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Assault weapon sales, manufacturing ban

Pritzker signs assault weapon sales, manufacturing ban

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SPRINGFIELD – On the first full day of his second term, Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday signed a bill banning the sale, distribution and manufacture of high-power assault weapons, .50 caliber rifles and ammunition, and large-capacity magazines while still allowing people who already own such weapons to keep them.

Pritzker signed the bill during a ceremony in the Statehouse just hours after the final version of it cleared the House, making Illinois the ninth state in the nation to impose such a ban.

"I'm signing this legislation tonight so that it can take immediate effect and we can end the sale of these weapons of war as soon as possible," Pritzker said.

The House had passed a similar bill early Friday morning and sent it to the Senate, where it appeared over the weekend to run into roadblocks. But negotiations continued behind the scenes throughout the weekend and into Monday when a final deal came together just as Gov. JB Pritzker, who campaigned on a pledge to pursue an assault weapons ban, was being inaugurated into his second term in office.

As recently as Sunday, the House and Senate seemed to be far apart, both on the weapons ban and a bill expanding access to reproductive health services, two of the biggest items being considered in a lame duck session that will conclude Tuesday.

"I will fight for the needs of Illinoisans and I will not accept a watered-down version of legislation that falls unacceptably short of the comprehensive solutions that the people of this state deserve," House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, said in a statement released Sunday afternoon.

But by Monday night, he, Pritzker and Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, announced that they were all in agreement on a final proposal.

One of the key sticking points concerned a requirement that people who currently own such weapons register them with the Illinois State Police.

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Sheriffs say they want no role in enforcing state's assault weapon registry

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SPRINGFIELD – Dozens of county sheriffs in Illinois — approximately "80-ish," per Illinois Sheriffs' Association head Jim Kaitschuck — say they'll refuse to enforce a provision of a new assault weapons ban that would require owners of such guns to register them with the state.

In the wake of Gov. JB Pritzker's signature Tuesday on the law banning the sale and manufacture of assault weapons in Illinois, many sheriffs have written nearly identical letters expressing their unwillingness to enforce the law's requirement for registering assault-style weapons with the state.

Beginning next year, a gun owner's failure to provide the state police with the serial numbers for assault-style rifles they own prior to Jan. 1, 2024, will be a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in prison. The degree of charges could increase based on the number of unregistered guns.

But Kaitschuck contended it would be impossible for local sheriffs to know who in their county owns assault weapons if those gun owners don't voluntarily comply with the law, suggesting it would be ridiculous to go door-to-door to find out.

"We have no inventory of guns bought and sold that are available to local sheriffs," Kaitschuck said of information partially available to the Illinois State Police. "We don't have access to it — and I'm not asking for it either, by the way."

Several gun rights organizations say they are planning to challenge the law in federal court, buoyed by a 2022 U.S. Supreme Court decision which Second Amendment proponents believe could mean friendlier opinions on firearms-related claims moving forward.

Democrats and advocates who pushed for Illinois to pass the nation's ninth statewide ban on assault weapons had expected litigation, but on Thursday maintained that unless the law gets struck down, sheriffs' refusal to enforce any part of it is a dereliction of duty.

"They took an oath of office to uphold the law," Pritzker said at an unrelated news conference. "As law enforcement, that's their job. And I expect them to do that job.

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State Representative Fritts sworn in, makes history

SPRINGFIELD—Newly sworn in State Representative Brad Fritts (R-Dixon) made history today as the youngest elected official sworn into the General Assembly in its over 200-year history.

"Illinois is an amazing place to grow up, but too many young Illinoisans are leaving for greener pastures out of state because they don't see a future here for themselves," Rep. Fritts said. "I welcome the opportunity to work for the people of my district to address their needs in a way that inspires everyone about the future of this great state."

The 118 members of the Illinois House of Representatives took the oath of office at noon at the University of Illinois in Springfield before family, friends, and supporters. Rep. Fritts, a farmer and part time substitute teacher, was among more than a dozen other freshmen sworn into office for the first time.

"I am honored to serve my community and it's important to me that the people of my district understand that my job first and foremost is to represent them down here and at home," Rep. Fritts continued. "My office is open to everyone and I encourage constituents to contact me for help with state issues and to discuss their thoughts on legislation. I'm excited to get to work and be their advocate."

The newly drawn 74th District looks different than what residents are likely used to. The district changed significantly because of mandatory redistricting following the 2020 census. It now consists of the portions of DeKalb, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties and is intersected by Interstates 88 and 39.

The district includes the communities of Dixon, Mendota, Rochelle, and Sterling, as well as many others..

Representative Fritts will be opening a new office, centrally located in the district, at 101 W. First Street, Suite 501, in Dixon.

Find more information about the Representative and the new district at his new website, www.RepFritts.com.

FRITTS

Barn quilts still popular

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

LEE COUNTY — When the Underground Railroad was being used to move slaves to free states and Canada in the 19th Century, directions were not given by UPS or road maps.

Instead, they were given in artwork hung on barns known as barn quilts. The quilts were symbolic of the direction the slave would need to go toward freedom.

Now, with the Underground Railroad and slavery gone, barn quilts are still being made, but for a different reason, decoration.

"Barn quilts are considered a fat quarter in quilting. When you make a quilt, the center of the quilt is usually your fat quarter," said Sue Pascarella, 61, born in Chicago and has lived in Ashton for 21 years. "It's the focal point of the quilt and then you built out from there with your background. If you look at a quilt and you see the center point, you'll also see that there are smaller parts just like it or they do something a little different.

"They decorate your house. They bring some color to your house. People hang them by their front door as a sign of welcome. Some hang them on their garage for a pop of color. Once you buy one, you want to buy more. I have a lot of repeat business. It comes an addiction. We have several on our house. We have them on our garage. We have them on our front porch and one on our mailbox post."

Pascarella has been making barn quilts for six years.

What started out as a fun activity to do with her friends, became something more as she creates 100 barn quilts a year and has over 100 designs, including 12 that came from the Underground Railroad.

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Lee County Sheriff releases holiday enforcement numbers

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Sheriff's Office partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement across the state for the holiday "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign. From Dec. 16 through Jan. 2, the Lee County Sheriff's Office showed zero tolerance for impaired driving, arresting zero offenders.

"We can't stress this enough: Impaired driving is illegal, potentially deadly behavior, and it puts the driver, passengers and all road users at risk," said Chief Deputy Derek Ranken. "The 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign helps our law enforcement officers address this problem head on. If you use any impairing substance, do not get behind the wheel of a vehicle."

The Lee County Sheriff's Office ramped up its usual enforcement efforts. In addition to impaired driving enforcement, the Lee County Sheriff's Office issued four seat belt citations and four distracted driving citations.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, in 2020, a total of 11,654 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving an alcohol-impaired driver. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2016 to 2020, with one person killed in an alcohol-related crash every 45 minutes in 2020.

The holiday enforcement campaign is administered by IDOT with federal highway safety funds managed by NHTSA.

Bill guaranteeing workers five days of paid leave heads to governor

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SPRINGFIELD – A bill that would guarantee a minimum of 40 hours of paid leave per year for all Illinois workers passed both chambers of the General Assembly Tuesday and will soon head to Gov. JB Pritzker, who says he will sign it.

Under Senate Bill 208, workers begin to earn paid leave on their first day at a rate of one hour of leave for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours of paid leave for the year. They can begin using their leave after 90 days, although an employer may allow them to use it sooner.

Once signed, the measure would take effect on January 1, 2024.

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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.

TEC4 William Albert Black

Just weeks before the end of the Great War in Europe, on Oct. 10, 1918, William Albert Black was born to William and Iva Cluts Black in China Township, Lee County. His parents were renting their home and farming land near Franklin Grove. The family remained in that township over the years as William helped his family with farm work, eventually completing his high school education.

In September of 1940, Congress authorized the first peacetime military draft in U.S. history. Although Americans were divided on involvement in the second great war in Europe, there was an urgency to build up forces to defend the western hemisphere if necessary. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl harbor, the United States was officially at war with Japan and Germany, and in January of 1942, William Black enlisted in the U.S. Army at Camp Grant in Rockford, Illinois.

At this writing, information on William's unit assignment is limited. Records show that he served in the U.S. Army Infantry and achieved the rank of Technician 4th grade, most likely with an Engineer Combat Battalion. This would have qualified him for a range of duties including radio operator, observer, artillery operator, tank driver, and other technical responsibilities.

On Oct. 21, 1944, his parents received word from the War Department that William was reported missing in action on Sept. 22 during combat in the European Theater of Operation. Given the U.S. Army's drive out of Normandy and through France that summer, it is likely this occurred near the German border as Allied forces crossed the Siegfried Line at about that time. On March 23, 1945, his parents received a second notification that Corporal William A. Black had been killed in action on the day he was reported missing, possibly reflecting the delay in identifying his remains.

Nearly five years later, in April of 1950, William Black's remains were returned for burial at the Rock Island National Cemetery in Illinois.

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NEW OWNERS IN SUBLETTE

The Village of Sublette welcomes its newest owners of the Local Cup and Cake. John McGraw purchased the business, located at 100 S. Front St., in Sublette. A grand reopening is planned for 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 21. Presenting an American flag is Sublette Village President John Stenzel, right, pictured with John and Alice McGraw, and son, Tyler. The business is a coffee shop and bakery, offering regular and decaf coffee, coffee drinks, pies, mini desserts, cupcakes, muffins, cookies, donuts, cinnamon rolls, breads, breakfast cups, biscuits and gravy, and other sweet treats. The store is open Tuesday-Friday, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. – noon, and closed Sunday and Monday. For more information, call 815-994-1044 or email localcupncake@gmail.com.

Courtesy photo

Local bank sponsors agricultural business conference

MENDOTA — First State Bank, Mendota, announces a special conference for area farmers. The 23rd Annual First State Bank Ag Conference is scheduled for 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Mendota Civic Center.

Starting the program will be John L. Cantlin and Joe Cantlin of Cantlin Law Firm. John is a 1970 U of I, College of Agriculture graduate and a 1977 John Marshall Law School graduate with a Juris Doctorate degree. Joe is a 2004 U of I graduate with a BS in Agribusiness, Farm and Financial management, and received his Juris Doctorate degree from Thomas M. Cooley in 2007. Their discussion will cover family transition and estate planning, tax implications and numerous other matters dealing with the family farm.

Following the Cantlins will be will be Doug Roose. Roose is VP of Producer Marketing for Archer Daniels Midland Company. Roose is responsible for all producer grain marketing related activities in the U.S. and Canada including the development and deployment of new and existing products and services for farmers.

The key note speaker, will be Eric Snodgrass. Snodgrass is the Principal Atmospheric Scientist for Nutrien Ag Solutions, where he develops predictive, analytical software solutions to manage weather risk for global production agriculture. He provides frequent weather updates that focus on how high-impact weather events influence global agriculture productivity. His current research uses machine learning to better understand filed-level weather impacts on yields in the US and to increase confidence in long-range weather prediction. Snodgrass has earned several awards through the University of Illinois as the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department of Atmospheric Sciences prior to coming to Nutrien.

Area Farmers are encouraged to contact First State Bank at 815-539-3834 prior to Saturday, Jan. 21, to confirm reservations for the event. ADM Grain Company, Mendota, and Prairie State Tractor, Mendota, will serve as major co-sponsors of this event and will provide lunch for all those in attendance. First State Insurance will be sponsoring the morning coffee and donuts. Door prizes are being provided by several area businesses including: Beck Oil Co., Cantlin Law Firm, Chris Eller – the Retirement Specialists, Country Village Meats, Crop Productions Services, Dinges Fire Company, Earlville Farmers Coop, Guilfoyle & Stevenson Law Firm, Hornung Tiling, Inc., Foster's Tax & Accounting, LLC., Leffelman & Associates, Leone Polaris, Maplehurst Farms, Mendota Mutual Insurance, Meriden Grain-Pioneer Seed, Northern Partners Cooperative, Pioneer Seed Sales-Rodney Rod, Prescott Bros Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, Schimmer Automotive Group, Sublette Farmers Elevator Co., Sublette Mechanical, Troy Grove Coop, Vaessen Bros. Chevrolet, Vaessen Implement & Repair, & West Brooklyn Farmers Coop.

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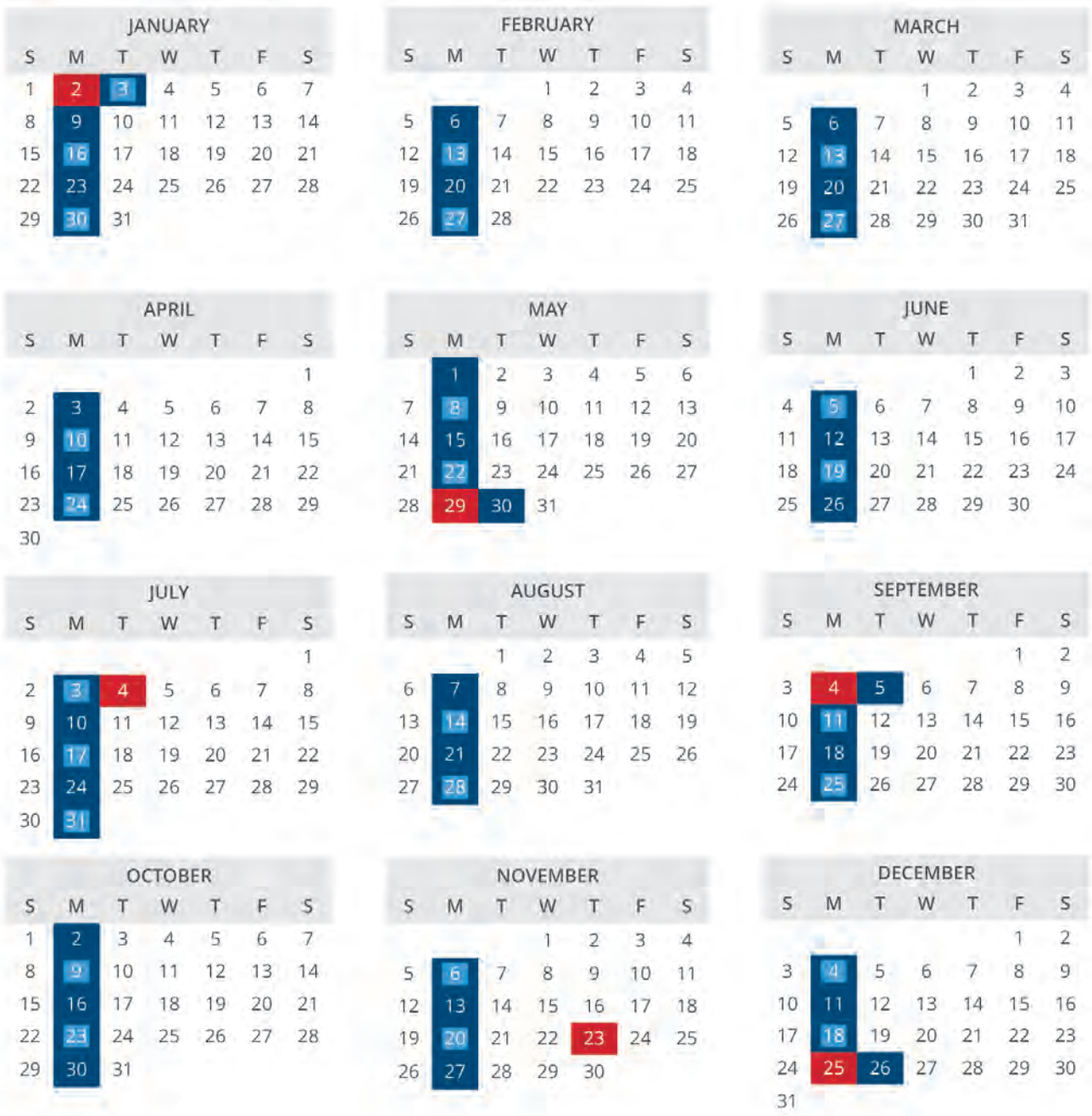

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TEEN TURF

AHS Volleyball Team recently donated $500 to Teen Turf, proceeds from a special raffle. Pictured are the AHS Volleyball team along with Mr. and Mrs. Piper receiving the donation for Teen Turf.

Photo submitted

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.

United Way Dance

We are having a dance this Friday, Jan. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost to get into the dance is $5. Concessions are available to purchase. Some proceeds from the dance will go to United Way. If you would like to be a chaperone, please call us at 815-857-4800 and your child will get in free.

Thank You's

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

Pete Rood for doing cans; the anonymous donation of popcorn snack bags; Martha Henley for the cookies; Mark and Veronica Grossman for various items; Mari Velasquez for the books; Green River Oaks for the candy and ice cream treats; Mickey Mouse for the monetary donation; Donna Wellman for the cookies and monetary donation for the dance; Cindy and Michael Phillips for the shelf; Andy and Katie Bulfer family for the monetary donation; Michele Cheshier for various items; O'Connell's RV Campground for the folders and erasers and Connie Pettinger for brining them; Deb Didier for the comforter; Tammy, Scott, and Brooklyn Strub for the food and snacks; Brian Wedekind for the clothes and instrument; Barb and George Spataro for the Christmas items; Bill Sheridan Family for the food; Amboy Highschool Vollyball team for the monetary donation.

Special thanks to those that donated in memory of Connie Bonnell (Some have already been thanked in previous news articles): Tom and Cheryl Nauman; Karen Bonnell; James Dale; Leffelman family; Carson family; Daniel Bonnell and Miller family.

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Needs

Plastic shelving for our new garage to store items.

Final Word

Prayer for Kindness We shall cling to You when oceans rise and thunders roar, for You are our rock and strong tower, our comforter in our most vulnerable times. Jesus, intercede within our hearts so that we would be kind and gentle to the people that surround us, in Your precious Name we pray, Amen.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

AMBOY-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, Amboy.

AMBOY- The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, at Amboy Junior High School.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Jan. 23. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 - 6 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 23, at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd., Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

ASHTON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1:30 - 6 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 23, at Ashton-Franklin Center High School, 611 Western, Ashton. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

LEE COUNTY- Memes and Money - Get Savvy Monthly Webinar Series will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25, begininng at noon, online. Money management education through University of Illinois Extension's free Get Savvy webinar series empowers students, young adults, and anyone seeking financial fitness skills with the confidence to make smart decisions about money to build a stronger financial foundation. Register at go.illinois.edu/GetSavvyWebinars for any or all one-hour sessions in the noon series.

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"My girlfriends and I needed a fun day out. I found a painting class in Ashton and we decided to paint a barn quilt. It sounded like fun, so we did it. We took this class and we had a ball," Pascarella said. "It's a great stress reliever. I have a full-time job at Senior Helpers that I work Monday through Friday. I work in an office and we have an office on-call phone that we take turns taking it home. Every other weekend, one of us is on call and you need something that is fun when you're at home. I find this as an outlet for frustration."

Pascarella found the best canvas to use is a double-sided sign board which is made to be outside. After the design is drawn and finalized, the board is sealed. Most of the barn quilts are 4x8, but can be bigger, and are primed with outdoor primer.

Although the general idea of a barn quilt is to be hung outside, they can have a border and be showcased inside homes as well.

Pascarella sells her barn quilts on her front lawn as she has a recipe box on the front porch with a price list. If the Pascarellas are not home, customers can help themselves.

Sue Pascarella can be reached at 815-973-4522, or 500 N First St. in Ashton.

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His interment card from the Army Graves Registration Service listed one casket with two bodies — William A. Black and 2Lt. Casmir Kryski, tank commander, both having died on the same date. Additional details for Kryski indicate that he was killed at Aachen, Germany as U.S. troops crossed the border, though both men were reported as missing in action for weeks. Soldiers who died behind enemy lines were often buried in mass graves. It is possible that the remains of these men were co-mingled when finally discovered and identified by the U.S. Army. Both Illinois soldiers lie in the same grave with a single headstone.

We know for certain that Cpl. William A. Black offered his life in defense of freedom and his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

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Army Presidential Unit Citation

Army Good Conduct Medal

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"Paid leave for all is about the dignity of work," said Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, D-Peoria, a lead sponsor on the bill. "It's about humanizing and honoring the realities that we know that adult workers have in our daily lives and providing a space for folks to just do what it is that we all have the luxury and are so blessed to do."

Republicans who opposed the bill said it would be bad for small businesses, criticizing the legislation for raising costs.

"My ultimate concern is that we, in this body, we pass millions and millions and millions of dollars of incentives for large corporations," Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, R-Jacksonville, said on the House floor. "And, on the other hand, we pass mandates on small businesses – and I know this isn't just for small businesses. But my major concern are the little guys. It's the mom and pops that have 5, 10, maybe 13 employees, that this has a significant impact on their budgets."

Gordon-Booth pushed back on that argument.

"The idea that we have to play this zero-sum game of you either support business or you support employees, I refuse to accept that is our reality," she said. "I believe that we can show and have shown with this negotiation that you can support employees, all the while supporting employers by providing the consistency and the implementation of a policy such as this."

Under the law, workplaces would still be able to require their employees to provide notice before taking paid time off. If the paid leave is not used by the end of the year, it carries over.

Gordon-Booth said the measure had been under negotiation since 2019, and multiple key business groups had come to a point of supporting the measure or taking a neutral stance on it.

While the measure received a few Republican votes in the House, it passed the Senate with only Democratic support.

The bill still needs approval from Pritzker, who expressed his support in a statement.

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You can have all the resolutions and declarations that you want (but) the reality is that the laws that are on the books, you don't get to choose which ones people are going to follow."

But Kaitschuck countered with the common example of police declining to write a ticket to a driver pulled over for driving 10 miles over the speed limit.

"If I pull somebody over for speeding going 65 in a 55, and I don't write them a ticket, does that mean I'm not enforcing (the law)?" he aked. "And I know we're talking apples to oranges here, but…my point on this is that officers have discretion. We don't arrest everybody we could or else our jails would be totally overrun."

The sheriffs' letters this week primarily dealt with enforcing the registry portion of the assault weapons law, and Kaitschuck said he wasn't aware of any sheriffs in his organization who don't plan on complying with the law's other provisions, like the ban of sales of assault weapons at Illinois gun shops.

However, Chicago-Kent College of Law professor Harold Krent argued the sheriffs' letters go beyond what was explicitly stated and said the symbolism of law enforcement officers refusing to comply with state law is a slippery slope.

Krent contrasted the sheriffs' move with state's attorneys' actions surrounding the cashless bail provision of Illinois' SAFE-T Act, which was supposed to do away with cash bond in Illinois on Jan. 1. Despite grumbling from dozens of state's attorneys in Illinois, even the staunchest opponents to the law were at least somewhat prepared to comply with it in the new year, at least until the Illinois Supreme Court stayed the law on Dec. 31, pending a full appeal.

"There, (the state's attorneys) went to court and said, 'We're not going to block the process but we want a judicial resolution.' That's a norm in our country," Krent said. "...The General Assembly has decided (the assault weapons ban is) constitutional. The attorney general has decided it's constitutional. I think it's an incredible risk for sheriffs to say, 'We're not going to enforce a law.' …because that's encouraging a lack of respect for the law."

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Lee County Sheriff Whelan issues statement after passage HB 5471 in Illinois

LEE COUNTY — Lee County Sheriff Clayton Whelan issued a statement after the passage of HB 5471 in Illinois.

"As your Sheriff, I wanted to give citizens of Lee County an update on the recent passage of HB 5471, also known as the Protect Illinois Communities Act.

"As your duly elected Sheriff my job and my office are sworn, in fact, to protect the citizens of Lee County. This is a job and responsibility that I take with the utmost seriousness.

"Part of my duties that I accepted upon being sworn into office was to protect the rights provided to all of us, in the Constitution. One of those enumerated rights is the right of the people to keep and bear arms provided under the 2nd amendment."

The right to keep and bear arms for defense of life, liberty and property is regarded as an inalienable right by the people.

"I, among many others, believe that HB 5471 is a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

"Therefore, as the custodian of the jail and chief law enforcement official for Lee County, that neither myself nor my office will be checking to ensure that lawful gun owners register their weapons with the State, nor will we be arresting or housing law abiding individuals that have been arrested solely with non-compliance of this Act."

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Those individuals would be required to disclose the make, model and serial number of the specified weapons to obtain a special endorsement on their Firearm Owners Identification, or FOID card. The House had included that in the bill it passed shortly after midnight Friday morning, but an early draft of a Senate plan reportedly proposed dropping it.

The final version of the bill, contained in a package of amendments to House Bill 5471, includes the requirement but extends the deadline for compliance to Jan. 1, 2024, instead of 180 days after the governor signs the bill into law, as the House had proposed.

The Senate language was unveiled during a committee hearing Monday morning, only a few hours before inauguration ceremonies for the governor and other constitutional officers were about to begin blocks away in a downtown Springfield convention center.

Other changes included a more up-to-date list of weapons that would fall within the banned category along with authority for the Illinois State Police to modify the list through administrative rules to capture new and copycat models as they come onto the market.

The Senate bill also clarifies that any device that makes a semi-automatic weapon fire more rapidly – whether it converts the weapon into a fully automatic one or merely increases the rate of fire – will be illegal. And it defines large-capacity magazines as those capable of holding more than 10 rounds for a long gun or 15 rounds for a handgun.

The Senate version also does not change the age limit to obtain a FOID card, meaning people between the ages of 18 and 21 will still be able to obtain one with the consent of a parent or guardian. The House had proposed eliminating that exception.

"It really is the House structure," Harmon said of the bill after a Monday committee hearing. "We have been careful to be precise, that we are articulating the list of guns where an endorsement would require the make, model and serial number so that owners know exactly what they need to do."

In an effort to ease concerns from hunters and sportsmen, the bill also contains a provision authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt administrative rules exempting weapons used only for hunting that are expressly permitted under the Illinois Wildlife Code.

That, however, was not enough to quell the opposition of gun rights advocates who argued that the weapons to be banned are "commonly used" weapons in American society and thus, under standards of recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings, will likely be deemed unconstitutional.

"I think folks at home need to know, and folks here in the chamber, that many of the commonly used semi-automatic shotguns will still have to be registered as assault weapons," Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, said during debate on the floor of the Senate. "So even though some may come off, we're still going to have many commonly used shotguns that will be listed as assault weapons."

Democrats pushed the bill through the Senate 34-20, sending it to the House, where it passed 68-41 on Tuesday afternoon with two Republican votes: outgoing House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, and Rep. Bradley Stephens, R-Rosemont.

Otherwise, GOP members echoed Bryant's sentiments.

"I can tell you that we will not comply, and you're not going to do a darn thing about it," Rep. Blaine Wilhour, R-Beecher City, said during House floor debate. "Because the law, the constitution and the founding principles are on our side."

During the debate, Welch, with his mother seated next to him, spoke of how his aunt was shot and killed in her car while leaving church in the mid-1980s, and how his mother ended up adopting her sister's three daughters.

"Let's end families having to change overnight," Welch said. "Let's not lose any more brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, children to gun violence."

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Clipper Kiddie 2

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Abigail Burke

Student's Favorites:

Favorite Color – Pink and Purple
Favorite Animal – Elephant
Favorite Food – Bread
Favorite Book – Brown Bear
Favorite Game – Mario Cart
Favorite Song – She Had Me At Heads Carolina

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Clipper Kiddie 2

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Wyatt Akre

Student's Favorites:

Favorite Color – Orange
Favorite Animal – Dog
Favorite Food – PB&J Sandwich
Favorite Book – Pete The Cat
Favorite Game – Soccer
Favorite Song – Jingle Bells

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Our sincere appreciation to OSF St. Paul and St. Francis staff and Father Randy Fronek, St. Mary's Church Choir, and dinner staff members, for care and services during Justin's short illness and funeral. Also our sincere gratitude to everyone who sent cards, prayers, food, flowers and memorials. God bless you.

The Justin Corcoran Family

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Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm
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815-857-2670
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Mass: Sunday, 9 am

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Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

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Pastor Jack M. Briggs
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www.LeeCenter-UCC.org
Phone 815-732-7032
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Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4
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Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
King's Kids program from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday
Reformers Unanimous addictions program
from 7-9 p.m.

St. James Evangelical Congregational Church
Robert Dunbar., Pastor
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9:45 a.m. Sunday School
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St. Mary's Church – West Brooklyn
Rev. Randy Fronek
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Sunday – 8:45 a.m.

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Sunday - 7 a.m.

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Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

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Rev. Randy Fronek
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Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook
By: Tatjana Kazan

FIRE AND ICE

Iceland is the magnificent land of ice and fire. The ice is its great glaciers which cover more than 10% of the country. The fire is its volcanoes which created Iceland. With the ever expanding Mid-Atlantic Ridge running like a zipper across the country, Iceland experiences a major eruption about every four years. But Icelanders love their volcanoes.

In Sigridur Haglin Bjornsdottir's outstanding novel "The Fires," volcanologist and lead scientist Anna Arnardottir jokes that "Filipinos and Indonesians fear and hate their volcanoes, whereas Icelanders baptize their children in honor of their most dangerous ones, as though they were beloved, if capricious, aunts ... Iceland's volcanoes became its crown jewels, the symbolic essence of the relationship between the land and us, its people, which is why it's always like a national holiday when the earth opens and spews fire and blazing ash over the country."

"The Fires" is a terrific thriller about science's capacity to predict volcanic eruptions and the enormous cost if it were to fail. Anna has to battle politicians and bureaucrats who persist in minimizing the danger so as not to damage the tourist trade. To pacify them, Anna includes them in her inspection of a modest eruption: "And it's easy to be moved by this eruption on such a beautiful summer day: bloodred columns of lava shooting into the sunshine; heat shimmering, mirage-like, from the surface of the black lava, willowy and glinting like quicksilver; the surrounding valley is emerald green, and to the south, the sea is the bluest of blues." The head of tourism calls it "a perfect little tourist eruption."

Anna suddenly experiences her own eruption when she falls for a Bohemian photographer, betraying her caring husband of twenty years and their two children. She is by turns exquisitely happy and distraught, and so fails to pay attention when she is driving to meet her team at an observation site. She does "not realize until the woods on one side of the road suddenly disappear, plucked away as if by magic, the road left behind in the void, a strip of pavement leading into nothingness – it's like an isthmus, the surrounding land is gone. The car glides through the air, a champagne-colored arrow cleaving through a cloud of dust, there's no sound but the screams of the deep as the earth shudders and then breaks apart. And then that falls silent, too, and everything goes black."

The volcano Anna has so recklessly ignored has come to fearsome life after an eight-hundred-year slumber. Anna is saved by Chinese tourists. The devastation in Reykjavik is staggering. Anna fights obstinately "through the terrified multitudes fleeing the city's upper neighborhoods, away from Elliðavatn Lake, which has been transformed into a boiling, shrieking volcanic crater."

Donors needed for A.C.O./AHS blood drive on Jan. 31

AMBOY — Blood is urgently needed in our area. The Red Cross has requested that we schedule 81 donors and at this point we only have 35. So please consider giving blood. 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. Please consider giving "the gift of life."

Rush tickets available for The Book of Mormon show in Rockford

ROCKFORD – The Book of Mormon, winner of nine Tony Awards® including Best Musical, is pleased to announce a rush ticket policy in Rockford, playing the Coronado Performing Arts Center on Friday, Jan. 20. A limited number of tickets will be available at $25 each. Rush tickets will be available at the Coronado Performing Arts Center Box Office one hour prior to the performance on Jan. 20. The rush tickets are first come, first served and limited to two tickets per person.

The wildly popular lottery for the Broadway production has attracted as many as 800 entries at some performances. The producers of The Book of Mormon are pleased to offer low-priced rush seats for every city on the National Tour.

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One hour prior to the performance (7 p.m. local time), a limited number of $25 rush tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis in-person at the Coronado Performing Arts Center box office, located at 314 N. Main St., Rockford. There is a limit of two tickets per person. Rush ticket quantities vary and are limited.

The Book of Mormon features book, music and lyrics by Trey Parker, Robert Lopez and Matt Stone. The Broadway production is directed by Parker and Casey Nicholaw, and choreographed by Nicholaw.

ABOUT VENUE PARKING

Parking fees are determined by the city of Rockford in conjunction with ABM Parking & Transportation Services. There is a parking garage directly across from the Coronado Performing Arts Center, surface lots within walking distance, and limited street parking. Click here to pre-pay for parking and for additional details.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago
Jan. 19, 1923

The annual meeting of the Sublette Rural Community Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Hatch. The following officers were elected for the new year: President T. R. Angier; Vice President Mrs. Frank Tourtillott, and Secretary/Treasurer Lola Fischer.

Bans were published in the Catholic Church for the marriage of Pauline Goy and Matthew Kelly, both of Maytown.

75 Years Ago
Jan. 15, 1948

Leo Dempsey, local insurance and real estate man, has moved his office from his home on South Blackstone to the second-floor offices in the Frist National Building.

A capacity crowd filled the Lee County Farm Bureau auditorium for the 18th annual meeting. The Lee County Home Bureau ladies served 800 noon lunches.

50 Years Ago
Jan. 18, 1973

Don Dinges was named president of Farmers State Bank of Sublette.

Jim Mason, 6-foot-9 center for the Amboy Clippers, was named "Player of the Week" by the Rockford Morning Star. He is the first Amboy player ever to receive this honor.

State Senator David Shapiro (R-Amboy) began his third term in the state legislature.

Four Amboy policemen were promoted to full status having completed their probationary period. They were Police Chief Bill Haws, Edwin Blake, Greg Dickinson, and Joe McGraw.

25 Years Ago
Jan. 15, 1998

A house fire at 303 Locust Street in Amboy on Wednesday, Jan. 7 caused an estimated $50,000 in damage according to the Amboy Fire Department. Mike Cook and one of his children were in the home at the time the fire started but were able to exit without injury. According to Amboy Fire Department reports, the fire began when a pot of grease overheated in the kitchen at the rear of the home.

Allison Klein, an eighth-grade student at Amboy Jr. High School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee on January 8th and a chance at a $25,000 college scholarship.

Beggs' Certified Foods is selling Pepsi 24 pack cans for $5.99 and Pepsi 2 liter bottles for 79 cents each.

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Thursday – A). Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potato/gravy, winter blend vegetable, wgr wheat bread-1, cherry crisp B). Ham/chicken noodle
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EDUCATIONAL BRIEFS

NIU Fall 2022 Graduation List

DEKALB - Over 1,100 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in December. Included among the graduates were the following students from your area:

Dixon

Daujevon Clark, Bachelor of Science, Accountancy

Asra Coil, Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology

Kylee Hermeyer, Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences - Pre-Physical Therapy

Scott Hoyle, Bachelor of Science, Applied Management-Instructional Technology, Training, and Evaluation

Julia Thornton, Master of Arts, English

Franklin Grove

Paige Hilliker, Bachelor of Science in Educ, SPED-Learning Behavior Specialist I with PEL

Steward

Kelsey Kinne, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science - International Politics

West Brooklyn

Jessie Dooley, Bachelor of Science, Communicative Disorders

Northern Illinois University is a student-centered, nationally recognized public research university, with expertise that benefits its region and spans the globe in a wide variety of fields, including the sciences, humanities, arts, business, engineering, education, health and law. For more information, visit www.niu.edu.

Sarff Makes Bradley's Fall 2022 Dean's List

PEORIA — Caleb Sarff, a Bradley student majoring in Industrial Engineering Supply Chain Analytics from LaMoille, has been named to Bradley's Fall 2022 Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Bradley University is a top-ranked, private university in Peoria, Illinois, offering nearly 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students opportunities, choices, and resources to build their futures.

Haye Named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Chelsey Haye, of Amboy, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2022 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

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Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Monday, Jan. 23
8th Grade Parent Night-AHS Auditorium-6-7 pm
AHS Boys Basketball @ Oregon-5:30 pm
AHS Wrestling @ Winnebago-5 pm
Early Dismissal-School Improvement Day-AHS/AJHS-11:20; Central-11:25

Tuesday, Jan. 24
AHS Fresh/Soph Girls Basketball @ Fulton-5:30 pm
AJHS 5th/6th Girls Basketball (H) Rock Falls-6th-5/5th-6
AJHS 8th Girls Basketball @ Faith Christian-4 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 25
AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm
AHS Boys Basketball (H) Polo-6 pm
AHS Wrestling @ Pecatonica w/ Dakota-5:30 pm
AJHS 7th/8th Girls Basketball @ Oregon-7th-4/8th-5

Thursday, Jan. 26
AHS Girls Basketball (H) Polo-6 pm
Central School Drawing Club-Art Room-3:20-4 pm
AHS Wrestling @ Rochelle w/ Princeton-5:30 pm

Friday, Jan. 27
AHS Boys Basketball (H) Eastland-6 pm

Saturday, Jan. 28
AHS Fresh/Soph Wrestling @ Oregon Tournament-TBA
AHS Girls Basketball @ Mendota-1 pm

LOCAL NEWS

Amboy Junior High announces honor roll

AMBOY – Amboy Junior High announces its second quarter honor roll.

Eighth Grade Highest Honors

Madison Althaus, Callan Christoffersen, Lainey Davis, Ty Florschuetz, Leighton Gulley, Morgan Kreiser, Liliann Leffelman, Gage Mumm, Henry Nichols

Seventh Grade Highest Honors

Addison Blaine, Makayla Burt, Hailey Cagle, Bryson Deery, Gianna Dempsey, Faith Fenwick, Abigail Fox, Jason Hemmen, Henry Klein, Grady McLaughlin, Aarav Patel, Chase Rasmussen, Abel Valdez, Sydney Whelchel, Tinley Whitney

Sixth Grade Highest Honors

Mallory Bodmer, Owen Dallam, Isabelle Klein, Adelynn Kreiser, Sydney Noble, Scarlett Payne, Charlie Schoenholz, Anthony Sus, Cooper Welch, Parker Zimmerly

Fifth Grade Highest Honors

Logan Albee, Payton Angermeier, Cooper Fox, Jaxon Hudson, Amelia Kant, Rylen Koch, Jack McCoy, Teagan Moore, Abel Mumm, Blake Mumm, Maxwell Patterson, Mason Payne, Caiddie Phelps, Madison Phillips, Nolan Scully, Kylie Vaupel, Kendyll Whitney, Bailey Wittenauer, Kylee Zellhofer

Eighth Grade High Honors

Aaron Costner, Jacob Dinges, James Eisenberg, Logan Ketchum, Anthony Linder, Jose Lopez, Alexa McKendry, Chloe Vaupel, Tanner Welch, Aubrey Wells

Seventh Grade High Honors

Landon Carter, Madelyn Clarida, Aubrey Gabbard, Kilah Helm, Caylee Hummel, Tyler Mahar, Gabrielle Miller, Ella Noble, Teagan Payne, Aden Spinelli, Kaylee Zimmerman

Sixth Grade High Honors

Mackenzie Alletto, Jacie Blaine, Tavarius Briar, Erika Decker, Owen Eisenberg, Sophya Fonderoli, Ian Hassler, Camryn Noble, Brock Olson, Kinsley Pogue, Hannah Shoemaker, Shawn Thompson, Hannah Whitman, Parker Williams, Jaron Wittenauer

Fifth Grade High Honors

Leah Bonnell, Bricen Davis, Ryan Gascoigne, Vanessa Gross, Samuel Haley, Mason Heath, Charley Henkel, Annabelle Leffelman, Eli Lewis, Amelia Nichols, Thomas Payne, Hunter Roberts, Alexis White, Scott Willstead, Jacob Wittenauer, Zoey Zambrano

Eighth Grade Honors

Jason Dickinson, Lucas Gascoigne, Lane Goff, Madisyn Heath, Magdalena Keene, Liam Ketchum, Hope Lauzon, Gavin Nichols, Braden Shoemaker, Trevor Stenzel, Jack Thomas, Westin Wittenauer

Seventh Grade Honors

Owen Althaus, Channing Bellows, Brian Clements, Ayla Costner, Kylee Grotzinger, Jayce Hermeyer, Ethan Lewis

Sixth Grade Honors

Addison Bump, Richard Contreras, Delaney Cook, Laci Daniels, Kodie Dempsey, Joivvee Hirsch, Oliver Jones, Brynleigh Payne, Jasmine Rhodenbaugh, Avarie Seier, Julie Yanez

Fifth Grade Honors

Kalob Bonnell, Sarah Buckley, Alexzander Dowd, Jayce Ellis, Tinley Helms, Shawn Hummel, Cylias Jackley, Wade McCoy, Dakota Terzo, Avery Wittenauer

Local Girl Scouts Go Bright Ahead with unique entrepreneurial skills

LEE COUNTY – Local Girl Scout entrepreneurs are embracing the theme of Go Bright Ahead, represented by a leaping dolphin, during the organization's 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program!

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the world's largest entrepreneurial program for girls. Girl Scouts' newly updated Financial Literacy badges offer entrepreneurial playbooks for every age level.

Girl Scouts are currently taking cookie orders in person and can receive cookie orders via their Digital Cookie® websites to personally deliver cookies to their local customers. Beginning Feb. 27, customers can order their favorite cookies for shipment, directly to their front door, including the new Raspberry Rally™ cookie—a thin crispy cookie infused with raspberry flavor and dipped in chocolaty coating.

Raspberry Rally is exclusively offered through digital channels for direct shipment only, enhancing girls' e-commerce sales and entrepreneurial skills. This latest approach will help to guide the evolution of the cookie program for the digital future.

Raspberry Rally joins the full 2023 cookie lineup which includes refreshing Thin Mints® (vegan), caramel-y Samoas®, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs®, crunchy Do-si-dos®, buttery Trefoils®, sweet S'mores®, toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics® (gluten free, too), and the caramel and brownie-inspired Adventurefuls™. Cookies are all $5 per package.

Don't know a Girl Scout? Visit www.girlscoutsni.org/buycookies to connect with local cookie entrepreneurs who would love to add you to their customer lists.

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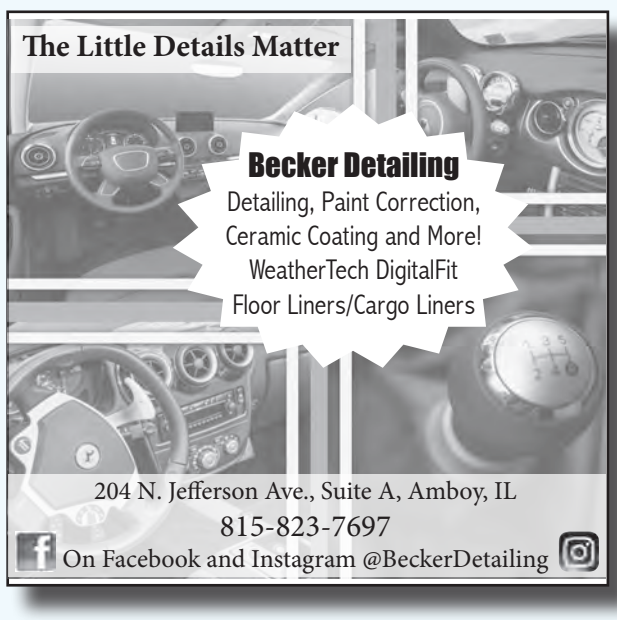

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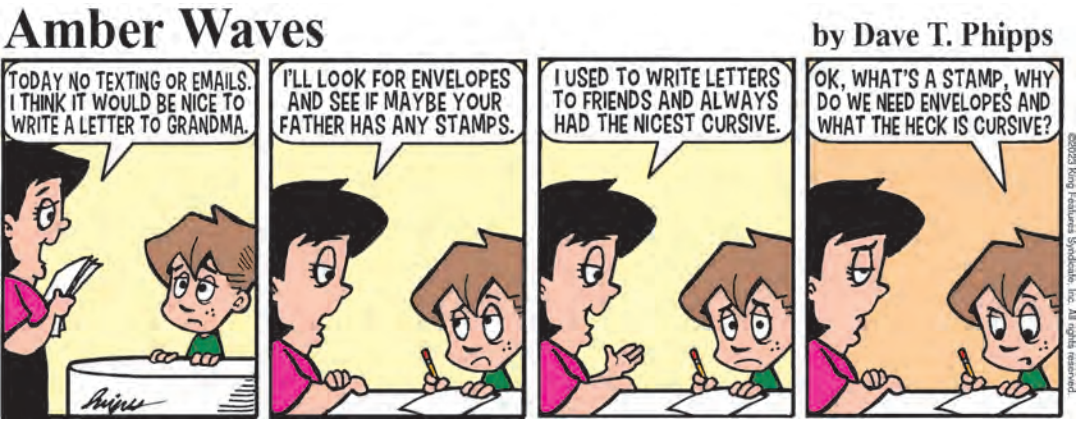

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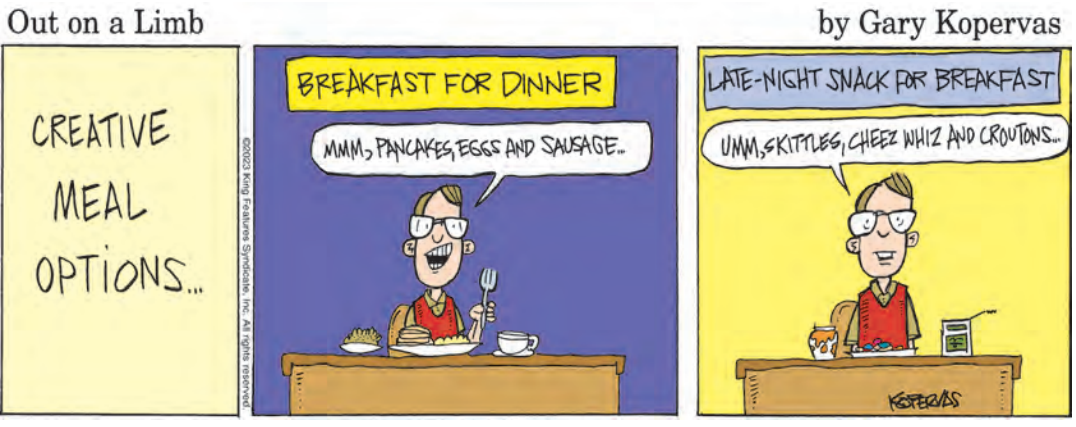

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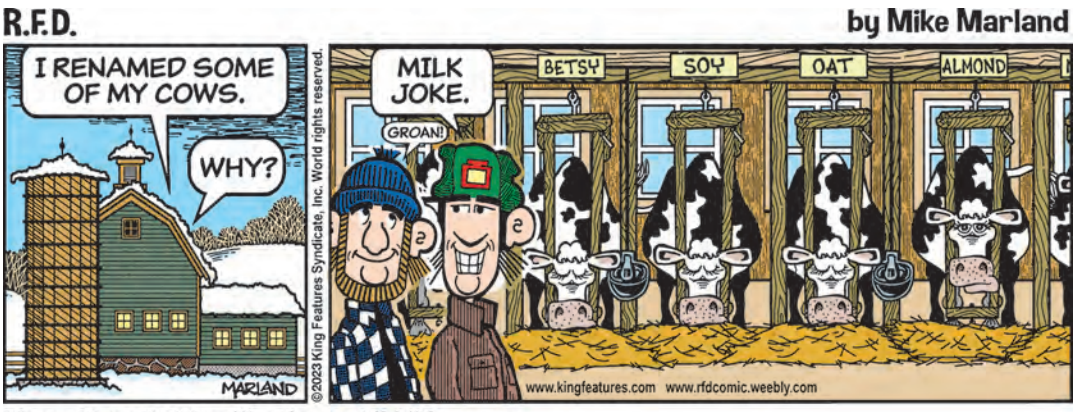

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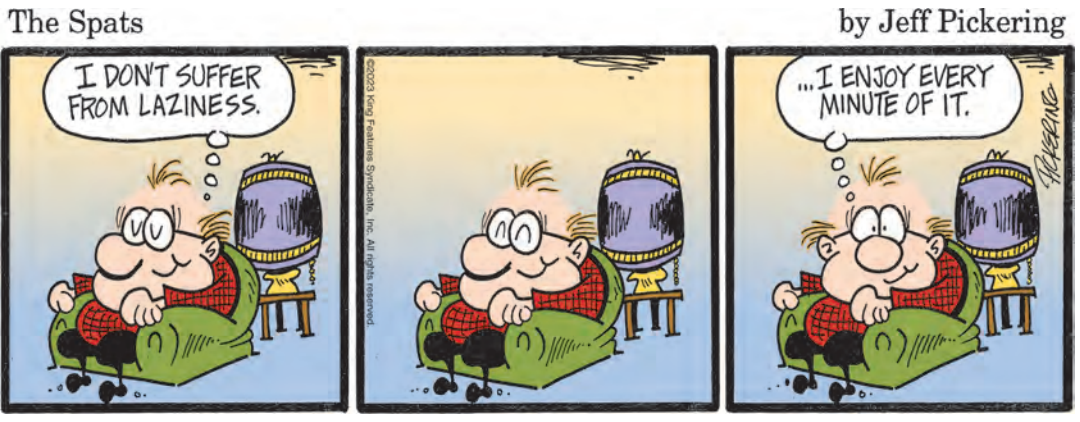

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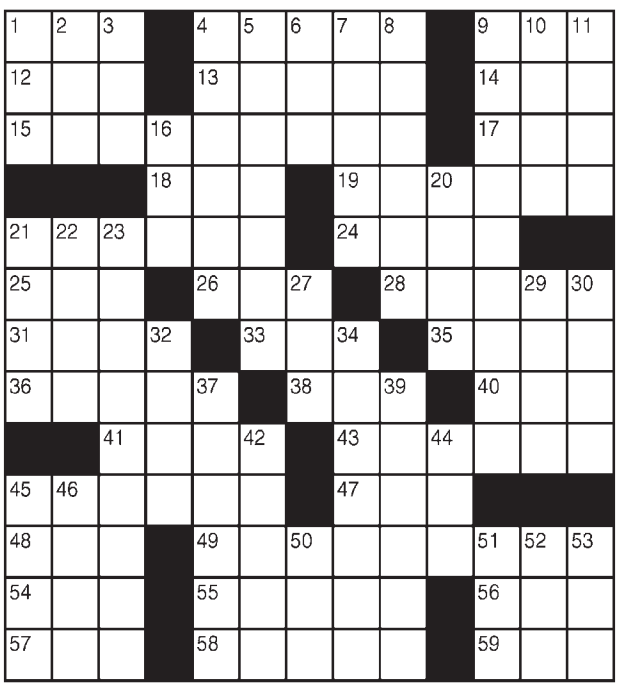

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9 Sushi fish
12 Praise in verse
13 VIP on Air Force One
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15 Museum piece
17 Train lines (Abbr.)
18 Sprite
19 Holler
21 Word game with dice
24 Horseshoe site
25 Brit. record label
26 Not 'neath
28 Bolivian city
31 Wilson's predecessor
33 Observe
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36 Caper
38 Music booster
40 GPS suggestion
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43 Telethon array
45 Soft and weak
47 Kanga's kid
48 Use a shovel
49 Land in the Irish Sea
54 Oklahoma city
55 Beethoven's "Fuer — "
56 Kimono sash
57 Unruly group
58 Impudent
59 Tex- — cuisine

DOWN
1 Pledge
2 Wedding words
3 Mal de —
4 Moon mission
5 Brewed beverages
6 JFK info
7 "The Addams Family" butler
8 Houston team
9 Picnic veggie
10 Beige
11 For fear that
16 Small barrel
20 Thy
21 Alpha follower
22 Muscat's land
23 Eloquent person's talent
27 Actor Stephen
29 Memory method
30 Stretches (out)
32 Marathoner's stat
34 Catherine, notably
37 Municipalities
39 "Nuts!
42 Inventor Nikola
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45 Wax-coated cheese
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50 Fleur-de- —
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52 Jurist Fortas
53 Kibosh

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the second-longest river in North America?
2. MOVIES: Which 1973 movie advertised itself as a place "where nothing can possibly go wrong"?
3. GAMES: Which party game claims that it can "tie you up in knots"?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to appoint an African American as a member of his Cabinet?
5. HISTORY: When was the Warsaw Pact between the Soviet Union and seven Eastern Bloc countries signed?
6. TELEVISION: Which TV game show often uses the phrase "Survey says ..."?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female peacock called?
8. FOOD & DRINK: How many meals do Hobbits eat in a day, according to the movies?
9. ADVERTISING: Which product used a manicurist named Madge in its advertisements?
10. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the condition called septicemia?

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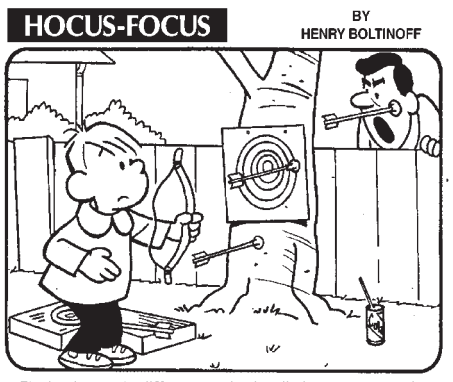
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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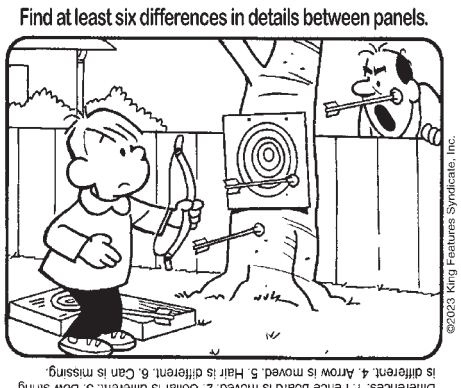

Differences: 1. Fence board is moved. 2. Collar is different. 3. Bow string is different. 4. Arrow is moved. 5. Hair is different. 6. Can is missing.

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 ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

"See what I mean? Mine cried first — he's a born _____!"

TODAY'S WORD

___ ___ ___ ___ ___

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: **M** equals **F**

VLNR ZYKNYRN UMMJXKZ BLUB U ENXBUJR INBBNX JZ JRHNNH RYB U EYRZYRURB, JZ BLUB U DYVNI UDYVUI?

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Answers

CryptoQuip
answer
When someone affirms that a certain letter is indeed not a consonant, is that a vowel avowal?

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Answer

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1	6	5	4	2	8	7	3	9
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SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Tablet 2. Praise; 3. Trove; 4. Daily
Today's Word
LEADER

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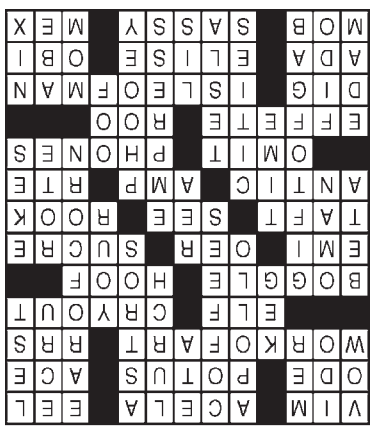

Solution time: 22 mins.

Trivia test
1. The Mississippi.
2. "Westworld."
3. Twister.
4. Lyndon Johnson.
5. 1955.
6. "Family Feud."
7. A peahen.
8. Seven.
9. Palmolive dishwashing liquid.
10. Blood poisoning.

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)
)
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No. 2022 PR 65
)
)
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Judicial Circuit Court of Lee County to the representatives and Independent Executor,
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No. 0101
(Jan. 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

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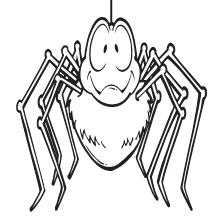

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LOCAL NEWS

Lady Clippers run winning streak to 17 in a row

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers ran their winning streak to 17 in a row after downing three foes last week. AHS has an 18-1 overall record.

The Lady Clippers began the week with a 47-15 road thrashing of Milledgeville on Jan. 10. Amboy jumped out to a 14-4 first-quarter lead and a 29-12 halftime margin. The Lady Clippers kept increasing their lead with a 12-2 third quarter.

Addison Pertell exploded for 22 points on nine of 18 shooting. Pertell also grabbed five rebounds and had three steals.

Tyrah Vaessen and Courtney Ortgiesen chipped in with six points apiece, while Vaessen led with five steals and Ortgiesen topped the team with 10 rebounds.

Also contributing to the lopsided victory were Elly Jones (five points, five rebounds, five steals, three assists), Maeve Larson (two points, four rebounds), Kenley Wilson (two points, four rebounds) Gloria Parker (two points) and Kiera Karlson (two points).

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Ashton-Franklin Center visited the AHS gym on Jan. 12 in another NUIC South contest and Amboy cruised to a 33-13 win. The Lady Clippers got off to another fast start with a 12-2 first-quarter advantage and a 17-7 halftime cushion. The margin increased to 17 (26-9) after three frames.

AHS's sophomore guards led the way with Pertell pumping in 12 points on five of 10 shooting and Vaessen providing 10 tallies on four of five field goals. Vaessen added team highs in rebounds with eight and assists with seven. Adding to the win total were Larson and Ortgiesen each with four points and seven rebounds, while Emily Sachs scored a free throw and had six boards, and Karlson scored a bucket and had three caroms.

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Amboy made it a perfect week with a 37-29 win at Stockton on Jan. 14. Nothing was smooth in the game as there were a total of 40 fouls called and 43 free throws shot. Both teams had trouble shooting the ball as Amboy was 12 of 57 and Stockton made just nine of 40 shots.

With four of the top six players in foul trouble, nothing was easy for the Lady Clippers, who led 19-16 at intermission. AHS was able to stretch the lead to eight heading to the fourth period.

Jones paced the team with 15 points and four assists, followed by Pertell with 11 points, three rebounds and three steals, and Larson with six points, six boards, two assists and two steals. Also, Ortgiesen supplied five points, 10 rebounds and four steals, and Vaessen had six caroms, five steals and three assists.

Clippers face opponents on court

AMBOY — Forreston posted a 41-35 win over Amboy in varsity boys' basketball action on Jan. 11 at the AHS gym.

Amboy fell behind 9-4 after the first quarter, but managed to tie the score at 14-all heading to intermission. The Cardinals pumped in three shots from three-point range in the third period and were able to open up a 25-20 lead entering the fourth frame. The Clippers heated up with 15 fourth-quarter points, but it wasn't enough to overtake Forreston.

Eddie Jones connected on three shots from beyond the arc on his way to a game-high 20 points for the Clippers. Teammate Wes Wilson checked in with seven markers.

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Ashton-Franklin Center's fast start was too much for the Clippers to handle in a 63-47 setback to the Raiders on Jan. 13 at Ashton.

AFC sprinted out to a 20-11 first-quarter lead and never looked back. The count was 33-19 at the break and 42-33 after three frames.

Jones provided most of the offense for the Clippers, pumping in 22 points. He connected on eight of nine free throws. Troy Anderson helped out with 11 markers, while Wilson added nine tallies.

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The Clippers hosted Stockton on Jan. 14 and the Blackhawks left town with a 49-34 victory.

Amboy went to the locker room at halftime with a 22-21 lead, but saw that slim margin disappear in the third quarter as it scored only one point compared to 12 for Stockton.

Anderson led the scoring chart for the Clippers with 19 points, followed by Kyler McNinch with six and Jones with five.

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The Amboy boys basketball team had two road games lwith a home game squeezed in the middle.

Although they battled and played until the final buzzer of all three games, the Clippers went 0-3 on the week.

The week's action started with a trip to Lanark on Tuesday, Jan. 3 where the Clippers fell to Eastland 61-36.

Sophomore guard Eddie Jones led the scoring as he made three 3-point baskets for 11 points, while junior Troy Anderson added 10 points in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference game.

The next contest was a home game for Amboy as it hosted non-conference foe Fulton on Thursday, Jan. 5. The Steamers won 54-11 as the Clippers trailed 12-4 after the first quarter, 28-4 at halftime, and 48-6 after three frames.

Amboy's scoring came from senior Garrett Pertell (four), sophomore Tyler Higgins (three), Jones (two), and sophomore Kabe Daniels (two).

The third and final game of the week was Friday, Jan. 6 in Earlville.

Amboy fell short 43-31 in the non-conference game, but saw strong showings from Jones, who led the team with 17 points as he made two 3s, and Anderson, who also drained two 3s to finish with 14 points.

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