



DRAWING FOR WINNERS

The final drawing of the 2020 Amboy Hometown Virtual Christmas Walk was held on Friday, Dec. 18 at the Amboy News office. Pictured above, organizers Gina McCoy shows the prizes while Megan Schamberger videos the drawing.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk concludes drawings

AMBOY — The final drawing for in 2020 Amboy Hometown Virtual Christmas Walk was held on Dec. 18.

The winner of the Dec. 18th grand prize was Evelyn Eisenberg. This prize was sponsored by Turquoise Turtle Apothecary, Mary Anne Duve, Hanson’s Chiropractic, Prime Time Live, The Last Alarm, Iron Tree, Amboy Veterinary Clinic, Napa, Amboy Fire Department, Amboy Garden Shop, Subway, The Warehouse Boutique, First National Bank Amboy, Amboy Hometown Pharmacy, Two Sisters on Main, First Federal Savings Bank, Revolution Wellness, Johnson Oil/Amboy Shell, Dollar General, & Nails by Lisa.

The winner of our Folsom’s Bakery cookie tray is Amy McCooy

The winner of our \$20 Amboy Shell/Johnson Oil gift certificate Lauren Foste.

We had four winners of gift bags filled with fun items Cathe White, Jim Travi, Jean Travi, and Tabitha Berogan.

Jenny Hicks the grand prize winner of the Family Experience giveaway donated by Shady Oaks Country Club and Top Notch Builders.

The two winners of the gift bags filled with a winter candle and candle ring from Inspired Home Decor & Gifts, wine from Longbranch Saloon, Christmas ornament from The Main Flower Shop, and 1 free Hair Cut or 1 free eyebrow wax from Jessica Fiscal and Ashley Grim are Laurie Byers and Vickie McWethy.

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COVID-19 vaccine arrives in Region 1

LEE COUNTY — Local health departments in Region 1 are announcing that a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine has arrived to the Region.

While not all the counties in the Region are receiving allocations of vaccine, the vaccine is being utilized in the Region to reach healthcare workers and long term care residents that are most at risk as part of the Phase 1a vaccine distribution.

As more vaccine becomes available, additional shipments of vaccine will be allocated to continue to meet the priority group populations in additional areas of the region.

COVID-19 Vaccine Arrives at CGH Medical Center

The COVID-19 vaccine has arrived at CGH Medical Center.

This is a light at the end of a very long tunnel for our healthcare workers and our community. Matt Hammer, PharmD, Director of CGH Pharmacy (center), receives the vaccine shipment from Emily Davy Gonzalez, Infectious Disease RN, Whiteside County Health Department and Whiteside County Sheriff John Booker.

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Please watch www.cghmc.com/covid-19vaccine for additional information.

The Northern Illinois Rockford Region 1 includes Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago Counties.



MR GRINCH IN TOWN

Enchanted Memory Photography brought The Grinch to Amboy Shell on Friday afternoon. He was there in the sleigh to bring some smiles to anyone who drove by and waved or stopped to chat.

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AHS Volleyball team members include (left-right): Courtney Orgtiesen, Gabby Jones, Haidyn Zimmerly, Lauren Richardson, Mallory Powers, Brianna Blaine, Eden Lindenmeyer, Madelyn McLaughlin, Olivia Dinges, Elly Jones, Brooklyn Wheelchel, Addison Shaw, Liz Clarida. Other team members not pictured but helped include Lexi Ketchum, Madison O’Malley, Maeve Larson and Kimber Zitelman.

Photo submitted

AHS Volleyball Cares

AMBOY — In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the Amboy High School Volleyball teams volunteered to rake and pick up sticks in area yards during the last few months for donations to the CGH Health Foundation.

Together, the girls raised \$705 by doing this yard work. Proceeds will be used to provide CGH Medical Center cancer patients with comfort bags. These totes contain lotion, socks, mouth wash, puzzle books, ice packs, tea bags, Queasy Pops, peppermints, a water bottle, gas cards, meal cards and other items which can assist the patients in their journey. Donations are accepted year-round by calling Amanda at 815/625-0400, ext. 5575 or making a gift online at www.cghmc.com/foundation.

AMBOY MINUTE



CLIPPER HIGHLIGHTS

This week’s column features #6 George Schwamberger

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Lee County COVID-19 Update: Dec. 18, 2020

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department is saddened to report 5 additional deaths in the county after confirming COVID as the cause. Age breakdown is as follows: 1 male in his 60s, 2 females in their 70s, 1 female her 80s, and 1 female in her 100s. This brings the total number of deaths in Lee County to 46.

Due to when the reports from the Lee County Health Department is released and early Christmas deadline for the Amboy News, this article will cover Dec. 15-18.

The health department also reported 17 case were from congregate living facilities - 1 is from Liberty Court, and 16 Dixon Correctional Center.

Between Dec. 15-18, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 62 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above, and here are the ages that were announced: 4 under the age of 12, 3 in his or her teens, 6 in his or her 20s, 7 in his or her 30s, 9 in his or her 40s, 5 in his or her 50s, 8 in his or her 60s, 1 in his or her 70s, and 2 in his or her 80s.

This brings the total number of cases to 2,324 as of Dec. 18. Of the 2,324 cases, 1,877 have recovered. They also reported as of Dec. 18, 11 residents have been hospitalized.

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Sublette board hears concerns about missed garbage pick-up

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

General Manager

SUBLETTE — A concern from the audience about Thanksgiving garbage pick-up brought up during the Dec. 14 Sublette Village Board meeting.

The concern from the audience was that the garbage at multiple houses was missed the week of Thanksgiving, and not knowing what to do when the garbage doesn’t get picked-up.

Sublette Village Board Trustee Julie Kessel said that 27 residents did not have their garbage picked-up that day.

Acting Village Board President John Stenzel said that the village had a different garbage driver that day.

“The driver we have does a very good job,” Stenzel said. Adding that this was unfortunate but doesn’t normally happen.

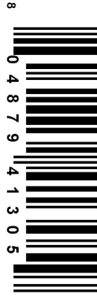
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LOCAL NEWS

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The winner of the basket filled with a purse, brush, eyebrow wax, and hair and body products from Tasha O'Malley and Terri Leffelman is Adrianna Whitney.

The winner of the giveaway sponsored by Johnson Tractor and Meusel's Dairy Delite is Tonya Nauman.

Amy McCoy was the winner of our Amanda Hintz Photography Gift Certificate and goodie filled Christmas gift basket.

The winner of a Meusel's Dairy Delite gift certificate, Melissa and Doug Play Ice Cream set, and a Radio Flyer Wagon filled with fun goodies from Amboy Arts and Antiques is Jena White.

Other events planned in December include:

- 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 has been extended to New Year's Eve. This Story Walk is where you can view the pages of the book, "A Wish To Be A Christmas Tree," in the downtown windows. The story starts at the Amboy News window. Pick-up craft at Pankhurst Memorial Library. Follow Ag in the Classroom and Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk on Facebook, tagging for a chance to win the book in hardcover.

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!



Last year, we started off our letter to you with the very positive information about our economic expansion, and then touched on how the soggy conditions in our area affected so many people. What a change from last year! Where do we even begin? We started using words that we never thought we would use on a daily basis: pandemic, quarantine, social distance, shut-down – just to name a few. Or how about derecho? That was a new word for us! But we also learned some positive things. At Leffelman & Associates, we learned that we were unexpectedly ready for this. On March 18th, we started working from home. After a few tweaks to our phones and computers, everything worked as if we were working from the office. And then something extraordinary started to happen. We were swamped with new business! It has been a remarkable year for us, and we would like to thank ALL of our customers – old and new. For many of you, you probably never even knew that we were not working from our offices. For those of you who visit us on a regular basis, we got it all worked out to safely take care of you. As usual, we have seen our communities come together to help those who have not been so lucky. Our area communities are so blessed with people helping each other – several food pantries giving out food, community organizations, churches, and city governments helping those in need of other things. From what we can see, the support for our local businesses has been amazing. So on behalf of all local business, we would like to thank everyone for your support. Maybe 2020 will make us all realize how important it really is to shop local. We pray that everyone stays safe and healthy this season. If you are not able to physically be with family members, call them often, stay in touch. And have a warm and wonderful Christmas and new year filled with health and happiness.

May the Christmas Spirit be with you & your family today & throughout the New Year.



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Stenzel said he would talk with Republic about the concern, and hopefully it won't happen again.

He added that there will be no change for garbage pick-up in Sublette for Christmas or New Year – garbage will still be picked-up on Thursday.

In other board news:

- Votes are still be casted for your favorite Christmas tree created by Sublette's businesses on Sublette 365's Facebook page. Pictures of all of the trees are featured. Like your favorite tree to vote. Voting is available through Dec. 25. The winner will receive a \$50 Visa gift card which the village of Sublette board approved to purchase.

- The board approved a resolution to sell the village property located at 109 W. Main

Street. Stenzel suggested a listing price of \$20,000 and the board approved the motion.

- Stenzel also said at the end of the meeting that the village may go back to virtual meetings if the COVID-19 cases continue to increase.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

Email news items to
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Christmas Tree Contest

It's time to VOTE
for your favorite
decorated
Christmas Tree.

Click on the banner ad at
www.AmboyNews.com
to vote.

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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Christmas Eve Mass

4:00 pm St. Mary of the Assumption

6:00 pm St. Patrick Church

10:00 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Christmas Day Mass

9:00 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

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 especially thankful for all our volunteers last week who were just amazing: Donna Wellman, Kathy Gardner, Shannon Nichols and our teenage volunteers- Robert, Val, Jake, Jose, Maggie, Maddy, Kaylee, Sydney, and Brooklyn.

We can never do it without community support and we are blessed with the following: Denise and Marty Bickett for the movies; Larry Piper with the cans and everyone who donates them; Ray and Sue Noble for the collectibles; Theresa Pillar for the various Christmas items; Tyson and Megan Drew for the hand sanitizers; Anonymous woman who dropped off the diapers; Brenda and Bruce Galuner for the plates and candy; Donna Wellman for the treats and bingo money for the kids; Tammy and Scott Strub for the pizza; Tammy Strub for judging the coloring contest; Diane and Joseph Stewart for the Christmas items and monetary donation; and Pete Ailings for the treats for our bus students.

We are also very grateful for the Donation by Terry and Nancy Leffelman in Memory of Sylvan and Virginia Leffelman, and Melvin Leffelman.

Final Word

"After the season is over, the Christmas lights come down, the fragrance of pine dissipates into the air, and the Christmas music no longer plays on the radio, we may ask, 'What happens next?' The wonder and awe of Christmas is just a beginning. Christmas reminds us that the babe born in Bethlehem has given us purpose for living, and what happens next to us largely depends on how we embrace our Savior, Jesus Christ, and follow Him."

— Rosemary Wixom

Amboy Police

Disorderly conduct, assault

On Dec. 15, at 2:40 p.m., Christopher G. Cornell, 34, of Sterling, was arrested for disorderly conduct and assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Kish announces relief scholarship for all full-time students

MALTA — Kishwaukee College will offer all full-time students a \$500 scholarship during the Spring 2021 semester to help offset financial hardships related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board of Trustees approved the new scholarship at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday night.

"We have felt the impact of the COVID-19 virus at Kish and continue to hear that finances and being able to afford college are a key issue for our students. The Spring 2021 Relief Scholarship offers some financial assistance during a time of need for many," said Dr. Laurie Borowicz, Kishwaukee College President.

The \$500 scholarship will help cover the cost of tuition and fees. There is no scholarship application required to apply. All students registered for 12 or more credit hours will receive the one-time scholarship if they are registered by Monday, Jan. 18, 2021.

Funds will be distributed during the first week of February. Full-time enrollment status will be verified before

scholarships are awarded.

Kishwaukee College will be offering most courses online during the Spring 2021 semester for the protection and safety of students, faculty, staff and the community. Some select classes will take place in a hybrid format, which has a face-to-face component.

Free Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training when you join the Amboy Fire Protection District in 2020/2021!

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The Amboy News office will be closed as of Noon on Thursday, Dec. 31 and all day on Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 in observance of the New Year holiday.

We will reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

The deadline for all advertising and editorial submissions and photos for the Wednesday, Dec. 30 edition is 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24.

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-Visit the Ag in the Classroom Story Walk, "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree", along E. Main St. A craft to go along with the story can be picked-up at the Amboy Library.

SUBLETTE-Vote for the Christmas Tree of your

choice on the Sublette 365 Facebook page before Dec. 25.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Dixon Home of Hope, 1637 Plock Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment

to donate.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at

Dixon Hope Bible Fellowship, 732 Brinton Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.



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The 2021 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.

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LOCAL NEWS

A.C.O. Chapter 3: Amboy Woman's Club – Time Marches On

BY CHRISTINE NOBLE

Reviewing data taken from old files, the 1960's seems to have been a decade of sharing talents.

The Amboy Hospital continued to benefit from AWC services and funds. Some members helped by scrubbing floors and painting walls. Card parties and salad luncheons were organized to raise club funds. A Hobby Shop and Bake Shop Sale were also held. The funds were used to buy several pieces of equipment for the hospital, including a bed and mattress.

In 1967, AWC also shared funds in a new student loan program. Early in the decade, club programs focused on food. Examples: "How to Cook with Your Hat On" and how to make candy or how to decorate cakes. Later programs focused on health. Examples: "Weight Control" and "Kicking the Smoking Habit."

If you recall, the 60s was a time when women were trying to find their place in the world, "Womyn's Lib" and "the dawning of the age of Aquarius." The AWC members invited Father Becker to help them figure out their "essence" by analyzing their handwriting.

The 1970's brought many changes to Amboy. Sadly, Amboy's hospital closed in 1974. On the happy side, tennis was introduced to the children and adults of Amboy. The AWC sponsored tennis lessons and paid for lights to be installed at the park's tennis court. Highlights of philanthropy during this decade: sponsoring swimming lessons, funds donated to handicapped citizens in need, started a welcome program for Amboy newcomers, sponsored a nursery school, made nursing home visits, planted trees throughout our town and provided hanging baskets of flowers to celebrate Amboy's Bicentennial, organized an Annual Ice Cream Social (including homemade pies) to support Amboy's Depot Museum.

Club programs reverted to a focus on culture: fine porcelain, flower arranging, painting and special music.

The 1980s were a time of dwindling membership as some members left for college or entered the job market. Still, remaining members managed to carry on with projects from the 70s and to add new ones. They raised \$9,000 to renovate or replace restrooms at City Park. Celebrating the AWC's 50th

Anniversary, marigolds were planted along Route 52 through Amboy.

At AWC meetings, guests spoke on the subjects of self-defense, jogging, art, music, flower arranging, alcoholism and funeral customs.

The group continued to provide volunteer hours driving senior citizens, supporting the Bloodmobile and other community needs. They also supported the programs of The Illinois Federated Women's Clubs and The

Global Federated Women's Clubs, their parent organizations.

Major changes came to AWC in the 1990s. I'll tell you about that next week.

Just a reminder. Join the Amboy Civic Organization, or renew your annual membership by mailing in your contact information (phone, email and/or home address) with \$10 dues for one person, or \$15 dues for a couple to: Carole Benson, P.O. Box 96, Amboy, IL 61310.

Holland & Sons to merge with Kelly Sauder Rupiper Equipment

MENDOTA – Holland & Sons, Inc. and Kelly Sauder Rupiper Equipment LLC, two family-owned and operated John Deere dealerships deeply rooted in North Central Illinois, plan to merge effective late January 2021. The combination of these companies will enhance each entity's ability to maximize service to homeowners, landscapers and farmers – together.

The new organization will operate as Prairie State Tractor LLC and employ over 200 people. Prairie State Tractor will be the responsible John Deere dealer for the territory as far west as the Mississippi River, extending up to the Wisconsin border, and down into Central Illinois. Dealership locations will continue to operate out of Dixon, Freeport, Geneseo, Lacon, Mendota, Pontiac,

Princeton and Streator. The Mendota location will serve as the corporate headquarters.

"Expanding our reach in today's agricultural world is essential," said Todd Holland, Board Chairman and Inventory Manager for Prairie State Tractor. "By combining our resources, we can offer a more expansive equipment selection and product offerings. Customers in our area are blessed with some of the best agricultural land in the world, and we are excited to grow with them."

"This new partnership greatly expands our ability to better serve you as a customer," said Chris Rupiper, Chief Executive Officer for Prairie State Tractor. "You'll continue to see the same faces you've worked with for years but will now benefit from access to more focused specialists."


"We have like-minded owners and operations; it made perfect sense to take the next step and come together as a dealer group," added Rupiper. "We may be operating under a different name, but our reputation for strong customer service remains the same. We remain committed to ensuring our customers continue to receive the same support and service they have become accustomed to for generations."

Prairie State Tractor will build on this rich tradition to bring the same high level of customer service along with new offerings that are made possible by expanded talent and geographic area. Management and employees look forward to the many benefits provided by this new partnership.

New company leadership will consist of many familiar faces. In addition to Chris Rupiper and Todd Holland, the leadership team will include Tony Morrow (Chief Financial Officer), Zack Sauder (Eastern Region Sales Manager), Ty Holland (Western Region Sales Manager), Matt Aeschleman (Used Equipment Manager), Paul Kelly (Human Resources Manager), Matt Holland (Marketing Manager), Klint Rice (Small Tractor/Turf Manager), Brett Dewey (Aftermarket Manager), and Jonathan Koch (Integrated Solutions Manager).

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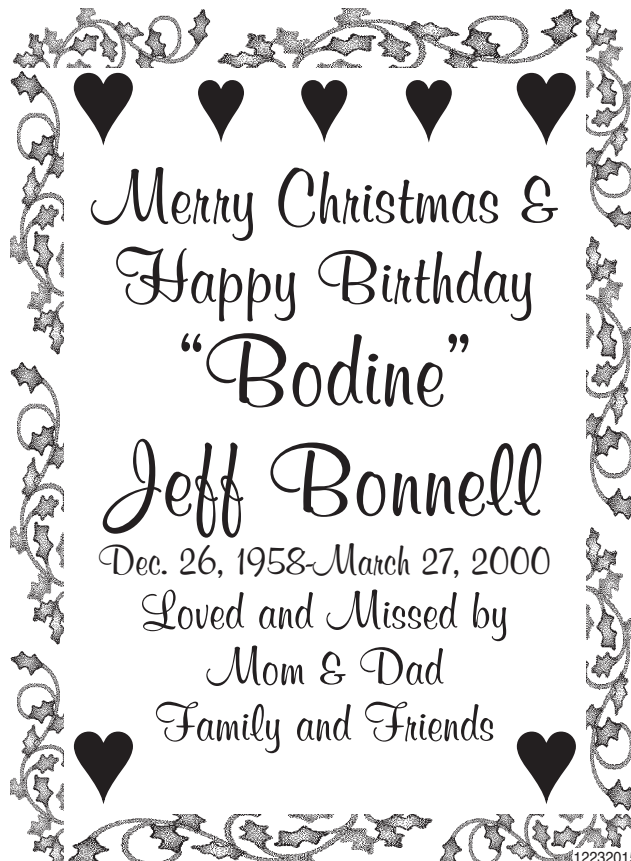
Another year has come and gone. This is our third Christmas without you, "Zip."

Many tears are still flowing. Not a day goes by your name isn't mentioned by us or someone we see that knew you.

You're always in our thoughts and memories.

Love, Mom, Dad, Tim and Yukon

P.S. We love and miss you so much



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Jeff Bonnell

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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St. Mary Church Fr. John Gow 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670 New Mass Times Begin Sept. 1st Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm	Grace Fellowship Church Amboy-Sublette Pastor Brian McWethy 500 W. Main Street, Sublette Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com	St. James Evangelical Congregational Church Robert Dunbar, Pastor US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd., Dixon 815-288-2447 Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Rev. Randy Fronek Locust Street, Sublette Phone 815-849-5412 Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Thursday - 8:30 a.m.
St. Flannen Church Fr. John Gow 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 New Mass Times Begin Sept. 1st Mass: Sunday, 9 am	East Grove Union Church Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321 449 Reuter Road, Amboy Phone 815-376-6661 1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd. Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. "Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!" Come as you are and join us on the journey!	St. Mary's Church Rev. Randy Fronek West Brooklyn Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday - 5:30 p.m.	Refuge Church Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows
United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745 Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.		St. Patrick Church Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.	Harmon United Methodist Church Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

Rags to Riches

Megan Chance's "A Splendid Ruin" is a classic rags-to-riches tale where certain obstacles, such as the Blessington Home for the Incurably Insane and the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, no less, stand in the way of our heroine's ascension to fame and fortune. The story is well told, the villains are contemptible, the heroes admirable, but the first half drags a bit. For far too long, May Kimble, the Brooklyn shopgirl, is starry-eyed about San Francisco high society. Even when she gets bored — "I did not want to admit that I found it boring, or that I was floundering in its shallows." — the narrative moseys along until finally murder and betrayal save the day.

When May was growing up in a shabby boarding house in Brooklyn, her mother used to tell her that her father was fabulously rich and that he would provide for her in time. To that end, her mother taught her to be a lady in society: "Never give them a reason to think you don't belong." Her mother dies suddenly, and soon after, a letter from an unknown aunt invites May to come to San Francisco. "When I arrived at the Nob Hill mansion belonging to my aunt Florence and her husband, Jonathan Sullivan, it was still more than a year from its fate as a crumbling, smoldering ruin, and I was still naive enough to believe in the welcome I found there."

May meets kind Uncle Jonny and Goldie, her beau-

tiful domineering cousin, under whose tutelage May enters San Francisco society. "She gave me the golden smile that made me her puppet." Aunt Florence, high on laudanum, is a stock character — the crazy woman hidden away upstairs: "She leaned so close I smelled her laudanum-tainted breath, stale and unpleasant. Her hair brushed my cheek. 'Shhh. They watch. Always they watch. They listen.'"

The murder brings about May's reversal of fortune and lands her in the aforementioned insane asylum. "The stench made me gag: stale urine, damp and mildew, the stinking rot of fabric, and again unwashed skin and hair, a miasma of close breath and sweat." For a year, May endures this hell and then on April 18, 1906, the earthquake levels San Francisco and literally liberates May to take her revenge on her relatives: "I wanted them to suffer, as I had suffered. An earthquake wasn't enough."

The scenes of May and her friend Dante plotting revenge amidst a devastated and highly perilous landscape elevate "A Splendid Ruin" above its genre.

"The fire had transformed marble into lime and melted steel and iron into bizarre shapes. Runnels of liquified glass and lead sash weights dripped over sills and pooled in hollows. A bright green parrot, the only spot of color in a fog of black and white and gray, perched on what remained of a stone gate, squawking raucously."

BY PASTOR RICK WULF

East Grove Union Church of Amboy

It's my privilege to write this Pastor's Pen article for the Christmas Week edition. The East Grove Union Church of Amboy has been observing the Advent Season this whole month and is looking forward to closing out the season on Thursday Night at 5:30 p.m. as we will gather at the Church for our Annual Communion by Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

Christmas is one of the most important times on the calendar for us as Christians. For those not familiar with the Advent observance, a candle is lit each Sunday of the four weeks leading up to Christmas and the fifth candle is lit on Christmas Eve. As we have been lighting the candles, we have been reminding ourselves of the blessings that we possess in our Christian lives.

The candles represent, hope, peace, light, joy, and love. These themes are prevalent throughout the Bible, and they all point to the Messiah, Jesus Christ. As we observe this very special time celebrate His Advent, we do so in anticipation of His Second Advent. In true reality, Christmas is only meaningful to us as Christians.

Sadly, the world has taken it and perverted its true meaning. Some use the expression, "Happy X-mas," which we as Christians detest, but in reality because people leave Christ out of their everyday lives, I guess it's okay, they can have their "X-mas," and

we will hold on to our observance of the true meaning of Christmas.

As we have lit each candle each week, we were reminded of what each one represents. This year in my Advent messages, I drew from the Apostle Peter's first letter. Hope is the certainty of faith that we have in Christ. The world uses "hope" in terms of wishful thinking. But our hope in Christ is what keeps us going as Christians.

Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Our hope Peter says is a living hope. What a great promise that is.

The second candle representing peace, promises the presence of Christ, who is the Prince of Peace, in our lives. Some view peace merely as the lack of conflict, but true Biblical peace only comes through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Peter's testimony in 1 Peter 3:11 says to "seek peace and pursue it."

The third candle which represents light, reminds us that He is the Light of the world, has "called you out of darkness into His marvelous light," and has made us now to be His light in this world, (2:9).

The fourth candle reminds us of what real joy is all about. 1 Peter 4:13, we see this admonition: "but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with ex-

ceeding joy." Joy is listed as one of the Fruit of the Spirit. It is unlike human emotion because joy is produced by the Holy Spirit of God.

The white candle in the center of the Advent Wreath, which we will light on Christmas Eve, will remind us of love.

I will end this bit of Advent information with the words with which Peter began his letter in (1:6-9) "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at

the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls."

It is our prayer that you be focusing on the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus Christ, this week as you will be celebrating this very special time this week. Don't settle for a "Happy X-mas."

Seek to have a very Blessed Christmas celebration this year, even amidst the extremely difficult year which we have traversed.

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Judge's dyslexia has made her a better judge, better person

The nun's ruler snapped across Anne Burke's knuckles as she struggled to form words onto a page.

Burke, who is chief justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, has come a long way from being that Chicago school girl who wanted to write from right to left.

"I didn't even know there was a name for what I was doing. My friends were getting A's and B's and I was getting C's," she said.

Growing up in the 1950's, Burke derived much of her self-worth from athletics not academics.

"Neither of my parents had gone to high school so I wasn't under a lot of pressure to get good grades. I guess I just thought I wasn't a good student. It took me a lot longer to read things than many of my peers."

It was not until she was well into adulthood that she learned that there is a name for the different way she perceived the world: dyslexia.

Dyslexia is a difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but it in no way affects general intelligence.

In fact, dyslexics tend to have high intelligence levels, Sally Shaywitz, a Yale University physician specializing in dyslexia, told me during a telephone interview Monday.

Gavin Newsom, California's governor; Henry Winkler, an actor and producer; David Boies, one of the nation's top appellate lawyers; Charles Schwab, a businessman specializing in discount brokerage services; and Tim Tebow, a Heisman trophy winner and NFL quarterback are among the most well-known dyslexics.

Successful dyslexics are greatly shaped by their childhood struggles but have found coping strategies Shaywitz said.

"I was at conference and many prominent people who are dyslexics there. Someone asked what school was like for them when they were younger and they all ended up

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



crying," she said.

As a journalist I can relate to the challenges Burke and others have faced. I, too, am dyslexic.

I was never struck with a ruler, but I had a third-grade teacher who would shake me like a rag doll. She was a woman who brimmed with contempt for those who struggled.

Over and over she and another third-grade teacher would say, "You just aren't trying."

If only they had known just how hard I was trying.

For me, the solution came in the form of my mother. For two-years she would sit with me each day and we would read a book together. She'd read one page aloud, I'd read the next. She'd gently correct me when I mispronounced or misread a word.

Shaywitz said this approach of listening, modeling and correcting is now the gold standard

for teaching dyslexics to read.

But she added that since dyslexics perceive the world differently they tend to be original thinkers with problem solving skills.

"We are risk takers," Burke said.

Burke attended college for a year but when the school moved from Chicago to a western suburb, she dropped out and began working with disabled children in the Chicago Park District, which led to her establishing the Chicago Special Olympics in 1968 and later helped expand the program into the International Special Olympics.

Burke and her husband, Ed, a Chicago alderman are licensed foster parents who have five children only one of whom is biologically theirs.

"When three of the children were young, she left her job with the park district with plans to return. Instead she went back to college and earned a degree in education from DePaul in 1976.

Four years later, her husband encouraged her to apply

Dear Editor,

The 31st Festival of Trees saw several changes in 2020, but with the generosity and support of our communities the fundraiser for Rock River Hospice & Home was a success. RRHH says thank you to all businesses, organizations, volunteers, decorators, chairpersons, sponsors, donors and the general public for the generous amount of time, talent, and financial support given to the Festival of Trees. We realize this year was unprecedented and discretionary resources were limited and precious. We truly appreciate your expressions of support in an effort to help us continue helping others

The proceeds from the Festival of Trees assist Rock River Hospice & Home, a United Way partner agency, in providing care and support to the terminally ill and their families at

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On behalf of the staff, board of directors, volunteers and our patients and families, please accept our sincere and heartfelt thank you.

Please know that with your generosity, you have helped to provide hope and compassionate care to your fellow community members.

We wish you and yours happiness throughout this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Karen Voss, Marketing Director
Emily Taylor, Executive Director

Letters to the Editor

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Dec. 24, 1920

A.A. Carmichael left Sunday morning for Hastings, Neb., to visit relatives.

Mrs. Hugh McIntyre and daughters accompanied by Dorothy Seals were Dixon callers Saturday.

Mrs. H.F. Epperson and little son departed Monday evening for Prophetstown to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Olive Gooch is home from Normal for the holidays.

75 Years Ago Dec. 20, 1945

Mrs. Cecil Nattress entertained after school Tuesday in honor of her son Jeffrey, who was celebrating his seventh birthday. After games were enjoyed, lunch was served. Those present, besides

the honoree, were Nancy Funkhouser, Judy Boyer, Robert Pryor, Kevin MacKinnon and Margaret Bennett.

Mrs. William Raymer, R.N., and her mother, Mrs. Bertha Volland, moved last week from Maytown to an apartment over the Neis Drug Store.

50 Years Ago Dec. 24, 1970

The Northwest Teachers Council, representing nearly 3,000 teachers in the northwestern part of the state, have endorsed a starting salary for the 1971-72 school year. A teacher with a bachelor's degree, the council felt, should begin with a salary of \$8,200.

John McCuskey of Peoria was a Saturday overnight guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Morgan, Amboy. He also visited with his mother, Mrs. Stella McCuskey, who resides with the

Morgans.

25 Years Ago Dec. 28, 1995

Asmiling Mary Jester accepts a check for \$3,250 from Jerry Garland, manager of Beggs' Certified Foods. Jester was notified last Saturday – the day before Christmas Eve – that she had won the money in Beggs' weekly Money Tree drawing. The jackpot, which starts at \$100 and goes up \$50 each week if not won, had gone unclaimed for 63 weeks until Jester's name was drawn, and her Money Tree card had been punched previously for the winning week's drawing.

The Amboy boys basketball team traveled to Forreston for the annual Christmas Holiday Tournament and came away with their second straight championship by defeating three fine teams.



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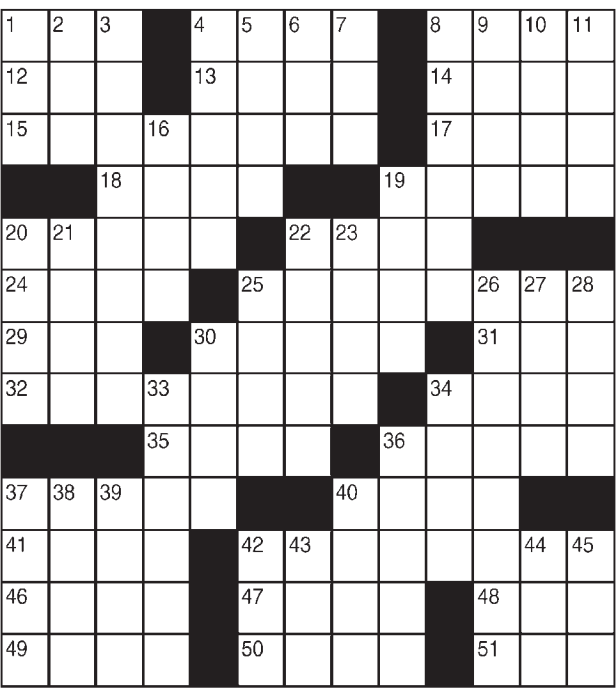
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14 "So be it"
15 Wordplay specialists
17 Hindu royal
18 Locate
19 Piece of cheesecake?
20 Subsequently
22 Reedy
24 Concoct
25 Good news for bargain hunters
29 Bard's "always"
30 Unrefined
31 Id counterpart
32 Ruins
34 Touch
35 Cincinnati team
36 Gets up
37 — Valley (California ski resort)
40 Family member
41 Cather's "One of —"
42 Expensive seafood
46 Platter



- 47 Between jobs
48 Carnival city
49 Remain
50 Ball-bearing items
51 Agent
7 "Mayday!"
8 Leatherneck
9 Mideast nation
10 Options list
11 Use scissors
16 Gush forth
19 Snapshots
20 Sleeping, perhaps
21 Release
22 Cafeteria stack
23 Greet the villain
25 Motivate
26 "— Dictionary"
27 Chills and fever
28 Deteriorates
30 Staff
33 In poor taste
34 "— She Sweet?"
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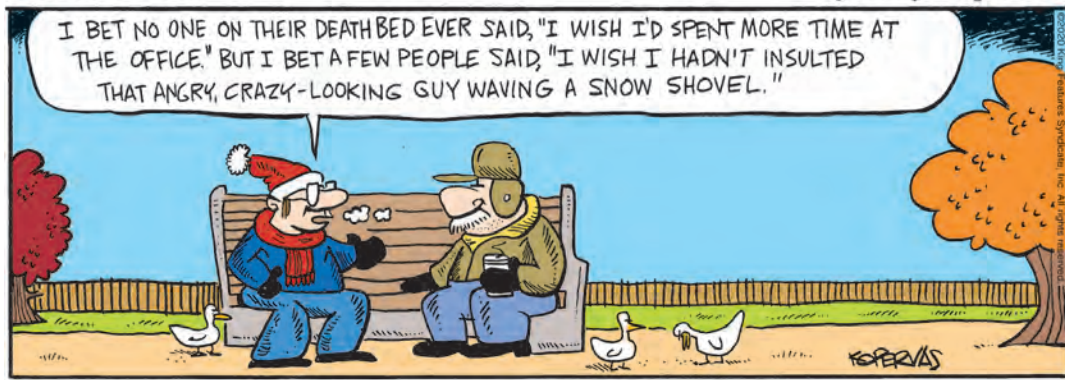
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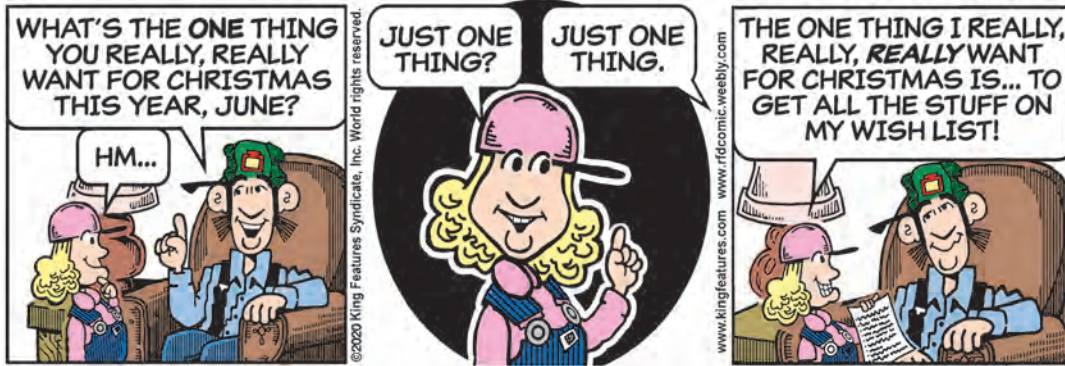
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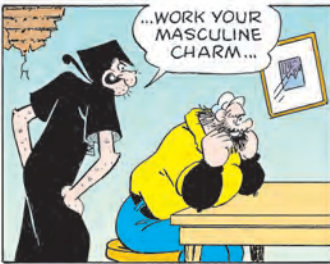
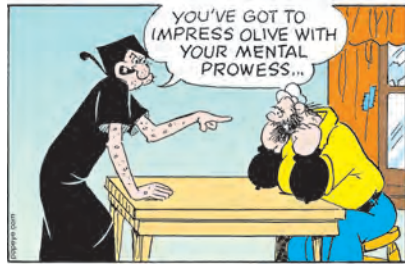
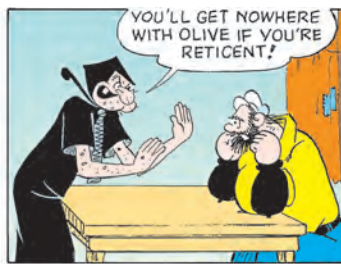
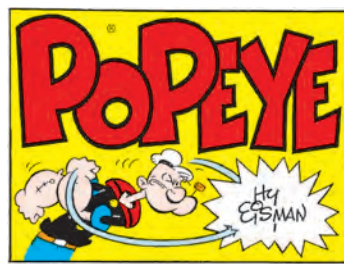
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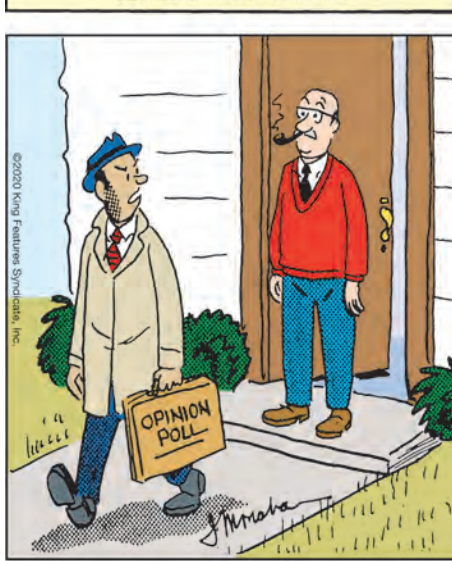


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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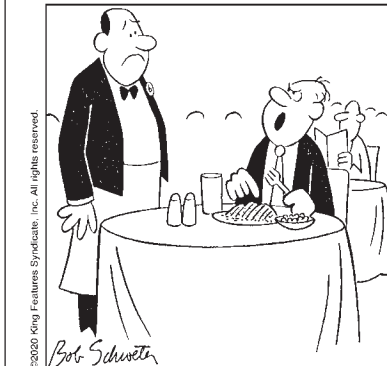
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TODAY'S WORD



"About this dish called 'Chef's Delight' ... is there anything on the menu called 'Delight'?"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: In how many movies did Sean Connery play the character James Bond?
- ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product is touted as "the fabric of our lives"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many laps do drivers have to complete in the Indianapolis 500 race?
- HISTORY: How many Pyramids of Giza (Egypt) were constructed?
- MUSIC: Which pop song repeats the chorus, "Why can't you see? You belong with me"?
- LITERATURE: What kind of novel is written in a series of letters?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many cups are in 1 pint?
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- ANATOMY: How much of the adult human body is made up of water?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the most densely populated continent on Earth?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Santa's beard is longer. 2. Santa's boots are black. 3. Boy's coat has pocket. 4. Santa's beard is longer. 5. Boy's coat has pocket. 6. Santa's boots are black. 7. Building is shorter.

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: N equals H

WDKFWP, KNF LDTCTF ZV

RJTTPZMX D WJK CJTF JLKFM.

NF NDV CDMP XTJRZMX AJMAFTMV.

DINERS

Today's Word

3. Endow; 4. Defer

1. Regard 2. Strive;

SCRAMBLERS

King Crossword

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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

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

Also, we'd like to mention the process of contact tracing. If your local health department tries to contact you, please answer or return their call. Some people may feel distrustful or afraid of the term "contact tracing." This is actually a strategy used for many years in public health to reduce the spread of infectious disease. Contact tracing is a critical piece of our mitigation efforts against COVID-19. More information can be found at this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/contact-tracing.html>

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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #6 George Schwamberger

I am honored to announce this week's Clipper Highlight, #6, George Schwamberger.

George was a 1981 graduate of Amboy High School, three-year Varsity starter, and multi-sport athlete. George was also a two-time State Runner-Up and one of the several key contributors to, arguably, the most successful football class in Amboy Football history.

There's absolutely no question that George has achieved success in every aspect of his life. A great husband, father, teacher, coach, and Athletic Director.

George's Clipper journey began at 10 years old, in 5th grade, as he was the manager for the Clippers. George continued his role as manager through his 8th grade year as there was no Junior Tackle program at the time. George is among a short list of Clippers that started their belief, commitment, and love for Amboy football at that young of an age.

Fast forward to George's sophomore season, Week 3, he was called up to start as a defensive back for the 1978 Varsity Clippers. The 1978 Clippers did not make the playoffs but there's no question George, his classmates, and the Class of 1980 were ready to begin the best era of Amboy football in 1979.

George's Junior season he starred on one of the toughest, most talented, and most successful Clipper teams in our history. A two-way starter at Running Back and Defensive Back, no challenge was too big for George's athleticism. George and the class of 1981 would endure their first Varsity loss in the 1979 State Championship game to Decatur St. Theresa.

George's Senior season started by having to miss the first two gridiron contests.

"I missed the Hall and Mendota games because I had sustained bruised kidneys the last week of doubles," George shared.

The margin of victory in both those two contests were too close for Clipper comfort. As George recovered and came back, he provided the spark the 1980 Clippers needed to start another historic run.

"He would have been an all stater if he hadn't been hurt the first two games. In those games we didn't put up many points. When he came back though we busted out against Newman with 40+ points," shared teammate, Center, and friend, Greg King.

Quarterback and lifelong friend, Brad Considine, shared, "George, with his refuse to lose mindset, put our team on his back in the Semifinal game against Havana as we came back from 14 down to win and punch another ticket to State."

George led the 1980 Clippers in rushing yards and held the IHSA 2A record for longest interception return for nearly 20 years with a pick he had that season against Genoa Kingston. George ended the magnificent 1980 season earning 1st Team All Conference/Area honors along with 1st Team



#6 George Schwamberger

All Rockford Register Star and 1st Team All Quad Cities. George was passed over for an All State selection by a player from Genoa Kingston, a team the 1980 Clippers defeated that season. Both King and Considine shared their undoubted belief that if George was healthy for the first two games of the season, he would have been an All State selection.

Former teammate and friend, Dean Powers, shared, "George was what you'd call a 'scat back' with great moves and elusiveness in the open field and he was also a great pass receiver out of the back field, with great hands. My senior year he was a 'go to' guy when we needed a big play or crucial third down conversion."

King added, "In my opinion, there were not many better all-around players as a running back and defensive back than George. As a running back he could do it all. He many times would run defenders over at the beginning only to set them up for a move later. He had great hands as a receiver and a returner. As a defensive back his ball skills and instincts were tremendous."

Considine also shared,

"George made all of us better, we all played to his level. He was always so easy going and so humble throughout all of his great success."

George continued his football career at Carthage College. George returned punts and kicks his freshman season and then started as a Defensive Back his Sophomore, Junior, and Senior seasons. George earned All CCIW Conference honors his Junior season along with

a Carthage Most Valuable Defensive Player.

King shared the following memory of his and George's rivalry in college, "After high school we were rivals as he went to Carthage and I went to Augustana. As a freshman he led the CCIW in punt return yardage. His sophomore year he was switching back and forth between offense and defense. I believe he may have had the only first down for them. His junior year they switched him to defensive back and he led the CCIW in interceptions and was a first team all-conference selection. Of course, I was 4-0 against him and out scored them 139-21. I remember our senior year at Augie... there were about 20 Amboy guys that showed up for the game."

George's role as a Clipper changed in 1986 when he came back as the Freshman Football Coach. George continued his coaching career and moved up to Varsity when Coach Jones took over as Head Coach. I not only speak for myself, but hundreds of other Clippers when I say that George was a huge part in our success as Clippers. Coaching many Clipper greats, All Conference selections, All Area selections, and a handful of All State selections, George took years of football experience and knowledge, add in pride, passion, and love for Clipper Football, and passed it down, the true Clipper Way.

George ate, slept, and breathed Clipper football for 47 years as a manager, player, and coach. His role will now continue as Athletic Director. He decided to hang his whistle up as this will

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



mark George's first season since 1986 that he will not be coaching. Amboy foot-

ball has been everything to George but as all Clipper greats he is most humbled and proud to have been able to share the great memories with his closest friends and teammates.

George closed by saying, "I was nothing without my offensive line. I was also blessed with two great fullbacks and quarterbacks. Amboy football is more than the memories or success it's hard work, toughness, and a great teacher of life."

So, to #6, "Coach Schwam," George Schwamberger, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for your 47-year commitment

to Clipper football that not only impacted your Clipper teams, but mine and numerous others. 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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Reg. Price \$12.99 lb.

AMBOY DELI

Meatzilla or Depot Supreme Pizza Family Deal



2/\$22
Reg. Price \$13.99 ea.

Frito Lays Products

8-10 oz excludes Party or Family size



\$2.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.79 ea.

Kemp's Ice Cream

Assorted 128 oz



\$5.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$7.29 ea.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Tombstone Pizza

Assorted



3/\$12
Reg. Price \$5.49 ea.

Dean's Dip

Assorted 16 oz



\$1.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.39 ea.

Banquet Breakfast Sausage

Assorted 6.4 oz



\$1.69
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.19 ea.

Patrick Cudahy Bacon

Assorted 16 oz



\$5.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$7.99 ea.

Rossina Meatballs

Assorted 20-26 oz



\$5.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$6.99 ea.

Food Club Hot Sauce

6 oz



79¢
ea.
Reg. Price \$1.29 ea.

Food Club Applesauce

6 Pack



\$1.69
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.19 ea.

Food Club Potato Chips

Assorted 8 oz



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

Food Club Ketchup

20 oz



99¢
ea.
Reg. Price \$1.59 ea.

Ragu Pasta Sauce

Assorted 16-24 oz



\$2.49
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.

Kraft Cocktail, Tarter or Horseradish Sauce

12 oz



\$1.69
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.39 ea.

Sale goes through Dec. 29, 2020