

New features, activities added to this year’s Christmas Walk

AMBOY — The 2018 Amboy Christmas Walk will be an exciting mix of fun, new features along with many longtime favorite activities from the past.

Held on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 4-8 p.m., this is the second year in a row that the event is being held on a Saturday afternoon and evening.

Organizers Meghan Schamberger and Gina McCoy decided on an evening event in 2017 as a way to encourage more participation by businesses and also to provide more of a holiday feel with the Christmas lights on to welcome visitors. And in 2017, the city saw an increase in not only businesses participating, but also an increase in people coming out to the event.

Travel to the businesses outside of downtown will be available again this year by free Musical Trolley Rides offered by the Starved Rock Trolley. Passengers will be able to board the trolley downtown and stop for visits at each location. Stops will include Pankhurst Memorial Library, Santa’s Village at the Depot Museum, Teen Turf, Maple Crossing, Birdget Daniels, The Iron Tree, The Warehouse Boutique and Extreme Installs, and Twigs & Sprigs. At each of these stops, visitors will be welcomed with refreshments and various activities including family crafts at the library and Teen Turf.

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As always, the hub of activity will be downtown in Santa’s Village where Santa will take up residence in his “Santa house,” which was donated by Jones Berry. Santa will arrive on an Amboy Fire truck at 4:15 p.m.

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Sublette Christmas Walk planned for Thursday, Dec. 6

SUBLETTE — Sublette’s annual Christmas Walk, “Christmas in the Village,” will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6 in downtown Sublette.

The crafters and vendors will open at 5 p.m. in the Village Mall and at LaFiesta. At 6:30 p.m., the village Christmas tree lighting will be held next to LaFiesta. This will be followed by community caroling.

Also at 6:30 p.m., Santa will arrive and he will be giving out treats in the Sublette Realty office (the old bank). There will also be cookies

and refreshments in this building.

Most businesses will be open from 6-9 p.m. to welcome visitors. Donations of food and toys will be accepted for the food pantry and for Toys for Tots.

A photographer will be set up in the beauty shop building next to the post office for Christmas pictures.

Everyone is invited to join the Christmas spirit and enjoy the annual Christmas celebration in Sublette.



Holiday Lights Train a dream come true

BY MARY MAYS
Staff Writer

WATERMAN - A recipe consisting of a love of trains, determination, friendship and love of people was how Pete Robinson made his dream of building the Waterman & Western Railroad (WWR) come true.

Upon completing the construction of Engine 101 in 1991, it took Robinson three years to find a place to set tracks for the train. He arranged in March 1994 with the Waterman Lions Club to build a track at the Lions Community Park, 420 S. Birch Street. The 1/4 scale model F-3 Electro-motive train has traveled the half-mile

track since the golden spike was driven on July 31, 1994.

Robinson and his wife, Char, welcome visitors on Sundays in June through Labor Day. The train is available for private parties most of the year. They have an Easter Bunny Train the Saturday before Easter and a Pumpkin Train during October but the highlight of the year is the free Holiday Lights Train. The opening this year on Saturday, Nov. 24, welcomed the usual crowd but the weather on Sunday closed the train for safety reasons. Crowds returned on Nov. 30 for Santa’s arrival.

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Amboy students named Illinois State Scholars

AMBOY — The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is pleased to announce the 2019-20 Illinois State Scholars. These exceptional students rank in approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors in Illinois and are chosen each year based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank.

“In this 60th year of the Illinois State Scholar Program, we are proud to announce another class of outstanding students that will lead us into the future,” said Eric Zarnikow, executive director of ISAC. “We congratulate these Scholars on their

hard work and accomplishments. Congratulations also and thank you to the families, principals, teachers, counselors, coaches, mentors, and all of the other individuals who not only help our students find the path that will allow them to flourish, but also support them every step of the way.”

From Amboy High School, the following students were announced as State Scholars:

Clayton Kemp
Mitchell McLaughlin
Kaitlyn Ortgiesen
Mackenzie Payne
Cameron Simpson

Mary Thompson

While this prestigious designation does not include a monetary award, Illinois State Scholars will receive a congratulatory letter from ISAC and a personalized Certificate of Achievement. Honorees can also download a digital Illinois State Scholar badge that can be displayed on their online profiles and social media platforms, and shared with high school counselors, prospective colleges, employers, family members and others. A complete list of the 2019-20 Illinois State Scholars can be found on ISAC’s website. Note that the Program announces honorees based on

the year they would begin any postsecondary education, not based on the year they graduate from high school.

ISAC encourages all students, including State Scholars, to complete their 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) as soon as possible.

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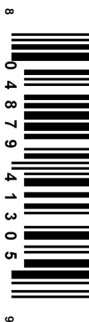


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Sublette News

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SUBLETTE 365 GROUP MEETS
The Sublette 365 Organization recently held a regular meeting. The group discussed additional items they would like to purchase for the Sublette Community Building. They also discussed plans for community events for 2019 including the SubletteFest, which will be held the weekend after Labor Day.

COIN APPRAISER COMING TO PIONEER STATE BANK
Ron Eckstrom of Golden Rule Coins will be at Pioneer State Bank in Sublette on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m.-noon. He will be available to appraise coins for anyone who stops in. No appointment is necessary, but if you wish an appointment you may call 815-849-5242.
Eckstrom has been helping people who have coins and do not know where to turn for expert and discreet assistance. There is no charge for the service. You may sell coins if you wish, but there is no obligation. Eckstrom has been at the Sublette bank on several previous occasions.



DEPOT DAYS DONATION - FG FUNDRAISERS
Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, left, presents a check for \$1,000 to Gary Mason, board member of the FG Fundraisers. The funds will be used install new playground equipment at Atlasta Park in Franklin Grove. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$66,000 to local organizations this year.

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Gehant Bank earns 5-Star rating

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St. Mary, Walton – 10:00 am

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6:30 pm at St. Patrick, Amboy

December 24th - Christmas Eve
St. Patrick, Amboy - 4:00 pm Family Mass
St. Mary, Walton - 6:00 pm
Patrick, Amboy - 10:00 pm

December 25th – Christmas Day
St. Flannen, Harmon - 9:00 am

St. Patrick - 857-2315

St. Flannen and St. Mary - 857-2670
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“We think of the free Holiday Lights Train rides as our gift to the community,” Robinson said. “We don’t want a family to stay away because they don’t have the money at this time of year to take their children on the train.”

The loop around the park features displays ranging from palm trees to polar bears and candy canes to candles. There are over 300,000 lights on the half-mile ride.

“We are happy to be able to provide train rides to those in wheelchairs in our accessible train car that was built in 2012” Robinson stated. “We ask those requiring the accessible car to notify us when they arrive so we can accommodate them as quickly as possible.”

The wait area and train station are also accessible and parking for the disabled is near the station.

The Robinsons have free hot chocolate and popcorn available inside the heated train station for passengers and guests. Grandpa Cole’s Old Fashioned Fudge is available for purchase by the pound. With more than 20 flavors, like Amaretto/Chocolate, Peppermint Chip, Rum Raisin, Butter Pecan, Carrot Cake and the more traditional Maple, Vanilla, Peanut Butter and Chocolate, there is something for everyone.

Holiday Lights Train hours are Fridays 5-9 p.m., Saturdays 4:30-9 p.m. and Sundays 4:30-8 p.m. Santa arrives at each night at 5:30 p.m. and will be available for professional photographs by Solko Photography and Video in the train station. The week before Christmas, the train will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 5 – 9 p.m. and Santa will be there from 6 – 8 p.m. each evening. The Holiday Lights Train is an easy 35-40 minute drive east on US Route 30 from Amboy and a great way to celebrate the season with family. A phone message is available to let the community know if there is a closing due to weather. Call 630-360-6523 for updated information. More information on the WWRR is available at www.petetrain.com.

Amboy Police

Speeding

On Dec. 1, at 5:10 p.m., Michael D. Holmes, 55, of Sterling, was issued a citation for speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Lee County Warrant

On Dec 3, at 4:16 p.m., Charlene F. Doan, 64, of Mendota, was arrested on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear – contempt of court, driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.

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As always, the hub of activity will be downtown in Santa’s Village where Santa will take up residence in his “Santa house,” which was donated by Jones Berry. Santa will arrive on an Amboy Fire truck at 4:15 p.m. Santa’s Hut will be open from 4:30 – 8 p.m. Pictures with Santa in his house will be available in exchange for a canned good item or a \$1 donation toward the Amboy Junior High Food Drive.

For the second year in a row, the Amboy Christmas Walk will include a Gingerbread House Contest. The houses will be display at the Amboy City Hall. Judging will be done by vote of people attending the event.

Returning favorites will also provide some holiday spirit. Eleven Quest will be on hand to perform at the old bandstand. The Starlight Dance Studio will perform at 4:45 p.m.

The traditional lighting of the City of Amboy’s Christmas Tree will take place at 5:15 p.m. in Santa’s Village.

Over at the Amboy Depot Museum live music will be performed by the Amboy High School Band and Chorus. A reading of the Polar Express will take place at 6 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

This year, the Amboy Depot Museum will be hosting a Christ-

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.

ROCK FALLS-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, Dec. 5. The third Wednesday of the month drive, Dec. 19, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

MENDOTA-The OSF HealthCare St. Paul Medical Center Grief Support Group will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5, in Conference Room D (just inside the Medical Office entrance of the hospital). Call Kathy Stienz, weekdays, at 815-343-5891 with any questions.

SUBLETTE-Sublette’s Christmas in the Village will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on

Thursday, Dec. 6, throughout the downtown area.

WATERMAN-The Holiday Lights Train hours are Fridays 5-9 p.m., Saturdays 4:30-9 p.m. and Sundays 4:30-8 p.m. Santa arrives at each night at 5:30 p.m. The train will be open Wednesday, Dec. 19, through Sunday, Dec. 23, from 5 – 9 p.m. and Santa will be there from 6 – 8 p.m. each evening. Waterman’s Lions Community Park, 420 S. Birch St. Train rides are free and wheelchair accessible. Visit www.petetrain.com for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Christmas Walk will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, throughout the city. The Amboy City Park drive-thru light show will begin this night and continue on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 6 – 10 p.m. It will also be open on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, at the Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club Christmas Party/Meeting will be held at the Long Branch, 55 S. East Ave., on Monday, Dec. 10. Cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. No other

meeting in December.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

SUBLETTE- The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Sublette Township Building.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the East Grove Township Hall.

AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD#272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday,

Dec. 13, at Amboy High School, 11 E. Hawley.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17, 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, Dec. 19, 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, Dec. 19, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

AMBOY-The Amboy-Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

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Eli Kaleel

Student's Favorites:

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Favorite Animal - Turtle

Favorite Food – Mac and Cheese

Favorite Book – Yucky Nature

Favorite Game – Wrestling

Favorite Song – Traveling Soldier

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Alex Fernandez

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Favorite Animal - Elephant

Favorite Food – Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches

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Favorite Game – ABC Mouse

Favorite Song – Let It Go

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Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation to offer scholarships

AMBOY — Applications for the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships are now available on the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation website, www.lcfbfoundation.org. The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation will offer one or more scholarships to qualified applicant(s). Applicants must be a Lee County Farm Bureau member or dependent of a Lee County Farm Bureau member in good standing and be pursuing a major in an agricultural or agricultural-related field of study in his or her college curriculum (accredited college, university or community college) for Fall 2019.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarship(s) for area high school seniors, will be in the amount of \$1,500. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined based on number of qualified applicants and upon the availability of funds.

The Larry J. Green Memorial scholarship will be one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 to a high school senior.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation will also offer one (1) \$1,500 scholarship to a current undergraduate student.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation has also established a scholarship, ranging from \$500 - \$1,000 to a student attending Sauk Valley Community College and participating in their new ag program.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation also offers a Veterinary Scholarship which will award up to \$2,500 for students enrolling in their third or fourth year in Veterinary School concentrating in large animal studies.

The mission of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is to fund and encourage ag related educational oppor-

tunities to the youth of Lee County through programs including scholarships, Books by the Bushel, and Ag in the Classroom. Complete details on eligibility for consideration and criteria for awarding the scholarship are detailed in the scholarship application.

To obtain an application visit the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation's website, www.lcfbfoundation.org, or if you or anyone else has any further questions, please contact the Lee County Farm Bureau office by phone, 815-857-3531 or by email, leecfb@comcast.net.

Applications are due to the Lee County Farm Bureau office by no later than Feb. 1, 2019.

Egg Nog Jog planned

OREGON — The early registration deadline for the first annual KB Egg Nog Jog is Dec. 7. This fun 3K will be held at 2 p.m., on Dec. 29. Early registration guarantees participants an event pair of sweatpants.

Registration for the event is \$25. The event will commence at the Oregon VFW located at 1210 W. Washington Street, Oregon. The day's festivities will begin with the Egg Nog Jog, which is a 3K run/walk through the streets of Oregon. This is not a timed event.

The fun will continue inside the VFW with music courtesy of DJJ, food and drinks. Early registration for the event ends on Dec. 7. Registration forms are available online at www.KBToughRun.com.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the KB Fund. This fund has been established to help those in our community that are burdened by a medical crisis. More than 50 families have been helped by the KB Fund. Questions can be directed to info@KBToughRun.com or to Josh Roos at 815-440-5180.

OBITUARIES

Barbara Joan Goy

Feb. 24, 1939 - Dec. 2, 2018

AMBOY — Barbara Joan Goy, of Amboy, died on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018 at home surrounded by her family.

Barb was one of 13 children born on Feb. 24, 1939 to William and Aileen (Brady) Morrissey. Barb was a graduate of Amboy High School. She married LeRoy George Goy on April 18, 1958.

She was a lifelong active member of St. Patrick's Parish, Amboy and the St. Patrick's Women's Organization. Barb was a loving and selfless mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She loved spending time with her family and her Catholic faith was the center of her life. Barb spent countless hours cooking and praying for those in need.

Barb was preceded in death by her late husband, LeRoy; her son, Brian; her parents, William and Aileen; four brothers, Robert Morrissey (in infancy), John (Tiny) Morrissey, Rev. William (Buddy) Morrissey, Joseph Morrissey; two sisters, Rosemary Hawks and Bette Wilhelm; seven brothers in law, George Hawks, Louie Wilhelm, Alvin Glenn, Gene Carroll, Lloyd Considine, Jack Scorby, Doug Koch, Gilbert (Mary) Goy; two sister in laws,



Loleta (Doug) Mathesius and June (Robert) Stephenitch; and two nephews, Jay Hawks and Timothy Considine.

She is survived by her five children, Julia (Paul) DeArmitt, of Amboy, Renee (Mark) Kaleel, of Amboy, Bradley (Lisa) Goy, of Amboy, Amy (Greg) Liebing, of Amboy and Angela (Curtis) Ely, of Sublette; 14 grandchildren, Ashley and Brian DeArmitt, Nicklaus (Lindsey) Kaleel, Taylor (Brittany) Kaleel, Levi Kaleel, Kiara (Garrett) Zinke, Drew and Dillon Goy, Lauren (Phillip) Bond, Hillary, Garrett and Kaitlyn Liebing, Nicolle Ely, Christopher (Kristen) Ely; five great-grandchildren, Kaiya and Eli Kaleel, Kain and Quinn Kaleel, and Griffin Bond; sisters, Rita Glenn, Frances Carroll, Lois Considine, Monica Scorby, and Colleen Koch; brother, Larry (Carol Vogelsang) Morrissey; sister in laws, Josephine Morrissey, Corrine Morrissey, and Linda Morrissey; along with 46 beloved nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, with the Rev. Timothy Draper, officiating. Burial will follow in



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The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Into the Wild

When Jon Krakauer wrote an article about a young man who walked into the Alaskan wilderness with nothing but five pounds of rice, a rifle, and a compass and who inexplicably died four months later, many people were outraged by his arrogance, but to others he was a folk hero. Krakauer decided to write a book about Chris McCandless and the mystery of his death. He called the book "Into the Wild," from McCandless' journal: "I now walk out to live amongst the wild."

Chris McCandless left his well-to-do family after graduating from Emory University, gave his \$24,000 trust fund to Oxfam for starving African children, and, like so many others in love with the mystique of the American wilderness, headed out West in his yellow Datsun. "He wanted to test himself in ways that mattered." He abandoned the Datsun and burned his remaining \$123. For a year and a half, he rambled in the West, doing odd jobs, walking, hitchhiking, and holding to his great quest, the Alaska wilderness.

Krakauer interviewed the people Chris met and a fine portrait of him emerges. They knew him as Alex (he called himself Alexander Supertramp) and all of them liked the personable, hard-working young man who nevertheless darted away from human intimacy. Krakauer, who like McCandless was a mountain climber, followed Chris to Alaska, to the abandoned Bus 142 where Chris lived for four months in the summer of 1992.

Chris had walked only 30 miles into the wilderness when he came upon the abandoned bus. He decided to stay there. Sixteen miles south was the entrance to Denali National Park where "every day hundreds of tourists rumble into the park." Chris hunted small game and foraged for berries. He killed a moose, but didn't know how to preserve the meat and abandoned it to the wolves. He was terribly distressed because a hunter was morally obligated to eat the entire animal.

Krakauer quoted extensive passages Chris had underlined in the 12 books he had brought. Tolstoy and Jack London were his heroes. There were no ruminations about nature in his journal, only about what he ate. He came to the wilderness "to explore the inner country of his soul." His last book was Boris Pasternak's "Dr. Zhivago." He underlined Pasternak's "basic ideals of modern man. Without them he is unthinkable: the ideal of the free personality and the ideal of life as sacrifice."

Chris intended to leave in August, but the Teklanika River had swollen to ten times its size. He decided to wait. According to Krakauer, he now made his fatal mistake. He ate the poisonous seeds of the Eskimo potato, which prevents metabolism. He starved to death within two weeks. Sadly, his last words were "Happiness is only real when shared."



BY EMILY GOFF
Head Librarian

Pankhurst Memorial Library would like to thank everyone who has donated DVDs so far. We have just under 200 movies that were donated and are still accepting any donations. We will be displaying and DVDs will be available for check out very soon. Thank you again. Library hours are 11:30

BY PASTOR MARK
GLENN

Within a world that is marked by Roman rule, difficulty, oppression, and pain, God begins a change, and installs within our world a "pregnant hope." In this, Mary becomes the message. She is transfixed within that suspension of time and space moment in which she encounters God through Gabriel, and God's dream for humanity begins with a tiny seed.

Once God breaks through from heaven into earth time and space, God's "Word" will no longer be contained. As that pregnant moment grows and expands, miracles will happen, and nothing can stop the spread of God dream space into the civilized world.

What Mary experiences, changes her completely, not just physically but emotionally and spiritually, as she answers a "call" from God to be God's "pregnant" miracle. For in a God encounter, anything can happen. A God encounter is a space of expectation. Once God's power breaks through and incarnates into the world, it will move uncontrollably forward, and nothing can stand in its way. For it IS a way.

"Prepare the Way of the Lord," John will declare. The "Way" in the wilderness, that metaphorical road of journey will call all of God's children to "turn" (repent) and follow the Son down that Way that leads back to God, into the

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For what are you thankful for?

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God's "pregnant" promise that Mary will carry from Nazareth to the hills of Jerusalem, back to Nazareth, and finally to Bethlehem will chart a journey of prophetic promise. When that promise is born into the world, God's "Way" will invade and pervade the world with a new kind of covenant, and the "Way" in the wilderness will become the Way of Jesus, not merely a place, but an entire people of God.

You are part of that Way. You all may sometime in your lives experience a God Encounter. The question is, will you recognize it when you see it? Are you in tune with the pregnant possibility that God offers you in your own journey of discipleship and identity?

John Wesley strongly believed that the best way to experience those kinds of God encounters was to engage in what he called "means of

grace." Each person may find their own "thin place" in one of those "means of grace." Some may experience God in prayer or meditation, some in music and song, some in the beauty of art or liturgical dance, some in holy communion, some in reading the scriptures, some in walking through the woods on a misty morning.

Jesus loved to go to the mountains, the gardens, the desert, or the sea to pray, and we know He must have experienced many sacred moments in His life, in which He continued to be renewed, refreshed, and refueled.

As Advent begins, and the busyness of our civilized world starts to overtake us, we all need to make time for God encounters.

And when you do, no matter what else you are dealing with in your life, that encounter with God will change you, instill in you a sense of

promise, of peace, of vision, of God's sacred dream. And you will emerge, different. You will be...different. For God's promise is a promise of difference – a firm promise that nothing will be the same again, but will change you and everything around you. And you in turn, or in your turning, will help change the world. For you are part of God's Dream, God's message of hope.

You in your encounter become yourself, a Thin and Sacred Space with potential you cannot even imagine. The Apostle Paul said we are a temple, housing the Holy Spirit. We are to be the light shining in dark places.

Where God has broken into the world, the darkness can never again overcome.

This is the promise.
This is the celebration.
This is your story.
And this is your song.
Rejoice.
He is coming.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy for Amboy Community Unit School District #272 for 2018, will be held Thursday, December 13, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the Amboy High School Library.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Joshua Nichols, Superintendent, Amboy Community Unit School District #272, 11 E. Hawley Street, Amboy, IL 61310, Telephone (815) 857-2164.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$6,967,390.65.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$7,384,195.00. This represents a 5.98% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service for 2017 were \$174,170.61

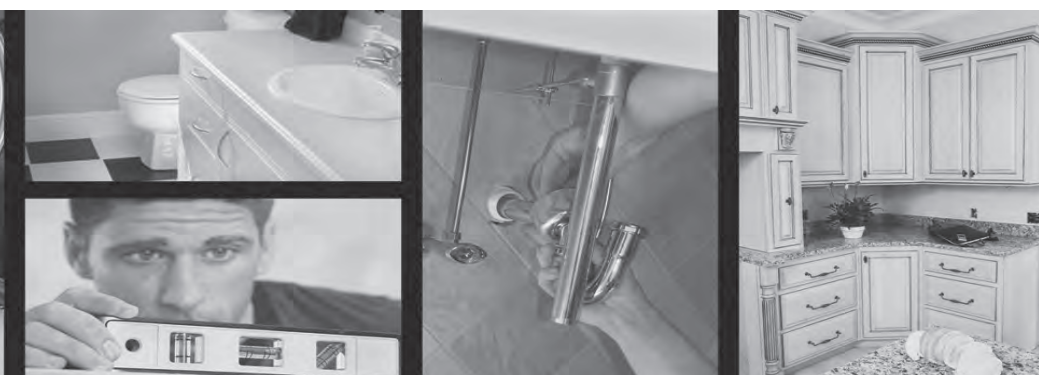
The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2018 are \$174,239.94

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$7,141,561.26.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$7,558,434.94. This represents a 5.84% increase over the previous year.

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Opinion

Teetering on the brink of fiscal chasm

A new governor has been elected and soon after he takes the oath of office in January, he will learn that mathematics can be quite unkind.

The state of Illinois is teetering on the brink of a fiscal chasm.

No state is in worse shape than the Land of Lincoln. None.

J.B. Pritzker is about to learn that he can't just walk into the kitchen of the Governor's Mansion and microwave up some cash. Unfunded pension obligations are the main reason for Illinois' fiscal ills.

A new legal theory is being pondered by outgoing state Rep. Jeanne Ives, R-Wheaton, that she contends would get the state out from under the pension debt. It goes like this:

The state entered into illegal contracts when it signed up employees for pensions over the last 40 years. While the state constitution says pensions of public employees cannot be diminished, the constitution also mandates that state legislators pass a budget that they believe to be balanced and the constitution also says Illinois cannot take on more debt unless three-fifths of lawmakers agree.

And yet, Ives contends lawmakers have been well aware that the budgets they have passed each year have not adequately covered anticipated pension obligations. Her contention is that this was a deliberate violation of the balanced budget clause of the state constitution and thus its "contract" with pensioners is void. She also says that promising payouts without funding them creates a debt obligation that should have received a super-majority vote of

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



Court.

Now, you'll hear government-worker unions and their advocates say: "Public employees paid their fair share while Illinois politicians shorted or skipped the employer contributions required by law, creating the nation's largest pension debt."

I'd agree with everything in that statement except the part about "fair share." A more accurate phrase would be a "designated share."

"Fair share" would imply retirees will get a return commensurate with the amount they invested. And that is just not so.

Take for instance former Homewood Flossmoor school superintendent Laura Murray, who now receives a \$315,000 annual pension from the Illinois Teacher Retirement System after retiring at age 57. Wirepoints, an Illinois-based research policy group, estimated that she will receive \$9.4 million in benefits during the

the legislature each year, but didn't always.

Longtime statehouse observer Charles Wheeler III is quick to note that the state constitution doesn't require a balanced budget only that lawmakers estimate it to be balanced. The late great state budget director Steve Schnorf, who served under Governors Jim Edgar and George Ryan used to call the practice: "playing make believe."

I don't see the Illinois Supreme Court having much of an appetite for taking up Ives' legal argument. After all, the court unanimously ruled several years ago that the pension benefits cannot be reduced.

But if the case is somehow argued in the federal courts, this legal argument might prevail, especially with the conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme

remainder of her life.

How much did she pay in during her career to receive this benefit? \$314,000. She collected more in one year of retirement than she paid in during her entire career. Should we put the fiscal future of the state in jeopardy to make payments such as this? Those of us with 401ks could never dream of that kind of return on our money.

And yet, the state may raise taxes on those anticipating far less generous retirements to pay for these obligations.

Now, some will say a promise is a promise and ought to be kept.

In a perfect world, yes.

But it's worth noting that courts routinely allow promises to be broken.

The most sacred promise many of us make is to wed "until death do us part." And yet, half of all marriages end with a judge granting a divorce. That is the state saying a promise – even one as sacred as a wedding vow -- can be broken.

But even routine business transactions can be voided by a judge. Anyone who has ever been owed something by a business or person who has gone bankrupt can attest to not receiving what they believed was owed to them.

With Republicans in a super minority status in the upcoming General Assembly, Ives says it may take lawsuits to make their policies heard.

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Dec. 6, 1918

The normal consumption of sugar in this country before the war, four pounds to each person, is now allowed by government.

It is estimated that 400,000 citizens of Illinois will drive automobiles by next year.

The first locomotive was run into the new roundhouse and turned on the new tables last Saturday. Everything worked first class.

75 Years Ago Dec. 2, 1943

Earl L. Gascoigne was transferred last week from Great Lakes to Norfolk, Va.

Green River Farmers' Club

will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller Friday evening.

R. W. Bellows transacted business in Chicago Tuesday and Wednesday.

50 Years Ago Dec. 5, 1968

The Clippers of Amboy opened their Blackhawk Conference season with a 75-66 loss to the Mount Carroll Hawks at Mount Carroll Saturday night. The loss was the Clippers' second of the year, after Tuesday night's loss to Mendota.

Stockholder of the Shady Oaks Country Club will hold their annual meeting Thursday Evening, Dec. 19, at 7:30 in Amboy City Hall. The directors decided Tuesday evening to bar

all snowmobiles from the Shady Oaks golf course because of the damage to the greens caused by snowmobiles last winter.

Six members have been named to the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee for 1968-69. New to the committee are Warren Gee, Rochelle, succeeding Lowell Swalve, Forreston; David Gusse, Dixon, succeeding Richard Ward, Lamoille; Mrs. Marvin Shubbert, St. Anne; Mike Hennenfent, Wataga, succeeding Kermit Vollmar, London Mills; Gerhardt Mohr, Homer, succeeding Roger Stanley, Paris and Mac Mugge, Harrisburg, succeeding Richard Moore, Omaha.

25 Years Ago Dec. 9, 1993

AHS music department will hold its annual Christmas concert, Sunday, Dec. 12, in the high school auditorium.

Winners of the Christmas Walk scramble puzzle were Pete Ayling, Karen McGraw, Art Albee, Jr., Lorraine Fowler and Amanda Albee.

Two incidents in which a gun and marijuana were allegedly brought to Amboy junior High have stirred strong reactions from many residents. Charges are pending against a student after two bags containing an undisclosed amount of marijuana were found at school last week.

Beggs' Certi Saver advertises 8 pack hamburger buns for \$1.19, Maple River boneless hams for \$1.89 and 10 pounds of russet potatoes \$1.49



Death wish crosses line of acceptable political hyperbole

Political discourse in the era of Donald Trump has plunged to new lows.

And when you think you've seen the bottom, someone in government manages to take it lower.

But there's a difference between hyperbole and wishing death on a political opponent and his loved one – and it's a line that should never be crossed.

During public debate Tuesday on the Illinois House floor, with cameras rolling to record it for posterity, that line, sadly, was crossed.

"To the representative from Lombard, I would like to make him a broth of legionella and pump it into the water system of his loved one so that they can be infected, they can be mistreated, they can sit and suffer by getting aspirin instead of getting properly treated and ultimately die."

Broth of legionella? Loved one? Ultimately die?

State Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego, directed those despicable comments toward Rep. Peter Breen, R-Lombard.

Had Breen just committed a crime so egregious, or made comments so heinous, that he deserved to have his and his loved one's lives threatened so callously?

Of course not.

Breen was merely defending Gov. Bruce Rauner's amendatory veto of Senate Bill 2481, legislation that sought to increase the monetary cap on claims the state can be forced to pay out to those wronged by Illinois government.

The current cap on claims against state government in the Illinois Court of Claims is \$100,000. Senate Bill 2481, filed in the wake of dozens of cases of legionnaires disease at the Quincy Veterans Home, leading to 13 deaths, sought to lift that cap to \$2 million. Rauner's amendatory veto moved the cap to \$300,000.

During debate on an override attempt, Breen, an attorney, questioned how much a \$2 million cap would cost taxpayers.

"We will now spend more money that could have been spent on education, that could have been spent on actually building the roads, instead of paying off trial lawyers," Breen said. "Instead,

Guest Column

By Dan McCaleb



we're going to send the money to them instead of using it for good purposes."

What is a reasonable amount of money at which to cap claims against Illinois state government? I don't know that I can answer that finitely.

Perhaps \$100,000 is too low. Perhaps even \$300,000 is too low. But Breen's questioning of what a \$2 million cap will mean long-term for taxpayers isn't just reasonable, it's absolutely necessary. It's the kind of scrutiny that all lawmakers should be giving to any legislation that will cost taxpayers more money, especially in near-bankrupt Illinois.

What happened with the spread of legionnaires disease at the Quincy Veterans Home is tragic. How the Rauner administration responded to the outbreak has been criticized and is under investigation – as it should be.

But sympathy for the victims and victims' families shouldn't lead to unvetted legislation whose long-term impact on taxpayers is unknown.

Questioning that impact certainly shouldn't result in a death wish to a colleague from across the aisle.

After the backlash, Kifowit made a half-hearted attempt to "clarify" her comments by saying they were hypothetical and taken out of context. She initially didn't apologize, though she did so Wednesday.

Regardless, her words are her words. Read them again if you have any doubt about what she said. Watch her speak and listen to them on tape.

I've seen and heard some nasty stuff from under the Dome in Springfield. This is a new low.

House Speaker Michael Madigan should condemn Kifowit's comments and sanction her to send a message to other lawmakers that there's no place for this kind of toxic discourse in state government.

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Teen Turf

UP COMING EVENTS
Pancake/Sausage Breakfast
8 – 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 8
Santa’s Workshop 8 – 11
a.m., Saturday, Dec. 8
Christmas Walk 4 -8 p.m.,
Saturday Dec. 8
**PANCAKE/SAUSAGE
BREAKFAST**

SANTA will be here so
bring your camera for a time of
special memory making. There
will be your choice of pancakes
and sausage or biscuits and
gravy plus drink. Proceeds
will benefit our After School
Homework Program.
SANTA’S WORKSHOP
This special time during
the breakfast will allow your
children to purchase gifts for
loved ones. The prices start at
50 cents. There will be a free
card and gift wrapping station.

CHRISTMAS WALK
This Saturday, Dec. 8, from
4 - 8 p.m., Teen Turf will be
part of the Christmas Walk.
Just ride the Trolley or drive
down and enjoy a FREE and
cup of hot chocolate or coffee

and cookie or popcorn. The
special free wreath making
will be available again this
year. Get together with family
or friends and make a special
wreath to display during the
holidays. This entire evening
is our thanks and Christmas
gift to everyone.
MOM/BABY GROUP
A group of moms and their
small ones under the age of
three will meet at Teen Turf
at 10 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 14.
They will do some arts and
crafts activities and have story
time. There is no fee so bring
your child for a great play date
with other young moms and
their kids.

DONATIONS
We appreciate all donations
but please call 815-440-8195
before dropping things off.
When things are left out in the
rain things get ruined.
END OF YEAR GIVING
Donations for end of the year
giving are greatly appreciated.
All donations are tax deductible
as we are a 401©3 entity. Teen

Turf does not receive any state
or federal money. We have been
in existence for over 20 years
due to the generosity of our
community.
CHAIR AEROBICS
A great group gets together
at 10 a.m., every Tuesday and
Thursday morning. The goal
is to keep moving and healthy.
There is no charge but a do-
nation box is set out and the
money goes toward the utility
bills. The philosophy is pay or
pray. If you can’t afford to put
some money in the box just
say a prayer. Prayers are what
have kept Teen Turf going all
these years.

WISH LIST
We need ribbon and deco-
rations for our Christmas
wreaths that we make during
the Christmas Walk. We need
some outdoor umbrellas for our
picnic tables for next year’s
summer program. So, as you are
out rummaging and see a table
umbrella please think of Teen
Turf because the ones we have
are worn out. We need someone

to help us with our cans and
other fixer upper needs please
call 815-857-4800 or 815-440-
8195 to help out.

**TAX FREE DONA-
TIONS**

There is an account set up at
First Federal Savings and Loan,
First National Bank of Amboy,
and Pioneer State Bank (former
Farmers State Bank of Sublette)
if you would like to donate to
our programs. All donations
are tax deductible as we are a
501(c)3. Teen Turf has been
in existence for over 20 years.
Since we do not receive
any state or federal money we
survive on the generosity of the
community. United Way has
been a huge supporter for 15
years. If you are able to help
us out please send your dona-
tions to Teen Turf P. O. Box 321
Amboy, Illinois 61310.

RECYCLED CANS
Yes, we are still recycling
cans. Just put your bags behind
the fence on the red trailer. The
white wire rack is for plastic and
paper recycle items. Be sure

that all the materials are tied
and secured in bags or boxes.
High Fives to everyone that
donates cans and to Pete Rood
for elevating them almost daily.
It helps our environment and
our van upkeep. If you have
cans that need to be picked up
just call 815-857-4800.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES
If you are in need of a
book bag or school supplies
throughout the year please call
815-857-4800 and leave your
name and number.

LOST & FOUND
Please call 815-857-4800 if

you are missing anything. Any
of the coats, hats, and gloves
will be donated next month.
BOARD MEMBERS
Teen Turf is in need of two
new board members. If you
want to help make a difference
in the lives of the youth of our
community please call or stop
and talk to us.

Our current board members
are Deb Albee, Kim Watley,
Cindy Phillips, Scott and Janine
Huffman, Kayslee Jones, and
Mark Grossman.

Please do not drop off TV’s
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101 LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ILLINOIS LEE COUNTY, IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
Clarence J. Morrissey,)
Deceased.)
No. 2018 P 76

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Regina H. Morrissey of 1112 S. Peoria Ave., Dixon, Lee County, Illinois 61021. Letters of Office were issued to Clarence J. Morrissey, 657 Morrissey Road, Amboy, Lee County, Illinois 61310, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Gary R. Gehlbach, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger Lee & Considine, LLC, 215 E. First Street, P.O. Box 447, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY Hosted by, Joannie Herrmann, Helen Finnestad 12869 E Flagg Rd, Rochelle Dec. 7 Fri 9am-4pm Dec. 8 Sat 9am-4pm Fits American Girl doll clothes Perfectly Posh - Sports Afghans Pink Zebra - Adornable U Potholders - Earrings - Flags Thirty-One - Tastefully Simple Pallet Snowmen - Divinity Handmade Baby Sweaters & Hats, Towels, What's It Bags, Dishtowels & Dishrags Snowmen by Helen liquidation sale. (12-06-18)

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121 LOST AND FOUND

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2016TX1: TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS LEE COUNTY CLERK, LEE COUNTY TREASURER, LEE COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL, CITY OF DIXON, VILLAGE OF ASHTON, AQUA, IL, INC FORMERLY CONSUMERS IL WATER CO, COMMONWEALTH EDISON CO ATTN: LEGAL DEPT, HARRIS TRUST & SAVINGS BANK INDIVIDUALLY & AS TRUSTEE, THE WOODHAVEN ASSOCIATION WOODHAVEN LAKES, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

Parcel Number	Owners/Parties Interested	Cert Number	Street Or Common Address
02-15-15-477-019	ALL DAY MANAGEMENT, LLC	2016-00020	410 E PROVOST ST
02-15-15-477-019	SUSAN A. BRUSVEEN	2016-00020	410 E PROVOST ST
02-15-15-477-019	JOHNSON, DOUGLAS J	2016-00020	410 E PROVOST ST
02-15-15-477-019	HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST CO	2016-00020	410 E PROVOST ST
02-15-15-477-019	CITIZENS FNB	2016-00020	410 E PROVOST ST
02-15-15-477-019	CITIZENS FIRST NATIONAL BANK		
	NKA HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST CO	2016-00020	410 E PROVOST ST
02-15-15-477-019	BRUSVEEN, DAN A	2016-00020	410 E PROVOST ST
02-15-22-204-006	MARSHALL, EDWARD	2016-00030	14 S MASON AVE
02-15-22-204-006	MARSHALL, EDWARD A SR	2016-00030	14 S MASON AVE
03-04-27-304-004	VIVANCO-SILVA, PABLO	2016-00037	804 MAIN ST
03-04-27-304-005	VIVANCO-SILVA, PABLO	2016-00038	806 MAIN ST
06-09-01-107-007	LOGAN, ROBERT E		
	LOGAN SR, ROBERT E SR	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	LOGAN, ROBERT	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	LOGAN, JOHN ARTHUR	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	MEAD, DEBRA	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	HUBBELL, ISABELLA D	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	HUBBELL, XAVIER J	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	AHLGREN, STACIE L	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	LOGAN, MITCHELL LEE	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	LOGAN, KELLIE J	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	LOGAN, GRAIGORY A	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	DEMPSEY, JERI LYNN	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	LOGAN, JULIE A	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	LOGAN, MARTY E	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	DEETS, LINDA SUE	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
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	AKA LOGAN, DIANE	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
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	FRANKLIN GROVE BANK BRANCH	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-107-007	VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN GROVE		
	VILLAGE CLERK	2016-00054	131 N STATE ST
06-09-01-126-013	PARKS, JASON	2016-00055	310 N SYCAMORE ST
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	FRANKLIN GROVE BANK BRANCH	2016-00055	310 N SYCAMORE ST
06-09-01-126-013	RAMSEY, TODD A	2016-00055	310 N SYCAMORE ST
06-09-01-126-013	PARKS, TINA	2016-00055	310 N SYCAMORE ST
07-02-31-455-006	HERWIG, STEPHANIE A	2016-00072	312 WILLET AV
07-02-31-455-006	HERWIG, STEPHANIE ANN	2016-00072	312 WILLET AV
07-08-05-163-010	PORTNER, WADE M	2016-00099	1010 W THIRD ST
07-08-05-163-010	PORTNER, JILL E	2016-00099	1010 W THIRD ST
07-08-05-163-010	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
	ATTORNEY GENERAL	2016-00099	1010 W THIRD ST
07-08-05-163-010	FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORP	2016-00099	1010 W THIRD ST
07-08-05-214-011	REALBANC 1 INC	2016-00104	
07-08-06-202-018	KRESANEK, ROBERT E	2016-00129	
07-08-06-405-021	SHERIDAN, KAROLYN SUE ET AL		
	SHERIDAN, KAROLYN SUE	2016-00133	
07-08-06-405-021	SHERIDAN, THOMAS S	2016-00133	
07-08-06-461-022	PITCHFORD, WILLIAM A	2016-00135	
07-08-06-461-022	THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN AMBOY		
	FRANKLIN GROVE BANK BRANCH	2016-00135	
07-08-06-483-016	DIXON IRON & METAL, LLC	2016-00140	
07-08-06-483-016	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
	ATTORNEY GENERAL	2016-00140	
07-08-06-483-016	SINOW & WIENMAN, INC		
	THOMAS CRAIG P, REG AGENT	2016-00140	
07-08-06-483-019	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
	US ATTORNEY	2016-00141	
07-08-06-483-019	SINOW & WIENMAN, INC		
	THOMAS CRAIG P, REG AGENT	2016-00141	
07-08-06-483-019	DIXON IRON & METAL, LLC		
	PITCHFORD JAMES A	2016-00141	
10-13-15-279-003	ROBERTS, CYLE CJ	2016-00154	104 W MAIN ST
13-21-02-326-004	KOPLIN, KARL	2016-00187	MULBERRY CIRCLE (27-55)
13-21-11-177-009	FRANKLIN, BOBBY	2016-00247	
13-21-11-177-009	FRANKLIN, LINDA C	2016-00247	
13-21-11-177-009	FRANKLIN, BOBBY C SR	2016-00247	
13-21-11-177-009	CONSUMER ILLINOIS WATER COMPANY	2016-00247	
13-21-11-329-022	BARLOW, JAMES C	2016-00281	THRUSH LN (28-56)

13-21-11-329-022	FIORITTO, MARIAN	2016-00281	THRUSH LN (28-56)
13-21-11-409-014	RICE, LINDA	2016-00286	
13-21-11-409-014	RICE, LINDA K	2016-00286	
13-21-11-429-016	GLASS, STEPHEN T	2016-00289	
13-21-12-128-033	RYDER, WILLIAM SR	2016-00304	GRANDVIEW TRAIL (6-186)
13-21-12-128-033	RYDER, LILA L	2016-00304	GRANDVIEW TRAIL (6-186)
13-21-12-230-042	COLLINS, BARBARA J	2016-00331	BRENTWOOD TRAIL (2-150)
13-21-12-230-042	COLLINS, BARBARA JEAN	2016-00331	BRENTWOOD TRAIL (2-150)
13-21-12-230-042	MIDWEST TULSA PROPERTY INC		
	MICHELLE LOZINS	2016-00331	BRENTWOOD TRAIL (2-150)
13-21-12-230-042	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC.		
	AGENT: ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE C	2016-00331	BRENTWOOD TRAIL (2-150)
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13-21-12-252-030	MICHELS, JOSEPH	2016-00336	MAYFAIR TRAIL (2-224)
13-21-12-252-030	MICHELS, JOSEPH W	2016-00336	MAYFAIR TRAIL (2-224)
13-21-12-351-008	RAMIREZ, LORENZO	2016-00359	
13-21-12-351-008	RAMIREZ, LORENZO D	2016-00359	
13-21-12-351-008	RAMIREZ, DULCE	2016-00359	
13-21-12-351-008	TRIUNE INVESTMENTS, LLC		
	HONECK STEWART, REG AGENT	2016-00359	
13-21-12-351-009	CENTENO, HECTOR A	2016-00360	
13-21-12-351-009	CENTENO, GLORIA	2016-00360	
13-21-12-351-009	CENTENO, HECTOR ALEJANDRO	2016-00360	
13-21-12-351-009	CENTENO, GLORIA ESTHER	2016-00360	
13-21-12-351-016	WROTTEN, GAIL	2016-00361	WOODHAVEN DR W (19-104)
13-21-12-351-016	WROTTEN, GAIL A	2016-00361	WOODHAVEN DR W (19-104)
13-21-12-351-016	AQUA ILLINIOS	2016-00361	WOODHAVEN DR W (19-104)
13-21-12-351-016	CONSUMERS ILLINOIS WATER CO		
	ATTN: PAULETTE JOSEPH	2016-00361	WOODHAVEN DR W (19-104)
13-21-12-353-022	TREJO, FRANCISCO JR	2016-00363	BEAVER RUN TRAIL (20-42)
13-21-12-353-022	TREJO, FRANCISCO J	2016-00363	BEAVER RUN TRAIL (20-42)
13-21-12-353-022	TREJO, SOCORRO	2016-00363	BEAVER RUN TRAIL (20-42)
13-21-12-353-022	BRITO, SOCORRO TORRES	2016-00363	BEAVER RUN TRAIL (20-42)
13-21-12-353-022	MIDWEST TULSA PROPERTY INC		
	LP AGENTS LLC, REG AGENT	2016-00363	BEAVER RUN TRAIL (20-42)
13-21-12-355-011	FERNANDEZ, MYRNA	2016-00369	GLENBROOK TRAIL (19-11)
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13-21-12-355-011	MIDWEST TULSA PROPERTY INC		
	LP AGENTS LLC, REG AGENT	2016-00369	GLENBROOK TRAIL (19-11)
13-21-12-428-055	PEYTON, RENE	2016-00388	
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13-21-12-451-039	CASTRO-NUNEZ, LUIS A	2016-00397	
13-21-12-451-039	MARICELA RAMIREZ	2016-00397	
13-21-12-451-039	CASTRO, LUIS A	2016-00397	
13-21-12-451-039	RAMIREZ, MARICELA	2016-00397	
13-21-12-451-042	MUNSTERMAN, MATTHEW T	2016-00398	
13-21-12-451-042	MIDWEST TULSA PROPERTY INC		
	LP AGENTS LLC, REG AGENT	2016-00398	
13-21-12-451-042	TRIUNE INVESTMENTS, LLC		
	HONECK STEWART, REG AGENT	2016-00398	
15-07-10-455-041	ULVE, RICHARD E	2016-00417	
15-07-10-455-041	ULVE, DAWN	2016-00417	
15-07-15-253-015	KETCHUM, KARL E SR	2016-00423	
15-07-15-253-015	KETCHUM, KARL E		
	KETCHUM, KARL SR	2016-00423	
15-07-15-253-015	MIDLAND FUNDING LLC		
	AGENT: MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC	2016-00423	
15-07-15-254-023	COFFEY, LINDA D	2016-00424	
15-07-15-254-023	COFFEY, HERMAN	2016-00424	
15-07-19-451-001	CROMBIE, PATRICK	2016-00426	
15-07-19-451-001	CROMBIE, JANET	2016-00426	
15-07-19-451-001	CROMBIE, PATRICK J	2016-00426	
15-07-19-451-001	KROPP, ILENE RUTH	2016-00426	
18-08-07-201-012	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		
	US ATTORNEY	2016-00440	
18-08-07-201-012	SINOW & WIENMAN, INC		
	THOMAS CRAIG P, REG AGENT	2016-00440	
18-08-07-201-012	DIXON IRON & METAL, LLC		
	PITCHFORD JAMES A	2016-00440	
19-22-07-151-014	CRUZ, MELCHOR B	2016-00474	CHERRYWOOD TRAIL (10-34)
19-22-07-151-014	CRUZ, ELOIDA A	2016-00474	CHERRYWOOD TRAIL (10-34)
TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVE SAID PARCELS WERE SOLD ON OCTOBER 25, 2016, FOR GENERAL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2015 AND PRIOR YEARS, AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES MAY 3, 2019. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEEDS HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVE SAID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE NAMED PARCELS BY LEE COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON MAY 21, 2019 AT 9:00 AM, SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX DEED ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVE SAID PARCEL NOT REDEEMED ON OR BEFORE MAY 3, 2019. /S/ LEE COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.			
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 112 E 2ND STREET, DIXON, IL 61021			
TELEPHONE: (815) 288-3309			



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AMBOY VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Front row, left to right, Trevor Vaessen, Marion Carvalho, Nathan Friel, Daunte Kessel, Mason McCoy, and Zachary Wicaryus. Middle row, left to right, Justin Martinson, Brady Jones, Preston Henkel, Nicholas Moore, Mitchell McLaughlin and Matthew Friel. Back row, left to right, Andrew Their, Lane Boehle, Hunter Zimmerly, Maverick Lindenmeyer, Logan Whelchel and Assistant Coach Chris Tidmore.

Clippers end home season opener with loss

AMBOY – The Amboy Clippers played their first game of the season on their home hardwood and dropped a 52-43 decision to Lanark Eastland on Nov. 27.

heading to the fourth frame where they outscored Amboy, 19-14, to claim the win.

Mitchell McLaughlin and Preston Henkel tied for the team lead in scoring for Amboy with 14 points apiece. McLaughlin was a perfect six of six from the free throw line, while Henkel poured in three three-point field goals.

The game was tight through three quarters with Eastland on top 12-7 after one period and 22-19 at the break. The Cougars held a 33-29 margin

Books By the Bushel

applications available

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to announce that they are once again giving away “Books by the Bushel” to organizations in the county that can benefit from a bushel basket of agricultural books.

Donna had a game-high 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds to pace the Lady Clippers. She also had four steals.


Fisher dropped in 12 points and added five caroms, while Powers supplied 11 points, six rebounds, five assists and four steals. Also for Amboy, Jones pumped in nine points and had seven boards, Payne handed out eight assists and Hope Sachs collected five rebounds.

Amboy wrapped up the week by hosting Class 2A power Sherrard in the Amboy Shootout on Dec. 1. The Lady Clippers managed to come away with a hard-fought 51-43 win. Neither team had a bigger lead than the final margin.

Jones made all six of her field goal attempts and finished with 16 points. She also handled seven rebounds and dished out two assists. Powers had another big night with 12 points, seven rebounds, five assists and three steals, and she canned four big free throws in the second half to help hold off Sherrard.

Payne's stat sheet showed 11 points, eight assists and three steals, and she was four of four from the stripe in the final quarter.

Donna was a big factor inside with eight points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots.



CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU

December 10 - 14

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Grilled chicken strips, pasta alfredo, breakfast, broccoli, cauliflower, fresh cut veggies/ranch, pears -Early Dismissal 1:20 p.m.
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, green beans, roll/butter, pineapple
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biscuit & gravy or pick two from breakfast cart - Bacon & deli trio flatbread, lettuce, tomato, cheese, fresh cut veggies, baked beans, chips, applesauce
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Pepperoni or cheese personal pan pizza, fresh cut veggies/ranch, salad, juice cup, dried fruit mix
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Nachos grande w/cheese & beef, salad, salsa, refried beans, rice, fresh cut veggies, jello cup

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Thurs., Dec. 6 AHS Wrestling @ Morrison w/Le-Win – 5:30 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 7 AHS Wrestling @ Plano Tournament – 5:30 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 8 AHS Boys Basketball @ Dakota – 6:00 p.m.
AJHS Boys Basketball @ Chadwick Tournament – TBA
AHS Wrestling @ Plano Tournament – 9:00 a.m.
AHS Girls Basketball @ Prophetstown – 5:00 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 10 EARLY DISMISSAL – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY
AJHS–1:15; Central–1:20; AHS–1:25
AHS Girls Basketball @ Polo – 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 11 AHS Boys Basketball (H) Durand – 6:00 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 12 AHS Wrestling Tournament (H-Jr. High) Marquette/Somonauk – 5:30 p.m.
AHS Girls Basketball (H) AFC – 6:00 p.m.

We will reopen at 8 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 26th. The deadline for all advertising, editorial submissions and photos for the Wednesday, Dec. 26th edition is 9 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 21st.

We will reopen at 8 a.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019.
The deadline for all advertising, editorial
submissions and photos for the
Wednesday, Jan. 2nd edition is 9 a.m.,
on Friday, Dec. 28th.

AMBOY FOOD & LIQUOR

Grocery delivery for disabled & senior citizens - in town only.

Hours

Monday - Saturday

7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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59¢
lb.

Bananas



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lb.

Red or Green
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\$249
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Whole or Sliced



\$199
/container

Shurfine Bread
Crumbs

Assorted 15 oz

99¢
ea.



Reg. Price \$1.79 ea.

Parkay Butter
Spray

8 oz

\$199
ea.

Reg Price \$2.89 ea.



Amish Wrapped
Salted Butter

1 lb

\$299
ea.

Reg Price \$4.99 ea.



Tampico Juice

Assorted 128 oz

\$199
ea.

Reg. Price \$2.19 ea.



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Shullsburg Shredded
Cheese

Assorted 8 oz

\$199
ea.

Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.



Pepsi Products

2 Liter Bottles

2/\$250
Reg. Price \$1.99 ea.



Lay's Chips

9-10 oz excludes Family or Party Size

2/\$6
Reg. Price \$4.29 ea.



Taco Bell Tortilla
Chips

Assorted 11-13 oz

\$249
ea.

Reg. Price \$3.49 ea.



Nabisco Ritz Crackers or
Ritz Fudged Covered

7-14 oz

\$299
ea.

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Café Valley Cakes

Assorted 26 oz

\$499
ea.

Reg. Price \$8.99 ea.



WEEKLY SPECIALS

Jack's Pizza

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12 rolls

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Patties, Strips or
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Poptarts

Assorted

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Cheese

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Starch

16 oz

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ea.

Reg. Price \$1.19 ea.



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Noodles

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AMBOY CHRISTMAS WALK

SATURDAY, DEC. 8 - 4-8 P.M.

2018 Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk

Saturday, Dec. 8, 4-8 p.m.

Santa's Village located in downtown Amboy

- Cliff's Donuts
- Free Hot Cup of Soup or Chili by Green River Oaks
- Bubba-Bug Popcorn
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Pictures with Santa
- Live Entertainment by Eileen Quest and other Musical Talents
- Starlight Dance Studio Performance
- Amboy Junior High Food Drive
- Reindeer In Training by Just In Time
- ASH Spanish Club to offer food
- Junior Beta Club Bake Sale
- AHS Varsity Baseball selling hot chocolate

Amboy's Area Businesses will be offering different events throughout the evening:

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|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Amboy News | Letters to Santa |
| First Federal Savings and Loan | Popcorn and Reindeer Food |
| Iron Tree..... | Outside Fire, Drawing for \$50 Gift Card |
| Amboy Hometown Pharmacy..... | Christmas Bingo and Refreshments |
| The First National Bank in Amboy | Hot Chocolate Bar and Kids Ornament Crafts |
| Kaleels | Open for Business |
| Bridget Daniels | Craft and Vendor Open House at 399 N. Metcalf |
| Hanson Chiropractic Clinic | Nulean, BioFreeze, Mary Kay, Vi's Crafts and More |
| The Last Alarm | Vendor Open House |
| United First Church | Hot Chocolate, Funnel Cakes and Kids Craft |
| Two Sisters On Main..... | Drawing, Cider and Cookies, Drink Specials - Must be 21 |
| Longbranch Saloon | Drink and Food Specials |
| Amboy Arts and Antiques | Gift Basket Drawing and Candy |
| The Main Flower Shop | Lantern Walk. All Lanterns 10 percent off & Smores by Fire |
| Becker Autobody..... | Gift Basket Drawing |
| Amboy Garden Shop..... | Gifts located next to AMFAM |
| Maple Crossing at Amboy Rehab and Memory Care..... | Open House and Refreshments |
| Teen Turf .. | Repurpose Christmas Wreaths & Shopping in Santa's Workshop |
| Maria's Pizza | Hot Chocolate and Cookies, Pizza Slices for Sale |
| Main Street Thrift..... | Whimsy Face Painting, sponsored by the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk |
| The Warehouse Boutique | Professional Pictures by Abigail Vaessen taken in front of Old Fashion Truck decorated for Christmas \$10 Per Family |
| Amboy Family Restuarant and Pizza Junction..... | Slice of Pizza and Large Pepsi \$1.99 (Dine in only) |
| The Bear's Den | Drink Specials |
| Mort's Tap | Drink Specials |
| Depot Tap | Drink Specials |
| Sensient Flavors..... | Egg Nog and Peppermint Sticks |
| Jones Berry Lumber..... | To Be Announced |
| Amboy Food and Liquor..... | Food & Liquor Samples, Woody's Popcorn, Snack Sticks from Country Village Meats, & Folsom Bakery |
| Amboy City Hall..... | Gingerbread House Contest |
| Pankhurst Memorial Library | Family Craft and Storytime |
| Twigs and Sprigs | Cookies and Complementary Hot Chocolate, Drawings, Scavenger Hunt for prizes |
| Amboy Depot Museum ... | Wreath Silent Auction Fundraiser, Reading of the Polar Express, AHS Band and Choir Performance, Magical Peppermint Lane, Vintage Santa Selfie Station, & Girl Scouts Caroling |
| Main Street Salon.... | Sara and Kayla offering \$10 paraffin hand treatments with polish and \$10 scalp massages, Door prizes |
| Extreme Installs | Drawing for FREE car wash |
| Amboy FFA Chapter.. | Torchmate Plasma cutting table demo, ornament cut outs, food for sale. Located at Amboy High School |

Free Christmas Light show at Amboy City Park

AND MORE TO COME!

Visit us on Facebook at Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk

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2018 Amboy Christmas Walk

Schedule of Events

- 4 p.m. – Event starts
- 4-6 p.m. – Whimsy Face Painting at Main Street Thrift
- 4-8 p.m. – Musical Trolley begins at Santa's Village
- 4:15 p.m. – Santa arrives by Amboy Fire Department
- 4:30 p.m. – Santa's Hut is Open
- 4:45 p.m. – Starlight Dance Studio Performance (Santa's Village)
- 5:15 p.m. – Tree Lighting (Santa's Village)
- 7:30 p.m. – Last Trolley Round



Stop by the Amboy Depot Museum during the Annual Amboy Christmas Walk Saturday, Dec. 8, 4-8pm



- Mistletoe Junction at the Amboy Depot Museum
- Christmas Wreath Silent Auction - Museum grounds
- AHS Band and Choir Performances inside the Depot Museum
- Vintage Santa Selfie Station
- Reading of the Polar Express inside the Caboose 6 to 7 p.m.
- Magical Peppermint Lane
- Buddy the Elf - Palmer School House
- Girl Scout Caroling inside Palmer School House
- Sweet Treats inside Museum Buildings

The museum will be open for public viewing during the Christmas Walk.



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AMBOY CHRISTMAS WALK

SATURDAY, DEC. 8 - 4-8 P.M.

Amboy Depot Museum to host Christmas Wreath Auction

AMBOY — The Amboy Depot Commission has started an annual Silent Auction Wreath fundraiser that will coincide with Amboy's Christmas Walk and Depot's Mistletoe Junction Activities. The funds raised from the wreath auction will be dedicated to the upkeep of the building and grounds of Amboy's historic landmark.

Local businesses and organizations will be decorating a real evergreen wreath and showcasing them in their business with an ongoing silent auction sheet from Friday, Nov. 30 through Saturday, Dec. 8, until noon.

At noon, on Dec. 8, these wreaths will be moved to the Amboy Depot Museum grounds for viewing during the annual Christmas Walk for last minute bidding which will close at 7:30 p.m. Last name on the sheet will be called to pick up and pay for wreath.

Everyone is encouraged to visit and support these local businesses and organizations and make a bid on their wreath.

***The following wreaths are up for auction at the business named below the photo.
Note - not all wreaths were available to be photographed by press time.***



Amboy Arts and Antiques



Amboy Dental Group



Amboy Food and Liquor



Amboy Central School



City of Amboy



Girl Scout Troop 2182



Iron Tree



Long Branch Saloon



St Patrick Catholic Church



The Last Alarm



Amboy Family Restaurant



Dinges Fire Store



First National Bank in Amboy



Amboy Hometown Pharmacy



Maria's Pizza



Mort's Tap



Two Sisters on Main



Johnson Tractor



Pankhurst Memorial Library



Starlight Dance Studio



First Baptist Church of Amboy



Leffelman and Associates



First Federal Savings Banks



Amboy News & Main Street Hair Salon



The Bear's Den



Casey's General Store



Dimond Bros Insurance



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Amboy High School



AMBOY CHRISTMAS WALK

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Stop in the Depot Museum to bid on our wreath during the Christmas Walk!



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Visit The First National Bank in Amboy during the annual Amboy Christmas Walk on Saturday, December 8th.

The Lobby of the Main Branch will be open from 4-8 p.m. Enjoy the hot chocolate bar and fill up your cup with all the goodies!


There will also be a craft area for kids to make their own ornaments.

The First National Bank in Amboy

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa Claus is coming to town so The Amboy News has made special arrangements with the North Pole to publish letters to Santa in our December 19th issue.

The deadline for receiving letters is 3 p.m. on Monday, December 10. After we publish the letters, we will send them directly to Santa Claus at the North Pole in plenty of time for Christmas.

Letters may be sent to:
SANTA CLAUS
c/o the Amboy News
PO Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310

OR, drop them off at our location at 245 E. Main Street in Amboy
OR, Email them to: tgreenfield@amboynews.com (Email Subject "Letter to Santa")





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2018 Amboy Christmas Walk

Trolley Stops

- ~ Santa's Village
- ~ Teen Turf
- ~ Maple Crossing
- ~ Bridget Daniels
- ~ Iron Tree, The Warehouse Boutique and Extreme Installs
- ~ Twigs and Sprigs
- ~ Pankhurst Memorial Library

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Stop by for a **FREE** hot cup of soup or chili from us at Santa's Village in downtown Amboy during Amboy's Christmas Walk. Cash donations accepted for the local food pantry.

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Barb Harrison - owner

CHRISTMAS WALK SATURDAY SIP AND SHOP

Saturday, Dec. 8th, 4-8pm

Enjoy a Hot Toddy or your favorite cocktail while you shop

VENDORS ON SITE

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Coming to, or going from, Amboy's annual Christmas Walk, be sure to stop by Amboy Shell.



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