

## Man gives police chase before being arrested

**LEE COUNTY** — On Dec. 26, 2018 at 8:36 a.m., Lee County Deputies stopped a 2000 gold Ford Explorer for an expired registration sticker, just west of Woodlawn Road on US 30.

Deputies spoke to the driver who was later identified as Brandon M. Foster, 42. Foster gave two false names and after advising he was being arrested for unlicensed driving, he fled the scene. The vehicle was located in the southbound ditch on I-39 near MP 78, just south of the overpass for Welland Road.

Foster had fled the scene on foot, but was seen walking toward Welland Road by a passing motorist, traveling on I-39. An extensive search was conducted by the Lee County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police District One, Illinois State Police Air Operations, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Dixon Police Department, Mendota Police Department, LaSalle County Sheriff's Department and Sublette Fire Department, for utilization of their drone.

A nearby resident was interviewed and informed the Sheriff's Department that a subject matching the description of Foster, flagged them down and asked for a ride to a gas station. He was taken to the Amoco Station in Mendota.

Foster then walked to the Quality Inn and subsequently rented a room. He was identified by the attendant and verified via lobby video.

Foster was taken into custody at the Quality Inn in Mendota, and charged with Driving While License Revoked. Additional charges may be considered, upon further investigation and review by the State's Attorney's Office.

Foster resides in Sunnyland, in Tazewell County.

The charges are merely an allegation and all parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

## Illinois Department of Labor to enforce new laws in 2019

**SPRINGFIELD**—Effective Jan. 1, the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) will enforce the following new state laws:

**Public Act 100-1094 (SB2999) Employer Reimbursements for Employee Expenses Summary:**

Amends the Wage Payment and Collection Act. Mandates employers reimburse employees for necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee within the employee's scope of employment and directly related to services performed for the employer. Mandates an employee submit expenses for reimbursement within 30 days or within parameters of employer reimbursement policy. Provides an employee is not entitled to reimbursement under the Act if the employer has a reimbursement policy.

**Public Act 100-1140 (HB4743) – Equal Pay Summary:**

Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Provides that no employer may discriminate between employees by paying wages to an African-American employee at a rate less than the rate at which the employer pays wages to another employee who is not African-American for the same or substantially similar work on a job that requires equal skill, effort, and responsibility and is performed under similar working conditions.

**Public Act 100-0944 (SB3240) – Increased Civil Penalties for Carnival and Amusement Enterprise Operators for Failure to Conduct Criminal Background Checks on Employees Summary:**

Amends the Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act. Increases the civil penalty for carnival or amusement enterprise operators that employee workers convicted of any offenses set forth in Article II and Article 9 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, is a registered sex offender, or the employer fails to conduct a criminal background check on the employee. First offense civil penalty raised to \$5,000 from \$1,000, second offense civil penalty raised to \$10,000 from \$5,000, and subsequent offense shall result in the revocation of the operators permit.

## Amboy News to see changes in 2019

**AMBOY** — Beginning with the January 9, 2019 edition, the Amboy News will be implementing a change.

The Amboy News will now be printed on Tuesday mornings, and delivered to the post office and our newsstand dealers on Tuesday afternoon.

What this means for our subscribers, is that if you normally get the paper delivered on Thursday, you will now get the paper delivered on Wednesday.

This will allow the Amboy News to be a true Wednesday publication.

Our deadlines, for now, will remain the same - 10 a.m. on Monday for ads and 5 p.m., on Friday for editorial submissions. Holiday deadlines will be posted as the holiday approaches.

## Collecting for those in need

**AMBOY**—Rosalie Koldan and Shirley Guay, owners of Amboy Arts & Antiques located at 231 E. Main Street, started a collection for the PADS Women and Children's Homeless shelter before the holidays.

Koldan saw a wish list they published of their needs for the new facility. She and her partner Guay decided to help by accepting donations for the new shelter.

The house (soon to be shelter) located at 203 W. Everett Street, in Dixon, was donated to PADS and they have worked all year fixing in up. The organization provides temporary housing for individuals, food and services to those in need. They hope to open the new facility by February 2019.

"We are very fortunate to live in a place where when you say help is needed, everybody steps up," Koldan said.

At Amboy Food and Liquor, directly across the street from Amboy Arts & Antiques, people were asked to purchase an item at the store and it was donated right there.

"Thanks to Amboy Food for not hesitating and to help," Koldan said. "The donations came flooding in at both locations. Within a week, we had well over 300 items."

Guay and Koldan could not be more thankful to the generosity of their community with this immediate response and willingness to help others. It's nice to know the shelves at the shelter will be filled with shampoos, lotions, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, bath wash, deodorant, and many more personal care items.

You can visit Dixon PADS Homeless shelter or their Facebook page for updates. And for more information on how you can help by calling 815-288-6818 or emailing [dixonpads@comcast.net](mailto:dixonpads@comcast.net).



## A look at the 2018 Farm Bill

**BY LORI HAMMELMAN**  
*Special to the Amboy News*

It has been a little more than a few weeks since President Trump signed the 2018 Farm Bill into law after passing in the House of Representatives earlier this month.

Key points in the bill include certainty and stability to farm families for the next five years, upholding fiscal responsibility by being budget neutral and protecting crop insurance. It will fund needed trade development as well as investing in ag research and beginning farmer programs. It also continues nutrition assistance programs for lower income families.

Ogle County Farm Bureau manager Ron Kern talked about how the new bill will affect farmers.

"The passage of the new Farm Bill is welcomed relief for farmers across the country who are facing yet another year of depressed commodity prices and shrinking balance sheets," Kern said. "The new bill will add stability to farmers by retaining crop insurance as a key risk management tool, developing foreign markets to expand trade and continue valuable environmental stewardship programs."

Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. applauded the "historic and overwhelmingly bipartisan" farm bill.



"The 2018 farm bill is a complete package that serves all Americans. It helps to ensure the food security and economic security of our nation," Guebert Jr. said. "Directly or indirectly, it benefits everyone in towns large and small."

**Farm Bill facts**

The House Agriculture Committee assembled a short summary of the 2018 Farm Bill; it

highlights each of the sections — commodities, conservation, trade, nutrition, credit, rural development, research, forestry, horticulture and crop insurance.

There are also several facts listed: Just 8.6 cents of every dollar spent on food goes to the farmer.

The remaining share goes to processors, wholesalers, retailers and food service; the

2014 Farm bill was expected to save \$23 billion over 10 years. Most recent projections show it will save \$100 billion, which is more than four times what was anticipated; and U.S. Ag exports to Canada and Mexico are up over 400 percent since NAFTA took effect in 1994.

A complete list, including the bill's text can be found at [agriculture.house.gov/farmbill](http://agriculture.house.gov/farmbill).







## DEPOT DAYS DONATION - AMBOY LIONS

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, left, presents a check for \$2,600 to Jim Travi and Roger Wittenauer, of the Amboy Lions Club. The funds will be used toward purchasing AED's for community sites including local churches, and to help offset the cost of publicity and refreshments for the Health Fair held in October. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$66,000 to local organizations this year.

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## DEPOT DAYS DONATION - TEEN TURF

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, right, presents a check for \$2,000 to Eileen Piper, of the Teen Turf. The funds will be used toward building a fund to provide a Morton-style building and purchasing additional space. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$66,000 to local organizations this year.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

## New laws impact motorist in 2019

**SPRINGFIELD** — Two new laws supported by Secretary of State Jesse White that take effect Jan. 1 include child passenger and bike safety initiatives.

The first law will require parents and caregivers to secure children in rear-facing safety seats until they are 2-years-old or weigh 40 pounds or more or

measure 40 or more inches tall.

“Children are five times safer riding in a rear-facing seat because their head, neck and spine are better protected in a crash,” White said. “Let’s make sure we keep our children safe by putting them in an appropriate car seat that is properly installed.”

• Car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages

1-13, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

• The Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act states that children under age 8 must be secured in an appropriate child restraint system, including booster seats.

• Car seats have been shown to reduce fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers, according to NHTSA.

The Secretary of State’s office, through its Keep Me in a Safe Seat program, provides child safety seat inspections by certified child safety seat technicians at 10 Driver Services facilities throughout the state. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please call 866-247-0213 or visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

The second law that will be enacted at the beginning of the year places more emphasis on bicycle safety for those taking Secretary of State driver exams. Test questions on the Dutch Reach, a technique drivers are encouraged to use in order to avoid hitting bicyclists with their car doors and other bike safety measures will be included on the Secretary of State’s driver’s exam and in the 2018/2019 Rules of the Road.

“This legislation will help improve safety between drivers and bicyclists who share the roads,” said White. “By adding questions to our written exam about bike safety, drivers will be more aware of the deadly consequences that can occur if they do not follow the Rules of the Road.”

White also reminds Illinoisans that the office issues the Bicycle Rules of the Road to ensure safe bike travel.

To obtain a free copy of the Bicycle Rules of the Road, visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) or any Secretary of State’s Driver Services Facility.

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## DEPOT DAYS DONATION - LEE COUNTY AG IN THE CLASSROOM

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, right, presents a check for \$500 to Katie Pratt, of Lee County Ag in the Classroom. The funds will be used toward reaching approximately 450 students and 12 teachers at many grade levels in the Amboy schools. Topics of learning include farm to table, where does our food come from, and how does our food get to us. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$66,000 to local organizations this year.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



## DEPOT DAYS DONATION - LEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, right, presents a check for \$1,500 to Kevin Lalley, of the Lee County Emergency Management Agency. The funds will be used toward the addition of video capabilities to the Critical Incident Response trailer, including a remote wireless camera. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$66,000 to local organizations this year.

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**One Nomination Per Person Per Month**  
**Limit 40 Words Per Nomination**



# Educational Briefs

## Bradley University Fall 2018 Dean's List

**PEORIA** — Nearly 1,700 students make the Fall 2018 Dean's List at Bradley University.

**Local students named to the Dean's List include:**  
Caleb Sarff, La Moille, is studying Mechanical Engineering

Sydney Wilhelm, of Amboy, is studying Early Childhood Education

Those full-time students who earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 grading scale are given the distinction of being placed on the University's Dean's list for their outstanding scholastic achievement.

Bradley University is a top-ranked, private university in Peoria, Illinois, offering 5,400 undergraduate and graduate students the resources of a larger university and the personal attention of a smaller university. More than 185 academic pro-

grams are offered in business, communications, education, engineering, fine arts, health sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and technology.

## Local students named to Dean's and President's List

**MORRISON** — Morrison Institute of Technology is pleased to announce our President's and Dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester. To earn a spot on the President's List, students must attend class full-time and achieve a semester GPA of 3.90 or better. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, students must attend class full-time and achieve a semester GPA of 3.50 to 3.89.

**Local students on the President's List include:**  
Aidan Bollman, of Harmon  
Jacob Heaton, of Walnut

**Local students on the Dean's List include:**  
Taylor Ikens, of Amboy  
Matthew Cooper, of Dixon



Pictured above is Bruce Hill's oil on canvas "Autumn Contrast."

Photo submitted

## Next Picture Show to present regional art show

**DIXON** — The Next Picture Show is pleased to present the 15th Regional Survey of Art, the longest running and most popular art exhibit at TNPS since our opening in 2004.

The Regional Survey Art Show focuses on the work of area artists and seeks to identify current trends in the Rock River Valley art world.

More than 90 original works, by 34 artists, have been accepted including acrylic, pencil, scanography, alcohol ink, mixed media, digital photography, pastel, oil, and watercolor.

Some of the artwork to be shown are: Artist Bruce Hill, of Dixon, oil on canvas ("Autumn Contrast"); scanography on metal by Rich Born of DeKalb ("Joe Pye Weed & Bark"); Tom Linden of Rockford oil on canvas ("Mill at Midway"); and Sam Tucibat of Baileyville, digital photographic composite ("Nothin").

The exhibit will kick off with a reception and awards presentation at 6 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 11 at with music by Chuck and Bev Kearns of Oregon.

The exhibit will be open for viewing Jan. 5 – Feb. 23 at 113 West First Street, Dixon, IL 61021. Hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday, and by appointment.

## Nominations accepted for award

**ROCKFORD** — The Natural Land Institute is now accepting nominations for the 2019 George and Barbara Fell Award. The deadline to submit a nomination for an individual with outstanding achievements and leadership in land conservation is Thursday, Jan. 14. The award is named for George and Barbara Fell who founded the Natural Land Institute in 1958 and devoted their lives to the protection of natural areas in Illinois. They were committed to protecting Illinois' natural heritage so rare and endangered plant and animal species would be here for future generations.

The nomination guidelines, list of past award recipients, and the nomination form can be found at <https://www.naturalland.org/gb-fell-award/>. Nominations may be submitted to [info@naturalland.org](mailto:info@naturalland.org) or Natural Land Institute, 320 S. 3rd St., Rockford, IL 61104.

The presentation of the George and Barbara Fell Award will be at Natural Land Institute's Annual Dinner, which will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 5:30 p.m. at Giovanni's Restaurant & Convention Center, 610 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford, Ill. 61107.

**Senior Dining Menu**  
January 7 -11  
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Monday – Meatball sub, peas & carrots, seasoned potato wedges, mandarin oranges  
Tuesday – Sweet n sour chicken, fluffy rice, stir fry veggies, dinner roll, apricots  
Wednesday – Salisbury steak, cheesy potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, sliced peaches  
Thursday – A) Cheese omelet, turkey sausage, hash brown potatoes, blueberry muffin, fruit juice B) Soup & Sandwich, chicken rice & tuna salad  
Friday – Hot ham & cheese, wheat bun, tator tots, baked beans, diced pears

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# Community Calendar

**ROCKFALLS**-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2. The third Wednesday of the month drive, Jan. 16, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Flu and other Adult Vaccines.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave.

**AMBOY**-The City of Am-

boy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Civic Organization will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Maria's.

**SUBLETTE**-The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Sublette Township Building.

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

**AMBOY**-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will mee at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

**AMBOY**-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10. A light lunch will follow bingo. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, at the Community

Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**AMBOY**- The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road, on Wednesday, Jan. 16, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

**SUBLETTE**-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 16, by appointment only. Call

the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department and Mothers' Milk Bank of the Western Great Lakes will celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Milk Depot location at 309 S. Galena Ave., Suite 100, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Call 815-284-3371 for more information.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy-Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.



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## Amboy Police

### Driving while license suspended

On Dec 28, at 7:08 a.m., Dalton A. Bautista, 20, of Amboy, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 79 mph in a 55 mph speed zone, and arrested for driving while license suspended. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

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## OBITUARIES

### Carl V. Parton

July 18, 1936 - Dec. 23, 2018

**COMPTON** — Carl V. Parton, 82, of Compton and formerly of Amboy, died Sunday, December 23, 2018, at OSF St. Paul Medical Center in Mendota.

He was born July 18, 1936, in Springfield, the son of Napoleon and Gladys (Langfield) Parton.

Carl was an Interior Communications Specialist in the Navy for 22 years prior to his retirement in 1974. He then enlisted in the US Naval Reserves for six years. After his career in the Navy, he was a Field Representative for Midwest Truckers Association for 13 years.

He was an avid bowler and bowled a perfect game. He also enjoyed fishing and golfing. Carl helped in the construction of Appalachia Lanes in Blairsville, Ga.

He was a member of the Springfield American Legion. Carl married Delores Garvin

in Curricutuck, N.C., on Jan. 15, 1959.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Leon Parton and one sister, Janet Smith.

Survivors include his wife; three children, Elizabeth Ridings, of Wood River, Denise (Vincent) Houle, of Compton, and Edward Parton, of Elnora, Ind.; five grandchildren, Jimmy, Katelynn, Courtney, Bryce, and Edward Jr.; two great-grandchildren, River and Bradyon; several nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 28, 2018, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy with the Rev. Barb Otten, Pastor, officiating.

Burial of cremains will be at a later date in Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield. Visitation was held on



Friday, from 10 a.m. until time of service in the church.

A memorial has been established.

Funeral arrangements by Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

### Vicki L. DeWitt

July 18, 1936 - Dec. 23, 2018

**SUBLETTE** - Vicki L. DeWitt, 55, of Sublette passed away Dec. 24, 2018 at her home.

Memorial services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 29 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating.

Private burial will be at a later date. Visitation was for two hours prior to the service on Dec. 29.

Vicki was born July 20, 1963 in LaGrange to Tommie and Cynthia (Roeth) Croddy. She married Edward DeWitt on Nov. 28, 1981 in Aurora.

Survivors include her husband of Sublette; two daughters,

Stephenie (Brian) Phillips of Utica and Katie (Eric) Sherman of Newport, Tenn.; four brothers, Michael (Liz) Croddy of Colorado Springs, Colo., Jeff (Lori) Croddy of Riverside, Calif., David (Debbie) Croddy of Montgomery and John Croddy of Aurora; and seven grandchildren, Tyler, Riley, Dylan, Logan, Erin, Landon and Kaylee.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her stepfather, Gerald Croddy.

Vicki was a 1981 graduate of East Aurora High School. She worked at Bonnell's General Store in Sublette and Amboy



Veterinarian Clinic. She loved her grandchildren, baking and helping people. She had a witty sense of humor that will be missed.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

### Amboy News Obituary Policy

The Amboy News will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$20 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to [tgreenfield@amboynews.com](mailto:tgreenfield@amboynews.com).

## Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District to host election of directors

**LEE COUNTY** — To all owners and occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, notice is hereby given that an Annual Election of Directors will be held from 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., on Feb. 13, at the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Amboy. Two directors will be elected to each serve a two-year term and one director will be elected to serve a one-year term on the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms, or corporations who hold legal title or who are in legal possession of any

land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

Absentee balloting will be available to those who are unable to attend the Election of Directors. Absentee ballots can be requested beginning Feb. 1. All absentee ballots must be completed by Feb. 9.

For further information or to request an absentee ballot, please contact the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, located at 319 S. Mason Ave., Amboy, or by phone at 815-857-3621, ext. 3.



## Lee County Farm Bureau receives awards

**CHICAGO**—The Lee County Farm Bureau was recognized for its achievements during the 104th Annual Meeting. Lee County Farm Bureau received the following program awards:

Gold: Membership Quota

Silver: Ag Literacy, Legislative/Political Process, Communication & Promotion, and Policy Development

Bronze: Commodities & Marketing, Health & Safety, Local Affairs, and Member Relations

Lee County Farm Bureau

is a Group 3 County. Group 3 County Farm Bureaus are those with 2,001–2,900 members.

As part of its Annual Meeting, Illinois Farm Bureau presents program and committee awards in recognition of outstanding county Farm Bureau volunteer efforts throughout the year.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership or-

ganization controlled by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB represents two out of three Illinois farmers.

Lee County Farm Bureau President, Don Meyer, pictured left, accepts a recognition plaque from Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President Brian Duncan that was awarded to their county for its achievements during 2018.

The award was presented during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and recognizes the comprehensive nature of county Farm Bureau programs.



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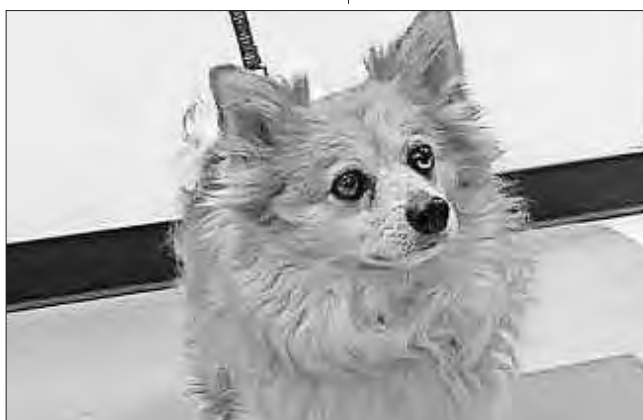
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**St. Patrick Church**  
Rev. Timothy Draper  
32 N Jones, Amboy

815-857-2315 • [www.stpatrickamboy.org](http://www.stpatrickamboy.org)

Masses: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 5 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday 7 am  
Saturday 4 pm • Sunday 9 am  
Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 pm  
Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:  
Friday, 8am-5 pm

**St. Mary Church**  
Rev. Timothy Draper  
912 Walton Rd., Walton  
815-857-2670  
Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

**First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center**  
Pastor Jack M. Briggs  
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Phone 815-732-7032  
Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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**Grace Fellowship Church – Amboy**  
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Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship  
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**St. Mary's Church**  
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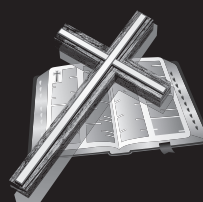
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# Opinion

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## Last four years an expensive lesson

Let me get this straight - Bruce Rauner spent more than \$50 million of his own money to keep a job he really didn't want?

Apparently, after reviewing his poll numbers that showed he was not quite as well liked as tooth decay, he got cold feet and didn't want the job anymore.

He now says he offered four individuals campaign money to run in his place.

None would take him up on the offer.

Can you blame them?

Illinois state government is in disarray. No state has a worse credit rating than the Land of Lincoln. Our pension plans are underfunded to the tune of \$130 billion and things are moving from bad to worse.

But that doesn't explain why Rauner is a failed governor. Two words come to mind: arrogance and deceit.

I make these observations with a bit of humility. I voted for Rauner in 2014. When he won, I felt a

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By Scott Reeder



tinge of optimism.

It didn't last long.

Rauner is the first governor in my lifetime to use government as a weapon. He essentially told the legislature: "Pass my reforms or I'll use my veto pen along with my legislative allies to keep the state from having a budget."

We went 736 days without a budget and not one of his key reforms became reality.

This is not how a democratic government should operate. It should be a process of unifying, of seeking input, of finding compromise that benefits everyone, of careful and well-considered positions and negotiations.

Governing properly is the art of calming the waters, not throwing hand grenades into them.

Then Senate Republican leader Christine Radogno tried to save Rauner - and the state of Illinois - by quietly negotiating with Senate President John Cul-

lerton. The compromise package covered much of Rauner's wish list - but not all of it.

Instead of embracing a partial win, the governor turned up his nose and walked away, leaving himself and the state of Illinois in worse shape.

And then there is the lying. Rauner lied about big things and little things. No, his grandparents weren't immigrants from Sweden. They were born in Wisconsin. It was a fib he told over and over - even after being called out on it by reporters.

Yes, I'm well aware politicians lie.

But Rauner developed a reputation in Springfield that his word just wasn't good.

The most infamous example, of course, was when he told a group of pro-life lawmakers that he would veto a measure providing state-funded abortions for women on Medicaid and those covered by state insurance. Later, he made the same pledge to Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich, only to sign HB 40 a few months later.

Republican lawmakers knew he was pro-choice when he first ran and they still supported him. But they weren't willing to support someone who lied to them.

After this legacy of failure, it's hardly surprising that disgusted voters gave Rauner the boot.

The governor can look back on the last four years as an expensive lesson - not just for himself - but for the people of Illinois.

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## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago Jan. 3, 1919

Miss Moore has sold the Amboy Hat Shop stock to A. S. Berry who will add this department to his large Boston Store.

Junior Klein, who was employed in Grave's Hardware Store for a long time previous to entering the army, is having some great experiences in France. All his letters reflect a most optimistic spirit.

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mrs. John J. Wagner were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. McCleery of Leland and Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Wagner, Jeffrey and John of this city.

### 75 Years Ago Jan. 6, 1944

Sgt. Willard Bryant arrived home on a 15-day furlough from Indian Gap, Pa. on New Year's Eve. This is Sgt. Bryant's first furlough since he entered Army service 22

months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Lewis of Madison, Wis., spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. Alma Lewis.

A group of friends of Miss Mary Ruckman were her guests at a New Years' Eve party. Those present were Misses Eileen Riley of Dixon, Ellen and Pat Lauer, Lena Merlo, Doris Eckburg, Faye and Irene Inkster, Helen Branigan, Mildred Price and Eileen Cotter.

### 50 Years Ago Jan. 2, 1969

Postal rates for newspapers and magazines and other material mailed at the second class rate will be increased Jan. 1, 1969, Acting Postmaster Donald J. Kehoe reminded second-class mailers today.

Amboy Township voters will elect an assessor, a town clerk and three auditors at the annual township election on Tuesday, April 1, 1969. Dec. 23 was the first day for filing petitions but at noon Saturday, Dec.

28, no petitions had been taken out according to Town Clerk Genevieve Thompson.

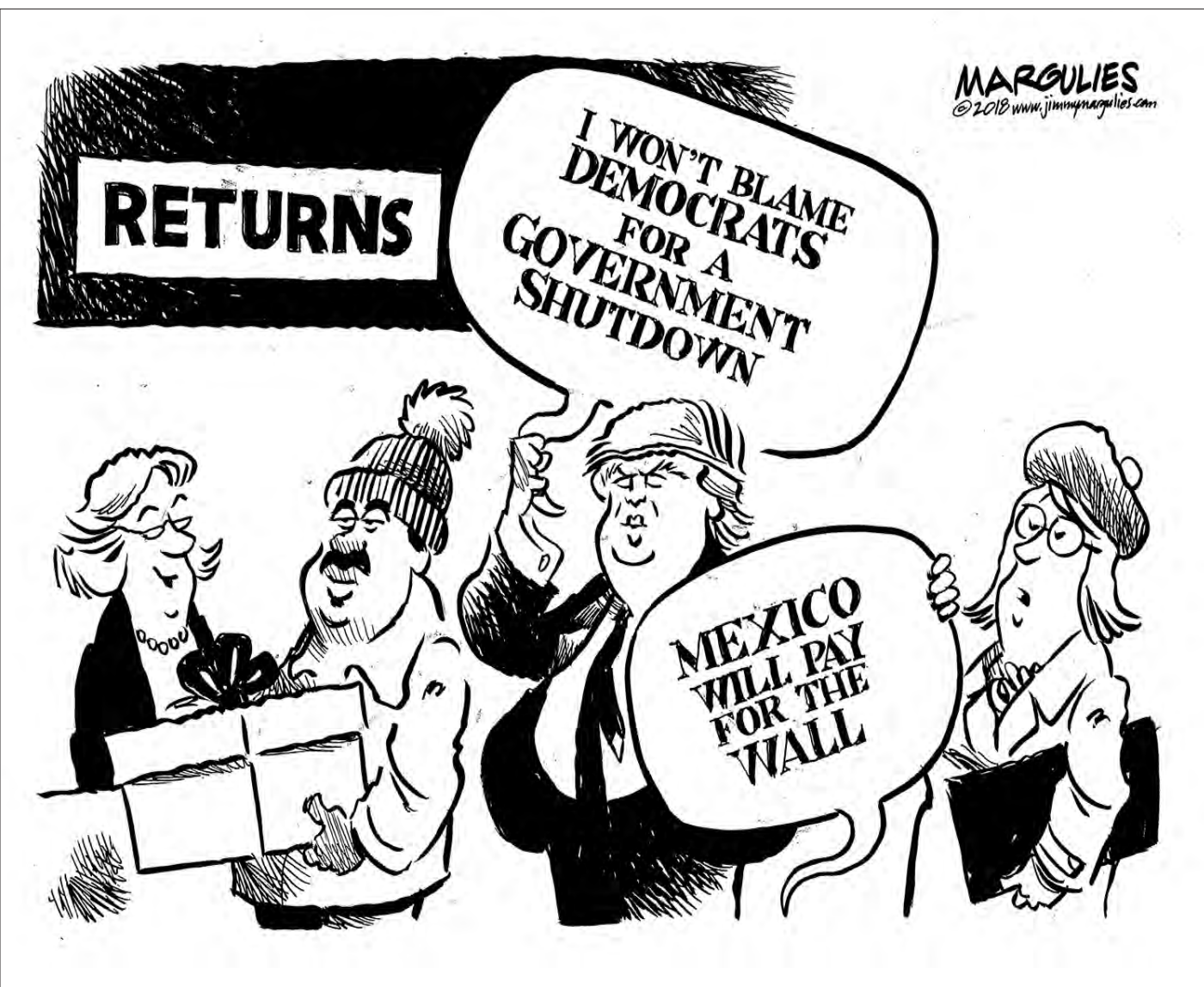
The Amboy Clippers took it on the chin in their final two games in the Manlius Holiday tournament as they lost to both Tiskilwa and Manlius.

### 25 Years Ago Jan. 6, 1994

The Illinois economy will grow in 1994, but at a sluggish pace below the national average, University of Illinois economics predict in their annual forecast, the Illinois Economic Outlook.

The Oregon Police Department DARE Program, in cooperation with Amboy School District, will host an open house Wednesday, Jan. 12, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the library of the junior high school.

Illinois will ring in the new year with laws putting new heat on motorists who drive without insurance, Secretary of State George H. Ryan said.



## Does Trump care that he's President?

The office of the presidency is known for wearing down the mere mortals who hold it.

At the very least, it prematurely ages its occupants. Often, it humiliates them, forcing them to rehabilitate their reputations later (George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter). In the worst case, it chews them up and spits them out (Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon).

It is a journalistic trope that this is happening to Donald Trump before our eyes. The media constantly write stories about how the president is panicked and cornered, barely able to handle his duties, as the walls perpetually "close in." But as far as any outside observer can tell, he's as ebullient and combative as ever, and has never blinked no matter how intense the pressure of any given controversy.

Far from getting crushed by the weight of the office, Trump doesn't seem to feel it at all. Never has any president been as outwardly unfazed by the majesty of the presidency, or made less accommodation to its trappings and norms.

President Trump still acts like he's Celebrity Trump fighting a vicious flame war with Rosie O'Donnell, except his targets now might be another head of state, or his own attorney general, or losing members of his own party.

The idea that he's a representative of the nation apparently makes very little impression on him. He never stops to think that any given gibe might be unworthy of the office, or maybe that he, blessed with more power and showered with more attention than anyone on the planet, has an obligation to be elevating and

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By Rich Lowry



Trump's persona, as underlined by his own conduct and tweets. If he cares about keeping the presidency - and he surely does - he should care a little more about respecting the dignity of the office.

The great advantage of the presidency is that it is naturally set up to invest people elected to it with a certain grandeur, via the White House, saluting Marines, Air Force One, "Hail to the Chief" and ceremonial events large and small.

All it requires is showing up and, very often, reading from a script. Rather than simply pocketing this benefit, Trump tends to undercut it 280 characters at a time.

If he's ever brought low, it's less likely to be from the pressures of his responsibilities than his cussed inability or unwillingness to make a minimal effort to conform to his role.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# 2018 Year in Review

## March 28, 2018

Disappointment was evident at the March 22 Amboy Board of Education meeting. With the apparent defeat of a referendum that would have allowed for construction of a new Amboy Junior High addition at Amboy High School, that disappointment was somewhat tempered by a willingness to press forward.

- Amboy Food and Liquor hosted its Grand Re-Opening on Sunday, March 25. The day marked the year anniversary of when the store had it's first grand opening and ribbon cutting with the City of Amboy.

## Obituaries

Richard J. Ely – November 18, 1937 – March 24, 2018  
Anita J. Brandel – March 19, 1957 – March 24, 2018

## April 4

- Logan Winter has been named the April Student of the Month for Amboy High School. She is the daughter of Michael and Billie-Anne Winters.

## Obituaries

James W. Hanson – April 7, 1946 – March 27, 2018

## April 11

- The Amboy Fire Department is excited to share with the residents in and around the area, two new additions to the department. The sire that has been installed in front of the fire department will serve as a back up to the other sirens in town. The other new addition is the special ops trailer.
- Dollar General's newest store at 510 E. Lisa Lane in Amboy held its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Saturday morning.

## Obituaries

Joseph A. Morrissey – August 16, 1929 – April 2, 2018  
Mary Alice Nesler – April 28, 1926 – January 25, 2018  
Eugene E. Ketchum – September 25, 1948 – April 5, 2018

## April 18

- Recently, Amboy Police Chief Jeff Blake and the Amboy Police Department launched a new sex offender registration and public notification website called OffenderWatch®.
- The Amboy Lions Club, in keeping with its mission statement of serving the community, donated two Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) on Thursday evening. An AED was provided for each of the community buildings in Amboy and Sublette.

## Obituaries

Kathleen J. Gray – May 24, 1937 – March 17, 2018

## April 25

- The Dinges Fire Company in Amboy, is giving away a 2018 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster during the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) this Saturday, April 28.
- Amboy High School held its annual petting zoo at the high school on Friday. There were a variety of animals present including a baby duck.

## Obituaries

Donna L. McGuire – May 17, 1951 – April 18, 2018  
Joseph F. Apple – February 10, 1931 – April 18, 2018  
May 2, 2018  
The National Association of Letter Carriers, United States Postal Service and other partners are asking the community of Amboy to Stamp Out Hunger on Saturday,

## May 12

- Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded FY 18 Illinois Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants totaling \$15.4 millions to 630 public libraries serving almost 12 millions patrons. Pankhurse Memorial Library in Amboy was the recipient of \$3,125.
- With the expansion of self-paced classrooms moving forward in Amboy schools next year, details regarding which students will be selected for self-paced have been presented. A list of student who said they preferred self-paced was given to the teachers.

## May 9

- Spring has sprung and Amboy Mayor John Schamberger is requesting that everyone look around their property and make an effort to be in compliance with the nuisance codes. It's time for a town wide clean up.
- Reece Vaessen and Kallie

Appleman were named the 2018 Amboy High School Prom King and Queen on Saturday night. The crowning of the King and Queen was held after the Grand March and a special video to the Class of 2018 in the high school gym.

## Obituaries

David C. Haenitsch – August 2, 1946 – May 5, 2018  
Emil H. Kessel – April 30, 2018  
Janet A. Hornung – April 17, 1939 – May 6, 2018

## May 16

- The Village of Sublette Board learned on Monday night that the motion they approved in April, which retained Phalen Steel of Mendota as a design firm to help with the new maintenance building project, was invalid.
- Lee County continues to offer free electronic recycling to Lee County residents at the Lee County Highway Department in Amboy.
- The Lee Center First Congregational United Church of Christ, Lee Center, was organized by the Rev. Joseph Gardner at the home of Moses Crombie on July 5, 1843, under the name of the First Congregational Church of Palatine Grove.

## Obituaries

William Dayton Lewis – October 9, 1953 – May 8, 2018

## May 23

- Amboy High School's Class of 2018 took part in graduation ceremonies on May 20 in the high school gym. The graduates and their families and friends were welcomed to the 2 p.m. ceremony by AHS Senior Class Vice Presidents Molly Ackert.
- Dixon Police Chief Steve Howell Jr. and Lee County Sheriff John Simonton praised school resource officer Mark Dallas who shot a gunman at Dixon High School on the morning of May 16 and possibly saved many lives.
- Three Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team members are headed to state after competing in the Erie Class 1A Sectional on May 18 at Erie. They include Thomas Stamberger, Travis Eames and Kyle Hunter.

## Obituaries

Frank Denison Bonnell Jr. – September 21, 1949 – May 16, 2018  
Harold A. Ullrich – September 28, 1962 – May 15, 2018  
Richard A. Nagel – January 13, 1938 – May 12, 2018  
Rosella Mae McCullough – May 8, 2018  
Judy L. Antoine – April 30, 1948 – May 19, 2018

## May 30

- When voters said no to a referendum to fund construction of a new Amboy Junior High addition in March, one big question remained: Now what? To help the District 272 Board of Education answer that question they invited Michelle James of CTS to offer some ideas at their May 24 regular meeting.
- At approximately 9:51 a.m., on Monday, May 28, Lee County Sheriff's Department responded to a Yogi Bear Campground, 970 Green Wing Road, Amboy, to investigate a report of a bomb threat.
- Amboy High School's Landscape Construction class held their final exam at the Amboy Depot Museum on Thursday. The final exam consisted of taking what they learned in the classroom and applying it to a landscape project at the Amboy Depot Museum and at the Amboy City Park.

## June 6

- The Amboy District 272 Board of Education accepted the resignation of Superintendent Dr. Jeff Thake during a special board meeting on May 30. The resignation will take effect June 15.

## June 13

- The Amboy Veteran's Park saw its beginning in 1919, started by the Amboy Women's Club in the very same location as it occupies now. It was dedicated on Memorial Day 1920. At that time seven more trees were planted to represent the Amboy lives lost in World War I.
- The Village of Sublette is moving full steam ahead on the construction of their new maintenance building.

## Obituaries

April Lynn Roos – May 20,

1981 – June 6, 2018  
Margaret M. Mekeel – Feb. 19, 1029 – June 5, 2018

## June 20

- The Pre-K will return to Amboy thanks to a \$142,000 grant recently awarded to District 272. After delivering the good news to board members during the June 14 board of education meeting.
- On Flag Day 2018, the Amboy American Legion Post 453 held a brief flag raising ceremony at Veteran's Park. The flags of five of the armed forces were raised on the semi-circle surrounding the center pole, a sixth will be raised when it arrives.

## June 27

- The Amboy Lions Club recently donated \$3,500 to the Amboy American Legion to be used for the new flag area at Veterans Park.
- Meg Cheatham was in the kitchen with Flo Hamilton, the kitchen manager at Teen Turf and they were learning how to use a sharp knife. Cheatham recently joined the effort at Teen Turf and is making a huge contribution to the youth that come there.

## Obituaries

William Marion Machen – February 13, 1933 – June 20, 2018

## July 4

- Depot Days 50/50 tickets went on sale July 1. This year the Depot Days 50/50 has changed things up a little as far as prize money. This year, there will be a total of five different winners. This year, four lucky winners will each take home \$5,000.

## Obituaries

Richard L. Geiger – June 23, 1947 – June 24, 2018  
Urban L. Becker – December 17, 1934 – June 29, 2018  
Norma E. Sondgeroth – October 5, 1936 – June 25, 2018

## July 11

- When Joshua Nichols took over as principal at Amboy High School five years ago, he looked forward to the challenge of taking his career in a new direction. Now, as he takes on the position of superintendent at Amboy CUSD 272, Nichols is equally excited for the opportunity to move to the next level of administration.
- Hank and Jeff Gerdes moved the Depot Days 50/50 drum on July 4 to Amboy Food and Liquor. Depot Days 50/50 tickets went on sale July 1. The drawing will take place on Aug. 26 in downtown Amboy.
- The Village of Sublette Board approved the purchase of a new computer for the village during its regular monthly meeting on Monday night.

## Obituaries

Susanne L. Ohlendorf – August 5, 1958 – July 2, 2018  
Alice Stiles – July 7, 2018  
Marie Huffman – July 7, 2018  
Vernon Dean – July 8, 2018

## July 18

- Fire Chief Jeff Bryant was watching the weather forecast on Saturday morning. The second annual Community Appreciation Event was scheduled to be at 4 p.m. and thunderstorms had passed through overnight and more were likely. The decision was made to set up the various games inside the fire station at noon.
- Lee County Sheriff John Simonton has announced that the construction bids for the new Law Enforcement Center were received and reviewed by Ringland-Johnson, the Construction Manager for the project.

## Obituaries

Allen E. Sensenig – May 23, 1971 – July 12, 2018  
Roger L. Cogdal – July 28, 1944 – July 10, 2018  
Barbara J. McGrath – February 2, 1931 – July 10, 2018

## July 25

- After the defeat of the Amboy School District's proposal last spring to issue a \$15.9 million School Building Bond for construction of a new Amboy Junior High School, the board immediately began talking about how best to move forward.
- Main Street between Route 52 and East Avenue was stripped down to the old brick base and then received a layer of new asphalt and given a fresh coat of paint.

## Aug. 1

- On July 23, the Amboy Lions Club honored the 2019 Lions Scholarship recipients at the Amboy Community Center.
- Rosemary Liston and Evelyn Rapp Carey celebrated their 90th birthdays and Sandra Schamberger celebrated her 80th birthday.
- Amboy Food and Liquor advertised watermelons for \$3.99 each, sweet corn 4 for \$1 and red grapes for \$2.49 per pound

## Aug. 8

- A very happy Sheriff John Simonton thanked the people of Lee County for their support for the new Lee County Law Enforcement Center at the official ground breaking ceremony on Aug. 1.
- The Sublette One-Day Tractor Ride kicked off on Aug. 1 at the Ellice Dinges Center. About 30 tractors participated in this year's ride.

## Obituaries

Marguerite A. Leffelman – March 4, 1931 – August 2, 2018  
Geraldine Kukuk – May 25, 1931 – August 4, 2018

## Aug. 15

- Failing to get a second to a motion to approve a bid from Phalen Steel for building a new maintenance building, the Village of Sublette Board of Trustees voted to table moving forward with the bids until next month.
- The Lee County Fair Association recognized Sandy Draper as their 2018 Friend of the Fair. Draper served as a member of the Fair Association for 20 years while also serving as a 4-H leader and superintendent of the swine department.
- PV2 Madeline T. Foster, of Amboy, graduated from Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. on Aug. 9, 2018. She is the daughter of Michael and Kelly Foster and sister of Lauren Foster of Amboy.

## Obituaries

Gladys E. Lilja – June 3, 1939 – August 9, 2018  
Betty J. Kidd – July 15, 1925 – August 13, 2018  
Florence Lorraine Podraza – July 25, 1923 – August 10, 2018  
Karen S. McGraw – May 15, 1945 – August 12, 2018

## Aug. 22

- The 37th Annual Amboy Depot Days offers something for everyone. The annual festival kicks off on Thursday night in downtown Amboy with the opening of food stands and carnival. Thursday night if family night and all rides are \$2 for this special night.
- After a 3-2 vote, the Village of Sublette will be getting a new maintenance building. A special meeting was called on Monday night in Sublette for the sole purpose of voting to award a bid for the new maintenance building.
- A new preschool program for 3 and 4 years olds is about to begin at Central School in Amboy.

## Obituaries

Margaret Eileen Full – September 8, 1920 – August 18, 2018

## Aug. 29

- Margaret Vaessen was crowned 2018 Miss Amboy on Thursday night.
- Despite the foggy morning and two other car shows in the area, the Amboy Depot Days Car Show was very successful.
- Amboy CUSD welcomed nine new teachers this year. They are Jessica Arellano, Eduardo Escatel, Thomas Frank, MiKayla Hambley, Travis Kemmerer, Avery Kerley, Sarah Land, Emily Majewski and Benjamin Scholl.
- The Amboy Clippers opened the season with a loss to Milledgeville. Milledgeville pulled away in the second half and rolled to a 36-7 win over Amboy-LaMoille in the opening night of the 2018 football season on Aug. 24.

## Sept. 5

- The epitome of a small town is coming together when someone is in need. Friends and family of Ryon Richardson will gather Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Lee County 4-H Center, to host a day long "Pulling for Ryon" fundraiser.
- The 2018 Amboy Depot Days 50/50 raffle winner was Ashley Weisenhorn. She took home a check for \$99,530.
- Four hundred and eighty exhibitors came on Sunday,

Aug. 26 and registered vehicles in the Amboy Depot Days Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show. It was a hot and humid day, but that didn't get in the way of a great show.

- Despite numerous mistakes by Eastland-Pearl City, the Amboy-LaMoille Clippers dropped a 26-16 decision to E-PC in the Clippers' football home opener on Aug. 31 at the AHS.

## Sept. 12

- On the ballot again in November is a referendum to replace the current Amboy Junior High School with a new addition to the high school. To help get the word out about the upcoming referendum, three representatives of 272Kids went before the Village of Sublette Board on Monday night.
- August 25 was a hot, sunny, humid day, but it did not deter the nearly 3,500 spectators from attending the Amboy Lions Depot Days Parade. The parade went flawlessly thanks to the efforts of Lions Ken Novak, Dave and Kathy Kemp and many other Lions Club members.
- He was Rob Petrie, Bert the Chimney Sweep, Caractacus Potts and countless other characters. Now Dick Van Dyke's latest role is top actor in Illinois history, as chosen by voters in the Illinois Top 200 project.
- Amboy-LaMoille's varsity football team tasted victory for the first time this season with a dramatic 28-26 triumph over Savanna (West Carroll) in Northwest Upstate Illini (Northwest) Conference action on Sept. 7 at Mount Carroll.

## Obituaries

James J. Braida – November 18, 1933 – September 9, 2018  
Donald C. Wittenauer – August 7, 1931 – September 4, 2018  
June M. Stephenitch – June 30, 1927 – September 6, 2018

## Sept. 19

- The clear blue sky on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 was reminiscent of the sky on another Tuesday, Sept. 11, 17 years ago when tragedy struck our country. The crowd gathered at the Amboy Fire Station was there to remember the sacrifice that First Responders made that day in service to their community and for the victims at the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Shanksville, Penn.
- On Friday, Sept. 13, at approximately 3:24 a.m., the Amboy Fire Protection District responded to the report of a fire at 1076 Corregidor Road, Dixon.
- The Amboy Clippers golf team will participate in the Granville (Putnam County) Class 1A Regional Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

## Obituaries

Gary A. Mortenson – February 8, 1955 – September 14, 2018  
Carol C. Machen – June 4, 1943 – September 13, 2018

## Sept. 26

- As soon as the influenza vaccine is available in your community, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recommends everyone six months and older be vaccinated.
- A Franklin Grove man has been indicted by Lee County Grand Jury on three counts of first degree murder, aggravated battery of a child and aggravated domestic abuse.
- Emma Bickett and Evan Bickett were crowned the 2018 Amboy High School Homecoming Kind and Queen during Skit Night on September 20 in the high school auditorium.
- Henry Rod and Clayton Kemp placed ninth overall in the Morrison Lorrin Fassett Invite shooting an 88. The match was played at Deer Valley County Club. This was a two-man team event played in a Ryder Cup Style.

## Obituaries

Glen Charles Hart, Sr. – October 5, 1934 – September 17, 2018

## Oct. 3

- More than 220 people attended the Amboy Lions Draw Down event on Sept. 15 making it one of the most attended Draw Downs in years.
- The Lee County Courthouse recently received a high-quality reproduction of a famous Abraham Lincoln photograph.
- On Friday, Sept. 28, Denny Hermes of Monsanto joined the Amboy FFA Chapter on the football field during half-time

and presented them with a grand for \$10,000 on behalf of the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, a program that helps farmers support their local rural public school districts.

## Obituaries

Marcea Elisabeth Nelson – August 25, 1925 – September 27, 2018

Ronald L. Montavon – February 9, 1936 – September 20, 2018

## Oct. 10

The Village of Sublette may see an upgrade to its walking path. Chris Leffleman, from the Sublette Park Board, talked to the Sublette Village Board on Oct. 8 about the options available for repairing the walking path.

- Amboy Arts and Antiques Shop will celebrate the comeback of Shirley Guay on Saturday, Oct. 13 after she underwent two hand surgeries.
- Kaitlyn Ortgiesen has been named Amboy High School's Student of the Month for September 2018. She is the daughter of Jamie and Kathy Ortgiesen.
- Clayton Kemp of Amboy is headed to the IHSA Class 1A State Golf Tournament after he shot an 81 in the Oregon Sectional on Oct. 8. Kemp tied for 11th place overall.

## Obituaries

Debra R. Gehant – November 10, 1953 – October 1, 2018  
Debra E. Shaw – August 10, 1956 – October 1, 2018  
Michael N. Hobbs – June 30, 1965 – October 6, 2018  
Marye L. Hegert – April 22, 1920 – October 2, 2018  
Roslyn Doyle – October 24, 1925 – September 18, 2018

## Oct. 17

It is time once again for everyone to get into the spirit of Halloween. Pay Riley and a group of volunteers have put together a Haunted House, entitled "The Asylum Circus." The City of Amboy approved a bid for tree removal during its regular monthly meeting on Monday night in the Amboy Community Building.

The Amboy-LaMoille cross country runners concluded the regular season by competing in the Patriot Invitational on Oct. 13. Margaret Vaessen turned in a 26th place performance and Tom Stamberger was the lone A-L runner in the boys race and he finished 38th.

## Obituaries

Gladys M. Welch – January 5, 1930 – October 15, 2018  
Roland Schuhler – January 17, 1935 – October 12, 2018  
Regina H. "Jean" Morrissey – April 24, 1926 – October 13, 2018

## Oct. 24

The Amboy Lions Community Health Fair was a bug success despite the harsh winds and cold temperatures. One of the Lions' goals is to bring community awareness to vision, hearing and diabetic health issues.

Amboy-LaMoille put the 2018 season in the books after a 62-34 loss to Forreston in NUIC Northwest varsity football action on Oct. 19 at the AHS field.

## Obituaries

David R. Neel – March 9, 1934 – October 16, 2018  
Cyril D. Ward – April 2, 1950 – October 16, 2018

## Oct. 31

- Amboy School District's annual audit was approved by the board following a report presented by auditor Ryan Steines of Winkel, Parker and Foster, CPA PC. Reporting at the Oct. 23 board of education meeting, Steines said the district's financial records for fiscal year 2018 were all in order.
- Two Amboy-LaMoille cross country runners qualified for the state meet after competing in the Oregon Class 1A Sectional on Oct. 27. Thomas Stamberger's performance for the Clipper boys was good enough to earn a trip to state. Margaret Vaessen was the lone competitor for the Lady Clippers and she finished in ninth place with a time of 20:12. She earned a trip to state for being one of the first seven runners to cross the finish line who was not a member of a qualifying team.



# 2018 Year in Review

## Nov. 7

• Second time is a charm for the Amboy schools. Voters took the polls on Tuesday and voted to approve the \$15.8 million bond to build a new Amboy Junior High as an extension onto the current Amboy High School.

## Nov. 14

• Amboy American Legion Commander Jack Mead spoke during the Veterans Day Program held at the high school on Monday. Mead said that veterans are a pretty humble bunch who rarely speak about their time in the service. But that you will learn more about patriotism from a veteran than any other source.

• Participating in tractor pulls has been a part of Jacob Stewart's life since he was a teenager and began competing with his dad. He recently won the title of National Quarter Scale Garden Tractor Pulling Series Superstock Points Champion for 2018, his first national title.

• The stories have been tragic. The recent news of children

killed at school bus stops by drivers passing stopped school buses has raised alarm across the country. Thanks to information from a parent, Nichols learned that the school busses could be equipped with video cameras to record incidents of cars illegally passing stopped school buses. Although the cost is \$2,500 per bus, the school district felt it was an important safety measure and had a system installed on one of its buses.

## Obituaries

Elaine A. Gehant – August 11, 1932 – November 10, 2018  
Stephen K. Weslund – June 17, 1951 – November 11, 2018  
Joseph E. McGraw – December 25, 1946 – November 6, 2018

## Nov. 21

• Amboy will be able to build a new junior high school, provided the unofficial election results hold up over the next six weeks. Nichols discussed an inquiry he received from Chief Bryant of the Amboy Fire Department regarding the

possibility of donating or selling the property where the current junior high building is located to the fire department so they can build a new fire station.

• The Amboy Depot Commission has started an annual Christmas Wreath Silent Auction fundraiser that will coincide with Amboy's Christmas Walk and Depot's Mistletoe Junction Activities.

## Obituaries

Ivern Ackerson – June 14, 1923 – November 18, 2018

## Nov. 28

• The storm system that dropped over a foot of snow across northern Illinois ended on Monday morning, leaving everyone to the task of digging out. School from around the area, including Amboy, closed on Monday due to the conditions.

• Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant and Lee County Sheriff John Simonton presented an award on Nov. 29 to Savannah Tooley, an 11-year-old, who called 911 when her mother was

unresponsive while they were camping at O'Connell's Yogi Bear Park.

• Amboy Shell offered a Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 16 with all of the proceeds going to Shop with a Sheriff program. Amboy Shell raised \$1,210.43 for the program. In the program, each underprivileged child is assisted by a police officer in picking out the presents they wanted Santa Claus to bring them this year during a shopping trip to Wal-Mart.

## Obituaries

Antoine L. Clairmont – January 19, 1931 – November 21, 2018

Dora M. Dimmig – September 27, 1926 – November 22, 2018

Edwin North – March 12, 1937 – November 25, 2018

## Dec. 5

• The Amboy Lady Clippers added three more wins to their total last week to stay unbeaten on the season at 8-0.

## Obituaries

Barbara Joan Goy – February

24, 1938 – December 2, 2018

## Dec. 12

• The new maintenance building in Sublette is almost ready for occupancy. Sublette Village Board President Michael Vaessen said that the new building is pretty much up and the village could have occupancy by the middle of January.

• When most of us dream about winning the lottery, we envision a life changing moment for ourselves and our family. When the Lohse family won the lottery in 2012, they not only had the chance to change their own lives, but they took the opportunity to change the lives of everyone in their community.

• The Amboy Lady Clippers kept their winning streak alive to start the season with two wins last week. They improved to 10-0.

## Obituaries

Laurence A. Clayton – March 14, 1923 – December 7, 2018

## Dec. 19

• Four FFA members attended the BUILD Conference

in November. This conference is for junior and senior members and focuses on building leadership skills.

Country Village Meats entered its latest phase when a new family purchased the long-standing Sublette business. Paul and Laurie Darrow bought the business from Eddie Morrissey and Dale Leffelman on Nov. 28.

## Obituaries

LeRoy H. Klein – February 10, 1924 – December 13, 2018

Paul D. Mekeel – June 27, 1961 – December 9, 2018

## Dec. 26

• Tarek Luyando was honored by Amboy Fire Department on Thursday, Dec 20, for doing the right thing, and for exemplary courage during a crisis that occurred at his house fire.

## Obituaries

Donald D. Rhodes - Sept. 30, 1921 - Dec. 18, 2018

Dorothy A. Horner - Aug. 19, 1936 - Dec. 22, 2018

John Elmer Daniels, Sr. - Dec. 21, 2018

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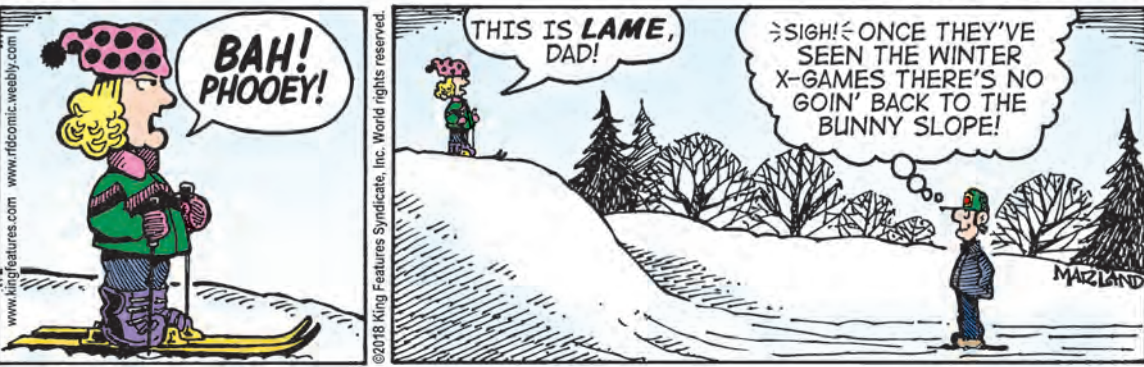
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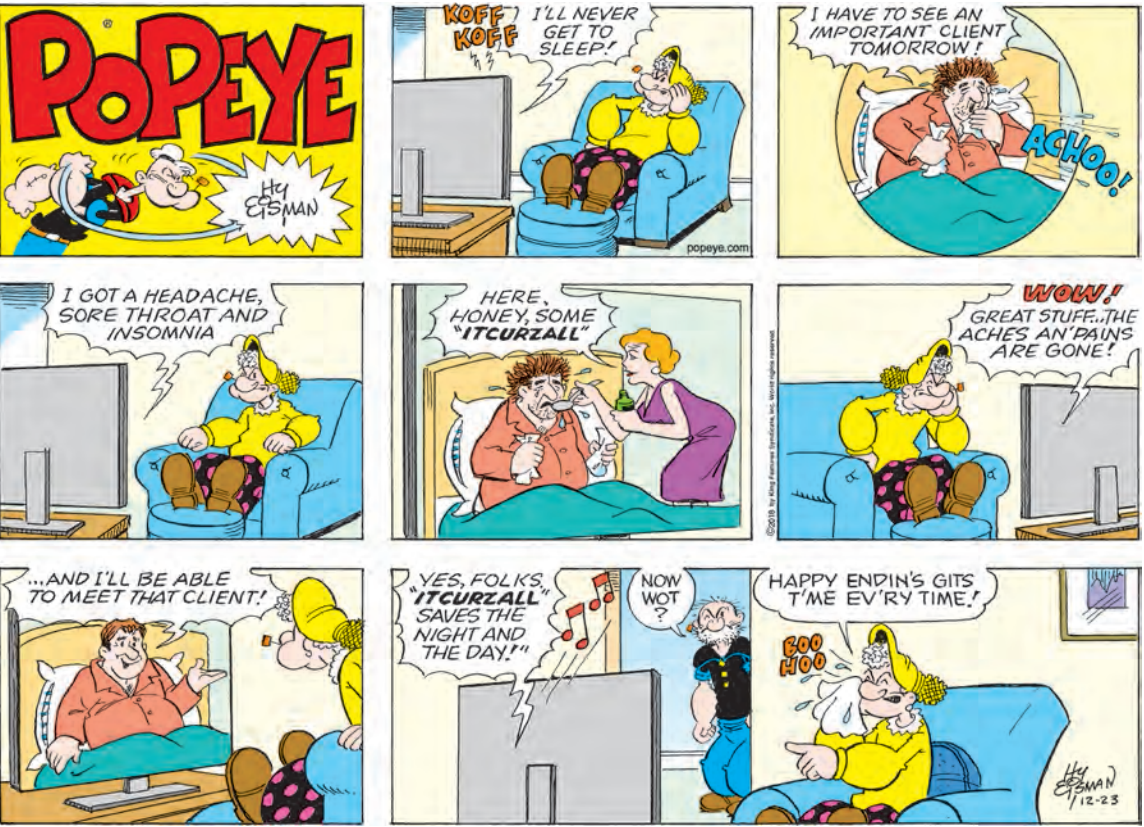
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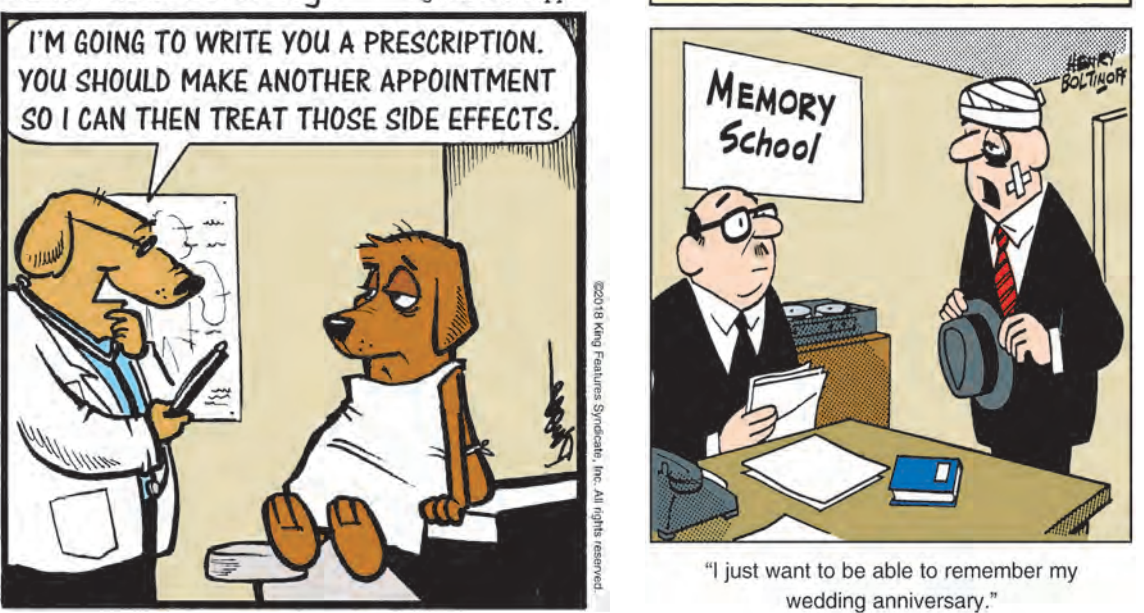
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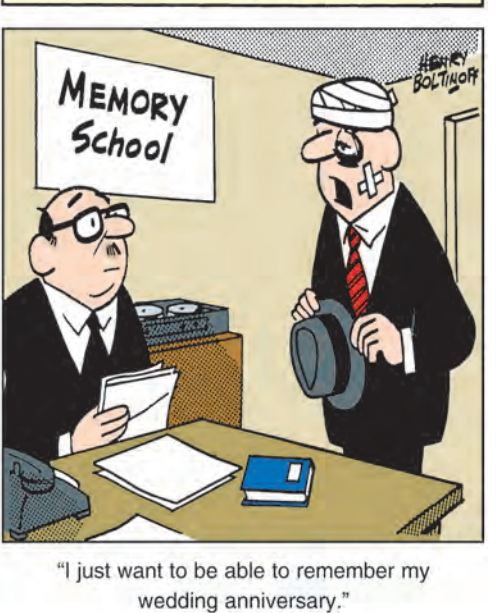
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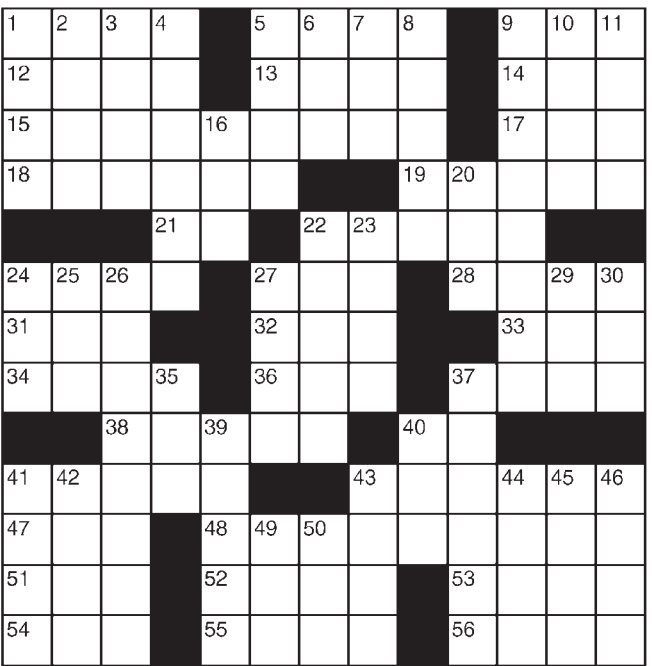
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- 55 Black, poetically
- 56 Stalk
- 8 Passion
- 9 Promptly
- 10 "— Only Just Begun"
- 11 Shakespearean king
- 16 Dine
- 20 Afternoon affair
- 22 Rendezvous
- 23 Rope fiber
- 24 Pump up the volume
- 25 Ultramodern (Pref.)
- 26 Getting there
- 27 Culture medium
- 29 "Hail!"
- 30 Chart
- 35 Vast expanse
- 37 Intelligence
- 39 Pueblo building
- 40 Mimic
- 41 Make booties
- 42 Infamous fiddler
- 43 Stay away from
- 44 Source
- 45 Wise one
- 46 Cheese choice
- 49 Kan. neighbor
- 50 Confucian concept

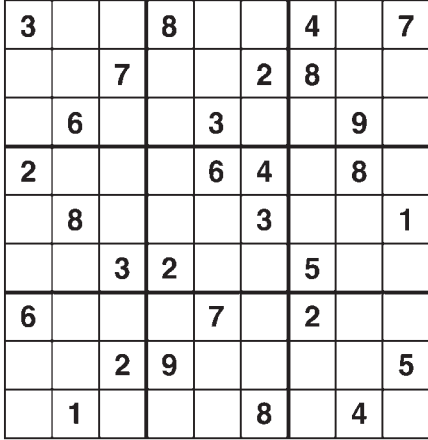
DOWN

- 1 Smell
- 2 Cattle, old style
- 3 On pension (Abbr.)
- 4 Depth charge
- 5 Temptress
- 6 "— Got a Secret"
- 7 D.C. VIP

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

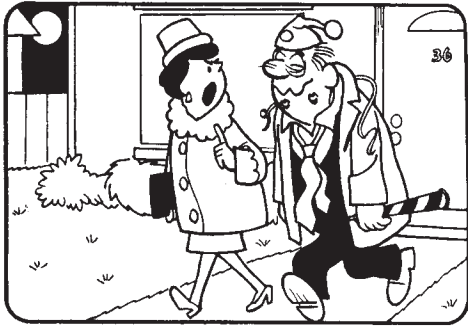
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Moon is changed 2. Streamer is longer 3. Coat is different 4. Horn is missing 5. Streamer is longer 6. Number is transposed

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: K equals S

KVUURKX L UXZKRF MK  
RUXZLSMFV WZXW IRVWLFMK'  
HXPMQIX ... QRVIN GRV KLG  
PX\*K MF SPX NMHXZ\*K KXLS?

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COMPACT

Today's Word

3. Tackle; 4. Gloom

1. Scope; 2. Deter;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the World Heritage site called Machu Picchu located?
- 2. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin word "veritas" mean in English?
- 3. MATH: What is another name for the term 10 to the 100th power?
- 4. TELEVISION: What was the name of the high school in the sitcom "Happy Days"?
- 5. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which 19th-century philosopher/essayist once said, "Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air"?
- 6. MUSIC: What is the difference in length between a petite grand piano (smallest) and a concert grand piano (largest)?
- 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president worked as a lifeguard during high school?
- 8. MEASUREMENTS: How long is a marathon race in feet?
- 9. MOVIES: Who starred in the 1950s movie "Lust for Life" about the life of Vincent van Gogh?
- 10. HISTORY: In what year did humans first land on the moon?

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- 1. Peru
- 2. Truth
- 3. Google
- 4. Jefferson High
- 5. Ralph Waldo Emerson
- 6. Almost 4 feet
- 7. Ronald Reagan
- 8. 138,435 feet
- 9. Kirk Douglas
- 10. 1969

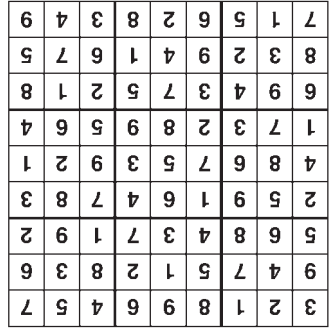
Trivia Test Answers



Solution time: 25 mins.

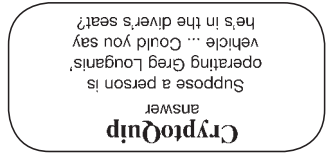
Answers

King Crossword



Answer

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Cryptoquip

Suppose a person is operating Greg Louganis' vehicle ... Could you say he's in the driver's seat?



# Lady Clippers win home holiday tournament

AMBOY – Amboy opened up the Amboy Holiday Tournament by taking on the Lady SoBos from South Beloit. Amboy jumped off to a 20-2 first quarter lead and never looked back. Eight players scored and three scored in double figures.

Abi Payne led the Lady Clippers with 12 points and seven assists. Kyleigh Donna was next with 10 points and six rebounds. Rachel Lachat also had 10 points on five of six field goal shooting. Lachat added three assists. Mallory Powers dropped in eight points, dished out three assists and had three steals. Kelsey Stewart also had three assists and three steals. Ashley Althaus scored six points, grabbed five rebounds and player her usual hustling defense with three steals. Madelyn McLaughlin scored six points on two three-pointers. Breanna Fisher added five points, five rebounds and three steals. Fisher continued her “talk on defense” that helps direct the defense.

The next night Amboy played Somonauk. Amboy started slow but led 19-12 after one quarter. At halftime the Lady Clippers led by a score of 29-19. Amboy exploded for a 23 point third quarter while holding Somonauk to six points. The Lady Clippers went on to a 60-29 victory.

Mallory Powers led Amboy with 16 points on four three-pointers. Powers added three assists and four steals. Abi

Payne was next with 11 points while leading with seven assists and six steals. Kyleigh Donna chipped in with nine points and a game high 10 rebounds. Hope Sachs had her best game of the year with six points and six rebounds. Noelle Jones also had six boards with two points. Breanna Fisher and Rachel Lachat each scored six points. Lachat also had three steals and three caroms. Ashley Althaus scored four points and had three rebounds. Kelsey Stewart continued her good passing and had four assists.

Game three was against Indian Creek. Indian Creek had two guards averaging 23 and 17 points a game. The Lady Clippers knew that the Lady Timberwolves could score. Amboy used great defense and the fast break to jump ahead 21-5 after one quarter. Amboy couldn’t put Indian Creek away completely and led by a score of 32-17 at halftime. It was a big three by Ashley Althaus to give the Lady Clippers their 15 points lead. It was the third quarter that put Indian Creek away. Amboy outscored Indian Creek 24-5 in the third quarter. Amboy won by a score of 61-28.

Breanna Fisher had 17 big points on seven of 10 shooting. Fisher was three for four from the free throw line. Fisher also had six rebounds. Kyleigh Donna added 10 points and a game high 11 boards from her post position. Noelle Jones added



The Amboy Lady Clippers won the 2018 Holiday Tournament Championship. It was the fifth time Amboy has won its own tournament since the 2008-09 season.

Photo courtesy of Kirsten Donna

nine points and four rebounds. Ashley Althaus scored nine points on a perfect four for four from the field. Mallory Powers chipped in with seven points, six rebounds and five assists. Abi Payne dropped in six points and dished out a game and season high 12 assists. Payne also led the team in steals with three.

The fourth night of any tournament can be challenging.

Amboy took on the Hall Lady Red Devils for the championship of the Amboy Holiday Tournament. Amboy vs. Hall was a tough game back on Nov. 17 at the Oregon Thanksgiving Tournament. It would be another close and tough championship game.

Amboy jumped out ahead shooting seven for 11 in the first quarter. Amboy was four for seven from the three-point line. Amboy led 18-8, but they knew Hall would make a run at them. Hall outscored Amboy 15-9 in the second quarter and Amboy still led 27-23 at halftime. Amboy was in foul trouble with both post players on the bench for some of the second quarter.

Hall won the third quarter slightly with a 10-9 margin. So Amboy led 36-33 at the end of the third.

Amboy’s guards decided to

pull the ball out and forced Hall to start fouling. Amboy ate up a lot of the clock but Amboy failed to make two one and one’s. But, Amboy continued to eat up the clock. Noelle Jones made two for three and Mallory Powers made three of four free throws. Amboy held onto win 43-49 for the 2018 Amboy Holiday Tournament Championship.

It was the fifth time Amboy has won its own tournament since the 2008-09 season.

Mallory Powers led the Lady Clippers with 17 points. Powers also had five assists in the game. Abi Payne had 12 points on four long-range bombs from beyond the three-point line. It was Powers, Payne and Noelle Jones that did most of the superb ball handling in the fourth quarter. Jones only had four points and two big assists late in the game.

Kyleigh Donna had a big

basket in the fourth quarter. Donna scored eight points and had seven big rebounds in the game.

Donna and Breanna Fisher were in foul trouble. Fisher scored two points and had four rebounds.

Amboy’s record climbs to 17-1. The Amboy Lady Clippers will be busy the first two weeks of January:

- Jan. 7 – at home with Marquette
  - Jan. 9 – at home with Milledgeville
  - Jan. 11 – at Forreston
  - Jan. 14 – at home with Durand
  - Jan. 17 - at AFC (Ashton)
  - Jan. 19 - at home with Eastland
- Amboy had three girls make the all-tournament team. They were Kyleigh Donna, Mallory Powers and Abi Payne.



## IDNR reminds anglers to keep safety in mind when ice fishing this winter

SPRINGFIELD – If you’re planning to go ice fishing in Illinois this winter, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) wants you to review life-saving safety measures before heading out of the ice, drilling a hole and dropping a line.

“The IDNR cannot stress enough the importance of safety when ice fishing. Outdoor recreation in the winter can be invigorating and a lot of fun, but can turn into a dangerous situation in just seconds. Being prepared and ready for

anything while outdoors this winter, especially if you are headed out on the ice to fish, can save your life,” said IDNR Conservation Police Chief Rafael Gutierrez.

Those planning to ice fish should stay off of ice that is less than four inches thick. New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Four inches of clear, newly formed ice may support one person on foot, while a foot or more of old, partially thawed ice may not.

It is recommended that anglers carry a rope or floatation

device with them to help assist if someone falls through the ice. Wearing a life jacket/personal floatation device (PFD) is always recommended when fishing offshore, including when ice fishing.

For additional information on ways to make your next ice fishing trip a fun and safe one, visit the “I Fish Illinois” website’s Ice Fishing in Illinois information guide at <http://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/ice.php>.



### FLUFFY

Fluffy is a 5 year old longhair black neutered male that is declawed on all four paws. He was raised in a quieter home with no other pets or children. His one adoption failed because he was so stressed due to a young child being there frequently. Fluffy was not happy to come back here either due to the other cats. His stress eventually led to litter box problems. Now he is in a quieter adoption area and is much happier. He likes to sit on a cat tree and gaze out the window or catch a nap. This sweet boy wants a quiet, serene home. He will play sometimes and enjoys being petted-even brushed. To see Fluffy, visit Granny Rose Animal Shelter, 613 River Lane, Dixon. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday and Closed on Sunday. Call 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit [www.grannyrose.org](http://www.grannyrose.org). (Photo contributed)

### JR HIGH MENU

January 7 - 11

Low-fat chocolate, strawberry or unflavored white milk served at each meal.  
Choice of breakfast items from cart with juice and fruit.  
Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.  
Lunch option each day of the featured item or salad bar or yogurt with whole grain crackers or peanut butter & jelly or Grab&Go smoothie.

Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Bosco breadstick, meatballs, marinara sauce dipping cup, broccoli & cheese, applesauce cup, dried fruit mix
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll/butter, peas, carrots, green beans, pears, cake
Wednesday	- Pancake pup or pick two from breakfast cart - Chicken & bacon flatbread, cheese, lettuce, tomato, veggies/ranch, baked beans, chips, peach cup
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Ham & cheese stuffed potato, corn, salad, veggies/ranch, roll/butter, strawberry cup
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Breakfast for lunch-choice of cheese sticks, yogurt & eggs plus cereal, juice box, granola bar, dried fruit mix

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### Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Wed., Jan. 2	NO SCHOOL
Fri., Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL
	AHS Boys Basketball (H) Forreston – 6:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 5	AHS JV Wrestling (H) Tournament – 9:00 a.m.
	AHS Boys Basketball @ Midland – 2:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 7	SCHOOL RESUMES
	AHS Scholastic Bowl @ Eastland (Lanark) – 4:00 p.m.
	AHS Girls Basketball (H) Marquette – 6:00 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 9	AHS Girls Basketball (H) Milledgeville – 6:00 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 10	AJHS Girls Basketball (H) Bureau Valley South – 4:00 p.m.
	AHS Boys Basketball @ Milledgeville – 6:00 p.m.

### CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU

January 7 - 11

Fat-free chocolate, strawberry or unflavored white milk are served at Breakfast and Lunch.  
Choice of five 100% real fruit juice cups are served at Breakfast.  
Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.

Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Bosco breadstick, meatballs, marinara sauce dipping cup, broccoli & cheese, applesauce cup, dried fruit mix
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll/butter, peas, carrots, green beans, pears, cake
Wednesday	- Pancake pup or pick two from breakfast cart - Hot ham sandwich, soft pretzel with cheese dipping cup, salad, fresh veggies/ranch, baked beans, strawberry cup
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Cheesy macaroni burger bake, corn, fresh cut veggies/ranch, garlic bread, peach cup
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Breakfast for lunch-choice of cheese sticks, yogurt cups & eggs plus cereals, juice box, granola bar, trail mix

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# AMBOY FOOD & LIQUOR

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“May all your troubles last as long as your New Year’s resolutions.” ~ Joey Adams

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## PRODUCE

### Yellow Onions

3 lb bag

\$1.79  
ea.



### Cauliflower

\$2.99  
/head



### Tomatoes on the Vine

\$1.99  
lb.



### Red or Green Grapes

\$2.29  
lb.



### Broccoli

\$2.99  
/bunch



### Kraft Grated Parmesan Cheese

8 oz

\$3.99  
ea.

Reg Price \$5.59 ea.



### Shurfine Garlic Toast, Texas Toast or Breadsticks

10-14 oz

2/\$3

Reg Price \$1.89-2.59 ea.



### Betty Crocker Bisquick Pancake or Baking Mix

40 oz

\$2.99  
ea.

Reg Price \$3.59 ea.



## HOT BUYS

### Sugardale Bacon

Assorted 16 oz

\$4.99  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$6.49 ea.



### Campbell Chunky Soup

Assorted 15-16 oz

\$1.99  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.



### Stouffer Meals

Assorted 10-12 oz

2/\$5  
Reg. Price \$2.79-3.19 ea.



### Jack's Pizza

Assorted

2/\$6  
Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.



### Oscar Mayer Lunchables

Assorted 8.9-10.7 oz

2/\$4  
Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.



### Quilted Northern Ultra Soft and Strong

12 Rolls

\$6.99  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$8.69 ea.



## WEEKLY SPECIALS

### Shurfine Waffles or Pancakes

Assorted 12.3 oz

2/\$3  
Reg. Price \$1.89 ea.



### Nestlea Coffeemate Creamer Liquid

Assorted 32 oz

\$3.49  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$4.09ea.



### Smuckers Preserves, Spreads or Jam

Assorted 12-18 oz

\$2.99  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$3.49-4.09 ea.



### Hellman's Mayo

30 oz

\$4.99  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$5.69 ea.



### Kraft Deluxe Mac and Cheese Dinner

Assorted 14 oz

2/\$6  
Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.



### Hi-C Juice

10 Pack Assorted

2/\$5  
Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.



### Open Pit BBQ Sauce

Assorted 15 oz

2/\$2.50  
Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.



### Pillsbury Grands Biscuits or Cinnamon Rolls

16.3-17.5 oz

\$1.69  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$2.19-3.79 ea.



### Lean Cuisine Meals

Assorted 9-11 oz

\$1.99  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.



### Captain Crunch Cereals

Assorted 15-22 oz

\$3.49  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$4.19 ea.



### Shurfine Canned Tomatoes

14-15 oz

89¢  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$1.09 ea.

