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Regions could have some mitigations loosened starting Jan. 15

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SPRINGFIELD — Statewide Tier 3 COVID-19 mitigations could be lifted within 10 days.

Starting Jan. 15, exactly one incubation period from New Year's Day, any region that has met requirements for a reduction of mitigations will be able to move out of the Tier 3 mitigation plan, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced Wednesday, Jan. 6.

"I'm cautiously optimistic as there are some early signs indicating that some regions have made real progress and won't reverse that progress this week or next," Pritzker said.

The entire state has been under Tier 3 restrictions since Nov. 20 in an effort to combat a potential holiday surge in cases. Under these increased restrictions businesses are required to follow 25 percent capacity limits, and close bars and restaurants to indoor service — a mitigation that will still be in place even when a region moves back to Tier 2.

Pritzker said that despite not seeing a post-Thanksgiving surge, he is still advising Tier 3 restrictions be upheld for one incubation period, or 14 days, to ensure infection rates remain as low as possible.

After Jan. 15, regions will be able proceed

past Tier 2, which would allow restaurants and bars to reopen for indoor service, depending on their future infection and hospitalization rates.

Because of high demand for the COVID-19 vaccine, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended two initial priority groups receive the first rounds of vaccination.

Those in Phase 1A, who are currently receiving vaccines, include health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities.

Phase 1B will include Illinois residents age 65 years or older and non-health care front-line essential workers. ACIP recommended residents 75 years or older be prioritized, but Illinois reduced the age by 10 years. Pritzker noted the average age of COVID-19 deaths is 81 for white residents, 72 for Black residents and 68 for Latino residents.

Phase 1B will begin once Phase 1A is substantially complete, but a specific time period is not yet clear. Pritzker said that many healthcare workers and long-term care facility residents are still in the process of receiving the vaccine and a decrease in federal vaccine distribution could delay the move to the next phase.

The increase in federal vaccine distri-



bution relies heavily on whether the Biden administration will implement the Defense Production Act. President Donald Trump invoked this Cold War-era law in response to the pandemic which gave him emergency authority to control domestic industries.

The Defense Production Act was most

recently used to prevent the hoarding of supplies, limit the export of medical goods like personal protective equipment and increase the production of critical supplies. Pritzker anticipates that there will be a significant increase in vaccine distribution once the DPA is invoked.



Lee County COVID-19 Update: Jan. 11, 2021

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department is saddened to report 4 additional deaths in the county after confirming COVID as the cause. Age breakdown is as follows: 3 male residents in their 80s and 1 female resident in her 80s. This brings the total number of deaths in Lee County to 53.

The health department also reported 7 cases were from the Dixon Correctional Center.

Between Jan. 5-11, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 120 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, 16 in his or her 20s, 10 in his or her 30s, 14 in his or her 40s, 25 in his or her

50s, 12 in his or her 60s, 1 in his or her 70s, 3 in his or her 80s, and 1 on his or her 90s.

This brings the total number of cases to 2,682 as of Jan. 11. Of the 2,682 cases, 2,182 have recovered. They also reported as of Jan. 11, 14 residents have been hospitalized.

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.

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State House continues to debate police reform omnibus

BY RAYMON TRONCOSO

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SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois House of Representatives continued to debate a massive criminal justice omnibus bill Sunday that would transform policing practices in the state.

A 611-page amendment to House Bill 163 would heavily revamp use-of-force guidelines, mandate body cameras for every law enforcement agency, end cash bail, remove some qualified immunity protections, and strip collective bargaining rights relating to discipline from police unions. Further language could be added in a future amendment as well.

The legislation, which is the culmination of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus agenda to end systemic racism, faces opposition from law enforcement groups and Republican lawmakers.

"This has been a 400-year-plus journey that we have been on," Rep. Justin Slaughter, a Chicago Democrat who helped craft HB163, said in a news conference held Sunday morning by the Black Caucus.

"We want to go from protest to progress," he repeated three times with increasing emphasis.

Slaughter chairs the House Criminal Judiciary Committee, which must accept the amendment before it can go to the House floor for a vote. The committee heard testimony and debate on the bill from law enforcement, municipal representation, legal

experts and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul.

Use of force

HB163 would amend the acceptable forms of force by officers, banning chokeholds and restraints that can restrict breathing as well as severely limiting the situations where deadly force is authorized. The reforms were strongly opposed by the law enforcement coalition during the hearing.

Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle, representing the Illinois Sheriff's Association, called the proposed reforms "catastrophic" to law enforcement and said they would make policing impossible for officers that have to make split-second decisions.

Crystal Lake Police Chief James Black, who serves as president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, said he supports reforms to use of force but HB163 is not the answer.

"We do not want to be obstructionist; we want to affect positive change in our communities. But we do not support the bill, the bill will destroy law enforcement's ability to keep communities safe," he said.

When pressed by Slaughter on what changes to the use-of-force guidelines they would accept, Black and VanVickle did not have an answer, but replied the five days provided in the lame duck session were not enough time for their legal experts to craft alternative measures.

The sentiment was echoed by the ranking Republican on the committee,

Rep. Terri Bryant.

"No one is asking this to be slow rolled. Lame duck session is not the time to hash out a 600, now maybe 800, maybe 1,000-page issue on something that is this important," she said. "Too often the Legislature wants to do something even if that's the wrong thing. So let's do the right things and let's do this the right way."

Slaughter and Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, who also crafted the legislation, have pushed back on the notion that the bill is rushed, pointing to the nine hearings held by the Black Caucus on criminal justice reform. Most topics discussed in those hearings, which neared 30 hours in collective length and included both the IACP and ISA at times, are in the amendment.

"Our state makes international news regarding police brutality and misconduct," Slaughter said during the hearing, invoking the 2014 shooting death of Laquan McDonald by Chicago police.

Body cameras

Body cameras would be mandatory for all law enforcement agencies under the law. Larger agencies would be required to have cameras in place by Jan. 1, 2022, and all agencies would need to have cameras in place by 2025.

Any municipality or county whose law enforcement agency does not comply would have its Local Government Distributive Fund contributions from the state reduced by 20 percent each year until it meets the requirements. The LGDF is the portion of

state income tax revenue that goes to cities and counties.

Law enforcement groups, including the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police and the Chicago FOP, have referred to the Black Caucus legislation as the "Defund the police bill" because of this provision, a notion repeated by Chief Black, of Crystal Lake.

Slaughter and other members of the Black Caucus have disputed the characterization, given that law enforcement agencies are given time to comply and do not have funding cut outright.

"We cannot afford not to make the changes we're calling for," Sims said during the Black Caucus' Sunday news conference, pointing to a 2020 study by economists at Citigroup that says the U.S. lost \$16 trillion in GDP since 2000 due to racism.

The Black Caucus has pointed to the losses in potential tax revenue due to racist practices, as well as the massive settlements cities pay out each year due to police misconduct, as the cost of not passing their legislation.

The amendment as written does not provide law enforcement agencies any monetary assistance for acquiring and implementing body cameras. VanVickle and Black both testified their law enforcement agencies would have no issues with body cameras being mandatory if they received fiscal support from the state and the funding penalty for noncompliance was removed.

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SVCC to host Virtual Job Fair Jan. 27

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College will host a virtual job fair on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Area employers will be available, virtually, 9 - 11 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m. for networking and discussing open positions.

The public is invited to participate and network with local healthcare employers during this virtual event. Registration is required for all job seekers. Please visit svcc.edu/jobfair to complete the online form and learn more about opportunities during this event and future hiring events.

This particular event is geared toward the healthcare industry; however, monthly job fairs will be held throughout the year. SVCC will host virtual job fairs the last Wednesday of every month. Area businesses are encouraged to represent their companies and find new talent through these virtual job fairs. If your company would like to participate, please fill out the employer form at svcc.edu/jobfair.

For event information, contact Dana Chacon 815-835-6294 or visit svcc.edu/jobfair.



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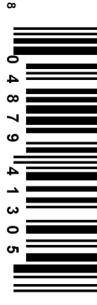
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Brad Cole, executive director of the Illinois Municipal League, which represents towns, villages and cities across the state, said IML opposes any measure that would negatively impact LGDF. However, it supports mandatory body cameras as long as the timeline for departments was extended by a few years.

Collective bargaining
A provision in the amendment would remove the ability of law enforcement unions to collectively bargain with their employers on any issue besides wages and benefits.

Tamara Cummings, general counsel for the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, said the measure would make law enforcement “second-class citizens,” noting they already have some restrictions on their collective bargaining powers that no other private or public worker union is subject to.

Cummings called the idea that police unions prevent bad cops from being fired “a myth” and testified that only 2 percent of discharge cases for officers are appealed to

arbitration by unions.

Cole told the committee that the IML supports the measure, and that giving municipalities more power over discipline and termination of officers was a positive reform.

The AFL-CIO, the largest federation of labor unions in the U.S., released a statement saying it “stands strongly behind the efforts of the Legislative Black Caucus to address social justice and comprehensive criminal justice reform, as soon as possible.”

But it added, “We oppose current language in one component of the legislative package that would strip critical collective bargaining rights for union members across Illinois, including for the Black and brown communities that legislators are trying to uplift.”

Qualified immunity
In a provision called the “Police Integrity and Accountability Act,” HB163 would make police officers personally liable for lawsuits for violating the rights of a person guaranteed under the Illinois Constitution, while

explicitly removing qualified immunity as a defense.

Qualified immunity grants government officials and employees immunity from civil suits in the course of their duties.

Law enforcement groups have claimed removing qualified immunity would leave police officers open to frivolous lawsuits. Cummings said it would “eliminate the ability to protect the majority of law enforcement officers who are trying to do a good job.”

“They will lose their homes for simple mistakes,” she said.

Peter Hanna, legal adviser for the ACLU of Illinois, testified in favor of eliminating qualified immunity, saying opponents of the provision have incorrectly defined what qualified immunity actually does. According to Hanna, officers would still have legal protections, but now victims of police misconduct whose constitutional rights were violated would be able to obtain remedy from the individual officers responsible in civil court.

Cole and the IML opposed the provision on the grounds it would mean “absolute lia-

bility” for officers and could lead to Illinois municipalities losing their insurance that helps pay out settlements for officer misconduct.

Other developments
Another bill backed by AG Raoul, which overhauls state certification of law enforcement, is also a part of the Black Caucus agenda and was discussed during the Judiciary Committee hearing. Both that bill and HB163 contain language on police certification, the duty of officers to intervene, and the process for anonymous complaints against law enforcement.

Lawmakers crafting the omnibus bill say they will either remove competing language from their legislation or reconcile it to match what is in the AG’s bill. The latter has support from law enforcement groups, which collaborated with Raoul, Gov. JB Pritzker’s office and other stakeholders in its development.

The House Judiciary Committee will meet again Monday to further discuss the collective bargaining dispute in HB163 and a provision that grants additional rights to detainees in police custody.



Brooklyn Whelchel

Whelchel named AHS Student of the Month

AMBOY — Brooklyn Whelchel has been named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for January. She is the daughter of Chad and Laurie Whelchel.

GPA: 3.5/4.0

Memberships and Involvement: While in high school I have participated in Volleyball, track, cross country, dance, and chorus. I was also Homecoming Attendant my Sophomore year. I am a member of Spanish Honor Society, Student Council, and Leo’s Club. I am also a member of the Maytown Comets 4-H Club and I volunteer at Teen Turf three times a week tutoring Central and Junior High students. I am also an altar server at St. Patrick’s Church in Amboy.

Awards and Honors: Last year I was awarded Academic All-Conference for the 2019-20 season. I have been involved in track for the past 3 years and medaled at state both my freshman and sophomore years. Due to the COVID pandemic my season last year was cut very short. I have also been on the honor roll every year.

Best Memories of AHS: Some of my best memories are all the musicals I have been involved in, including Annie my freshman year, Shrek my Sophomore year, and Phantom of the Country Opera my junior year. Some of my other favorite memories were not only the dances such as Homecoming or MORP but the week leading up to those dances including dress-up days, building floats, decorating hallways, designing shirts, playing Powder Puff, and coaching the boys in Powder Buff.

Future Plans: I plan to attend Sauk Valley Community College and get some of my gen-eds out of the way. Then I plan on transferring to the University of Illinois to pursue my degree in biochemistry. After I get my degree, I plan on attending medical school and focusing on a career in radiology to eventually become a Radiologist.

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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>

Call the KSB Hotline Monday-Friday, 9-5 at 285-7777 to determine eligibility for testing.

Residents can go to the following websites for additional information:

Go to KSB, LCHD, IDPH, or CDC websites. Lee County Health Department provides regular updates on its Facebook page.

- <http://www.lchd.com>
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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

Items Needed

If possible, we are in need of washable markers.

Final Word

Calm us, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still us, Lord, keep us from harm.

Let all the tumult within us cease, enfold us, Lord, in your peace.

Calm us, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still us, Lord, keep us from harm.

Let all the tumult within us cease, Lord, enfold us in your peace.

— David Adam

Girl Scouts launch initial cookie orders

LEE COUNTY – Local Girl Scouts have set-up their cookie websites and been busy marketing their products and selling Girl Scout Cookies online since Dec. 14, 2020, for the Early Bird Online Only part of the annual Girl Scout Cookie Program. Now that 2021 is here, girls may choose to take cookie orders safely in-person from Jan. 6–30, as they create new ways to connect with customers and offer contactless ordering and delivery door-to-door.

This year's delicious cookie lineup features refreshing Thin Mints (vegan), caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, crunchy Do-si-dos, buttery Trefoils, sweet S'mores, toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free, too), and more. Cookies are on sale for only \$5 per package. Girls can accept orders safely in-person or through Digital Cookie 7.0. This digital platform allows girls to take electronic orders for cookies. Customers can now order and pay for cookies online and have the option to have the cookies shipped directly to them (shipping charges apply), have a Girl Scout offer contactless delivery of cookies to their door, or donate cookies (with no additional handling fees).

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To volunteer, reconnect, donate, or join, visit www.girlscoutsnl.org or call 844-GSNI-4-ME (844-476-4463).

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Keep your brain fit and healthy from the comfort of your own home. 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!

The University of Illinois Extension offers a monthly online Wits Fitness Brain Exercises Classes. Join Extension Educator Karla Belzer as she virtually leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. The monthly classes are held on the fourth Monday each month on Zoom from 10 to 11 a.m. Class dates for 2021 are: Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, and Nov. 22.

Each monthly class is free and open to the public and

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

DIXON—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd, on Monday, Jan. 18. Call Jill Stoker at 815-973-5614 or the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY—The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

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

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

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.

Lee County Sheriff's Office arrested one impaired driver

DIXON — The Lee County Sheriff's Office announced it arrested one offender for impaired driving during the winter holiday enforcement campaign.


Additional citations included one improper lane usage, one uninsured motorist, one speeding, one seat belt citation and eight warnings.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office partnered with the Illinois Department of Transportation and law enforcement throughout the state for the enforcement campaign. From Dec. 18 to Jan. 4, the Lee County Sheriff's Office ramped up its usual enforcement efforts, adding two additional patrol officers.

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Monday	- No School - Martin L. King Jr. Holiday
Tuesday	- Choice of pastry or cereal cup from breakfast cart - Corn dog on a stick, baby carrots, applesauce cup
Wednesday	- Choice of pastry or cereal cup from breakfast cart - Beef steak patty, mashed potatoes, roll/butter, mixed fruit cup
Thursday	- Choice of pastry or cereal cup from breakfast cart - Taco in a bag, salad, salsa, pear cup
Friday	- Choice of pastry or cereal cup from breakfast cart - Bosco breadsticks, dipping sauce cup, peach cup

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This Week's Student of the Week is:
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Student's Favorites:
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Favorite Animal – Dog
Favorite Food – Apples
Favorite Book – Stellauna
Favorite Game – Legos
Favorite Song – Old McDonald

OBITUARIES

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Dawson C. Roland Nov. 16, 1937 - Jan. 6, 2021

AMBOY — Dawson C. Roland, 83, of Amboy and formerly of Oregon, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 in his home; his family lost a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Born Nov. 16, 1937 in Haldane, the son of Floyd and Geraldine (Martz) Rowland. Married to Marie Sanford July 25, 1964 in Oregon.

Dawson enjoyed family time, camping at Woodhaven Lakes, going for walks with his dogs (Pixie & Ziggy), traveling with his wife and watching the wildlife. He worked at E.D. Etnyre & Co. in Oregon for 58 ½ years, retiring in 2014. Dawson is a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Sterling.

Survived by his wife, Marie Rowland, of Amboy; four children, Curtis Rowland, of

Princeton, Troy Rowland, of Rochelle, Starla Clover, of Belton, Texas and Brian Rowland, of Amboy; five grandchildren, Stephanie Rowland, of Rochelle, Kay-brei Isaacs, of Little River Academy, Texas, (JJ) John Newman, of Harker Heights, Texas, Rebekah Rowland, of Princeton and Dylann Newman of Temple, Texas; three great-grandchildren, Kinslee Isaacs, Zane Isaacs and Aedan Meyers-Newman; and sister, Shirley Hagemann, of Mt. Morris.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Harrison Rowland.

His love and free spirit will live on through his family and friends. Gone but not forgotten. PS "Keep the fork, the best is yet to come."

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private family



Memorial Service will be held at Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home, Oregon with Pastor Bob Hinkleman of The People Church, Princeton presiding. A public Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Dawson's name may be made to Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon.

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Sharon M. Harney Sept. 27, 1958 - Jan. 7, 2021

DIXON — Sharon M. Harney, 62, of Dixon, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1958 in Dixon, the daughter of Charles and Helen (Hanson) Fisher.

Sharon worked for Borg Warner for over 42 years before her retirement.

She was a member of the Dixon Elks Lodge in Dixon.

On May 29, 1976 Sharon married William "Willie" Harney in Dixon.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Willie; chil-

dren, Angie (Shawn Foley) Massey, of Freeport, and Tim (Amy Mills) Harney, of Rock Falls; four grandchildren, Ryan Massey, Morgan Massey, Ashley Foley, and Jacob Harney. She is also survived by her two brothers, Charles (Carol) Fisher Jr., and David (Mary) Fisher, who both reside in Dixon.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021 from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon with burial to follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. A me-



morial in Sharon's memory has been established.

Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Lynda K. Blaine Oct. 16, 1951 - Dec. 27, 2020

SUBLETTE — Lynda K. Blaine, 69, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020, at Mac Neal Memorial Hospital in Berwyn.

She was born on Oct. 16, 1951 in Princeton, the daughter of Gail and Blanche (Johnson) Watkins. She married James Blaine on Aug. 30, 1975 in Dixon and later divorced.

Lynda worked as a Teach-

ers Aid in the Amboy School District for over 20 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Jessica (Christian) Haydel, of Davenport, Iowa; her son, Joshua Blaine, of Rock Island; her sister, Jean-na (Robert) Ohda, of Walnut; and her brothers, William (Roberta) Watkins, of Walnut and David Watkins.

She was preceded in

death by her sister Elizabeth Watkins.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown, with the Reverend Randy Fronck officiating. Burial will conclude at Walnut Cemetery.

Arrangements by Garland Funeral Homes.

Educational Briefs

AREA STUDENTS RECEIVE DEAN'S LIST RECOGNITION

GREENVILLE - The Shauni Warner, a junior from Dixon, was placed on the Dean's List at Greenville University for the Fall 2020 semester.

Greenville University is a four-year accredited Christian liberal arts school with more than 1,400 undergraduate and graduate students. Founded in 1892 and affiliated with the Free Methodist Church, the college is located in Greenville, Illinois, 45 miles east of St. Louis.

KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SUMMER AND FALL 2020 GRADUATES

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is proud

to announce the graduates for Summer and Fall 2020. Graduation Honors are divided into three categories based on final cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale: summa cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.75-4.0; magna cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.5-3.749; and cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.25-3.499. Students who fulfill requirements for a Certificate and have a final cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher are awarded a Certificate with Distinction.

The graduate total for both semesters is 303 students who completed a total of 310 degrees and certificates for Summer and Fall 2020.

The following students completed the requirements for graduation from Kishwaukee College:

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Gabriella M. Erickson, Associate in Arts, Cum Laude

Kelsey Janet Lee Kinne, Associate in Science, Magna Cum Laude

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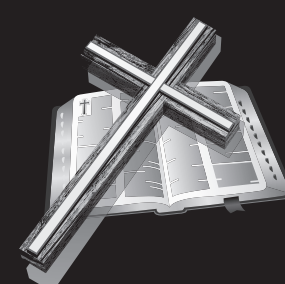
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SOCIAL NEWS

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Jan. 14, 1921

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Bachofen and family whose home was destroyed by fire Monday morning have moved into the Congregational parsonage.

C.D. Elliott has gone to Polo to take charge of the pool room and barber shop which he recently purchased. Mrs. Elliott and son Howard will follow as soon as Mr. Elliott can rent a house.

Mr. and Mrs. James Klausen who live on the Butler farm north of Lee Center, entertained at dinner Sunday the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Swan Sandberg, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mortenson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Mortenson and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Perry and son Albert, and Walter and Ted Hanson.

75 Years Ago Jan. 10, 1946

Atty. E.M. Sullivan, who was recently honorably discharged from the U.S.

Navy after two years of service, this week announces the resumption of his law practice.

Donald Walters has opened a shoe repair shop at his home just west of Central School.

H.H. Badger, L.L. Brink, George W. Pankhurst, Chauncey W. Robbins and Harry Turnquist were elected directors of The First National Bank in Amboy at the annual stockholders meeting held Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harris have moved into one of the Egan apartments on east Main Street. Mr. Harris has been engaged as an English instructor at A.T.H.S.

50 Years Ago Jan. 14, 1971

E.M. (Gene) Koehler, of Amboy Pharmacist and owner of Koehler's Pharmacy was elected President of the Amboy Chamber of Commerce at the reorganization meeting on the Chamber Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Howard E. Jackson, Mrs. Etta

Jeanblanc, Miss Teresa Jeanblanc and Mrs. Marie C. Mellott, Anges and Teresa Marie of West Brooklyn were Saturday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kerchner.

25 Years Ago Jan. 11, 1996

The weather was mighty cold at last Friday's farm equipment auction at the Rory and Kathy Miller farm north of Amboy. Attendance was good however, and the bidding was brisk on everything from wire mesh panels to tractors to combines.

Joan Kellen, daughter of Les and Agnes Kellen, and a former Amboy resident, has a jetliner named in her honor. Joan, who has been an employee of United Air Lines for more than 30 years in the Los Angeles area, was given the honor after being selected Employee of the Year in 1995 for her many charitable involvements and work accomplishments.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Cozy Crimes

Reading Canadian author Louise Penny's "Still Life," I was reminded of an old and very popular TV mystery series called "Murder, She Wrote." The latter takes place in Cabot Cove, Maine, whereas "Still Life," which is the first of sixteen mysteries, is set, Penny tells us, "in the fictional Quebec village of Three Pines. I created the village as a place of refuge. A place I would choose to live. That was beautiful, and peaceful. That offered company, companionship — as well as croissants and rich café au lait. And licorice pipes."

Penny's mysteries are named after Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sureté du Québec (Quebec Security), the provincial police service for the province of Quebec. Penny describes him as "the decent man, who made a living investigating the indecent act of homicide. Just as I created a community I would live in in Three Pines, I also intentionally created, in Armand, a man I would marry. Because, in many ways, I knew if Still Life spawned a series it would become like a marriage. And he needed to have the qualities I admire in a man."

Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has its share of eccentric characters, sex and violence usually occur off-stage, and the mystery follows a whodunit format. The template is, of course, Agatha Christie, though Penny's prose has a lyrical quality lacking in Christie's novels: "Miss Jane Neal met her maker in the early morning mist of Thanksgiving Sunday... For her seventy-six years Jane Neal had been walking toward this final moment when death met her in the brilliant maple woods on the verge of the village of Three Pines. She'd fallen spread-eagled, as though making angels in the bright and brittle leaves."

Miss Neal, the village's retired schoolteacher and amateur artist, was treasured by all. Her death appears to be a tragic accident, it is deer-hunting season, and it seems a hunter's stray arrow has killed her. But when her death seems suspicious to her friends, Chief Inspector Gamache of the Sureté du Québec and his assistant Beauvoir and Yvette Nichol, a rather obnoxious young agent, appear in Three Pines. It soon becomes apparent that Jane Neal died at the hands of someone far more menacing than a careless bowhunter, and Gamache wonders "who would want to kill kindness."

Who indeed. The plot is clever, though it is the people of Three Pines that drive the narrative rather than any sustained suspense. "Still Life" is the sort of novel Virginia Woolf could have had in mind in her essay "Modern Novels," when she wrote: "Let us not take it for granted that life exists more fully in what is commonly thought big than in what is commonly thought small."

Amboy Junior High announces its honor roll

AMBOY — Amboy Junior High School announces its Second Quarter Honor Roll.

Eighth Grade Highest Honors

Dominic Fonderoli, Jaden Haley, Dillon Merriman, Addison Pertell, Hunter Rasmussen Tyrah Vaessen, and Alainie Wittenauer

Seventh Grade Highest Honors

Myla Davis, Molly Hassler, Kiera Karlson, and Ellie McLaughlin

Sixth Grade Highest Honors

Madison Althaus, Callan Christoffersen, Aaron Costner, Lainey Davis, Jason Dickinson, Jake Dinges, James Eisenberg, Ty Florschuetz, Leighton Gulley, Abigail Hicks, Liliann Lefelman, Anthony Linder, Gage Mumm, Henry Nichols, Chloe Vaupel, and Tanner Welch

Fifth Grade Highest Honors

Hailey Cagle, Bryson Deery, Jason Hemmen, Henry Klein, Grady McLaughlin, Aarav Patel, Chase Rasmussen, Ayden Talsma, Abel Valdez, and Kaylee Zimmerman

Eighth Grade High Honors

Cordia Asencio, Carson Barlow, Ava Cline, Cierra Kessel, Joshua McKendry, Devyn Pasley, Caleb Shugars, Haleigh Stenzel, Brooklyn Strub, and Karagen Welch

Seventh Grade High Honors

Grace Althaus, Samantha Hummel, Micah Miller, Samantha Nauman, Stephanie Nave, Peyton Payne, Brayden Phalen, Mackenzie Sus, Eriannah Wade, Brittlyn Whitman, Isabella Yanos, and Tristan Zellhofer

Sixth Grade High Honors

Haylee Albee, Kylee Anderson, Lluvia De La Cruz, Lillian Drew, Bryar Full, Ryan Garcia, Lane Goff, Caiden Heath, Madisyn Heath, Chase Huggins, Morgan Kreiser, Hope Lauzon, Colt McCoy, Alexa McKendry, Liam Rieskamp, Isabella Rosentreter, Trevor Stenzel, and Alexander Wittenauer

Fifth Grade High Honors

Channing Bellows, Madix Beyer, Addison Blaine, Landon Carter, Madelyn Clarida, Gianna Dempsey, Faith Fenwick, Kilah Helm, Jayce Hermeyer, Caylee Hummel, Tyler Mahar, Gabrielle Miller, Macie Muro, Ella Noble, Charlotte Patterson, Lila Rieskamp, Kahne Skibbe, and Sydney Whelchel

Eighth Grade Honors

Jarrett Althaus, Saydee Benavidez, Brysen Full Atticus Goff, Chloe Heath, Tyler

Huggins, Quinton Leffelman, Emersyn Noble, Gloria Parker, Natalie Pratt, Emily Sachs, and Caleb Yanos

Seventh Grade Honors

Kaitlyn Dempsey, Landon Donna Matthew Farrar, Victor Lopez-Belmontes, Tucker McCoy, Rylan McNinch, Collin O'Malley, Ezra Parker, Emilie Reed-Dempsey, Ava Rhodenbaugh, Landon Roath, Alyvia Whelchel, and Jady Whelchel

Sixth Grade Honors

Alexis Davis, Andrew Hummel, Hayden Hunsberger, Logan Ketchum, Aubrey McGuire, Madison Neal, Gavin Nichols, Ethan Shephard, Averick Wiseman, and Westin Wittenauer

Fifth Grade Honors

Owen Althaus, Damian Bender, Amylia Bump, Brian Clements, Ayla Costner, Brenna Fields, Kylee Grotzinger, Ethan Lewis, and Teagan Payne

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

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 appoint-

ment. 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.

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LOCAL NEWS

2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

June

June 3

• With COVID-19, life as we know has been changed. Navigating this change, the Shady Oaks Golf Club has implemented state guidelines to help keep its members and the public safe while enjoying the scenic 18-hole course. Matt Welty, president of the Shady Oaks Golf Club Board of Directors, said the course was closed the entire month of April, and during the month of May, to be open, the course had to abide by incredible restrictions from the state. One new addition is the sanitizing station for when the golf carts come off the course, Dave Kemp, secretary of the board of directors, said.

• Lee County Board Chairman, John Nicholson would like to remind Lee County citizens that county services are continuing through the COVID-19 pandemic—albeit differently than normal. “I want to commend the Lee County Department Heads for the creative ways they have modified day-to-day operations to keep the public and staff safe, while still continuing to provide necessary services to the public,” Nicholson said recently.

• Amboy Community Unit School District announces the retirement of six employees.

Gary “Tank” Jones - 35 Years - Physical Education Teacher

Susan E. Shaw - Amboy Central School Library/Computer Lab - 1988-2020

Cheryl Bonnell - 21 Years - Paraprofessional

Scott Spangler - 17 Years - Special Education Teacher

Marsha Monaghan - 13 Years - Library Aide

Elmer Shaw - 2008-2020 - Bus Driver

• United Way of Lee County announced it received a grant for \$3,500 from Bayer Fund, which will be used to provide free summer lunches throughout Lee County this summer.

• Illinois will advance to the “Recovery” phase of Gov. JB Pritzker’s plan to incrementally reopen the state’s economy on Friday after almost 70 days of residents living under a stay-at-home restriction. It comes as Illinois is one of only two states to meet federal COVID-19 guidelines to reopening, according to a ProPublica analysis. New York is the other.

Obituaries

Deborah “Debbie” Brady - Jan. 10, 1946 - May 30, 2020

June 10

• The Lee County Fair Association voted to cancel the 2020 Lee County Fair and Junior Show at their June meeting. The fair was scheduled for July 23-26 at the Lee County 4-H Center and Fairgrounds.

• The Amboy Fire Protection District held a parade honoring the 2020 Amboy High School seniors on June 6. AHS graduating seniors were invited to follow the parade in their personal vehicles or ride on the apparatus following social distance guidelines.

• Ashley Althaus, daughter of Steve and Deb Althaus, was named the 2020 Student of the Year at Amboy High School. Ashley will be attending Iowa State University in the fall to pursue a degree in Agriculture.

• There were 4 new positive tests in Lee County on June 5 and 2 positive cases on June 8, bringing the total to 92. The new cases are in three individuals between the ages of 10-19; and one in his or her 30’s, 40’s and 60’s. Seventy-eight of the 92 positive cases in Lee County have recovered and been lifted off isolation.

Obituaries

Joyce M. Montavon - Feb. 24, 1937 - June 2, 2020

June 17

• Over the past 30 years, the Amboy Lions Club has awarded over \$50,000 in

scholarship money to Amboy graduates. This is the 18th consecutive year that the Club has made scholarships available. The 2020 recipients of the Amboy Lions Club Scholarship are: Alison O’Rourke, Abigail Ely, Ashley Althaus, Tyler Stewart, and Margaret Vaessen.

• The Sublette Village Board members met in person with the meeting broadcast remotely to those residents who wanted to attend on Monday, June 8. Acting Sublette Village President John Stenzel said after hearing from its insurance company, the village has to follow the Governor’s rules on each Phase of reopening or else the village might not be covered by insurance. He said that Phase 3 allows for groups of 10 or less and Phase 4, which is looking to begin on June 26, allows for groups of 50 or less. Stenzel said that the village can’t offer any events with more than 50 people attending until Phase 5. He said that means the tractor pull and events like Hops and Harmony can’t be held until Phase 5.

• The annual Amboy Depot Days has been added to the list of events that have been canceled due to COVID-19 and the State of Illinois’ reopening plan. The City of Amboy announced on Friday that it is with great sadness that Amboy Depot Days 2020 has canceled our Festival, Car Show and 50/50 drawing for this year. On Facebook, the city says that as it stands now, no festivals or gatherings of over 50 people are allowed until Phase 5, and the state is currently in Phase 3.

• The number of new novel coronavirus disease, or COVID-19, cases reported in the last 24 hours fell below 600 on Friday, June 12 in the State of Illinois for the first time since March 30.

Obituaries

Lyman R. Tieman, Sr. - June 3, 1926 - June 10, 2020

June 24

• Many people are wondering what precautions such as wearing masks will be in place when, and if, schools reopen for the 2020-2021 school year. One Amboy parent posed that question during the June 18 Amboy Board of Education meeting, but at this time, Superintendent Joshua Nichols said he cannot answer that question. Illinois schools have received the current CDC guidance and summer school guidance but nothing yet for reopening in the fall. Nichols said until school districts get guidance from the state, they do not know exactly what rules will apply to schools for conducting in-person instruction.

• June 22 marked the fifth anniversary of the devastating tornado that hit the Sublette community. Most of the damage was done at Woodhaven Lakes and the several farmsteads near town.

Obituaries

Clara “Betty” Elizabeth North - Dec. 3, 1938 - June 22, 2020

July

July 1

• Illinois’ minimum wage will make its second increase this year to \$10 per hour beginning July 1. The Illinois Department of Labor urges minimum wage earners to make sure their checks reflect the increase following July 1.

• The Sublette Country Car Show scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12 will not be held on that date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The show will be rescheduled in the future.

Obituaries

Anna Mae Bonnell Wilavize - March 25, 1929 - June 23, 2020

July 8

• The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that weather permitting, construction work will begin Monday, July 6, at the

intersection of US Route 52 and Main Street in Amboy.

• Early Saturday morning, July 4, Lee County Sheriff’s Office responded to a vehicle fire east of Harmon. Evidence collected at the scene, linked the vehicle to a homicide in South Carolina that occurred on Sunday, June 28.

• In honor of the Fourth of July, Teen Turf decorated the sidewalks outside of the downtown Amboy businesses on Thursday.

• Amboy High School graduate Ashley Althaus, was presented with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen award by members of the Rochelle Chapter, DAR Good Citizen Committee: Darlene Hinkle and Vice Regent Lydia Roberts.

• Facebook announced today that, as part of their commitment to invest in America, the tech company’s newest worldwide data center will be built in DeKalb, Illinois, bringing an investment of more than \$800 million. The Facebook DeKalb Data Center will be among the most advanced, energy- and water-efficient data center facilities in the world, supporting an estimated 100 operational jobs and hundreds of construction jobs.

• The Sublette One-Day Tractor Drive scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 5 has been canceled due to the coronavirus. Plans are to have the ride in 2021 on the first Wednesday of August.

Obituaries

Shirley Mae Hubbell Okland - Aug. 5, 1935 - June 28, 2020

Raymond K. Harrison - Nov. 18, 1936 - July 3, 2020

Linda P. Bonnell - Feb. 15, 1959 - June 28, 2020

July 15

• The City of Amboy held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Revolution Wellness, one of the new businesses in Amboy. Revolution Wellness is located at 205 E. Main Street, and owned by Allison Hicks, pictured centered cutting the ribbon. Revolution Wellness offers meal replacement shakes, boosted teas, and iced coffees, as well as other items.

• The City of Amboy held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Becker Detailing, one of the new businesses in Amboy. Becker Detailing, owned by Demi Becker and Kevin Glenn, is located at 204 N. Jefferson, Suite A, in Amboy. Becker Detailing offers interior and exterior detailing, wash and vacuum, motorcycle detailing, full interior cleaning, full exterior cleaning, paint correction, and headlight restoration.

• The City of Amboy held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Emerald Beauty Bar, one of the new businesses in Amboy. Emerald Beauty Bar is located at 204 N. Jefferson, in Amboy. Emerald Beauty Bar, owned by Cameryn Koch, pictured center cutting the ribbon, offers skin care and waxing services.

• The City of Amboy held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Inspired Home Décor & Gifts, one of the new businesses in Amboy. Inspired Home Décor & Gifts is located at 204 N. Jefferson, Suite C, in Amboy. Inspired Home Décor & Gifts, owned by Candie Koch, pictured third from left, opened its doors on Saturday, May 30.

• Since July 7, Lee County has reported 5 people have tested positive for COVID-19. The people testing positive are 2 in their 20s, 1 on their 50s, and 2 in their 80s. This brings Lee County’s positive cases to 107, with 95 recovered, and one death.

The Lee County Health Department recommends that if anyone traveled to a state that is considered a “hot spot” for COVID-19, that they should self-quarantine for 14 days upon their return.

• The state’s COVID-19 test positivity rate remained at 3 percent Monday as the Illinois Department of Public Health reported 883

new confirmed cases of the virus. The 30,012 test results reported Monday followed more than 70,000 total reported the previous two days, driving Illinois to more than 2 million tests conducted since the pandemic began. Illinois became the first state in the Midwest to reach that milestone and the fifth state in the U.S., following California, New York, Florida and Texas.

Obituaries

William K. Laemmel - Nov. 30, 1936 - July 5, 2020

July 22

• A tentative school reopening plan was discussed during the Amboy Board of Education meeting held at Central School and via Zoom on July 17. Superintendent Joshua Nichols said this is not a final plan and some changes may be necessary depending on further guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Lee County Health Department, the Center for Disease Control, and local virus conditions.

• A request from the Amboy Fire Department for use of the old Amboy Junior High property, a construction update on the new junior high building, and a revision of the school calendar were among the items discussed at the July 16 Amboy Board of Education meeting. The Amboy Fire Department followed up on its previous request for use of part of the “old” Amboy Junior High property to use as the site of a new fire department building. The fire department is continuing to move forward with their grant process for construction of the building and at some point, will need assurance that they have acquired the necessary property. Because COVID-19 has stalled some of the process, the fire department has not been given a deadline but they wanted to know if the school board had discussed the matter.

• The Amboy Fire Department responded to two nearby barn fires on Sunday morning. At 4:30 a.m., on Sunday, the Sublette Fire Protection District responded automatic aid to the Amboy Fire Protection District for a barn fire in the 1400 block of Sterling Road, in rural Amboy. Enroute, Lee County Sheriff’s Office, Dixon reported a second fire three-quarters of a mile west of the first incident. Units remained on scene for over five hours.

• The Lee County Sheriff’s Office has located and taken into custody two people that were linked to a homicide in South Carolina. Jorden E. Johnson, 28, and Latisha D. Evans, 20, were located and taken into custody in the 1500 block of E. 4th Street in Sterling at approximately 3 a.m., on Friday, July 17, by the Lee County Joint Operations Group (JOG). Both are being held at the Whiteside County Sheriff’s Office, pending extradition to South Carolina.

• The Sublette Village Board discussed some public safety issues during its meeting on July 13. Acting Village President John Stenzel said that he had received a few calls from concerned residents about unlicensed drivers of UTVs and golf carts. Stenzel told the board that he reached out to the Lee County Sheriff’s Office about the concerns, because Sublette doesn’t have its own police department.

• The Unified Executive Leadership Team would like to address a rumor circulating on social media and in the community regarding an event that occurred over the weekend of July 10. There are 3 more positive case of COVID-19 in Lee County, bringing the total to 116. The positives were in two children ages 1-10 and one person in his or her 40s. The Lee County Health Department reports that five people have recovered and been lifted off of isolation, for a total of

105 of the 116 positive cases thus far.

Obituaries

Ann C. Taylor - March 6, 1938 - July 19, 2020

July 29

• Margaret Vaessen of Sublette was recently elected the Illinois State FFA Reporter. She will spend one year visiting FFA chapters throughout the state. Vaessen plans to attend Joliet Junior College for two years and then transfer to a university to continue her studies in agriculture. Following her election, an impromptu parade was held in Sublette. She was taken around town on one of the fire trucks, which was followed by other fire vehicles, family and friends.

• Due to COVID-19, Public Act 101-642 has been implemented and mandates that Lee County Clerk and Recorder’s office automatically provide an application for a vote by mail ballot to registered voters that have cast a ballot in any election beginning with the November 2018 General Election and forward, or have newly registered or updated their

voter registration since the March 17, 2020 General Primary Election.

• Emma Bickett was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Amboy Masonic Lodge 178. This scholarship qualifies her for an additional \$1,000 from the Illinois Grand Lodge in Springfield.

• The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) announced on July 14, 2020 that it will defer to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the Governor’s Office on all of its Return To Play Guidelines moving forward.

• Construction work at the intersection of US Route 52 and Main Street in Amboy began on Monday, July 6. On Monday, July 27, workers removed the road at the intersection and replaced it with new asphalt. O’Brien Civil Works, Inc. will be reconstructing the ADA sidewalk ramps on the contract. The project is expected to be completed near the end of July.

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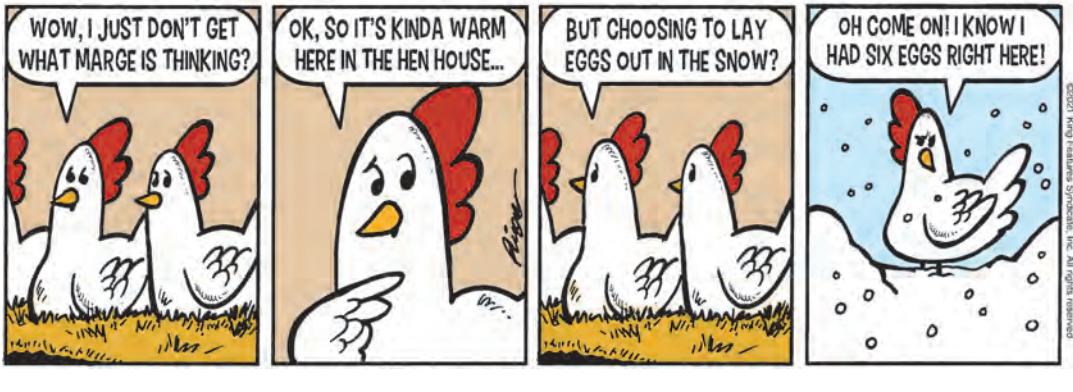
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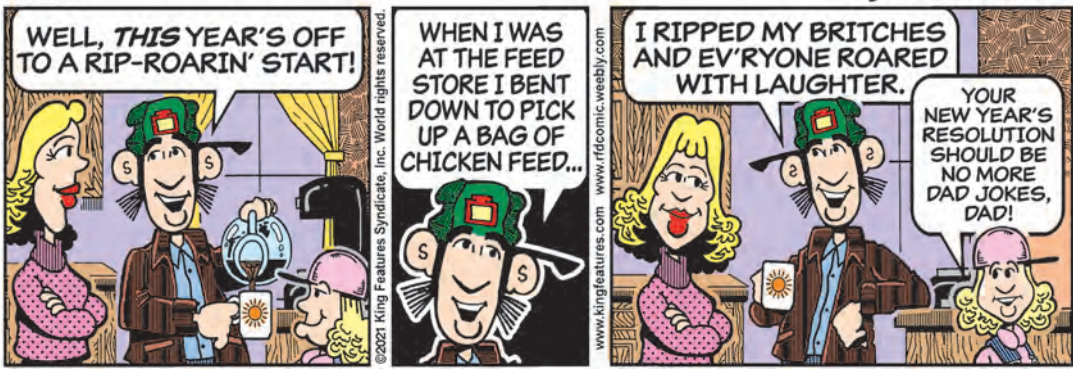
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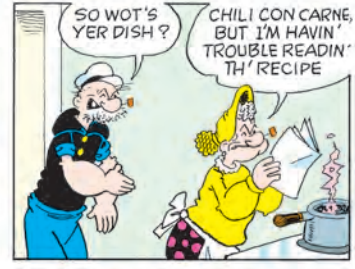
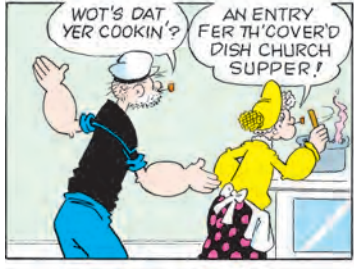
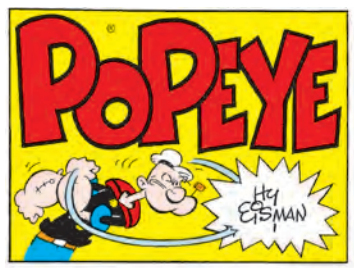
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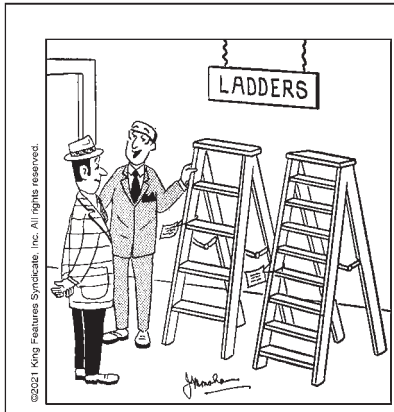


Just Like Cats & Dogs

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!

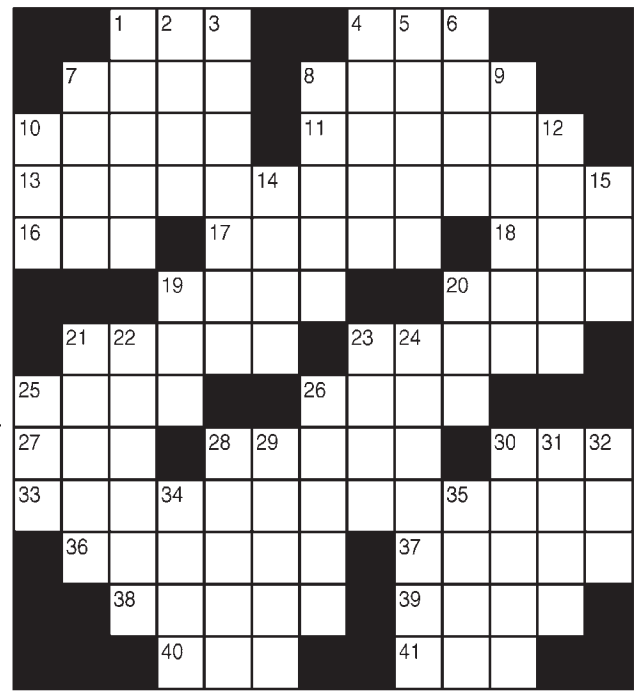
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TODAY'S WORD

ACROSS

- 1 Opening
- 4 Cartoon frame
- 7 Vend
- 8 "Dallas" matriarch
- 10 Sleep problem
- 11 Court hammers
- 13 1998 Bruce Willis thriller
- 16 Shock partner
- 17 Hoodwinks
- 18 Water tester
- 19 Gum flavor
- 20 Roll call reply
- 21 Fry lightly
- 23 Belted area
- 25 Cooking fat
- 26 Uttered
- 27 Chemical suf-
- 28 Up and about
- 30 Quilters' get-together
- 33 Wimbledon champ of 2008
- 36 Wife of Jacob
- 37 Edition
- 38 Nodded off
- 39 D.C. baseball team
- 40 Picnic crasher

King Crossword



- 41 Ram's mate
- DOWN
- 1 Category
- 2 Sir Guinness
- 3 Enthusiastic approval
- 4 County of Ireland
- 5 Graceland idol
- 6 Fibs
- 7 Gush
- 8 Pharaoh's

- 26 Long-legged shorebird
- 9 Upper crust
- 10 Docs' org.
- 12 Bull's sound
- 14 Ancient letter
- 15 "My word!"
- 19 Wet dirt
- 20 Secreted
- 21 Less loony
- 22 Sports venues
- 23 Banshee's cry
- 24 Delta, for one
- 25 Actress Tyler
- 28 Wan
- 29 Used a broom
- 30 Butter up the turkey
- 31 Flightless birds
- 32 Compass pt.
- 34 Bruins' sch.
- 35 Caesar's "vidi"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	7			4	9	2	
		8		6			5
3			1				6
	4	6	9				8
9				5		4	
	2				6		1
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

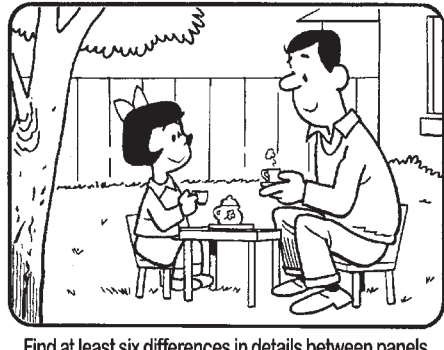
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- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

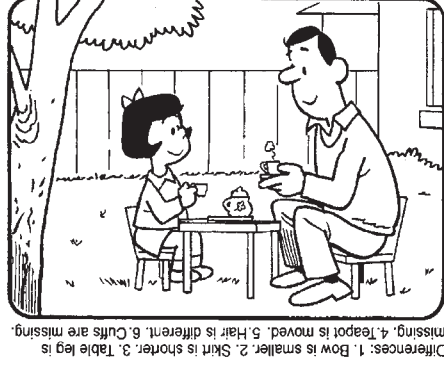
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Skirt is shorter. 3. Table leg is missing. 4. Teapot is moved. 5. Hair is different. 6. Cuffs are missing.

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: G equals Y

MC GBL UKDDHHS YB AH YUHTH
VUHI EBQHBH'E THKFFG QKS,
VBLFS GBL AH MI YUH FMIH BC
MTH?

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FASTER

Today's Word

3.Sole; 4.Direct
1.Groan 2.Feral;
solution

SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test

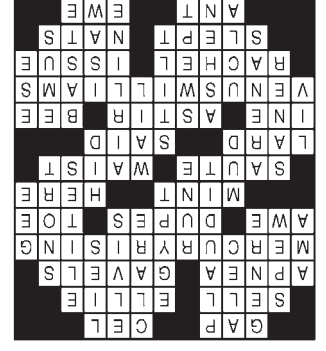
by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: Who was the first African American to win the Academy Award for Best Actor?
- 2. ASTRONOMY: How many phases does the Moon go through each month?
- 3. MEDICAL: What are leukocytes?
- 4. TELEVISION: What are the names of the three animated "Powerpuff Girls"?
- 5. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing the first battery?
- 6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest country in Africa in land area?
- 7. MEASUREMENTS: What does a Geiger counter measure?
- 8. LITERATURE: What item did the crocodile swallow in "Peter Pan"?
- 9. FOOD & DRINK: What is grenade made from?
- 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby goat called?

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- 10. A kid
- 9. Pomegranates
- 8. A clock
- 7. Radiation
- 6. Algeria
- 5. Alessandro Volta
- 4. Blossom, Buttercup and Bubbles
- 3. White blood cells
- 2. Eight
- 1. Sidney Poitier, in 1964

Answers



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

8	9	6	4	3	1	9	5	7	2
2	1	7	6	4	5	8	3	6	9
5	3	6	8	2	7	9	6	1	4
7	2	5	4	8	9	6	3	3	1
3	8	3	2	5	1	4	6	7	7
1	4	6	9	7	3	2	8	5	5
3	5	2	1	6	8	7	4	6	9
4	8	6	7	9	2	1	5	3	3
6	7	1	5	3	4	9	2	8	8

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

If you happened to be there when someone's really mad, would you be in the line of fire?

CryptoQuip

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Katie Pratt, Board Secretary
Joshua Nichols, Superintendent
No. 0103
Jan. 13, 2021

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Dated this 10th day of December A.D. 2020.
Cathy Myers, County Clerk
by Gerianne Knack
No. 1203
Dec. 30, Jan. 6, Jan. 13

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August
Aug. 5

• The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for a special meeting on July 29, 2020, where the Board announced its intended plans for the 2020-21 school year. The COVID-19 pandemic led the Board to propose unprecedented scheduling changes for the 2020-21 school year. They include playing all sports over the course of truncated fall, winter, spring, and summer seasons. As a result, several team sports will shift to new seasons, including football, boys' soccer, and girls' volleyball moving from the fall to the spring.

• Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Transportation announced the second of six \$250 million grants to counties, municipalities and townships to address local transportation needs.

• For the first time since Illinois entered Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan, a county in the Northern Illinois Rockford Region is at the warning level for coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced Jo Daviess County is considered to be at a warning level for COVID-19 today.

• The Lee County Health Department announced on Aug. 1, that there were 9 positive reports, eight of which are in employees and residents of Jack Mabley Center. All cases are from one house and no one is severely ill at this time. On Aug. 3, there was 1 more positive case of COVID-19 in Lee County, bringing the total to 144 positive cases. The Lee County Health Department reports that an additional person has recovered and been lifted off of isolation, for a total of 118 recovered of the 144 positive cases thus far.

Aug. 12

• A tentative budget and several personnel items were discussed by the Amboy District 272 Board of Education during an Aug. 6 Finance Committee meeting. The board approved a tentative budget for the 2020-2021 school year and also scheduled a budget hearing, which will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17 at Central School.

• The Lee County Health Department announced on Aug. 6, that there were 13 new cases of COVID-19, eight of which are from the Jack Mabley Center. Since Aug. 6, the Lee County Health Department has reported eight new cases: one in his or her teens, three in his or her 20s, two in his or her 40s, and two in his or her 50s This brings the total cases to 169 as of Aug. 9. The Lee County Health Department reports that 133 of the 169 positive cases have recovered thus far.

Obituaries

Ronald Vaessen – July 19, 1940 – July 31, 2020

Gifford Fordham, Jr. – Feb. 3, 1948 – Aug. 6, 2020

Fay Dean Vaughn – Dec. 13, 1922 – Aug. 6, 2020

Rodney L. Oberschelp – Sept. 12, 1946 – Aug. 7, 2020

Florence M. Kuebel – Sept. 30, 1926 – Aug. 9, 2020

Dennis J. Jones – Sept. 24, 1949 – Aug. 5, 2020

Aug. 19

• The Draw Down is one of the main fundraisers the Amboy Lions has. This year the Amboy Lions wants to help the businesses in the community. Many of these same businesses make generous donations to help assure the Lions' fundraisers success. This year the Lions are not asking for business donations, but instead \$30 of the \$60 ticket will be given back to these businesses, totaling \$6,000 back into our

community.

• The Lee County Health Department announced on Aug. 17, that for the week of Aug. 2-8, Lee County's positivity rate and new case rate have increased again for the week.

For the week July 26 – Aug. 1, Lee County was higher than the state's target for new cases per 100,000. The target is 50; and Lee County had 58 positive cases for the week of July 26-Aug. 1. Lee County's positivity rate has also increased. During that same week, July 26 – Aug. 1, Lee County's positivity rate was 6.3 percent. The state target is 8 percent or less.

Since Aug. 11, the Lee County Health Department has reported 25 new cases: two in his or her teens, 9 in his or her 20s, 2 in his or her 30s, 3 in his or her 40s, 4 in his or her 50s, 1 in his or her 60s, 2 in his or her 70s, and 2 in his or her 80s.

This brings the total cases to 197 as of Aug. 17. The Lee County Health Department reports that 152 of the 197 positive cases have recovered thus far.

• The Amboy Fire Protection District has been awarded two grants.

The first is a \$19,969.63 grant which is an assistance to firefighters grant funding for the purchase of PPE related to COVID-19 response.

The second grant is a \$120,762 Rural EMS Training Grant. This grant will help the department train more EMTs and upgrade four additional paramedics. It will also provide for tools for virtual learning, and training in responding to opiate and mental health related calls.

Aug. 26

• Since Aug. 17, the Lee County Health Department has reported 15 new cases: one in the age range 10-18, 2 in his or her teens, 1 in his or her 20s, 4 in his or her 30s, 3 in his or her 40s, 4 in his or her 50s, 1 in his or her 70s, and 1 in his or her 80s. This brings the total cases to 214 as of Aug. 24. The Lee County Health Department reports that 184 of the 214 positive cases have recovered thus far, as of Aug. 24.

Obituaries

Gayland C. Nelson – March 3, 1943 – Aug. 20, 2020

David Lee Grossman – April 3, 1944 – Aug. 18, 2020

September

Sept. 2

• With most Amboy students back in their classrooms for the second week of the school year, on Aug. 26 Superintendent Joshua Nichols said everyone was adapting well to the new safety requirements.

"We require everyone to wear a mask, social distance, and we take everyone's temperature each day - everything we need to do to keep the kids in school," Nichols said. "I know everyone's situation is different but I believe it is important for kids to be in school rather than having remote learning, if possible. Everyone is adapting well to wearing masks, it's not ideal but we're soldiering on."

• Exelon Corporation on Thursday announced plans to close two Illinois nuclear power plants next year in a decision the company claims is independent of legislative energy policy negotiations. But, in a news release announcing the closures, Exelon's CEO said the company will "continue our dialogue with policymakers on ways to prevent these closures."

• Since Aug. 24, the Lee County Health Department has reported 6 inmates and two employees at the Dixon Correction Center have reported positive for COVID-19. This brings the total cases to 242 as of Aug. 31. The Lee County Health Department reports that 212 of the 242 positive cases have recovered thus far, as

of Aug. 31.

• Driver's licenses for Illinoisans 75 or older are valid one extra year beyond the currently listed 2020 expiration date, Secretary of State Jesse White announced Tuesday. Those roughly 147,000 seniors do not need to visit a motor vehicle facility until just prior to their birthday in 2021, the office said in a news release, noting it will inform qualifying residents in a letter.

• The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met virtually for their regularly scheduled board meeting on Aug. 24, where the Board approved a plan to conduct modified postseason state series tournaments in boys' and girls' golf, boys' and girls' cross country and girls' tennis this fall.

Obituaries

James (Jim) William Jackson – Dec. 24, 1933 – July 29, 2020

Sept. 9

• Following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recent announcement on changes regarding COVID-19 testing protocols, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding all Illinois residents of the importance of getting tested, including after close contact with someone who has tested positive.

• The exceptionally large number of cases being reported in Illinois on Friday, Sept. 4 is a result of a slowdown in data processing within IDPH systems that affected the reporting of aggregate result numbers due to the large volume of testing occurring in Illinois. On Friday, Sept. 4, the Illinois Department of Health reported 5,368 new confirmed cases. System upgrades have been implemented and the backlog has been cleared. Upgrades will provide the system significantly faster capacity. The slowdown did not delay reporting of positive or negative results to individuals.

• Lee County has already exceeded the state target for new cases per 100,000 for the last several weeks. If another county metric does the same, the county would be placed on the warning list for Illinois. Region-1, which includes Lee County, has seen a trend of increased positivity rates. Some regions have had to implement additional mitigation measures as a result of their metrics. Between Aug. 31 and Sept. 5, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 28 new cases have been reported. This brings the total number of cases to 269. Seven other reported cases are in Dixon Correctional Center inmates. Of the 269 cases, 225 have recovered. Currently, there are 4 residents hospitalized due to COVID-19.

Sept. 16

• Amboy Community School District has announced the following teachers have joined the school year for this school year: Baylee Ricker, Kelsi Eyster, Joseph Heavner, Michael Olson, and Abelardo Sustaita.

• Between Sept. 8 and Sept. 14, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 25 new cases. Two students from Dixon Public Schools have tested positive. Eleven other reported cases are in Dixon Correctional Center inmates. This brings the total number of cases to 299. Of the 299 cases, 253 have recovered. Currently, there is one resident hospitalized due to COVID-19.

• The Lee County Veterans Treatment Court held a graduation ceremony to recognize three graduates on Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Old Courthouse in Dixon, with Associate Judge Theresa Friel-Draper presiding. The ceremony marked the completion of an intensive specialized court program

for three Veterans who have served in the armed services.

Obituaries

Virginia "Ginny" Morris – Nov. 28, 1937 – Aug. 25, 2020

Betty A. Payne – Nov. 3, 1938 – Sept. 7, 2020

Sept. 23

• During the first month of in-person classes, Amboy schools have faced some ups and downs but remain open. Reporting at the Sept. 17 board of education meeting, Superintendent Joshua Nichols said the district had been very fortunate until recently when an Amboy High School student tested positive for COVID-19. Working with the Lee County Health Department, contract tracing was done and an additional 18 students had to be quarantined for 14 days because of close contact with the positive student. In addition, Nichols said a number of other AHS students are also in quarantine because they were in close contact with a positive case outside of school, such as family member or relative.

• The Amboy Depot Commission would like to invite the public to come to an open house on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., and view our outdoor Museum grounds. They ask that everyone please wear a mask and because this is outdoors, they feel the 6-feet will be no problem for our public.

• The Village of Sublette Board of Trustees approved salary increases for those elected and appointed after the April 2021 election.

• Between Sept. 15 and Sept. 21, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 28 new cases. This brings the total number of positive cases to 327. Of the 327 cases, 267 have recovered. Currently, there is 1 resident hospitalized due to COVID-19.

Obituaries

Richard I. Garland – Nov. 3, 1929 – Sept. 14, 2020

William J. "Bill" Apple – March 17, 1942 – Sept. 15, 2020

Sept. 30

• The Northern Illinois Rockford Region (Region 1) is close to being in warning level for coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The positivity rate for Region 1 has been steadily increasing. As of Sept. 20, Region 1 positivity rate is 7.5% A positivity rate of 8% for three consecutive days results in a warning level for COVID-19.

• On Sept. 23, the Lee County Health Department announced 13 cases in Jack Mabley residents. All positive residents are from one house and there are currently no positive or pending employees. This brings the total number of cases to 359 as of Sept. 26. Of the 359 cases, 281 have recovered. Currently, there are 2 residents hospitalized due to COVID-19.

• The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors announced on Sept. 23 that they have voted to expand the IHSA State Series in two fall sports, adding a second round of postseason play in boys and girls golf and boys and girls cross country. There will be no additional fee to compete in the sectional round.

• The Amboy High School cross country teams competed against Oregon and Winnebago on Sept. 22 at Oregon. The Clipper boys captured the team title win with 35 points. Oregon was next with 44 points and Winnebago tallied 45.

Obituaries

Chester E. Kilbey, Jr. – Aug. 13, 1927 – Sept. 23, 2020

October
Oct. 7

• Between Sept. 26 and Oct. 5, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 60 new cases have been reported. This brings the total number of cases to

434 as of Oct. 5. Of the 434 cases, 327 have recovered. Currently, there are two residents hospitalized due to COVID-19.

• Region 1 of the state's reopening plan saw a second straight day with a COVID-19 test positivity rate exceeding 8 percent, according to the most recent data for Saturday, Sept. 26, as it increased to 8.3 percent. Later Tuesday, Sept. 29, the governor's office announced the region would see increased mitigations starting Saturday, Oct. 3, due to the rising rate of spread.

• More than 2 million Illinois voters have requested vote-by-mail ballots and more than 26,000 such ballots have already been returned, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

• The Amboy Clippers continued their dominance in cross country by cruising to a triangular victory at Byron on Sept. 29. AHS had the top five runners and won with a perfect 15 points. Mendota was second with 47 points and Byron had 77 points.

Obituaries

Martha Jean Wojtkiewicz-Wagner – March 30, 1925 – Sept. 30, 2020

Oct. 14

• Last week, Amboy High School students and families were notified of a temporary move to remote learning for all AHS students. A letter sent by Amboy CUSD 272 Superintendent Joshua Nichols on Oct. 8 explained that the district had consulted with the Lee County Health Department and then decided to pause in-person instruction at Amboy High School from Oct. 12-23. During this two-week period, all high school students have been transitioned to remote learning.

• Between Oct. 5 and Oct. 12, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 68 new cases have been reported. This brings the total number of cases to 505 as of Oct. 12. Of the 505 cases, 376 have recovered. Currently, there are 4 residents hospitalized due to COVID-19.

• The Amboy Clippers continued their cross country dominance by racing past two other teams at Genoa-Kingsston on Oct. 6. The Clippers scored 24 points, followed by Rockford Lutheran (34) and G-K (69). Rockford Lutheran took the girls' race with 29 points. The host school was second with 43 points and Amboy had 50.

• One Amboy High School golfer will continue on to the sectional round after the Clippers competed in the Oregon Class 1A Regional on Oct. 6. Sophomore Wes Wilson got through to the sectional after his score of 88 was one of the top five among golfers not on a qualifying team.

Oct. 21

• Those driving past Veterans Park in Amboy may have noticed two new murals on display.

The new murals are the work of local artist Loreen Mead, and are on the left and right side of Mead'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 Village of Sublette approved projects that used funds from the Local CURE Support Program to make improvements to the village. The Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (or Local CURE) Support Program is a support program for units of local government, outside of Cook, Lake, Will, Kane and DuPage County. This is federally funded from the Coronavirus Relief Fund using dollars allocated to Illinois through the CARES Act, and will reimburse units of local government for costs incurred during March 1 through Dec. 30, 2020.

• Between Oct. 13 and Oct. 19, the Lee County Health

Department has reported a total of 92 new cases have been reported. This brings the total number of cases to 607 as of Oct. 19. Of the 607 cases, 436 have recovered. Currently, there are 5 residents hospitalized due to COVID-19.

• A drive-by parade was held for Darlene Hinkle's birthday and to also say goodbye on Oct. 14. The parade of cars left the Amboy Junior High at 1 p.m. Hinkle has sold her house in Amboy and will be moving into the Chicago Suburbs.

• The Amboy High School cross country teams concluded the 2020 regular season with first-place finishes in a home meet on Oct. 15 at Shady Oaks. The boys had 29 points and rolled over Polo (46) and Galena (48). Freeport Aquin did not have a full squad of runners to compete. The Lady Clippers made it a clean sweep for Amboy by beating Freeport Aquin, 23-32, neither Polo or Galena had a full squad of runners to compete.

Obituaries

Joseph "Joe" Wayne Brown, Sr. – Aug. 9, 1945 – Oct. 10, 2020

William G. Hull, Jr. – Feb. 18, 1936 – Oct. 7, 2020

Oct. 28

• "Remote learning is here - let's deal with it." That sentiment, which was expressed by Amboy School Board member Katie Pratt during the Oct. 20 Board of Education meeting, kick-started a lengthy discussion on what improvements could be made to make remote learning better for everyone involved. Pratt said the Amboy School District was fortunate because there was a good foundation for remote instruction when the pandemic hit in March.

• The Amboy Lions Club added some fun to the Central School's Fourth Grade Class daily routine with a pumpkin decorating contest. Lion Jim Travi harvested and delivered pumpkins for each fourth grade student at Central School. The pumpkins were donated by Country Kids Produce in Peru.

• Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) are announcing additional COVID-19 mitigation efforts that will be implemented in Region 1, Northwestern Illinois, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020. After mitigation efforts initially took effect in Region 1 on Oct. 3, the positivity rate has remained the highest in the state, with the region reporting an 11.9 percent rolling positivity rate today, Oct. 22.

• Between Oct. 20 and Oct. 26, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 127 new cases have been reported. This brings the total number of cases to 734 as of Oct. 26. Of the 734 cases, 517 have recovered. Currently, there are 6 residents hospitalized due to COVID-19.

• The Sublette Fire Department was recently featured on the This Week in AgriBusiness TV program. Nick Dinges, Assistant Fire Chief, was interviewed by Max Armstrong regarding volunteerism in rural fire departments. The interview was videoed at the Sublette Fire Station.

• Both of the Amboy High School cross country teams advanced to the sectional round after competing in the St. Bede Class 1A Regional on Oct. 24 in Peru.

The Clipper boys were crowned regional champions by a wide margin. Amboy scored 50 points and beat its nearest competitor, Sterling Newman, by 42 points.

Obituaries

Tiffany E. Blake – Dec. 11, 1970 – Oct. 18, 2020

2020 Year In Review will continue in the Jan. 20th edition of the Amboy News

SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #34 Dennis Ely

This week is very special as our nominee is, not only a great Clipper, but a key member on the 1984 State Championship team. This week's Clipper is State Champion, #34, Dennis Ely.

Dennis was a 1985 graduate of Amboy High School. Dennis played tailback on the 1984 State Championship team. For those of you that have watched the 1984 highlight film, you all know exactly how good Dennis was during his time as a Clipper.

Dennis had to miss the 1983 season, his junior season, due to a knee injury. It is the belief of former teammate, Dan Etheridge, and probably several others, that if Dennis had been able to play his junior season, Amboy would have two State Football Championships. From seeing Dennis' exploits on the gridiron there is not a doubt in my mind that could have been the case.

It's no secret and even I get misty eyed typing it, that Dennis and the 1984 Clippers did what all of us have dreamt of from the ages of 14-17. Dennis was a 1st team All Conference tailback this senior season. Not only did the Clipper backfield average roughly 8 yards per rush attempt, but Dennis was just as key of an ingredient in the Clipper's aerial attack.

"Dennis had some of the best hands on the team. He could catch anything," a statement that was made by former teammate Brad Goy. Dennis shared that every

conference game was always a tough battle, some being more difficult than the first couple playoff matchups. Dennis did state, "it was a dream come true to win a State Championship."

For those that don't know, Dennis and his fellow seniors, had one common goal from their eighth grade season all the way to their senior season....a State Championship. As I spoke to Dennis last night, he spoke several times of the common goal and the closeness of the 1984 Championship team.

All great teams have 100% buy-in to the common goal. The 1984 Clippers simply had more. They had the fun that comes with the game, the work ethic that was needed to achieve that level of success, but more importantly the confidence to say "we are gonna run it right here, at your best guy. Stop it." No challenge was too great. Their dream of a State Championship was always in their own hands and hearts and they refused to believe any different. Dennis embodied that mindset in his own style of play. Dennis would run over, around, or through defenders twice his size. No pass was uncatchable, no yard was too long, and no end zone was too far away. Dennis sacrificed so much for the common goal as he played hurt more than once during his senior season. After talking to Dennis, I learned that the common goal meant nothing without his team, all 44 of them.

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



Dennis gave it all for them and the common goal simply followed. A true leader, a true teammate.

Dennis' former teammates, Brad Goy, Sam Jones, and Dan Etheridge were all interviewed to speak about what it was like to play with Dennis. All three, all great Clippers and will all have their day on this highlight, said Dennis was "hard nosed," "tough as nails," and "nothing could stop him."

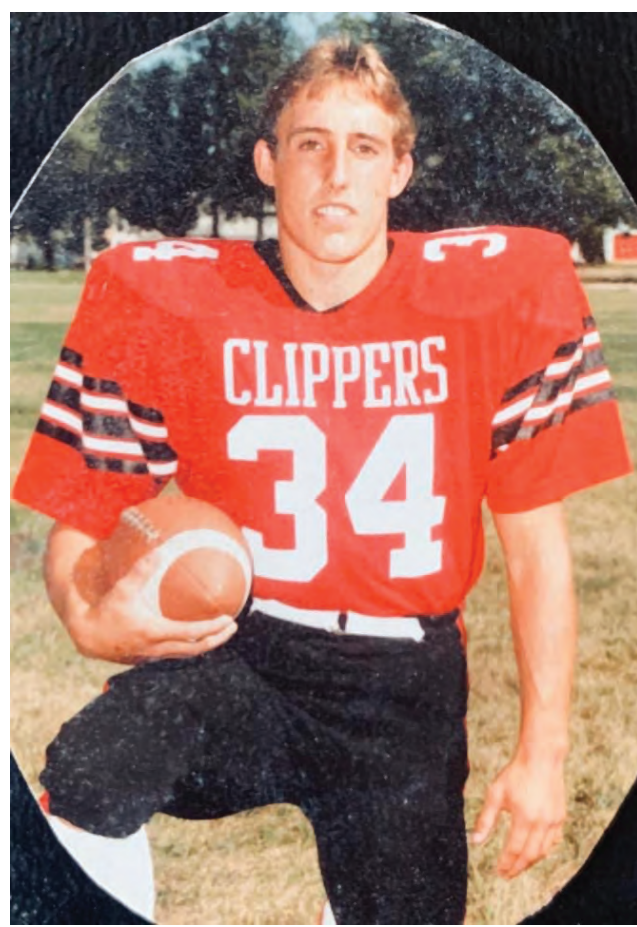
Dennis' toughness, athleticism, and leadership were the focal points Dennis' teammates spoke of. I want to focus on the toughness. We have had our fair share of "tough" Clippers shared on this page. I believe all of us that wore an Amboy uniform are tougher men than those from other teams or towns. Dennis' toughness is not playing through injuries or the sacrifices he put his body through for that extra yard or touchdown. Dennis' tough-

ness is defined by going through summer workouts after a long days work on the farm, going through double practices then going to bail hay until the sun went down, and waking up early on a November morning to duck hunt and then going to get some more in the afternoon... only on the gridiron.

Dennis, alike all other highlights thus far, loves most that he got to share these special moments in Amboy Football History with all of his closest friends. Friends he still stays in touch with today. Dennis admits it makes his "hair stand up on his neck" to hear our fight song as it takes him back to the 1984 season and all of its glory. The speed the athleticism, and the practices that were more challenging than some conference games is what Dennis remembers best.

What Dennis and his teammates of the 1984 State Championship season might not know is that their successes fueled an entire new generation of Amboy Football. The 1984 Championship highlight tape would not only be used to instruct young quarterbacks, like me, how to run the option but was used to motivate numerous Clipper teams. That film was watched by hundreds of Clippers to follow, before the season, before big games, and each year before playoffs.

So, to State Champion, #34, Dennis Ely, thank you for your contributions



#34 Dennis Ely

to Amboy Football. Thank you for all you and the 1984 Amboy Clippers did for those that followed you in wearing the Clipper Red. More importantly thank you for the time you took for this highlight. I heard in Dennis' voice what we all have and feel for Amboy Football. The pride, the tradition, the work, but, most importantly, the common goal of Clipper greatness. 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 updates high school sports status following meeting with IDPH

BLOOMINGTON—Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Executive Director Craig Anderson, members of the IHSA staff, and Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) staff members met virtually with Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Deputy Governor Jesse Ruiz, and IDPH Chief of Staff Justin DeWitt on the evening of Jan. 6.

"We appreciate the dialogue with state leadership and believe it is crucial that it continue moving forward," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "We understand that the state faces shifting priorities as it continues to fight the pandemic, while also beginning the distribution of the vaccine. There was no expectation that a single meeting would resolve all our questions. However, we believe that

collaboration with state officials is vital for the IHSA to be able to develop an informed plan for the 300,000-plus student-athletes and over 800 high schools that encompass the Association."

IHSA and IESA leadership used the meeting to reintroduce recommended mitigations from the IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC), as well as to seek understanding on any preliminary insight IDPH may have related to the return of interscholastic sports.

The IHSA also asked IDPH leadership to review the risk levels of all remaining sports, with consideration for lowering some sports from their current risk levels.

"We believe that there is both data and science that validates the idea that we can safely conduct sports," said Anderson. "We have seen it work in other states and believe it can in Illinois if we utilize the mitigations provided by IDPH and the IHSA SMAC.

Students are already leaving or participating out-of-state on weekends. We believe that competing for their high school remains the safest venue for participation."

All IHSA sports remain on pause at the moment. Low risk sports may not begin until the state returns to Phase 4 in the All Sports Policy. The IHSA Board of Directors are scheduled to meet again on Jan. 13.

"Our Board of Directors is going to have difficult decisions to make regarding the seasons' for medium- and high-risk sports very soon," said Anderson. "With no specific IDPH timeline or statistical benchmarks established for the return of sports and the calendar shrinking, putting together a puzzle that allows for all sports to be played becomes increasingly improbable. We continue to urge all residents of our state to be diligent in their efforts to adhere to safety guidelines, as a lower positivity rate remains the key to athletics returning."



Snowmobilers should focus on safety when hitting the trails this winter

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reminds snowmobile operators and riders to focus on safety this winter when snowfall allows for snowmobile riding.

"Snowmobile operators should carefully review their safety checklist before hitting the trails this winter," said Jeff Hopkins, IDNR Safety Education Administrator. "Accidents are often preventable if snowmobile drivers and riders take reasonable and proper precautions."

Basic safety tips for safe snowmobiling include:

- Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during a ride;
- Know your equipment, and make sure that equipment is in proper working order;
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for snowmobiling, including a full-size helmet, goggles, or face shield to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips, and flying debris;
- Avoid wearing long scarves, which may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile;
- Know the terrain you are going to ride;

- Be aware of trails or portions of trails that may be closed;
- Drowning is one cause of snowmobile fatalities; when not familiar with the body of water or thickness of the ice, avoid these areas;
- Know the weather forecast, and especially the ice and snow conditions in the area;
- Always use the buddy system and never ride alone or unaccompanied;
- Be careful when crossing roads; come to a complete stop and make sure no traffic is approaching from any direction; and
- Travel at a reasonable rate of speed for visibility and conditions.

"In most instances, knowing the trail and traveling at a reasonable rate of speed for trail conditions can prevent accidents," Hopkins added. "Staying alert and sober is a must. Unfortunately, far too many accidents involve impaired operators, resulting in injuries and fatalities."

Snowmobile safety information is available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/safety/Pages/Snowmobile-Safety.aspx>

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SPORTS

Meet the Amboy High School Girls Basketball Seniors



#34 Brianna Blaine

Position: Post or Guard.

This is Bri's 4th year playing basketball, she also plays volleyball.

She will be attending The University of Iowa in the fall to major in Human Physiology or Biology to be a Physician Assistant.

Her favorite part about basketball is the bond they all share, and the memories they have made in the past 7 or 8 years. She also loves the support they get from the entire town; it means so much to them.

She would like to shout out to her parents and siblings for coming to all her games. She also wants to shout out to Coach Hobbs for making her shoot the ball more during her Sophomore and Junior year.



#23 Mallory Powers

Position: Guard

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

She will be attending Illinois Wesleyan University in the fall to continue playing basketball and to study Kinesiology and become an OT or Athletic Trainer.

She loves basketball because it is enjoyable, and she has made many lifelong memories with her teammates.

She wants to give a shout out to her parents for everything they have done for her throughout her high school career. Her brother, for being her biggest supporter and shaping her into a different person. Her Grandparents for always coming to her games and supporting her. Her coaches, for the encouragement and assistance they have gave her. And of course, to the Clipper fans, we love you so much and want to thank you for all the support and atmosphere you created for us!



#21 Eden Lindenmeyer

Position: Guard

Eden has played basketball for 4 years. She has also played softball and volleyball for 4 years.

She would like to pursue a career in being a florist at Kishwaukee College.

She loves basketball because it has become a family and she can count on all of them to be there for her.

She would like to thank all her Coaches for always encouraging her to do her best in sports and her family for supporting and taking care of me. Also, she would like to thank everyone who's been there for her checking in on her diabetes and her health in general. She really appreciates all of you.



#25 Madelyn McLaughlin

Position: Guard

Madelyn has played basketball for 3 years. She also plays volleyball, softball, and cross country.

She would like to attend a college to pursue her career in being an Elementary Education Teacher.

She loves playing basketball, to be with her friends, and have fun while doing it.

She sends a shout out to her parents, Jim and Stephanie, Brother, Mitchell, Grandparents, Coaches, and everyone that has helped her along the way.



#11 Tori Daniels

Position: Guard

Tori has played 4 years of basketball.

She is undecided on what college she would like to attend, but she wants to be a Radiologist Technician then eventually work up to be an Ultrasound Technician.

Her favorite thing about basketball is the idea that they aren't just a team, they are a family. Everything they do, they do together and for each other. No one is the main player, everyone has an effort that is being put in, whether it be from on the court or the support that comes from the bench, they play as a team and win as a team.



#33 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!



#4 Abi Payne

Position: Point Guard

Abi has played 4 years of basketball.

She will be attending Ripon College contributing to both academic and basketball careers.

She loves basketball because she gets to play with her friends, and she loves all the supporters that come to their games and cheer them on.

Abi would like to give a shoutout to her family for all love and support they give her. She loves you guys so much!



The Amboy Boys Basketball Seniors will be featured in the next edition of the Amboy News.

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PRODUCE & WEEKLY SPECIALS

Dole Iceberg Head of Lettuce



head

\$1.49

Tri-Colored Peppers

3 Ct



\$3.99

ea.

Navel Oranges

4 lb Bag



\$3.99

ea.

Bolthouse Baby Carrots

1 lb bag



99¢

ea,

Dole Red or Yukon Gold Potatoes

3-5lb bag



ea.

\$2.99

Red or Green Seedless Grapes



\$2.99

lb.

Hass Avocados



69¢

ea.

White Mushrooms

Whole or Sliced



\$1.69

container

HOT BUYS

AMBOY DELI

U.S.D.A. Beef Ribeyes



lb.

\$9.99

Reg. Price \$13.99 lb..

AMBOY DELI

BBQ Bone-In Pork Chops



lb.

\$2.99

Reg. Price \$4.99 lb.

Beef Pot Roast Fully Cooked



lb.

\$6.99

Reg. Price \$7.99 lb.

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Amboy Big Beef Burger



ea.

\$3.99

Reg. Price \$4.99 ea.

Pepsi Products

2 Liter Bottles



ea.

\$1.69

Reg. Price \$2.19 ea.

Any Party Size Chips

Assorted



\$3.99

Reg. Price \$4.79-5.29 ea.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Cow Belle Ice Cream

48 oz



ea.

\$3.29

Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.

Kids Cuisine

Assorted 8-10 oz



ea.

\$1.99

Reg. Price \$2.49 ea.

Food Club Salad Dressing

Assorted 16 oz



ea.

\$1.99

Reg. Price \$2.39 ea.

Food Club Peanut Butter

Assorted 16 oz



ea.

\$1.49

Reg. Price \$2.19 ea.

Food Club Sour Cream

16 oz



ea.

\$1.29

Reg. Price \$1.79 ea.

Food Club Waffles

Assorted 12.3 oz



ea.

\$1.49

Reg. Price \$1.89 ea.

Food Club Cream Cheese Brick

8 oz



ea.

\$1.39

Reg. Price \$1.99 ea.

Food Club Orange Juice

52 oz



ea.

\$2.49

Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.

Kellogg's Poptarts

Assorted 11.7 oz



ea.

\$2.49

Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.

Food Club Shredded Cheese

8 oz Assorted



2/\$5

Reg. Price \$3.49 ea.

Wide A Wake Coffee

10 Ct Pod or 11-12 oz Ground



\$3.99

Reg. Price \$4.99 ea.

Sale goes through Jan. 19, 2021