



Amboy Christmas Walk brings all the holiday spirit

Santa Clause, left photo, rode into Amboy in style as the Amboy Fire Department's fire truck was his sleigh on Dec. 9. Many businesses in Amboy shared holiday spirit as The First National Bank in Amboy, top right photo, had a hot chocolate bar and Amboy Food & Liquor served food and beverage, face painting, bottom right photo. Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Fatal hit-and-run traffic accident being investigated

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a fatal hit-and-run traffic accident that occurred near the intersection of Sterling Road and Walton Road at approximately 9:29 p.m. on Dec. 4. From the initial investigation, 40-year-old Patrick J. Yocum from Rock Falls was walking near the area and was struck by a vehicle. The victim was located by a passerby in the middle of the roadway. The victim was transported to KSB Hospital by the Amboy Fire Department and was later pronounced deceased. Due to the nature of the investigation, the roadway at the location was closed to traffic for a period of time. An accident reconstructionist and detectives from the Sheriff's Office were brought in to investigate the incident. Evidence left at the scene revealed that the offending vehicle has significant front-end damage to the grill, hood, and windshield of the vehicle. The

offending vehicle is believed to a 2014 to 2018 Jeep Cherokee. On Dec. 5, an individual contacted the Lee County Sheriff's Office and reported that they had been involved in an accident near that location. The offending vehicle was located and identified as a 2014 Jeep Cherokee. The vehicle was impounded, and the driver was questioned by detectives. Further investigation into the incident is currently being conducted and the Sheriff's Office is withholding the name of the driver at this time. An autopsy of Patrick Yocum was conducted on Dec. 6; however, the outcome is pending toxicology results. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Lee County Sheriff's Office at 284-6631 or Ogle-Lee Crimestoppers at 1-888-CAUGHT U (1-888-228-4488). Callers do not have to leave their names and may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 that leads to an arrest.



AFD Promotions: Stram becomes Assistant EMS Director

Editor's note: On November 8 it was announced five members of the Amboy Fire Department received promotions. The Nov. 29 edition of The Amboy News featured the first promotion story. This

is the third as we get to know each of the promoted individuals a little better. We thank them and all members of the AFD for their service and show gratitude of what they do for Amboy.

BRANDON LaCHANCE
Amboy News Editor
AMBOY — Kim Stram always wanted to be involved with the Amboy Fire Department. However, with her, her husband Mike Stram and their five children (Luke, Josh, Tyler, Tristan, and Marissa) living outside of town, she decided against it. Then 10 years ago, the Strams moved into Amboy and Kim officially joined the AFD. On Nov. 8, she was promoted from EMS Captain to Assistant EMS Director. "I wanted to do it when my kids were little. We lived in the country, and it just didn't work for where we lived," Kim Stram said.

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A Tribute to the fallen of World War I

Editor's note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on Lee County veterans who served during World War I. These heroes are part of Amboy's history and it is our honor to publish these articles so you can learn about their service to our country. This article was researched by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey, and written by Dempsey.



5th Limited Service Regiment, 161st Depot Brigade
September of 1918 brought suffering and large-scale tragedy to Camp Grant, Illinois the entry point into World



War I for most Lee County soldiers. The so-called "Spanish Flu" had already begun sweeping the United States, including numerous army bases spread across the states. Located just four

miles south of Rockford, Camp Grant was a primary site for training and equipping infantry soldiers before sending them off to fight in France. On Sept. 21, soldiers

in the officers' training school presented flu-like symptoms to medical officers who immediately sent them to base hospital.

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LOCAL NEWS

Lee County Sheriff's Office releases Thanksgiving enforcement numbers

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic safety campaign Nov. 17-27 reminding motorists to buckle up and drive sober. The "Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" mobilization was conducted by Lee County Deputies and other state and local law enforcement agencies across Illinois to reduce highway fatalities.

During the campaign, Lee County Sheriff's Deputies handled:

- Three (3) seat belt citations
- Zero (0) DUI arrests
- One (1) fugitives apprehended
- One (1) suspended/revoked licenses
- Three (3) uninsured motorists

- Nine (9) speeding citations
- One (1) distracted driving citations
- One (1) suspended registration citations

The Thanksgiving enforcement effort is made possible by federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation and is part of the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over".

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The next group of soldiers affected by illness were those from the 5th Limited Service Regiment, whose barracks were located next to the officers training school. These boys had recently been inducted as part of the September 5th replacement draft, and resided in nearby counties where the flu had already appeared. One of those newly drafted boys was Fred Dillow of Amboy.

The flu epidemic spread quickly and violently so that

within 48 hours a majority of soldiers at Camp Grant were infected. With the base hospital overwhelmed, some barracks were vacated and turned into medical wards equipped with hospital beds, and medical officers and Red Cross nurses were called back from leave to meet the emergency at hand. In the days to follow, soldiers were restricted to base, outside visitors were mostly barred, and flu-infected soldiers were quarantined in isolated medi-

cal barracks with inspections twice daily. All personnel were required to wear gauze masks. At the time, it was thought that overtaxing recruits with excessive drills, lack of cold weather clothing, and crowded barracks all contributed to this outbreak. The weather had been unusually cold and damp for the month of September.

On Sept. 27, one week after its onset, the flu epidemic began to subside. On Oct. 2, Pvt. Frederick Dillow died of

influenza at the base hospital along with 41 other soldiers. The last death from this illness occurred on Nov. 3, and a total of 1,060 soldiers had died of flu at Camp Grant.

Although Pvt. Dillow's service was brief, he gave his life in the hope that the Great War would be the one to finally end all wars. He is buried at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy.

NOTE: If you know of other Lee County Soldiers who died in service during World War I,

we urge you to share that information to demps60@gmail.com so that those soldiers may be honored and remembered.

Sources

"War History of Lee County Illinois, 1917-1919". Dixon American Legion Post 12, 1919.

"Abstract From the Report on Influenza Epidemic at Camp Grant, Illinois, Sept. 21-Nov. 5, 1918". Records of the Office of the Surgeon General (Army), 1918.

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Volunteers

We welcome all volunteers for our afterschool program, which runs normally Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Volunteers help serve lunch, supervise kids, and help with various homework tasks. If interested, please call us at 815-857-4800. You can volunteer whatever time you have. We even have volunteers come in the morning to help with other prep tasks.

Christmas Walk

A full thank you will be in next week's paper.

The Christmas Dance

We will be having a dance on Friday, Dec. 22, from 7-9 p.m. We will be having an ugly sweater contest and other games. Please come and join in on the fun before winter break. Chaperones always welcomed.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Ginger and Andy McCoy; Kathy Bonnell for the food; Lynn and Tim O'Laughlin for the Christmas items; Donald Duck for the granola bars; Anonymous donation for the variety of items; Meyers furniture for helping a family in need; Tom and Cheryl Nauman for the monetary donation and helping a family in need; Donna Wellman for cookies and helping a family in need; Bonny and Bob Faivre for the chips; Brad and Pam Kessel for the monetary donation; Jim and Jean Travi for the monetary donation; Tom McLaughlin and family and friends for the donation in memory of Mary; Marcy Cline and family for the Christmas items; Anonymous donation of the pop; Chris and Greg Welker for the Christmas items; Karen and Frank Stenzel for the peppermint; Anonymous donation of the snacks; Kathy and McLaughlin for the piano; Hetta Grasser for the monetary donation; Carl and Clara Harris for the food and various items; Goodfellows of Lee County for the special items; Americorps Seniors and Lifescapes for the snacks; and everyone who donates cans.

Donation Drop off

We kindly ask not to drop items outside, please bring them in our 24/7 hallway.

Needs

For Afterschool program-Chocolate Chip Granola bars or Fruit Granola bars.

Final Note

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lee County Sheriff's says, drive merry, bright and sober this holiday season

LEE COUNTY — The holidays are a time for caring and sharing, which is why the Lee County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation to spread the word about the dangers of impaired driving with a "Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Drive High. Get a DUI." enforcement campaign. From Dec. 15 through Jan. 2, law enforcement across Illinois will show zero tolerance for alcohol- and drug-impaired driving to keep our roads safe and help ensure a happy holiday season.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System, in the United States in 2021, a total of 13,384 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving an alcohol-im-

Deck the halls with fire safety in mind

SPRINGFIELD — The OSFM stresses the importance of fire safety while decorating for the holiday season. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) more than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles. More than two of every five home decoration fires occur due to decorations being placed too close to a heat source.

Candle fires peak in December followed closely by January. More than half of home decoration fires in December are started by candles. The top three days for home candle fires are Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and New Year's Eve. Before you head to bed or out for the evening, extinguish all lit candles.

"Decorating for the holiday season is an exciting time, but you need to keep fire safety in mind when you deck the halls," said Illinois State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera.

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

AMBOY- You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program. The program has moved from The Amboy Sports Park to indoors at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US Highway 52, Amboy. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Chairs are provided for an approximate 30-minute workout. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, at Amboy Junior High School.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its School Age program on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 - 10:45 a.m.

AMBOY-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, at Amboy Community Building, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet on Monday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m., at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

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

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Book Club on Monday, Dec. 18, from 5 - 6 p.m.

AMBOY-The Amboy Civic Organization will not hold its usual monthly meeting the first Tuesday of December. Instead, they will share a holiday season celebration on Dec. 19. ACO members and their guests will gather at the Long Branch Saloon at 5:30 p.m. to share conversation, dinner and musical entertainment. Les Wilson, local singer and guitarist, will perform from 6 - 7 p.m. Attendees will be able to order dinner from the Long Branch "Party Menu" and will be responsible for their own bills. Please RSVP by calling Christine Noble at 815-857-3963. We hope to have a head count by Dec. 12, if not sooner.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Mommy and Me program on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 10-10:45 a.m.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd., Dixon.

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- Favorite Animal - Raccoon
- Favorite Food - Burger
- Favorite Book - Green Eggs and Ham
- Favorite Game - (No) Laughing Game
- Favorite Song - I'm On Vacation

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This Week's Student of the Week is:
Brynlee Holder

Student's Favorites:

- Favorite Color - Purple and Purple
- Favorite Animal - Elephant and Unicorns
- Favorite Food - Mac and Cheese, and Pizza
- Favorite Book - Dr. Seuss books
- Favorite Game - Hide and Seek, and Tic Tac Toe
- Favorite Song - My Boogie Shoes

LOCAL NEWS



Rep. Bradley Fritts joins Amboy for Ag in the Classroom
 Illinois State Representative Bradley Fritts, kneeling, joined a Central School classroom on Thursday, Dec. 7 in part of Ag in the Classroom with Lee County Farm Bureau and Katie Pratt. Fritts talked with the students as they learned about poinsettias and colored their own paper poinsettia. Fritts also visited Amboy Junior High and Amboy High School during his Ag in the Classroom experience. "I love it. This is our next generation of Illinoisians. This is our next generation of voters," Rep. Fritts said. "It's our next generation of people who are going to be educators, politicians, farmers, etc. It is cool to be part of that as a Representative to let our educators know we support them and to let the kids know that even though they're not voting age, they have people who care about them. Some of the things the kids say really make you smile sometimes." Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

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"When we moved into town 10 years ago, my youngest son, was on the fire department staff and he pushed me to take the EMT class with him. I've been here ever since. All three of my boys were part of the Amboy Fire Department at one time, but none are now. My son was a big reason I'm here."

"I take pride in the department and the people. I look forward to helping our department become stronger out on the field. I really enjoy what we do and helping people. Now, I get to direct and be up front in decision making. It'll be a challenge, but I'm up for it."

Stram, who has lived in Amboy her entire life and graduated from Amboy High School in 1987, is happy with how the Amboy Fire Department has served the community and is excited about the future.

"I think we've grown a lot stronger in the last year or two," Stram said. "There have been a lot of new things happening in terms of the department being updated and a new fire truck. We're always getting new equipment. It's a great place to be."

"I wish we could get more people here."

Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant Sr. appreciates what

Stram has brought to the department for the last decade and thinks her position as Assistant EMS Director fits her skill set and adds to what she means to the AFD.

"She's agreeing to take on more duties and be in more of a management role," Chief Bryant Sr. said. "She'll still be in charge of major EMS accidents, but in-house, she's going to assist Wes Shaw (EMS Director) as a director. She'll play a role in education, helping us hone-in our skills, and making decisions in which equipment we need or what needs to be replaced."



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Blood Drive

For over 40 years Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sublette has been running blood drives. On Tuesday, Dec. 5, the American Red Cross came to the church's community room to hold another blood drive as they take place every 56 days. The blood drives, which supplies pie and other goodies after a donation, average 30 donors a month and had a showing of 47 during a drive in 2022. Our Lady of Perpetual Help organizer Carol Vaessen said, "I needed blood when I had children. That's when I started donating. My neighbor was running the drives and when she stepped away, I decided to step in. It's a great cause and everyone should donate to help the community." Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

Red Cross holiday decorating safety steps

LEE COUNTY — Follow these safety tips and visit [redcross.org/fire](https://www.redcross.org/fire) for more information. You can also download the free Red Cross Emergency app by searching "American Red Cross" in app stores.

If you must use candles, keep them away from anything that could burn, and place them out of reach of pets and children. Never leave burning candles unattended.

Check all holiday light cords to ensure they aren't frayed or broken. Don't string too many strands of lights together — no more than three per extension cord.

Ensure outside decorations are for outdoor use and fasten lights securely to

your home or trees. If using hooks or nails outside, make sure they are insulated to avoid an electrocution or fire hazard.

If buying an artificial tree, look for a fire-resistant label. When putting it up, keep it away from fireplaces, radiators and other sources of heat. Never use electric lights on metallic trees.

If getting a live tree, make sure it's fresh and keep it watered. To test if the tree is fresh, bend the needles up and down to make sure no needles fall off.

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SOCIAL NEWS

OSF HealthCare
welcomes new
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OTTAWA – OSF HealthCare is pleased to add a new obstetric and gynecology provider to its staff to better serve the Streator and Ottawa communities and the surrounding areas.

The addition of Shai Nyi, MD, on December 10 will ensure increased access for patients in need of obstetric and gynecology care at OSF Medical Group—Obstetrics and Gynecology, located at 111 Spring Street in Streator and OSF Medical Group—Obstetrics and Gynecology, located at 1614 East Norris Drive in Ottawa.

Dr. Nyi offers a comprehensive range of services, including obstetrical care, annual wellness exams, and the skilled treatment of various medical and surgical issues in women's health. His expertise extends to overseeing deliveries at OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, ensuring the highest quality of care for expectant mothers.

He received a Bachelor of Science from Southern Illinois University and a medical degree from Washington Hospital Center.

New or existing patient appointments with Dr. Nyi can be made by calling 815-431-0435. For more information, please visit osfhealthcare.org/saint-elizabeth.

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For the **Dec. 27, 2023 edition**, the advertising and editorial deadline is **Thursday, Dec. 21 at noon.**

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The **Amboy News** will be **closed** on **Monday, Dec. 25** and reopen at **8 a.m.**, on **Tuesday, Dec. 26**, in observance of Christmas.

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The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

FOUL WEATHER

Irish writer Paul Lynch's first novel, "Red Sky in Morning," is an astonishing blend of poetic language and thrilling plot, classic storytelling at its best. As he put it, "While the modern novel and the postmodern novel abandoned at times that interest in storytelling ... I am convinced the post-post-modern novel – whatever that is – can learn to reincorporate old-fashioned storytelling again." The title goes as far back as when Jesus said, "When in evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: For the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today; for the sky is red and lowering." (Matthew 16:2-3).

The novel, which is loosely based on a historical event – the massacre of 57 Irish immigrants in 1832 in Pennsylvania – begins on a red April morning in County Donegal: "Night sky was black and then there was blood, morning crack of light on the edge of the earth. ... First rain of day from a soundless sky and music it made of the land. The trees let slip the mantle of darkness, stretched themselves ... red then goldening rays of light catching. The rain stopped ... The land, old and tremulous, turned slowly towards the rising sun." The novel's protagonist awakens: "Coll Coyle was tight with rage and could not admit he was afraid." Coll, a tenant farmer whose wife Sarah was expecting their second child, was about to be evicted from the farm. Enraged, Coll attacked Hamilton, the landlord, and accidentally killed him. When the body was found, Hamilton's foreman Faller strung up Coll's brother by his fingers. Coll witnessed the

lynching and ran.

Faller, physically imposing and intelligent, was as murderous as they came. He meant to hunt Coll down, no matter the cost in time and in lives. Coll evaded Faller and his men by the skin of his teeth as he fled to Derry. There, Faller came within a few feet of him when Coll managed to board the only departing ship. The ship was bound for America. The voyage was beyond harrowing: near starvation, cholera, an unremitting, brutal struggle for survival. The ship docked in Philadelphia on June 23. An Irish contractor named Duffy was waiting for the immigrants and as they came ashore he offered them jobs. Duffy was contracted by the railroads to build a section of track called Mile 59. Later it became known as Duffy's Cut.

What awaited Coll and his friends that summer of 1832 turned out to be a gruesome hell. They worked twelve-hour shifts, lived in tents hardly better than what they had endured in the ship's hold. Within weeks, cholera swept through their quarters. Local vigilantes threatened to kill them. And for Coll, the worst enemy of all appeared: Faller had pursued him to Philadelphia.

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*Local nature
and history*

By Jim "Mazie" Long



Sycamores are distinguished by their bark, shed during 500 years of potential growth. Their fruit holds fast through winter and falls off in the springtime.

**How high does the
Sycamore grow?**

**If you lived in one, you had a pretty
good idea...**

The Sycamore is the largest and tallest deciduous tree in the eastern U.S. The trees have been measured over 150 feet tall and with trunks over twelve feet thick. The bark of the upper branches is mostly white with a little gray or green. The bark is constantly peeling off as the trees grow larger. There are some very old and large Sycamores in the Franklin Center area.

A Sycamore's leaves have three to five lobes, similar to maple leaves, but much larger. The buds are hidden inside the base of the leaf stalks. The fruits look like small golf balls hanging on a long stalk. I have always wondered why there were no Sycamores anywhere along the old channel of the Green River, even though Sycamores are usually found along the banks of creeks and rivers. Although the Green River flows through extensive former marshes, the Sycamore should still be growing on its banks.

If one travels down Bureau Creek, you will soon see Sycamores, but they are not found in the upper reaches of that stream. They have extended their range up the Rock River and Franklin Creek into Lee County. They can be found in Melugin Grove along a stream that flows into Green River, but nowhere else on Green River. The seed for the Melugin Grove trees must have come overland from the Paw Paw area in eastern Lee County.

Did you know?

Sycamore trees have grown so large, and often with trunks so hollow, that two brothers once actually lived in one. Back in 1761, during the French and Indian War, John and Samuel Pringle deserted their British garrison in favor of residing elsewhere. They escaped into the wilderness that is now West Virginia. Where, after three years in hiding, and not knowing that the war had ended, they took up residence in



**Jim "Mazie"
Long**

the hollow of a giant Sycamore. They lived in the tree until 1767, at which time one of the brothers ventured away from the tree to find out that the war had ended three years prior. – Editor

Native Americans once regarded Sycamore trees as the "Ghosts of the Forest". The tree's odd appearance has inspired a long history of related folklore dating back to Egyptian times, when the tree was thought to connect the living world with the world of the dead. -- Editor

Editor's Note: James Brady Long was born in Amboy on June 12, 1926. Known by many as "Mazie", he grew up in Amboy, served in the army during World War II, then studied forestry at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. His studies in botany and forest protection continued as he ventured into farming here. A beloved story-teller, his farm became a place of learning and adventure for relatives and friends. In his later years, he contributed a series of local nature articles to The Amboy News. Upon his death in 2000, his many hand-written drafts were gathered and initially curated by Brenda Boyle. The present, renewed series draws from those drafts, both unpublished and previously published.

Opinion

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances ~ The First Amendment

The artform known as Christmas cookies

I never realized there were different ways to make Christmas cookies. As a kid, you stuck the butter knife into the frosting container and then applied to the cookie you cut out of store bought dough. Maybe you would create a smile on Santa Claus' face with a toothpick or maybe you added some color with food dye. Through the years and through meeting different people and families, there are about 100 gazillion different ways to make them. In finding out this information, I declare Christmas cookies as an artform, not simply a holiday festivity pushed

Column

By Brandon LaChance



under the rug. It takes time. It takes dedication. It takes back, knee, elbow, and finger pain. It takes money. It takes creativity. Sounds like an artform to me. I had no idea how many people actually make their own cookie dough and icing instead of taking the easy way out and buying premade, ready to go supplies at a grocery store. Who would have thought? I'm guessing all of you Christmas cookie bakers, who I appreciate.

Christmas cookies have always been one of my favorite holiday treats because of the awesome designs and what can be done with peanut butter, peanuts, chocolate, other ingredients, different colors, layers, and of course the overall taste. But now, knowing what it takes to make them be the amazing staple of the second best holiday of the season (Casimir Pulaski Day being the best), makes the appreciation and thank you levels reach an all-time high. Never again will I say a Christmas cookie is bad or doesn't look cool. I appreciate them all from now on. Last Sunday, for the first time in my life, I spent roughly eight hours, making dough, making frosting, baking cookies, cutting out shapes, frosting cookies, putting them in containers, and scrubbing ingredients off of my skin and clothes. Never, did I think it was such a time consuming, tedious procedure. However, it was so much fun and I'll definitely wear an apron next holiday season for more cookies. I may not see or eat your cookies, but from a novice Christmas cookie baker, I appreciate the effort and extraordinary skill you put into your holiday deliciousness. But if you want me to taste test or to witness your cookies, feel free to drop them by The Mendota Reporter.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 years ago Dec. 14, 1923

For the past few weeks this part of the country has enjoyed ideal spring-like weather. Matie Hammond moved her millinery shop to the building formerly occupied by S. Rose on Jones Street. Epperson's Jome Furnishings advertised manhy sales for the holidays - Cedar chests from \$10.25 to \$27.00; New home sewing machines from #12.50 to \$120; rugs, mirrors, tables, lamps, pillows, chairs and various other items for home decorating.

75 years ago Dec. 9, 1948

After 31 years of service as secretary of the Illinois Central Lodge #178, Dr. W.L. Berryman retired, and Ray Price was elected to take his place. John Stouffer was elected the new Worshipful Master. Hull's has a beautiful and com-

plete selection of Christmas cards from 5 cents to 25 cents and children's books from 25 cents to \$1.

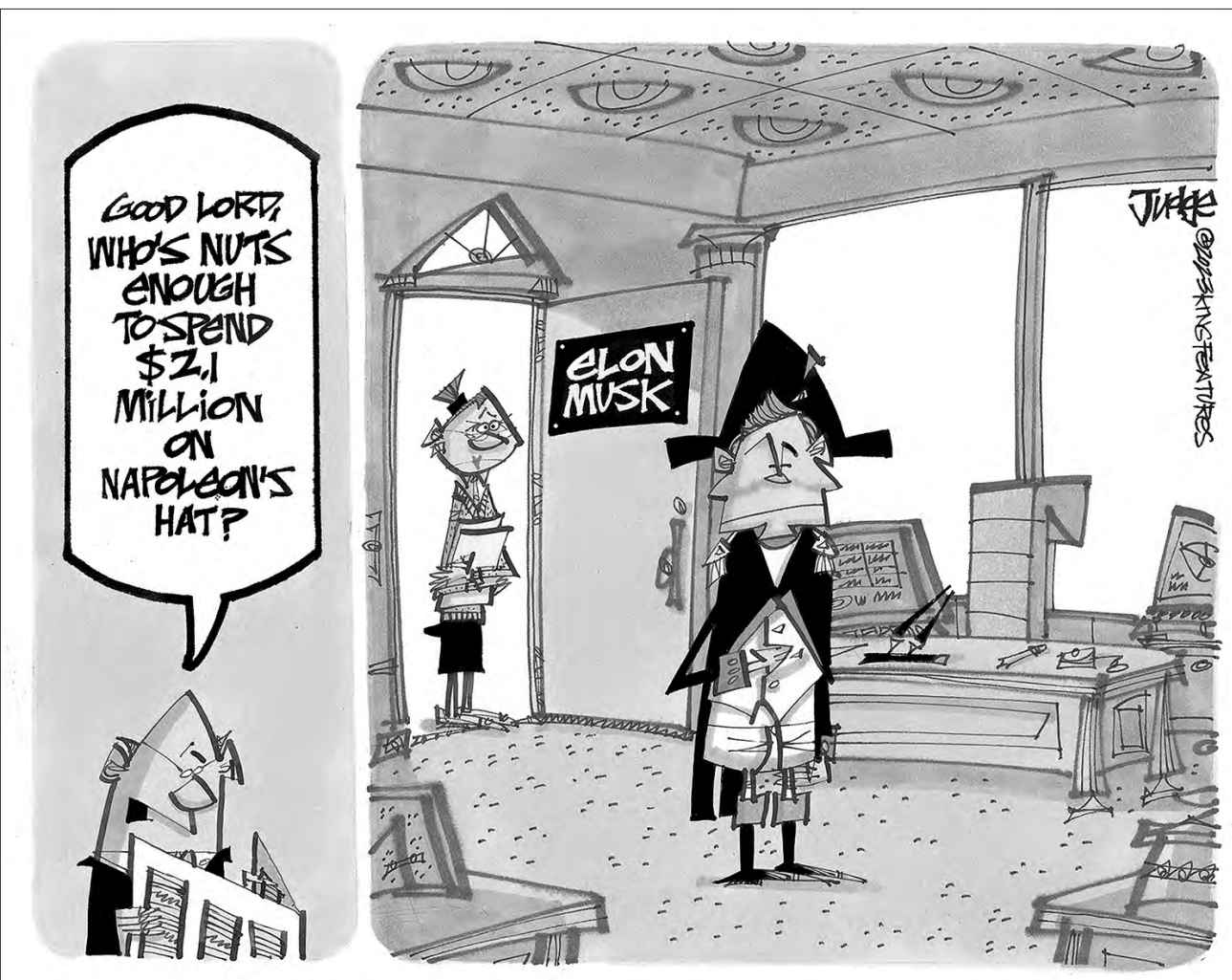
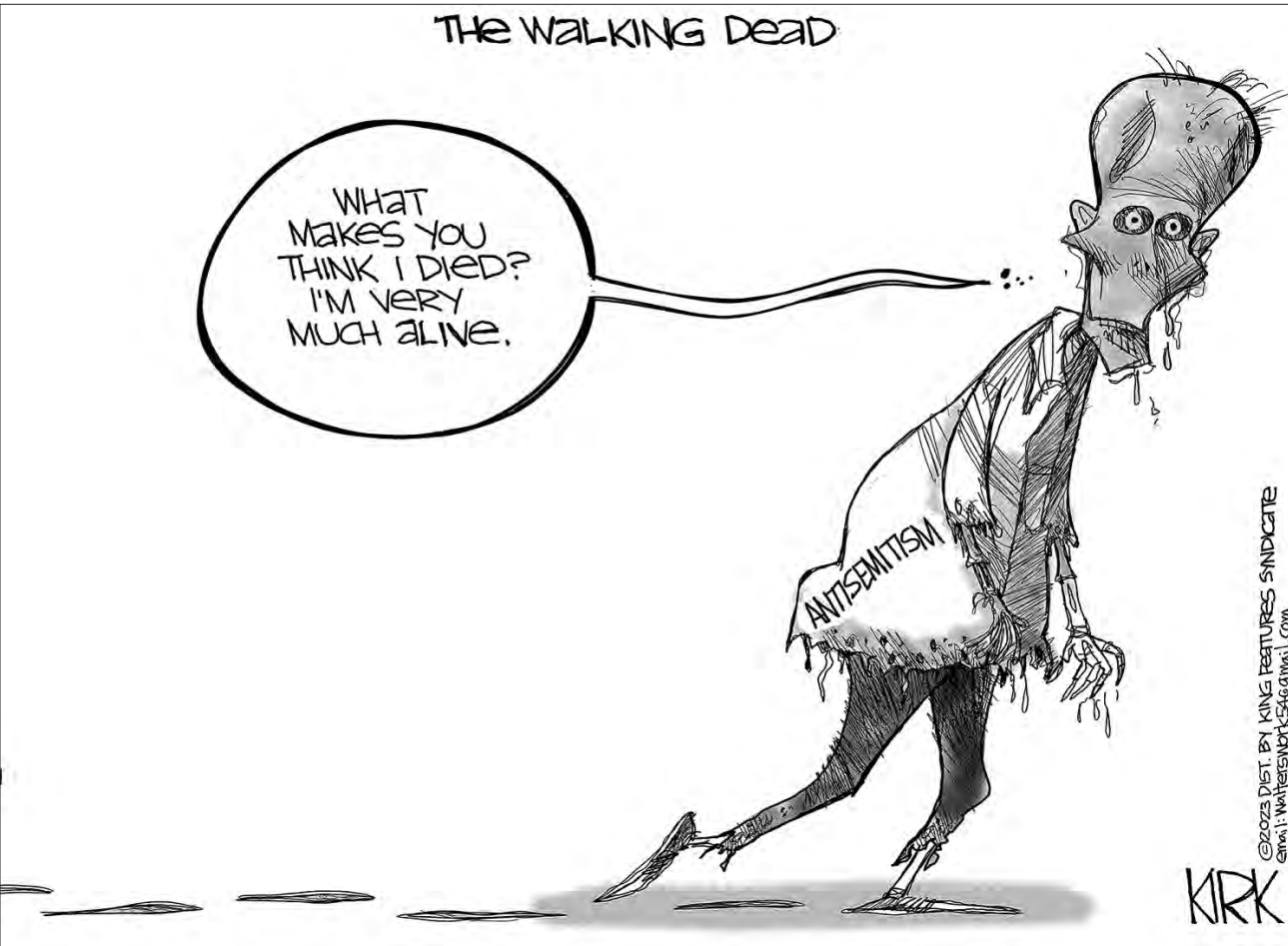
50 years ago Dec. 13, 1973

The president of the Illinois Central Railroad met with the Amboy Bi-Centennial Commission to discuss acquisition and renovation of the depot. 300 guests attended the 25h wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mead. There were more than 500 in attendance at the joint annual meeting of the Lee County Farm Bureau and Lee FS Inc.

25 years ago Dec, 10, 1998

The very unique Christmas tree, decorated as jolly old Santa Claus himself, adds a touch of Christmas cheer to Amboy's Community Center. Decorated by Linda Schrock, the

tree features 2,000 lights and 300 ornaments. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission recently announced the 1998-99 Illinois State Scholars. Of this year's scholars, six are students at Amboy High School. Those students are: Chris Dickinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dickinson; Nicole Erbes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denis Erbes' James Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fleming' Kimberly Flessner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flessner' Brian Shippert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Shippert; and Kirk Spielman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spielman. On the day before Thanksgiving, Jill and Joe Polivka of Clarendon Hills, came to Amboy Wasson Street neighborhood to dedicate two maple trees in honor of their daughter. The Polivka's and their local Lions Club from Clarendon Hills, donated two maple trees for the Kreider Services' group home in which their daughter lives.



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LOCAL NEWS

Puppy scammers top the online shopping naughty list

ROCKFORD – Online shopping remains the #1 scam category both locally and nationally, and pet and puppy scams lead the list for dollars lost. Con artists have the perfect combination of high emotions and the time pressure of the holidays to catch people off guard and steal money from families that were supposed to add a wonderful pet to their household.

Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau, says, "Pet purchasing scams are sad any time of the year, but they are even more heart-wrenching during the holidays, especially if children are involved. Puppy scams were one of the most emotionally and financially devastating scams last year; victims of pet purchasing scams lost an average of \$850."

Scammers entice their victims by posting copied pictures of cute pets, especially expensive breeds, and create phony company websites to trick their victims. BBB Scam Tracker has received many reports of fake web pages impersonating real businesses for this pur-

pose. To add even more agony to the scam, fraudsters often say they shipped the pet, but there is a problem in transit, and they will need additional funds. The scammer also may demand fees for vaccinations or other last-minute "needs." Ultimately, the pet does not exist, and the consumer has lost money and emotional investment.

The Better Business Bureau advises extreme caution if shopping for a pet online. The number one red flag in these cases is that the fraudster will find any excuse to never meet in person or have a video meeting where you can see the pet and the alleged seller. The seller prefers to handle communication by email and not by phone.

Common tactics used in pet scams continue to evolve. Scammers increasingly ask for payment through untraceable cash apps such as Zelle, Google Pay, Cash App, Venmo, and Apple Pay.

BBB offers the following additional tips to stay safe:

- Only purchase from a reputable dealer. Check BBB Business Profiles on BBB.org for complaints and

customer reviews before purchasing.

- See the pet in person before paying any money. Since scammers are highly unlikely to comply with the request, this may help avoid a scam. At the very least, demand a virtual meeting with the seller and the pet you're interested in.

- Do a reverse image search of the photo of the pet and search for a distinctive phrase in the description.

- Research to get a sense of a fair price for the breed you are considering. Think twice if someone advertises a purebred dog for free or at a deeply discounted price. It could be a fraudulent offer.

- Consider visiting a local animal shelter online for a pet you can meet before adopting.

Who to contact if you are the victim of a pet scam:

- Petscams.com - petscams.com/report-pet-scam-websites tracks complaints, catalogues puppy scammers, and endeavors to get fraudulent pet sales websites taken down.

- Better Business Bureau - BBB Scam Tracker to report a scam online.

- Your credit card issuer – report the incident if you shared your credit card number, even if the transaction was not completed.

For more information, visit BBB.org or follow us @ChicagoBBB on social media. Look for the BBB seal, The Sign of a Better Business.

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Nov. 2 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Nov. 3 - Lucas Dobson, Davis Junction, \$25

Nov. 4 - Dana Ptucha, Deer Park, New York, \$25

Nov. 5 - From the Heart, \$50

Nov. 6 - Carol Drummet, Freeport, \$25

Nov. 7 - Jim May, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 8 - Elsie Johnson, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 9 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Nov. 10 - Rochelle Chamber, \$250

Nov. 11 - Hayvin Neale, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 12 - Nathan K. Timm, Rochelle, \$50

Nov. 13 - Deanna Wooten, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 14 - Cindy Goldman, Ashton, \$25

Nov. 15 - Jackson Graber, Rockford, \$25

Nov. 16 - Paul Mott, Wautoma, Wis., \$25

Nov. 17 - Shane Waters, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 18 - Rita Thompson, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 19 - Ed Deets, Dixon, \$50

Nov. 20 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25

Nov. 21 - Daniel Pineda, Ashton, \$25

Nov. 22 - Zekelman Employee, \$25

Nov. 23 - Dustin Shafer, Rochelle, \$500

Nov. 24 - J'Sondra Veracini, Rochelle, \$25

Nov. 25 - Willa Wood, Lindenwood, \$25

Nov. 26 - Heather Bresson, Ashton, \$50

Nov. 27 - Jessica Curatola, Ashton, \$25

Nov. 28 - Laurie (Mrs. Dennis) Bearrows, Chana, \$25

Nov. 29 - Tina Graber, Palatine, \$25

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Wednesday – Chicken cordon bleu, twiced baked potato, broccoli, Holiday dessert
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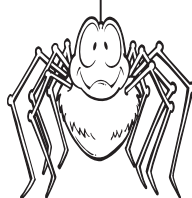
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LOCAL NEWS

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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by Gary Kopervas



The Spats

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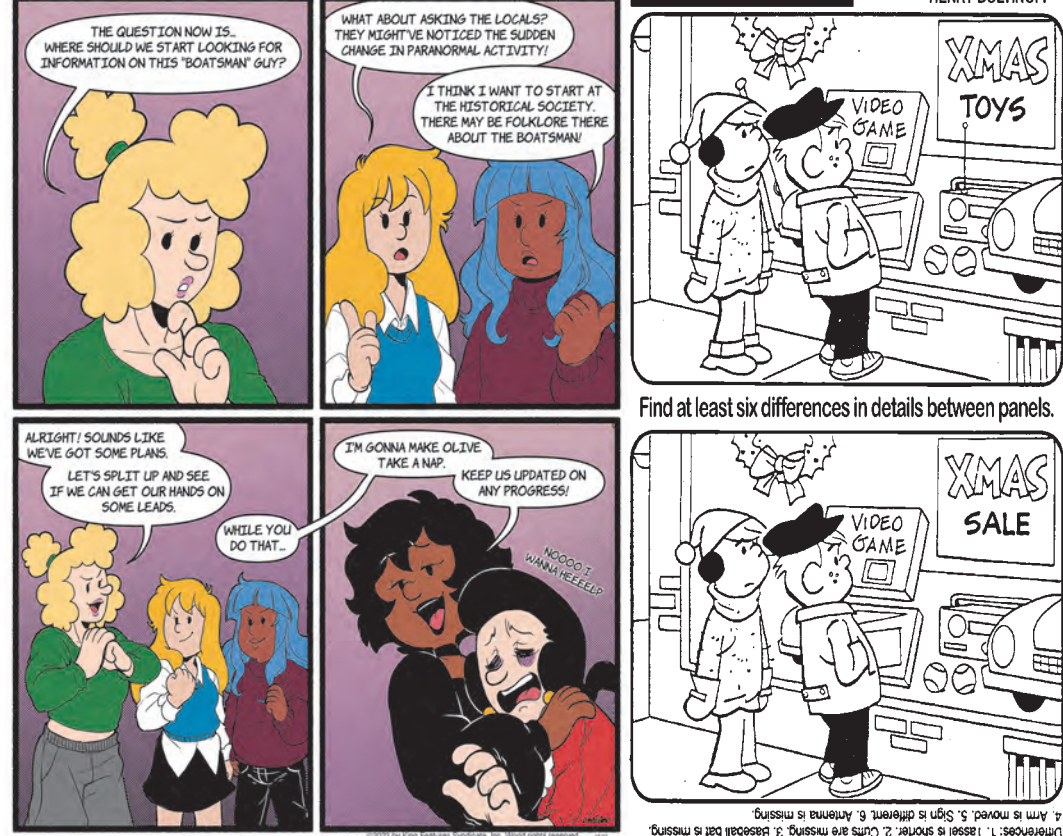
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CryptoQuip

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: X equals S

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KVUTN TBGMZUMX, U'W XZI
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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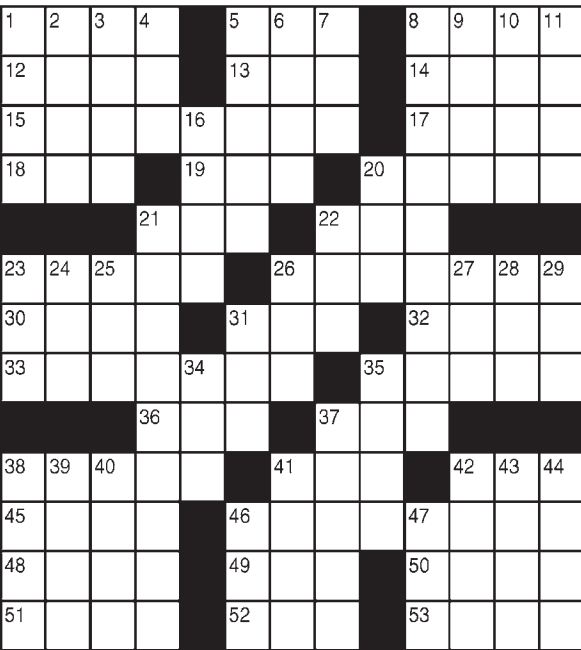
What floor is the _____ on?
And don't go away ...!

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King Crossword

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23 Shroud city
26 He can hold his head high
30 "Dream on!"
31 Zero-star review
32 Santa's runway
33 Old English Sheepdog feature
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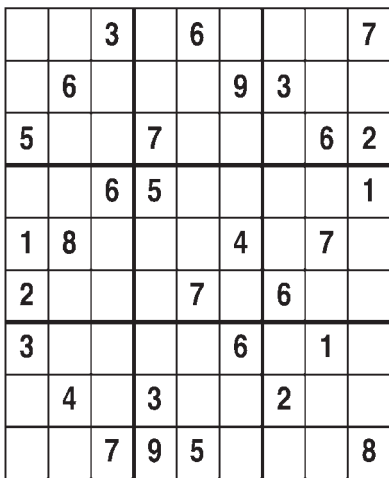


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Weekly SUDOKU

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
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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from PILLS to HULKS in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

PILLS

HULKS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which famous highway that stretches across the United States is sometimes known as the Will Rogers Highway?
- MUSIC: Which country did the pop group ABBA come from?
- TELEVISION: What article made Frosty the Snowman come to life in the popular TV special?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is colcannon?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Volcanoes National Park?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the acapella group that Anna Kendrick joins on "Pitch Perfect"?
- INVENTIONS: Who invented the Barbie doll in 1959?
- MATH: How many tablespoons are in 1 cup?
- LITERATURE: What is the title of the sequel to "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which elected president is the only one to fail to gain his party's nomination for a second term?

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11. "Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator."

12. "16."

13. Ruth Handler.

14. The Barden Bellas.

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16. Mashed potatoes and cabbage.

17. A magic hat.

18. Sweden.

19. Route 66.

20. Answers

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Today's Word

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SPORTS



The Amboy wrestling team competed at the Plano Reaper Wrestling Classic on Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9. In the photo, left to right, are assistant coach Brian Appleman, Evan Flanagan, Ty Florschuetz, Landon Roath, Chase Montavon, Lucas Blanton, Landon Blanton, Caiden Heath, assistant coach John Janssen. Photo contributed

Landon Blanton wins 120-bracket at Plano Reaper Classic; Strong showing by Clippers

AMBOY – The Amboy wrestling team met some of the area's best wrestlers during Friday and Saturday's, Dec. 8-9, Reaper Classic in Plano.

The Plano wrestling tournament saw sophomore Landon Blanton win at 120 pounds, senior Lucas Blanton was fourth at 174, freshman Ty Florschuetz was fifth at 106, sophomore Chase Montavon was sixth at 126 and freshman Evan Flanagan was sixth at 215.

The day before the Reaper Classic, Thursday, Dec. 7, Amboy traveled to Lena to compete in a triangular with Lena-Winslow and Morrison.

Amboy fell to both squads as Lena-Winslow won 65-9 and Morrison won 54-24.

The Clippers' nine points against L-W came from a Landon Blanton pinfall victory over Reece Demeter in 3:23 at 12 pounds and an 8-6 decision victory for Montavon over L-W's 126-pounder Tegan Arnold.

Against Morrison, Amboy earned points from Florschuetz with a forfeit at 106, a pin by Landon Blanton at 120 pounds over Patrick Schaefer in 3:00, a fall at 175 by Lucas Blanton over Caleb Carroll in 3:00, and a pinfall victory at 3:12 by Flanagan over Evan McDonnell at 215.

Illinois hunters harvested more deer in 2023 than 2022

SPRINGFIELD - Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 53,348 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois firearm deer season between Nov. 17-19.

Comparatively, hunters took 52,354 deer during the first firearm weekend in 2022.

Totals for area counties are as follows: Bureau—695; DeKalb—83; LaSalle—499;

Lee—385; Ogle—503; Putnam—244; Whiteside—402.

The top five counties for total deer taken during the first season are: Randolph—1506; Adams—1423; Jackson—1371; Fulton—1296; Jefferson—1286.

Illinois' seven-day firearm deer season concluded Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Those harvest totals will be available

later. Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-only deer season Dec. 8-10;

- Late-winter antlerless-only and chronic wasting disease deer seasons (in select counties only) Dec. 28-31 and Jan. 12-14; and

- Archery deer season through Jan. 14.

Clipper boys hoopers fall to Earlville at home

AMBOY – With only one game on the slate during the week, the Amboy boys basketball team didn't have to travel far as they played Earlville Wednesday, Dec. 6 at home.

The Clippers improved as the game went along but couldn't hang with the Red Raiders as Amboy lost 63-30.

Amboy scored three points in the first quarter, seven in the second, six in the third, and 14 in the fourth.

Sophomore Casen Taylor led Amboy with eight points, while junior Kabe Daniels scored six, and sophomores Rylan McNich and Tucker McCoy, respectively, tallied four apiece.

IHSA Legislative Commission forwards 14 proposals to IHSA member schools

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association's Legislative Commission voted Nov. 27 to advance 14 proposals to amend the IHSA Constitution and By-laws to a vote of the general membership.

The Commission voted after hearing feedback from member school personnel at 28 town meetings held virtually and in-person around the state during the month of November.

Among the proposals on the ballot are:

- Proposal 4: Allows coaches to conduct out of season strength and conditioning workouts with limits of no more than four days per week and no more than 90 minutes per session outside the season. No coaching of the skills of a sport during any session.

- Proposal 5: Allows students to meet the residence by-law when their parent/guardian is a full-time staff member at a public school whose attendance boundary they do not reside in if the district has a Board Policy permitting students of employees to attend tuition free.

- Proposal 9: Modifies the All-Star games participation limit to include all sports as opposed to just basketball,

football, soccer and volleyball.

- Proposal 11: Modifies the number of summer contact days restriction from 25 to 18 days.

- Proposal 12: Allows coaches to conduct strength and conditioning workouts with limits of no more than four days per week and no more than 90 minutes per session during the summer contact days. Conditioning training does not count against the summer contact day count. No coaching of the skills of a sport during any session in order for the session not to count as a summer contact day.

- Proposal 17: Creates the opportunity for football teams to conduct a pre-season scrimmage with another school. Specific scrimmage limitations include the following: Use of IHSA Officials, four separate 12 play segments, no special teams, 48 total play limits per player, no live contact or thud in practice the day before or after the scrimmage. Scrimmage to be held on Friday or Saturday of IHSA week 7. Players are eligible to participate in the scrimmage after participating in eight different days of practice.

- Proposal 18: Establishes districts in the sport of football to be determined by the IHSA using geography and classification. Eight districts in each class with eight schools in each district. District games in weeks 3-9 of the regular season. Top four schools in each district qualify for the IHSA Playoffs. Seeding procedures will be similar to current seeding procedures with teams from the same district not to play in the first round.

- Proposal 20: Eliminate the match limit per tournament language in girls' and boys' volleyball.

- Proposal 22: Increase the number of girls' wrestling team contests from 18 to 25.

- Proposal 23: Establishes a Girls' Flag Football fall season limitation (Monday of week 6 to Saturday of week 21), a pre-season practice requirement of nine practices before a contest and a regular season contests limitation of 25 games exclusive of the IHSA State Series.

Amboy High School

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Girls Basketball
Maeve Larson

Boys Basketball
Kabe Daniels

Wrestling
Chase Montavon & Ethan Flanagan

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Monday, Dec. 18
AHS Varsity Boys Basketball @ Eastland Tournament-TBA

Tuesday, Dec. 19
AHS Varsity Boys Basketball @ Eastland Tournament-TBA
AHS Wrestling @ Byron-5:30 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 20
AHS Varsity Boys Basketball @ Eastland Tournament-TBA
AHS Wrestling @ Riverdale w/Kewanee-5:30 pm
EARLY DISMISSAL-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY-
AHS/AJHS-11:20/Central-11:25

Thursday, Dec. 21
AHS Varsity Boys Basketball @ Eastland Tournament-TBA
AHS Girls Basketball (H) Bureau Valley-5:30 pm
NO SCHOOL

Friday, Dec. 22
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2023-24 Amboy band, flags, and poms

First row, left to right, Alena Shaw, Karagen Welch, Nate Sikes, Aaron Costner, Chase Huggins, Myla Davis, Mylee Hochstatter, Alexis Cheever. Second row, left to right, Lilly Drew, Olivia Ketchum, Natalie Pratt, Gloria Parker, Brooklyn Strub. Third row, left to right, Alex Palmer, Lainey Davis, Dillon Merriman, Kai Vaupel, Gage Mumm, Rilyn Karrow, Maggie Keene, Cordia Asencio. Fourth row, left to right, Morgan Kreiser, Hunter Rasmussen, Bradley Schmidt, Logan Ketchum. Fifth row, left to right, Jay Lauzon, Serenity Munk, Jess Worman. Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

What are your
Top 3 favorite
Christmas
movies of all-
time?

Send them to
Amboy News
Editor Brandon
LaChance
at blachance@mendotareporter.com

Is Elf in your
list?

Die Hard?

A Christmas
Story?

The Grinch?

Prancer?

Polar Express?

Jack Frost?

Jingle All the
Way?

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8 oz brick



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32 oz



\$799 ea.

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8 oz



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7.1 to 16 oz

Assorted



2/\$6

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