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Mistletoe



By: Eden Demuth

Last Saturday, our annual Ambridge Area Mistletoe dance was held at Shadow Lakes.

There were 10 students on the mistletoe court Norah Marchionda, Caylin Fedora, Avrie Fustich, Marena Baker, Gianna Georgakis (Girls) , Kevonte Saunders, Nolan Pugh, Ashton Thompson, Darold Cain, and Quinn Tkatch (Boys).

Your 2025 Mistletoe King and Queen are Kevonte Saunders and Marena Baker! Congrats to them!

In addition to the dance itself, there was a photo booth, airbrush tattoos, and a 360-video camera all included for entertainment. We appreciate all the work the staff and volunteers have done to make this happen.



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Ambridge Basketball

By: Carter Mason

Ambridge basketball is entering a season of hopeful resurgence after a tough year. With new coaches and players stepping onto the court, there's a sense of optimism for improvement and a fresh start. The beginning of the season has been challenging, but the team remains focused on growth and development, aiming to harness their potential and turn the tide as the season progresses. The new coaches are focusing on a more disciplined approach to defense, emphasizing teamwork and communication. They're also implementing a faster-paced offense to capitalize on the team's athleticism, along with individualized player development plans to enhance each player's strengths. The team has what it takes and should go far this season.

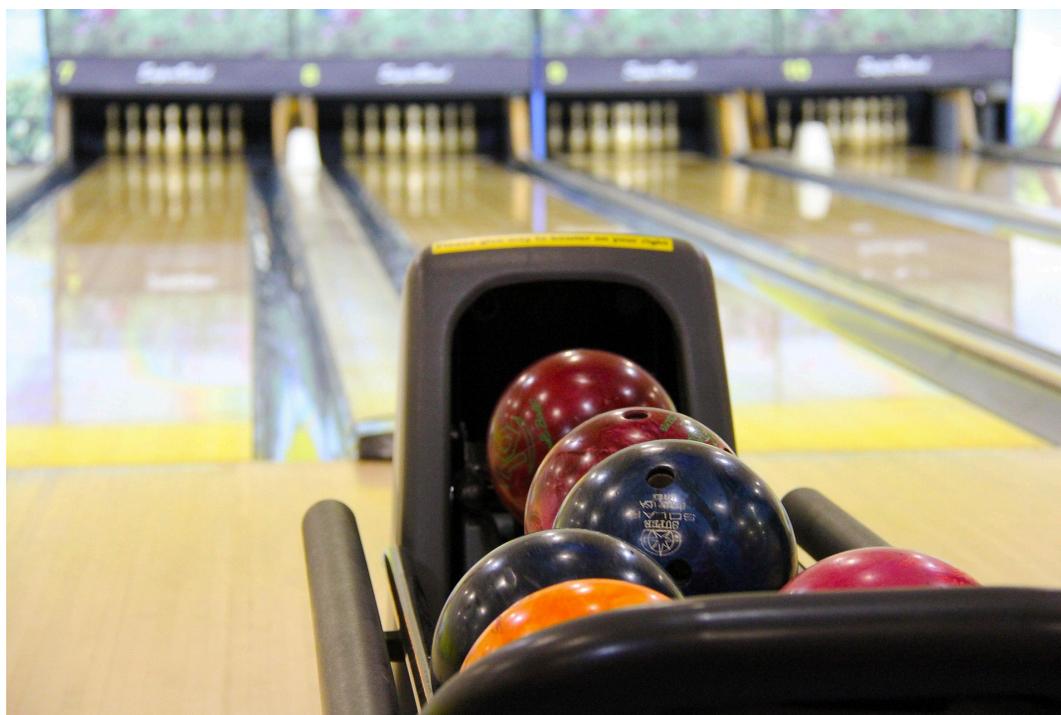


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Ambridge Bowling

By: John Seifer

The Ambridge Bridgers bowling team plays at Fair Oaks Lanes. They had 3 games already, and still have plenty more to go. On Wednesday, December 17, they play the Montour Spartans @ home. The rest of the schedule plays teams such as Ellwood City, Quaker Valley, Blackhawk, West Allegheny, Montour, Ellwood City, and then we'll know if we made playoffs this year. Our bowling team contains some good players, so don't forget to go and support your Ambridge Bridgers bowling team. They are part of the PIAA District 7.



Ms. Stewart

By: Evan Francis



Ambridge Area High School welcomed Ms. Stewart this year as a new math and computer science teacher. She grew up around many younger cousins and loved watching them learn, which helped inspire her to become a teacher. She has always enjoyed math and wanted to share that passion with students.

Before coming to Ambridge, she completed her student teaching at Mohawk. She chose Ambridge because it fit her life and is close to her home and family. Ms. Stewart says Ambridge students are very adaptable and great at going with the flow.

Her goal this year is to build a strong classroom environment and continue improving as a teacher. She focuses on group work, guided practice, and hands-on learning rather than long lectures. She hopes students leave her class with skills they can use in life and understanding why it matters.

Outside of school, Ms. Stewart enjoys rock climbing and spending time outdoors.



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Ambridge High School Wish List for Christmas



By: Taylor Samarco



We asked the students what they wish for this Christmas.

Here are the top 10 results:

1. Money

2. Car

3. No School

4. Shorter Classes

5. Tastier School Food



6. Shorter School Weeks

7. Skip Days For All Grades

8. More Snow Days

9. Movie Days

10. Time for Video Games



Finding Joy

By: Caylin Fedora

The holiday feeling is often described as the "most wonderful time of the year", but that isn't always the case for some people. For some, the holidays bring stress, loneliness or memories of difficult times. If the season feels rough, here are a few ways to make it a little better, and maybe even start creating new positive traditions.

1. Focus on the small moments:

You don't need a "perfect" holiday to enjoy it. Try simple things like warm drinks, favorite movies, music or quiet time. Notice small things that make you smile like lights, scents, or kind gestures.

2. Create your own Traditions:

Traditions don't have to be passed down, you can start your own- bake something new, host a small get together with friends, or even write in a journal. Find meaning in activities that feel genuine to you.

3. Connect with people who Support YOU:

Surround yourself with friends, mentors or community members that make you feel valued. Spend time with those that lift you up, even if they aren't family. Volunteering or helping others can also bring unexpected joy and perspective.

4. Take Care of Yourself:

The holidays can be emotionally draining, so rest when you need to. Avoid comparing your experience to others online or in person. It's okay to say no to traditions or events that don't feel right to you.

5. Remember it's okay to feel differently:

You're not alone if the the season feels complicated. Your version of "happy holidays" can look different and that's okay. What matters most is finding happiness in the little things that mean something to you.



5 Christmas Gifts on a Budget

By: Kylie O'Lare & McKenzie Waters

Are you on a cheap budget for Christmas gifts but want to do something special for your friends and family? Below are 5 DIY Christmas Gifts on a budget.

1. DIY Ornaments

There are a ton of simple easy make ornaments with supplies you can find around the house. You can make them out of pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, clothes pins, string and more! You can even make your own clay and mold it called salt dough; a bakeable homemade clay made with flour, salt, and water.

2. Chore Coupons

Chore coupons are super easy to make and do. You can get a piece of paper and write a coupon for whatever, such as babysitting, doing laundry, mowing the lawn, emptying the dishwasher and cleaning a room.

3. Sharpie Mugs

To make sharpie mugs, all you need is a mug and some sharpies. You can draw whatever you want on a mug and then bake it. You can find multiple recipes for sharpie mugs online.

4. Homemade Fleece Scarf

Usually, people think you need to know how to sew to make clothes but there is an easy way to make one. You need a piece of fleece fabric and scissors. Go ahead cut the fleece as big or small as you want and then cut fringes. You have the option to tie the fringes too.

5. DIY Picture Frame

A DIY picture frame is a sentimental gift for friends and family. You just get a picture frame and put whatever picture you want in it, but you can also decorate it however you want. You can add glitter, stickers, pom-poms, paint, and more.

Winter Activities

By: Emma Pinchot & Lila Catalano



Beach and summer lovers might not appreciate the snowy season, so we're going to list a few activities to make your winter more enjoyable. The winter season opens a variety of new activities to participate in. Some of the most popular would be sledding, making snowmen, ice skating, and snowball fights.

If you're willing to spend a couple of bucks, you could go to a hockey game, a winter festival, or watch a light show.

Don't like snow or the cold? There are plenty of indoor options to choose from as well. You could make winter-themed crafts like paper snowflakes and DIY ornaments. If crafts aren't really your thing, you could play board games with friends and family or bake your favorite holiday treats.

So, sit back, sip on some hot chocolate, and make the best of this winter season while it lasts.

