

## COVID-19 vaccine appointment request form available in Lee County

**LEE COUNTY** — Lee County Health Department now has an appointment request form for all residents who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination under Phase 1B.

As a reminder, Phase 1B is expanding to residents age 65 and older, and frontline essential workers.

The form is available on the front page of the county health department's official website at [www.lchd.com](http://www.lchd.com).

Please do not complete this form if you have already called LCHD to request an appointment.

If you have provided your information to a staff member via phone, Facebook Messenger, or email, then you are already on the call list and will be contacted for scheduling as soon as possible. If you have left the health department a voicemail to request scheduling, a staff member will return your call as soon as possible to gather more information and proceed scheduling.

Upon completing the form, you will automatically be added to the call list, and an LCHD staff member will call you for scheduling at their soonest availability.



## Region 1 lifts Tier 3 mitigations, now under Tier 2 mitigations

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS** — Gov. Pritzker announced Region 1 is now able to lift Tier 3 mitigations under the state's guidelines on Jan. 15.

Region 1: Northern Illinois (Jo Davies, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, DeKalb, Carroll, Ogle, Whiteside, Lee and Crawford.)

Tier 2 entails:

- Bars and restaurants
- All bars and restaurants close at 11 p.m. and may reopen no earlier than 6 a.m. the following day
- No indoor service
- All bar and restaurant patrons should be seated at tables outside
- No ordering, seating or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)
- Tables should be six feet apart
- No standing or congregating outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting
- No dancing or standing indoors
- No tables exceeding six people
- Reservations required for each party

- No seating of multiple parties at one table
- Indoor gaming terminals must suspend operations
- No tables exceeding 6 people
- Meetings, social events and gatherings
- Limit to 10 guests in both indoor and outdoor settings
- Applicable to professional, cultural and social group gatherings.
- Not applicable to students participating in-person classroom learning, sports or polling places.
- This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general business guidance such as office, retail, etc.
- No party buses
- Gaming and Casinos close at 11 p.m., are limited to 25% capacity and follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable.
- Organized group recreational activities
- Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors & outdoors

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## Lee County COVID-19 Update: Jan. 15, 2021

**LEE COUNTY** — The Lee County Health Department is saddened to report 1 additional death in the county after confirming COVID as the cause. Age breakdown is as follows: 1 resident in her 50s. This brings the total number of deaths in Lee County to 54.

The health department also reported 5 cases were from congregate living facilities with 5 Dixon Correctional Center.

Due to the weekend and Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday, this article will only cover from Jan. 12-15.

Between Jan. 12-15, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of

97 new cases have been reported, however, 40 of those positives were between Jan. 1 and 11 and were delayed in being reported to the health department, including the case listed above. Here are the ages that were announced: 7 under the age of 12, 13 in his or her teens, 10 in his or her 20s, 10 in his or her 30s, 11 in his or her 40s, 10 in his or her 50s, 13 in his or her 60s, 15 in his or her 70s, 2 in his or her 80s, and 1 on his or her 90s.

This brings the total number of cases to 2,779 as of Jan. 15. Of the 2,767 cases, 2,271 have recovered. They also reported as of Jan. 15, 14 residents have been hos-

pitalized.

**Mobile Testing**

The Lee County Health Department announced the State of Illinois is hosting a community drive-through test site on Saturday, Jan 23 and Sunday, Jan 24, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Dixon Elks, 1279 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon. Simple nasal swabs will be used, and you will be called with results within 4-7 days. There is no cost for the testing.

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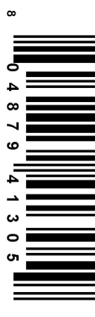
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## Illinois lawmakers passes sweeping police reform bill

**BY KEVIN BESSLER / THE CENTER SQUARE SPRINGFIELD** – Policing in Illinois could look different after a sweeping criminal justice bill was passed by lawmakers in Springfield.

House Bill 3653, which passed by a 60-50 vote on Jan. 13, will change use-of-force guidelines, require body cameras for every police department in the state, end cash bail, and strip collective bargaining rights relating to discipline from police unions.

The Senate passed the bill in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Jan. 13 by a 32-23 vote.

The legislation, which is the work of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, faced opposition from law enforcement groups and Republican lawmakers.

“The time is now,” said state Rep. Justin Slaughter, a Chicago Democrat who helped craft the bill.

“The time is now to go from protests to progress.”

Illinois Sheriffs’ Association Executive Director Jim Kaitschuck said the measure is too broad and, if it gets approved by lawmakers, he would quit being a police officer immediately.

Some GOP lawmakers are saying they are not necessarily opposed, but the rapid nature outside the normal process is alarming and should not be passed during lame-duck session.

“We are not on the right side of history,” state Rep. Andrew Chesney said. “You want to pass a flawed bill that is not supported by labor, it is not supported by the sheriff’s association, it is not supported by the police chiefs. Everybody that we task to keep us safe says this makes you less safe.”

The legislation also will allow officers to be punished or fired based

on anonymous complaints from the public and defunds any department that does not comply 100% with the requirements.

Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle called the reforms catastrophic to law enforcement and feels they would make policing impossible for officers who have to make split-second decisions.

As soon as the bill passed the House, a clearly emotional Slaughter put a black glove on his right hand and raised his fist into the air.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Coalition said Wednesday that the bill was pushed through in the middle of the night with little transparency or time for constituents to weigh in on the legislation.

“In the dark of night, Illinois legislators made Illinois less safe. More than 112,000 citizens so far have signed a petition to oppose

the community-endangering law enforcement legislation being rammed through the General Assembly, but how did the Senate respond to those constituent concerns? By introducing a 764-page amendment at 3:51 a.m. and shoving it through in the middle of the night before the people voting on it even had a chance to read it,” the group said in a statement.

The group said it would hamper police officers.

“It ties the hands of police officers while pursuing suspects and making arrests, and allows criminals to run free while out on bail,” the statement said. “The legislation includes no way to pay for any of these law-abiding, citizen-threatening measures, so taxpayers will have to pay extra for the privilege of being crime victims.”

The measure next goes to Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s desk.

## Sublette board recognizes Samuelson on his retirement from WGN

**BY TONJA GREENFIELD**  
General Manager

**SUBLETTE** — Orion Samuelson, long-time farm broadcaster on WGN Radio and Television stations in Chicago was recognized by the Sublette Village Board on Jan. 11. Samuelson has retired at the end of December after 60 years in the business and has been a strong supporter of the Sublette Farm and Antique Tractor Show, and other agriculture related events in the community.

The board approved a resolution thanking Samuelson for spotlighting the community over these many years and saluting him for his 60 years of dedication to agriculture and rural communities, and wishes him a long and happy retirement.

Each year, during the toy show in Sublette, Locust Street is renamed Orion Samuelson Drive to honor his commitment to agriculture and rural towns.

**Gaming refunds**

The village board approved a motion to waive the video gaming license fees for four businesses in the village, citing that the video gaming machines have been shut off for about two months. Roadhouse and Sublette BP each pay a fee of \$100 and Bonnell’s General Store and LaFiesta each pay a fee of \$75.

**Elections**

In April, the resident of Sublette will vote on for their representation on the village board. Those open positions include three village trustee positions, village clerk, and village president. The following candidates will appear on the ballot in April: for village president, incumbent John Stenzel; for village clerk, Katherine Leffleman; and for village trustee, incumbent Robert Bulfer, incumbent Julie Kessel, Mackenzie Belan, Doug Worrell and Larry Ellis. Current village trustee



**Orion Samuelson**

Brian Wilson is not seeking re-election.

In other board news:

- The board continued to ban any rentals of the Ellice Dinges Center due to COVID-19 restrictions. When the annual toy show was mentioned, Acting Village President John Stenzel said he didn’t see how the village could hold the toy show this year.

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## Illinois’ online shoppers now get local tax hit on top of state tax

**BY COLE LAUTERBACH / THE CENTER SQUARE SPRINGFIELD** – Burning through those online gift cards will go incrementally faster in 2021 depending on how high local sales taxes are in your local Illinois municipality.

That’s because of a 2019 law that took effect with the new year.

In reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court’s Wayfair v. South Dakota lawsuit, Illinois lawmakers sent Gov. J.B. Pritzker legislation that would require many online retailers, including Amazon and others, to collect state and local sales tax from online purchases. Online retailers have collected a use tax at the same rate as sales tax before the new year but the new law means where you live could add cost to the purchase.

“You’re not just paying the 6.25%, you’re paying 8.25% or 7% because they’re taking that state 6.25% and they’re taking county or other optional-to-enact taxes,” said Carol Portman, president of the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois. “If it goes to me in my home in Downers Grove, it’s one thing. If it goes to my office in Springfield, it’s a different one.”

For instance, Chicagoans buying a stuffed animal from Amazon would pay Illinois’ 6.25% rate but also Cook County’s 1.75% and Chicago’s 1.25% taxes for a total of 10.25%. The teddy bear shipped to Carbondale would see the state tax plus Williamson County’s 1% tax for a total 7.25% tax.

Sellers conducting business via an online marketplace like Amazon rely on the retail giant to collect the correct amount of taxes.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Illinois Farm Bureau announces 78 scholarships available

**BLOOMINGTON** — Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for 78 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$124,000 for the 2021-22 school year.

"We are pleased to recognize students through our growing scholarship program," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation. "It is a privilege to support the next generation of leaders and encourage degrees in agriculture related fields."

Students may apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Top Scholarships, where winners will each receive \$5,000 awards. Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner. In addition to family scholarships often established to honor the memory of a loved one, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of organizations such as Prairie Farms Dairy. For 2021, the IAA Foundation is honored to administer the newly created Sara C. Andrews Memorial Scholarship and the H.R. Beeson Scholarship.

All applicants must be current high school seniors accepted for enrollment, or students already enrolled, at an accredited college, or university. Scholarships are awarded for exceptional academics, leadership experiences and community involvement. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the scholarship allows.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available on the Foundation website, [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). New timeline: The application opened Jan. 1 and must be completed online by Feb. 15, 2021.

For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or e-mail Jennifer Smith at [jsmith@ilfb.org](mailto:jsmith@ilfb.org).

The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

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Village Trustee Scott Hansen said anything that happens before June 30 is probably off the table.

The village replaced the furnace in the water plant for \$4,400, and are looking into furnace replacement options at the Ellice

Dinges Center.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 8, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

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Insurance is not required, but please bring your insurance card if you are insured. Anyone can get tested. You don't have to have symptoms or be sick.

The Unified Command Team would like to remind our community that COVID-19 remains in our area and continues to be a real threat. Some people who have tested positive have had no symptoms or mild symptoms. Others have felt miserable or even been hospitalized. Although there are individuals considered at a higher

risk for complications due to COVID-19, some otherwise healthy people have also become very sick. The more the virus spreads & the more cases we have locally, the risk of very ill or hospitalized individuals increases.

Please, for yourself and others, follow the state and federal recommendations. It's easy to remember as the 3 W's: Wash your hands; Watch your distance; and Wear your mask.

Also, we'd like to mention the process of contact tracing. If your local health

department tries to contact you, please answer or return their call.

Some people may feel distrustful or afraid of the term "contact tracing." This is actually a strategy used for many years in public health to reduce the spread of infectious disease.

Contact tracing is a critical piece of our mitigation efforts against COVID-19. More information can be found at this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/contact-tracing.html>

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To address capacity issues reported by Illinois hospitals, IDPH, in partnership with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), has launched a surge staffing program. The program leverages the state's larger contracting power to engage multiple staffing vendors and create access to a talent pool at greater scale than any individual hospital could achieve. Hospitals with rooms available to increase capacity but lacking the personnel to staff their beds may partner with the state to procure the staff they need.

Hospital leaders have conveyed that due to the progress the state has made as well as the volatility in medical/surgical capacity this time of year, the state's remaining metrics will appropriately monitor capacity and spread. While IDPH is working to allow regions greater flexibility in lifting the most stringent mitigations, public health officials will continue to carefully monitor hospital needs and test positivity in order to maintain the state's progress.

This is particularly critical as new variants circulate. Early studies for the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7, which was first identified in the United Kingdom, have shown the variant may spread more

rapidly and easily than what we have seen previously. Experts are predicting another possible surge due to this new variant in the next several months. Because of this, it is vital for people to remain vigilant and continue to wear their masks, keep 6-feet of distance, avoid large gatherings, and get vaccinated when they are eligible.

### Tier 1 Mitigations Bars and restaurants

• All bars and restaurants close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day

• Indoor service limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25% capacity per room

• Establishments offering indoor service must serve food

• Indoor service reservations limited to 2-hour maximum duration and maximum 4 persons per party (dining only with members of the same household recommended)

• All bar and restaurant patrons should be seated at tables

• No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed)

• Tables should be 6 feet apart

• No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting

• No dancing or standing indoors

• Reservations required for each party

• No seating of multiple parties at one table

• Includes private clubs and country clubs

**Meetings, events and gatherings (excluding in-person school or sports)**

• Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors

• Applicable to professional, cultural and social group gatherings.

• Not applicable to students participating in-person classroom learning, or sports.

• This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general Phase 4 business guidance such as office, personal care, retail, etc.

• No party buses

**Organized group recreational activities (fitness centers, sports, etc.)**

• Sports should follow the mitigation measures set forth in the All Sport Guidelines, which outlines appropriate levels of practice and competition based on individual sport risk

• Face coverings must be worn at all times in fitness centers, including while engaged in individual exercise regardless of person or machine spacing

• Recreation, fitness centers and outdoor activities (not included in the above exposure settings) follow Phase 4 guidance

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Illinois had historically relied on the buyer to remit taxes, something that was regularly ignored. Illinois and others then changed course and began requiring retailers to collect sales taxes, putting the onus on them to remit the tax.

Retailers say this puts online sellers on even ground with local shops who must charge higher prices to account for local taxes and fees.

Online retailers who sell less than \$100,000 annual gross sales or have fewer than 200 individual sales to Illinois do not have to collect the tax. The tax change gets complicated if an online retailer has a physical presence

in Illinois.

According to the Illinois Department of Revenue, an online retailer that completes a sale from a location in Illinois would apply the taxes from that location. If the business sells something outside of the state, it would then apply the 6.25% use tax.

"Illinois' sales tax structure has always been complicated and this just adds another layer of complexity to it," Portman said. "The good news is that, for brick-and-mortar retailers, there's no difference for any of their customers now whether you buy something from an online seller or if you buy it from the brick-and-mortar retailer."



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## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## Thank Yous

We are blessed to have the following people help us: Janelle Clark for the popcorn; Donny and Sharon Pollard for the clothes; Eileen and Irene Ramsdell and their sister Cheryl for the fruit and chips; Leon Poliquin and Pat Yoo for the gift card; Donna Wellman for the prize money for our positive message poster contest, markers, and her treats; Diane and Joe Stewart for the coat and dominoes; Mark and Veronica Grossman for various items; Amboy Knights of Columbus for the monetary donation; Lora Thomas for the monetary donation and Sandy Schamberger for the carrots and oranges. As always we are blessed to have the following assist us after school: Shannon, Fran, Donna, Will, Robert, Jarrett, Jake, Maddy, Kaylee, and Maggie. We couldn't do it without our volunteers.

## Teen Turf

We are now open; however it is not like any year before. Students had to pre-register before coming and we are limited on space due to Illinois State guidelines. Please do not send a child without speaking to Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195

## Final Word

"Lord, these are trying times. We accept that you have said 'no' or 'wait' to some of our prayers, and we declare that you are still in full control over our affairs, and have allowed the possibility of more difficult times ahead for us. We do pray for the incoming administration that you would guide them and help them make good decisions. But even more we pray for ourselves that we would act as true ambassadors for you Lord in these difficult times responding to adversity in the way that you have commanded us. To continue to fight for justice, and to speak the truth but in love. Amen."

## Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District elections set

**LEE COUNTY** — To all owners and occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, notice is hereby given that an Annual Election of Directors will be held from 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., on Feb. 17, 2021, at the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Amboy. Two directors will be elected to each serve a two-year term on the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms, or corporations who hold legal title or who are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such person, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

Absentee balloting will be available to those who are unable to attend the Election of Directors. Absentee ballots can be requested beginning Feb. 1, 2021. All absentee ballots must be completed by Feb. 12, 2021. For further information or to request an absentee ballot, please contact the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, located at 319 S. Mason Ave., Amboy, or by phone at 815-857-3621, ext. 3.

## Educational Briefs

## Western Illinois announces Fall graduates

**MACOMB/MOLINE** - A total of 678 students earned academic degrees or post-baccalaureate certificates after the Fall 2020 semester at Western Illinois University.

Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 508 graduates. Local graduates include:

## Amboy

Jeffrey Bryant, Bachelor of Science, Fire Administration  
James Douglas Talley, Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Science

## Dixon

Crystal Dawn Thorpe, Education Specialist, Educational Leadership

Academic distinction was awarded to baccalaureate graduates who achieved high grade point averages. This includes: Summa Cum Laude, 3.90 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; Magna Cum Laude, 3.75-3.89 GPA; and Cum Laude, 3.6-3.74 GPA.

Master's and doctoral degrees were earned by 171 graduates, including two Ph.D. graduates and seven doctoral graduates.

## Taylor of West Brooklyn Named to Fall 2020 Dean's List

**PEORIA** — Pamela Taylor of West Brooklyn, is one of 2000 students who were named to Bradley University's Fall 2020 Dean's List. Taylor is majoring in Environmental Science.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

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

**PRINCETON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from

11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, at the First United Methodist Church, 316 S. Church 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.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. at the YMCA, 110 N. Galena Ave., on Friday, Jan. 22.

Call Andrew McFarlane at 815-288-9622 or 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.

**ASHTON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25, at Ashton-Franklin Center High School, 611 Western. 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 American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

## U. OF I. EXTENSION NEWS

## Help Your Brain Be Strong and Healthy in 2021!

Keeping your brain fit is important at any age. Current research indicates that challenging the brain is one of several things you can do to contribute to your own brain health as you age. Challenging activities is one way to train your brain and keep your wits fit! Join Extension Educator Karla Belzer as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory.

The University of Illinois Extension offers monthly Wits Fitness Brain Exercises Classes in Sterling and Dixon.

The monthly class in Sterling will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Whiteside County Extension office, 12923 Lawrence Road, Sterling. Class dates for 2021 are: Jan. 21, Feb. 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, July 15, Aug. 26, Sep. 23, Oct. 28, and Nov. 10.

The monthly class in Dixon will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the KSB Town Square Centre, 101 West Second Street, Dixon, on the third floor. Class dates for 2021 are: Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 21, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 20, Oct. 12, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13.

Face masks are required for participation and social distancing protocols will be followed. Each monthly class is free and open to the public. Registration is not required, but appreciated. Participants are welcome to join the class at any time.

For more information on the Sterling location, visit the University of Illinois Extension event calendar at [go.illinois.edu/witsfitness](http://go.illinois.edu/witsfitness) or call 815-632-3611.

For more information on the Dixon location, visit the KSB Community Wellness event calendar at [www.ksbhospital.com/events](http://www.ksbhospital.com/events) or call 815-632-3611.

students the resources of a larger university and the personal attention of a smaller university. More than 185 academic programs are offered in business, communications, education, engineering, fine arts, health sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and technology.

## Kishwaukee College announces Fall 2020 Dean's List

**MALTA** — The Office of Student Services at Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List. To be eligible for Dean's List honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours (at the 100/200 level) during an academic term at Kishwaukee College with a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The following Kishwaukee College students have been named to the official Fall 2020 Dean's List:

## Compton

Abigail Castle

## Lee

Kelsie Jordal, Joanna Farnsworth, Raymond Ragan, Audrey Hulthen

## Paw Paw

Joel Bertram, Mikayla Prendergast

## Steward

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## Sublette

Benjamin Vaessen

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## Amboy Schools Menu January 25 - 29

Real fruit juice cups are served at Breakfast.  
Fat-free chocolate or unflavored white milk are served at Breakfast and Lunch.

**Monday** - Choice of pastry or cereal cup from breakfast cart

- Early Dismissal – Pick & Pack Take Home Lunch

**Tuesday** - Choice of pastry or cereal cup from breakfast cart

- Macaroni & cheese, green beans, applesauce cup

**Wednesday** - Choice of pastry or cereal cup from breakfast cart

- Meatballs in red sauce, mozzarella cheese, roll, mixed fruit cup, fresh veggies

**Thursday** - Choice of pastry or cereal cup from breakfast cart

- Chicken, mashed potatoes, roll/butter, strawberry cup

**Friday** - Choice of pastry or cereal cup from breakfast cart

- Pizza, carrots, peach cup



# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Joan C. Geiger

Jan. 28, 1947 - Jan. 7, 2021

**WARRENVILLE** — Joan C. Geiger, 73, of Warrenville, passed away unexpectedly and too soon, peacefully at home with her dogs beside her on Jan. 7, 2021.

She was born Jan. 28, 1947, the daughter of Wilbur and Helen Frederick.

She was a dedicated caregiver for Help At Home for many years. She enjoyed belonging to the Green River Saddle Club and loved her

farm.

She was the beloved wife of Richard Geiger, who preceded her in death two years ago.

Survivors include her only daughter, Laura Morrison, of Amboy; her only brother, Jeff Frederick, of Amboy; and her beloved niece, Jennifer and her three daughters.

A memorial cook-out and ash spreading will be held this spring by the family pond for all who would like to attend.



## New program for students available in Lee County

**LEE COUNTY** — The state of Illinois has enacted a program in which students can earn pathway endorsements, which will prepare your student for more college and career focus education. Partnering schools have developed course work and career experience that are specific to your student interest. Currently, Regional Office Education 47 is partnering with Sauk Valley Community College to offer three pathway opportunities that are tailored to fit each partnering school's need: agriculture, education and manufacturing.

While earning a pathway endorsement, students will be focusing on four components starting with career exploration. Career exploration allows students to explore their individual interests and the career opportunities that match. While exploring these interests, students have the opportunity to job shadow, attend career fairs and visit secondary school opportunities. Students will also be required to learn about financial literacy, which will lay the foundation for a solid financial future.

When entering their pathway, a student will meet with their counselor to develop their individual learning plan that will monitor student progress through the pathway requirements. Students will lay out a four-year plan choosing course work that is tailored to their career interests. Course work will include 6 hours of dual credit that will prepare students for college admission or career opportunities.

Team-based challenges allow students to work together on a career-based project, supervised by a mentor in that field. These activities offer participants the opportunity to experience decision making and problem-solving skills, to address real world issues in their career field. Students will present completed team-based challenges to a panel of community members in their field.

The final component of the pathway requirement is the 60-hour supervised work experience. This allows the student to be hands on in the career field and learn from experienced professionals. During this experience, students will gain valuable job skills that will prepare them for their future career.

For more information on the components, contact Pathway Navigators, Chanda McDonnell by email at [cmcdonnell@roe47.org](mailto:cmcdonnell@roe47.org), and Heather Waninger by email at [hwaninger@roe47.org](mailto:hwaninger@roe47.org), or your high school counselor.

## Raymond named November Student of the Month

**AMBOY** — Matthew Raymond, from Amboy High School, was recently named November Student of the Month for outstanding effort and performance in Automotive Technology at Whiteside Area Career Center in Sterling.

Matthew is the son of Larry and Charlotte Beaumont. He is a senior at Amboy High School.



Matthew Raymond

## Vote by mail, remote voting, 'decoupling' bills fail in lame duck session

BY SARAH MANSUR

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**SPRINGFIELD** — The 101st Illinois General Assembly took historic action by passing legislation to end cash bail prior to electing a Black House Speaker for the first time in the 102nd General Assembly.

But lawmakers ran out of time on several consequential measures—including bills that would have expanded vote-by-mail, allowed lawmakers to conduct business remotely during the pandemic and eliminated newly expanded income tax deductions for business owners. Another bill relating to the state's rollout of legalization of adult-use marijuana also failed to pass, as did a measure that was part of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' health care agenda.

House Democrats fell 10 votes short of passing a bill, endorsed by Gov. JB Pritzker, that would have eliminated certain tax deductions for Illinois business owners that were created under the federal CARES Act. Pritzker has argued this change by the legislature is needed to prevent revenues from shrinking by more than \$500 million during the current fiscal year, thus enlarging the state's \$3.9 billion budget deficit.

Specifically, the bill would end the CARES Act amendments that expanded income deductions business owners can claim as net operating losses, carryback losses or excess business losses.

In a Jan. 8 news release, Pritzker encouraged the General Assembly to "decouple" Illinois' tax law from the federal tax amendments under the CARES Act, an action that would have kept the state tax code consistent with previous years.

Pritzker claimed those changes would have preserved \$500 million in state tax revenue from noncorporate taxpayers and owners of pass-through entities, such as limited liability companies and partnerships.

During House floor debate in the early hours of Jan. 13, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle described the bill as preserving up to \$1 billion in state revenue.

Democratic Rep. Michael Zalewski, the bill's sponsor, said the proposed changes would impact about 440,000 taxpayers statewide.

Zalewski, of Riverside, tried to appeal to his caucus, but 10 House Democrats voted present while another eight did not vote on the bill, including former House Speaker Michael Madigan, of Chicago, and the newly elected Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, of Hillside.

At least a dozen Republicans condemned the proposal as a last minute "tax hike" on small business owners already crushed by the pandemic.

During the House floor debate, Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, said the bill amounts to the tax increase that Republican lawmakers anticipated would come up during the lame duck session.

"This is the textbook definition of a late night, no one is watching, lame duck, back door tax increase. This is exactly what people

hate," he said.

Zalewski characterized the proposal as an effort to prevent loss of revenue, rather than an effort to raise new revenue.

House Republicans were also critical that the Pritzker administration and the Illinois Department of Revenue did not notify taxpayers or the legislature sooner of the state's plans to decouple from the federal changes that were made in March.

During a news conference on Friday, Pritzker said he expects the legislature will bring the proposal back in the 102nd General Assembly.

"Although it didn't happen in the short lame duck session, I have a commitment from the leaders that it will be brought up in the regular session," Pritzker said on Friday in response to a question about the failed decoupling bill. "I'm anticipating that it will get brought up soon in the new session of the General Assembly."

Remote voting, more

The remote voting bill, which passed the Senate unanimously, would have permitted the House and Senate to convene remotely and cast votes during a public health emergency where "in-person participation poses a significant risk to the health and safety," of lawmakers, their staff or the public.

It would have required both chambers to create rules for remote participation in session and committees, and it would have applied to the boards of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability and Legislative Audit Commission.

The Senate changed its rules during the brief May session to allow for remote hearings but the House failed to pass similar changes. Two lawmakers voted remotely in the lame duck session.

Both chambers released tentative calendars last week showing they are scheduled to meet in-person several days each month through May.

Since the pandemic hit Illinois in March of 2020, members of the House met briefly the following May and earlier this month at the Bank of Springfield Center, while the Senate continued at the Capitol for those brief sessions.

Multiple people that attended last week's lame duck session—including the chief of staff to the House speaker's office—have tested positive for COVID-19. The governor said last week he would not prioritize lawmakers in the next phase of vaccination.

The vote-by-mail bill, which passed the Senate by a vote of 40-18, would have made permanent some changes that were implemented in response to the pandemic for the 2020 general election. This would have included the use of drop-box sites to collect ballots without postage and curbside voting during early voting or on Election Day.

It also would have required the State Board of Elections to provide guidance, rather than rules, for securing collection sites. Neither bill was taken up for a vote by the full House on Wednesday.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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New Mass Times Begin Sept. 1st

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Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm

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Mass: Sunday, 9 am

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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](http://www.LeeCenter-UCC.org)

Phone 815-732-7032

Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

### Grace Fellowship Church

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Pastor Brian McWethy

500 W. Main Street, Sublette

Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

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[www.graceisforyou.com](http://www.graceisforyou.com)

### East Grove Union Church

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449 Reuter Road, Amboy

Phone 815-376-6661

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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

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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 addictions 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

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Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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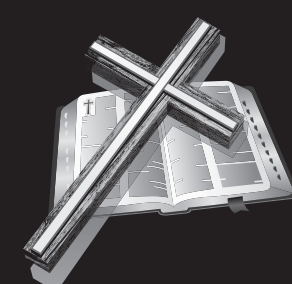
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## THE PASTOR'S PEN

### Always Winter But Never Christmas

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

Winter can be a difficult time for many of us. Sometimes our moods are affected because the temperatures do not allow us to go or stay outside like we would like to. This can in turn affect our social interaction as we do not see people as often as we do in warmer weather. And then there are times when the sun is hidden behind the clouds for days on end. Just these things alone can affect our emotions in ways which may lead to feelings of sadness, loneliness, and depression. I am reminded of the C.S. Lewis quote from his book, "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" where he describes the world of Narnia as being in a state of "... always Winter but never Christmas."

What a sad picture of the world this statement paints! But part of the joy of this story was that Christmas did come... eventually. This is something that is always good to be reminded of as Christians, even after Dec. 25. Christmas did come. I am not just speaking about a date on the calendar, or even a holiday that we celebrate. But the fact that Christ came. He came into the world to redeem people from their sins. And He did this for us through His sacrifice on a cross and His resurrection. The world changed that day. Culture and society changed. History changed. All because people changed... because Christ came.

Many of you who are reading this know what I am talking

about because you know that because of Christ... you have changed. You are not who you were, or would have become, because at some point in life – whether young or old, you heard this Good News, believed it, and allowed it to transform you into someone you would not have been if you hadn't. Christmas came... to you. And in the midst of this sometimes "bleak midwinter" it is good for us to be reminded of all we now have to be thankful for because Christ came. May this thought also rekindle the "joy of your salvation" (Psalm 51:12) and even allow you to see the beauty that is still all around us in the world. The beauty of fresh fallen snow on the ground or crystalized tree branches glistening with ice... even in the midst of winter.

And if you are reading this and have not yet experienced this blessing I refer to – you can! The Bible says, "...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). In your own way ask Him to forgive you of the sins you have committed and invite Him into your life as Lord and Savior and He will. Then the true "Christmas" will come to you. And then I encourage you to visit one of the wonderful churches in our area to learn more about God and His wonderful plan for your life.

May God bless you,  
Pastor John

## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago Jan. 21, 1921

The old plant of the Sanitary Creamery Company, now the Amboy Milk Products Company, on Adams Avenue was sold at auction last Saturday. It was bought by Al Tuttle for \$3,500. Mr. Tuttle states that he intends to make a strictly up-to-date plumbing shop of it.

Students are now so crowded in high school that two must sit in almost every seat. Wake up people, and see the necessity of a new Township High School.

Misses Catherine Sharkey and Agnes McFadden spent Saturday in Dixon.

Miss Esther Ulth returned Wednesday evening to her home in Sublette after a few days visit with her sister Mrs. Chris Ullrich.

### 75 Years Ago Jan. 17, 1946

Roland Ullrich of Lee Center and Robert Burrs of Dixon returned Friday evening from Springfield where they took examinations for members of the state police force. Both young men were accepted.

Mrs. June Ditsch has resigned her position as assistant in the office of Dr.

E.T. Houser. She has been succeeded by Mrs. Paul Hart.

Blair Eckburg, S 2/c is enjoying a 30 day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Eckburg.

Don Dinges was elected cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Sublette at the annual stockholder's meeting held Jan. 12. Dinges succeeds Harry Bishop, who has been cashier for the past 12 years. Bishop is retiring in the near future.

### 50 Years Ago Jan. 21, 1971

Miss Lena Merlo, president of St. Patrick's Catholic Women's Club, last week Thursday evening, presented a check for \$1,000 to Mrs. John Ditsch, president of the Amboy Public Hospital board of directors at a special meeting of the board.

Mrs. Larry Eisenberg and children, Lori and Lonny, and Mrs. Dale Barlow and sons, Darrin and Derrek, were Wednesday luncheon guests of Mrs. Dale Ikens and daughter Melissa, Amboy.

The Amboy Junior High Vikings delighted the home town fans with a decisive 42-24 victory over the visiting Walnut five on Jan. 11.

### 25 Years Ago Jan. 18, 1996

At its regular monthly meeting Monday night, the Amboy City Council, acting on a proposal by Mayor Hank Gerdes, unanimously approved extending the closing time of businesses serving alcohol. Alderman Tom Nauman and Jim Powers were not present at the meeting and did not vote on the ordinance. Under the new ordinance, businesses with liquor licenses will be able to remain open an additional 15 minutes beyond the time they are legally allowed to sell liquor.

The children's section at the Pankhurst Memorial Library is getting a spruce up as Matt Full of Sublette and an Amboy High School graduate, uses his amazing talents to sketch and paint murals on the wall.

Friday night Amboy went to Riverdale High School to take on the Rams in a Three Rivers Conference match-up. The Clippers showed Riverdale why they are undefeated in the conference as they destroyed the Rams 65-34.

## All abstraction art exhibition opens in Dixon

DIXON — The Next Picture Show is pleased to present the All Abstraction Art Exhibition, at KSB Commerce Towers, featuring 30 original works created in mediums such as acrylic, alcohol ink, oil, photography, watercolor, and weaving textile.

The exhibit is open for viewing during regular business hours, through March 31, on the first floor of KSB

Commerce Towers, 213 East First Street, Dixon.

Please wear a mask and be prepared for a temperature check. Photos of each piece will also be on display on the TNPS Facebook page.

Participating artists include Sheila Ames, David Bingaman, Tom Cartwright, Charles Cook, John DeLong, Scott Griffis, Stephen Hart, James Hey,

Elizabeth Hughes, Barbara Lundeen, Suzy McCullough, Peg Miller, Donna Smith and Steve Toole.

The All Abstraction Art Exhibit represents the 13th art show at Commerce Towers and is part of a series of art exhibitions at KSB Hospital designed to advance the use of art as part of the healing process.

## Stoller Launches Valentine's For Seniors Program

PEORIA — To help uplift the spirits of long-term care facility residents, State Senator Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills) is collecting Valentine's Day cards for his newly introduced Valentine's For Seniors Program.

"The residents of our senior homes have had limited access to visitors and contact with the outside world over the last year because of COVID-19," said Stoller. "Even though all of the restriction are in the best interest of keeping them safe, it has led to a very difficult year and has left them feeling cutoff from the outside world."

Stoller is encouraging churches, schools, and community members of the 37th Senate District to write Valentine's Day cards that can be dropped off or mailed to his district office. Once all the cards have been collected, they will be delivered to the various long-term care facilities that make up the district.

"I truly hope that this program can bring joy to these residents and reinforces the fact that despite not being able

to see and interact with friends and family members as much as they would like, there are still people out there that love and care about them," said Stoller.

The collection of Valentine's Day cards will run through Wednesday, Feb. 10. Those wishing to participate will have the option to either mail their card or drop it off.

Mail-in or drop-off location: 5415 N University, Suite 105, Peoria, IL 61614.

For more information or to arrange a separate drop-off time, call 309-693-4921.

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This Week's Student of the Week is:  
**Tessa Thomas**

**Student's Favorites:**

Favorite Color – Rainbow  
Favorite Animal – Flamingo  
Favorite Food – Macaroni and Cheese  
Favorite Book – Chester's Kissing Hand  
Favorite Game – Hide and Seek  
Favorite Song – The Floor Is Lava

**The Book Nook**

By:  
**Tatjana Kazan**

### The Plan

No: this camp is consciously and knowingly organized and arranged in such a way as to methodically exterminate thousands of human beings according to a plan. If this continues for only one more month, it is highly doubtful that one single person among us will come through. This was the last entry of a diary kept by a thirty-year-old Jewish school teacher from Yugoslavia. She had miraculously survived typhus, but was so weak, she estimated she would be dead in two weeks. Her name was Hanna Levy and her testament was called "Diary of Bergen-Belsen, 1944-1945."

Originally a POW camp, Bergen-Belsen in the heart of Germany was transformed into a concentration camp in March 1944. Unlike the eastern extermination camps Auschwitz-Birkenau and Treblinka, Bergen-Belsen was designed to kill its inmates by slow starvation and typhus, tuberculosis and dysentery, turning it into "another link in the murderous assembly line that sought to add more and more numbers to its death production toll."

Hanna, who grew up in Sarajevo, intended to join the Yugoslav partisans to fight the Germans. But the small Jewish community where she taught school talked her into staying with them. They were picked up in the summer of 1944 and Hanna arrived in Bergen-Belsen that August. She was put in charge of the 110 children in her barracks. Although she complained about conditions, "Comings and goings, cries of despair, children's sobs, dust, straw everywhere, the stench, the filth, excrement," teaching the children was a godsend.

Bergen-Belsen did provide the inmates their sole pleasure: "At the end of the day these air raid warnings are the only pleasant thing that we experience... All of Germany is being bombed." By November, thousands upon thousands of prisoners arrived from Auschwitz. Rumor had it that Auschwitz was liquidated by the retreating Germans. (Anne Frank was among the arrivals and soon succumbed to typhus.) Curiously, the Auschwitz prisoners were well fed. Hanna compared the two methods of extermination: "Back there, a brutal and cynical process, mass assassinations by gassing; here, a slow extermination, extermination, calculated in a cowardly way through hunger, violence, terror, consciously sustained epidemics..."

By April 1945 (Germany surrendered May 7), food was reduced to a few spoonfuls of soup. "We don't die here, we rot to death," Hanna records. "The corpses are still here with us, in our beds. There's no one to remove them. And nowhere to put them. Everything is full. In the courtyards, too, the corpses pile up, heaps of corpses. They rise higher and higher each day. The crematory can't burn them all."

Hanna was saved when the British liberated the camp within days of her last diary entry. They found 13,000 unburied corpses and 60,000 inmates, walking corpses, as was attested to by the photographs and documentary they made and published abroad. "These documents had a lasting impact on the international perception and memory of Nazi concentration camps to this day."

## A.C.O. to host blood drive Jan. 26, volunteers needed

AMBOY — It is now getting closer to the date of the A.C.O./Amboy High School blood drive and we are in great need of volunteers. Please consider giving this wonderful gift of life.

Blood is urgently needed in our area. Therefore, an appeal is going out to everyone 17 years of age and over in good health to give blood. Won't you roll up your sleeve and answer the plea? Amboy A.C.O. members, in coordination with Amboy

High School, are hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 at the Amboy Community Building from noon to 6 p.m.

Please call Judy Brinkmeier at 815-238-8927 for an appointment.

All donations are tested for Covid-19 antibodies. Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients in need. Also, all presenting donors will receive a t-shirt while supplies last.

## Recycle! Recycle!

**Green River Saddle Club Trade Day**

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# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

## November

Nov. 4

• Through all the upheaval in 2020, the Amboy Junior High School construction project has been moving forward this year with few problems. The \$15.8 million project, which also includes a new high school gym and other upgrades, has remained on budget and Superintendent Joshua Nichols is hopeful the construction will be done on schedule next summer.

• The Lee County Health Department has reported that there is currently 66 have tested positive at the Dixon Correctional Center as of Nov. 1. The health department also reported the death of a person in his or her 60s. Between Oct. 27 and Nov. 2, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 204 new cases have been reported, including the 66 from the Dixon Correctional Center, and here are the ages that were announced: 2 under the age of 10, 4 under the age of 12, 14 in his or her teens, 33 in his or her 20s, 24 in his or her 30s, 17 in his or her 40s, 17 in his or her 50s, 19 in his or her 60s, 6 in his or her 70s, and 2 in his or her 80s. This brings the total number of cases to 938 as of Nov. 2. Of the 938 cases, 604 have recovered.

• This year's Veterans Day program will be held at on a different day, and at a different location. Amboy American Legion Veterans Day program will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7, at Veterans Park, in Amboy. In case of inclement weather, the rain date is at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 8.

• The private organization that governs high school sports in the state voted Wednesday to begin the basketball season next month — defying the new guidance for winter sports that Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health outlined a day earlier. The winter sports guidelines from Pritzker and the IDPH — which divides activities into low-, medium- and high-risk categories — upgraded basketball to a high-risk sport. Basketball was originally classified as medium-risk in the fall sports guidelines issued over the summer.

• The Amboy High School cross country teams competed in the Seneca Class 1A Sectional on Oct. 31. The season ended for all teams in the state at the sectional level. In the boys' race, the Clippers took third place in the team standings with 109 points. That would have been good enough to advance to the state meet. Only Rockford Christian (63) and Sherrard (100) placed above Amboy out of the 14 teams that scored points.

### Obituaries

David L. Leffelman - April 18, 1953 - Oct. 30, 2020

Patrick Matthew McCaffrey - May 20, 1935 - Oct. 28, 2020

Clara Mae Ansteth - Aug. 24, 1924 - Oct. 29, 2020

### Nov. 11

• The Amboy American Legion held its Veterans Day program at Veterans Park on Saturday. It was a warm, sunny day for the event. Commander Jack Mead dedicated the two new murals featured on the wall behind the park. The new murals are the work of local artist Loreen Mead, and are on the left and right side of Loreen's original mural of a lone soldier by a grave with the quote, "In war, there are no unwounded soldiers," which debuted about two years ago. The mural on the left depicts the Dustoff Medevac Helicopter from Vietnam. The mural on the right depicts a scene from D-Day at Normandy during World War II on June 6, 1944.

• Lee County voters selected red down the ticket on Tuesday in the General Election. According to the Lee County Clerk election website, a total of 16,457 ballots were cast in the General Election, out of 22,291 voters.

• The Lee County Health Department has reported that there have been two more

county residents who have died; a person in his or her 60s and a person in his or her 80s. They also reported as of Nov. 9, 12 residents have been hospitalized. Between Nov. 3-9, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 230 cases have been reported, including the 15 from the Dixon Correctional Center, and 13 which were previously mentioned from the outbreak at Dixon Healthcare. Here are the ages that were announced: 1 under the age of 5, 5 under the age of 12, 10 in his or her teens, 21 in his or her 20s, 19 in his or her 30s, 22 in his or her 40s, 20 in his or her 50s, 10 in his or her 60s, 3 in his or her 70s, and 2 in his or her 80s. Due the volume of cases reported from Sunday and Monday, a total of 102, ages were not available at press time. This brings the total number of cases to 1,165 as of Nov. 9. Of the 1,165 cases, 701 have recovered.

• Backers of a graduated income tax constitutional amendment conceded defeat Wednesday for Gov. JB Pritzker's marquee policy proposal which was projected to bring in more than \$3 billion annually to state coffers. With 98 percent of precincts reporting, voters had rejected the amendment by a 55 percent to 45 percent margin. The Associated Press called the race for the "No" camp, as a large number of outstanding mail ballots were almost certainly not enough to make up for the deficit of approximately 500,000 votes.

• ShaZam and MileSplit collaborated on a version of an Illinois high school state cross country meet called the ShaZam 2020 Cross Country Championship at Three Sisters Park in Chillicothe on Nov. 7. Amboy High School's team signed up for the event prior to the end of the regular season and it was hoped that the entire team would be selected to participate. Teams and individual runners were selected by invitation only and standout Amboy

### Obituaries

Barbara A. Haub - June 10, 1936 - Nov. 5, 2020

Jack E. Fore Jr. - Dec. 21, 1943 - Nov. 5, 2020

Sherman M. Shaw - Dec. 2, 1934 - Nov. 5, 2020

Evelyn J. Bonnell - June 27, 1927 - Nov. 8, 2020

### Nov. 18

• Republicans on the Illinois House Veterans' Affairs Committee called for a hearing this week to investigate a COVID-19 outbreak at the LaSalle Veterans' Home where at least nine residents have died after testing positive for the virus.

• Winnebago County Emergency Management, City of Rockford Emergency Management, and the Winnebago County Health Department, have requested additional hospital bed sets from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency through the Regional Hospital Coordinating Center to manage the surge of COVID-19 patients in local Region 1 hospitals. A bed set includes a bed, headboard with suction and oxygen, HEPA filter, lamp, trunk, tent and chair. The bed set does not include additional medical personnel.

• The Village of Sublette will be purchasing a new automatic hand sanitizer machines and a sprayer that can sanitize rooms, tables and chairs after being in use. Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel got a quote from Dixon Paint for the sprayer. She told the board the cost is \$620 and includes the sprayer and 5 gallon bucket of sanitizer. The board approved the purchase of the sprayer.

• The Lee County Health Department has reported that there has been another county resident who has died - a person in his or her 80s. The Lee County Health Department is reporting cases in four different locations in Lee County; 15 from the Dixon Correctional Center, 2 from the Jack Mabley Center, 8 from Dixon Healthcare and 18 from Franklin Grove Living & Rehab. Between Nov.

10-16, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 222 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above, and here are the ages that were announced: 5 under the age of 12, 9 in his or her teens, 22 in his or her 20s, 23 in his or her 30s, 10 in his or her 40s, 21 in his or her 50s, 8 in his or her 60s, 4 in his or her 70s, and 1 in his or her 80s. This brings the total number of cases to 1,387 as of Nov. 16. Of the 1,387 cases, 810 have recovered. There have been five reported deaths.

• Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is announcing Driver Services facilities statewide will be closed to the public for in person transactions effective Tuesday, Nov. 17 and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 7, due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic. White is encouraging the public to take advantage of online services.

• Mallory Powers, daughter of Dean and Mandy Powers, was named November Student of the Month at Amboy High School.

• Illinois residents are being urged to stay at home as much as possible for at least the next three weeks as the second wave of COVID-19 outbreaks continues to sweep across the state. The latest advisory from the Illinois Department of Public Health does not represent a renewal of the stay-at-home order that was in effect this spring, but Gov. JB Pritzker warned Thursday that if current trends continue, stricter mitigation orders could be in store.

### Obituaries

Gary Lee Bonnell - Dec. 21, 1954 - Nov. 7, 2020

Sharon K. Murphy - Dec. 7, 1940 - Nov. 15, 2020

### Nov. 25

• Test scores are down and winter sports are paused but so far Amboy students are still able to attend school in person. Reporting at the Nov. 17 board of education meeting, teachers Shauna Dinges and Yvonne Vicks gave a detailed presentation of reading and math test results for Amboy Junior High. Two tests were given to 5th-8th grade students, the STAR and the easyCBM.

• The Amboy Fire Department will be taking food and monetary donations for their annual Christmas food baskets through Dec 10.

• Gov. JB Pritzker announced the entire state would enter Tier 3 of his mitigation plan starting Friday, Nov. 20, as he noted the best way for Illinoisans to avoid another stay-at-home order was by staying home. "Tier 3 boils down to this: if you don't need to do it, don't," Gov. JB Pritzker said of leaving the home as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to soar.

• The Lee County Health Department is saddened to report the death of a resident in his or her 70s, bringing the Lee County death count to 6. The health department also reported another 16 cases from Franklin Grove Living & Rehab, and 5 from Dixon Correctional Center. Between Nov. 17-23, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 189 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above, and here are the ages that were announced: 6 under the age of 12, 9 in his or her teens, 11 in his or her 20s, 16 in his or her 30s, 11 in his or her 40s, 9 in his or her 50s, 15 in his or her 60s, 10 in his or her 70s, and 2 in his or her 80s. This brings the total number of cases to 1,576 as of Nov. 22. Of the 1,576 cases, 949 have recovered.

• This week Lee County Sheriff's Lt. Frye and SRO Kellen were invited to the Amboy schools for armed intruder training. They met with Amboy Police Chief Smith and Sgt. Lester. All facility and staff for all three schools attended training presented by ALICE instructor Kellen. Drills were conducted with faculty and staff while students were not present to makes sure they fully understood what to do.

• Shell Express Lane in Amboy hosted a Thanksgiving Meal to Help Raise Money for the Lee County Shop With A Sheriff Program on Friday, Nov. 20. All proceeds and donation will go to benefit the Shop With A Sheriff Program. Pictured above, Shell Express Lane employees show off the meal and orders.

• Wave and cheer to Santa as he rides past your house on the fire truck in Sublette on Friday, Dec. 4. Santa will be cruising around town the night of Dec. 4 to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

• The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for a special virtual meeting on Nov. 19, where the Board provided an update on winter sports. To maintain compliance with the most recent mitigations issued by Governor Pritzker that took effect on Nov. 20, the IHSA Board issued guidance to pause all IHSA winter sports and activities by Nov. 20.

### Obituaries

Allynn E. Parker - March 24, 1929 - Nov. 15, 2020

Lena M. Merlo - March 6, 1923 - Nov. 16, 2020

Geoffrey G. Watkins - April 18, 1949 - Nov. 16, 2020

## December

Dec. 2

• The festivities of the 2020 Amboy Hometown Virtual Christmas Walk are underway. Starting Nov. 27, you'll be able to participate in the Christmas Walk giveaways totaling over \$2,500.

• The Lee County Health Department has announced that the county has reported a cumulative total of 20 deaths. Age breakdown is as follows: 3 in his or her 60s, 7 in his or her 70s, 4 in his or her 80s, 5 in his or her 90s, and a 100+ year old woman. The health department also reported 188 cases were from congregate living facilities - 8 are from Liberty Court, 8 Franklin Grove Living & Rehab, 164 Dixon Correctional Center, and 8 no location announced. Between Nov. 24-30, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 323 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above, and here are the community cases ages that were announced: 1 under the age of 12, 7 in his or her teens, 19 in his or her 20s, 14 in his or her 30s, 13 in his or her 40s, 14 in his or her 50s, 21 in his or her 60s, 20 in his or her 70s, 5 in his or her 80s, and 1 on his or her 90s. This brings the total number of cases to 1,899 as of Nov. 30. Of the 1,899 cases, 1,090 have recovered.

• Village president John Stenzel and some of Santa's helpers erected and decorated the village Christmas tree recently in downtown Sublette. The tree is lit nightly and adds a festive spirit to the town. Local businesses will be adding decorated trees to the area to add further to the holiday décor.

• The Amboy Lions Club donated \$300 to the Amboy Fire Protection District annual Food Drive.

### Obituaries

Gladys J. Eich - July 31, 1932 - Nov. 21, 2020

Suzanne K. Bernardin - March 11, 1932 - Nov. 30, 2020

Robert J. Fuller - Dec. 19, 1946 - Nov. 23, 2020

### Dec. 9

• Although the official Sublette Christmas in the Village was canceled, the Christmas spirit was still in the air on Friday night, as Santa rode on a Sublette Fire Department Engine and spread good tidings throughout town. Santa's first stop was in downtown Sublette. He stopped at the village's Christmas tree, which was decorated on both sides by Christmas trees sponsored and decorated by Sublette businesses. Santa presented a present to Acting Sublette Village President John Stenzel. The gift was made by Mrs. Claus which was a Christmas Walk ornament that included a mask and gloves.

• The next drawing for in 2020 Amboy Hometown Virtual Christmas Walk will be held on Dec. 11. The boxes have been emptied and are ready for a new week full of names.

• The Lee County Health Department is saddened to report 12 additional deaths in the county after confirming COVID as the cause. Age breakdown is as follows: 1 male in his 60s, 3 males in their 70s, 4 female and 2 male in their 80s, and 2 females in their 90s. This brings the total number of deaths in Lee County to 32. The health department also reported 27 cases were from congregate living facilities - 7 are from Liberty Court, 4 Franklin Grove Living & Rehab and 16 Dixon Correctional Center. Between Dec. 1-7, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 167 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above, and here are the ages that were announced: 10 under the age of 12, 14 in his or her teens, 27 in his or her 20s, 11 in his or her 30s, 20 in his or her 40s, 24 in his or her 50s, 18 in his or her 60s, 7 in his or her 70s, 4 in his or her 80s, and 1 on his or her 90s. This brings the total number of cases to 2,066 as of Dec. 7. Of the 2,066 cases, 1,276

have recovered.

• The Amboy Lions Club is staying busy during the pandemic by giving back to the community. The Club recently donated \$300 each to local area food pantries: The Baptist Church Food Pantry, St. Patrick's Food Pantry, and the Amboy Fire Department Food Baskets.

• Local health departments in Region 1 are encouraged by the progress being made on licensure of a COVID-19 vaccine. Once approved by the FDA and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the vaccine will be distributed by the Illinois Department of Public Health for distribution to local health departments via the 10 Regional Hospital Coordinating Centers (RHCC) located throughout the state.

### Obituaries

Sylvan J. Leffelman - Feb. 19, 1929 - Dec. 3, 2020

Carolyn E. Johns - May 10, 1943 - Dec. 5, 2020

Mary J. Lane - May 24, 1929 - Dec. 1, 2020

Kenneth D. Wilson - Aug. 28, 1933 - Dec. 1, 2020

Carol A. Abramson - May 23, 1939 - Nov. 29, 2020

Thomas R. Leach, Jr. - Sept. 29, 1969 - Dec. 2, 2020

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## LOCAL NEWS

## 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

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**Dec. 16**

• The Amboy Fire Department teamed up with the 2020 Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk committee and hosted a parade throughout town loaded with fire trucks, elves, Olaf, and of course Mr. & Mrs. Claus on Saturday afternoon.

• The Lee County Health Department is saddened to report 8 additional deaths in the county after confirming COVID as the cause. Age breakdown is as follows: 1 male in his 50s, 1 male in his 60s, 1 male in his 70s, 2 female and 1 male in his 80s, 2 males in their 90s, and 1 female in her 100s. This brings the total number of deaths in Lee County to 41.

The health department also reported 35 cases were from congregate living facilities - 4 are from Liberty Court, 1 from Dixon Rehab, 1 Franklin

Grove Living & Rehab and 29 Dixon Correctional Center. Between Dec. 8-14, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 177 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above. This brings the total number of cases to 2,243 as of Dec. 14. Of the 2,243 cases, 1,701 have recovered.

• On Thursday, Dec. 10, Steve Klein, Grand Knight of the Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #8277, presented checks for \$1,234 to Kreider Services. This check is the proceeds from our September Tootsie Roll Drive for the Intellectually Disabled.

• Amboy students and families had a lot to give this Holiday season. Amboy Central School, Amboy Junior High School, and Amboy High School collected canned goods and food items for the

Amboy Fire Department's annual Christmas baskets. Central School donated 2,505 cans and Amboy Junior High donated 1,893 cans.

• Ethan Larson, son of Mike and Kim Larson, has been named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for December.

**Obituaries**

Melvin F. Leffelman - Nov. 17, 1928 - Dec. 9, 2020

Virginia A. Leffelman - Feb. 19, 1931 - Dec. 9, 2020

**Dec. 23**

• The final drawing for in 2020 Amboy Hometown Virtual Christmas Walk was held on Dec. 18. The winner of the Dec. 18th grand prize was Evelyn Eisenberg.

• Enchanted Memory Photography brought The Grinch to Amboy Shell on Friday afternoon. He was there in the sleigh to bring some smiles

to anyone who drove by and waved or stopped to chat.

• In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the Amboy High School Volleyball teams volunteered to rake and pick up sticks in area yards during the last few months for donations to the CGH Health Foundation. Together, the girls raised \$705 by doing this yard work.

• The Lee County Health Department is saddened to report 5 additional deaths in the county after confirming COVID as the cause. Age breakdown is as follows: 1 male in his 60s, 2 females in their 70s, 1 female her 80s, and 1 female in her 100s. This brings the total number of deaths in Lee County to 46. The health department also reported 17 case were from congregate living facilities - 1 is from Liberty Court, and 16 Dixon Correctional Center.

Between Dec. 15-18, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 62 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above. This brings the total number of cases to 2,324 as of Dec. 18. Of the 2,324 cases, 1,877 have recovered.

**Dec. 30**

• Illinoisans will ring in the New Year with an additional increase in the minimum wage to \$11 an hour, and the Illinois Department of Labor is encouraging employees to watch their paychecks to ensure that time worked in 2021 is paid at the new rate.

• The Lee County Health Department is saddened to report 2 additional deaths in the county after confirming COVID as the cause. Age breakdown is as follows: 1 females in her 70s, and 1 male resident in his 80s. This

brings the total number of deaths in Lee County to 48. The health department also reported 32 case were from congregate living facilities - 1 is from Liberty Court and 31 Dixon Correctional Center. Between Dec. 19-24, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 113 new cases have been reported.

• The First National Bank in Amboy receives 2020 National Community Bank Service Award.

• The First National Bank in Amboy is proud to announce that Colleen Henkel will be promoted to President as of January 1, 2021.

**Obituaries**

Charles T. "Charlie" Thompson - Oct. 12, 2005 - Dec. 20, 2020

JoAnn Leffelman - Oct. 31, 1936 - Dec. 24, 2020

Jane Ann Hellman - Dec. 19, 2020

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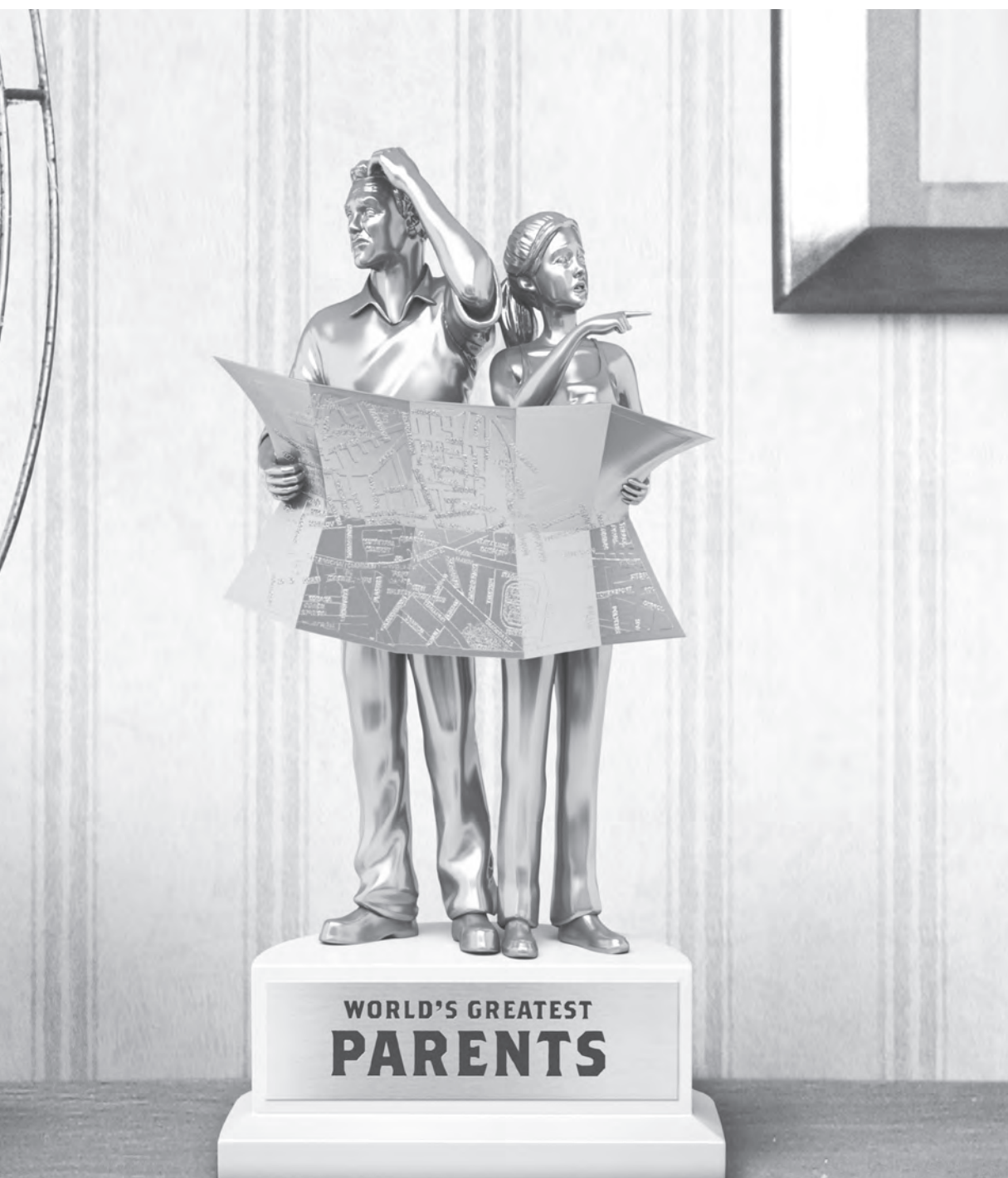
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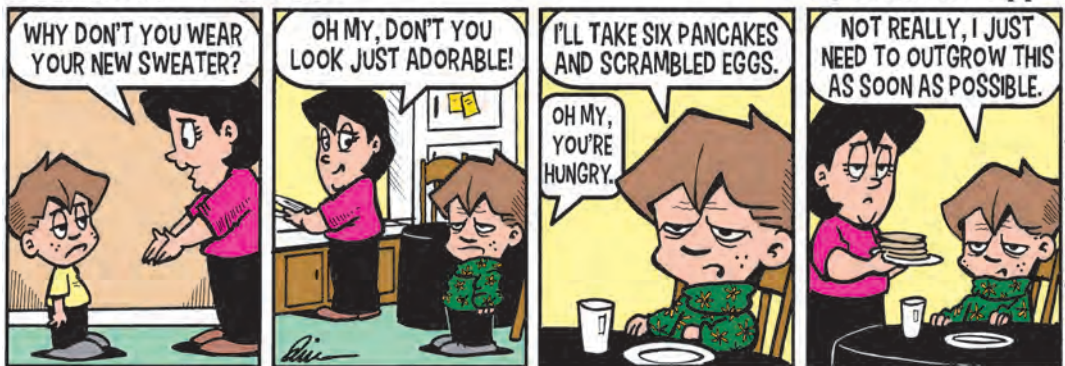
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# LOCAL NEWS

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by Dave T. Phipps



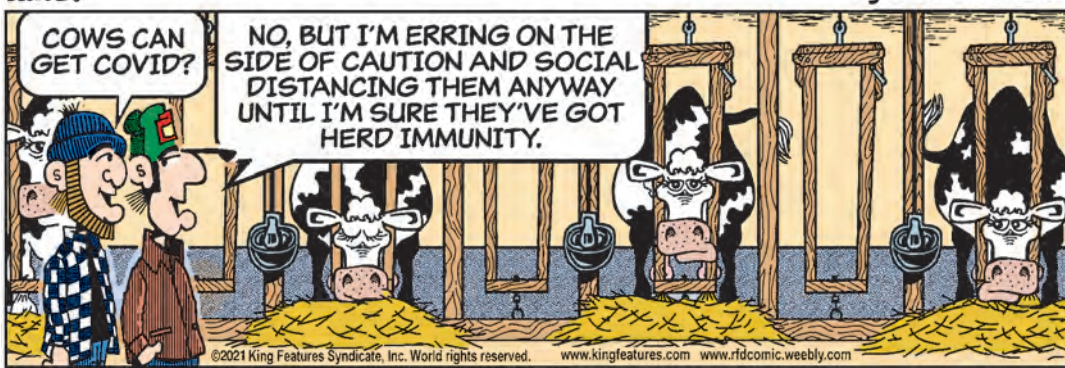
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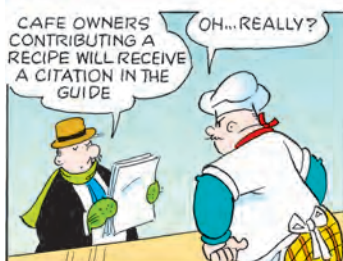
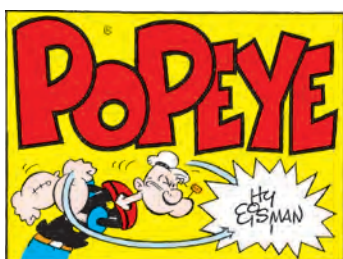
## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## LAFF-A-DAY



## 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!

Bitter  
GRANY  
Cover  
ALOCK  
Close  
BRANEY  
Stupid  
NANIE

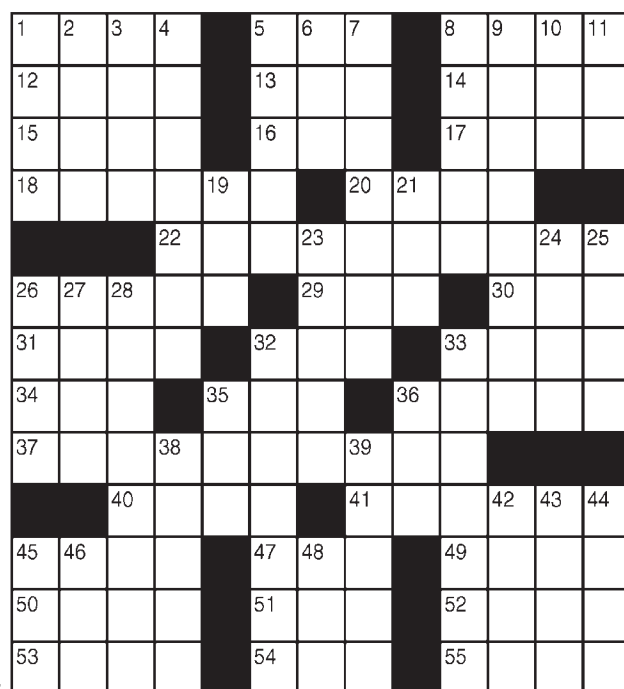
## TODAY'S WORD

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## ACROSS

- Wordsworth work
- Spasm
- Billie — King
- Against
- Granada gold
- Sea eagle
- 500 sheets
- Chess piece
- Right on the map?
- On an angle
- Dines
- Donald
- Duck's outfit
- Birth-related
- "Exodus" hero
- Vitamin stat
- Prior nights
- Pvt.'s superior
- Grant basis, at times
- Seminary subj.
- Take to court
- Smartens (up)
- Produce aisle display
- Pan handler?
- Rookie
- Boyfriend
- Business mag
- Press
- Formerly, once
- French vineyard

## King Crossword



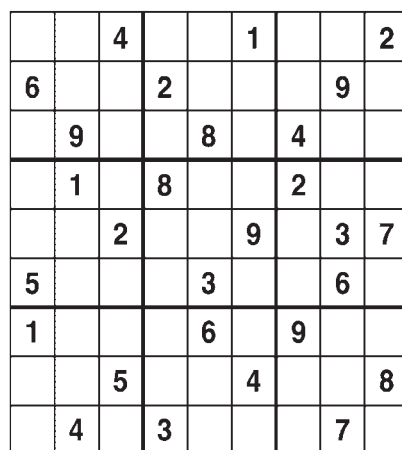
- Lyricist
- Gershwin
- Monarch's spouse
- Army vehicles
- Test-paper smudges
- Reply (Abbr.)
- Court divider
- Chum
- Swiss canton
- Beer type
- Nantes notion
- Tiny amounts
- Soft ball?
- Say it's so
- Put on the air
- Be enough
- Blockheads
- That lady
- Golfer
- Michelle
- Closes
- Full-length
- Party cheese
- Greek vowel
- Seth's son
- Wager
- Historic period
- Big D.C. lobby

## DOWN

- Law firm aide, for short
- Till bills
- List-ending abbr.
- Brunch cocktails
- "Only Love" actress
- Marisa

## 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
- HOY BOY!

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## Trivia test

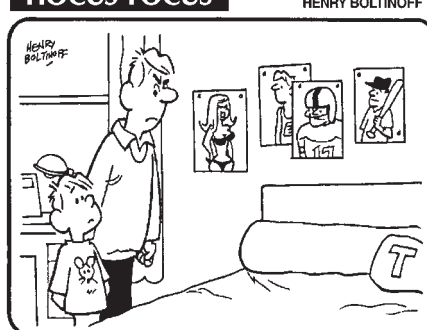
by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest river in Asia?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the trashcan dweller in PBS' "Sesame Street"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nuts are used to make marzipan?
- MOVIES: What incantation did the fairy godmother use to transform the character in Disney's animated "Cinderella"?
- MEDICAL: What is a more common name for onychocryptosis?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male goose called?
- LITERATURE: In which famous work did the phrase "eat, drink and be merry" appear?
- MUSIC: What is the most watched video on YouTube?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the chemical symbol of potassium?
- AD SLOGANS: Which company sells its popular clothing with the slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?

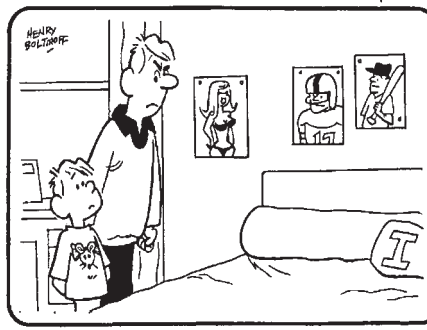
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Letter on pillow is different. 2. Man's shirt is black. 3. Mouse design is different. 4. Lamp is missing. 5. Picture on wall is missing. 6. Curtain is longer.

## CRANKY

Today's Word

3. Nearby; 4. Inane

1. Angry 2. Clock

Solution

## SCRAMBLERS

## 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: S equals T

ZMJK QVIJ UJBC UREFWRJ HSJ

AJSQ QMFSSBJBO, H SFPJ HS

CVE'O MFUJ WBJFPHKA KJZQ.

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## Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword

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# SPORTS

## Clipper Highlights: #28 Cody Richardson

This week we feature a Clipper that I am very thankful for. This week's highlight is two-time All State Running Back, #28, Cody Richardson.

Cody was a 2010 graduate of Amboy High School and a three year Varsity starter at Running Back.

Cody was one of, if not the most, important ingredients to Clipper Success during the 2007, 2008, and 2009 seasons. During these seasons, Amboy continued to play option football mixed with a power running game, a great defense, and strong offensive line. Over Cody's three Varsity seasons, the Clippers finished with a 26-8 record, a Quarterfinal appearance, and two second round playoff appearances. Cody sustained an injury during week 2 of his sophomore season which kept him sidelined until week 9. It's my belief that during week 9 of his sophomore season was when Cody erupted.

Despite missing seven games his sophomore season, Cody still produced the numbers to get selected Honorable Mention All Conference at Running Back. My memories of Cody during his sophomore season could go on and on but two plays specifically stick out. The first was Cody's 90 yard run at 10-0 PORTA. The highly favored Blue Jays had us backed up to our own 1 yard line when Cody broke off a 90 yard run. Cody's legs ran out of fuel on that play but he scored two plays later sealing our victory and advancing us to the Quarterfinals. During the Quarterfinal game against heavily favored Aurora Christian, late in the second quarter, Cody broke a long run into the red zone that would later produce one of Cody's touchdown receptions.

Entering the 2008 season, Cody's junior season, Cody was selected to the Sauk Valley Pre-Season All Area Team at Running Back. As the one feeding Cody the

football that season, Cody's ability to score was scary. At any moment in any game Cody had the ability to break a long run or a touchdown. Cody's achievements became more impressive as he single handedly ran for 6 touchdowns in a 41-40 triple overtime win against Morrison. The following week, against Newman, Cody scored on a long run the opening drive and then caught a touchdown right before half. The biggest highlight from the 2008 season was in the first round playoff game against Spring Valley Hall. With 52 seconds remaining in the game, Cody, already with two touchdown runs, caught a 60 yard touchdown to win the Clippers the game. Watching him make the catch and run into the end zone is something I'll never forget and I'll always be thankful to him for that moment.

Cody's senior season the Clippers did something that most Amboy teams haven't done in the Three Rivers Conference. The 2009 Clippers beat #1 ranked Bureau Valley and then beat Newman at the Coliseum. The 2009 Clippers were one of the most successful teams to date in posting an 8-1 regular season record, losing only to the eventual 2A State Champion, Morrison Mustangs. The Clippers' great run ended at home against 2A powerhouse, Annawan Wethersfield in the second round. Cody stated, "the BV game was so awesome and comes second only to beating Newman that year."

The awards, decorations, and accolades were not why Cody played the game. In speaking with Cody last night he stated, "I never played football for the individual awards or stats, I played to win because I didn't want to let my family, friends, and community down."

For those of us that know or played with Cody, he was often quiet both on and off the field but on Friday nights

### Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



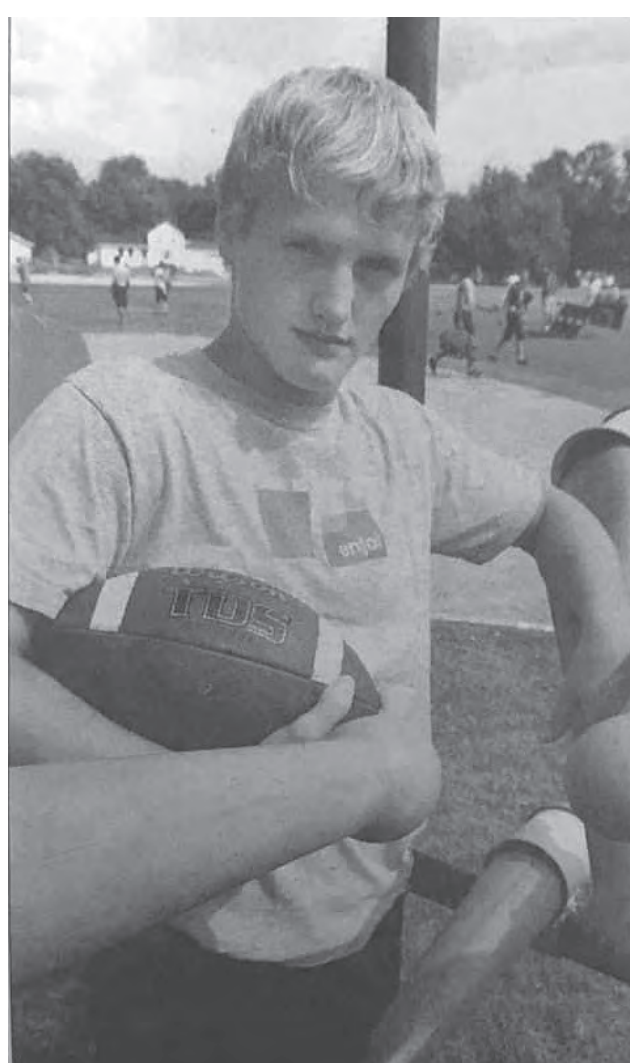
there was no doubt that his mind was set on victory. Alike many other Clipper greats, Cody continued the Clipper Way.

Cody earned All Conference Honorable Mention his sophomore season, 1st Team All Conference/Area his junior and senior seasons, and several Sauk Valley Player of the Week honors. Cody is also a two-time All State Running Back.

There were only two former teammates interviewed or asked to provide a statement for this highlight. Both are classmates of Cody and fellow three year Varsity starters for the Clippers.

Former teammate and friend Levi Kaleel said the following, "He was an all around great player not only could he run but he had some of the best hands on the team. The way he could juke and stop on a dime then pick his speed back up was unreal. He never complained about anything and never asked for a break considering he got the ball 90% of the time play after play. It was a great feeling not only to me but the rest of the line knowing he was in the backfield. Made it a lot easier on us but it was a pleasure playing with him. It was a good feeling getting up off the ground and seeing him running into the end zone."

Former teammate and friend, Westin Montavon added, "Cody was an electri-



#28 Cody Richardson

fying player. You never knew when he was gonna break the next run or score the game winning touchdown. We relied on him through our Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years and wouldn't have

had near the success without him. He was an outstanding tailback."

Great accounts from two great Clippers that will undoubtedly have their day on this highlight.

There is no doubt that Amboy has produced some great Running Backs over the decades. Backs like Schwamberger, Morrissey, the Ely's, McLaughlin, and Saunders. There is no doubt that Cody is in the same conversation. Cody was a complete Running Back with speed, agility, power, play making, and great hands. He was often the most gifted football player on any field he stepped on.

So, to two-time All State Running Back, #28, Cody Richardson, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for being a gift that every Quarterback and Offensive Lineman wishes to have. But most importantly thank you for your love of all the guys you played with, your Clipper family, and the community. 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.

## IHSA athletics remain on pause, contact days can begin pending IDPH approval

**BLOOMINGTON**—The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Jan. 13, where the Board announced that all IHSA sports not operating under an official IHSA season calendar may begin to conduct contact days as soon as they are allowable per Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) mitigations and local school guidance.

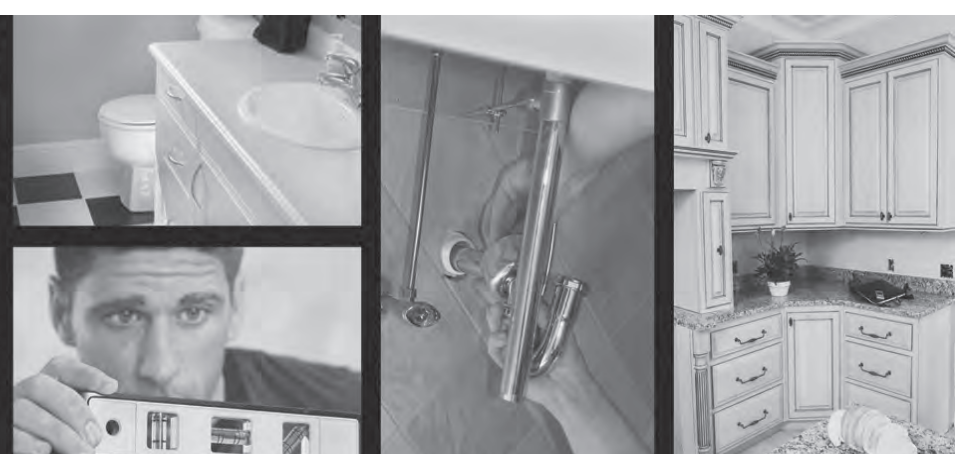
Contact days normally exist within the IHSA as informal voluntary offseason workouts.

"The IHSA acknowledges the immense mental, emotional, and physical strain that a lack of contact with school programs is causing Illinois high school student-athletes," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "It is our intention that these contact days provide sport-specific

training under the leadership of high school coaches. This is an effort to provide a viable sports option to high school athletes given the growing number of student-athletes opting for higher risk opportunities within the state and across state lines."

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## SPORTS

## Meet the Amboy High School Boys Basketball Seniors



#3 Trevor Vaessen

Position: Guard

Trevor has played basketball for four years. He has also played football and baseball.

After high school he would like to pursue a career to be a Electrical line worker.

Trevor likes being with his friends, coming together as one big family and always improving on the court.

He would like to send a shout out to his parents for always supporting and being there for him through everything in his life. Without my parents I wouldn't be where I am at today.



#1 Brady Jones

Position: Point Guard

Brady has played basketball for four years he has also played football and baseball.

Brandy would like to go to a trade school.

He like just going out on the court with his teammates who he has been playing with since I picked up a basketball.

Brady would like to shout out to his family for attending all of his games.



#25 Dashad Greene

Position: Forward

In high school Dashad sports are basketball, wrestling, and track.

He would like to attend Howard University in the fall to become a psychologist.

His favorite thing about basketball is the ability to be able to work with a team to accomplish the same singular goal.

Dashad would like to give a shout out to his Mom and Dad for supporting him along the way. As well as his friends who pushed him to try basketball.



#4 Lane Boehle

Position: Post

Lane has played basketball all 4 years of high school and would like to be a welder in the future.

He likes the thrill of being on the basketball court.

He would like a shout out to his mom and dad for always being there for him.



#10 Preston Henkel

Position: Post or Guard

Preston has played basketball, football and baseball during his high school years.

In the future he would like to go to school to become a lineman.

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## Meet the Amboy High School Girls Basketball Seniors



#44 Gabby Jones

Position: Post

Gabby has played 4 years of basketball. She also plays volleyball and softball.

She loves Amboy girls' basketball because they are all so close, just like family. They get in the gym, get what they need to get done while having fun and go execute the next game.

She would like to go to school to be an orthodontist.

She would like to give a shout out to her family for all the love and support they have given her; she wouldn't be where she is without them. Not only as an athlete, but as a person! She loves you all!

## IHSA

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Additionally, the Board reviewed several options outlining a sports schedule framework for the remainder of the school year. The Board directed the IHSA staff to take feedback from the meeting, as well as any insight gained in the coming weeks, and bring forward viable scheduling options for a special Board meeting on Jan. 27. The Board will provide an update following that meeting.

Once state leadership allows for low-risk winter sports (boys' & girls' bowling, cheerleading, dance, girls' gymnastics, boys' swimming & diving) to begin participation, those teams will be allowed to begin practice immediately and then continue their season through the season calendar established by the Board later this month.

The IHSA successfully conducted seasons in golf, girls' tennis, cross country, and girls' swimming & diving through Sectional competition this fall, but all IHSA sports have been paused since Nov. 20.

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### JIF Peanut Butter

Assorted 16 oz



**\$2.29**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.

### Food Club Bread Crumbs

Assorted 15 oz



**\$1.49**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$2.19 ea.

### Food Club Ketchup

38 oz



**\$1.99**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$2.49 ea.

### Food Club Sliced Cheese

Assorted 7-8 oz



**\$1.99**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$3.19 ea.

### Food Club Flour

Assorted 5 lb Bag



**\$2.29**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$2.89 ea.

### El Monterey Burritos or Chimichangas

Assorted 30-32 oz



**\$3.99**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$4.69 ea.

### Jack's Pizza

13.8-15 oz Assorted



**\$3.49**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$4.49 ea.