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Trivia night to support Amboy FFA alumni

AMBOY — This year Amboy FFA sent students to a national competition. What was it called? This is just one question that may be asked at the second Trivia Night hosted by the Amboy FFA Alumni and Supporters. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on March 4 at the Amboy Community Building. Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m.

Margaret Vaessen, the 2020-21 state FFA reporter and alumni of Amboy High School and FFA Chapter will serve as the night's moderator. Eight rounds of questions will cover a variety of topics including FFA trivia. Prizes will be given for High Team Score, Low Team Score, Best Team Name and Best Dressed Team. Food, cash bar, dessert auction and other opportunities to support FFA will be available. Spectators are welcome.

Trivia Night benefits Amboy FFA Alumni and their efforts to support Amboy FFA members through scholarships to conferences and conventions as well as attendance at colleges and trade schools.

Team registration for up to eight players is \$200. Online registration can be found at Amboy FFA Alumni Trivia Night on Facebook. Event Sponsors include \$150 to sponsor one round of questions or \$400 to sponsor the event. For more



information, call Katie Pratt, Amboy FFA Alumni secretary at 815-285-3158.

For up-to-date details about the event like Amboy FFA Alumni and Supporters on Facebook.

The Amboy FFA Alumni contributes positively to current activities and programs supporting the development of premiere leadership, personal growth, and career success in Amboy FFA members through agriculture education.

Lee County Sheriff's office wins Give Back contest

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter

LEE COUNTY — It's amazing the great things that can be accomplished when a community rallies for a good cause.

The Lee County Sheriff's Department was recently awarded the annual Give Back contest sponsored by FMK9, a Berrien Center Michigan-based business, that provides quality canines for law enforcement. How it works is the department with the most votes gets half off the purchase of a dog and training.

According to Flora McHenry with FMK9, over 70,000 votes were cast for 20 agencies from across the country.

"It wasn't even close, Lee County blew it out of the water," said McHenry. "It's a testament to the citizen's loyalty toward the department of that county."

Spearheaded by Lee County Chief Deputy Derek Ranken, the department realized that there was a need for a second Canine Unit. Currently, Nemo has been on the job for four years and could use a little help.

"As a result of the high call volume that we received this past year, we want a canine patrol on both shifts so there is always one available," explained Ranken.

With the support of newly elected Lee County Sheriff Clay Whelan, the department "threw their hat in the ring" and it worked out in their favor.

"Special recognition goes out to Deputy Ranken who did an outstanding job with



Nemo with partner Nathan Hollinger

this initiative," said Whelan. "With the overwhelming endorsement of our citizens, we are now looking forward to implementing another canine unit."

Next in the process will be to interview deputies that are interested in becoming a handler and having a dog for a partner. Then, it's off to FMK9 to pick out a pup and start the six weeks of training. The dogs are considered full service-dual purpose

deputies that will be trained in general law enforcement, narcotics detection, the fleeing of suspects, and tracking for missing persons.

"These dogs are used as a tool to help officers and deputies at the scene to avoid putting them in bad situations," said Ranken.

The dogs and handlers are required by the state to train 16 hours a month along with recertification once a year.

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A.C.O., AHS to host blood drive

AMBOY — What a wonderful gift to give. Blood is urgently needed in our area. Therefore an appeal is going out to everyone 17 years of age and over in good health to give blood. Won't you roll up your sleeve and answer the plea?

Amboy A.C.O. members, in coordination with Amboy High School, are hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the

Amboy Community Building from noon to 6 p.m. Please call Judy Brinkmeier at 815-238-8927 or sign up directly at redcrossblood.org. for an appointment.

This year we are able to serve homemade sandwiches and cookies made by the members of A.C.O. We hope you can join us on Jan. 31.

2022 Lee County tentative multiplier announced

SPRINGFIELD — Lee County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier", is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable

properties would result.

State law requires property in Illinois to be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland and farm buildings assessed according to standards based on productivity.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the sales price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

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License plate fees for low-income older drivers, persons with disabilities to be reduced in 2023

SPRINGFIELD — Eligible older adults and persons with disabilities will see their annual license plate renewal fee reduced by more than half in the new year, the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) announced Wednesday. Under Public Act 102-0807, which takes effect Jan. 1, drivers who qualify for IDoA's Benefit Access Program will pay only \$10 for their license plate stickers, a decrease from \$24

currently.

"During this time of high inflation, many older adults are finding it increasingly difficult to cover everyday expenses," said Illinois Department on Aging Director Paula Basta. "This income-based discount on license plate renewals is welcome news for older drivers, helping them save money and keep their vehicle registration current."

"The lower annual license plate renewal fee for

qualifying seniors will help them keep more of their hard-earned money in their bank accounts to spend on other things, such as prescription medicine," said Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White. "I applaud the Illinois General Assembly for this new law, and especially the sponsors, State Rep. Cyril Nichols (D-Burbank) and State Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel (D-Plainfield)."

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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. John Charles Miller, U.S.M.C.

On Nov. 25, 1923, Charles and Julie Burden Miller gave birth to John, one of their seven children. The Miller family lived and worked on a farm located on Route 2 near Harmon. A member of St. Flannen Catholic Parish, John graduated from St. Mary's High School in Sterling before

enrolling at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa. Like other young people of that era, John worked for a neighboring farmer while helping on his own family farm until history changed the course of his life.

In 1941, at age 18, John registered for the draft. As American soldiers fought in Europe, North Africa, and the Pacific region, John was eventually called for duty, and finished his training in the United States Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, California. He achieved the rank of Private First Class, as part of the 4th Marine Division.

By the end of 1943, the Pacific Campaign led by Admiral Chester Nimitz was gaining steam, having captured the Gilbert Islands in November of that year. With the goal of advancing all the way to Tokyo, the seizure of Pacific Islands was critical for establishment

and re-supply of American Naval and Air Bases. The next target would be the Marshall Islands.

In late January of 1944, P.F.C. John C. Miller and the 4th Marine Division left Camp Pendleton for their first encounter with enemy fire. Code-named "Operation Flintlock," army, navy, and marine forces would attack the Kwajalein Atoll in the center of the Marshall Islands. The 4th Marines were assigned the task of capturing Roi-Namur, two small islands containing an air strip, critical to the success of the operation. The island of Roi measured 1,250 by 1,200 yards, just big enough to accommodate the airfield.

On the morning of Feb. 1, John and the 4th Marine Division attacked the twin islands of Roi and Namur while the 7th Army Division landed on Kwajalein Island. By noon the following day,



Roi and Namur were secure with over 3,500 Japanese killed and around 200 captured. It was during this battle that, at age 20, P.F.C. John C. Miller was killed in action along with some 200 fellow marines. Private Miller was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

In January of 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller received a memorial certificate signed by President Franklin Roosevelt. Embellished at the top with the seal of the United States, it read, "In grateful memory of John Charles Miller, United States

Marine Corps., who died in the service of his country at Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, 1 February, 1944. He stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom may live and grow, and through it he lives in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men."

Citations:

Purple Heart
American Campaign Medal
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Army Presidential Unit Citation

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LOCAL NEWS



Amboy Lions, church to host chili luncheon

AMBOY — The Amboy Lions Club and the Lee Center Church will jointly host a chili luncheon and basket raffle from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Amboy Community Center, 280 West Wasson Rd., Amboy.

The menu includes all you can eat chili with toppings, crackers, carrots, Jell-o, cake and drink. A free will donation will be taken at the door. Carry-outs are also available.

The Amboy Lions and the Lee Center Church are jointly sponsoring this event to help raise funds for the Amboy Park all inclusive playground equipment and to assist with the building

Amboy Lions Club



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maintenance fund for the Lee Center Church.

The basket raffle will be a gathering of various themed baskets. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the event. The tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Take time out of your day for a great meal and to help a good cause.

Lady Clippers win Amboy Holiday Tournament

AMBOY — On Dec. 27 the Amboy girls basketball team started their busy week by opening the tournament against Hall. The game was close all the way, and Amboy came away with a hard fought 35-31 victory.

Addison Pertell had a big game against the Lady Red Devils with a team-high 18 points (shot 50 percent from the field) and six rebounds. Maeve Larson dropped in seven points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Also against Hall, Courtney Ortgieson pulled down 14 rebounds and scored five points, Elly Jones scored three points, had three rebounds, dished out two assists, and recorded two steals. Tyrah Vaessen scored a basket and added four rebounds, three steals and two assists.

Game 2 of the tournament was against Roanoke-Benson. The Rockets opened up the tournament by defeating Serena 51-50.

The Amboy varsity girls jumped out to an 11-6 first-quarter lead. The Lady Clippers increased their lead behind a second-quarter 14-5 surge. Amboy led 25-11 at halftime and won the game 53-26.

Jones had a big game with 17 points (on 6-of-8 shooting from the field), three 3-point field goals, and two assists.

Pertell scored in double figures for the second-straight night with 10, while leading the team with four assists. Pertell joined Larson to finish the game with the team lead of two steals. Larson added seven points and seven rebounds.

Vaessen chipped in five points, six rebounds, and three assists. Ortgieson had double figure rebounds with 10, sophomore Emily Sachs and freshman Kiera Karlson had four points each, Gloria Parker and Ellie McLaughlin had two points apiece. Karlson and Jillian Anderson had two assists each.

Amboy's third game of their holiday tournament was against Serena.

Both teams struggled on offense, but Amboy's defense had the upper hand as Amboy held Serena to only four baskets in the game to help the Lady Clippers win, 31-16.

Vaessen shot 5-of-9 from the field for a team-high 10 points. Vaessen added three rebounds and three steals. Jones was Amboy's second-leading scorer with eight points but was the team leader in both steals (four) and assists (three).

Pertell had two 3-pointers for six points, while the guard also finished with seven rebounds and two assists. Sachs had five points and Larson led Amboy with nine rebounds and added

three steals, two assists, two blocks, and two points.

After three solid opponents, Amboy went into the holiday tournament championship against Somonauk.

The Lady Clippers exploded to an 18-3 lead after an almost perfect first quarter.

In the second quarter, Amboy outscored Somonauk 16-10 for a 34-13 Lady Clipper halftime lead.

The red and white continued its solid offense and great defense to come away with a 56-22 victory for their fourth victory of the week.

The Lady Clippers won the Amboy Holiday Tournament Championship for the first time since 2019.

Jones and Ortgieson each scored 12 points to lead a balanced attack. Ortgieson also had ix rebounds and three assists, while Jones added four boards and three steals.

Larson recorded nine points, six rebounds, and three steals. Pertell added eight points, six assists, and two steals. Rounding out Amboy's scoring was Sachs (7), Karlson (4), and Anderson (2).

Elly Jones and Addison Pertell were both named to the Amboy Holiday Tournament Team.

Amboy ends the tournament with a 12-1 regular season record.

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TEEN TURF

Aerobics

We will be having Aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday. Everyone is invited to gather at Teen Turf on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. for group chair exercises and walking. They have a great time together.

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.

Thank You's

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

Those that donate cans and Larry for crushing and taking them; Eric Shear for various items; Sandy Draper for the clothes; Diane and Joe Stewart for the donation in memory of Connie Bonnell; Linda and Jim Grady for the food; Sandy Morrissey for the monetary donation; John and Meghan Schamberger for the monetary donation; Barb and George Spataro; Amy and George Schwamberger for the gift bags; Jim and Jean Travi for the toaster and Donna Wellman for the bags and wonderful cookies.

Needs

Plastic shelving for our new garage to store items and granola bars.

Final Word

Reliable God, please bring peace to our mind, heart, and soul. Give us a sound mind, especially in these challenging times. Also, strengthen us to withstand pressures so we don't experience a breakdown. Thank you, Father, for overcoming the world and bringing peace. May this peace govern our mind, remove every negative thought and deliver us from uncertainty.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

Assessments in Lee County are at 33.15 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2022 taxes, payable in 2023.

Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The tentative factor is subject to change (1) if the County Board of Review takes actions which significantly affect the county assessments or (2) if local officials or others can present data showing that the Department of Revenue's estimates of the average level of assessments in the county should be adjusted. A public hearing on the tentative multiplier will be held between 20 and 30 days after the tentative factor is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills

will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments may have increased.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

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The training can consist of the department using an abandoned building, business or school to have the dogs sweep the areas for drugs or possible human remains in a blind search scenario. The sheriff's office hopes to have a deputy, and dog in place by spring. The department plans on making visits with Nemo and the newest member of the department to local schools, and YMCA's for presentations to teach children about the ways the dogs are helping protect everyone.

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The Department on Aging's Benefit Access Program determines eligibility for a license plate discount from the Secretary of State's office and free transit on fixed route systems in Illinois. To qualify, residents must be at least 65 years of age or 16 years of age and disabled, as well as meet income requirements. For a household containing one person, the annual income cap is \$33,562.

To apply for the Benefit Access Program online, please visit <https://ilaging.illinois.gov/benefitsaccess.html>. For assistance with the online application, older adults can call IDoA's Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966.

Those with specific questions about the price reduction, or about their vehicle's registration status, are encouraged to contact the Illinois Secretary of State's office at 800-252-8980.

IDoA serves and advocates for older Illinoisans and their

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. Visit www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

available.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the township maintenance building.

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Election of directors planned

LEE COUNTY — To all owners and occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, notice is hereby given that an Annual Election of Directors will be held 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Feb. 8, 2023 at the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Amboy.

Two directors will be elected to each serve a two-year term on the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of the State of Illinois.

All person, firms, or corporations who hold legal title or who are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election whether as lessee, renter, tenant, or otherwise. Only such person, firms, or corporations are eligible to vote.

Absentee balloting will be available to those who are unable to attend the Election of Directors. Absentee ballots can be requested beginning Feb. 1, 2023. All absentee ballots must be completed by Feb. 12, 2023.

For further information or to request an absentee ballot, please contact the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, located at 319 S. Mason Ave., Amboy or by phone 815-857-3621, Ext. 3.

Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m., at

the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy/Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., at the Amboy Township Building, 106 South Prospect.

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There are some ongoing fundraising efforts to help purchase new equipment to be fitted in the canine squad car. If you'd like to help out, please send your donation to The Lee County Sheriff's Office, 240 E. Progress Drive, Dixon IL. 61021.

caregivers by administering quality and culturally appropriate programs that promote partnerships and encourage independence, dignity, and quality of life. For information about the Department's programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/programs> or contact the Senior HelpLine toll-free at 1-800-252-8966, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Emma S. Scerba

May 31, 1922 - Jan. 6, 2023

MT. MORRIS — Emma S. Scerba, 100, passed away on Jan. 6, 2023 at Serenity Hospice and Home.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 31, 1922, the daughter of Max and Elizabeth (Chovanec) Wittge.

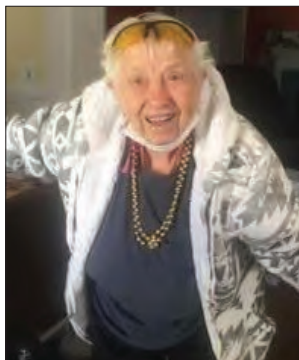
She worked in the binary department at Kable News in Mt Morris for over 20 years. Emma was a longtime active member of the Mt. Morris Moose Club. She liked to travel and be in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. One of her favorite places to visit was the House on the Rock. Emma loved being outside, camping, and going out to eat. In her younger years she

loved to roller skate at the Pines Roller Rink.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sons, Terry Scerba and Richard Scerba; daughter, Marilyn Negley; brothers, Leroy Wittge, Mark Wittge; sister, Rosemary Merrill; and ex-husband, William Scerba.

She is survived and missed by her daughter, Lauri (Harold) Johnson, of Amboy; grandchildren, Jason Negley and Jill Johnson; great-grandchildren, Aurora Burt, MaKayla Burt, Mason Engle and Michael Burt; and daughter-in-law, Lola Scerba.

Visitation will be held



from 4 – 6 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, with a prayer service at 5:30 led by Pastor John Kalebaugh at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home, 110 South 7th Street, Oregon.

A memorial fund is established in her name.

William J. Sheridan

Feb. 10, 1929 - Jan. 6, 2023

DIXON — William J. “Bill” Sheridan, 93, of Dixon, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2023 at his home surrounded by family.

He was born Feb. 10, 1929 in May Township, Lee County, the son of James and VeNira (Oester) Sheridan. Bill worked for Rein Schultz and Dahl for 35 years and was a member of IUOE Local 150 for over 55 years. He was a veteran of the Army. Bill was a member of St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon, the Sterling Moose Club, American Legion and the VFW. He also enjoyed attending the Thursday coffee clutch in Walton.

He married Helen “Minnie” Warkins on June 27, 1953 in Ohio, IL. She preceded him in death May 31, 2021.

He is also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Amber Sheridan; great-grandson, David Senneff; his parents; two brothers, Francis Sheridan and Gerald “Jerry” Sheridan; four sisters. Helen

Sheridan, Patricia Sheridan, Shirley (Earl) Nauman, Margaret (Don) Delhotal; sisters in law, Kary Sheridan and Helen P. Sheridan; and brothers in law, Pat McCaffrey and Chuck Zimmerly.

Bill is survived by children, Ronald (June) Sheridan, of Sabula, Iowa, Don (Jodi Vance) Sheridan, Sr., of Dixon, and Mary (Mark Barnes) Sheridan, of Amboy; five grandchildren, Tanley (Tom) Meinsma, Ashlee (Mio Villalobos) Sheridan, Donald “Turtle” (Desiree) Sheridan Jr., Jillian Barnes, Reed Barnes; seven great-grandchildren, Oceanna, Kameron, Conner, Bryant, Sheridan, Kylee, and Hadley; and four great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, John “Jack” Sheridan, of Ohio, Thomas “Tom” Sheridan, of Harmon; two sisters, Helen McCaffrey and Marlene Zimmerly both of Amboy; and many nieces and nephews.



Visitation will be from 4 – 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Funeral services will be on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 beginning with a 10:30 a.m. prayer service at the Jones Funeral Home followed by a 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery in Ohio, IL with military honors. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

David A. Reubin

Aug. 27, 1951 - Jan. 2, 2023

DIXON — David A. Reubin, 71, of Dixon, passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, at CGH Medical Center, Sterling. He worked 45 years as a salesman/butcher in the meat business prior to his retirement.

David was born Aug. 27, 1951, in Amboy, the son of Herman and Pauline (Wagner) Reubin Sr. Even though he may have been divorced, he remained friends with his wives, Elizabeth Weir, marrying her in 1973; and Merry Gatloff, marrying her in 1987. David was an avid golfer and hunter; was a lifetime member of the NRA; a family historian; and was a dedicated and active classmate of Amboy High School class of 1969.

He is survived by his daughter, Courtney Reubin;

three brothers, Ronald Reubin, Donald (Sue) Reubin, John (Jack) Reubin; two sisters, Kathryn (Brian) Cullon, Carol (James) DeGeorge; two grandchildren, Alex Reubin, Laney Reubin; special companion, Sandra Draper; and numerous nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Evelyn “Effie” (Elmer) Sensenig; and two brothers, Herman (Judy) Reubin Jr., and James (Rose) Reubin.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, Dixon, with Chaplain Judy Williams, officiating. A Celebration of Life was held from 1 - 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Amboy Community Center, Amboy. Cremation rites have been



accorded.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial is being set up for the future education for his grandson, Alex Reubin.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Carol Ann Bonnell

Sept. 23, 1944 - Jan. 5, 2023

SUBLETTE — Carol Ann (Bernardini) Bonnell, 78, of Sublette, passed away Jan. 5, 2023 at her home surrounded by her loving family after an extended illness.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall in Sublette from 4 to 7 p.m. with a 3:30 p.m. rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday Jan. 11, 2023 at 11 a.m., in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church with the Rev. Randy Fronek officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded after and burial will take place at a later date.

Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Carol was born Sept. 23, 1944, in Ottawa to James and Ida (Mooney) Bernardini, the eldest of three daughters. Carol married Harold Bonnell on Feb. 23, 1963 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Ottawa. They resided in Sublette for 59 years where they raised their four “daughter lovelies.”

She graduated from Otta-

wa Marquette High School and years later furthered her education at Sauk Valley Community College earning her RN degree. After earning her nursing degree, Carol worked doing what she loved most, taking care of people. She worked at Mendota Community Hospital, both Mendota Nursing Homes, and KSB Hospital Dixon. During this time, she enhanced her skills by obtaining her EMT certification, and volunteered on the Sublette Fire Department. Carol was active in St. Anne’s Sodality at Our Lady of Perpetual Church, and was

Sublette Fire Belle. Carol loved spending time with all her children and grandchildren. In her spare moments she enjoyed crocheting, knitting, sewing and reading. The depth of love Harold and Carol shared was reflected in the loving care she received from him in her final months.

Carol will be missed by her husband, Harold of Sublette; daughters, Leslie (Matt) Motter, of LaMoille,



Bernadine (Jim) Schielein, of Dixon, Christina (Chris) Becker, of Amboy and Jennifer Bonnell, of Sublette; 17 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marsha Bernardi, of Streator.

She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Pamela White.

Memorials may be directed to OSF Hospice, 4106 Veterans Drive, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, or the charity of their choice.

Condolences may be left on wasmerfuneralhome.com.

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The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

THE DREAMSELLERS

The Storyteller of Casablanca” (2021) by British author Fiona Valpy is a bit off-kilter. The two narrators, though they sound remarkably alike, are from two very different worlds. Zoe is English and deeply depressed. Her marriage is failing and her severe dermatitis is disfiguring her hands. The other protagonist is high-spirited Josie Duval, a French Jewish girl of twelve who, very much in the style of Anne Frank, keeps a diary during the darkest days of World War Two.

Having arrived with her husband Tom in Casablanca in 2010, Zoe hopes for a fresh start for them. They move into “an elegant townhouse in the French Quarter of the city, rented for us by the shipping company Tom works for.” He is entirely taken up with work and she spends her time upstairs in the nursery with her infant daughter Alice. She forces herself to play the good wife at a cocktail party:

“I must have looked the very picture of a suitable corporate wife, even if really I was trying to resist the urge to flee to the bathroom and wash my hands over and over again.”

Zoe is saved when she finds an old box with various trinkets and mementos and a diary under the nursery’s floor boards. The diary begins January 1, 1941: “I, Josie Duval, hereby resolve to: Write in English to practise for living in America. Stop biting my fingernails.”

Josie’s wealthy family landed in Casablanca after fleeing Paris during the German invasion of France in June 1940. Morocco was a French protectorate, so the anti-Jewish laws applied in Casablanca until the Allies defeated the Germans in North Africa in 1942. When Josie’s father joins a Resistance cell despite the presence of the Gestapo in Casablanca, Josie more than once plays interference for him. Josie’s diary is a joy to read, even though there is not the slightest hint that it was not written by a native English speaker.

The diary opens a delightful world for Zoe. She learns about the customs and ways of the Moroccan people and soon she begins to venture outside. (In an interview, Fiona Valpy cheerfully announced that she has never set foot in Morocco.) Zoe reads about an old dreamseller Josie visited to rid her of bad dreams.

And she learns how to quilt. When she volunteers at a refugee camp for women and their children, she reads stories to the children and teaches their mothers how to quilt. In the diary, the war inexorably grinds on, but as one woman declares: “We are the storytellers and the quilt-makers and the dreamsellers of this world. We are the ones who dare to hope.”



Local nature and history

By Jim “Mazie” Long



Having performed admirably on the west coast, house finches were once caged and sold in New York pet shops as “Hollywood Finches.”

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

Feb. 16

- The Amboy Clippers closed out the wrestling season at the Princeton Class 1A Sectional on Feb. 11-12. Levi Near and Dylan Daniels made it to the sectional round for the Clippers, and both were beaten in their two matches. Near opened the action with a 10-2 loss to Jackson Norris of Byron in the 120-pound class. The AHS grappler was eliminated from the tournament after dropping an 11-2 decision to Henry Hildreth of Stillman Valley. Daniels competed in the 145-pound division and opened with a pin loss to Sterling Newman’s Brendan Tunink at the 36-second mark. Nolan Bobee of Sandwich pinned Daniels at 2:30 to end the Clipper wrestler’s season.

- Amboy’s Kaylee Scanland competed in the Naperville Central Class 1A Girls’ Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 11-12 at Naperville Central. Scanland won one of three matches in the 130-pound class and did not earn a bid to the state tournament.

- It was a successful start to the post season for the Amboy Lady Clippers as they coasted to a 44-16 win over Rockford Christian Life on Feb. 12 at the AHS gym. It was the first round of the Durand Class 1A Girls’ Regional Basketball Tournament.

Obituaries

Vera A. Mason - Dec. 17, 1936 - Feb. 11, 2022

Feb. 23

- Amboy High School Senior Andruw Jones has signed to play baseball at St. Ambrose next year.
- Amboy High School Senior Olivia Dinges has signed to play basketball at Monmouth College next year.
- Amboy High School Senior Ian Eller has signed to run Cross Country and Track at St. Ambrose next year.

- A balanced scoring attack and a big second-half rally helped lift the Amboy Clippers to a 54-48 nonconference win over Oregon on Feb. 14 at the AHS gym.
- The Amboy Clippers closed out the season with a 41-26 setback to Indian Creek in the first round of the Indian Creek Class 1A Boys’ Regional Basketball Tournament on Feb. 19 at Shabbona.

- The Amboy Lady Clippers saw their basketball season come to a close in the championship game of the Durand Class 1A Regional. Amboy finished the campaign with a 23-9 record. After defeating Rockford Christian Life in the regional opener, the Lady Clippers traveled to Durand to take on Dakota in the semifinals and Amboy came away with a hard-fought 29-26 win. The win propelled Amboy into the championship game where it faced a tough Freeport Aquin team and the Lady Clippers went down

to defeat, 33-23, on Feb. 17 at Durand.

Obituaries

Richard L. Cardot - Feb. 26, 1942 - Feb. 18, 2022

MARCH

March 2

- A very spirited Pledge of Allegiance on President’s Day opened the regular session of the Amboy City Council meeting held on Monday, Feb. 21, at the Community Center.

- The curtains that frame the music and theatre department productions at Amboy High School have been in place since the early 2000s. Stitched and pinned, the tattered curtains have reached the end of their usefulness. During intermission of Amboy High School’s production of “Disney’s Moana Jr.,” cast members will kick off the “Hurtin’ for Curtains” campaign with a Dash for Cash.

Obituaries

Jason Jeffrey Bonnell - Nov. 2, 1980 - Feb. 26, 2022
Lois Brownlee - Dec. 9, 1928 - Feb. 9, 2022
David Lee Latta - June 4, 1957 - Feb. 9, 2022

March 9

- Just about anything that you’ve ever wanted to know about the Amboy FFA Chapter was revealed at the first ever trivia night held Saturday, March 5, at the Community Center. A packed house of 16 teams made up of 8 FFA Alumnus competed in eight rounds of questioning about everything from Ag, farming, and some movie and TV show questions.
- Amboy School High School will present “Disney’s Moana, Jr.” March 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. and March 13, at 2 p.m. at the Amboy High School Auditorium.

- As the Covid threat eas-

es, the Amboy Lions Club is gearing up for a busy start to spring. The Club has a very active schedule over the next six weeks beginning with a joint effort with the Lee Center Congregational Church. The Church and the Club will be holding a chili/soup luncheon on Sunday, March 27 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Amboy Community Center.

March 16

- Ethan Pratt was selected as the District FFA Proficiency Winner in Grain Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement. Pratt is a member of the Amboy FFA Chapter of the Illinois Association FFA.

Obituaries

Marlys R. Beetz - Oct. 9, 1947 - March 7, 2022
Kenneth J. Robbins - Sept. 19, 1930 - March 10, 2022

March 23

- It was a tale of two weather days for the 40th annual Sublette Antique Tractor and Toy Show held March 19 and 20. The opening day was rainy, cool, and blustery but that didn’t dampen the spirits of the visitors who braved the conditions as they walked down Main Street.

- Haden McCoy, son of Amy McCoy and Marty Quest, was named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for March.

- The Amboy Clippers began the 2022 baseball season on a winning note with a 10-4 triumph over Morrison on March 16 at Parker Field.

- Three area wrestlers placed at the IKWF State tournament BMO Bank Harris Center March 11-12. Evan Flanigan novice 215 pound Clipper Wrestling Club finished in seventh place. Amboy and AFC that wrestle for NWO wrestling club, Aden Spinelli novice at 60 pounds, placed seventh,

and Landon Near novice at 69 pounds placed in eighth place.

- Tavarius Briar, a fifth grade student at Amboy Junior High School attended the Illinois Midget State Championship in Bedford Park this past weekend. He wrestles for Nate Martinez at NWO in Sheridan. Briar was the 98 pound 2022 champion.

Obituaries

Esther Marie Lachat - Feb. 23, 1942 - March 19, 2022

Ted J. Etheridge - Sept. 3, 1933 - March 15, 2022

March 30

- Ethan Pratt was selected as the State FFA Proficiency Winner in Grain Production Entrepreneurship / Placement. Pratt is a member of the Amboy FFA Chapter of the Illinois Association FFA.

- Kurt Kemmerer of Sublette won the Sublette Antique Tractor and Toy Show 50/50 raffle. He received a check for \$1,166.50, a portion was donated back to the show.
- Recently, five of the six Dukes siblings got together in near Scottsdale, Ariz. The Dukes grew up in Amboy and attended Amboy High School. Five of the six of the siblings left Amboy and live in different parts of the states. The sixth, Leroy Dukes, and his wife Alice, still live in Amboy.

- Amboy had two athletes to compete at the Class 1A Illinois Top Times Championship at the Shirk Center at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington on March 25. Amboy’s Elly Jones placed 11th in the Triple Jump with 9.80m. She also placed ninth in the long jump with a jump of 4.90m. Jones also competed in the 60m hurdles where she placed 11th with a time of 9.94. For the boys, Amboy’s Brock Loftus in ninth place in the 3200 meters with a personal record of 10:13.25.

“Hollywood finch” performs here

Like many Hollywood types, they are good singers

A new bird to Lee County is the house finch. Sparrow-sized bird, it looks much like the purple finch, but it has heavier stripes on its belly and a lot of red on the head and body. A year-round resident, they will spend all winter around a well-supplied bird feeder.

Many of them are good singers. I hear them singing every day in summer when I am driving through Amboy. They love the downtown area. Their song is similar to that of a cage canary.

The original range of the house finch was the west coast, west of the Rockies. Some enterprising fellow found that the abundant birds would adapt when captured and put into cages.

He found a market on the east coast, where he could send the birds to be sold in pet stores. That was before many of the birds escaped and began to breed in the wild. And before the Audubon Society and the feds stepped in.

Free bird traveling on now

As confirmed by the Illinois DNR, “house finches were shipped from California to New York in 1940 as ‘Hollywood finches’ for sale as pets. Pet sellers in the New York City area released the birds after it was learned that

they were illegal to keep as pets.” -- Editor

The house finch slowly expanded their new range westward, reaching Amboy around 1993. Today they nest in towns and farms the same as the English sparrow. I would love to see them replace the foreign sparrows.

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.

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Tuesday, Jan. 17 AHS Boys Basketball @ Milledgeville-6 pm	
Wednesday, Jan. 18 AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm AHS Girls Basketball (H) Eastland-6 pm AHS Parent Night Schedule Options-Auditorium-11th Grade-5:45 pm/10th Grade-6:30 pm/9th Grade-7:15 pm	Friday, Jan. 20 AHS Girls Basketball @ Forreton-5:30 pm AHS Wrestling @ Orion Tournament-6 pm
Thursday, Jan. 19 AHS Wrestling (H) Polo/Fulton-5:30 pm AJHS 5th/6th Girls Basketball (H)	Saturday, Jan. 21 AHS Varsity Boys Basketball @ Mt. Carroll (Manny’s Shootout)-10:30 am AHS Wrestling @ Orion Tournament-9 am

Opinion

Not a lot you can do about a liar

Folks are wringing their hands over George Santos.

He's a liar. And he got caught. He said he graduated from college. He didn't. He said he had fancy jobs at Goldman Sachs and Citibank. They say they've never heard of him.

He said he was a successful real estate investor. He doesn't own any property and is deep in debt.

So, what do you call someone like that? Congressman.

Yes, the Republican won a toss-up district in New York. And Democrats are crying foul. The voters were tricked. Bamboozled. Deceived. Fooled.

Sigh.

Former Springfield Mayor Tim Davlin lied about graduating from college. State Sen. Sam McCann lied about being a Marine. Rod Blagojevich lied about, well, just about everything.

I've been covering politicians for 35 years. And I've been lied to for just as long. Some folks want Santos removed from office because of what he said to get there.

With Republicans holding a razor thin majority in the House, don't hold your breath that they will remove one of their own for doing something that happened before he held office. In case you think I'm picking on the GOP, the Democrats aren't any better at policing their own ranks.

When Bill Clinton said, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky," do you remember all of the Democrats in Congress lining up to remove him from office? Me neither.

Presidential biographer Doris Kearns Goodwin once asked Lyndon Johnson why he had so often told people that his grandfather had died at the Alamo, when he knew it was not true.

Johnson, she said, confessed to the fraud, but had a ready explanation.

"My grandfather wasn't killed at the Alamo," she recalled him saying. "He was killed at the Battle of San Jacinto, which Texans know was more important in achieving independence

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



(from Mexico), but other Americans usually haven't heard of. So, I moved him to the Alamo."

"That seemed reasonable," Goodwin told a group of reporters years ago, "until I did some further checking and found he hadn't been killed in the Battle of San Jacinto either. He died in bed."

When you find discrepancies in the stories of politicians, look out. Someone who refuses to deal honestly with their private life may well distort the reality while holding public office.

Remember Johnson distorted an ambiguous encounter between a North Vietnamese and U.S. ship in the Gulf of Tonkin into the pretext for war.

I once worked for a liar. Maybe "serial fableist" would be a better term. Almost every conversation I had with him was filled with lies and distortions. He lied about big things and small. And he often ended his conversations

with, "Remember, I've got your back."

Whenever he'd say that, I'd roll my eyes, tell him goodbye and hang-up the phone. I'd ask myself why he lied so much, even about things that in no discernable way benefitted him.

When he told me to lie for him, my answer was clear, "No."

Some of the best career advice I ever received came from a public servant named Gene Callahan. He told me, he would always tell prospective employers two things: "I'll never lie for you, and I'll return all of my phone calls by the end of every day."

Some folks might ask what does not lying and returning phone calls have to do with one another? One is about a lie of commission and the other about a lie of omission. Both are bad. He wasn't the type to avoid calls so he wouldn't have to answer tough questions.

His daughter former U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, is one of the most honorable public servants I've ever covered. He raised her right. (Cheri and I worked together for a decade at the Quad-City Times.)

In our cynical age, it's easy to dismiss all politicians as liars. Many are. But not all.

This growing cynicism stems from many things, not the least is the corrupt system that we find ourselves in. Most

members of Congress and the Illinois General Assembly face either no or nominal opposition.

When a voter learns that they have been lied to, there is little they can do when they have no alternative on the ballot.

But what about the hotly contested races like that of George Santos? Well, the best disinfectant is sunlight. And in this case, the media organizations that covered the race let us down.

With the exception of the reporting from one small weekly newspaper in his district, we were never were told of Santos' deceptions until after he had been elected. New York is the last U.S. city with three daily newspapers and it's the center of the media universe. And nobody picked up that there was a liar in their midst?

The necessary shoe-leather reporting wasn't done.

Journalism is being the public's eyes and ears. That means going to the courthouse and checking candidate's backgrounds for criminal convictions, calling schools to see if their education claims are true. One of my favorites is checking birthdates. You'd be surprised how many politicians lie about their age.

Unfortunately, less of that is happening. So, what can voters do when they learn that the candidate they voted for lied to them?

There isn't a whole lot you can do about a liar – other than not elect them again.

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago Jan. 12, 1923

President Harding vetoed the increase in pensions to Civil and Spanish war veterans and their widows, giving as his reason the high cost of government operation. The bill sought to increase the pensions from \$50 to \$72 per month for veterans, and from \$30 to \$50 per month for their widows.

The telephone business is having difficulty this week with three of the six operators down with the mumps.

Kenneth McCracken filed his nominating petition for mayor of the city.

Hank Gerdes was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Kristyne Shaw was selected winner of the DAR Good Citizenship Award at Franklin Center High School.

25 Years Ago Jan. 8, 1998

A great amount of progress has been made in the last month with Amboy School District's public preschool for at-risk students. The classroom for "Smart Start Preschool" is quickly being readied at the Ellice Dinges Center in Sublette. The staff, consisting of teacher Linda Klein, teacher's aide Tina Thompson, and secretary/parent coordinator Jan Henkel, are preparing curriculum

and materials for a January 20 start date.

Showing at Plaza Cinemas in Dixon is "Titanic" starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet.

One thing for sure can be said of Illinois parent – they know what they like in children's names. For the seventh consecutive year, Michael and Jessica top the list of most popular boy and girl names in Illinois.

75 Years Ago Jan. 8, 1948

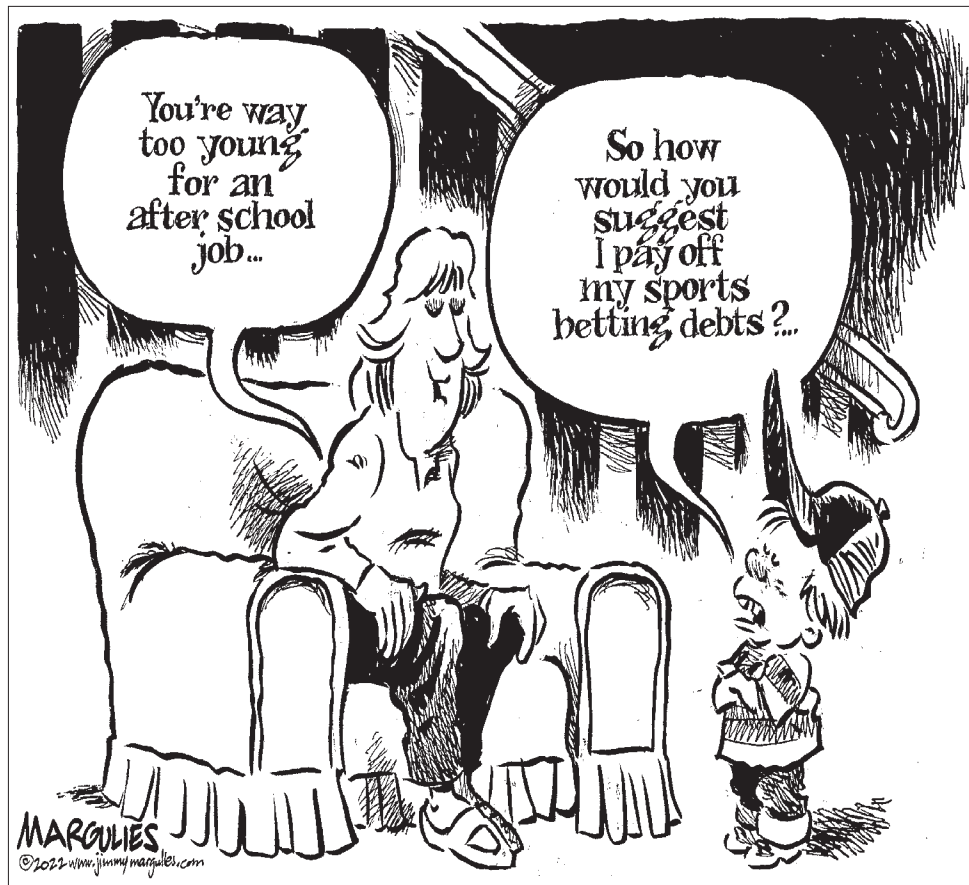
Electric service in the area was interrupted on New Year's Day by the worst ice storm in years. More than 500 poles on high voltage transmission lines were shattered to the ground under the burden of heavy ice and high wind.

Ball Band rubber footwear for the entire family is available at Fagan's.

The Board of Directors at Pankhurst Memorial Library invited the citizens of the area to visit the library and inspect the improvements and renovations recently made there.

50 Years Ago Jan. 11, 1973

First Ward Alderman



Established in 1854

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LOCAL NEWS

January 9, 2023 Posting Date

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Discoverer's call
4 Island near Java
8 "Cheers" order
12 Brooch
13 Oodles
14 Plotting
15 Swelled head
16 Reed and Rawls
17 "Hud" actress Patricia
18 Star of "NCIS: Los Angeles"
21 Klutz
22 Singer Starr
23 Photo book
26 Witty one
27 Crater part
30 Corp. king-pins
31 24 hours
32 Cab cost
33 Sauce source
34 Novelist Rand
35 Avid
36 Anderson Cooper's channel
37 Calendar abbr.
38 Official flower of Chicago
45 Cash advance
46 Manhattan area
47 Lennon's love

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- 48 During
49 Nest setting
50 Pep
51 Sandwich shop
52 Play area
53 Greek vowel
DOWN
1 Oil cartel
2 Lofty
3 — about (roughly)
4 Fragrant wood
5 Unfriendly
6 Noisy
7 "Not a problem!"
8 Energizer mascot
9 Fencing sword
10 List-ending abbr.
11 Bakery buy
19 Debtors' notes
20 Pester
23 Rm. coolers
24 Sign before Virgo
25 Lad
26 Pallid
27 Joplin tune
28 Anger
29 Debussy's "La —"
31 Ming, for one
32 Kismet
34 Reply (Abbr.)
35 Seconded
36 "True Colors" singer Lauper
37 Different
38 Not naked
39 Abode
40 Banister
41 Asta's feeder
42 Relocate
43 Squad
44 NYC gallery

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



OLIVE



SCRAMBLERS

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!

Pad BATTLE
Acclaim ASPIRE
Stash OVERT
Regular LAYDI

TODAY'S WORD



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

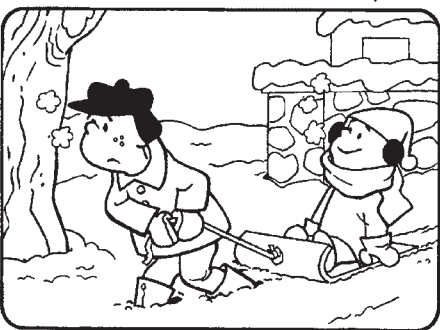
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Earlap is smaller. 2. Rope loop is missing. 3. Flag is missing. 4. Buttons are missing. 5. Tassel is shorter. 6. Sled is shorter.

LEADER

Today's Word

3. Trove; 4. Daily

1. Table; 2. Praise;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals R

CAL'S VAZ SKPLF SKB CXV-BXMBE

RKPSBOAMXC RME M XBMDVV

NMXJBDZAE PLJBLSPAL?

PS'E XB-NMXFMODB.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which TV game show features a "Daily Double" to increase potential winnings?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of poisoned fruit does the fairy-tale character Snow White eat and fall into a deep sleep?
- ADVERTISING: Which cereal features a character named Seadog?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president officially named the executive mansion the White House?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the most famous Wookiee in the "Star Wars" movies?
- MONEY: What is the official currency of Nigeria?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs do shrimp have?
- HISTORY: How many states did Alabama Gov. George Wallace win as a third-party candidate in the 1968 presidential primary?
- MEDICAL: What is the common name for the human trachea?
- GAMES: How many suspects are in the board game "Clue"?

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- Answers
- "Jeopardy."
 - Apple.
 - Cap'n Crunch.
 - Theodore Roosevelt.
 - Chewbacca.
 - The nara.
 - Ten.
 - Five.
 - Windpipe.
 - Six.

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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8	2	5	4	6	1	3	7	
7	3	6	8	5	1	9	4	2
9	4	1	3	7	2	6	8	5

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Don't you think the dry-erase whiteboard was a really marvelous invention? It's ir-m-er-kable!

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Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words or less)
- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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	SEC: CHRISTOPHER P LUNING		
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13-21-01-378-012	GUERRERO, ATHENA P	2020-00206	WESTWOOD TRAIL (6-30)
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13-21-02-328-012	STOUT, LISA M AKA LISA BROWN	2020-00220	MULBERRY CIRCLE (27-164)
13-21-02-405-035	CARREON, CONNOR	2020-00233	CHESTNUT TRAIL (26-247)
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13-21-11-129-011	MORRIS III, THOMAS L	2020-00252	WARBLER LN (29-176)
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13-21-11-251-008	LIN, KENNY Z	2020-00266	W WOODHAVEN DR (24-252)
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13-21-11-278-026	ANDRADE, MIGUEL	2020-00271	BASSWOOD LANE (23-82)
13-21-11-330-023	VAZQUEZ, ELSIE	2020-00277	THRUSH LN (28-21)
13-21-11-408-009	ALMA MANZANO AKA ALMA QUINTALLA	2020-00282	W WOODHAVEN DR (25-145)
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	RA: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM		
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13-21-12-227-001	WRIGHT, MICHELINA	2020-00309	ARBOR TRAIL (2-46)
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13-21-12-328-046	RATHBURN, DANNY L	2020-00339	W WOODHAVEN DR (13-97)
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19-22-07-107-048	CUNIFF, MICHAEL E	2020-00439	MILLRIDGE TRAIL (11-198)
19-22-07-107-048	KOENIG-WEBSTER, LISA A.	2020-00439	MILLRIDGE TRAIL (11-198)
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19-22-07-302-009	GONZALEZ, ROBERTO	2020-00455	BELSHYRE CRICLE (7-100)
19-22-07-302-009	CONSUMERS ILLINOIS WATER COMPANY☐	2020-00455	BELSHYRE CRICLE (7-100)
	RA: JAMES MAURER		
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19-22-07-330-008	QUINTANA, ROSALINDA	2020-00463	E WOODHAVEN DRIVE (9-188)
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	SEC: CHRISTOPHER P LUNING		
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19-22-07-351-022	WIDD, TINA	2020-00464	HICKORY TRAIL (9-91)
19-22-07-351-022	BARREIRO, DAN	2020-00464	HICKORY TRAIL (9-91)
19-22-07-351-054	CHAVEZ, HORACIO J	2020-00465	PARKER CIRCLE (9-136)

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AMBOY JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

The wrestling mats were rolled out at Amboy High School for Amboy's Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 7. Amboy had two champions as Landon Blanton, pictured left, was victorious in the 113-pound weight class and Josh McKendry, pictured center, stood on the top spot on the 132-pound weight class podium. Pictured far right, Chase Montavon finished third at 120.

Photos submitted

ATHLETES
OF THE WEEK

Girls Basketball

Ellie Jones & Addison Pertell

Boys Basketball

Eddie Jones

Wrestling

Landon Blanton,

Chase Montavon & Josh McKendry



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Lady Clippers climb to 15-1 record

AMBOY — After the busy week of the Amboy Holiday Tournament, the Amboy basketball team faced another week of three games.

Amboy played Somonauk, who it beat in the tournament championship, on Jan. 3. The Lady Clippers did not get off to a good start in the rematch, but Amboy fought back and played a better second half to win 33-18.

Addison Pertell led the Amboy attack with 11 points, three rebounds, three assists, and three steals. Meave Larson shot 3-of-5 from the field for six points and grabbed three rebounds, while Emily Sachs scored six points on 3-of-6 shooting and had four rebounds.

The next night, the Lady Clippers journeyed to Polo for their second Northwest Upstate Illini South Conference game of the season.

Amboy (15-1, 2-0 NIU South) played well, but Polo made a run late in the third quarter and early fourth quarter.

The Lady Clippers hit two quick three-point baskets in the fourth and iced the game with free throws for a 50-37 conference victory.

Elly Jones scored a career-high 25 points while dishing out four assists and recording four steals. Although the Polo defense played Jones aggressively, her four 3-pointers and free throws down the stretch were a defining factor in the Amboy victory.

Pertell scored 11 points for the second straight game to add to her four rebounds and four steals. Larson collected

a team-high 10 rebounds to go along with seven points and three steals. Tyrah Vaessen finished the game with five points, five rebounds, four assists, and four steals.

Amboy participated in the Eastland Shootout on Saturday, Jan. 7 as it took on Freeport Aquin.

The Lady Clippers' defense was solid and helped win the game 32-21.

Pertell led the team with nine points, five rebounds, two assists, and four steals. Jones had seven points and three assists. Courtney Ortgiesen recorded a team-high eight rebounds, while scoring six points and snagging four steals.

After a conference game at Milledgeville on Tuesday, the Lady Clippers are in action at 6 p.m. Thursday against Ashton-Franklin Center in Amboy.

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