, diced pears

Tuesday – Creamy chicken pasta, carrots, steamed peas, wgr wheat bun-1, chilled pineapple

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LOCAL NEWS/SPORTS

Amboy High School announces its fall 2022 honor roll

AMBOY—Amboy High School announces its Fall 2022 Honor Roll.

Highest Honors Freshman

Grace Althaus, Kiera Karlson, Ellie McLaughlin

Sophomore

Addison Pertell, Grace Royer, Tyrah Vaessen, Kenley Wilson, Alainie Wittenauer

Junior

Brennan Blaine, Emma Dinges, Rylyn Karrow, Al-

exa Morris, Austin Shugars, Kimber Zitelman

Senior

Olivia Costner, James Curl, Courtney Lachat, Brian Moore, Courtney Ortgiesen, Alexzandra Vaessen

High Honors Freshman

Anna Carlson, Molly Hassler, Samantha Nauman, Micah Miller, Stephanie Nave, Peyton Payne

Sophomore

Jarrett Althaus, Carson

Barlow, Brody Christofersen, Ava Cline, Quinton Leffelman, Adrian Mimini, Emersyn Noble, Devyn Pasley, Natalie Pratt, Hunter Rasmussen, Alena Shaw, Caleb Shugars, Haleigh Stenzel, Brooklyn Strub, Karagen Welch

Junior

Elizabeth Clarida, Zachary Dunne, Blerta Ferkolli, Elly Jones, Gabriel Jones, Hanna Jones, Alexis Ketchum, Cole Larson, Madison O'Malley,

Nicholas Ochoa, Aaliyah Pointer, Skyler Ware, Landon Whelchel

Senior

Reed Barnes, Olivia Cordero, Ryan Dickinson, Sidney Lewis, Olivia Montantes, Valentin Vazquez, Wesley Wilson, Hayden Wittenauer, Aislinn Zitelman

Honors Freshman

Jack Cline, Myla Davis, Matthew Farrar, Mylee Hochstatter, Olivia Ketchum,

Rylan McNinch, Samantha Nauman, Brayden Phalen Rapp, Emilie Reed-Dempsey, Bradley Schmidt, Birgen Tucker, Brittlyn Whitman

Sophomore

Vanessa Allevan, Fabian Arteaga, Cordia Asencio, Saydee Benavidez, Joel Billhorn, Alexis Cheever, Brysen Full, Atticus Goff, Jaden Haley, Tyler Huggins, Cierra Kessel, Joshua McKendry, Dillon Merriman, Emily Sachs, Kaysi Schaeffer, Mi-

chael Shoemaker

Junior

Keaten Altizer, Lucas Blanton, Maeve Larson, Landon Montavon, Trey Payne, Addison Shaw, Zylar Smith, Eliseo Vazquez-Tapia

Senior

Kora Garren, Landon Koppien, Ana Lopez-Belmontes, Valeria Salgado, Kelton Schwamberger, Philip Stewart

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago Feb. 23, 1923

Samuel Carson died at his residence in Glencoe. He was born in Amboy; his father being a member of the famous dry goods firm.

The ladies of the Congregational Church will serve a cafeteria supper in the church parlors, followed by a social evening. Everyone is invited to attend.

Three cases of smallpox were reported in the Chris Steder family northeast of town. One case was reported to be quite severe but is improving at the present time.

Public School Notes: Over 40 students were out of school because of illness. "We were wondering in General Science what Lester Kellen wanted with Emma Reniff's vanity box?"

75 Years Ago Feb. 19, 1948

Reduced — Men's sheep lined jackets with fur collar. Were \$14.95; now & \$8.95 at Fagan's.

Amboy Lions Club sponsored an old timers basketball game to raise money for their Green River Park Improvement Project.

At the Amboy Theater — Humphrey Bogart and Laruen Bacall in "Dark Passage."

50 Years Ago Feb. 22, 1973

Charles Raines won a medal at the IHSA district wrestling competition, allowing him to advance to the sectional meet at United Township High School at East Moline.

Sue O'Brien was crowned Sweetheart Queen at the annual GAA Sweetheart Dance at Amboy High School. Other attendants were Cathy Oester, Sharon Apple, Jan Leffelman

and Sue Duffy.

The city council received six bids for the construction of the new maintenance building to be built at the south edge of the city on Route 52.

25 Years Ago Feb. 19, 1998

The City of Amboy received some good news at its monthly City Council Meeting Monday night. Mayor Hank Gerdes announced that the city's request had been approved for a low-interest

EPA loan in the amount of \$683,433. The money will be used to undertake major repairs to the city's existing wastewater treatment facilities.

Amboy High School senior Tim Christoffersen successfully advanced out of Peoria High School's Sectional Speech Tournament Saturday. Christoffersen placed third with his original comedy titled "Where Are They Now?" in which he portrays eight distinct characters including Jack Nicholson, Clint Eastwood and comedi-

an Bobcat Goldthwait.

The Ashton, Amboy and Lee Center Community Unit School Districts' Boards of Education will meet Saturday morning at the Holiday Inn in Rochelle to continue discussions concerning the potential advantages to be gained by cooperating together to provide an improved education for the students of the three districts.

Russet Baker Potatoes are 25 cents, a Pepsi 24 pack of cans are \$5.99, and fresh cake donuts are \$1.49 a dozen at Beggs' Certified Foods.

Season ends for Clipper in opening round of Regionals

DAKOTA — The Amboy Clippers saw their basketball season come to a close after a 58-39 setback to Dakota in the opening round of the Ashton-Franklin Center Class 1A Boys' Regional Basketball Tournament on Feb. 18 at Dakota.

Amboy fell behind 13-8 after the opening quarter and was down by just a 19-16 count at intermission. But the game turned in the third

period when Dakota outscored the Clippers, 19-7, to take control. Amboy had a strong fourth quarter with 16 points, but Dakota pumped in 20 to deny the Clippers of any comeback attempt.

Eddie Jones paced Amboy with 19 points, 12 of which came in the fourth frame. Wes Wilson chipped in with eight markers and Kyler McNinch added six.

Blanton competes in IHSA Class 1A state wrestling tournament

CHAMPAIGN - Amboy High School wrestler Landon Blanton won one of three matches and did not place in the IHSA Class 1A Boys' State Wrestling Tournament held Feb. 16-18 at the State Farm Center in Champaign.

The AHS freshman, competing in the 113-pound weight class, opened the state

tournament with an 8-4 decision loss to Logan Roberts of Latham.

Blanton bounced back to pin Kingston Sawyers of Chicago Harlan in 5:25 before dropping a 12-2 decision to Alex Powell of Litchfield.

Blanton concluded the season with a 43-11 record.

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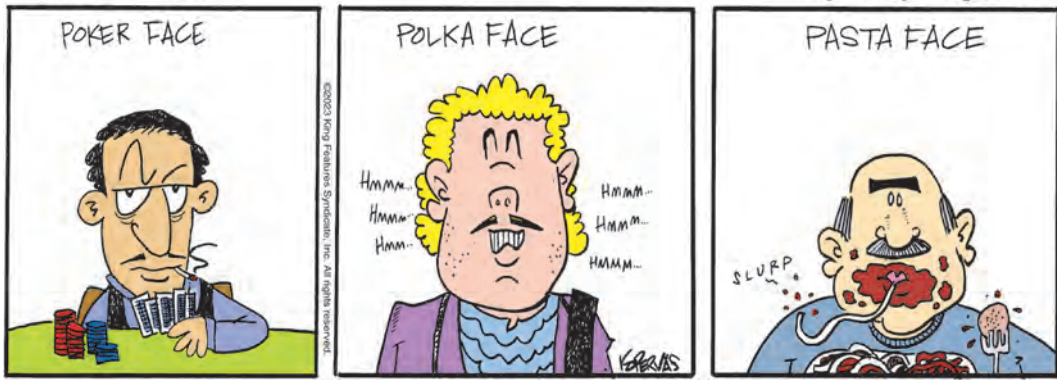


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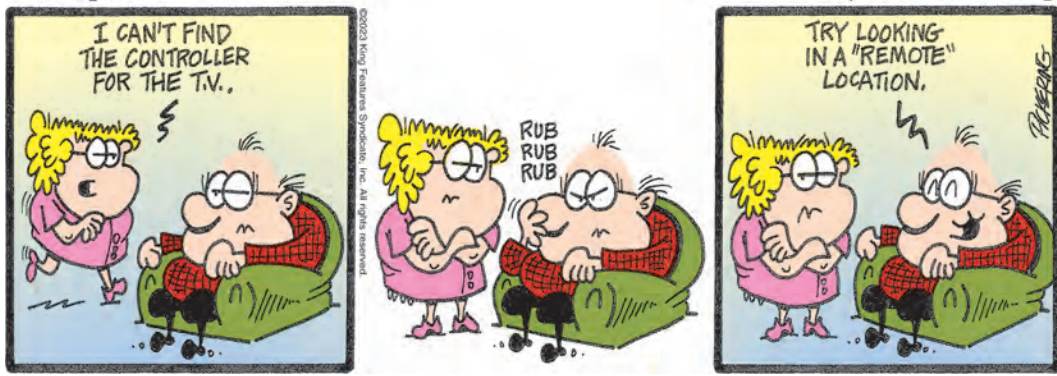
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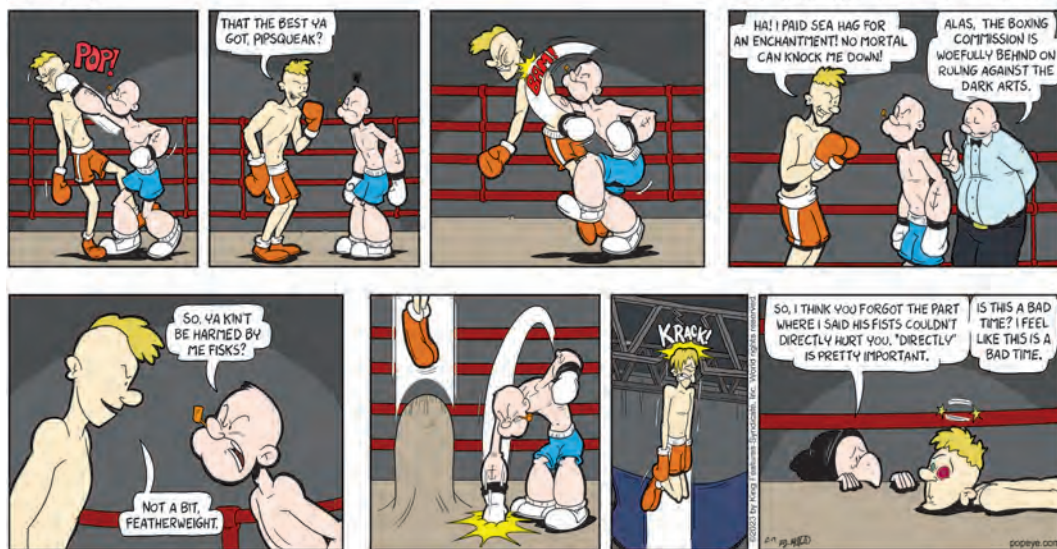
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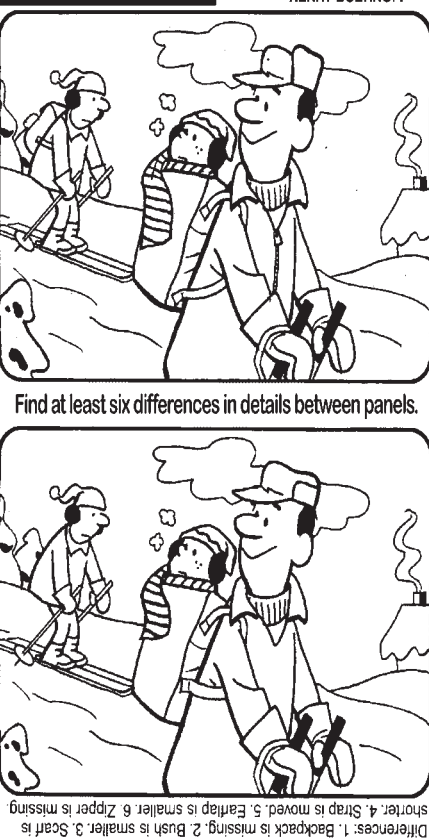
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Clue: R equals W

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ZVA UEIZ EC F JGI HKNA?
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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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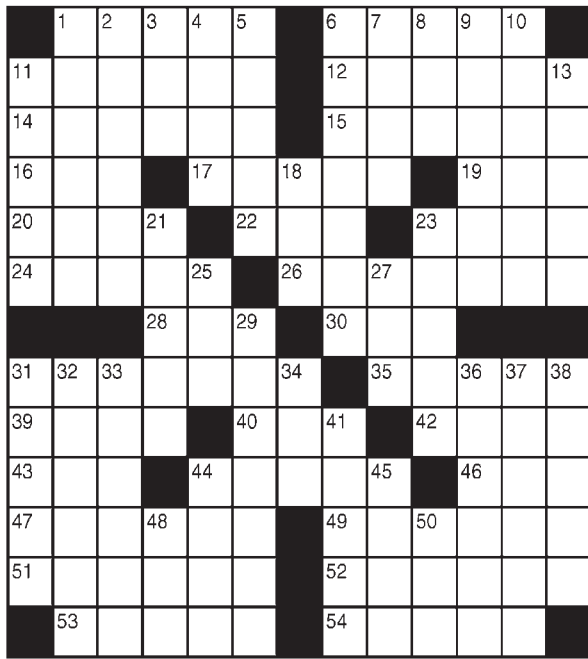
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- 6 Wanderer
- 11 Physician, slangily
- 12 Lessened
- 14 Veep before Biden
- 15 — del Fuego
- 16 Some fridges
- 17 Egypt's Anwar
- 19 Have a bug
- 20 Sunrise direction
- 22 — Alamos
- 23 Faction
- 24 Cybercommerce
- 26 Pungent relish
- 28 Scratch
- 30 Pub pint
- 31 Passageway for Santa
- 35 "Three Sisters" sister
- 39 — Godiva
- 40 Dict. info
- 42 "Star Trek II" villain
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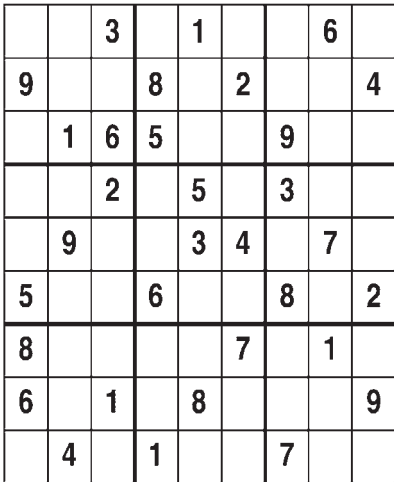


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- 54 Actions
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- 10 Mock
- 11 "Me and Bobby —"
- 13 Longtime Chicago mayor
- 18 Elmer, to Bugs
- 21 "Lassie" lad
- 23 Porterhouse, e.g.
- 25 PC linking system
- 27 Einstein's birthplace
- 29 Stinging insects
- 31 Purse fastener
- 32 Attack
- 33 Think up
- 34 Hankering
- 36 Polished
- 37 Sanctuaries
- 38 In the blink of —
- 41 Confronted
- 44 Word of warning
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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 COINS to SPIES in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

flip

bind

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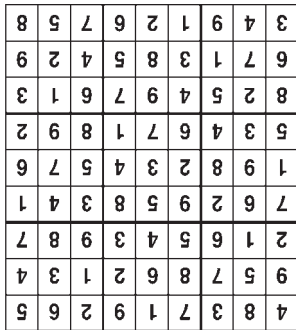
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)
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No. 2023 PR02
)

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By Daniel W. Bonnell, Independent Executor
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No. 0201
(Feb. 15, 22 and March 1, 2023)

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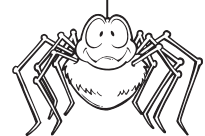
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Amboy's Elly Jones drives to the basket and goes up for a shot while being guarded by Polo's Sydnei Rahn, left, and Lindee Poper in the regional championship on Feb. 17 at the AHS gym. (News photo)

Lady Clippers fall short in Regional final

AMBOY - Despite its youth and limited varsity experience, Amboy managed to win 24 of its 28 regular-season games, earning it the top seed in the regional.

After the Lady Clippers churned out a hard-fought victory over Ashton-Franklin Center in the semifinal-round, they had a date with conference rival Polo - itself a narrow winner over Forrester in the semis - in the championship game of the Amboy Class 1A Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament.

The teams split their two regular season games by close margins, and the third meeting did not disappoint. The Lady Clippers played like grizzled veterans, but their fourth-quarter comeback attempt just came up short as Polo pulled out a 49-43 victory on Feb. 17 at the AHS gym.

The loss ended Amboy's outstanding season at 25-5, while the Marcos (18-11) earned the right to play on their home floor against Orangeville in the Polo Sectional. They were the second of two semifinal games on Tuesday night, with Galena going up against Pecatonica in the opener. The two winners will meet for the sectional title at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23.

Amboy was slow out the gate, seeing Polo double up the score, 12-6, in the early going. But the Lady Clippers clawed their way back and scored the final seven points of the opening stanza to take a 13-12 lead after one. Sophomore Addison Pertell keyed the rally when she nailed a three-pointer and a conven-

tional hoop to draw Amboy to within one. Then junior Elly Jones put up a three-point try at the buzzer that misfired, but she was fouled on the play and converted two of three free throws for a 13-12 Amboy lead.

The game remained close in the second period as Polo's Lindee Poper connected on a shot at the horn to give her team a 25-20 halftime advantage.

Amboy's goal was the keep Polo off the free throw line, but that didn't happen. Courtney Orgtisen was nailed with two quick fouls, and Maeve Larson and Tyrah Vaessen also picked up a pair of fouls apiece in the first half. Vaessen went back into the game and was hit with her third foul. Amboy ended the first half with a junior, two sophomores and two freshmen on the floor.

Jones opened up the third quarter with a three-pointer 39 seconds into the half to draw Amboy within two, but the Marcos tallied the next six points, including four of four free throws from Poper, to open up the biggest lead of the game by either team, 31-23. It wasn't until the 3:38 mark of the quarter that the Lady Clippers scored again on another triple from Jones.

Polo built its lead back to eight (34-26) with under a minute to play in the quarter before Jones and Pertell sandwiched three-pointers around a Poper rebound basket to make it 36-32 heading to the final frame.

Amboy got to within three points on two occasions over the first two minutes of the quarter, but a two by Poper and triple by Sydnei Rahn



Amboy's Maeve Larson leans back and tries to get a shot off over the tight defense of Polo's Lindee Poper in the regional championship on Feb. 17 at the AHS gym. (News photo)

stretched the margin to eight again (45-37) with 3:32 left.

Amboy scored the only points over the next two minutes and 40 seconds on a Jones free throw, a nice basket by Pertell off an inbounds pass and another trifecta by Jones with 52 seconds left to make it 45-43. But that proved to be the final points for the Lady Clippers as Polo connected on four of six free throws to hold on for the win.

Jones led all scorers with 25 points while Pertell finished with 12. Amboy held Polo's three leading scorers to 12, seven and three points,

but Rahn, their fourth leading scorer, exploded for 24 points, while Poper chipped in with 12 tallies.

Jones added seven rebounds and two steals for the Lady Clippers, while Pertell had a season-high eight boards and dished out three assists. Also, Vaessen grabbed five rebounds and had four assists, Kiera Karlson scored a basket and snared two rebounds, Orgtisen had a free throw and five caroms, and Larson picked off three rebounds and swiped two steals.



Polo defender Carlee Grobe applies pressure defense as Amboy's Emily Sachs attempts a shot in the regional championship game on Feb. 17 at the AHS gym. (News photo)



Amboy's Addison Pertell grabs a rebound from among a host of players during action from the regional championship game on Feb. 17 at the AHS gym. (News photo)

Amboy had a tussle with Ashton-Franklin Center in the semifinals before earning a 50-42 win on Feb. 14.

The Lady Clippers were up 10-8 after the opening stanza, but AFC managed to forge ahead, 20-18, at intermission. The contest was tied at 31-31 heading to the fourth frame, where Amboy erupted for 19 points to capture the game and move on to the finals.

Pertell pumped in 12 of her 18 points in the second half, while Jones tallied eight of her 10 points in the fourth period. Jones sank seven of

eight free throws in the late third and fourth quarters. Jones also connected on a huge three-pointer in the final frame.

Jones added five rebounds and four assists in the contest, while Larson drilled 10 points and yanked down 11 boards. Vaessen had her usual great stat line with four points, four rebounds, seven assists and four steals. Orgtisen dropped in a basket and two crucial free throws late in the game, and she collected four rebounds and a pair of steals, while Karlson had four markers and three caroms.

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