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Local bank sponsoring Agricultural Business Conference Jan. 27

MENDOTA – First State Bank, Mendota, announces a special conference for area farmers. The 22nd Annual First State Bank Ag Conference is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Mendota Civic Center.

Starting the program will be Matt Friedlein. A Mendota native, Friedlein is a meteorologist of 18 years with the National Weather Service. He has worked at offices in Paducah, Ky., Minneapolis, Minn., and for the past 10 years as a lead forecaster at the Chicago office located in Romeoville.

Following Friedlein will be Mark Schweitzer. Schweitzer is VP Economic Research for Archer Daniels Midland. He works with ADM business leaders to provide economic and market intelligence, and tools that enable better business and risk-management decision making. With a bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University, Schweitzer's passion is helping develop the next generation of leaders through the FFA.

The conference's keynote speaker will be Dr. Matt Roberts. Commodity broker turned professor, turned entrepreneur, turned speaker, Roberts has shared his outlook on grain, energy and macro markets over 600 times around the country since starting at Ohio State in 2001.

Roberts is a native of Bolivar, Mo., where he grew up in the markets, opening his first online trading account in 1986, trading stocks from the back room of the family Chevrolet dealership. By 1996, Roberts was a commodity and energy derivatives broker in the Vienna, Austria office of CA Global Futures. He has traded or brokered almost everything, from azuki beans to Waste Management shares – stocks, bonds, futures, options, and over-the-counter derivatives.

Area farmers are encouraged to contact First State Bank at 815.539.3834 prior to Saturday, Jan. 22 to confirm reservations for the event. ADM Grain Company, Mendota, and Prairie State Tractor, Mendota, will serve as major co-sponsors of this event and will provide lunch for all those in attendance. First State Insurance will be sponsoring the morning coffee and donuts.

Door prizes are being provided by several area businesses including: Beck Oil Co., Cantlin Law Firm, Chris Eller – the Retirement Specialists, Country Village Meats, Crop Productions Services, Dinges Fire Company, Earlville Farmers Coop, Guilfoyle Law Firm, Hornung Tiling, Inc., Foster's Tax & Accounting, LLC., Leffelman & Associates, Leone Polaris, Maplehurst Farms, Mendota Mutual Insurance, Meriden Grain-Pioneer Seed, Northern Partners Cooperative, Pioneer Seed Sales-Rodney Rod, Prescott Bros. Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, Schimmer Automotive Group, Sublette Farmers Elevator Co., Sublette Mechanical, Troy Grove Elevator, Vaessen Bros. Chevrolet, Vaessen Implement & Repair, and West Brooklyn Farmers Coop.



DEPOT DAYS CAR SHOW DONATION - LEE COUNTY EMA

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$1,000 to Kevin Lalley, Director of the Lee County EMA. 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 - LEE COUNTY HONOR FLIGHT

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$2,000 to Jim Travi of the Lee County Honor Flight. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$46,000 to local organizations this year.

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Lee County Jan. 3 COVID update

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department announces 265 new positive cases between Dec. 28, 2021 – Jan 3, 2022.

Here are the ages that were reported: 25 under the age of 12, 21 in his or her teens, 44 in his or her 20s, 52 in his or her 30s, 45 in his or her 40s, 36 in his or her 50s, 27 in his or her 60s, 12 in his or her 70s, 1 on his or her 80s, and 2 in his or her 90s. A total of 16 residents are hospitalized. The county also reported that the number of cases in unvaccinated individuals is 214 of the 265 cases.

Note: The Lee County Health Department is seeing a large increase in the number of people home testing. If they test positive and follow guidelines, this is a good thing. However, many of these positives will go unbeknownst to the health department, so the

weekly cases reported are definitely lower than actual 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 Jan. 7, according to IDPH 46,636 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee County, and a total of 19,077 people in Lee County are fully vaccinated, which is 55.74 percent of the population. A total of 20,740 have received at least one dose of the vaccine. A total of 8,995 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.

IDPH announces COVID-19 antivirals available in coming weeks

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is announcing two new COVID-19 oral antivirals, Paxlovid (Pfizer) and Molnupiravir (Merck), will be available in Illinois later this month. The antivirals are for those with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 who are at high risk for becoming severely ill, including hospitalization or death. Both antivirals will be available by prescription only and should be taken as soon as possible after being diagnosed and within five days of the beginning of symptoms. Paxlovid is expected to reduce the risk of hospitalizations by 89 percent and Molnupiravir by about 30 percent. Molnupiravir is meant for use when other treatment options are not available.

“These new oral antivirals add new tools to our toolbox to keep people with COVID-19 out of the hospital,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “While vaccination, including boosters, is still the best way to avoid infection and prevent severe illness from COVID-19, these new antivirals given emergency use authorization by the Food and Drug Administration can help treat those who get infected and have a higher risk of becoming severely ill.”

Molnupiravir is not authorized for use in patients who are pregnant or younger than 18 years of age because it may affect bone and cartilage growth. Molnupiravir is intended to be used when other FDA-authorized treatments for COVID-19 are not accessible or are not clinically appropriate. Providers must ensure that patients understand the safety risks of these therapeutics before prescribing them.

In addition to the oral antivirals, people can still receive monoclonal antibody treatment (mAb) to help prevent COVID-19 from progressing to a point where a person needs to be hospitalized. Unlike the new oral antivirals, mAb are administered intravenously (infusion) or through several shots. Both require a prescription.

IDPH is currently working with pharmacies around the state to offer the antivirals. While these antivirals are free from the federal government, they are in limited supply. Illinois will receive a renewed allocation of antivirals every two weeks.

Walgreens and Walmart stores are federal pharmacy partners and some of their stores will carry the antivirals, as will other pharmacies. IDPH will provide a list of locations providing antivirals on the IDPH website as soon as participating pharmacies are finalized. More information on COVID-19 Treatment can be found at <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/covid19-treatment.html>.



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LOCAL NEWS

Illinois records pandemic high of more than 200,000 COVID cases in one week

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SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Public Health said Friday that the state had recorded 201,428 new cases of COVID-19 over the previous week, a 57 percent increase over the previous week, while the weekly number of deaths rose 15 percent, to 444 as the omicron variant of the virus continues to spread.

Those cases were confirmed out of more than 1.3 million laboratory tests performed over the previous week, which brought the preliminary statewide case positivity rate to 15.2 percent.

Those case counts are the highest of any since the pandemic began, according to IDPH data, although the death rate is well below the pandemic peak of a year ago. On Thursday alone, the state recorded more than 44,000 new cases, the highest single-day case count since the pandemic began.

That brings the total number of cases since the pandemic began to just under 2.4 million, including 28,361 deaths.

The rising case rate in Illinois has prompted the General Assembly to cancel all of its

scheduled session days next week, according to spokespeople for Senate President Don Harmon and House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, although committees in both chambers will continue to meet remotely.

As of late Thursday night, IDPH reported 7,096 COVID-19 patients were hospitalized, including 1,123 patients in intensive care units and 639 on ventilators. Those cases account for 38 percent of all staffed ICU beds available and 11.5 percent of all staffed ventilators.

IDPH continues to advise people that vaccines are the strongest defense against the virus.

As of Thursday night, more than 19.5 million vaccinations had been administered. Over the past week, 294,687 doses were administered, for an average of 42,098 per day.

Currently, 73 percent of the state’s total population has received at least one dose of vaccine, while 64 percent are fully vaccinated and 40 percent have received a booster shot.

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Lee County Farm Bureau seeking summer intern applications

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau® Foundation is hiring an intern for the summer of 2022.

The internship is open to college students studying agriculture, business, communications or a related field.

A background in agriculture as well as

public relations, communications and social media skills is encouraged, but not required.

A complete job description and the internship application is available online, www.lcbbfoundation.org, or contact our office, 815-857-3531 or leecfb@comcast.net.

The application deadline is Feb. 18, 2022.

IDPH adopts CDC recommendations for booster doses for youth ages 12-15

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is adopting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation for those aged 12-15 years to get a booster dose five months after receiving the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

“We know that COVID-19 vaccine booster doses can help provide ongoing protection against the Omicron variant,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “Following the CDC’s recommendation, booster doses are encouraged for those aged 12-15 years who received their second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine five months ago.”

On Jan. 3, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and expanded it to include a single booster dose for individuals 12-15 years.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices reviewed the available safety data following the administration of more than 25 million vaccine doses in adolescents and concluded COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 12-15. To find vaccination locations near you, go to vaccines.gov or call 1-800-232-0233.

Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District to host annual election of directors

LEE COUNTY — To all owners and occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, notice is hereby given that an Annual Election of Directors will be held from 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., on Feb. 16, 2022, at the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Amboy. Three directors will be elected to each serve a two-year term on the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms, or corporations who hold legal title or who are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the

said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such person, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

Absentee balloting will be available to those who are unable to attend the Election of Directors. Absentee ballots can be requested beginning Feb. 1, 2022. All absentee ballots must be completed by Feb. 11, 2022. For further information or to request an absentee ballot, please contact the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, located at 319 S. Mason Ave., Amboy, or by phone at 815-857-3621, ext. 3.

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Educational Briefs

WIU Dean's List Fall 2021

MACOMB/MOLINE — A total of 1,164 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List. The total includes 68 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

Local students on this list include:

Amboy

Noelle E Jones (Junior)

Dixon

Caitlin Anne Hoy (Senior)

Jacob R Smoot (Freshman)

Franklin Grove

Tyler D Reyes (Sophomore)

Bajrami Awarded Master of Science in Acupuncture

DIXON — In a commencement ceremony held on December 17, Valbona Bajrami of Dixon received the Master of Science in Acupuncture degree from National University of Health Sciences.

"We are very proud of Valbona, as National University's Master of Science in Acupuncture program is one of the most demanding of its kind," says President Joseph Stiefel of National University.

National University of Health Sciences, a not-for-profit educational institution with locations in Illinois and Florida, offers a wide range of degrees in health sciences, including degrees in chiropractic and naturopathic medicine, acupuncture, oriental medicine, and biomedical sciences.

Certified livestock manager in-person workshops and online training announced

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), along with the University of Illinois Extension, is hosting Certified Livestock Manager Training and Testing Workshops. Both online and in-person options will be offered to provide Illinois livestock producers the manure management training they need to meet the requirements of the state's Livestock Management Facilities Act.

For the first time the Certified Livestock Manager testing will be available in Spanish. This option will be offered for both our in-person and online exams.

"This partnership, between the IDOA and the University of Illinois Extension, provides the tools, education, and training for our state's certified livestock managers to become skilled in best management practices," said IDOA Director Jerry Costello II. "The goal is for our livestock facilities to be good neighbors and stewards of the land."

To attend an in-person workshop, registration is required at go.illinois.edu/CLMT. Registration will be open one month prior to the workshop date, and class size is limited in some locations. All participants are required to wear a mask in order to comply with COVID-19 safety precautions.

The 2022 workshop dates

and locations are:

Jan. 18, Effingham County Extension Office, Effingham

Jan. 19, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Nashville

Jan. 20, Clinton County Extension Office, Breese

Feb. 1, IDOA Building auditorium, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield

Feb. 2, U of I Extension Pike-Scott Farm Bureau Building, Pittsfield

Feb. 3, Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Building, Monmouth

Feb. 15, Livingston County Extension Office, Pontiac

Feb. 16, DeKalb County Farm Bureau Building, Sycamore

Feb. 17, Stephenson County Farm Bureau Building, Freeport

Feb. 23, Bank of Springfield Center, Springfield.

These will have the same format as previous workshops starting at 9 a.m., except the Feb. 23 session at the Illinois Pork Expo, which will start at noon. The training lasts 3 1/2 hours, and after the workshop, those with over 1,000 animal units (AUs) will be required to take a paper exam. The training manual "Livestock and Poultry Environmental Stewardship Curriculum" is available for free at go.illinois.edu/manual.

Producers also have the option of taking online training that consists of nine

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—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.

AMBOY—The City of Amboy Council will meet at

6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY—America's farm families are paying a heavy mental toll as they deal with unpredictable weather, variable input costs, long work hours, and unpredictable commodity prices. University of Illinois Extension believes ag producers, agribusiness personnel, and others who support the agricultural community can stand in the gap and connect Illinois farmers with the resources they need. A webinar on Mental Health First Aid for the Agriculture Community will be held from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., on Jan. 19. Participants should register at: go.illinois.edu/mentalhealth2022

MENDOTA—ImpactLife Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive from noon until 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21, in conference room C at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota. Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply by scheduling an appointment to give blood by calling ImpactLife at 800-747-5401, or schedule online at <https://login.bloodcenter.org>. Please bring a photo ID for use in donor registration.

AMBOY—The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, at Central School Gym.

DIXON—The American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive from 1 – 6 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 21, at the Family YMCA Gym, 110 N. Galena Road, Dixon. Appointments are preferred; walk-ins welcome upon availability. For appointments, please call

815-288-9622 or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

AMBOY—Amboy A.C.O. members, in coordination with Amboy High School, are hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Amboy Community Building from noon to 6 p.m. Please call Judy Brinkmeier at 815-238-8927 or sign up directly at redcross-blood.org for an appointment. Please consider giving "the gift of life."

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Goodfellows to host event

LEE COUNTY - The Goodfellows of Lee County is hosting its annual After the Holidays free giveaway. The event will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13 and Friday, Jan. 14 and from 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Church of the Brethren, 121 W. North St., in Franklin Grove.

For more information please call Clara Harris at 815-973-5135



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Dennis D. Moore

Sept. 12, 1945 - Jan. 9, 2022

AMBOY — Dennis D. Moore, 76, of Amboy, died on Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022 at Jevon Bea Hospital in Rockford.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1945 in Mendota, the son of Earl Clinton Ray and Viva Maree (Musser) Moore.

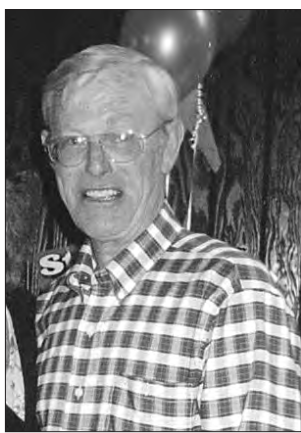
Dennis was the purchasing manager for Dean Foods in Amboy and Dixon for over 30 years prior to his retirement.

He also owned and operated CDM Handy man service for several years. Dennis was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He married Nancy Carlson on Feb. 16, 1965 in Dixon.

Dennis is preceded in death by his wife, Nancy who passed on Nov. 6, 2007. He is also preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Glenn, Leroy, Lawrence and Earl Moore; AND sisters, Bernadine Yaklich, Donna Krebs, and Bernice Haefner.

Dennis is survived by his children, Dawn (Thomas) Scully, of South Lyon, Mich., and Michelle Machen, of Holland Mich.; eight grandchildren, Matthew (Lisa) Scully, Melissa (Mark) Thompson, Magan (Matt) Krim, Makayla Scully, Cassie Streur, Reba Renee (Teo) Nunez, Cody Machen, Laura (Jack) Dunlap; 11 great-grandchildren, Gra-



cie, Alisha, Masen, Joel, Reece, Serenity, Carson, Charity, Teito, JayceAna, and Sebastian. He is also survived by two brothers, Norman Moore, of Colorado, and Leslie (Gail) Moore, of Washington.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – noon, on Saturday, Jan. 15 2022, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral Services will follow starting at noon at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial to follow at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy with military honors by the Amboy American Legion.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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

The Next Picture Show announces new Executive Director

DIXON — The new year ushers in a change in leadership at The Next Picture Show (TNPS) fine arts center in Dixon. Outgoing executive director Michael Glenn announced his upcoming retirement at the November board of directors meeting.

Philip Atilano takes over for Glenn as of Jan. 1, 2022. A former Dixon native, and 1999 Dixon High School graduate, Atilano attended Sauk Valley Community College, and received a BFA from The Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design in 2005. After living in Milwaukee for 16 years, Atilano and his family decided to move back to the area in 2018. He and his wife Julia, along with their two sons, now reside in Sterling.

After college, Philip began working with Spolar Studio in Milwaukee as lead artist and project manager. After eight years with Spolar Studio, Atilano accepted the position of exhibit designer with The Betty Brinn Children's Museum of Milwaukee, where he collaborated with a team and designed spaces and exhibits for the museum—some of which traveled the country and world.

For the past seven years, Atilano has traveled extensively across the country and abroad with Conrad Schmitt Studios of New Berlin, Wis., as a foreman and lead artist performing restoration and conservation in some of the nation's most beautiful architectural gems. Several of the buildings include the University of Notre Dame, the Minnesota State Capitol, the South Dakota State Capitol, the Paramount Theatre, and numerous cathedrals, basilicas, and churches across the nation.

Previously, Atilano had personal ties with The Next



Philip Atilano took over as the executive director of The Next Picture Show. Outgoing executive director Michael Glenn announced his upcoming retirement at the November board of directors meeting.

Photo submitted

Picture Show as an exhibiting artist, an exhibition judge, and performed and assisted in community art projects affiliated with the gallery.

"I love The Next Picture Show. It is an amazing community resource with so much potential, much of which is untapped," said Atilano. "The timing is perfect. I am at the point in my career where I am confident in my artistic

abilities and visions and am ready for the new challenge."

Atilano welcomes anyone to stop into the gallery Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to visit, discuss art, or bring their ideas about what they would like to see at the Dixon art center in the future. He plans to bring his almost twenty years of experience to The Next Picture Show, offering fresh exhibits,

new classes offered to the public, and incorporating much of what he has learned and seen in his travels.

The Next Picture Show is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose goal is to nurture, develop, educate, foster the arts, and galvanize artists and patrons within the community. For more information about the fine arts center, visit www.nextpicturshow.org.

Regional survey of art exhibit opens at The Next Picture Show

DIXON — The Next Picture Show (TNPS) is pleased to open 2022 the Regional Survey of Art Exhibit, featuring 79 art works by 39 local and regional artists.

On display through Feb. 12, the all-media exhibit seeks to identify current trends in the Rock River

Valley by showcasing a wide variety of work and style in the only non-themed art show of the year.

Glenn Bodish, Associate Professor of Art at SVCC, will serve as judge and present awards at the opening reception, from 6 – 8 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 14, 6 – 8

p.m., featured music by New Shoes (Jeff Kagay and Neil Jones).

The exhibit is sponsored by the Fischer/ McConnell Trust and is available for viewing at 113 West First Street, Dixon. Hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday, and by appointment.



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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Empower me to say "Nevertheless"

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

Let's be honest. We stood at the end of 2020, hoping and praying that 2021 would be better. 2020 was a year of heartache for millions if not billions of people. We now stand at the beginning of 2022. Although 2021 was an improvement for many, for others, it was just as devastating, or more so, than the previous year.

We are obsessed with the idea that we are unhappy because of things outside of us. That is an assumption, that is a premise, that is an unconscious imagination that the main reason we are unhappy is because of certain conditions on the outside of us that are making us unhappy. Therefore, we become obsessed with changing those conditions, and everything will be fine if that happens. If COVID were gone... If my job was better... If, if, if...

That is not true, though. Scripture constantly says that what I really need is for a change inside. You need, above everything else. Your and my real problem is a lack of understanding and appreciating God. Our real problems come from an internal condition, not an external condition.

In every case, when I am discouraged, I know it is because there is something I value more than the inheritance I have as a Christian. Let me bring this down to earth. Imagine walking up to a child who is 5 years old, and this child's toy train he got for Christmas is broken, a very important thing in his life. You come up and he is crying and you say, "Hey, buddy, I have something to tell you. Let me tell you. I just got this in my email. You have just inherited \$10

million. An uncle died and left you \$10 million, and now look what you have. Who cares about the train?" What does the 5-year-old do? Does the 5-year-old say, "Oh, \$10 million; who cares about the train?" No. That is not what a 5-year-old does. He's a child. A 5-year-old does not have the cognitive ability to understand that. All the 5-year-old does is say, "Who cares about \$10 million? I don't have my train, and I won't be happy until I get a new train."

Of course, when you look at the child, you know that the real problem with the child is not the train or a lack of the train. The real problem is this child does not realize his true condition. If he had the mental apparatus, if he had the cognitive development, if he was capable of the formal logical operations or whatever it is that it takes for that child to be able to grasp what \$20 million will mean to him and how much more important it is than that train... If he had that, he'd be fine. If he realized his condition, if he had a perspective (right?), a realistic perspective if he was in touch with reality. But a child is not.

However, my friends, are there any of you who have received Jesus as Savior and you know you have been adopted into the kingdom, and you know you are a partaker of the divine nature, and you know you are going to rule and reign with Him forever, and yet your financial problem or relationship problem is absolutely and utterly destroying your happiness? You look and say, "What good is it to be a Christian?" or you maybe do not admit that consciously but unconsciously, it is there.

You are in the exact same condition

as that 5-year-old child. It is not having that financial thing work out or that relationship thing work out. It's that you do not realize your condition. You do not realize who you are and what you have in Him. That is why the Apostle Paul constantly prayed for your inner man to be strengthened, so you may grasp the height, the width, the breadth, and the depth, and be filled with all the fullness of God.

In the face of crucifixion, Jesus looked up to the Father and said, "Father, I would like out of this. Father, I am beginning to taste the cup. I am in shock. I am amazed at what this is going to be like. If there is some way out of it, I want out of it."

But then he immediately says, "nevertheless" and it's very clear. That word, nevertheless, shows that there's a premise that Jesus is operating on. It is something that was already a given. Nevertheless, as we've always had it, "... not my will but Yours be done."

Do you know what Jesus is saying? He is saying, "Father, I would like you to get me out of this. But I also know that if it is not possible, I know you will bring immeasurable blessing and goodness out of this."

I do not know what 2022 holds in store for me or for you. I will likely face disappointment, heartache, conflict, loss, grief, failure, and frustration. That is the stuff of life. That is not what I want, nor is it what I prophesy, but almost certainly what will come in some form and to some degree or another. And each week I will need the Father, Son and Spirit to empower me to say "nevertheless." Now more than ever.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Haunted

In Louise Erdrich's amazing novel, "The Sentence," a small Minneapolis bookstore called Birchbark Books, specializing in Native culture, is haunted from All Souls' Day 2019 to All Souls' Day 2020 by a highly annoying ghost called Flora. The object of the ghost's relentless attention is Tookie, the store manager. As Flora's presence escalates to a threat of possession, Tookie, an Ojibwe woman in her mid-forties, shifts from pissed off to petrified.

Tookie, a natural storyteller, is our narrator. A convicted body snatcher who spent ten years in prison, she opens the novel with a hilarious tale of how she kidnapped Budgie, the corpse, and drove him across state lines. She didn't notice that packets of crack cocaine were taped under Budgie's armpits.

"While in prison, I received a dictionary," she tells us. She immediately looked up the word "sentence" because, "I had received an impossible sentence of sixty years from the lips of a judge who believed in an afterlife."

Having read "with murderous attention" every book in the prison library, Tookie applies to bookstores upon her release. Louise at Birchbark hires her. (Erdrich owns Birchbark in real life, but appears in the novel only peripherally.)

"I am an ugly woman," Tookie tells us, "nor am I beautiful on the inside... My go-to outfit was black jeans, high-top black Stompers, black football jersey, nose ring, eyebrow cuff, tight black bandanna headband to keep my hair in place. Who would dare not buy a book from me?" Tookie marries Pollux, the tribal cop who arrested her, and moves into a little house with "a big irregular beautiful blowsy yard."

She is thrilled to find herself inside "such a golden life."

The novel then shifts from Tookie's haunting to the rise of Covid in the spring of 2020. "We were a haunted country in a haunted world." Tookie recalls that everyone at Birchbark was delighted when bookstores were deemed an "essential" business during the pandemic, making books as important as "food, fuel, heat, garbage collection, snow shoveling, and booze."

In May, the murder of George Floyd will haunt the country. As Native Americans with a long history of injustice, two young women from Birchbark participate in the demonstrations. Tookie recalls, "I passed burnt-out stores with walls like broken teeth. ... I passed a woman with a shopping cart full of children. ... Pockets of peace, then full-out soldiers in battle gear."

Flora promptly leaves on All Souls' Day 2020 and Tookie is free. She wonders, "Or maybe there was a God. Mine is the God of isolation, the God of the small voice, the God of the little spirit, of the earthworm and the friendly mouse, the hummingbird, the green butterfly, and all things iridescent." Tookie closes her tale, as she began it. She consults the dictionary.

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Local Girl Scouts launch initial cookie orders

NORTHERN ILLINOIS – Local Girl Scouts have set-up their cookie websites and been busy marketing their products and selling Girl Scout Cookies online since Dec. 13, 2021, for the Early Bird Online Only part of the annual Girl Scout Cookie Program. Now that 2022 is here, Girl Scouts may choose to take cookie orders safely in-person from Jan. 5–29, as they create new ways to

connect with customers and offer contactless ordering and delivery door-to-door.

This year's delicious cookie lineup features refreshing Thin Mints (vegan), caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, crunchy Do-si-dos, buttery Trefoils, sweet S'mores, and toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free, too). New this year are Adventurefuls™—an indulgent, brownie-in-

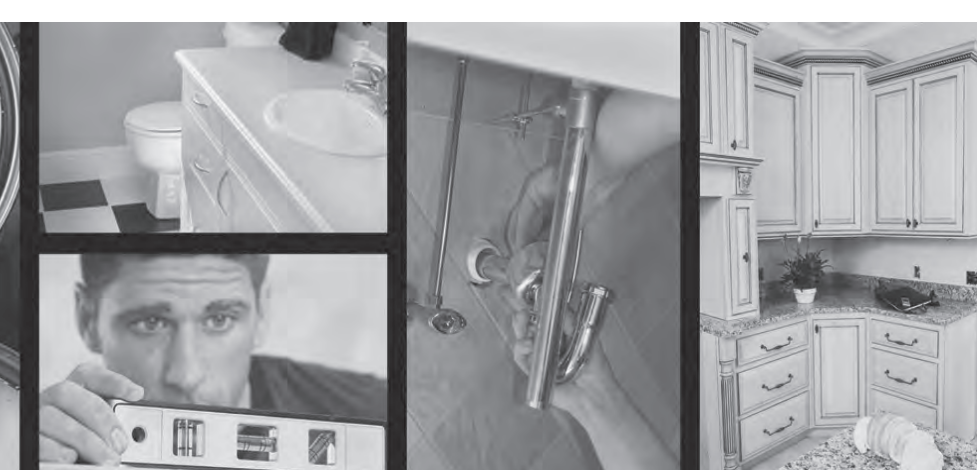
spired cookie with caramel flavored crème and a hint of sea salt.

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Opinion

A basement of unused merchandise

I don't find joy in anyone being swindled, but I do find a bit of irony that the DeVos family, founders of Amway, were bilked out of \$100 million.

Amway is a pioneer of multi-level marketing, a concept where participants are expected to not only sell something but recruit others to sell it, too.

Elizabeth Holmes, the founder of TheraNas, who was convicted of fraud charges Jan. 3, sweet talked the DeVos clan into investing in her enterprise that falsely claimed to have revolutionized blood testing.

The problem is the fancy blood-testing machine she said she invented didn't work. And she lied to attract rich investors like the DeVos who had dollar signs dancing in their eyes.

When the Wall Street Journal uncovered the deception, the company's valuation dropped from \$9 billion to less than nothing.

The DeVos family may be out millions but things could be much worse. They could have fallen for some other scam and ended up with a basement full of unused merchandise. That's what happens to a lot of folks who get involved in multi-level marketing schemes.

Robert Fitzgerald, of Pyramid Scheme Alert, is an expert on MLMs.

"Think about it. Could you possibly make a living today from your home on your own, as an Amway distributor selling laundry soap or anything else like that? So, basically these detergents and other things might be consumed by the salespeople themselves. That's right. You can't make a living."

According to the Federal Trade Commission, most people who join legitimate MLMs make little or no money. And some lose money.

In 2020, my family got scammed. The sad part is we knew we were being scammed all along and failed to stop it.

It went like this, the mother of one of our kid's friends invited my wife, Joan, to a Touchstone Crystal party. We like

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



the woman who invited her and our daughters are good friends. But Joan wasn't particularly keen on the product. She's a veterinarian and jewelry get snagged by the paws and claws of her patients.

When she was about to attend the online party, I rolled my eyes and said, "You know you're going to be expected to buy something. And it will be overpriced and likely something you don't like."

She nodded her head and gave a look of resignation one might expect of someone heading to the gallows. Unfortunately, in our society too many people are taught to be pleasers.

When she returned from her virtual engagement, she was even more glum. She won the door prize. And what was the door prize? The opportunity to host her own Touchstone Crystal party.

I looked at her and said, "Tell them, 'No.' It's a scam."

My wife nodded her head in agreement. And then the emails and phone calls started coming in from someone higher up the Touchstone Crystal food chain. Let's call her Queen Bee.

We were in the middle of a pandemic and the governor declared a hard lockdown so we said we couldn't host a party. But Queen Bee had other ideas. We would host a virtual party over Zoom.

"Tell her, 'no.' I mouthed across the room. But my wife said 'yes.' Queen Bee seemed to know just what buttons to push to get a mark to acquiesce.

Then my wife came up with her own idea: scam the scammer.

We'd host a fake party. She pointed at our oldest daughter, then her sister and then me and said, "You will be my party guests."

Can't we just tell her no? My wife just gave me The Look. She has trouble telling friends, acquaintances and strangers 'no' but with me it's not a problem.

On Party Day, we all took our phones and computers to

different parts of our house and logged on using different Zoom accounts. And there she was, Queen Bee.

When I introduced myself she gave me a startled look.

After a long pause she said "You know that Crystal glove Michael Jackson wore? That was made by our company. So, men sometimes use our products."

I can see it now, me moonwalking into the newsroom wearing one crystal bejeweled glove and whistling "Billy Jean."

At this point, I put on my reporter hat and started asking questions. "How much money did you make last year, doing this?" Queen Bee sputtered and said, "Well, I'm just not certain."

How dependent is your income on recruiting others to sell? "Well, I just don't know what you mean."

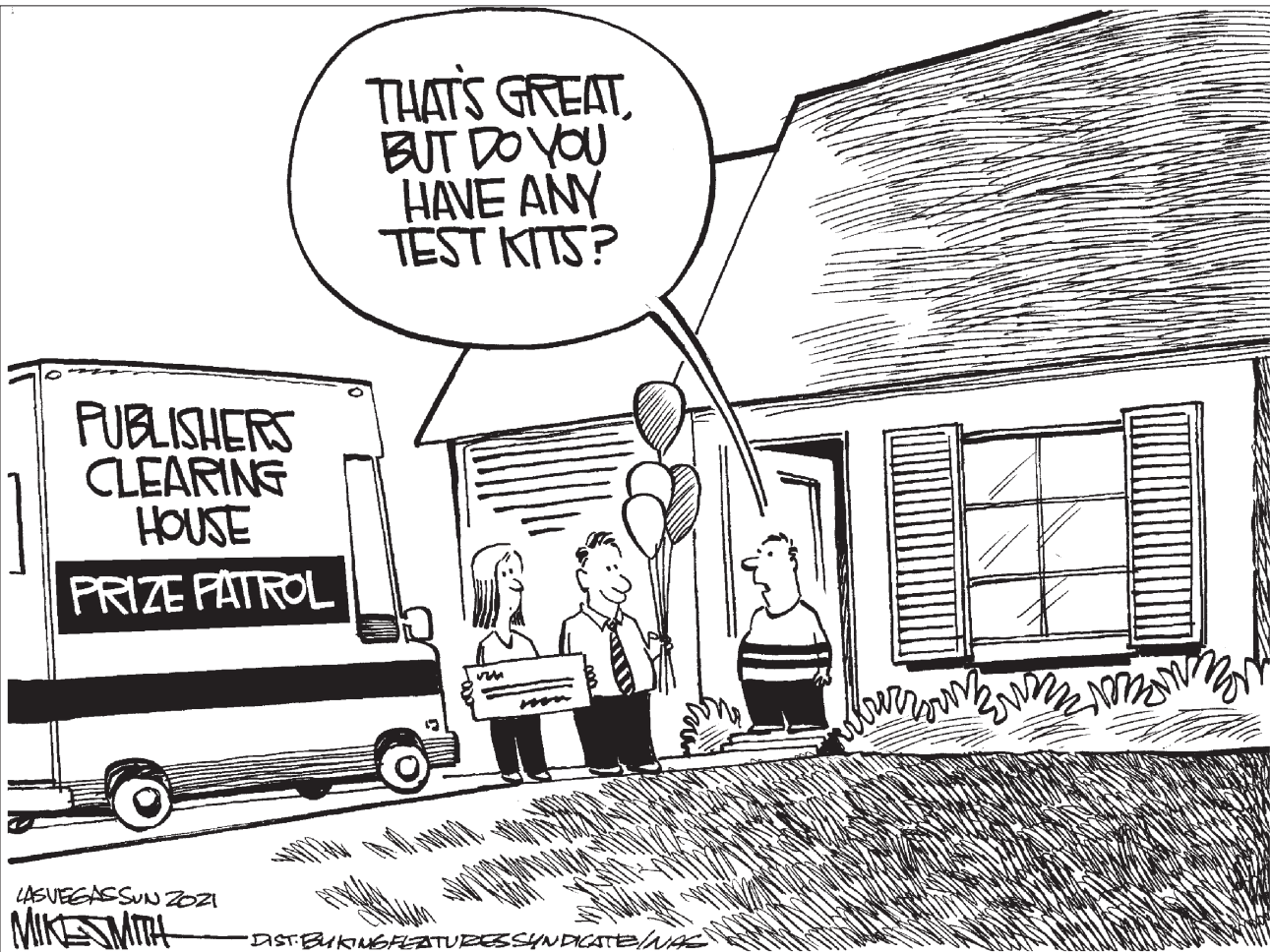
Is this a multi-level marketing program? "I've never heard that term before."

And then Queen Bee said let's do a drawing for a door prize. My wife, God bless her, says, "We aren't drawing for the opportunity to host another party are we?" A look of dejection crosses Queen Bee's face and she says, "Um, No."

At this point, I head to Dollar General, phone in hand and ask questions as I stroll down the cough medicine aisle. My inquires must have proved too much because soon she was closing out the party. I signed off.

As soon as I hung up, my wife bought another piece of jewelry. I asked why and she said, "Well, I was expected to."

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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Jan. 13, 1922

The year 1922 in all probability will witness the most extensive public improvements in Amboy that have ever been made in any one year in the history of the city. Street paving, sewer, and water main extensions to the value of \$175,000 are planned, which with the township high school building costing approximately \$100,000, will bring the total up to \$275,000.

Dr. C.A. Zeigler is now driving a new Dodge Runabout with disc wheels and California top which he purchased from the local Dodge agency, W.J. Edwards and Sons.

75 Years Ago Jan. 16, 1947

The Young Farmers' class, which met and organized Monday evening, will hold its second meeting in the agriculture room of Amboy Township High School Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Sam and daughter Beverly spent Friday in Chicago attending the Furniture Mart.

50 Years Ago Jan. 13, 1972

Raymond K. Harrison, 35, president of the Lee

County Farm Bureau and prominent citizen of this community, was named Lee County Outstanding Young Farmer Monday evening by the Dixon Jaycees.

25 Years Ago Jan. 9, 1997

Last month, it seems that someone with more time on their hands than they knew what to do with decided to play a practical joke on the City of Amboy by writing a tongue-in-cheek letter to Mayor Hank Gerdes. The letter was written on letter-

head purporting to be from the company that makes the meat product SPAM. All in good fun, the letter stated that the company was interested in finding "the ideal location for a new, state-of-the-art SPAM production facility." It went on to say that Amboy was their unanimous choice. However...there was a catch. "In exchange for locating our facility in your town," the fictitious letter read, "we expect the following in return: The name of the town would need to be formally changed to Spambot." If that weren't bad enough, the

letter also stipulated that the city would need to construct a new water tower and City Hall both of which - are you ready for this? - would need to resemble giant cans of SPAM. The new City Hall, according to the letter, would be dubbed "The world's largest SPAM can." Adding insult to injury, the letter also mandates that the name of The Amboy News be changed to the Spambot News, with the slogan "Serving the heart of SPAM country and darn proud of it."



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YEAR IN REVIEW JULY-OCTOBER

July

July 7

• On June 28 at 7:30 p.m., the Amboy Fire Department was called to the scene of the old Beggs' Certified Foods Store, located in the 100 block of Division Street. The building was unoccupied and none was injured. Pictured above, on June 30, demolition of the building began. Division Street between Metcalf and Jones were closed and the alley between Metcalf and Jones were also partially blocked off.

• The Amboy Fire Department hosted its 150th Year Community Celebration on Saturday, July 3, in downtown Amboy at Main St. and N. East Avenue. Included in the celebration were activities for the whole family.

• Depot Days 50/50 tickets are now on sale. Again, this year the Depot Days 50/50 raffle will see a total of 11 different winners. The first place, big money winner will always receive half of the amount generated from the tickets sold. Due to COVID, the 2020 Depot Days was canceled. In 2019, the top winner took home \$105,425. Ten more lucky second place winners will be drawn. Those winners will each take home \$3,000 cash.

• It seems that few 20 year olds these days have a firm grip about their career path and goals. Margaret Vaessen is the exception. Born and raised in Sublette and the youngest of four daughters to Michael and Brenda, Vaessen earned a unique opportunity while attending Amboy High School, one that will benefit her for years to come.

• About 25 members of Teen Turf did clean-up and sidewalk decorations on several downtown streets on Wednesday, June 30, in preparation for the holiday weekend festivities. Director Eileen Piper said, "I am so proud of the job they are doing for our town." Everyone was treated to a cold drink at Revolution Wellness when clean-up was complete.

July 14

• The annual Amboy Depot Days celebration is just around the corner.

The free musical entertainment for the annual festival has been announced. Performing on Friday, Aug. 27, from 7 – 9 p.m., on the Main Stage is The Beaux Band.

• Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding drivers that electronic verification of automobile insurance has begun and vehicle owners who are unable to prove insurance will face a license plate suspension and \$100 reinstatement fee.

Obituaries

Agnes R. Eisenberg - July 15, 1926 - July 6, 2021

Michael R. Burkart - Nov. 22, 1952 - July 6, 2021

David L. Hof - Jan. 19, 1937 - July 8, 2021

July 21

• The 2021 Lee County 4-H Fair & Junior Show is July 22-25 at the Lee Co. 4-H Center & Fairgrounds on Route 30 just north of Amboy.

• The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is working with local health departments, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to investigate a multistate outbreak of Salmonella Typhimurium linked to Bright-Farms brand Sunny Crunch salad produced in Rochelle.

Obituaries

Tiffany Ellen Blake Memorial Service

July 28

• The Lee County 4-H Fair was back in action last weekend after going virtually in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. 4-Hers from around Lee County displayed their projects for judging and for the general public to admire, and grooming and prepared the livestock for judging.

• With school starting in less than a month, will masks be required in school buildings and how will that decision be made? Those

questions were posed by Amboy parent Brett Kreiser during the July 15 Amboy School Board meeting. Kreiser, who spoke via Zoom, said he was most interested to know how the decision was being made and was less concerned about what the final decision would be. Even though Illinois has already adopted the CDC standards, Amboy Superintendent Joshua Nichols said schools are waiting to see exactly what that means and he expects to have more information in the coming weeks.

• Work continued last week on IL Route 52 with the southbound lane getting freshly paved. Please be aware of the construction and crew as you travel on IL Route 52.

• Shauna Sheridan, Assistant Universal Supervisor at the First National Bank of Amboy's North Branch at Joe Drive, presented a donation to Jim Travi, a volunteer for the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities, last Tuesday. The donation is one of many made by the employees of First National Bank in Amboy with funds generated by the Casual Friday Program.

Obituaries

Kenneth J. Novak - Dec. 5, 1947 - July 18, 2021

August

Aug. 4

• Every Friday at the Amboy Depot Museum parking lot, area vendors set up and offer goods at Amboy's Farmers' Market.

• The Lee County Health Department (LCHD) and KSB Hospital, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health, strongly recommend everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask while indoors in areas of substantial or high COVID-19 transmission.

• Amboy Lions Jim Travi and Roger Wittenauer unveiled a banner at the recent Amboy Lions' Club meeting announcing who was this year's Amboy Depot Days Parade Grand Marshalls. The club is honoring the original Depot Days car show committee this year.

Aug. 11

• A revised school calendar was approved on Aug. 5 during an Amboy District 272 Finance Committee meeting. The first day of school for students was moved from Aug. 18 to Monday, Aug. 23 due to some delays in the construction process and getting everything moved into the new junior high school addition.

• The 2021 Sublette One Day Tractor Drive began at the Ellice Dinges Center in Sublette on Aug. 4. The group left Sublette at 8 a.m. to meet-up with the rest of the participants at the Amboy City Park.

Aug. 18

• On July 26, the Amboy Lions Club honored the 2021 Scholarship recipients and one of their own at the recognition dinner held at the Amboy Community Center with nearly 70 members and guests present. The Melvin Jones Award was presented to Lion Patti Ohlendorf. This award takes its name from the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, and is the Club's highest form of recognition to acknowledge an individual's dedication to humanitarian service.

• The City of Amboy maintenance crew has started sprucing up the streets in preparation for Amboy's annual Depot Days celebration.

• The Amboy High School graduating class members of 1961 met at the Walton Tap with 39 classmates and spouses on Aug. 7, 2021, for lunch, trivia quiz and an enjoyable time visiting and reminiscing about their days spent at Amboy High School.

• After a year of virtual, the Lee County 4-Hers were excited to be able to come together and show their work to the judges and public at the 2021 Lee County 4-H Fair. There were over 850 exhibits

shown at this year's fair.

Obituaries

Elsie May Schnell - Nov. 28, 1935 - Aug. 13, 2021

Aug. 25

• The 2021 Annual Amboy Depot Days offers something for everyone. This year's festival runs Aug. 26-29.

• The Amboy Depot has long been the cornerstone and most recognizable landmark in the city of Amboy for over 140 years. If you walk around the building currently and look up, you will see the start of concrete cornice crumbling and falling to the ground.

• Amboy School District 272 posted an update on guidelines for the start of the 2021-22 school year in accord with the most recent CDC and IDPH guidance.

• Brian Dallam and Anthony Welty are playing the long game when it comes to their hopyard. Luckily, the cousins love a challenge. Since hop farms are relatively new to Illinois, their growing venture that started with an idea in 2016 and led to construction of a 1-acre hopyard in Amboy the following year was a risk.

• In a continuing effort to raise additional funding for the Depot Museum restoration project a beautiful handmade quilt made by Becky Welty and donated to be raffled off Sunday afternoon before the Car Show trophy presentation and 50/50 raffle.

Obituaries

Joseph R. Di Bella - Jan. 16, 1961 - Aug. 16, 2021

Sherman M. Shaw - Celebration of Life

September

Sept. 1

• The 2021 Amboy Depot Days started out with the crowning of the 2021 Miss Amboy.

Dana Merriman was crowned 2021 Miss Amboy and Lexi Morgan was first runner-up. There were four contestants vying for Miss Amboy 2021: Merriman, Morgan, Haley Sus and Liberty Sheaves. There were 15 contestants for the little and junior royalty pageants. Winners were:

Little Miss: Brooklyn Larson

Little Mister: Dalton Willstead

Junior Miss: Joivvee Hirsch

• Amboy City Crews spent Sunday working a water main break in front of Sensient. At 7 a.m. the water supply to town was shut off so these repairs can be made. The City of Mendota assisted Amboy with their Vac-Truck. A 48-hour boil order is in effect. The city announced that water will be discolored and there will be air in the lines.

• With Amboy students returning to their classrooms last week, the district's three school principals reported a successful start to the year during the Aug. 24 Board of Education meeting. Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart, Amboy Junior High Principal Andrew Full and Central Elementary Principal Joyce Schamberger, each praised everyone's hard work in getting the buildings ready for students and for helping with the move to the new junior high building.

• U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) announced that three rural fire and emergency medical services (EMS) agencies in Illinois have been awarded a total of \$381,091 in federal grant funding. This federal funding was created by Durbin's Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs (SIREN) Act, which was signed into law in 2018.

• The body of Rhonda Politsch, 62, of Sublette was found in a cornfield near Ottawa on Saturday, Aug. 28 after being reported missing around 10 p.m. the night before. Ottawa Police were informed that a woman, later identified as Politsch, had her dog run away from her and into a cornfield earlier in the day in the area of Farm and Fleet in Ottawa.

Sept. 8

• Amboy High School will celebrate its Homecoming Week next week. The Homecoming football game will be played on Friday, Sept. 17. To kick Homecoming Week off, the Powder Puff Game will be played at 4 p.m., on Sept. 12, at the football field. Skit Night will be held on Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., on the football field. This is a change of venue this year. The Homecoming Parade will start at 2 p.m., on Sept. 17, with line up beginning at 1 p.m. in the parking lot.

• A total of 425 exhibitors came on Sunday, Aug. 29 and registered vehicles in the Amboy Depot Days Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show and the International Auto Sound Challenge Association Show. People enjoyed the beautiful vehicles, great food, varied and interesting vendors, and tours of the Depot.

• Amboy boy cross country team finished in third place at the Twilight in the Woods Seneca FFA cross country meet on Sept. 3.

• Hiawatha needed three sets to defeat the Amboy Lady Clippers, 25-16, 11-25, 25-21, in varsity volleyball action on Aug. 30 at Kirkland.

• Milledgeville posted a 24-14 triumph over the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio Clippers in varsity football action on Sept. 3 at Milledgeville.

Obituaries

Mary Margaret "Peggy" Eisenberg - Nov. 15, 1930 - Sept. 3, 2021

Sept. 15

• The Sublette community recognized the 50th anniversary of Woodhaven Lakes on Sept. 4 by serving birthday cupcakes at the campground to thank the Woodhaven campers and staff for supporting Sublette over the years. The celebration was sponsored by the Sublette Business Association, the Village of Sublette, Woodhaven Realty and the Woodhaven Association.

• Larry Truckenbrod is happy to announce that this year his Sublette farm is becoming a Centennial Farm. His grandfather, John Truckenbrod, purchased the farm Feb. 21, 1921. It then passed to his Dad, Norvel Truckenbrod and upon his death, went into a trust with brothers Larry, Stan and Sid. Larry purchased the farm from his brothers and in 2007 built a new home on the family farm where he resides today.

• The annual Sublette Country Car Show took place on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in a new location, downtown Sublette. Owners of any type of antique and unique cars, trucks, farm equipment and other vehicles were invited to showcase and register their cars. An extensive Kaiser-Frazer collection, in addition to Hudson-Nash and Willys-Overland vehicles, was on display. There was no judging of vehicles.

• The sewing group from St. Patrick's Parish of Maytown recently gathered with Debbie Ward and Joyce Peterson, representatives from Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, who had requested donations of dresses and shorts for their Christmas boxes. These boxes are sent all over the world to children in need. The Maytown sewing group donated 50 dresses and 37 pairs of shorts at this time.

• The Amboy Clippers gave highly-touted Polo all it could handle before falling to the Marcos, 36-28, in varsity football action on Sept. 10 at the AHS field.

• The Amboy Lady Clippers played their first two volleyball games of the season in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference and they suffered a pair of losses.

• Amboy's cross country runners had a busy week, competing in a meet at Oregon on Sept. 8 and running in the Gary Coates Princeton Invitational on Sept. 11 at Princeton. At Oregon, the Clipper boys took second place in the team standings with 30 points, three points behind Newman. Rochelle (84) and Oregon (115) also competed. Amboy's boys

took the top spot in the Coates Invitational with 66 points. Sandwich (74), Newman (85), Morris (111) and LaSalle-Peru (118) rounded out the top five in the 21-team event.

• On Saturday Sept. 11, the Amboy Boys Golf Team finished runner-up at the Kewanee Invitational. The Clippers fired an impressive 349 to winner Rock Ridge 341. Team members Wes Wilson shot an 80 to lead the team and finished fourth. Hayden Wittenauer placed sixth shooting a 83, and rounding out the top ten, Jackson Rodgers shot an 85 for ninth.

Obituaries

Edwin "Ed" Blake - April 8, 1946 - Sept. 8, 2021

Edna Matilda Sullivan - May 27, 1929 - Sept. 7, 2021

Sept. 22

• The Amboy High School 2021 Homecoming King and Queen are, Haden McCoy and Lauren Althaus. The Senior Homecoming Court includes, front row left to right, Kenzie Nickel, Lauren Richardson, Lauren Althaus, Lexi Morgan, Abbe Christoffersen and Baylie Nickel; back row, Andrew Jones, Jairon Hochstatter, Haden McCoy, Caden Wittenauer and Sam Russell.

• Amboy Community School District has announced the following teachers have joined the school year for this school year. Lizzie Sunday, teaches first grade at Amboy Central Elementary School. Sara Krabbenhoef, teaches sixth grade ELA at Amboy Junior High School.

• The driver of a single-vehicle accident in April that resulted in the deaths of two teenagers has been charged in the crash. The Lee County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police and the Lee County Coroner's Office have completed the investigation. The driver of the vehicle, Draven Z. Webb, 20, of Dixon, has been charged with two counts of reckless homicide, a class 3 felony, with a potential prison term of 2-5 years for each charge if found guilty. Four occupants were identified in the collision. Webb and a 14-year-old female were transported to KSB Hospital and later transferred for further treatment. The other two occupants of the vehicle, a 14-year-old female and a 14-year-old male, died of their injuries at the scene.

• The Ellice Dinges Center in Sublette will be getting new windows after the village board the approved the purchase on Sept. 13.

• The Blackhawk Firefighters Association (BFFA) hosted Community Together in Unity, Remembering the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Sauk Valley College. The ceremony honored the heroes of 9/11 and members of the BFFA who served their communities and have since recently passed away.

• The familiar sight of steam rising from the Byron Generating Station continues, although it is down to rising from one tower as the station refuels. With Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker signing a new energy bill that was favorable to nuclear plants into law on Sept. 15, the Byron Station will continue to operate. It's owner, Exelon Generation, had threatened to close the station on Sept. 13 without the new bill.

• The Amboy High School cross country runners competed in the Bureau Valley Invitational on Sept. 18 at Walnut. In the varsity boys' race, the Clippers took fourth place in the team standings with 112 points.

• Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio made its 2021 Homecoming football game a memorable one with a 60-14 drubbing of Biggsville West Central on Sept. 17 at the AHS field. West Central came into the contest ranked No. 1 with an eight-game winning streak in eight-man football.

Obituaries

Kenneth R. Purvis - June 16, 1945 - Sept. 9, 2021

Morry L. Schlegel - Feb. 28, 1942 - Sept. 14, 2021

Mary Tourville Bouse - Oct. 8, 1921 - Sept. 11, 2021

Sept. 29

• The last few finishing touches are steadily being completed at the Amboy Junior High/High School building project. Reporting at the Sept. 23 board of education meeting, Amboy Superintendent Joshua Nichols said the exterior painting is wrapping up and the roof over the storm shelter is now finished.

• Twenty-seven years ago, one woman's vision and selfless desire to create something special in the Amboy community, has been a solid foundation for countless children and is still going strong today. What started out as a bi-monthly dance, held in the basement of St. Patrick's church for teen's to have a place to meet, socialize and stay off the streets on Friday nights after football and basketball games, has prospered under the caring watch of Teen Turf Executive Director Eileen Piper, lovingly referred to as 'Grandma' by the kids.

• The 272 KIDS donor plaque is located in the new Junior High School directly across from the new offices in the education wing. The businesses and individuals who made the passing of the referendum successful are recognized on the plaque.

• The Amboy Lions Club Draw Down held on Sept. 11 was a big success as it returned to its normal format this year. The food served by the Lee County Pork Producers was delicious and the attendees all had a good time. The big winners of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Klein and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Dinges.

• Amboy had the top runner in the boys' and girls' race in a meet at Mendota on Sept. 21. Brock Loftus took the top spot for the boys in a time of 15:41, while Ian Eller finished second at 17:20. Also placing in the top 10 for the Clippers were Wyatt Lundquist (5th, 18:10), Charlie Dickinson (6th, 18:35), Andrew Jones (7th, 18:43), Kelton Schwamberger (8th, 18:46) and Garrett Pertell (10th, 18:57). In the girls' event, Amboy's Lauren Althaus was first through the chute in a time of 21:01. Other runners for the Lady Clippers were Bailey Ellis (4th, 23:07), Addison Pertell (6th, 25:13) and Natalie Pratt (7th, 25:51).

• The Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio varsity football team let a lead slip away late in the game and fell to Milford-Cissna Park, 48-46, on Sept. 25 at Milford.

Obituaries

Guy "Butch" Horton, Jr. - April 4, 1945 - Sept. 20, 2021

William J. Dempsey - Oct. 18, 1927 - Sept. 19, 2021

Howard Duane Bonnell - Aug. 14, 1947 - Sept. 17, 2021

October

Oct. 6

• On Friday, Oct. 1, Amboy and Sublette Fire Departments were called to a third-alarm house fire in the 1900 block of Hillison Road in rural Lee County. The fire was first reported in the garage, and then spread to the house. A call went out to 38 fire departments to assist including: Dixon Rural, Dixon City, Franklin Grove, Ashton, Harmon, West Brooklyn, LaMoille, Rock Falls, CGH Ambulance, Advance EMS, Compton, Paw Paw, Ohio, Sterling, Byron, Princeton, Lee, Stillman Valley, Walnut, Rochelle, Mendota, Mendota-Troy Grove, Earlville, Mt. Morris and Ogle-Lee. Bill and Linda Disney, the owners of the home, have spent the last four years renovating the home.

• Amboy Civic Organization recently made a donation to the Pankhurst Memorial Library in the amount of \$1,000. The money will go to the Children's Library.

• Corteva Agriscience recently presented a \$5,000 charitable contribution to the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation to use for the Ag in the Classroom program. Ag in the Classroom provides free educational ag based resources to teachers and students in Lee County.

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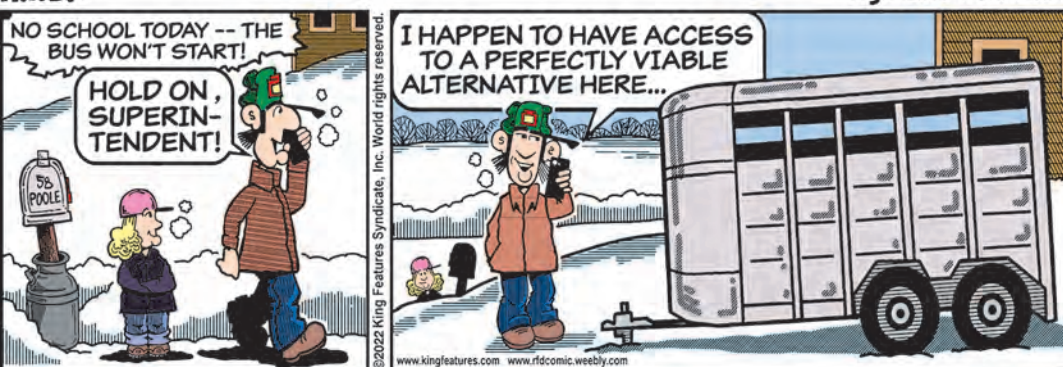
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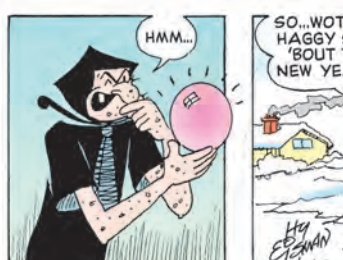
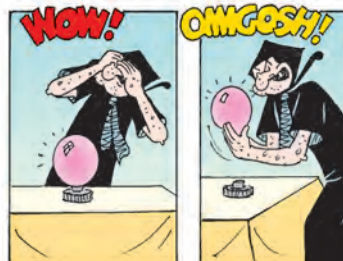
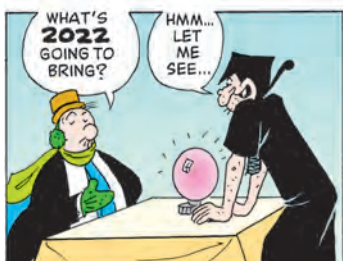
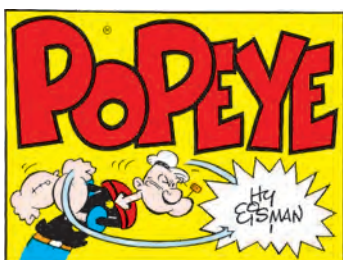
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SCRAMBLERS

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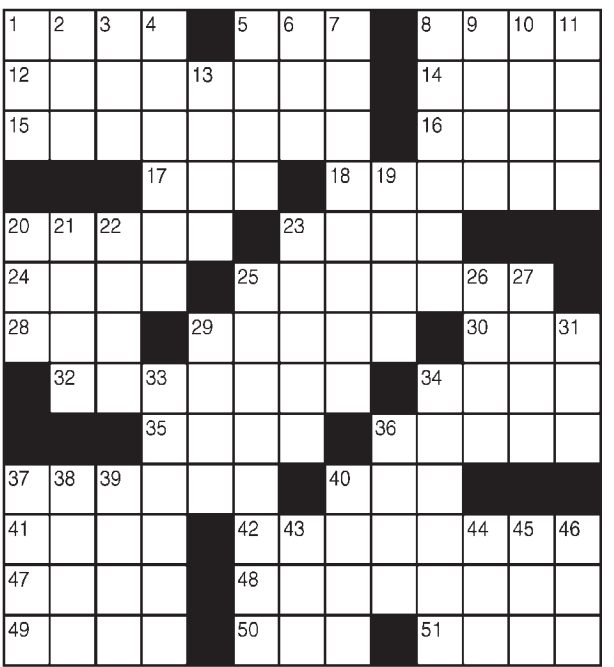
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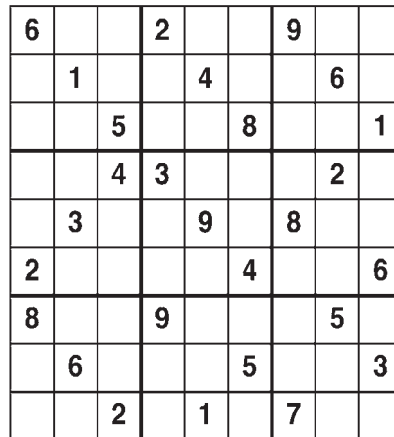


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- 26 Rich soil
- 27 Stow cargo
- 29 Grade-school
- 31 Flushed
- 33 Hang loose?
- 34 Diva
- 36 Kismet
- 37 Bleak
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- 39 Unsigned (Abbr.)
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- 43 Chemical suffix
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. LITERATURE: What was the title of Stephen King's first published novel?
- 2. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain has the advertising slogan, "Have it your way"?
- 3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president whose likeness appeared on a U.S. coin?
- 4. TELEVISION: What is the family's last name in the "Family Ties" sitcom?
- 5. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "lupus in fabula" mean?
- 6. GEOGRAPHY: What did the city of Mumbai, India, used to be called?
- 7. MOVIES: Which movie features a character called Rooster Cogburn?
- 8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features a type of language called "newspeak"?
- 9. SCIENCE: What temperature is the same on the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales?
- 10. FOOD & DRINK: Where was Coca-Cola first sold?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Scarf is shorter. 3. Cap is different. 4. Collar is different. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Window is smaller.

STRUGGLE

Today's Word

3. Elated; 4. Refuge

1. Twinge 2. Askew;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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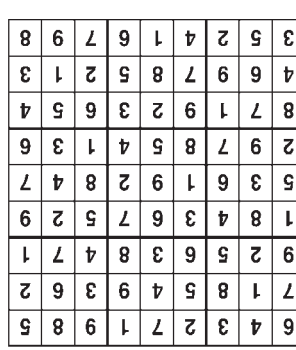
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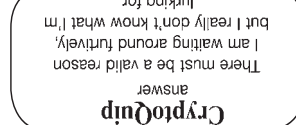
Answers



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers



There must be a valid reason I am waiting around for this but I really don't know what I'm looking for.

CryptoQuip

YEAR IN REVIEW JULY-OCTOBER

• The Amboy boys' cross country team won a quadrangular meet with Polo, Eastland and Hall on Sept. 29 at Shady Oaks Country Club. The Clippers had 18 points, followed by Polo with 52 and Eastland with 63. Hall did not field a full team.

• The Amboy Lady Clippers dropped a pair of home volleyball matches last week. Eastland downed Amboy, 25-16, 25-14, on Sept. 28 at the AHS gym.

• Two Amboy Clipper golfers were able to extend their season after participating in the Port Byron Riverdale Class 1A Regional Golf Tournament on Sept. 29 at Byron Hills Golf Course in Port Byron. The Clippers' Hayden Wittenauer shot an 82 and finished in fifth among those top 10 players, while teammate Wes Wilson carded an 84 and was sixth on that list.

• The Amboy/LaMoille/Ohio football team had another offensive explosion as it routed Kirkland Hiawatha, 60-36, on Oct. 1 at Kirkland. It was the second 60-point outburst by the Clippers in the last three games.

Obituaries

Gene L. Gascoigne - Sept. 25, 1926 - Sept. 28, 2021

Oct. 13

• Amboy Food and Liquor

held its customer appreciation day on Saturday, Oct. 2, serving hot dogs, brats, chicken, and Indian cuisine. They also had liquor tasting available. The turnout was very successful.

• Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet in Sublette held an open house to celebrate its 95th year in business on Saturday, Oct. 9. Included at the event was a car show, lunch and door prizes.

• Red Cross volunteers with the Disaster Action Team, assisted seven people impacted by home fires in Amboy, Machesney Park and Rockford from Sept. 27 through Oct. 5. Our volunteers helped those affected with temporary emergency housing, health services, disaster mental health services, financial assistance and information about recovery planning.

• The Lee County Health Department announces 66 new positive cases between Sept. 28 and Oct. 4, with five residents hospitalized. Here are the ages that were reported: 14 under the age of 12, 10 in his or her teens, 6 in his or her 20s, 3 in his or her 30s, 8 in his or her 40s, 6 in his or her 50s, 14 in his or her 60s, and 6 in his or her 70s. This brings the total number of cases to 4,470 as of Oct. 4.

• Dana Merriman, a senior

at Amboy High School, has been named the October Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Brenda and Dave Merriman.

• Polo posted a 25-18, 25-14 triumph over Amboy in varsity girls' volleyball action on Oct. 5 at Polo.

• The Skyhawks are on a roll with a record of 29-1 overall, and 6-0 in the conference. The Skyhawk's return four players from last year's team, setter Audra Goff from Rock Falls, hitter Juliana Rotella from Dixon, outside hitter Kiley Sanders from Sterling Newman, and libero Maddie Sands from Rock Falls and Iowa State transfer Michal Willman from Faith Christian. The Skyhawk's have added six freshmen: setter Gabby Jones comes to Sauk Valley from Amboy; outside hitter Jaelyn Fitzgerald from Mendota; middle hitter Kiera Collins from Sterling; outside hitter Tiana Tichler and opposite hitter Addyson Kinn from Dixon and defensive specialist Hannah Adams from Geneseo. The Skyhawks are coached by Jay Howell, Hannah Wilson, and Maryssa Albert.

• The Amboy cross country runners participated in the Panther Invitational at Lake Erie Country Club on Oct. 5. The Amboy boys took second

place in the team standings with 49 points, finishing behind only Riverdale, which had 25 points.

Obituaries

David L. Montavon - May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 2021

Oct. 20

• The 2021 Amboy Christmas Walk will be bringing back the Holiday Trolley, Santa's Village, horse and wagon rides, musical entertainment and much more. This year's event will be held from 4-7 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 11.

• The Village of Sublette will have a new maintenance company doing repairs, mowing grass and plowing snow. Sublette Village Trustee MacKenzei Belan said the village received two bids for its three-year maintenance contract. The first was from current contractor Geuther Lawn Service in the amount of \$60,000 for the first year with a five percent increase each year after for a three-year contract. The second was from Rick's Lawn and Property Maintenance in the amount of \$40,000 per year for three years. Belan made a motion to accept the bid from Rick's Lawn and Property Maintenance. Sublette Village Trustee Scott Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0,

with Sublette Village Trustee Bob Bulfer abstaining from the vote.

• The Amboy boys' cross country team enjoyed some home cooking when it raced to a first-place finish in the Amboy Columbus Day Invitational on Oct. 11 at Shady Oaks Country Club.

• Orangeville posted a 55-6 win over Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio in varsity football action on Oct. 16 at Orangeville.

Obituaries

James "Jim" A. Deihl - Aug. 6, 1946 - Oct. 15, 2021
Raymond J. Michel - Feb. 20, 1944 - Oct. 15, 2021

Oct. 27

• OSF Multispecialty Services is pleased to announce the DAISY Award was recently presented to Tamera Henkel, RN, BSN from the OSF Medical Group—Family Medicine, Washington Street office located in Mendota. Tammy has been an OSF Mission Partner for over 25 years and resides in Sublette.

• The Amboy High School Lady Clippers volleyball team hosted a Pink Night on Oct. 7 during their game against Ashton-Franklin Center Raiders. The team raised over \$5,000 during the night by hosting a t-shirt sale, sucker sale, bake sale, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. All

proceeds went to the CGH Health Foundation Women's Health Program.

• The Lee County Health Department announces 48 new positive cases between Oct. 12-18, with less than five residents hospitalized. Here are the ages that were reported: 5 under the age of 12, 4 in his or her teens, 7 in his or her 20s, 3 in his or her 30s, 5 in his or her 40s, 12 in his or her 50s, 7 in his or her 60s, 4 in his or her 70s, and 1 on his or her 80s. This brings the total number of cases to 4,568 as of Oct. 18.

• The Amboy boys' and girls' cross country teams advanced to the Oregon Sectional after they competed in the St. Bede Class 1A Regional on Oct. 23. The Clippers claimed the regional team title with 34 points. In the girls' race, the Lady Clippers qualified for the sectional by virtue of their third-place team finish.

• The Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio Clippers will participate in the 8-man football playoffs after finishing the season with a 5-4 record. The Clippers romped over Alden-Hebron, 46-8, on Oct. 22 to get their fifth win.

Obituaries

Mary T. Prunty - May 20, 1986 - Oct. 24, 2021
Sandra J. Simmons - Dec. 21, 1942 - Oct. 17, 2021

SPORTS

Lady Clippers split games against Somonauk, Freeport Aquin

AMBOY—After defeating Somonauk in the third-place game of the Amboy Holiday Tournament, the two teams met up again four days later at Somonauk and the Lady Clippers came away with a 37-25 victory on Jan. 3.

Olivia Dinges led the attack with 17 points, 11 rebounds and three assists. Maeve Larson

was next with 10 points, six boards and four assists, while Lexi Ketchum added five points and Elly Jones provided three points and four assists. Olivia Miller rounded out the scoring with two points and Courtney Ortgiesen grabbed 11 rebounds to tie for the team-lead. ***

Amboy battled Freeport Aquin in the Eastland Shootout and the Lady Clippers dropped a 45-37 decision to the Lady Bulldogs on Jan. 8 at Lanark. Amboy (10-5) struggled with foul trouble throughout the game.

Dinges topped the scoring chart with 14 points and she also hauled down eight

rebounds. Larson and Haidyn Zimmerly chipped in with eight and six points, respectively, while Jones added five tallies and four assists. Ortgiesen scored a bucket and snared eight rebounds, and Addison Pertell had two markers.

Clipper Highlights: #74 Tom Nauman

It doesn't get much more Amboy than this week's Clipper. This week's highlight is one I have looked forward to and one our history couldn't be complete without.

I've shared my great admiration, respect, and bias for the Nauman family in several past highlights. Like the McCoy's and Ely's, the Nauman family name is a dynasty when it comes to our program and community.

This week I am honored and proud to announce our highlight, #74, Tom Nauman.

Tom was a 1974 graduate of Amboy High School and four year Varsity contributor.

Tom started our conversation with a great story about the Varsity game he started at Right Tackle as a Freshman. Head Coach Don Fritz told the offense they were going to run the same play all the way down the field until the other team stopped them. Once down in the redzone, fellow lineman, Rick Heafner, looked at the opposing team and told them they were going to run the same play and also that they were getting their asses kicked by Tom, a Freshman. The drive ended with a Clipper touchdown with the same play called the entire drive. Tom shared,

"I was the only one out on the field that game with white pants because Coach wouldn't give me a pair of red pants. It was a great experience to have as a Freshman," Tom said.

Tom's Sophomore season, he was called up to the Varsity ranks every game. However, a player could play six quarters on a Friday night and Tom would play the first half of the Fr/So game and all of the Varsity game. Tom helped the Sophomore team go undefeated that season. Being one of the biggest, fastest kids in the high school, Tom started at Linebacker on the Varsity team. To this day, Tom remembers playing in the famous Oregon/Amboy brawl. Tom shared a few

stories of that game as if it happened yesterday.

"That Sophomore season was so fun because I got to play with the men, real men. They were great players and although I wasn't at their level yet, I held my own," Tom shared.

Switching to the SHARK conference, Tom, with now two years of experience in the Varsity game, was ready for a new challenge. The Clippers won 3-4 games that season but competed in every game. No opponent earned an easy victory when they played the Clippers. Tom spoke with honor, pride, and duty for his positions on the offensive and defensive lines. Remembering the hard practices involving King of the Boards and Bull in the Ring, Tom lived for the intense competition. Tom finished his Junior season earning unanimous 1st Team All Conference honors at Offensive Tackle.

Tom's older brother, Dan Nauman, was the Senior Fullback on the team and to start the year, their father, Earl Nauman, would only allow both boys one practice during double practices. Tom and Dan showed up to the first practice and didn't return for the second per their dad's rule. That afternoon, Coach Fritz arrived at the Nauman house to find out what could be done. Needless to say, a deal was reached and both Tom and Dan got to play. However, that didn't mean their chores and duties to the farm came second fiddle. Tom remembers having to go home from school to milk the cows and finish other chores before coming back to get ready for the game. For away games, the bus would wait at the Nauman house for the boys to finish their chores and then travel to the game. As unreal as it is to think about back then, the football was the escape, the reward at the end of all of that hard, rigorous work.

It was the same tune for Tom and the Clippers as a

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



Senior. Winning a handful of games and competing with larger schools week in and week out. Tom ended his Clipper career earning 1st Team All Conference honors at Offensive Tackle and Honorable Mention All-State honors at Defensive Tackle. Putting Tom's accolades in perspective, to be a two-time 1st Team selection and one of those seasons being unanimously selected, in a new, larger, conference, speaks directly to just how dominating Tom was as a football player. With the ending to a great Clipper career came just the beginning of a lifetime of contributions.

After high school, Tom was able to watch his younger brothers star for the Clippers in the mid 80's and continued to support his son, Jesse, and nephews Nick, Shane (Larson), Travis, and Joey (Yorkville HS) along with nephews on our opponents, Lena-Winslow and Fulton. As duty and service is everything to Tom, he gave nearly 20 years to being a member of our home field chain gang on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons. Tom was also very influential and helpful in the coordination of the construction of The Harbor as it was a dream for many to always have a field on the high school grounds. The construction of The Harbor



#74 Tom Nauman

came 30 years after Tom played his last snap as a Clipper showing just how close our program is to his heart.

There is no question of how much our community and program mean to Tom as, behind his family, he has devoted his entire life to bettering our community and our program. Whether you saw him on the chain gang, in his dump truck, or on any other piece of heavy machinery, you knew he was working hard for what he has always cared so deeply about.

Tom concluded with the following, "It means everything to me. Growing up on the farm we didn't get to do

much besides work so I'll cherish forever getting to play football. The amount of friends that I was fortunate enough to play with, in good times and bad, is something I'll always have. It made me who I am today. I try to lead by example and pass down to my grandchildren to this day what it takes to be successful. Above all, I tell them where they come from."

So, to two-time All Conference Offensive Tackle, Honorable Mention All Stater, #74, Tom Nauman, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Clipper Football. You are as Amboy as it gets. You are among the few

men of our program who's influence remains and many continue to revere. 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.

SPORTS

Clippers drop two games at Warkins Tournament in Erie

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers dropped two games in the Warkins Tournament at Erie on Dec. 29-30.

Amboy opened the tournament with a 59-39 loss to Morrison on Dec. 29. The Mustangs galloped out to a 15-0 lead after the opening stanza and cruised to the victory.

Ian Eller topped the Clipper scoring chart with 12 points, followed by Brennan Blaine with 11 and Tucker Lindenmeyer with nine.

Orion downed the Clippers, 55-45, on Dec. 30. The Chargers grabbed a 17-9 lead in the first quarter. Amboy closed the gap to three (41-38) after three frames, but Orion doubled up the score on the Clippers in the fourth (14-7) to claim the win.

Blaine paced the Clipper scoring attack with 20 points, while Connor Simpson provided 14 tallies. Lindenmeyer chipped in with eight markers.

Points were hard to come by for Amboy in a 51-23 setback to Eastland on Jan. 4 at the AHS gym.

The Cougars raced to a 17-3 advantage after the first quarter and held a 31-14 margin at intermission. Amboy could only muster nine points in the second half, including just two in the final period.

Eller and Blaine led Amboy with eight points apiece.



Amboy opened the tournament with a 59-39 loss to Morrison on Dec. 29. The Mustangs galloped out to a 15-0 lead after the opening stanza and cruised to the victory. Pictured left, Amboy's Ian Eller attempts to block a jump shot.

Photos courtesy of Tina Eller



Pictured left, Amboy's Brennan Blaine faces off to start the game against Eastland on Jan. 4.

Photos courtesy of Tina Eller



Amboy wrestler Lucas Blanton at 160 pounds controls his opponent from Polo on Thursday, Jan. 6, winning by fall in the second period.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz



Josh McKenney, 126 pound wrestler for the Amboy Clippers wrestling team, puts the final moves on his opponent from Genoa Kingston winning by a fall at Amboy's home meet Jan. 4.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz

Pictured is Amboy's Levi Near wrestling against Lee-Win wrestler in a close match with Near winning by a tight 3-1 decision in the 120 weight class.

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Cancellations

The Wrestling meet on Jan. 8 was canceled.

Also, all the boys basketball games have been canceled until Jan 15. This includes vs Depue on Jan. 8, vs AFC on Jan. 10, vs Forreton on Jan. 12, and vs Oregon on Jan. 14.

Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Monday, Jan. 17

NO SCHOOL - Dr. Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, Jan. 18

AHS Boys Basketball (H) Milledgeville-6 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 19

AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm
AHS Girls Basketball @ Eastland-6 pm
AJHS Girls Basketball @ Montmorency-8th-5 pm/7th-6 pm
Central School Winter Concert-AHS Gym-6:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 20

AHS Boys Basketball (H) Pearl City-6 pm
AHS Wrestling @ Polo w/Fulton-5:30 pm
Central School Drawing Club (1st-4th)- Art Room-3:20-4:20 pm
School Board Meeting-AJHS Cafeteria-7 pm

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Saturday, Jan. 22

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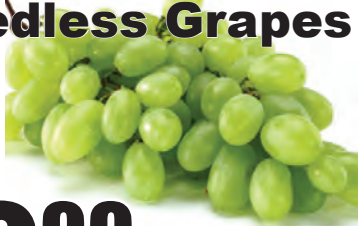
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