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Lee County Jan. 31 COVID update

LEE COUNTY—The Lee County Health Department announces 386 new positive cases between Jan 25-31, 2022 and is saddened to report the deaths of two males, one is his 80's and one in his 70's.

Here are the ages that were reported: 33 12 and under, 47 in his or her teens, 60 in his or her 20s, 77 in his or her 30s, 72 in his or her 40s, 51 in his or her 50s, 32 in his or her 60s, 10 in his or her 70s, 2 on his or her 80s, and 1 in his or her 90s. A total of 13 residents are hospitalized. The county also reported that the number of cases in unvaccinated individuals is 267 of the 386 cases.

The Lee County Health Department's

website has a COVID-19 section, including information for people who have tested positive. See www.LCHD.com/Covid19 for more.

Vaccine

As of Feb. 7, according to IDPH 48,471 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee County, and a total of 19,442 people in Lee County are fully vaccinated, which is 56.81 percent of the population. A total of 21,061 have received at least one dose of the vaccine. A total of 10,162 people have received the vaccine booster shot.

To get scheduled for the vaccine, go to www.LCHD.com and click on the COVID-19 vaccination to self-schedule.



DEPOT DAYS CAR SHOW DONATION - CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$1,000 to Emily Goff, Central School Librarian. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$46,000 to local organizations this year.

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DEPOT DAYS CAR SHOW DONATION - CITY OF AMBOY FIREWORKS

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$2,500 to Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant for the City of Amboy fireworks. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$46,000 to local organizations this year.

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Scholarship Opportunities through the Amboy Education Foundation

AMBOY—Over the past several years the Amboy Education Foundation has been entrusted by alumni and area families with endowments to establish scholarship opportunities for students of the Amboy School District.

This year will be our largest allocation to date. The class of 2022 will be eligible for scholarships ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000 totaling \$76,000.

An additional \$2,000 has been allocated to provide eight scholarships of \$250 each to assist students attending Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC) in the Nursing/Occupational Health programs or Sauk Valley Community College and enrolled

in the Dual Credit Program.

Available Scholarships are:

Shirley M. Rolf—established 2016

William and Betty Kid—established 2018

Sylvan & Virginia Leffelman—established 2022

Parents, please encourage your graduating senior to contact their new High School Counselor, Ms. Alaina Martillaro to learn more about the scholarships and requirements. Information, including applications can also be found by selecting the Amboy Education Foundation link on the District website www.amboy.net. They are also available under the Guidance Department link on the High Schools webpage.

Fritts announces candidacy for 74th State Representative

DIXON—Brad Fritts has announced his intention to seek the office of State Representative in the 74th District. The following is an announcement he made on the Dixon riverfront on Feb. 4.

“For 22 years, I have grown up, lived, and worked in Illinois. I have been to countless dinners and followed and worked behind some of the greatest politicians to ever hold office. In my whole lifetime however, I have never heard anyone say, “It sure is nice to live in Illinois.” Or “I love where I live.” The general population has lost hope. I have watched countless friends, family, and neighbors leave this State for lower taxes, better jobs, better schools, and better infrastructure. We are letting the inept career politicians of Springfield divide our families and push out the very people we care about the most. Not only that, but it is all being done with our own hard-earned tax money. The origin of this country did not stem from a population of people who let themselves be taxed without proper representation. We were born from a group of people that had a

dream of self-representation, and literally gave their lives to make that dream happen. Now is the time to take back what is ours, and I will lead that charge.

“My name is Brad Fritts, and I am running for the Republican nomination for State Representative in the 74th District. I am running to be an advocate for the people of this district. Tom Demmer has battled the last 10 years, but the fight doesn't stop with him. With your help and your vote, we will continue to build upon the work he started.

“We will fight to rebuild our infrastructure, so we have decent roads to drive on. We will fight to properly fund and manage funding well for our public school system so the best educated students in the world are from this State. We will fight for fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget. We will support our law enforcement who keep us safe and hold accountable the ones who violate that trust. We will fight for term limits to keep a consistent turnover of leadership and new ideas flowing through our Statehouse. We will put an end to gerrymandering and force



Fritts

our politicians to represent us, not pick and choose who they want. We will institute programs to help our fellow man to overcome the chains of mental illness and addictions. We will work to reform our prison system to slow the rate of reincarceration. We will investigate corruption and hold all accountable regardless of gender, race, financial or public status. It is time to make this State a home we are proud of and a home to brag about again.

“I realized this is an aggressive agenda. The journey will not be easy, and it will not happen overnight.

See 74TH page A3

Take a Facebook Quiz and Scammers may take your ID

ROCKFORD—Social media is used as a fun distraction for some people and taking a Facebook quiz may seem like a harmless way to pass the time. But are you giving away more information than you think? Better Business Bureau says “yes.” Not all social media quizzes are data collection scams; however, BBB cautions users to be careful about what they share online and check the account's privacy settings.

“Specific, personal information about you is a gold mine for con artists,” says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. “Social media data and quiz answers can be used to steal identity or enable a scammer to impersonate you to your friends and family.”

How the Scam Works: A fun quiz pops up on your Facebook feed or another social media platform. A few questions are answered to prove how well you know a friend. Or a short personality test is offered to match a character from a favorite TV show. These quizzes appear to be meaningless, but they intend to collect information.

For example, you may be asked questions such as: “What was the first car you owned?” “What is your mother's maiden name?” or “What is the name of the street you grew up on?” These are common security questions for insurance, banking, and credit card accounts. Sharing this information can lead to accounts being hacked and personal and financial information being stolen.

BBB tips to avoid social media scams:

- Be skeptical: Before answering a quiz, figure out who created it. Is it a brand you trust? Just because something appears to be fun and innocent doesn't mean there isn't an inherent risk.
- Adjust privacy settings: Review the social media account's privacy settings; be strict about any shared information; and be mindful of who you are sharing it with.
- Remove personal details from your profile: Don't share your phone number or home address on social media accounts.
- Don't give answers to common security questions: Be cautious if the questions in a quiz ask for things like your mother's maiden name, the street you grew up on, previously owned vehicles, favorite foods, or the name of your high school.
- Monitor friend requests: Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know. Also, be wary of a second friend request from someone you are already connected with; the second profile may be an imposter trying to access your data and your Friends list.



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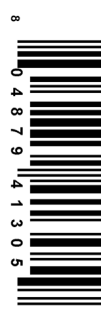
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LOCAL NEWS

Heating equipment and carbon monoxide safety key to staying warm and safe this winter

SPRINGFIELD — Cold winter winds continue to bring a chill to the state meaning many Illinoisans will be turning up their thermostats to stay warm for the rest of the winter season. This also brings an increased risk for home fires and carbon monoxide incidents. Unlike smoke, carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas only detectable by special devices and CO alarms. The Office of the State Fire Marshal encourages residents to have their furnaces checked, change furnace filters and to make sure carbon monoxide (CO) and smoke detectors are functioning properly.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), heating is the second leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, and the third leading cause of home fire deaths. Local fire departments across the

country responded to an estimated average of 48,530 fires involving heating equipment per year in 2014-2018, accounting for 14 percent of all reported home fires during this time. These fires resulted in annual losses of 500 civilian deaths, 1,350 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage. Most home heating fire deaths (81 percent) involved stationary or portable space heaters. The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (25 percent) was failure to clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys. Half of the home heating fire deaths were caused by having heating equipment to close too things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing mattresses or bedding.

See **WINTER** page A3

Jones named Student of the Month

AMBOY — Andruw Jones, son of Nicole Jones and Doug Jones, has been chosen as the Student of the Month for February at Amboy High School.

GPA: 4.17 /4.0

Memberships and Involvement: I have participated in Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, FFA, National Honor Society, Leo Club, Class Treasurer, Spanish Honor Society.

Awards and Honors: "Over my last four years at Amboy I have been on the Highest Honor Roll, Academic All-Conference, and received Varsity Letters in Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball. In my Senior year, I was recently named as Illinois State Scholar."

Best Memories of AHS: "Freshman Year baseball season, because of our successes. This season will be a full season which I have not had since my Freshman year



Andruw Jones

due to the pandemic."

Future Plans: "This fall I will attend St. Ambrose University to study biology with a pre-med focus and

play baseball while there. My ultimate goal is to become a doctor and move back to the area to practice family medicine."



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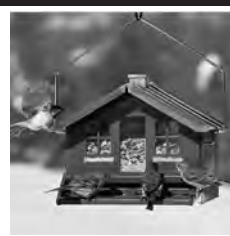
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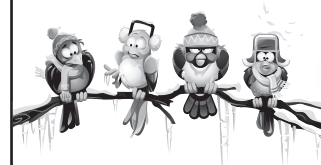
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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Homemade Pie auction Thank you's

Katie Dickinson graciously donated her time and talent in making pies for our auction in our certified kitchen. We will have a full update of how it went and thank you's.

Our FREE after-school program for third - eighth grade began Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 3:30-5 p.m. Like last school year, we are only taking a set amount. You must have your child or children pre-registered prior to coming. If you are interested in having them attend, please call 815-857-4800.

Aerobics

Open to the public: Anyone 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.

Thank You's

We are grateful to the following people help us: Sandy Morrissey for her monetary donation; Brooke and Denny Weidman for the nativity scene; Larry and Rose Leffleman for their donation in memory of Alice Austin; and Mark and Veronica Grossman for the crutches and clothes. We are always thankful to our volunteers-Candy, Sandy, Chris, Brooklyn, Cayden, and Caylee.

Needs

Snack Bars

Final Word

Lord, our Dwelling Place, we give thanks for the blessing of our Teen Turf family. We love that we can gather to do your deeds and mutually encourage one another. We thank you that we have the privilege of praying together and praying for each other. We thank you for the bond we have while eating, working, or serving together. We are incredibly blessed for our brothers and sisters in Christ and how our individual gifts and personalities blend into a precious whole. We try to work together to make our world, our country, and our community a better place.

Amen.

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"However, this fight starts today by working to elect me as your next State Representative. Springfield does not need any more seasoned politicians. The have plenty of those and the current state of our state is what we have to show for it. I am running because it is time to get young people in office who are beholden to no one except the people of this State. I intend to be elected by the people, to work for and serve only the people, every day of my term. That is my promise to each and every one of you. It's time to take back Springfield, and it will be done, one vote at a time, using commonsense conservative leadership. This is what I bring to the table."

Email calendar items to
tgreenfield@amboynews.com

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Nearly half of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February.

In 2020 according to National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), Illinois Fire Departments responded to 23,027 calls about carbon monoxide and were able to determine a CO leak at 10,528 of those locations.

Symptoms of CO poisoning are very similar to the flu and include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. If you suspect you may be experiencing these symptoms, smell natural gas leaking in your home, or if your CO alarm activates, if you can evacuate the building, do so immediately. Only open windows on your way out if they are easily accessible. If someone is unable to leave the building, or is unconscious, open doors and windows to the outside in the area the person is located and stay as near to the open window or door as possible until first responders arrive. Close any doors that open to other areas of the building to isolate the room the person is in. Turn on any exhaust fans that may be present. Once

you evacuate, then call 9-1-1 from outside your home or a neighbor's house.

Space heaters lead to countless fires due to improper use during the winter months. It's important to plug space heaters directly into wall outlets and not extension cords. Keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, clothing, furniture or bedding.

Here are some tips to keep in mind when it comes to winter heating safety:

Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional; change furnace filters frequently.

Keep interior and exterior air vents clear of blockages or obstructions.

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 COUNTY- "Get Savvy - Grow Your Green Stuff" is an annual webinar series coordinated by University of Illinois System Student Money Management Center and University of Illinois Extension with partners across the state, including Illinois Division of Financial & Professional Regulation, Loyola University Chicago and DePaul University. This webinar series will be held from noon - 1 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 9, and is aimed to inform, educate, and empower its viewers about important financial topics. All webinars are free and open to the public. Register online to attend Money in Relationships at: <https://forms.uofi.illinois.edu/sec/1279302>

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the township maintenance building.

DIXON-The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive from 1 - 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Dixon Home of Hope, 1637 Plock Road, Dixon. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins welcome upon availability. For appointments, please call 815-288-9622 or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

LEE COUNTY- The University of Illinois Extension will host a monthly sessions on environmental topics presented by University of Illinois Extension's Energy & Environmental Stewardship Team, on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. These webinars will both provide new information on natural resources and help you learn how to make small changes in your lifestyle to have a positive impact on the environment. From lawn care, native plants, and managing home waste to understanding coyote behavior and atmospheric optics, there is never a shortage of new things to learn about your everyday environment. Register online for Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy at: go.illinois.edu/everydayenvironmentwebinars

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave., on Monday, Feb. 14.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Feb. 14. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

DIXON-The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the

Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins welcome upon availability. For appointments, please call 815-288-9622 or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

AMBOY-Ready to start your gardening adventure? Hybrid Master Gardener Training with live sessions starts Feb. 15. Participants will study online each week

and then attend a weekly live webinar session on zoom or at their local Extension office Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. - noon for 12 weeks. After completing your training, you can volunteer as a Master Gardener at Illinois Extension to serve Carroll, Lee and Whiteside counties. For more information or registration contact 815-632-3611 or online at go.illinois.edu/clwmgtraining.

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Cars need to be donated by **April 1** and the fire department will come and pick them up.



To donate, contact the Amboy Fire Department at 815-857-2325.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Educational Briefs

Iowa State University announces fall 2021 Dean's List

AMES, Iowa — More than 9,700 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2021 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Dixon
Nicholas Dean Engle, 3, Accounting
Madaline Jacobs, 3, Elementary Education
John D. Wilson, 4, Supply Chain Management
Steward
Kayla Renee McCormick, 4, Accounting
Austin Suddeth, 4, Agricultural Business
Sublette
Ashley Renee Althaus, 3, Agricultural Systems Technology
Natalie Diana Vaessen, 4, Event Management

Local student named to the fall 2021 Dean's List at Aurora University

AURORA — Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher.

Dixon
Chelsea Glenn, Theatre
Michelle Halgren, Social Work
Stephanie Raimonde, General Studies
Madalynn Wolfley, History, Secondary Education
Franklin Grove
Madelyn Cochran, Business Management
Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution offering students an exceptional education. Aurora University is located on a beautiful 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois, approximately 40 miles from Chicago. The university serves more than 4,000 undergraduate and approximately 2,000 graduate

students across more than 50 majors and programs. AU leadership, faculty, and staff are committed to the success of our students, offering academic support programs, hands-on learning activities, internships, and community partnership opportunities that prepare students to be successful beyond AU.

LeTourneau University Announces Fall 2021 Dean's List

LONGVIEW, Texas — The following students were named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List at LeTourneau University. The Dean's List recognizes students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester.

Lee
Brandon Griffith, Engineering
LeTourneau University President Dr. Steven D. Mason said being named to the Dean's List is a significant academic achievement and honor.

"As the comprehensive Christian polytechnic institution in the country, LeTourneau University attracts

students who are among our nation's best," Mason said. "I'm especially impressed with these honor roll students, and I expect them to have a significant impact on our future."

LeTourneau University is the Christian polytechnic

university where educators engage students to nurture Christian virtue, develop competency and ingenuity in their professional fields, integrate faith and work, and serve the local and global community. Claiming every workplace in every nation as

their mission field, LeTourneau University graduates are professionals of ingenuity and Christ-like character who see life's work as a holy calling with eternal impact. For additional information, visit www.letu.edu.

OBITUARIES

Helen E. Clark

Dec. 8, 1928 - Feb. 2, 2022

SUBLETTE - Helen E. Clark, 93, of Sublette, passed away Feb. 2, 2022 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 11 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Chaplain Kent Terry officiating. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the funeral home and for one hour prior to services on Friday.

Helen was born Dec. 8, 1928 in Atkinson to Fredrick and Maude (Boothe) Clark. She married Archie Clark on Dec. 15, 1946 in Ohio, Ill. He preceded her in death on March 28, 1999.

Survivors include one

son, John (Cherry) Clark of Nashville, Ind.; three daughters, Connie Hobbs of Amboy, Shirley (David) Maki of Lancaster, N.Y. and Debra (Ken) Mann of Mendota; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one brother, Robert Clark; one sister, Katherine Anderson; one grandson, Nicholas Clark; and a son-in-law, Douglas Hobbs.

Helen graduated from Ohio High School. She worked and retired from Farmers State Bank in Sublette. She was a lifetime member of Green River Saddle Club and a member of Sublette Union Church



and Sublette Fire Department Fire Bells.

Memorials may be directed to the Sublette Fire Department. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

NRCS announces 2022 RCPP application cutoff date for Working Lands, Water and Wildlife Partnership Project

CHAMPAIGN — State Conservationist Ivan Dozier announced USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will offer Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) funding for the Working Lands, Water and Wildlife Partnership Project throughout Illinois. Illinois NRCS has partnered with the Conserva-

tion Fund to help producers address resource concerns of inadequate habitat for wildlife, water quality, and long-term protection of farmland.

Landowners can apply for assistance through RCPP to implement practices such as silvopasture establishment, tree/shrub establishment, and cover crops. Landowners can also receive a rental payment

to help offset lost income while transitioning to organic farming or installing tree and berry crops. Funding is also available for landowners interested in protecting and preserving their farmland through an entity-held easement that will keep the land in agriculture.

According to State Conservationist Ivan Dozier,

the focus of the Working Lands, Water and Wildlife Partnership project is to improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and preserve farmland in the following 26 counties: Boone, Cass, Champaign, DeKalb, Ford, Iroquois, Jackson, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Madison, Mason, McHenry, McLean,

Ogle, Perry, Peoria, Piatt, Tazewell, Vermilion, Will, Winnebago, and Woodford.

Financial assistance from NRCS will be available to producers in portions of Illinois with land in the above-mentioned counties. While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit a signed application

(NRCS-CPA-1200 form) to the local NRCS field office or through the <http://www.farmers.gov> website using their account. Submit by the cutoff date of March 4, 2022, to ensure applications are considered for 2022 funding.

Farmers can obtain a blank application form from the local office or visit the Illinois NRCS website. Producers who wish to use Farmers.gov, can sign in or create a new account by clicking on "Sign up" in the upper right of the website. To see if you are eligible to participate in the program, contact your local NRCS field office or visit the Illinois NRCS website at www.il.nrcs.usda.gov.

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SOCIAL NEWS

On This Day in History

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

A Wild and Precious Life

For the epigraph for her latest novel, "Violeta" (2022), Isabel Allende chose "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" by the American poet Mary Oliver. The life Allende describes is modeled on her mother who died at 98. Violeta tells her story in the form of a letter to her grandson Camilo. "I came into the world one stormy Friday in 1920, the year of the scourge. The Spanish influenza, 'the flu' for short, reached us after almost two years' delay." She dies one hundred years later amidst another great scourge.

Violeta was born into an upper-class South American family of five sons. Allende, who is a Chilean exile in America, does not name the country, but it is Chile, specifically Patagonia with its magnificent wild landscape. The family is forced to flee south after the Great Depression strips it of all possessions. Violeta flourishes in the little town of Nahuel, whose people welcome her family into their community. "They were the original peoples of this land... In Nahuel and other towns they were more or less integrated into the broader population - they lived in wooden houses, spoke Spanish, and took whatever work they could get." It was the kind of place where "there was no hurry since time was measured in rains, harvests, and misfortunes."

Allende is especially good at describing Chilean society. "That fairy tale that all humans are equal before the law and in the eyes of God is a lie... A mere glance, based on any slight inflection, the way a fork is held at the table, or the ease in dealing with a person of inferior standing, is enough to instantly identify where a person falls in the intricate social hierarchy. This is a skill that few foreigners ever master."

Violeta marries a dull veterinarian and finds marriage "as uneventful as life in a nunnery." Mercifully, Julián Bravo, a pilot who seems to have all the qualities of a storybook hero, becomes her great passion. But Julian is also a philanderer, violently jealous, and has no trouble smuggling Nazis into Argentina or transporting political prisoners for Chile's brutal military dictatorship.

By far the best part of this long novel is the run-up to the coup that brought the generals to power in 1973. Allende was 31 at the time and experienced the full force of the repression. She left Chile with her husband and children in 1975. Her heroine Violeta does not leave. She has been financially independent all her life and becomes wealthy during the dictatorship. Despite her upbringing among the poor, she remains a woman of her class. She did indeed have a wild and precious life, all hundred years of it.

Kishwaukee College invites prospective students to Visit Day

MALTA — Kishwaukee College will host Visit Day on Monday, Feb. 21, for prospective students and their families. Guests will have the option of attending the free event virtually or in person.

"It's important to find a college that's right for you, and we want you to have all the information you need to make that decision," said Graciela Horta, Kish's Student Outreach Coordinator. "Whether you are attending our Visit Day in person or online, you will find Kish has great program opportunities and student services, all at an affordable cost."

Visit Day will have two sessions to choose from. The morning session will be from 9 - 11:30 a.m. and focus on students looking to pursue a transfer degree. The afternoon session will be from 1 - 3:30 p.m. and focus on students pursuing career technology programs. Both sessions will cover the following topics: TRIO Student Support Services, WIOA Youth Program, Disability Services, Student Involvement, Athletics, Financial Aid and Scholarships.

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100 Years Ago
Feb. 10, 1922

Mrs. O.N. Eckburg motored to Sublette Friday taking with her, her sister, Mrs. Winn Wasson and children of Franklin who were visiting here and Mrs. Lester Reid of Temperance Hill. They were entertained at the Gagstetter home.

A.A. Lauer sold his house on Mason Street to George Missman who will move in at once. The deal was made through the T.J. Lyons' agencies.

Canavan's semi-annual discount sale is advertised in this issue. Bargain days in Amboy are every day now. No need to go a long way from home to find what you want at the right price.

75 Years Ago
Feb. 13, 1947

Justin Becker has resigned as Supervisor of May Township and there is a supervisor to be elected to fill the vacancy for a two year term at the town

election April 1.

Mrs. R.W. Ruckman was hostess to the Entre Nous Club at a 1:30 o'clock dessert Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. J.R. Weber and Mrs. Harry Turnquist were guest substitutes for Mrs. D. L. Berry and Mrs. Herman Turnquist. At contract, Mrs. Turnquist won the high score prize and Mrs. L.L. Brink drew the all-cut. Mrs. W.J. Leake was received as a new member.

50 Years Ago
Feb. 10, 1972

Amboy's volunteer firemen, working in sub-zero temperatures, Monday morning battled a disastrous fire which destroyed the tall wooden elevators building of the Walton Elevator Co., but saved the office structure and three grain bins nearby.

Lee County Soil Water Conservation District Chairman Elroy Lauer, Sublette, offers his congratulations to James Dunn, Ohio, who received recognition

as Lee County Conservation Farmer of the Year at the 29th annual meeting.

25 Years Ago
Feb. 6, 1997

Bill Forristall, President of United Automobile Workers (UAW) Local #881 in Mendota presents a check for \$60 last week to Mike Koppien, Assistant Fire Chief of the Amboy Volunteer Fire Department. Koppien said that the funds will be used to purchase emergency equipment for the Fire Department.

Amboy High School's Student of the Month for February is Tanya Nauman. Tanya resides with her parents Tom and Cheryl Nauman in Amboy.

In a letter to Amboy business owners Mayor Hank Gerdes and Chamber of Commerce President Glenda Fleming reminded business owners to keep the sidewalks in front of their businesses clear of ice and snow.

Tri-County Opportunities Council to award at least 12 scholarships

ROCK FALLS — At least 12 scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income-eligible students residing in the agency's service area. The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Com-

merce and Economic Development (DCEO) through its Community Services Block Grant funds.

To be eligible for the scholarship competition:

- The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible household.
- The applicants must be attending an Illinois accredited post-secondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of 2022.
- Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark or Whiteside County in Illinois.
- Students must be considered full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to qualify for the full \$1,250 scholarship. Part-time students will be considered in the competition, however, scholarship awards will be

pro-rated if they are selected as a winner.

Application deadline is March 25, 2022.

Further information and

application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800/323-5434 extension 710 or on the website at www.tcochelps.org.

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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #74 Toby Glenn

This is week two of a three week series where we will highlight three Clippers from the class of 2008. I have expressed my bias and admiration for all in the class of 2008 in this segment several times, therefore, it is no surprise we would feature three of the very best of the class of 2008.

#74 Toby Glenn

Toby spent most of his Junior season within the two-deep roster and playing special teams. Toby gained valuable knowledge of the game by watching and taking mental reps of those in the starting rotation in front of him. "I just loved watching everyone. In games or practice it didn't matter. I learned from what they did right and from their mistakes.", Toby shared. Toby played Defensive End and Tight End and was behind Clipper greats in Garrett Zinke and Alex Jones, two of the most perfect Clippers to learn from.

Toby grew two inches and put on twenty pounds of muscle prior to the 2007 campaign. It wasn't determined from the start that Toby would be a starter. Being the

biggest Clipper on our team at 6'3" 220 pounds, Toby earned his starting role as our Defensive End by his hard work and tenacious presence defensively. As each week in the 2007 campaign passed, Toby's skills improved. Toby took all of the knowledge he had learned the season prior, matched it with his brute strength and size, and made opposing defenses pay. On top of his role to our team defensively, Toby would switch jersey's and play Tight End at times. I remember throwing a couple passes to Toby late in the season and he completely debunked the myth that big guys have bad hands. Toby was one of the reasons for our overall team success. He came out of nowhere and put together a monster season for us. Toby's hard work was rewarded as he earned 2nd Team All Conference honors at Defensive End and Honorable Mention honors All Area at Defensive End. Toby accomplished all of this success while still working 20-25 hours each week at the Dixon Food Center. Working and playing football, symbolic of Amboy.

After high school, Toby

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



went onto Elmhurst University where he played 3 Varsity season of football before sustaining an injury and joining the coaching staff for his Senior year.

The meaning of Amboy Football is still something that is with Toby. Not in sacking all of those opposing Quarterbacks, but what he took from the pillars of our program; hard work, toughness, and family. Toby concluded, "Back then it meant pride. Pride in wearing the uniform. It was a sense of the whole community, it felt as if everyone surrounded us and



Toby Glenn

what we did those seasons. Today, it is all about the life lessons that came with it. I have never thought of myself as a very competitive guy but now am so focused on the competitive edge."

So, to #74, Toby "Big Tobe" Glenn, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Clipper Football. It's been an honor to call you a teammate and friend for so long.

Any competition that should come your way in you or your family's future will have the same fear that all of those ball carriers did when they made the mistake of running to your side. Sail on!

Spencer Morrissey, is a former resident of Amboy and 2009 graduate of Amboy High School. In April 2020, he created a private Facebook group specifi-

cally for Amboy Clipper Football Alumni. To have played Amboy football for any period of time, 1 year or all 4 years, is the only membership requirement. The group features photos, stories, and memories of past Clippers and Clipper teams. The best feature of the group is every Friday, he highlights a former player.

Lady Clippers add two more wins to their regular season wins

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers added two wins to their total after polishing off Milledgeville and Newark. AHS sports a 19-7 record with one week left in the regular season.

Amboy made the trek to Milledgeville on Feb. 4 and came away with a lopsided 48-17 victory. The Lady Clippers jumped out to a 14-2 first-quarter lead and coasted the rest of the way.

Olivia Dinges and Maeve Larson each scored 13 points for the winners. Dinges added eight rebounds, five assists, five steals and three blocked shots. Larson chipped in with seven boards and four steals. Elly Jones was next with eight points, five assists and two steals, while Courtney Orgiesen, Haidyn Zimmerly and Lexi Ketchum tallied

four points apiece. Olivia Miller converted a rebound basket for her two points.

Amboy hosted a quality Newark squad on Feb. 5 and sent the Lady Norsemen home with a 43-38 loss. The contest was hard-fought and went back and forth all game long.

Three players scored in double figures for the Lady Clippers. Dinges had another double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds, while she also led with four assists and five steals.

Orgiesen sank two big free throws in the fourth quarter and finished with 11 points and five caroms. Jones also tallied 11 points and added five rebounds and four steals, while Ketchum had four points and eight rebounds and Larson collected six boards.

Lady Clippers to begin Regional action Saturday

DURAND — The Amboy Lady Clippers will compete in the Durand Class 1A Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament to be held Feb. 12, 15, 17.

The tournament will open on Saturday, Feb. 12 with three games played at the site of the higher seed. Start times for the opening-round games have not been determined. Amboy will entertain Rockford Christian Life, while South Beloit will be at Durand and Forreton will travel to Dakota.

An Amboy win will propel it to the semifinal-round against either Dakota or Forreton at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Durand. The other semifinal game will pit the Durand-South Beloit winner against Freeport Aquin at 6 p.m.

The championship game is slated for Thursday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

The winner of the Durand Regional will advance to the Forreton Sectional to battle

the champion of the Lanark Eastland Regional at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22. The other sectional participants will come from the Indian Creek and Stockton regionals. The sectional championship is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

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- 3 – (11) Forreton at (6) Dakota – TBA
- Tuesday, Feb. 15**
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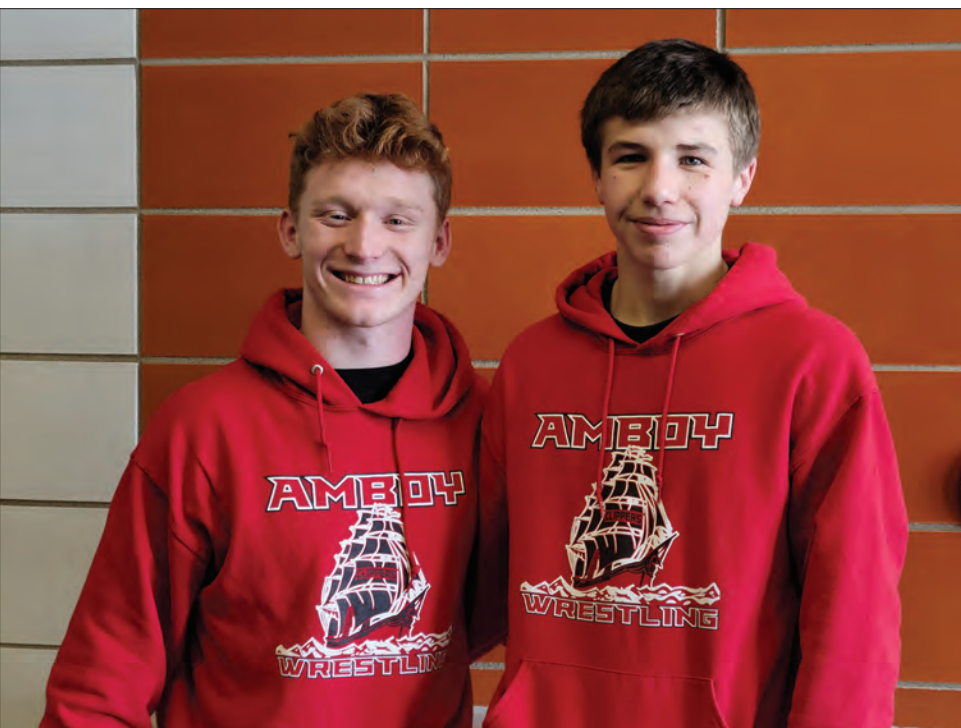


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SPORTS



ADVANCING TO SECTIONALS

Amboy High School wrestlers competed at the Sandwich High School Class 1A Regional on Saturday, Feb. 5. Senior Dylan Daniels finished second at 145 lbs and Junior Levi Near finished third at 120 lbs. Both will be competing at the Princeton Class 1A Sectionals starting Friday, Feb. 11. The four top place finishers at sectional will advance to the State meet in Champaign. Also competing in Sandwich but not advancing were Kole Beckham, Lucas Blanton, Josh McKendry and Dan Bevan. The Amboy Clippers are coached by Brent Montavon and Brian Appleman.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz



HEADING TO GIRLS SECTIONAL

AHS 132 lb. wrestler Kaylee Scanland will be competing in the girl's wrestling sectional Saturday, Feb. 12, in Naperville. Shown here is Scanland winning a match at the Oregon F/S Tournament where she finished in third place.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz

Clippers head to Sectional meet

SANDWICH—Two Amboy wrestlers extended their season by another week after the Clippers competed in the Sandwich Class 1A Regional on Feb. 5.

Dylan Daniels at 145 pounds finished second in his weight class and Levi Near took third place at 120 pounds to advance to the sectional.

Daniels posted a 2-1 record, pinning Antoine Gifford of Plano at 1:36 in the first round and getting another pin at the 2:36 mark over Ethan Waters of Aurora Central Catholic to place him in the championship match. Daniels had to settle for second place after he was pinned by Nolan Bobee of Sandwich in 1:31.

Near also won two of three matches. He started off with a loss by pin to Zeke Schroeder of Elgin Harvest Christian Academy at 5:28 before winning his next two matches in easy fashion. Near pinned Marcos Garcia of Plano in just 44 seconds and then needed just two minutes to finish off Joseph Hernandez of Sandwich to claim third place.

Near and Daniels will participate in the Princeton Sectional to be held Friday, Feb. 11 and Saturday, Feb. 12. The top four wrestlers in each weight class move on to the state tournament.

Amboy had four other wrestlers in the regional and all lost both of their matches. They were Josh McKendry (126), Dan Bevan (152), Lucas Blanton (160) and Kole Beckham (220).

Feb. 5

Sandwich Regional

Sandwich 239.5, Wheaton Academy 152, Plano 125, St. Bede 83, Mooseheart 63, Amboy 30, Somonauk 29, Aurora Central Catholic 28, Elgin Harvest Christian Academy 18, Mendota 12

120 pounds—Zeke Schroeder (Harvest Christian) pinned Levi Near (Amboy), 5:28; Near (Amboy) pinned Marcos Garcia (Plano), 0:44; Near (Amboy) pinned Joseph Hernandez (Sandwich), 2:00
126 pounds—Cain Hernandez (Plano) pinned Josh McKendry (Amboy), 1:31; Aiden Rowen (Somonauk) dec. McKendry (Amboy), 12-2
145 pounds—Dylan Daniels (Amboy) pinned Antoine Gifford (Plano), 1:36; Daniels (Amboy) pinned Ethan Waters (Aurora Central Catholic), 2:36; Nolan Bobee

(Sandwich) pinned Daniels (Amboy), 1:31

152 pounds—Chris Wallace (Mooseheart) pinned Dan Bevan (Amboy), 0:21; Caden Smith (Wheaton Academy) pinned Bevan (Amboy), 1:16

160 pounds—Vincent Herbig (Plano) dec. Lucas Blanton (Amboy), 10-9; Will From (Wheaton Academy) dec. Blanton (Amboy), 7-0

220 pounds—Gavin Hahn (St. Bede) pinned Kole Beckham (Amboy), 0:33; Kaiden Gustafson (Sandwich) pinned Beckham (Amboy), 0:16

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Amboy Community Unit
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Monday, Feb. 14

AHS Girls Basketball Regionals
AHS Boys Basketball (H) Oregon - 6 pm
AHS Scholastic Bowl @ Eastland
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AHS & AJHS - 11:20; Central - 11:25

Tuesday, Feb. 15

AHS Girls Basketball Regionals

Wednesday, Feb. 16

AHS Girls Basketball Regionals
AHS Art Club - Room 210 - 3:30-4:30 pm
AJHS 7th/8th Girls Basketball @ Rock Falls - 5 pm

Thursday, Feb. 17

AHS Girls Basketball Regionals
AHS Boys Basketball (H) Polo - 6 pm
AJHS Scholastic Bowl (H) Reagan - 4 pm
Central School Drawing Club (1st-4th) - Art Room -
3:20-4:20 pm
School Board Meeting - AJHS Cafeteria - 5 pm

Friday, Feb. 18

AHS Girls Basketball Regionals



Amboy's Tyler McNinch plays defense against Ashton-Franklin Center on Jan. 31. The Clippers defeated the Raiders, 58-38.

Photo courtesy of Tina Eller



Amboy's Ian Eller takes a jump shot against Ashton-Franklin Center on Jan. 31.

Photo courtesy of Tina Eller

Clippers deliver a home win
against Ashton-Franklin Center

AMBOY—The Amboy Clippers got a much-needed 58-38 triumph over Ashton-Franklin Center in varsity boys' basketball action on Jan. 31 at the AHS gym.

A quick start sparked the Clippers as they zoomed out to a 17-3 first-quarter lead behind eight points from Tucker Lindenmeyer, including a pair of successful three-pointers. Amboy continued to build on the margin in the second period and took a 31-17 advantage to the locker room. The count was 43-30 heading to the fourth.

Brennan Blaine led three Clippers in double-digit scoring with 13 points, followed by Connor Simpson with 12 and Lindenmeyer with 10. Ian Eller helped out with nine tallies.

A mighty Fulton squad visited the AHS gym on Feb. 1 and returned home with a lopsided 60-16 verdict over the Clippers.

Amboy scored half of its points in the first quarter and trailed 23-8. The Steamers upped the count to 43-13 at the half, and then the Clippers managed just three points in the second half, all in the fourth period.

Blaine had four points and Lindenmeyer contributed three for the Clippers.

Forreston rallied in the

second half to post a 57-46 win over Amboy on Feb. 3 at the AHS gym.

The Clippers turned an 11-6 first-quarter deficit into a 20-19 halftime lead, but they couldn't maintain the advantage in the second half. Forreston held a 34-29 margin after three periods

and pulled away in the fourth frame.

Three Clippers scored in double figures, paced by Simpson with 17 markers. He connected on a trio of three-pointers. Lindenmeyer was next with 13 points and Blaine dropped in 12.



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