

2021 Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk



Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by the Amboy News during the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk on Saturday, Dec. 11, to read the letters that the local children had wrote to Santa. Letters to Santa are still being accepted until Thursday, Dec. 16 at noon, and will be printed in a special section in the Dec. 22nd edition. If the office is closed, please leave the letters in our dropbox outside our front door.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



During the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk on Saturday, Dec. 11, Teen Turf offers guests a chance to make a wreath.

Photo submitted



Children waited patiently at Central School to have their face painted by Whimsey Face Painting during the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk.

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These carolers make a stop at the Amboy News to sing a few songs. They were spreading Christmas cheer throughout the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk on Saturday, Dec. 11.

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County warns COVID cases are on the rise, advises residents to do their part

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department is asking every resident to do their part as we continue to see rising numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Just last week, Lee County received 194 new positive reports. The county health department expected some sort of surge post-Thanksgiving, but this number is concerning. As of Dec. 6, Lee County has nine residents hospitalized due to COVID-19.

The Lee County Health Department reminds residents that there are tools to help reduce the risk of COVID and now is just not the time to be complacent. If not following mitigation guidelines for yourselves, please consider our most vulnerable residents.

The Delta variant rapidly became the dominant strain of COVID. Now there is

concern about the Omicron variant. Every time the virus spreads, it has the opportunity to mutate. The last thing any of us want is for a vaccine-resistant variant to begin circulating.

There have been breakthrough cases, meaning cases in persons fully vaccinated, as the delta variant took hold. Typically, but not always, those who are vaccinated but become infected with COVID experience milder symptoms and avoid hospitalization. The Lee County Health Department is also seeing more breakthrough cases as immunity from the first two doses wanes the longer it has been since your last dose. Please, if you have not yet done so, get your booster shot. If you have not been vaccinated at all, now is the time.

Other things the Lee County Health Department

ask of our citizens are to wear masks when indoors; avoid large gatherings; avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth; practice thorough hand washing; stay home when sick; and get tested if you develop Covid-like symptoms. Symptoms vary widely across individuals. Some symptoms being seen with the Delta variant include: sore throat, cough, nasal congestion (can present similar to a cold), GI issues, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, headache, body/muscle aches, fever, chills, shortness of breath.

Vaccines are available through the health department, your primary care provider, and our local pharmacies. Testing is available through Walgreens, your primary care provider, Physician's Immediate Care and government sponsored pop up sites near Walmart and across from Culvers.



Carol Fritz poses in front of the shelves of the First Baptist Church Food Pantry.

George Howe/Amboy News

Food For Thought

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News reporter AMBOY — For the citizens of Amboy, the big beautiful red brick church building on Mason Avenue represents more than a place of worship. The First Baptist congregation, under the direction of pastor Rocky Fritz has provided a welcoming place of Christian fellowship along with caring for those who have needed assistance.

Carol Fritz, the Pastor's wife, a very humble and unassuming director of the church's food pantry, takes great pride in the hard work and dedication that she's invested since they opened

their doors back in 2000. Housed in the large annex building behind the church, the neatly arranged shelves of the pantry create a welcoming atmosphere for those less fortunate.

"It can be a terrible blow to feel that you need help due to an unforeseen change in people's lives," explained Carol.

"I want our bank to be an easy and comfortable place to come," Carol said.

One such patron has found the bank to be a lifesaver.

"I'm on disability and the way things continue to go up in price I barely have any money left over after

paying my bills," said Gary Edwards. "I wouldn't otherwise be able to afford the nice produce and meat that they give me. I'm very grateful to Carol and Rocky."

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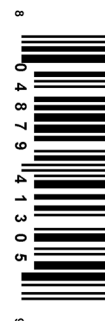
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LOCAL NEWS

Open house planned at school on Friday

AMBOY — Amboy Community Unit School District #272 will host an open house from 5 – 7 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 17. The open house will include tours of the new junior high school, tours of the high school gymnasium and area,

cookies, hot cocoa and coffee.

All guests are then invited to stay for the high school boys basketball game.

Masks will be required.



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Lee County Dec. 6, 2021 COVID update

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department announces 194 new positive cases between Nov. 30 – Dec. 6.

Here are the ages that were reported: 34 under the age of 12, 21 in his or her teens, 19 in his or her 20s, 34 in his or her 30s, 28 in his or her 40s, 24 in his or her 50s, 20 in his or her 60s, 8 in his or her 70s, 5 on his or her 80s, and 1 in his or her 90s. A total of 9 residents are currently hospitalized.

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 Dec. 13, according to IDPH 42,917 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee County, and a total of 18,588 people in Lee County are fully vaccinated, which is 54.31 percent of the population. A total of 20,043 have received at least one dose of the vaccine. A total of 6,390 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.

The IDPH has also listed Ashton-Franklin Center as having two school outbreaks of COVID-19. The first was reported on Dec. 7, citing sports as the source, with less than 5 cases. The second was reported on Dec. 8, citing classroom as the source, with less than 5 cases.

Email news items to
tgreenfield@amboynews.com

Together We Wait

Our **40-Hours Devotion** will be the highlight of our **Advent Retreat: Together We Wait**. All three Churches: **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**, Sublette – **St. Mary of the Assumption**, West Brooklyn – **St. Patrick Church**, Maytown – will take turns sponsoring **hours of adoration**.



Forty Hours Devotion

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Wednesday, December 15th 9:00am to 9:00pm

Thursday, December 16th 9:00 am to 9:00pm

St. Patrick Church

Friday, December 17th 8:30am to 6:30pm

St. Mary of the Assumption Church

Saturday, December 18th 9:00am to 3:00pm

Who should sign up for an Hour of Adoration?

- 1) Parish individuals and families
- 2) Church Organizations like: **the Knights of Columbus**, **St. Anne's Sodality**, the **Altar and Rosary Society**, **Foresters**, **Daughters of Divine Love**, **choirs**, and **the CCD teachers and their students**
- 3) If you have lost a loved one during the past year or would like to honor someone who has passed away—you may also sign-up for an hour of adoration Ex. **The family of (+) Eugene Leffelman could sponsor one hour of adoration**

Sign-up sheets are at the back of the Churches or just show up for an hour of adoration — please **be generous!**

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- *the great Bohemian Saint, St. John Neumann*

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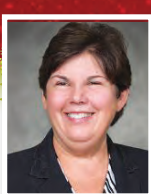


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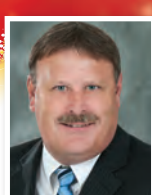
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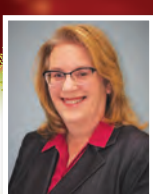
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TEEN TURF

Christmas Fun

Teen Turf will be having games and activities during the week of the children getting out of school. They will do various minute to win it games, Christmas activities, and wrap gifts for family and friends.

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

Aerobics

Open to the public: Anyone is invited to gather at Teen Turf on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. for group chair exercises and walking. They have a great time together.

Thank You's

Thank you for all the help to the following people: Kayden McCrary and his family for the puzzles; Les and Betty Shaw for the monetary donation; Anonymous monetary donation; Nancy Hochstatter monetary donation; Anonymous donation of monetary donation, food, and Christmas items; Martha Henley for the cookies; Diane Stewart for the wreaths; John and Meghan Schamberger for the monetary donation; Margaret Shaw for the items; Mike and Tasha O'Malley for the holiday items; Dave and Kathy Kemp for delivering food from Shady Oaks Golf Club; Jim and Jean Travi for delivering food from Knights of Columbus; Mary and Zip Sensenig for the treats; Mike and Kim Stram for our newly installed light outside; Tammy, Scott and Brooklyn Strub for the popcorn.

Needs

Snack items and mini games for indoor fun

Final Word

Dear Father, Thank you for this exact point in time. Sometimes we struggle To enjoy the gift of the present. We push forward before your timing is perfect And then feel the pain of rushing.

Our spirit longs to savor the moment
While our mind scrambles to snatch the next minute.
Will you slow our hearts to beat your rhythm?
Will you sync our steps to mirror your tempo?
May our spirit fail to chase After the next beautiful experience

Until we've unwrapped the gift of right now-
The present. Amen. Written by Rachel Wojo

Red Cross: Donors needed now to address historically low blood supply

ILLINOIS – Nearly two years into the pandemic, everyone has earned a holiday break with their family and friends. But as the nation gathers again for celebrations this season, the American Red Cross, which provides 40 percent of the country's blood, is facing historically low blood supply levels.

Busy holiday schedules, breaks from school and winter weather all contribute to a drop in blood and platelet donations this time of year. Those factors, combined with the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, make it vital for donors to make an appointment to give as soon as possible. If more donors don't come forward to give blood, some patients requiring a transfusion may potentially face delays in care.

Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). There is no blood donation waiting period for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, so long as they are symptom-free.

To encourage donors to help address the historically low blood supply this holiday season, all who come to give Dec. 17-Jan. 2 will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

SUBLETTE-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette, will be holding a 40-Hours Devotion as the highlight of their Advent Retreat: Together We Wait, from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 15, and Thursday, Dec. 16.

MAYTOWN-St. Patrick Church, Maytown, will be holding a 40-Hours Devotion as the highlight of their Advent Retreat: Together We Wait, from 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 17.

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junior high school, tours of the high school gymnasium and area, cookies, hot cocoa and coffee. All guests are then invited to stay for the high school boys basketball game. Masks will be required.

AMBOY-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Amboy Community Building, 280 W. Wasson Road. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

WEST BROOKLYN-St. Mary of the Assumption Church, West Brooklyn, will be holding a 40-Hours Devotion as the highlight of their Advent Retreat: Together We Wait, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 18.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23, at Dixon St. Paul Lutheran Church, 421 S. Peoria Ave. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 27, at American Legion, 1120 W. First St., Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or

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Chris Klein

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Jingle all the way: Drive sober this holiday season

LEE COUNTY – With holiday festivities rapidly approaching, the Lee County Sheriff's Office announced that it will participate in a statewide impaired driving awareness campaign from Dec. 17 through Jan. 3.

"Driving impaired, whether under the influence of alcohol or drugs, can have catastrophic consequences and is illegal in every state" said Sgt. Derek Ranken. "Not only do you put yourself at risk, but the lives of others as well."

If your celebration will involve alcohol or other impairing substances, please plan ahead for a sober ride home and remember to buckle up – it's the best defense against an impaired driver. Keep these tips in mind to help ensure a safe and joyful holiday season:

- Before you head to the party, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation or a ride-sharing service to get home safely.
- If available, use your community's local taxi service.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and call the Lee County Sheriff's Office.
- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take their keys and help them get home safely.
- Always buckle up!

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Wednesday – Cheesy beef taco, whole grain flour tortilla, lettuce, tomato, Spanish rice, refried beans, canned plums

Thursday – A) Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, glazed carrots, whole grain dinner roll, fruited jello B) Liver & Onions

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LOCAL NEWS

Dinges named December Student of the Month at Amboy HS

AMBOY — Olivia Dinges, daughter of Shauna and Dan Dinges, has been name the Amboy High School Student of the Month for December.

GPA: 3.767
 Membership and Involvement: I am a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Student Council, and FFA. I am also involved in girls basketball.

Awards and Honors:
basketball awards
 Sixth-Man Award - 2020, Nominated for Sauk Valley Player of the Week - 2020, Highest 3-point percentage - 2020, Regional Title - 2019, 2020, Sectional Title - 2019, All-Area Honorable Mention - 2020, Amboy News Player of the Week - 2018, 2019, 2020, Second Team All-Conference - 2021, IBCA Special Mention - 2021, Best Rebounder - 2021,



2021, All Tournament Team 2021,

FFA awards
 Greenhand Degree - 2019 and Chapter Degree - 2020
 Best Memories of AHS: My best memory of being a student at AHS was being able to play in basketball

games where the bleachers were packed.

Future Plans: I plan to attend a 4-year university and play basketball at the collegiate level. I plan to major in elementary or secondary education.



FUNDRAISING FOR PTC

On December 2, 2021, 10 percent of the total sales made in the deli of Amboy Food and Liquor between 4 and 7 p.m., were donated to Amboy Junior High PTC. Thank you Amboy Food and Liquor for supporting AJHS PTC. Pictured are Angie Dallam, AJHS PTC Secretary, and Tommy Patel of Amboy Food and Liquor.

Photo submitted

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“I would be remiss if I didn’t say that the current ‘atmosphere’ around police reform and negative media attention, had something to do with my decision. My belief is that we need to stop blaming society every time a law is broken, but rather start holding people accountable for their actions. The support we have in Lee County is phenomenal. I sincerely appreciate that support and have never taken it for granted, as we, in this business, will always work toward that unattainable goal

of perfection in our response to the safety and security of the public. I will miss a lot about this career, but the most important will be the people (citizens and first responders), as well as the almost daily challenges of this honorable profession. The relationships we have built in the Lee County first responder community, is second to none,” Simonton continued.

“I am also in full support of the next candidate for Sheriff – Lieutenant Clay Whelan

of the Dixon Police Department. I have had the opportunity to work with Clay prior to, during and after my tenure with the Dixon Police Department. He is the consummate professional and will continue to work with the command team of the Lee County Sheriff’s Office, providing a seamless transition,” Simonton continued.

“I want to also thank my family and friends for their critical support throughout my career. They endured a lot during the past 40

years and I am looking forward to spending more time with them in the future. Plans for the future? Ideally, spending time on a lake with family and friends, then, contemplating the next opportunity that may present itself. Thanks to everyone for their support during my two terms as Sheriff. It has been a wonderful experience and I hope I have lived up to your expectations,” Simonton concluded.

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Some of the keys to success according to Fritz start with donations. The Pork Producers, Lion’s Club, Depot Days Car Committee, and too many more to mention, have played a vital part in sustaining the bank for the past 21 years. Then there are the volunteer church members and the community giving a helping hand.

“We recently received a 17,000 pound

food order and I always have families and individuals willing to break it down,” Carol said. “I certainly couldn’t do it with out them.”

Carol places orders once a month with the River Bend Food Bank in Davenport, Iowa. This agency receives government commodities which in turn evenly divides the funding to their local organizations. Some of the items include; frozen meat, dairy products, and

non-perishables like, soap, shampoo, light bulbs, and face masks.

The bank is also able to purchase food at an incredible 18 cents a pound. So, according to Carol, although all donations are appreciated, instead of dropping off a few cans of vegetables, a monetary contribution can go so much farther as a result.

“If someone gives us ten dollars for example, we can buy so many more boxes of cereal than if they go to the store on their own and buy it,” shared Carol.

The food bank is primarily for the residents in Lee County, but no one is ever turned away.

On average 150 households are serviced on a monthly basis. The love and support has also been felt around the world. Nathan, the son of Carol and Rocky, is a missionary and last Christmas while home for a visit helped load a container bound for Cape Verde, Africa where he is stationed. The bank donated a very large amount of pinto, lentil and split pea dry beans.

“It was just a great feeling to help out those people in dire need,” said Carol. “Really, this is what we are all about.”

The bank is open on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Effort, Not Outcome

BY JACK M. BRIGGS

The old notion that "it's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game that counts" has a biblical ring to it. There is more to what we do with the gifts God has given us than whether or not we multiply them. Of course, we should take stock of and develop what have been blessed with, and to use those gifts to do God's work in the world. But it is important to remember that God does not judge us by the quantity or even the quality of our works. What is most important that we try and make an honest effort with what we have been given. That is God's standard, because God grades on effort, not outcome.

In the "parable of the talents" (Matt. 25:14-30) we have three servants entrusted with varying measures of their master's money. Two out of three invest-ed well and doubled their portions. The third, fearing his master, buried his share and did nothing, nada,

zip. Better to have put it in the bank... at least he could have collected interest! No argument there.

The master comes down pretty harshly on the third servant, calling him "wick-ed and lazy," no less. I suggest that it is not because the servant failed to match the success of the other two, but because he was afraid even to try. The man was afraid - and so he...did not...try. This is the basis upon he was judged, by the standard to which we are held, as well. My friends, fear can lead to inaction, whether fear of failure or fear of success. If we try and don't succeed at something, will people think less of us or make fun of us? On the other hand, if we try and do succeed, will that raise the level of expectation next time around? So, do we work with the resources that God has given us or do we worry about the fact that we might fail and so refuse to try? God holds us responsible for what he has given us, and he expects us to try to work with it, and the lesson is that if

we try, God will honor our effort despite the outcome.

God gives us many things, and many things to happen to us. Why this happens is not always clear. But what is expected is crystal clear: to try to develop the good things we have so that the world around us can benefit from them. But more than this, and better yet, God does not expect us to have do all this work alone. We have companions: a church family, loving friends, and skilled counselors to help us. We have been given the tools we need, we have been given each other, and we have been given God's love.

Like the master in the parable, God believes in us. God trusts us to do well with his love and to develop the gifts he gives us. Have faith that God will honor our efforts.

At the end of our days, when we stand to account before the Master, we will not be asked what we start-ed with, but what we did with what we were given. Thanks be to God, day by day.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Crossing the Line

Anxiety about "invisible blackness" and Blacks who cross the "color line" flourished in the 1920s. In the 1925 "Rhinelander Case," a wealthy white man sued his wife for annulment and fraud, alleging that she had failed to inform him of her "colored" blood. The wife won, but she was forced to partially disrobe in front of the jury in the judge's chambers in order for them to assess the darkness of her skin.

In Nella Larsen's exquisite 1929 novel "Passing," Irene Redfield, a middle-class Black woman who secretly enjoys passing, remarks to her husband Brian, "It's funny about 'passing.' We disapprove of it and at the same time condone it. It excites our contempt and yet we rather admire it. We shy away from it with an odd kind of revulsion, but we protect it." Irene lives quietly in Harlem with Brian, a doctor, and their two sons, and she dutifully serves on the Negro Welfare League. Yet, because Brian is too dark to pass, when she is alone, she is occasionally white.

On a stifling summer afternoon during a trip to Chicago, Irene slips into the whites-only Drake Hotel to enjoy a glass of ice tea on the rooftop overlooking Lake Michigan. An exceptionally attractive young white woman approaches her and Irene instantly becomes nervous. The stranger insists that she knows Irene, but it is only when the woman laughs, "a lovely laugh, a small sequence of notes that was like a trill," that Irene recognizes Clare Kendry, her schoolfriend of some twelve years ago.

Clare permanently disappeared into white society when she married a rich white businessman. She tells Irene she passes only for financial freedom. The husband has no clue that Clare is black. Irene, who plays along, is appalled, when, upon meeting him, he gleefully tells her that he doesn't dislike Negroes, "I hate them." Clare, the consummate actress, revels in her role, willfully oblivious to the dangers all around her. As Irene puts it, Clare enjoys "stepping always on the edge of danger."

Irene, who in contrast places above all else "that security of place and substance which she insisted upon for her sons and in a lesser degree for herself," fights to keep Clare at bay. To her, "Clare remained almost what she had always been, an attractive, somewhat lonely child - selfish, willful, and disturbing." Longing for kinship, Clare heedlessly crashes into Irene's life. Irene becomes increasingly paranoid, eventually believing that Clare is having an affair with Brian. "She was caught between two allegiances, different, yet the same. Herself. Her race. Race! The thing that bound and suffocated her." Irene could betray Clare, but she does not, because tragically "from the very beginning of their re-encounter, Irene is drawn to Clare like a moth to a flame."

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Dec. 16, 1921

Little Betty Collins of Rockford is visiting in Amboy with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O.F. Borgmeier. Mr. Chris Ullrich, son of Forest and daughter, Ruth, and Mrs. Arlyn Ullrich motored to Tonica Sunday to bring home Mrs. Ullrich who has been visiting her brother Rev. Depew for two weeks.

75 Years Ago Dec. 19, 1946

Open Sundays all day from now on. Amboy Café. Tim and Florence Arend. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keay entertained the teachers of Central School and a few other friends at a buffet dinner and Christmas party Sunday

evening. Present were Miss Agnes Prindaville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reinboth, Miss Marian Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hanson, Miss Rose Murtaugh, Miss Barbara Herlin, John Powers and Junior Nicholson.

George Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mason of Amboy and a World War II veteran, is one of the freshman at Illinois State Normal University who has made the varsity basketball squad. Mason was a stellar performer on the Amboy Township High School quintet before he entered service.

50 Years Ago Dec. 16, 1971

Amboy's Chamber of Commerce has arranged a busy schedule for Old Santa

Claus in Amboy. His first visits here the Friday afternoon and evening after Thanksgiving were just a "warm up" for his Christmas season visits this weekend and next week.

Dean Stephentich of Sublette was awarded a trophy for first place in the 4-H Xtra Yield Contest Saturday at the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

The Christmas Party and gift exchange of the Neighborhood Birthday Club was held Thursday afternoon when the group met at the home of Mrs. Rosalie Full. The next birthday to be celebrated will be Mrs. Rosalie Full's, Jan. 30.

25 Years Ago Dec. 12, 1996

History was made in Sublette last Saturday when a new Moose Lodge was formally

instituted at ceremonies held at the Ellice Dinges Memorial Center. Sublette is the smallest town known to have a Moose Lodge. The new lodge is known as the Sublette Lodge #2469. One hundred and nine members have joined the new lodge.

Donna Wagner and Sharon Apple were recently honored at Casey's General Stores Annual Employee Recognition Banquet for completing 10 years of service with the company.

Mr. Otto Gehant visited Mrs. Grady's fourth grade class recently. The students have been reading novels which take place during World War II. Gehant shared his war experiences with the students as well as showing them newspapers, books and a plaque relating to World War II.

Voting has begun in the Amboy News and Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk Holiday Decorating Contest!

Go to www.AmboyNews.com and click on the banner ad. Votes will be accepted until Sunday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

The Amboy News will have early deadlines due to Christmas and New Year.

For the **Dec. 22nd** edition, the advertising and editorial deadline is **Friday, Dec. 17 at 9 a.m.**

For the **Dec. 29th** edition, the advertising and editorial deadline is **Thursday, Dec. 23 at 9 a.m.**

The Amboy News will close on Friday, Dec. 24 and reopen at 8 a.m., on Monday, Dec. 27, in observance of Christmas.

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by Gary Kopervas



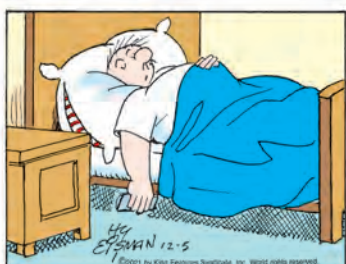
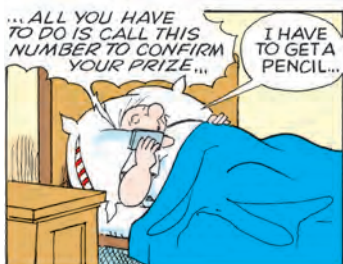
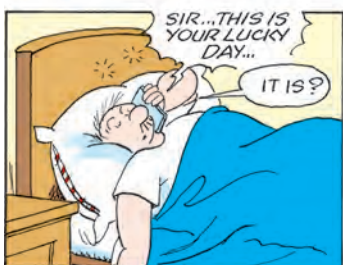
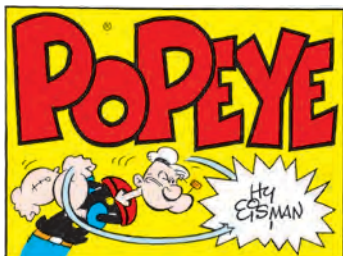
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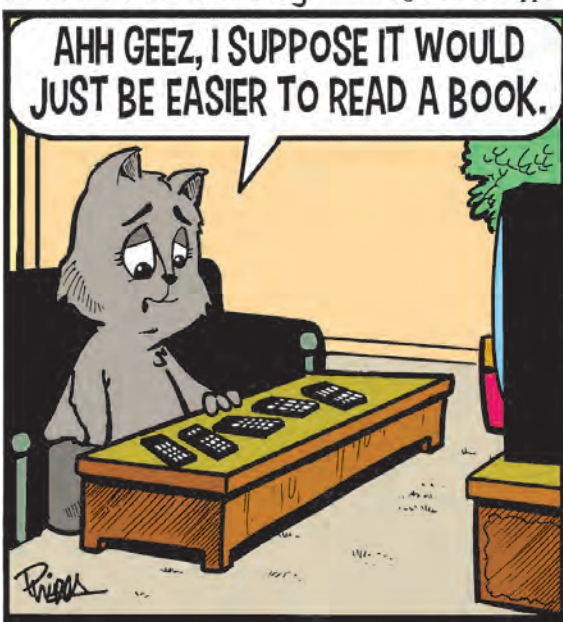
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by Dave T. Phipps



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SCRAMBLERS

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

Acute HARPS _____

Charm ELAPSE _____

Salad LEAK _____

Rude SCARS _____

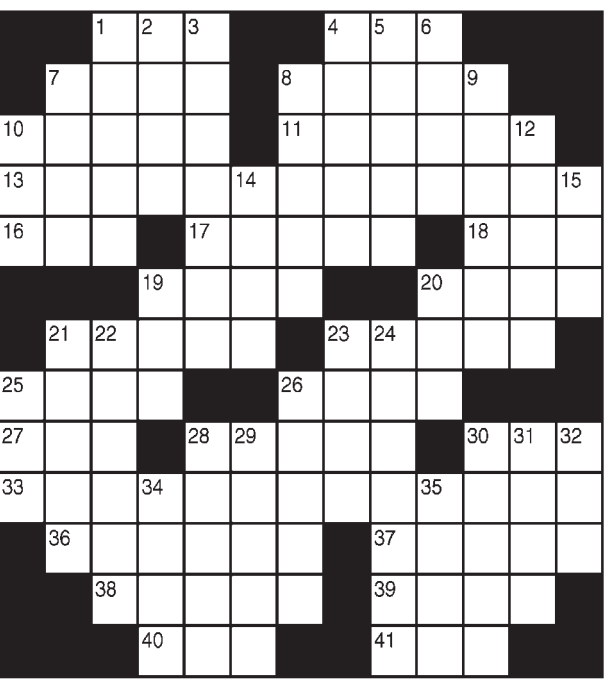
TODAY'S WORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 PC port
- 4 Roast VIPs
- 7 — cheese dressing
- 8 Some tides
- 10 Coffee-break hr.
- 11 Mistakes in print
- 13 Mitch Hedberg and Margaret Cho, for two
- 16 Standard
- 17 Cyber-commerce
- 18 To and —
- 19 Greet
- 20 "Roots" author Haley
- 21 Racing shell
- 23 Red-tag events
- 25 Poker variety
- 26 \$ dispensers
- 27 1040 org.
- 28 Mideast peninsula
- 30 Mimic
- 33 "Don't slouch!"
- 36 Spud
- 37 Thin nails
- 38 Brick worker
- 39 Used car sites
- 40 Med. plan option

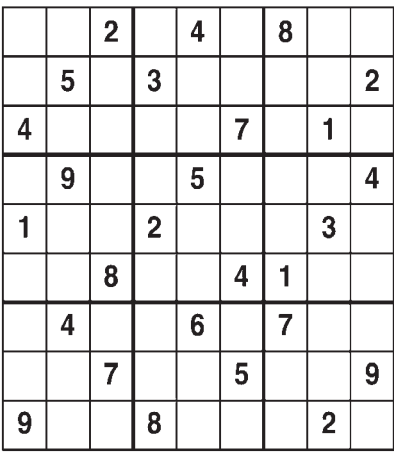


- 41 Away from WSW
- 9 Repress
- 10 Recipe abbr.
- 12 Farm units
- 14 Gas co., for one
- 15 Boston team, for short
- 19 Paul Newman film
- 20 Gore and Franken
- 21 Vegas area
- 22 Convention
- 23 Luminary
- 24 Good-natured
- 25 Venus, to Serena
- 26 Playwright Chekhov
- 28 Tic
- 29 "Life — short ..."
- 30 Marble type
- 31 Profs' degrees
- 32 UFO crew
- 34 Hexagonal state
- 35 Press agent?

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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

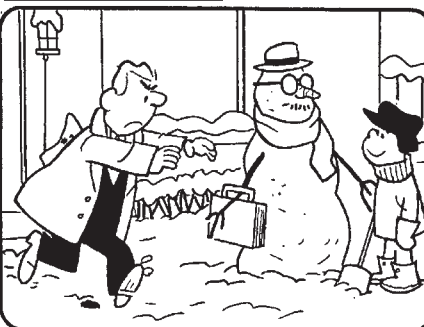
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: How long does it take for light to travel from the Sun to Earth?
2. TELEVISION: Which comedian used the catchphrase "one ringie dingie, two ringie dingies" in a TV character sketch?
3. MEASUREMENTS: How many centimeters are equivalent to 100 inches?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to serve nonconsecutive terms?
5. LANGUAGE: How many languages are spoken in the world today?
6. GOVERNMENT: Which branch of U.S. government is responsible for making laws?
7. SPORTS: Which famous baseball pitcher's nickname is "The Chairman of the Board"?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What type of food do the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles love?
9. GEOGRAPHY: Which ocean does Bermuda lie in?
10. MATH: What is a prime number?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mustache is added; 2. Glasses are removed; 3. Boots are different; 4. Pocket is added; 5. Pants are different; 6. Button is missing.

CHEAP

Today's Word

3. Kale; 4. Crass

1. Sharp 2. Please;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: C equals T

TJRB CJR WRWAR XHBMGRF

JXO CTM IMNDBFO, CJR AXLXF

NMBDGIJ HDLR CJRN CJR CJXGF

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King Crossword

Answers

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9 6 5 8 7 3 4 2 1

2 3 7 4 1 5 6 8 9

8 4 1 6 9 2 7 5 3

5 2 8 7 3 4 1 9 6

1 7 4 2 6 9 6 3 8

8 1 7 4 2 5 8 6 9

4 8 6 8 6 9 2 7 3

7 5 9 3 8 1 6 4 2

3 1 2 5 4 9 8 6 7

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

—

decree.

When the people ignored his two commands, the livid monarch gave them the third

answer

CryptoQuip

LOCAL NEWS

Email news items to
tgreenfield@amboynews.com



The Sugar Plum Fairy, played by Kaydence Larson, performs the final dance for the Nutcracker and Clara during their trip to the Land of Sweets in Woodlawn Arts Academy's recent production of "The Nutcracker."

Photo submitted

Hundreds attend Woodlawn's production of 'The Nutcracker'

ROCK FALLS — Woodlawn Arts Academy kicked off the holiday season recently with performances of "The Nutcracker." More than 800 community members attended the shows, presented by Savant Wealth Management, the weekend before Thanksgiving at Centennial Auditorium, Sterling High School.

The production cast nearly 50 dancers and actors age six through adult from Sterling, Rock Falls, Dixon, Morrison, Milledgeville, Amboy and Harmon.

"I am so beyond proud of our dancers and staff!" said Woodlawn Executive Director Christy Zepezauer. "Thank you to everyone that attended the performances and helped behind the scenes. The ballet offers an incredible, unique experience to the participants and the community, and we are always excited to bring this show to the Sauk Valley."

Woodlawn Arts Academy is an agency of United Way of Whiteside and Lee Counties, and programs are partially funded by grants from the Illinois Arts Council Agency and The Chicago Community Trust. Programming for the 2021-22 school year is running now, and registration is available throughout the year for various programs. Visit WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com for details on programs and financial assistance.

State Fire Marshal stresses fire safety during the holiday season

SPRINGFIELD — Many will be decking the halls to celebrate this holiday season. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) more than two of every five home decoration fires occur due to decorations being placed too close to a heat source. More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles. The NFPA also reports that US fire departments responded to an average of 780 home structure fires per year that began with decorations between 2013-2017.

More than half of home decoration fires in December are started by candles. Candle fires peak in December followed closely by January. The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year's Day and New Year's Eve. Before you head to bed or out for the evening, extinguish all lit candles.

Here are some tips to keep in mind to stay fire safe when decking the halls this

holiday season.

Be careful with holiday decorations. Make sure decorations are either flame retardant or flame resistant.

Keep lit candles at least 12 inches away from decorations or anything that can catch fire. Keep children and pets away from lit candles.

Extinguish all lit candles before going to bed or leaving the house.

Check to make sure your lights are rated for indoor or outdoor use or both.

Replace any light strands that have worn or broken cords. Make sure to read the recommendation for number of light strings you can string together.

Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

If you have a real Christmas tree, make sure to check water levels daily. It is not unusual for a tree to drink two gallons of water the first day it is in the stand.

The 2022 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.

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02-15-15-453-024	GERSCH, FRANK L & HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2019-00013	148 N MASON
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02-15-22-180-006	RHINE, WILLIAM JR	2019-00021	
02-15-22-180-006	RHINE, BARBARA A	2019-00021	
05-17-11-156-008	HARTLEY, JOHN E	2019-00037	536 CHERRY ST
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13-21-01-355-011	YANEZ, TIBURCIO	2019-00180	
13-21-01-355-011	YANEZ, TERESA	2019-00180	
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13-21-01-452-019	ANDRADE, CARLOS	2019-00191	
13-21-01-452-019	ANDRADE, DORA	2019-00191	
13-21-11-128-035	AQUA ILLINOIS INC	2019-00236	
13-21-11-128-035	RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM	2019-00236	
13-21-11-130-005	MELENDEZ, MARITZA	2019-00239	
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13-21-11-179-012	VILLAR, CATALINA	2019-00254	
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13-21-11-207-026	BUDZ, MARY	2019-00263	
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13-21-11-406-023	FREEMAN, LEONARD	2019-00283	
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13-21-12-155-010	BONILLA, LUIS M	2019-00304	
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13-21-12-427-031	WILLIS, MARK	2019-00368	
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13-21-12-428-050	PRES: MICHELLE T LOZINS		
13-21-12-428-050	INCLAN, ANA	2019-00372	
13-21-12-428-057	AKA ANA NELLY INCLAN		
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LOCAL NEWS

Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarships offered

AMBOY — Applications for the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships are now available on the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation website, www.lcfbfoundation.org. Applicants must be a Lee County Farm Bureau member or dependent of a Lee County Farm Bureau member in good standing and be pursuing a major in an agricultural or agricultural-related field of study in his or her college curriculum (accredited college, university or community college) for Fall 2022.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarship(s) for area high school seniors, will be in the amount of \$1,500. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined based on number of qualified applicants and upon the availability of funds.

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

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

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation will also offer one (1) \$1,500 scholarship to a current undergraduate student.

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

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

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

Applications are due to the Lee County Farm Bureau office by no later than Feb. 15, 2022.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION NEWS

Mental health and substance use issues are common. Nearly 1 in 5 U.S. adults lives with a mental illness according to the National Institute of Mental Health. From 1999 to 2016, 630,000 people died from drug overdose according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Farmers, ranchers, and agricultural workers have worse mental health than the general population. Give someone in your community a hand by learning how to recognize and respond when someone might need help with the free Mental Health First Aid workshop on Jan. 19, 2022, offered by University of Illinois Extension and the North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center.

Mental Health First Aid is a skills-based program,

where participants learn and practice a five-step action plan to identify common signs and symptoms of someone coping with mental health or substance use problems and how to help. Gain skills to feel confident interacting with a person in crisis and leave with resources to connect the person with appropriate care. Topics also include trauma, addiction and self-care.

This training is open to the public and is appropriate for anyone in the agricultural community. Participants will build skills by practicing with real-world, agriculturally based scenarios.

Register for free online at go.illinois.edu/mental-health2022. Participants will complete a two-hour self-paced online training before joining the instructor for a live webinar 8 a.m. to

3:30 p.m. CT Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022. For more information, contact Karla Belzer at kbelzer@illinois.edu or 815-632-3611.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the program coordinator at 815-632-3611. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

This program is affiliated with The North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center - a 12-state, 15-partner collaborative created to develop and expand stress management and mental health resources and services for agricultural producers and stakeholders in the North Central region.

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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #10 Damon Quest

This Clipper has provided several statements for his teammates since we started this segment. Like his teammates, this highlight is very well deserved. To add to this highlight, it's been an absolute pleasure watching this years Clipper victories with him. This young man knows the game, understands the game, and loves the game, so there is no doubt the game has loved him in return.

It's my honor to highlight, #10, Damon Quest.

Damon was a 2014 graduate of Amboy High School and two year Varsity starter in football and basketball.

As a Sophomore, Damon dressed for Varsity contests and saw limited snaps on special teams. Damon had a frontrow seat as a Sophomore to see exactly what his team as a Junior would carry over.

"We started hitting it hard for next season right away.", Damon shared of the off-season between his Sophomore and Junior years. All of the hard work continued through basketball and into the pre-season workouts. "We were working out five times a week between team stuff and speed camp in the Quad Cities."

Damon added, Damon attributes the bond between his classmates and the Seniors in the class of 2013 to the total buy-in to one goal and all of togetherness in hard work that it brought.

The season began on the road at Riverdale, an opponent that historically plays Amboy tough no matter their record. The Clippers won the contest 19-18 and through narrow victory set the sails a little higher. The 2012 Clippers would go onto a 7-2 regular season record and enter the 2A playoffs. A big win over Winetka led to a second round matchup at Orion. The highly touted Chargers were no match for

our Clippers or the Amboy faithful that evening. The victory would set the sails to The Harbor where a chance to take down the number one team in the state would take place.

"We knew that whoever won that game would have the chance to go and win a state title," Damon shared. Our Clippers lost the Quarterfinal match to the eventual State Champs, Mercer County. Although our strength was running the football, Damon gave the Clipper aerial attack extra teeth with his ability to be a deep threat and could also work the field as a possession receiver. He also aided the running game by being a sure block on the outside. Damon ended his Junior season earning 2nd team All Conference honors at receiver.

Damon entered his Senior season with the same work ethic and dedication to Clipper football as the season prior. The hard work and goal were the same, however, the outcome was different. With a loss of some key Seniors after the 2012 season, injuries throughout the 2013 season, and a loaded conference gauntlet the 2013 Clippers came short of their desired goal. To an end came the career of one of our great Clipper pass catchers in Damon. Damon ended the year earning 1st Team All Conference honors offensively and defensively following the 2013 season.

Being a great Clipper on the hardwood also earned Damon 2nd Team All Conference honors following his Senior basketball season.

Garrett Liebong, Emmitt Hicks, and Tyson Powers all provided statements for Damon.

Emmitt Hicks shared, "From the junior tackle days and all through high school Damon was a great leader on the field. He always came ready to play and always fired

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



the team up before the games. He was one of those players that gave 110 percent every play not only in games but practice too. The memories from the those Friday nights and Saturday afternoons will last a lifetime. Congrats to a great friend of mine to this day."

Garrett Liebong shared, "Damon has always been smart and intelligent playing and watching the game of football. We have played many years of football together and I could not think of a better example as a student athlete. Not only did he work his butt off in school but he also spent countless hours on and off the field preparing for what was to come next. I am lucky enough to call Damon a best friend til this day. We still talk about all the great memories we shared together as Clippers."

Tyson Powers shared, "Thinking back through the great wide receiver's the Clippers have had, Damon is certainly one of the greats. Damon always had a great knack for the football and even when he wasn't open, Damon was open. Being a wide receiver in a run heavy offense isn't always easy, but Damon earned all his catches and opportunities on the perimeter by being a great blocker in the run game.



#10 Damon Quest

One of my greatest memories with Damon, comes by way of my late grandfather Jim Powers. It was our first round playoff game against North Shore Country Day. I was scrambling around on a fourth down play and chucked up the wobbliest of ducks in the history of football (I threw a lot of them so that's saying something) and it just happened to find a wide open Damon. The ball hit Damon right in the chest and went through his arms incomplete. After the game, a game in which we won 36-12, my grandfather approached Damon and said, 'Hey Quest, do you need a fishing net to catch a pass now?' All Damon and I could do was smile and laugh both knowing it was completely my fault for a terrible throw. Not only was Damon a great

teammate on the football field but also on the hardwood. It was an honor to play with Damon and have him as a wide receiver but even more of an honor to call him a great friend to this day."

To Damon, Amboy Clipper Football is two things: Tradition and Toughness.

Damon concluded; "As a kid we grew up watching the Amboy teams. It was like watching your favorite pro team. I remember my first game at The Harbor, the only thought I had was 'wow.' Today, the pride, toughness, and tradition are still very much alive. It's so great to see Amboy Football is back."

So, to one of our best Clipper pass catchers, two time All Conference Clipper, #10 Damon Quest, thank you for your contributions to Amboy

Clipper Football. It's been a great pleasure enjoying this years playoff games with you and talking football. You have a great knowledge of this game and I look forward to watching many more Clipper victories with you. 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.

2021 Illinois firearm deer season preliminary harvest totals 71,675

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has announced hunters took a preliminary total of 71,675 deer during the seven-day 2021 Illinois Firearm Deer Season that concluded Dec. 5. Hunters harvested a final total of 77,160 deer during the firearm season in 2020.

The preliminary harvest for the second segment of the 2021 firearm season Dec. 2-5 was 21,375, compared with 29,432 during the second season in 2020. The preliminary harvest for the first segment of this year's firearm season Nov. 19-21 was 50,300 deer.

Preliminary deer harvest totals for area counties for the first and second firearm season are as follows:

Bureau – 1st season: 619;

2nd season: 290; DeKalb – 1st season: 86; 2nd season: 29; LaSalle – 1st season: 409; 2nd season: 174; Lee – 1st season: 323; 2nd season: 132; Ogle – 1st season: 391; 2nd season: 166; Putnam – 1st season: 243; 2nd season: 78; Whiteside – 1st season: 353; 2nd season: 160.

Remaining 2021-22 deer season hunting opportunities in Illinois include:

- Late-winter antlerless-only deer season and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) deer season, in designated counties only, Dec. 30, 2021-Jan. 2, 2022 and Jan. 14-16, 2022;
- Archery deer season continues through Jan. 16, 2022.

Details on the late-winter season are available online at: https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Documents/2021-2022%20Late%20Winter%20Hunting%20Information_DJS.pdf

Details on the CWD season are available online at: https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Documents/2021-2022%20Special%20CWD%20Season%20Hunting%20Information_DJS.pdf

A map showing the counties open to the late-winter and CWD seasons can be found at: https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/programs/CWD/Documents/Late_Winter_CWD_Map.pdf

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Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Tuesday, Dec. 21

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Wednesday, Dec. 22

AHS Wrestling (H) Marquette/Riverdale - 5:30 p.m.

Early Dismissal - School Improvement - AJHS-11:20; Central-11:25; AHS-11:30

Thursday, Dec. 23

School closed for Christmas Vacation. Classes resume Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022

SPORTS

Clippers lose pair of non-conference games

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers were defeated in a pair of nonconference games on the hardwood.

Indian Creek held on for a 45-39 triumph over Amboy at Shabbona.

The game was tight throughout, with Amboy trailing 11-10 after the first quarter and 21-17 at intermission. The Clippers were still within striking distance after three periods, 32-27, but couldn't get over the hump in the fourth.

Tucker Lindenmeyer supplied 17 points to pace the Amboy offensive attack. Brennan Blaine also hit double figures with 13 markers, while Ian Eller dropped in seven tallies.

Cold shooting in the third quarter was costly to the Clippers in a 46-32 loss to Hinckley-Big Rock on Dec. 10 at Hinckley.

After trailing 13-8 at the end of the first quarter, the Clippers put up 10 points in the second period compared to four for the Royals, and Amboy took an 18-17 lead to the locker room. But the Clippers went cold in the third frame, scoring only a single point on a Blaine free throw, and H-BR was able to forge ahead by 13 points (32-19) heading to the fourth quarter.

Lindenmeyer led the way for Amboy with 10 points, followed by Blaine with nine and Connor Simpson with eight.



Brennan Blaine goes for the advantage at the beginning of the game against Indian Creek.



Amboy's Ian Eller blocks an Indian Creek player. Photo courtesy of Tina Eller



Pictured left, the Clippers took a 18-17 lead at half time against Hinckley-Big Rock, only to go cold in the third quarter. Photos courtesy of Tina Eller

Lady Clippers continue winning streak to 4

AMBOY — The Amboy varsity girls had their first game of the week get postponed with Forrester.

Next up, Fulton journeyed to Amboy on Thursday night. The game was very physical, but Amboy came away with a 36-26 victory.

Elly Jones led Amboy with 16 points, while adding 3 assists and 6 steals. Olivia Dinges was next with 8 points and 10 rebounds. Maeve

Larson added 4 points, 5 boards and 3 steals. Courtney Orgtisen also scored 4 points while grabbing 11 rebounds. Olivia Miller dropped in 4 points and also had 2 steals.

Saturday afternoon, Amboy traveled to Shabbona for their ninth game of the season. The Lady Clippers jumped ahead and led after the first quarter, 15-4. Amboy won every quarter and came away with a 47-23 road win.

Olivia Dinges had a career high 20 points. Dinges did a little bit of everything with 8 rebounds, 5 steals and drew a charge. After that, it was balanced scoring with five players scoring between 4 and 7 points. Lexi Ketchum had her best game of the year with 7 points and 7 rebounds. Olivia Miller and Maeve Larson both scored 6 points. Larson added 6 boards. Elly Jones and Courtney

Orgtisen chipped in with 4 point apiece. Orgtisen was in foul trouble the whole game but still managed 5 rebounds. Jones handed out 4 assists and had 3 steals. All 11 players played in the game.

Amboy now has won four straight games for a 6-3 record. The game scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 18, will be played on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Boys Basketball
Connor Simpson

Girls Basketball
Elly Jones



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