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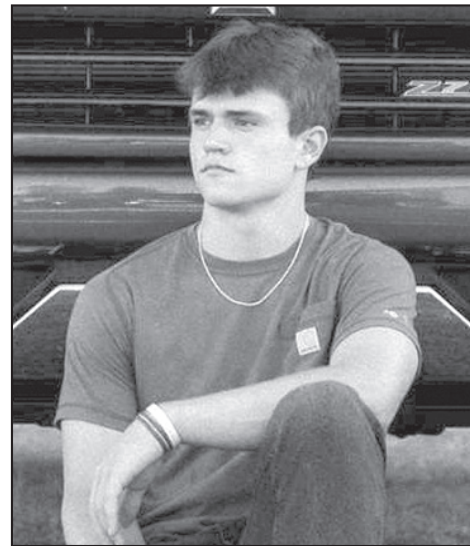
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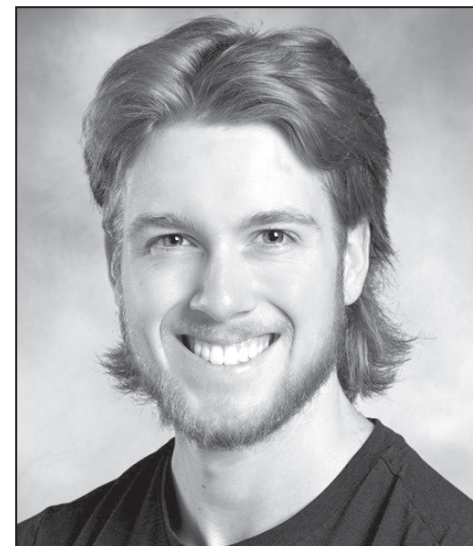
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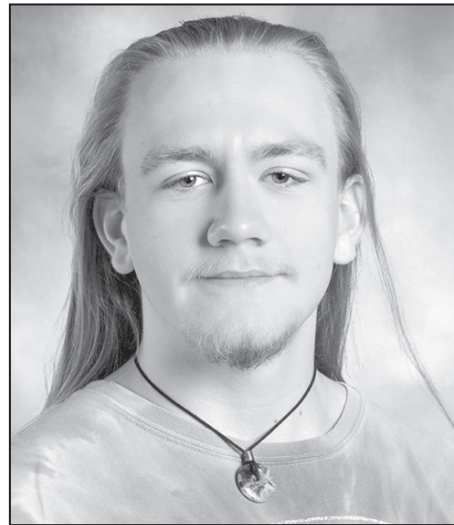

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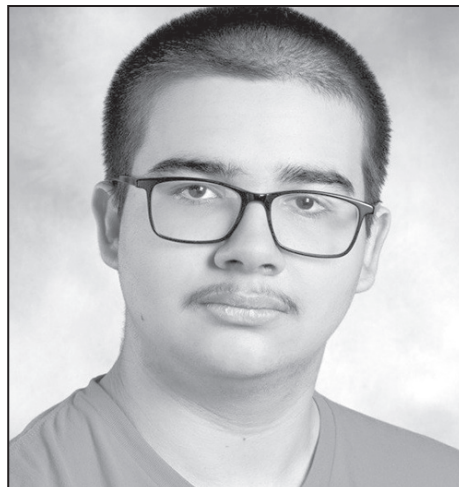


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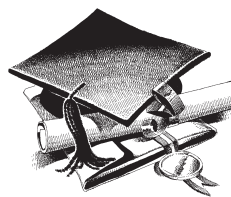


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Amboy High School Top Students

Ten Amboy High School students earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and thus earned Top of the Class honors for the Class of 2024.

Brennan Blaine

Brennan Blaine is the son of Brian and Amanda Blaine.

Honors and activities include Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society secretary, football, all-state football, basketball and three-time Academic All-Conference.

Future plans are to get a CDL through IVCC, join and eventually take over multigenerational family farm.

Elizabeth Clarida

Elizabeth Clarida of Amboy is the daughter of James Clarida and Emily Clarida.

Honors and activities include president of Leo's Club, National Honor Society, student council, volleyball, education pathways endorsement, student of the month for Whiteside Area Career Center and Amboy High School.

Future plans are to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to major in special education and work toward an endorsement in early childhood special education.

Emma Dinges

Emma Dinges of Sublette is the daughter of Nichola and Stacey Dinges.

Honors and activities include Section 2 FFA president, Amboy FFA president, golf, National Honor Society president, student council president, Scholastic Bowl, AHS musical, AHS backstage manager, student of the month, 2024 Principal's Award recipient, choir, class treasurer, 8th grade discovery ag teacher.

Future plans are to attend Iowa State University to major in animal science with a pre-vet focus.

Elly Jones

Elly Jones of West Brooklyn is the daughter of Doug and Nicole Jones.

Honors and activities include National Honor Society, highest honor roll, Homecoming senior court, President's Dean's List at SVCC, volleyball, basketball, track, cross country, academic all-conference, indoor and outdoor state track qualifier.

Future plans are to attend the University of Kansas to study in the medical field.

Rylyn Karrow

Rylyn Karrow of Amboy is the daughter of Brittney Karrow.

Honors and activities include National Honor Society, cheerleading, marching/pep/concert band, Art Club and dance at Center Stage Dance Company.

Future plans are to attend Sauk Valley Community College and then transfer to a four-year college.

Alexis Ketchum

Alexis Ketchum of Amboy is the daughter of Tanya Ketchum and Daniel Ketchum.

Honors and activities include basketball, volleyball, track, class council, Leo's Club, National Honor Society, Rodney Lindenmeyer Award, Most Valuable Distance Award, Sauk Valley media honorable mention, AHS volleyball award and IHSA Add-A-Tude Award.

Future plans are to attend Illinois State University to pursue a degree in interior design.

Alexa Morris

Alexa Morris of Amboy is the daughter of David and Josie Morris.

Honors and activities include agronomy state qualifier, volleyball, veterinary internship, lifeguard and swim lessons.

Future plans are to move to Pensacola, Fla., to attend the University of West Florida for four years to study marine biology. After earning a bachelor's degree, plans are to en-

roll in veterinary school to become an aquatic veterinarian.

Austin Shugars

Austin Shugars of Amboy is the son of Jeremy and Angie Shugars.

Honors and activities include highest honor roll, high honors, President's and Dean's List at SVCC, National Honor Society treasurer, baseball, Academic Bowl, Art Club, fall play.

Future plans are to attend Illinois Wesleyan University to study history to maybe become a history teacher/professor and to keep doing theater throughout college.

Landon Whelchel

Landon Whelchel of Amboy is the son of Chad and Laurie Whelchel.

Honors and activities include football, baseball, basketball, FFA, Leo's Club, National Honor Society president and secretary, Illinois State Scholar, Academic all-conference, highest honor roll, FFA agronomy award, AHS student of the month, all-area first-team football offensive and defensive Player of the Year, all-area first-team baseball honorable mention, 2023 Homecoming King, Amboy Clipper Team Maker Award, baseball and football team captain.

Future plans are to attend Northern Illinois University in DeKalb in hopes of obtaining a master's degree in engineering as they offer a graduate program that can be completed in five years. Hope to become involved in the competition and design teams.

Kimber Zitelman

Kimber Zitelman of Amboy is the daughter of Mikael and Kelly Zitelman.

Honors and activities include National Honor Society vice president, cheerleading captain, track captain, Leo's Club, student council, AHS student of the month.

Future plans are to attend Aurora University to double major in criminal justice and psychology.



Amboy High School Class of 2024 Top 10 students, front row, left to right, are Emma Dinges, Elizabeth Clarida, Rilyn Karrow, Kimber Zitelman and Alexa Morris. Back row, left to right, Brennan Blaine, Austin Shugars, Landon Welchel, Alexis Ketchum and Elly Jones.



AHS 2024 Senior Class President, Landon Whelchel, bids farewell

To the Class of 2024....

As our final month winds down, let us remember who we are and where we came from.

Going to a small school has allowed us to experience great things together. When we first met in 2011, we were shy, scared and nervous. We were excited for our favorite classes, recess and PE.

We loved bringing treats in for our birthdays especially if we brought them to Mrs. Grady's class so we could get a giant pixie stick. We laughed and we had fun. We celebrated our very first field trip to Tanners Orchard. Then had our first Pilgrim meal over Thanksgiving week, and we celebrated our first Christmas concert singing our favorite Christmas songs.

In first grade, we became readers trying to meet our AR reading goals and visited Blackberry Farms learning about the "old days". Then came second grade where our reading skills improved and we had the chance to visit Brookfield Zoo. Even though many of us probably acted like we belonged in the zoo, our wonderful teachers put up with us.

Third grade we learned about the Civil War and heard a costumed Abraham Lincoln speak at Midway Village Museum. We learned how to hold a rifle, how to salute, and how to not stick out like a sore thumb. We also enjoyed the wax museum where we came alive with pushing a make believe button on our hand. Many of us were dressed as historical figures or other famous inventors. Also, if you had Ms. Farmer as a teacher you had an extra lesson on how to put out small fires.

Before we knew it, we were in fourth grade where we learned about Medieval Times and got the chance to experience it by going to the Medieval Times dinner theater. We celebrated our last pancake breakfast and our last track and field day.

Then came junior high where many things changed. We met more friends, we were able to participate in clubs and sports and we had to switch classes while learning how to use a combination lock to get into our lockers. While in fifth grade, we had the joy of making our totem poles and when spring came along we went to Camp Reynoldswood to have our fifth grade campout. We played games and listened to Mr. Spangler tell ghost stories around the campfire.

In sixth grade, we were able to see Navy Pier. We also got to learn the lesson about how to survive study hall. Then in seventh grade we were able to go to the Art Museum in Chicago. Eighth grade started great. We were at the top of the school. Many of us still involved in sports, scholastic bowl and band. We learned about the Iditarod and participated in a dog sled race.

And then in March of 2020, our world changed, the COVID-19 pandemic was here. We suddenly had to stop everything. School changed to on-line, we were stuck at home, stores and restaurants closed, and to see our friends we had to be on a zoom call on our chromebooks or use our cell phones to snapchat or facetime to stay in touch.

Our eighth-grade field trip to Springfield was canceled, graduation was canceled and all other activities were canceled. It was a trying time, but we survived. Five months later, our class finally celebrated with a group graduation party. It was great seeing everyone as we had ended our eighth grade year so suddenly.

As our freshman year started, we were happy to be back, but forced to wear a mask hours at a time and even during sporting events. Every sniffle and every cough caused a 7-10 day quarantine, one time wiping out most of the school staff and students. We missed out on Homecoming festivities and sports were shortened and moved to the spring. It was a trying time for all.

And finally our sophomore year, things started to normalize. FFA, band, musicals, sports and other activities returned. We learned to drive, get our licenses and were able to go to the movies and out to eat. We finally got to have Homecoming week where we played Powderpuff football, decorated floats, hallways, went teepeeing, and made fools of ourselves during skit night. We dressed up for our Homecoming dance even though we all stood very awkwardly in our circle of friends.

The FFA sent two teams to state this year, with the parliamentary team getting a third place finish and the Conduct of Chapter team obtaining first place. We were required to take the SAT and some of us were inducted into the National Honor Society. Many of us went to prom for the first time, trying to

make it a memorable night. We learned how to play euchre and other card games from the seniors.

And just like that, our senior year was here.

Winning the state championship in football was a memory many of us will never forget. The school spirit shined high under those Friday night lights. We painted the town, the band played loudly, the cheerleaders cheered and danced, and the stands were full. During the fall we got to enjoy the play, "I Only Have Fangs For You" and during the spring we got to enjoy the musical, "The Spelling Bee." We also got to see many of our girls track members make it to state throughout all of high school. The summer concerts, our senior class trip over spring break, and multiple other memories we have shared together will certainly never be forgotten.

And now, just weeks away from receiving our diplomas, our class will be signing off one last time.

Many of us have been together since that very first day. As we look through all those old pictures on our phones and in the yearbooks, the memories will last a lifetime. We have grown stronger than ever. We have overcome many obstacles to reach this day. Many of us will be leaving for the military, getting a job, or going to college or a trade school. Some may be moving out of state.

Let us conquer and celebrate each other's triumphs and failures. Let us never forget each other and our friendship as the years go by. Continue to go and do good things while making a difference in someone's life. Remember there is no script. It is up to you to write your own story. Dream big, set goals and believe in yourself.

Most importantly, remember to smile, think positive, and dream big.

To the Class of 2024, we did it!! Congratulations and Best Wishes. Remember once a Clipper, always a Clipper. Keep reaching for the stars as this is only the beginning. And just as Arnold Schwarzenegger said, "Just remember, you can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets".

Good luck friends. I will miss you all.

Sincerely,
Landon Whelchel, President,
Amboy High School
Class of 2024



Amboy High School 2024 Class Officers, left to right, are: Austin Shugars, vice president; Landon Whelchel, president; Emma Dinges, treasurer; Kimber Zitelman, secretary



Best wishes and congratulations to all Amboy High School graduates and their proud families. May you be successful in your future endeavors.

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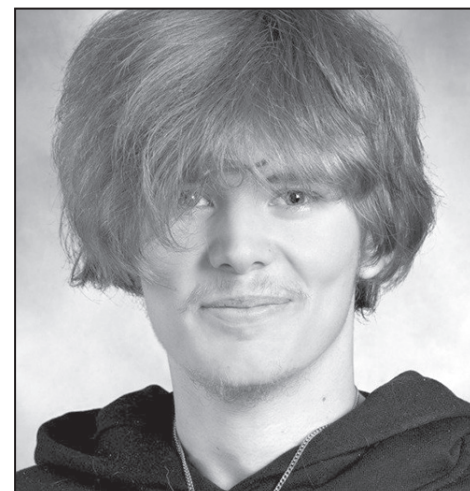
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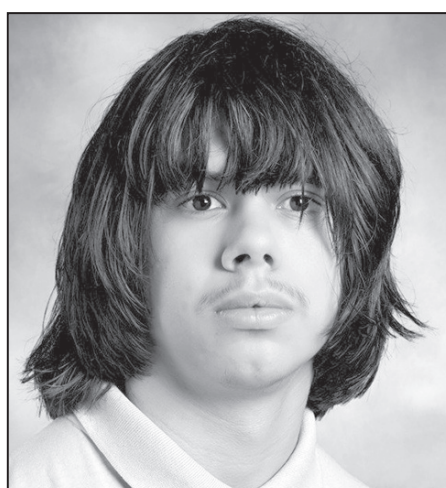
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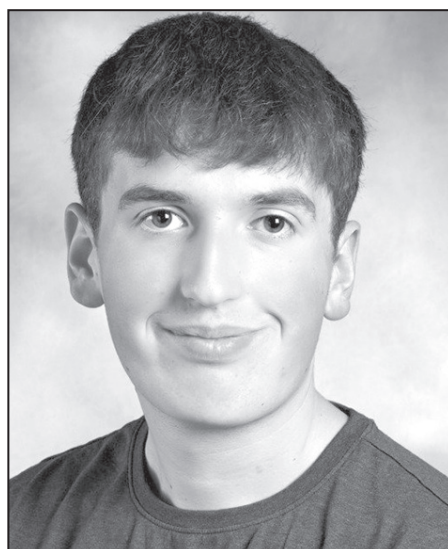
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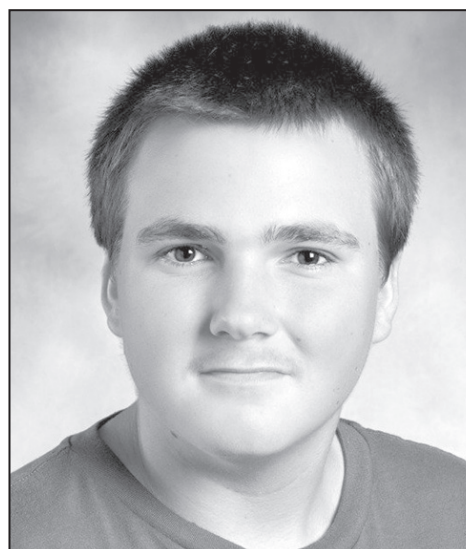
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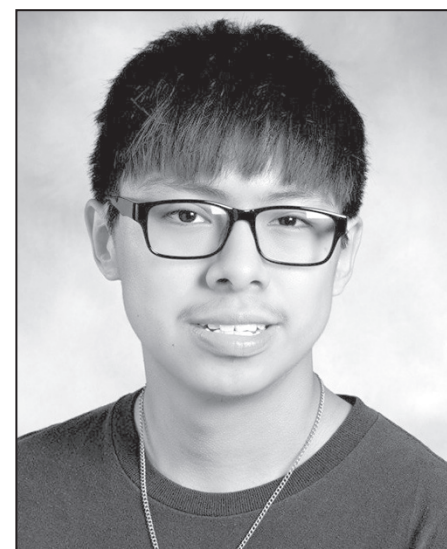
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