



AMBOY CELEBRATES FOURTH OF JULY

There was fun to be had for all on July 1 in Amboy as the Amboy Fire Department held its 4th of July celebration. Kids jumped in a bounce house, slid down the water slide, blew bubbles, had their face painted or met a Minion or Rapunzel. Adults listened to the band Back Country Roads and watched wrestling performed by Zowa. All got to enjoy food vendors inside the fire station and the fantastic firework display. It all started with a AFD pancake breakfast from 7-11 a.m.

“We had a great, record-setting turnout even with the weather and the Reagan Run and the Petunia Fest taking place in Dixon,” said Kim Stram, an Amboy EMS captain. “We started off slow, but once it picked up at 8 a.m., we had all of our tables packed until 11. We had a lot of campers since we’re surrounded by five camp grounds.

“It was a lot of fun doing this.”

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News



RED, WHITE AND BLOOM

Hollyhocks have been around since 1573. Great Britain is where records show they originated, and since are in Carol Fredericks’ barnyard on Robbins Rd., just outside of Amboy. Fredericks transplanted them 40 years ago from her in-laws farm. The hollyhocks have multiplied and gully washes in the ditches have transplanted seeds to her neighbor’s yard down the road. Also pictured is one of the dancing dolls, children made and still make from hollyhock blossom and a bud, twirling in a saucer of water. Take a drive down Robbins Rd., and reminisce over the array of colors. The Fourth of July is the peak beauty of the hollyhocks.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



Durbin shows appreciation toward Amboy Fire Department

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — United States Senator Dick Durbin visited the Amboy Fire Department on Tuesday, June 27 to say thank you for their service and efforts, and to see how federal money has been put to use.

Durbin is the creator of the Supporting and Improving Rural EMTs Needs (SIREN) Act which grants funds to rural emergency service centers for training and equipment.

“My visits throughout the state during the week of Fourth of July are really focused on rural health care and rural emergency services,” Durbin said. “When it comes down to it, this Amboy Fire District had 400 calls last year. They’re busy with their residents and visitors to the camp grounds.

“If you have people who are well equipped and well trained, they’re going to save lives. There is no question about it.

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United States Senator Dick Durbin, pictured left with Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant, Sr., visited the Amboy Fire Department on Thursday, June 27. Durbin is the creator of the Supporting and Improving Rural EMTs Needs (SIREN) Act, which provides grants for rural emergency service centers for training and equipment. Amboy has applied for and received three SIREN grants totalling \$360,000.

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2ND ANNUAL BIKE AND HIKE-A-THON

Rainy, dark clouds loomed over Ambooy the morning of Saturday, July 1, but they cleared up just in time for the second annual Bike-and-Hike-A-Thon for St. Patrick Catholic Church’s “Save the Steeple” fundraiser. Streets of Amboy saw 12 people biking and hiking for two miles for a good cause. At St. Patrick’s fundraising meeting on Tuesday, June 27, some of the scheduled fundraising events have changed. Members of the parish will no longer hold a pie sale at the Lee County 4-H Fair as Teen Turf is already selling pies. The thoughts of hosting a 4-H Fair breakfast were declined because of the ratio of helpers versus hungry 4-H diners wouldn’t be in St. Patrick’s favor. The next fundraiser for “Save the Steeple” will be selling refreshments in the church’s parking lot during Depots Days Rummage Sale from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26 and Saturday, Aug. 27.

Photo submitted



50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

Well, here it is. The Amboy Depot Days 50/50 tumbler is in its home at Amboy Food & Liquor until Depot Days. At approximately 3 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 27, the tumbler will be brought to the main stage at the Depot Museum where the winning ticket will be chosen. Tickets went on sale at 20 different locations in and around Amboy on July 1.

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LOCAL NEWS



DONATION TO LEE COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

The team at Green River Wind Farm (National Grid Renewables) recently donated \$5,000 to the Lee Co. Fair Association and presented the big check during the June 24 workday at the Lee Co. Fairgrounds. Pictured are several members of Lee Co. 4-H and the Lee Co. Fair Association who accepted the donation from company representative Brett Kreiser. The donation will be used for ongoing continued improvement projects at the fairgrounds.

Photo submitted

Nominees sought for distinguished service award

AMBOY — The success of the Lee County Farm Bureau is only possible with the hard work and dedication of our members. There are countless members who have spent many nights, many weekends, and many hours over the years volunteering their time because they believe in the mission of Farm Bureau and for the betterment of agriculture.

The Lee County Farm Bureau wants to recognize our members for their years of loyal service and for the impact that they have had in agriculture and our community. The Lee County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize an individual or couple who has shown exemplary leadership and service to Farm Bureau, agriculture, and farmers in Lee County and beyond.

You are encouraged to nominate someone who you believe is deserving of this recognition. A short nomination application is available on the Lee County Farm Bureau website, www.leecfb.org, and is due to the Lee County Farm Bureau by Sept. 1, 2023. For more information, please contact us, 815-857-3531 or leecfb@comcast.net.

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Summer Camp

Let's play video games will be our theme for six weeks. It began June 12 and will end July 17 for pre-k to fourth grade. This week's theme is Retro Video Games Pre-K and K are on Mondays, first and second are on Tuesdays, and third and fourth will be on Wednesdays. Information packets are in our 24/7 hallway.

This week, kids going into fifth grade, sixth, seventh, eighth, and high school, are working the community program. We are still accepting applications for the all day community program and it goes to July 26. You can still sign up. If you have any questions, please call Teen Turf building at 815-857-4800. Let's have a great summer. Check out our pictures on Facebook.

4-H Pie Sale

We will be holding a pie sale on Friday, July 28 at the Lee County Fairgrounds 4-H Fair. We are in need of pies to sell. If you are interested in baking one or want to donate money to get some, please message us on Facebook or call us at 815-857-4800. Unfortunately due to other obligations, we will not be able to do the 4-H breakfast this year.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Tammy, Scott, and Brooklyn Strub for bread and chips; St. Patrick's for the donuts; Don and Kathy Bonnell for the breakfast bars; Rich, Carol, and Amiyah Shrock for the birthday treats; Martha Henley for the cookies; Joyce and Preston Schamberger for the lollipops; Sharon Black for the mattress; Amber, her Dad, and Delilah Horner for the poparts and drinks; Anna Mainhart for the treats; Dorris Latta for the cookies and Pat Grant and Peach Tree Farms for the jam and jelly.

Needs

Fruit Snacks and packaged snacks like Goldfish.

Final Note

Heavenly Father, we come before you in our time of need, asking for your mercy. The drought has withered our crops and parched the land. We are struggling to provide for our families. Please send us rain, so that we may once again know your bounty and praise your name. Amen.

Rep. Fritts summer tour July events

DIXON - State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) has officially begun his 2023 Summer Tour.

The tour consists of traveling office hours and coffee and conversation events held on alternating weeks from June 7 to Aug. 30. Coffee & Conversation events will all be held at locally-owned coffee shops and restaurants. Fritts will also be traveling to local businesses and municipal governments to better understand their state needs.

The events scheduled for the month of July include the following:

Traveling Office Hours:

July 12 at Mendota City Hall, located at 800 Washington Street, Mendota from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

July 26 at the Malta Community Building, located at 115 S. 3rd Street, Malta from 10 to 11 a.m.

July 26 at the Creston Library, located at 107 S. Main Street, Creston from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

July 26 at Rochelle City Hall, located at 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Coffee & Conversation:

July 5 at Ziggy's, located at 1212 1st Avenue, Mendota from 8 to 10 a.m.

July 19 at A's Kitchen, located at 2004 1st Avenue, Rock Falls from 8 to 10 a.m.

For more information about the 2023 Summer Tour, including the full schedule of events, visit repfritts.com/summertour.

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 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. No session July 4.

AMBOY - The Amboy American Legion will not meet again until the third Monday in October.

FRANKLINGROVE - The Franklin Creek Conservation Association will present Music on the Porch, Teresa and Peter Storch Duo live at the Grist Mill, from 6-9 p.m., on Saturday, July 8. Join them for an al fresco dinner and an evening of award winning tunes. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by live music. Cost is \$25 per ticket or \$20 per student. Bring your own chairs/blanket and BYOB. Reserve tickets by July 6, call the Mill at 814-456-2718 or email dixonmarge85@gmail.com.

OSF Medical Group welcomes new providers

OTTAWA - OSF Medical Group - Obstetrics & Gynecology in Ottawa is pleased to be working in collaboration with Aishling Obstetrics and Gynecology Group physicians Brett Cassidy, MD, James Hawkins, DO and Bryon Sweeney, DO. This collaboration will provide patients with comprehensive obstetrical care, annual wellness exams, treat all medical and surgical issues in women's health care, and deliver babies at OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center.

Patients will be seen at the OSF Medical Group-Obstetrics & Gynecology office at 1614 East Norris Drive, Ottawa. Beginning June 5, new or existing patient appointments with Drs. Cassidy, Hawkins and Sweeney can be made by calling 815-431-0435.

SUBLETTE - The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 10, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

AMBOY - The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, July 10. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

LEE COUNTY - Summer is a time of growth and exploration. Learn something new around the garden space, including how sunflowers are helping the global food market, discover trees that bloom during the heat of summer, and considerations for putting up a backyard greenhouse to extend your growing seasons to year-long. Four Seasons Gardening sessions led by Extension's horticulture experts are free to attend, and registration is required at go.illinois.edu/FourSeasons. More than Shade: Explore Summer Blooming Trees will be offered at 1:30 p.m., online on July 11.

AMBOY - The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

LEE CENTER TWP. - The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.



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Elizabeth (Theiss) Henkel

June 4, 1925 - June 24, 2023

SUBLETTE — Elizabeth (Theiss) Henkel, born on June 4, 1925, died peacefully at her home in Sublette, on June 24, 2023.

Known as Betty, she recently celebrated her 98th birthday with a large gathering of family and friends. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Betty was a lifelong resident of Sublette, married Cletus F. Henkel on April 27, 1943, and enjoyed 58 years of marriage before he died. She was the mother of 10 children who blessed her with 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Betty is survived by nine of her children, Judith Henkel, Sublette, Stan (Susan) Henkel, Oak Creek Wis., Michael (Karen) Henkel, Sublette, Martin (Janda) Henkel, Dixon, Paul (Susan) Henkel, Sublette, Sheryl (Keith Gray) Joel, Longmont, Colo., Edward (Barbara) Henkel, Sublette, Joan Henkel, Darien, and Jane (Joseph) Schmidt, Tonica. Betty was the oldest of six and is survived by her sisters, Sr. Joan Theiss OSF, Clinton, Iowa, Ellen (Jim) Flores, Santee Calif., and Janet

(Galen) Wright, Madeira Calif., a brother, Dr. Edward Theiss, Boulder Colo., and sister-in-law, Elaine (Gilbert) Theiss, Riverside, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert P. and Ruth Theiss; her husband, Cletus; her son, David; her brother, Gilbert L. Theiss; her granddaughter, Catharine Henkel; and her grandson, Mathew Henkel.

Faith, family, and hard work were the central tenets of Betty's life. She was a life-long parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sublette, and, with her husband, raised a large loving family and farmed for a living.

Hard work was her brand, and she couldn't stay idle even in her spare time. Over the many years of her long life she enjoyed many past times, including playing ball on the Sublette Cublets women's softball team, playing cards, fishing, gardening, bee keeping, making apple cider and canning and preserving the fruits and bounty of her many gardens and orchards. She was a member of OLPH church St. Anne's Society



and an activist on local community issues. She was a quintessential farm wife and homemaker and a faithful prayer warrior on behalf of others. Betty relished the life she lived.

She was well loved and will be dearly missed. Peace be with you, Betty, Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma, Big Sister, Aunt, Neighbor, Friend.

Funeral services will be arranged at a later date. The family will be making memorial contributions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (mass intentions), OSF Hospice of Ottawa, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls of Chicago and Sublette 365. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Howard W. Glenn

Feb. 26, 1924 - June 29, 2023

AMBOY — Howard W. Glenn, 99, of Amboy, died Thursday, June 29, 2023 at his home in Amboy.

He was born on Feb. 26, 1924, in Kane, Wyo., the son of William H. and Laura Dell (Rodgers) Glenn.

Howard operated the Glenn Grocery Store and Rootbeer Stand in Amboy and also was a Union Carpenter for many years. He was also a Deacon and was very active in his church.

He married Marian F. Pasley in Amboy on Sept. 17, 1948.

Howard is preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Andrew Glenn; brothers, Ralph, Wilbur, Alvin, Russell, and Gail

Glenn; and sisters, Letha Poulos, Lola Ponto, Bonnie Ruble, Opal Schanenberg, and Doris Ail.

He is survived by his children, Laura (Thomas) Palmer, of Dixon, Michael Glenn, of Dixon, Mark (Julie) Glenn, of Dixon; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., on Sunday, July 9, 2023, at the United First Church in Amboy. Visitation will be from 2 p.m., until the time of the service at 3 p.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Prairie Repose cemetery in Amboy with a luncheon at the church following the



burial.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

A memorial has been established to the United First Church in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

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I think this is a good investment, I'm glad we created this grant program, and I'm glad to hear communities have successfully applied for the grant."

Amboy has received three SIREN grants totaling \$360,000. Amboy, Nauvoo, Gibson City, and Jerseyville are the four communities in Illinois who have taken advantage of the federal program.

SIREN was originally part of the 2018 Farm Act and granted \$5 million per year to approved applications. In February, Durbin (Dem) and Senator Susan Collins (Rep-Maine) introduced the SIREN Reauthorization Act which brought the SIREN funding from \$5 million to \$10.5 million.

"I'm from downstate. I was born and raised 300 miles away from Chicago," Durbin said. "I'm proud to represent Chicago, don't make a mistake about that, but to be able to come downstate to the rural areas and the farming areas to do

something I know improves the quality of life isn't political at all, it's a real plus."

Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant Sr. was given credit by Senator Durbin as Bryant Sr. has written each of AFD's SIREN grant applications that have been approved and awarded.

Bryant Sr. is currently working on a fourth application.

"It was great for Senator Durbin to spend a portion of his day here with us," said Bryant Sr. "I always thought from the first time I met him in 2020 that he was very acute to the circumstances of rural emergency services. He wasn't looking at the bureaucratic side, but he was looking at what was really going on in the rural cities and villages in Illinois.

"It made me feel good when Senator Durbin said, 'No one is taking advantage of the SIREN program like Amboy.' We're doing the right thing. I'm a volunteer and this is my way of giving back."

OSF HealthCare welcomes additional providers to its ministry

PERU – OSF HealthCare is pleased to welcome providers in gastroenterology and primary care to better serve communities in the Illinois Valley.

The addition of Geetha Dodda, MD, and Jenny Gaworski, APRN, will ensure continued access for patients in need of gastroenterology services. Location to be determined.

Deb Herz, APRN, a primary care provider, will be joining the Ministry to

provide high-quality patient care at OSF Medical Group – Primary Care located at 1650 Midtown Road in Peru.

Illinois Valley residents seeking information regarding their care can call 844-673-2778. This line is available 24/7 and will offer individuals a direct connection to the information they need during this time.

Learn more at osfoncall.org/virtual-visit.

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First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.	Grace Fellowship Church Amboy-Sublette Pastor Kyle Kelly 500 W. Main Street, Sublette Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com	East Grove Union Church 449 Reuter Road, Amboy, IL Phone 815-440-5321 ½ Mile East of Route 26 at Union Rd Sun., 9:00 am, Morning Worship Youth Church, Ages 3 – Grade 4 10:15 am Sunday School, Age 3 – Adult Come as you are and join us on the journey!
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Rev. Randy Fronек Locust Street, Sublette Phone 815-849-5412 Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass -10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Thursday - 8:30 a.m.	Refuge Church Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows	Harmon United Methodist Church Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.
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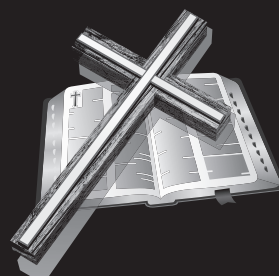
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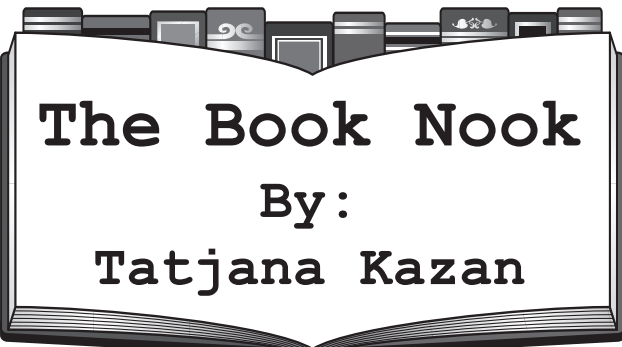
Nash Hugo Hitchins

DORCHESTER, Neb. — Nathaniel and Tiffany (Kathol) Hitchins of Dorchester, Neb., are the proud parents of a son, Nash Hugo Hitchins, born on June 20, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in Seward, Neb.

He weighed 7 pounds, and was 19 inches long. Nash has two brothers Zayd, nearly 4 years old, and Brek, nearly 2 years old, and a big brother, Trace, who is 14 years old. Nash has his middle name Hugo after his maternal great-grandfather, Charles Hugo Rogers.

Maternal grandparents are Duane and Connie Kathol, of Hartington, Neb. Paternal grandparents are Joseph and Debbie Hitchins of Eureka, and the late Phyllis Rogers Hitchins.

Paternal great-grandparents are Myrtle Setchell Hitchins of Bloomington and the late Joseph Wayne Hitchins, and Bonnie Timm Rogers of Sycamore, and the late Charles H. Rogers and the late Phyllis Durham Rogers.



THE HOUSEWIDE AS A SUPERSPY

Chris Pavone's spy thriller, "The Paris Diversion," which takes place in the course of one day, begins on an ordinary Paris morning. It is 8:44. "A siren wails far away. Kate Moore is lingering in front of school. Her daily dose of sidewalk swimming in a sea of expat moms. Gossip and chitchat and a dizzying ping pong of cheek kisses usually planted on both sides of the face, but sometime three pecks, or for some lunatics, four separate kisses." Kate then to goes off to do her errands and to meet Dexter, her husband, at their usual café.

The siren was the first intimation of the events that are about to unfold at the vast square of the Louvre. Mahmoud Khalid climbs out of an electrician's van and calmly makes his way through the crowd. He sets down a metal briefcase and removes his windbreaker to reveal the bomb. The crowd screams and flees. Mahmoud is the only one left standing. He will stand for five hours. Stationed above the Louvre is Ibrahim Abid, a Muslim police sharpshooter, listening to the heated discussions among his superiors as he awaits his orders.

Tech CEO Hunter Forsyth stands on his balcony and wonders why his police escort was leaving. He does not register the blare of the siren. He hopes to make billions today with a major corporate acquisition that will send his company's stock soaring. His crucial announcement is set for 3 p.m. A man from the American Embassy shows up and hustles Forsyth and his ravishing assistant Colette to a safe house. They are locked into a room for hours.

Dexter, a day trader, also hopes to make a fortune today with an extremely risky investment tied to Forsyth's afternoon announcement. Kate has less momentous plans: She is making preparations for a dinner party. But as the events come into focus, she luckily has more earthshaking problems to tackle. The pace becomes frenetic as Kate confronts whether the bomber and Forsyth's disappearance are connected. Or could they be diversions, and if so, which one. As head of the CIA's secret Paris Substation, Kate quickly mobilizes her clandestine operatives. When she fully grasps the nature of the danger, not just to the paralyzed city, but to herself and to Dexter, she swings into action.

As the second book of the bestselling "Expats," "The Paris Diversion" at first can be confusing for those who have not read "Expats." But Pavone elaborates the references to the first book sufficiently so that it becomes less confusing, sort of. As a spy thriller, its pacing is terrific, and the mixture of personal and public disaster is done extremely well.

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

GOT SPARED MY LIFE AND RESTORED MY HEALTH

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

In March 2022, I had a stroke. Because of persistent weakness, a series of tests: MRI, CT, X-rays, and struggles along the way led me to an angiogram on Aug. 1, 2022. Heavily sedated but conscious, on the table in the O.R. with three assistants and the cardiologist, I watched the screen while they threaded a catheter through the "widow-maker" on the wall of my heart. Suddenly, there was much discussion about hitting a blockage. The dye was not going through. It was only seeping through. I heard the cardiologist talk with the team about pulling out the catheter and going for open heart surgery because putting in a stent probably would not work. But even in my heavily sedated state, I was able to utter the word "stent!" rather loudly. The doctor chuckled and said, "You heard the man." So, even though my artery was over 90 percent blocked and the odds were against getting a stent to work, the doctor tried it anyway. It was successful and when the monitor I was watching showed blood flowing freely where it had been blocked, the Muslim cardiologist shouted "Hallelujah!" I am sure he did that for my benefit since he knew I am a Christian pastor.

That procedure was the last one my doctor did at that hospital. He literally retired the next day. A few months later, after doing cardio rehab at the hospital, I was given a clean bill of health by my new cardiologist. A month after that, my neurologist examined me and said, "It is as if you never had a stroke. You seem to have no residual effects neurologically." At 63 years of age, having a clean report for both my heart and my brain after a stroke and heart incident is

nothing short of miraculous. I must say that I have a renewed sense of purpose and mission, as well as a sense of a new lease on life.

Exactly one year after having the stroke, in the first week of March 2023, I was able to seize the moment for ministry and accepted the invitation to go to Krakow Poland, where I was able to do a training of dozens of teachers on how to identify high-functioning children on the autism spectrum as well as other unobvious disabilities that affect learning in a school setting. If you are not aware, tens of thousands of students fled Ukraine and Poland accepted most of them and brought them into their homes, churches, and schools as if they were family and Polish citizens. Because of this, I was able to instruct teachers and work with students created in God's image and fulfill my calling from God.

I was also able to share the gospel with the teachers and the students because I was invited to do so by the institutions in a country where 93 percent of people regularly attend church services and identify themselves as believers. Not only did they identify themselves as Christians in surveys, but they also identified themselves as believers in the way they fulfilled what Jesus spoke of in Matthew's gospel in chapter 10:42 when they "gave a cup of cold water" to the children of Ukraine.

In this part of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples what it really takes to follow him. He has already made it clear that following him means going after lost sheep, healing the sick, going somewhere at a moment's notice without even packing before travel and other sacrifices including giving up family connections or parts of one's

livelihood. Part of his challenge is that hospitality itself would require a different level than what they were used to. For someone to give a cup of cold water is more than an ordinary act of kindness, it means going out of the way, in that culture, to a deep well or cistern for cold water. It means giving up time and resources to meet a need that nourishes a soul.

Yet, Jesus does not just require something sacrificial for the sacrifice's sake itself. Even though we do not give to get, God still has a way of blessing us when we are a blessing. That trip to Poland blessed me beyond measure. It fulfilled a bucket list item. I had always wanted to visit Auschwitz and the Schindler Factory as well as other World War II historical sites. I had exactly one day during this trip to do whatever I liked, so I was able to travel 45 minutes outside of Krakow for a tour of Auschwitz and Birkenau, and I was able to visit Oskar Schindler's factory only a few blocks from my hotel in Krakow.

I was only able to do these things because God spared my life and restored my health to me. And just a couple of weeks ago, I was also able to check off a very personal, and some would say selfish or certainly frivolous bucket list item, when I jumped out of a perfectly good airplane to celebrate my Aunt's 90th birthday. Do not be impressed with me. This was my Aunt Margie's 11th jump and my 73-year-old sister's first jump as well. These blessings of health and being able to do things that are important to me remind me that God keeps his word. Psalm 37:4 (ESV) says "Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart." Yes, and Amen.

Discover Dixon announces Wike as executive director, Englund joins board of directors

DIXON - Discover Dixon is announcing the appointment of Amanda Wike as its new Executive Director. Wike brings a wealth of experience and a strong track record of success to the organization, having previously served as a board member for the organization and as the Executive Director of the United Way of Lee County. Simultaneously, Discover Dixon celebrates the outstanding contributions of Jeremy Englund, who will be transitioning to a new role on the Board of Directors.

With her proven leadership abilities and deep understanding of community development, Wike is poised to lead Discover Dixon to new heights. Her background in non-profit management, strategic planning, and relationship building will be instrumental in advancing the organization's mission to promote economic growth and enhance the quality of life in Dixon.

As Executive Director of Discover Dixon, Wike will build upon the organization's successes and work closely with the Board of Directors, City Leaders, and community partners to drive economic development initiatives, foster local entrepreneurship, and promote Dixon as an attractive destination for residents and visitors alike.

"I am honored to assume the role of Executive Director at Discover Dixon," said Wike. "I am deeply committed to leveraging the potential of this incredible community and working collaboratively to create opportunities for growth. Together with the dedicated team at Discover Dixon, I am confident that we will achieve significant accomplishments for the benefit of Dixon and its residents."

Jeremy Englund, the outgoing Executive Director of Discover Dixon, has been instrumental in driving the organization's success. His remarkable tenure has raised the bar in terms of value for investors, execution of events, and community development. Dixon has

experienced exciting growth in its business community, attracted outside investment through grants, and effectively navigated the local impacts of the global pandemic.

"Jeremy's positive influence on Discover Dixon and the community has been palpable and will continue as he assumes his new role on the Board of Directors," states Ryan Miller, Board Chair of Discover Dixon.

The Board of Directors of Discover Dixon welcomes Wike's appointment and celebrates Englund's incredible contributions during his tenure as Executive Director. They are confident that Amanda's strategic vision, passion for community development, and proven leadership abilities will guide the organization towards even greater success.

Miller added, "This marks an exciting chapter for the organization. We look forward to the positive impact Amanda and Jeremy will have on Dixon and the surrounding region in their new roles."

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Opinion

Should be proud our military has expunged the names of secessionists

When I was in high school, my Grandma Wanda fought a battle with the American Legion to have a veteran's marker placed on the grave of her husband's grandfather. Eventually, the Legion post relented and put a veteran's stone over John Beckerdite's earthly remains. What gave the veteran's organization pause is that John hadn't served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. He fought for the Confederacy. "Although he fought for the South, he fought for his country," Grandma wrote in a family history. When she wrote that, I was about 14 years old. I thought it was nonsense then. And I think it even more so today. My forbear didn't fight for his country, he betrayed it. And, no, he didn't battle for freedom, he fought for slavery.

When I made these points to Grandma, she wouldn't hear of it. She had bought into the myth of the Lost Cause. I was thinking of that long ago argument this past week, as the U.S. armed forces began renaming military bases that had been named after Confederate generals. For example, Fort Bragg will become Fort Liberty. Fort Hood will become Fort Cavazos. Fort Benning will become Fort Moore. And Fort Gordon will become Fort Eisenhower. Some traditionalists are hopping mad about the change. They say the Biden administration is erasing history. Baloney. The administration is eradicating the remnants of a fable. It's the myth that the Southerners fought a noble fight for independence. They will tell you – with a straight face – the Civil War was fought not over slavery but state's rights. It's just not true. All 11 Southern states said in their individual articles of secession that they were departing the Union over the issue of slavery. One Southern friend concedes that the South may have left the Union over slavery. But he adds the North didn't fight the war to end slavery. Well, I guess you can ignore the Emancipation

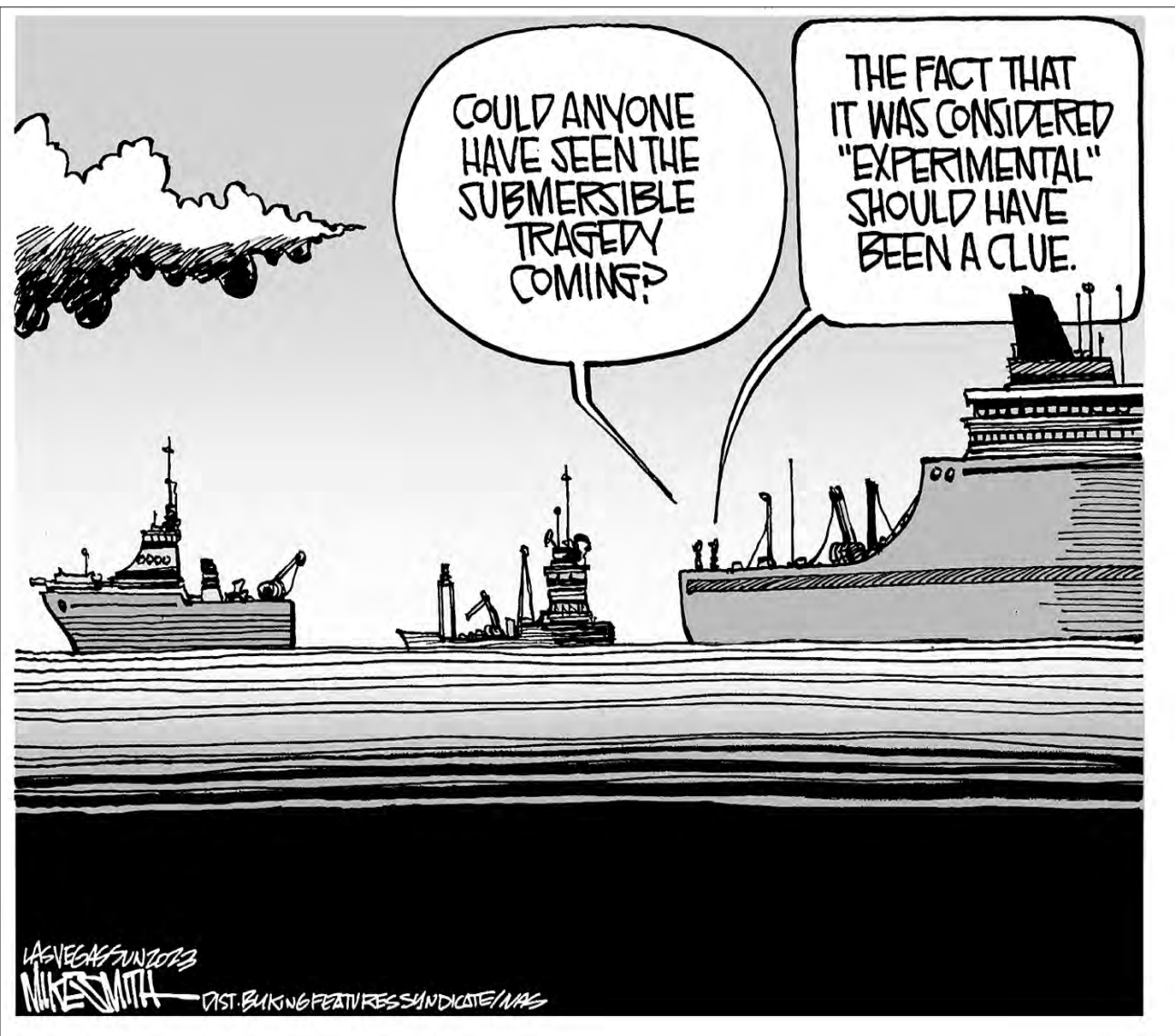
Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



Proclamation or Abraham Lincoln's moral opposition to slavery, but what about this line from the "Battle of the Republic" that Union soldiers sang marching into battle: "As Christ died to make men holy, let us die to make men free?" Whose freedom do you think they were dying for? No one wants to believe their ancestors died and sacrificed for something as reprehensible as the right to own another human being. But men like Braxton Bragg, John Bell Hood, Henry Benning and John Brown Gordon did just that. It's shameful that our nation named its military bases after these and other traitors. And make no mistake about it, these men betrayed their country. They took up arms against a nation that they once pledged to serve. Worse yet, they did it in support of an issue as abhorrent as slavery. My father spent a miserable few months at Fort Gordon, where he went through Army basic training during the Korean War. He never spoke well of his time as a draftee. There was no nostalgia directed toward his time in the service. But I can't help but think he would be pleased that the base where he suffered is now named after the first person he supported for president – Eisenhower. Unlike, Gordon, who is believed to have headed the Georgia Ku Klux Klan, Ike fought for individual liberty. He and his troops defeated Nazism and liberated concentration camps. While president, he sent the 101st Airborne to Little Rock, Ark., to force the integration of public schools. Those are actions worthy of praise. And no, Eisenhower wasn't perfect. He made mistakes. But the thrust of his life's work was moving the nation in the right direction. Some will say that renaming the bases is rewriting history. That's silly. What we are rewriting is who we choose to honor in our history. The bases got their names as part of a political compromise. As the Army was expanding during World War I, it wanted to establish training bases in the South. To

get local buy in, it allowed state legislatures to choose the names of the bases. Lawmakers – just 49 years after the Civil War – chose to name the bases after Confederate generals. Please note, Southern African Americans couldn't vote during this era. They had no say over who was honored. Illinoisans should be proud of our heritage. The two individuals most responsible for defeating secession and slavery – Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant – both hailed from the Prairie State. So why does the Civil War still divide us? The best answer is that we haven't come to terms with its causes. Race still divides our nation. In 2017, we saw the deep divisions of the Civil War manifest themselves in Charlottesville, Va. where riots ensued after a statue of Robert E. Lee was to be taken down. Those who supported the statue remaining said it wasn't about race, but their heritage, which they contended was being marginalized. But if it wasn't about race, why would neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan members and other white supremacists be there rioting? We should be proud that our military has expunged the names of secessionists from their places of honor. Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago
June 29, 1923
1923 is being called the year without a spring, when blizzards and cold winds came when spring should have, followed by chilly dampness which burst into waves of heat with temperatures near 100 degrees last weekend. A thunderstorm on Monday offered temporary relief to vegetation which was beginning to suffer. "The Etude," a musical magazine, conducted a survey to ascertain the favorite hymn. With more than 32,000 nominations, "Abide With Me" was the leader by a vast majority.

75 Years Ago
July 1, 1948
B.F. Hinrichs was elected president of Amboy Chamber of Commerce. Leo Dempsey was vice president and William Hull, secre-

tary-treasurer. Marvin Hoerner enjoyed a week's vacation from his work at Degner's Radio & Electric Shop.

50 Years Ago
July 5, 1973
Representative John Anderson of Rockford announced an HEW grant for \$33,800 to the Tri-Counties Opportunity Council for the Head Start Summer Program, including the program at Amboy High School. Effective July 1, 1973 there was a 2-hour parking limitation in the Amboy business district Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

25 Years Ago
July 2, 1998
After a two-hour executive session, Amboy's Board of Education approved the appointment of Peter Pasteris as high school principal. Pasteris was employed in Oswego

and began at Amboy on July 1. President Joe Flessner announced the principal has a three-year contract for \$62,000 per year. Amboy, Franklin Center, Warsaw, Cissna Park, and Bushnell-Prairie City were recognized as the top five chapters in the Cooperative Activities Award Program at the 70th Annual Illinois FFA Convention held June 9-11 in the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield. Coca-Cola 24-pack cans for \$4.99, 28 oz. squeeze Del Monte ketchup for 99 cents, California strawberries for 99 cents a pint, and U.S.D.A. No. 1 Choice T-bone steak for \$4.59 a pound at Beggs' Certified Foods. Mulan, Armageddon, Dr. Dolittle are playing at Plaza Cinemas in Dixon, while Truman Show and Dirty Work are playing at Midway Drive-In on Old Rt. 2 between Dixon and Sterling.

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LOCAL NEWS

Educational Briefs

CLARK UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

DUBUQUE, Iowa - Clarke University is proud to announce that 220 students earned a spot on the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester. The list recognizes full-time Clarke students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 graded hours. Please join us in congratulating these students on their hard work.

Ashton

Brittney H. Mundell

Dixon

Marlie R. Beauchem

Franklin Grove

Camdyn L. Penick

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO THE SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST AT AURORA UNIVERSITY

AURORA - Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher.

Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution located on a 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois. AU leadership, faculty, and staff are committed to the success of AU students, offering strong academic support programs and learning opportunities that prepare students to achieve their goals after graduation. Learn more at aurora.edu.

Dixon

Ashley Anderson, Social Work

Ashley Dober, Social Work

Chelsea Glenn, Theatre

Lee

Kaitlyn Frazier, Health Science

MURRAY GRADUATES FROM MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - This past spring, Lexie Murray of Dixon, graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Murray earned a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising.

Murray was one of 3,143 students to graduate from Marquette in May. The university celebrated its 142nd Commencement with a series of events, including Graduate Recognition Ceremonies at Fiserv Forum and a Baccalaureate Mass on campus. Learn more about the weekend.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws over 7,500 undergraduate and 3,500 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

MALLORY POWERS NAMED TO ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY'S SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST

BLOOMINGTON - Mallory Powers, of Amboy, was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University. Powers is a sophomore majoring in Health Promo & Fit Mgmt.

Powers was among 731 students from 30 states and 29 countries named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0 for straight As.

Founded in 1850, Illinois Wesleyan is a nationally recognized, highly selective liberal arts university. Illinois Wesleyan prides itself on producing graduates who are well-rounded, broadly educated individuals with a spirit of inquiry who can successfully adapt to the demands of a rapidly changing, complex world.

MONMOUTH COLLEGE SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST

MONMOUTH - The Monmouth College students on this list all earned a grade-point average of at least 3.5 for the Spring 2023 semester while maintaining at least 3.0 course credits.

Olivia Dinges of Amboy

Timothy McNally of Paw Paw

Founded in 1853 and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Monmouth College provides a transformative educational experience within a caring community of learners. A residential liberal arts col-

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NIU SPRING 2023 GRADUATION LIST

DEKALB - Over 2,200 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in May. Included among the graduates were the following students from your area:

Amboy

Jillian Barnes, Bachelor of Science, Accountancy
Mary Schoettle, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Ashton

Carl Terwedow, Bachelor of Science in Educ, Art and Design Education

Compton

Elizabeth Evans-See, Bachelor of Arts, History

Dixon

Laura Bessert, Bachelor of General Studies, General Emphasis

Benjamin Bierdeman, Bachelor of Science, Accountancy

Alyssa Bonnette, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education with Preschool Special Education Approval

Jozi Dever, Bachelor of Science, Communicative Disorders

Mary Devine, Bachelor of Science, Nursing

Jessica Lopez, Bachelor of Science, Human Dev & Family Sci: Family Relations, Prevention and Wellness

Dakota Shuck, Bachelor of Science in Educ, SPED-Learning Behavior Specialist I with PEL

Paw Paw

Anthony Castaldo, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences

Anthony Castaldo, Bachelor of Science, Chemistry-Biochemistry

Julia Hoelzer, Master of Science in Education, Higher Education and Student Affairs

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ments; Aidan Straub;
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ing any right, interest or
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No. 0601
(June 21, 28 and July 5,
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CASE NO. 2023TX21
To: Christopher Red-
cliff; Spouse of Chris-
topher Redcliff; Nancy
Petersen, Lee County
Clerk; Persons in oc-
cupancy or actual pos-
session of said prop-
erty, unknown owners
or parties claiming any
right, interest or title in
the described real es-
tate:

Property located at:
140 6th St, Compton, IL
Property Index No.
05-17-11-154-004

Tax Sale Certificate No.
2020-00048

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on October 28, 2020 for
delinquent general tax-
es for the year of 2019.
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the property from the
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COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2023TX22
To: Cordell Mace;
Spouse of Cordell
Mace; Tax Lien Invest-
ments; Nancy Peters-
en, Lee County Clerk;
Persons in occupancy
or actual possession of
said property, unknown
owners or parties claim-
ing any right, interest or
title in the described
real estate:
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IL

Property Index No.
05-17-11-180-020

Tax Sale Certificate No.
2020-00055

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es for the year of 2019.
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CASE NO. 2023TX23
To: Estate of Lucille
Wright, deceased;
Unknown Heirs/Devi-
sees of Lucille Wright;
Estate of Vern Wright,
deceased; Unknown
Heirs/Devises of Carl
Branch, deceased; Es-
tate of Junior Branche,
deceased; Unknown
Heirs/Devises of Jun-
nior Branch, deceased;
Estate of Betty Levan,
deceased; Unknown
Heirs/Devises of Betty
Levan, deceased; Es-
tate of Melvin Levan,
deceased; Unknown
Heirs/Devises of Mel-
vin Devan, deceased;
Estate of Karolyn Sher-
idan, deceased; Thom-
as Sheridan; Derry
Sheridan; Tara Sheri-
dan; Unknown Heirs/
Devises of Karolyn
Sheridan, deceased;
Cody Thomas; Amy
Wernick; Nancy Peters-
en, Lee County Clerk;
Persons in occupancy
or actual possession of
said property, unknown
owners or parties claim-
ing any right, interest or
title in the described
real estate:

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on, IL

Property Index No.
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CASE NO. 2023TX24
To: Matthew Herwig;
Spouse of Matthew
Herwig; Debra Herwig;
Spouse of Debra Her-
wig; Sarah Wypasek;
Nancy Petersen, Lee
County Clerk; Persons
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owners or parties claim-
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Property Index No.
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Tax Sale Certificate No.
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es for the year of 2019.
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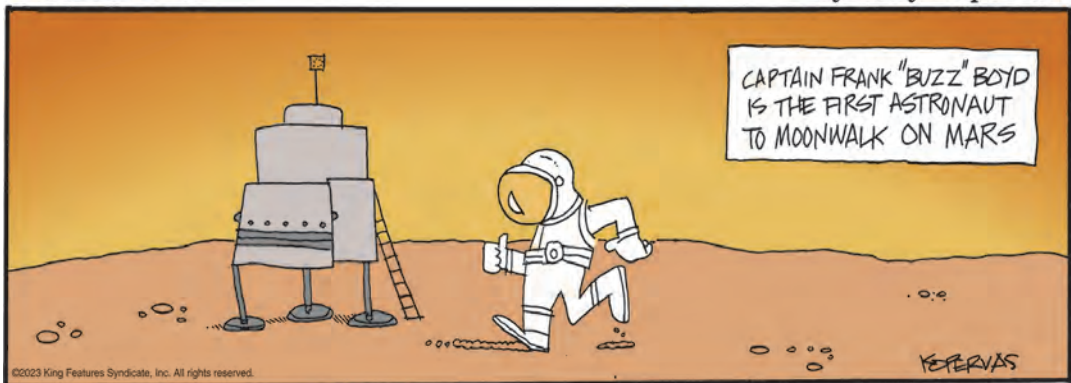
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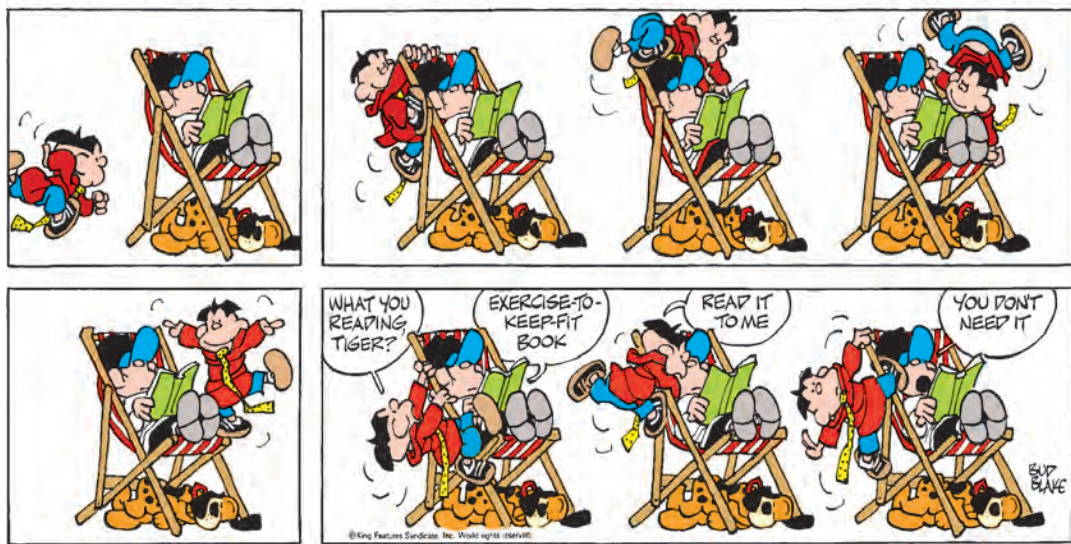
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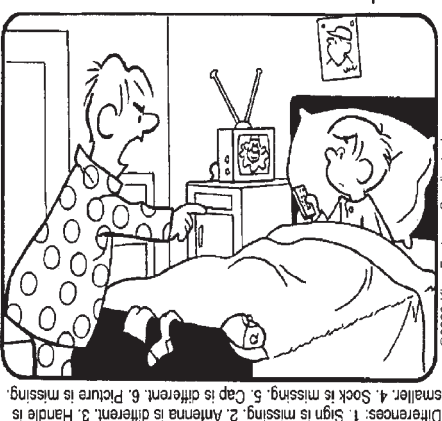
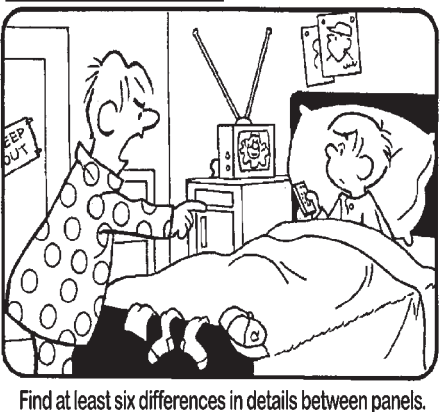


OLIVE



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: G equals U

BFWZT FWTF NP COT G.M. QOTWT
LTNLBT FBQFDM LGC PNWCO
CNXM NP TPPNWC: COT ZWTF
LFYXM WTZYNX.

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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!

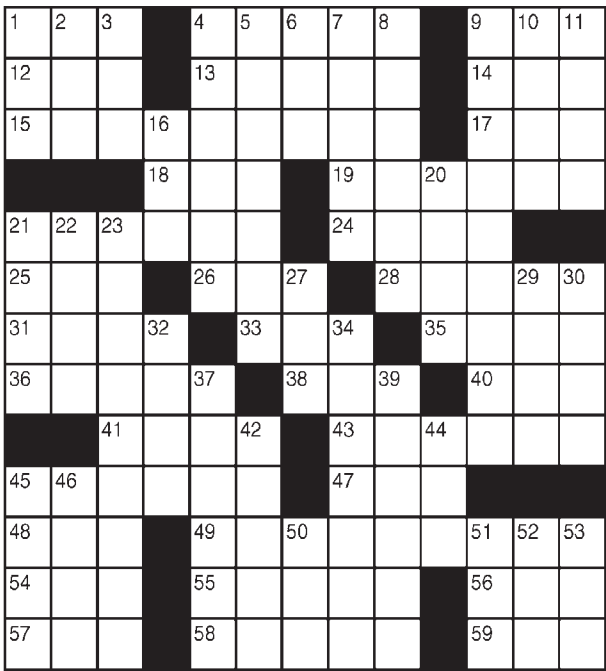
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TODAY'S WORD

ACROSS

- Chewable stick
- Parisian river
- Chaney of horror films
- Links org.
- Leek's kin
- Rage
- Food's freshness period
- Hardly any
- Call — day
- Papa Hemingway
- Boot camp reply
- Swelled heads
- Curator's concern
- Mayo ingredient
- "Bullitt" director Peter
- Leeway
- Hirohito's title (Abbr.)
- Aspiration
- Rapper's headgear
- "Chandelier" singer
- Stimpy's pal
- Christmas
- Aged, in a way
- As a whole
- Perch
- Zodiac feline

King Crossword



- Novel storage area?
- Buddy
- Kate's sitcom partner
- Aussie hopper
- Fine, to NASA
- Property claims
- Chopper
- Blow up sword
- Sundial numeral
- Type of checking
- Vigor
- Biography
- Raw materials
- Salamander
- Fleur-de- —
- Ham's dad
- Three feet
- Slangy suffix
- Tot's reading material
- Baseball execs
- Fencing
- Blow up sword
- Fax
- Manhandle
- Football, slangily
- Worldwide
- Comes up
- Dangerous bacteria
- Sports fig.
- Exile isle
- Sleuth Wolfe
- Flamenco cheer
- Historic period
- Bagel topper
- Nemesis

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 RATED to PALEO in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

RATED

PALEO

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of Samantha's mother in the "Bewitched" comedy series?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the shark-hunting boat in the film "Jaws"?
- SCIENCE: What is the most lethal consumed plant in the world?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female goat called?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who served as vice president in Abraham Lincoln's first term as president?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of alcohol is traditionally used in a drink called a sidecar?
- LITERATURE: What city is the primary setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"?
- ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system was the first to be explored by a space probe launched from Earth?
- MUSIC: In what year did MTV launch?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the famous St. Basil's Cathedral located?

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- Endora.
- The O'Jas.
- Tobacco.
- A doe or nanny.
- Hannibal Hamlin.
- Brandy.
- Verona, Italy.
- Venus (Martiner 2).
- 1981.
- Moscow, Russia.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word
3. Smith; 4. Panel
1. Reason; 2. Layer;
solution

RATED, SATED, SAWED
PAWED, PALED, PALEO

WORD LADDER

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip
answer
Large area of the U.S. where people always put forth tons of effort: The Great Plains region.

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

LOCAL NEWS

BBB Alert: Start of summer brings with it sizzling scams hot list includes travel, tickets, utility, and storm chasers

ROCKFORD – With the official start of Summer, most people look to take some time off to enjoy the warm season. That's not the case for con artists and fraudsters. For many of them, this is peak season, so you can expect scams to abound.

"Vacation rentals are always at the top of the list," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. "And this year, given the expense of travel or taking any vacation, consumers need to be extra vigilant."

Horton notes, "If you are looking to book a vacation house or condo, it is imperative you do your research. Scammers will use listings they find on legitimate sites, passing them off as their own. After you pay the required deposit, they are gone, and so is your money."

During the hottest weather, con artists will call people threatening to cut off their electricity if they don't pay a fee immediately over the phone. Watch out for impostor door-to-door utility workers offering to upgrade, fix, or inspect your

air conditioner. Never let any stranger into your home unless you know the company and reached out to them to do repairs or maintenance.

"To help connect homeowners with qualified HVAC contractors, ComEd provides a list of Energy Efficiency Service Providers who specialize in HVAC services and can recommend additional offerings that can help manage energy use," said Erica Borggren, vice president of customer solutions for ComEd, which provides electric service to more than 4 million customers across northern Illinois. "If you're not in the market for an HVAC contractor, ComEd has consumer-protection tips to help you identify when an impostor may be attempting to scam you out of money or personal information."

Summer also brings out the storm chasers and other home repair scammers. They often go door-to-door, offering to repair damage resulting from a storm, or they may claim your roof or driveway needs repair. These scammers are always ready to give you a great deal.

After you make the down payment, they could disappear. Or, if they do the work, it will be of poor quality and done with substandard materials.

"To prevent yourself from becoming a victim, it's best to shy away from anyone who knocks on your door with a too-good-to-be-true offer, and always check company backgrounds before buying. A great place to start is at BBB.org," adds Horton.

Other summer scams include:

- Summer Job scams. Job "opportunities" will surface on social media sites offering high-paying positions that require little or no experience. Beware because the ads for the jobs are vague. Often, the interviews are conducted via email and text message. The goal is to separate the students from their money and personal and financial information.

- Ticket rip-offs. These types of scams are surging with superstar artists on tour and big events like Nascar in Chicago. Scammers will post available tickets—that don't exist—for concerts, sports events,

and festivals on sites such as Craigslist. Never wire money or send cash for tickets, and be careful of ticket printouts, as scammers will often sell the same printout to multiple individuals.

To protect yourself, BBB recommends:

- Check BBB.org for business reviews and ratings and look for the BBB Seal, The Sign of a Better Business.

- Never pay by gift card or wire transfer to anyone you don't know.

- Never provide personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails or texts.

- In vacation rentals, if asked to leave the original website to continue the transaction on another site or via email, don't do it.

- When the deal seems too good to be true – walk away.

- Before continuing your transaction, do an online search of the individual or business using that name and the word "scam."

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SPORTS

Kishwaukee student-athletes nominated for academic excellence awards

MALTA — Kishwaukee College saw a College-record 45 student-athletes nominated for the Arrowhead Conference Bob Bopp Academic Excellence Team during the 2022-2023 season. The award is named to honor Bob Bopp, a major supporter of the Arrowhead Athletic Conference and its athletes. The recognition is given to student-athletes who complete at least 12 credits per semester while achieving a 3.00 or higher cumulative GPA for the academic year. The following Kishwaukee student-athletes were nominated:

Men's Baseball — Forrest Gerber, Chana; Tyler Jacobson, Algonquin; Cameron Knapp, Plainfield; Blake Novinsky, Sycamore; Collin Quande, Lake in the Hills; Tyler Potter, McHenry; Jack Ryan, Harwood Heights; Ian Solger, Lake in the Hills

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth now offers Mako Robotic-Arm assisted surgery

OTTAWA — OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center now offers highly advanced robotic-arm assisted joint replacement with the Stryker Mako SmartRobotics system. This innovative technology allows orthopedic surgeons to personalize total knee, partial knee and total hip replacement procedures for patients. This new surgical option offers patients a minimally invasive alternative for joint replacement enabling patients to recover faster and more effectively.

"The Mako robotic system, which combines 3D CT-based planning with data analytics, allows our orthopedic surgeons to create a personalized plan for each patient based on their unique anatomy before surgery," said Leonardo Lopez, MD, chief medical officer of OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. "We believe this state-of-the-art technology will lead to better outcomes for total knee, total hip and partial knee patients. Connor Kasik, DO, and Robert Mitchell, DO, are certified to perform robotic-arm assisted joint replacement surgeries at OSF Saint Elizabeth."

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Jackson Chatman, St. Louis, Mo.; Cooper Hasz, Rochelle; Luke Jungerman, Sterling; Brennen McNally, Paw Paw; Cameron Russell, Waterman; Donavyn Sayles, Belvidere

Women's Basketball — Brooklyn Sellers, Freeport
Women's Bowling — Carly Summers, Esmond
Men's Cross Country — Josue Huerta, Rochelle; Zander Ward, DeKalb

Women's Cross Country — Gretchen Strathman, Sycamore

Men's Golf — Garrett Burdin, Rochelle; Jared Glendenning, Oregon; Ayden Theiss, Rochelle; Rowan Williams, Rochelle

Women's Golf — Amber Fellows, Genoa

Men's Soccer — Alex Chavez, DeKalb; Yahir Diaz, Mendota; Alec Garcia, Sycamore; Khori Miles, Clarksburg, W.Va.; Andrew Prescod, Orlando, Fla.; Ilir Redzeqi, DeKalb; Griffey Rodriguez, Dixon; Francis Zaylik, DeKalb

Women's Soccer — Britney Calin, DeKalb; Guadalupe Carrillo, DeKalb; Valeria Gonzalez, Aurora; Luciana Monroy, Rochelle; Tracee Nelson, Byron; Taylar Rufer, Oregon; Cassandra Winters, Kingston

Women's Softball — Tracee Nelson, Byron

In addition, eight student-athletes also received National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-Academic nominations. Student-athletes with a 4.00 GPA earned NJCAA All-Academic First Team. Student-athletes with a 3.80-3.99 GPA earned NJCAA All-Academic Second Team. And student-athletes with a 3.60-3.79 GPA earned NJCAA All-Academic Third Team. The following student-athletes were nominated:

First Team — Valeria Gonzalez, Aurora; Francis Zaylik, DeKalb

Second Team — Garrett Burdin, Rochelle; Jackson

Chatman, St. Louis, Mo.; Luciana Monroy, Rochelle; Blake Novinsky, Sycamore; Cameron Russell, Waterman; Gretchen Strathman, Sycamore

"The 2022-2023 athletic year was a solid year in competition, but we are extremely proud of the number of student-athletes that achieved academic recognition," said Scott Kawall, Director of Student Involvement, Athletic Director. "Their collective efforts both inside and outside the classroom are extraordinary, including extra studying and tutoring, practices, traveling to games, or working part-time jobs. And a record 45 student-athletes showed dedication to be successful while being role models to the College and community — the most in Kish

Athletics history."

With the start of a new athletic season fast approaching in August, Kishwaukee College is

eager to welcome its next class of athletes. To learn more about athletics at Kish, visit www.kishkougars.com.

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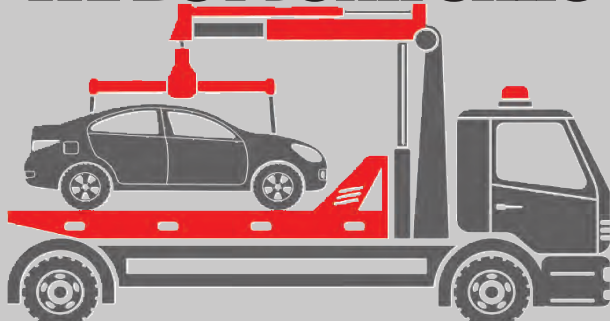
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