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Amboy High School students Austin Shugars, Brianna Henkel, and Kelton Schwamberger rehearse the fall play "Plan 9 From Outer Space." The play will be performed this weekend.

George Howe/Amboy News

Strange sightings reported at AHS

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — After last season's cancellation due to COVID concerns, the Amboy High School drama department is getting ready to cue the lights and raise the curtain for this year's fall play entitled, "Plan 9 From Outer Space." This science fiction-horror film re-released in 1959 after a name change from "Grave Robbers from Outer Space," tell the storyline of concerns by extraterrestrials who seek to stop humanity from creating a doomsday weapon that could destroy the universe. The movie written and directed by Ed Wood featured Hollywood veterans such as Bela Lugosi (Dracula)

and Lyle Talbot.

Under the direction of Debra Cleary, Amboy High School's art teacher, the 13 member cast has been holding rehearsals for the last 9 weeks (eerily coincidental) in preparation for the three performances on Nov. 12-14 in the school's auditorium.

During the audition process, the student's didn't try out for a particular role, but were given a script. A UFO episode of the "Brady Bunch" was used. Then Cleary and Assistant Director Avery Kerley decided who would play which character. In this case, most of the actors play more than one role.

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'Second Chance to Live'

Clinical trial helps heart failure patient needing heart transplant

AMBOY — Frank Stenzel, 69, lives his life to the fullest and never lets his heart condition get in the way of his passions. His favorite activities are hunting and fishing, and he was a volunteer firefighter for 40 years in his hometown of Amboy, Illinois, south of Rockford, even serving as the fire chief.

Frank lived an active life despite his cardiomyopathy since his mid-30s. Cardiomyopathy is a disease of the heart muscle that can lead to heart failure. He managed his symptoms with medications, but as the disease progressed, the therapies stopped working.

"I was in bad shape," Frank said. "It got to the point where I was out of breath and extremely weak. I didn't have any energy. I didn't realize I was as sick as I was until I collapsed."

ADVANCED HEART FAILURE EXPERTISE REFERRAL

In February 2020, Frank's wife, Karen, rushed him to the hospital in Rockford. The

doctors recognized timing was critical and Frank needed more advanced care for his heart failure. They referred him to the Comprehensive Heart Failure and Transplant Program at Froedtert Hospital, the academic medical center of the Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin health network, and he was admitted the same day. Frank was in severe cardiogenic shock. His heart was not able to pump out enough blood to meet the needs of his body.

Over the next month, Frank's heart would need three different mechanical support devices. To increase his blood flow as quickly as possible, the team inserted an Impella® heart pump, a device used in the short term to support the heart's left ventricle, the main pumping chamber of the heart. Within a matter of days, Frank was stable, but his heart muscle was still too weak, and his kidney function had decreased too much for him to be able to have a heart transplant.

Frank's best option was a left ventricular assist device, or LVAD. An LVAD is surgically implanted and it can be used long term to improve a heart failure patient's quality of life or as a potential bridge to transplant. Frank's left ventricle improved with the

LVAD, but it turned out that his heart's right ventricle also needed support. He had an RVAD implanted too.

"There were days when I didn't think I would live," Frank said. "But no matter what, I told myself I was going to get through this. I wanted to be able to get back on the boat and be able to take the fishing trip to Canada that I go on each year, without any limitations. Fishing with an LVAD or RVAD would be really difficult, so that was part of my motivation. There were hard days when I didn't feel like I could go on, but Karen pushed and encouraged me. We did my exercises together."

After extensive cardiovascular rehabilitation, occupational therapy and physical therapy, Frank was able to go home. He diligently continued his exercises, always hopeful he could get strong enough and healthy enough to be eligible for a transplant. In June 2020, Frank reached his goal and was listed for a heart.

"It was his determination and strength that ultimately put him in a position to become a transplant candidate," said Nunzio Gaglianella, MD, advanced heart failure and transplant cardiologist and MCW faculty member. "We gave him the highest



Frank and Karen Stenzel
Courtesy photo

level of hemodynamic support up front that allowed him and his organs to regain function. He was also extremely motivated."

CLINICAL TRIAL LEADS TO HEART TRANSPLANT

The wait time for a donor heart depends on the severity of a person's heart failure.

Frank's LVAD would buy him time, but a heart transplant is the gold standard treatment for end-stage heart failure patients. However, only a small subset of the population can get a heart transplant because of a dire shortage of donor hearts.

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Tour of school planned for Dec. 17

AMBOY — Save the Date - the Amboy CUSD #272 is inviting the public to tour the new Amboy Junior High and High School additions from 5 - 7 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 17. The school is located at Hawley and Metcalf. More information will be announced closer to the date.

Board hears reports from school principals

BY BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

AMBOY — The Amboy District 272 Board of Education held their regular meeting on Oct. 19. During the meeting, reports were given by the district's three school principals.

Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart congratulated Dana Merriman, who was named Student of the Month for October.

Curriculum and School Improvement

• On the Oct. 18 School Improvement day, AHS teachers met to discuss the final chapter of the book study, "Significant 72." In addition, Lee County and the Amboy Police Department were on site to hold the annual Law Enforcement Training with staff.

• Oct. 1, Crownhart attended a virtual conference on the "Power of Positive Leadership."

• Oct. 7, Mrs. Bulfer attended a virtual conference on "Improving Mental Health" for staff and students.

School Activities

• AHS held senior night for golf, cross country, football, cheer, band and flags on the last home night of their seasons.

• Picture retakes were on Oct. 1.

• On the morning of Oct. 18, AHS held a college and career fair for students in grades 5-12 with over 45 vendors at the event. All junior high and high school students were able to attend.

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SALUTE TO AREA VETERANS

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This Clippers advance to the third round of the 8-Man Playoffs
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- P.R.I.D.E Awards were given to individuals who went above and beyond the expectations of high school students.
- AHS gave the PSAT 9 to freshmen on Sept. 28 and the PSAT/NMSQT to sophomores and juniors on Oct. 13.
- Building Activities
- A fire drill was held Sept. 29.
- Crownhart said with the new gym now open, AHS held their first volleyball game there on Oct. 7.
- Crownhart thanked the Sunshine cart for bringing goodies on Oct. 12.
- Amboy Junior High Principal Andrew Full Curriculum and School Improvement
- On Oct. 6, the SIP team met with Anji Garza from the Regional Office of Education to discuss goals, math implementation, bridges training, department and grade level meetings, PBIS, RtI, career fair, data wall, and special education.
- On Oct. 13, grade levels met to discuss students, data, and plans for PBIS day.
- PBIS
- On Oct. 18, AJHS held their PBIS assembly and gave the following awards:
 - Students of the Month
 - 5th Grade- Parker Zimmerly and Hannah Shoemaker
 - 6th Grade- Abel Valdez and Tyler Mahar
 - 7th Grade- Henry Nichols and Morgan Kreiser
 - 8th Grade- Stephanie Nave and Matthew Farrar
 - P.E.- Tucker McCoy and Ethan Lewis
 - Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Olivia Ketchum, Mallory Bodmer, Erika Decker, Peyton Payne, Janella Gallagher, Landon Jackson, Ella Noble, Alexa McKendry, Callan Christoffersen, Bella Yanos, Stephanie Nave, Addison Blaine, Xavier Cheever, Amylia Bump, Austin McLaughlin, Anthony Sus, Lexi Davis, Landon Carter, Elizia Preston, Oliver Jones, Hayden Thomas, Samantha

Nauman, and Tanner Welch.

Also during the assembly, Benchmarking Awards were announced and extra-curricular activities and clubs were recognized.

School Activities

- About 50 students signed up to play 5th-8th grade basketball. Coaches are Anthony Wells, Chris Payne and Trese McNinch.
- Speech Team started with three students signed up. The team is coached by Yvonne Vicks.
- Kelly Foster and Faith Sachs are coaching 7th and 8th grade cheerleading.
- On Oct. 18, junior high students attended a job/career fair that was organized by the high school. Students were able to visit booths and hear about careers or college, then do a small write up.
- On Sept. 29, Amboy Junior High held their first fire drill in conjunction with the high school.
- On Sept. 28, the Regional Office of Education did health/life safety inspections at the schools.

Central Elementary Principal Joyce Schamberger

School Improvement/Professional Development

- Parent Teacher Conferences were held Oct. 21 and 22. Parents had the option of virtual or in person attendance.
- Kindergarten teachers uploaded the KIDS assessments.
- Teachers and paraprofessionals worked on mandated trainings.
- Staff participated in a Law Enforcement Drill on Oct. 18.
- The school wide Problem Solving team met Oct. 14 with each grade level discussing teacher concerns.

PBIS

- Central School held their first quarter celebration in classrooms on Oct. 21. The PBIS team organized five different rotations

for students to go through after lunch. Fall classroom parties were also held that day.

School Activities

- Picture retakes were done on Oct. 12.
- Schamberger thanked Jim Travi and the Amboy Lions Club for their generous donation of pumpkins. The fourth grade students were able to draw on their pumpkins, which were then displayed for all to enjoy. She also thanked Rick Cardot for his pumpkin donation for the preschool and kindergarten students.
- The YWCA gave a presentation on Body Safety to the preschool class on Oct. 20.
- Schamberger said the "Donuts with Dad" event was very successful and thanked everyone who attended.

Eller named Student of the Month

AMBOY—Ian Eller, son of Tina and Dale Eller, was named Amboy High School November Student of the Month.

GPA: 3.86/4.0

Memberships and Involvement: "I am in three sports; cross country, basketball, and baseball. I am a part of National Honor Society. I am also a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy."

Awards and Honors: "I am on the highest honor roll at our school, while also receiving Academic all-conference honors in three sports; in those three sports I received a varsity letter every year of high school. Also, I made the Dean's List at SVCC. I received the award for maintaining perfect attendance for two years."

Best Memories of AHS: "My best memories of AHS are definitely made during sports. Getting to be around my friends all the time doing something we enjoy is a great



Ian Eller

feeling and we've made a lot of memories."

Future Plans: "As of right now my plan is to go to a

university and pursue a career in teaching. I might also do sports in college but I am not sure about that currently."

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Many in the film critic world consider it to be the worst movie ever made, but that didn't stop Cleary from putting on the stage adaptation.

"It's one of my all time favorite terrible movies," said Cleary. "We found out that it was a play and felt that it would be fun to do it."

With 9 years of directing experience under her belt, Cleary and assistant director Kerley, the Amboy Junior High Band and Choir teacher, realized that in year's past, the stage sets were quite elaborate making the scene changes a little more difficult. So, this time around they were out to adjust that.

"This show is a bit unique

for us because we now have three sets, two of which have wheels and are two sided helping us minimize the times in between scenes," said Kerley.

This two act production that runs about an hour in length will also take on a new and different look and feel as all of the actors, stage hands, and the audience will be required to wear a protective mask. According to 9th grader (there it is again) Brianna Henkel who portrays a stewardess and Colonel Sanders, the masks have certainly been a challenge.

"The masks have made it a lot harder to talk and be heard and that's been dis-

appointing," she explained. "Certainly, some of the dramatics and facial expressions will be taken out of our performances as a result. Mrs. Cleary has stressed how important our tone of voice and eye expressions will be. I feel that it's made us better actors," she added.

The three shows are usually well supported by the community.

"We will be close to capacity for the performances which is always nice to see," said Cleary.

Show times are 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and a 2 p.m., matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.

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On Saturday, Nov. 13, we will celebrate a **Healing Mass** at 11 a.m. at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church** and precede the Mass with the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

This service is for the **elderly**, the **chronically ill**, those soon to **undergo surgery**, and those suffering from **depression** are invited to feel the touch of Jesus Christ.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 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 to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will hold a Covid Vaccine Clinic from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Elks Club, 1270 Franklin Grove Rd. Moderna and J&J vaccines will be

available. You may register by following a link at www.lchd.com/covid19-vaccinations or you may walk-in. Bring your vaccine card if getting a booster.

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 the 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 PawPaw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension'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.

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 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

LA MOILLE-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 to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

SUBLETTE-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,

202 S. Locust, will celebrate a Healing Mass at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, and precede the Mass with the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 10 to 10:50 a.m. All those needing the touch of Jesus Christ are invited. The deceased intention of this Mass will be for our Veterans who have passed.

DIXON-A Baked Potato and Soup Bar Fundraiser for the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Dixon VFW, 1560 IL RT 38. Proceeds will help fund area Veterans going to Washington D.C. in Spring 2022. Applications for Veterans wishing to make the trip will be available.

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 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 to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Central School Gym.

AMBOY-The Lee County Health Department will hold a Covid Vaccine Clinic from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Amboy Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave. Moderna and J&J vaccines will be available. You may register by following a link at www.lchd.com/covid19-vaccinations or you may walk-in. Bring your vaccine card if getting a booster.

PRINCETON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on

Thursday, Nov. 18, at the First United Methodist Church, 316 S. Church St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-Shell Express Lane, 342 N. Mason, Shop with a Sheriff Fundraiser Meal will be served from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19. Enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with all the fixin's with all proceeds to benefit Shop with a Sheriff program. Call ahead orders at 815-857-2990.

AMBOY-East Grove Union Church and Teen Turf Staff invite the community to their free annual community

Thanksgiving dinner at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Boehle Youth Center (Teen Turf Building), 235 W. Main St. Devotional and music by Pastor Ron Eckberg, Erie, IL. Call Pastor Rick Wulf for more info, 815-440-5321.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension Wits Fitness Online class will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 22. This is free and open to the public class with train your brain. Register online at go.illinois.edu.witsfitnessonline.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 22, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Everyone interested in joining the club is invited to attend.

TEEN TURF

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

This free dinner is held at Teen Turf on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 2-3:30 p.m. It is provided by East Grove Union Church and Teen Turf. Thanksgiving Devotional and music is by Pastor Ron Eckberg. All are welcome to attend, however no carryouts allowed. For more information, please call Pastor Rick Wulf at 815-440-5321.

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: Frank and Karen Stenzel for their monetary donation; Carolyn Leake for her monetary donation; someone who donated protein drinks; Pete Rood for the ice packs and his help with the cans; Maureen Oester for the juice boxes; Connie Pettinger for the candy; June Gascoigne for the candy; Larry Morrissey for the candy; Colleen Roberson for the clothes; Kathy and Ed McLaughlin for the candy; Sue and Nick Vaessan for the snacks; Fran Kessel for her data entry assistance; Little Debbie's and Lays Chips vendors for the snacks; Mark and Veronica Grossman for the movies and brownie mix; Sunset Inn for the cans; Nanette and Dennis Gillan for the candy bars and Diane Stewart for the monetary donation.

Needs

Juice boxes and fruit

Final Word

Thank you, Lord, that you love us despite all of our faults and issues. Lord, we ask that you help us to love our neighbors with that same kind of love that you extend towards us. Lord help us to see our neighbors through your eyes. Show us practical ways that we can help them, and through that help, then be able to show them the love of Jesus. Help us to put aside our agenda Lord to simply love them, to meet them where they are and to love them as You love them.

In Your name, we pray,
Amen

IL Conservation Foundation accepting applications for scholarships

SPRINGFIELD - Applications are now being accepted by the Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) for the 2022 Conservation Achievement Scholarship program. The ICF annually awards scholarships to outstanding high school seniors in Illinois who demonstrate effective, voluntary, long-term dedication to the preservation, protection or enhancement of the state's natural resources.

Four scholarships of \$2,000 each are available for the current school year. One of the scholarships is earmarked for a qualified applicant who is a dependent of a current employee of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

"The ICF Conservation Achievement Scholarship program rewards high school students interested in conservation stewardship, encouraging them to focus their studies on enhancing and protecting our natural resources," said Colleen Callahan, chair of the Illinois Conservation Foundation Board of Directors and director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The ICF Conservation Achievement Scholarships have been awarded since 2005. Applicants must be an Illinois resident and a senior in an Illinois high school. Applications must be received by the ICF by March 1, 2022.

Detailed instructions and the 2022 application form can be accessed through the ICF website at www.ilconservation.org.

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Thursday - Sweet & sour meatballs, fluffy rice, blended veggies, whole grain dinner roll, diced pears
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Roger E. Burkardt Sept. 9, 1938 - Aug. 1, 2021

VISTA, Calif. - Roger Eugene Burkardt, 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 (Sharman) 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.

Dennis James Donna Jan. 9, 1955 - Nov. 2, 2021

AMBOY — Dennis James Donna, born Jan. 9, 1955 entered into eternal life on Nov. 2, 2021.

The only son of Elizabeth L. (Grennan) Donna and Peter John Donna, Jr., Dennis' life was filled with many accomplishments despite adversities he faced. He joined Local 498 as an Ironworker after graduating from Amboy High School and was successful in that field while getting married and having three children, Peter, Heidi and Tyler.

When life brought an unexpected change of plans, he straightened his sights on making that challenge into an opportunity. He moved to Dixon, expanded his family when he met Sandra and her two children Kim and Kelly. He enrolled at Kishwaukee College in the field of landscaping and worked hard to start his business Dreamscapes by Dennis. He poured his heart into that business, all the while sharing his love of the art with his sons, building it up for 30 years. He lovingly raised his family and then enjoyed watching it grow with each additional grandchild. He continued to operate Dreamscapes with passion until his retirement in 2019, when he was able to

enjoy more time with family and friends.

Dennis was a member of the Local 498, IUOE Local 150, Knights of Columbus, and Broderick's Hunting Club. Dennis leaves behind a legacy of family; some he created, some he cultivated, all of which he loved. He spent time building his community, and volunteered to help others with a variety of things throughout his years. He spent life showing his family what strength and determination can achieve while truly caring for all others.

Dennis believed that family is the most important. Whether he was coaching, spectating, or mentoring, there was never a time he didn't cheer for success and comfort during hard lessons that life sometimes hands out. He had a true heart of service, a caretaker that will be greatly missed by all. He will live on in the hearts of those who love him.

He is survived by his partner, Sandra Morrissey; his children, Peter (Kirsten) Donna, Heidi (Josh) Kinn and Tyler Donna, and Kimberly (Anthony) Brick and Kelly (Scott) Payne, who he raised like his own; Papa to many grandchildren: Sam-



uel Kinn, Kyleigh Donna, Cody Donna, Brooklynn Kinn, Caleb Donna, Alexander Kinn, Matthew Kinn, Landon Donna, Jason Donna, Peyton Payne, Avery Brick, Brynleigh Payne, Jonathan Brick, Thomas Payne, Paisley Payne; and sisters, Lynne (Ronnie) Ortgiesen, Nancy Stahl and Rebecca (Rick Roeing) Donna. All who will forever hold him in their hearts.

Visitation was held from 2 - 6 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Walton. Burial of cremains will be at a later date at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy.

A memorial has been established.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Donald Stebbins Jan. 8, 1944 - Nov. 3, 2021

AMBOY — Donald Stebbins, 77, of Amboy, died on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

He was born on Jan. 8, 1944 in Amboy, the son of Frank and Evelyn (Nelson) Stebbins.

Donald lived for many years in the Portland Oregon area, where he worked for the Hall Tool Company prior to his retirement. He was also the owner of the Amboy Thrift Shop located in downtown Amboy.

Donald is the proud owner of an award winning 1962 Chevy Impala Convertible and enjoyed rehabbing houses. He was a member of the Cadillac LaSalle Club, and volunteered his time at the Pearson Airfield in Vancouver, Wash., repairing vintage airplanes, at the Depot Museum, and the Amboy Depot

Days Car Show Committee.

He is preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Lowell Stebbins, Gordon Stebbins, Philip Stebbins and twin brother, Daniel Stebbins; and cousin, Letitia "Tish" Gascoigne Weigel.

Donald is survived by his sister in law, Diane Stebbins Baker, of Hubbard Oregon; cousins, Sally (Paul) Timmons, of Rock Falls, Teresa (Victor) Kinney, of Roscoe, Regina Leffelman, of Lostant, Annette (Larry) Bonnell, of Spring Valley, Owen (Myla) Gascoigne, of Ocean Shores Wash., Cedi (John) Cover, of Rockford; and nephew James Stebbins, of Portland Oregon.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 15, 2021, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial of cremains will follow at Woodside Cemetery



in Lee Center. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m., at the Mihm Jones Funeral Home on Monday, Nov. 15, 2021.

Honorary Pallbearers are Don Butler, Mike Koppein, Carolyn Leake, and Phil Callison. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

OSF to offer virtual diabetic program

OTTAWA — OSF Medical Group — Family Medicine is pleased to offer a free one-hour virtual diabetic program as part of Diabetes Awareness Month hosted by Anne Lauterjung, Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist. Anne will present information about the 4 Mantras Of Diabetes Management—Meals, Moving, Medication, and Measuring Glucose along with Surviving the Holidays at noon on Monday, Nov. 15.

The program is open to all diabetic patients. Advance registration is required for the Micro-

soft Teams event. An invitation and directions will be emailed to each participant. You can register on the OSF Saint Elizabeth website under Classes and Events or at <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-elizabeth/calendar/event/5673/>

Participants will meet virtually via Microsoft Teams, an online meeting platform from a smartphone, tablet, computer from the comfort of home. For more information about this event, contact Ann Lauterjung, weekdays at 815-433-1010.

Christ Lutheran School hosts fall pancake breakfast on Nov. 13

STERLING — Christ Lutheran School will hold its Fall Pancake Breakfast to benefit the school on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Christ Lutheran School, 2000 18th Avenue, Sterling. The breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. and will continue through 11 a.m.

A delicious breakfast including pancakes, scrambled eggs, farm fresh pork sausage, applesauce and juice or coffee will be served. A free will donation will be accepted for admission. The suggested donation is \$6.

The breakfast is also offering delivery to your place of business. Email your orders to cls@christlutheralschool.com. Business orders must be submitted by 11 a.m., on Friday, Nov. 12.

Christ Lutheran School is a private school. For more information on the Fall Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, Nov. 13, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., please contact Christ Lutheran School at 815-625-3800.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

St. Patrick Church
Fr. John Gow
32 N Jones, Amboy
815-857-2315 • www.stpatrickamboy.org
Masses: Tuesday - Friday Daily Mass 8 am
Saturday 4 pm • Sunday 7:30 am & 10 am
Confessions: Saturday, 3:30-4:45 pm
Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday, 8am-5 pm

St. Mary Church
Fr. John Gow
912 Walton Rd., Walton
815-857-2670
Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

St. Flannen Church
Fr. John Gow
213 S Second St., Harmon
815-857-2670
Mass: Sunday, 9 am

United First Church of Amboy
Pastor Mark Glenn
East Main & Jefferson
815-440-0745
Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center
Pastor Jack M. Briggs
1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center
www.LeeCenter-UCC.org
Phone 815-732-7032
Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Grace Fellowship Church
Amboy-Sublette
Pastor Brian McWethy
500 W. Main Street, Sublette
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
www.graceisforyou.com

East Grove Union Church
Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321
449 Reuter Road, Amboy
Phone 815-376-6661
1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd.
Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service
Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4
10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult
6:00 p.m. Evening Service
Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study
First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m.
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Come as you are and join us on the journey!

First Baptist Church
Pastor Rocky Fritz
24 N. Mason Avenue
Church Phone 857-2682
www.fbcamboy.com
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Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
King's Kids program from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday
Reformers Unanimous additions program from 7-9 p.m.

St. James Evangelical Congregational Church
Robert Dunbar, Pastor
US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd., Dixon
815-288-2447
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.

St. Mary's Church
Rev. Randy Fronek
West Brooklyn
Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m.
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Church
Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown
Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Pastor Barb Otten
960 U.S. Route 52
Phone 857-2225
Sun. Worship - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Rev. Randy Fronek
Locust Street, Sublette
Phone 815-849-5412
Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.
Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

Refuge Church
Pastor John Kalebaugh
Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52
Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930
10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows

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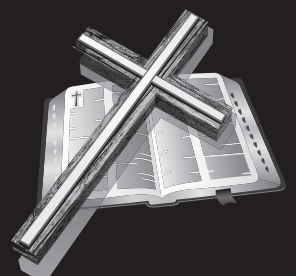
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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Thanksgiving

BY PASTOR RICK WULF,
East Grove Union Church

Hi, Friends,
I trust that you are remaining well. God is good. Did you think that the title of this article was a typo? Nope. I want to talk today about how to live each day with thanksgiving in your heart. Hopefully, you who are reading this understand that Thanksgiving is more than the 4th Thursday in November, well in the United States anyway. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, the Apostle Paul wrote: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." This is a pretty strong imperative on how God wants us as His children to be living. Paul's instruction was not that we should thank God for everything that happens to us, but "in" everything.

The Bible is very clear that evil does not come from God, so we should not thank Him for it. But when bad things do happen, we can still be thankful for God's presence and for the good that He will accomplish through the distress. This experience gives us the opportunity to put our faith in Him more. We can also use this experience as part of our testimony of God's goodness and greatness in our lives. When other people see our lives and the things that we experience, and how we react to those experiences, we can still give God thanksgiving and pray, it is a great testimony to God.

Of the many favorite songs that I have, "Through it All" by the late Andrae Crouch, puts this concept greatly, "I've

had many tears and sorrows, I've had questions for tomorrow, there's been times I didn't know right from wrong. But in every situation, God gave me blessed consolation, that my trials come to only make me strong." I have learned that this song was written in 1971, when Andrae Crouch and The Disciples were on a concert tour in California, where the composer was in a time of deep disillusion and disappointment. Minutes after the completion of the song, there was an earthquake in the San Fernando Valley where the concert was taking place. Is that a wow moment or what? This song has been labeled his autobiography. May we, too, be able to praise God for who He is for all that He has done for us, through it all.

Because, as we are well aware that we live in a "fallen world," bad things do happen to all people, even to us as believers. When they do happen, we can still be thankful for God's presence and for the good that He will accomplish through these difficult times. Usually, God uses these tough times to build His people's character and strengthen their faith. It is easy to give thanks for the blessings; it is more difficult to give thanks for the hidden blessings that come through not so good times. One of the most difficult things is to give thanks no matter what happens—even the situations that seem to make no sense or that are extremely painful. Yet this plight in life has been assigned to all believers, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. Learning to give thanks in everything means learning

to trust God completely. When we as believers can give thanks so freely, we have trusted that God is absolutely in control of all situations and is working out His will, for His honor and glory and for our good and the good of others. This truth is clearly seen in the Book of Job in the Bible. If you haven't read Job lately, I encourage you to do so and be encouraged that there is a lot more in life than meets the eye.

Of the many life experiences that we have in this present day, we are encouraged to remember as the old saying puts it, "this too shall pass." Even though it may seem that our struggling and suffering maybe prolonged, it really is temporary. As I shared in the last article I wrote, I can find comfort with the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:17, "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." "Don't give up the ship," "Hang in there," "It's too soon to quit."

All of these sayings may sound great, but believing them and living by them may seem too hard at times! This is why we need to go back to God and seek His help through His eternal Word. As the Apostle Paul was languishing in his Roman prison for his faith in Jesus, he was able to write in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Look to Him; call out to Him; there is nothing too hard for Him to do in, and through and for you. He will get you through this life.

May God continue to show Himself faithful and good to you.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Arturo's Island

Elsa Morante is one of the greats of Italy's post-war generation of writers. She is not well known in the United States, though her most famous novel "History," about the fate of Italian Jews during World War II, is, in my opinion, one of the finest Holocaust novels ever written. An earlier novel "Arturo's Island" (1957) was translated in 2019 by Ann Goldstein, the translator of Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan Quartet, and it may well attract a wider audience.

Though Morante's language is quite extravagant and may sound a bit over the top to an American reader, it perfectly suits the narrator of "Arturo's Island." He is a fourteen-year old boy growing up on the island of Procida in the Bay of Naples just before World War II. Arturo, who is motherless (his eighteen-year-old mother died in childbirth) and neglected by his father, lives in his imagination. The narrator is ostensibly the adult Arturo, but Morante writes in the boy's voice, his often roiling emotions and grandiose fantasies. His lack of human contact and experience limit his awareness of what is really going on, so that we understand a great deal more than he does.

Arturo worships his father. He fervently wishes to travel with him once he is old enough. "His motives belonged to him alone. For his silences, his celebrations, his contempt, his sufferings I did not seek an explanation. They were, for me, like sacraments: great and grave, beyond any earthly measure and any frivolity." Wilhelm Gerace is spiteful, cruel, narcissistic, and very handsome. He inherited a "castle" from an old man who absolutely hated women. Wilhelm too despises women, but marries a sixteen-year-old illiterate girl for, it seems, the pleasure of demeaning her. "And she," he continued in the same tone of mockery and pity, 'knows how to do only these three things: make pasta, take head lice out of her mother's hair, and say the Hail Mary and the Our Father.'"

Arturo too participates in humiliating the interloper. "It was the first time, in almost three centuries since the palazzo was built, that a woman had lived within its walls." But Nunziatella is a young woman of character. She is upright, honest, loyal, and a wonderful mother when she gives birth to Carmine. As sure as day follows night, Arturo falls in love with his stepmother. He admires her: "My stepmother, under the appearance of a lamb, hid the untamable toughness of a wild beast." He must suffer the consequences of his love for Nunziatella. In the end, Procida with its high-walled penitentiary is both paradise and prison for Arturo. He must decide whether to leave or stay. The adult Arturo is philosophical: "Thus life has remained a mystery. And I myself am, for me, still the first mystery!"

Woodlawn seeking quilts for winter exhibit

AMBOY — Applications are being accepted through Friday, Nov. 12 for Woodlawn Arts Academy's winter quilt exhibit, "Pieces and Patterns 4." The exhibit opens Dec. 10 and will be on display through Feb. 11 in the halls and lounge at the Academy. The exhibit will be open to the public for viewing at no charge.

An opening reception will be hosted from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 at the Academy. Quilters seeking more information or to download an application can visit WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com and scroll to the Announcements section of the home page. Applications are also available in the main office at Woodlawn.

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

OSF Saint Paul Medical Center to host blood drive

MENDOTA — ImpactLife, formerly known as Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, will hold a blood drive from noon until 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12, in Conference Room C at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota. Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply by scheduling an appointment to give blood by calling ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401 or schedule online at <https://login.bloodcenter.org>. Please bring a photo ID for use in donor registration.

Blood donations are often used to help treat patients with cancer, victims of trauma and patients undergoing major surgeries. All persons age 17 and up (or 16, with a signed parental permission form) who weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health meet the basic eligibility requirements for blood donation. For more information on donor eligibility, call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org/eligibility.

ImpactLife is a not-for-profit community organization providing blood services to 120 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, including 12 of 15 OSF HealthCare facilities. For more information, see www.bloodcenter.org.

Joyful Junkers event planned in Ashton

ASHTON—Looking for something to do this weekend? Come to Ashton and check out the Joyful Junkers Christmas Event at the Mills and Petrie Memorial Building, 704 N. First Street. There will be a variety of vendors offering almost everything you need for the season. Some of the vendors include: unique seasonal décor, vintage, rustic and country décor; jewelry; clothing; sweet treats; household items; Pampered Chef; Color Street and more.

The event is open Friday, Nov. 12 from 5 – 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Admission is free. Hope to see you there..

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 20, 2021
2 p.m.

The Teen Turf Building
235 W. Main St., Amboy

Provided FREE by the East Grove Union Church and Teen Turf Staff of Amboy

A Thanksgiving Devotional and music will be brought by Pastor Ron Eckberg from Erie, IL.

All are welcome to attend the Dinner and program.

For more information, please call:
Pastor Rick Wulf
(815) 440-5321.



Granny Rose – Maggie

Maggie arrived at the shelter as a rescued stray with her kittens. She is a very pretty kitty with short shiny black coat and distinctive white markings. She's still young at about 4 years old. Maggie is now spayed, vaccinated, and anxious to start a pampered life in someone's home. She can be such a sweetheart and loves to sit on your lap to be with you. Maggie is very stressed out with all the other cats around her and may not always show her sweet side. She is a kitty that really needs to be in a home and not a shelter environment. To see Maggie, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

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Opinion

Perhaps accident made him all too aware of his own human frailties

Always assume the gun is loaded. Those words were bored into my brain by my father and older brother when I was only 8 or 9 years old and learning how to handle firearms on the farm. One time, we were leaving the field and my brother ordered me to unload my rifle. I popped out the clip and handed it to him. He said, "Are you sure the gun is unloaded?" I said it was. "Are you certain?" "Yes," I said rather indignantly. He took the rifle from me and jacked a round from the chamber. I looked down at my Keds, embarrassed.

I thought about that incident this past week when I read about Alec Baldwin accidentally killing someone on a movie set. Someone apparently handed him a firearm and told him it wasn't loaded with live ammunition.

He believed what he was told and inadvertently killed one person and wounded another.

I can't imagine the remorse someone must feel in such a situation. But there is a lesson from Illinois' history that shows such a mistake need not stand in the way of future accomplishments.

In 1912, a 12-year-old was playing with a rifle during a party at his central Illinois home when he shot a 15-year-old girl in the head. That boy grew up to be governor, twice was

his party's nominee for president and served as ambassador to the United Nations.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



He was Adlai Stevenson II, one of Illinois' greatest sons.

Ruth Merwin was shot when a rifle Stevenson was handling unexpectedly discharged.

A 1952 biography, "Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois," said the future politician's sister was holding a party when a military-academy student in attendance was urged to perform the military manual of arms. Adlai Stevenson fetched a rifle, which the student examined for safety before performing the drill. Unfortunately, the student wasn't thorough in his examination, and one shell remained in the rifle. A few minutes later, when Stevenson took the gun and attempted to mimic the older boy's performance, the gun suddenly discharged.

The bullet entered Ruth Merwin's forehead and she fell dead onto the carpet.

But in his 1976 biography, "Adlai Stevenson of Illinois," John Bartlow Martin tells a different story. An anonymous eyewitness whom Martin interviewed claims that "Adlai took the gun from the other boy, pointed it at one of the girls, Ruth Merwin, and pulled the trigger."

No one has ever contended that the shooting was intentional. The gun was supposed to be unloaded, after all.

Having covered many shootings during my newspaper career, I find the second story more believable. Guns rarely

discharge on their own and 12-year-old boys are prone to horseplay with firearms – especially when girls are present.

What's more interesting is how the accident may have influenced the rest of Stevenson's life.

Unlike many politicians, Stevenson was self-deprecating and lacked the swagger common of those who have risen to high political office.

Perhaps the accident made him all too aware of his own human frailties.

Forty years after the accident, William Glasgow of Time magazine, was doing research for a cover story on the presidential candidate when he found a report of the event in The (Bloomington) Pantagraph's archives. He asked Stevenson about it and after a long silence, he said: "You know, you are the first person who has ever asked me about that since it happened-and this is the first time I have ever spoken of it to anyone."

Not even his wife or children were aware of what had occurred at the party Dec. 30, 1912, in his Bloomington home.

But there were hints in his life that indicated that childhood tragedy influenced his career in public service.

In 1955, Stevenson wrote a letter to a woman he had not met, whose son had unintentionally killed another child. His advice was brief: "Tell him that he must live for two."

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

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Nov. 11, 1921

Twenty-six farmers in Whiteside, Carroll, Lee, Ogle, JoDavies and Stephenson Counties have filed for bankruptcy in 1920 and 1921.

There was a large attendance at the meeting held in the Commercial Club rooms Friday in the interest of a community Memorial Building for Amboy.

Mrs. Nels Jensen and Miss Mandana Green will entertain the Guild Wednesday.

75 Years Ago Nov. 14, 1946

John Brawl and his men of Lee Center this week built new cement steps at the main entrance of the Amboy Methodist Church.

Coal is still scarce and the situation this winter will be critical. Place your order now. We will fill it as soon as the coal arrives.

50 Years Ago Nov. 11, 1971

Jeff Ohendorf, Lou Bontz, Rick Haefner and Gary Robert Jones were named to the North Blackhawk All

Conference team Monday evening by coaches of the loop. All are seniors and all have played four years of football at AHS.

Members of the Ways and Means Committee of the Amboy Public Hospital Auxiliary prepare for their "Happy Holly Days" which will be held Sunday, Nov. 21, in St. Patrick's Hall. The bazaar will start at 2 p.m. and

continue through the evening with a card party beginning at 7 p.m.

25 Years Ago Nov. 7, 1996

Larry Hawes was honored recently for his 20 years on the Amboy Fire Protection District Board. Current and past members of the Amboy Fire Department joined board

members at the Long Branch for a supper to honor Hawes' 20 years of service to the community.

According to membership chairperson Terry Nugarus, the total membership to date for the Amboy Civic Organization has reached 53 with 21 more supports joining or renewing their membership.



Task force could produce lifeline for local journalism in Illinois

BY STATE SEN. STEVE STADELMAN

Democracy dies in darkness. Those words underscore the masthead of The Washington Post every day.

Sadly, the light journalism brings to many communities in Illinois and across the country is dimming. In the past 15 years or so, more than 2,000 newspapers around the country have closed, especially in rural areas.

That means no reporters covering local city council or school board meetings. If people don't get the information they need to know what's going on in their town, they can't make educated decisions when they vote or hold their public officials accountable. Journalists play an important watchdog role in our system.

As a television news anchor and reporter in Rockford for nearly 25 years and a state senator for eight years, I've seen journalism from both sides. You could say a new Illinois law, which estab-

lishes the Local Journalism Task Force, is the result of my two careers intersecting. The legislation I introduced and passed this year calls on the task force to assess the state of local journalism and issue public policy recommendations.

I think there needs to be a serious, open and frank discussion on the future of local news and how its future will affect government. As people rely less on traditional news organizations, we've seen a rise in media outlets that push a political agenda. Social media, meanwhile, is far too often the source of false and even dangerous information. Professional news organizations are able to counteract that, helping readers and viewers know the difference.

Dwindling access to local news isn't just a rural issue as many corporate owners of bigger-city newspapers cut staff and close bureaus to save money. While a large city still has many media outlets, we know that in our increasingly

diverse society, some voices are not being heard.

There's also an economic argument to be made. Newspapers have historically connected local businesses with readers. Without that connection, the local economy and businesses are hurt.

Members of the Local Journalism Task Force include news organizations that represent working journalists, academic institutions that teach journalism or have conducted studies and research into the issue along with state lawmakers and governor's staff.

Potential solutions considered in other states include creating a fund to bring news and information to underserved communities, providing tax incentives to persuade media outlets to close local news gaps and more money for public broadcasting.

Or there may be no role for state government as the private sector develops new business models. Nonprofit news websites buoyed by philanthropic foundations

have sprung up around the country. So too have partnerships with nonprofit groups that allow traditional news organizations to dig deeper and undertake investigations.

A recent article in The Atlantic points out that equal to its watchdog role is the value of local news in establishing a community's sense of self through stories on church picnics, restaurant openings and closings, school football games and fights to save a historic building or raise money for a cancer victim: "When that tissue disintegrates, something vital rots away. As local news crumbles, so does our tether to one another."

People want to know what's going on in the towns and neighborhoods where they live, work and raise families. Their access to news and local information shouldn't depend on their ZIP code.

Sen. Steve Stadelman, D-Loves Park, has represented the Rockford area in the Illinois Senate since 2013.

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Lee County Nov. 8, 2021 COVID update

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department announces 44 new positive cases between Nov. 2-8, with 10 residents hospitalized. They also announced the death of a male resident in his 70s.

Here are the ages that were reported: 11 under the age of 12, 2 in his or her teens, 7 in his or her 20s, 7 in his or her 30s, 7 in his or her 50s, 1 in his or her 70s, 1 on his or her 80s, and 1 one in his or her 90s.

This brings the total number of cases to 4,693 as of Nov. 8. The Lee County Health Department's website has a COVID-19 section, including information for people who have tested positive. See www.LCHD.com/Covid19 for more.

Vaccine

As of Nov. 8, according to IDPH 37,513 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee County, and a total of 18,196 people in Lee County are fully vaccinated, which is 53.17 percent of the population. A total of 2,240 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.

Stewart hosting regional town hall event Nov. 16 in Dixon

FREEPORT — State Sen. Brian Stewart (R-Freeport) is encouraging northwestern Illinois residents to attend a free regional town hall event he is hosting Nov. 16 at the Elks Lodge in Dixon.

The in-person event is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16, at the Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Road in Dixon. Attendees are asked to RSVP at <https://www.ilsenategop.org/stewartrlt2>.

"Ever get the feeling the Springfield power brokers have forgotten they are supposed to represent your best interests, not their own? We understand your frustration," Stewart said. "Let your voices be heard at this regional town hall event Nov. 16 in Dixon."

Stewart will be joined by his colleagues State Sen. Dave Syverson of Rockford, State Sen. Sue Rezin of Morris, and State Sen. Win Stoller of Germantown Hills. They are touring the region seeking to gain a better understanding of issues faced by communities and residents of northern Illinois.

"State government works best when members of the General Assembly work together on behalf of all citizens," Stewart said. "We look forward to seeing you at our regional town hall event in Dixon, and hearing what you have to say."

For more information about the regional town hall event, call Sen. Stewart's office at 815-284-0045.

BBB Alert – surging prices expected to spike 2021 holiday travel scams

ROCKFORD — The holiday travel period is expected to follow the same pattern as the chaotic summer, and you should expect a few surprises. You can't predict them, but you can prepare for them and that includes avoiding scams.

With flights, rental cars, and lodging all increasing, people will be on the lookout for

"deals." You may get a call, a text message, or a flyer in the mail. Or maybe you may see an online ad promising free or low-cost vacations. Scammers and dishonest people are often behind these offers. You may end up paying hidden fees — or worse: after you pay, you might find out it's all a scam.

"Being a bargain hunter is wise, but being careful is smarter when there could be thousands of dollars on the line," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau.

"There are several common travel scams," notes Horton. "Travelers should be leery of free vacation offers, robocalls offering vacation deals at discounted prices, vacation home scams — where the scammer hijacks real rental listings and advertises them as their own, or they make up listings that don't exist, and fake charter flights that may include lodging and sightseeing. After you pay for the package, you find it's all a scam."

More often than not, there are many warning signs that you may be dealing with a scammer:

- A "free" vacation that you have to pay for. Scammers often try to get your attention by saying you won something, but then making you pay to get it. But that's a scam. If you have to pay, it's not free — and all those fees and taxes can add up to hundreds of dollars.
- You are not getting specific details about the travel offer. The offer says



you'll stay at a "five-star" resort or go on a cruise on a "luxury" ship. But if the organizer won't or can't give you more specific details, like the address of the hotel or the cruise company name, walk away. That's a scam.

They say the only way to pay for your vacation rental is by wire transfer, gift card, or cryptocurrency. This is how scammers ask you to pay because once they've collected the money, it's almost impossible to get it back. That's a scam every time.

• Pressure to make a quick decision about a vacation package or rental. If someone says you have to decide whether to buy a travel package or rent a vacation property right away, don't do it. Scammers want to rush you. So move on and find another option.

• Premium vacation properties are advertised for super cheap prices. Below-market rent can be a sign of a scam. Do some extra research to confirm the deal is legitimate before jumping in. And then review these signs of a scam before you pay.

3 Ways to Avoid Travel Scams

1. Don't sign or pay until you know the terms of the deal. Get a copy of the cancellation and refund policies before you pay. If you can't

get those details, walk away. Say "no thanks" to anyone who tries to rush you without giving you time to consider the offer.

2. Do your research. Visit bbb.org to look up travel companies, hotels, rentals, and agents. Online search with the words "scam," "review," or "complaint." See what others say about them before you commit. Also, check that the address of the property really exists. If the property is located in a resort, call the front desk, and confirm their location and other details on the contract.

3. Don't pay with wire transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrency. Dishonest travel package promoters might ask you to pay in one of these ways, but that's a sure sign of a scam. If you pay with wire transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrency and there's a problem with what you paid for, you'll lose your money, and there's likely no way to track it or get it back.

How To Shop for Travel

• Get recommendations from trusted sources. Talk to family and friends or other trusted sources about good travel agencies, vacation rentals, hotels, and travel packages.

• Consider using a travel app. Travel apps can help you

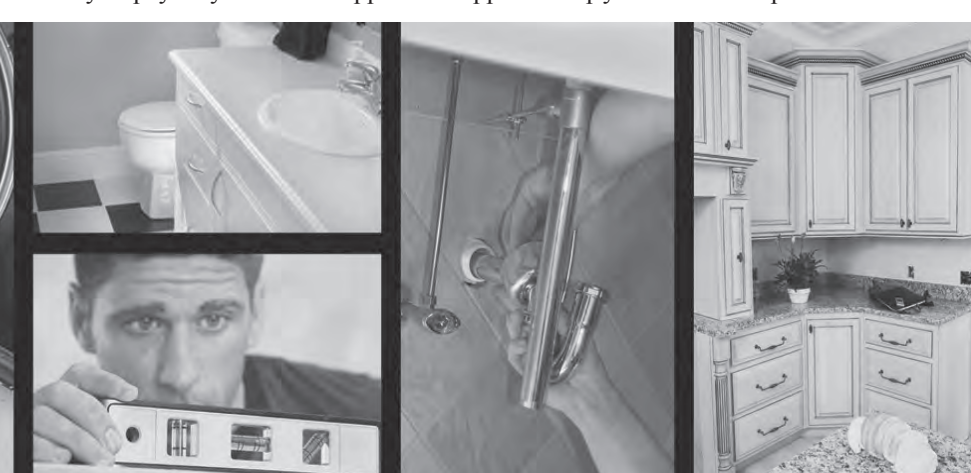
search for fares and hotel rates. Some of them give you fare alerts and real-time deals. But make sure you know whether you're buying from the app company or the actual airline or resort. It can affect things like whether you can get a refund or get travel points.

• Use comparison websites and applications. When you shop for fares, know that comparison websites and applications can charge more than the airline for services like changing or canceling a flight. Also, make sure you know whether you're buying a ticket or just making a reservation.

• Ask about mandatory hotel "resort fees" and taxes. You can't compare rates for different hotels unless you know about all the fees. If you're not sure whether a hotel's website is showing you the total price, call the hotel and ask about a "resort fee" or any other mandatory charge. Also, ask about taxes, which may be significant in many places.

If you're buying travel insurance, be sure the agency is licensed. Find out whether an agency is licensed at the website of the US Travel Insurance Association. Make a copy of your insurance card to take with you when you go on the trip.

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Frank might have waited years for a donor heart, but a national clinical trial available at Froedtert Hospital meant he had the opportunity to receive a heart much sooner.

"This clinical trial was the opportunity of a lifetime for me," Frank said. "I was more than happy to participate because I want to be a part of medical advancements that may help other people with heart failure."

A NEW WAY TO PROCURE DONOR HEARTS

A clinical trial approved by the Food and Drug Administration, the Donor After Circulatory Death (DCD) Heart Trial, aims to expand the donor pool for heart failure patients awaiting transplant by recovering hearts from DCD donors, people who died due to circulatory death or cardiac death, in other words, because their heart stopped beating. The clinical trial is the result of years of medical research aimed at making more donor hearts available.

"When the heart stops, there is no blood flow to the rest of the body," said David Joyce, MD, MBA, cardiothoracic surgeon, MCW faculty member and primary investigator of the DCD clinical trial at Froedtert Hospital. "Because of the absence of blood flow, the patient suffers severe, irreversible injury to the brain. If we can recover the heart quickly enough, there is the potential for that same heart to become a viable organ for

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— Frank Stenzel

someone who is dying from heart failure."

As part of the trial, once a heart is recovered from a DCD donor, it is preserved inside the TransMedics® Organ Care Heart System (OCS™). The OCS is a machine that keeps the donor heart perfused with warm, oxygenated blood, allowing it to be monitored in a beating state for the length of time it takes to transport to the recipient. The OCS is nicknamed a "Heart in a Box" because it mimics how the heart acts inside the body.

DCD transplants have been done for many years with other organs, including the lungs, kidney and liver. The ability to perfuse an organ with oxygenated blood during transportation is crucial because it means the organ can be transported for a greater length of time than when an organ is cooled during transportation. The OCS is already being used for DCD heart transplants in parts of Europe and in

Australia. If approved in the United States, it could be a game changer for end-stage heart failure patients.

"Without a time limit, we have the ability to transplant hearts that come from much farther away," Dr. Joyce said. "DCD transplants could expand the donor pool by about 30%."

A SECOND CHANCE

Frank's heart transplant was in September 2020, about three months after he was added to the national waiting list. He spent the next six weeks in the hospital, recovering from the surgery and working hard to regain his strength.

"Frank is a reminder of why we do what we do every day," said Christina Janetzke, Frank's posttransplant coordinator. "He is always willing to do whatever it takes, and he rehabbed tirelessly after his heart surgery. Even on the difficult days, he was always smiling."

Frank is now fully recovered and back to his active



Frank Stenzel
Courtesy photo

lifestyle. He and Karen are looking forward to traveling and are planning a trip to Alaska in 2022. Frank is also looking forward to many more of his favorite fishing trips in Canada. He said he couldn't have asked for a more skilled or supportive care team.

"Froedtert Hospital has

an all-star cardiac intensive care unit, advanced heart failure team and heart transplant team," Frank said. "They gave me a second chance to live."

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Awards presented at Landscape Art Exhibit reception

DIXON — The Next Picture Show (TNPS) recognized seven area artists at the Landscape Art Exhibit Awards Reception on Friday evening, Oct. 29. Art judge Becky Hage of Dixon recognized the following artists from a record setting exhibit of 124 art pieces by 47 artists from across northern Illinois.

Best in Show to Richard Schmidt of Frankfurt for his oil on canvas "A Place Along a Pathway"; First Place to Mary Rogers of

Ashton for the acrylic "Nature Walk; Second Place to Stuart Roddy of Coleta for his oil "Frenchman's Bay"; and Third Place to Carol Bingham of Sycamore for her oil on canvas "Grassland." Honorable Mentions were also presented to Beverly Garcia of Dixon for her oil piece "Nachusa Grasslands"; Julie Young of Dixon for the acrylic and ink "White Pines State Park"; and Sandy Bechtolsheim of Sycamore for her watercolor "Hoodoo."

Reception music was provided by Lee Murdock of Kaneville who appeared for the first time at TNPS performing on the six and twelve string guitars, combining ragtime, Irish, blues and folk styles.

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 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday, and by appointment.

Sheriff's office releases Halloween enforcement numbers

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Sheriff's Department made no impaired driving arrests, issued four seat belt and child safety seat citations, two speeding citations, one equipment violation and one warrant arrest during the recent Halloween enforcement effort.

Law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois participated in this effort to save

lives by getting impaired drivers off the roads and more motorists buckled up. The enforcement campaign took place from Oct. 16 through Nov. 1.

Extra emphasis was placed on enforcement during late-night hours, when statistics show the most unbuckled and im-

paired driving fatalities occur.

The recent law enforcement campaign was made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation and is part of the statewide Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and Click It or Ticket campaigns.

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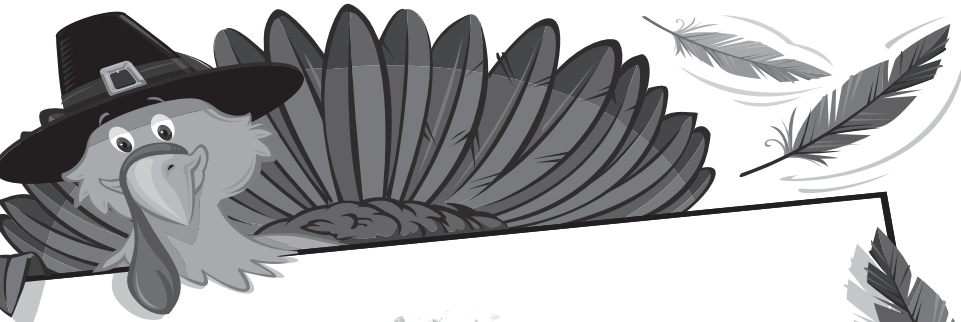
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RAISING MONEY TO HELP OTHERS

The Amboy High School Lady Clippers volleyball team hosted a Pink Night Oct. 7, raising over \$6,000 for the CGH Health Foundation Women's Health Program. Because of their generosity, women living in the Sauk Valley area, who are in need of health services, will be able to receive a screening mammogram with no out-of-pocket costs, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay. In addition, if more tests such as diagnostic screenings, ultrasounds, breast biopsies or MRIs are needed, the Foundation will help pay for a portion of these costs. Proceeds will also provide CGH Medical Center cancer patients with comfort bags. Shown receiving the check is Foundation Development Officer Amanda Blaine.

Photo submitted



Haan honored

Matthew Haan recently was a recipient of an American Star Farmer Award at the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Star Farmer Award is given to the top Supervised Agricultural Experience in the nation. Matthew earned this Award as a Vocational Ag Student at Rossville High School, Rossville, Ind. He is the son of Cindy (Harrison) and Joe Haan of rural Rossville. He is the grandson of Mary Ann and Gerry Harrison, formerly of Amboy, residing in West Lafayette, Ind. Matthew is a sophomore at Purdue University with a major in horticulture.

Photo submitted

White encourages student readers to enter "Letters About Literature in Illinois"

SPRINGFIELD — Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is encouraging students in grades fourth through 12 to enter the 2022 "Letters About Literature in Illinois" reading and writing competition, which is offered by the Illinois State Library's Illinois Center for the Book.

"Letters About Literature in Illinois" invites students to read a book of their choice and write a letter to the author about how the work changed their life or view of the world. Students can enter directly on their own or through their locally participating school.

"Every year, thousands of students in Illinois enjoy participating in this inspiring competition," said White. "Anyone who has read past letters can see how literature inspires and touches the lives of our young people. I encourage all our students to take part in 'Letters About Lit-

erature in Illinois,' and I hope their participation leads to a lifetime of reading."

There are three levels of participation: Level 1 for grades 4-6, Level 2 for grades 7-8 and Level 3 for grades 9-12. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2021.

One winner will be selected for each level and receive a cash award and a plaque signed by Secretary White. Teachers of the winning students will receive a certificate and their school will receive a cash award to purchase books for the library.

Winners are scheduled to be announced toward the end of the 2021-2022 academic year.

For more information about the competition, contact Bonnie Matheis at 217-558-2065 or bmatheis@ilsos.gov.

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Air National Guard
2002-2008
EH Senior Airman
Training in San Antonio, Texas
Army National Guard
2012-2014
Specialist
Training in South Carolina
Currently resides in Dixon.



Keith R. Noble

U.S. Air Force – Staff Sergeant
Dec. 7, 1948 – Sept. 2, 1952




Floyd W. Noble, Jr.

U.S. Army-Special Military
Police
Aug. 1957 – Aug. 1960
Served in Germany



Richard Noble

U.S. Army – Pvt.
Special Military Police
June 27, 1957 – June 26, 1960
Korea



E. Steven Jeanblanc

U.S. Army
1970 – 1972
Served in Germany




William R. Boyle

Deceased 1982
Army Staff Sergeant
Fort Sheridan 1943-1945
Tours of duty in Southern
Philippines-Luzon
He received the Purple Heart after
being wounded in Luzon-Pacific
Theatre.




Howard Jeanblanc

U.S. Army – 1st Lieutenant
Tank Corps
1952-1956
Reserves 1956-1958




Ferdinand A. Jeanblanc

U.S. Army
WW II




C. Brian McWethy

Amboy IL
U.S. Army; Sergeant
Basic Training - Ft. McClellan,
Alabama, Advanced Individual
Training - Ft. Gordon, Georgia
Permeant Duty Station - 101st
Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell,
Kentucky
Completed Air Assault Training.
Received the Army Commendation
Medal and two Army Achievement
Medals among many other medals.
Proudly served from Nov. 1, 1983 -
Nov. 1, 1989.




James J. Braida

Deceased 9-9-2018
Branch - U.S. Army P.F.C.
Location of Training: Camp
Chafee, Ark.1954 – 1956
Dates in Service:
Tours of Duty: In Panama. Was
a radio operator and served in
Panama guarding the Panama
Canal.



Arthur A. Brown,

Deceased 4-25-08
U.S. Navy
1943-1946




Robert Jones

Air Force
European Theatre
1944-1945



Harold Leland Harmon

Deceased
U.S. Navy – WW II
Gunner’s Mate 3 V-6
Trained: San Diego, Calif.
May 1943 – Feb. 1946
USS Sullivan-DD537
Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa,
Japan, crossed Equador.
Asiatic-Pacific-9 stars
Philippine Liberation-2 stars
Protecting withdraw of severely
damaged ships with saving 66
survivors; received Meritorious
Mast Award given to the crew.



Harold Laverne Harmon

Deceased
U.S. Army-SP4
Trained: Fort Campbell, Ky.
October 1970 – September
1971
Vietnam – Infantry.
Marksman Badge-Vietnam
Service
Medal-Campaign Star-2
overseas
Bar – Bronze Star (Combat)



L. Harold Glessner,

Deceased
U.S. Army – Corporal – 1st
Armored Division
Trained: Ft. Knox, Ky
1941 – 1945
Northern Africa and Italy
Enlisted November 1941 at Camp
Grant. Sent to Ft. Knox; then sent to
Northern Ireland in May 1942; then to
Northern Africa and landed there on
Nov. 8, 1942 (his 25th birthday); was
at Anzio battle and on to Rome.

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Jon Branigan Miller,
Kings Bay, Ga.
U.S. Navy – MASA
Trained: Great Lakes, Ill.
Feb. 22, 2011 – Present
He is Harold and Helen
Glessner's grandson. At
present he is doing Shore
Patrol.



Louis L. Sari, Sublette
U.S. Air Force – Sergeant
Trained: Lackland AFB and
Chanute AFB
June 21, 1972 – June 20, 1976
Minot, ND
Missile Maintenance
Technician on ICBM
Minuteman Missiles.



Kevin Sporleder, Sublette
U.S. Air Force – Sergeant
Trained: Lackland AFB,
Sheppard AFB
June 1977 – June 1981
Scott AFB
Two years orthopedic ward;
two years orthopedic clinic



Erich Biester
U.S. Army – Pvt.
1942-1944
China, India, Burma



Richard J. Wagner,
Deceased 10-9-08
U.S. Army – Corporal
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood,
Mo.
1952-1954
Served in Germany during
Korean War



Gerald H. Eisenberg
U.S. Army
1959-1961
Deceased



Charles Keith Jeanblanc
U.S. Air Force – Second
Lieutenant
Aug. 13, 1940 – March 3, 1945
Served in Iceland and England
Killed at Isle of Skye, Scotland
in plane crash
Buried at Cambridge,
England



Earl Hubbell
Army WW I
Age 16 in 1916



Fred G. Appleman
National Guard 1959-1961
Army SP4 1961-1963



Dr. Brandon Klein,
Amboy
Air Force
E-5 Staff Sergeant
Trained: Lackland Air Force
Base, San Antonio, Texas
2000-2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom,
United Arab Emirates Feb.
through Sept. 2003.



Cecil E. Harrison,
Amboy
U.S. Army-Guided missiles
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood,
Mo., Ft. Bliss, Texas, and
Vashon, Wash.
1955-1957



John Fanelli
U.S. Air Force WW II
Died in Action
June 6, 1944



Russell Eugene
Wittenauer
US Army
TEC 5
War: World War 2
Birth Date: 5-13-1920
Death Date: 2-22-2003



Ron Wittenauer
Army
Vietnam 69-70
Rank - SPC 5
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood,
Missouri



Joshua Earl Wittenauer
Ashton
Marine Corp - Corporal
Trained: Camp Leguine,
North Carolina
Served in Okinawa, Japan and Iraq from
1999-2003
Josh received numerous awards during his
service period. Family members are
honored to have an award named after him
at Romeoville High School. It is the Joshua
Wittenauer Memorial Freshmen
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outstanding MC JROTC freshman yearly.

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Donald E. Antoine
Korean War



Ted Etheridge, Amboy
Air Force Staff Sergeant
Trained: Edwards AFB, Los Angeles
1953-1957
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Philippines



Curtis J. Latta, Corpus Christi, Texas
U.S. Army Sergeant First Class
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Ft. Rucker, Ala., Ft. Eustis, Va.
Dec. 1987-April 2010
Honduras, Germany, Ft. Hood, Texas, Korea, Alaska, Ft. Rucker, Ala., and 8 tours in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan.
1986 Amboy High School graduate. Son of Joyce Green and Dick Latta. Resides in Texas with Vanda Larken and four children Cody, Andrew, Tori, Daniel. Employed by the Dept. of Defense under Aviation Missile Command in Redstone, Ala., and is deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan.



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



John G. Carlson, Deceased
U.S. Navy Seabees
1944-1946
Philippines, Okinawa



William C. Kessel
859 Morgan Road, Amboy, IL
Army
Corporal
Trained: Fort Riley, Kansas
dates in Service: 1952-1954



Donald C. Wittenauer, Amboy
Air Force Airman First Class
Trained: George AFB, Victorville, Cal.
1951-1955



Lester C. Underhile, Dixon
U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.
1968-1970 Vietnam
Amboy High School Class of 1966
Retired letter carrier 30 years
USPS, Wife Laura, 3 children, 7 grandchildren.



Russell A. Smeltz, Amboy
U.S. Army-Corporal
Trained: Ft. Gordon, Ga.
1953-1955 Member of 65 M.P. Co.
He was stationed with Four Power (American, British, French, and Russian) Occupation Forces in Vienna, Austria. Retired from R.R. Donnelley, Chicago. After 38 years. Married 55 years.



Camden Z. Ross, Amboy
Army National Guard – SPC
Trained: Ft. Jackson, SC, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and Gowen Field, Idaho
June 2005 to June 2012
Operation Enduring Freedom



Carson D. Ross, Amboy
Army National Guard – SPC
Trained: Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Bragg, NC
July 2007 to Present
Operation Enduring Freedom



LeRoy Klein, LaMoille
U.S. Army – PFC
Trained: Ft. Sill, Ok.
1945-1946 Pacific Theater
Trained in field artillery. Also had five brothers in the service



Nathan E. Klein
National Guard 2003-2009
Iraq 2006-2007



Valery R. Klein
National Guard 2005-2011
Afghanistan 2008-2009



Alexandra R. Klein
National Guard
2007-2013



Nathan Olson Schamberger
Second Lieutenant Air National Guard
#182 Airlift Peoria Base since 2000



John Edward Schamberger
Senior Airman Air National Guard
#182 Airlift Peoria Base since 2004



Ralph Whisenand
491 Dry Gulch Rd., Amboy
Army Sgt.
Trained: Fort Riley, KY
1950-1953
Korea & Japan
3rd Infantry Division, 7th Reg. D Company, 30 day combat training in Japan, combat at Pork Chop Ridge and Hill 105 Korea



James McLindsay Jr., Deceased 6-15-89
U.S. Army – Private
Trained: Camp Breckenridge, Ky.
1952-1954 Korean War
Wounded March 17, 1953



Joshua A. Jeanblanc
U.S. Marines-Cpl.
1993 – 1997
Deployed on U.S.S. Saipan to Iraq
Son of Chuck Jeanblanc and Gail Jeanblanc



Jason Wittenauer
Amboy
U.S. Army National Guard-SFC
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.
March 21, 1996 – Present
Operation Enduring Freedom
October 2003 - March 2005
During his military career he has received more than 17 awards and medals related to his service.

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Floyd W. Noble Sr.
Army - Pvt. Co.A.
129th Infantry
33rd Division
1st Batt.
Camp Grant, IL



Cpl. W. Gail Glenn
Deceased
U.S. Army
Location of training:
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO
Dates in service: 6/25/52- 6/25/54
Tours of duty: Korean Conflict
Crane Shovel Operation 159th Field
Artillery Div.
Retired from IL Dept. of
Transportation as supervisor at the
Silvis Garage.
Wife; Carol. Three Children; Larry,
Cinda, Debra. Ten grandchildren,
twenty-three great-grandchildren.



Don Wellman
U.S. NAVY
1952-1956
Passed away Jan. 14, 2015.
He was a mechanic who loved
his family, fishing, gardening
and AFC basketball games.



Ralieggh Herrald Sr.
US Army
WWII
Pacific Amphitheater
1925-2003



Larry Truckenbrod
US Army – Pvt. 1st Class
1953-1955
Fort Smith, Ark.



Andrew L. Conderman
US Army Reserves, Army
National Guard – E-7
1971-2011
Ft. Knox, Ky. and Ft. Dixon,
N.J.



Ralieggh David Herrald Jr.
US Army
Wounded in Vietnam 1967
1947-2013



**Major
Nathan A. Truckenbrod**
Currently serving in South
Korea Tours of Duty in
Iraq, Germany, Alaska and
South Korea
Nate has been serving our
country for years. He has
made it his career to protect
our country.



Donald R. Gascoigne
US Army – SP3
1954-1956
Korean War
Presently Lives In The
Veterans Home In Lasalle



James Mead
Spc National Guard
1997-2003



Richard G. Koch
Winnebago
US Air Force Sgt
Location of Training: Lackland Air
Base, San Antonio, Texas
Dates in Service: Dec. 27, 1961 - Dec.
15, 1965
Tours of Duty: RAF Wethersfield -
England, 20th Transportation Squadron
Driver's school instructor, VIP driver for Base
Commander, chosen to transport VIP's at Sir
Winston Churchill's funeral, awarded 20th Tactical
Fighter Wing plaque for meritorious service from
March 1962 to November 1965, awarded USAF
Good Conduct Medal and Safe Driving Plaque
Award for tour in England. Born in Amboy,
graduated Amboy High School class of 1957



Gary Conderman
U.S. Air Force
E-4
Location of Training: Lackland
AF Base
Dates in Service: October 1965
- October 1969
Tours of Duty: Vietnam



James T. Hauenstein
Joined the US Army in 1955 while
employed as a Lineman with
Public Service Co.
Basic training at Fort Lenard
Wood, Mo., then to Fort Bliss,
Texas, and from there stationed
out of Presidio, San Francisco,
Calif.
Served in the Nike Missile Outfit.
Unit stayed stateside.
He was a sharpshooter, and he loved
the Army and played Army Baseball.



**Brittany Nicole
Jeanblanc**
U.S. Air Force
Trained: Sheppard AFB,
Wichita Falls, Texas
2008 – 2013
She is the daughter of James
Jeanblanc and Anne
Jeanblanc



Lawrence P. Marchesi
US Army Specialist 4th Class
Fort Leonardwood, Mo.
1961-1964
Tours of Duty in Korea, Germany,
Fort Riley, Kansas
Retired from the Illinois
Department of Corrections.
Amboy High School graduate of
1960.
Currently lives in Morris with
his wife, Nancy. The couple has
a daughter, Lynn, who lives in
Antioch.



**Corporal
James D. Donoho**
USMC
Served June 1956-April 1958
Trained at Camp Pendleton,
CA
101 Promenade Avenue #209
Wayzata, MN 55391
1956 graduated Amboy High
School
Married Jane Young in 1957



**Sgt/Major
Richard L. Wiser**
USMC Retired
Served 1955/1985
Viet Nam Vet (1967/1968)
424 Joy Ct
Jacksonville NC 28540
1955 graduate Amboy HS
Married Judy Young in 1957



**Colonel
Timothy L. LaPlaunt**
USMC Retired
Served 1964-1992
Viet Nam 1967-1968
Dessert Storm 1990-1991
148 Shaelah Court
St. Charles, MO 63304
Married Mary Lou Young 1965



Louis Vaessen



Joseph H. Vaessen
Private US Army
6th Armored Division Basic
Infantry at Fort Leonard
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U.S. Marine Corp. – Captain
Vietnam War




Robert M. Wadsworth
Lieutenant – WWII
January 1945




Joseph Hoyle
U.S. Army – Vietnam
1967-1969




Lyle A. Dierdorff,
Deceased
U.S. Navy
1946-1948




Wayne Hoyle
U.S. Army – Spec. 4
1943-1945
Okinawa




Robert Emmert,
Deceased
U.S. Navy – Radioman for 6
years
1940-1946
Casablanca




Ronald F. Williams
Amboy
U.S. Army-SP4
Medic Cadreman
Ft. Benning, Ga.
Sept. 10, 1958 – Sept. 10, 1960




Carroll "Casey" Jones
Third Army Sergeant
April 1941-Jan. 10, 1945
Killed in Action
Luxembourg




John A. Jones
U.S. Army – Pvt.
Died at Sea
Sept. 22, 1945




Charles Dickinson
Tech Sergeant
U.S. Army Air Force, World War II
1942-1945
China, Burma, India Theater
"Over the Hump"
Former Commander of the
Amboy American Legion.



Matthew Dickinson
Sergeant Engineering Attachment
U.S. Army, 3rd Group Special
Forces Airoborne
Fort Bragg, N.C. 2013-2018
(Afghanistan 2014)




Thomas Dickinson
SPC 4
U.S. Army, 1/11 Infantry 5th
Infantry Division and 3/187,
101st Airborne Division, Quang
Tri Province I Corp Vietnam
1970-1971




George M. Schwamberger
Corporal in U.S. Army in Korea in
1953-1954
Trained in Champ Chaffee, Ark.
Currently resides in Franklin Grove



Korina Dickinson
Army Intelligence SPC 4
20 Years of Service
Tours of Duty 2014-2018
82nd Airborne Division
Forces Airoborne
Fort Bragg, N.C.
Married to Matthew Dickinson



Darin M. Yocum
Marine PLT 2021
Stationed at Camp Pendleton,
Calif.



Delbert E. Yocum
PFC- SPC 3
Army 1966-1968
Vietnam 1967-1968



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Amboy defenders Tucker Lindenmeyer, left, and Jordan Gully close in on Milledgeville running back Ashton Nobis during action from the Clippers' 28-18 playoff victory over the Missiles on Nov. 6 at the AHS field.

Kip Cheek/Amboy News photo



Amboy's Quinn Leffelman (No. 21) wraps up Milledgeville quarterback Connor Nye during the Clippers' playoff triumph over the Missiles on Nov. 6 at the AHS field.

Kip Cheek/Amboy News photo

Clippers advance to third round of playoffs

AMBOY — Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio and Milledgeville split their two football games this season. Fortunately for the Clippers, they won the most important one.

Trying to avenge a week two 24-12 loss to the Missiles, Amboy hit on three big scoring plays and the defense was able to contain the high-flying Milledgeville offense, and the result was a 28-18 Clipper victory in the second round of the Illinois 8-Man Football Association playoffs on Nov. 6 at the AHS field.

The win propelled the 10th-seeded Clippers (7-4) into the semifinal-round where they will host third-seeded Orangeville (10-1) for a 1 p.m. kickoff on Saturday, Nov. 13. The Broncos defeated Amboy, 55-6, in a week eight contest at Orangeville. The second-seeded Missiles bowed out of the playoffs with a 9-2 record.

Milledgeville entered the game averaging 46 points per game, but the Missile offense never really took off until the fourth quarter against the hard-hitting Amboy defense. By that time, the Clippers had built a comfortable three-touchdown lead, and the 12-minute final frame just wasn't enough for the Missiles to

stage a comeback against Amboy.

The two teams played a scoreless first quarter, but a booming 53-yard punt off the foot of Amboy's Tucker Lindenmeyer with 3:32 left in the opening stanza proved to be a huge play in leading to the first touchdown of the game.

Pinned back at its own 13-yard line after the punt, Milledgeville was unable to pick up a first down and punted the ball back to the Clippers, who took over possession right at midfield. On the third play of Amboy's drive, Lindenmeyer rolled out to his right and connected on a pass to tight end Brennan Blaine, who spun around and outran the Missile defense 45 yards to the end zone to start the scoring. The two-point conversion pass from Lindenmeyer to Blaine was nullified by a penalty, so the Clippers tried again, and this time they were successful on a Lindenmeyer pass to Quinn Leffelman to put Amboy up 8-0.

Milledgeville finally got its offense going on the ensuing possession and marched 58 yards in 11 plays, with Ashton Nobis running it in from the 1-yard line with 5:48 left before intermission. The Missiles tried to tie the score with a two-point run, but Amboy stopped it

short of the goal line.

The Clippers responded on their next offensive series and it didn't take them long to get back in the end zone. Amboy needed just five plays to cover 63 yards, the final play being a 45-yard sprint to the end zone by Kye Koch with 4:06 showing on the clock. Amboy's two-point run attempt was no good.

Milledgeville looked to be back in business on its next possession when it moved just inside the Clipper red zone, but Nobis coughed up the football on a fourth-and-one play from the Clipper 19-yard line, and Amboy's Jordan Gully pounced on the pigskin with 1:25 left in the half.

A 39-yard run by Dylan Daniels got the Clippers out from deep in their own territory and into Missile terrain at the 42. Amboy moved the ball another 12 yards, but by that time there were less than 10 seconds on the clock. So, all Lindenmeyer could do was throw up a Hail Mary, and somehow the ball landed in the hands of Amboy's Caden Wittenauer for a 30-yard TD strike with no time left in the half. Lindenmeyer passed to Blaine for the two-pointer and Amboy took a 22-6 lead to the locker room.

A dominating Clipper defense was the story in the third quarter as it stopped Milledgeville on third-and-one and fourth-and-one from the Amboy 15-yard line to start the second half. Although the Clippers didn't score when they took over possession, they were able to take over five and a half minutes off the clock before they gave the ball back to Milledgeville.

The Missiles didn't have the ball long, however, as Lindenmeyer intercepted a Missile pass and returned it to Milledgeville's 40. The Clippers couldn't do anything with the drive and punted the ball back to the Missiles, but quarterback Connor Nye gave it right back to Amboy when Levi McKinley swiped a Nye aerial and returned it 18 yards to the Milledgeville 2. Two plays later, Lindenmeyer was in the end zone with a 1-yard touchdown run. The two-point run was no good and Amboy owned a 28-6 lead with 11:06 left in the game.

Milledgeville had excellent field position to start its next series, and it took full advantage by moving the ball 51 yards in five plays, the last one being a 14-yard touchdown pass from Nye to Kieren Harris. The two-point try failed and it was 28-12 with 9:59 left.

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Pictured above, the Amboy boys' cross country team finished up its highly-successful season by participating in the IHSA Class 1A State Cross Country Meet on Nov. 6 at Detweiler Park in Peoria. The team placed 22nd in the state with 468 points. Pictured right, senior Clipper Brock Loftus ended his remarkable high school career by finishing in 26th place with a time of 15:36.83.

Photos courtesy of Heather Loftus



Clippers cross country team competes at State

PEORIA — The Amboy boys' cross country team finished up its highly-successful season by participating in the IHSA Class 1A State Cross Country Meet on Nov. 6 at Detweiler Park in Peoria.

Seven Clippers were in the field of 260 runners. Amboy senior Brock Loftus ended his remarkable high school career by finishing in 26th place with a time of 15:36.83. Junior Kyler McNinch was next in for the Clippers in 82nd place with a time of 16:24.14, while senior Ian Eller also ran his final race and took 90th place in a time of 16:25.17.

The rest of the Amboy racing team included junior Charlie Dickinson (215th, 17:44.24), senior Wyatt Lundquist (218th, 17:45.32), junior Garrett Pertell (222nd, 17:49.85) and senior Andrew Jones (239th, 18:15.38).

Ryan James of Paxton-Buckley-Loda was the overall individual state champion with a clocking of 14:16.89. Drew Rogers of Herscher was the runner-up in 14:29, while Miles Sheppard of Hamilton West Hancock (14:31.96), Daniel Winkelman of Elgin Harvest Christian Academy (14:42.27) and Isaac Teel of Pinckneyville (14:45.08) completed the top five runners.

Chicago Latin was the team state champion with 165 points. The rest of the top five teams were Arthur (172), Chicago DePaul College Prep (186), Normal University (193) and Rockford Christian (217). Amboy placed 22nd with 468 points. There were 30 scoring teams.



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Above, cheerleaders and fans storm the field to celebrate with the Clipper football team after its 28-18 win over Milledgeville in the 8-man playoffs on Nov. 6 at the AHS field.
Kip Cheek/Amboy News photo

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Blaine recovered an on-side kick, and then after the Clipper drive stalled, Lindenmeyer punted 48 yards to the Milledgeville 22. Amboy's defense took over on downs when a fourth-and-seven completed pass by the Missiles came up short.

Amboy gave Milledgeville another chance when a fumble was recovered by the Missiles' Dimetri Garza at their own 29 with 5:15 left. The Missiles advanced the ball to the Clipper 7-yard line where Nye hooked up with Harris for a TD pass, but it was nullified by a holding

penalty on Milledgeville. Then on fourth-and-five from the 10-yard line, the Clippers were whistled for a pass interference, which placed the ball on the 1. From there, Nye ran it in to draw the Missiles to within 28-18 with 1:59 left. A crucial two-point conversion would have made it a one-score game, but Harris bobbled the ball as he went out of bounds.

Milledgeville tried another on-side kick, but Blaine grabbed it again and the Clippers were able to run out the clock.

**Recycle! Recycle!
Recycle!**

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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Where you come first



Amboy's Brennan Blaine, left, is about to make a catch of a pass from quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer while Milledgeville's Payton Sarber makes a futile attempt to break up the aerial during the Clippers' 28-18 playoff win on Nov. 6 at the AHS field.

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Lady Clippers to compete in Oregon Tipoff Tournament

OREGON – The Amboy Lady Clippers will participate in the Oregon Girls' Basketball Tipoff Tournament set for Nov. 17-20. The tournament will include varsity and junior varsity teams. The 12-team tournament is divided into four pools, with pool play being held the first three days of the tournament. Saturday's action will be determined by how the teams finish in their respective pools. AHS is in Pool D along with Lena-Winslow and Rockford Christian. The tournament schedule

is as follows:
Wednesday, Nov. 17
[5:45 p.m. games]
(V) West Carroll vs. Dixon (BHC Main)
(V) Mendota vs. Ash-ton-Franklin Center (OHS)
(JV) Oregon vs. Erie-Prophetstown (BHC Middle)
(JV) Rockford Christian vs. Guilford (BHS South)
[7:15 p.m. games]
(JV) West Carroll vs. Dixon (BHC Middle)

See **TOURNEY** page C3

Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Mon., Nov. 15	AJHS 7th/8th Boys Basketball (H) Sauk Valley Catholic-4 pm EARLY DISMISSAL-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT-AHS & AJHS-11:20; Central-11:25 School Board Members Day
Tues., Nov. 16	AJHS Art Club-Art Room- 3:20-4:20 pm AJHS 7th/8th Boys Basketball @ Manlius (Bureau Valley)-5 pm School Board Meeting-7 pm
Wed., Nov. 17	AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm AHS Varsity Girls Basketball @ Oregon Tournament-TBA
Thu., Nov. 18	AJHS 7th/8th Boys Basketball (H) East Coloma-4 pm

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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #36 & #55 Mitch McCoy

This week's Clipper is "The real McCoy." Since as far back as I can remember, the most feared and respected football player, is this week's highlight. I remember the tough Sterling teams we would face in Junior Tackle painted 55 on their faces when having to face him but it wasn't out of intimidation, deep down it was out of respect because they knew the caliber opponent he was.

I am beyond honored to announce this week's Clipper, #36 & #55, Mitch McCoy.

Mitch was a 2005 graduate of Amboy High School. Mitch was a three year Varsity starter on the football field and baseball diamond.

Son of past Clipper highlight, Dennis McCoy, Amboy Football was engrained in Mitch's DNA.

The voyage would begin during the 2002 season as Mitch was called up full time to the Varsity level to play Linebacker and backup Fullback. Mitch was a key asset on a loaded, Clipper defense. Mitch played every game with reckless abandon and sacrificed so much of himself to help his team win.

"We were so well prepared that season. We studied the other teams' best players each week. As an underclassman, the Seniors would quiz me on things in the hallways at school, not because they were being hard on me but because they wanted to help me in any way they could," Mitch shared.

The 2002 Clippers went down to Toulon Stark County and defeated the Rebels in one of the greatest road victories of the modern era. The adversity faced that day was as great as it's been for any Clipper team but the 2002 Clippers would not accept anything short of victory. The season would end the following week at The Harbor against top ranked, eventual State Champion, Aledo. Mitch would field a kickoff in the contest and returned it 47 yards providing one of our few highlights on that fateful Saturday afternoon.

With a year of Varsity football under his belt and a loaded, close knit, talented group of Juniors and Seniors returning, the 2003 Clippers were full mast and cannons ready. The 2003 season would be one of our most successful Clipper campaigns of the modern era as it produced

a Quarterfinal appearance, Sauk Valley Coach of the year in Coach Jones, and Sauk Valley Football player of the year in Caleb Ramirez. This also would be our inaugural season of the Co-Op with Lamoille. Prior to the first official practice, Mitch and several Juniors and Seniors went to a party to meet all of the Lamoille players. The initial meeting brought everyone together and by the first practice, the entire team had one goal. Where your address was didn't matter. The bonds between Clippers and Lions weren't the only bonds formed the night of that initial party. Mitch met his wife, Katie, that night also.

Mitch started at Linebacker his Junior year and was on every special team. The future Mr. Defense continued to punish opponents as the Clippers went onto a successful season.

Mitch shared his thoughts on his Junior season, "We all were so close and there was no ego involved. Everyone knew their job and they did it and did it well. If you made a mistake someone was on you but it only made you want to be better."

Our Clippers would go onto post several impressive victories but the season would come to an end against Stillman Valley who would go on to win the State Title. Mitch would earn All Conference honors and the team Mr. Defense title.

Mitch would switch numbers his Senior year, and after honoring a close family friend, Mark Kaleel, for two seasons, Mitch would now honor his dad and return to don #55. A number that still fits the family legacy today. A number that is as iconic to a single family as 44 is to Nauman and 36 to Kaleel. Mitch would lead a 6-3 Clipper team on defense and special teams. The 6-3 Clippers would again meet Stillman Valley in the first round of the playoffs. Once again, our Clippers were bested by the juggernaut Cardinals and the story book career for one of our best would come to close. Mitch added another Mr. Defense title and All Conference honors.

Former teammate and great friend, T.C. Olsen shared, "Playing along side Mitch throughout the beginning part of my football career really shaped the player I became after my Clipper years were finished. He embodied the true meaning of what Clipper ball was back then; smash mouth football. From the beginning, Mitch was THE leader of our grade. He exuded confidence and toughness on and off the field, and with such intensity that our competitors visually feared him. Believe me, it was for good reason. I have countless memories of him de-cleating opponents, breaking tackles every time he ran the ball and just being the true gritty player he was. Mitch is a true Amboy legend that is extremely deserving of this spotlight. Many looked up to him and followed his lead, as did I. He made us all better players in the end."

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



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Former teammate and great friend, Wes Morrissey, shared, "Mitch was a guy I looked up to since I was in diapers. No matter what he always had my back. I'm proud to still call him a great friend. I know we don't talk as much as either of us would like, such is life with kids and work, but I know I could call Mitch anytime I was in need and he'd come running. As for his time on the field, he was fearless, tough and hard nosed. There were a couple times my freshman year (Mitch played varsity) he would literally throw his body at people and knock himself out. The custom way to deal with that then was to get slapped awake and get back in the huddle. Which Mitch did he never came out. I don't know if that's right or wrong medically or ethically but that toughness Mitch carried inside him aided our country in war and helps him do the duties of a highway maintainer, devoted husband, and father of four."

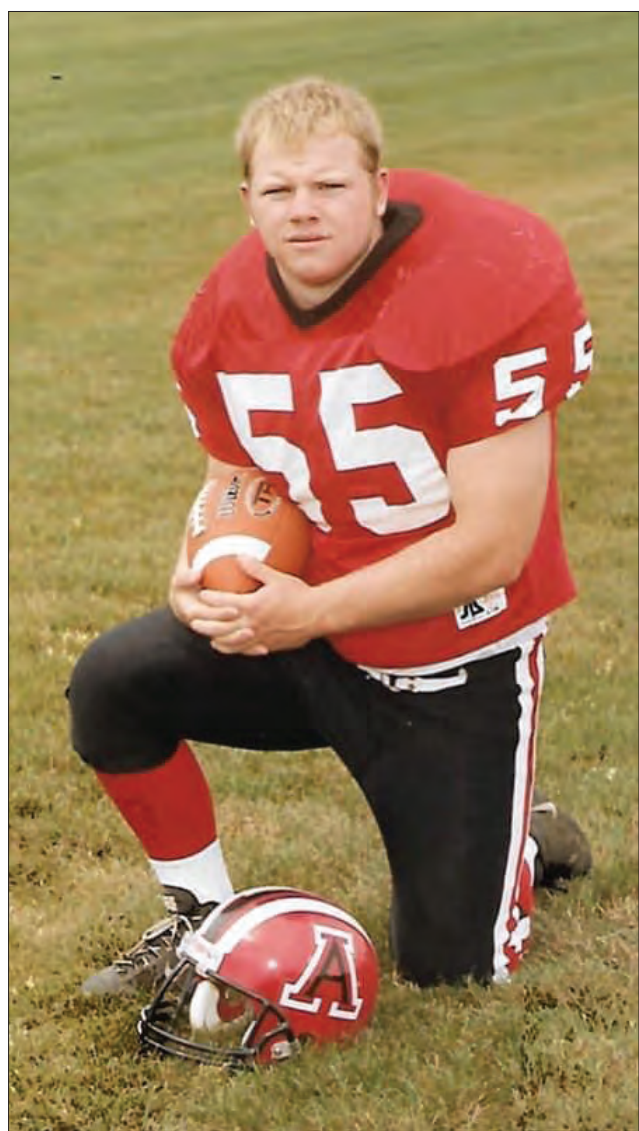
Mitch not only propelled our football program to new heights, but was one of two Clippers to put our young baseball program on the

map, especially his Junior year. Mitch was the ace on the 2004 Clipper Regional Championship baseball team. Mitch posted a 10-0 record that season as a pitcher.

Mitch's accomplishments wouldn't end in high school as he went on to play baseball at Sauk valley CC as a pitcher. Mitch joined the US Army and served our country in Operation Enduring Freedom from 2008-2009. A hero on any athletic field he walked on, a hero to his country, but neither compare to the hero he is today and everyday to Katie and his four children.

For those that saw Mitch play or watched him grow as a Clipper from Junior Tackle through his Senior season knows exactly what our program and this game mean to him. The physical sacrifices he made to gain the extra yard, get the tackle, or secure a touchdown springing block are all anyone would need as proof of how red Mitch bleeds. Mitch hits the meaning of our program perfectly with his conclusion.

"Two things stand out, community and hard work. If you don't work you don't eat. We all went to work then to practice and sometimes back to work. I would show up to workouts with concrete on my face but knew the work just started to earn my spot. What it meant to me then was everything. To wear that jersey and represent Amboy High School it was an honor," Mitch said. "To just be a part of the old stories I heard from my dad and Mark Kaleel and Mark McCaffey was very special. Every moment was to be cherished. To see every Clipper from years past along the fence, screaming your name, supporting you, still gives me goosebumps to this day. Now I'm the old boy on the fence line. Whether I am at the game or listening it still holds a lot of meaning. It's an absolute honor to have



#36 & #55 Mitch McCoy

put a building block in the foundation of our program and know it's there forever."

So to two-time All Conference Clipper, one of the best Clipper Athletes in our history, "The Real McCoy", #36 and #55, Mitch McCoy, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Clipper Football. You will forever go down as one of the best I've ever got to watch play this great game. I speak for my family when I say we are damn proud of you and have always viewed you and your family as our own. As you mentioned, no matter the years that pass or the new name across your sweatshirts, your building block (made of solid, indestructible, McCoy

concrete) will remain in the foundation of our program forever. 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.

IDNR offers reminders for safe hunting practices during busy fall seasons

SPRINGFIELD – Autumn is prime time for hunting in Illinois, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reminds hunters that whether they are in search of deer, ducks, geese, furbearers, upland species or other game this fall, they need to focus on safe hunting practices.

"Illinois' hunting heritage is second to none, and we encourage hunters to make safety their first priority as they enjoy time in the field during our busy fall seasons and throughout the year," said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan.

The IDNR Office of Law Enforcement, which administers the state's Hunter Safety Education Program, investigated 31 reported hunting incidents last year. Five of those incidents resulted in fatalities. Among the hunting incidents last year, 14 involved elevated tree stands. There have been six reported hunting-related incidents so far in 2021.

"Many of the hunting incidents our Conservation Police Officers investigate are preventable if safety practices are followed," said Timothy Tyler, director of the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement. "When hunting from a tree stand, hunters should always check that their stand is installed properly, and they should use a Fall Arrest System full body safety harness when in the stand."

Other safety recommendations related to tree stands include checking the harness and straps and replacing worn straps; checking the ladder and other equipment before use to make sure they are in working order; and, being aware of weather conditions that could make steps and stands slippery. More tree stand safety information is available online at <http://www.huntercourse.com/treestandssafety/>.

IDNR safety educators and Conservation Police also remind firearm hunters to:

- Watch the muzzle of their firearm and keep it pointed in a safe direction;
- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded and never assume a firearm is unloaded;
- Be sure of the target and what is in front of it and behind it;
- Keep fingers outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot;
- Check the barrel and ammunition to make sure they are clear of obstructions, and carry only the proper ammunition for the firearm being used;
- Unload firearms when not in use;
- Never run, jump or climb with a loaded firearm – always unload a firearm before climbing a fence or tree;
- Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.

Among other safety considerations, hunters are reminded to ensure heating sources are ventilated properly when in hunting cabins and boats; wearing appropriate, high visibility clothing while hunting; and, being familiar with the area being hunted.

Illinois' busiest hunting season, the seven-day firearm deer season, begins Friday through Sunday, Nov. 19-21, 2021, and will conclude Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 2-5, 2021.

The Illinois Archery Deer Season opened Oct. 1, 2021, and continues through Jan. 16, 2022. Archery deer season is closed during the firearm deer weekends except in those counties where firearm deer hunting is not permitted.

For more details on Illinois deer, waterfowl, upland game, furbearer and other hunting season dates and regulations this fall and winter, check the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2021-2022 at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/HuntTrapDigest.aspx>

TOURNEY continued from page C2

(JV) Mendota vs. Ashton-Franklin Center (BHC South)

(V) Oregon vs. Erie-Prophetstown (BHC Main)

(V) Rockford Christian vs. Amboy (OHS)

Thursday, Nov. 18

(V) West Carroll vs. Pecatonica (BHC Main)

(V) Mendota vs. Genoa-Kingston (OHS)

(JV) Oregon vs. LaSalle-Peru (BHC Middle)

(JV) Rockford Christian vs. Lena-Winslow (BHC South)

[7:15 p.m. games]

(JV) West Carroll vs. Pecatonica (BHC Middle)

(JV) Mendota vs. Genoa-Kingston (BHC South)

(V) Oregon vs. Milledgeville (BHC Main)

(V) Rockford Christian vs. Lena-Winslow (OHS)

Friday, Nov. 19

[5:45 p.m. games]

(V) Amboy vs. Lena-Winslow (BHC Main)

(V) Erie-Prophetstown vs. Milledgeville (OHS)

(JV) Ashton-Franklin Center vs. Genoa-Kingston (BHC Middle)

(JV) Dixon vs. Pecatonica (BHC South)

[7:15 p.m. games]

(JV) Guilford vs. Lena-Winslow (BHC Middle)

(JV) Erie-Prophetstown vs. LaSalle-Peru (BHC South)

(V) Ashton-Franklin Center vs. Genoa-Kingston (BHC Main)

(V) Dixon vs. Pecatonica (OHS)

Saturday, Nov. 20

[11 a.m. games]

S1 – (V) Pool C 3rd vs. Pool D 3rd (BHC Main)

S2 – (V) Pool A 3rd vs. Pool B 3rd (OHS)

S3 – (JV) Pool A 3rd vs. Pool B 3rd (BHC Middle)

S4 – (JV) Pool C 3rd vs. Pool D 3rd (BHC South)

[12:30 p.m. games]

S5 – (V) Pool C 2nd vs. Pool D 2nd (BHC Main)

S6 – (V) Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd (OHS)

S7 – (JV) Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd (BHC Middle)

S8 – (JV) Pool C 2nd vs. Pool D 2nd (BHC South)

[2 p.m. games]

S9 – (V) Pool C 1st vs. Pool D 1st (BHC Main)

S10 – (V) Pool A 1st vs. Pool B 1st (OHS)

S11 – (JV) Pool A 1st vs. Pool B 1st (BHC Middle)

S12 – (JV) Pool C 1st vs. Pool D 1st (BHC South)

[4 p.m. games]

9th place – (V) Winner S1 vs. Winner S2 (BHC Main)

11th place – (V) Loser S1 vs. Loser S2 (OHS)

9th place – (JV) Winner S3 vs. Winner S4 (BHC Middle)

11th place – (JV) Loser S3 vs. Loser S4 (BHC South)

[5:30 p.m. games]

5th place – (V) Winner S5 vs. Winner S6 (BHC Main)

7th place – (V) Loser S5 vs. Loser S6 (OHS)

5th place – (JV) Winner S7 vs. Winner S8 (BHC Middle)

7th place – (JV) Loser S7 vs. Loser S8 (BHC South)

[7 p.m. games]

1st place – (V) Winner S9 vs. Winner S10 (BHC Main)

3rd place – (V) Loser S9 vs. Loser S10 (OHS)

1st place – (JV) Winner S11 vs. Winner S12 (BHC Middle)

3rd place – (JV) Loser S11 vs. Loser S12 (BHC South)

BHC=Blackhawk Center • OHS=Oregon High School

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LOCAL NEWS

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

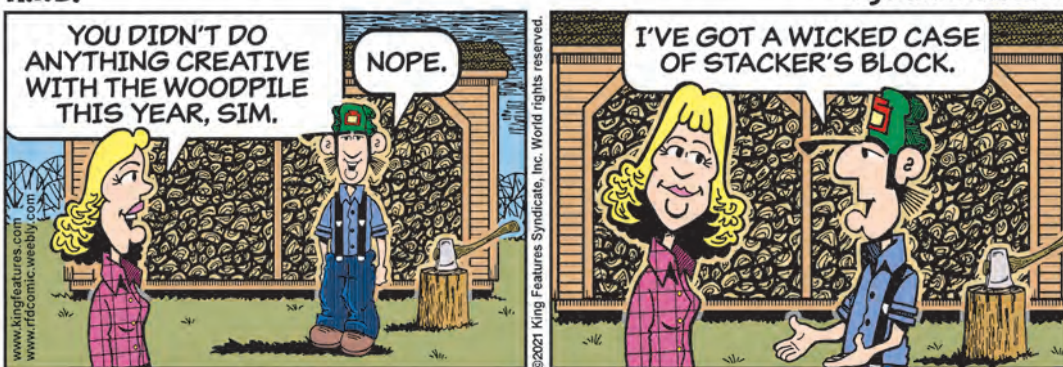


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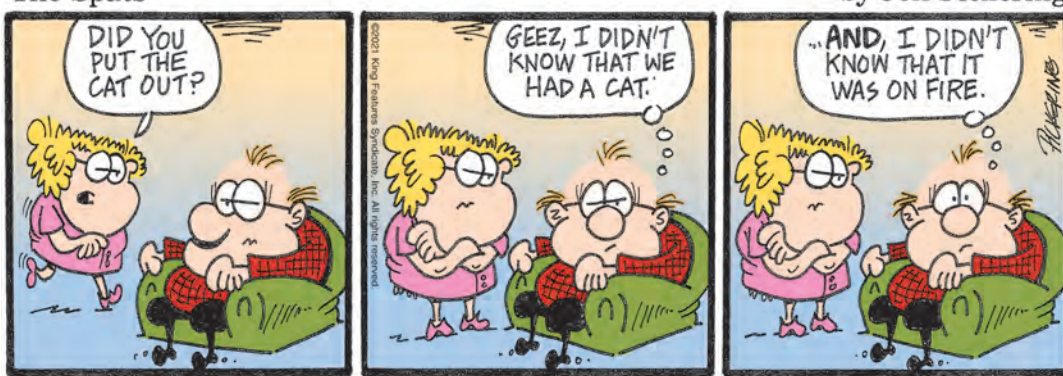
by Gary Kopervas



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by Dave T. Phipps



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!

Pure
SCATHE _____

Pile
OVERT _____

Smack
SKITER _____

Edge
ARMING _____

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Greet the villain
- 5 Bummer
- 9 Wd. from Roget
- 12 Incite
- 13 Writer Rice
- 14 Scot's refusal
- 15 Time of youthful innocence
- 17 World Cup cheer
- 18 Jacket part
- 19 Cut wood
- 21 Hectic hosp. area
- 22 Sun block?
- 24 Satirist Mort
- 27 "Exodus" hero
- 28 Infatuated
- 31 Acapulco gold
- 32 Impose
- 33 "Delicious!"
- 34 Lugosi of film
- 36 Observe
- 37 Nick and Nora's pet
- 38 Cove
- 40 Room cooler, for short
- 41 Pal
- 43 Geronimo, for one
- 47 Mound stat
- 48 1987 Woody Allen movie
- 51 Hobbyist's abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Smooch
- 2 Spoken
- 3 Leer at
- 4 Sargasso wriggler
- 5 Florida county
- 6 Genetic let- ters
- 7 Whatever
- 8 Bas-relief medium
- 9 Winter "no school" times
- 10 Harvard rival
- 11 Grant basis, at times
- 16 TiVo, for example
- 20 Calendar abbr.
- 22 Vinegar bottle
- 23 Low-calorie
- 24 Weep
- 25 "Right you —!"
- 26 Work breaks
- 27 Church sec- tion

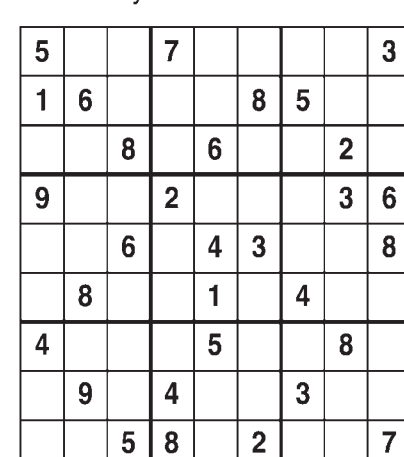


- 29 Belly
- 30 "I — Rock"
- 35 Moreover
- 37 National park in Maine
- 39 Ira Gershwin's contribution
- 40 GI's address
- 41 Hotel furniture
- 42 "Topaz" author
- 43 Helps
- 44 "Misery" star James
- 45 Church song
- 46 Old U.S. gas brand
- 49 Gorilla
- 50 Fawn's mom

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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

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Trivia test

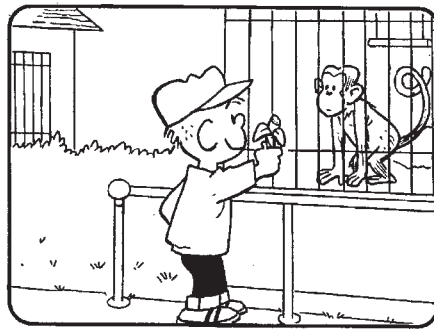
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What is the name of Ron Weasley's house in the "Harry Potter" novel series?
2. TELEVISION: The sitcom "Petticoat Junction" spawned which other popular spinoff series?
3. LANGUAGE: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase, "littera scripta manet"?
4. MOVIES: What is the name of cartoon character Porky Pig's girlfriend?
5. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Wyoming?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. interstate highway is the longest in the nation?
7. AD SLOGANS: What product's TV ad sparked the catchphrase "Mikey likes it!"?
8. GEOMETRY: How many straight lines can be drawn through two given points?
9. FOOD & DRINK: What is the hottest chili pepper in the world?
10. MUSIC: Which iconic rock band was once named The Detours?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



TINKER

Today's Word

3. Strike; 2. Trove; 1. Chase

Solution

SCRAMBLERS

Answer

VSBR IGOFRX G JBYMTUB ZSPJ'Z

IBZI IP WBEPUB G EPCXRB-

ZRFMMFRX VPHYBY, ZUBCCFRX

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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: C equals L

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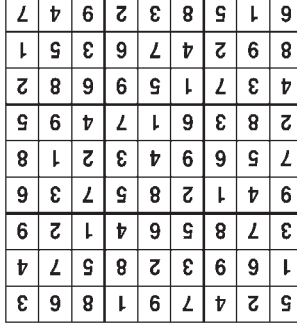
ZRFMMFRX VPHYBY, ZUBCCFRX

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King Crossword

Answers



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

When taking a perfume shop's test to become a cologne-sniffing worker, smelling counts.

CryptoQuip

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 /s/ Nancy Neal, Treasurer
 I, Melissa Eisenberg, Clerk of the City of Amboy, Lee County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021.
 /s/ Melissa Eisenberg, Clerk
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2021 AMBOY HOMETOWN 4-7 PM, DEC 11

Christmas WALK

Shop and Spend Local This Year in Amboy
Christmas Walk Activities

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

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Hot Chocolate Bar
Take and Make Ornament Kits

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Cookie Decorating
Bakery Items for Sale

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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 |
amboychristmaswalk@yahoo.com**

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Thanksgiving Meal

**to Help Raise Money for the
Shop With A Sheriff Program**

Nov. 19 from 10 am - 2 pm
Shell Express Lane 342 North Mason, Amboy

Ham, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn,
stuffing a roll and dessert.

All proceeds and donations made in the deli go to the
Shop With A Sheriff Program during this day.
Call ahead with orders 815-857-2990.
Help Us Help The Kiddos!

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**CHRISTMAS
TREE LIGHTING**

More information to be announced.

Make Sublette Green This Christmas

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

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In The Alley
100 S. Front St., Sublette

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May your home be filled With an
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Happy Holidays!
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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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 (Email Subject "Letter to Santa")



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