



CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

It was a busy night for the Village of Sublette on Sunday, as the village rang in the holidays during its annual Christmas Walk. The event kicked off with Starlight Dancer performing in the Ellice Dinges Center to a packed crowd. Children got to sit and visit with Santa. Vendors had displays in the classrooms at the Ellice Dinges Center. Sublette’s downtown businesses were open and hosted events. The lighted Christmas parade was led by Santa riding on the Sublette fire truck. The parade ended downtown where Santa then lit the village Christmas tree.

Photos by Tonja Greenfield



Larry and Rose Leffelman participated in the Lighted Christmas Parade in Sublette on Sunday evening. They displayed a lighted goose for Leffelman and Associates.

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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.

QM1 Everett Eugene Burns

On Aug. 30, 1912, Everett Eugene Burns was born the only son to John and Ann Healy Burns of Amboy. Mr. Burns was employed at the Colson Clothing Company which had opened in Amboy in 1911. By January of 1925,



John Burns had purchased the business which he re-named John T. Burns & Son Clothier Outfitter for Men, perhaps with the intention that Everett would grow up to operate the store in years to follow. Indeed Everett did follow that path. After completing



his education at Amboy High School, Everett attended and graduated from Dr. Scholl’s Training School of Master Shoe Fitting in 1940 while working in the store alongside his parents. In the autumn of that same year Everett stopped by the First National Bank in Amboy to register for the military draft, now that it was required even during peacetime. If life seemed to be steady and on-course for the Burns Family, theirs and the lives of most Americans would take an un-

expected turn after the events at Pearl Harbor in December of 1941. During June of 1942, Everett enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve as a Seaman First Class, and on Feb. 15, 1943 he boarded the LST-460 bound for duty in the South Pacific. By November of 1944, Everett was promoted to Quartermaster 1st Class with duties critical to the ship’s navigation. The LST-460 was a newly commissioned tank landing ship, critical for landing tanks ashore and transporting jeeps

and other heavy equipment as well as stores of gasoline. Petty Officer 1st Class Everett Burns and the LST-460 participated in operations in the Solomon Islands during June, 1943, the New Georgia Island Campaign in August, 1943, Hollandia in April of 1944, and the New Guinea and Leyte operations later that same year.

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Be sure to enter this year’s Amboy Christmas Lights Contest

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — We see lights everyday. In our homes. Outside of our homes. In and out of businesses. In schools. On our vehicles. Signs. Games. Phones. Computers. The list could keep going, going, going, and going. But none of the other lights compare to Christmas lights. “I was on the Amboy Chamber of Commerce for years when I first bought The Main Flower Shop in 2003,” said Cindy Shaw, who owns the flower shop with her husband, Jeff. “The town doesn’t have a chamber anymore

and we used to always do a light contest through the chamber. It was always fun for the community. I just decided to bring it back, especially after the pandemic to make people happy. “Everyone likes Christmas lights, they make us happy. I just wanted to bring something back to make people happy over the holidays,” Shaw said. The light contest started Dec. 1 and will run through Dec. 14.

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A Time of Extra Giving

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — Quite often we get caught up with the everyday responsibilities of life. The Christmas season gives us an opportunity to briefly pause to give thanks and reach out to assist those who are less fortunate. For the parishioners of St. Patrick’s Church here in Amboy, the giving is year-round. Barb Harrison and her reliable staff of volunteers at the food pantry housed in the basement of the church since 1998, provide essentials to over 70 individuals throughout the community on the third Wednesday of every month. Harrison, a successful business owner in town, first got involved five years ago when she saw a posting in the church guide looking for someone to run the pantry and didn’t hesitate. “I enjoy helping people and giving back,” she shared.



“It’s part of my catholic upbringing.” Harrison’s duties include procuring the entire products that is distributed as well as heading to the Sauk

Valley Food Bank in Sterling several times a month, and coordinating with pantry bookkeeper Carol Prunty.

See PANTRY page A4

GIVING PUMP

Amboy Shell hosted Giving pumps on #3 and #4. During the months of September and October, they donated 1 cent per gallon pumped. Amboy Education Foundation was chosen as the charity the money was donated to - to help out our kiddos. A total of \$760.99 was donated. Pictured above is Mark Becker from the Amboy Education Foundation and Tabitha Berogan, manager of Amboy Shell. Tabitha said, their customers are truly amazing and they would wait for those pumps to be available to use just so their gallons pumped counted towards a good cause. Thank you from the staff at Shell in Amboy and Johnson Oil Company.

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Obituaries

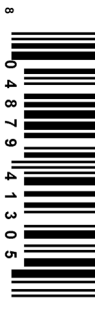
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LOCAL NEWS



Blue Mass

The **Knights of Columbus** from Council #8277 are sponsoring a **Blue Mass** for all the living and deceased members of our **Local Fire Departments** and **Local Police Officers**.

The **Mass** will be at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sublette** at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 10th

Come and help us say, “**thank You**” to God for gifting us with their **protection** as we celebrate the **Eucharist** at this **Blue Mass**.



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Ryan Dickinson

Dickinson named AHS December Student of the Month

AMBOY — Ryan Dickinson, son of Laura Dickinson and Dan Dickinson, has been named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for December.

GPA: 3.2

Memberships and Involvement: “I am a 4 year member of the cross country team and baseball team.”

Awards and Honors: “I’ve been on the honor roll every year of high school. I also received varsity letters in baseball and cross country.”

Best Memories of AHS: “I think my most memorable moment was making it to state in cross country my junior year. It was an amazing experience to be a part of such a successful team.”

Future Plans: “I plan on attending Augustana College. I am currently undecided on what I want to study.”

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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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TEEN TURF

Aerobics

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

Afterschool program

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

Christmas Walk

Come see us Saturday, Dec. 10, from 4-7 p.m. where you can make a wreath and do some economical shopping. Hope to see you there.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that assist Teen Turf in it's endeavor of helping people: Carol Ely for the Kleenex and paper plates and bedding; Martha Henley; Shady Oaks Golf for the drinks and chips and Kristine Koch Welker for delivering them; Sandy Draper for the monetary donation; Nathan and Dezarae Haley family for the meat; Terry and Jane Garland for the trees and Pac-Play, and Sid Thomas for the stickers and cake.

Needs

Paper plates

Final Word

This prayer is for Fran Kessel, who was instrumental in helping Teen Turf be successful for so many years. May she help us serve our community from up above:

God of all comfort, please be near us today. Let your strong presence be felt now and in the coming days. The grief of losing our loved one is so heavy on our heart and mind. We pray that you would come and comfort us. Wrap us up in your tender love. It pains us to lose someone so close to our hearts. We struggle to understand, but we know that you've seen all this in times past. And in your wisdom, you have chosen to take our beloved friend at this time and in this way. Embrace us, O God, and speak words of assurance and comfort by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BURNS

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On the evening of Dec. 19, 1944, the LST-460 left Leyte Gulf as part of a mission to resupply U.S. forces on Mindoro Island, also in the Philippines. On Dec. 21, air attacks commenced while the group of Navy ships was in the Sulu Sea. At 1700, PO1 Burns' LST ship picked up enemy planes on radar bearing 350 degrees, 36 miles away. As these planes reached the convoy, three ships were hit by kamikaze attacks. The LST-460 was struck in the center and was soon burning from end to end with large explosions on deck and below. Some crew members were blown into the water while others managed to abandoned ship before it sank. In all, 27 crew were later reported missing and were never recovered.

During early January 1945, John and Ann Burns received official word that their only son Everett was reported missing in action near Mindoro Island on the previous Dec. 21. As per custom, Petty Officer Burns was officially declared dead one year after his loss at sea. Today, along with 36,286 fellow soldiers and sailors, the name of Everett Eugene Burns is listed on the Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines.

Posted in the Dixon Evening Telegraph by Everett's parents two years after his death, this memoriam pays tribute to his heroism:

"We have only your memory, dear son
To remember our whole life through.
But the sweetness will last forever,
As we treasure the memory of you."

Citations:

Purple Heart
Combat Action Ribbon
World War II Victory Medal
American Campaign Medal
Navy Presidential Unit Citation
Navy Good Conduct Medal
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
Navy Expeditionary Medal

Federal REAL ID
Deadline Extended to
May 7, 2025

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has extended the federal REAL ID deadline an additional two years, from May 3, 2023, to May 7, 2025. With this extension, current standard Illinois driver's licenses or ID cards will continue to be accepted at airports for domestic air travel until May 7, 2025.

Illinoisans interested in applying for a REAL ID are encouraged to visit REALID.ilsos.gov and use the interactive document checklist. This checklist is designed to help ensure REAL ID applicants gather all the documents required by the federal government to obtain a REAL ID before visiting a Driver Services facility. First-time REAL ID applicants are required by DHS to visit a Driver Services facility in person.

As of Dec. 1, 2022, the Illinois Secretary of State's office has issued more than 3 million REAL IDs.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

REMINDER: No grave blankets allowed in St. Patrick's cemetery in Amboy. They will be removed, if necessary.

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.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

SUBLETTE- The Knights of Columbus from Council #8277 are sponsoring a Blue Mass for all the living and deceased members of our Local Fire Departments and Local Police Officers. The Mass will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sublette at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 10. Come and help us say, "thank You" to God for gifting us with their protection as we celebrate the Eucharist at this Blue Mass.

AMBOY- The 2022 Amboy Christmas Walk will be bringing back the Holiday Trolley, Santa's Village, horse and wagon rides, musical entertainment and much more. This year's event will be held from 4-7 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 10, throughout Amboy.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 - 6 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 12, at American Legion, 1120 W. First St., Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Dec. 12. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 12, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

SUBLETTE-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 - 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 202 South Locust St., Sublette. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the East Grove Township Hall.

SUBLETTE- Forty Hours Devotion will be the highlight of this year's Advent Retreat: Anticipating the

Quadruple Coming of Christ. All three of the 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 Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 15, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A retreat talk will be given during the first hour of Adoration on the 14th; 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 6:30 p.m. in Sublette. There will be several priests available to hear our Advent Confession, so that we may prepare our hearts for Christmas.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the township maintenance building.

AMBOY- The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, at Amboy Junior High School.

WEST BROOKLYN- Forty Hours Devotion will be the highlight of this year's Advent Retreat: Anticipating the Quadruple Coming of Christ. All three of the 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 Friday, Dec. 16 at St. Patrick Church from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. A retreat talk will be given during the first hour of Adoration on the 16th; and this talk will be repeated the last hour of Adoration on the same evenings. There will be several priests available to hear our Advent Confession, so that we may prepare our hearts for Christmas.

MAYTOWN- Forty Hours Devotion will be the highlight of this year's Advent Retreat: Anticipating the Quadruple Coming of Christ. All three of the 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 F Saturday, Dec. 17 at St. Mary of the Assumption from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A retreat talk will be given during the first hour of Adoration on the 17th; and this talk will

be repeated the last hour of Adoration on the same evenings. There will be several priests available to hear our Advent Confession, so that we may prepare our hearts for Christmas.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet

Monday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m., at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

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

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

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Frances M. Kessel

April 6, 1941 - Dec. 2, 2022

AMBOY — Frances M. Kessel, 81, of Amboy, died on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022 at Mercy Health Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford.

She was born on April 6, 1941 in Amboy, the daughter of Philip and Lois (Keelin) Haley. Frances worked for Beggs Certified Foods from 1974 to 2002 prior to her retirement. She was a life long member at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, where she taught CCD for 16 years and faithfully sang and played the guitar in the choir. She also served on the Teen Turf Board as Treasurer for 11 years and remained as a member since 2016, and was a member of the "Chicks from the Sticks."

Frances married Bernard C. Kessel on March 26, 1960 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. He preceded her in death on Feb. 15, 2015.

She is preceded in death by her parents; step father Harold Hike; granddaughter Amanda Jo; brother John Haley; sons in law Jack O'Cal-

laghan, Brian Cheshier; and brother in law Ronald Laws.

Frances is survived by her children, Angela O'Callaghan, of Bartlett, Amy (Jeff) Reed, of Amboy, Michele Cheshier, of Rock Falls, Michael A. (Patti) Kessel, of Littleton, and Danette (David) Trupp, of Bloomington; 12 grandchildren, Ashley (Jeffrey) Bryant, Abigail (Colin) Shields, Michael (Michaela) Reed, Haley Cheshier, Catherine Cheshier, Christine Cheshier, Alyssa (Willy) Bender, Joshua (Tiffany) Kessel, Levi Kessel, Alexandra Kessel, Kaetlin (Cal) Urycki, Jared Trupp; seven great-grandchildren Everly Bryant, Emelia Bryant, Brody Bryant, Logan Shields, Parker Shields, Brentlee Kessel, Elsie Mae Urycki; one sister, Sharonne Laws of Belvidere; one brother, Jim Haley of Amboy; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, at St. Patrick



Catholic Church in Amboy. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, with a saying of the Rosary at 7:30 p.m., at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy and then again on Friday, Dec. 9 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy.

A Memorial has been established to Teen Turf in Amboy.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones funeral Home in Amboy.

Mae O. Anders

May 30, 1941 - Dec. 2, 2022

PRINCETON — Mae O. Anders, 81, of Princeton, passed away on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, in Henry Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Interment will be held 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood. Arrangements are through the Fiocchi-Jensen Funeral Home, Princeton. Private online condolences may be left for her family at www.FiocchiFuneralHomes.com

Mae was born on May 30, 1941, in Chicago, to Maurice and Ruth (Cox) Luxton. She worked at Green River Oaks Camping Resort

in Amboy. She married Richard Anders

She is survived by her children, Greg (Andrea) Anders, of Mesa, Ariz., Bonnie Anders, of Princeton, Rick (Sonja) Anders, of Addison, and Steve (Dale) Anders, of Hanover Park; two grandsons, Trevor and Cooper Anders; and her significant other, Bernie Friel, of Amboy.

She is preceded by her husband, Richard; and a sister, Ruth Kannenberg.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to The Friends of Strays, Princeton, or 2nd Hand Ranch and Rescue.

Lee Center history meeting planned

LEE CENTER — A gathering of those interested in the history of Lee Center and the surrounding area will be held at Mike Jahn's Shop in Lee Center at 1119 Inlet Rd., on Dec. 11, at 1 p.m.

This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. There will be old-time Lee Center items on display with various books, atlases, etc., for viewing, along with many pictures from 1890s to the 1920s era. There will be an hour of socializing and discussion.

At 2 p.m., we will have a

projector show and program on the "Draining of the Inlet Swamp," with some new found local photos. They are inviting people with knowledge, information or artifacts about the swamp project to join us.

Some of the main focus

will be the dredging of the "Rock Dam" which ran from Binghamton all the way to Inlet.

There will also be photo shows and discussions on other Lee Center interests. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Come join us.



A picture of the dredge, operating near Lee Center.

LIGHTS

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Monetary prizes will be awarded to first place (\$100), second place (\$75), and third place (\$50). There will be many different areas to judge such as creativity, use of lights, color, and more.

Registering for the contest is as easy as a phone call to The Main Flower Shop at 815-857-3545.

"You just have to call and give a name, phone number, and address. The contest started Dec. 1 and it will run until Dec. 14," Cindy Shaw said. "We will drive to their home and judge the lights before Dec. 14. It won't just be me, there will be three or four judges."

OSF HealthCare

welcomes new provider

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare is pleased to add a new family medicine physician to its staff to better serve the community of Mendota and surrounding areas.

The addition of Marcela "Marci" Lemus, APRN, will ensure increased access for patients in need of a primary care provider at the OSF Medical Group — Primary Care at 1405 E. 12th Street, Ste. 600, in Mendota.

Lemus joins the care team in Mendota and offers a number of primary care services. New or existing patient appointments with Lemus or a member of her care team can be made by calling 815-538-7200.

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"I communicate with Barb to let her know what's been donated and if we have extra money to spend," Prunty explained.

The Archdiocese of Rockford has a yearly grant program called the "Rice Bowl" that provides funding. According to Pastor John Gow, the best source of donations are the parishioners

themselves.

"It's such a good feeling to see the outpouring of help that is provided through the fellowship of the church," he said. "When Barb makes us aware that we might be running short on something, we make it known and in a very short period of time there are shopping bags and boxes of goods by our doors. It's

great that so many step up."

During the holidays, turkeys are given away at Thanksgiving and a ham at Christmas. There is also always something a little extra in the shopping bags that are given out.

"We try to give a treat or something that they wouldn't normally have the money to go out and buy," Harrison said.

The food pantry also provides learning experiences for youngsters to get a sense of volunteering.

"During this time of the year I will get calls from parents that want to have their children appreciate what they

have and to learn at an early age what it is like to give back," Harrison continued.

The monthly experience for the recipients is all of ten minutes but the appreciation isn't lost on Harrison and her staff.

"The look of gratitude on their faces is heartwarming and fulfilling for all of us. It makes it all worthwhile," Harrison said.

One of the stops on the trolley during the Christmas Walk on Dec. 10, will be at the parish hall where they will be selling cookies by the pound. Make sure to come on in and help with the fundraising efforts.

Senior Dining Menu
December 7-16

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

Wednesday — Polish Sausage, sauerkraut, potato wedges, baked beans, chilled applesauce, wgr hot dog bun

Thursday — Beefaroni, green beans, corn muffin, apricots

Friday — A) Pepper steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, glazed carrots, wgr wheat bread-1, mandarin oranges B) Turkey/vegetable

Monday — Hamburger patty, wgr wheat bun, mac and cheese, California blend veggies, diced peaches

Tuesday — BBQ chicken breast, au gratin potatoes, seasoned green beans, wgr dinner roll, fruit cocktail

Wednesday — Salisbury steak, mashed potato/gravy, brussel sprouts, wgr wheat bread-1, apricots.

Thursday — Sweet and sour meatballs, fluffy rice, blended veggies, wgr dinner roll, diced pears

Friday — A) Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli/carrots, pineapple tidbits, wgr dinner roll B) Chicken salad/tomato

Meals served Mon.-Fri. at 11:00 am

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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

I CONTINUE TO TRUST GOD THROUGH IT ALL

BY PASTOR RICK WULF,

The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends,

Well, it's six weeks post operation and I continue to learn lessons from God. This was my first major surgery in my life, and I was totally unprepared for the days and now weeks to follow. Here is another area of life in which I have become more empathetic with those who have gone through major surgery. I would have never before my surgery, imagine what level of pain that it was like. Now, I do know better.

Again, from Andrae Crouch's song, "Through It All," The last verse says, "I thank God for the mountains, And I thank Him for the valleys, I thank Him for the storms, (surgery) He brought me through; For if I'd never had a problem, I wouldn't know that He could solve them, I'd never know faith in God could do." God is faithful and true, and He has proven Himself over and over again to me.

From my personal experience, I would encourage you who are reading this, if you don't know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, call out to Him, seek Him with all your heart. He will not let you down. With all the trouble in the world around us, He is the only source of real security, and help. Again, He is faithful and true. He will never let you down.

As we continue in celebrating this Advent Season, I would encourage you to look beyond the hustle and bustle, the glitz and the glamour to the One who really is the "reason for the season."

As Christians we really do hold the "key" to the truth of this earthly existence. You and I are a very special creation of God. We are not some "cosmic mistake." God has designed each person living on Planet Earth for a very special purpose. Someone once said, life is God's gift to us, what we make of that life is our gift back to Him. Now the beautiful thing

of this gift of life, is that it is still a work in progress. Only when God, the Creator, says "Amen," should the process be over. Our faith in God should help us trust Him, to do our part in life and to then leave the results in His hands. Again, please don't let this Christmas season pass if you don't have a personal relationship with the Messiah of the world, Jesus.

I was released last week from the home healthcare that I had been under since I came home from the hospital and permitted to return to work. I returned to subbing at Central School on Dec. 1 for the first time in the six weeks. It was good to be back working with the kids again. It was a great day. I was able to go back to preaching again on Dec. 4. I was really looking forward to doing that.

Now with less than three weeks until Christmas, things are really ramping up. I trust that as that special day approaches that you will truly seek, with all your heart, the One who this season is really for. Please don't get all caught up in it.

I believe that music is also another one of God's gift to mankind. Yes, music is very subjective. Everyone has their own tastes in style. One of my personal positions that I take, especially concerning music, if I can't understand the message, whether the tune is too loud or fast or the words are indistinguishable to me, or are not just uplifting for me, the song has little value to me, so I just let it go. There is an up, and coming singer on the Contemporary Christian music scene by the name of Katy Nichole, that I would highly recommend to you. Just Google her name, Katy Nichole. You will find many sites. The song, "God Is in This Story" is especially powerful and God has, through her songs, helped both Rose and myself through these past difficult times. I believe that He can do the same for you as well.

It has been a blessing to share my experiences over these past few months with you. I trust that you will have a Blessed Christmas celebration and an even more Blessed New Year. 2023 will be a very special year coming, where it will start out on a Sunday and actually will have 53 Sundays on the calendar. How about that, an extra day to formally worship God. Have a great New Year.

May God continue to bless and sustain you.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 AT 2:00 PM^{CT}

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The Leef farm is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Streator, IL or 28 miles northwest of Pontiac, IL or 51 miles northeast of Peoria, IL. The real estate is further described as being located in Section 13, T30N-R2E, Osage Township, LaSalle County, Illinois. The property consists of 80.25 acres± (subject to survey), will be sold in 1 tract, and represents highly productive Class A soil.

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The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

A PLANT'S-EYE VIEW OF THE WORLD

Michael Pollan's "The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World" (2001) is an imaginative, elegantly argued group of four essays on how four plants induced certain desires in us. The four desires he explores are "sweetness, broadly defined, in the story of the apple; beauty in the tulip's; intoxication in the story of cannabis; and control in the story of the potato." Pollan's view of the complexity of nature is expansive: "Design in nature is but a concatenation of accidents, culled by natural selection until the result is so beautiful or effective as to seem a miracle of purpose."

In the essay on beauty, embodied by the tulip, Pollan outlines a brief history of the rise of angiosperms, which are plants that form flowers and then encased seeds. In a world of ferns and mosses, reptiles ruled. But "with flowers came fruit and seeds, and these, too, remade life on Earth. By producing sugars and proteins to entice animals to disperse their seed, angiosperms multiplied the world's supply of food energy, making possible the rise of large warm-blooded mammals. Without flowers, the reptiles, which had gotten along fine in a leafy, fruitless world, would probably still rule. Without flowers, we would not be."

Pollan's essay on Marijuana is a fascinating, perceptive account of what will happen two decades later with legalization. The essay on control of nature is about the folly of monoculture as exemplified by the Irish potato famine, where a million people died of starvation. Since monocultures come from cloning, not seeds, pests can take down all crops because they are all the same.

The essay on sweetness, as exemplified by the apple, is a delightful mini-biography of John Chapman, the legendary Johnny Applesseed. The apple, which originated in central Asia in thousands of varieties, was so bitter as to be nearly inedible. Chapman, often in rags and barefoot, picked places in the wilderness where he thought the settlers would put down roots. He'd plant an orchard so that by the time they came, "he'd have two- to three-year-old trees ready for sale at six and a half cents apiece."

But apples do not "come true" from seeds, that is, "an apple tree grown from a seed will be a wildling bearing little resemblance to its parent." Edible apples come from grafted trees, for seedling apples are "sour enough," to quote Thoreau, "to set a squirrel's teeth on edge and make a jay scream." But they are good enough to make applejack. That is what Johnny Applesseed brought to the frontier. American grapes were not sweet enough to be successfully fermented, so the apple served as the American grape, cider the American wine. Hard cider was the only alcohol for many years, and from pauper to president, Americans drank hard cider.

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Tracts 1-6 & 8 of the Doughty farm are located approximately 3 miles southeast of Meriden, IL, or approximately 6 miles east of Mendota, IL. The farms are further described as being located in Sections 20, 21, 29, 33 & 36, T36N-R2E, Meriden Township and Section 11, T35N-R2E, Ophir Township, both in LaSalle County, Illinois. Tract 7 is located approximately 4 miles southwest of Compton, IL, or 8 miles north of Mendota, IL. The farm is further described as being located in Section 20, T37N-R1E, Brooklyn Township, Lee County, IL. Tract 1 represents highly productive tillable cropland and is improved with a well maintained RLA private runway. Tracts 2-7 represent highly productive farmland with Class A soils. Tract 8 offers 2 beautiful ranch homes, 3 airplane hangars and several buildings all situated on 4.5 acres in Mendota School District.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for Amboy Community Unit School District #272 for 2021, will be held Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Amboy Junior High Cafeteria.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Joshua Nichols, Superintendent, Amboy Community Unit School District #272, 11 E. Hawley Street, Amboy, IL 61310, Telephone (815) 857-2164.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$7,921,314.90.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$8,396,977.00. This represents a 6.00% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service for 2021 were \$1,312,638.75.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2022 are \$1,305,633.00

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$9,245,796.23.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$9,702,610.00. This represents a 5.08% increase over the previous year.

Elsa Payne: Board Secretary

Opinion

After the election comes reality

Right now, all across the country, politicians who just got elected to Congress or their state legislature for the first time are reveling in their victories. It's an intoxicating time—and I can tell you, when you win an election it feels like the world's at your fingertips. People are calling and texting and emailing, you're in great demand, and nothing seems impossible.

But as exciting as it is, I'm also reminded after every election of a letter John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, back in 1774, when the Continental Congress was meeting in Philadelphia. "The business of the Congress is tedious beyond expression," he wrote. "This assembly is like no other that ever existed. Every man in it is a great man, an orator, a critic, a statesman; and therefore, every man, upon every question, must show his oratory, his criticism and his political abilities."

Allowing for the passage of time and a changed Congress, Adams still captured something essential: for all the rewards of serving in office, the job carries with it a lot of frustrations. The challenge for any newly elected official is to learn to accept them.

For one thing, progress in any legislative body—from Congress to a town council—comes slowly; it's a matter of inches over months or years, not miles over days. Debates drag on and political posturing is annoying and endless. (If Adams thought it was bad in the 1770s, he couldn't possibly

Guest Column

By Lee Hamilton



imagine what the age of TV cameras and social media has wrought.) Sometimes it feels as if a given initiative spends more time getting sidetracked than resolved.

Moreover, as anyone who has served in elected office can tell you, the hours can be brutal. Days begin early, finish late, and it almost never feels as if there are enough hours to get everything done. This is especially true for those quiet legislators who do get the actual hard work done, which can be tedious: It demands mastering the subject at hand, negotiating with colleagues and interest groups, and then going over legislation as carefully as possible, often line by line and word by word. Moreover, if you're interested in substantive policy-making, then the legislative process, with its endless

duplication of votes and constant inconsequential resolutions that were drafted to please some minor constituency, can drive you to distraction.

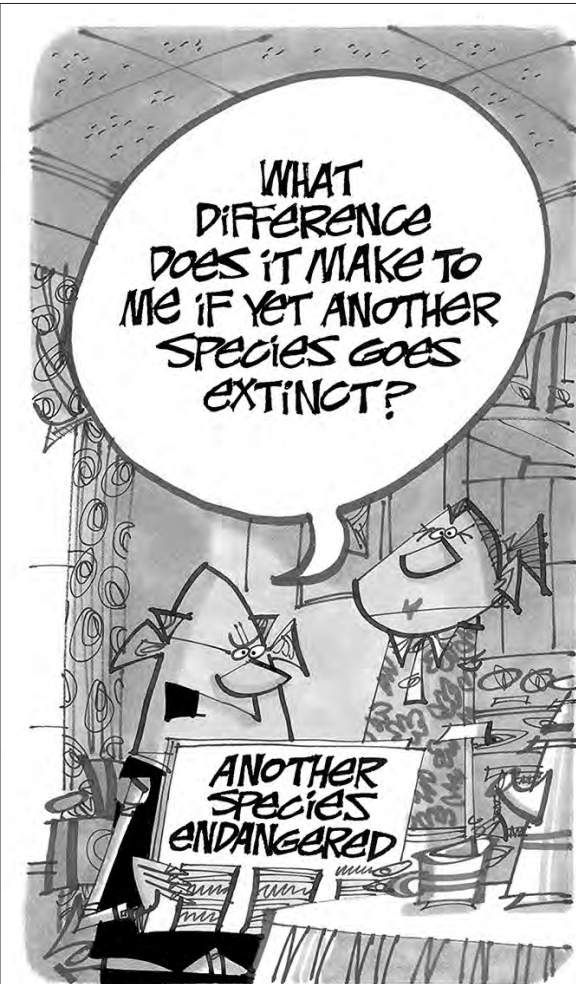
For all these reasons, other parts of a legislator's life can take a back seat: family events, baptisms, ballgames, even vacations. It's hard to plan ahead when every day can bring a new crisis or development that requires attention, and I well remember times in Congress when some late-breaking event required staying in session past the start of the summer recess and having no choice but to shake my head as we gave up some lakeside cabin we'd reserved.

And then, of course, there are a legislator's colleagues.

It's not unusual to watch aghast as one or another postures for the cameras or grabs credit for work that—almost always—required a collective effort. On the whole, it often feels as though the maneuvering for political advantage in Congress and many legislatures has grown more aggressive than it used to be, both in terms of hardball partisan tactics and members' own elbow-throwing efforts to garner attention. That doesn't bring out the best in people, and it can make it tougher to make meaningful progress on addressing national and state challenges.

By now, I'd guess you're wondering why on earth anyone would want the job. The answer, of course, is simple: Because if you believe in representative government and in helping to make your community or state or nation better, there's no better place to be than in the thick of things. For all the frustrations and setbacks, there are also heady moments when some long-sought goal suddenly comes into view. There's the pleasure of meeting as broad a cross-section of America as you could hope to find. And above all, there's the satisfaction of knowing that, even if it's just in a small way, you played a role in improving the lives of your fellow citizens.

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago Dec. 1, 1922

Prophetstown has been suffering from an epidemic of smallpox and scarlet fever, but it is now thought to be under control.

A petition signed by 34 farmers in the areas southwest of Amboy warned hunters and trappers that trespassing would not be tolerated, and violators would be prosecuted.

75 Years Ago Dec. 4, 1947

B.F. Hinrichs, local John Deere dealer, welcomed more than 550 to his John Deere Day Program at St. Patrick's Hall. Speaker was Herb Johnson of the John Deere Plow Company in Moline.

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50 Years Ago Dec. 7, 1972

Amboy High School had 19 students on the 5.0 (all A's) Honor Roll.

James E. Donnelly died following a short illness. He was an officer on the Amboy Police Force for 30 years and was chief of police for a number of years prior to his retirement.

Five new directors were named to Amboy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: Hank Gerdes, Dale Hardy, Larry Morrissey, Terry Kelly and Richard Lohse.

25 Years Ago Dec. 4, 1997

Over the Thanksgiving weekend The Amboy Motel, owned by Roger and Kathy Powell, was the scene of a movie in the making. A crew from Columbia College in Chicago chose the Amboy area as the perfect spot for their 30-minute film, "Unscheduled Stops."

Students from the area are included in the 31st Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97. Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forrest, Illinois, is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations.



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LOCAL NEWS



SHEAR ELEGANCE SALON OPENS IN SUBLETTE

The Village of Sublette welcomes its newest business Shear Elegance Salon. Jordan and Chris Tidmore opened the new salon located at 103 W. Main St., in Sublette, with an opening day of Dec. 1. Presenting an American flag is Sublette Village President John Stenzel, left, pictured with Jordan Tidmore. The salon offers all things for hair, for both men and women, cuts, color, waxing, facials, basic nail services, manicures and pedicures. Hours are available for appointment. For more information, find the salon on Facebook under Shear Elegance Salon, or email tidmore.shearelegance@gmail.com

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SHOP WITH A SHERIFF DONATION

Amboy Shell hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner in November, that raised money for the Lee County Sheriff's Department's Shop With A Sheriff Program. This year, Amboy Shell donated \$4,767.04 to the program. The total comes from dinners sold and customers rounding up their price from Nov. 7-16. The store sold 258 dinners this year. Last year, the store sold 160 dinners. Pictured left is Tabitha Berogan, manager of Amboy Shell, donating the check to the sheriff's department.

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FROM THE HEART CASH CALENDAR WINNERS

November 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendar winners

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Nov. 2 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
Nov. 3 - Matt Gerard, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 4 - Foundation for Focus House, \$25
Nov. 5 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 6 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50
Nov. 7 - Jacob Meyers, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 8 - Sharon Watkins, DeKalb, \$25
Nov. 9 - Rachel Huff, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 10 - Pastor Greg & Tina Hoffman, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 11 - Foundation for Focus House, Rochelle, \$250
Nov. 12 - Nancy Pfab, Lindenwood, \$25
Nov. 13 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50
Nov. 14 - Michael Shumack, Amboy, \$25
Nov. 15 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 16 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
Nov. 17 - Patty Rudolphi, Dixon, \$25
Nov. 18 - Justin Hutchinson, Sterling, \$25

Nov. 19 - Adam Heal, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 20 - Dale Galland, Rochelle, \$50
Nov. 21 - Gary and Sharon Olszewski, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 22 - Colby Capes, Chicago, \$25
Nov. 23 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 24 - Adam Heal, Rochelle, \$500
Nov. 25 - Rochelle Rescue Mission, \$25
Nov. 26 - Sharlene Meadows, Rochelle, \$25
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022, will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually. Individuals wanting to review this form should contact:

Amboy CUSD 272	11 E Hawley St Amboy, IL 61310 1430	815-857-2164	8:00AM-4:00PM							
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Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net.										
SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.										
Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2022										
	Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety	
Local Sources	1000	6,558,795	1,039,632	1,327,184	617,540	311,932	533,775	71,500	110,412	65,834
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from:	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources:	3000	1,156,754	50,000	0	475,872	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	993,200	882,573	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		8,708,749	1,752,205	1,327,184	1,093,412	311,932	533,775	71,500	110,412	65,834
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		7,878,122	2,114,297	1,434,771	753,638	341,218	4,951,963		182,647	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	128,914	0	0	(126,914)	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2021		3,923,903	2,483,190	144,633	1,175,761	277,845	4,688,179	1,188,687	251,673	286,534
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		4,754,530	2,121,098	163,960	1,515,535	248,559	143,077	1,260,187	179,438	352,368
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		4,963,211	2,121,098	163,960	1,515,535	248,559	143,077	1,260,187	179,438	352,368

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Lady Clippers add two more victories to the win column

The coaching staff and players would like to thank all of the Clipper Shootout sponsors for their enormous help in making this day very successful. The coaches would also like to thank the parents for their help. A special thanks to Garrett Pertell and Wes Wilson for their help all day. The last person to thank is Kathy Orgtjesen. She worked all day (approximately 12 hours) and organized the concessions and hospitality room.

Clippers lose to both Serena, Indian Creek at home

Troy Anderson and Isaiah Drew had six points apiece for the Clippers.

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SPORTS



Freshman Chase Montavon competes in the 126 pound class against Newman in a home dual meet.
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The Amboy/Ashton-Franklin Center wrestling team competed at the Seneca Invitational on Saturday. Left to right, Landon Blanton finished third at the 120-pound weight class, Josh McKendry was fourth at 138, Levi Near was the 132-pound champ, and Lucas Blanton secured third at 170.
Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz

Amboy wrestlers split triangular meet Dec. 1 at home

AMBOY — Amboy High School's wrestling team split a triangular meet on Dec. 1 at the AHS gym.

The Clippers downed Hall-Putnam County, 36-18. Lucas Blanton pinned his opponent at 170 pounds, while the other Amboy wins went to Landon Blanton, Chase Montavon, Levi Near, Josh McKendry and Austin Heath all by forfeit.

Newman edged Amboy, 30-29. Lucas Blanton posted his second pin of the night and Landon Blanton scored a 17-0 win, while Near pinned his foe at 132 pounds. Forfeits went to Montavon and Kole Beckham.

Dec. 1 @ Amboy
Amboy 36, Hall-Putnam County 18

106 — double forfeit; 113 — HPC won forfeit; 120 — Landon Blanton (A) won forfeit; 126 — Chase Montavon (A) won forfeit; 132 — Levi Near (A) won forfeit; 138 — Josh McKendry (A) won forfeit; 145 — double forfeit; 152 — Austin Heath (A) won forfeit; 160 — double forfeit; 170 — Lucas Blanton (A) pinned Herr (HPC), 5:03; 182 — double forfeit; 195 — double forfeit; 220 — Leota (HPC) pinned Kole Beckham (A), 2:27; 285 — HPC won forfeit

Newman 30, Amboy 29

**RECYCLE!
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106 — double forfeit; 113 — double forfeit; 120 — Landon Blanton (A) dec. Hanson (N), 17-0; 126 — Montavon (A) won forfeit; 132 — Near (A) pinned Messer (N), 1:50; 138 — Carter (N) pinned McKendry (A), 1:58; 145 —

double forfeit; 152 — Kelly (N) pinned Heath (A), 1:13; 160 — N won forfeit; 170 — Lucas Blanton (A) pinned Francis (N), 1:53; 182 — N won forfeit; 195 — N won forfeit; 220 — Beckham (A) won forfeit; 285 — double forfeit

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Girls Basketball

Courtney Ortgiesen

Boys Basketball

Kyler McNinch

Wrestling

Levi Near & Landon Blanton



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Tuesday, Dec. 13

AJHS 5th/6th Boys Basketball (H) RRVC Tournament-TBA
AHS Boys Basketball (H) Bureau Valley-5:30 pm
AJHS Art Club-Art Room-3:15-4 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 14

AJHS 7th/8th Boys Basketball (H) RRVC Tournament-TBA
AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm
Central School Winter Concert-AHS Gym-6:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 15

AJHS 7th/8th Boys Basketball (H) RRVC Tournament-TBA
Central School Drawing Club-Art Room-3:20-4 pm
School Board Meeting-AJHS-6:30 pm

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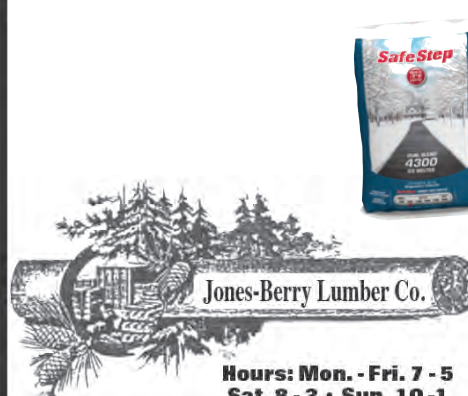
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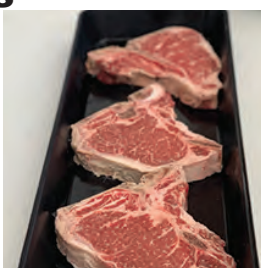


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HOLIDAY NEWS

Tips to prepare to host holiday guests

They're back! Family, friends and acquaintances are once again taking up residence on cots and fold-out sofas across the country as loved ones gather to celebrate the holiday season. That's welcome news nearly three years after a pandemic first restricted such gatherings. But hosts must ask themselves: Am I ready to host house guests?

Travel is a big component of the holiday season. According to a 2021 survey by The Vacationer, a travel tip and vacation guide, nearly 63 percent of Americans age 18 or older planned to travel for at least one holiday in 2021, with most traveling in December. That marked a 37 percent increase in travel from a year prior. Holiday travel for 2022 may be even higher as families adapt to life during the pandemic.

As individuals get ready to host holiday guests, here are some strategies to maximize space and make guests feel comfortable.

- Discuss plans in advance. Every traveler is different. Some people thrive on making lists and following itineraries. Others fly by the seat of their pants. It's reasonable to ask potential house guests how they envision their visit, including if they plan to stay long and if it will include sleeping over. This way you can make accommodations accordingly, particularly if guests request to borrow a vehicle or want to see the sights.

- Create some extra privacy. While some homes are equipped to handle guests comfortably, smaller homes may not be equipped with such luxuries. Folding screens can be used to create a barrier and add some privacy in open spaces where guests will be staying.

- Stash away travel samples. Travel-sized soaps, shampoos and lotions can make guests feel more welcome. Stock up at the grocery store or pharmacy and leave them in the room where guests will be staying.

- Stock up on new linens. Treat guests to fresh fluffy towels and new bed linens, especially if it's been awhile since you have restocked these items.

- Ask about food preferences. Your guests may not want to munch on kale chips and tofu hot dogs apart from the holiday meal. Don't push your food restrictions on others. Ask guests what they typically eat and then fill the pantry and refrigerator with some of the items they mention. When guests need snacks, they'll have familiar foods on hand.

- Be mindful of bedtimes. Consider guests' preferences about bedtimes. While you may be a night owl, some guests may hit the hay much earlier, particularly older relatives or those with young children. If need be, make an effort to be quiet when kids or early birds are staying over.



Hosting for the holidays requires a little creativity and flexibility. All that effort is well worth it when loved ones have a good time while staying over.



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HOLIDAY NEWS

Fire safety protocols to keep in mind when holiday decorating

Decorating the interior and exterior of a home is a beloved holiday season tradition in millions of households. Such decor makes it easy to dive into the festive nature of the season.

Many people could not imagine a holiday season without decorating their homes, and it's vital that celebrants do so safely. Fire safety is especially important during a time of year when string lights and potentially dried out trees feature so prominently. These fire safety tips can ensure this holiday season is safe.

- Buy the safest lights. It might be tempting to buy the most inexpensive lights, especially given all the extra costs already associated with the holiday season. However, safety should be the utmost priority when buying new lights. Testing laboratories such as CSA, Intertek and UL certify products to ensure they're safe for use. Products that aren't certified should be avoided.

- Use lights and cords where they're intended to be used. The packaging on lights will indicate if the product is intended to be used indoors or outdoors. It's vital that individuals decorating their homes with lights pay attention to these labels. Never decorate the exterior of a home with interior lights, and vice versa. Extension cords made for indoors also should not be used outdoors and vice versa.

- Be especially careful with candles. Candles should only be burned when adults are in the room and should always be extinguished before leaving the room or going to bed. When burning candles, place them on heat-resistant surfaces that are beyond the reach of curious kids and pets. Never place candles within arm's length of Christmas trees or houseplants, including poinsettias.

- Ask an electrician to inspect your exterior outlets and circuits. Ground fault circuit interruptor (GFCI) outlets are designed to prevent electric shocks and reduce the risk of electrical fires. Most areas now require new homes be built exclusively with GFCIs, which are recognizable because they feature two buttons between the outlets. But older homes may not be equipped with GFCIs, particularly with exterior outlets. GFCI installation is not an especially expensive job, so homeowners should ask an electrician to inspect their interior and exterior outlets and replace non-GFCIs with GFCIs.

- Do not pinch light cords. Stringing lights can be a hassle, but cords should never be pinched in doors or windows or beneath interior and exterior furniture. Doing so increases the risk of damage to the cord, which in turn increases the likelihood of fire.

- Avoid overloading circuits. Overloaded



circuits pose a significant fire hazard. When plugging in lights, choose outlets that aren't already occupied by devices and other electronics. If need be, unplug appliances like televisions and devices while lights are on

and plugged in.

When decorating this holiday season, celebrants are urged to do everything they can to reduce the risk of fire in their homes.



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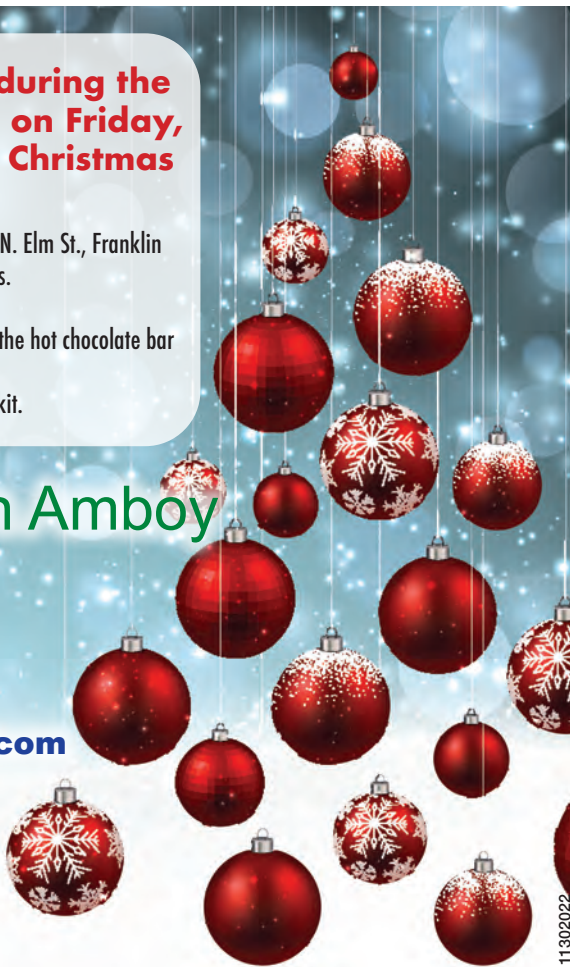
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HOLIDAY NEWS

Bake up a sweet holiday treat

Everyone should have a go-to dessert to bring along to a holiday party or to offer guests when hosting their own fêtes. Cookies are a standard due to their versatility and portability.

Festive “Sour Cream Cookies” provide all of the holiday feels and can be customized in color to reflect celebrations of Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or New Year’s. Bake up a batch, courtesy of “Live Well Bake Cookies” (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye.

Sour Cream Cookies

Makes 22 cookies

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar

1 large egg, at room temperature
1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
1/2 cup sour cream, at room temperature

Vanilla Buttercream Frosting

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 tablespoon heavy whipping cream or milk

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
Gel food coloring (optional)

1. To make the cookies: Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.

2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt until well combined. Set aside.

3. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the

paddle attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined.

4. Mix in the egg and vanilla extract until fully combined, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.

5. Mix in the dry ingredients in two additions, alternating with the sour cream. Make sure to mix in each addition until just combined, and be careful not to overmix the batter.

6. Using a 1 1/2-tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one.

7. Bake for 14 to 16 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set and spring back when touched lightly. Remove from the oven, and allow to cool on the baking sheets for 10

minutes, then carefully transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

8. To make the vanilla buttercream frosting: In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter for 1 to 2 minutes, or until smooth. Add the powdered sugar, 1/2 cup at a time, mixing in each addition until well combined.

9. Add the heavy whipping cream, vanilla extract, and gel food coloring (if using), and continue mixing until fully combined.

10. Once the cookies have cooled completely, spread the frosting on top of the cookies.

11. Store the cookies in an airtight container at room temperature or in the refrigerator for up to 4 days.



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