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*Pictured above, Amboy's Mike Hickey was the featured speaker during the Amboy American Legion Post #453 Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park on Monday. Hickey raised his right hand and recited the oath he swore to when he entered the military. According to military.com, the oath of enlistment is something that every service member must promise and adhere to for their entire military career. Entering as an officer, one would take the military oath of office. Hickey talked about the numbers of the fallen military, and especially talked about those who were not included in the official numbers.*

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*At Sublette's Memorial Day service, Ann Register from the Flags of Freedom in Princeton was the guest speaker. Register talked about how the idea of having the four large American flags at the interstate in Princeton came about and what it takes to continue the tradition of the flags on display.*

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## AHS announces its honor night award winners

**AMBOY** — Amboy High School held its annual Honors Night on Thursday, May 20. The following awards were presented to the following students.

### Presidential Outstanding Academic Excellence Awards-Gold

Brianna Blaine, Brady Jones, Erin Latta, Madelyn McLaughlin, Abigail Payne, Mallory Powers, Matthew Raymond, Calvin Seier, Carter Seier, Nicholas Tarr, and Trevor Vaessen

### Presidential Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards-Silver

Joshua DeWaele, Bradley Gazza, Dashad Greene, Ian Hansel, Gabrielle Ketchum, Ethan Larson, Shelby Laws, Ryleigha Miller, and Zachary Winters

### Illinois State Scholars

Brianna Blaine, Erin Latta, and Nicholas Tarr

### Gold Tassels – Honor Students 3.0-4.0 GPA

Brianna Blaine, Dashad Greene, Preston Henkel, Mariah Hoffman, Brady Jones, Gabrielle Jones, Gabrielle Ketchum, Makai King, Ethan Larson, Caden Latta, Erin Latta, Eden Lindenmeyer, Margaret Lowery, Madelyn McLaughlin, Florian Mimini, Brian Murphy, Abigail Payne, Mallory Powers, Matthew Raymond, Calvin Seier, Carter Seier, Nicholas Tarr, Trevor Vaessen, Brooklyn Whelchel, and Zachary Winters

### Cum Laude-3.5-3.69

Brady Jones, Abigail Payne, and Calvin Seier

### Magna Cum Laude-3.7-3.89

Matthew Raymond and Carter Seier

### Summa Cum Laude 3.9-4.0

Brianna Blaine, Erin



*Eden Lindenmeyer, pictured right, accepts the Amboy Alumni Scholarship plaque from Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart on May 20 during Honors Night.*

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*Brady Jones and Mallory Powers were named the Amboy News Male and Female Athletes of the Year during Honor Night on May 20.*

Photo submitted

Latta, Madelyn McLaughlin, Mallory Powers, Nicholas Tarr, and Trevor Vaessen

**Student of the Month**  
September – Nicholas Tarr

October – Brianna Blaine  
November – Mallory Powers

December – Ethan Larson  
January – Brooklyn Whelchel

February – Erin Latta  
March – Madelyn McLaughlin

April – Gabrielle Jones  
May – Margaret Lowery

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## Lee County 4-Fair and Junior Show open for entries

**LEE COUNTY** — The 2021 Lee County 4-H Fair and Junior Show will be held July 22-25 at the Lee County 4-H Center and Fairgrounds on IL Route 30 just north of Amboy. The four-day event features events for everyone including a full grandstand line-up of tractor/truck pulls, garden tractor pulls, the Broken Horn Rodeo, live music, and the popular County Fair Speedway.

The Lee County Fair Association is also accepting entries for the 2021 Junior Show. The junior show is open to youth ages 8 to 20, as of Sept. 1, 2020. Project departments include all livestock and small animals, as well as visual arts, mechanical sciences and crops. Visual arts projects can be any art project created using paper, fiber, metal, mixed media, cake decorating, natural materials, etc. Mechanical sciences projects include model rocketry, electricity projects, woodworking and computer work. Youth need not be 4-H members to participate. Visit [www.leecounty4hcenter.com](http://www.leecounty4hcenter.com) to find the online entry form and department and class descriptions. Entries are due July 1.

In addition to daily judg-



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ing and livestock shows, free activities are available on the grounds: Kids' Korners, bingo, a magic show, pedal pull, big wheel races, pony rides and a petting zoo.

Broken Horn Rodeo is open to local riders. Call in entries July 20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST to 1-334-42-RODEO. Local entries must call this number on July 20 during the listed times. Registrations will not be accepted any other time. Kids, ages nine and under, can try their hand at the stick horse rode. Returning to the fair

schedule is the Marketplace featuring local crafters, artisans, farmer's market vendors, and home-based business products. The Marketplace is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 25. Spaces are available. Contact the fair office via Facebook or at 815-857-2603.

A full fair schedule and more information about other great fair activities and events is posted at [www.leecounty4hcenter.com](http://www.leecounty4hcenter.com) or like "Lee County 4-H Fair & Junior Show" on Facebook for the latest information.

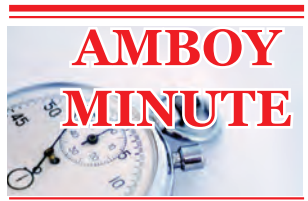
## White warns residents to be aware of scams targeting Illinoisans

**SPRINGFIELD** — Secretary of State Jesse White is warning Illinois residents to be on alert for multiple texting and emailing scams claiming to be from the Secretary of State's office seeking personal information to defraud Illinoisans.

"I have zero tolerance for fraudsters who prey on people in desperate times," said White. "My office is working with the Illinois Attorney General's office to protect Illinoisans from falling victim to these fraudulent schemes."

White is warning the public of scammers who are sending unsolicited text messages or emails claiming to be from the Illinois Secretary of State. In some instances, the scammers copy the Secretary of State website logos and masthead to appear official.

White says these texts and emails are scams and recipients should not click on any links or provide any information.

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*Ed Buchanan shakes hands with Nicholas Tarr who was awarded the Ed Buchanan scholarship during Honors Night on May 20.*

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News





# LOCAL NEWS

## AHS 2021 Senior Class President bids farewell

To the Class of 2021, I invite you to look back and celebrate the hard work and dedication that has brought you to this day. Our high school

experience, especially our junior and senior years, has been anything but conventional. Between shifting to remote learning, constantly rescheduling events, and adapting to new rules and regulations, we have continually been challenged. Through it all, we have made the most of the situation and undoubtedly emerged much stronger. Our resilience has been tested, but as we set out into the world in these extraordinary times, I know with certainty that there is nothing we can not overcome.

Since the start of kindergarten, we have been working our way towards graduation, test after test, grade after grade, it has all been in pursuit of the prize - our diploma. And now, as we come to the last few days of our time at Amboy High School, we look ahead to what the future has to offer. Some of us will start a career

or attend a trade school, while others will attend college or enlist in the military. Wherever your road leads, and however many times it may change course, we will always have each other, our memories, and the countless valuable lessons that we have learned over the years.

One of the greatest lessons

that I have learned is gratitude, specifically as it relates to the value of the present. As an infamous captain once said, "It's not the destination, so much as the journey." These next few months will be a time of transition, and I challenge you all to aim high, work hard, embrace the unfamiliar, and live in

the moment. In a couple of short weeks, we will sail out of the harbor one last time, not at the end of our horizon but at the very beginning of a new one.

**Nick Tarr**  
President of the  
Class of 2021  
Amboy High School

*Pictured left are the Amboy High School Class of 2021 Class Officers: Trevor Vaessen- Treasurer, Brianna Blaine-Secretary, Nicholas Tarr-President, and Ethan Larson-Vice President.*

Photo submitted

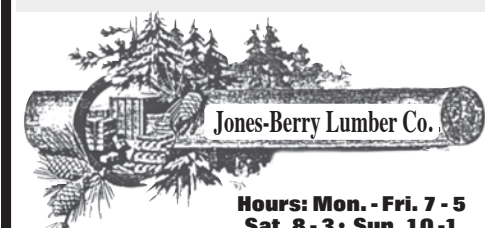


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## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## Covid Draw Down &amp; Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru

Tickets are almost gone. Things will be a little different this year. Our Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru will be held at the Teen Turf building, 235 West Main from 4 -6 p.m., on Saturday, June 12. No sales will be permitted that day. Tickets are \$50 and include two dinners, two desserts, and a chance to win the grand prize of \$1,500. There will be other cash prizes as well. The drawing will be held on the Teen Turf's Facebook page live at 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold through our board members and Eileen Piper.

## Online Auction

The Teen Turf Virtual Auction will start this Friday, June 4 on Airauctioneer.com at noon and will end at 8 p.m. on June 10. There will be a variety of items to bid on and win. Type in this Auction URL when it goes live on June 4: [airauctioneer.com/teen-turf-virtual-auction](http://airauctioneer.com/teen-turf-virtual-auction). Check our Teen Turf Facebook page for a preview of items.

## Summer Program

We are set for our Junior High program with all our participants. They were all preregistered, so you must call Teen Turf at 815-857-4800 prior to attending. We are getting things ready for our Summer Camp. Our theme is Around the world in 5 weeks. Our elementary students were preregistered as well. If you are interested, you must call the above number for more information.

## Thank You's

We are thankful to the following people: Bill Dempsey for the bikes; Laura Dickinson for the monetary donation; Friends and Family of Beverly Noble for the monetary donation to us in her memory; Gabby Ketchum for the foo; Leon Boehle for his monetary donation; John and Mary Leffelman; Irene and Eileen Ramsdell for their monetary donation and Sandy Draper for the furniture for those in need.

## Needs

If possible we need freeze pops for the summer

## Final Word

Dear Heavenly Father, our bodies and minds are filled with turmoil. We are worried about situations in life that we can't control. We are concerned about our family, friends, and strangers. We worry that the world is falling apart and there are people who don't know You. From medical tests to strained relationships, to our long "to do" list, we are filled with stress. Please release us from these worries. Remind us of Your love. Please cover us with Your peace and calm. Allow our bodies and minds to find rest with You. God, thank You for always listening and hearing prayers. We pray for inner peace and calm for every person. In the name of Your Son, Amen.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**STERLING**-The Whiteside 4-H Junior Master Gardener Pizza Garden SPIN Club will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Whiteside Extension Office, 12923 Lawrence Rd., on Thursdays, June 3 to July 15. Class is limited to 10 participants. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/JRMG4H](http://go.illinois.edu/JRMG4H).

**STERLING**-The Digital 4-H Technology Series will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Whiteside Extension Office, 12923 Lawrence Rd., on Saturday, June 5. Call the Whiteside County Extension Office at 815-632-3611 or register online at [go.ill.edu/Whiteside4HDigital](http://go.ill.edu/Whiteside4HDigital).

**AMBOY**-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 7, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**FRANKLIN GROVE**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, at Atlanta Park Building, South State St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or

visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**AMBOY**-The U of I Extension educators will present the Lessons for Living Monthly Webinar, Medical Identity Theft, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8. Register online for this free program at [go.illinois.edu/2021HCE-lessons](http://go.illinois.edu/2021HCE-lessons).

**EAST GROVE TWP**-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, at the East Grove Township Hall.

**AMBOY**-Lifescape will hold a Senior Supply Drive-Thru on Wednesday, June 9. Adults 60 or older residing in Carroll, Lee, Ogle, or Whiteside Counties are eligible to receive a food box. You must register online at [www.lifescapeservices.org](http://www.lifescapeservices.org) to be assigned a pickup time and place.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, at the township building.

**MAY TWP**-The May Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, at the township maintenance building.

**STERLING**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m.

to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, at Sterling Bethel Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**AMBOY**-The U of I

Extension's Energy & Environmental Stewardship Team will present the webinar, "Protect Water Quality from the Comfort of Your Home", at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 10. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/everydayenvironmentwebinars](http://go.illinois.edu/everydayenvironmentwebinars).

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## U. OF I. EXTENSION NEWS

## 4-H'ers to compete in Public Speaking Contest

Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside County 4-H'ers gathered on Saturday, April 17 to give public speeches at University of Illinois Extension Office in Sterling. 4-H'ers had several different types of speeches to choose from, including, Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Original Works, or Oral Interpretation.

## Results:

Lee—Natalie Pratt, Young Seekers, State Fair Delegate  
Emily Sachs, Young Seekers, State Fair Delegate  
Kate Viall, Grove Go Getters, State Fair Delegate  
Haleigh Wilcox, Grove Go Getters, State Fair Alternate

4-H'ers chosen to advance to state will compete at the State competition on June 5 in Decatur.

The University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. For more information on University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development programs, contact the Lee County Extension Office at 815-857-3525 or [kbook@illinois.edu](mailto:kbook@illinois.edu)

## 2021 Lee County 4-H Ambassadors Announced

Wednesday, April 28 at the Amboy Community Building, members of Lee County 4-H and their friends and family gathered to watch the annual 4-H Ambassador Interviews.

4-H'ers are chosen to be an ambassador based on their

Meet the 2021 Lee County 4-H Ambassadors



*Pictured left to right: Madison Thomas, Olivia Gingras, Catherine Bloemker, Kelton Schwamberger, Lucas Odle, and Addison Morley.*

Photo submitted

4-H, school and community involvement, the achievements they have made, and their ability to present themselves in front of others. After Judging, 2021 Lee County 4-H Ambassadors were announced. Congratulations to our new ambassadors.

Kelton Schwamberger, Young Seekers

Addison Morley, Palmyra Hillbillies

Catherine Bloemker, Palmyra Hillbillies

Olivia Gingras, Dixon Wonder Workers

Madison Thomas, Young Seekers

Lucas Odle, Wyoming Indians

Great job to Kate Vallaro, Wyoming Indians and Rachel McCormick, Wyoming

Indians that also interviewed for ambassador. The University of Illinois Extension Office invites you to come to the Lee County 4-H Fair July 22-25 at the Lee County 4-H Center to see the Ambassadors in action.

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**KEVIN GLENN**

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Kevin Glenn is an Amboy resident and former Lieutenant of Amboy Fire. In March of this year, Kevin was seen in the ER for severe stomach pain where further testing diagnosed him with Stage 3 Colon Cancer. Kevin will be undergoing chemotherapy and incurring major medical expenses. The Amboy Firemen have put together a raffle fundraiser to give back in any way possible for the years of service he selflessly gave to the community.

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# OBITUARIES

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### Randy A. Jackson

May 21, 1955 - May 22, 2021

**SUBLETTE**—Randy A. Jackson, 66, of Sublette, died on May 22, 2021 as a result of an automobile accident.

Private funeral services will be at the Hurst Funeral Home in La Salle with Rev. Betty Delgado officiating.

Randy was born in Princeton on May 21, 1955 to Richard and Louise (Lievins) Jackson. He graduated from Mendota High School. On Sept. 11, 1983, he married Pamela Barto in Peru. He retired from Illinois Cement after working there for 36 years.

Randy was a sportsman and loved the outdoors. He

created, along with his wife of many, many years, his dream farm.

Randy is survived by his wife, Pamela, of Sublette; parents, Richard and Louise Jackson, of Mendota; one daughter, Lisa (Brian) Fenwick, of Sublette; three sons, Bradley (Angie) Jackson, of Mendota, Tyler (Laura) Jackson, of Amboy, and Trent Jackson, of Sublette; 14 grandchildren, Grace, Luke, Jacob, Pearl, Faith, Kade, Kilah, Landen, Kensley, Brison, Ella, Keagan, Hadlee, and Kamryn; one sister, Sharon Bliss; one brother, Mike (Karen) Jackson; aunts; un-



cles; cousins; many friends; and his loyal companion PJ.

Online condolences may be viewed and remembrances shared at [www.hurstfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstfuneralhomes.com).

### Mary E. Dickinson

July 14, 1926 - May 27, 2021

**AMBOY** — Mary E. Dickinson, 94, of Amboy, died Thursday, May 27, 2021 at Heritage Health in Mendota.

She was born July 14, 1926 in Sublette the daughter of Leon and Mary (Clark) Lauer. Mary worked as a secretary at Ortgiesen Insurance, Leffelman and Associates Insurance, and also worked at Yogi Bear Campground. She was a lifetime member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Amboy Civic Organization, and she was also the Queen Mum of the Amboy Red Hats. She also enjoyed playing cards with friends and family.

Mary married Charles F. Dickinson on Oct. 29, 1949 at St. Patrick Church in Amboy. She is preceded in death by her husband, who passed on July 4, 2004, one

son, William Dickinson, and two sisters, Ellen Lauer and Patricia Weir.

She was also preceded in death by cousins, Phillip Hammond and Rosemary Hammond Elliott who were like another brother and sister to the Lauer family. During the Great Depression when Mary's father Leo lost his job, the family moved from Sublette to Amboy and moved in with Aunt Kay Hammond and her brother Uncle Billy Hammond and Aunt Kay's two children Phillip and Rosemary. The families remain close to this day.

Mary is survived by her children, Tom (Deb) Dickinson, of Amboy, Barb (Greg) Dickinson-Schroeder, of San Jose, Calif., John (Kathleen) Dickinson, of Amboy; 12 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister,



Margaret Reed of Topeka, Kansas.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Funeral services will be on Wednesday June 2, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church following the visitation. A memorial has been established.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Online condolences can be sent at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

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Student Of The Year - Nicholas Tarr  
Citizenship Award - Haden McCoy  
Alumnus of the Year - Sam & Judy Jones, and Marcci Zimmerly  
Ed Buchanan Scholarship - Nicholas Tarr  
Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship - Nicholas Tarr

Knights of Columbus Scholarships—Ethan Larson, Madelyn McLaughlin, Brian Murphy, Mallory Powers, Brooklyn Whelchel

Jack Zents Foundational Scholarship—Brianna Blaine  
The Depot Days Car Show Scholarship - Shelby Laws

Shirley Rolf WACC Scholarship—Hannah Blanton, Abigail Christofferson, and Ana Lopez-Belmontes  
Shirley Rolf Memorial Scholarship—Brianna Blaine and Brooklyn Whelchel

William & Betty Kidd Memorial Scholarship—Brianna Blaine, Dashad Greene, Madelyn McLaughlin, Mallory Powers, Nicholas Tarr, and Brooklyn Whelchel

William & Betty Kidd WACC/SAUK Scholarship - Lauren Althaus, Nicole Latta, Sidney Lewis, Haden McCoy, Alexis Morgan, Chanlor Pohl, Marie Shaw, and Lauren Tarr

Red Cross Scholarship - Brianna Blaine, Alexis Morgan, Lauren Tarr, and Nicholas Tarr

Roberto Cofresi Award - Brianna Blaine

DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award - Ethan Pratt

Don Schamberger Memorial Scholarship - Eden Lindenmeyer and Erin Latta  
Illinois State Scholars - Brianna Blaine, Erin Latta, and Nicholas Tarr

P.E.O. Chapter AC - Brooklyn Whelchel  
KSB Scholarship - Brooklyn Whelchel

Kreider Alliance Scholarship - Brooklyn Whelchel  
DAR (Daughters of the



John Glaser presents the Jack Zents Foundational Scholarship to Briana Blaine on Honors Night on May 20.  
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Erin Latta and Eden Lindenmeyer were presented with the Don Schamberger Memorial Scholarship during Honors Night on May 20.  
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Betsy Jones presents the Amboy Education Association Scholarship to Madelyn McLaughlin during Honors Night on May 20.  
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American Revolution)—Brianna Blaine  
SAR (Sons of the Amer-

ican Revolution) - Ethan Larson

Illinois Principal Association Award - Brianna Blaine and Nicholas Tarr

Amboy Education Association Scholarship - Madelyn McLaughlin

Ron & Jake Metzen Memorial Scholarships - General - Brooklyn Whelchel and Agriculture - Eden Lindenmeyer

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## SOCIAL NEWS



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

### Joy That Jesus Gives Is Eternal

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

Joy is a response that is mysterious and almost unknown in the 21st century. We blather on about being "happy," or boast about being "fulfilled," or speak of being "satisfied." None of those experiences are states of "joy."

In Judaism, the Torah or what the Western World calls the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament, are read through from the pulpit of a synagogue on a yearly cycle. When the last text is read there is huge celebration, an observance known as "Simchat Torah" which means "rejoicing in the Torah." Whatever sacred scrolls of Torah a synagogue has custody of, they are taken out of their special "arks" and are handed out to members. These holy scrolls are held aloft while the congregation dances around them, celebrating their beauty, celebrating their truth, celebrating their goodness and the way they have informed the life and faith of the synagogue for yet another year. It is an unscripted act of "rejoicing." It is a moment for the entire faith community to focus on the "chedvah," the "joy of

Lord" that fills their hearts and souls.

For Jesus "joy" is not a state of mind. Joy is a way of being in the world, a choice as much as an emotion. Like the conclusion of the annual reading of the Torah, you dance so that your "joy may be complete." That is the "joy" Jesus knew. That is the "joy" he wished for all of us, and all of creation, to know and celebrate. Scripture tells us that "...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2, ESV)

We often think of joy as happiness, which is a mistake. The joy that Jesus gives is eternal, not temporal. Often we seek happiness, but that can be disrupted by a change of circumstances in a relationship, a job, a medical diagnosis, or even a pandemic. Cornelia "Corrie" ten Boom was born in Haarlem, Netherlands, in 1892, and grew up in a devoutly religious family. During World War II, she and her family harbored hundreds of Jews to protect them from arrest by Nazi authorities. Betrayed by a fellow

Dutch citizen, the entire family was imprisoned. Her father died two weeks into his imprisonment. Corrie and her sister were placed in the infamous Nazi concentration camp Ravenswood. Her sister died shortly before Corrie was miraculously released and started a worldwide ministry and later told her story in a book entitled The Hiding Place. If anyone had reason to lose their joy, it was Corrie. Yet, she was able to say: "I have experienced His presence in the deepest hell that man can create. I have really tested the promises of the Bible, and believe me; you can count on them. When we are powerless to do a thing, it is a great joy that we can come and step inside the ability of Jesus." C.S. Lewis made this challenging statement about joy: "I sometimes wonder whether all pleasures are not substitutes for joy." I wonder what I am trying to find in pleasure to bring happiness that is fleeting, not realizing at every waking moment that I already have joy and it cannot be taken from me. I can only choose to forfeit it by searching for the fleeting when I already possess the eternal.



Jeanette Auman

## Auman to celebrate 95th birthday

LINCOLNWOOD — Jeanette Worsley Auman will be celebrating her 95th birthday on June 13, 2021.

Originally from Amboy, she moved with her family during her sophomore year to Walnut, graduating in 1944 and then graduated from Ward Belmont College in Nashville, Tenn.

She married Ned Auman and resided in the Rockford/Belvidere area into 2020 during which time she taught at John Nelson Grade School until her retirement.

Her children are Nancy of Nashville, Tenn.; Brent of Mesa, Ariz.; Jeffery of San Francisco, Calif. and Susan of Lincolnwood. She is the granddaughter and niece of former local centenarians Grace Scott and Louis Scott, respectively.

Birthday wishes may be sent to Jeanette Auman at Lincolnwood Place 7000 McCormick Blvd. Lincolnwood, IL 60712.

Email news items to  
**tgreenfield@amboynews.com**

## Goodfellows of Lee County to host raffle

DIXON - The Goodfellows of Lee County is having a Summer Cookout Raffle to raise funds for their building fund. The "Summer Cookout Raffle" consists of \$300 certificates for Oliver's Corner Market in Dixon. The tickets are \$20 each and the drawing will be June 26 at a cookout at Oliver's Corner Market. You need not be present to win.

Board members will be selling tickets at different locations now through June 26. For more information or to purchase a raffle ticket, call Linda Erisman at 815-535-1688 or Clara Harris 815-973-5135. The Goodfellows of Lee County have been giving a hands up to people in Lee County for 109 years.

## Kishwaukee College to offer CDL Exam Prep class

MALTA — Qualified truck drivers are in demand, and Kishwaukee College is currently offering classes to prepare students for the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) exam.

Kishwaukee College — Community Education will offer an Illinois Class A CDL Exam prep class from June 7 through July 7. The class takes place from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday at the Kishwaukee College campus. The course will prepare students to pass their CDL permit test and CDL exam, assist with the Department of Transportation Physical and Drug Screening, and provide hands-on practice in truck driving skills and on-the-road driving experience.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Billboards  
4 Competent  
8 Pretzel topper  
12 Fib  
13 Work hard  
14 Spiced tea  
15 In toto  
17 Frees (of)  
18 Bug barrier  
19 "Gosh!"  
21 Reply (Abbr.)  
22 Also  
26 "It's a Wonderful Life" director  
29 French article  
30 "— haw!" (rodeo cry)  
31 "Hi, sailor!"  
32 Follower (Suff.)  
33 Nota —  
34 Airline to Sweden  
35 "Today" rival, briefly  
36 Fragrant wood  
37 Typically  
39 X-ray's cousin  
40 — -de-France  
41 Oregon city  
45 Apple computer  
48 Prescription phrase  
50 Opulent  
51 Attic buildup  
52 Historic time

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54 Pro votes  
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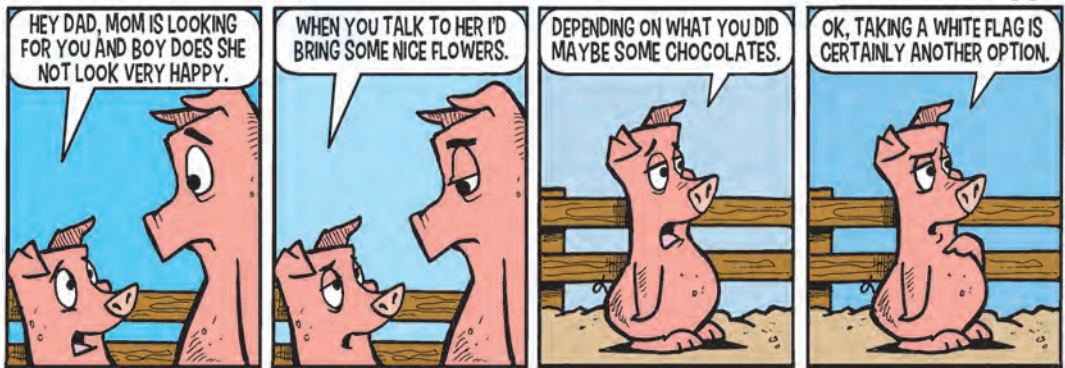
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2 Platter  
3 Char  
4 Goddess of wisdom  
5 Benefits  
6 Dogpatch adjective  
7 Graceful  
8 Threaded hardware

- 9 Sashimi fish  
10 Young bloke  
11 Frank McCourt memoir  
16 Tired  
20 Language suffix  
23 Kept tabs on  
24 Sultry Horne  
25 Ogler's look  
26 Juan's home  
27 Cries of discovery  
28 Stance  
29 G8 member  
32 "Let's do this!"  
33 Ecu  
35 Solidify  
36 Vinegar bottles  
38 French spa town  
39 High-IQ group  
42 Idyllic place  
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45 Lyricist Gershwin  
46 Karaoke prop, for short  
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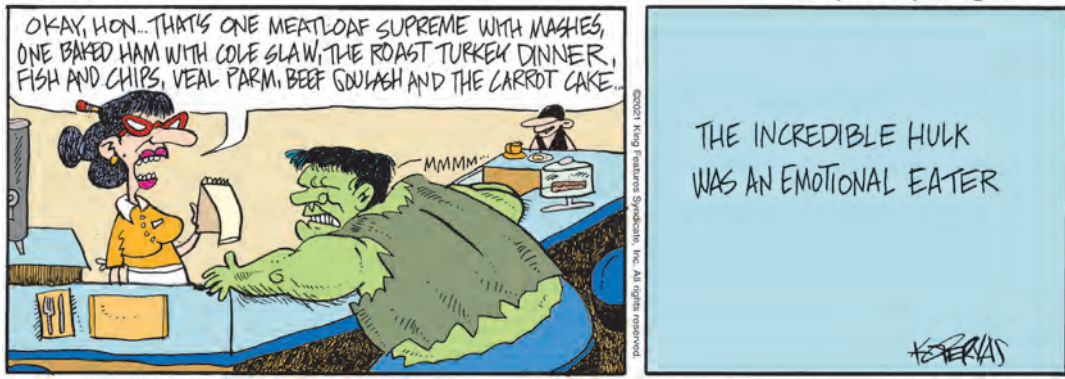
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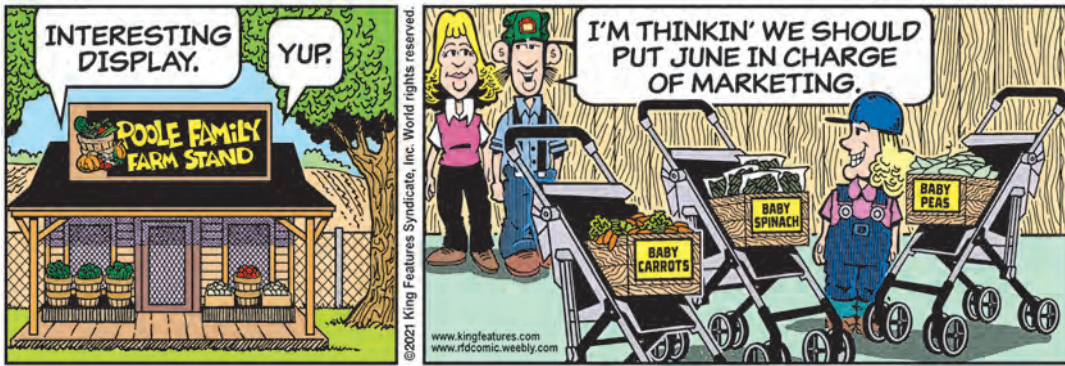
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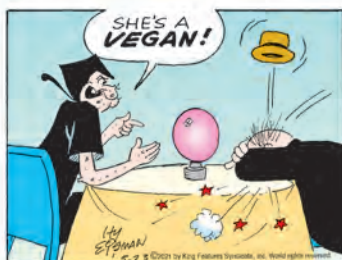
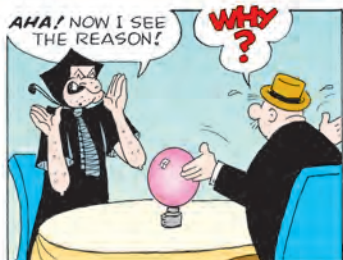
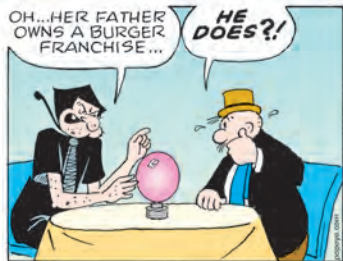
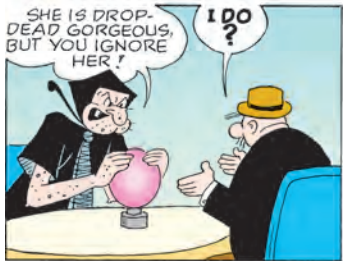
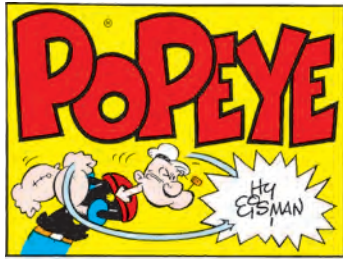
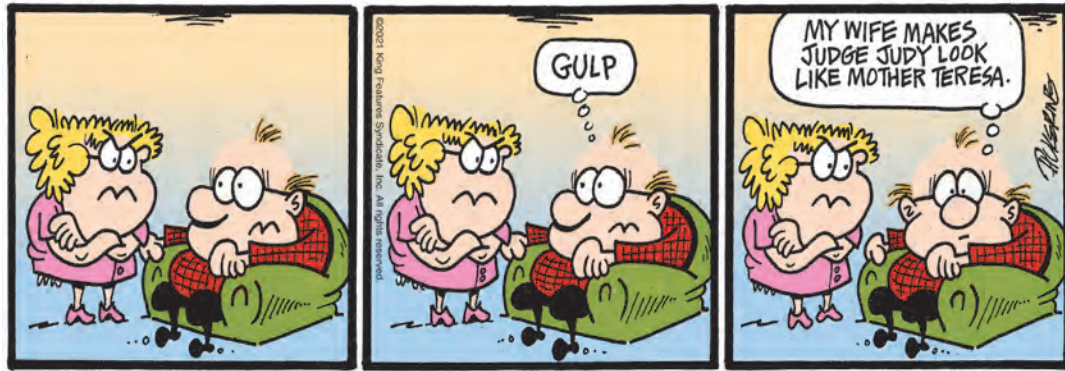
## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## LAFF - A - DAY



"You know, we ought to buy a firetruck before our wives get suspicious."

## 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!

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Cover  
CAYPON  
Concede  
MIESER  
Flee  
GIRMATE

### TODAY'S WORD

Just \_\_\_\_\_ him.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What were the names of the six children on "The Brady Bunch"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Earth's oceans is the smallest?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the lowest rank in the U.S. Air Force?
4. LANGUAGE: What is the American version of the British plimsolls?
5. LITERATURE: Which one of Shakespeare's plays is the longest?
6. MEASUREMENTS: What time period is a decennial?
7. MOVIES: Which actor played himself in the movie "Zombieland"?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many eyes does a bee have?
9. ANATOMY: What are rascata?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which 20th-century president's Secret Service code name was Timberwolf?

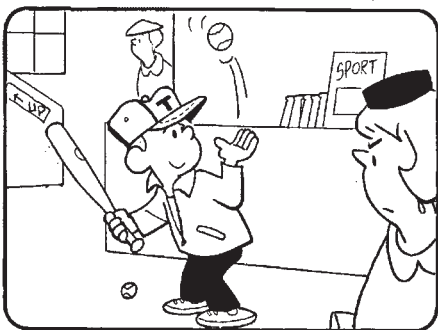
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Jacket is unzipped. 2. Cap is different. 3. Sign is added. 4. Button is removed. 5. Pocket is different. 6. Ball is added.

## IGNORE

Today's Word

3. Remise; 4. Migrate  
1. Trivial 2. Canopy

## SCRAMBLERS

1. Trivial 2. Canopy

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Clue: C equals L

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ZSVF "CABF EFIZ ZFVPFT."

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## Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

Elvis really liked his steak soft. You've heard his famous tune "Love Me Tender."

## CryptoQuip

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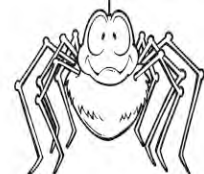
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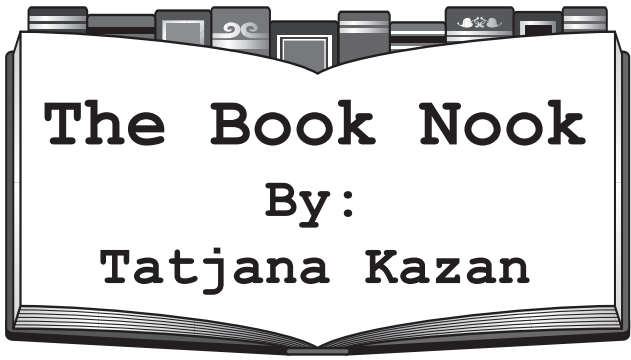
Visiting these various fraudulent websites could place malware on the recipients’ devices or trick them into disclosing sensitive personal information. The Secretary of State’s office never requests personal information, like a Social Security number, via text message or email.

“Delete the text or email,” said White. “Do not click on them and do not provide any of your personal information.”

White encourages people to take steps to protect their personal information:

- Delete emails and texts that promise or offer access to driver’s licenses or state ID cards, and do not click on any links contained in such emails or text messages, as they may place malware on your devices.
- Hang up on any calls, including robocalls, which ask individuals to take immediate action or provide personally-identifiable information, such as your Social Security number or bank account number.
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- Keep your software up to date, including your phone and computer operating systems and antivirus protection programs. Most phones, computers and antivirus software can be set to update automatically when new software versions are released.

If you have questions about text message scams or identity theft, please call the Illinois Attorney General’s Consumer Fraud Hotline at 800-386-5438 (Chicago), 800-243-0618 (Springfield) or 800-243-0607 (Carbondale).



## The Searcher

In Tana French’s suspense novel, “The Searcher,” a tough, retired Chicago cop is looking for a small house in a small town in a small country. He finds his dream on the Internet: a ramshackle cottage in a peaceful, remote hamlet in western Ireland. French, who lives in Dublin, modelled her story on John Ford’s classic Western “The Searchers.” Like the movie’s John Wayne character, French’s hero Cal Hooper is a loner, an outsider who is drawn into a compulsive search for a teenager who has vanished. In the process, he exposes ugly secrets, pervasive cruelty, and as in all good Westerns, murderous vigilantes.

A strong-willed adolescent named Trey Reddy, who lives up the mountain with his mother and five siblings, wants Cal to find out what happened to his brother Brendan who disappeared months ago. The Reddy’s are considered shiftless troublemakers by both the villagers and the Garda, the Irish

police, and are therefore not worth the time and trouble to find the boy. Against his better judgment, Cal agrees to look for Brendan. But he is soon outmatched by the villains abetted by the ravishing landscape: “He feels like this specific beauty is central to the illusion that lulled him into stupidity, turned him into the peasant gazing slack-jawed at this handful of gold coins till they melt into dead leaves in front of his eyes.”

“The Searcher” is nearly 400 pages long, much of it taken up with extravagant and often wearying descriptions of the Irish countryside and its weather. French acknowledges that plot is not her strong suit. Whatever suspense the novel’s premise holds is dissipated by oft-repeated cataloguing of Cal’s grocery list, his meals, the chatter of the rooks in his tree, and his restoration of an old cabinet to mint condition. I am not sure that a loving description of how to skin a rabbit contributes much to the plot line. A great deal of violence peppers the narrative, all transcribed in fine, gory detail.

Cal Hooper is French’s first American protagonist. “I was reluctant to touch on the U.S. side of this at all,” she said. “I’m not convinced that I have any right to speak about that.” She gives Cal a backstory in which he regrets his role in a near-fatal shooting, when his partner fired at a fleeing Black teenager and Cal corroborated his partner’s story that the teen was reaching for something in his pocket.

Soon after, Cal retires from the Chicago police force. French said, “The morality involved in his job was much too complex and jagged and all wrong for him to feel like he could do it and be a good person any longer.” But in that Irish hamlet, the idea that a hero is automatically a good person is anything but clear.

# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

## Amboy CCR 2021

**Spanish (Español)**  
Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

**Is my water safe?**  
We are pleased to present this year’s Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year’s water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

**Do I need to take special precautions?**  
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Source of Drinking Water**  
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

**Source water assessment and its availability**  
To determine Amboy’s susceptibility to groundwater contamination, information obtained during a Well Site Survey performed by the Illinois Rural Water Association on April 15, 1998 was reviewed. Based on this information, five potential sources of contamination were identified within proximity of this water supply’s wells. The Illinois EPA does not consider the supply’s source water susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydro geologic data on the wells. In anticipation of the U.S. EPA’s proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the water supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the completed evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the supply’s wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; a hydro geologic barrier exists that should prevent pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have

been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and a sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should minimize the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the vulnerability determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this groundwater supply.

**Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?**  
Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

**How can I get involved?**  
We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 815-857-3811.

To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA

website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

**Description of Water Treatment Process**  
Your water is treated by filtration and disinfection. Filtration removes particles suspended in the source water. Particles typically include clays and silts, natural organic matter, iron and manganese, and microorganisms. Your water is also treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectants to kill bacteria and other microorganisms (viruses, cysts, etc.) that may be in the water. Disinfection is considered to be one of the major public health advances of the 20th century.

**Additional Information for Lead**  
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Amboy Water Treatment is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Water Quality Data Table**  
In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	0.8	0.6	1.1	12/31/2020	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	10	9.86	9.86	2020	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes](ppb)	NA	80	26	25.8	25.8	2020	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.139	.139	.139	2017	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.651	.651	.651	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	.305	.305	.305	2019	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (optional) (ppm)			6.98	6.98	6.98	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; used in water softener regeneration.
Iron (ppm)	NA	1.0	.162	.162	.162	2020	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA, however the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese (ppb)	150	150	36.6	36.6	36.6	2020	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA, however the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	1	1	.125	.125	.125	2020	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	1	1	1	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Radioactive Contaminants								
Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	0	5	1.83	1.83	1.83	4/9/2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha (excluding radon and uranium) (pCi/L)	0	15	1.96	1.96	1.96	4/6/16	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	90% Percentale	Sample Date	# Sites Over AL	Violations	Typical Source	
Inorganic Contaminants								
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	2.95	2020	1	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	1.3	2020	1	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.	

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
Avg	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Na	Not Applicable
Mrem	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
ppb	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
Ppm	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT:	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
<b>If any customer would like a copy of the report, simply stop by City Hall and request one or call the Amboy Water Department at 815-857-3811</b>	



# LOCAL NEWS

## HONORS continued from page A4

Sauk Valley College Scholarships – Erin Latta, Nicholas Tarr  
Incoming Athletes – Gabrielle Jones  
Incoming Sauk Academy – Connor Hummel, Madalyn Shuck, and Lauren Tarr  
Amboy Alumni Scholarship – Eden Lindenmeyer  
Dukes Family Scholarship – Madelyn McLaughlin  
The Travi Educational Scholarship – Madelyn McLaughlin and Brooklyn Whelchel  
Amboy Lions Club Scholarships- Brianna Blaine, Madelyn McLaughlin, Mallory Powers, Nicholas Tarr, and Brooklyn Whelchel  
Gary Croegaert Memorial Award – Abigayle Payne  
Amboy News Award – Best Male & Female Athlete – Mallory Powers, Brady Jones  
WACC Student of the Month – Jacob Bickett, Dashaad Greene, Caden Latta, Nicole Latta, Margaret Lowery, Madelyn McLaughlin,



**Rob Wissinger presents the Dukes Family Scholarship to Madelyn McLaughlin during Honors Night on May 20.**  
Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Florian Mimini, and Matthew Raymond  
WACC Scholarship – Margaret Lowery, Zachary Winters

WACC Student of the Year – Madelyn McLaughlin, Florian Mimini, and Zachary Winters



**Pictured above are the William & Betty Kidd WACC/SAUK Scholarship winners, from left to right, Sidney Lewis, Haden McCoy, Alexis Morgan, Nicole Latta, Lauren Althaus, Marie Shaw, Lauren Tarr, (not pictured) Chanlor Pohl.**

Photo submitted



**Jim Travi awards the Travi Family Educational Scholarship to Madelyn McLaughlin and Brooklyn Whelchel during Honors Night on May 20.**  
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## SPORTS

## Clipper Highlights: #47 Cole Stewart

It's the best time of the week as we get to highlight another Clipper. This week's Clipper is our youngest to date. I am honored to announce this week's highlight, #47, Cole Stewart.

Cole is a 2017 graduate of Amboy High School and three year Varsity starter.

Cole was asked to join the Varsity ranks just as doubles were ending during his sophomore year. Cole contributed to our most recent playoff team in the positions of Offensive Guard and Inside Linebacker. That season, the Clippers started red hot posting a 5-1 record including an impressive season opener victory over St. Bede. The Clippers would post a 5-4 regular season record and lose to eventual State Champions, E-PC in the first round of the playoffs.

"We all were in the gym before that season. Those Seniors and Juniors were talented. We had a lot of close games that could have went our way especially toward the end of the season. That was my favorite season as a Clipper," Cole shared of his Sophomore year.

Cole's Junior season the Clippers joined the new conference which would bring new challenges to The Harbor. Conference foes such as Dakota, Forrester, Lena-Winslow, and Galena would now be in the path of the ship's sails. The welcoming into the new, arduous, schedule would produce a host of close contests but would leave the Clippers short of a playoff berth. Cole

continued his role with the Clippers at Offensive Guard and Inside Linebacker. Cole had over 100 tackles from the Linebacker position that season even though he missed a game and a half with injury.

Cole's Senior year he moved from Offensive Guard to Fullback. When I think of Amboy Clipper Football I think of many great players but one combination of positions sticks out, the Fullback/Inside Linebacker. There is a long list of great Clippers to have took on the tough role of those positions and Cole stands proudly on that list. The 2016 Clippers, in their second year in the new conference, faced adversity most Clipper teams before them had not. Injuries, low numbers, smaller class sizes, and a schedule featuring four State Champion caliber opponents all contributed to another missed playoff berth.

"We fought every game. We never gave up no matter what game we were in," Cole shared. The 2016 Clippers, through all the adversity and close games, upheld the values of our program. Cole concluded, "I had a great time with my friends, we had a lot of fun, and made some great memories that season."

Cole, like many other great Clippers, did not earn All Conference/All Area honors in any of his three Clipper seasons. Cole earned the team Mr. Defense title his Senior year. Also, Cole was ranked in the top 20 for High School Long Snappers throughout his Senior season.

Cole's football journey continued as he went on to

## Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



Winona State (Division II) where he started as a Long Snapper his Freshman year through his Junior year. Cole, as any former Clipper Linebacker, relished the moments in college when he got to lay the wood to some unfortunate ball carrier. Cole's cleats are now hung up but his successes make our program very proud.

Cole has Clipper history in his DNA. Cole's father, Ed Stewart, was a standout Clipper on the 1986 Semi-Final team. Cole attributes his love for Amboy Football and success of his teams to his dad.

"Dad coached us in Jr. Tackle and went up with us in High School. He always pushed us to our best and we fed off of his enthusiasm," Cole shared of his dad.

For those that do not know, Cole's Clipper journey was a decision he made. Cole went to St. Anne's in Dixon throughout Middle School. The decision of where Cole would want to go to High School was something his

parents entrusted him to make on his own, Amboy or Newman. Knowing the caliber of Cole's parents, Ed and Staci, their pride and happiness would be the same no matter where Cole chose to attend. Cole's decision was based around his class's success in Junior Tackle and the close relationships he formed with his fellow Clippers.

Friend and former teammate, Al Saccomando, shared, "Cole was a good player, friend and teammate. He was a player you could count on, on and off the field. A good captain and a good player."

Friend and former teammate, Brady Hulin, shared, "Cole and I started playing football together in fifth grade and played together through senior year. In sixth grade, Cole started going to St. Ann's in Dixon, so it was in question if Cole would go to Amboy for high school. When Cole told all of us he'd be going to Amboy we were all pumped. Cole was a great athlete, from being a fullback freshman year, to getting called up to varsity to play O-line, a position he never played. Just goes to show the player he was for the coaches to trust a sophomore to play a position he's never played and for him to be successful at it. Senior year, Cole finally got to play fullback again. He was a power back, but he would show off his wheels sometimes and the sideline would go wild. Cole dedicated so much of his time to football, which paid off by him going on to play college football. Cole was a great



#47 Cole Stewart

player, leader, teammate, and friend. I'm glad I had the privilege to play football with him for eight years."

Friend and former teammate, Jordan Hochstatter, shared, "Cole was a great teammate and always tough on the field. From Junior Tackle to high school he always brought the intensity. Whether it was in practice, the weight room or game day he brought the intensity and made sure he brought everybody else up to meet that level. And that always improved the team in whatever we were doing. He was always a hard worker that made sure his team was working hard too. He never would let anybody slack and if you were he would let you know about it. On the field he was a leader. He was tough and wasn't scared to make a play or let somebody know they were doing something wrong and needed to improve. Cole was a great teammate to have that always did his job the best he could no matter what and made his team better. I always had respect for Cole for always stepping up when he needed too. He was not only a great friend and teammate on the field, but off it too."

Cole and his teammates are younger than most on this page. In our conversation prior to this post, I shared with Cole two truths. One, every Clipper team is important to our history. Regardless of record, ranking, or playoff result, every Clipper team carries on the core values of our great program. The second thing I shared with Cole was the memories made, tradition, and brotherhood

bolsters with age, especially in a program such as ours, where it continues to mean so much to so many.

The meaning of Amboy Football was shown in how much Cole loved the game.

"It was all I could focus on in high school. It was the most important thing," Cole shared.

Today, Amboy Football is as ingrained in Cole as it is to all of us. Cole shared his hope for future Clippers, "I want this article and this page to inspire young Clippers to work hard. I hope it sparks a new generation of Amboy Football built on all of the proud traditions and values of our program."

So, to #47, Cole Stewart, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Your accomplishments and success on the gridiron took you to a next level of football that only few in our history have been. It's my hope that future Clippers adopt your work ethic, love for football, and passion for our program, for if they do, the Ship will sail down the strait of success again. 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.

## Lady Clippers lose to AFC at home May 24

AMBOY — Ashton-Franklin Center posted a 17-3 triumph over Amboy in varsity softball action on May 24 at the AHS field.

Amboy led 1-0 after one inning, but AFC scored in every inning thereafter, including pushing seven runs across in the

fourth and six more in the sixth.

Madelyn McLaughlin and Gabby Jones each had a single for the Lady Clippers.

Mallory Powers was the losing pitcher.

## Clippers lose to Eastland in Lanark May 24

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers dropped a 6-3 decision to Eastland on May 24 at Lanark.

Andrew Jones paced the offense with two singles and a double. Jackson Rogers picked up a pair of singles and an RBI, while Joe Ackert and Jairon Hochstatter added RBI singles.

Ian Eller pitched for the Clippers and threw six innings with six strikeouts.

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Milledgeville doubled up the Clippers, 8-4, on May 27 at Milledgeville.

Amboy held a 2-1 lead heading to the bottom of the second when the Missiles struck for four runs to seize a 5-2 lead.

The Clippers could only add single tallies in the fifth and sixth frames.

Ian Eller and Andrew Jones collected two hits apiece in Amboy's six-hit attack.

Tucker Lindenmeyer got the start on the mound and was relieved by Jones in the second, who went the rest of the way.

## Girls and boys track sectionals announced

AMBOY — The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team has been assigned to the Erie Class 1A Sectional to be held Friday, June 11. Field events will start at 4 p.m. and running events will kick off at 5:30 p.m.

Other schools in the sectional include Aledo (Mercer County), Cambridge [Coop], Earlville, Erie [Coop], Fulton (H.S.), Manlius (Bureau Valley), Milledgeville [Coop], Morrison, Orion, Port Byron (Riverdale), Rock Island (Alleman), Savanna (West Carroll), Sherrard, Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) and Taylor Ridge (Rockridge).

Athletes are competing for a chance to advance to the IHSA State Track Meet, which will be held Thursday, June 17 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Girls Track Sectional  
The Amboy-LaMoille


girls' track team will compete in the Taylor Ridge (Rockridge) Sectional on Thursday, June 3. Field events start at 4 p.m. and running events begin at 6 p.m.

Other schools in the sectional include Erie [Coop],

Fulton (H.S.), Granville (Putnam County), Manlius (Bureau Valley), Milledgeville [Coop], Morrison, Orion, Peru (St. Bede), Port Byron (Riverdale), Savanna (West Carroll), Sherrard, Spring Valley (Hall), Sterling (New-

man Central Catholic) and Taylor Ridge (Rockridge).

Athletes are competing for a chance to advance to the IHSA State Track Meet, which will be held Thursday, June 10 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.



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