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NEW BUILDING TOURS

The community was invited to tour the new Amboy Junior High School and new school gymnasium and entrance on Friday night. The junior high classrooms were open with teachers answering questions about the new facility.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



IDPH reveals no new mandates are being considered by the state

BY BRAD JENNINGS

Special to the Amboy News
NORTHERN ILLINOIS—The director of the Illinois Department of Public Health said Friday morning that while COVID-19 cases are up in the region, no new mandates are currently being considered by the state.

Dr. Ngozi Ezike said during a virtual news conference that at this point, with the vaccine available for a year, the state thought it would be in a “different place” when it came to COVID infections.

“We have been through that period of stay at home, closed facilities,” she said.

And although COVID cases are on the rise in Region 1 – which includes Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties – no new lockdown is in the plans.

But she did encourage people who are not vaccinated to get vaccinated, as it is the best weapon against COVID. She also said to continue to wear masks in public, as currently mandated by the state, keep safe social distances and wash hands regularly.

She said that cases in this region are rising at an “alarming rate,” and hospitals are

filling up with people suffering the effects of COVID-19.

“This is setting up to be a very deadly COVID Christmas and New Year,” she said.

She urged the public to use walk-in clinics and to see their primary care providers in non-emergency cases to help ease the flood of people in area hospitals.

The rise in cases is not only affecting area hospitals and schools, but also the local economy.

“Their virus is devastating the economic stability” of the region, Ezike said.

John Groh, director of the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, said COVID has negatively impacted hospitality and arts in the region. He said even the Rockford IceHogs hockey team has seen attendance tumble due to COVID.

“Many individuals simply won’t go out,” he said.

Ezike said that is something that the public needs to realize – the spike in COVID cases can severely harm the local economy. She said the best way to help stop that damage is to get the vaccine, the “strongest weapon” to rebuild economic stability in the region.

Lee County Dec. 13, 2021 COVID update

LEE COUNTY—The Lee County Health Department announces 208 new positive cases between Dec. 7 - 13.

Here are the ages that were reported: 41 under the age of 12, 30 in his or her teens, 33 in his or her 20s, 35 in his or her 30s, 19 in his or her 40s, 23 in his or her 50s, 13 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 12 residents are currently hospitalized. The county also reported that the number of cases in unvaccinated individuals is 185 of the 208 cases.

The Lee County Health Department’s website has a COVID-19 section, including

Lee County Sheriff deputies arrest juvenile for Ashton burglary

LEE COUNTY—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, 2021, at approximately 11:04 p.m., The Lee County Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call from a concerned citizen reporting a subject attempting to break into the Casey’s General Store in Ashton located at 1102 N. First St.

Lee County Deputies responded, secured the scene, interviewed witnesses, and developed leads.

That same evening, deputies processed the crime scene, interviewed a suspect, obtained consent to search a location and subsequently recovered an estimated \$850 in stolen property taken from the Casey’s General Store. The suspect, a juvenile, was arrested and transported to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office where he was charged with Burglary, a Class 2 Felony and Criminal Damage to Property, a Class 4 Felony.

The juvenile was processed and released to guardians.

The charges are merely an allegation, and all parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

White extends driver’s license and ID card expiration dates until March 31, 2022

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that expiration dates for driver’s licenses and ID cards have been extended an additional three months – from Jan. 1, 2022, to March 31, 2022. This extension does not apply to commercial driver’s licenses (CDL) and CDL learner’s permits. White noted this will be the final extension.

“During the pandemic, my office has continued to serve the public, including face-to-face transactions, in a safe and responsible manner,” said White. “This extension is necessary as my office continues to address the heavy customer volume caused by the COVID-19 pandemic through expanded online services and the introduction of appointments at select Driver Services facilities.”

Public Act 102-678 authorizes the Secretary of State’s office to extend driver’s license and ID card expiration dates to March 31, 2022.

Throughout the pandemic, White’s office has launched a diversified effort to address the heavy customer demand at facilities caused by the ongoing pandemic by requiring appointments at select facilities and expanding online services. These efforts include:

- Requiring appointments at select Driver Services facilities for behind-the-wheel road tests, REAL IDs, standard driver’s licenses and ID cards. Customers may visit ilsos.gov for a list of participating facilities, as well as to schedule an appointment. New appointment slots will be available each day at ilsos.gov.
- Expanding remote renewal for driver’s license and ID card holders. Since fall, the office has been mailing letters to eligible customers with expired driver’s licenses and ID cards requiring them to renew online, by phone or by mail. The office estimates that this will eliminate the need for approximately 1 million people to visit a facility.

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information for people who have tested positive. See www.LCHD.com/Covid19 for more.

Vaccine

As of Dec. 17, according to IDPH 43,834 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee County, and a total of 18,687 people in Lee County are fully vaccinated, which is 54.60 percent of the population. A total of 20,275 have received at least one dose of the vaccine. A total of 7,009 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.



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LOCAL NEWS

Lee County Farm Bureau honored during Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau (LCFB) was recently recognized during the 107th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau for their outstanding programming during 2019 and 2020.

The LCFB was recognized for outstanding programming in the areas of Ag Literacy and Membership Value and was also recognized as a top county for non-farming member growth for counties in our membership group.

The Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for recognition of outstanding achievement by individual members and county Farm Bureaus (CFBs). Counties compete for awards with other counties of similar membership size.



Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President, Brian Duncan, (left) presents the award to Lee County Farm Bureau president, Adam Henkel. (Right)

Photo submitted



Sheaffer Honored with LCFB Distinguished Service Award

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau (LCFB) is honored to recognize Leonard Sheaffer, Dixon, with the Lee County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in recognition for his longtime service to the organization.

Sheaffer has been a lifelong supporter of Farm Bureau. He serves on the LCFB Board of Directors and is a long-time committee member, volunteer, and agriculture advocate. He has served on Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Action Teams and the IFB Health Care Working Group, served as a delegate at the IFB Annual Meeting, and participated in the IFB Leaders to Washington program, is a graduate of the IFB Agriculture Leaders of Tomorrow Program, and much more. Sheaffer has been a Farm Bureau member for the last 48 years.

The Distinguished Service Award was established to honor and recognize an individual or couple who has shown exemplary leadership and service to Farm Bureau, agriculture, and farmers in Lee County and beyond. Without the time, dedication, passion and vision from many hard-working volunteers, like Sheaffer, the Lee County Farm Bureau would not have lasted for more than one hundred years. We thank Sheaffer for his continued service to our organization and are proud to recognize him as our Distinguished Service Award Recipient.

A.C.O. blood drive set for Jan. 25 at Amboy HS

AMBOY — What a wonderful gift to give. Blood is urgently needed in our area.

Therefore an appeal is going out to everyone 17 years of age and over in good health

to give blood. Won't you roll up your sleeve and answer the plea?

Amboy A.C.O. members, in coordination with Amboy High School, are hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022 at the Amboy Community Building from noon to 6 p.m. Please call Judy Brinkmeier at 815-238-8927 or sign up directly at redcrossblood.org. for an appointment.

All donors will be entered for a chance to win an exciting Super Bowl LVI getaway in Los Angeles for you and a guest. Plus, a chance to win a home theater package and \$500 e-gift card in January.

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• Urging the public to consider using online services at ilsos.gov instead of visiting a facility for transactions such as purchasing license plate stickers, obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, and renewing

driver's licenses and ID cards, including REAL IDs, for those who are eligible.

As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

As the year ends, we at Leffelman and Associates would like to reflect on 2021 and thank you for another year of support. You can see from our picture that our staff shrunk a little in 2021. It was tough, but we pulled ourselves up by the bootstraps, and found that we could handle even more business with our small (but mighty!) crew. We feel blessed to be in our little corner of the world where we all come together to support each other. Please continue to support local businesses so we can keep our little corner of the world alive and flourishing. We pray that everyone stays safe and healthy this season. If you are not able to physically be with family members, call them often, stay in touch. And have a warm and wonderful Christmas and a new year filled with health and happiness.

*May the Christmas Spirit be with you & your family today
& throughout the New Year!*

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Salute to Local Veterans



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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Christmas Walk Thank You's

A huge thank you to the following people who volunteered or donated items during the Christmas Walk:

Margaret Shaw, Candy Robinson, Michael Cagel, Fran Kessel, Sharonne Laws, Kathy Gardner, Stephanie Gardener, Michele Cheshier, Jim Travi, and Amboy Food and Liquor providing us some Prime Rib for dinner.

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: Joy Tsujimoto monetary donation in memory of Ronald Laws; Leroy and Alice Dukes for their monetary donation; Tammy, Scott and Brooklyn Strub for the popcorn hot chocolate, and clothes; BJ and Ashley Payne for the Christmas items; Jim and Laura Mares for the popcorn bags; The Albee family-Adahi, Bella, Malachi, Mandi and Arianna for making cookies; Eileen and Irene Ramsdell for the meat, cheese, bread, and beautiful cupcakes; Susan Erisman for the Divinity; First Presbyterian Church for the monetary donation; Union Pacific Fund anonymous monetary donation; Linda Gascoigne for the monetary donation; Julie Kessel for the coats; Greg and Kris Welker for the food; Laura and Mark Hicks for the food; Sandra Morrissey for the hot chocolate; Green River Farms for their volunteer hours-Brett Kreiser; Jeremy Harms, and Jacob Stewart; Sandy Schamberger for the oranges; Green River Riders for their monetary donation; and Judy Schmidt for the three ring binders.

Needs

Snack items

Final Word

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

— Author Unknown

Amboy Police

Speeding

On Dec. 13, at 8:13 a.m., Michael R. Bzdusek, Jr., 21, of Dixon, was issued a citation for speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was given notice to appear in court.

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

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 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 visit RedCrossBlood.org

to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

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

AMBOY- Join in for monthly sessions on environmental topics presented by University of Illinois Extension's Energy & Environ-

mental Stewardship Team. These webinars will both provide new information on natural resources and help you learn how to make small changes in your lifestyle to have a positive impact on the environment. Everyday Environment webinar series will be held at 1 p.m., on Jan. 13. From lawn care, native plants, and managing home waste to understanding coyote behavior and atmospheric optics, there is never a shortage of new things to learn about your everyday environment. Register online for The Recent IPCC Climate Report at: go.illinois.edu/everydayenvironmentwebinars.

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

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Information about transmission pipelines operating in your community can be accessed online at npms.phmsa.dot.gov, courtesy of the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS).

Water heater safety

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urges all users to lower their water heaters to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Carbon monoxide

Incomplete combustion of any fuel produces carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is poisonous and has no odor, taste or color. Carbon monoxide detectors are helpful, but they are no substitute for using equipment safely. This includes having your appliances inspected once a year by a certified contractor.

Appliance safety

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- It is important that you have your furnace inspected by a qualified specialist.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shut-offs are in proper working condition.
- Keep trash and other combustible materials away from your air, heating and water heating systems.

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LEAVE the area immediately and move a safe distance away from the potential leak, while avoiding any action that may cause sparks.

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Please take a moment to complete a survey about natural gas safety and you by scanning the QR code or visiting surveymonkey.com/r/QTT3WNR to help us make sure we are keeping our communities safe.



OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

David C. Dorsch

Jan. 11, 1973 - Dec. 15, 2021

AMBOY — David C. Dorsch, 48, of Amboy, died on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

He was born on Jan. 11, 1973 to Barbara Ann Dorsch in Chicago.

He is survived by his mother, Barbara Ann Dorsch, of Amboy; twin brother, Anthony (Kimberly) Dorsch, of Amboy; three nieces and one nephew, Miranda, Robert, Madelyn, Morgan; and great nephew and great niece, Ayden and Finleigh.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Wednesday Dec. 22, 2021, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Amboy.

Arrangements by the Mihm Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Online condolences can



be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION NEWS

Master Gardener program offers hybrid training

For 46 years, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners have measured success by gardens planted, insects identified, produce harvested, and the millions of hours volunteers have logged by helping others learn to grow.

From farms and small-town to suburbs and the inner city, more than 2,600 volunteers statewide put their mission of "helping others learn to grow" into practice by providing gardening education and outreach in their communities. Take your love of gardening to the next level by joining the Master Gardeners in 2022.

Hybrid Master Gardener Training with live sessions starts February 15. Participants will study online each week and then attend a weekly live webinar session on Tuesday mornings for 12 weeks.

"Our hybrid training is a great opportunity for folks who need more flexibility to participate," said State Master Gardener Specialist Candice Hart. "The online portion of this hybrid model gives more flexibility for trainees to learn at their own pace each week and also participate in weekly live interactive webinars with their fellow trainees."

The training includes

videos, a Master Gardener manual, reading materials, and quizzes. Participants will join online or in-person on Tuesdays depending on local regulations. A strong internet connection is highly recommended.

For more information or to fill out an application form, contact the Whiteside Extension Office at 815-632-3611 or online at go.illinois.edu/clwmgttraining. Registration closes February 1. Local fees apply.

After receiving training, volunteers participate in education programs in their communities. Those opportunities may include speaking at garden clubs, civic groups, or schools; answering calls or emails at garden help desks; establishing demonstration gardens that serve as educational tools; and educating citizens on how to establish community gardens.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in programming, contact Candice Hart. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting participant needs.

Creative Writing Special

Interest 4-H Club

Get your creative juices flowing! Join Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside County 4-H in the Art of Creative Writing 4-H SPIN Club. Youth ages

11-16 interested in writing fiction and poetry will grow and strengthen their writing skills following this six-week club offered by University of Illinois Extension. The club will meet virtually on Mondays on Wednesdays January 10-26 from 6-7:30 p.m. Cost is free for 4-H'ers and \$20 4-H membership fee for non-members. Register your youth online by January 5 at go.illinois.edu/Creative-Writing4H

*Snap *Click *Flash-4-H Photography SPIN Club

Interested in learning about photography? Want to take some amazing photographs in the beautiful Lowell Park? Learn camera basics and the art of taking outdoor pictures in a winter wonderland. We will spend time inside learning but will also explore the outside world to take pictures. Cameras will be provided. The club will meet on Mondays, Jan. 31 - Feb. 28 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Ruth Edwards Nature Center in Dixon. This club is open to all youth ages 8 to 18 and space is limited to 10. Cost is free for 4-H'ers and \$20 4-H membership fee for non-members. Workbooks are available to purchase for \$10. Register your youth online at go.illinois.edu/LeePhoto

Social Distancing and mask guidelines will be followed during club sessions.

Scholl retires after 33 years

MENDOTA — Dr. David Scholl knew at an early age that he wanted to pursue a career in medicine. But his defining moment is not what you might expect.

"I was 14 and a high school sophomore on the time when I spent a week in the hospital for appendix surgery," he says. "It was the most interesting experience had ever been through. I had two roommates and we played cards and teased the nurses. I had a blast."

Scholl, a family practice physician at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, is retiring after a long career as a Mendota physician. His last day is Dec. 30.

"Dr. Scholl has been a well-respected physician and member of the Mendota

community for more than 30 years," says Dr. Brian Rosborough, chief medical officer for OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. "The positive effect he has had on his patients and the staff at Saint Paul Medical Center will be missed."

In college, Scholl took a part-time job as a radiology technician at AMITA Health Resurrection Medical Center, near his northwest Chicago home. After earning his medical degree at that same hospital, Scholl served three years for the Department of Defense at the Dyes Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. That's when he developed a passion for working at a smaller hospital where he could do everything from emergency care, assisting

with surgery and delivering babies.

That experience ultimately drew Scholl to Mendota, where he joined a private practice in 1988 and embraced the small town feel of this rural community. "It was destiny," he says. "Mendota was a place where I could get involved, not have to worry about travel time and I could attend most of my children's sporting events."

Scholl joined Mendota Community Hospital in 2002 and then OSF HealthCare when the two organizations merged in 2015. "It was a good move for the community," he says. "It allowed health care in Mendota to move into the 21st century. Patient care and technology has improved greatly. I truly believe in the Mission of the Sisters. They are remarkable people."

Big Thank You From Local Family

Dave and Kelly Meurer and family want to take the time to thank everyone who has helped us along the way with Dave's recovery after his fall at a building site on August 19th. He spent 12 weeks following that day in hospitals and rehab in Rockford and Chicago. Thankfully he is home now and is recovering extremely well.

The gofund me, the AFC boosters fundraiser, the monetary donations, the food, cards, and encouraging messages were so greatly appreciated. Not to mention all the prayers from churches, families, and friends around the area.

Due to the seriousness of the accident, there was a lot of concern for him and because of the miracle healing that has taken place, Dave is on the road to a full recovery! These are the times where you realize how important your small town community, churches, family, and friends are to help get you through difficult times.

Dave and the rest of the Meurer family just want to publicly say thank you all for everything and wish you a very Merry Christmas!



COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Senior Dining Menu

December 27 - December 31
8 oz. of low-fat milk served with each meal

Monday – Closed – Christmas Holiday

Tuesday – Chicken patty, whole grain wheat bun, peas & carrots, potato wedges, pineapple

Wednesday – Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, cauliflower, whole grain garlic bread, apricots

Thursday – A) Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes w/gravy, winter blend veggies, whole grain wheat bread, cherry crisp B) Soup & Sandwich, chicken noodle & ham

Friday – Closed – New Year's Eve Holiday

Meals served Mon.-Fri. at 11:00 am *Reservations needed 10:00 am day before*

Amboy Community Center
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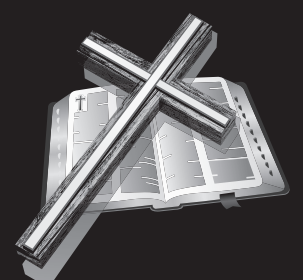
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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #50 Dennis Weidman and #75 Aaron Weidman

This week we highlight a father and son legacy in our program. Not only have these two bled for Clipper Football, but contributed, significantly, well past their time between the hash marks. These two Clippers are so close with so many great Clippers and share in all of their kindness, warmth, service, and importance to our program and community.

This week I am extremely honored to announce our two Clippers, a man most know as "Principal" and another most know to be nicknamed "Weido," #50 Dennis Weidman and #75 Aaron Weidman.

Dennis, or Principal Weidman to most of us, graduated from Amboy High School in 1969 and strapped up his pads all four years.

Dennis started at Center his Junior season on a Clipper team that had success in the North Blackhawk conference. The 1967 Clippers' success came under Head Coach Gordon Mool, a man most of us know that would tape up any injured extremity and a man I was fortunate to call my neighbor for most of my life.

As a Senior, Dennis made the move from Center to Offensive Guard. A tough conference, several injuries, low numbers, and new position weren't enough to stop Dennis as a great football player as he earned Unanimous 1st Team All Conference honors at Offensive Guard. At 6'3" and 270 pounds it's no question how great of an Offensive Lineman Dennis was. However, he goes down in our history, and will probably never be outdone, as our biggest kicker. Dennis was named the kicker for extra points his Senior season after nailing 15 consecutive in practice prior to the start of the year. Dennis shared on this his high school accomplishments; "It was a lot of fun those years. My Senior year we had a lot of injuries which led to low numbers. I've never enjoyed talking about myself but I was very proud of earning Unanimous All Conference honors as a Senior in a new position and tough conference." Well, Principi Weidman you rank with the very best that have every right to be proud of what you did in your Clipper uniform.

After high school, Dennis continued his football career at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois. A two year Varsity starter, Dennis grew in the game.

After four more years between the hashmarks and a college degree, Dennis was ready to set his roots.

In 1976 Dennis and his wife, who most of us know as Mrs. Weidman (Brooke), came back to Amboy, Illinois.

Dennis shared, "This is my home, always been my home, and we set our roots right here in Amboy."

In 1978 Dennis was approached by Coach Wyzgowski and asked to coach Freshman football. A great compliment to Dennis' knowledge of the game was that Coach Wyzgowski needed someone to teach the game to incoming Freshman. To think about it, here are kids that have never played a down of organized football in their lives and those kids were the ones that gave us our glory in the 1980's. At that time in our program there were only four total coaches in the entire program.

Dennis was named Principal in 1984 and tried to coach through the 1985 season but with his new position it became too hard to juggle. Dennis would continue his role to the program in scouting. Like last week's highlights, Dennis was the original scout for

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



our program as when he was hired as Freshman Coach it was part of his duties to scout for the Varsity team each Friday night during the season. Dennis went to scout at Fulton with his wife and Al Stenzel and it was the first and last time Mrs. Weidman scouted a game. If you see Dennis ask him the story of that night in Fulton because it'll most definitely make you laugh. Frank and Dave would join Al and Dennis the following week to begin the foursome's many years of scouting service to our program.

After filming became the norm, Dennis went to the booth to assist our Clipper coordinators in looking for tendencies and weaknesses in our opponents. I'll never forget how cool it was to always see Principal Weidman in his red Mean Machine Jacket at all of our halftimes. Dennis served Clipper Football for 34 years and retired after the 2012 season.

Dennis got to see all of his son's success and shared the following; "When they won the conference at Eureka it was bigger than anything I ever experienced. It was one of the greatest thrills of my life. I enjoyed every last minute of it even through that final hug I gave him after that Stillman game."

Dennis concluded with what Clipper Football means to him; "It's an all inclusive part of life. It's been a part of my life for so long I can't express it. It's just pride. Pride in the kids, our program, and community. Not too many better nights than Friday nights at Clipper games."

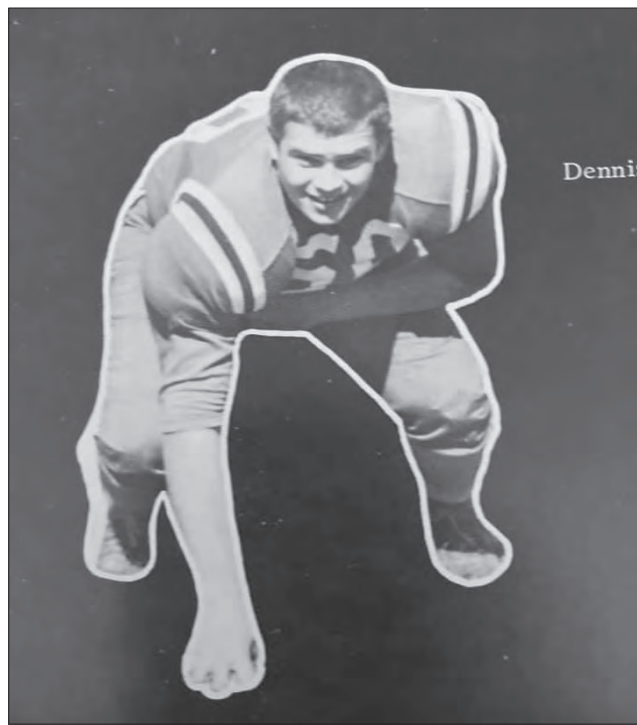
Those Friday nights spent in the crows nest at The Boatyard were not spent alone for Dennis as Aaron was old enough to be up there and learn the game from a young age.

"I would be able to be up in the booth with dad if I could be quiet enough. It was either up there or playing football in the end zone with my friends. It was everything as a kid," Aaron said.

Aaron shared of his days before his time as a Clipper. Aaron certainly showed his excitement as nearly each year for Halloween he went as an Amboy Clipper football player.

Being passed down his dad's size and knowledge of the game it was destined that Aaron would play Offensive and Defensive Line for the Clippers.

As a Junior, Aaron was 1/5 of an impressive unit made up of Clipper greats, Nate Schamberger, Jeremy Kessel, and Brett Wilson.



#50 Dennis Weidman

"We were a cohesive unit and had a lot of fun that season. We had so much talent. We definitely got the short end by being 5-4 and not making the playoffs," Aaron added.

Aaron is exact as I believe if we match up with an undefeated or 8-1 opponent from another conference that season, we most likely come out on top as we were more than battle tested. "We had to go through murderer's row in our conference all season so we could have done well in the playoffs," Aaron added.

Following the 5-4 campaign his Junior season, knowing what we would return and how bought in everyone was, expectations were high in Clipper Country. At 6'3" and 240 pounds, working hard in the weight room all off season, Aaron would now be one of the leaders of the 2000 Clippers. With a high regard for the 1994 Clipper playoff team, Aaron and his fellow Seniors made two goals, Conference Champions and a playoff birth.

The season began with a huge victory at Morrison at the last second. That victory was followed by a loss at home against Fulton in what Aaron deemed the hottest game he's ever played in.

"I remember at halftime we didn't go inside because it was hotter in the school. Coach Jones came over as we all were getting water and told us to take off our pads which was crazy because you couldn't even take your helmet off on the sideline if you weren't playing," Aaron said.

Aaron shared. The 2000 season produced big wins at Morrison and Bureau Valley but it all came down to the final regular season contest at Eureka. Battling turf toe, Aaron taped his injury up and went back in to help his team earn a great road victory and the Conference Championship. The true culmination

to the hard work of so many great, deserving Clippers.

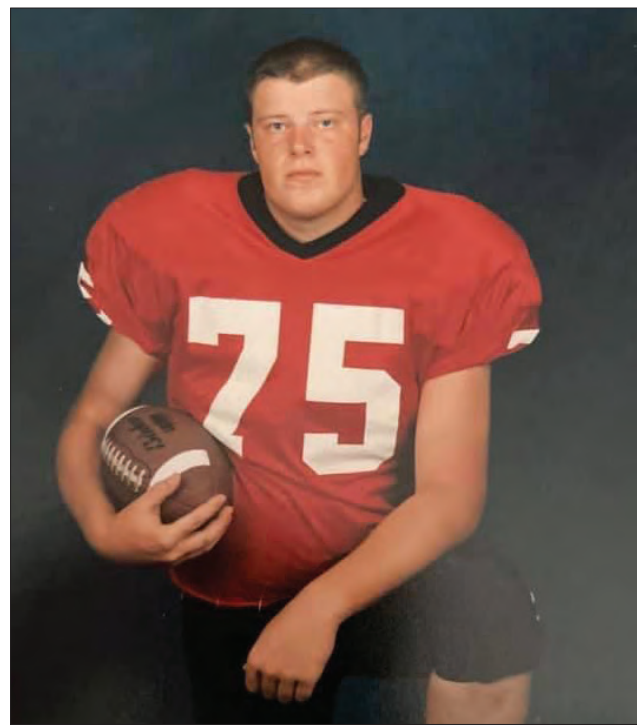
Aaron shared, "We had a ton of fans at that game. It was so much fun taking pictures and high fiving all of my teammates and our fans after we won. The biggest thing was hugging my dad after, it was a great thing."

Aaron shared something I didn't know until today, that each of his two Varsity seasons, we never got the opportunity to play Newman as they were on the other side of the conference. Aaron is confident that either of his two Varsity seasons, a victory over Newman would have been achieved. I could not agree more as our Clippers in those two seasons would have loved circling that game in red ink.

Aaron and the Clippers opened the playoffs at The Harbor against the pass happy Wildcats of Eastland-Pearl City. After one of the best victories of the modern era a date with Stillman Valley was set for the second round.

As much as our 2000 Clippers would have thrived in another quadrant, making the quarterfinals or further, that was not the way it played out. And as moments of triumphs ended, so did defeat, with a final hug from his dad in the red, black, and white of his uniform. Dennis, Aaron, and I had this conversation today regarding that final hug. It's been a tradition of our program as that symbolizes a young man's identity transitioning from Amboy Clipper football player to young man. I remember my hug with my dad at Oregon after my final game and other Clippers like Tyson Powers who had that moment immortalized in a photo. It's a painful and powerful part of Amboy Football.

Aaron ended the season earning 1st Team All Conference honors on the Offensive and Defensive lines, unani-



#75 Aaron Weidman

mously on offense. Aaron also earned 1st Team All Area for the Dixon Telegraph. Aaron shared the following of his accomplishments, "I was more proud of Jason earning All State honors for two seasons in a row than anything I earned individually." A true Offensive Lineman, a selfless protector of men, and mentor for all Offensive Lineman to follow him.

Aaron went to Illinois State University where he pursued study his profession, Athletic Training. His career path kept him around the game of football and sports in general. Aaron said he had many sleepless nights his first year at ISU as he missed the game and questioned his decision to not play next level. It's safe to say, as I played DIH ball, any, and I mean any DIH program would have lucky to have a caliber player and character in Aaron.

To Aaron, Amboy Football means one thing, "Brotherhood."

Aaron concluded, "We were all so close. I still talk to all of those guys to this day. When we all get together and see those older and younger it's a point of pride knowing we all were Amboy Clippers. It's been 20 years that have passed but the special bond that is Amboy Football re-

mains. Not a lot of programs have what we have."

So, to conclude two great Clippers, one of our legacies, and two of the kindest "gentle giants" our program and community has been enhanced by, #50 Dennis "Denny" Weidman and #75 Aaron "Weido" Weidman, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Clipper Football. You both are proof of everything that's best in our program and regardless of any success you had in our great community, you have always you've put your humility and deep care for people first. As I told you both when we spoke, I could not finish these highlights without honoring you both. Thank you for this honor and the time. Sail on!

Spencer Morrissey, is a former resident of Amboy and 2009 graduate of Amboy High School. In April 2020, he created a private Facebook group specifically for Amboy Clipper Football Alumni. To have played Amboy football for any period of time, 1 year or all 4 years, is the only membership requirement. The group features photos, stories, and memories of past Clippers and Clipper teams. The best feature of the group is every Friday, he highlights a former player.

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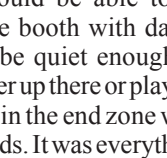
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Opinion

Santa and the wonderment at Christmas

Ok, I'll admit it. I have Santa Claus issues.

It's not that I suffered some Santa trauma as a child. I believed until I was 4 and then I cross-examined my mother. She was sitting on the toilet and I demanded to know if Santa was real.

She tried to deflect my questions. But I would have none of it and somewhere between No. 1 and No. 2 the existence of Santa, the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy was flushed from my life forever.

Or so I thought.

Flash forward a few decades and my wife, Joan, and I are new parents. I made the pronouncement to my wife that we would not lie to our child about the existence of some magical elf in a red suit.

Joan gave me a look that seemed to convey in one glance: "You're a moron."

So, what did my new bride do? She enlisted the support of my mother.

And suddenly, I'm hearing it in stereo: "A child needs to experience wonderment at Christmas and you are denying it."

The look of disgust from the woman who birthed me and the one who gave birth to my child was enough to make eggnog curdle.

I caved.

And our baby Gracie and her two future sisters were taught that Santa was real.

And, yes, they experienced wonderment at Christmas.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



And my wife and mother were pleased. And, no, none of our daughters ever cross examined either of us about the existence of Santa. (That doesn't bode well for us having any future reporters in the family.)

But speaking of reporters and Santa, my issues with St. Nick have only grown during my 33 years in the news business.

Back when I was a young reporter at the Quad-City Times, I decided it would make for a fun feature story to write about what it's like to be Santa.

So, I dressed up in the red suit and cap, attached a beard with an elastic strap, and watched hundreds of kids line up to sit on my lap at the Davenport, Iowa, public library.

I was told the key to being a good Santa is being noncommittal, which, by the way, is also the secret to being a good politician.

Whenever a youngster wiggling on my knee reeled off their wish list, I would say something like, "Be good and I'll see what I can do."

And then, a little girl crawled on to my lap.

I asked, "What do you want for Christmas?"

She looked me in the eye and replied, "I want a new dad. My old dad left, and my mom is really lonely."

I looked into her hopeful eyes and sputtered. I finally said, "There are just some things beyond Santa's power."

The next day the top editor of the paper wandered over to my desk and suggested I stick with the "hard news" stories and leave the human-interest features to others.

Several years after that was by far my most traumatizing Santa experience. I was writing about homeless children for the Las Vegas Sun.

I quoted an 8-year-old boy saying, "I don't know if Santa will know where to go this year. We keep moving every week. I guess I've been good. I go to sleep on time every night."

Although I turned the story in several days in advance, the editor didn't get around to reading it until 45 minutes before deadline.

He wandered over to my desk, "Is this kid kind of slow? Eight seems awfully old to believe in Santa. Go find out if he thinks Santa is a real person or an idea."

Huh? Within 45 minutes?

I've been asked lots of questions, mostly good, by editors throughout the years. But this is without a doubt the dumbest.

I found myself racing across Las Vegas on deadline to a school that served the homeless. I talked the principal into calling the boy into the office.

When the perplexed youngster entered the office, I dropped down on my haunches and asked, "Richard, do you think Santa is a real person or just an idea?"

He gave me his answer and I found myself barking into a telephone receiver minutes before the presses began to roll, "He says, 'Santa is real!'"

Yes, Santa is real, not just in the hearts of all good people, but even in the mind of the most cynical journalist.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for the Illinois Times, can be reached at: sreeder@illinoistimes.com.

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Dec. 23, 1921

The body of Harry Poths, Amboy's second Gold Star Hero, reached home from its long journey from France on Monday evening. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church. Following the services at the church the casket was placed upon a caisson drawn by four black horses.

Miss Addie Jones is assisting in the Gridley store during the rush of the Christmas shopping.

Charles Paddock is driving a new Willys Knight automobile which he purchased through the local representative, E.E. Wendel.

Mrs. H.R. Turnquist returned from Denver Saturday evening where she had been visiting relatives.

75 Years Ago Dec. 26, 1946

D.L. Berry is driving a new Buick "Roadmaster" purchased from Edwards Garage, Amboy Buick dealer.

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Donald McKeown is home from the University of Illinois at Urbana to spend the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D.J. McKeown.

50 Years Ago Dec. 23, 1971

The "Cardiac Kids" pulled the biggest upset in the Blackhawk Conference Friday night with a heart-stopping 50-46 last minute win over the undefeated Oregon Hawks.

Amboy Cub Pack 62 met Monday at Central School. Approximately 75 children and adults caroled at the Mapleside Manor Nursing Home, returning to the school for hot chocolate and cookies.

25 Years Ago Dec. 19, 1996

Linda Schrock leads a Macarena contest last Friday evening at the City of Amboy Christmas Party at the Amboy Community Center. Although Schrock did become one of the two finalists, she was no match for the contest's winner, Kathy Ketchum.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission recently announced the 1996-1997 Illinois State Scholars. Of this year's scholars, four are students at Amboy High School. Those students are Katie Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Myers; Nick Dinges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dinges; Dana Nauman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nauman; and Matt Henkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Henkel.

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Cheers to a safe, happy and healthy holiday season!

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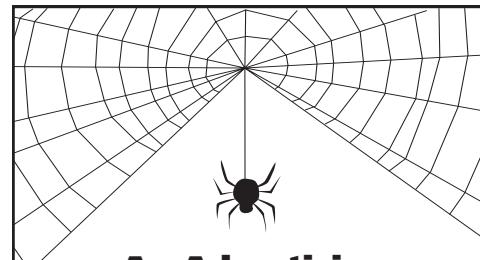
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LOCAL NEWS

Apply now for spring turkey hunting opportunities through IRAP

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is taking applications from youth and adult turkey hunters for spring 2022 turkey hunting on private land through the Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP).

The IDNR has leased just more than 20,000 acres of private land for the spring 2022 hunting season through IRAP, creating 635 public access turkey sites in 41 counties. Sites are available during the 2022 Spring Youth Turkey Hunt and during the third and fourth segments of the 2022 Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Season at no cost to the participant. All applications are now to be completed entirely online.

Youth hunters (age 17 and under) must be accompanied by a non-hunting supervisor (parent or designee of parent). Both youth and their supervisors must complete an IRAP application online by 5 p.m. Feb. 14, 2022.

Youth hunters must acquire their over-the-counter permits prior to the start of their hunt if awarded an IRAP hunting site. A total of 254 sites are available for the two-weekend youth season (March 26-27, 2022, and April 2-3, 2022).

Another 370 IRAP sites are available for spring turkey season segments 3 and 4 to youth and adult turkey hunters. These sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters must have completed an approved Hunter Education Course (if born in 1980 or after) and received a spring turkey permit through the IDNR lottery for an IRAP-eligible county (see map on the IRAP webpage). Once a hunter receives their spring turkey permit, she or he may apply for an IRAP turkey site in the county for which they received their permit. The IDNR spring turkey permit first lottery application deadline is Dec. 1, 2021. IDNR spring turkey hunting information

can be found on the IRAP website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/IRAP/Pages/default.aspx>.

Applications for IRAP Spring 2022 private land turkey hunting sites can be found online at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/IRAP/Pages/First-time-Adult-turkey-hunting-.aspx>

Only successful applicants will be notified by mail approximately three weeks prior to their assigned hunting period, upon which they shall receive a map, driving directions and an IRAP site permit allowing them to hunt on their assigned, privately-owned turkey hunting site.

Turkey hunting on IRAP leased property is available during the following hunting seasons in 2022:

- Youth Season: March 26-27 (statewide) and April 2-3 (statewide)
- Third Season: April 15-20 (south zone)

and April 22-27 (north zone) and

- Fourth Season: April 21-27 (south zone) & April 28-May 4 (north zone)

IRAP is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service known as the Voluntary Public Access Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP). Since its inception, more than 30,000 acres in 53 counties have been leased for a variety of controlled hunting and fishing activities.

More than 17,000 acres of habitat improvements have been implemented on private land, and thousands of outdoor recreationalists have had a chance to enjoy the outdoors on private land. Hunters are placed on a specific site via lottery, with youth placed first, then first-time hunters, veterans, and finally seasoned hunters.

For more information, visit the IRAP webpage or email DNR.IRAP@Illinois.gov.

Illinois records lower unemployment rate in November

By CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS – The unemployment rate in Illinois fell three-tenths of a point in November to 5.7 percent as employers added 19,500 payroll jobs to the economy.

Preliminary data released by the Department of Employment Security and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics showed the biggest job gains during the month were in the leisure and hospitality sector and trade, transportation and utilities, with each adding an estimated 8,200 jobs. The construction industry added 3,800 jobs.

Those gains were partially offset by job losses in professional and business services, which was down 5,500 jobs, and the category known as "other services," which was down 200 jobs.

"Today's report reflects the continued positive trajectory of Illinois' economy," Deputy Gov. Andy Manar said in a statement. "IDES remains dedicated to connecting employers and jobseekers to build a stronger workforce across the state."

The jobless rate in Illinois was 1.5 percentage points higher than the national rate, which stood at 4.2 percent in November. That was down four-tenths of a point from the previous month.

Compared to a year ago, when the state's jobless rate stood at 8.1 percent, employers have added back 230,200 jobs, with gains across nearly all major industries. Over the year, the leisure and hospitality industry, which was hit particularly hard by the pandemic, has added back 94,200 jobs while trade, transportation and utilities have added back 41,600 jobs.

The financial activities industry, which is down 1,100 jobs from November 2020, is the only industry sector to lose jobs over the year.

NURSING HOMES: Several Illinois lawmakers said this week they are determined to pass a bill in the spring that would overhaul the way nursing homes are paid through the state's Medicaid program to address critical staffing shortages, but the state's largest nursing home industry group is still pushing back against the proposed changes.

"We need to have something happen this spring, for the sake of the most vulnerable in our state," Rep. Anna Moeller, D-Elgin, said during a committee hearing Tuesday, Dec. 14. "And the point of these hearings is to bring that to light to bring the reality of what people are living through to light."

Illinois has many of the most understaffed nursing homes in the nation. According to a report by the state Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Illinois consistently ranks last among states in staffing, as measured using the national Staff Time and Resource Intensity Verification, or STRIVE Project, with 47 of the 100 most understaffed facilities in the country.

Tuesday's hearing was a joint meeting of four House committees that deal with health care issues. They are considering a proposal by DHFS to overhaul the way nursing homes are reimbursed by increasing funding and tying payments directly to staffing levels and performance measures.

DHFS Deputy Director Andy Allison said the plan calls for roughly a \$400 million increase in Medicaid nursing home funding that would be tied to reaching certain staffing benchmarks, increasing wages for CNAs and achieving higher quality standards.

That would be funded through an increase in the nursing home assessment tax, which generates a pool of money that is used to draw down additional federal Medicaid reim-

bursements.

"For a facility that's 100 percent Medicaid, we would come darn close to fully paying for the increased hiring. It was designed in that way," he said.

But the plan is still facing stiff resistance from the state's largest nursing home industry group, the Health Care Council of Illinois.

HCCI Executive Director Matt Pickering told the committee that if the agency's proposed new payment system were enacted, 130 nursing facilities in Illinois would see an overall cut in revenues, with as many as 50 being pushed to the point of insolvency. Those 50 facilities, he said, serve more than 5,000 residents, mainly in rural and minority communities.

REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY ACT: A state program aiming to take a "comprehensive approach to ending Illinois' firearm violence epidemic" will be expanded under a law signed Friday, Dec. 10, by Gov. JB Pritzker.

The Reimagine Public Safety Act became law in June, but the expansion signed Friday clarifies guidelines in the original bill and gives the Illinois Department of Human Services and a newly created Office of Firearm Violence Prevention greater grant making authority.

The crux of the RPSA is that it creates the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention to coordinate violence prevention efforts and give grants to on-the-ground community organizations that know how and where intervention is needed in the state's most violent communities.

Heading that office is Chris Patterson, who was appointed by Pritzker as assistant secretary for violence prevention at IDHS.

"We will work hand-in-hand, individually and collectively to address the violence on our streets and invest in addressing the underlying root causes that cause so much despair: Too much addiction, too little mental health, and too few opportunities," Patterson said Friday at a Chicago news conference.

The contracted organizations are to focus on programs such as youth intervention services, violence interruption and trauma treatment.

Pritzker said applications are now open for groups that can help train community organizations that will deliver evidence-based violence interruption and prevention services.

A notice of funding opportunity is available at <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=138882>.

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All Milk	\$18.50	\$20.25
Products (per pound)	2021	2022
Butter	\$1.72	\$1.91
Cheese	\$1.67	\$1.76

Source: USDA November estimates

Dairy farmers could see \$20 milk in 2022

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

Dairy farmers who endured paper-thin margins in recent years have reason for optimism in the year ahead.

USDA's current price projections for 2022 surpass the \$20-mark (at \$20.25 per hundredweight) for all milk, with Class IV and Class III average price estimates close behind at \$18.70 and \$17.75, respectively.

If realized, the price increases for the three milk classifications would range between 80 cents and \$2.70 per hundredweight above USDA's November 2021 estimates.

"There's reasons to finally be up beat in dairy," Dan Basse, president of AgResource Company in Chicago, said recently at the annual Agricultural Bankers Conference. "It's taken us eight years to get back to where we were in 2014 (if milk prices surpass \$20)."

Basse estimates Class III and IV milk prices could reach as high as \$21 to \$23 next year, driven by surging demand, a possible smaller supply and inflationary pressure.

Longer-term, a proposed shift in ag policy in the European Union could shift the EU market from a net exporter to net importer of dairy.

"World demand for dairy products remains strong," Basse said. "I believe exports are the bullish driver of the future."

The U.S. exported an all-time high of 16% of milk solids produced nationwide in 2020. And, exports so far this year,



from January through September, bubbled a whopping 14% above last year's record pace.

"As we head into 2022, we'll have another record year for dairy exports," Basse said. "One of the bigger buyers is China. They use a lot of whey as a milk replacer for piglets."

U.S. dairy cow numbers increased 2% from 2020 to July 2021 to 9.5 million head. But, Basse believes the yearly total could decline due in part to strength in the beef market, with slaughter up 14%.

"U.S. dairy cow slaughter has been elevated. Cull prices have been strong," Basse said. "That's a big margin enhancer for dairies."

But what effect will price inflation have on demand for dairy products and beef?

"Inflation is not going to be leaving us any time soon. I think it will be around at least the next 12-18 months," the analyst said. "There's no indication of protein switching. World demand for dairy products remains strong."

That includes surging demand for cheese and butter, with global butter demand growing at a 7% clip.

"U.S. butter supplies are ample. It's an export opportunity now," Basse said. "World butter prices have been rising."

Price inflation also represents one of the biggest risks for the dairy industry heading into 2022, as well, with feed costs near historic highs.

"We're bullish for the milk market. But, my biggest concern is the price of feed. It could be the Achilles heel of the dairy industry," Basse said. "It's how you manage risk. Lock up profitable margins."

Potential growth in the dairy industry also could be squeezed by processing bottlenecks.

"We're almost at maximum (milk processing) capacity," Basse said. "We need more capital and investment."

Overall, Basse believes farmers are in the midst of a commodity supercycle that could last 2-3 years.

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Climate Change & GLOBAL WARMING

USDA releases adaptation & plan to address climate change threats

By TIMOTHY EGGERT
FarmWeek

A changing climate poses a serious threat to American farmers and the future growth of agricultural productivity.

That's one of five top-line conclusions listed in a 40-page climate adaptation and resilience plan released by USDA.

"We are operating in new territory, and the changing climate creates immense uncertainty and threatens the resilience of the American agriculture and forestry sectors," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack wrote in the plan.

"Not only does climate change have a direct impact on a producer's ability to plan and manage risk, it has wider impacts on the natural systems we rely on to support production of food and fiber, keep our waters clean, and maintain cultural resources," he wrote.

The department's plan – released alongside plans from 23 other federal agencies – dovetails a 90-day progress report published in May detailing recommendations for a climate-smart agriculture and forestry strategy.

Both follow executive mandates from President Joe Biden directing and codifying a whole-of-government approach to addressing climate change.

The threat to agricultural productivity, according to the department's plan, stems directly from changes in temperature and precipitation patterns, increased pest and disease pressures, decline in pollinator health, reduced crop and forage quantity and quality, and infrastructure damage.

It also can be vulnerable to impacts to water supply and increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, the plan reads.

Other than crop and livestock production suffering from climate change, soil quality can decline, pest and diseases can spread more easily and pollinator health can deteriorate, the plan warns.



And with more intense weather events forecasted, prices for insurances protections against those risks and other financial losses could rise significantly, according to the plan.

"Even with some adaptation actions taken by producers, climate change could lower domestic production of major commodities, leading to higher prices, higher premiums and, consequently, higher (Federal Crop Insurance Program) subsidies," the plan reads.

To address those vulnerabilities, the department intends to:

- Increase implementation of on-farm adaptation strategies and practices.
- Support active landscape-scale management and disturbance responses.
- Improve access to data and tools.
- Enhance systems for monitoring and mitigating vector and disease spread.
- Continue research into climate impacts on agricultural productivity and adaptation strategies and practices.

The four other major conclusions reached by the department are that climate change poses a threat to water quantity and quality; risks disproportionate impacts on vulnerable communities;

causes shocks due to extreme climate events and stresses infrastructure and public lands.

To address those vulnerabilities and the threat to agricultural producers and productivity, the department ultimately proposes to:

- Build resilience across landscapes with investments in soil and forest health.
- Increase outreach and education to promote adoption and application of climate-smart adaptation strategies.
- Broaden access to and availability of climate data at regional and local scales for USDA Mission Areas, producers, land managers and other stakeholders.
- Increase support for research and development of climate-smart practices and technologies to inform USDA and help producers and land managers adapt to a changing climate.
- Leverage the USDA Climate Hubs as a framework to support USDA Mission Areas in delivering adaptation science, technology and tools.

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Application period open for 2022 Cover Crop Program

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) opened the third year of the Fall Covers for Spring Savings Program on Dec. 15. Applications are available at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Pages/default.aspx>. Funding of eligible acreage will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Due to the program's success 100,000 acres are available for 2022, up from 50,000 the previous growing season. In 2020, the 50,000-acre allotment was met in 12 hours and a total of 185,000 acres were requested by the time the application period ended.

The program is applicable for acreage in Illinois planted to cover crops in the fall of 2021 that will be planted to an insurable crop in 2022. Eligible applicants receive a

premium discount of \$5 per acre on the following year's crop insurance for every acre of cover crop enrolled and verified in the program.

Applicants will be required to certify that their cover crops are approved through their local Farm Service Agency office before applying. Applicants will also need their current FSA-578 and federal crop insurance policy number(s) for the 2022 application process.

The discount program was designed to promote additional acres of cover crops that are not covered by other state or federal incentives. IDOA will use a combination of tools to verify that acres applied for through this program are planted in cover crops. The program is only applicable for those with coverage through the

United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency (USDA-RMA) crop insurance program. Confirmed applications will be forwarded to the USDA-RMA for processing and for application of premium discounts to 2022 crop insurance invoices.

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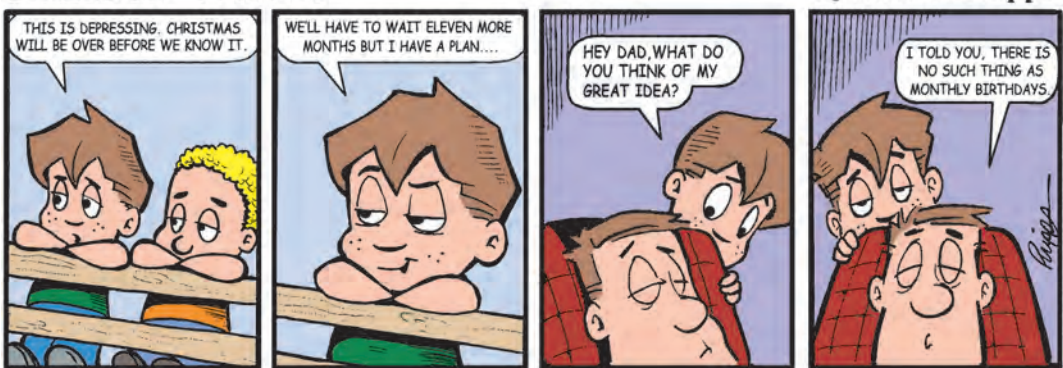
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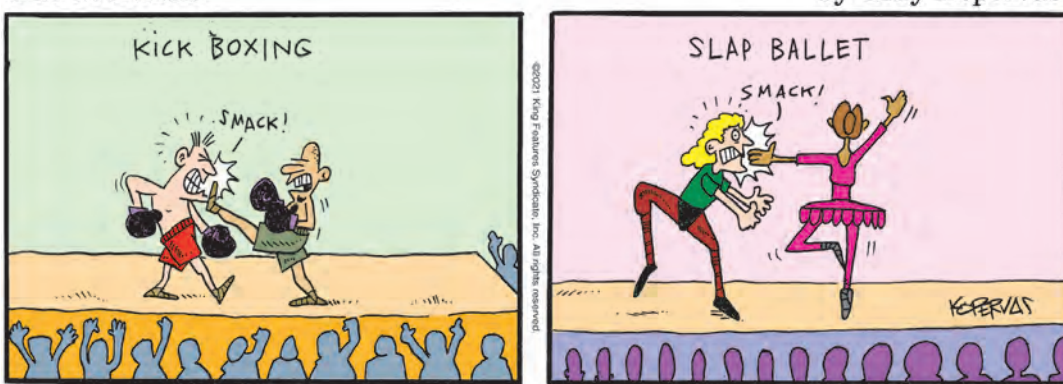
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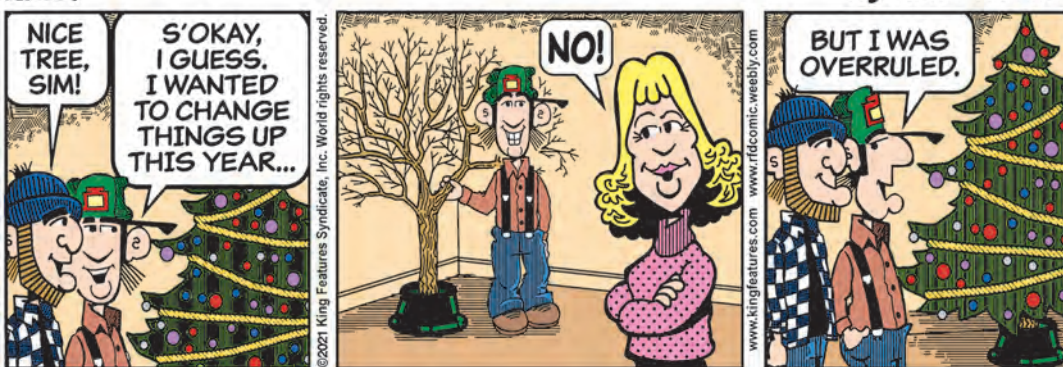
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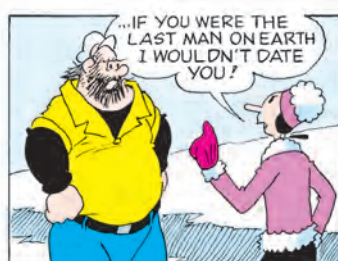
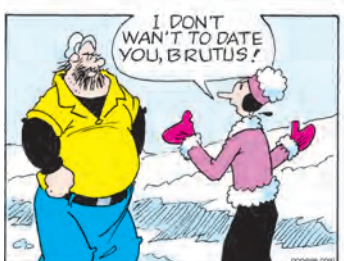
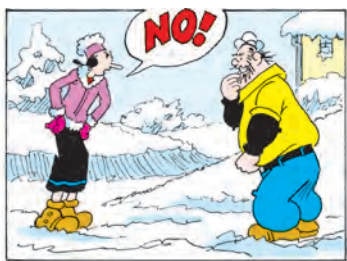
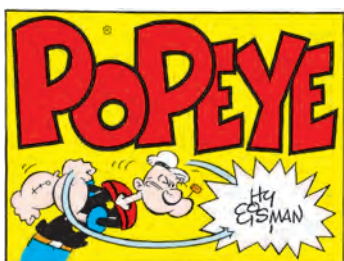
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LAFF-A-DAY



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!

Terrain
HATER
Rush
SLEUTH
Uniform
QUALE
Cavort
PROM

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Earring site
- 5 Smack
- 8 Blog entry
- 12 Regrettably
- 13 Fuss
- 14 "May It Be" singer
- 15 Dealer's foe
- 16 Moving-day rental
- 17 Aviation prefix
- 18 Energetic person
- 20 Galley supply
- 22 Strikers' queue
- 26 Manhandled
- 29 Chemical suffix
- 30 Hobbyist's abbr.
- 31 Rue the run
- 32 German conjunction
- 33 Lavish party
- 34 — Paulo
- 35 Fuel stat
- 36 Devil's domain
- 37 Playgoer's souvenir
- 40 Writer
- 41 Short jacket
- 45 Gambling game
- 47 Jay follower
- 49 San —, Italy

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- 6 Greek mountain
- 7 Ad nauseam
- 8 Oyster's prize
- 9 Biased
- 10 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)
- 11 Eastern "way"
- 19 Central
- 21 Consumed
- 23 Monarchs
- 24 Evening, in an ad
- 25 Peepers
- 26 Bygone days
- 27 Exotic berry
- 28 "So what?"
- 32 Chimney pipes
- 33 Maker of ornate eggs
- 35 Gents
- 36 Coloration
- 38 Shoelace
- 39 Secret rendezvous
- 42 Dread
- 43 Send forth
- 44 Portrayal
- 45 "Terrific!"
- 46 Lawyers' gp.
- 48 Altar constellation

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4			8	6			7	
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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

- 1. MOVIES: What is the name of the department store where Kris Kringle works in the 1947 "Miracle on 34th Street"?
- 2. LANGUAGE: What is the English equivalent of the Latin phrase, "Cui bono"?
- 3. TELEVISION: Why do the other reindeer tease Rudolph in the Christmas TV movie?
- 4. AD SLOGANS: Which family restaurant advertises itself as a place "where a kid can be a kid"?
- 5. ASTRONOMY: What is a sunspot?
- 6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was a classically trained pianist?
- 7. THEATER: What musical features a group of women called The Schuyler Sisters?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a smorgasbord?
- 9. GEOGRAPHY: In what body of water does the island of Barbados lie?
- 10. LITERATURE: Which famous 19th-century novel begins with the line, "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents."?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fork is shorter 2. Boots are different 3. Hat is different 4. Arm is showing 5. Oven mitt is different 6. Grill leg is removed

HOUSE

Today's Word

- 1. Earth 2. Hustle;
- 3. Equal 4. Rump

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SJK MJKEL ORS UD'O WFFG OFGD

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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: E equals L

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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3	9	8	2	1	6	7	5	4

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LOCAL NEWS

One Year Anniversary of First COVID-19 Vaccinations in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – More than 18 million doses later, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is recognizing the one-year anniversary of the first COVID-19 vaccines administered in Illinois. On December 15, 2020, roughly 450 doses of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine were administered to health care workers after being delivered to the state the day before.

IDPH and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency have partnered with communities to host more than 5,600 vaccination clinics around the state, including 1,400 youth-school clinics and approximately 1,900 equity-based clinics. Another 870 events have already been scheduled.

"One year and 18 million doses later, the COVID-19 vaccine has saved countless lives across Illinois," said Governor JB Pritzker. "I am incredibly grateful for the scientists, researchers and public health professionals who made this historic effort possible, al-

lowing us to reunite with loved ones, return to small businesses, and engage with our communities once again. As we recognize the progress we've made, I urge all eligible Illinoisans to receive their vaccine or booster and protect themselves and their families this holiday season."

"We have come a long way from the first doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered a year ago today, and we must continue our fight against this pandemic," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Since that first day, we've seen one COVID-19 vaccine fully approved, the age for those eligible to receive a vaccine expanded to everyone 5 years and older, and booster doses for everyone 16 years and older. I urge anyone who is hesitant about the COVID-19 vaccine to look at the successful history of these safe and effective vaccines."

"A year ago, I remember feeling fortunate to be one of the first in the state to receive

the COVID-19 vaccine and I was thankful and appreciative of all the work that went into developing it," said OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Emergency Services Medical Director Dr. Victor Chan. "The last year has been challenging for everyone and even now, marking the one-year anniversary of having the vaccine available, it's still a reminder that we can't let our guard down. The vast majority of patients we see that are being admitted to the hospital are, unfortunately, unvaccinated. I encourage everyone who is able to get vaccinated or receive a booster dose. If you have questions, please talk to a health care provider."

While the vaccination rate has slowed, approximately 71% of all Illinoisans have received at least one dose, 63% are fully vaccinated, and more than 30% have received a booster dose according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"OSF HealthCare was honored to host

Governor Pritzker and Dr. Ezike a year ago as they witnessed the first COVID-19 vaccines in the state being given to OSF Mission Partners in Peoria," said Mike Cruz, M.D., Chief Operating Officer, OSF HealthCare. "The vaccines then and now play an important role in helping to bring the pandemic under control. We are still seeing a major impact on our health care system with the latest surge of COVID-19 patients and encourage everyone to get fully vaccinated or receive a booster dose when able. It's still our best shot at ending, or at least controlling, the pandemic."

Organizations wanting to host a clinic in their community can apply online at <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinationclinics.html>. Vaccine are also offered at five of the state Community-Based Testing Sites across Illinois.

To find other vaccination locations near you go to vaccines.gov.

SVCC to offer free GED and ESL classes

STERLING — Sauk Valley Community College Adult Education department offers free General Education Development (GED) and English as a Second Language classes (ESL) to all Illinois residents.

Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 18. Locations vary across the Sauk Valley. Register for an orientation session at svcc.edu/AEorientation or call 815-835-6310 for more information.

This free ESL class will meet Tues-

day, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Registration is required. Please call 815-835-6310 to register. For more times, days, and location availability, please visit svcc.edu/adulted

SVCC winter break

STERLING - The Sauk Valley Community College campus will close at the end of the day Thursday, Dec. 23 for semester break.

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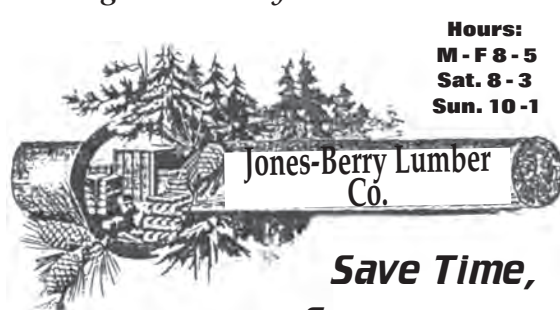
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Kishwaukee College offering new certificate in Organizational Leadership

MALTA — Kishwaukee College has created a new Organizational Leadership certificate, which will be available to students in the Spring 2022 semester.

The certificate is designed for students seeking entry-level leadership positions within an organization while building necessary communication and business skills. Additionally, those currently employed and looking to advance in their careers can benefit from this certificate. Organizational leadership offers a wide range of career possibilities in today's global marketplace.

Students will prepare for positions in general management, business information management, human resources management, operations management and administrative support.

"This certificate is a great way to gain or expand leadership skills. The courses focus on real-world situations to help students understand and practice leadership," said Tammy Tiggelaar, Associate Professor of Business and Marketing Management at

Kishwaukee College. "Leadership is essential at all levels of an organization. No matter the industry, skills like problem-solving and decision-making are key."

The program takes one year to complete and builds upon classes needed for Kish's Supervision Basics Certificate. Students who wish to continue their education can use the Organizational Leadership certificate as a pathway to earn their Associate in Applied Science in Marketing Management or higher degrees.

Classes offered in the Spring semester include Human Relations, Introduction to Management and Leadership Development. These classes are being offered online, with regular class meetings happening via Zoom to allow students to participate in virtual class discussions and activities from anywhere.

The Spring 2022 semester begins Tuesday, Jan. 18.

For more information, visit kish.edu or contact Academic Advising at advising@kish.edu or One-Stop at onestop@kish.edu.

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In Dixon at: Shining Star

In Amboy at: Amboy News Office

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