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Giveaways continue as Christmas Walk approaches

AMBOY — The Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk Giveaways are back again this year. Organizers will be drawing one more time on Dec. 10.

You can stop by Amboy Food & Liquor, Amboy City Hall, Amboy Shell, and Revolution Wellness to throw your name in the red box drawing for the big Ham and Turkey giveaways sponsored by the City of Amboy.

These drawings will consist of two winners each at drawing — one for a holiday ham or one for a holiday turkey. They will be given out first come first serve.

The winners of the third week were Sonya Berogan and Mary Sensenig

Online Giveaways

On the The Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk's Facebook page you will find other giveaways. Joyce Schamberger, was the winner of the Ice Cream Sundae bar giveaway, that was sponsored by Meusel's Dairy Delite.

Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk set for this weekend

AMBOY — 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 Christmas Walk committee added that some of changes of having the virtual event in 2020, brought new life into the Christmas Walk. Because of the response, in addition to the one night event on Dec. 11, there will be a month-long giveaway of local prizes, similar to last year.

For a complete list of businesses participating in the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk, see B1.



Buddy Bag program needs your help

AMBOY — The Buddy Bag Program sends food items home with students at the end of the week and helps supplement the food supply for students throughout the weekend when they do not have access to the school's cafeteria.

Since the start of the 2021 school year the number of bags prepared through Im-

manuel Lutheran Church has risen from 44 to 62, nearly a 41 percent increase. Currently, it cost \$1,000 per month to keep these bags filled.

The additional number of children in combination with an increase in the cost of food items is quickly depleting the needed inventory to keep our mis-

sion viable.

Your help is needed. Because of food handling restrictions and bulk purchasing the most effective way for you to help, is with a monetary donation. Donations should be designated to Immanuel Lutheran Church — Buddy Bag Fund, 960 US Rt. 52, Amboy, IL.



KICKING OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Santa had the honor of lighting the Christmas tree in Sublette on Thursday, Dec. 2, to kick off the Sublette's Christmas in the Village event. More pictures from the walk appear on page A2.

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Amboy News



BLAINE, LINDENMEYER HONORED

Brennan Blaine and Tucker Lindenmeyer were honored on Friday, Nov 19, 2021 at half time of the I8FA State Championship game at Monmouth College. Blaine was I8FA All-State First Team and Lindenmeyer was All-State Team Honorable Mention. Congratulations to both of you from all of your teammates and the entire coaching staff.

Photo submitted

Lee County Nov. 29, 2021 COVID update

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department announces 58 new positive cases between Nov. 23-29. Here are the ages that were reported: 9 under the age of 12, 7 in his or her teens, 10 in his or her 20s, 5 in his or her 30s, 9 in his or her 40s, 5 in his or her 50s, 8 in his or her 60s, 4 in his or her 70s, and 1 on his or her 80s. Less than 5 residents are currently hospitalized.

The Lee County Health Department's website has a COVID-19 section, including information for people who have tested positive.

Vaccine

As of Nov. 19, according to IDPH 41,644 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee County, and a total of 18,458 people in Lee County are fully vaccinated, which is 53.93 percent of the population. A total of 5,459 people have received the vaccine booster shot.



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LOCAL DONATIONS

Pictured above, the Amboy Lions Club President, Dave Kemp (right), presented donations of \$500 each to Barb Harrison from the St. Patrick Food Pantry, Angel Dunn from the Amboy Fire Protection District Christmas Food Basket Project and Carol Fritz from the First Baptist Church Food Pantry to help with the increased need this holiday season. Pictured below, the Lions Club also donated \$1,000 to the Sublette Fire Protection District to be used toward the purchase of battery operated extraction equipment. Pictured are Jim Travi (left), Fire Chief Kevin Schultz, Lt. Greg Vassen and Dave Kemp. Anyone interested in joining the Amboy Lions Club is invited to attend the next club meeting on Monday, Jan. 10, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., at 6 p.m.

Photos contributed



LOCAL NEWS



SUBLETTE CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

Santa arrived in downtown Sublette on a horse pulled carriage to light the village's Christmas tree, and then off he went to the Ellice Dinges Center to hear what all the good little boys and girls wanted for Christmas.

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Carolers entertained the crowd gathered in downtown Sublette while waiting for Santa to arrive to light the official Christmas tree and kick-off the annual Sublette Christmas in the Village on Thursday, Dec. 2.

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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!**

“We want to hear that Jesus loves us, and then we want Him to show us His love in the celebration of the Holy Mass.”

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

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TEEN TURF

Christmas Walk

We will be participating in the Amboy Christmas walk this Saturday, Dec. 11 from 4-7 p.m. We will be making wreaths and having gifts to sell. We can't wait to see you there.

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: Pam Love for the blankets and Christmas items; Vegetables from the anonymous donor; Ruth Moore for the cake and Donny Pollard for delivering it; Amboy News for the paper; Kim Watley for setting up the Giving Tuesday Facebook button and to everyone who donated; Katey and John Dickinson for the cake and lunch for the kids; Chris Noble for the Christmas items; Fran Kessel for her Christmas decorating skills; Donna Wellman for her baked items; and our kid volunteers this week Jackson, Cayden, Caylee, Jaden, Michael, Trevyn and Maddy.

Needs

Hot chocolate packets and granola bars

Final Word

Please give us Your strength to face today's hard and troubled times, with the confidence of knowing that Your strength is made perfect in our weakness. Thank You that our strength comes from You, and that Your grace is sufficient for all the tasks and duties that will cross our daily path, not only for today but for the rest of our journey through life.

Thank You, Father, that Your grace is sufficient. Help us to meditate on this truth every day, Amen

Amboy Police

Ogle County warrant

On Dec. 2, at noon, Jesse J. Mohica, 21, of Rochelle, was arrested on an Ogle County warrant - no valid driver's license, speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph speed zone, and no valid driver's license. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Speeding

On Nov. 30, at 10:20 a.m., Louie Gountounias, 51, of Orland Park, was issued a citation for speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was given a notice to appear in court.

Scholarship available

DIXON - High school seniors looking for ways to help finance their college engineering education can apply for a scholarship available from the Rock River Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers.

Applications are available now until the application deadline of Jan. 21, 2022. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors of all public and private high schools in the Rock River Chapter area which includes: Bureau, Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties in northwestern Illinois. Applications for scholarships are judged from national standard test scores, essays, transcripts and extracurricular activities. Scholarships are available only for students attending an accredited engineering program. For more information contact Rock River Scholarship Chairman, Mike Leslie at 309-517-1119 (days) or 815-541-0089 (evenings).

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 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Dixon Hope Bible Fellowship, 732 Brinton Ave. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the township maintenance building.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2200 16th Ave. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension will host the Everyday Environment webinar, Winter Precipitation, on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 1 p.m. Register online at go.illinois.edu/everydayenvironment-webinars

AMBOY-The U of I Extension will host the Mental Health First Aid for the Agriculture Community webinar from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10. The webinar is designed to help farm families deal with the heavy mental toll associated with the unpredictability of agriculture. Register at <https://>

illinoisaces.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV-41qy1L-BqCMTXngv

AMBOY-The 2021 Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, throughout Amboy.

ASHTON-The Lee County Health Department and Illinois Department of Public Health will hold a Walk-in Covid Vaccine Clinic from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mills-Petrie Building, 704 N. First St, on Monday, Dec. 13. This clinic will have first shots, second shots and boosters available. Call 815-284-3371 for more information. Visit lchd.com for updates on Covid Vaccine Clinics.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

PRINCETON - The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, at the American Legion, 1549 W. Peru St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave., on Monday, Dec. 13.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will gather at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Last Alarm for a Christmas Party. There will not be any meetings in December.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the East Grove Township Hall.

highlight of their Advent Retreat: Together We Wait, from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 15, and Thursday, Dec. 16.



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The Amboy Fire Protection District is accepting canned or boxed food item donations through Dec 10th for their annual Christmas Food Baskets.

Donations may be dropped off:
Amboy Fire Department, 25 N East Avenue,
Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm
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Arrangement for pick-up can also be made for larger donations by calling 815-857-2325.
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Earl S. Sand

Nov. 8, 1939 - Nov. 12, 2021

AMBOY — Earl S. Sand, 82, of Amboy, died Friday, Nov. 12, 2021 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

He was born Nov. 8, 1939 in Chicago, the son of Carroll and Esther (Karlson) Sand.

Earl worked as a tool and die maker for Borg Warner in Bellwood for 42 years prior to retirement. Earl served in the Army National Guard for over nine years. He was a member of the Amboy Masonic Lodge, National Rifle Association, Illinois Rifle Association, the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, where he served as area representative and had also been a Boy Scout leader.

Earl married Carol Thies on Jan. 9, 1960 in Elmwood Park.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Roy Sand.

Earl is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Daryl Sand, of Amboy, Kye Sand, of Bolingbrook, Jerrod Sand, of Rochelle, and Rebecca (Lewis) Hess, of Yorkville; and six grandchildren, Brandon Hess, Amber Hess, Ashlyn Hess, Charles Hess, Marin Sand and Keaton Sand.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.



In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St Jude Children Hospital.

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

Jarrold W. Moore

Nov. 24, 1975 - Nov. 26, 2021

AMBOY — Jarrold W. Moore, 46, of Amboy, died at his home on Friday Nov. 26, 2021.

He was born on Nov. 24, 1975 in Rochelle, the son of Joe and Ruby (Spencer) Moore. Jarrold was a small engine repair man and owned his own shop. He was also employed as a diesel mechanic.

He is preceded in death by his father, Joe Moore.

Jarrold is survived by his children, Keegan G. Moore, Colton A. Moore, Alexandria D. Moore, and Jordan W. Moore. He is also survived

by his mother, Ruby Moore, of Amboy; brother, Joe W. Moore III, of Amboy; and sister, Jessica (Kevin) Isaccs, of Virginia Beach, Va.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral services will follow the visitation starting at 1 p.m., at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial will follow at Binghampton Cemetery in Amboy.

A memorial has been established.

Arrangements by the



Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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

Illinois Student Assistance Commission recognizes 2022-23 Illinois State Scholars

CHICAGO — The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state's college access and financial aid agency, is pleased to recognize the 2022-23* Illinois State Scholars. State Scholars are selected annually based on standardized test scores combined with sixth semester class rank. These exceptional students rank in approximately the top ten percent of graduates from Illinois high schools.

"On behalf of ISAC, congratulations to all of the Illinois State Scholars for their hard work and commitment inside and outside of the classroom," said ISAC Executive Director Eric Zarnikow. "In the past two years students and families have faced unprecedented difficulties as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; from financial and personal ordeals to all of the

challenges of remote learning. The achievements of these students are a credit to their perseverance and resilience, and to the support and encouragement of their families, principals, teachers, mentors, counselors, and others invested in their growth and success."

The Illinois State Scholar acknowledgement is a non-monetary award. Each State Scholar designee receives a congratulatory letter and Certificate of Achievement from ISAC, and can download an official Illinois State Scholar badge to display on their online profiles and social media platforms, as well as share with their high school counselors, colleges, employers, family members and others. High schools receive names of their respective State Scholars for their individual use and ceremonies. In deference to the variability of policies among high schools regarding publishing student information online, ISAC will not post the names of the Illinois State Scholar finalists on its website. *Note that the Program designates honorees based on the year they would begin any postsecondary education, not based on the year they graduate from high school.

To help ensure that every student in Illinois can make the most informed choices possible about education after high school, all high school students are encouraged to complete the 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or, if eligible, the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid (Alternative Application). The FAFSA is used to determine a student's eligibility for federal and most state and institutional financial aid available for any type of postsecondary education, including certificates, two- or four-year degree programs, and some vocational programs. The Alternative Application can determine eligibility for state

financial aid for those students who might not be eligible for federal student aid.

ISAC provides free assistance statewide to help every student in identifying and forging the path after high school that's right for them. From college and career exploration to direct assistance in completing financial aid forms and college applications, ISAC can help. Local ISAC Corps members, who are recent college graduates expertly trained to serve as near-peer mentors to assist high school students and their families in navigating education after high school and the financial aid process, offer free in-person and virtual workshops, as well as direct one-on-one assistance in communities statewide. Find your local ISAC Corps member at <https://studentportal.isac.org/isaccorps> and check out a free in-person or virtual financial aid workshop or college presentation at your high school or through ISAC's calendar: <https://studentportal.isac.org/Events>. Bilingual assistance is available.

Visit the ISAC Student Portal, <https://studentportal.isac.org/> for free tools and resources to help with college and scholarship search, financial aid, career exploration, and more. Students can also get their college and financial aid questions answered by ISAC experts through ISAC's free text messaging service, ISAC College Q&A, [isac.org/collegeqa](https://collegeqa.isac.org). ISAC also offers free assistance through the agency's call center, 1-800-899-4722 (ISAC), and its Online Chat service.

The mission of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is to provide Illinois students with information and assistance to help make education beyond high school accessible and affordable. Find us at isac.org and follow us on Facebook @ILStudentAssistance, Twitter and Instagram @ISACfinaid, and on YouTube.

Tour of school planned for Dec. 17

AMBOY — Save the Date - the Amboy CUSD #272 is inviting the public to tour the new Amboy Junior High and High School additions from 5 - 7 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 17. The school is located at Hawley and Metcalf. For more information, see the insert in today's paper.

In Loving Memory of Diane Eisenberg

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for the generous gift of cards, flowers, money, food, thoughts and prayers.

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Thank you, Pat Jones and the funeral home staff.

Wendy Eisenberg, Val, Sheila and Phil

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<p>St. Mary Church Fr. John Gow 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670 Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Grace Fellowship Church Amboy-Sublette Pastor Brian McWethy 500 W. Main Street, Sublette Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com</p>	<p>St. James Evangelical Congregational Church Robert Dunbar, Pastor US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd., Dixon 815-288-2447 Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Rev. Randy Fronck Locust Street, Sublette Phone 815-849-5412 Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Thursday - 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p>St. Flannen Church Fr. John Gow 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 Mass: Sunday, 9 am</p>	<p>East Grove Union Church Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321 449 Reuter Road, Amboy Phone 815-376-6661 1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd. Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. "Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!" Come as you are and join us on the journey!</p>	<p>St. Mary's Church Rev. Randy Fronck West Brooklyn Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Refuge Church Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows</p>
<p>United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745 Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>St. Patrick Church Rev. Randy Fronck - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.</p>	<p>Harmon United Methodist Church Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.</p>	

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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN



The Book Nook
By:
Tatjana Kazan

Peace, What Peace?

BY PASTOR RICK WULF

The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends,
Merry Christmas. We are in the midst of the Advent Season. This is a very special time of year for us as Christians. A tradition that has been going on for centuries in the Christian tradition is the lighting of the Advent wreath candles each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Each candle has a theme. If you are familiar in your church of this tradition, you know that this past Sunday as you read this article, the candle lit represents "Peace." Now peace may have different meanings to different people. Many believe that peace is simply the absence of conflict in one's life, whether in or around the person's life. While this is true to some extent, the Biblical concept of peace, which this candle symbolizes, helps us to see that real peace, the kind that has spiritual impact, comes from having a personal relationship with the Prince of Peace, namely Jesus Christ.

This world, that has been in the grip of conflict since from just sometime after its creation, when Adam and Eve sinned by listening to the Devil's temptation and disobeying God's command "to not eat

from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Disobedience, as we understand is sin, breaking God's holy laws. When they sinned and then had children, that sin nature has been passed down through the generations of human existence to us. Man is in such a terrible dilemma, but God has planned and provided an "awesome" way out. In God's judgment on the serpent, God said, in Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." This is God's amazing first promise that He will send a Messiah to deliver Mankind from the curse of sin. You probably remember the account in Luke 2:14, the angelic visitation to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." What an awesome message that these shepherds was given! Jesus' parents were also given a message through the Angel Gabriel that His name would be Jesus and that He would save His people from their sin. He is also called, "The Prince of Peace." In John 14:27, Jesus gave us this promise as well, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give

to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Jesus offers us His peace. Our part is to receive His peace by faith.

As believers in the one true God, we have peace with God because of the justification by faith that we have in Jesus Christ, who has made peace through the shed blood on His cross. We also have peace from God and the peace of God by giving all anxiety to Him in prayer. So, in a real sense only a person who has that personal relationship with Jesus Christ can possess and understand what real peace, is all about. If you don't know Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then I challenge you to seek Him, and discover for yourself the true meaning of Christmas and experience what true peace is all about. You can give the greatest gift of all this Christmas. If you have not done so already, I challenge you to give Jesus your heart this year. He will receive you when you seek Him wholeheartedly, and He will make you His child and make you a part of His eternal family. If you do this, then Christmas will take on a whole new meaning for you. I will be praying for you to experience true peace by knowing the Prince of Peace, Jesus.

May God continue to bless and encourage you to trust in Him.

Salvation City

Josef Stalin once famously said, "The death of one man is a tragedy. The death of millions is a statistic." In our great tragedy, COVID has killed 777,000 people since January 2020, but that is no longer in the forefront of the news. In Sigrid Nunez's pandemic novel "Salvation City" from 2010, people die from the flu in great numbers, but her focus is on the tragedy of a teenage boy who lost both his parents.

Cole's parents are liberal intellectuals. His father is a history professor and his mother is a lawyer. They live in Chicago until his father's new teaching job takes them to Little Leap in southern Indiana. The father is the first to become sick. Cole "saw how terrible it must be to be afraid to die, to want to live and live, and to not have any power to change what was going to happen to you. He told himself he would have been willing to die in his father's place - he would have done anything to save his father!"

The father soon dies and Cole barely survives the flu. When the delirium abates, he is told his mother too has died. His world has collapsed in a matter of days. "There they were again: the men in the hazmat suits. Not chickens or pigs this time but people. Corpses. Laid out in rows. Being swung onto a gigantic pyre." Cole's home is gone. "They are breaking into homes and stripping weak and defenseless victims of their possessions. Reports of people robbing the dead are also increasingly common... a homeless man caught spitting in the street was mobbed and beaten to death." Cole is taken to one of the countless appalling new orphanages.

Cole is rescued by a young, childless couple, Pastor Wyatt (PW) and his wife Tracy. They live in a religious community called Salvation City. They are kind and tolerant and Cole soon flourishes. PW teaches him the Bible, beginning with the Lord's Prayer. "The Bible may be ancient," PW tells him, "but it ain't 'history.' It's today's news, every day." Tracy homeschools Cole; PW explains that the government won't save him and proudly tells him "the number of people who declared themselves dead set against any vaccine the government came up with was steadily growing." The true believers of Salvation City are certain that the Rapture is imminent.

On his own, Cole reads articles on the pandemic, like "Mother Nature Is the Worst Terrorist." He learns how influenza occurs in waves. And "the pandemic might be the worst thing ever to happen to mankind, but it might turn out to be the best thing to happen to Planet Earth." Still, "He knew that America was far more dangerous now than when he was a little boy, but he wasn't afraid to go anywhere."

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

From The Heart Calendar winners

November 2021 From The Heart Calendar Winners
Nov. 1 - Jason Bird, St. Charles, \$25
Nov. 2 - Stephony Johnson, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 3 - Margarete Smith, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 4 - Juan Salinas, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 5 - Kathy Pfeiffer, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 6 - Noemi Stevens, Creston, \$25
Nov. 7 - Diane Rhoads, Rochelle, \$50
Nov. 8 - Kyle Aldridge,

Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 9 - Herb Sondergroth, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 10 - Kelli Ackmann-Olson, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 11 - Regina VanHise, Rochelle, \$250
Nov. 12 - Brent Wagner, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 13 - Emma Etheridge, Woodridge, \$25
Nov. 14 - Ashley Kerns, Creston, \$50
Nov. 15 - Domingo Mancella, Ashton, \$25
Nov. 16 - Jeff Perry - Jeep, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 17 - Anne Brodersen, Stillman Valley, \$25
Nov. 18 - Louise Price, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 19 - Dr. Nancy Williams, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 20 - Tim Kromm, Johnson Tractor, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 21 - Kris Hagemann, Stillman Valley, \$50
Nov. 22 - Robert Johnson, Steward, \$25
Nov. 23 - Tamra Call, New Berlin, Wis., \$25
Nov. 24 - Lisa M. Goy, Amboy, \$25

Nov. 25 - Jon Long, Tomahawk, Wis., \$500
Nov. 26 - Glen Hughes, Dixon, \$25
Nov. 27 - Deanna Rosenbaum-Hall, Chicago, \$25
Nov. 28 - Laurie Borowicz, Sycamore, \$50
Nov. 29 - Sue Worley, Maplehurst Farms, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 30 - Mia Ramsey, Rochelle, \$25
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Opinion

Once a cultural touchstone has now become an artifact of another era

I was digging around in a barn loft a while back collecting things that had been stored away for half a century.

When I pried open a suitcase, I found a stack of newspapers from November 1963, cataloging the details of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

I carried the suitcase down the ladder to show its contents to my young daughters. They looked at the headlines: Kennedy, Johnson, Oswald, Ruby, Tippit. They asked the appropriate questions, but then they saw a silver-colored tray stuffed among the pages.

One of my teenagers carefully examined the artifact and asked what it was. Her two sisters looked on equally perplexed. Then they looked at me with expectation.

I explained what they held in their hands was called an ashtray.

I couldn't help but be amused. When I was growing up, a pack of Old Golds was always in my dad's shirt pocket and an ash tray in most every room.

But, today, my daughters are never around anyone when they smoke. Springfield banned smoking in restaurants and other public places before they were born, and all of Illinois soon followed suit. So, the once ubiquitous ashtrays on every restaurant table are gone.

When I entered the newspaper business 33 years ago, I could always tell when one particular editor proofread my copy because there were single marks from his cigar on the bottom of each page that he had marked up.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



A few years later, workplace smokers were relegated to the outdoors. Today, smokers have become lonely distant figures puffing away near curbs – just off their employer's property.

What was once a cultural touchstone has become an artifact of another era.

The conversation got me thinking about what other cultural talismans that will disappear in coming years. (If you are thinking newspapers, I'll smack you upside the head.) Here's my prediction: bank checks.

A couple of years ago, I had this conversation with a young man I had a business relationship with: "Just mail me a check."

The twenty-something paused and finally said, "I don't have any checks. And I don't have any envelopes or stamps."

This was no ordinary person. He's an accomplished entrepreneur and a college graduate.

And he ran a business.

But he didn't have a checkbook?

How on earth can someone operate a household, yet alone a business, without checks?

Many millennials simply pay with plastic. A debit or credit card more often than not will suffice. And they have apps like PayPal and Venmo on their phones that allow them to pay in ways without a pen.

My young friend ultimately dropped by his bank to have a half dozen checks printed. But before he filled one out, he watched a YouTube video showing him how.

When he shared that with me, I felt old. Really old.

Letters to the Editor

Democrats are doing what they were elected to do

Dear Editor,

I read with dismay Scott Reeder's Opinion that Democrats are ignoring rural voters in the 11/24/21 edition of the Amboy News. We're here, working hard for rural Illinoisans. We have been doing what we were elected to do; developing and passing valuable, progressive legislation.

Here's a sample of what your Illinois governing team has been doing for its rural citizens since June.

This fall, Governor Pritzker signed the IL Clean Energy bill that saved hundreds of jobs at two nuclear plants in rural northern and central Illinois. That bill also restored the funding for the Illinois Shines solar incentive program. What may not be obvious to most is that there are fewer local restrictions on personal rural solar projects than urban ones. Look for more solar projects on a farm near you.

Rural gun owners, enthusiasts and safety advocates all had something to cheer about in June when Governor Pritzker signed legislation that streamlined the Firearm Owner ID (FOID) and concealed carry application processes that is

resolving months' long delays and advancing gun ownership to responsible parties.

Our crippling debt is being paid off at such a rate that our state's credit rating has been improved twice this year alone. And when that happens, more money is freed up--making more services available for rural citizens. There's so much to be proud of in our state, our abundant fields, our clean air, our state parks and our respectful red and blue neighbors.

We are moving into an election year. We will be out reminding voters of what we have done and what more we would like to do as we ask for your vote. We would like to visit with more rural voters if given the chance. But even before we get to your door this election season, know we are working in Springfield and Washington, DC doing the work you asked us to do.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave McCarver

Chair, Lee County Democratic Central Committee

An Equation

Dear Editor,
Back in 2008 I wrote: "There is only one element in the Universe which stands in the way of faith, that is the mind of man. Truth, as interpreted by the mind of man, is a relative term and subject to interpretation. It matters not what others think, do, or say when it comes to abstract thought. It matters only where you are personally within the equation."

But is truth a relative term when it comes to persecuting and defaming others of our species as we see happening everywhere today? My faith, and my innate, God-given intuition, tells me that we are all equal. But the big question is, "What is my part in the equation?" and, "Where am I in relation to the pursuit of finding/completing the solution to the equation?" These are questions which arise in me as we approach a holiday season of "Thanksgiving." Am I a part of

the problem or a part of the solution? None of these questions can be answered in the absence of truth. And where I find truth is when my mind and my heart are in sync; that is, when there is no anger, no fear, no hate, no prejudice, no judgement, but only peace, love, compassion, and understanding for all of our species.

What am I thankful for this holiday season? The ability to understand that each of us has their own story full of pain and persecution, but also with moments of love and compassion in our greatest time of need or distress. I thank my Creator for the gift of listening and understanding the stories of all those who struggle. What is your part in the equation?

Peace
Jamie Terra Hawk
Amboy

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Dec. 9, 1921

The Women's Guild of the M.E. Church held a very successful food and apron sale last Saturday. Owing to the enthusiasm and support of its members and friends the society realized the fine sum of \$275.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch entertained 25 relatives Sunday evening at a turkey dinner, in honor of the baptism of their young daughter, Juliana.

Illinois Central Lodge No. 178 A.F. & A.M. held its annual election of officers Monday evening, resulting as follows: F.L. Doty, Worshipful Master; G.P. Finch, Senior Warden; C.H. Sartorius, Junior Warden; L.L. Brink, Treasurer; W.L. Berryman, Secretary.

75 Years Ago Dec. 12, 1946

Joe McGrath opened his new Amboy Liquor Store Saturday in the Antoine building in the former location of the Amboy Shoe Repair Shop operated by Miles Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kellen have moved to the A.J. Barlow home on west Division Street which they have

purchased.

Pfc. Robert Dickinson, who has been on duty with the Army of Occupation in Germany, is scheduled to leave Germany some time this week.

50 Years Ago Dec. 9, 1971

As Amboy's city council convened Tuesday evening, Mayor Stacy Flaherty asked all present to join him in a moment of silence to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day.

Paul Bohel, of Boehle Implements, Tom McCormick, representing Amboy Sterile Packaging Company, and James Ross, representing Lee FS, Inc., will assume their duties as directors of the Amboy Chamber of Commerce at the Jan. 3 meeting of the Chamber's board of directors.

In spite of the inclement weather Sunday evening, a large crowd attended the annual Card Party in the Sublette Community Building for the benefit of Sublette Centennial Park.

Members of the Minute Maids 4-H Club held their annual award dinner at the Farm Bureau Building, Amboy, Monday night, for the members and their families.

More than 125 attended the scramble supper.

25 Years Ago Dec. 5, 1996

If you happen to walk or drive by the Depot Museum these days, you may notice a flurry of activity – as well as a few missing windows. The work is all part of the long-awaited restoration of the 120-year-old brick and limestone structure that served as a District Headquarters for the Illinois Central Railroad during two centuries. Renaissance Restoration, Galena, is the contractor for the \$243,000 exterior restoration project,

which will take about a year to complete.

Brian Burke, of Amboy, a senior at Western Illinois University, ran in this year's Chicago Marathon, sponsored by LaSalle Banks. He was one of 9,167 finishers in the race and ran the 26.2 mile course in a time of 4 hours and 2 minutes. He is the son of Bill and Pat Burke, of Amboy.

Among other activities, Amboy Christmas Walk 1996 featured a brass ensemble from Amboy High School, the Elm City Bell Choir from the First United Methodist Church in Princeton, and the always popular visits with Santa Claus.



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For me, getting a checking account was a rite of passage. I grew up on a farm, and when I was 11 years old, I opened an account so I had a mode of paying for the feed and supplies for the calves I was raising.

I can remember my mother standing over me at the kitchen table as I worked to balance my checkbook. It was hard work — at least for an absent minded 11-year-old who kept forgetting to enter transactions into his check register.

Federal Reserve data shows that checks are becoming less popular with Americans. And in countries such as Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Finland and Netherlands, bank checks have essentially been eliminated.

If the trend continues, someday the written check will go the way of the telegram.

Still, there is something to be said for holding a check in your hands. I still remember my first paycheck as a journalist. I was a summer intern at the Galesburg Register-Mail when an editor walked by my desk, handed me a check and said, "Congratulations."

I assure you, \$3.35 an hour never felt so good.

Future students will ponder these words in Martin Luther King's, "I Have a Dream" speech: "America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.'"

Will those future young scholars marvel at the great man's eloquence or ask: "What's a check?"

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Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact: AMBOY CUSD #272, 11 E.HAWLEY ST., AMBOY, IL 61310 815-857-2164 8AM-4PM

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		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	5,831,828	1,011,169	1,325,887	614,103	294,452	457,414	69,817	105,712	62,226
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District										
	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	1,027,193	0	0	355,699	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	888,707	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		7,747,728	1,011,169	1,325,887	969,802	294,452	457,414	69,817	105,712	62,226
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		7,595,962	961,677	1,433,918	762,693	310,960	7,650,687		172,206	27,221
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	124,309	0	0	(124,309)	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		151,766	49,492	16,278	207,109	(16,508)	(7,317,582)	69,817	(66,494)	35,005

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Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999: ADAM JOHNSON, REBECCA WALTER, ARLY KAECKER, AMY MCCOY, BRAD METZ, GAYLENE NOBLE, MICHELLE HAUB

Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999: JENNIFER APPLE, DEAN WEIDMAN, DAWN CHALLAND, TONI FASSIG, MOLLY NOBLE, MICHAEL SMITH, AMY WITTENAUER

Salary Range: \$60,000 and over: ALAN QUEST, KEN WILLEY

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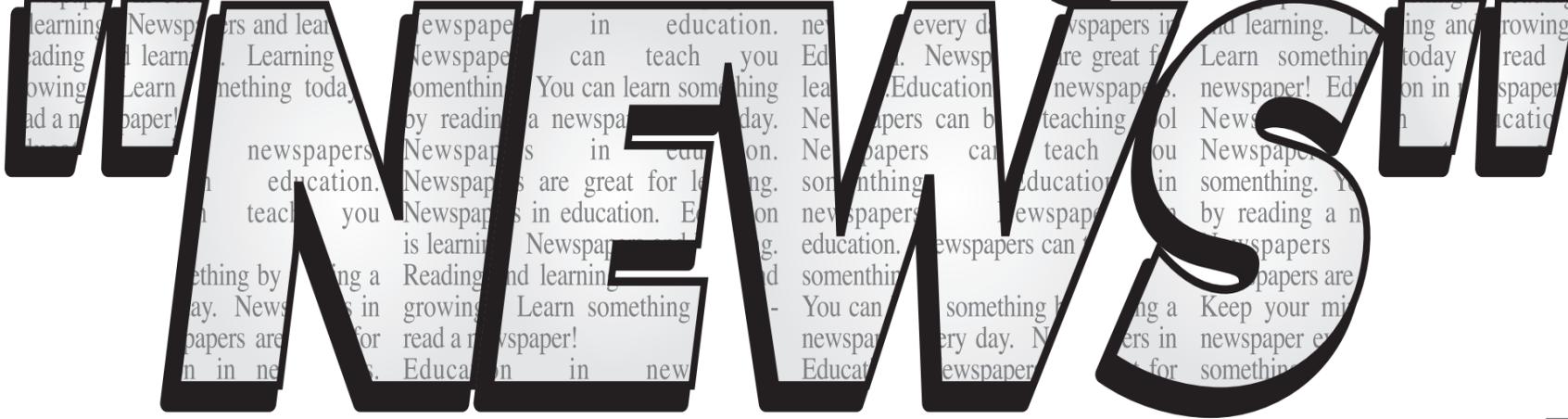
- 1ST NATIONAL BANK IN AMBOY
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- ADRENALINE FUNDRAISING
- AFLAC - REMITTANCE PROCESSING
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- AMALGAMATED BANK OF CHICAGO
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- FAITH V SACHS
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- FOX VALLEY FIRE AND SAFETY CO. INC
- FREEPORT METAL SPECIALTIES
- FRONTIER
- FRONTIER
- FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES
- GERBER LIFE
- GORDON FOOD SERVICE, INC
- GREAT MINDS
- GUARDIAN
- HAPARA
- HODGES, LOIZZI, EISENHAMMER
- HOME DEPOT PRO
- HOUGHTON MIFFLIN
- IASB
- IDEAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGNRG
- IDES
- IFIBER
- ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
- ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT
- IVY FUNDS
- J & E DUFF
- JENDY SOLUTIONS
- JOHNSON CONTROLS INC
- JOHNSTONE SUPPLY
- JONES & BERRY LUMBER CO
- JOSTENS

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172,016.19	KALEELS CLOTHING AND PRINTING	8,155.00
33,440.83	KAMI	2,650.00
6,127.50	KAPLAN	4,445.19
16,838.22	KS STATE BANK	81,569.00
44,952.23	LAKEVIEW INTERNATIONAL, LLC	2,683.56
841,625.00	LARSON & LARSON BUILDERS, INC.	719,903.00
57,217.16	LEE/OGLE/WHITESIDE ROE #47	41,468.00
2,891.90	LIMINEX, INC.	10,060.70
40,882.53	MADelyn MCLAUGHLIN	3,500.00
53,028.46	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	3,993.45
2,700.00	MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	40,396.36
44,823.00	MARTIN AND COMPANY EXCAVATING	1,150,793.69
210,316.50	MASTERCARD CORPORATE CLIENTS PA	72,266.78
14,534.00	MCGRAW-HILL EDUCATION	22,066.08
31,046.41	MICHAEL MCCRACKEN	2,553.60
6,867.39	MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIPMENT INC	216,882.45
1,059,205.76	MUSIC SPEAKS, LLC	2,798.70
9,979.87	NICOR GAS	6,226.68
2,550.00	NIU	22,000.00
3,165.48	OFFICE DEPOT	4,259.43
2,945.95	OGLE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COOP	607,743.37
23,184.22	ON 3 PHOTO	4,722.00
6,406.92	OPS	18,010.00
22,391.70	OSF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	2,631.00
11,246.97	PARENTS SQUARE, INC.	2,892.00
124,186.84	PINNACLE FLOORING COMPANY	4,050.00
6,787.74	PLUMBMASTER	2,915.51
9,968.14	PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY	23,583.96
13,868.01	PRESOTT BROTHERS INC.	19,582.00
88,433.39	PURCHASE POWER	3,000.00
6,474.14	RAMZA INSURANCE GROUP	113,153.00
2,891.77	RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES INC	5,000.00
2,859,825.35	RENAISSANCE	19,346.00
2,829.46	RENAISSANCE LEARNING	9,549.00
9,178.08	REPUBLIC SERVICES #766	11,168.17
2,823.00	RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN	4,286.47
9,341.03	ROE #47	4,100.00
3,361.86	RP COATINGS, INC.	59,977.80
441,456.52	S.G. KRAUSS CO.	482,580.00
116,136.32	SAN TANDER LEASING LLC	108,657.00
3,690.00	SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY, LLC	18,006.81
5,345.23	SCHMITT PLUMBING AND HEATING	12,763.50
2,700.00	SCHOLASTIC INC	2,819.67
786,537.55	SCHOOL SPECIALTY	5,114.91
5,903.71	SCHOOL SPECIALTY INC	6,710.40
88,647.66	SELECT EMPLOYEE CREDIT UNION	38,925.30
8,412.45	SERVCO	16,434.70
32,435.03	SHARE CORPORATION	3,787.12
12,092.18	SINGLE PATH, LLC	20,370.00
7,602.52	SINNISSIPPI CENTERS INC	4,294.50
4,951.00	SJOSTROM AND SON INC.	734,982.98
93,779.05	SKYWARD	13,985.86
9,894.48	STERLING C.U.S.D #5	71,660.00
57,193.15	STERLING NAPA AUTO PARTS	4,491.88
3,882.38	TALX UC EXPRESS	2,626.28
7,076.56	TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	402,740.62
65,059.15	TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	91,645.29
5,121.05	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO #722	10,689.00
10,506.00	TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE ADVISORS, II	12,660.00
5,032.03	THOMPSON ELECTRONICS CO	29,024.98
14,782.64	TKE CORP	3,841.16
25,200.00	TRIPLE P BBQ	4,062.02
237,869.65	TURFTAMERS	12,675.00
220,160.24	TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU	10,294.22
8,800.00	VANESSEN BROS CHEVROLET INC	4,377.30
788,683.00	VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES	152,554.67
72,248.08	VERIZON WIRELESS	6,498.52
11,257.67	VSP ILLINOIS	7,980.18
6,265.10	WILSON LANGUAGE	16,840.39
3,728.84	WINKEL, PARKER & FOSTER, CPA PC	11,725.00
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Parcel Number	Owners/Parties Interested	Cart Number	Street Or Common Address
02-15-15-357-015	INOC LLC	2019-00009	204 W HUBBARD ST
02-15-15-453-024	HERSCH, FRANK L & HEIRS AND DEVISEES	2019-00013	148 N MASON
02-15-15-453-024	HERSCH, RUTH	2019-00013	148 N MASON
02-15-15-477-008	TOTH, MICHAEL L	2019-00015	117 N JEFFERSON AVE
02-15-15-477-008	THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN AMBOY	2019-00015	117 N JEFFERSON AVE
02-15-15-477-008	COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY	2019-00015	117 N JEFFERSON AVE
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
05-17-11-156-008	HARTLEY, MARY E	2019-00037	536 CHERRY ST
05-17-11-156-008	CITIBANK, NA	2019-00037	536 CHERRY ST
05-17-28-400-003	FLEIT, FRANK	2019-00042	2698 COTTAGE HILL RD
05-17-28-400-003	REALTAX DEVELOPERS, LTD	2019-00042	2698 COTTAGE HILL RD
07-08-06-329-029	OBANION, DAVID A	2019-00121	222 CROPSEY AVE
07-08-06-329-029	STERLING FEDERAL BANK, F S B	2019-00121	222 CROPSEY AVE
07-08-06-329-029	CITY OF DIXON	2019-00121	222 CROPSEY AVE
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07-08-06-329-029	CONTIMORTGAGE CORP	2019-00121	222 CROPSEY AVE
07-08-06-329-029	PRES: ROBERT DAVIS	2019-00121	222 CROPSEY AVE
07-08-06-329-029	CONTIWEST	2019-00121	222 CROPSEY AVE
07-08-06-329-029	PRES: JOSEPHY M RUTTER	2019-00123	2500 W FOURTH ST
11-16-06-329-007	DICKSON, ROBERT	2019-00150	1136 INLET RD
13-21-01-355-011	WESELOH, DAVID A	2019-00180	
13-21-01-355-011	YANEZ, TIBURCIO	2019-00180	
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13-21-01-355-011	YANEZ, JANET	2019-00180	
13-21-01-355-011	MARTINEZ, OSCAR	2019-00180	
13-21-01-378-010	VARGAS, CARLOTA	2019-00182	96 westwood trl
13-21-01-378-010	HADSALL, CHRISTOFER	2019-00186	32 westwood trl
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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	
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13-21-11-128-035	MELENDEZ, MARITZA	2019-00236	
13-21-11-130-005	LAGUNA, BARBARA	2019-00239	
13-21-11-130-005	AQUA ILLINOIS INC	2019-00239	
13-21-11-130-005	RA: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM	2019-00239	
13-21-11-179-012	VILLAR, CATALINA	2019-00254	
13-21-11-179-012	AKA DELIA CATALINA VASQUEZ	2019-00254	
13-21-11-179-012	MIDWEST TULSA PROPERTIES	2019-00254	
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13-21-11-201-003	OGOREK, JOZEF	2019-00255	286 Rustic In
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13-21-11-205-019	LUKASIK, SANDRA K	2019-00262	
13-21-11-207-026	BUDZ, MARY	2019-00263	
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13-21-11-207-026	AQUA ILLINOIS INC	2019-00263	
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13-21-11-278-015	ACEVEDO, PATRICIA A	2019-00267	
13-21-11-328-028	VILLALOVOS, MARTIN	2019-00274	
13-21-11-328-028	VILLALOVOS, KRISTIN	2019-00274	
13-21-11-328-028	MIDWEST TULSA PROPERTIES	2019-00274	
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13-21-11-328-028	THE WOODHAVEN ASSOCIATION	2019-00274	
13-21-11-328-028	RA: JEFFREY S HICKEY	2019-00274	
13-21-11-330-004	MACAK, KEVIN	2019-00276	
13-21-11-405-009	MARTINEZ, MIGUEL	2019-00282	34 woodhaven dr w
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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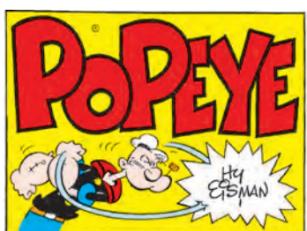
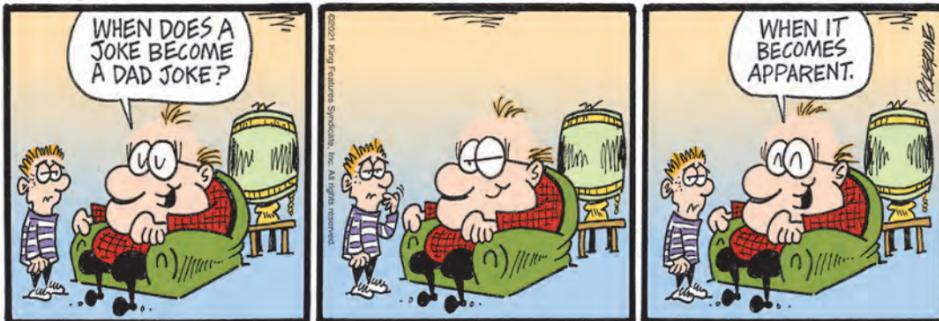
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LAFF-A-DAY



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Alum
- 5 Spell-off
- 8 Pit
- 12 Taylor of "Mystic Pizza"
- 13 Approves
- 14 Satan's forte
- 15 Leading man?
- 16 Landlocked Mideast territory
- 18 Disney's Ariel, for one
- 20 Van Gogh venue
- 21 CBS logo
- 22 Mimic
- 23 Wedding VIP
- 26 "I'm No Angel" actress
- 30 '60s chic
- 31 Green shade
- 32 Cattle call
- 33 "The Great Gatsby" setting
- 36 Self-reproach
- 38 Stop — dime
- 39 "— voyage!"
- 40 Skater Ohno
- 43 Within earshot
- 47 Oater setting
- 49 Author Bellow
- 50 Within (Pref.)
- 51 "Shoo!"
- 52 Exile isle
- 53 Beheld
- 54 Sugary suffix

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DOWN

- 1 Glitz partner
- 2 Carousel, for one
- 3 Winged
- 4 Darkened
- 5 "Let's Dance" singer
- 6 Scratched (out)
- 7 Curved letter
- 8 Semitic language
- 9 Cameo shape

- 10 Queue
- 11 BPOE members
- 17 Carton sealer
- 19 Nay undoer
- 22 Motorist's org.
- 23 Upscale auto
- 24 Shad product
- 25 Egos' counterparts
- 26 Jo's sister
- 27 Brit. record label
- 28 Fa follower
- 29 Youngster
- 31 Links org.
- 34 Ratted out
- 35 Sufficient, old-style
- 36 Deity
- 37 Gender-neutral
- 39 Montana city
- 40 Dazzles
- 41 Freshener scent
- 42 Shoppe description
- 43 Unrepaired
- 44 Lip soother
- 45 Garage job
- 46 Panache
- 48 Conceit

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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

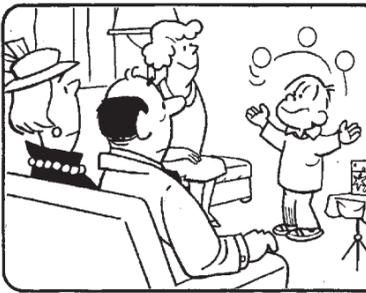
by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed legislation that made Christmas a national holiday?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of dragonflies called?
- MOVIES: Who played the role of Father Chuck O'Malley in "Going My Way"?
- FOOD & DRINK: In what year was the famous Toll House chocolate chip cookie first made?
- LANGUAGE: What is the international radio code word for the letter M?
- TELEVISION: What's the name of the mom on "Family Guy"?
- PERSONALITIES: Which famous boxer's nickname is "The Manassa Mauler"?
- HISTORY: Over which empire did Genghis Khan rule?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Appian Way is an ancient road in what country?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many milliliters are in 1 cup?

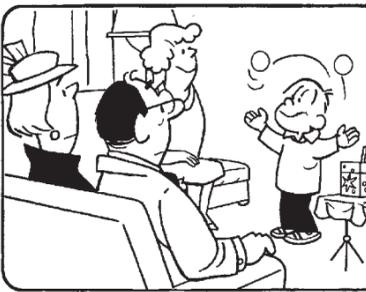
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Table is moved; 2. Ball is missing; 3. Glasses are added; 4. Pants are different; 5. Hair is added; 6. Necktie is removed.

METER

Today's Word

1. Regard 2. Mingle; 3. Tablet; 4. Reset

SCRAMBLERS

1. Regard 2. Mingle; 3. Tablet; 4. Reset

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MCPIIWPV SWGSZ DM:

CMMCWIJ LU JCDXAP.

Clue: M equals P

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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!

Heed **GRADER**

Blend **LEMING**

Pad **BATTLE**

Corrected **TREES**

TODAY'S WORD



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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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3. Bing Crosby

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5. Mike

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LOCAL NEWS



Jacob Bickett

Bickett named October Student of the Month

AMBOY — Jacob Bickett, from Amboy High School, was recently named October Student of the Month for outstanding effort and performance at Whiteside Area Career Center in Sterling. He is the son of Marty and Denis Bickett.

Email news items to tgreenfield@amboynews.com

CLIPPER KIDDIE

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Kain Kaleel

Student's Favorites:

- Favorite Color – Green
- Favorite Animal – Dinosaurs
- Favorite Food – Turkey
- Favorite Book – Dragon Book
- Favorite Game – Hot Wheels
- Favorite Song – Sk8er Boi

Hunters in Illinois harvested 50,300 deer during first weekend of 2021 Illinois firearm season

SPRINGFIELD—Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 50,300 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois firearm deer season between Nov. 19-21.

Comparatively, hunters took 47,147 deer during the first firearm weekend in 2020.

Preliminary deer harvest totals for area counties for the first weekend of the 2021 season are:

Bureau – 619; DeKalb – 86; LaSalle – 409; Lee – 323; Ogle – 391; Putnam – 243; Whiteside – 353.

Illinois' seven-day firearm deer season concluded Dec. 2-5. Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-only deer season Dec. 10-12
- Late-winter antlerless-only and Chronic Wasting Disease deer seasons

(in select counties only) Dec. 30-Jan. 2 and Jan. 14-16

• Archery deer season continues through Jan. 16.

For more details about deer hunting, open counties, and other information, check the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/Deer-Hunting.aspx>

Books By the Bushel grant applications available

AMBOY —The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to announce that they are once again giving away Books by the Bushel grants to organizations in the county that can benefit from a bushel basket of agricultural themed children's books.

Books by the Bushel is a program that is designed to help increase ag-

ricultural awareness among children. The books are geared for children on a variety of ag topics which include: The Hundred Year Barn, Farmer George Plants a Nation, On the Farm, at the Market, and more!

Applications to apply for "Books by the Bushel" are available one the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation

website, www.lcfbfoundation.org. Applications are open to all organizations in Lee County.

For questions or more information, contact the Lee County Farm Bureau, (815)857-3531 or leecfb@comcast.net.

Completed applications are due by Feb. 1, 2022.

New cookie helps Girl Scouts launch 2021–22 cookie program

NORTHERN ILLINOIS – Local Girl Scouts will kick-off the 2021–22 Girl Scout Cookie Program with online sales beginning Monday, Dec. 13. Digital Cookie 8.0 allows Girl Scouts to take electronic orders for cookies. Customers can now order and pay for cookies online and have the option to have the cookies shipped directly to them (shipping charges apply), have a Girl Scout offer contactless delivery of cookies to their door, or donate cookies (with no additional handling fees). New this year, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois will offer free shipping on all direct ship orders of 10 or more cookie packages placed on Dec. 17–18.

If customers would like to have Girl Scout Cookies for holiday gift-giving (or for themselves!), they should tell the Girl Scout in their lives to send them an email from their person-

alized website as soon as possible. Don't know a Girl Scout? Email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org to connect with local entrepreneurs who would love to add you to their customer lists.

Digital Cookie 8.0 is an innovative and educational web-based addition to the cookie program that helps Girl Scouts run and manage their cookie businesses online. Now in its eighth year, Digital Cookie brings Girl Scout programming into the future by providing invaluable business and science experience, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills that prepare them for next century leadership.

Local Girl Scouts will also take cookie orders safely

in-person (and online) from Jan. 5–29, 2022. A new Girl Scout Cookie premier this season in Adventurefuls™—an indulgent, brownie-inspired cookie with caramel flavored crème and a hint of sea salt. The full cookie lineup features all your favorites, including refreshing Thin Mints (vegan), caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, crunchy Do-sidos, buttery Trefoils, sweet S'mores, toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free, too), and more. Cookies are on sale for \$5 per package.

During Girl Scout Cookie season, each young entrepreneur sets out to sell delicious cookies while also building entrepreneurial and business skills imperative for leader-

ship and future success. All net revenues raised—100 percent of it—stays within the northern Illinois area.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois uses cookie earnings to power amazing experiences through their programming, while Girl Scouts and their troops decide how to invest in impactful community projects, personal enrichment opportunities, and more. Skills learned through the cookie program also influence later success as data shows more than half (57 percent) of Girl Scout alumni in business say the cookie program was beneficial to skills they possess today, such as money management, goal-setting, and public speaking.

SVCC offers each student \$1,000 for spring semester

STERLING — Sauk Valley Community College will provide at least \$1,000 to every student who enrolls in the 2022 spring semester. As students continue to be impacted by the effects of the pandemic, SVCC strives to provide funds to enable

students to continue their pursuit of higher education.

These funds can be up to \$2,000 based on the student's need which will be determined after completing the FAFSA application. Students must register for at least three credit hours to qualify and

will have an additional form to fill out during the registration process. Each student who follows these steps will be eligible to receive funds once per semester.

The funds for these grants have been awarded to SVCC through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which provides support to postsecondary education students and institutions. SVCC is pleased to directly distribute these funds to our students, as they are our first priority. This funding will not count against a student's current financial aid, is not required to be paid back, and will not impact their future educational funding.

For more information, please contact Financial Aid at fa@svcc.edu.

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Tuesday, Dec. 14
AHS Girls Basketball (H) Depue-6 pm
AJHS Art Club-Art Room-3:20-4:20 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 15
AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm
AHS Boys Basketball (H) Earlville-6 pm
AHS Wrestling @ Rochelle w/Harvard-5:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 16
AHS Girls Basketball @ Earlville-5:30 pm
AHS Wrestling @ Oregon w/Dakota-5:30 pm
School Board Meeting-AJHS Cafeteria-7 pm

Friday, Dec. 17
AHS Boys Basketball (H) Somonauk-6 pm
Junior High School Open House-5-7 pm

Saturday, Dec. 18
AHS Wrestling @ Stillman Valley Tournament TBA

SPORTS

Clippers suffer pair of losses last week

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers suffered a pair of losses in varsity boys' basketball action last week.

Amboy traveled to Serena on Nov. 30 and the host Huskers posted a 53-28 victory.

The Clippers fell behind 13-5 after the first quarter and trailed 27-13 heading to the break. Serena continued building on its lead in the second half.

Connor Simpson and Brennen Blaine led Amboy with seven and six points, respectively.

Indian Creek downed the Clippers, 45-39, on Dec. 2 at Shabbona.

The game was tight throughout, with the Timberwolves leading by just one (11-10) at the conclusion of the first eight-minute session. Indian Creek owned a 21-17 advantage at intermission and held a 32-27 margin heading to the fourth frame.

Tucker Lindenmeyer had the hot hand for the Clippers, pumping in a team-high 17 points, while Blaine added 13 markers. Ian Eller netted a pair of three-pointers and chipped in with seven tallies.

Amboy senior Haden McCoy guards a Serena player on Nov. 30. Serena won the game over the Clippers, 53-28. Photo courtesy of Tina Eller



Lady Clippers win 2 of 3, improving on season

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers won two of three games to improve their record to 4-3 on the season.

Amboy hosted Serena on Nov. 23 and the visitors came away with a 47-39 win.

Serena took the lead in the second quarter and led at the half. Amboy continued to close the gap, but never could get over the hump.

The Lady Clippers were paced by Olivia Dinges with 16 points and 11 rebounds, while she also dished out four assists. Also, Courtney Ortgiesen chipped in with eight points, Maeva Larson had six points, three rebounds and two assists, Elly Jones contributed five points and four assists, and Lexi Ketchum and Tyrah Vaessen added a bucket apiece. Ketchum also hauled down five rebounds.

Amboy pulled out a 40-28 victory at Pearl City on Nov. 30.

The Lady Clippers were down 10-8 after the opening stanza, but they nosed ahead by three (22-19) at halftime. AHS increased its lead in the third period and then outscored the Lady Wolves, 9-2, in the fourth.

Jones scored a career-high 18 points and also grabbed five rebounds for Amboy. Dinges posted nine points, eight caroms and four steals, while Ortgiesen added six points and four rebounds. Larson led the squad with six boards and collected three points, Haidyn Zimmerly had two points and two steals, and Ketchum totaled two points, four rebounds and two assists.

Amboy hosted the Clipper Shootout on Dec. 4 and defeated Orion, 42-20.

Dinges exploded for 11 first-quarter points on three three-pointers and she finished the contest with 16 tallies. She also had 11 rebounds, four steals and two assists. The Lady Clippers had good balanced scoring with three other players

scoring at least seven points. Larson dropped in nine markers and had six caroms, Jones netted eight points, led with six assists and had three steals, and Ortgiesen collected seven points, seven rebounds and five blocked shots. Olivia Miller scored a basket and had a pair of steals, while Ketchum grabbed six rebounds from her guard position.

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SVCC to hold vaccine event

STERLING — Sauk Valley Community College will be holding vaccine events on campus, Dec. 10 and Jan. 7, 2022. The events will be open to the public - please enter through the West Mall doors. Children's vaccines will be available, and anyone under the age of 18 will need a parent or guardian present.

For more information, please contact Eric Epps, eric.epps@svcc.edu.

**Recycle!
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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.

The Amboy News will close on Friday, Dec. 31 and reopen at 8 a.m., on Monday, Jan. 3, in observance of New Year.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Boys Basketball	Girls Basketball
Tucker Lindenmeyer	Olivia Dinges
Wrestling	
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HOLIDAY NEWS

How to care for fresh holiday wreaths

(METRO) — Majestic Christmas trees garner the lion's share of the decorative fanfare when the holidays arrive. Trees may be the focal points of holiday decor, but the humble wreath adorning the front door is the first decoration guests are likely to see when visiting a home.

Wreaths may need some care to maintain their beauty all month long. Here are some tips to help holiday wreaths last as long as possible.

Choose a wreath wisely

When shopping for a wreath, choose freshly cut greenery that you assemble yourself; otherwise, look for wreaths made from freshly cut boughs with their foliage intact. Make sure not too many needles or leaves are falling off. Heavily decorated, preassembled wreaths may be convenient, but ornaments can make it challenging to give the wreath the moisture it needs to survive.

Moisture/water

Access to moisture will help to keep the wreath fresh. While a Christmas tree trunk may sit inside of a stand filled with water, wreaths require a little ingenuity. According to the wreath and garland retailer Club Botanic, if you will not be hanging a freshly purchased wreath right away, keep it in a plastic liner in a cool, dark place to help it retain moisture.

Just make sure you don't seal that liner closed. Before hanging, lay the wreath in a couple of inches of water for about an hour or up to a day so that the cut stems can soak up water.

Once the wreath is hanging on a door or elsewhere, spritz it with water every few days to prevent it from drying out.

Location, location, location

Where you hang the wreath is key to its longevity. Wreaths and garlands hung indoors likely won't last as long as those hung outside, advises the floral retailer Bouqs.com. Evergreen boughs tend to require a colder climate to thrive, and indoor heat can prematurely zap moisture from the wreath. Using a humidifier indoors or misting the wreath may help.

It's probably best to hang fresh wreaths outdoors, but avoid direct sunlight, which can dry out the greenery. Slightly shaded spots are best. If your front door is bathed in full sun for hours, hang an artificial wreath here instead of a fresh one.

Maintain airflow

Another factor that can affect the wreath's longevity is an ample flow of oxygen. Wreaths tend to last much longer when kept on an outer door, indicates Harbor Farm in Ellsworth, ME. Wreaths sandwiched between a front door and a storm door will probably perish faster due to lack of oxygen.



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Tips and tricks for cutting out cookies

(METRO) — Baking is a holiday tradition in many households. The aroma of freshly baked cakes, pies and cookies wafts through the air of many homes this time of year, and that makes the holiday season even more special.

Cookies are a tradition passed down through the ages. In medieval Europe, small, spiced cookies were exchanged as treats, and people still bake and share gingerbread cookies today.

Cut cookies are some of the most popular cookies to make during the holiday season. Some families may have their share of favorite cookie cutter shapes and dough recipes. Certain techniques can make holiday baking

sessions easier and ensure consistent results. · Work on a lightly floured, cool surface, such as a cutting board or stone counter top. Never work on a warm surface, which can cause dough to spread and stick.

· Roll out the dough between two sheets of baking or parchment paper. Betty Crocker recommends a thickness of about 1/8 inch, unless noted in the recipe. This prevents the dough from sticking, and parchment enables you to easily transfer rolled-out dough to a refrigerator or elsewhere.

· When rolling out dough, portion it out into a few smaller amounts to roll out more easily. This will also help it to chill more readily.

· Cookies cut most easily when the dough is chilled. Refrigerate the dough for as long as possible, ideally an hour or more - even overnight. The more chilled, the firmer the dough will be.

· Rubber rolling pin rings that slip onto each side of the rolling pin can help ensure that the dough is being rolled out to a uniform thickness.

· Dip cookie cutters into flour with each cut. Work from the center and move out to the edges when cutting out your designs. Try to maximize space and avoid scraps and rerolling.

· Some expert bakers say that metal cookie cutters cut cleaner than plastic ones.

Whichever cutter you use, cut the cookie by pressing straight down; try not to twist or jiggle the cookie cutter when using it. Doughs with a high butter content can help, as the extra grease helps separate the dough from the cutters.

· If cut cookies have gotten warmer, place them in the freezer for a few minutes to firm up again and then cook. This will guarantee the cookies will not spread or distort while baking.

Extra steps may seem like they will take a lot of time. However, the extra effort and attention to detail will help produce cookies that win rave reviews.



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Toast to good health with traditional wassail

(METRO) — The practice of wassailing is a time-honored tradition that has spanned centuries. When wassailing, people go door-to-door, singing and offering a sip of drink from something called a wassail bowl.

The word “wassail” is derived from the Anglo-Saxon phrase “waes hael,” which loosely translates to “good health” or “be whole.” Wassail drink was originally made from mulled ale, curdled cream, roasted apples, eggs, cloves, ginger, nutmeg, and sugar, according to the holiday customs and traditions resource WhyChristmas. Most wassails are now mulled ciders, which are popular in late fall - notably around Thanksgiving. Wassail was traditionally enjoyed on Twelfth Night (January 5 or 6), but it can be used to toast to good health and merriment at any time during the holiday season.

There are many versions of wassail beverages, including this “Traditional Wassail,” courtesy of “The Farmer’s Almanac.” Serves 8 to 12

5 to 6 large baking apples, peeled and cored (such as Baldwin, Gravenstein, McIntosh, or Stayman Winesap)

1 cup sugar

2 quarts beer or ale

2 cinnamon sticks, broken in half, or 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground ginger

Zest of 1 lemon

1 1/2 cups sherry or sweet red wine

Preheat oven to 400 F. Cut the apples into thick slices, and arrange in layers in a covered casserole dish, sprinkling a few teaspoons of sugar over each layer. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. (The apples will get puffy and soft.)

While the apples bake, combine the beer, spices, lemon zest, and remaining sugar in a large saucepan. Heat slowly, bringing just to a simmer. (Don’t let the mixture boil.) When it is hot, add the sherry and keep heating until the mixture reaches a simmer again, still not boiling. Place the hot baked apples in a punch bowl, and pour the hot wassail over them. Serve hot.



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