

LOCAL NEWS



DEPOT DAYS CAR SHOW DONATION - AMBOY DEPOT MUSEUM

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$15,000 to Kevin Chandler, president of the Amboy Depot Museum committee. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$46,000 to local organizations this year.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Morgan named AHS Student of the Month for January

AMBOY — Alexis Morgan, daughter of Julie Piper Morgan and Todd Morgan, has been chosen as the January Student of the Month for Amboy High School.

GPA: 3.9/4.0

Memberships and Involvement: "I am an active member of Leo's Club, Student Council, National Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society. In addition, I hold positions as treasurer for Student Council and National Honor Society and as the northwest district treasurer of Student Council. I am also a Red Cross Program Leader outside of school, which allows me to host blood drives within our community and dancer/teacher at Starlight Dance Studio."

Awards and Honors:



"Over my three semesters taking dual enrollment at Sauk Valley Community College, I made the Dean's List once and the President's List twice. At Amboy High School, I have also made the highest honor roll, other than one semester, where I obtained high honors."

Best Memories of AHS: "My best memories at AHS would have to be anytime I was with my friends. We

always have a great time, and we are in a lot of the same classes. Being in classes with my friends made for a fun time while learning."

Future Plans: "I plan to attend a four-year university, most likely Illinois State University, and obtain my Bachelor's in Accounting. I plan to further my education after that as well and at some point graduate with a Master's."

Blue Christmas Mass

Saturday, January 8th at 11:00 am
at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Isn't it interesting that in Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*, that when Ebenezer Scrooge wakes from a horrific night of ghostly dreams and before he heads over to the Cratchit's house with gifts—that Dickens pens the line: "He went to Church." How do we celebrate Christmas? How do we, Catholics, celebrate the death of a dear loved one? We go to Mass! Come celebrate the end of the Christmas Season and thank God (yet again) for the gift of the impact that a loved one's life had on yours!



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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winners

December 2021 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Dec. 1 - Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, \$25
 Dec. 2 - Martha Landa, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 3 - Deb Julifs, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 4 - Henry Hall, Sycamore, \$25
 Dec. 5 - Jodi Ziegler, Oregon, \$50
 Dec. 6 - Lois Hultgren, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 7 - Matt Thimjon - Rochelle Foods, \$25
 Dec. 8 - Amy Kerns, Creston, \$25
 Dec. 9 - Brandy Scarbrough, Creston, \$25
 Dec. 10 - Jeremy Cover, Dixon, \$25
 Dec. 11 - Jackleen Potts, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 12 - Steve Berg, Orlando, Fla., \$50
 Dec. 13 - Nancy Vogl, Oregon, \$25
 Dec. 14 - Janet Boyle, Byron, \$25
 Dec. 15 - Matt Boehle, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 16 - Mary Anne Louis, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 17 - Beth Thacker, Poplar Grove, \$25
 Dec. 18 - Chrissy Smardo, Steward, \$25
 Dec. 19 - Cindy Knight, Ashton, \$50
 Dec. 20 - Cyndi Cunningham, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 21 - Jake Mason, Dixon, \$25
 Dec. 22 - Shawn Enoch, Cedar Siding, \$25
 Dec. 23 - Jessica Aldridge, Aurora, Colo., \$25
 Dec. 24 - Mary M. Bernardin, Compton, \$25
 Dec. 25 - Nancy Larsen, Rochelle, \$1,000
 Dec. 26 - Kathleen Dippner, Davis Junction, \$50
 Dec. 27 - Mitzi Adams, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 28 - Shane M. @ Clark-Dietrich, Rochelle, \$25
 Dec. 29 - Erin and Michael Weiss, Naperville, \$50
 Dec. 30 - Nick Vilmin, Byron, \$25
 Dec. 31 - Jurle Pfeiffer, Dixon, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

Recycle! Recycle!
Recycle!

Raffle for Ramos Family Closes Jan. 7

AMBOY — On the morning of Dec. 4, 2021, Captain Garrett Ramos, 38, of the Sterling Fire Department, died in the line of duty. While battling a house fire in rural Rock Falls, a floor collapsed beneath him.

Immediately, Dinges Fire Company, of Amboy, launched a memorial raffle to raise funds for the Ramos family. DFC partnering companies and vendors donated 46 fire service-related items to the raffle. Items include thermal imaging cameras, radio straps, helmets, extrication tools, and more. Currently, the total raised sits at more than \$13,500.

To donate and participate in the

raffle, visit dingesfire.com. Tickets are \$20 with 100 percent of the donations going directly to the family. The raffle will close at midnight on Jan. 7.

Jan. 8, DFC personnel will go live on the Dinges Fire Company's Facebook page to draw winners. Watch the page for more details on the drawing.

Ramos started his career in the Fire Service at the North Charleston Fire Department in Charleston, S.C. He returned to his hometown, Sterling, in 2012 and served as a member of the Sterling Fire Department for nearly 10 years, most recently as lieutenant. The City of Sterling posthumously promoted

him to the rank of captain.

Ramos served as the Union President for Local 2301 and had served as Acting Captain for the past year.

He leaves behind his wife, Brittney and two young daughters, Ruthie (3) and Kepa (2).

Dinges Fire Company serves fire departments and emergency personnel in seven Midwestern states providing quality sales and service of fire and safety equipment and tools. The mission is to protect America's first responders with the best safety and protection equipment on the market and be a catalyst for positive change in those communities served.

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

AMBOY—The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

MENDOTA—OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center has announced a time change for the Grief Support Group offered at the hospital. The group will meet on the first and third Thursday of the month in conference room C, from 3 to 4 p.m. The Grief Support Group is an informal gathering to provide a forum to share feelings, experiences with others who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one.

AMBOY—The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave., on Monday, Jan. 10.

SUBLETTE—The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

AMBOY—The Amboy Li-

ons Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Jan. 10. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

LEE CENTER TWP.—The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

AMBOY-4-H Creative writing classes will help grow and strengthen writing abilities for youth ages 12-14 who are interested in writing fiction and poetry. Meetings will be twice a week 6-7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays starting Jan. 10-26 virtually via zoom. Reserve your spot today by registering online at go.illinois.edu/creative-writing4H. Cost is free for current 4-H members and \$20 membership fee for non-members.

EAST GROVE TWP.—The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the East Grove Township Hall.

MAY TWP.—The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the township maintenance building.

AMBOY—Join in for monthly sessions on environmental topics presented

by University of Illinois Extension's Energy & Environmental Stewardship Team. 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. Everyday Environment webinar series will be held at 1 p.m., on

Jan. 13. 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 The Recent IPCC Climate Report at: go.illinois.edu/everydayenvironmentwebinars.



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• Student mental health: HB576 and SB1577 allow students in Illinois up to five excused absences to attend to their mental or behavioral health without providing a medical note. Those students will be given an opportunity to make up any work they missed during the first absence and, after using a second mental health day, may be referred to the appropriate school support personnel.

• Official flags: HB605 requires state agencies and institutions to purchase Illinois and American flags that are made in the United States.

• Hair styles: SB817 prohibits discrimination in schools against individuals on the grounds of wearing natural or ethnic hairstyles, which include dreadlocks, braids, twists and afros.

• Lemonade stands: SB119 prohibits public health authorities from regulating or shutting down lemonade stands or similar operations that are operated by children under the age of 16. Known as "Hayli's Law," it was inspired by 12-year-old Hayli Martinez, whose lemonade stand in Kankakee was shut down by local officials.

• Juneteenth: HB3922 recognizes June 19, or "Juneteenth," as an official state holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. In June, President Joe Biden also signed a bill designating Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

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January 10-January 14

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Tuesday – BBQ chicken breast, au gratin potatoes, seas. green beans, wgr dinner roll, and fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend veggies, wgr wheat bread – 1, and apricots.

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

Friday A) Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli/carrots, pineapple tidbits, wgr dinner roll B) Chix sal/tomato.

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ON August 20th "HB 2864" was signed into law, effective January 1 2022.

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OBITUARIES

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Beverly C. Roberts

Nov. 19, 1938 - Dec. 29, 2021

SUBLETTE - Beverly C. Roberts, 83, of Sublette, passed away Dec. 29, 2021 at Heritage Health, Mendota. Cremation rites have been accorded. Private burial will take place at Inlet Cemetery, Lee Center at a later date.

Beverly was born Nov. 19, 1938 in Gastonia, N.C. to Wilmer and Ruth (Hasselberg) Williamson. She married Edward Erbes on June 8, 1958 then later married Donald Roberts who preceded her in death.

Survivors include her children, Doreen (Robert)

Boyle and Dean (Tammie) Erbes, both of Amboy, and Douglas (Lori) Erbes, David Erbes and Donald Erbes, all of Sublette; seven grandchildren; one step grandson; eight great-grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren. She had no siblings.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents; and one daughter-in-law, Tracy Erbes.

Bev graduated from Franklin Center High School. She was a homemaker and Mary Kay Cosmetics consultant.



Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.merittfh.com.

Eugene J. Potaczek

Jan. 30, 1953 - Dec. 23, 2021

AMBOY - Eugene J. Potaczek, 68, of Amboy, passed away on Dec. 23, 2021, unexpectedly while tending to his land and animals that he loved and took great pride in doing.

Eugene was born Jan. 30, 1953 in Chicago.

Eugene could accomplish anything you put before him and did it with great pride. He was a talker and a storyteller "If you know what I mean" and those traits made him

who he was.

Survivors include his fiancé, Susan; sons, David (Carrie) Potaczek, Chris (Lori) Potaczek and Benny (Kim) Potaczek; his sister, Judy Potaczek; brother, Steve Potaczek, Jr.; five granddaughters and one grandson. Also including Susan's family, her mother; four sisters; two brothers; his cherished dog, Abbey and his great neighbors that were always there to help.



A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to www.schillingfuneral-home.com.

Alice J. Austin

Feb. 20, 1948 - Dec. 28, 2021

AMBOY — Alice J. Austin, 73, of Amboy, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021 at her home. She was born on Feb. 20, 1948 in Amboy the daughter of Weldon "Dutch" and Dorothy (Stouffer) Conderman.

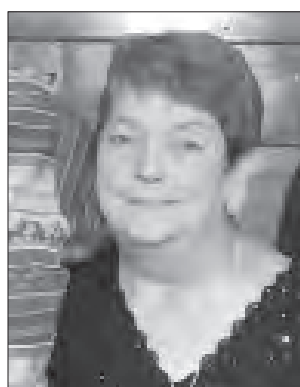
Alice worked at Admiral Corporation, as a Telephone Operator at Illini State Telephone Company, and as a Lunch Room Aid for the Amboy School District for 30 years prior to her retirement. She was a member of the Amboy Flamettes.

Alice married Charles Austin of July 30, 1966 at the Amboy Methodist Church in Amboy.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Andy Conderman.

Alice is survived by her husband, Charles; children, Charles (Glenda) Austin II, of Amboy and Amy Austin, of Londell, Mo.; two grandchildren, Charles (Jenna) Austin III, of Franklin Grove and Brian (Kathryn) Austin, of Minnesota; one great-granddaughter, Sophia Austin; and one sister-in-law, Vicki Conderman, of Amboy.

Cremation rites have been accorded with a celebration of life to be held at a later date. Burial of remains will also be at a later date at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy.



Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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

IDPH centralizing COVID-19 contact tracing

SPRINGFIELD — As we head into 2022, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is working to centralize COVID-19 contact tracing efforts in order to get information about isolation and identifying close contacts to infected individuals as soon as possible during times when cases are surging, and to decrease the burden on local health departments across the state. Beginning Dec. 28, 2021, all positive cases entered into the State's data systems associated with a cell phone number will receive an automated text message from IDPH. The initial outgoing text will read:

IDPH COVID: There is important info for you. Call 312-777-1999 or click: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/confirmed-or-possible-covid-19.html>

"Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve as does the virus," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "We are seeing a higher number of new infections each day than we have seen at any time throughout the entire pandemic. In an effort to reduce the burden on the local health departments across the state, the State will notify cases via text about interviewing with a contact tracer, as well as providing a link to guidance on quarantine, possible treatments, and close contact notification. There have

been scams associated with COVID-19 and contact tracing so I want people to know that IDPH COVID will be issuing text messages to newly identified cases."

Individuals who call the number in the text will be considered as "opting in" for an interview.

Public health officials will prioritize case investigations for individuals who are 65 years and older and are at higher risk of severe illness, per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations. This population will receive an additional text message if the individual does not respond to the initial message.

While most confirmed cases will be traced through the State Contact Tracing Surge Center, local health departments will continue to respond to cases in high-risk settings, including congregate facilities. Local health departments will also be able to see details about cases so they can identify any potential clusters or outbreaks and can request those cases be transferred from the Surge Center for further contact tracing.

Additionally, local health departments will continue to have oversight of schools, daycares, and congregate setting, including assistance with mitigation strategies and outbreak management.

Educational Briefs

AREA STUDENT(S) NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

DIXON — Natalie DeArvil, of Dixon, has been named to the 2021 fall semester dean's list at St. Norbert College.

A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church
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960 U.S. Route 52
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SOCIAL NEWS



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A New Year's Challenge

BY PASTOR RICK WULF

The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Happy New Year, Friends,

I have the privilege of writing the first Pastor's Pen article for the Amboy News for 2022. As we continue to go forward in life with so many challenges and so many uncertainties in life, I feel we need to stop and evaluate what might be before us in this New Year. I will be starting my eleventh year this year as the Pastor of East Grove Union Church. This is the longest term that I have served in a church as its Pastor. I thank the Lord for His grace and mercy and also the congregation of the East Grove Union Church for their patience with me. Each year I set a theme for the church to focus its sight on. This year's theme is: "Don't Be 'Blue' in 2022", "A Year of Spiritual Encouragement."

These past, several of years have been very challenging, needless to say, especially with the onslaught of Covid. We are reminded through this all that life is so uncertain. Benjamin Franklin said there were only two things certain in life: death and taxes. I have not studied Franklin's life and philosophy enough to know why he said that and limited those "certainties" to just those two, but as a Christian, when I read my Bible, I see so many more. Yes, it is true there so things in this present life, like, will Covid ever be eradicated like the other diseases that have plagued this world? Will the political world settle down? What will happen to us economically? Will morality be restored? How will broken relationships ever be healed? Where can we find the help that our world so desperately needs? All of these questions/problems have plagued humanity from the very beginning in one form or another. All of these issues could make us "blue" in 2022, if we allow them to do so. There are things in and around our lives that we can control. Unfortunately, there are many more that we have little or no control over.

As I substitute teach in our schools, I see and hear the important use of encouragement and positive reinforcement. We have heard so much in the world about the need for encouragement, and rightly so. A basic need that we possess as human beings is for positive reinforcement. Not that we may necessarily looking for it, but affirmation that what we are doing is important and that we have some level of application. This is only part of the need that we have as human beings. As Christians, we know that our ultimate acceptance

comes from the Lord. As we continue to grow in our faith and learn more about His love for us and for others, then we can implement His love and thus attempt to love others as God loves us. Yes, that is a tall challenge, seeing that His love is eternal and unconditional and so much more than we could ever imagine. But that is the neat thing about it, we will have the rest of our lives on this Earth to work at it.

Let's be praying about how God may use us to be a spiritual encouragement this year to others in our family, our church, and our community. Sadly, there is so much negativism in the world around us. Let us desire to be used by God to bring not just "positivity" into the world, but as we were reminded of through this past Advent Season, Hope, Peace, Light, Joy, and Love. Our Christian faith is what gets us through this life. When it seems like the life experiences that you are going through, as tough as they maybe, don't fall into the enemy's trap and fear, trust God for His faithfulness and trust in Him to make you an overcomer. The promises of God to those who trust Him and overcome this life, are out of this world. In the Book of Revelation, Jesus promises that we will: "eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God; not be hurt by the second death; have a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it; be given power over the nations—and He will give us the morning star; be clothed in white garments, and He will not blot out our name from the Book of Life; but I will confess our name before His Father and before His angels; be made a pillar in the temple of God, and we will go out no more; have written the name of God and the name of the city of God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from God; have written on us, His new name, be granted to sit with Him on His throne, as He also overcame and sat down with His Father on His throne." (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 21).

If you don't know this very special relationship with the God of Creation, I once again challenge and encourage you to seek Him, wholeheartedly and discover for yourself this real peace of heart and mind that we all have need of! If you do have this personal relationship with Jesus, let this truth of God encourage you to look up and patiently await the Lord's return.

May God continue bless you and make you joyful for His honor and glory and for your good and the good of others.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Trapped In Paradise

During the Second World War, the German island of Rügen in the Baltic Sea remained relatively untouched by the outside world. To be sure, Allied air raids terrorized the islanders and its men were killed or maimed on the Russian front. It was after the war that everything changed. Rügen became part of the GDR, the German Democratic Republic, that is, Communist East Germany. Like its overlord, the Soviet Union, the GDR was to become a workers' paradise.

In Katrin Schumann's excellent novel "This Terrible Beauty" (2020), Rügen's misfortune in the aftermath of the war unfolds in the life of Bettina Heilstrom. We meet her at an awards ceremony in 1965 in Chicago, utterly petrified of having to speak in public. A photographer at the Chicago Tribune, she has won the Smithsonian photography prize in the category 'The American Experience.' The prize money is a stupendous \$2,000. Bettina is a loner who seems suspended between two worlds: her self-constricted life in Chicago and her lost life in Rügen. How she became an exile ten years before is the story of "This Terrible Beauty."

At first it seems to Bettina that Socialism would usher in a new beginning, cleansed of the monstrous cancer that was Nazi Germany. But in time, a massive apparatus of surveillance by the secret police, the Stasi, infects every aspect of life. Neighbor spies on neighbor and fear is ever-present. "It seems there are eyes everywhere these days, when previously it felt as though the islanders were invisible to the larger world. For years what they did or did not do was of no consequence to anyone."

In the person of Bettina's husband Werner, Schumann skillfully creates a minor bureaucrat, a true believer in the cause, who proudly rises through the ranks of the Stasi. He is a sympathetic character who in time becomes corrupted by the growing power conferred on him. His weakness is his passion for his wife. Bettina has settled into a rather colorless life — she works at a fish factory — until she meets the poetic Peter Brenner, a teacher of literature at the high school. Their affair is as exquisite as it is dangerous. Bettina ends it when she becomes pregnant. Werner is over the moon, a proper family at last. Two years later the lovers meet again, and inevitably, Bettina is betrayed by her neighbor.

"This Terrible Beauty" (the title is from a Yeats poem "Easter 1916" — 'All changed, changed utterly: A terrible beauty is born' — about the Irish Easter Rebellion) is a superb historical novel in no small part because it reads like a German novel. Schumann's skill (she was two when her parents immigrated to America) is admirable, as is the ending for not succumbing to tearful sentimentality.

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Asymptomatic testing paused at OSF

MENDOTA — With the rise of COVID-19 infections primarily among the unvaccinated, OSF HealthCare is asking members of communities it serves to refrain from coming to their facilities for asymptomatic and close contact testing.

"Right now all across the nation, we're seeing a huge surge in COVID-19 cases," said chief operating officer Michael Cruz, MD, FACEP. "We are equipped to handle COVID testing for

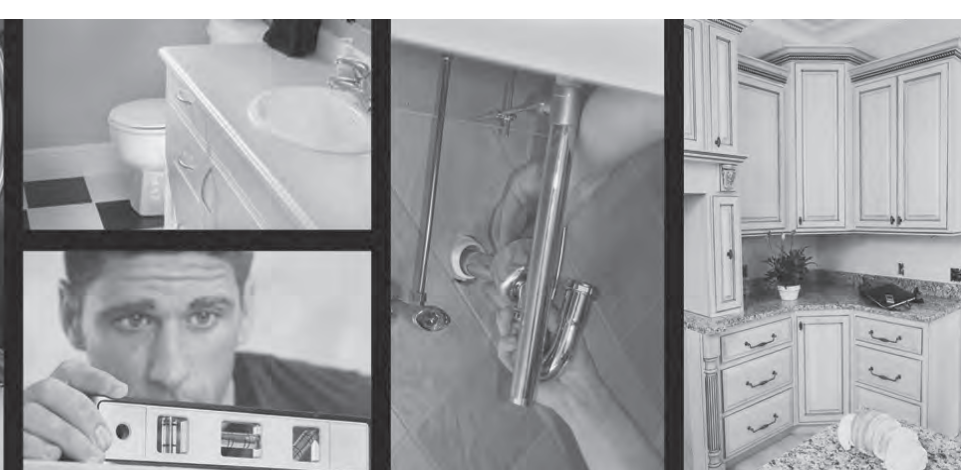
patients who are sick, injured or who are preparing for a procedure but our patient volume is currently so great that we need the public's cooperation to ensure proper usage of our health care resources."

Dr. Cruz noted a variety of options exist for people who seek to travel, return to work or otherwise need to be tested, including community testing sites, at-home kits and retail pharmacy locations. He stressed that emergency

departments at hospitals should be reserved for true medical emergencies and not used as a means to achieve a COVID-19 test result by asymptomatic persons.

OSF Care Station, OSF PromptCare and OSF OnCall Urgent Care locations will continue to serve the needs of persons experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19.

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Opinion

How important is it for our politicians to be educated?

We live in a society that extols the virtues of degrees and diplomas – but not life-long learning.

In Springfield, we honor Abraham Lincoln, our state's native son, who despite having little formal schooling was able to teach himself and become our greatest president.

But today when it comes to politicians, Americans have a different standard.

We haven't had a president without a college diploma since Harry Truman.

In 2020, the New York Times reported 95 percent of today's House members and 100 percent of the Senate's have a bachelor's degree or higher. But only about one-third of Americans are college graduates.

According to the Congressional Research Service, more than one third of the House and more than half the Senate have law degrees.

Roughly a fifth of senators and representatives have their master's. Four senators and 21 House members have medical degrees and an identical number in each body (four, 21) have some kind of doctoral degree.

Does that mean we have a really good Congress?

Well, I have seen little evidence over the past decade to support such a proposition. Whether led by Republicans or Democrats, our nation's legislative bodies have few independent thinkers. Group think and deadlock seem to prevail.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



Things aren't much different in Illinois. We haven't had a governor without a bachelor's degree since 1932 when Louis Lincoln Emerson left office.

Steve Jobs, Bill Gates and Larry Ellison rose to be titans of high tech without obtaining a college degree.

Movie director Steven Spielberg didn't receive his college degree until 35 years after he started at California State University in Long Beach. He was famous and successful by the time he was handed his sheepskin.

Unfortunately, a college diploma has become a litmus test for some voters on whether they will support a candidate.

This year, two of the four Republicans seeking their party's nomination haven't earned a bachelor's degree.

If either state Sen. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, or Gary Rabine, of Bull Valley, were to win the governorship, it would be the first time in 88 years that someone without at least a bachelor's degree held that office. Rabine has only a high school diploma and Bailey has an associate's degree in agriculture production from Lake Land College.

Their opponents in the primary not only have degrees, but ones dripping with prestige. Former state Sen. Paul Schimpf of Waterloo graduated from Annapolis and later snagged a law degree from Southern Illinois University. And Jesse Sullivan

of Petersburg has master's degrees from Oxford and Stanford.

There are things I like about Bailey and Rabine and plenty I don't. But one thing I wouldn't lose a moment's sleep over is their lack of academic credentials.

I'm much more concerned about a person's willingness to learn and their life experiences.

Look no further than the late U.S. Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois. He never held a college degree but had a long and honorable career in politics and higher education.

Even without a college degree, Simon was able to found the graduate program where I received my master's degree. He later went on to found what is now the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University.

While Simon didn't have a diploma nailed to his wall, he was well educated. He read Greek philosophers in his free time. As a young man, he went into business for himself and eventually owned a chain of 14 newspapers.

That's an education in its own right.

He was someone who not only read books but wrote them.

Before Joe Biden, we had five consecutive presidents with degrees from Ivy League universities. And we still managed to get enmeshed in stupid wars, make staggeringly stupid economic decisions and witness personal moral lapses in the White House that had the rest of us shaking our heads.

Do I care if a politician has a college diploma? Nope. But should they be educated? You betcha.

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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Jan. 6, 1922

During the high winds of last Friday evening occurred one of the greatest fires of recent years in this section. In it a loss of \$15,000 was sustained. The fire destroyed all of the farm buildings on the W.A. Underwood farm.

Sometime during Wednesday night of last week a second burglary occurred in the Boynton-Richards store. The thieves removed a hatchway door from the roof which was screwed down and also fastened with a large bolt necessitating several hours of work in its removal and got away with \$150 worth of wearing apparel.

75 Years Ago Jan. 9, 1947

Amboy's police department was increased to three officers at the regular meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening. Each of the three officers will work an eight hour shift.

Amboy's firemen extinguished a basement fire in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Oester at Walton Christmas night.

Rita Brady spent New Year's in Chicago at the home of her sister, Mrs. A.J. Noonan and family.

50 Years Ago Jan. 6, 1972

Amboy's "Cardiac Kids" ran their December winning streak to nine games with a convincing 73-61 win over the Sandwich Indians to claim the Hinckley-Big Rock Holiday Tournament.

The Reverend Milton T. George recently accepted a call to pastor the First Baptist Church in Amboy. His family consists of his wife, Janet, Martha, age 10, David, age 5, and Rebecca age 3. They have moved into the Baptist parsonage at 147 North Jefferson Ave., Amboy.

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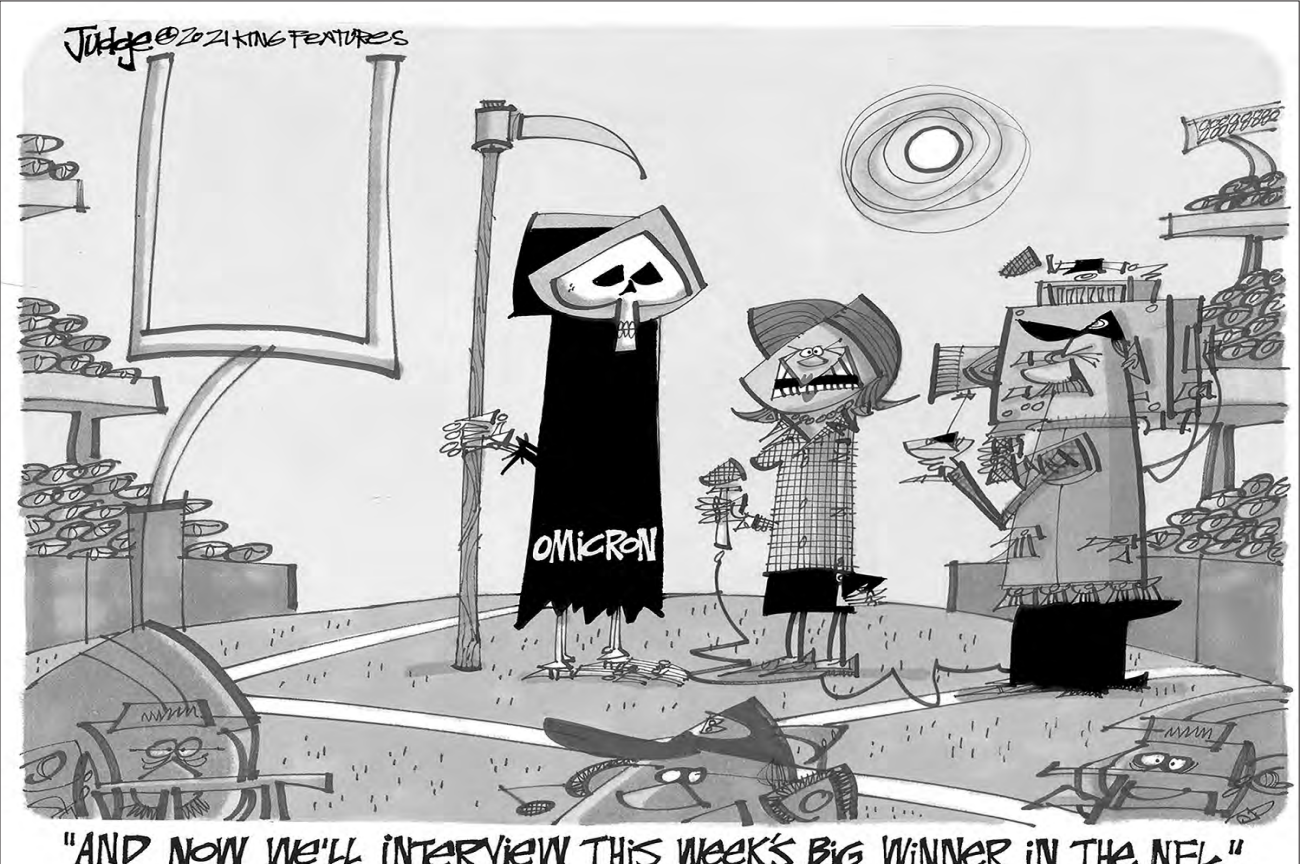
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25 Years Ago Jan. 2, 1997

Rescuers from the Amboy Fire Department worked to free an occupant of a vehicle involved in a single-car accident that occurred at 12:15 p.m. last Friday on Sterling Road, east of Corregidor Road. Two other occupants were able to get out of the car on their own. The third person was wedged inside the car for nearly 45 minutes.

Once again Michael and Jessica top the list of the most popular boy and girl names in Illinois, followed by those perennial second place finishers, Matthew and Ashley.

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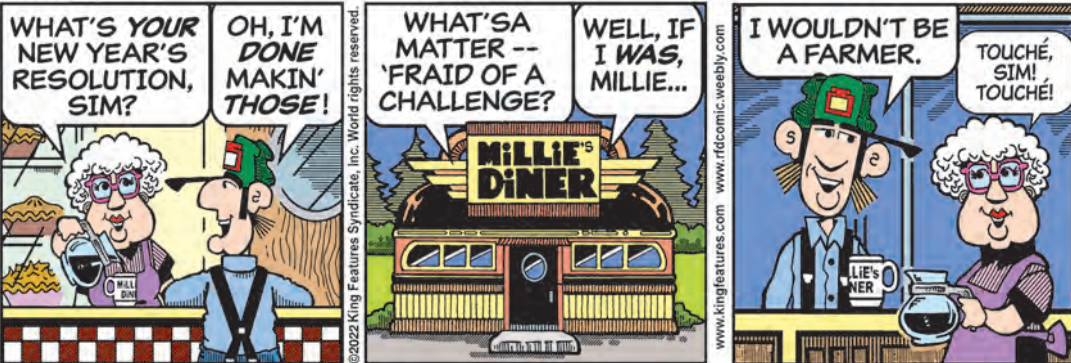
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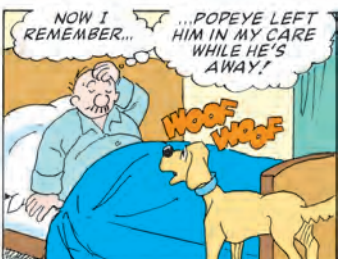
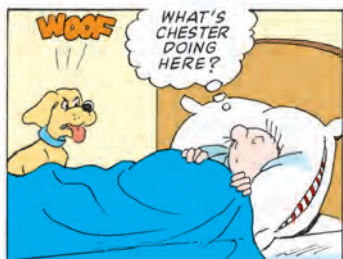
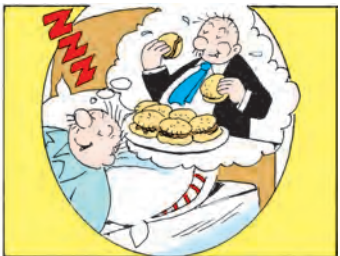
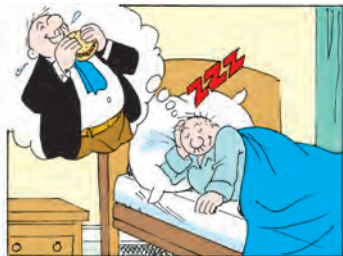
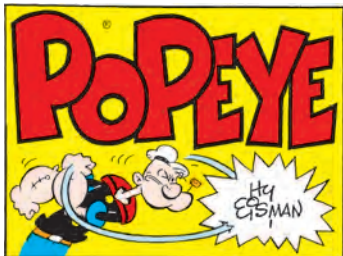
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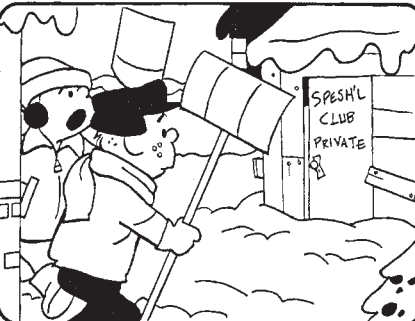
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BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #53 Dave Stenzel, #53 Al Stenzel and Frank Stenzel

Since we have started these highlights there are many men that have been representative of our community throughout their entire lives. This week's Clippers are in that same category. Duty, service, commitment, pride, and above all else, community is what these three Clippers are all about.

Among their role to our community or program, they are three of the most wholesome, kindest men Amboy is proud to call sons. I am deeply honored this week to announce our Clipper Highlights, #53 Dave Stenzel, #53 Al Stenzel, and former "Voice of the Clippers" Frank Stenzel.

We start with the youngest Stenzel brother, Dave. Dave was a 1975 graduate of Amboy High School. Dave started his Senior season at linebacker and offensive line for the first Don Wyzgowski team.

"We won two games that year but won our homecom-

ing game so that was fun," Dave shared.

Dave joined his brothers the following season on the road as a scout for the Clippers. With Dave's inclusion into the scouting realm, began an era in our program where the ship was functioning on every level.

"From the top down, everyone knew their role and did their job. Don was great about making everyone feel important," Dave added.

As the years progressed so did Dave's knowledge of the game as knowing what to look for on the field became second nature. Dave shared one of the most astute and spot on statements regarding the game's emotion I have heard throughout all of these highlights.

Dave shared, "there is something lost in the films now as you don't get the sense of emotion involved and can't pick up on the emotional things the leaders do on the field that go into what they

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



mean to their team or in game planning for them."

Absolutely one of the greatest and truest statements.

As filming became the norm, Dave continued his role to our program and was on the sidelines taking stats for all of our Clipper games. His insights were still greatly valued and helpful to many Clipper teams of the mid

2000's.

Dave has not only been instrumental to our program but our community also. He is a retired Assistant Chief of our Fire Department and takes great pride in his involvement in community functions. Dave's son is in seventh grade and is a future Clipper. Dave has found himself scouting the opponents during their warmups and providing his insights to his son before his Junior Tackle games. Direct proof that the game and this inherent devotion to our program never leaves us.

Dave shared his meaning for Amboy Football in one word...Pride.

Dave concluded, "I'm proud of our program, I'm proud of our players, and I'm so proud of our community."

Al was a 1973 graduate of Amboy High School and member of the 1972 Varsity Clippers. Al was a backup center on offense and starting defensive guard. This



#53 Dave Stenzel, #53 Al Stenzel, and former "Voice of the Clippers" Frank Stenzel.

was a time when Amboy played a 6-3 defense vs. the traditional 4-4 that most of us are familiar with. Al took pride as a defensive lineman and would take on multiple blockers to free up linebackers to make the tackles. In

the new, talented SHARK Conference, the inside trap game was popular and the interior linemen always came out bruised and battered.

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SPORTS

Lady Clippers finish in third place in Amboy Holiday Tournament

AMBOY – The Amboy Lady Clippers won three of four games and finished in third place in the eight-team Amboy Holiday Tournament held Dec. 27-30.

The Lady Clippers started out the tournament with a hard-fought 43-36 victory over Ottawa Marquette on Dec. 27.

Amboy struggled at time after having a 16-day layoff due to other schools' COVID problems. The Lady Clippers were led by senior Olivia Dinges, who netted seven of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter and ended with 17 points, seven rebounds, five assists, four steals and two blocked shots. Elly Jones made both of her free throw attempts in the fourth frame and finished with 11 points, four boards, two assists and seven steals. Lexi Ketchum made four big shots as she scored eight crucial points and had five rebounds. Courtney Ortgiesen dropped in six points and added a team-high nine rebounds. She also had five steals and three blocks. Maeve Larson rounded out the stats with one point and seven caroms.

Amboy won its second-round game over Mendota, 47-16, on Dec. 28. All 11 of Amboy's players saw court time and eight of them dented the scoring column.

The Lady Clippers were again led by Dinges with 18 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three steals. Twelve of her points came on three-pointers. Jones was next with nine points, four assists and four steals. Ortgiesen had a team-high 10 rebounds and chipped in with six points and five blocked shots. Haidyn Zimmerly added three points and two steals.

Three freshmen scored in the contest. Tyrah Vaessen had five points and collected two steals, Addison Pertell had three points, and Emily Sachs scored a basket and grabbed a pair of rebounds.

In the final game of pool play on Dec. 29, the Lady Clippers ran into a strong Serena team and dropped a 33-23 decision. Amboy lost to Serena by eight points in November (47-



Amboy's Courtney Ortgiesen (No. 25) leaps for a rebound against Ottawa Marquette in the Amboy Holiday Tournament on Dec. 27.

39) and converted 45 percent of its field goal attempts and only had 10 turnovers that night. But the rematch in the tournament game was very physical and Amboy couldn't match the shooting percentage or keep the turnovers to a minimum. The Lady Clippers connected on just 21 percent of their shots and only had three players on the scoring chart.

While Amboy held Serena's second-leading scorer to one point, its all-stater, Katie Baker, pumped in 14 points to lead the victory.

Larson paced the Lady Clippers with 12 points and she

hauled down five rebounds. Also, Jones had six points and two assists, Dinges tallied five points and led with seven boards, and Ortgiesen handled six caroms.

Amboy met up with Somonauk in the third-place game on Dec. 30 and came away with a 45-28 triumph.

Dinges poured in four three-pointers on her way to a 19-point performance. She also led with 14 rebounds. Jones scored big with 15 points while dishing out three assists, followed by Larson with seven points. Ortgiesen and Ketchum each added a basket, while Ortgiesen snared seven rebounds and Zimmerly yanked down four boards.

Serena won the tournament title. Two Amboy players – Dinges and Jones – were named to the all-tournament team.



Amboy's Olivia Dinges (No. 33) tries to block the shot of Ottawa Marquette's Avery Durdan in the Amboy Holiday Tournament on Dec. 27.

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After Al's time as a Clipper, he became a scout for our program in 1976 when Coach Wyzgowski was at the Captain's wheel.

"We learned the game of football from him," Al shared.

Al was a scout until games were able to be filmed by a video camera. However, Al's involvement with our program was far from over.

Al continued to be on the sidelines or in the crowds nest for all Varsity games until the end of the 2012 season. I can remember Al every game in his red Clipper polo shirt or Red, Mean Machine jacket always supporting and providing his vast knowledge of football every Friday night or Saturday afternoon.

There is no question of what Amboy Clipper Football means to Al and on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons all one would have to do is look in his backyard, overlooking The Harbor to see the red, black, and white Clipper signs flying at full mast, letting any opponent know exactly the mistake they made by entering The Harbor.

Al concluded, "Amboy Football means pride. It means pride in every working part and especially pride in the fans and our community. ClipperBall stands for one thing...pride."

Al not only gave so many years of service to our program but also our community. Al is a retired Captain of the Amboy Fire Department where he served for many years and was the Director of Public Works as well. Al has recently retired from his longtime position as Director and we wish him all the happiness, health, and fishing success that retirement can offer. We all know it's greatly deserved. It's been an absolute pleasure Boss man.

Frank Stenzel, a 1969 graduate of Amboy High School, played football as a Freshman and was a member of our very first Wrestling team as a Senior. In a time most of us couldn't imagine or persevere through, Frank made the decision to work and help his family over playing football. Frank's decision to work and help his family is indicative of what Amboy represents, family, hard work, and toughness.

Frank became a scout for our program in 1976 alongside his brothers. In a time before film, Frank and his brothers became students of the game and ahead of their time. Frank and his brothers were a game plan and game film before a game plan or game film existed.

"We took a lot of pride in what we did and were always treated equally as any coach in the program. When we started something we just kept going," Frank shared.

Frank was a scout for the Clippers until he was asked by

Mr. Braida to move to the announcing booth to be the radio personality of the Amboy Clippers. Frank would pair up with our Week 44 Clipper, Steve Marco, and the rest is history. Frank and Steve put "ClipperBall" on a National scale as their listeners each week would span the entire country and over the road truck drivers would call into the station saying 101.7 would always be what they listened to each Friday night if they were passing through our Sauk Valley listening area. Frank became a local celebrity as he would go in public, to doctor's appointments and would be asked the question, "are you the voice of the Clippers?"

Frank, as kind and humble as they come shared, "I was just grateful to be a part of it. Amboy Football has always taken care of me too."

Frank retired from ClipperBall after more than 30 years of service as a scout and broadcaster. Frank concluded, "Amboy Football means community, brotherhood, and camaraderie. Amboy football brought a lot of great men together."

Like his brothers, Frank has given so much to Amboy Football and Amboy as a whole. As a retired Chief of the Amboy Fire Department, Frank's duty, service, and commitment to our community comes second only to his family.

As all three brothers became scouts for our program in 1976, it was only the beginning of the grand era to come for our program. The Stenzel Brothers, under Coach Wyzgowski's guidance, went game to game documenting every offensive, defensive, and special teams snap.

"I never watched a game. I was always writing," Frank shared.

Coach Wyzgowski had offensive and defensive forms pre-made and the Stenzel brothers would use them as a guide but as the seasons went on, their knowledge of the game grew

vast. It wasn't before long the Stenzel brothers could pick up the most minute tendencies or flaws in an opponents game plan. One of, if not the greatest points of pride for the Stenzel Brothers was that Coach Wyzgowski shared with them their scouting reports were always above 90% in regards to accuracy, giving our Clipper teams of those seasons a significant advantage. However, the Stenzels' sacrifice came from not being able to see so many great Clipper games, but they were always invited and included at Coach Wyzgowski's house every Monday to re-watch the film of the week prior.

Without the Stenzel Brothers' contributions and commitment to our program, our successes may not have been as they are written. They have ate, slept, and breathed Amboy Clipper Football since they became a part of it and our history would not be complete without the celebration of their contributions.

So, to #53 Dave, #53 Al, and "Voice of the Clippers", Frank, the Stenzel Brothers, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Clipper Football. Our programs' history would not be the same without your sacrifice, commitment, and hard work. However, what you all have meant to our great community of Amboy proves everything anyone needs to know of all of your characters as men. Amboy is lucky to have your kindness, your warmth, your service, and above all, your love. This has been an honor. 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 specifically 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.



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Saturday, Jan. 8

AHS Boys Basketball @ DePue-10 am

AHS JV Wrestling (H) Tournament-9 am

AHS Varsity Girls Basketball @ Eastland-TBA

Monday, Jan. 10

AHS Boys Basketball (H) AFC-6 pm

AHS Girls Basketball @ Forreton-5:30 pm

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Wednesday, Jan. 12

AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm

AHS Boys Basketball @ Forreton-5:30 pm

AHS Wrestling @ Rock Falls-5:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 13

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