



AMBOY HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS WALK

The Amboy Fire Department drove Santa down Main Street on Saturday afternoon to kick-off the start of the annual Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk. Starlight Dancer led the parade down Main Street to the Depot Museum parking lot.

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Amboy Food and Liquor handed out samples of their deli items, and Indian cuisine during the annual Hometown Christmas Walk. This was just one of the many locations around town open during the annual event.

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A Look Back At Amboy’s 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.

Pvt. Floyd Edward Schmidt

In 1922, memories of the Great War in Europe were beginning to recede, and Americans could once more turn to building happiness and prosperity in their home communities. In Amboy, playground equipment was added to Lincoln and Grant Schools, final preparations were being made at the new township high school, and a



grand bazaar was planned at the Opera House to benefit Amboy Public Hospital. On Aug. 30 of that year, Floyd Schmidt was born to John and Mary Kerchner Schmidt of rural Amboy.

Throughout his youth, Floyd worked on the family’s farm and later completed his education at Amboy Township High School. At age 20, following America’s entry into World War II, he entered the U.S. Army and was based in Utah briefly and then Orlando, Florida

where he served nearly two years with an Army Air Force medical unit. As Allied forces drove deeper into Germany in 1945, the U.S. Army suffered thousands of casualties and needed replacement troops for the infantry divisions. As a result, Private Schmidt was transferred to an infantry replacement unit and after six weeks of training was sent overseas on March 1, 1945 with the 180th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division fighting in Germany.

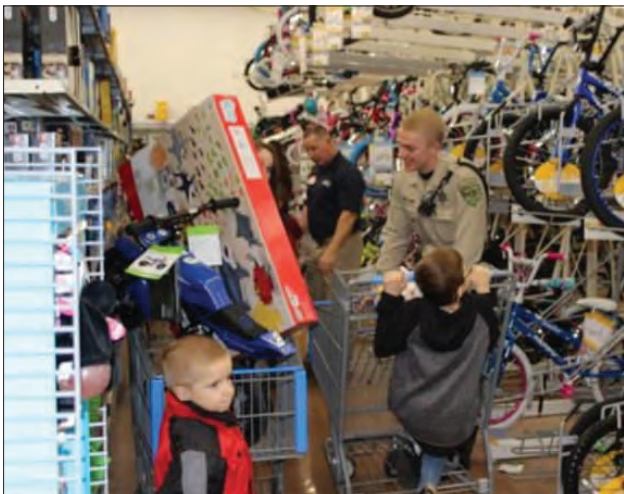
Along the 45th Divi-

Shining a Bright Light on the Good

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter
LEE COUNTY — There will be some extra gifts under the tree for quite a few lucky kids who reside in Lee County thanks in part to the Sheriff’s Office who held their 12th annual “Shop with a Sheriff” event on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Close to a hundred children were given the chance to pick out just about anything that they wanted. The day started out with breakfast at McDonalds. Then it was off to the Dixon Walmart which, according to Lee County Sheriff Chief Deputy Derek Ranken, who organizes the fun activity, is a big supporter of the special occasion.

“We coordinate with Walmart management for a day and time and they always designate an area of the store for us,” he said. “This year we used the Garden Center area. The staff checks us out, helps with the wrapping of the gifts and any additional



The Shop with a Sheriff event took place on Saturday at the Dixon Walmart.

Courtesy photo

assistance that we may need. “They are great.”

Originally started by the Dixon Police Department who still partners in this memorable adventure, the Sheriff’s office a couple of years ago wanted to expand the reach of gift giving throughout the county and started their own fundrais-

ing efforts. A Draw Down was a popular event prior to COVID and now more traditional efforts such as raffles are held. The charitable donations from businesses throughout the county are the life blood for the success of the event.

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Planning for the future

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY – During the 2021-22 school year, something new was formed in Amboy Community Unit School District #272.

A group of 11 people, including superintendents, principals, dean of students, and more, were brought together to create the District Strategic Planning Committee.

In its first year, the committee made a huge step forward.

“We started working together in September of 2021 to basically revise our school’s mission, vision, and value statements,” said Katie Pratt, a member of the school board and a member of the planning committee. “That’s what we accomplished in the 2021-

22 school year.”

“This school year, we are focusing on five priority areas. We’re building goals and objectives under each one of the areas that will serve as our strategic plan or our guide for the next three years. Then we’ll go back, assess, and make changes as needed for the future.”

The completed objective of revising Amboy’s mission, vision, and values looks like this:

Mission: To provide a safe environment for ALL people where we educate the whole person to reach individual potential through purposeful education and community partnerships.

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DONATION TO FOOD PANTRY

The Amboy Lions Club recently donated \$500 to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry. Pictured are Amboy Lion Jim Travi, Pastor Rocky Fritz, Carol Fritz, Amboy Lion Dave Kemp. The Lions donations to the food pantry is an annual event.

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AMBOY MINUTE

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sion’s trek toward Berlin lay Nuremberg, a city dating back to the 14th century with a population of around 170,000. Prior to the war the city was home base to the Nazi party as Hitler often met there with his top political leaders and held annual rallies at the stadium. As allied forces advanced across Germany in the spring of 1945, Hitler, desperate to avoid humiliation and defeat, issued his “Nero decree”, ordering all German cities to resist allied invasion even if it meant total destruction and death. Any male member of a household who raised

a white flag was to be shot immediately. On April 17, Pvt. Floyd Schmidt and his regiment reached the outskirts of Nuremberg where vicious street fighting would be necessary if American soldiers were to prevail.

As GIs entered Nuremberg, nearly every apartment building contained nests of snipers in the upper floors firing on any soldier visible in the streets, resulting in block by block fighting.

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One such business is the Amboy Shell gas station that hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner back in November that raised almost \$5,000.

“The list of sponsors and donors grows every year,” said Ranken.

How the program works

is Ranken is provided names from the Lee County Goodfellows Charitable organization, along with schools throughout the county, for families that could use a little assistance. Then, the families are contacted to see if they will accept the invitation

which Ranken says has never been turned down.

The shopping is broken up into two sessions and the kids were given \$175 each to spend. There were 20 uniformed Sheriffs on hand as well as volunteers from the Emergency Management

and Telecommunications departments to escort the kids who ran down the aisles with unbridled joy.

The kid’s who range in age from toddlers up to early teens chose a variety of gifts including; dolls, gaming consoles, Legos, and clothing.

Christmas wouldn’t be quite the same without one request for a bb-gun that Ran-

ken said needed permission from the parents who are also not far away. Santa made an appearance during the pizza lunch which added to the excitement.

Most of the time, law enforcement see the bad and negative of society on a daily basis. This event shines a bright light on the good. “This is so gratifying for

all of us on the department,” said Ranken. “By the time the event is over, the kids have had the chance to have that one on one with the officers and everyone has smiles on their faces,” he explained. “It’s good for us to feel the virtue of the world while helping out families that need it.”



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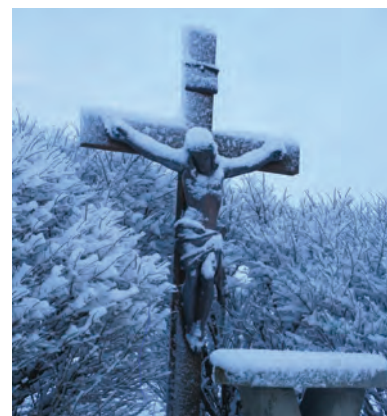
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Anticipating the Quadruple Coming of Christ

The **Forty Hours Devotion** will be the highlight of this year’s **Advent Retreat: Anticipating the Quadruple Coming of Christ**. All three of our Churches will sponsor **hours of Adoration** as we express our **gratitude** to God the Father for sending His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, **to break the gates of Hell**, walk for 40 hours through an enormously large city, and steal the good souls for His Father’s Kingdom. The **hours of Adoration** will be:



Forty Hours Devotion
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Wednesday, December 14th 9:00am to 9:00pm
Thursday, December 15th 9:00am to 9:00pm
St. Patrick Church
Friday, December 16th 8:30am to 6:30pm
St. Mary of the Assumption Church
Saturday, December 17th 9:00am to 3:00pm



A **retreat talk** will be given during the **first hour of Adoration** on the 14th, 16th, and 17th; and this talk will be **repeated the last hour of Adoration** on the same evenings. On **Thursday**, we will have our **Communal Penance Service** at 6:30pm in Sublette. There will be several **priests** available to hear our **Advent Confession**, so that we may prepare our hearts for **Christmas!**

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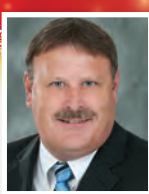
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TEEN TURF



Dominique Willahan, Quality Control Team Lead from Sensient Flavors, presented Teen Turf with a donation on behalf of the employees of Sensient Flavors LLC. The money was raised at the 2nd annual Chili Cook-off. Also pictured is Eileen Piper and kids from 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.

Christmas Walk Thank You's

We will provide a full thank you in next week's edition.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that assist Teen Turf in its endeavor of helping people: Karen and Frank Stenzel for Kleenex and paper plates; Connie and Pete Kemp for Christmas decorations; Vivian O'Laughlin for the Christmas items and Lynn O'Laughlin for delivering them; Teresa Pillar for the gift baskets and Christmas items for the walk; Jim and Jean Travi for the coats and trees; Tammy and Scott Strub for the tea and toy; Diane Stewart for the Christmas items; Santa for his delivery; Martha Henley for the cookies; Donna Wellman for the cookies; Dan and Laurie Nauman for the bench and the Christmas items; Pam and Thomas family for the items for the hot chocolate bar; George and Barb Spataro for the school items and fall table cloths; Anonymous monetary donation in memory of Rich Geiger; John and Jeanne Barnett for the monetary donation; First Presbyterian Church of Franklin Grove for the monetary donation; Mike and Joyce O'Brien for the Christmas items; Sensient Flavors employees and Amy Liebing and Dominique Willahan (organized a chili cookout, which raised money for Teen Turf to feed children) for the monetary donation; Kathy and Steve Gardner for the Christmas items; Larry Piper for doing the cans and those that donate them and Dan and Lonnie Schafer for the Christmas items.

Needs

Nothing at this time, just prayers for continuing to help in the community.

Final Word

We long to be in Your Holy presence, Oh Lord. Sit right beside us as we learn. Bring understanding to our minds as Your teachings are revealed to us. Bless us with divine knowledge so that we could one day teach others. Help us to learn how to be more understanding, kind, patient and compassionate towards our brothers and sisters just as You were when You walked the earth and came to save us. In Jesus' mighty name, we declare and decree that a revelation of wisdom and knowledge of the word would be dawned upon us, Amen.

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American tanks took to blasting a hole through the wall of a building so that troops could enter, destroy enemy positions, and move to the next building without lingering in the streets. On April 19, American GIs closed in on the ancient citadel of the city, once home to the Holy Roman Emperor. It took massive firepower from tanks and artillery to break through the stone walls of the citadel allowing infantrymen to enter and remove enemy defenses. It was on this day Private Floyd Edward Schmidt was killed in action. The next day, on Hitler's birthday, the

battle for Nuremberg came to a close as Nazi soldiers ended their resistance.

Like thousands of other GIs killed in Europe, Private Schmidt was buried at St. Avold, France, later the site of the Lorraine American Cemetery. At the request of his family, Floyd's remains were returned home to Amboy in 1948 for burial at Prairie Repose Cemetery where he is forever honored for his sacrifice.

Citations:

Purple Heart

World War II Victory Medal

American Campaign

Medal

Army Presidential Unit Citation

Army Good Conduct Medal

Sheriff's office releases Thanksgiving enforcement numbers

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic safety campaign Nov. 18-28 reminding motorists to buckle up and drive sober.

The "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" mobilization was conducted by the Lee County Sheriff's Office and other state and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois to reduce highway fatalities.

During the campaign, Lee County Deputies issued:

- Five seat belt citations
- Nine distracted driving citations
- One following too closely citation
- Two speeding citations
- Eight warnings for various traffic offenses

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AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec 19, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., and from 1:30 – 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 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.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 – 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 28, Dixon Hope Bible Fellowship, 732 Brinton Ave., Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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December 19-23
8 oz. of low-fat milk served with each meal

Monday – Baked chicken breast, mashed potato/gravy, steamed peas, wgr dinner roll, strawberry applesauce
Tuesday – Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, root veggie mix, wgr wheat bread-1, diced pears
Wednesday – Chicken cordon bleu, baby bakers, broccoli, wgr dinner roll, holiday cake
Thursday – Italian sausage w/peppers on wgr bun, seasoned potato wedges, Italian blend veggies, apricots
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OBITUARIES

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Connie R. Bonnell

Dec. 11, 1951 - Dec. 10, 2022

AMBOY — Connie R. Bonnell, 70, of Amboy passed away on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1951 in Dixon, the daughter of Raymond and Rose (Dale) Shoemaker. Connie had a work ethic like no other being a dedicated employee of Raynor Garage Door for the past 38 years. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. Connie loved going for walks, exercise classes, line dancing, and enjoyed spending weekends at her sister in law Lucy's pool. In her youth she liked to play football with the kids over at Deadmond's yard and loved to roller skate.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel "Peach" Bonnell, of Amboy; sons, Scott Bonnell, of Dixon, and Brett Bonnell, of Rochelle;

and sister, Barb (Jim) Westra, of Sterling. Connie is also survived by brother in laws, Joel (Karen) Bonnell, of Dixon, Jerry Bonnell, of Amboy; sister in laws, Rosann (Bill) Good, of Pearland, Texas, Bonnie (John) Carson, of Ashton, Janelle (Jim) Clark, of Maricopa, Ariz., Jill Streeter, of Spring Valley, Lucy (Darin) Miller, of Byron, Pam Bonnell, of Dixon, Lynn Bonnell, of Franklin Grove; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother in laws, John Bonnell, Thomas Bonnell, Marty Bonnell, Steven Bonnell, Rollie Streeter, and Myrl Johnson; and sister in laws, Peggy Johnson, Linda Chavera, and Vicki Bonnell.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. Burial of cremains will fol-



low at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Visitation will be from 9 - 10:45 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Teen Turf in Amboy and the Amboy Fire Department.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Gennaro Joseph "Jim" Spinelli

Feb. 17, 1941 - Dec. 9, 2022

HOFFMAN ESTATES — Gennaro Joseph "Jim" Spinelli, 81, of Hoffman Estates, formerly of Amboy, died on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 at the home of his son in Hoffman Estates.

He was born on Feb. 17, 1941 in Chicago, the son of John and Anna (Tramutello) Spinelli. Jim was a dry wall installer working for the Painters & Decorators Union for over 40 years prior to retirement. He also owned and operated S&S Enterprises for several years. Jim was a member of the National Cutting Horse Association and had competed in Cutting Horse Competitions.

He married Linda J. Aden on Aug. 30, 1969 in Lombard. She preceded him in death on June 30, 2009.

Jim is also preceded in

death by his sister, Anne Carnivele.

He is survived by his children, Traci (Ben) Colby, of Cape Coral, Fla., Valerie Spinelli, of Amboy, James (Cindy) Spinelli, of Hoffman Estates, Toni (Shane) Ikens, of Amboy, Donna (Joseph) Cook, of Deer Grove, Kathryn (Gene) Fordham, of Dixon, and John (Lindsay) Spinelli, of Eldena; 13 grandchildren, Parker Colby, Keri Wittenauer, Linda (Cliff) Foreman, Georgie (Alan) Bessler, Taylor (Carly) Ikens, Savannah Ikens, Brennen Cook, Brenleigh Cook, Krystal Fordham, Alicen Fordham, Gavin Spinelli, Aden Spinelli, and Roman Spinelli; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, at the



Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial will follow at St. Michael Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be from noon until the time of service at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Joan F. Eccles

May 29, 1930 - Dec. 8, 2022

DIXON — Joan F. Eccles, 92, of Dixon, died on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehab.

She was born on May 29, 1930 in Amboy, the daughter of Mark and Kathryn (Meade) Sharkey. Joan worked for USF&G, Fab and Trim, and Klines Department Store for over 20 years prior to her retirement. She was also an amazing seamstress for many years.

Joan was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon, the Young Mothers Club, and the Catholic Womens Club.

She married Leo C. Eccles on Sept. 14, 1957 in Maytown. He preceded her in death on March 26, 1995.

Joan is also preceded in death by her son, Timothy C. Eccles, and sister, Patricia Buck.

She is survived by her children, Thomas M. Eccles,

of McHenry, and Marty (Maureen) Eccles, of Dixon; seven grandchildren, Andrew Eccles, Haley (Ricky) Martin, Zachary Eccles, Ashley Eccles, John Eccles, Ryan (Kalli) Eccles, MaryKate Eccles; three great-grandchildren, Logan Martin, Shayden Martin, Adeline Staudt; and one brother, G. Thomas (Judy) Sharkey, of Maytown.

Joan was a loving wife and devoted mother full of faith. Her strength and spirit will live in the memories of all who knew her. She was a fighter and overcame many obstacles in her life's journey with dignity, honor and courage.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022 beginning with a 10 a.m. prayer service at the Jones Funeral Home followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne Catholic



Church in Dixon. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be from 4. - 7 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, with a saying of the rosary at 7 p.m.

A memorial has been established to St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon.

Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Shirley J. Yentzer

April 20, 1934 - Dec. 5, 2022

AMBOY — Shirley J. Yentzer, 88, of Amboy, died Monday, Dec. 5, 2022 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehab.

She was born April 20, 1934 in Sublette, the daughter of Robert and Doris (Bates) Smith. Shirley had been the secretary for Carpenters Local 790 in Dixon, Library Aid at West Elementary School in Sycamore and Owned and operated Ally Oops Sandwich Shop and Lambs Restaurant both in Amboy. She had also been a part time police secretary for the City of Amboy for 20 years. Shirley was a member of St. Luke Episcopal Church in Dixon and the ACO, and Board secretary for the Prairie Repose Cemetery Association.

Shirley married David Yentzer on March 15, 1983

in Sycamore. He preceded her in death May 14, 2006.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Ann Lamb; granddaughter, Sara Ann Lamb; one sister, Barbara (Al) Herbst; sister in law, Joanne Smith; and stepsons David Yentzer Jr. and Douglas Yentzer.

Shirley is survived by one son, Richard (Cheryl) Lamb, of Amboy; stepson, Daniel Yentzer, of Arizona; grandson, Tom Hubbell; great-granddaughter, Adeline Doyle; great-great-grandson, Conner Hanson; and two brothers, Douglas Smith, of Sycamore and Lee (Sue) Smith, of Buffalo Grove.

Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, at St. Luke Episcopal Church in Dixon.



Visitation will be from 10 - 11 a.m., on Saturday at the church.

A memorial has been established to Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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Saturday 4 pm • Sunday 7:30 am & 10 am
Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 pm
Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday, 8am-5 pm

St. Mary Church
Fr. John Gow
912 Walton Rd., Walton
815-857-2670
Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

St. Flannen Church
Fr. John Gow
213 S Second St., Harmon
815-857-2670
Mass: Sunday, 9 am

United First Church of Amboy
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East Main & Jefferson
815-440-0745
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Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center
Pastor Jack M. Briggs
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Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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Reformers Unanimous addictions program
from 7-9 p.m.

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St. Mary's Church - West Brooklyn
Rev. Randy Fronek
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Sunday - 8:45 a.m.

St. Patrick Church - Maytown
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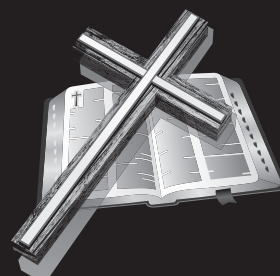
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SOCIAL NEWS

Local
nature and
history

By Jim "Mazie" Long



Native birds that overwinter in our area include blue jays, cardinals, nuthatches, goldfinches, black-capped chickadees, and various types of dark-eyed juncos, as represented here.

Small Wonders

Every little thing is gonna be alright,
with our help

During the dark, gloomy days of the winter solstice, our birds have to retire early each day. Their eyes can see little in the dim light. By 4:30pm, as the light begins to fail, the chickadee and nuthatch must return to their nests, and our three wild woodpeckers must return to their hollow trees to spend the night. So must the cardinal, junco, and goldfinch return to their lairs.

Birds must eat
more in winter

What a long night it is, with no sufficient light for a bird until 7:30am. The nights can be 15 hours long. No doubt, birds wake long before dawn, waiting in their lodging for daylight to return. All is well if they retired with full stomachs. But it is during these long nights that many of our wild birds can suffer from hunger. Some succumb silently to starvation in winter. But those that know of feeding stations retire at night with full stomachs. For them, waiting for dawn is no problem.

If you enjoy seeing birds in winter, and want to contribute to their welfare, then establish a feeding station in your backyard. It can be as simple as a handful of sunflower seeds each day.

Editor's note: Many bird species grow extra feathers during the late fall molt to help insulate their bodies going into winter. By ruffling their feathers, they



Jim "Mazie" Long

trap air to increase insulation. But birds need to eat more in winter to fight off the cold. They especially seek high fat sunflower seeds, nuts, and suet. Many preening birds can then use an oil that comes from their uropygial glands to coat their feathers, adding both insulation and water proofing. An exception to this is our mourning dove. Unequipped by a preen gland, many dove species grow powder down feathers, the tips of which disintegrate into a fine, talc-like, water-resistant powder.

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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The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

What Is A Game?

Gabrielle Zevin's terrific novel "Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow" (2022) is the story of two brilliant young video game designers who hit it big and yet barely manage to sustain their friendship. Sam Mazer and Sadie Green have known each other since childhood when they bonded playing Super Mario Bros. at a Los Angeles hospital play room. They forge their friendship when Sam, nearly catatonic, is recovering from a car crash that killed his mother and broke his foot in 27 places is saved by Sadie, who is visiting her sick sister.

The friendship ends badly and they never again speak to each other until the late 1990's when they meet accidentally at a train station in Boston. Sam is an unhappy scholarship student at Harvard and Sadie is at M.I.T. excelling in the Computer Science. But as a woman, she too is unhappy. "It was as if being a woman was a disease you didn't wish to catch. As long as you didn't associate with the other women, you implied to the others, the men, I'm not like those others."

Sadie and Sam reunite when she gives him a disk of a video game she had created for one of her courses. Sam loves it and in no time they collaborate on a game they call "Ichigo." Sam's roommate Marx, a handsome, charming Japanese-American student who loves to act in student plays, becomes their producer.

"Ichigo" is a blockbuster before they even graduate. Fame and fortune follow, but at considerable cost. Sadie is the creative genius behind "Ichigo," but Sam gets the credit and he takes full advantage. Sadie feels increasingly estranged from him, even as they form their own company, called Unfair Games. Sam must return to LA to have his foot amputated, and Sadie and Marx move to LA out of their love for Sam. A horrific tragedy badly damages Sadie and Sam's friendship. Zevin then takes us literally into a video game, which will ultimately determine the fate of their friendship.

Finally, we get to the title of the novel. It is from Shakespeare's Macbeth's soliloquy where he reacts to his wife's death. "Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow/Creeps in this petty pace from day to day/To the last syllable of recorded time./And all our yesterdays have lighted fools/The way to dusty death." But Marx, ever the optimist, stands the meaning on its head. "What is a game?" he asks Sadie and Sam, "It's the possibility of infinite rebirth, infinite redemption, the idea that if you keep playing, you could win. No loss is permanent because nothing is permanent, ever." The video game as the perfect world.

Marks Made presented at
The Next Picture Show

DIXON — The Next Picture Show (TNPS) is pleased to present "Marks Made": A Two Woman Art Exhibition.

On display from Dec. 13 – Jan. 7, 2023, the exhibit will include work by Sydni Reubin and Heather Shore. "Marks Made" is a two-woman show featuring Dixon natives Sydni Reubin and Heather Shore. Reubin and Shore's mixed media portraits are literal and metaphorical illustrations of the marks made by one woman on another. Through their mark-making and layering of media, they attempt to explore the marks these women have made on them. In this series, they attempt to look beyond the basic tropes of sisterhood by taking a deeply personal look at their relationships with other women.

While Reubin explores the strength and resilience of those women closest to her, Shore investigates her own strength and the effects of relationships with the women of her past. Not to be overlooked is the role one woman has played in their life. Reubin and Shore share a mentor in Dr. Lisa Castello, who taught both artists while serving as their art teacher at Dixon High School from the mid-1990s to the early 2000s. Reubin and Shore consider their relationship with Dr.

Kastello fundamental in their development as both artists and women.

Nitty Gritty Dirt
Band to perform in
Rockford on March 12

ROCKFORD — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band is coming to the Coronado Performing Arts Center in Rockford, on Sunday, March 12, 2023. Tickets go on-sale on Friday, Dec. 9. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, by calling 815-968-5222, or in-person at the BMO Center and Coronado Performing Arts Center box offices.

Blood harmony, thrilling instrumental flights, undeniable stage chemistry... these things are part of each Dirt Band show, just as they are part of Dirt Does Dylan, the first recording from the reconfigured, six-strong group. Produced by Randy Kennedy and Jeff Hanna, it's a remarkable ride through some of the most impactful songs of the past century, penned by Bob Dylan and taken for a blue highway spin by a great American band, with help from genius-level contemporary artists like Jason Isbell and The War and Treaty.

A Dirt Band show is unlike any other. For legions of fans, it's less about the memories than the moment, crisp as an autumn apple and rich as a royal flush. Mark your calendars and come see them in Rockford for the full experience.

Christmas Eve in Barn
event planned

FRANKLIN GROVE — Looking to add new meaning to the way you celebrate Christmas and the birth of our Lord? The congregation of the Ashton United Methodist Church invites you to join us for Christmas Eve in Barn at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24. The barn is located at 1753 Iron Springs Road, just a few miles west of Franklin Grove, just off of IL Route 38.

This family friendly event is one of a kind. The music will be wonderful and the story of the birth of Jesus. There will be hot cider, hot chocolate and cookies served as well.

There is plenty of parking and seating inside the heated barn.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jan Shaulis at 708-717-3908.

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Opinion

The main problem is who is behind the trigger

I remember taking my oldest daughter Gracie fishing 14 years ago at Lake Springfield.

We talked about the ducks, geese and boats floating in the lake, her favorite cartoons and the brand-new Barbie life jacket she was wearing.

After about three hours wiggling on a dock staring at a bobber that refused to go under, she exclaimed, "I think all of the fish have gone on vacation to a different lake."

It was a grand day to be a dad. She seemed to be having a good time too. No sooner had we packed up the worms and closed the tackle box than she was asking when we could go fishing again.

I guess uninterrupted time with Dad was more important than how many bluegills we reeled in.

After finishing at the lake, I decided to let her pick out a new fishing pole, so I took her to Gander Mountain, which was one of those "big box" sporting goods stores on the city's south side.

She chose a rod with the cartoon character Sponge Bob embossed on the reel.

After loading the fishing pole into the cart we wandered into the firearms section.

I occasionally hunt, but with three kids and a busy job, I don't always have the time. In fact, this year is the first time in the last five that I haven't found myself in a tree stand holding a shotgun and waiting for a deer.

Unlike other retailers that put firearms behind a counter, Gander Mountain, at the time, displayed guns attached to tethers so customers could hold them unsupervised - but not walk away with them.

What I saw that day frightened me.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



A couple of junior high kids were playing with a rifle and pointed it toward me, other customers and at my then 3-year-old daughter.

I remembered my father's admonitions when I was their age:

- "Never point a gun at something you don't plan to destroy."
- "Always assume a gun is loaded."
- "Never count on a gun's safety."

I started handling guns when I was 9 or 10. A reverent respect for firearms was instilled in me by my father and older brother.

But I didn't see that same quiet respect in those teenagers at the store. Instead of tools for harvesting game, they seemed to view guns as macho playthings.

Some of the "adults" shopping in the gun department weren't much different.

They were "ooing" and "awing" over guns dolled up to look like military weapons. (The gun control crowd likes to call them "assault weapons" and gun-rights groups call them "modern sporting rifles.")

There's a word for all those "assault weapon" add-ons like - bayonet holders, detachable magazines and pistol grips - it is called "marketing."

Just as my 3-year-old thought a "Sponge Bob" fishing reel would be "way cool," these fellows seemed drawn to firearms with macho doodads attached.

Here's a few hints, guys:

- They don't fire off bullets any faster than any other semi-automatic rifle. (They may look similar to military weapons, but they aren't the same.)
- Wildlife doesn't care what the gun looks like (and neither does your wife.)

• If you need more than 10 bullets in your rifle, you must be a pretty lousy shot.

• It's OK to go out in public wearing something other than camouflage - really.

Illinois lawmakers are considering legislation that would not only ban the future sale of "assault weapons" but would require the registration of ones already owned. It would also ban the sale of magazines with more than 10 bullets in them as well as raise the age for FOID cards to 21 for all guns.

It's no secret that firearms are viewed in radically different ways depending on where one lives in the state. My hope, as always, is that lawmakers will listen intently to the concerns of one another and compromise.

But experience tells me gun debates generate more heat than light. One thing I do know is that no one in the General Assembly relishes the thought of innocent people dying.

Some proposed restrictions, such as lengthening the term of firearm restraining orders from six months to a year, make sense. Other aspects of the bill while well-intentioned, will do little to make our communities safer.

A sad reality is that loud demands for gun control mean more guns are sold to people afraid they will soon be banned.

The main problem isn't what the guns look like - it's who is behind the trigger.

That's a problem that won't be solved by passing another law in Springfield. It can only be solved with good parenting.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago Dec. 8, 1922

A "Housewarming" for the new township high school building will be Friday evening. All are invited to attend and inspect the building. A short program will be put on by the high school pupils and faculty, followed by an informal reception with refreshments in the gymnasium.

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Two well known people from Franklin Grove died at the same place, within a short time of each other. Esther Runyon died while at work sewing. A half hour later, Harry Bratton, undertaker, dropped dead while at work attending to her.

75 Years Ago Dec. 11, 1947

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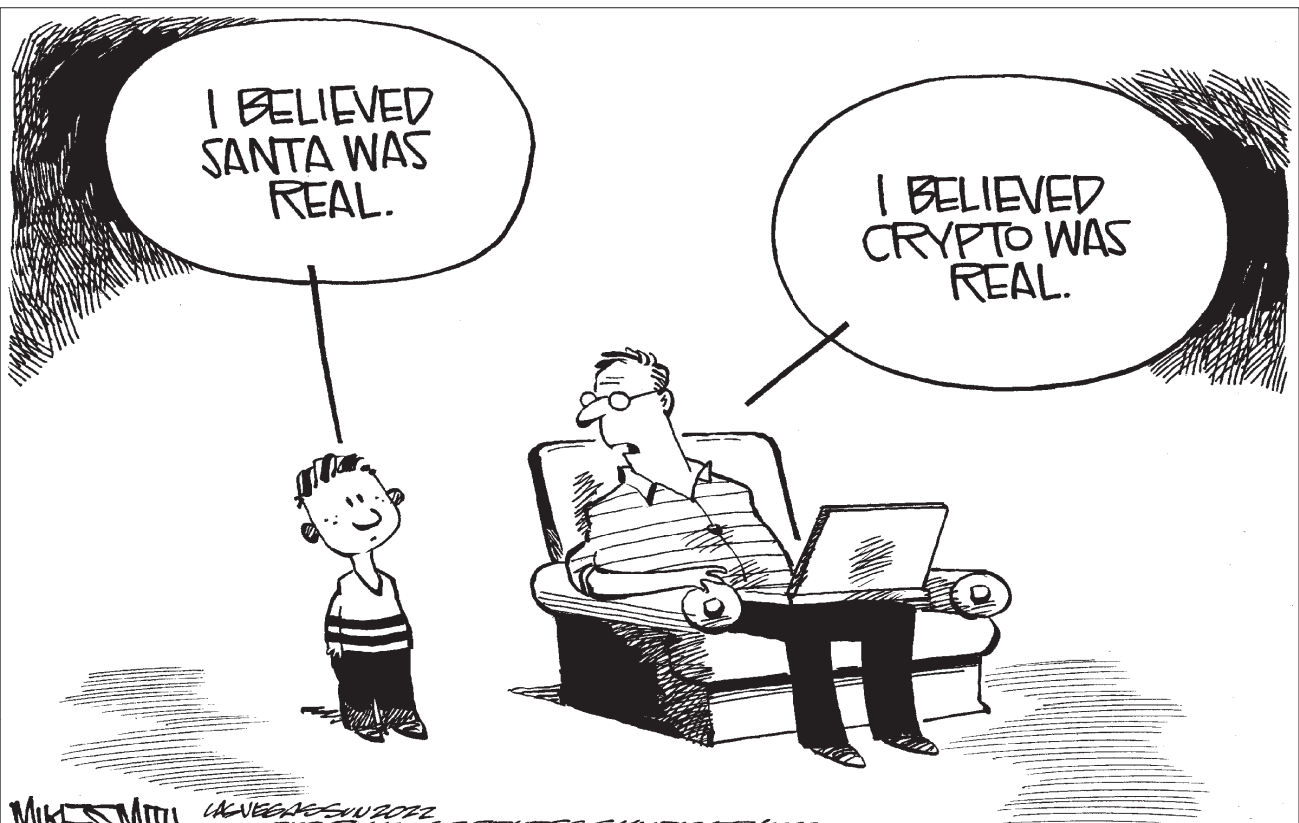
The Illinois State Scholar finalists from Amboy High School are Alan Meyer, Aaron Full, Rose Dunphy, Katie Brinkmeier and Christina Gilroy.

Lisa O'Brien of Amboy was recently awarded the High Point Trophy in the Jr. Pleasure High Point division at the Green River Saddle Club. Shown here with her mare, IBM Honey Bar, Lisa placed first in Halter, Western Pleasure and English Pleasure classes, in which her mare, or horse and rider were qualified to enter.

50 Years Ago Dec. 14, 1972

Christmas cheer will be distributed Sunday, December 22, by the Amboy Volunteer Firemen. Blair Eckburg is the general chairman in charge of this event. Between 75 and 80 food boxes and 45 fruit and candy boxes will be distributed.

Beggs' Certified Foods advertised S&H Green Stamps. Specials this week were Country Delight Milk 57 cents a gallon; Maxwell House Coffee \$1.67 for a 2 lb. can, fancy red potatoes 49 cents



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LOCAL NEWS

PLANNING continued from page A1

Vision: Aspire to build empowered thinkers and doers who are ready for a successful life.

Shared Values: 1. Honesty & Positivity – We value a culture where students, families, community members, and staff seek the best from themselves and each other through truthful words and actions.

2. Health & Wellness – We promote physical, mental, and environmental health within our school family.

3. Shared Responsibility – We value the development of collaborative partnerships to support the growth and development of students, educators, and families.

4. Prepare students to be college and career ready through new/innovative programming.

5. Develop and maintain partnerships to engage students and encourage them to be invested in the community.

“Our big win was when we got our mission, vision, and value statements solidified last school year,” Pratt said. “We have something we are working toward now. We sent out surveys to our stake holder groups. We had student surveys and surveys for teachers and staff in the district.

“We had a survey that went to parents. We sent another one to recent Amboy graduates. We also did a survey for community members because we were looking for input from community leaders, business owners, and group and organization leaders.”

With this completed, the District Strategic Planning Committee is focusing this year on developing standards and steps to make each of its five priority areas as strong as concrete.

The five committee priority areas are recruit and retain high quality staff, maintain and improve school facilities and financial

health, address emotional and mental health needs of students and staff, prepare students to be college and career ready through new and innovative programming, and develop and maintain partnerships to engage students and encourage them to be invested in the community.

“This year, under each priority area we want to create some measurable, obtainable goals that will allow us to track our progress, tell us how we’re doing, and show us if we’re at the place we want to be,” Pratt said. “The idea is, when we finish this year and develop our goals under the priority areas, we will hopefully be able to deliver to the district the final plan instead of a draft. We are open to the fact that some pieces of our mission may change.

“Once we have everything finalized, we’ll have it posted everywhere so that when we’re

making decisions or when students, parents, teachers, and faculty are in the building, we’re all guided by the same mission.

“For me personally, I’ve been a member of the school board for six years. Getting this done has been a personal goal of mine as a board member. I feel it is very important for us to have a unifying statement that guides our decisions. It doesn’t matter who you’re talking to or what challenge you’re facing, it’s important to have something that tells us that if we have our eyes on the same prize, we’re headed in the right direction.”

The committee, which has representatives from Amboy Central Elementary, Amboy Junior High, and Amboy High School meets during the school’s half day, which happens once a month.

Holidays are prime time for pet scams

ROCKFORD – Puppy scams are not only one of the most emotionally devastating scams, but a new BBB study update also reveals victims are losing more money per incident than ever before.

In fact, average monetary losses are climbing, with an average loss of \$850 in 2022, up 60% since 2017. BBB has tracked this since 2017, when it issued an in-depth study Puppy Scams: How Fake Online Pet Sellers Steal from Unsuspecting Pet Buyers.

Yorkies, Dachshunds and French Bulldogs make up nearly 30% of all puppy scams, according to 2022 BBB Scam TrackerSM reports. However, consumers mentioned more than 40 breeds, meaning that buyers should be cautious when shopping for any breed online.

Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the BBB says, “These scams remain consistently profitable for scammers because their multi-tiered setup allows them to convincingly go back to a consumer several times to ask for money.”

While the actual cases are down this past year, consumer losses to pet scams in North America are expected to exceed \$2 million. That total is down by a third since the peak of more than \$3 million during the pandemic in 2020-2021, according to BBB Scam Tracker.

Pet scams historically make up a quarter

of all online shopping frauds reported to BBB and are on track to be about 18% this year.

Horton adds, “Because purchasing a pet can be such an emotionally charged experience, BBB urges consumers to be on high alert for scams.”

Puppy scammers lure people in with fake websites, and promises of cute puppies, then ask for more money for shipping or special crates. Consumers say it is easy to be swept up in the moment’s emotions when buying a pet and push forward despite reservations. BBB Scam Tracker reports show that those who tried to purchase pets without seeing them in person, use hard-to-track payment methods like payment apps, and accept extra charges like shipping insurance or special cages, are at an increased risk of being scammed. Many bogus puppy websites, often registered outside of North America, appear, and vanish quickly, hampering law enforcement efforts. Prosecutions in puppy scam cases are tough to crack, as perpetrators are often outside of the country.

For more information If you’ve spotted a scam (whether or not you’ve lost money), report it to BBB ScamTracker. Visit BBB.org or follow us @ChicagoBBB on social media. Look for the BBB seal, The Sign of a Better Business.

‘Tis the season to decorate safely

LEE COUNTY – It’s time to deck your halls and the American Red Cross has steps to help you decorate safely.

Candles are very popular, especially around the holidays. But candles also increase the risk of fire. Their popularity leads to nearly three times as many candle fires on Christmas Day, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

If you are burning candles, place them on a sturdy surface where they can’t be easily knocked over. Also, place them far away from flammable items such as decorations and greenery. Monitor candles closely and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to sleep.

The Red Cross offers these additional steps you can take to decorate your home safely:

- Check all holiday light cords to ensure they aren’t frayed or broken. Don’t

string too many strands of lights together — no more than three per extension cord.

- Turn off all holiday lights and decorations when going to bed or leaving the house.

- Ensure outside decorations are for outdoor use and fasten lights securely to your home or trees. If using hooks or nails outside, make sure they are insulated to avoid an electrocution or fire hazard.

- If buying an artificial tree, look for the fire-resistant label. When putting it up, keep it away from fireplaces, radiators and other sources of

heat. Never use electric lights on metallic trees.

- If getting a live tree, make sure it’s fresh and keep it watered. To test if the tree is fresh, bend the needles up and down to make sure no needles fall off.

- Don’t light the fire-place if hanging stockings or other decorations on the mantel.

- Check the labels of older decorations. Some older tinsel is lead-based. If using angel hair, wear gloves to avoid irritation. Avoid breathing in artificial snow.

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE COMPTON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2022

RECEIPTS:

Cash Balance,	
General Fund, May 1, 2021	\$534,712.99
Cash Balance, Equipment Sinking Fund,	
May 1, 2021	184,454.43
Cash Balance, Insurance Fund,	
May 1, 2021	67,597.62
Cash Balance, Ambulance Service Fund,	
May 1, 2021	56,697.03

Treasurer, Lee County, Illinois, portion

of taxes, General Fund 119,787.72

Treasurer, Lee County, Illinois, portion

of taxes, Equipment Sinking Fund 20,000.00

Treasurer, Lee County, Illinois, portion

of taxes, Insurance Fund 15,003.12

Treasurer, Lee County, Illinois, portion

of taxes, Ambulance Fund 30,006.23

H.F. Gehant Banking Company, West Brooklyn,

Illinois, Interest on Deposits,

General Fund 3,088.25

H.F. Gehant Banking Company, West Brooklyn,

Illinois, Interest on Deposits, Equipment

Sinking Fund 1,029.42

H.F. Gehant Banking Company, West Brooklyn,

Illinois, Interest on Deposits,

Ambulance Fund 5.06

2% Fire Insurance Tax, General Fund 1,406.28

Miscellaneous Income, General Fund 3,482.78

Miscellaneous Income, Ambulance Fund

1,227.42

West Brooklyn Fire Protection District (EMT Ser-

vices) 4,500.00

Replacement Tax, General Fund 5,962.18

Insurance Refunds and Claims,

Insurance Fund 1,750.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$1,050,742.81

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Expenses, General Fund:

Bank Service Fees 20.00

Attorney Fees 1,500.00

Auditing & Accounting Fees 2,743.91

Dues, Memberships and Fees 1,299.00

Miscellaneous Expenses 50.00

Office and Postage 765.95

Publishing and Printing 2,395.06

Trustee & Officer Salaries 2,900.00

Total \$11,673.92

Administrative Expenses, Ambulance Fund:

Publishing and Printing 207.89

Miscellaneous 90.00

Total \$297.89

Public Safety Expense, General Fund:

Materials & Supplies 5,373.15

Reimburse Repairs/Parts 1,550.25

Repairs & Maintenance, Bldgs & Equip 7,817.18

Training & Seminars 300.00

Trustee & Officer Salaries 1,500.00

Utilities 4,349.24

Volunteer Expense 6,688.88

Total \$27,578.70

Public Safety Expense, Ambulance Fund:

Intergovernmental Agreements -

Other Depts. 20,000.00

Reimburse Repair/Parts 126.40

Materials & Supplies 5,586.72

Per Call Payments 4,160.00

Training & Seminars 1,700.00

Total \$31,573.12

Insurance Fund:

Insurance Premiums 16,219.02

Total 16,219.02

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$87,342.65

RECAPITULATION:

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$1,050,742.81

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: (87,342.65)

BALANCE ON HAND: \$963,400.16

which said balance consists of the following fund

accounts, to wit:

GENERAL FUND \$630,919.97

SINKING FUND \$204,454.43

INSURANCE FUND \$68,187.00

AMBULANCE FUND \$59,838.76

TOTAL: \$963,400.16

HENRY ORZECZ, TREASURER,

COMPTON COMMUNITY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, IL

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

) SS.

COUNTY OF LEE)

HENRY ORZECZ, being first duly sworn on his

oath, deposes and says that he is

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Lee

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him subscribed; and that the same is a true and

correct account of all monies received and

disbursed by him for and on behalf of said Fire

Protection District, beginning on May 1,

2021, and ending on April 30, 2022.

HENRY ORZECZ

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Legal No. 1206 (12/14 2022)

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE ESTATE OF)

)

SHIRLEY LEWALLEN,)

)

Deceased.)

No. 2022 PR 60)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the

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ber 1, 2022, by the 15th

Judicial Circuit Court of

Lee County to the rep-

resentatives and Inde-

pendent Executor,

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The attorney for the

representatives and In-

dependent Executor of

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tate may be filed in the

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ing, 309 South Gale-

na Avenue, Dixon, IL

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representative, TERRI

SCHRYVER, 1505 How-

ard Street, Sterling, Illi-

nois 61081

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itors, whichever is lat-

er. Any claim not filed

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sentative and/or to the

attorney within ten (10)

days after the claim has

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BY: TERRI SCHRYVER,

Representative/Execu-

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No. 1204

(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)

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815 288-3068 (FAX)
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LOCAL NEWS

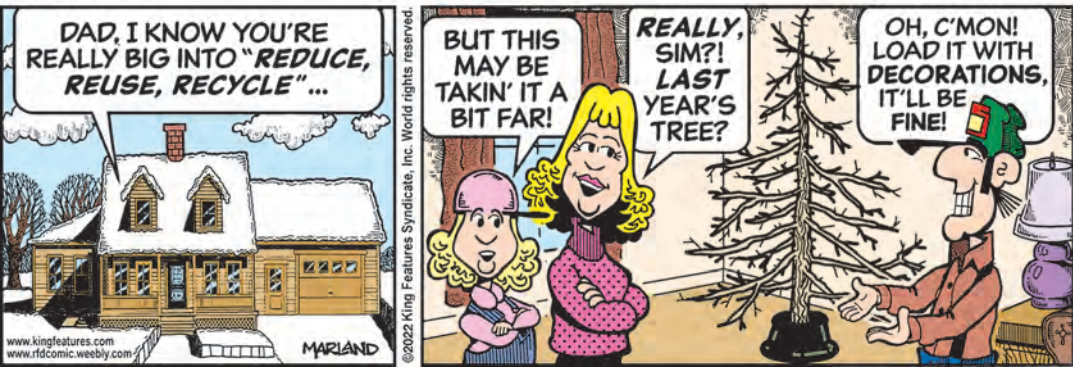
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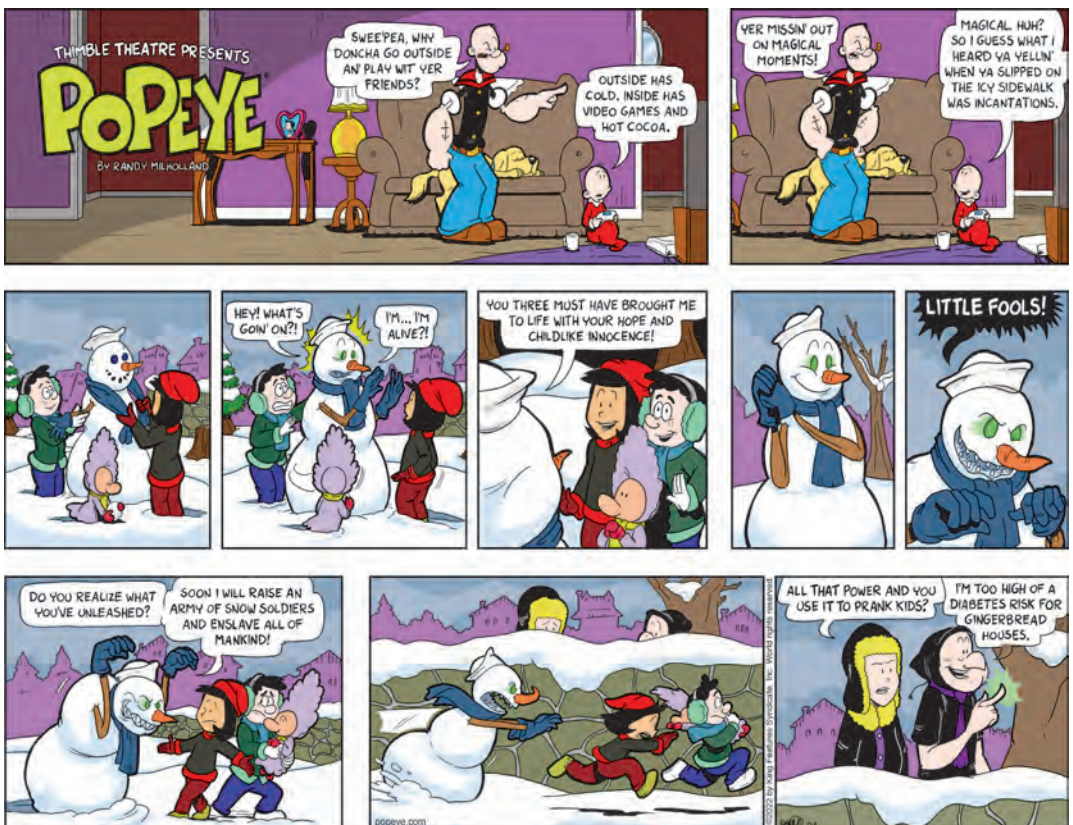
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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GLENED	_____	_____
Pierce	_____	_____
REAPS	_____	_____
Belief	_____	_____
AIDE	_____	_____
Place	_____	_____
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TODAY'S WORD: _____

December 12, 2022 Posting Date

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Slightly wet
5 Wild canine
9 Yoga pad
12 Close
13 Actress
14 Green prefix
15 Requiring low temperatures
17 Moo — pork
18 Boy, in Barcelona
19 Big name in racing
21 Antlered animals
24 Jubilation
25 Billions of years
26 German
30 Aachen article
31 Postpone
32 Wildebeest
33 Romance-free, as a relationship
35 Head, to Henri
36 Sweet wine
37 King of Judea
38 Snapshot
40 Graceful bird
42 Slithery fish
43 Looking good on the tube, say
48 Part of TNT
49 Lettuce unit

DOWN

1 Org. for a major party
2 — Lingus
3 Spring month
4 Plug parts
5 Wee songbird
6 "It can't be!"
7 Floral neckline
8 Teaching staff
9 Courier
10 Dull pain
11 Go sightseeing
16 USO patrons
20 Ultramodernist
21 Leak out slowly
22 Work hard
23 Maryland's capital
24 Avocado dip, for short
26 Camp shelter
27 Peyton's brother
28 Grooving on
29 Prompted
31 Girl in "The Wizard of Oz"
34 Nanny's charge
35 Beliefs
37 Crone
38 Anti-fur org.
39 Cattle group
40 Cabbage salad
41 Marries
44 Shoe width
45 Diarist Anais
46 — tizzy
47 Bottle top

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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. MOVIES: What was the name of the fictional kingdom in "Frozen"?
2. HISTORY: How many people died as a result of the Boston Massacre of 1770?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of Scrooge's business partner in "A Christmas Carol"?
4. TELEVISION: In what city is the long-running drama "Grey's Anatomy" set?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Which two cities were the original endpoints of the Orient Express?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs does an ant have?
7. LITERATURE: What is the title of Toni Morrison's first novel?
8. MATH: How many minutes are in a week?
9. BUSINESS SLOGANS: Which company's slogan is, "Expect more. Pay less"?
10. EXPLORERS: What is the home country of Roald Amundsen, the first to reach the South Pole?

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Canoe is different. 2. Chair back is missing. 3. Cap is different. 4. List is smaller. 5. Hair is different. 6. Antenna is smaller.

GRANDPA

Today's Word

3. Idea; 4. Insert
1. Legend 2. Spear
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: N equals Y

CSZK SWNEXR SZ BZXLEXBD GD
SIJS QDGHJD CDDK IJLD XZ
BJKJBESN SZ HZXR QZW SIEXRC.
DVD VECII

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Answers

1. Arendelle.
2. Five.
3. Seattle Marley.
4. Washington.
5. Paris and Istanbul (Constantinople).
6. Six.
7. "The Bluest Eye."
8. 10,080.
9. Target.
10. Norway.

King Crossword

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Stop trying to convince me that female sheep have no capacity to long for things.

Answer

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LOCAL NEWS/SPORTS

Current rural health care environment 'not sustainable'

By **TAMMIE SLOUP**
FarmWeek

Rural communities are older, sicker and poorer.

"It's a terrible marketing line ... but a great elevator speech when trying to communicate the uniqueness of rural communities," said Alan Morgan, chief executive officer of the National Rural Health Association.

Morgan, who has more than 31 years of experience in health policy, spoke during an Arizona Telemedicine Program webinar earlier this month about the state of rural health.

How are rural hospitals faring as they emerge from the height of the pandemic? That's a difficult question to answer, Morgan said.

"We're in a precarious situation where we're seeing almost half of the nation's rural hospitals currently operating at a negative margin," he said.

"We're seeing tremendous Medicare and Medicaid cuts happening across the nation. And this is happening at a time where we're seeing an amazing staffing crisis. ... It's just a tremendously difficult time for rural providers."

Federal funding helped prop up operations during the COVID-19 public health emergency, but much of that assistance was temporary.

Since 2005, 180 rural hospitals have closed across the U.S., and a report released last month by the Center for Healthcare Quality and

Payment Reform estimates more than 600 rural hospitals — nearly 30% of all rural hospitals in the country — are at risk of closing in the near future. The report states 13 rural hospitals are at risk of closing in Illinois but did not name them.

Looking ahead, the immediate challenge within the halls of rural hospitals is a workforce shortage, and in rural communities a lack of rural behavioral health services.

"There's a bipartisan understanding that we have to see some movement in behavioral health and behavioral health legislation," Morgan said. "I expect that as we move out of the public health emergency there is an understanding among both sides of the aisle that a lot of the flexibilities that the health care system has seen, most notably rural providers, has to continue."

Congress could pass a spending bill before years' end, and rural health advocates hope legislators will incorporate provisions from the proposed Save America's Rural Hospitals Act. The legislation would eliminate Medicare sequestration for rural hospitals, make Medicare telehealth service enhancements permanent for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics and extend increased Medicare payments for rural ground ambulance services set to expire Dec. 31.

With the nationwide health care workforce shortage, particularly in rural areas, Morgan points to rural residency training programs as a path to encouraging more students to practice in non-urban communities.

"They go to rural and they stay in rural; we need to have more of that going ahead," he said.

Several medical school and grant programs in Illinois already incorporate that mission.

Morgan also said telehealth usage is "not flourishing" in rural communities, largely due to lack of broadband. "There is no path forward for rural health without telehealth," he said.

The current rural health care environment is not sustainable, Morgan said, adding "we need new reimbursement models and new provider-type models."

Earlier this month, federal officials finalized rules for the first new provider type in 20 years — a Rural Emergency Hospital designation.

These facilities must provide 24/7 emergency medical services and observation care, and have the option to provide additional outpatient medical services. However, these facilities would not provide inpatient care.

The designation goes into effect Jan. 1, with facilities likely beginning to come online within the next five years, Morgan said. He estimates between 60 and 100 com-

munities across the U.S. will conduct feasibility studies in the coming year.

The model isn't for every rural community.

"This is a model for a community that maybe has lost a rural hospital recently or just has such a low volume of inpatient beds and really is seeing all of their volume in outpatient and emergency room services," he said. "This is a new tool that we have to move forward to ensure that we have that access to care."

States also must pass laws that establish state-level requirements and regulations to license this provider type. To date, only Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota have passed such laws.

While rural residents face health care challenges, the environment also has resulted in collaboration and new ideas amongst rural providers.

"Those challenges drive innovation," Morgan said. "And as a result of that ... hundreds of small towns all across the U.S. are really serving as innovation hubs for the redesign of our health care system. Some of the most innovative and creative approaches to delivering high quality health care services can be seen in small towns all across the U.S."

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Lady Clippers beat Forreston at home

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers opened their NUIC play with a hard-fought 35-31 win over Forreston on Dec. 6 at the AHS gym.

It was a good team win with five players scoring between four and 11 points. There were also four players with between five and nine rebounds and four players had two or three assists.

The balanced scoring attack was led by Maeve Larson with 11 points as she scored in every quarter. Larson added five rebounds. Emily Sachs gave her team a big boost in the second half while scoring eight points and grabbing five rebounds. Next in scoring was Elly Jones. She dropped in four free throws late in the contest to help preserve the victory. Jones ended with seven points, two assists and two steals. Addison Pertell scored five points, dished out two assists and had three steals, followed by Tyrah Vaessen with four points, nine rebounds, three assists and five steals. Courtney Ortgiesen pulled down six boards and had two assists.

Besides Jones' key charity tosses, Larson made two big fourth-quarter shots and Sachs connected on a big shot down the stretch.

The Lady Clippers improved to 7-1 on the season and are off until Tuesday, Dec. 20 when they travel to Manlius to take on Bureau Valley.

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AMBOY — Applications for the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships are now available on the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation website, www.lcfbfoundation.org. Applicants must be a Lee County Farm Bureau member or dependent of a Lee County Farm Bureau member in good standing and be pursuing a major in an agricultural or agricultural-related field of study in his or her college curriculum (accredited college, university or community college) for Fall 2023.

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The Larry J. Green Memorial scholarship will be one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to a high school senior.

The Gentry Family Agriculture Scholarship will be one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a high school senior.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation will also offer one (1) \$1,500

scholarship to a current undergraduate student.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation has also established a scholarship, ranging from \$500 - \$1,000 to a student attending Sauk Valley Community College and participating in their new ag program.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation also offers a Veterinary Scholarship which will award up to \$2,500 for students enrolling in their 3rd or 4th year in Veterinary School concentrating in large animal studies.

The mission of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is to fund and encour-

age ag related educational opportunities to the youth of Lee County through programs including scholarships, Books by the Bushel, and Ag in the Classroom. Complete details on eligibility for consideration and criteria for awarding the scholarship are detailed in the scholarship application. To obtain an application visit the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation's website, www.lcfbfoundation.org, or if you have any questions, please contact the Lee County Farm Bureau office by phone, 815-857-3531 or by email, leecfb@comcast.net.

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For the Jan. 4, 2023 edition, the advertising and editorial deadline is Friday, Dec. 30, 2022, at 9 a.m.

The Amboy News will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, 2022 and reopen at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022 in observance of Christmas.

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SPORTS



CHAMPION

The Clippers competed in Plano Reaper Classic Tournament on Dec. 12. Clipper Landon Blanton was champion of the 113 pound class.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz



Clipper Austin Heath grapples with a Morrison wrestler during his 152 pound match on Dec. 8. The Clippers took on Le/Win and Morrison. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz



Clippers fall to Hinckley-Big Rock at home

AMBOY—Hinckley-Big Rock was a 46-12 winner over Amboy in varsity boys' basketball action on Dec. 9 at the AHS gym.

It was a 10-4 H-BR lead after one, but then the Royals ran off 16 second-quarter points and held Amboy to just five to take a 26-9 advantage to intermission. The count stood at 46-12 after three periods. The Clippers were blanked in the final frame.

Kyler McNinch's six points led Amboy scorers, followed by Troy Anderson with four and Brody Christoffersen with two.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Girls Basketball

Tyrah Vaessen

Boys Basketball

Garrett Pertell

Wrestling

Landon Blanton



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THIRD PLACE

The Clippers competed in Plano Reaper Classic Tournament on Dec. 12. Clipper Levi Near placed third in the 132lb class. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz

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Wednesday, Dec. 21

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U.S.D.A. Beef Angus Prime Rib

Must be Preordered



\$12.99/lb.

Reg. Price \$17.99/lb.

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Ground Beef



\$3.99/lb.

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U.S.D.A. New York Strip Steak



\$8.99/lb.

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BBQ Butterfly Boneless Pork Chops



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Plain Chicken Breast



\$1.99/lb.

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Chicken Parmesean Sub



\$6.99/reg.

\$10.99/lrg.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Doritos Chips

8-10 oz Excludes Party or Family

Size



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.59 ea.

Cool Whip

8 oz



\$1.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$2.49 ea.

Kemp's Ice Cream

128 oz Assorted



\$6.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$7.99 ea.

Silk Milk

64 oz Assorted



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.69 ea.

Tropicana Juice

52 oz. Assorted



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.79 ea.

Ice Mountain Spring Water

24 pack



\$5.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$6.99 ea.

Betty Crocker Potatoes

4-5.1 oz



\$1.89 ea.

Reg. Price \$2.29 ea.

Food Club Broth

32 oz Assorted



\$1.69 ea.

Reg. Price \$2.09 ea.

Ore-Ida Potatoes

Assorted



\$3.69 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.69 ea.

Sugardale Bacon

16 oz



\$5.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$6.99 ea.

Food Club 2% Milk

Gallon



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Reg. Price \$3.89 ea.