

# Meet Your Neighbor: Katie Pratt

## Volunteering is a family affair

**By GEORGE HOWE**  
*Amboy News Reporter*

**AMBOY**—It takes a special kind of person to dedicate a good part of their life to help serve others. Katie Pratt is one such individual. Growing up on her parents' farm just east of Amboy, Pratt had it instilled in her at an early age giving back was the norm. "It's a learned behavior from my parents to get involved," she said. Pratt went to Franklin Center school and holds fond memories of her parents' involvement at the school and in the community. "My mom volunteered in

the classroom and helped coach. My dad was active with the Lee County Pork Producers, which is part of the Lee County Farm Bureau that he also sat on the regional board," Pratt shared. "I feel that it's an unwritten duty that if you are going to live in a community, you find time to make it a better place, and so I stay involved." And boy, does she ever. Pratt sat on the Katherine Shaw Bethea (KSB) Hospital Board for 10 years. She is a member of the Lee County United Way Board. From a very young age, she has been part of the Lee County 4-H as a

leader for the Young Seekers Clover Bud Group. She's also a member of the Golden Aces 4-H club in Ashton. She is a member of the Future Farmers of America alumni and helps coordinate the trivia night fundraiser. Pratt followed in her father's footsteps and has been a part of the Lee County Fair Association for 20 years. She is married to Andy Pratt, who's part of the township board for Nachusa. Their children, daughter Natalie and son Ethan, play important roles come fair time. "From a very young age

my kids were exposed to helping others because they had no choice but to come with me," she explained. "Working at the fair every year has made them part of the fabric of the event and they do a great job." Andy is pleased of his wife's community involvement and dedication, as well as their children. "Our involvement is the nature of how we were both raised, and we've tried to pass that on to our kids," said Andy. "I call Katie a professional volunteer as she is non-stop giving and always tries to make others better by what she



The Pratt family is known for its volunteering. Katie Pratt (far right) learned from her parents and now shares the love of community involvement with, left to right, husband Andy, daughter Natalie, and son Ethan. George Howe/Amboy News

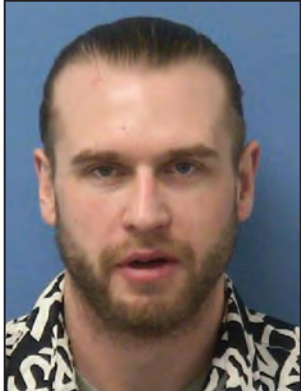
does. I'm proud of her." Her involvement doesn't end there. For the last 12 years, Pratt has been the Agriculture Literacy Coordinator as she teaches in the classroom for the Lee County Ag Association. After holding most of the positions on the Amboy School Board, she is currently the President. See Pratt page A3



**AFD Christmas Baskets**  
Amboy High School students and members of the Amboy Fire Department packed the annual Christmas Baskets on Friday, Dec. 15 to be ready for distribution Saturday, Dec. 16. Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

### Armoska charged with four felonies

**LEE COUNTY** — On Dec. 17, at approximately 9:39 a.m., Lee County Dispatch received a 911 call from the Magnuson Hotel, located at 443 Illinois Route 2, that a subject had just threatened him with a firearm at the location. Lee County Deputies along with officers from the Dixon Police Department and the Illinois State Police responded to the scene. Through the investigation, the subject was identified as 29-year-old Steven M. Armoska, of Rock Falls, and was found



to be staying in Room 223 at the Magnuson Hotel. Armoska was discovered to have a lengthy criminal history with numerous prior weapons offenses and felony convictions. See Armoska page A5



**Lions Club decorates sign**  
The Amboy Lions Club continued their duty of taking care of the city's welcome sign with Christmas spirit. Photo contributed.

# AFD Promotions: Becker appointed Lieutenant

**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**—Demi Becker wears a lot of hats. On her hat rack is her Becker Detailing cap where she is a co-owner with Kevin Glenn. In some form of beanie, bowler, or sombrero, Becker is in realty as she owns 10 properties in Amboy. And maybe the heaviest in the collection is her Amboy Fire Department helmet. "I came across the fire

department in high school. It was my junior year, and the fire department came to the school and presented a mock prom incident," said Becker, an Amboy native who graduated from Amboy High School in 2016. "They do it for kids to see what can happen if they drink and drive. I saw them extricate my classmates out of a car and I thought, 'It would be cool to do that.' I thought it was cool to help people in that way. See Becker page A2



**Former Woodhaven admin pleads guilty to over \$300,000 embezzlement**

**DIXON** — Donna Unrath, who was the former accounting administrator for Woodhaven Lakes in Sublette, pleaded guilty Thursday, Nov. 30 for embezzling over \$300,000 from Woodhaven. Unrath, 55, of Amboy, is facing 4-15 years in prison at her sentencing Wednesday, Jan. 17. The finance manager worked for Woodhaven for seven years and was originally suspected of theft between \$10,000-100,00 in April 2022. After further investigation, the number was raised to over \$300,000.

# 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.

Co. A, 132nd Infantry Regiment, 33rd Division Harry Altenberg was destined to be a "one in a million" human being in more ways than one. In his young adulthood, he joined a million other American soldiers in the largest fight the U.S. military had engaged in to that point. Over a million young American men fought in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in September of 1918 to defeat the last desperate effort by old European



aristocrats to renew their hold on power over the masses of ordinary people. In China Township, Lee County Illinois, Harry was a one in a million hero who stood with a country of

laws, not men. Born two days after Christmas, 1893 in Pine Creek (Ogle County) Illinois to William and Pauline Altenberg, Harry grew up helping his family

with farm work. At age 23, he registered for the military draft on June 5, 1917, the first date announced after America declared war on Germany. See Altenberg page A4

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Car Show Committee gives Lions Club \$2,000

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$2,000 to Jim Travi of the Amboy Lions Club. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$48,000 to local organizations this year. Tonja Greenfield/AmboyNews



Front: Rose and Larry Leffelman  
Back: Mary Reglin, Julie Burkardt, Lexi Willey, Chris Klein, Riley Klein, Karli Althaus, Lisa Quest

Happy holidays, everyone! As another year comes and goes, we'd like to fill you in on a few of the things we've been doing over here at Leffelman & Associates. Between helping our local friends navigate life after some of the challenges this year's weather brought with tornadoes, hail, and high winds, or celebrating their new purchases of homes and autos, we have been BUSY. One of the biggest questions we've heard this year has been "why has our insurance premium grown so much?" This might be a strange place to explain it, but we feel the need to let you know what's really going on. Catastrophic weather and economic fallout from the pandemic have created challenges and stresses at a level never seen before in the insurance industry. Catastrophic weather events used to happen on the coasts or in other states. This year, just OUR local region sustained 5 large weather losses which forced the companies to file claims with their reinsurance companies. These events and inflation drive up the cost of reinsurance, which drives up the cost of your insurance policy. And this doesn't include the problem of increased costs of and the ability to get materials and parts, increased labor costs, and legal system abuse. All these things contribute to a reduced appetite for risk by the insurance companies, which makes insurance a hard thing to write! But we are working diligently to make sure that all our customers have insurance during this very difficult time. We've been getting quite a workout, but it's making us stronger! Whatever comes along, we do our best to take care of all our customers' insurance needs. Our product is financial security, and we are here to protect our customers. So this Christmas Card goes out to you with heartfelt prayers from all of us, that you and your families will have a warm and wonderful Christmas and a new year filled with health and happiness.

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## Becker continued from page A1

"I had a friend who was part of the department and I talked to her about it. I found interest and started the same year."

Becker joined the department during her senior year and was a regular at the station until she left in 2018 to obtain a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Northern Illinois.

Once she put her college graduation cap on the rack, she returned to AFD in 2022 as both a fire fighter and EMT.

Although she spends as much time as she can at the Amboy Fire Department, she didn't think a promotion or a title such as lieutenant was going to come her way like it did on Nov. 8.

"It means a lot to me. I didn't really see it coming. I'm pretty happy about it. With the promotion, I think more EMS stuff is going to come my way in terms of training and mentoring cadets," Becker said. "I'm part of both fire and EMS. I really like the fire stuff, but I appreciate the EMS side. When I first joined, I wanted to do both. I did my basic operations for firefighting in

high school. I did a dual enrollment at AHS and with the fire department.

"I like being able to help people and the community. Being part of the department, I've become close to some of the others who are involved. I love it. The Amboy Fire Department is like a family. I have a lot of friends here, now. I enjoy my time being at the station."

Her roles as a vehicle detailer, landlord, and member of the fire department have not only added numbers to her hat rack, but her buddy list has seen an increase as well.

Helping people, more friends, and keeping busy, it's a win-win-win for Becker.

"I know a lot of people around town because of detailing. I go on calls where I know people," Becker said. "I've been here my entire life. My dad, Dennis Becker, owned Becker Autobody for 35 years. I've helped people and they've told me they felt more comfortable because they knew who was helping them."

*Father John Gow and the Catholic communities of St. Patrick, Amboy; St. Mary, Walton; and St. Flannen, Harmon invite you to Come Home for Christmas.*

<p><b>Saturday, December 23rd - Regular Sunday Mass</b> St. Patrick, Amboy - 4:00pm Mass St. Mary's, Walton - 5:30pm Mass</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 24th - Regular Weekend Masses</b> St. Patrick, Amboy - 7:00 am Mass St. Flannen, Harmon - 8:30 am Mass St. Patrick, Amboy - 10:30 am Mass</p>	<p><b>Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass</b> St. Patrick, Amboy - 4:00 pm Mass</p> <p><b>Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day Mass</b> St. Flannen, Harmon - 7:30 am Mass St. Mary, Walton 9:00 am Mass St. Patrick, Amboy - 10:30 am Mass</p>
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5:30 pm – **SMA, West Brooklyn**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**  
8:00 am – **St. Patrick, Maytown**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**  
4:00 pm – **SMA, West Brooklyn**  
10:00 pm – **OLPH, Sublette**

**CHRISTMAS MASS**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**  
8:00 am – **St. Patrick, Maytown**  
9:30 am – **OLPH, Sublette**

### HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH**  
5:30 pm – **SMA, West Brooklyn**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**  
8:00 am – **St. Patrick, Maytown**  
10:30 am – **OLPH, Sublette**

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**  
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**MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST**  
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## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## After school program

If you have a third grader or above, they may be able to attend. They will ride the bus, have a meal, a fun place to play, and of course complete homework. Applications are in our hallway, which is open 24/7 days a week.

## 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

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to make a wreath, buy a gift, and get hot chocolate. We had a lot of fun serving and seeing you. Events like this take a lot of time and a special shout out goes out to those who gave theirs: Mark, Brian, Christine, Michele, Alexz, Amber, Stephanie, Kathy, Shannon, Larry, and Gabby. Thank you again to Cindy at The Main Flower Shop for making bows again. Thank you to our SVCC Impact Program for allowing Impact students, Adriel and Ashley to play elves too.

## The Christmas Dance

We will be having a dance this 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. There is no cost for this dance because of generous donations from the community to provide this Christmas blessing for our kids.

## Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Lonnie and Dan Schaefer for the various items; Joe and Diane Stewart; Judy Sharkey for the coat; Colleen & Glenn Robison; Bonnell family for fruit and snacks; Todd and Donna Dewey for the Wii play system; Margaret and Jerry Shaw for the towels; John Draper for the chocolate; Sandy Draper for the money for the dance; Donna Wellman for the cookies and money for the early out game; Sandy Wittenauer for the gift wrap; Deb Whitney for the various items; Kristy Bonnell for the clothes; Anonymous donation of the magnetic tiles; Judy Sharkey for sewing an item for Colleen Robison and she donated her payment to Teen Turf and Linda Giesen for the monetary donation.

## Needs

For Afterschool program-Chocolate Chip Granola bars or Fruit Granola bars. We also have a wish list on Amazon for things we are looking for to help. You could type this in the computer or visit our Facebook page for the link:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/LW29N3KFF1PH?type=wishlist>

## Final Note

Help us recognize that our talents and skills are pieces of a larger puzzle, and when combined, they create a beautiful tapestry of compassion and service. Lord, inspire us to set aside any differences and ego, fostering an environment where unity prevails over discord. As we work hand in hand for the well-being of our community, may our collaborative efforts become a shining example of love and togetherness.

In your name, we pray for unity.  
Amen.

## AFD Information Meeting

The Amboy Fire Department is hosting an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 3 at the station, 25 N East Ave. in Amboy, while the Harmon Fire Department will have a similar meeting at 6 p.m., Jan. 4 at 102 W. Main St. in Harmon.

The meeting is in regards to the consolidation of the Amboy Fire Protection District and the Harmon Fire Department.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Amboy Community Calendar

**DIXON-**The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at [www.lchd.com](http://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 Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Crochet Club on Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 5:30-6:15 p.m.

**AMBOY-**The Amboy/Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m., at the Amboy Township Building, 106 South Prospect, Amboy.

**AMBOY-** The Pankhurst Memorial Library will be closed in honor of Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 25.

LED speed signs to be ordered;  
Sublette increasing water useage rate

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
*Amboy News Editor*

**SUBLETTE** – Three matters were finalized and a few more were discussed at the monthly Village of Sublette Board meeting Monday, Dec. 11 at the Ellice Dinges Center.

After receiving a grant to purchase two LED speed signs, the board has agreed on what to order.

“We are ordering a battery powered and a solar powered LED speed sign. This will give us two LED signs to help slow down vehicles in town,” said Sublette Village President John Stenzel. “The goal is to have them ordered and get them here to put in place by the spring. There isn’t a big push for them at this time of the year because of weather and road

conditions.”

The board went to a vote on an increased water usage rate for Sublette.

A year ago, the water usage rate went from \$4.80 to \$5.40 per 1,000 gallons of water.

Although a trustee put an option of raising it to \$8-10, the board voted on \$6.08 per 1,000 gallons of water, which is a 12.5 percent increase, the same as the year before.

The \$6.08 rate was approved with via a 3-1 vote.

Also finalized was the passing of the property tax levy for Sublette, which beats the due date of Dec. 19.

Stenzel is planning to meet with Willet, Hofmann & Associates’ engineers to discuss the plans

the Village of Sublette Board received on Monday, Dec. 11 and when work will begin for both the Richmond, Virginia, Reeve Street project and the issue of televising the storm tile under Rt. 52.

In his president’s report, Stenzel discussed a water leak at 404 W. Virginia St. which was contracted to repair and discussion with Nicor to repair a storm line on E. Main Street and South Rt. 52, which the company put a gas line through a few years ago.

Review of the Sublette Christmas Walk on Dec. 2 was favorable as the turnout and functions were deemed as successful.

The next Village of Sublette Board meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Ellice Dinges Center.

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With everything she’s involved in, questions of her time management skills are often addressed in Pratt’s direction.

“The right answer is that I’m very organized with my schedule, but the reality is that most of the time I’m flying by the seat of my pants,” Pratt said with a hardy laugh. “I’m a procrastinator by nature. I’ve got it down but some days I wonder.”

Pratt’s continued participation isn’t lost on most who attend meetings, events, and social gatherings. Her modesty is a strong quality never looking for a pat on the back and is appreciated by many.

“She’s a great role model for the kids in the area always finding time to keep things going,” said former Amboy Mayor John Schamberger.

As her parents passed on to her, Pratt wants to share the importance of giving back.

“Every time we can pass on the importance of giving back, especially to the kids, like getting involved in food drives or cleaning up a section of highway, it stokes in them a very satisfying feeling to know that in a small way they have contributed to the betterment of where we live,” Pratt said. “it makes what we do special.” That message isn’t lost and resonates for one such kid.

“Having my parents around and so involved in the community is really good,” said daughter Natalie. “They’ve taught me how to be a leader and the importance of giving back to where you live. With my mom being so involved with the school board all she’s trying to do is to better the education for all of the kids and that’s a complete positive. My Mom is my best friend for sure 100 percent, and she makes me proud.”

You can imagine that having a night at home together is few and far between at times but enjoyable for a volunteering family.

“Naturally, we love being together at home but none of us are couch potatoes,” Pratt said. “It would become very boring, and we much prefer our very full life giving back.”



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**CLIPPER KIDDIE**

This Week's Student of the Week is:  
**Wyatt Akre**

**Student's Favorites:**

- Favorite Color – Green
- Favorite Animal – Tiger
- Favorite Food – Pancakes and Waffles
- Favorite Book – Winter Wonderland
- Favorite Game – Candyland
- Favorite Song – Jingle Bells

**CLIPPER KIDDIE**

This Week's Student of the Week is:  
**Olivia R. Janssen**

**Student's Favorites:**

- Favorite Color – Pink
- Favorite Animal – Puppy
- Favorite Food – Pizza
- Favorite Book – Little Owl's Night
- Favorite Game – Tag
- Favorite Song – Row Your Boat and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### George W. Mason

Oct. 23, 1923 - Dec. 12, 2023

**AMBOY**—George W. Mason, 100, of Amboy, died Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023 at his home surrounded by family.

He was born Oct. 23, 1923 in El Reno, Okla., the son of Elmer and Faye (Blagg) Mason.

George was a graduate of the class of 1943 at Amboy High School, the class of 1950 at Illinois State Normal University, and received his Master of Education Degree from the University of Illinois

Champaign. He began his teaching career at Harmon and then at Central School in Amboy before becoming Principal at Central School for 15 years prior to retirement in 1984. George served in the Army Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Lee Center Congregational United Church of Christ, Amboy American Legion Post, the Illinois Retired Teachers Assoc., Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame, and Amboy FFA Honorary

Chapter Farmer. George was an avid gardener and shared the fruits of his labor with family, friends and strangers. He enjoyed fishing at Ulth's Bar U pond and Rock River, coaching in the community and at home, cheering as a Cubs and Bears fan, watching sports, playing basketball at ISU, reading history books and spending his time following his children and grandchildren in their sports activities. He has also enjoyed getting to

know his great grandchildren by playing with the three boys.

George married Delores Phillips June 20, 1954, in Amboy and enjoyed 69 years together.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister, Mary Bouse, and brother, John Mason.

He is survived by his wife Delores; son James, (Nancy) Mason, of East Helena, Mont.; daughters, Janice Mason, of Lyndon, Judith (Scott) Denys, of Geneseo,

Joyce (John) Cook, of Morrison; 10 grandchildren, Todd, Terry, Lori, Kira, Tim, August, Katie, Mathew, Adam, Andrew; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-granddaughters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial with military honors will follow at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of service



at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2024. Condolences can be left at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

### Ashton United Methodist Church invites you to celebrate Christmas

**ASHTON** - The Ashton United Methodist Church invites everyone to join in celebrating the Christmas season at one or all of the services we have planned.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, we will have a Country Christmas in the Barn at 4:30 p.m. The service will be held inside a heated barn, but you

may sit on a hay bale. It will be the telling of the Christmas Story with music and scripture. The barn is located at 1753 Iron Springs Rd., just three miles west of Franklin Grove. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, we will have our regular Sunday worship at 9 a.m.

We will be celebrating the fourth week of advent, the celebration of Love.

At 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24, we will have a traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service.

All are welcome to attend. We would love to share the Reason for the Season with you.

### Altenberg continued from page A1

When called to service, Harry was a member of the 33rd Infantry Division, comprised entirely of Illinois National Guard Units. After Congress declared war on Germany in April of 1917, this division was one of the first to be called up as part of the effort to raise an army sufficient for battle in Europe.

On May 16, 1918, Pvt. Altenberg left Hoboken, New Jersey on the transport ship Mt. Vernon for a ten-day journey to France. On Sept. 26, nine divisions of the American Expeditionary Force began their assault on German forces along a 24-mile front from the Argonne Forest to the Meuse River, about 150 miles east of Paris. The objective was to break through the Hindenburg Line, Germany's fortified defensive barrier, and drive their army into retreat. Fighting was fierce, and AEF soldiers were assaulted by heavy artillery, poison gas, and machine gun fire while forcing their way through

barbed wire, mud, and hand to hand fighting. By Oct. 11, American forces had broken through the line as the German army retreated. At some point during these weeks of intense warfare, Pvt. Harry Otto Altenberg was killed in action. In the three years to follow, his remains were returned home to his parents where he was buried with honors at the Franklin Grove Cemetery. His courage and sacrifice are forever remembered.

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](mailto:demps60@gmail.com) so that those soldiers may be honored and remembered.

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**Merry Christmas & Happy Birthday**

**"Bodine"**

**Jeff Bonnell**

Dec. 26, 1958-March 27, 2000

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Family and Friends

**Senior Dining Menu**

**Dec. 25-29**

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Tuesday - Closed

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# SOCIAL NEWS



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

### YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

By John Kalebaugh  
 "You ask what is our aim? I can answer in one word. It is victory. Victory at all costs - victory in spite of all terrors. Victory however long and hard the road may be, for without victory there is no survival."

You may feel this is a strange way to begin a Pastor's Pen. At the very least you may think it's a bit odd. And I would agree with you (which makes it even more strange - since I was the one that wrote it). This was a quote from a speech that was given by Winston Churchill before the House of Commons just three days after being elected Prime Minister of Great Britain. World War II was underway and other European countries had already fallen before Nazi Germany. The United States had not yet entered the war. Churchill knew that only Great Britain now stood in the way of Hitler ruling all of Europe. As Prime Minister he would not allow "surrender" to be an option. His speech was one of resolve, inspira-

tion... and hope.

And at Christmas season I am reminded how Christ came to Earth as the one, and only "hope" for the world. The world had become a very dark place because of the sinfulness of mankind. But when Christ came, He brought "light". Isaiah prophesied this by saying, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined... For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (9:2 & 6). There was no other hope for humanity to free itself from the clutches of sin and evil - apart from God's intervention. So this is what He did. He intervened. God Himself would invade humanity in order to set us free. To liberate us.

C. S. Lewis referred to Christ's incarnation as His landing "in enemy

occupied territory." This was our only hope for victory. So He arrived... but not in the way people were expecting Him to come. He did not come as a mighty King, or a conquering general or a "Superhero" (like I told our kids at church last Sunday). He came meek and mild. He came as a servant. As a babe lying in a manger. And some 33 years later Christ died on a cross for our sins... but 3 days later He rose from the grave in victory over death, hell, and the grave!

And this is why we really celebrate Christmas. Christ won the victory for all of us with faith in Him. Victory for this life and into eternity. As Christmas comes this year, I hope we celebrate the coming of Christ with a renewed perspective. I encourage you to attend a Christmas service in our community.

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Armoska continued from page A1

The determination was made to activate the Joint Operations Group, which is a group of tactical officers from the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the Dixon Police Department, and medics with the Dixon City Fire Department. A perimeter was established around Room 223 and occupants of the hotel were evacuated. Throughout the afternoon, officers attempted to make contact on numerous occasions with Armoska to no avail. The decision was made to deploy CS chemical agent into the hotel room in an effort to open a dialogue and negotiate a peaceful surrender. Shortly after the chemical agent was deployed, Mr. Armoska emerged from the hotel room and was taken into custody.

A search of the hotel room revealed multiple firearms, cannabis, and

other controlled substances. Steven Armoska was charged with the following offenses:

- Armed Habitual Criminal (4 counts), a Class X Felony

- Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon (4 counts), a Class 2 Felony

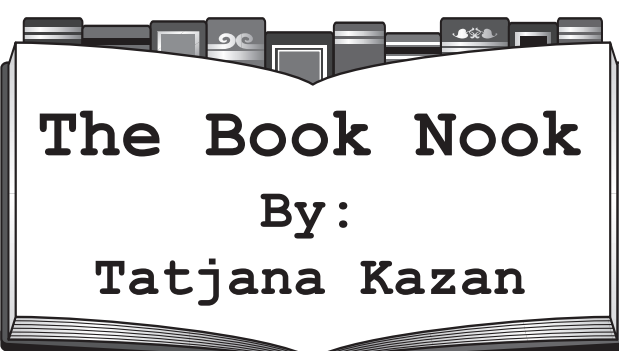
- Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Class 3 Felony

- Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (100 to 500 Grams), a Class 4 Felony

- Aggravated Assault, a Class A Misdemeanor

Armoska is being held at the Lee County Jail pending a detention hearing. The Lee County Sheriff's Office was also assisted by the Lee County State's Attorney's Office along with the other law enforcement agencies at the scene.

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



### The Quick and the Dead

Joy Williams' "The Quick and the Dead" is a strange, beautiful, unsettling novel about loss. Loss changes the rules for the living. At the novel's center is Alice, a motherless teenager who relentlessly espouses her grandparents' radical ideas. "She wanted to be extraordinary, to possess a savage glitter." She befriends two girls, Annabel and Corvus, but the only thing they have in common is that they too are motherless. They live in the Southwest, in a bleak desert town, from which Annabel, a newcomer, wants desperately to flee. But Alice, the eco-terrorist, "liked the desert, its constant, relentless conflict with itself. The desert was unexpect-

edly beautiful and horrible at once."

Annabel is the least consequential of the three friends. She wants to be normal. She complains to Carter, her very rich father who brought her to this dreary town: "There is nothing to do out here except cocktail parties and nature." Her mother Ginger died in a car crash, but she mercilessly haunts Carter, who styles himself as "just a drunk widower in love with a yard boy." Corvus, whose name means raven, is a deeply tragic character. When her parents drowned, she too wanted to die: "There was something shameful about surviving sorrow. You were corrupted. She was corrupted. She was no good anymore. She wanted to be a seeker and to travel further and further. But after sorrow, such traveling is not a climbing but a sinking to a depth leached of light at which you are unfit to endure. And yet you endure there."

The girls volunteer at Green Palms, an upscale nursing home, which Alice scornfully dismisses: "They were all solipsists in Green Palms, all heroes and heroines of their own vanishing consciousness." In the end, Corvus moves to Green Palms despite Nurse Daisy's warning: "But to serve is not to love, you know. You could be washing old feet from now till doomsday, and there'll still be that hard dark little seed of doubt, that seed of awareness that isn't love."

Another version of life in death is the Wildlife Museum "built by a man named Stumpp, who had shot more than a thousand big game animals and now wanted to share some of the more magnificent specimens with the general public in exchange for an enormous tax write-off." For relaxation he loved shooting megafauna such as giraffes, "There was nothing like the way they galloped and crashed, but as trophies they left something to be desired. They looked so mild and coquettish - those eyelashes!" Clear-eyed Nurse Daisy counters, "It's completely cynical, this continuous peddling of the natural world. It's not out there anymore! Even old-timers don't find anything familiar in this empty symbolizing, this feckless copycatting."

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# Opinion

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## Letters to Santa from Amboy Central School

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents last year. This year, can you surprise me for my presents? I would like a make-up set. Lucy is so funny this year. Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Isabel Burke

Dear Santa,  
I can name all of the reindeer: Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Blitzen, Donner, and Rudolph. Also, can I have a new X-Box Series X. I'd play with Otto and my brother. Can you get my mom a new make-up, please?  
Love,  
Messiah

Dear Santa,  
I would like a make-up set. Thank you for my gifts. I love the Christmas Chronicles movie. It's my favorite movie ever. Can you get me a math worksheet? Can you surprise me for the rest of my presents? I would like a Bubble skincare set. Do the elves fly?  
Love,  
BreeAnn

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a new doll, doll clothes, an animal toy. Also, my brother Emmette wants a new car toy, and my brother Everette wants a new basketball. Also, thanks for the gift last year.  
Love,  
Charlotte

Dear Santa,  
Are the elves real? Can they fly? May I have white Crocks? Also, my big brother wants white Crocks. So, I would really appreciate and also thanks for the presents last year. Also, can I please have a rainbow keyboard that can connect to my keyboard. I would really appreciate it also. Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Cash

Dear Santa,  
Is it cold? Thank you for all the things you have done for me. I love all the things you have done. Are you real? I love my presents. I love all my friends and family.  
Love,  
Emalyn

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like a Pokémon Sword & Shield action figure. I would also like a friendship bracelet to share with my friend, Leo.  
Merry Christmas,  
Warren

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? Can you surprise me this year? Thank you for my presents last year! Are all the elves doing good? Could you please bring my sister a new LOL

doll? Could you please bring my brother a Flash House?  
Love,  
Addie

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Rudolph? This year, I want a Nuther Squashmelo. Merry Christmas, Santa!  
Thank you so much,  
Marley

Dear Santa,  
I really want skincare. I really want my family to have a good Christmas. I really want my teacher to have a great Christmas. I hope she gets a smile hat. Are you having a good Christmas? How many presents do you give? I really want my sister to get skincare.  
Merry Christmas,  
Sloan

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the gifts last year. This time, I will sleep upstairs in my bed. Can I please have a Barbie bed so that I can put it next to my bed so I can sleep better.  
Merry Christmas,  
Savanna

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? Could you get my teacher a blanket? I want a Fred. Irele wants a frog. I want a Barbie. Could I have a snowman?  
Merry Christmas,  
Dahila

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a Game Boy for Christmas. Also, a hunting game and a baseball game for my Switch. Also, am X-Box with a hunting game and a football game.  
Love,  
Winston

Dear Santa,  
Can you get me an X-Box Series X and V-Bucks?  
Love,  
Otto

Dear Santa,  
I want a new tablet. I want new stuff for my baby doll and a new baby.  
Merry Christmas,  
Genevieve

Dear Santa,  
I want a PS4 for Christmas, some cards for the PS4, a projector, a toy gun, and Swedish Fish mini share size.  
Love,  
Everett

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are elves real? Do you give coal to mean people? You are kind, Santa. Are you the boss, Santa? For Christmas, I would like a purple mermaid tail, a Chromebook, a ring, a Nike shirt, Harry Potter books, a camera, a gold ring, and a diamond ring. Am I on the naughty list or the nice

list? I love you, Santa. There is one more thing I want for Christmas, colorful paper. Thank you!  
Emmy

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are the elves and the reindeer OK? I think it was a good year. Some gifts that I would like are a new iPad, surprise balls, a new blanket and a hand band. Thank you!  
Vivian

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Can I have an iPhone, please? Is it very cold in the North Pole? Thank you!  
Love,  
Lydia

Dear Santa,  
How are you and snowflake? Is it cold in the North Pole? Here are some things I want for Christmas: a balance beam, a gymnastics suit, Roblox, and a Cry Baby. Thank you so much!  
Audrey

Dear Santa,  
How are you Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer doing? And can I have a X-Mas prow? Can I have a Pokémon land? Can I have Fortnite V-Bucks? Can I have an elf?  
Trueden

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are you and the elves? How are you and the reindeer? How is the North Pole? Thank you!  
January

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer and elves? I've been really good this year. Some gifts that I would like are a big Pikachu, a toy dog, How to Catch book, Billie B. Brown book, and Mary Dino Stuff.  
Lainey River Moan

Dear Santa,  
Santa, can you please get me a remote-control car. Santa, can you please get me an iPad? Santa can you get me a remote-control spider. Thank you!  
Waylon

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? I love you, Santa. Some gifts I want are Chihuahuan books, a blanket, and clothes. How are your elves? How are you and Mrs. Claus?  
Sera

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your elves? I want a PS5 and a new Nintendo Switch Lite, please. But if I was not good, it's OK if you give me coal this year. Christmas is the best holiday ever!

Myles  
Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus and you? Do the elves get sick? How big is your workshop? How many elves are in the North Pole? I think I've been good. Some gifts I want are a toy dinosaur, LEDs, blis, and a toy gun.  
Love,  
RJ

Dear Santa,  
I want a real kitten. How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want a claw machine.  
Merry Christmas,  
Tessa

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is happiness. I want books for Christmas. I want art stuff and a real puppy and a real cat.  
Camille

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the elves? Where do you get all the lights at? I want a new phone, a new golden Pikachu, and some Fortnite V-Bucks.  
Duke

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Do you like the North Pole? Can I get some gifts? I would like a new iPad, a hover board, some Legos, and a PS5. Just so you know, you are the best.  
Miles

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the elves? I wish that I could see a reindeer, but I can't. And one more thing I want to see is my family on Christmas Day. Thank you!  
Love,  
Stella

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the elves? Is it really cold in the North Pole? I think I've been really good this year! I would like a Num Nums. I would like a toy elf. I would like an iPhone. I would like a new pen. I would like a gumball machine. Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Paislee

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? How are the elves? Some things I would like are a RC car, Madden 24, PS5, X-Box, iPad, and a dirt bike.  
Thank you,  
Oliver

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the reindeer? Are the elves making good presents? And can you please give some markers? Are the reindeer ready for Christmas? Are you cold in the North Pole?  
Love,  
Paisley

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
With the holidays approaching, many of us are looking forward to celebrations with friends and family. As you gather with loved ones to spread cheer or raise a glass to the new year, remember to encourage those around you to make responsible choices when it comes to alcohol. Throughout this holiday season, Anheuser-Busch and G&M Distributors are honored to be a part of your festivities and are committed to helping ensure that your time-honored family traditions are celebrated safely. That's why we're encouraging everyone to Decide to Ride by planning ahead for a safe ride home from all your holiday gatherings.

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Sincerely,  
Mary Adolphson  
Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator

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## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

### 100 years ago Dec. 21, 1923

Frank Brady has installed a new slicing and cutting machine for cutting and trimming bacon, ham, cold meats, etc.

The Central Café is under new management. Stop in and get acquainted with W.E. Buck, the new proprietor.

### 75 yerars ago Dec. 16, 1948

Harry Longman, local Oldsmobile dealer, has a new 1949 Futuramic Oldsmobile on display in the showroom on East Avenue.  
Shop through the bi

stock of practical presents available at Martin A. Schuette Hardware.

Santa will be in Amboy on December 23 with treats for all the diddies.

### 50 years ago Dec. 20, 1973

Greg Henkel was top winner in a FFA scholarship contest sponsored by the Pride Seed Corn Company. Ed Klein was second-plce winner. To compete in the contest, students were required to write a 1,000-word essay on "The American Farmer and What Has He Done for Us Lately?"

Jan Leffelman was crowned Snowflake Queen

at the Amboy High School Christmas Dance.

After 18 years as owner and operator of The Amboy Café, Hazel Kuhn sold the business to Hans Liebing.

### 25 years ago Dec. 17, 1998

Bernard "Bernie" Bushman was named Amboy's Citizen of the Year during ceremonies at the annual City of Amboy Christmas Party. Bushman is 85 years old and has lived in Amboy since 1942. In presenting the award, Mayor Hank Gerdes noted many of Bushman's qualities that make him a model citizen, "Perhaps the most visible

aspect of Bernie is through the hand-crafted name wooden signs he makes for friends and relatives and employees of the First National Bank in Amboy, Amboy Rehabilitation Center and City Hall."

The First National Bank in Amboy has announced that the new drive-up Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) located adjacent to the First National Bank in Amboy's main office drive-up facility is now operational. The new ATM makes it more convenient for customers to complete banking transactions directly from their cars. The ATM is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



# SPORTS

## Amboy wrestlers beat West Carroll; Lucas Blanton wins 175-pound bracket at Stillman Valley

As usual, the Amboy wrestling team grappled on many mats this week as they hosted West Carroll on Thursday, Dec. 14 and competed in the Stillman Valley Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The Clippers defeated West Carroll 41-12. Sophomore Chase Montavon secured a pin in 45 seconds at 126 pounds against Brody Leitzen and senior Lucas Blanton earned a 17-2 technical fall victory at 175 against Ben Fieck.

Earning forfeit points for Amboy were freshman Ty Florschuetz (106), freshman Chase Huggins (113), junior Tyler Huggins (132), freshman Jose Lopez (138), and freshman Evan Flanagan (215).

Lucas Blanton continued his success at the

Stillman Valley Tournament as he stood atop the 175-pound bracket with a 13-0 major decision victory in the semifinals against Marengo's Connor Sacco and a 11-4 decision in the championship against Oregon's Andrew Young.

Sophomore Landon Blanton wasn't feeling well but was able to secure fourth place on the 120-pound podium.

The Amboy wrestling team have two more meets before the next edition of Amboy News and the new year.

The Clippers travel to Byron on Tuesday, Dec. 19 to take on the Tigers and to a triangular on Wednesday, Dec. 20 to face the home team the Riverdale Rams and the Kewanee Boilermakers.



Amboy senior Lucas Blanton, middle, won the 175-pound bracket at the Stillman Valley Tournament.

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## NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY,

## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2023TX40: TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL AND LEE COUNTY CLERK, LEE COUNTY TREASURER, LEE COUNTY STATES ATTORNEY, CITY OF DIXON, 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:

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13-21-01-481-007	TURNER, MAXINE	2021-00179	
13-21-01-481-007	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. RA: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM	2021-00179	
13-21-02-327-018	TORRES, ALEX A	2021-00181	MULBERRY CIRCLE
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13-21-02-328-045	BURGOS, GABRIELA M.	2021-00183	
13-21-02-452-014	PHILLIPS, RODNEY	2021-00203	
13-21-02-452-014	PHILLIPS, KATHI	2021-00203	
13-21-02-452-014	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. SEC: CHRISTOPHER P LUNING	2021-00224	WARBLER
13-21-11-127-010	MAISONET, ISALY	2021-00224	WARBLER
13-21-11-127-010	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. SEC: CHRISTOPHER P LUNING	2021-00224	
13-21-11-176-022	MATA, HUGO A HEIRS AND DEVEISEES	2021-00239	
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13-21-11-176-033	BOLIN, MATTHEW	2021-00240	
13-21-11-180-022	OLIPHANT, EILEEN	2021-00243	
13-21-11-252-016	MENNEN, TONJA M	2021-00253	
13-21-11-429-029	DELGADO, JAVIER	2021-00280	THRASHER TRAIL
13-21-11-429-029	HERNANDEZ, GABRIELA	2021-00280	THRASHER TRAIL
13-21-12-101-005	MITCHELL, CHRISTINA M.	2021-00286	TAN OAK LN
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13-21-12-126-008	BORGES, BROOKE	2021-00296	
13-21-12-176-022	GARCIA, JORGE	2021-00304	
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13-21-12-179-024	MARTINEZ, EDGAR	2021-00306	
13-21-12-179-024	MARTINEZ, LAURA	2021-00306	
13-21-12-206-016	RUIZ, HIPOLITO	2021-00313	
13-21-12-206-016	PACHECO, LILLIAN	2021-00313	
13-21-12-328-082	AMAYA, JOSE M	2021-00349	
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK  
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No. 1204  
(Dec. 13, 20 and 27, 2023)

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No. 1201  
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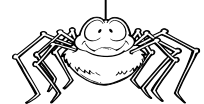
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by Dave T. Phipps



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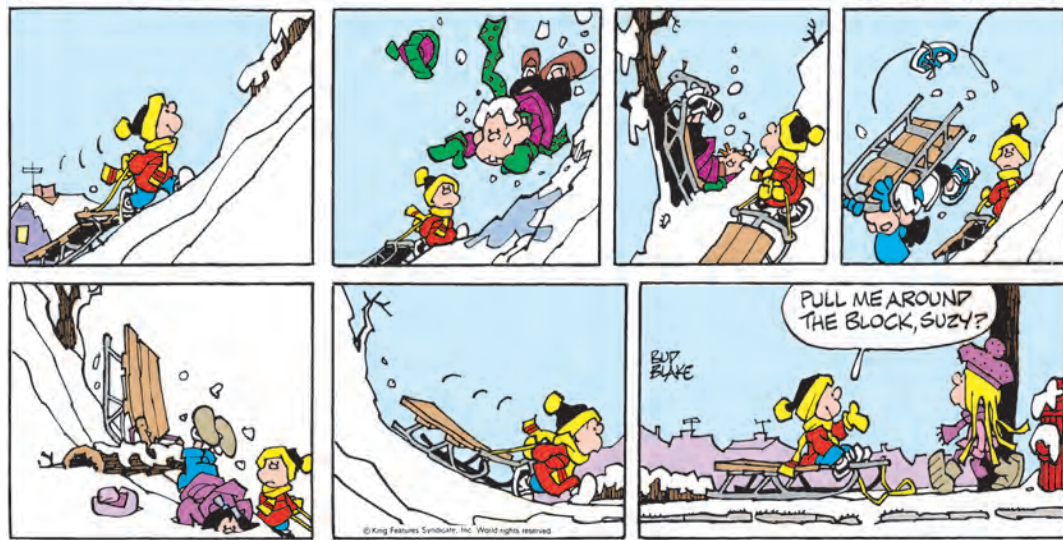
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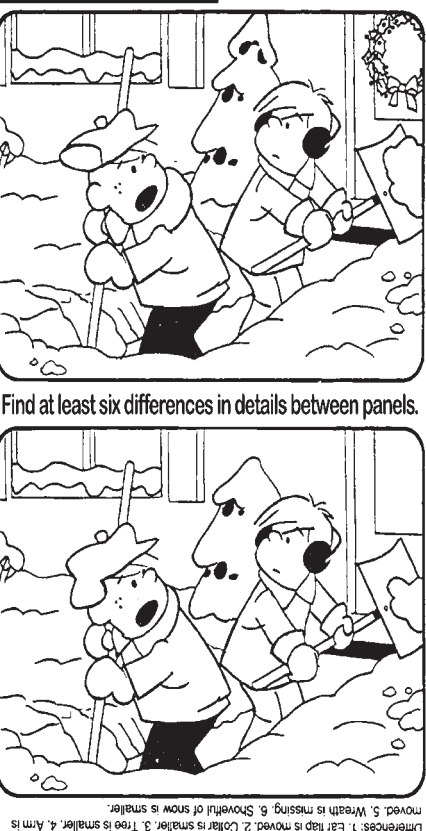


## OLIVE



## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## 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: I equals S

VLJ DYM WNIG UNOTI VLN  
DPPNGDGM ANNTI HPIHFPHUHSDPG?  
AMSDBIM GLMHY VNYT HI BIBDOOJ  
WDYFHPDO.

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## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Clutch SCALP  
Loose LACKS  
Burden INSTAR  
Urge CLOMPE

TODAY'S WORD

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December 18, 2023 Posting Date

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 TiVo precursor  
4 Wide  
9 America's uncle  
12 Consume  
13 Heart line  
14 La-la lead-in  
15 Gym machine  
17 And so on (Abbr.)  
18 Nabokov novel  
19 Bowling lanes  
21 Packs tightly  
24 Go yachting  
25 Yale grad  
26 Author Umberto  
28 Aegean island  
31 Building wings  
33 Farm female  
35 Steakhouse order  
36 Rice recipe  
38 PC key  
40 Chaney of horror films  
41 First lady of scat  
43 Bistro furniture  
45 Telepathic  
47 Sushi choice  
48 Hostel  
49 Heavy burden  
54 Memo letters  
55 Deadly virus

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57 Air safety org.  
58 Philly hoopster  
59 Director Lee  
10 Bohemian  
11 Apple computers  
16 Small batteries  
20 Tale teller  
21 Army transport  
22 "That's — need to know"  
23 1,000-year spans  
27 Have debts  
29 Bassoon's kin  
30 Taxpayer IDs  
32 Pretzel topper  
34 Getty of "The Golden Girls"  
37 Fireplace flickerers  
39 Salad type  
42 Suspect's excuse  
44 Crunchy sandwich  
45 Peeve  
46 "May It Be" singer  
50 Bagel topper  
51 Slangy suffix  
52 Sister  
53 Silly Putty container

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

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## WORD LADDERS

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

SELLS

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STARK

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK: What is ciabatta?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the 1980s cop drama series starring actor William Shatner?
- HISTORY: In which year did the Gulf oil spill occur?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the classic holiday novella "The Cricket on the Hearth"?
- INVENTIONS: Who invented penicillin?
- GEOGRAPHY: Monaco is bordered on three sides by which European country?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Land of Enchantment"?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the police chief in the movie "Jaws"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does the J.D. stand for in a law degree?
- MUSIC: Which singer had a break-out hit with "I Kissed a Girl"?

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- Answers  
1. An Italian bread.  
2. "T.J. Hooker."  
3. 2010.  
4. Charles Dickens.  
5. Alexander Fleming.  
6. France.  
7. New Mexico.  
8. Martin Brody.  
9. Juris Doctor.  
10. Katy Perry.

## SPOKEN

Today's Word  
3. Strain; 4. Compel  
1. Clasp 2. Slack  
solution

## SCRAMBLERS

STARS, STARE, STARK  
SELLS, SEALS, SEARS,  
Answer

WORD LADDER

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Cryptoquip  
Why are most folks who annotate books insignificant? Because their work is usually marginal.  
Answer

King Crossword  
Answers  
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# SPORTS

## Pairings set for the Girls Basketball Amboy Holiday Tournament Dec. 26-29

AMBOY – The girls basketball Amboy Holiday Tournament is set for Dec. 26-29.

There are six teams in the varsity tournament and four teams in the freshman-sophomore tournament.

The varsity Red Pool features Mendota, Newman and Hiawatha. The Black Pool consists of Amboy, Hall and Somonauk.

Teams in the freshman-sophomore pool are Amboy, Mendota, Somonauk and Hall. They will play a round robin format.

The pairings are as follows:  
Amboy Girls' Holiday Tournament

Tuesday, Dec. 26  
Noon – Mendota vs. Hall (FS)  
1:30 p.m. – Amboy FS vs. Somonauk (FS)  
3 p.m. – Hall vs. Somonauk (V)  
4:30 p.m. – Newman vs. Hiawatha (V)  
6 p.m. – Amboy vs. Mendota (V)  
Wednesday, Dec. 27  
Noon – Mendota vs. Somonauk (FS)  
1:30 p.m. – Amboy vs. Hall (FS)  
3 p.m. Hiawatha vs. Mendota (V)  
4:30 p.m. – Newman vs. Somonauk (V)  
6 p.m. – Amboy vs. Hall (V)  
Thursday, Dec. 28  
Noon – Amboy vs. Mendota (FS)  
1:30 p.m. – Hall vs. Somonauk (FS)  
3 p.m. – Hiawatha vs. Hall (V)  
4:30 p.m. – Newman vs. Mendota (V)  
6 p.m. – Amboy vs. Somonauk (V)  
Friday, Dec. 29  
3 p.m. – Red Pool #3 vs. Black Pool #3  
4:30 p.m. – Red Pool #2 vs. Black Pool #2  
6 p.m. – Red Pool #1 vs. Black Pool #1

## Lady Clippers win two after dropping two

Two weeks ago, the Amboy girls basketball team dropped two hard fought games to rivals, Eastland and Ashton-Franklin Center.

However, the Lady Clippers (8-4) bounced back with victories against Hiawatha and Hinckley-Big Rock in the last week.

The Amboy squad traveled to Eastland on Tuesday, Dec. 5 where it suffered a 35-24 loss. Senior Elly Jones led AHS with eight points, juniors Tyrah Vaessen and Addison Pertell added six each, and senior Maeve Larson chipped in four.

On Thursday, Dec. 7 against AFC in Ashton, the Lady Clippers battled back after trailing 14-3 in the first quarter, 23-14 at halftime, and 28-19 after three quarters, but fell short, 30-25.

Jones tied and AFC player for a game high 11 points, while Larson recorded nine, Vaessen three, and Pertell two.

The Lady Clippers put the two losses in the review mirror and followed with a 58-15 win against Hiawatha on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Amboy and a 45-34 win against Hinckley-Big Rock

on Friday, Dec. 15 at Hinckley.

Amboy had 11 players in the scoring column against Hiawatha as Jones led with 12, Larson had nine, Pertell scored eight, both junior Emily Sachs and sophomore Kierra Karlson tallied six, freshman Maddie Althaus came off the bench for five, junior Gloria Parker had four, Vaessen added three, junior Blanca Hiedkoetter-Mendez and sophomore Jillian Anderson both scored two, and junior Kenley Wilson made one free throw.

In the 11-point win over HBR, three Lady Clippers scored in double digits as Pertell had 12 and both Jones and Larson tallied 10 apiece. Sachs tallied eight, while Karlson had three and Vaessen added two.

Larson was two rebounds away from a double-double as she hauled in eight boards and had four steals. Vaessen filled the stat sheet with eight assists, seven rebounds, and five steals, while Sachs hauled in five boards, Jones tallied five steals and three assists, and Pertell snagged four steals.

## Clippers boys basketball team endures tough week

The Amboy boys basketball team is on track to its season goal of improving from game to game.

However, this week saw tough competition as the Clippers won one of five contests.

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, AHS traveled to Manlius where they fell to Bureau Valley 60-33.

Senior Troy Anderson scored 12 points, junior Eddie Jones added nine, and junior Kabe Daniels chipped in six for the Clippers.

Amboy was victorious on Thursday,

Dec. 14 as it beat Leland 38-32 behind 20 points from Jones. Junior Quinn Leffelman scored six, senior Eliseo Vazquez-Tapia recorded five, Anderson four, and junior Joel Billhorn three.

The Clippers are participating in the Eastland Tournament, which started Saturday, Dec. 16 and finishes Thursday, Dec. 21.

The squad played two games on Dec. 16 falling to Pecatonica, 70-28, and South Beloit, 62-38.

Jones led the Clip-

pers with 14 points against Pecatonica, while Billhorn recorded six and Daniels had four. Jones also led the team against South Beloit with 11 points. Daniels scored eight and sophomore Ezra Parker tallied five.

In a Eastland Tournament game on Tuesday, Dec. 18, Anderson scored 10 and Jones had nine in a losing effort, 56-35, against Galena.

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