



## WELCOME HOME HERO

Amboy native Navy Lieutenant Nicolle Ely received a heroes welcome home on Friday morning in Amboy. Ely, a 2007 graduate of Amboy High School was deployed to Afghanistan. Ely was escorted on an Amboy Fire Truck through downtown where friends, family and the Amboy American Legion welcomed her home. As part of the parade route, Ely was driven past the Amboy schools where the students welcomed her home with signs and cheers.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



## Volunteers inducted into Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame

LEE COUNTY — Illinois 4-H volunteers empower and prepare youth for success as the program relies on its more than 15,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles. Longtime volunteers were honored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation for their selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program.

"These volunteers are a model of 4-H values," says Angie Barnard, Illinois 4-H Foundation executive director.

Illinois 4-H programs reach nearly 120,000 youth each year through 4-H clubs, camps, educational programs, workshops, and conferences held in communities,

schools, parks, and homes across Illinois. Volunteers fill key leadership and mentoring roles throughout the state. "Many volunteers have a tradition of 4-H in their family or were 4-H members themselves," Barnard says.

Local volunteers inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame were Darci Francque, Carroll County; Christine Klein, Lee County; and Nancy Dykstra, Whiteside County.

Darci Francque from Carroll County has been instrumental in creating experiential learning opportunities for the Lanark Lightning Bugs, has been an active member of the Carroll County 4-H Horse Committee and a volunteer with the Boots 'N Spurs 4-H Club. Darci was a

4-H member herself in the Lanark Larkers 4-H club. She is always willing to lend a hand and help with anything and everything. Carroll County is thankful for all that she does!

Chris Klein has been an avid 4-H supporter in Lee County throughout her life. In 2002, Chris and her husband started the Maytown Comets 4-H Club. In the 18 years she served as a leader, she guided her 4-H members to do the best they can and learn new projects and leadership skills. Her role modeling led her five children and many nieces and nephews to be active 4-H members. She also has volunteered her time as fair superintendent and committee members in poultry and cat departments. Her

dedication to the 4-H program has not gone unnoticed and has left a mark on countless 4-H families lives.

Nancy Dykstra was an 8-year member of the Cottonwood 4-H club of Morrison, IL. in her youth. Years later, she became the leader of the very same club. She was a very hard-working leader for 10 years. Nancy led the club members to meet requirements and contributed to several services in the community. She was well known for encouraging the club members to be involved in everything they possibly could because "It will look good on your award forms!" She not only had 2 children enrolled in 4-H, but she treated all members as her own.



## Veterans Day program set for Nov. 11 at Veterans Park

AMBOY — For the second year in a row, the annual Amboy Veterans Day program will be held at Veterans Park.

Amboy American Legion Veterans Day program will be held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Park, in Amboy.

The public is welcomed to attend the program.

The program schedule includes welcome remarks, flag retirement ceremony, Veterans recognition, and a rifle salute followed by TAPS.

## Lee County Nov. 1, 2021 COVID update

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department announces 81 new positive cases between Oct. 19 and Nov. 1, with less than five residents hospitalized. They also announced the deaths of two female residents in their 60s.

Here are the ages that were reported: 24 under the age of 12, 11 in his or her teens, 12 in his or her 20s, 13 in his or her 30s, 8 in his or her 50s, 8 in his or her 60s, 2 on his or her 80s, and 1 on his or her 90s.

This brings the total number of cases to 4,649 as of Nov. 1.

See [www.LCHD.com/Covid19](http://www.LCHD.com/Covid19) for more.

### Vaccine

As of Nov. 1, according to IDPH 36,519 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have

been administered in Lee County, and a total of 18,078 people in Lee County are fully vaccinated, which is 52.82 percent of the population.



Turn your clocks back on Sunday, Nov. 7



Christine Klein

She is currently on the 4-H support fund committee and has been for 3 years.



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## Illinois Department of Public Health issues updated Holiday Season Guidance

SPRINGFIELD — As the calendar heads into the holiday season, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is issuing updated guidance to help people celebrate more safely as the battle to beat the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

"Last year, many people held off getting together with family and friends during the holiday season due to the pandemic," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "This year, we have a safe and effective vaccine to help protect against severe illness due to COVID-19 that will allow friends and families to more safely celebrate together.

er. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your friends and family, and your community, but there are other actions you can take to celebrate more safely."

Travel safety considerations:

- Delay travel until you are fully vaccinated, or wait until you get a booster shot if eligible
- If you're not fully vaccinated, test 1-3 days before and 3-5 days after traveling
- Travel during off-peak times to avoid crowds
- Drive a private vehicle to reduce exposure to COVID-19
- If using public transport-

tation, try to travel during non-peak times. Masks are required on/in all areas of mass transit

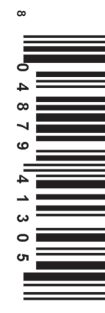
Guests and gatherings:

- Keep indoor gatherings small
  - Arrange seating and other areas to allow for physical distance
  - Increase air flow by opening windows and/or doors
  - Avoid having people congregate, such as in the kitchen or at the buffet
  - Clean and sanitize the kitchen, bathrooms, and other areas used by guests
- People who are sick with fever, cough, or other symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, should not travel or gather for holiday events during that time.



More information on

COVID-19 Holiday Season Safety can be found on the IDPH website at <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/holiday-season-safety.html>.





# LOCAL NEWS

## Congressional redistricting plan clears General Assembly

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**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois lawmakers gave final approval in the early hours of Friday morning to a new congressional redistricting plan that divides the state into 17 districts, one fewer than it currently has due to its loss of population since the 2010 U.S. Census.

It was the fourth draft plan that legislative Democrats had proposed over the previous two weeks, and it was introduced to the public after 7 p.m.

Like earlier versions, it collapses two southern Illinois districts into a single district while carving up much of downstate Illinois into a number of oddly-shaped districts that put cities as far apart as East St. Louis and Champaign into one district, with Bloomington and Rockford linked in another.

“This will be the most gerrymandered map in the country,” Sen. Don DeWitte, R-St. Charles, said during floor debate. “And this process will be used as the poster child for why politicians should never be allowed to draw their own maps.”

But Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, who carried the bill on the floor of the Senate, defended the maps, saying, “I’m here to stand behind the work we’ve done.”

“We’ve shown our maps to the public. We have presented them in hearing after hearing after hearing. We have refined them based on the input that we’ve gotten. And I’m proud of this map,” he said.

Most of the legislative wrangling over the past two weeks, however, centered on Chicago and the collar counties, and pressure from within the Democratic caucus to create a second largely-Latino district because of the rapid population growth within that community over the past 10 years.

Illinois’ congressional delegation is currently divided 13-5 in favor of Democrats. Independent analysts, including the nonparti-

san Princeton Gerrymandering Project, have estimated that earlier iterations of the plan would give Democrats as many as 14 seats, and Republicans as few as three.

If that holds true, it could have national implications because Democratic congressional leaders are looking to states like Illinois and New York to help offset losses they expect to take in states where Republicans control the redistricting process.

The redistricting plan passed the Senate on a straight party line vote, 41-18. It passed the House nearly on a party line vote, 71-43, losing two Democratic votes.

Rep. Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago, did not vote on the remap proposal. The lone Democratic “no” vote came from Rep. Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar, who was appointed to the 22nd state legislative district in Chicago to replace former House Speaker Michael Madigan, who resigned earlier this year.

Guerrero-Cuellar said on the floor that she remained upset about how the 22nd District was reshaped during the legislative redistricting process in August.

“And there was something done to that district intentionally to exclude Latinos and that representation,” she said. “So when someone tells me, ‘Hey, we’re here to represent the Latinos on the southwest side,’ I’m gonna say, hold on. That was not the case.”

The maps passed after a long day of legislative action during which it appeared rifts in the supermajority Democratic caucus might derail the proposal.

Just before 5 p.m. Thursday, House Redistricting Committee Chair Lisa Hernandez, D-Cicero, declined an interview request with Capitol News Illinois, noting she was working with fellow lawmakers.

“I don’t know yet,” she responded when asked if she thought the maps would have the votes to pass Thursday.

The maps needed three-fifths majorities to pass due to a clause in the Illinois Constitution

that states any bill passed after May 31 cannot take effect until June 1 of the following year if it does not reach that threshold.

Democrats account for more than the 71 votes needed in the 118-member House, and 36 needed in the 59-member Senate, but bringing them all together proved an elusive task for much of the day.

The draft of the maps that eventually passed Thursday was largely similar to previous versions, except that it moved 3rd District incumbent Rep. Marie Newman, D-La Grange, into a district with Rep. Jesus “Chuy” Garcia, D-Chicago, into a reshaped 4th District.

Garcia’s current district has been described as the “ear muffs” district, or a C-shaped district, because it stretches from southwest Chicago westward to Westchester and Hillside, then northward along a narrow strip to the Northlake area, then back east along Chicago’s north side.

That district is being reshaped in a way that lops off part of the northern strip and forms a new 3rd District, which would be Illinois’ second Latino influence district. It stretches from the north side of Chicago westward to an area that includes portions of West Chicago and Elgin.

In southern Illinois, which saw the most dramatic population declines since the 2010 census, Republican Reps. Mike Bost, of Murphysboro, and Mary Miller, of Oakland, would be paired together in a new 12th District.

In central Illinois, Republican Reps. Darin LaHood, of Peoria, and Adam Kinzinger, of Channahon, would face each other in a 16th District primary.

Unlike the Wednesday map, the latest version left Democratic Rep Sean Casten, of Downers Grove, uncontested in the 6th District primary. Newman was drawn into that district in the Wednesday version, but was moved into Garcia’s district in Thursday’s map.

Some people who spoke during Thursday’s hearing expressed disappointment with the latest draft, including residents of what is currently the 3rd District on Chicago’s southwest side.

In 2020, Newman edged out then-incumbent Rep. Daniel Lipinski in the Democratic primary in that district and went on to win the general election. The latest proposal, like both other drafts before it, would put much of that district into a new 6th District.

William Beaulieu and Clare Duggan, both members of a group called Coalition for Change IL3, said that group was formed in part, to unite the diverse communities and bring about change in the 3rd District.

Members of that coalition have testified at nearly every public hearing about new congressional maps since the hearings began in early August, and Duggan said many of them had submitted their own proposed maps through the Democratic caucuses’ mapmaking web portals.

Despite that, Duggan said, while the latest draft would keep more of the current 3rd District intact than previous iterations, significant parts of the district would be broken off into other districts.

Under questioning from Republican senators, Harmon said the proposal was based on “the totality” of input that legislative leaders received from the public as well as other sources, including private communications with staff from various congressional offices.

“We are not obviously adopting one person’s map and presenting it as our own,” Harmon said. “We are taking input from all sources and it is reflected in the maps presented to the Senate.”

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## Kishwaukee College to host Veterans Day ceremony

**MALTA** — Kishwaukee College will host a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 a.m., on Thursday, Nov. 11, on campus in the Student Center. The ceremony is free and open to the public. Food and beverages will be provided for all guests during and after the ceremony. Highlights of the event include a welcome

by Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President of Kishwaukee College; the national anthem, performed by Kish student Sarah Kanas; remarks shared by local veteran Anthony Schumaker; and a reading by John Gruben, current Kish Adjunct Professor, from a passage written for Veterans Day in 1984 by former Kish


Professor Larry Johansen.

Visitors on campus will need to sign in at Door 6 and wear a mask. Guests should enter through Door 6, the Student Center entrance, and proceed to Kish Cafe. The event will also be recorded and live-streamed on Kish’s social media platforms.

The Veterans Day ceremony is sponsored by the Kishwaukee College Veterans Advocacy Committee.

For a complete program listing and more information on veteran resources at Kish, visit [www.kish.edu/veterans](http://www.kish.edu/veterans).

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# Do You Know An AMERICAN HERO?


The Amboy News is once again doing a section featuring Veterans and military personnel and would like you to send or bring us a military picture of yourself or favorite military hero along with a short biography of their service history, present or past.

**Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves or Merchant Marines.**


Our special section featuring your own local heroes will be published on **November 10th.**  
Deadline for submitting Photos/Information is Fri., Nov. 5, 9 a.m.



**Lester C. Underhill,**  
Dixon  
U.S. Army Specialist 4<sup>th</sup> Class  
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood,  
Mo.  
1953-1955 Vietnam  
A Amboy High School Class  
of 1966  
Retired letter carrier, USPS  
Wife Laura, 3 children, 5  
grandchildren.



**Donald H. Schamberger,**  
Amboy  
Army Signal Corps-Corporal  
Trained: Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.  
May 27, 1953 to May 27, 1955  
Served duty with the fixed  
A-1H of the Army Signal  
School as a ballistic meteorologist  
and air traffic controller.  
He received Good Conduct  
Medal and National Defense  
Service Medal.



**Donald C. Wittenauer,**  
Amboy  
Air Force Airman First Class  
Trained: George AFB, Victorville, Ca.  
1953-1955

**If the Veteran was featured last year, you don't have to resubmit the photo and information to us this year.**

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## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## Fish Fry Thank you!

First of all we want to thank everyone who purchased a ticket or helped sell them. A big shout out to the following folks who helped: Thrivent Financial and Laurie Nauman for securing their assistance; Mark and Veronica Grossman; Amboy City Workers; Teen Turf Board members; Donna Wellman; Mike Gorton; Greg Gorton; Dave Montez; Larry Piper; Barb Harrison; Roxy and Al Stenzel; Nathan Piper; Liam and Lila and Jillian Rieskamp; Eileen Piper; Deb Albee; Janine Huffman; Pam Thomas; Tammy Strub; Shelli Bump; Krista Wolf; Fran Kessel; Michele Cheshire; Maddy and Sid and Hayden Thomas; Gabby Ketchum; Brooke and Denny Weidman; Kaylee Scanland; Jarret Dempsey; Karen Stenzel; Shannon Nichols; Judy Schmidt; Marykatherine Stenzel; Matthew and Michael Farrar; Christine Cheshire; Diana Schaefer; Justine Jones; Bert Glenn; Doug and Louella Blackburn; Katie Dickinson; afterschool students and their parents and caregivers.

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

We are always thankful for those that help us: Delores at Yogi Bear for helping someone in need; Bruce and Brenda at Pine View Campground for hosting Teen Turf; Les Shaw for helping with the fridge; 40Titude and their research paper; Irene and Eileen Ramsdell for the meat, cheese, bread and yummy cupcakes; Donna for all her baking; Frank Monantes for the items; Helen Heckman for the items and Cindy and Michael Phillips for their items.

## Needs

Juice boxes and granola bars

## Final Word

Loving God, please grant us peace of mind and calm our troubled hearts...Give us the strength and clarity of mind to find our purpose and walk the path you've laid out for us. I trust your Love God, and know that you will heal this stress. Just as the sun rises each day against the dark of night. In your loving name, We pray. Amen.

## Lee County Sheriff investigate school bus accident in Dixon

**DIXON** — On Oct. 27, at 3:04 p.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the 2000 block of Illinois Route 2, Rural Dixon, for a two-vehicle crash.

A school bus was stopped to off load children, reportedly with proper flashing lights and stop sign activated, when it was rear-ended. The school bus was struck by a northbound vehicle operated by a 16-year-old driver.

The school bus, transporting children from Dixon Public Schools, was occupied by an adult driver and eleven minors. One of the minor occupants was transported from the scene by ambulance and treated and released at KSB Hospital.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by The Dixon Police Department, Dixon City Fire Department and Advance Ambulance.

No citations have been issued at this time.

## Sheriff's office arrests two for battery

**LEE COUNTY** — On Friday, Oct. 29, at approximately 11:35 a.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office, along with the Dixon Police Department, Sterling Police Department and Illinois State Police, responded to a disturbance involving a weapon at 1610 Sauk Road (Sauk Commons parking lot). Two vehicles, with alleged suspects and a victim, left the scene, prior to law enforcement arrival. Vehicle descriptions were provided by a witness to dispatch and law enforcement was able to locate and stop those vehicles, with occupants, a few miles away from the scene. Additionally, another vehicle was reported to have been at the scene and the occupants drove to the Dixon Police Department, to report the incident.

After interviews were conducted with all involved, two females were arrested for Battery: Brooke A. Lozano, 31, of Rock Falls and Paige S. Wagner, 19, of Dixon

The weapon, not recovered as of this release, but described as an air-soft pistol, was not discharged, however, was allegedly used as a blunt object during the altercation between the two arrested.

Minor injuries were sustained during the altercation and were attended to by personnel from the Sterling, Dixon City and Dixon Rural Fire / Ambulance Services.

Lee County Sheriff's Office reminds the public that charges are merely an allegation, and all parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**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](http://www.lchd.com) for a list of services available.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., Suite 100, will hold a Flu Vaccine Clinic from 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3. No appointment is needed. Call 815-284-3371 for more information.

**STERLING**-The U of I Extension Office and Whiteside County Master Gardeners will present "Thankful for Our Feathered Friends Workshop" on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m., at the Extension Office, 12923 Lawrence Rd. Registration is required and class size is limited. Call Mary Nelson at 815-632-3611

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, at the Fire Station.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Nov. 8. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

**SUBLETTE**-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

**EAST GROVE TWP**-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the East Grove Township Hall.

**STERLING**-U of I Educator Karla Belzar will lead the Wits Fitness Monthly Workshop at the Whiteside Extension Office, 12923 Lawrence Rd., on Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The program exercises the brain for cognitive function. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/witsfitness](http://go.illinois.edu/witsfitness).

**AMBOY**-The U of I Extension will present the Get Savvy-Grow Your Green Stuff Webinar Series from Noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10. This free financial topics webinar series is open to the public. Register online at <https://forms.uffi.illinois.edu/sec/1279302>.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Ken Nelson Auto Group Chevy Building, 1100 N. Galena Ave. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**MAY TWP**-The May Township meeting will be

held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the township maintenance building.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at township building, 106 S. Prospect.

**PAWPAW**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**AMBOY**-The U of I Extension's Energy & Environmental Stewardship Team will present the Everyday Environment Webinar Series on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m. The subject for this installment is "Keeping Feral Swine Out of Illinois". Register at [go.illinois.edu/everyday-environmentwebinars](http://go.illinois.edu/everyday-environmentwebinars).

**LEE CENTER TWP**-The Lee Center Township meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

**AMBOY**-The American Red Cross and the AHS Student Council will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767, email [jarellano@amboy.net](mailto:jarellano@amboy.net) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**LAMOILLE**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12, at LaMoille High School, 801 S. Main. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**ROCK FALLS**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, at Rock River Christian Center, 1800 Prophet Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**AMBOY**-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**WALNUT**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Walnut Community Building, 141 Main St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on

Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Central School Gym.



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**Thursday** - Beefaroni, green beans, cauliflower, whole grain garlic bread, apricots

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# OBITUARIES

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### Roger E. Burkhardt Sept. 9, 1938 - Aug. 1, 2021

**VISTA, Calif.** - Roger Eugene Burkhardt, 82, of Vista, Calif., passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 1, 2021.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Ellice Dinges School in Sublette from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m., on Nov. 13, with Mass following at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 4 p.m.

The funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 21, 2021 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Oceanside with Rev. Christopher Merris, celebrant, and Deacon John Fredette who gave the homily. The Mass was well attended by family, friends, and fellow parishioners. Special recognition was given by the Knights of Columbus. Inurnment burial was at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, Calif., with Sister Maureen Brown presiding.

Roger was born Sept. 9, 1938 in West Brooklyn, to Arthur D. and Dorothy C. (Lipps) Burkardt. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; daughters, Angie (Mike) Hanifin, of Vista, Calif.; Julie (Bob) Krier, of Escondido, Calif.; Toni (Bob) Crain, of San Marcos, Calif.; first wife, Karen Barlow, of San

Marcos, Calif.; daughters, Jan (Jack) Ashby, of Escondido, Calif.; Nanci (Mike) Holato, of Green Valley, Ariz.; and son, Matt (Sharmen) Harless, of Tucson, Ariz.; 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is survived by five siblings, Bill (Beverly) Burkardt, of Polo, Eileen Johannes, of Dixon, Jane (Joe) Harris, of Peoria, Marilyn (Rod) Carls, of Peoria, and Tom (Mary Lou) Burkardt, of Dixon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers, Bob, Gilbert, Charles, Don, Ed, John, and Dan Burkardt; and eight sisters, Mary and Therese Burkardt, Ruth Van Unnik, Eunice Goy, Carol Twardowski, Irene Moncelle, Rita Ray and Sharon Krutsinger.

Roger was a kind, loving, and godly man. He loved his family, church community, and all people. Born on Sept. 9, 1938, he was the 10th of 21 children raised on the family farm in West Brooklyn. At age 14, he entered the Josephinum Seminary in Ohio to become a priest. After 7 years in the seminary, he served in the Air Force. He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and began



his lifelong career of serving others as a social worker. He lived on a one acre mini-farm for 43 years and enjoyed horses, dogs, cats, gardening and home projects. His faith was his utmost priority and he shared God's love with everyone. He served as a Eucharistic Minister, visited the sick in nursing homes and the hospital, and was in the Knights of Columbus for over 60 years. "We are So Blessed" was his favorite phrase to express the love he had for his family and friends.

Memorials may be sent to St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Oceanside, Catholic Charities, Culture of Life Family Services or the donor's choice.

### William Lawrence Lyons, Jr. March 11, 1963 - Oct. 16, 2021

**DIXON**—William "Bill" Lawrence Lyons, Jr., was born on March 11, 1963 in Dixon, to William and Sheryl (Scharpf) Lyons. Bill was surrounded by his family when he graduated to Heaven on Oct. 16, 2021.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother, Sheryl and son, Adam.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa (Wittenauer); father, William; siblings, Crystel and David; children, Zeb and wife Amanda, Noah and wife Courtney, Luke, Katherine and husband Patrick, and Hannah; his beautiful grandchildren, Drusilla, Mason, Moriah, Scarlett, Isabelle & Jethro; and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was raised in Amboy, and graduated from Amboy High in 1981. While there, he was a faithful member of the local FFA where he met the love of his life, Lisa. They married on Feb. 18, 1984 and

celebrated 37 faithful years together. Bill was a person who loved working the farm, caring for his family and dedicated his life to helping others.

In November of 1990 his life was changed when he met his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and determined to follow him the rest of his life. He did this as a pastor, missionary and servant-leader both in the US and Abroad for the next 30 years. Next to God and his family, he loved his Japanese church and the people he impacted around the world.

When in the states, Bill loved to travel the country with his love Lisa, and spend time with their five children and six grandkids, and brag about them and their accomplishments to all who would listen.

Bill lived a life that embodied his life verse, Jude 22 which says "and of some



have compassion, making a difference."

Services for Bill were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 at Greenlawn Funeral Home East. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 in the funeral home.

Family interment will be at Prairie Repose Cemetery Amboy.

### University announces scholarships for first responders

**AMBOY** - In honor of National First Responders Day, which takes place annu-

ally on Oct. 28, Western Governors University (WGU) is launching a new scholarship to show appreciation for first responders - including EMTs, police officers, firefighters, corrections officers and others - who have demonstrated unprecedented selflessness and commitment in serving area communities as they carried out their duties throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The fully online, nonprofit university plans to award up to \$80,000 in scholarships to area first responders - and their spouses - who are interested in furthering their education.

Each "First Responder Appreciation Scholarship" is valued at up to \$4,000 per

student and will be applied at a rate of \$1,000 per term for up to four terms. The scholarships are available for new students enrolled in any of WGU's more than 60 degree programs in business, information technology, K-12 teacher education and health professions, including nursing. The scholarship application is available at [www.wgu.edu/firstresponders](http://www.wgu.edu/firstresponders) and will be open through June 30, 2022.

"First responders make countless sacrifices on a daily basis to protect our communities, uphold the law and save lives," said Dr. Angie Besendorfer, Regional Vice President of Western Governors University.

Designed to meet the needs of busy adult learners, WGU uses a competency-based education approach to learning, enabling students to take advantage of their knowledge and experience to move quickly through material they already know so they can focus on what they still need to learn. The flexible format is perfect for those in full-time, demanding fields, like first responders.

**George Mason and his family send thank you greetings for all the cards, phone calls, and shared memories everyone sent on his 98th birthday. Each and every one brought a smile to this face! Thanks again!**

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for all the efforts extended in providing me with so many lovely 90th birthday cards! The added messages were the "frosting on the cake." My THANKS to each of you who participated in providing me the most momentous birthday celebration of my life.

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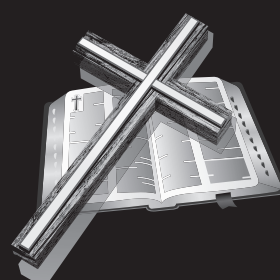
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## SOCIAL NEWS



# THE PASTOR'S PEN

## How blesses we are for the farming families and the harvested crops

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

This time of the year we are reminded that we live in a farming community. It seems that as we drive for any length of time out into the surrounding countryside, we gaze at fields that have been harvested, or (hopefully) in process. And it reminds us how blessed we are for all the farming families we have in our area and all the hard work they do to produce and harvest their crops.

I also find it amazing how many times in Scripture that God used some aspect of farming to describe or illustrate a spiritual truth. He often used the example of planting seeds and harvesting the crops from those seeds. One such place in the Bible is found in John 12:23-36. Here Jesus uses the planting of a seed to foretell His own sacrificial death for our sins and the corresponding harvest to illustrate His resurrection and the birth of His church. He said, "...Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." Vs 24.

The "much grain" He is referring to here represents every true Christian that has ever lived. I would say that is a lot of grain! And we are eternally grateful

for His sacrifice. But Jesus doesn't stop there. He goes on to call all Christians to follow His example. In vs 25 He says, "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

What did He mean by this? Certainly, He is not saying that all of His followers will be crucified also? No, though many Christians have literally died for, and because of, their faith in Christ. And some still do. But this portion of Scripture is saying that in order to "follow" Him and His example we must choose to live our lives in a self-sacrificial way.

This would mean that we "die to ourselves." Our own self-centeredness, selfishness, pride... And the only way this can happen is

if we willingly choose this path for our life... with God's help, of course. Giving up our self-centered hopes, dreams, desires, and aspirations. The need to be "noticed" for our good (or bad) deeds. Or to have things "my way". But instead replace this with the attitude which Christ maintained throughout His life and ministry as when He said in the Garden of Gethsemane, "...Not My will, but thine be done." Luke 22:42.

This attitude in life requires humility and trust that our Lord will cause "much grain" to be produced and multiplied through the sacrificial offering of our lives. That He will multiply it and make it something which is both powerful and beautiful.

And He does. There are many Christians the world over (and even in our local community) who are living their lives in humble service to God and their fellow man (neighbors). I bet if you think about it you will think of someone you know that is living-out this very Scripture before your eyes. Those who would never ask for "recognition" for their selfless service.

On the other hand, they don't need to. Because we can't help but "notice" them because their lives are "bearing much grain". And they serve as a human example to us. Be grateful for them. Perhaps even say a "prayer of thanks" for them.

And, by all means, let their life serve as an inspiration to you, even as our Lord's life did. And, in the process, you can help make your little corner in the world a little better place too.

May God bless you.

Pastor John

## The Book Nook

By:  
Tatjana Kazan

### The Marriage Plot

In Jeffrey Eugenides's "The Marriage Plot," an elderly English professor tells his student Madeleine Hanna, who wants to do her honors thesis on the demise of the marriage plot in nineteenth century novels, "In the day when success in life had depended on marriage, and marriage had depended on money, novelists had had a subject to write about. The great epics sang of war, the novel of marriage. Sexual equality, good for women, had been bad for the novel. And divorce had undone it completely."

He is wrong, of course. Plot is only one aspect of a novel. The psychological and emotional states of the characters are what count, then as now. The quality of the novel depends greatly on a writer's ability to see beyond the pretensions and delusions of the characters and in his or her ability to create the depth of character that sustains a good novel. Eugenides is a very fine writer who ostensibly follows the marriage plot – a beautiful young woman and her two suitors – but also subverts it to suit a twenty-first century novel.

The story begins on graduation day 1982 at Brown University, an ivy league school. Madeleine is a striving English major from an upper-class family; Mitchell, who is hopelessly in love with Madeleine, is a religious scholar who travels to India to work with Mother Teresa; and Leonard, a gifted biology/philosophy student, is both arrogant and seductive and a manic-depressive. The novel moves back into the histories of the three characters and forward fourteen months when they struggle to remake themselves into adults.

Madeleine falls hard for Leonard and wants Mitchell to be the close male friend she has always wanted. Mitchell goes off to travel the world and the novel follows both his physical and spiritual progress. Leonard, who is on lithium to control his manic-depressive episodes, is hospitalized on graduation day. When Madeleine hears the news, she skips graduation to be with him. They will stay together, as Leonard's illness worsens to the point of overwhelming him. Madeleine never leaves his side, devoting herself to keeping him safe. In one of Leonard's more lucid periods, they marry. But their honeymoon in Paris and Monte Carlo is a harrowing tale of Leonard's descent into psychosis.

When Mitchell returns to New York after a year, he accidentally meets Madeleine and Leonard at a party. The two men engage in a long, private conversation in which Leonard is perfectly clear-minded. As for Madeleine, "Seeing Mitchell had stirred up an emotion that she couldn't quite identify. It was as if she was excited and regretful at the same time." Though the ending follows a twenty-first century plot line, it is nevertheless as true to the story and its characters as its nineteenth-century counterpart.

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## From The Heart Calendar winners

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Oct. 25 - Nancy Williams, Rochelle, \$25  
Oct. 26 - Mike Brown, Rochelle, \$25  
Oct. 27 - Kendall Vogeler, Rochelle, \$25  
Oct. 28 - Jessie Meyers, Rochelle, \$25  
Oct. 29 - Aaron Jones, Pekin, \$25  
Oct. 30 - Jenny Thompson, Rochelle, \$25  
Oct. 31 - Dave Shaw, Amboy, \$250

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

## Landscape art exhibit opens at The Next Pictured Show in Dixon

DIXON — The Next Picture Show (TNPS) is pleased to present the Landscape Art Exhibit featuring a record setting 124 art works by forty-seven local and regional artists.

On display from Oct. 23 – Dec. 18, the all-media exhibit of both 2-D and

3-D original art focuses on landscapes, cityscapes, and seascapes. Media used includes acrylic, alcohol ink, digital photography, ink, metal, oil, pastel, silk, watercolor, and wool felt.

Dixon based art instructor Becky Hage serve as judge and present awards

at the opening reception, Friday, Oct. 29.

The exhibit is sponsored by Carl AND Ellen Mumford of Dixon and available for viewing until Dec. 18 at 113 West First Street, Dixon. Hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment.

## CGH auxiliary celebrating 75 years

STERLING — The CGH Auxiliary will celebrate their 75th year on Nov. 4, 2021. On this date in 1946, Mrs. Hellen M. Lawrence met with about 25 women in her home to discuss the shortage of nurses caused by World War II. Together, they had a vision to contribute to the community and serve the Sterling Public Hospital. This marked the start of the CGH Auxiliary.

News of the Auxiliary spread quickly and soon sewing groups from local churches and community clubs were organized to make hospital gowns and dressings. As the needs of the hospital grew, and the nursing shortage continued, the women realized fundraising was needed. A variety show and gift sale were held in downtown Sterling during that first year, and because of their efforts, the hospital was equipped with a toaster, two chairs, bedside lamps, baby bottle sterilizers, and a modern incubator, among other items.

By 1949, the seed of volunteer service was planted not only in the minds of those in the Auxiliary but also in the minds of hospital officials. Together, they installed a library for hospital patients, and cart services soon followed, supplying patients with necessities and pleasantries.

Seventy-five years later, their story continues to unfold. Their initial enthusiasm and success are still evident in the more than 20,000 hours of "hands-on" service they provide to our patients,

visitors, and staff. The Auxiliary, whose membership now includes men, women, and teens, serves 25 CGH departments with activities ranging from escort and wheelchair transport to encouraging oncology patients and assisting customers in the hospital's gift shop.

"The list of everything the CGH Auxiliary does for our patients, visitors, employees and physicians could go on and on," said Dr. Paul Steinke, CGH President and CEO. "This is a group of truly dedicated volunteers who give their time, talent and expertise selflessly. We truly appreciate all that they do and for carrying the tradition onward."

The CGH Auxiliary will celebrate its 75th Anniversary in November. A celebratory event, delayed due to COVID, will be held at the McCormick Event Center in Rock Falls on Friday, March 4, 2022. A VIP reception for Auxiliary members and past presidents

will be held, followed by a "Friends of the Auxiliary" event that will include hors d'oeuvres, desserts, musical

entertainment and memorabilia. For up-to-date information on the event, visit cghmc.com/auxiliary75.

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# Opinion

## We live in a nation where identity is increasingly ambiguous

He's half Labrador retriever and half German shepherd," the volunteer said as she handed me the wiggling puppy.

I looked into the mutt's shiny eyes and just shrugged.

A few months ago, my wife, a veterinarian, went into work on her day off to spay and neuter dogs from a local animal rescue.

Since I already had an obligation that morning, she took our 10-year-old daughter, Caitlin, along.

"We'll just put her in an empty exam room with the puppies awaiting surgery while I'm back in the operating room," she told me.

I cringed. Caitlin falls in love hard.

Beforehand, the two of us told her that we already had enough pets, and we weren't going to adopt another. She could play with the pups but none of them were going home with us.

Wishful thinking.

After spending a morning with one particular puppy she named "Johnny," Caitlin was smitten. My wife, Joan, caved first and said she could have him, "if Daddy says it's ok."

I then became the subject of a two-week-long lobbying campaign that would put any statehouse advocate to shame. Daily, sometimes hourly, Caitlin would present her case for why she needed that puppy. She even emailed me a PowerPoint presentation on why the dog should join our family.

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



I kept thinking if I held out long enough, she would lose interest and somebody else would adopt the pooch.

But her ardor remained undiminished and nobody else wanted that mutt. So, I gave in. When I went to pick him up, the volunteer said they knew little about him other than he and his littermates were found abandoned and that she just felt sure he was a Labrador/Shepherd mix.

But after he came home, he didn't grow much, and he seemed far too small to be either of those large breeds. Every night he would curl up by the dinner table and we would debate his pedigree.

My sister-in-law said she thought he was part Rhodesian ridgeback. My wife suggested pit bull. I just felt sure he was part coonhound. But Caitlin would give him a hug and just say, "I don't care."

The ongoing debate reminded me a bit of a journalism dilemma.

Typically, reporters covering a trial will describe a jury by its racial and ethnic composition.

Since reporters cannot talk to jurors during a trial, it becomes a guessing game. Is she Italian or Hispanic? Is he black or bi-racial? Is Juror No. 10 an Indian American? Or maybe he's Middle Eastern?

We live in a nation where identity is increasingly ambiguous.

A few years ago, I asked a Chinese-American friend and

a Korean-American friend who they considered to be the most famous Asian American.

They both said: Tiger Woods. But its doubtful a stranger looking into a jury box would ascribe someone with Woods' complexion that identity.

A few years ago, I took a DNA test and learned I was 99 % of European extraction and 1 % American Indian. Other than being able to brag that I may be more Native American than U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, I'm not sure what that test accomplished.

Genetic tracking isn't limited to humans. One can send to a laboratory a sample of a dog's saliva and learn its genetic makeup too.

So, after enduring multiple dinner-table debates about Johnny's pedigree, we mailed in a sample. The result: he's 17 different breeds.

He was only 1 percent Labrador and didn't have a drop of German Shepherd blood. And despite my speculation and my sister in law's there was no Rhodesian ridgeback or coonhound to be found in his lineage.

After hearing the results, Caitlin hugged her pup and said, "I don't care, I love him."

If only more people would view others that same way.

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## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago Nov. 4, 1921

Mrs. Leo Lauer, of Sublette, visited Amboy Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Olmstead and daughter Joyce, of Rockford, visited in Lee Center over Sunday.

The office force of The First National Bank in Amboy moved Thursday into their recently completed new cages on the east side of the building.

Fathers Cullen, of Amboy, Conley of Walton, Schumacher of Sublette, and Kirkfleet, of Maytown, were in Rockford last week Thursday to attend a lecture given by Bishop Muldoon.

### 75 Years Ago Nov. 7, 1946

Voters of Harmon Township approved the building of a community building Tuesday. The bond is not to exceed \$30,000 and the building will be built when materials are available.

Mildred Lee McKnight was hostess to a group of friends at a Halloween party at the G.A. Holt home. Present were Joan

Elliott, Carolyn Tait, Darlene Scherer, Joyce Underhile, Gordon Spangler, Jack Holt, Ernest Haws, Robert Hull, Robert Jones and Douglas Smith.

Citizens of Sublette are being called upon to aid in the reopening of the Sublette hospital by the Sublette Business Men's Association.

### 50 Years Ago Nov. 4, 1971

Nearly 500 children from kindergarten through eighth grade took part in the Halloween Parade which was held in Amboy Sunday afternoon. A large number of residents turned out to witness the event also.

Elmer Wittenauer, of rural Amboy, marked his 30<sup>th</sup> service anniversary with Commonwealth Edison Company Wednesday, Oct. 27. He has worked in Dixon since he started in 1941 and is now an area substation operator.

Eight Amboy students taking at least four academic subjects have been listed as "5.0 Straight A Students" at the end of the first grading period from 1971-1972 school year. They are: Jay McCracken, senior; Jon Gibson, sophomore; Laurie

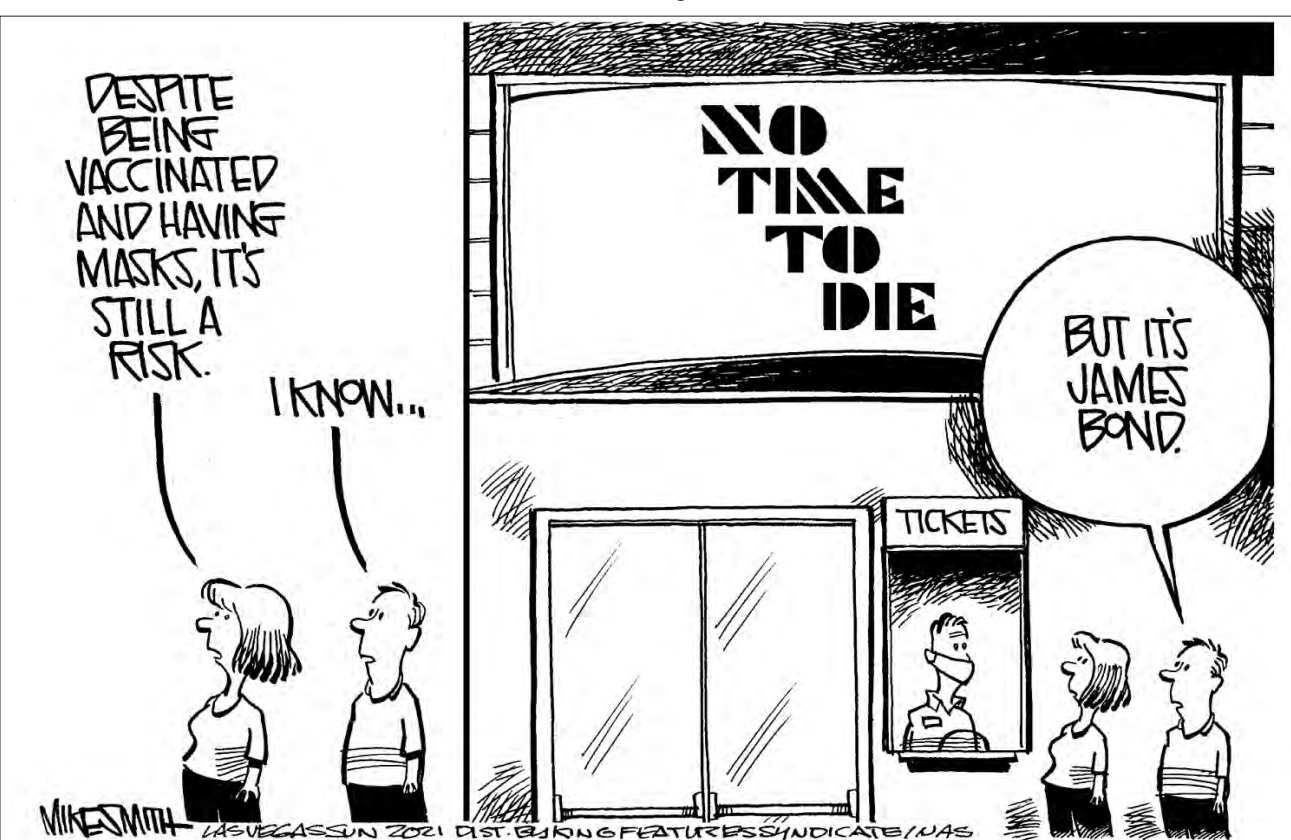
Grasser, junior; Dean Oester, sophomore; Debby Walgrave, junior; Randy Nusbaum, senior; Darlene Trouth, junior; and Don Zapf, senior.

### 25 Years Ago Oct. 31, 1996

Approximately 40 business and associations from around the state, including The Amboy News, were honored at the Illinois State Historical Society's annual Centennial Business Celebration Dinner Sept. 27 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

Charles F. Welty announced his resignation as board of director of The First National Bank in Amboy effective Sept. 15, 1996. Charles Welty is president of the Jones-Berry Lumber Company and has been associated with the firm for 50 years. David Cain, of Dixon, was named to fill the vacancy.

Sophomore Trese Wells captured 23<sup>rd</sup> place at the Winnebago Regional this past Saturday and qualified for this Saturday's Sectional Cross Country meet at Oregon at 2 p.m.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## State agencies remind residents to prepare for winter weather

**SPRINGFIELD** – While the official start of winter is not for several weeks, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL), Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the National Weather Service (NWS) are encouraging people to begin preparing now for extreme cold, snow and ice.

“In Illinois, it’s not a question of if, but rather when will snow, ice and sub-zero temperatures occur,” said IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. “Being unprepared for winter weather is not only inconvenient, but it can be dangerous.”

When checking and restocking a vehicle’s emergency supply kit, make sure it contains items such as:

Blankets or sleeping bags, Flashlight with extra batteries, First aid kit, Non-perishable snack food, Water, Sand or cat litter, Shovel, Booster cables, and Cell phone charger

“At the Illinois Department of Transportation, we spend

the entire year planning and preparing to keep you safe during our challenging Illinois winters,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “The public plays an important part as well. Make sure your vehicle is in safe, working condition at all times. Pack an emergency kit to store in your vehicle. Don’t crowd the plow when you’re driving. Most important, during inclement weather, ask yourself if your trip is really necessary or can be postponed.”

### Winter Weather Health Hazards

Prolonged exposure to the cold can cause serious problems including hypothermia, a drop in the body’s core temperature. It doesn’t require negative temperatures and can set in when you’re outdoors or in. Hypothermia is especially dangerous and can be deadly if not detected promptly and treated properly.

Frostbite occurs when your extremities (fingers, toes, nose, and ears) are exposed to cold weather. The skin may become stiff and numb, leading to severe tissue damage. Frostbite

can permanently damage the body, and severe cases can lead to amputation.

A study by the University of Illinois Chicago published in 2020 shows while there were more heat-related hospital admissions between 2011 and 2018, there were 1,935 cold-related deaths compared to 70 heat-related deaths.

### Recognize Home Heating Dangers

According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) National Center for Health Statistics, in 2017, 399 people died of unintentional non-fire carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. In 2016, local fire departments in the U.S. responded to 79,600 carbon monoxide incidents, or an average of nine such calls per hour. In 2018 according to National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), Illinois Fire Departments responded to 8,965 incidents related to carbon monoxide. CO is found in fumes produced any time you burn fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, or furnaces. CO can build up indoors and poison people and animals who breathe it. During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.

Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from all heat sources including fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, space heaters and candles.

Create a kid-free zone around open fires and space heaters. Never use an oven to heat your home.

Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. Remember...space heaters need space.

Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before being placed into a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

## White announces office is changing web address

**SPRINGFIELD** — Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the Illinois Secretary of State’s office has changed its official web address from “cyberdriveillinois.com” to “ILSOS.gov.” The change is designed to help combat fraud. A “.gov” website address designates it as an official government website, which is exclusively provided to federal, state and local government entities.

“Changing the website address to

ILSOS.gov will help combat fraud at a time when scams designed to defraud Illinoisans have been proliferating,” said White. “Because the new address uses a .gov suffix, you can rest assured it belongs to a federal, state or local government agency—in this case the Illinois Secretary of State’s office—which adds to your peace of mind when transacting business online with my office.”

White noted that Illinoisans who type cyberdriveillinois.com into the browser

will be directed to ILSOS.gov.

In addition to the website address change, White’s office unveiled a redesigned website that is designed to make it easier for the public to locate services quickly.

The website prioritizes the most frequently used services, such as driver license, ID card and license plate renewals. It also breaks down online services into a specific section to help customers who wish to conduct business online.

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# SPORTS



*The Amboy Clippers boys cross country team finished in third place at the Oregon Class 1A Sectional with 100 points, earning the entire team a berth in the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Detweiller Park in Peoria.*



## Amboy’s Loftus wins Sectional title, team to compete at state

**OREGON** – Amboy’s cross country runners were hoping for one more week to their season, which would mean a trip to the state meet, and the Clipper boys were able to do just that after competing in the Oregon Class 1A Sectional on Oct. 30.

The Clippers finished in third place with 100 points, earning the entire team a berth in the state meet.

The top six teams qualify for state. Rockford Christian came out on top with 49 points and Riverdale was second with 66 points. The other team qualifiers were Sandwich (130), Sterling Newman (158) and Erie-Prophetstown (248).

Amboy’s Brock Loftus has battled with Tommy Murray of Riverdale in many races over their careers, and Loftus was able to outrace Murray to the finish line in a first-place effort with a time of 16:19.30. Murray checked in second with a clocking of 16:22.15.

Two other Clippers placed in the top nine. Kyle McNinch was seventh in 17:13.90 and Ian Eller took ninth place with a time of 17:18.3.

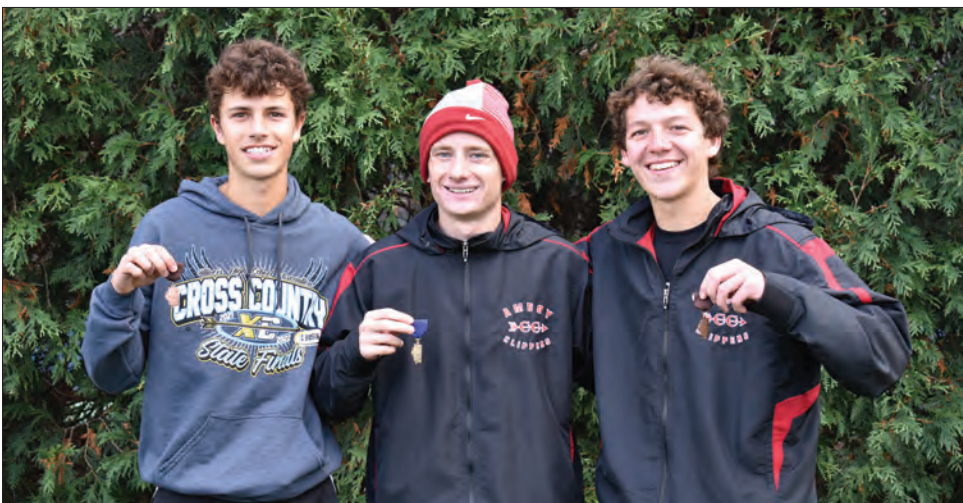
Four other runners helped Amboy to the third-place team finish. They were Charlie Dickinson (33<sup>rd</sup>, 18:11.18), Wyatt Lundquist (61<sup>st</sup>, 18:51.12), Garrett Pertell (82<sup>nd</sup>, 19:21.09) and Andruw Jones (84<sup>th</sup>, 19:25.05).

### Girls Cross Country results

In the girls’ competition, the Lady Clippers had two runners in the field. Elly Jones finished 55<sup>th</sup> in 22:53.76 and Addison Pertell was 110<sup>th</sup> in 25:46.62.

The girls’ race was won by Grace Erb of Winnebago in a time of 19:28, leading her Winnebago squad to the sectional championship with a score of 26 points.

The other advancing girls’ teams after Winnebago were Seneca (123), Mercer County (136), Rock Falls (142), Rockford Christian (182) and Sherrard (194).



*Amboy Clippers had three runners in the top 10 at the Oregon Class 1A Sectional on Saturday. The runners are Ian Eller, pictured left, finishing in ninth place, Brock Loftus, center, finishing in first place, and Kyle McNinch, finishing in seventh place.*

Photos courtesy of Heather Loftus

## Clippers defeat Freeport Aquin, advance to Round 2 of Playoffs

**FREEPORT**—The Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio Clippers lived to play another game after they battered Freeport Aquin, 52-28, in the opening round of the 8-Man Football Playoffs on Oct. 30 at Freeport.

Aquin jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the opening quarter before Amboy answered with a 60-yard drive that was capped off when Tucker Lindenmeyer zipped into the end zone from the 4-yard line to knot the score at 8-8. Jordan Gulley had a nice 35-yard kickoff return to put the Clippers in good position.

Lindenmeyer did the honors again to put the Clippers in front 16-8 when he outran the Aquin defense for a 57-yard touchdown, but Aquin responded with the tying score.

It looked as though the teams were going to head to halftime with the game tied at 16-all, but Amboy had other ideas. Starting a drive at the Bulldog 49-yard line with 1:21 on the clock, the Clippers moved the ball down to the Aquin 27-yard line. From there, with eight seconds left, Lindenmeyer launched a pass toward the end zone and Brennan Blaine leaped over two Bulldog defenders and came down with the ball to give Amboy a 22-16 advantage at intermission.

Aquin managed to tie the score to open the second half, but Amboy was able to take the lead for good when Joe Quest bulled his way into the end zone from the 1-yard line to make it 28-22.

On its ensuing possession, an Aquin fumble was pounced on by Lindenmeyer, and the junior signal-caller used his legs

## Lady Clippers see season end at Regionals

**ASHTON**—The Amboy Lady Clippers had their volleyball season come to a close in the first round of the Ashton-Franklin Center Class 1A Regional. Annawan took a straight set 25-20, 25-15 victory over the Lady Clippers on Oct. 26.

Tyrah Vaessen picked up three ace serves and 10 assists to lead Amboy in those categories, while Courtney Orgtiesen topped the team with 12 digs. Orgtiesen and Kaysi Schaeffer led with three kills apiece. Elly Jones and Chloe Heath each added eight digs, while Madison O’Malley collected two aces.

## Recycle! Recycle!

to score again for the Clippers, this time from 67 yards out to widen the gap to 36-22.

The Bulldogs crept back to within one touchdown when they scored on a 2-yard run to open the fourth frame, but the Clipper defense closed the door the rest of the way and the offense increased the margin.

A Lindenmeyer-to-Blaine pass resulted in a 51-yard TD for the Clippers to make it 44-28, then Amboy linebacker Levi McKinley picked off an Aquin pass at the Clipper 5-yard line to thwart a threat.

Amboy completed the scoring when Gulley swiped another Aquin aerial and raced 92 yards to paydirt.

The Clippers generated 410 yards of offense, with 278 of those coming on the ground. Lindenmeyer had 190 yards rushing, while he completed seven passes for 132 yards. Blaine was the main target with five receptions for 113 yards.

With the win, Amboy (6-4) advances into the second

round of the playoffs against Milledgeville (9-1) on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. at the AHS field. The Missiles defeated the Clippers, 24-12, during the regular season.

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## SPORTS

## Clipper Highlights: #24 Andy Clinton

This week is one I have been looking forward to since the inception of this segment. I'll share with you all my bias, complete admiration, and gratitude for any Senior Clipper on the 2007 Quarterfinal team. Given the chance, I would highlight a member of that class every week, as there are few men in life that I hold in higher regard.

This week I get the honor of highlighting one of those Seniors. A name that may not be recognized by most alumni, nor has the lineage of a Nauman, McCaffrey, McCoy, or Ely, but has the same character, mindset, and will to win as any Clipper past or present. It is my absolute honor to announce this week's Clipper, #24, Andy Clinton.

Andy was a 2008 graduate of LaMoille High School and three sport athlete, football, basketball, and baseball. Andy's class was the second LaMoille class to play all four years in our program.

Andy's Junior year he was a special teams demon on a loaded Quarterfinal finishing team. Andy also saw time defensively as a defensive back and added to an already impressive Clipper defense. Andy's most important role that season didn't come on any Friday night or Saturday afternoon. In practice, Andy was not only excelling in his roles on special teams or his defensive responsibilities, he took on the role of being the opponents' best player, week in and week out. Andy made some weeks a tougher challenge in practice than the battle on Friday nights. As the season ended, knowing who we were returning, and Andy being among them, there was a great feeling of comfort for us incoming Juniors.

Let's fast forward to Week 2 against Bureau Valley during the 2007 Clipper

campaign. Super Sophomore Cody Richardson gets sidelined with injury early in the contest. The season of "next man up" rang true as Andy was then called upon to take on the weight of the running game. A different and extremely balanced offensive year for Clipper Football, with incredible skill positions filled by Wells, Kaleel, Nauman, and Montavon. I'd argue with any and say Clinton is among those names. Almost a perfect compliment to Richardson's style and one of the hardest Clipper Running Backs to hit the hole. As I watch our highlight film from that season, I see Andy do things I haven't seen of any Clipper Running Back. I forget the opponent but Andy got stood up a couple yards past the line of scrimmage, a third defender came and horse collared him and Andy gave a quick duck, split the two defenders, put his head down and the horse collar broke free and Andy scored one of his several touchdowns of the year. Andy's best statistical game came Week 4 against undefeated Fulton. Andy rushed 20 times for 110 yards and 2 touchdowns. Andy had another big game against Ottawa Marquette as he had another 2 touchdown performance, sealing a 46-18 Clipper victory. The following week, at Riverdale, Andy scored the first touchdown in what would be a close 19-8 Clipper win. Andy and Richardson split time from Week 8 through the three playoff games during the 2007 season. As Andy starred for us that season at Running Back, his role to all the special teams units never changed as he continued to give everything he had, every play.

I had the privilege of talking to Andy about the 2007 season. As many individual accomplishments or

## Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



successes he had throughout the campaign, he never once brought them up. What he did share is the reason he is one held in my highest of regard. "One thing I remember is our offensive line. I got to watch some Amboy teams before that year and knew we always were solid and ran the ball, but I would stack the 2007 offensive line up with the very best in our entire program. Linemen beating backs in spirit drills. They were the reason Cody, Tay, and I were as good as we were and also Travis and you to have the time you did.", Andy stated. As I shared with him, I couldn't agree more with any statement. Andy was all about winning football games. Starting or splitting time, it didn't matter. If his number was called he was coming in to help his team win plain and simple. Never out for individual gain or statistics, only the team.

Former teammate and friend Jeremy Wolf shared: "Andy was always extremely dedicated and humble. Left every bit of his heart on the field. Listened well to others and did his job. Coming from LaMoille, we only had a short time together, but he fit right in and was was an extremely reliable talent."

Former teammate, Clip-

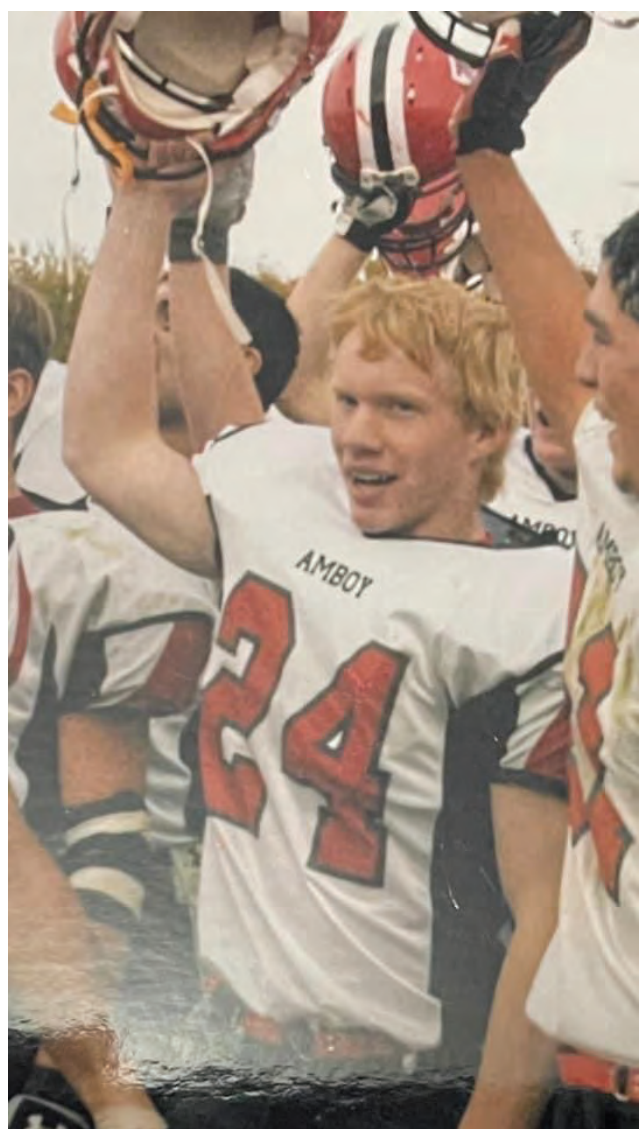
per Center, and friend Jordan Willstead, shared, "Andy was a lot of fun to play with and a great worker. When Andy came into his own was his jr year he was more than just a player on the team. You could tell the more time he saw on the field the became more comfortable. Andy was one of my favorite backs that I played with, not only a great guy and player but he honestly appreciated his linemen. And that went a long way with the front five, and we had no problem doing anything we could to help Andy bust out a huge play. Andy was not an Amboy native but he more then deserved to wear that jersey and will always be a clipper. Congrats buddy."

To put things into perspective for those that never watched Andy play or heard of his exploits. Andy fell between two of our three, each two-time, All State Running Backs of the modern era, Daniel Saunders and Cody Richardson. Andy's style was the best of both. Quick, explosive, shifty and powerful all in the same play. Andy never hesitated to lower his shoulder to deliver a pop, especially if it meant adding to a Clipper lead. Andy surely would have started and been the feature back on any other team in the conference and most playoff teams that season.

Andy finished the 2007 season earning Second Team All Conference honors at Running Back. An impressive feat in the Big Rivers for any player, but Andy earned that accolade in only starting 6 games and splitting time for the last two of them. Andy also earned the Mark Smith team award.

For a LaMoille kid, who experienced four great years of Clipper football, it means one thing: Tradition.

"From the moment you step foot on the practice



#24 Andy Clinton

field, you have one goal, one mindset and that is to win. It was nice to join the program and be a part of the tradition and history," Andy concluded.

Well I'll be the first to say, you were more than a part of our history. You added to, in my utmost belief, one of our greatest Clipper teams to date.

So, to All Conference Running Back, #24, Andy Clinton, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. I'm bias, but get the right to say that you are among the men I hold so dear. I'm honored for the bond we share in Clipper Football

and in our great profession today. Stay safe brother and 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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# LOCAL NEWS

## Kish offering seven short-term training programs in Spring 2022

**MALTA** — The Kishwaukee College Continuing Education department is offering seven Short-Term Training programs during the Spring 2022 semester. Short-term programs at Kish are designed to provide students with skills and training needed to meet local workforce demands. The programs range from 11 to 20 weeks and allow students to immediately start a career or build upon their skills with additional training.

Spring 2022 classes will be offered in online, in-person and hybrid formats. Participants will need access to a computer and the internet to participate in the programs with an online component. Some programs will include an externship.

The Short-Term Training programs offered in Spring 2022 are:

**Dental Assistant: January 16-April 9 (Online Lecture/In-Person Practice)**

Dental assistants are skilled health care professionals who work closely with dentists and dental hygienists to provide quality preventive and corrective dental care and administrative

support in dental offices. In-person practice will be conducted from 6-9 pm on Tuesdays in a local dental office.

**NEW — PC Technician: January 18-April 30 (In-Person)**

PC technicians are professionals trained to install, configure, upgrade, troubleshoot and repair desktops, laptops, mobile devices and printers. This class will prepare participants to take the A+ certification exam through a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on application of PC technician topics and skills. Instruction in-person practice will be conducted from 6-8 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kishwaukee College.

**Pharmacy Technician: January 16-April 30 (Online)**

Pharmacy technicians assist pharmacists with dispensing prescription medication. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding is available to those who qualify.

**Phlebotomy Technician: January 18-April 8 (AM session), March 28-June**

**17 (PM session) (In-Person)**

Phlebotomists are skilled health care professionals who have been trained to collect, transport, handle and process blood and other specimens for laboratory analysis using venipuncture and micro collection techniques. Instruction and in-person practice will be conducted on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kishwaukee College. Morning classes will be from 9:30 am-12 pm, and evening classes will be from 6-8:30 pm.

**Real Estate Broker Pre-License: January 18-March 31 (Online)**

Real estate brokers perform many duties in real estate transactions, including marketing homes, establishing escrow accounts, and working to ensure transactions are fair and legal. Instruction will take place from 6-9 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays in a live, online format.

**Sterile Processing Technician: January 16-April 23 (Online)**

Sterile processing technicians provide support to all patient care services in a health

care facility. They are responsible for decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed in patient care, especially during surgery.

**Veterinary Assistant: January 16-June 10 (Online Lecture/In-Person Practice)**

Veterinary assistants are critical members of a veterinary staff trained to assist veterinarians and veterinary technicians with medical procedures on sick and injured animals. In-person lecture/practice will be conducted from 5-8 pm on Wednesdays at Ashton Animal Clinic in Kaneville and from 4:30-7:30 pm on Fridays at Ashton Animal Clinic in Ashton.

Registration for the Spring 2022 session opens in early November. Interested students should contact Melissa Gallagher at mgallagher1@kish.edu to schedule a phone meeting to discuss their program of interest and possible funding options. For more information on short-term training at Kish, visit [www.kish.edu/shortterm](http://www.kish.edu/shortterm).

## Kishwaukee College offering two online wine appreciation classes in November

**MALTA** — The Kishwaukee College Continuing Education department is offering two online wine appreciation classes in November. Both classes will provide an overview of wines, their grapes and regions, and will be taught by certified sommeliers from Geneva Wine Cellars.

**German Wines: Thursday, Nov. 4, 6-7 p.m.**

Explore the history of German wines, vineyards and wine regulations, as well as how climate and geography influence the wines. Understand the different ripeness levels of riesling, Germany's most famous

native grape. Discover other grapes such as pinot noir, Germany's top red variety, weissburgunder (pinot blanc) and grauburgunder (pinot gris). Learn how to read a German wine label so you can confidently choose wines when shopping or dining.

The instructor, Timothy Campbell, is a certified sommelier through the Court of Master Sommeliers and recently passed the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET) Level III Award in Wines. As a beer aficionado, he passed the first level of the Cicerone Certification program. In addition to being a sommelier and wine buyer at Geneva Wine

Cellars, Campbell also teaches Introduction to Wine classes.

**French Wines: Wednesday, Nov. 10, 6-7 p.m.**

Learn the differences between Bordeaux and Burgundy. Explore the Rhone and Loire valleys and the Alsace region bordering Germany.

Discover the home of your favorite grapes like cabernet sauvignon, merlot, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and more, as well as how to read a French wine label.

The instructor, Liz Kowal, is a certified sommelier through the Court of Master

Sommeliers and teaches a Wine Knowledge and Appreciation Certificate program. She has participated in and won many prestigious wine competitions while continuing to take advanced wine certifications — most recently passing Unit 2 of the Italian Wine Scholar Program with honors. Liz is also a sommelier and wine buyer at Geneva Wine Cellars.

Register for the courses at [www.kish.edu/personalenrichment](http://www.kish.edu/personalenrichment).

For more information on the wine courses, contact Melissa Gallagher at mgallagher1@kish.edu.

## Illinois Department of Insurance Announces the start of Open Enrollment on the ACA Health Insurance Marketplace

**CHICAGO** — Nov. 1 kicked off Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Health Insurance Marketplace which runs through Jan. 15, 2022, allowing Illinoisans an additional month to enroll. For the 2022 plan year, the number of health insurance carriers on the ACA Marketplace is increasing again.

There are eleven carriers for plan year 2022, up from eight in plan year 2021, and five in plan year 2020.

This year, IDOI welcomes three new health insurance carriers: Molina Healthcare of Illinois, Inc., Oscar Health Plan, and UnitedHealthcare of Illinois, Inc.

"With the entry of three new carriers, peo-

ple within the Chicagoland area and nearby areas have even more plans to choose from," said IDOI Acting Director Dana Popish Severinghaus. "There are 275 plans, and while not every plan is available in every county, many will have little to no change from the number of plans offered last year. That is good news for Illinoisans in need of health coverage."

Most Illinois consumers will have more plans to choose from than in the previous year and more than one carrier to pick from. Health insurance rates continue to trend downward this year, with an average 3% decrease in premiums statewide for the second lowest-cost Silver benchmark plans.

Also, rate decreases for lowest-cost Gold plans are available this year in many more counties across the state.

"When Illinois consumers purchase health plans through the ACA Marketplace, they can be assured that the plans cover pre-existing conditions and offer free preventive care services," said Laura Pellikan, Executive Director for Get Covered Illinois. "At Getcoveredillinois.gov, we can connect you to local assisters in your area who can help walk you through the enrollment process. You can also click on the Shop and Enroll button to answer three questions that will help us direct you to either the ACA Marketplace or Medicaid."

More than 291-thousand Illinoisans enrolled in ACA Marketplace health insurance plans during open enrollment last year, and 54,432 more purchased plans during the Special Enrollment Period in Response to COVID-19.\*

Get Covered Illinois (GCI), a division of the Illinois Department of Insurance, is the official health marketplace or "exchange" for Illinois consumers to purchase quality, affordable health insurance, facilitated by the federal government through the ACA Marketplace.

\*Federal CMS enrollment numbers for the ACA Health Insurance Marketplace.

## Sauk Valley Community College seeks community feedback

**DIXON** — Sauk Valley Community College is seeking feedback from the community. The college regularly conducts surveys to improve our services and effectively respond to

the needs of the community. Please help us address these needs by taking the survey at [svcc.edu/survey](http://svcc.edu/survey). Survey will close on Nov. 19.

For more information or any questions regarding the survey, please contact Joe Strabala-Bright at [joe.a.bright@svcc.edu](mailto:joe.a.bright@svcc.edu).

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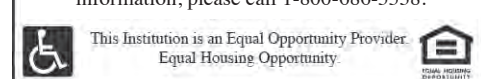
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JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/ Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

### 201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

**NO INDIVIDUAL,** unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

### 203 HELP WANTED

ASHTON - Occasional Pet Sitter (2-3 days/Week) in Ashton. Blue & Gold Macaw Needs to be Fed/Visited Twice a day. Pay Negotiable. Call Ralph's cell: (603) 651-9088.

**N E W S P A P E R  
CARRIERS** Wanted. (Rochelle) Several Routes Open. Call 815-561-2112 For More Information.

ASHTON - Bartenders and Waitresses Needed, Apply in Person at Ralphie and Lulu's. 812 Main Street in Ashton or call 815-453-2103. (TFN)

### 301 ANTIQUES

**WANTED TO BUY:** Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email [dickharms@hotmail.com](mailto:dickharms@hotmail.com)

**ANTIQUES  
WANTED:** I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email [dickharms@hotmail.com](mailto:dickharms@hotmail.com)

### 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

9-piece Oak Dining Room Set. Table, 6 Chairs, 2 Leaves. Great Condition. \$195. 417-251-2333. (11-10-21)

Weight/Exercise Bench 24" Width \$30.00, A d i r o n d a c k Chair \$80.00, Grandfather Clock \$25, 815-732-6210. (10-31-21)

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Puppy for Sale, Male Rat Terrier/Jack Russell, Mix Born July 26, 2021. Call 815-501-2718

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**MATCHING** Set of Free Standing Speakers 12 inch, \$20 Call 815-732-1492. (11-10-21)

**BUNDLED Newspaper** -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 8AM-NOON ONLY. SEE RECEPTIONIST AT FRONT COUNTER Rochelle News-Leader.

### 405 HOUSES FOR SALE

**ALL REAL ESTATE** advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

### 501 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

**ROCHELLE: UPSCALE** 2 - B E D R O O M Plus Loft on North 12th St. Super Clean. 1 1/2-Car Garage. No Pets/Smoking. 815-739-3619. Available Immediately. (11-10-21)

**SEED/FEED/GRAINS**  
STOP LOSING YIELD to soybean white mold. Protection starts at less than \$4/acre with Heads Up® Seed Treatment. Proven results at [HeadsUpST.com/fall21](http://HeadsUpST.com/fall21) Call Jeff 309/278-2446

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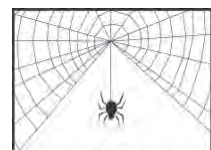
**Office Hours:**  
Monday and Tuesday 8 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. - noon  
Closed Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday  
**Phone:**  
815-857-2311  
**Fax:**  
815-857-2517  
**Email:**  
[mmays@amboynews.com](mailto:mmays@amboynews.com)  
**Address:**  
245 E. Main Street, Amboy  
**Mail:**  
P.O. Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310

**DEADLINES:**  
Mondays at 10 a.m.  
(Deadlines subject to change during holiday times)

All classified marketplace line ads will appear in the following 7 print publications and on 5 high-traffic newspaper websites:  
• Rochelle News-Leader • Ogle County Life • Rochelle Shopping News • Ashton Gazette • Amboy News • Mendota Reporter • Mendota Money Saver

**Call for pricing that starts at \$32.99 for private party ads and \$44.60 for commercial business ads and \$7.50 for garage sale ads.**

**DISCLAIMER:**  
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When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

**WANTED TO BUY**  
FREON WANTED- We pay \$\$\$ for cylinders and cans. R12 R500 R11 R113 R114. Convent Certified Professionals. Call 312-291-9169 or visit [RefrigerantFinders.com](http://RefrigerantFinders.com)

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**\$38,900**

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2020 Chevy 1500 Double Cab, LTZ, 4x4, 44K miles, 1-owner, Silver...\$46,500	2018 1500 Chevy Crew Cab 4x4 LT, 45K miles, Red.....\$38,900
2019 Chevy Crew Cab LTZ 4x4, Blue.....\$45,900	2018 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LT, 4x4, Maroon.....\$38,900
2019 Chevy Crew Cab LT Z71 63K miles, 1-owner, Gray.....\$41,900	2017 Chevy 3500 Crew Cab LT 4x4, Leather, Z71, Gas, 72K miles, New Tires, Gray.....\$46,900
2018 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LTZ 4x4, 6.2L, gas, 1-owner, 36K miles, Maroon.....\$45,900	

#### QUALITY USED CARS, TRUCKS, SUV'S & VANS

2016 Chevy 3500 Double Cab Z71, 4X4, LT, 90K miles, Long Box, Gray.....\$34,900	2016 Chevy Malibu Lmt'd., LTZ, Sunroof, NAV, 128K miles, black.....\$13,900
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*We still play with tractors*

**\$20 off of every \$100**  
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Johnson Tractor - Rochelle  
200 Steward Rd  
Rochelle, IL 61068  
1-800-262-1680

Johnson Tractor - Amboy  
340 N. Metcalf Ave  
Amboy, IL 61310  
1-800-957-2513

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\*Receive \$20 off the purchase of every \$100 spent on Case IH Toys, given as a line item discount on the customer invoice at the point of sale. Offer applies to eligible products purchased between 11/1/2021 and 12/31/2021 at participating Case IH dealers. See your participating Case IH dealer for details and eligibility requirements. Offer is nontransferable. Offer subject to change or cancellation by CNH Industrial at its discretion. ©2021 CNH Industrial America LLC. All rights reserved. Case IH is a trademark registered in the United States and many other countries, owned by or licensed to CNH Industrial N.V., its subsidiaries or affiliates. CNH Industrial Genuine Parts is a trademark in the United States and many other countries, owned by or licensed to CNH Industrial N.V., its subsidiaries or affiliates. Any trademarks referred to herein, in association with goods and/or services of companies other than CNH Industrial America LLC, are the property of those respective companies. MHC

## Make Sublette Green This Christmas

The Village of Sublette Businesses welcome you to shop, dine and celebrate close to home this Holiday season!

**DINGES FIRE COMPANY**  
Season's Greetings  
(815) 857-2000  
www.dingesfire.com

**PIONEER STATE BANK**  
137 South Main St. • Earlville • (815) 246-8411  
235 Chicago Rd. • Paw Paw • (815) 627-2651  
303 S. Pennsylvania Ave  
Sublette • (815) 849-5242  
3 E. Woodhaven Drive  
Sublette • (815) 849-5918  
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Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year  
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www.vaessenbrothers.com

**HANSON DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS**  
Sublette • (630) 330-7829

**MENDOTA HILLS CAMPGROUND**  
642 US 52, Amboy • (815) 849-5930

**KEVIN'S CATERING**  
Kevin & Julie Malach (owners)  
(815) 849-5114

**BONNELL'S GENERAL STORE, INC.**  
200 N. Reeve St, Sublette  
Happy Holidays!

**ELLIE RAE'S BOUTIQUE**  
In the Village Mall  
Wishes you a Happy Holiday

**COUNTRY VILLAGE MEATS**  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Call now to order your Prime Rib or Hickory  
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**CHRISTMAS  
TREE LIGHTING**

More information to be announced.

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## 2021 AMBOY HOMETOWN 4-7 PM, DEC 11

Shop and Spend Local This Year in Amboy  
**Christmas Walk Activities**

## Christmas WALK

**Santas Village:**  
Photos w/ Santa & Mrs. Claus \$1 Donation or  
Canned Good (4-6pm)  
Musical Entertainment  
Starlight Dance Studio Performance  
Horse and Carriage Rides  
Trolley Stop  
Southwest Food Truck  
Amboy Boys Baseball Team: Hot Chocolate

**Amboy Central School**  
Craft and Vendor Show by the Amboy PTC  
Whimsy Face Painting  
Gingerbread House Contest  
Amanda Hintz Photography Themed Photo  
Shoot, Trolley Stop

**Amboy Depot Museum**

**Amboy Family Restaurant**

**Amboy FFA Chapter**

**Selling Student Projects**

**Amboy Fire Department**  
Balloon Artist, Character Photos by the  
Firetruck, Fire Prevention Activities, Snacks,  
Trolley Stop  
**Amboy Food and Liquor**

**Amboy Hometown Pharmacy**  
Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest Kids Edition  
(kids must create their own sweaters)  
Cookies & Doughnuts

**Amboy News**  
Letters to Santa

**Amboy Thrift Store**

**Bears Den**

**Depot Tap**

**Express Lane Shell**

**First Federal Savings Bank**  
Reindeer Food & Popcorn

**The First National Bank of Amboy**  
Hot Chocolate Bar  
Take and Make Ornament Kits

**Folsom's Bakery @ Johnson Tractor**  
Cookie Decorating  
Bakery Items for Sale

**Inspired Home Decor & Gifts**  
Trolley Stop

**Johnson Tractor**  
Trolley Stop, Folsom's Bakery w/ Cookie  
Decorating, Giveaways  
Equipment for Kids to enjoy looking at

**Kaleels**

**The Last Alarm**  
Drink Specials, Vendors

**Long Branch Saloon**

**The Main Flower Shop**  
Open House  
Make an ornament to place on the Christmas  
Wish Tree by the band stand

**Marias Pizza**

**On 3 Photography**  
Photos with Santa at Santas Village  
Pankhurst Memorial Library

**Revolution Wellness**  
Extended Hours, Hot Chocolate

**Starlight Dance Studio**  
Performance @ Santas Village  
Sugar Plum Lane, Carriage Ride Stop

**Teen Turf**  
Make Christmas Wreaths  
Popcorn & Cider, Trolley Stop

**Two Sisters on Main (Must be 21 to enter)**  
Christmas Gift Drawing  
Snack

**The Warehouse Boutique**  
Trolley Stop, Bonfire  
20% off Storewide Sale

**More  
To Be  
Announced!**

**@AmboyHometownChristmasWalk |**  
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# LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa Claus is coming to town so The Amboy News has made special arrangements with the North Pole to publish letters to Santa in our December 22nd issue.

Letters may be dropped off until noon, on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021 at the Amboy News office. After we publish the letters, we will send them directly to Santa Claus at the North Pole in plenty of time for Christmas.

**Letters may be sent to:**  
**SANTA CLAUS**  
**c/o the Amboy News**  
**PO Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310**

**OR**, drop them off at our location at 245 E. Main Street in Amboy  
**OR**, Email them to: [tgreenfield@amboynews.com](mailto:tgreenfield@amboynews.com) (Email Subject "Letter to Santa")



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