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Amboy Hometown Virtual Christmas Walk is underway

AMBOY — The festivities of the 2020 Amboy Hometown Virtual Christmas Walk are underway.

Starting Nov. 27, you'll be able to participate in the Christmas Walk giveaways totaling over \$2,500.

The drawing boxes have been delivered to Amboy Pharmacy, Amboy City Hall, Amboy Shell, and Amboy Food & Liquor. Look for the RED boxes. Over the next three weeks you can patronize these four businesses and drop your name in the box for a chance at one of our giveaways. The winners will be drawn on Dec. 4, 11 and 18. You may also enter the drawings by email at amboychristmaswalk@yahoo.com. Gift baskets will be on display at City Hall.

An entry form can be found on page 2 on the Shop Amboy This Christmas page.

The Dec. 4 giveaway includes eight winners winning a Ham or Turkey sponsored by the City of Amboy. First

come, first choice.

On Dec. 11 and 18, the winning gift baskets will include items and gift certificates from local businesses, purchased and donated by the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk and local businesses.

Keep an eye on the Amboy Christmas Walk Facebook page each Friday for a special appearance from the man in the red himself, Santa. Be on the lookout for special popup giveaways happening on Facebook over the next few weeks, as they have got lots in store.

A bonus prize was offered and anyone who Liked or Shared the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk on Facebook was entered into the drawing. The winner of the first drawing was announced on Nov. 27. The winner was Kenzie Scudder and she won a gift basket featuring items from This giveaway is brought to you by the following Amboy

Businesses: Amboy Depot Museum, The First National Bank in Amboy, Johnson Oil/Amboy Shell, Iron Tree, Emerald Beauty Bar, IT Works, Amboy Thrift Store, The Main Flower Shop, Prime Time Live, Subway, and Two Sisters On Main.

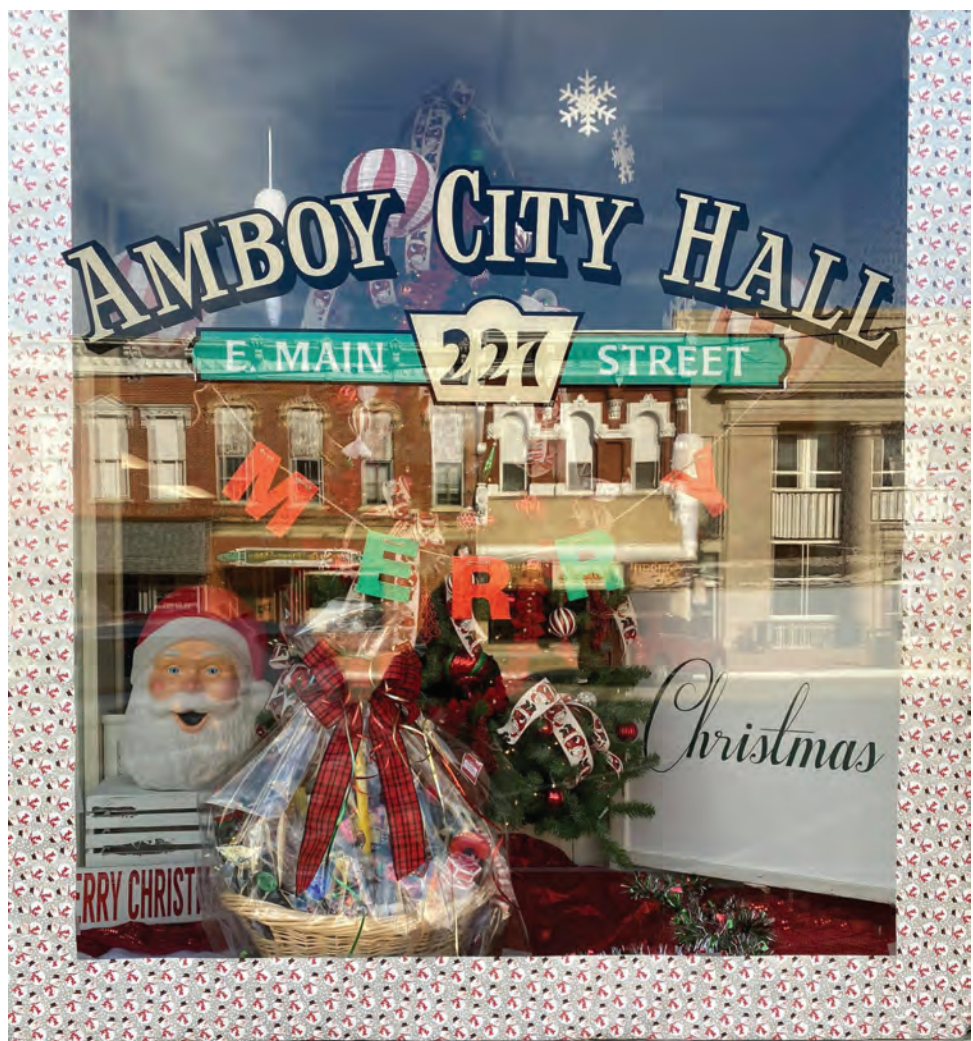
Other events planned in December include:

- Teen Turf will host a Drive-Thru Holiday Breakfast on Dec. 5, from 8 – 11 a.m. Tickets are \$8. Santa will be outside to say hello as you pick-up your breakfast!

- Pankhurst Memorial Library will have a Curbside Pick-Up Craft, along with their Tales for Tots & Kids bags available.

- Lee County Ag in the Classroom will be hosting a Story Walk Nov. 30-Dec. 19, where you can view the pages of the book, "A Wish To Be A Christmas Tree," in the downtown windows.

See WALK page A3



Gift baskets featured in the drawings are on display at Amboy City Hall.

Photo submitted



Sublette Christmas tree

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

Photo submitted



Santa to ride through Sublette on fire truck on Friday, Dec, 4

SUBLETTE — Wave and cheer to Santa as he rides past your house on the fire truck in Sublette on Friday, Dec. 4.

Santa will be cruising around town the night of Dec. 4 to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. You can wave hello to him from the comfort of your own home.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will not be the annual Sublette Christmas in the Village, but please feel free to drive through downtown Sublette, and enjoy the lights of the many Christmas trees on display representing the different businesses around town.

Santa's Christmas Parade route will begin at 6 p.m. at the Sublette Fire Station.

Lee County COVID-19 Update: Nov. 30, 2020

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department has announced that the county has reported a cumulative total of 20 deaths. Age breakdown is as follows: 3 in his or her 60s, 7 in his or her 70s, 4 in his or her 80s, 5 in his or her 90s, and a 100+ year old woman.

The health department also reported 188 cases were from congregate living facilities - 8 are from Liberty Court, 8 Franklin Grove Living & Rehab, 164 Dixon Correctional Center, and 8 no location announced.

Between Nov. 24-30, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 323 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above, and here are the community cases ages that were announced: 1 under the age of 12, 7 in his or her teens, 19 in his or her 20s, 14 in his or her 30s, 13 in his or her 40s, 14 in his or her 50s, 21 in his or her 60s, 20 in his or her 70s, 5 in his or her 80s,

and 1 on his or her 90s.

This brings the total number of cases to 1,899 as of Nov. 30. Of the 1,899 cases, 1,090 have recovered. They also reported as of Nov. 30, 20 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. 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>

What to do if you think you have or have been exposed to COVID-19

During the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals with symptoms SHOULD NOT GO to health care facilities such as hospitals, clinics, and urgent care centers without

CALLING FIRST. Instead, they can seek care by using one of the following options:

Testing:

Anyone with COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, chills, sudden loss of taste and or smell and fever) OR who have a risk factor, such as contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19, a compromised immune system or a serious chronic medical condition can get a test, even without a doctor's order. And now the following people can be tested with or without symptoms.

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AMBOY LIONS DONATE TO ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

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

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2020 AMBOY HOMETOWN

VIRTUAL

Christmas WALK

Bringing to the community, a month of business specials, giveaways, crafts to make at home, gift basket drawings, and a Christmas parade! Continue to Like and Share our Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk posts.
Ending Nov. 26, at 6 p.m.

- Dec 4 - Eight names will be drawn to win a Turkey or Ham, donated by the City of Amboy, first come first choice.
- Dec. 11 and 18 - Gift Baskets Drawing! Items and gift certificates from local businesses, purchased and donated by the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk, and local businesses

Please follow the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk on Facebook & articles in the Amboy News. Entry boxes will be at City Hall, Amboy Hometown Pharmacy, Amboy Food & Liquor, Shell (Johnson Oil) Nov 27- Dec 18. You may also enter drawings by email @amboychristmaswalk@yahoo.com. Gift baskets will be on display at City Hall.

- Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making a weekly appearance each Friday in December on our Facebook page! You don't want to miss this!
- Teen Turf will host a Drive-Thru Holiday Breakfast on Dec. 5, from 8 - 11 a.m. Tickets are \$8. Santa will be outside to say hello as you pick-up your breakfast!
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- Extra giveaways will be happening during the month of December!

• Enjoy the music of Eileen Quest as you are driving through town on Sat, Dec. 5, from 2-4 p.m.

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Christmas Tree Contest

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Amboy News' Christmas
Tree Photo Contest.

Click on the banner ad at
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to enter and to vote.

Submissions will be
accepted until Dec. 16 at
4 p.m. Voting starts on
Dec 16 at 4 p.m. and runs
through Dec. 25 at 11 p.m.

The top vote getter will
receive a \$50 cash prize.

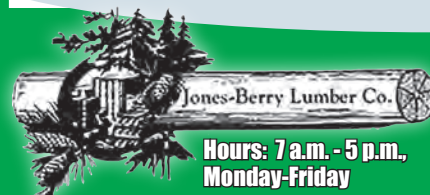


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TEEN TURF



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Teen Turf Pancake/Sausage or Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast Drive-Thru Breakfast

Our normal holiday breakfast will be a little different this year. It will be a drive-thru breakfast and it will be on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8 - 11 a.m. It will be run similar to our Fish Fry. You will have a choice of pancakes and sausage or Biscuits and Gravy. Tickets will be \$8 and will be available at the Teen Turf building and through our board members and our homework club students. Santa will be looking forward to see you.

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

Thank You

We are blessed to receive items from many people: Brenda and Bruce Galuner from Pine View who gave food and toiletries. We had an anonymous donation of food and toiletries. Thank you to Nancy Leffelman for the dodge balls, dry erase markers, and earbuds. Thank you to Dale and Paula Leffelman for the food. Thank you to John and Katie Dickenson for the food. Thank you to Jim and Laura Mares for the poster board. Frank and Karen Stenzel for items. Linda and Paul Erisman for the bikes. Thank you to everyone who donated aluminum cans. We could not do it without all of our homework volunteers either: Maggie, Maddy, Sydney, Kelsey, Brooklyn S, Robert, Val, Jose, Shannon, Kimber, Fran, and Brooklyn W.

Final Word

Praise You for this, and every day that we get to wake up this side of heaven. Each day is laced with purpose, and we ask for Your wisdom and guidance through every one. Help us to live each day well, and for Your glory, from start to finish.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

AMBOY-2020 Amboy Hometown Virtual Christmas Walk will have a variety of events to encourage the Holiday Spirit! See the schedule of events on page A2 of this Amboy News.

SUBLETTE-Santa will drive through town greeting children at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4. See other events on page

AMBOY-Teen Turf will host a Drive-Thru Holiday Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5. Tickets are \$8 and are available at Teen Turf, and from Board Members or Homework Club Students.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m.

on Monday, Dec. 7, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 506 W. Third St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

MAY TWP-The May Township Annual Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Township Maintenance Building.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, at Sterling Bethal Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd, Amboy.

First National Bank in Amboy to accept food donations at branches

AMBOY — The First National Bank in Amboy will be accepting nonperishable food items in all six of its locations from now until Dec. 9. Each location will have a tote in their lobby for you to drop off your items. Food collected will be delivered to our area food pantries.

SVC Foundation names new director

DIXON - Sauk Valley College Foundation (SVCF) has named a new director. Chris Pilling has been named the Director of the Foundation at SVCF, effective Monday, Nov. 2. Pilling succeeds Dr. Lori Cortez, who remains as the Dean of Institutional Advancement.

"Chris has shown dedication and passion for SVCC and our community. The Foundation is in great hands with her," said Dr. Lori Cortez.

"The SVC Foundation Board is looking forward to working closely with Chris as Director of the SVC Foundation as we work to achieve our philanthropic goals in support of the College," said Foundation Board President, Brenda Reynolds.

Pilling has been with the College since 2014, most recently as the Foundation's Manager of Campaign Operations and Alumni Engagement. She resides in Dixon with her husband, Bob.

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SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

DIXON-The American

Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Elk's Lodge, 1270 Franklin Grove Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.



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The Amboy Fire Protection District is accepting canned or boxed food item donations through Dec 10th for their annual Christmas Food Baskets.
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Gladys J. Eich

July 31, 1932 - Nov. 21, 2020

AMBOY — Gladys J. Eich, 88, of Amboy, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born July 31, 1932 in Amboy, the daughter of Carl and Freida (Jacobs) Brown. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy. Gladys worked at the Amboy Rug Factory for several years.

She married LeRoy Eich and he preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by her parents

She is survived by two sons, Roger Eich, of Amboy, and Ronald Eich, of Gold Bar, Wash.; and two grandchildren, Krista Eich and Nicole Bartel. She is also survived by one step daughter, Bev (Ken) Collaton, of Rockford.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial of remains will be at 11 a.m., on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy with Pastor Barb Otten officiating.

Arrangements made by the Mihm-Jones Funeral



Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Suzanne K. Bernardin

March 11, 1932 - Nov. 30, 2020

AMBOY — Suzanne K. Bernardin, 88, of Amboy, passed away in her sleep on Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born March 11, 1932, in Rockford, the daughter of Walter and Marion (Jordan) Seaworth.

Suzanne was raised in Rockford but moved to the Amboy area when she married Edwin Bernardin on Nov. 24, 1949. Ed and Sue lived their entire married life in the Amboy area. Suzanne worked many jobs in her life. She worked at the Amboy Hospital caring for the patients there and then began working at the Amboy Paper typing articles to send to the printer. She later was the secretary at the Presbyterian Church in Dixon. In her later years she read the newspaper on the radio for the Northern Illinois Radio. Suzanne had

a beautiful singing voice that she shared with many people when she was part of the Tom Roller Trio and a member of the choir at St. Patrick Church in Amboy. Her interests also included crafting, cooking, gardening and visiting the casinos. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and loved going on their many outings.

Suzanne is survived by her son, Micheal (Mary) Bernardin, of Compton; daughter, Jean (Don) Kreiser, of Dixon; and grandchildren, Amy (John) Smith, Lisa (Ryan) Zorn, Laura Bernardin, Bryan Keiser, Tracey (Michael) Ferrill, Tina Mueller, Dan (Andrea) Finkboner, Marcy (Dan) Brown and Micki (Mike) Blevins. She is also survived by her siblings, Roger Seaworth, Wendy (Ron) Allen, Mary Doyle, and son in law, Bob Boyer.

Suzanne is preceded in



death by her parents, husband, brother, Don Seaworth, and daughter, Marie Boyer.

There will be a private family visitation for Suzanne at 10 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with burial to follow at St. Mary Cemetery in West Brooklyn.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Robert J. Fuller

Dec. 19, 1946 - Nov. 23, 2020

AMBOY — Robert J. Fuller, 73, of Amboy, passed away Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, at the home of his daughter in Clinton, Iowa.

He was born on Dec. 19, 1946, in Chicago, and was the son of Fred and Florence (Heinzel) Fuller. Robert worked at Aurora Packing Company for 41 years prior to his retirement in 2018.

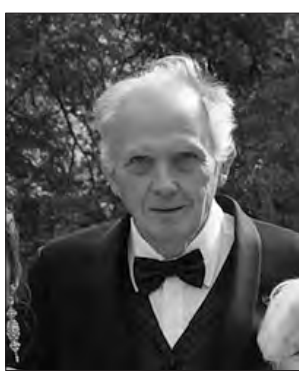
He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, John (Helga) Fuller.

Robert is survived by his four children, Matthew (Mackenzie) Fuller, of Amboy, Brittany (Nick) Barbari, of Plainfield, Michelle (Nick Mangusing) Fuller, of Clinton, Iowa, and Bianca (Montana Myers) Fuller, of Dixon. Robert was also blessed with four grandchildren, Bronson, Amira, Marley and Zayla

with one additional grandson on the way. He is also survived by three siblings, Sandra (Bob) Shannon, of Western Springs, Joan (Morris) Lenk, of California and Fred "Boots" Fuller, of Calumet City.

Robert was the most patient, kind, hardworking family man there was. He always made sure everyone else was taken care of before himself. His love for his children, grandchildren and animals was unmatched. His free time was spent with them, as well as spoiling his grandchildren as much as he possibly could. His smile could light up a room, and no one ever got tired of his same favorite dad jokes. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew him.

Visitation was held from



11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with a limit of 10 people at a time. A private family service was held Saturday at 1 p.m. Burial followed at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Face masks were required at the visitation and service.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

SVCC announces the death of past president Dr. George E. Cole

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College mourns the loss of the College's second president, Dr. George E. Cole.

Cole, originally from Escanaba, Michigan, served as SVCC's second president from 1972 to 1980.

He was successful in annexing several school dis-

tricts to the college. Under his leadership, and with the help of his wife and her passion for the arts and crafts, he held annual art festivals that were termed as a "smashing success."

"Dr. Cole was a beloved Sauk leader who played a critical role in expanding access to Sauk's education to

several area school districts, and his great passion for the arts was on full display as he and his wife Milly hosted annual community art festivals. Sauk's commitment to our communities is a shining example of his legacy," said Dr. David Hellmich, president of Sauk Valley Community College.

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- Work in correctional facilities, such as jails or prisons
- Serve as first responders, such as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, or firefighters

- Support critical infrastructure, such as workers in grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, factories, childcare and sanitation.

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.

- <https://www.ksbhospital.com/coronavirus-outbreak-covid-19/>

- <http://www.lchd.com>
- <http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

- For businesses: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Deep Wounds

On June 5, 1985, when the poet Natasha Trethewey was nineteen, her mother, Gwendolyn Turnbough, was murdered on Memorial Drive in Atlanta. Her killer was her ex-husband, who had abused her and Natasha, her daughter from a previous marriage, for more than a decade. In the years that followed, Natasha Trethewey has had a highly distinguished career, winning the Pulitzer Prize in 2007 for her poetry collection "Native Guard," which tells the story of a Black Louisiana regiment that watched over captured Confederate soldiers during the Civil War; in 2012 and again in 2013, she was appointed United States Poet Laureate.

Thirty-five years later, Trethewey has written "Memorial Drive," a memoir of her childhood and the life and death of her mother. It is truly a superb book. Trethewey's father was Canadian, so he and Gwen eloped in 1965, traveling across the Ohio River into Cincinnati, where it was legal for them to marry. "Unlike my father, who'd grown up a white boy in rural Nova Scotia, hunting and fishing, free to roam the open woods, my mother had come into being a black girl in the Deep South, hemmed in, bound to a world circumscribed by Jim Crow."

Trethewey was born on April 26, 1966, which also "marked the hundredth anniversary of Mississippi's celebration of Confederate Memorial Day—a holiday glorifying the old South, the Lost Cause, and white supremacy." She spent the first seven years of her life in North Gulfport, Mississippi, amidst a large, warmhearted family of aunts and uncles, and her beloved grandmother.

But when her marriage fell apart, Gwen took Tasha and moved to Atlanta. They lived on Memorial Drive, to which Trethewey returned after many years: "From there I could see Stone Mountain in the distance, suddenly visible where Memorial crests, as if to remind me what is remembered here and what is not." Tasha relished every moment with her mother: "My mother could not have known the imprint our few months alone together in a new place would make on me or how fiercely I would cling to the two-ness of us." But soon Joel entered their lives, bringing terror, violence, torture, and death in his wake.

In a recent interview, Trethewey reflected on her life: "I think that I have two existential wounds that make me a writer, and one of them is that great loss. I think that's my deepest wound, losing my mother, but the other one is the wound of history that has everything to do with being born Black and biracial in a place that would render me illegitimate in the eyes of the law, a place that has tried to remind Black people for centuries of our second-class status with Confederate monuments, with the Confederate flag, with Jim Crow laws, with all sorts of things that are part of our shared history as Americans."

Girl Scouts latest recruitment drive ensures

LEE COUNTY — In these changing times, Girl Scouts offers girls a unique chance to be part of something larger than themselves. The organization gives girls the opportunity to experience friendships both in-person and virtually, make memories, and build skills to be leaders in their own lives and communities.

Girl Scouts is perhaps best known for the Girl Scout Cookie Program which empowers millions of girls across the country to become entrepreneurial small business owners. This year, Girl of Northern Illinois (GSNI) is offering a recruitment drive right ahead of the cookie program, so girls who join now will be able to take part in the largest girl-led business in the world.

Through the cookie program, girls learn the 5 Skills of goal setting, decision making, money management, business ethics, and people skills. The 2020-21 Girl Scout Cookie Program begins online on Dec. 14.

Due to recent health and safety guidelines, GSNI is using technology to provide girls with the necessary benefits of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Interested families can check out the Girl Scout program during Girl Scout SnapShots—20-minute virtual activities for girls in Kindergarten and grades 1-3 and their families.

Girls meet new friends online in real time while choosing between activities like building an edible campfire, making a robot friend, crafting a bird's nest,

or designing a fairy house. SnapShots are available in both English and Spanish.

After participating in a SnapShot event, interested families are invited to an online family meeting where they can choose to register their girl as a Girl Scout. Families can sign up for a convenient Girl Scout SnapShot that fits their schedule at www.girlscoutsni.org/snapshot.

"SnapShots give families the chance to preview Girl Scouts. We meet online and do virtual activities together in real time, but we talk about safe ways Girl Scouts can currently have adventures. Then, as interested girls register, they're placed in new and existing Girl Scout troops in their area to start their own Girl Scout journey," says MaryBeth Markwell, GSNI Recruitment Resource Manager.

Interested families can

ACO Chapter 2 - Amboy Woman's Club

BY CHRISTINE NOBLE
(from historical documents of unknown origin)

The forties show us a growing club undergoing changes. The dues changed from \$0.50 to \$1.00 and then later to \$1.50. To ease this change, members were allowed to pay in two installments. With all this extra money they decided to pay for some of their programs and bring in outside talent. This new talent included Barber Shop Quartettes, fashion shows, and speakers on a variety of cultural subjects. Mrs. Walgreen even came and told of her flowers at historical Hazelwood."

The 40s also brought name changes. The Amboy Junior Woman's Club dropped "Jr." from its name and became the Young Woman's Evening Club. Concerned about perceived age restrictions, the group's named changed, yet again, to Amboy Evening Woman's Club. Regardless of the group's official name, they "sponsored a new children's reading program at the library, kept their chorus going strong and sang at Christmas time to shut-ins."

"The war years brought changes to activities as well. The members held a tag day and bought yarn with the \$140 profit. They learned to knit—the product

of this study was 37 sweaters. All sent to men serving in active duty from our area. We also sent playing cards and a variety of gifts to the veterans hospitals. Every week for a while the members met and made Red Cross Dressings and donated many hours to helping any way they could during this difficult time in our country's history."

One thing that didn't change was the group's dedication to the Amboy Hospital.

"The gals washed walls, painted, purchased several pieces of furniture and equipment and then decided to sponsor a complete room."

Then came the fabulous 50s and the Amboy Woman's Club put on the fabulous Centennial Pageant for Amboy's 100th birthday. Their efforts netted a profit of \$580. In addition to an active chorus, the ladies also presented a couple fashions shows.

One covered "fashion for space men? The other one I'm told was more conservative. Other program highlights were Father Becker on his book, Amboy U.S.A., Dixon State School Boys, Town X-Mas in Ireland, and Wills. Another program on fur coat facts (in case anyone inherited any money) was held the month after wills."

Financial gifts were given to the Hospital, the Library, the Fireman Christmas Fund and 4-H. The A.W.C. gave the first music scholarship and the high school was gifted a tuba. The group sponsored a summer reading program and provided the Library with books and a new tile floor. Food was provided the needy and parties for underprivileged children. Members of A.W.C. started visits to the Lee County Nursing Home and planted petunias in tubs downtown.

1958 marked the 25th anniversary of the club. They celebrated with a gala called "This is Your Life Amboy Woman's Club."

To be continued, in near future Chapter 3: A.W.C. in the 1960s and 70s.

Just as the generations before us adapted to our country's and our community's changing development and needs, so too are we currently challenged. 2020 has been a year like no other. The Amboy Civic Organization wants to remain relevant to our community's success. Help us find our place this year. Join us or renew your membership by mailing your annual dues and any ideas, suggestions, questions to Carole Benson, P.O. Box 96, Amboy, IL 61310.

Annual dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.

From The Heart Calendar winners

November 2020 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Nov. 1 - Dennis Stewart, Rochelle, \$50
Nov. 2 - Roslyn Martinez, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 3 - Joan Woksa, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 4 - From The Heart Auction, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 5 - Brett & Rachel Jellen, Los Angeles, Calif., \$25
Nov. 6 - Dan Daub, Oregon, \$25
Nov. 7 - Carmen Herrada, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 8 - Alfano's, Rochelle, \$50
Nov. 9 - Joe Shrader, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 10 - Ralph Dauphin, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 11 - Chelsea Bird, Davis Junction, \$250

Nov. 12 - Willa Hood, Elk Grove, \$25
Nov. 13 - Judy Hayes, Chana, \$25
Nov. 14 - Chris & Marilyn Sandord, Earlville, \$25
Nov. 15 - David Peak, Chicago, \$50
Nov. 16 - Jose & Bertha Ortiz, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 17 - Janine Lemar, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 18 - Mike Blaine, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 19 - From the Heart Auction, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 20 - Noel Allison, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 21 - Lanet Erickson, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 22 - Kim Stahl, Oregon, \$50
Nov. 23 - Matt Wolf, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 24 - Erie Foods/Dean, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 25 - Liz Shank, Byron, \$25
Nov. 26 - Dawn Peters, Rochelle, \$500
Nov. 27 - Tonja Greenfield, Rochelle, \$25
Nov. 28 - Dick Hart, Elgin, \$25
Nov. 29 - Pamela Shore, Monroe Center, \$50
Nov. 30 - Sean Saweikis, Rochelle, \$25

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2021 From The Heart Cash Calendars are now available for purchase.

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This Week's Student of the Week is:
Samuel Lewis

Student's Favorites:
Favorite Color - Grey
Favorite Animal - Elephant
Favorite Food - Turkey Sandwiches
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Favorite Game - Hide and Seek
Favorite Song - Workin On

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This Week's Student of the Week is:
Lorelei White

Student's Favorites:
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Favorite Animal - Turtle
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We will reopen at 8 a.m., on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

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Opinion

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Don't see Mike Madigan leaving Speakership without a fight

The political obituaries for Mike Madigan may well be premature.

Don't be surprised if come January he rises Lazarus-like from his civic grave to be elected to another term as speaker of the House.

That's not a prediction. It's more a statement of political reality in Illinois: expect anything.

After all, no state – or federal – legislative leader in the history of the United States has led a chamber longer than Madigan.

His secret? He is void of any deep-seeded political principle – other than winning.

Over the years, he's been both pro-life and pro-choice. He railed against Rod Blagojevich's dishonesty. Then he co-chaired his re-election campaign. And then he led the charge to have him impeached.

Some years, he has been a bust-the-bank, big-spending liberal. Other years he plays the role of the fiscal conservative. Republicans and Democrats alike scratch their heads, wondering where in the political spectrum he will land.

Today, he is in more political danger than at any time in his political career, which spans half a century. He has been speaker of the House for all but two years since 1983.

Members of his caucus began to openly turn on Madigan during the summer, after the inquiry into influence peddling by the behemoth electric utility Commonwealth Edison came to light. But things began to really unravel last week after two ComEd executives and lobbyist with a close friendship with Madigan were indicted.

So far, 18 Democrats have announced they will not support reelecting Madigan as Speaker in January. This presumably leaves him with 55 votes – five short – of the 60 needed to retain his leadership post.

Despite the apparent vote shortfall, Madigan issued this

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



Charles Wheeler III, a longtime statehouse reporter and retired journalism professor at the University of Illinois-Springfield.

Any flip-flopper would almost certainly draw a challenger in the next primary or general election.

But if it becomes a prolonged battle to elect a speaker, some of those who defected from the Madigan camp may be lured back just to end the nightmare of a deadlocked House. For example, in 1975, it took three weeks and 93 votes of the Illinois House before Bill Redmond was elected Speaker.

If such a marathon election were to happen again, some members might abandon their publicly stated positions just to bring the acrimony to an end.

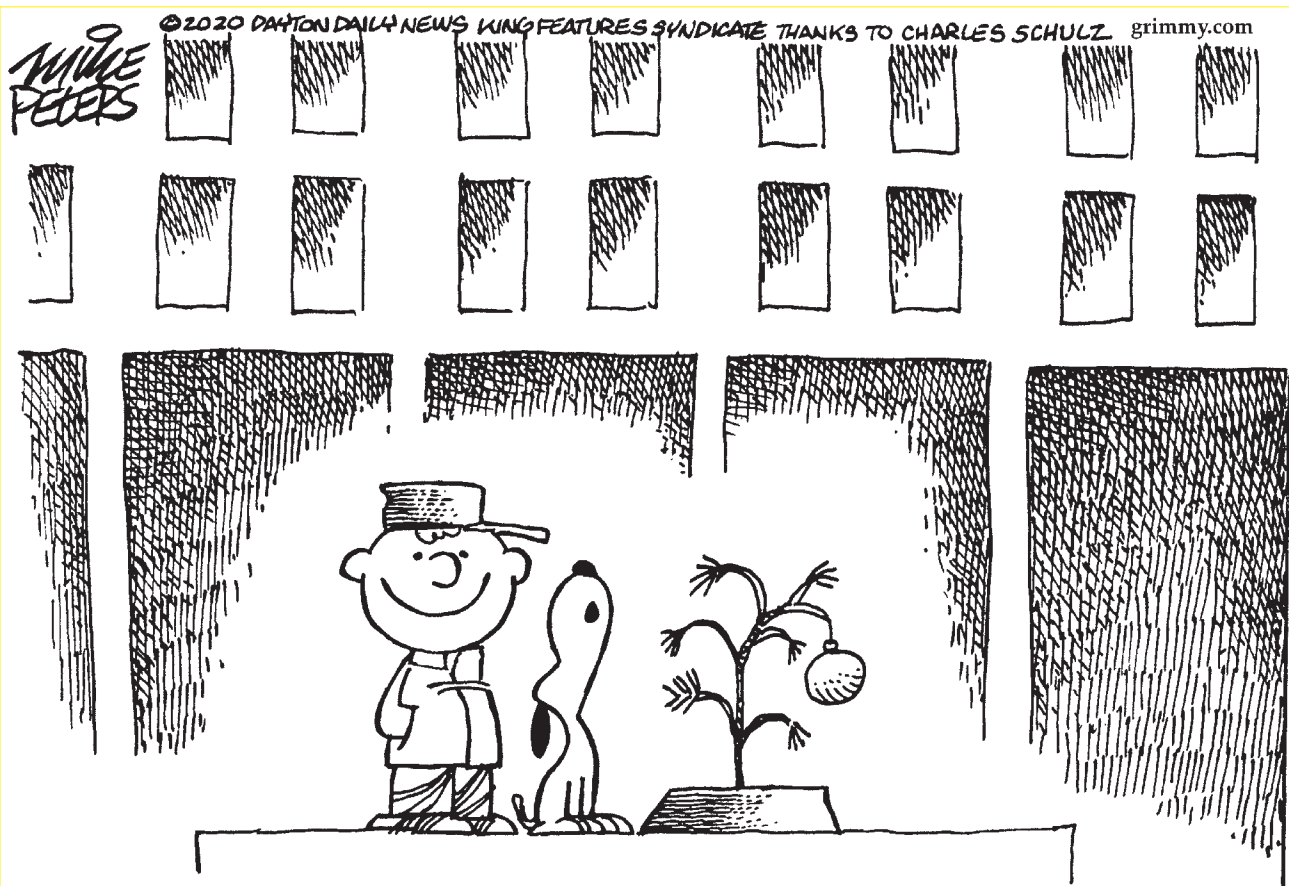
I don't see Madigan leaving the Speakership without a fight. During the past half century, he has repeatedly reinvented himself. When he was first elected to Springfield, he was a law-and-order Democrat. Later he voted to abolish the death penalty.

statement Friday, "The decision on the next speaker of the Illinois House will be made at a caucus, after a full discussion of the issues facing our state and the qualifications of the candidates. I plan to be a candidate for speaker, and today I confirmed that I continue to have support from a significant number of House Democratic caucus members."

And there is the rub. He may lack the votes to at least initially get himself elected, but with the support he does have, he could effectively deny anyone else the post.

At a time when the state is in a fiscal crisis and bearing the brunt of a deadly pandemic, the House could be at loggerheads over who will lead it for the next two years.

"It would be very difficult for any of those members who have publicly said they won't support Madigan to change their position," said



A ROCKEFELLER CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Dec. 3, 1920

Mrs. C. Diloisey went to Compton Monday to call on a relative in the hospital there.

Attorney and Mrs. E.C. Reniff and daughter of Chicago were Thanksgiving guests at the C.E. Standard home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merrow and children, and Miss Clare Flach were entertained over Thanksgiving at the Walker home in Steward.

75 Years Ago Nov. 29, 1945

Mrs. Bertha Leggett entertained a party of friends Friday evening in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Winifred Wragg of Dixon, who was a recent bride.

Francis Murphy is now employed at John Burns' Clothing Store. He had previously been employed at Green

River Ordinance Plant.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ousey of Burbank, Calif., were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harrison and family.

50 Years Ago Dec 3, 1970

Freshman center Bernie Kuebel of Sublette, won a gridnumeral at Carthage this fall. He started all four games for the Carthage junior varsity which finished unbeaten (4-0) and also saw action in two varsity contests.

Updating the street lighting system in Amboy was approved by the city council Tuesday evening as they accepted a proposal made recently by Commonwealth Edison Company.

Bernie Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones of 121 North Jones Avenue, Amboy, was one of the 43 football letter winners at Carthage College in

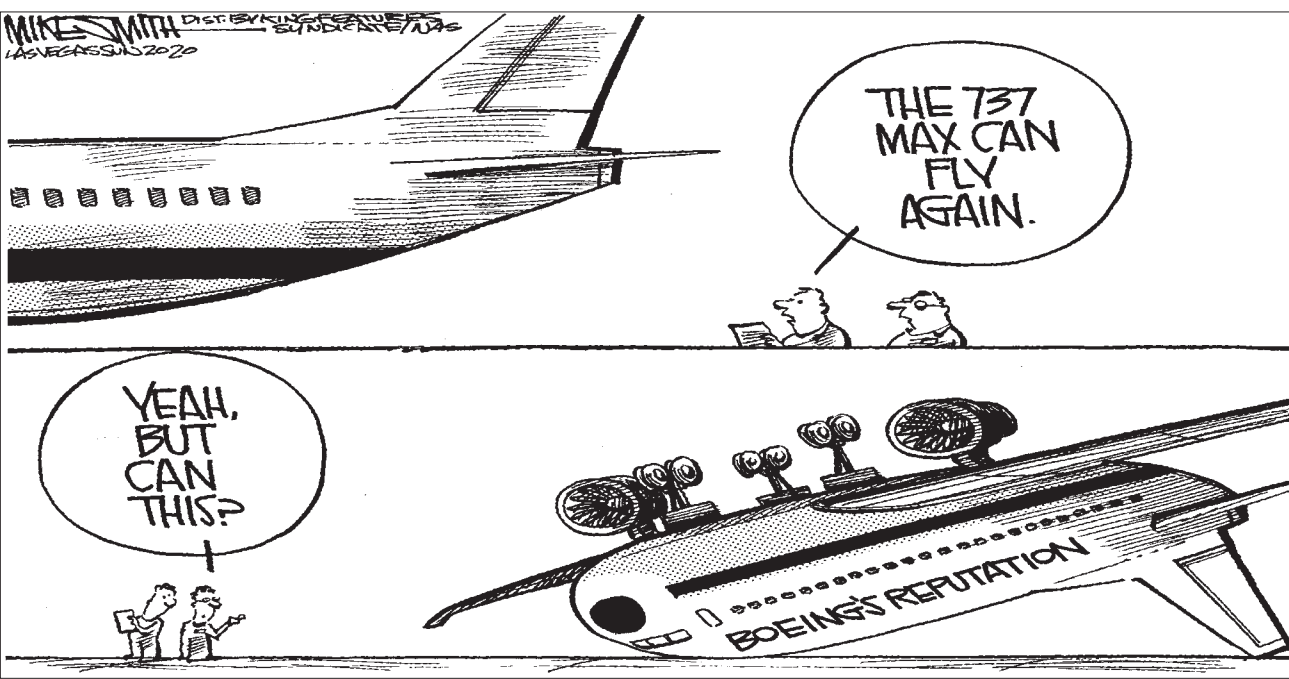
Kenosha, Wis., this fall.

25 Years Ago Dec. 7, 1995

Daniel Kelly, co-chairperson for the Dixon Area United Way for the Amboy Area, receives a check from Jerry Garland, manager of Beggs' Certified Foods in Amboy. The donation will be used to support the Amboy JC's Jr. Tackle Football program.

Barbara Smith, manager of Casey's General Store in Amboy, was honored at Casey's annual Employee Recognition Banquet for completing 10 years of service with the company.

Joshua Brady enlists the help of his grandfather Lowell Beggs and his father Mike Brady to deliver and set up a 10 foot Christmas tree for the Amboy Junior High Library. The tree was donated by the Sinnissippi Tree Farm.



He earned a reputation as a fierce ally of the trial lawyers. But he shoved a medical malpractice reform measure through the House over their objection, when he perceived it would benefit his caucus.

Organized labor has long adored Madigan, but that didn't prevent him from forcing through a pension reform measure over their strenuous objections.

His only consistent principle is that Democrats should control the House and he should be speaker.

Even love couldn't dislodge him from the post he holds.

In early 2013, his daughter, Lisa, was considering a run for governor and raising campaign money for such a bid. Then in July of that year she announced she would instead seek a fourth term as attorney general rather than challenge then-Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn.

"I feel strongly that the state would not be well-served by having a governor and speaker of the House from the same family and have never planned to run for governor if that would be the case," she said in a statement. "With Speaker Madigan planning to continue in office, I will not run for governor."

The following month Mike Madigan told reporters, "Lisa and I had spoken about that on several occasions, and she knew very well that I did not plan to retire."

"She knew what my position was," he said. "She knew."

So, if he wouldn't retire as speaker to help his own daughter, don't expect him to call it quits to help his own party.

We're in for a fight.

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LOCAL NEWS

IDPH offers holiday food safety tips

SPRINGFIELD – While Thanksgiving and other holidays will look different for many of us as we forgo getting together with friends and extended family, and instead opt to connect virtually to help prevent spread of COVID-19, cooking and baking likely will continue to be staples of the holidays.

“While we are focused on doing what we need to do to prevent COVID-19 – washing our hands, watching our distance, and wearing our mask – it is important not to forget food safety,” said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “This holiday season, I recommend following several food safety steps to help prevent foodborne illness.”

First things first - if your frozen turkey is 10 to 15 pounds, you need to take it out of the freezer now in order for it to be thawed by Thanksgiving Day. It takes about 24 hours for every five pounds of turkey to thaw in the refrigerator. If you need the turkey to thaw faster, you can thaw it in cold water.

Allow for approximately 30 minutes for every pound of turkey and make sure to change the cold water every 30 minutes. You can also thaw it in a microwave. You just need to make sure to check the times and power settings on the microwave as they can vary. Depending on the size of the turkey, it could take an hour or more on the defrost setting to thaw. You should never thaw a turkey by leaving it on the counter. That practice invites bacteria to contaminate the bird.

The four main steps for food safety are:
Clean – Clean your hands, surfaces, and utensils with soap and water before cooking. After cleaning surfaces where raw poultry has touched, remember to re-sanitize.

Separate – Use separate cutting boards, plates, and utensils to avoid cross-contamination between raw meat and foods that are ready to eat. Juices from raw meat and poultry are likely to contain harmful bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli.

While these bacteria can be destroyed with proper cooking, it is important to keep these raw juices from touching food that won't be cooked.

Cook – Use a thermometer to check if the turkey is cooked. You cannot tell by looking if it is fully cooked. Turkey should be cooked to 165° F. Take the temperature in three places – the thickest part of the breast, the innermost part of the thigh, and the innermost part of the wing.

Chill – Do not leave foods at room temperature more than two hours. After you are done eating, divide the remaining food into small containers and either refrigerate or freeze. Leftovers are safe in the refrigerator for up to four days.

An easy rule to remember is to keep hot foods hot, and cold foods cold. After being cooked to a safe temperature, hot foods should not be allowed to get cooler than 140° F. Cold foods should not be allowed to become warmer than 40° F. Bacteria grow

most rapidly in the range of temperatures between 40° F and 140° F. This range of temperatures is commonly referred to as the “Danger Zone.”

Typical symptoms of foodborne illness include vomiting, diarrhea, and flu-like symptoms, which can start anywhere from hours to days after consuming contaminated food or drinks.

Symptoms can last anywhere from a few hours to a few days. Those at risk of more severe and even life-threatening foodborne illness include older adults, infants, young children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immune systems. If you become ill, especially with severe symptoms, or if you are at risk for more severe disease, seek care from a medical provider to ensure a proper diagnosis and appropriate management.

More information on Food Safety During The Holidays can be found on the IDPH website.

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As pandemic struggles continue for many families, annual survey finds cost of traditional Thanksgiving meal drops

BY ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU

With concerns resurfacing over possible food shortages, a study from a national farm group found the supply chain is as resilient as ever – and it's showing up in the form of lower prices for many traditional Thanksgiving dinner ingredients.

This year, the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual Thanksgiving dinner survey calculated the average cost of a traditional Thanksgiving meal for 10 people at \$46.90. That's less than \$5 per person and down 4 percent from last year.

"The average cost of this year's Thanksgiving dinner is the lowest since 2010," said AFBF Chief Economist John Newton, Ph.D. "Turkeys – and other staples of the traditional Thanksgiving meal – are currently in ample supply at grocery stores in most areas of the country."

The national survey's menu includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee and milk, in generous amounts accounting for leftovers. Volunteer shoppers across the country tracked the prices of these items in stores near them and online.

The average price for a 16-pound turkey is \$19.39, down 7 percent from last year, according to survey results. Prices also dropped for sweet potatoes and whipping cream, while the cost of other staples, like dinner rolls, cubed bread stuffing and pumpkin pie mix, rose moderately.

The falling total cost comes as a surprise for some, given the effect COVID-19 had on grocery bills earlier this year.

"There was an expectation that the prices would have gone up, as we saw last spring," said Illinois Farm

Bureau Associate Director of Food Systems Development Raghela Scavuzzo. "I'm glad to see the price decreases, especially for those who are struggling this holiday season due to the impacts of the pandemic."

Some consumers responded to the pandemic by cooking more at home and stockpiling the ingredients. But farmers and the food industry adapted. Despite the ongoing shifts in supply and demand seen by the agriculture industry over the past several years, farmers have continued to provide a healthy food supply.

"Even in the throes of a pandemic, life goes on; farms continue to produce and we continue to eat," said IFB Consumer Engagement Manager Gracie Weinzierl. "While the supply chain surely does not look the same as it did a year ago, we've figured out how to adapt and make sure that consumers have steady access to food."

"The great news is that we know upholding our Thanksgiving traditions will be affordable this season, regardless of whether we choose to prepare our favorite family recipes for a small gathering at home, partake in a dinner drop with friends and family to enjoy in their separate homes, or order takeout or delivery from a local restaurant."

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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #50 Blair McCaffrey

I'm very proud to announce this week's Clipper highlight, #50, Blair McCaffrey.

Blair was a 2005 graduate of Amboy High School and a three year Varsity starter during his time at The Harbor.

In 2002, Blair's sophomore season, he was moved up week 3 against Sterling Newman. Blair played only defense his sophomore season and became an unstoppable force at Nose Guard. Blair remembers the victory well as he recovered a fumble for a safety that would ultimately seal the 9-7 win for the Clippers.

"We had some really tough seniors that year. Guys like Brady and Murphy, other teams knew when they played us," Blair said of his sophomore season.

The Clippers would lose to the eventual state champion, Aledo Green Dragons that season. Due to being a sophomore and not playing the full regular season with the Varsity squad, Blair was not voted All Conference. However, that was no discouragement to Blair as his drive came from hard work and winning football games.

In 2003 the Clippers came back stronger and, as mentioned previously, would lose in a Quarterfinal match with, again eventual State Champion, Stillman Valley. Blair started both ways every game during the 2003 season, starting at Offensive Guard and Nose Guard on defense. In speaking with Blair, he and I agreed that the 2003 season was one of the best teams of the modern era. We both, and probably many of you, believe that if we received a better playoff draw, we could have some more hardware in the mall

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



area at Amboy High School. Blair finished the 2003 season 1st Team All Conference Nose Guard and 1st Team All Area Nose Guard.

Blair went on to state, "we had such great chemistry that 2003 season, we were just a bunch of tough guys that loved to hit hard. We weren't going to score a lot of points each game, but we weren't going to let up a lot either."

Blair continued, "if we scored 14 points that season, we felt we would win."

A great statement and great compliment for the devastating 2003 Clipper defense.

Blair's former teammate, Co-Captain, and lifelong friend, T.C. Olsen, made the following statement about Blair.

"Blair was the guy you wanted down in the trenches, fighting to get to the ball carrier every play. He was someone the team could lean on to make a play when the situation demanded it. He had a motor that didn't shut down and that was evident in later parts of the game. One thing I'll never forget about Blair and the way he played, is the savageness he played

with. If there was a pile and he was in it, you knew he was fighting for the ball, by any means necessary," Olsen said.

Blair's Senior season, the Clippers returned a lot of key players from the 2003 season and welcomed a talented class of juniors who would aid in another (tough) Clipper campaign. The Clippers finished 6-4 that season, losing to Stillman Valley in the first round of the playoffs. Blair received 1st Team All Conference/Area Nose Guard for the second straight season. Blair also received 1st Team All Conference Offensive Guard. Blair led the offensive and defensive lines with teammate Brad Johnson. Blair's experience, tough demeanor, and leadership would spread through the depth chart as his tough-nose, gritty play would rub off on his teammates. It's safe to say some of Blair's greatest friendships came from those trenches as I know at least two fellow Clipper linemen who Blair stood for in each of their weddings. This proves, beyond question, that what we all share is more than just a game. No one believes or lives that more than Blair.

I would like to backtrack for a second. To put things into great perspective for Clippers from my generation and the generations that followed, two out of the three regular season losses in 2004 were to eventual 3A State Runner-Up Bureau Valley (lost to Addison Driscoll Catholic) and eventual 2A State Champion Sterling Newman. The 2004 team had to play two state title teams and then another in Stillman Valley in the first round of the playoffs. Stillman Valley would go onto the second

round and lose to, eventual 2004 3A State Champion, Addison Driscoll.

In speaking with Blair, there were no excuses made, no blame associated, no wishing for what cannot be changed.

Instead Blair fortified the Clipper Way by stating, "it didn't matter who you were, how good you were, or how much bigger you were than us, we were simply going to hit you harder."

Like most of us, Blair grew up learning of the stories of Clipper Giants and it was because of them that provided Blair, like many of us, the motivation to not only reach that level of greatness, but exceed it.

Prior to speaking with Blair, he shared he was looking through some old clippings and found a quote from his high school self. The quote read, "I'm going to work and play football." This quote was in context of someone asking Blair how he planned to spend his summer break. No quote could epitomize Amboy or Amboy Football. It is a family, a community, a way of life.

Blair's football glory would not only create great friendships or serve as a Clipper me and my teammates always looked up to, but would also inspire his own family to wear the uniform several years after Blair. The following is a statement by Blair's brother, George McCaffrey, a member of the 2012 Quarterfinal Clipper team.

"Honestly, I was too busy playing football behind the crowd's nest to remember much. Blair was strong and quick as a player. More importantly, Blair played hard-nose smack you in the mouth football and he was gonna make his presence known on every single play. True embodiment of Clipper football. Two of my favorite games are the Playoff upset



#50 Blair McCaffrey

against EPC, and the tough loss against Stillman Valley. Watching Blair and those teams is what inspired me to play and carry on the tradition," George said.

Pride, glory, tradition, and the list can go on and on for what is Amboy Football.

Blair stated, "it was a way of life, you knew you were going to play Amboy Football, the entire town was ignited behind you in victory and defeat and you never wanted to let anyone or the community down."

Blair is proof of how big and great this game really is as he continued by saying, "the biggest takeaways in life, we learned on the field."

For those of us that know Blair, we see all the core values of Amboy Football through his life today. Hard work, loyal friendship, pride, and toughness is what comes to my mind when I think of

Blair.

So, to my good friend, #50, Blair McCaffrey, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for never letting any of us or your community down. I'm very proud to highlight you but honored, as many former Clippers are, to call you my friend. Sail on!

Spencer Morrissey, is a former resident of Amboy and 2009 graduate of Amboy High School. In April 2020, he created a private Facebook group specifically for Amboy Clipper Football Alumni. To have played Amboy football for any period of time, 1 year or all 4 years, is the only membership requirement. The group features photos, stories, and memories of past Clippers and Clipper teams. The best feature of the group is every Friday, he highlights a former player.

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Each year, Illinois' busiest hunting season is the firearm deer season. The second firearm deer season is Thursday, Dec. 3 through Sunday, Dec. 6. The Illinois Archery Deer Season opened Oct. 1 and continues through Jan. 17, 2021. Archery deer season is closed during the firearm deer weekends except in those counties where firearm deer hunting is not permitted.

The IDNR Office of Law Enforcement, which administers the state's Hunter

Safety Education Program, has investigated seven hunting incidents so far during 2020. In 2019, there were 20 hunting incidents reported in all hunting seasons in Illinois. Among the hunting incidents reported last year, 10 involved hunters using elevated tree stands.

"Many mishaps involving elevated tree stands are preventable, and that's why we remind hunters to use a Fall Arrest System (FAS) safety harness, no matter the type

of elevated stand they are using," said Jeff Hopkins, IDNR Safety Education administrator.

When utilizing a tree stand, hunters should check that their stand is installed properly. Hunters should check the harness and straps and replace worn straps if needed—and check the ladder and other equipment before they hunt to make sure they are in working order.

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LOCAL NEWS

Illinois High School seniors can apply now for 2021 Conservation Achievement scholarships

SPRINGFIELD — Applications are being accepted by the Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) for the 2021 Conservation Achievement Scholarship program.

The ICF awards the annual Conservation Achievement Scholarships to encourage the next generation of leaders to preserve and enhance a sustainable outdoor environment.

Up to four one-time scholarships of \$2,000 are given to outstanding high school seniors in Illinois who have demonstrated effective, voluntary and long-term dedication to the preservation, protection, enhancement and/or promotion of Illinois' natural resources.

Applicants must be Illinois residents and a senior in an Illinois high school during the year of the scholarship award. One of the scholarships is earmarked for a qualified applicant who is a dependent of a current employee of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The deadline to apply for the 2021 Conservation Achievement Scholarship is March 1, 2021.

Detailed instructions and the 2021 application form can be accessed through the ICF website at <https://ilconservation.org/What-We-Do/Scholarships>.

The Conservation Achievement Scholarships have been awarded since 2005 thanks largely to generous donations from numerous organizations and individuals. A total of \$146,000 has been awarded to 71 scholarship winners.

Contact the Illinois Conservation Foundation at 217-785-2003 or dnr.icf@illinois.gov for more information or to make a donation to support the Conservation Achievement Scholarship program.

Rochelle Rotary Cash Calendars to benefit charitable organizations

ROCHELLE — The Rochelle Rotary Daily Cash Calendars are now available for purchase. For those unfamiliar with the club's annual fundraiser, the Daily Cash Calendar is a way to give back to seven local non-profit organizations that benefit from the club's From the Heart fundraiser as well as a chance to win a cash prize every day for a year.

Every calendar purchase gives a chance at winning daily cash prizes — a total of \$18,250 for the year. Prizes range from \$25 daily, \$50 each Sunday to \$250 and higher on holidays. Those whose names are drawn for New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Christmas are awarded \$1,000.

The seven area non-profit organizations who receive large contributions from the sales of the calendars — and the From the Heart event held in February — are the Hub City Senior Center, Focus House, CASA, Shining Star, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, and HOPE of Ogle County. YMCA/Rochelle Child Care Center was one of the charities receiving funds, but due to COVID, the doors of the child care center were closed this fall.

"These non-profits need our help.

The money raised with these calendars is given with no strings attached and allows the organizations to use it where they need it most," Rochelle Rotary Club President Greg Folmar said. "With future funding uncertain, it's especially important to buy these calendars and support our community through these services."

The cash calendars cost \$20 each and along with the chance to win the daily cash prize there are more than \$100 in savings in the form of coupons from participating sponsors as well.

"The main goal of this program is to help the non-profit organizations that partner with From the Heart," explained David Eckhardt, From the Heart coordinator and Rotary Club member. "Where else can you spend \$20 and help out seven organizations?"

Calendars are available for purchase from any through the Rochelle Rotary From The Heart website at <http://fromtheheartrochelle.org>.

A look at one of the organizations: **Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center**

Since 2002, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center has been providing services for child abuse victims and their families. The mission of Shining

Star is to transform victims of child abuse into survivors. The vision is to reduce the trauma of child abuse through identification, offender accountability, advocacy, counseling, and education on the path to eliminating child abuse. The purpose of the program is to provide forensic interviewing, case management and follow-through, and coordinated services to child victims of sexual and physical abuse and their non-offending family members in Lee and Ogle Counties as well as minimizing the trauma experienced by child victims by providing a comfortable and child-friendly environment for the interview and investigations of child abuse crimes.

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Illinois spring turkey hunting applications now open

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is now taking applications from youth and adult turkey hunters for 2021 spring turkey hunting on private land through the Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP).

"We've had many hunters and anglers use the program and continue to come back year after year," said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. "IRAP has been extremely

popular and continues to expand as it adds more private property for access by hunters.

Through IRAP, landowners allow public access to their property in exchange for a lease payment, a habitat management plan, and assistance with habitat restoration of their property. It is an ideal public/private partnership that delivers wins for the habitat, participants and landowners."

The IDNR has leased

nearly 19,000 acres of private land for the upcoming 2021 Spring Turkey Hunting Season through IRAP, creating 582 public access turkey hunting sites on those properties in 39 counties. Sites are available during the youth turkey season and during the third and fourth segments of the regular spring turkey season at no cost to the participant.

To take part as a youth hunter (age 17 and under), hunters and their supervisors

must complete an IRAP application online and submit it by Feb. 17, 2021 to be eligible for the youth drawing.

A total of 224 sites are available for the two-week-end youth season (March 27-28, 2021 and April 3-4, 2020).

Applications for IRAP Turkey Hunting sites can be found online at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/IRAP/Pages/First-time-Adult-turkey-hunting-.aspx>



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Hunters also need to be mindful of weather conditions that could make stands and steps slippery, and they should have a cellphone within easy reach to call for help, if needed. Hunters can review tree stand safety online at <http://www.huntercourse.com/treestand-safety/>

Safety educators and IDNR Conservation

Police also remind everyone hunting with a firearm to:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded, and never assume a firearm is unloaded;
- Always point a firearm in a safe direction;
- Be sure of the target, and make sure there are no other hunters, homes, buildings, vehicles or other animals beyond the target; and

• Keep their finger out of the trigger guard and off the trigger until they are ready to shoot.

Other safety considerations include ensuring heating sources are properly ventilated in hunting cabins and boats, wearing appropriate, high visibility clothing while hunting (including blaze orange or blaze pink when required), and being familiar with the area

being hunted.

For more details on Illinois deer, waterfowl, upland game, furbearer and other hunting seasons this fall and winter, check the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/HuntTrapDigest.aspx>.



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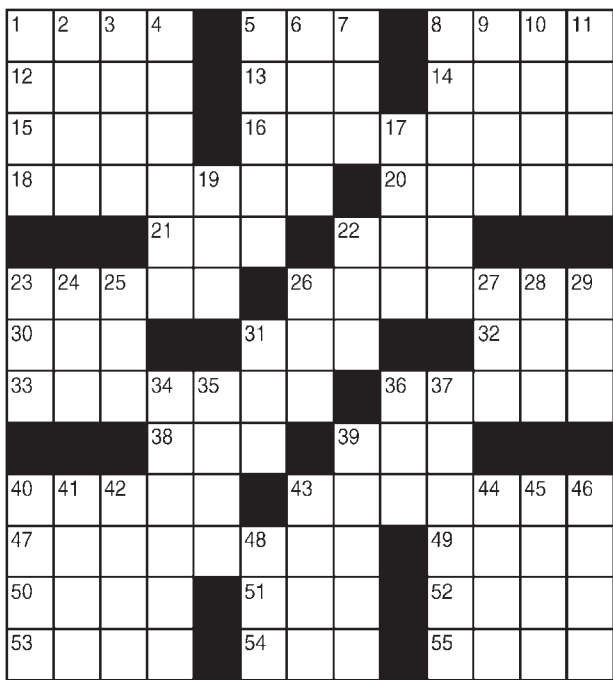
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King Crossword

ACROSS

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5 Letterman's network
8 Out of control
12 Suspend
13 Weeding tool
14 Wise one
15 Killer whale
16 Lineage
18 Astronauts' descent to Earth
20 Locations
21 Comic DeLuise
22 Satchel
23 "Forget it!"
26 Nation
30 Lawyers' org.
31 Sly one
32 Nay opponent
33 Racism, e.g.
36 Aden's land
38 Bill and —
39 Adams or Ameche
40 Clean software
43 Turducken, e.g.
47 Immoderate devotion
49 Met melody
50 Taj Mahal city
51 Trouble
52 Ring up
53 Lecherous



- 10 Shrek, for one
11 Jailer's jan-glers
17 Jacob's brother
19 Plaything
22 Carton
23 Apprehend
24 Japanese sash
25 Witty one
26 Coquettish
27 Scot's hat
28 Deli bread
29 Longing
31 To and —
34 Eye-related
35 Forum garment
36 Second person
37 Intertwine
39 Senior member
40 Soap brand
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42 Drill
43 Front of a ship
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



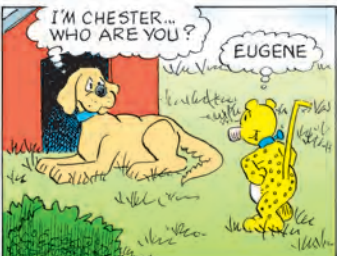
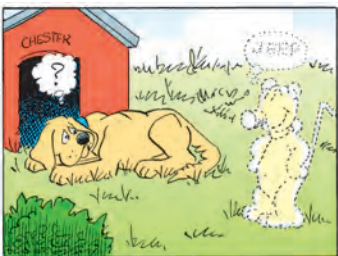
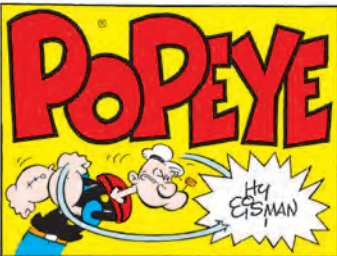
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LAFF-A-DAY



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!

Brawl
TABLET
Mode
HOTMED
Potent
TURBOS
Create
SIGNED

TODAY'S WORD

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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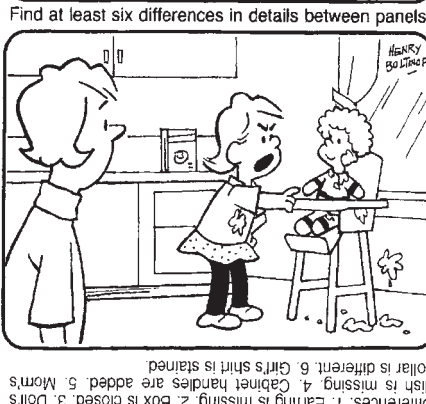
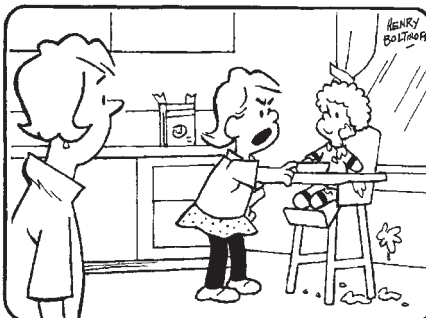
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Earring is missing 2. Box is closed 3. Doll's collar is different 4. Cabinet handles are added 5. Mom's dish is missing 6. Girl's shirt is stained

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: U equals B

L PCXXIPG FIC OLDNM ESKK MNG
XGHPIV LV ENSHDG IR S HIUUGHF
MNG EIOOSVZGH-LV-MNLGR.

HUSBANDS
Today's Word
3. Robust; 4. Design
solution
SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What kind of pet did Robert Blake have on the 1970s series "Baretta"?
- MOVIES: Which 2002 movie tagline was, "With great power comes great responsibility"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which Balkan nation's capital is Sophia?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What day of the week did the ancient Romans refer to as "dies Saturni"?
- LANGUAGE: What is the word that stands for "N" in the NATO phonetic alphabet?
- U.S. STATES: Which state features a body of water named Lake Lanier?
- HISTORY: When did World War II begin?
- MEDICINE: What is trepanning?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many days did William Henry Harrison serve as president of the United States?
- ANATOMY: What is the largest part of the human brain?

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- Answers
1. A cockatoo named Fred
 2. "Spider-Man"
 3. Bulgaria
 4. Saturday (Saturn's Day)
 5. November
 6. Georgia
 7. Sept. 1, 1939
 8. Making holes in the skull to relieve pressure
 9. 32
 10. Cerebrum

T	H	O	U	C	B	S	A	M	O	K
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Solution time: 21 mins.
Answers

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip
I suppose you might call the person in charge of a robbery the commander-in-thief.

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