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Back for a third time...

No. 4 Amboy beats No. 1 Pawnee 52-8 in semifinal to return to the I8FA State Championship

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**

Amboy News Editor

PAWNEE – Heading into Saturday’s Illinois 8-Man Football Association semifinal, the Amboy-Ohio-Football team knew what they had to do.

It started with Pawnee senior running back Carson Wort, who rushed for 495 yards and seven touchdowns the week before and shutting down the play-action pass game of junior quarterback Caden Ward.

The Clippers held their defense assignments and ran the offense to a tee as A-L-E won the semifinal 52-8 to advance to the I8FA State Championship Friday at 7 p.m. at Monmouth College.

“It was really awesome to have them not know what we were doing offensively or defensively,” said senior running back and linebacker Ed Fry. “We came out firing whether it was a run or a pass. I agree with Quinn from last week, the running backs are a family. We have communication between all of us where we don’t even have to talk to communicate. I love my brothers. I’ve been through everything with them. Defensively, we shut them down. No. 9 couldn’t get a run to save his life. We did an awesome.

“We need to win state again. That’s the only thing that’s going through my head. We’re here to win.”

Although the running game has been the Clippers bread and butter all year, the first touchdown was scored on a 30-yard pass from senior quarterback Eddie Jones

to junior tight end and lineman Rylan McNinch.

McNinch wowed the crowd as he hailed in the pass one handed.

“I knew I had to bring it in because if I brought it in and had room to run, the momentum would go to our side with the first score of the game in a really big game,” McNinch said. “We had the momentum on our side right away.

“Our front five kind of dominated up front. When they tried to stop our run offense, we have Eddie. He has a good arm, and we have good receivers. We can pass all day.”

The momentum continued to stay on Amboy’s side as it took a 22-0 lead with 10:46 in the second quarter behind an 11-yard TD run by senior Brayden Klein and a 78-yard connection between Jones and senior Caleb Yanos.

Wort scored the only Indian points on a 1-yard touch with 7:23 remaining in the first half.

The Clippers didn’t back down as the next possession was 15 plays and ended on a 10-yard run by senior Josh McKendry to give the squad a 30-8 lead at halftime.

“My main focus was block No. 9, block No. 9, block No. 9,” said senior lineman Caleb Shugars. “We had a really good week of practice. We looked good on all sides. We went out there and got the job done.

“We bounced back from the holding calls. We knew we had to clean it up. We did what we had to do. Our job is not done yet. We still got one more



game against a tough opponent. We have to focus.”

After strong defensive stands by both teams, Klein scored on a 1-yard run with 5:59 on the third-quarter clock to give the Clippers a 36-8 lead.

Coach Scott Payne said this is when he knew his team was going to the state championship for the third straight year.

“It’s the kids. It’s about the players. They’re the ones who go on the field and the game,” Payne said. “There is

an old saying, ‘It’s not about the X’s and O’s it’s about the Jimmys and Joes. We have some great Jimmys and Joes on our team. I’m so happy and proud of all of them.

“They were up to the challenge. We challenged them all week long. We told them they have to stop Carson Wort. He’s one of the best backs in the state, if not the best. They all stepped up to the challenge. That says a lot about this group of young men.”

Protect yourself from seasonal illness

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding the public that along with fall, October brings the start of the traditional respiratory virus season. The department is urging Illinoisans to use the proven tools that can safeguard them from illnesses that typically surge during the fall and winter, including COVID-19, flu and RSV. This includes getting vaccinated to protect yourself and your family for those viral diseases if you are eligible.

The Department has upgraded its Seasonal Respiratory Illness Dashboard and has posted two new FAQ documents on its website providing the latest guidance on vaccinations and how to get tested and treated for these seasonal illnesses. In addition, the CDC has created a new Respiratory Illness Data Channel that provides nationwide county specific information that would be valuable for anyone planning to travel out of state. “As our public health

workers ramp up preparations for the respiratory virus season we know is coming, all of us can play a role in protecting ourselves and reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the flu by getting vaccinated,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “So make plans now to get both of those shots and protect yourself from serious illness.”

“As we head into fall, the Department of Public Health is closely monitoring this season’s respiratory illnesses and so can you with our updated respiratory illness dashboard,” said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. “Similar to past seasons, we should expect a rise in RSV, COVID-19 and flu cases as the weather cools. Now is a great time to get yourself protected from severe illness with updated vaccines, especially if you are over 65, immunocompromised, or have chronic medical conditions.”

Public health leaders also stress that one of the best ways to reduce transmission of viruses is

to stay home when you are sick to reduce transmission to others. Anyone with respiratory symptoms – such as coughing, a runny nose, or fever – should try to self-isolate from others, unless they need to seek medical care. If you cannot self-isolate, wear a well-fitted mask around others.

IDPH officials remind the public that there are effective anti-viral treatments available for COVID-19 and the flu, but they must be started quickly. This is why it is important to get tested if you are feeling symptoms.

For COVID-19, treatment must be prescribed by a healthcare provider and started within 5–7 days after symptoms appear. Treatment is strongly recommended for those who are over 65 or at higher risk for severe illness. Some Illinoisans should be eligible to access free oral antivirals through the Paxcess and Merck Helps programs.

Antiviral treatments for flu are most effective when

given within 48 hours of starting to feel ill and are only available by prescription. Older adults, young children, and those who are pregnant or have conditions like diabetes, asthma and heart disease are at risk for complications and should contact a healthcare provider be assessed for the need for treatment as soon as possible.

You can find locations that perform COVID-19 tests in person at no cost near you by using the testing locator for the federal ICATT (Increasing Community Access to Testing) program. In addition, the federal government resumed offering free Covid tests to every household through the covidtests.gov website.

The IDPH respiratory illness dashboard shows that hospital admissions for COVID-19 are currently trending down and are at 1.4% of admissions, according to data as of September 28. Illinois’ overall respiratory illness level is listed by the CDC as minimal.

The FDA and CDC have approved new vaccines for this fall for COVID-19 and flu as well as updated who can receive the RSV vaccines. The new Covid vaccines and the new flu shots are recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months. The RSV vaccine is recommended for everyone 75 years and older. But if you got an RSV shot last winter, you do not need another at this time, according to the CDC. Those in the late stages of pregnancy are advised to get the RSV vaccine designed to protect newborns. Newborns whose mothers have not received the RSV vaccine, should receive nirsevimab between October and March.

Last month, IDPH posted an episode of its podcast “This is Public Health” featuring the state’s chief medical officer and the state epidemiologist discussing the outlook for the coming respiratory virus season, the efficacy of vaccines, and prevention measures.

The new vaccines are widely available at pharmacies and through hospitals, and community health clinics. The major pharmacy chains allow you to make an appointment to get a shot online. For help finding a provider of vaccines near you, go to www.vaccines.gov.

For those who don’t have healthcare coverage through a private plan, Medicare, or Medicaid, IDPH operates the Vaccines for Children Program, which provides vaccines at no cost for children 18 and under. Adults without insurance have several options. They can check with their local health department or contact a free and charitable clinic or a Community Health Center.



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Non-profit security grant program, supplemental notice of funding opportunity available

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) was notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), of two grant opportunities for non-profit organizations across Illinois. Available funding for these two grant opportunities for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Nonprofit Security Grant Program National Security Supplemental (NSGP-NSS) is \$210 million nationally.

The FY 2024 Urban Area Nonprofit Security Grant Program National Security Supplemental (NSGP-NSS-UASI) will provide a total of \$105 million nationally to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations who are deemed at high-risk of a potential terrorist attack and are located in one of the FY 2024 UASI-eligible urban areas. The designated urban area for Illinois is Cook County.

The FY 2024 Statewide Nonprofit Security Grant Program National Security Supplemental (NSGP-NSS-S) will provide a total of \$105

million nationally to eligible 501(c)(3) organizations who are deemed at high-risk of a potential terrorist attack located outside of Cook County.

IEMA-OHS, as the State Administrative Agency, will issue these competitive grants, up to \$200,000, to applicants that are approved by the Grants Program Directorate/FEMA. Eligible non-profit organizations with one site may apply for up to \$200,000 for that site. Eligible non-profit organizations with multiple sites may apply for up to \$200,000 per site, for up to three sites, for a maximum of \$600,000 per sub-applicant, per funding stream. The period of performance is 36 months.

Both NSGP-Urban Area and NSGP-National Security Program funds must be used for security enhancements activities, which can be accomplished through the purchase or installation of security equipment on real property (including buildings and improvements) owned or leased by the non-profit organization, as well as through contracted security

personnel. Security enhancements must be for the location(s) that the nonprofit occupies at the time of the application, and the projects must be fully completed during the three-year performance period.

Complete applications from eligible non-profit organizations must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

To learn more about this funding opportunity, eligible applicants should visit the IEMA-OHS website: https://iemaohs.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/iemaohs/hs/documents/grants/uasi-nsgp/uasi-nsgpnofo_uasi_nsgp.pdf and download the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

For questions on the application process, email EMA.ITTF.grants@illinois.gov

Additional information about these grant programs are located on the FEMA website: <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security>.



LOCAL NEWS

Plan Commission Meeting at Amboy City Hall

AMBOY – A commission meeting is planned at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Amboy City Hall. The meeting will discuss new business construction at 326 N. Mason Ave. and zoning change from residential to C-1.



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The IMA awarded the title based on its 2024 Legislative Report Card, which highlights lawmakers who consistently support Illinois’ manufacturing industry. The Report Card rates lawmakers based on their voting record on key bills that impact the state’s manufacturing sector.

“I am truly honored to be recognized as a ‘Champion of Manufacturing’ by the IMA. Manufacturing is the backbone of our economy, providing good-paying jobs and vital products that Illinois and the rest of the country rely on,” said Sen. Rezin. “I look forward to continuing to work with the IMA as we strive to implement state policies that encourage growth and stability in this critical industry.”

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for the FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Saturday, November 23rd, 2024. The band (New Vocal Blend) starts at noon and dinner will be served at 1pm. If you are interested in volunteering or making a dessert or dish, please contact us at 815-857-4800.

Homework Club

We will have applications ready in the Teen Turf hallway and at each of the schools. You can drop the applications off into our mailbox in the hall, to us in person, or

into the school office. If you have a 3rd grader or above, they may be able to attend. They will ride the bus, have a hot meal, a fun place to play, and of course complete homework.

Volunteers

We welcome all volunteers for our after-school 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.

AMBOY – You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program 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 Lions Club meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25 at the Amboy Community Center, located at 280 W. Wasson Rd. The Lions Club meetings take place the second and fourth Monday of every month.

AMBOY – AG Coffee Talk will take place from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the University of Illinois Extension Office in Amboy. Cover crops are essential for limiting soil and nutrient loss from fields and are also useful for building organic matter, improving water infiltration, and increasing water holding capacity. Come to share your experiences and learn from others as we discuss cover crops at our next AG Coffee Talk. Refreshments will be served. No cost to attend.

AMBOY – The City of Amboy committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2 at the Commu-

nity Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY – The Amboy Civic Organization will gather at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 at Long Branch Saloon. A.C.O. members will place their dinner orders prior to 6 p.m. to be served after musical entertainment. Chris Klein and Rick Cardot will perform from 6-7 p.m. Please contact Chris Noble at 815-857-3963 to make your reservation.

DIXON – Join Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Bruce Black to explore terrariums during the Winter Terrariums Youth Workshop from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at Sauk Valley Community College. Winter can be a monotone time of the year. Plants are a great source of color to brighten those blues. Students will learn how to create a winter terrarium to make your holiday season a little greener. These winter terrariums would make a great holiday gift. Cost is \$20 for ages 10-plus. Register online at: go.illinois.edu/CommunityEdSVCC.

SUBLETTE – The next Village of Sublette meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette.

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Basketball @ Polo
Tournament-TBA
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CONFERENCES-8:00 am-

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AHS Girls Basketball @

Serena-5:30 pm

AHS Wrestling @ Mendota-5:30
pm
AHS Varsity Boys Basketball @
Depue-5:30 pm

Nov. 27

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Dr. Marguerite M. Bloch May 24, 1937 - Nov. 10, 2024

CLINTON, Iowa—Dr. Marguerite “Mardy” M. (Delhotal) Bloch, Ed. D., passed away peacefully on Nov. 10, 2024, at Alverno Senior Care Facility in Clinton, Iowa.

Visitation will be held at The Canticle, home of the Sisters of St. Francis, 841 13th Ave. North, Clinton, Iowa on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, from 10-11 a.m. followed by the Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment will be private.

Mardy was born on May 24, 1937, in Amboy. She was raised on a farm in Harmon, Illinois and educated at Lake School—a one-room country school-house. She left home to attend high school at Mount St. Clare Academy in Clinton, Iowa. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Viterbo College in LaCrosse, Wis., where she majored in elementary education and minored in social studies, English, speech and drama. Mardy then earned her Master of Science degree from Purdue University in Lafayette, Ind., where she majored in Elementary School Administration and minored in psychology. She earned her Doctorate in Education from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

In 1972 she and Walter Bloch married and lived their busy lives in the west suburbs of Chicago. They loved to travel especially to Poland and Ireland, the homes of their ancestors. Mardy loved to attend the Notre Dame vs. Purdue football game every fall.

Mardy’s list of accomplishments was quite extensive. She taught at the college level at Concordia University, served as principal in several school districts, and as superintendent of schools in Oak Brook, Ill. Additionally, she served as a consultant on education matters to the Archdiocese of Chicago and was Vice President of the Education Facilities Center.

Mardy had an impressive list of workshop topics which she presented in the Midwest area, including Curriculum development, Community Relations, Strategic Planning, Research and Evaluation to Financial Planning for Special Education. She had been published in Today’s Catholic Educator and the Illinois Association of School Boards Journal. Mardy also presented formal papers for Illinois Superintendent of Public Instruction, The Illinois Association of School

Boards, Midwest Conference of Teacher Centers, Western Michigan University, Iowa Department of Public Instruction Illinois Association for Higher Education and Minnesota Audio-Visual Teachers Association. She was passionate about discussing trends in education through various media. Her radio and television appearances and newspaper articles were aired and published in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, New Orleans, New York, and St. Paul.

Special recognitions had been presented to Dr. Bloch many times. Those honors include: Outstanding Young Educators in the United States (1 of 75), Outstanding Alumni by the Mount St. Clare, Elementary School Principal of the Year by Illinois State Board of Education, Dare to be Great award from Illinois Women Administrators, Special Education Recognition award from Illinois TASH, and the Ulyssean Award from the Village of Oak Park.

Mardy was dedicated to her community. Whether it be when she lived in the Chicago area or in Clinton, she served on numerous boards and committees. She was an avid supporter of the arts, especially the symphony and village theaters. Mardy



was a dedicated supporter of L’Arche Chicago.

Being a former Sister of St. Francis, she was happy to call The Canticle home again after her husband passed. The community of her religious sisters was a comfort and blessing for her senior living. She cherished the time she was able to spend with them and serve the Lord and his community of dedicated sisters.

Mardy is survived by her brother-in-law Paul Bloch, sister-in-law Helene (Bloch) Clarke, a niece, nephew and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband Walter, her parents Raymond and Helen and her brothers Jim and Bill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis, 841 13th Ave. North, Clinton, Iowa. Snell Zornig Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences expressed by visiting her obituary at www.snellzornig.com.

Carolyn J. Robinson July 11, 1952 - Nov. 20, 2024

AMBOY—Carolyn J. Robison, 72, of Amboy, died Saturday Nov. 16, 2024 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

Visitation will be on Wednesday Nov. 20, 2024 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at St Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:30 a.m. at the church with Rev. John Gow officiating.

Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon. A memorial has been established to the Parkinson’s Foundation. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Robison was born July 11, 1952 in Chicago, the daughter of James and Josephine (Blinstrub) Bass. Carolyn had worked at Fantasy/Sensient Flavors in Amboy for over 13 years



prior to retirement.

She married Glen Robison on November 17, 2006 in DeKalb.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Nancy Westover and one brother Richard Bass.

Carolyn is survived by her husband Glen, two children Missy Hobbs of Amboy and Jason (Mandi) Gascoigne of Bloomington; five grandchildren, Stephen, Autumn, Chloe, Alex and Carter, and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister Kathy (Scott Hogan) Wilhelm of Florida and one brother Jim (Frank) Bass of Quincy.

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LOCAL NEWS/SPORTS



Jeff Bryant Sr. retirement party
Former Amboy Fire District Chief, Jeff Bryant Sr. was honored with a retirement party on Saturday, Nov. 2. He was joined by friends and fire department members Bryant Sr. has worked with at some point in his 36-year career.
Brandon LaChance, News Photo

Firearm hunting season is upon us

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has set dates for the deer archery season, and also the youth, firearm and muzzleloader-only deer hunting and late winter deer seasons in the state.

The deer archery season opened on Oct. 1 and will continue through Jan. 19, 2025. Archery season will be closed during the firearm seasons.

The first firearm deer season is Nov. 22, 23, 24. The second firearm deer season is Dec. 5, 6, 7, 8.

The muzzleloader-only deer season is Dec. 13, 14, 15. Hunters may also use a muzzleloader permit with a muzzleloading rifle during the second firearm season, Dec. 5, 6, 7, 8.

The later winter deer hunting season dates are Dec. 26-29 and Jan. 17-19, 2025. Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

The bag limit is one deer per legally authorized either-sex, antlered-only or antlerless-only permit. All either-sex permits and antlered-only permits are subject to the following restriction: No hunter, regardless of the quantity or type of permits in his/her possession, may harvest more than two antlered deer during a year, including the Youth, Archery, Muzzleloader and Firearm seasons. For purposes of this bag limit, deer seasons are considered to be in the same year if their opening dates fall within the same 12-month period that begins July 1. A hunter in possession of an either-sex permit after having harvested two antlered deer during a year may only use the permit to harvest an antlerless deer. Subject to this restriction, an either-sex permit holder is allowed to take a deer with or without antlers and an antlered-only permit holder is allowed to take only a deer having at least one antler of a length of three or more inches. An antlerless only permit holder is allowed to take only a deer without antlers or a deer having antlers less than three inches long.

Amboy High School Report

Janet Crownhart, Principal

Congratulations to our FFA members who competed at Dairy Foods and Agronomy at Rochelle High School on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

The Dairy Foods team placed fifth in the section and was made up of Brysen Full, Gavin Nichols, Kaitlyn Dempsey, and Jarrett Althaus. The Agronomy team placed first in the section with the following members placing in the top 10: Abel Valdez (second), Westin Wittenauer (third), Tyler Mahar (fourth), Landon Carter (fifth), Henry Klein (sixth), Anna Carlson (ninth), Aden Spinelli (10th). The following individuals who also participated in agronomy were Tyler Huggins, Kenley Wilson, Grace Royer, Alainie Wittenauer, Maddie Althaus, Lili Leffelman, Grady McLaughlin, Chuck Wilson, Kolton Greus, Brian Clements, and Jason Dickinson.

Congratulations to the pep band as they were able to play at the IHSA state volleyball games Saturday, Nov. 16. The students did a great job and had a great time. Also, congratulations to Gloria Parker on making the ILMEA District Band which also performed Saturday in Dekalb.

Students spend all day working together to learn the music and then perform a concert that evening.

Amboy High School

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Football

The Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team for making it to the Illinois 8-Man Football Association State Championship for the third year in a row!

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This Week's Student of the Week is:

Gavin Nelson

Student's Favorites:

- Color: Red
- Animal: Coyotes
- Food: Spaghetios & Meatballs
- Book: The Lorax
- Game: Super Hero
- Song: "Beautiful Things" by Benson Boone

CLIPPER KIDDIE

This Week's Student of the Week is:

Laynie Full

Student's Favorites:

- Color: Pink
- Animal: Cow
- Food: Cheeseburger
- Book: Goodnight Moon
- Game: Hide & Seek
- Song: Spidey & his Amazing Friends theme song

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Let it sink in

Before cars start to fly.
Before we all have chips in our wrists, our ears, our ankles, or stomachs.
Before Michael Jordan, Deion Sanders, Lionel Messi, Michael Phelps, Tom Brady, Simone Biles, Serena Williams, and LeBron James all pass away.
Before the Statue of Liberty crumbles.
Before Amboy Depot Days turns 150.
Before humans don't work anymore because we were replaced by robots.
Before Chris Benoit gets into the WWE Hall of Fame.
Before print becomes obsolete and every read word is digital.
Before McDonalds becomes the healthiest restaurant in the world.
Before the entire world is ran by one president or one ruler.
Before Atlantis is discovered.
Before someone gets a Jurassic Park-like idea and recreates dinosaurs to run amongst us.
Before another NCAA men's basketball team wins 10 championships in 12 seasons like the John Wooden-led UCLA Bruins.
Before an NBA player breaks Wil Chamberlain's record of 100 points in a game.
Before teachers go on strike at every school in the United States of America and the school system is destroyed.
Before trains Hoover over railroad tracks instead of being attached.

Before anything that shouldn't happen or we don't think will happen does happen, the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio players, coaches, and fans need to do one thing...

Column

By Brandon LaChance



Sink it all in.

The Clippers have made it to the Illinois 8-Man Football Association State Championship for the third time. The first team to ever do so.

They have answered the call when naysayers were saying they couldn't get back to the final game of the season.

Every week another kid stepped up.

Every week the rushing attack ran over opponents.

Every week the play-action pass set up by the running game found the end zone.

The Clippers deserve all of the accolades and to be in the state championship.

They also deserve to remember and be proud of this moment, now. Not after the moment has passed and decades have gone by, but right now as it is happening.

Unfortunately, we think dynasties will never fall and an awesome team will always stay awesome.

Ask the Dallas Cowboys of the 1980s and 1990s, who haven't won a Super Bowl since 1995.

The Chicago Bulls of the 1990s, who haven't won a ring since MJ retired in 1998.

The New England Patriots of the 2000s and 2010s, who last won in 2019, but are one of the worst teams in the NFL now.

The New York Yankees of the 1990s and 2000s, who seem to be really good every year but haven't gotten over the hump since 2009.

The Seattle Supersonics, the Montreal Expos, the Baltimore Colts, the Boston Braves, the California Golden Seals, the St. Louis Rams, the Houston Oilers, the Minneapolis Lakers, the Oakland Raiders, the Oakland Athletics, the San Diego Chargers, the Seattle Pilots, the Vancouver Grizzlies, and the Washington Senators, who are not even teams anymore or are not in the city they were originally founded.

There are thousands of Illinois high school teams who have won one state title, thought they would return, and were never able to.

Success levels change in time as every team goes through periods of greatness and rebuilding.

Hopefully it never happens to the Clippers, but time and history would say we're lying to ourselves if we believed there would never be a losing season again.

This is exactly why it is important to slow down, breathe, look at the confetti, look at all the screaming fans, huddle with your brothers, and enjoy the moment.

What the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team has done the last three years should be solidified in everyone's mind as a special time in life we don't want to forget.

The tough part is realizing and finding a way to fully appreciate it right now, RIGHT NOW, instead of later.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 years ago
Nov. 21, 1974

A squad of nine deputies and citizens raided the Jefferson St. home of L.B. Searles and seized large quantities of liquor.

The Methodist Ladies raised about \$80 from their rummage sale. J.P. Huber and Charles Kuhn opened a garage for general automobile repair next to the Ford garage.

The first wedding to be solemnized in the new Baptist Church occurred at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16 when Miss Goldie Dillow of Amboy was united in marriage to Mr. Mason J. Hayenga of Oregon. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Dr. D. M. Trout.

75 years ago
Nov. 17, 1949

Make reservations early for Thanksgiving Dinner at Zimmer's Service & Café at 52 & 30.

Mrs. Mabel Jarrell opened a dancing school in Sublette giving classes in ballet and tap dance.

50 years ago
Nov. 21, 1974

25 years ago
Nov. 18, 1999

The Amboy City Council is

The Amboy Junior High referendum was narrowly defeated in heavy voting. Total yes votes were 5789, no votes were 673.

Amboy Fire Protection District awarded a contract for an ambulance to Foster Coach Company of Sterling for \$22,500.

Delivery was not expected until January. Residents had passed a referendum to establish an ambulance service in July.

Amboy's Women's Club sponsored its first Country Corner Bazaar, Country Store and Card Party.

Senior Bob Bieser and freshman Russ Taylor were both starters for the Blueboys.

The Shark Conference coaches held a meeting to select their all-conference football team. Greg Koch of Amboy was selected to the first team defensive unit as a linebacker. Clippers receiving honorable mention were quarterback John Klausen, defensive end Joe Bothe, linebacker Mike Blackburn, linebacker "Buck" Fenwick, and offensive guard Doug Morrissey.

doing its part to crack down on underage drinking after it passed an ordinance regarding falsified identification with the intent to purchase alcohol. The ordinance outlaws the possession of a fake identification papers with the intent to deceive and outlaws the selling or furnishing of false identification to minors.

Area residents are cordially invited to attend an open house at Whiteside Area Vocational Center (WAVA) in Sterling. During the open house attendees will be able to tour WAVA, talk with instructors, and see student demonstrations on state-of-the-art equipment.

U.S. Sen. Peter G. Fitzgerald opened his newest Illinois office in Dixon with a grand opening and Veterans Day celebration.

Antoinette Gutkowski, of Amboy, received a special birthday surprise when she won \$11,924.88 on a slot machine at the Lady Luck Casino in Bettendorf, Iowa.

There has been a changing of the guard at the Amboy Lady Clipper basketball camp. Assistant coach Jeff Christoffersen has been elevated to replace Kate Barr in the top spot.

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Individuals wanting to review this form should contact:

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SUMMARY:

The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2024

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	7,237,440	1,116,142	1,347,182	662,572	330,264	582,219	96,836	126,545	11,758
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	1,273,455	50,000	0	385,499	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	835,422	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		9,346,317	1,166,142	1,347,182	1,048,071	330,264	582,219	96,836	126,545	11,758
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		8,567,481	2,227,802	1,440,170	934,703	214,605	295,132		176,679	4,571
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	120,000	0	0	(120,000)	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2023		6,017,758	1,746,197	179,216	1,294,060	233,783	581,608	1,343,190	106,903	413,016
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2024		6,796,594	684,537	206,228	1,407,428	349,442	748,695	1,440,026	56,769	420,203
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2024		7,010,114	684,537	206,228	1,407,428	349,442	748,695	1,440,026	56,769	420,203

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ACE HARDWARE AND OUTDOOR CNTR	3,150.85	DIXON GLASS COMPANY INC	4,368.15	JOSEPH T HEAVNER	3,534.43	RENNER QUARRIES LTD	4,169.60
AFLAC - REMITTANCE PROCESSING	7,608.82	DREAMSCAPES BY DENNIS INC	17,543.50	JOSHUA NICHOLS	2,720.48	REPUBLIC SERVICES #766	10,910.13
AG VIEW FS, INC	81,578.55	DYOPATH	139,648.68	JOSTENS	4,212.02	RICHARD L. JOHNSON ASSOC/ARCHI	20,126.70
AIRBORNE ATHLETICS, INC	7,099.00	ECOLAB	4,136.86	JOSTENS	6,675.75	RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN	4,526.74
AIRGAS	11,922.45	EDMENTUM, INC	2,850.00	KALEELS CLOTHING AND PRINTING	34,601.00	ROCKFORD STRUCTURES CONS	44,902.26
AIRGAS USA LLC	17,311.16	ELIZABETH CLARIDA	5,075.00	KENNAYS CARPET CARE	4,031.00	ROE #47	25,635.00
AMALGAMATED BANK OF CHICAGO	872,725.00	EMILY G ROSE	4,713.59	LAKESHORE LEARNING	5,892.88	S-NET COMMUNICATIONS	19,081.28
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC.	77,364.32	ENGIE	127,844.04	LEADING EDGE FUNDRAISING	3,202.48	SANTANDER LEASING LLC	57,828.00
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BRADLEY A DUNLAP	5,985.29	GUARDIAN	63,219.84	MONARCH	4,669.20	SUPREME CLEANERS INC	7,925.06
BRAINSTORM, INC.	3,342.79	H2I GROUP	3,873.00	NEFF COMPANY	3,099.25	TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	423,635.78
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BRENT MONTAVON	6,210.97	HD SUPPLY	53,990.19	NICOLE JONES	4,309.20	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO #722	10,740.00
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CONTRACT PAPER GROUP, INC	7,606.88	ITSAVVY LLC	4,950.00	PUR-CHEM, LLC	3,506.00	VSP ILLINOIS	7,680.04
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CONTROL TECHNOLOGY & SOLUTIONS	310,880.68	JESSICA MEUSEL	3,674.23	QUICK QUALITY SIGNS	2,736.00	WILLETT HOFMANN	26,758.40
CULLIGAN OF DIXON	4,264.56	JOHN'S SERVICE AND SALES, INC	6,002.19	RAMZA INSURANCE GROUP	159,856.00	WILSON LANGUAGE	8,480.16
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	9,221.34			RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC	7,950.00	WINKEL, PARKER & FOSTER, CPA PC	4,100.00
DEB CLEARY	2,515.83					YVONNE M VICKS	5,140.99

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the Matter of the Maple Grove Drainage District in the County of Lee, in the State of Illinois.
No. 1964-L-339
Notice of Date on or Before Which Objections to Annual Financial Report Must be Filed
Public Notice is hereby given that the commissioners of the Maple Grove Drainage District have filed in this court their annual financial report for the fiscal year October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. Objections to said report must be filed in the Court at 309 South Galena Avenue,

Dixon, Illinois, on or before January 15, 2025.
Amy Johnson,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
No. 1101
(Nov. 20, 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Village of Paw Paw has passed and approved on November 13, 2024 the annual Tax Levy Ordinance. Any-one wishing to inspect the Ordinance may do so at the 362 Chicago Road office by appointment.
No. 1102
(Nov. 20, 2024)

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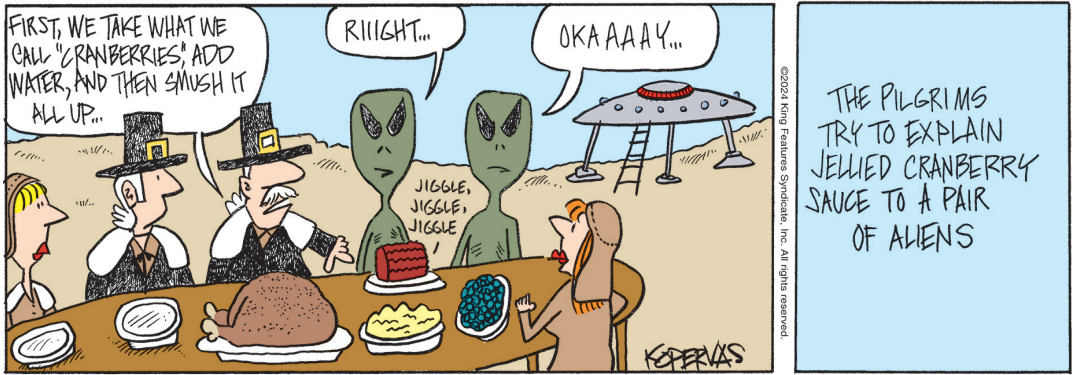
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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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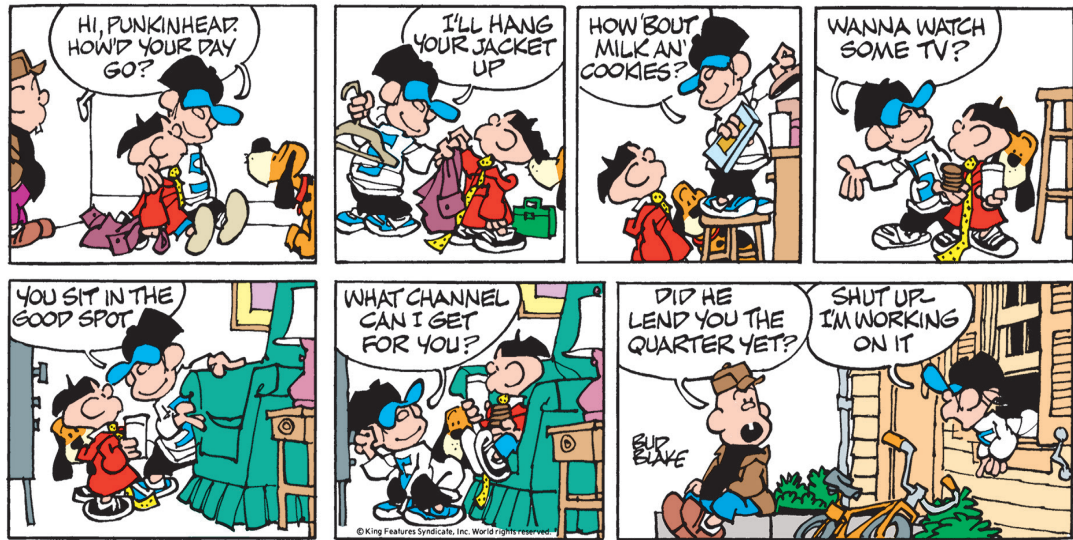
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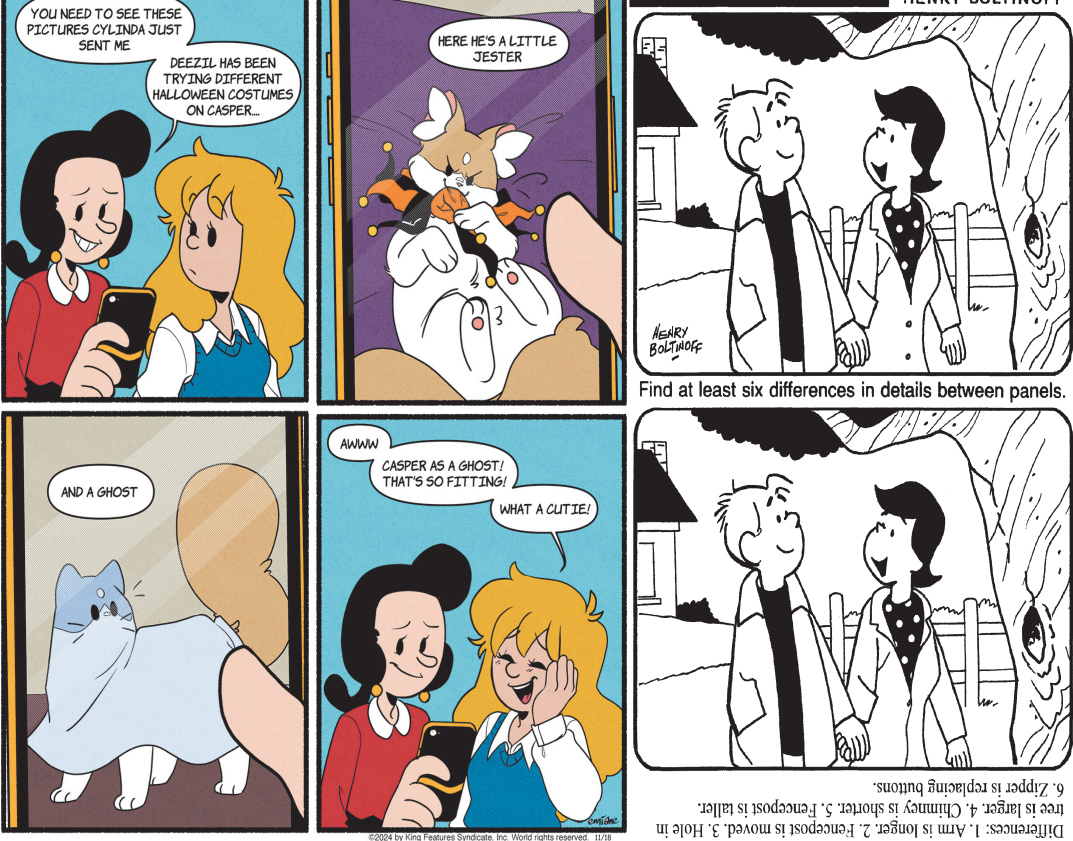
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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: N equals S

IPJF MW OWT LJBB NWGUSWMO
IPW NFWZN TNRVK JV RBBVUNN-
FXUJFRVK NTSNFJVLU?
J GUMRLRVU MXWZZUX.

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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!

Entity **BINGE**
Loose **RAFTID**
Debris **SUEFER**
Game **PORTS**

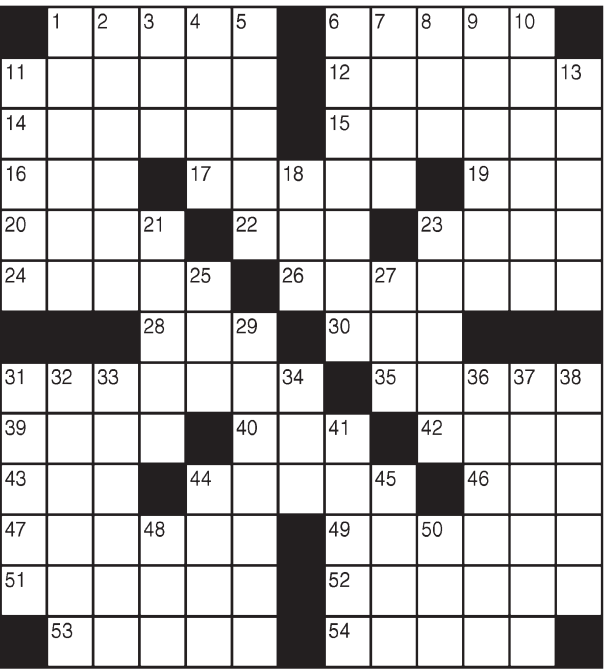
TODAY'S WORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Clutch
- 6 Modern mes-
- 11 "Queen of
- 12 Used a mod-
- 14 Irish singer
- 15 More promis-
- 16 "— Mine"
- 17 "Zorba the
- 19 Hit CBS series
- 20 Morning
- 22 Pump up the
- 23 Bit of dust
- 24 Road curves
- 26 Test monitor
- 28 Wardrobe
- 30 Sharing word
- 31 Driving
- 35 Flavor
- 39 "Les Etats-
- 40 Hosp. areas
- 42 Earth sci.
- 43 Astern
- 44 "Star Trek"
- 46 Computer

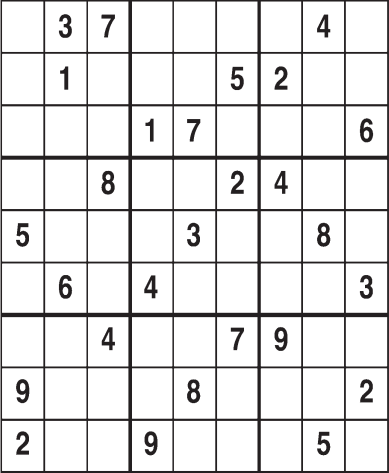


- 47 Band aide
- 49 Fly
- 51 Blood givers
- 52 Evening prayer
- 53 Newbies
- 54 Perfume
- 6 Start playing
- 7 Black, in
- 8 Ballot marks
- 9 Lingerie fabric
- 10 Handles
- 11 Stage com-
- 13 Less damp
- 18 Little rascal
- 21 Feudal farm-
- 23 Jazz singer
- 25 Use a straw
- 27 Ump's call
- 29 Method
- 31 Sentry
- 32 Walking
- 33 Lengthy list
- 34 Tolkien crea-
- 36 Abrasion
- 37 Horn blower
- 38 Gantry of fic-
- 41 Italian wine
- 44 Surrealist
- 45 Saint Laurent
- 48 "Le Coq —"
- 50 Follower

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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WORD LADDERS

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

BASES

CHATS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: What is the name of the necklace that Rose throws into the sea at the end of "Titanic"?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient city of Carthage located?
- 3. TELEVISION: What are the names of the FBI agents on "The X-Files"?
- 4. LITERATURE: Who wrote the short story "The Gift of the Magi"?
- 5. HISTORY: When was the United Nations organization created?
- 6. SCIENCE: What is the addictive substance in tobacco?
- 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed into law the Sherman Antitrust Act?
- 8. CHEMISTRY: What is the lightest of metallic elements?
- 9. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the half-man, half-bull creature that inhabits the Labyrinth?
- 10. FOOD & DRINK: What is challah?

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- 10. A special bread in Jewish cuisine
- 9. Minotaur
- 8. Lithium
- 7. Benjamin Harrison
- 6. Nicotine
- 5. 1945
- 4. O. Henry
- 3. Fox Mulder and Dana Scully
- 2. Tunisia
- 1. Heart of the Ocean

AROUND

Today's Word

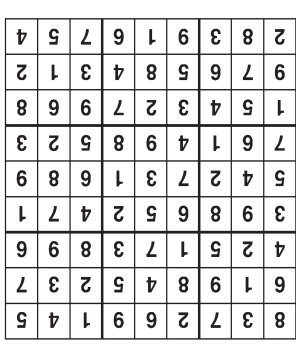
1. Being; 2. Adrift; 3. Refuse; 4. Sport

SCRAMBLERS

Answer

BASES, CASES, CASTS, COSTS, COATS, CHATS

WORD LADDER



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

What do you call somebody who stops using an illness-treating substance?
A medicine dropper.

Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

Thanksgiving Wishes

*Greetings and gratitude
from your local merchants at
Thanksgiving.*

*Warm wishes
at Thanksgiving!*

City of Amboy
227 E Main Street, Amboy
815-857-3814

*May your holiday be filled
with all the joys and happiness that
this wish can bring.
Happy Thanksgiving!*

Woodhaven Lakes Realty
509 LaMoille Road, Sublette
815-849-5476

*Wishing you joy
and good fortune
at Thanksgiving!*

**CGH Medical Center &
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100 E. LeFevre Road
Sterling
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*Thanks for
dropping in on us
at Thanksgiving
and all year!*

Jones-Berry Lumber Co.
1 S Commercial Avenue, Amboy
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*Wishing you all the
best this holiday season!*

Sensient Flavors LLC
25 E Main Street, Amboy
815-857-3691

*Thanks
for your
generous support!*

**Vaessen Brothers
Chevrolet, Inc.**
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Sublette
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*Wishing you an abundance of
happiness this Thanksgiving!*

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home
303 E. Main Street, Amboy
815-857-2611

*May the good things of
life be yours in abundance,
not only at Thanksgiving
but throughout the
coming year.*

The Last Alarm
43 Southeast Ave., Amboy
815-857-3483

*Thanks for the food before us,
the friends beside us & the love
between us. (Don't forget your
friends whom have less this
season).*

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*We're so grateful for friends
and customers
like all of you!*

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*Wishing you abundant
happiness, health and good
fortune this Thanksgiving and
always.*

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customers like all of you!*

The Amboy News
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*We couldn't wish
for better friends
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**Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger
and Considine, LLC**
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Dixon
815-288-4949

*May your Thanksgiving
be full of peace,
love and joy.*

KSB Hospital
305 E Joe Dr., Amboy
815-857-3044

WISHING YOU A HAPPY



**THANKS
GIVING
DAY**

STATE NEWS

IDNR to accept bids for agriculture leases for 2025-2029

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will accept sealed bids this fall for about 30 agricultural lease contracts for crop years 2025-2029.

IDNR utilizes agricultural leases as a tool to support wildlife populations and recreational opportunities at sites owned or managed by the agency. The leases developed under this program will promote ecologically sound agricultural practices to improve soil health, minimize soil erosion, improve water quality, and reduce chemical impacts to benefit wildlife populations and their habitats.

IDNR sites with leases open for bid will be publicly announced on BidBuy, the State of

Illinois' procurement site. A non-mandatory vendor conference will be conducted for each open lease with details included in the public notice.

Once registered in BidBuy, prospective bidders will be notified by email when any agricultural lease bid openings are posted. Prospective bidders will need to download and print the necessary forms from the BidBuy website prior to the vendor conference.

In accordance with state and federal law, the State of Illinois does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or any other protected category in employment, contracts, or any other activity.

IDNR recognizes 2024 outstanding volunteers of the year

SPRINGFIELD – Eleven individuals and organizations have been recognized as 2024 outstanding volunteers of the year for their volunteer efforts on behalf of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

"IDNR is blessed to have marvelous volunteers, and their work is vital to the operation and upkeep of Illinois state parks, historic sites, state museum facilities, and nature preserves," IDNR Director Natalie

Phelps Finnie said. "Volunteering can be hard work, but it's important work that benefits everyone who enjoys IDNR sites throughout the state."

The 2024 IDNR outstanding volunteers of the year are:

Kerry Novak, Earlville – Novak has volunteered every Wednesday since retiring as site superintendent at Starved Rock State Park in LaSalle County in 2019. In 2024 he contributed 125 volunteer hours as a front

desk docent who assists the more than 350,000 visitors who stop by the visitors' center annually.

Roseann Webb, Peru – Webb volunteers at Starved Rock State Park on behalf of the Starved Rock Foundation. She greets visitors and previously was a hike leader, contributing more than 2,400 volunteer hours to the park. Her caring nature comes naturally: she is a nurse, a mother of four, and a grandmother of nine.

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Sublette Christmas in the Village

The Sublette Christmas Walk committee is inviting vendors to be part of "Christmas in the Village" to be held Sunday, Dec. 1 in Sublette.

Vendors will be set up at the Ellice Dinges Center from 3-6 p.m. Anyone wishing vendor space can call Julie Kessel at 815-440-4689.

There is no charge for vendor space, but vendors are asked to donate a gift for

a drawing to be held.

Lighted Parade

Sublette's Christmas Walk Committee is urging everyone to light up a vehicle for the Christmas Parade to be held Sunday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Light up a four-wheeler, car, truck or even a tractor and join the parade. Pre-registration is not required.

The "Christmas in the Village" begins at 3 p.m. at

the Ellice Dinges Center. Downtown stores will also be open.

Featured events include the Christmas tree lighting ceremony and a visit from Santa Claus.

"Christmas in the Village" is always the highlight of the Christmas season in Sublette. Families are invited to come and enjoy a festive day.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

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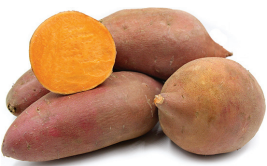

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