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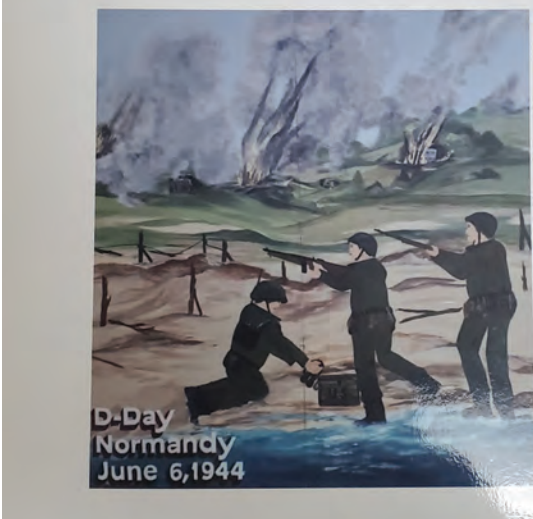
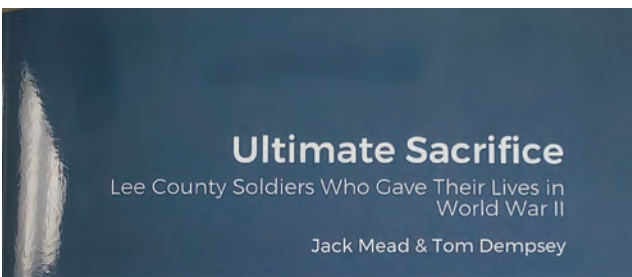
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Book to benefit the Amboy American Legion

AMBOY — Amboy natives Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey want to bring back the stories of Lee County World War II veterans and what they meant to the local community and the effort of the United States of America's military in the biggest fight it has ever been in. Their book *Ultimate Sacrifice: Lee County Soldiers Who Gave Their Lives in World War II*, will serve as a fundraiser for the Amboy American Legion Post 453. The proceeds from the sale of the book will go to the Legion. The *Ultimate Sacrifice: Lee County Soldiers Who Gave Their Lives in World War II* will be sold for \$25 a copy and can be found at Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet in Sublette, Amboy City Hall, and at the Dixon First National Bank's north facility.

Lee County Sheriff's Office K-9 Nemo gets donation of body armor

LEE COUNTY — Lee County Sheriff's Office K9 Nemo has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)3 charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 5,077 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified



with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$985 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — Amboy's 2023 Summer Music Jam-boree is underway. The free entertainment is most Saturdays until the end of July, downtown at the city band shelter. Show times are 7-9 p.m. There is a wide variety of genres including, rock, country, contemporary and new this year a gospel vocal blend.

Longtime organizer Rob Loomis found that his schedule was too busy to continue with booking acts and organizing the shows. Cindy Phillips, a lifelong Amboy resident took it upon herself to keep the vibe going.

"My mom and I would attend most shows and so we kind of had an idea of how things went," she explained. "With the help of my husband, we started to set up the barricades and security tape and it just continued from there. I didn't want to see this come to an end."

Phillips was given the list of entertainers from previous years, and went about contacting everyone to see who might be available and willing to do it.

"I made quite a few phone calls re-connecting with groups and searching for new music in order to fill the slots," she said.

The city takes care of the band fees and Mayor John Schamberger is glad that things will continue.



"I thanked Cindy for stepping up and making this happen," he said. "We (city) hope to continue be supportive."

Phillips vision for the future is to continue to come

up with new ideas.

"We welcome new suggestions and anything else that will get more residents interested, she added. "The best part so far has been meeting the band members

and visiting with the people from our community. It's a nice social outlet. Bring your lawn chairs and snacks and favorite beverage and come enjoy being outside and listening to good music."

K9 Henry assists in tracking suspect

LEE COUNTY — Early Tuesday morning, May 30, 2023, the Lee County Sheriff's Office received a call of a vehicle crash at the intersection of US Route 30 and Long Road, approximately 2.5 miles north of Harmon.

Responding Lee County Deputy observed a male walking south on Long Road away from the crash. The male fled on foot through a field and hid along the banks of Howland Creek, which runs diagonally between Harmon Road and Long Road.

Patrol Deputies established a perimeter and started searching for the suspect. K9 Henry and his handler joined the search. The K9 Team tracked the suspect and located him hiding along the north bank of the creek, approximately halfway between Harmon Road and Long Road.

Troy Insley, 54, of Rock



Falls, was taken into custody without incident and has been charged with: Driving While License Revoked (Subsequent Offense), and Possession of a Stolen Vehicle

This incident is currently under investigation.

K9 Henry and his handler graduated last on May 26, from a six-week Patrol, Utility and Narcotics Detection training course in Michigan and became certified by the

International Police Work Dog Association. This incident occurred at the beginning of K9 Henry's second full shift since graduation.

Citizens are reminded to call the Lee County Sheriff's Office at (815) 284-6631 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-Caught-U.

All charges are merely an allegation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

‘Click It or Ticket’ campaign numbers

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Sheriff's Office today announced it issued four citations during the recent Memorial Day "Click It or Ticket" enforcement period.

While Illinois' 2022 seat belt compliance rate was 93%, unbelted occupants still account for more than half of those killed in traffic crashes.

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AHS students awarded for hard work

Honors Night rewards AHS students

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — It's a tradition.

Before the Amboy High School seniors can graduate, they are rewarded for their hard work with scholarships and awards.

This year was no different than any other as many senior Clippers left the AHS auditorium May 25 with funds to chop their college expenses and medals or plaques to add to their trophy cases or bedroom walls.

"It is a pleasure and an honor to be able to celebrate these young men and women (May 25) for the positive impact they have had on our school community," Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart said. "Their hard work and dedication to their education has paid off and they were recognized for it. I know after speaking with many scholarship committees that there were many students who applied for their scholarships, and they had a very hard time choosing their winners."

"This proves that we have many dedicated young men and women who are not recognized nearly enough for their commitment to their education. We thank their family, friends, community and teachers who have surrounded them with the love and support they need. I wish each of them best of luck in the next chapter of their lives."

Presidential Outstanding Academic Excellence

Awards — Gold

Olivia Costner, James Curl, Charlie Dickinson, Bradley Dinwiddie, Courtney Lachat, Ana Lopez-Belmontes, Brian Moore, Courtney Orgtiesen, Garrett Pertell, Kelton Schwamberger, Alexandra Vaessen, Wesley Wilson, and Aislinn Zitelman

Presidential Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards — Silver

Jarrett Dempsey, Jacob Doege, Kaden Kelly, Sabie Koppien, Robert Raymond, Marie Shaw Illinois State Scholars

Olivia Costner, James Curl, Courtney Orgtiesen, Kelton Schwamberger, Wesley Wilson Perfect Attendance

Austin Shugars

Alumnus of the Year

Elizabeth Bontz

Gold Tassels — Honor Students (3.0-4.0 GPA)

Reed Barnes, Olivia Cordero, Olivia Costner, James Curt, Charlie Dickinson, Ryan Dickinson, Bradley Dinwiddie, Kora Garren, Jose Herrera, Madison Huggins, Sabie Koppien, Courtney Lachat, Ana Lopez-Belmontes, Brian Moore, Courtney Orgtiesen, Garrett Pertell, Tatum Romero, Valeria Salgado, Kelton Schwamberger, Marie Shaw, Philip Stewart, Jersey Thomas, Alexandra Vaessen, Valentin Vazquez, Wesley Wilson, Aislinn Zitelman Cum Laude (3.5-3.69 GPA)

Ana Lopez-Belmontes, Brian Moore, Garrett Pertell, Aislinn Zitelman

Magna Cum Laude (3.7-3.89 GPA)

Olivia Costner, Charlie Dickinson, Bradley Din-

widdie, Courtney Lachat, Kelton Schwamberger

Summa Cum Laude (3.9-4.0 GPA)

James Curl, Courtney Orgtiesen, Alexandra Vaessen, Wesley Wilson

Student of the Month

September — Courtney Orgtiesen

October — Kelton Schwamberger

November — James Curl

December — Ryan Dickinson

January — Wes Wilson

February — Garrett Pertell

March — Charlie Dickinson

April — Adrian Marquez

May — Alexandra Vaessen

Student of the Year

Courtney Orgtiesen

"I have worked really hard during the past four years and to be able to be recognized for that hard work means the world to me," said Orgtiesen.

WACC Students of the Month: Luke Corcoran, Phillip Stewart, Tatum Romero, Kimber Zitelman

Knights of Columbus Scholarships: Charlie Dickinson, Ryan Dickinson, Courtney Lachat

Shirley Rolf WACC Scholarship: Anna Lopez-Belmontes

William & Betty Kidd WACC/SAUK Scholarships: Emma Dinges, Caden Hummel, Maeve Larson, Addison Shaw

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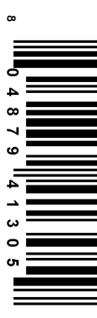
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LOCAL NEWS

Ortgiesen named Amboy High School Student of the Year

AMBOY — Courtney Ortgiesen, daughter of James and Kathy Ortgiesen was named the “2023 Student of the Year” at Amboy High School during the awards ceremony held on Thursday, May 25. Courtney will be attending Sauk Valley Community College in the fall to study business.

The First National Bank in Amboy is the proud sponsor of this \$5,000 scholarship award. This is the 40th year the Bank has sponsored this scholarship at Amboy High School.

Also recognized were the nine students of the month for the 2022/2023 school year and received a \$500 award. They were Courtney Ortgiesen, Kelton Schwamberger, James Curl, Ryan Dickinson, Wes Wilson, Garrett Pertell, Charlie Dickinson, Adrian Marquez, Alexandra Vaessen.

The First National Bank in Amboy congratulates all the graduates and wishes them the best in all their future endeavors.



VILLAGE OF SUBLETTE NEW BUSINESS - NUMARK CREDIT UNION

The Village of Sublette welcomes its newest business NuMark Credit Union. The former Pioneer State Bank, located at 303 S. Pennsylvania St., in Sublette, became NuMark Credit Union on April 1, 2023. The credit union is a financial cooperative owned by its depositors. They offer financial services of banking, checking, savings, loans both personal and commercial. The credit union is open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 9 am – noon, on Saturday. Presenting an American flag to NuMark Credit Union is Sublette Village President John Stenzel, third from right. For more information, call 815-849-5142 or visit their website at www.numarkcu.org.

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Summer Camp

Let's play video games will be our theme for six weeks. It will begin, June 12 and end July 17 for pre-k to 4th grade. Pre-K and K will be on Mondays, first and second are on Tuesdays, and third and fourth will be on Wednesdays. Information packets are in our 24/7 hallway and were sent to Amboy Central School to distribute.

This week, kids going into fifth grade, sixth, seventh, eighth, and high school, started our community program. We are still accepting applications for the all day community program and it goes to July 26. You can 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.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Honest Abe for the food; Larry and Rose Leffelman for the monetary donation; Mercedes Kulak and Louie Ohlendorf for replanting the flowers under the sign, and Brooklyn, Michael, Hayden, Hope, Addison, Mr. Piper and Chloe for helping with Sterling Road cleanup.

Needs

Fruit bars and chocolate chip granola bars.

Final Note

Dear God, Your Word tells us that you have a plan and purpose for each of your children. And we thank you for the care you've given to creating us and writing each of our stories. Lord, we come to you with a desire to know your will for our lives. We pray that you would reveal it to us as we seek to love and honor You with our lives. Lord, we ask for your guidance and direction. Give us wisdom to make godly decisions, and give us the strength and courage to follow where you lead. May we not bow down to fear, but instead trust that Your will is Your best—this day and every day.

In Jesus's Name. Amen.

HONORS

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William & Betty Kidd Memorial Scholarships: Sidney Lewis, Kyler McNinch, Courtney Ortgiesen, Ethan Pratt, Wesley Wilson

Sylvan & Virginia Leffelman Scholarship: Ethan Pratt
State FFA Degree Recipients: Emma Dinges, Ethan Pratt
The Amboy FFA Alumni Scholarship: Kelton Schwamberger, Mason Ely

Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship: Ethan Pratt

Gentry Family Agriculture Scholarship: Ethan Pratt
The Depot Days Car Show Scholarship: Courtney Lachat, Christopher Campiran

P.E.O. Chapter AC Scholarship: Courtney Ortgiesen
Jack Zentz Foundational Scholarship: James Curl
Don Schamberger Memorial Scholarships: Garrett Pertell, Ethan Pratt, Sidney Lewis

Jason Bonnell Memorial Scholarship: Ethan Pratt
Daughters of the American Revolution: Marie Shaw

Ron & Jake Metzen Memorial Scholarship, General: Courtney Lachat

Ron & Jake Metzen Memorial Scholarship, Agriculture: Kelton Schwamberger

"It's very satisfying knowing that my hard work went into this and I'm getting something out of it. It's not that I do everything to get something out of it, but sometimes it is nice to be recognized," said Schwamberger, who is going to attend Carroll University to study animal behavior.

"After I get my bachelor's degree at Carroll, I plan to attend a bigger state school. I want to be a zoo veterinarian. I'll get my doctorate for zoological medicine after I go through vet school. I don't have a favorite zoo animal. They're all really cool.

"For my 18th birthday we went to Brookfield Zoo because that was all I wanted to do."

Incoming Sauk Academy: Blerta Fekolli, Addison Shaw
Softball Scholarship: Jersey Thomas
Dukes Family Scholarship: Garrett Pertell
The Travi Educational Scholarship: Olivia Costner, Kelton Schwamberger

Lions Club Scholarships: James Curl, Courtney Ortgiesen, Wesley Wilson, Kyler McNinch

The Bonnie Ackert Memorial Scholarship: Courtney Ortgiesen, Kyler McNinch

Illinois Principal Association Award: Courtney Ortgiesen, Kelton Schwamberger

Gary Croegaert Memorial Award: Kelton Schwamberger
Amboy News Award, Best Female Athlete: Courtney Ortgiesen

Amboy News Award, Best Male Athlete: Kyler McNinch
Parliamentary Procedure Team, 4th place at state: Kelton Schwamberger, Natalie Pratt, Brysen Full, Emma Dinges, Kenley Wilson, Thler Huggins, Grace Althaus, Addison Pertell

State FFA Fiber & Oil Crop Production, Top 5 at state: Ethan Pratt

State FFA Small Animal Production, Top 5 at state: Brysen Full

Section 2 Officer Team for 2023-24: President Emma Dinges, Vice President Natalie Pratt, Treasurer Brysen Full

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AMBOY-You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free chair exercise program. Bring your own chair, or one will be provided. They meet at The Amboy Sports Park, entrance located at West Main Street and Parkview Lane intersection, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Sessions usually run 30 minutes. Hope to see you there. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its Kindergarten-First Grade Summer Reading on Wednesday, June 7, from 1 – 2 p.m.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its Second-Fourth Grade Summer Reading on Thursday, June 8, from 10 – 11 a.m.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Tales for Tots program on Saturday, June 10, from 10-11 a.m.

AMBOY-Rusty and Friends will be the featured music on Saturday, June 10, in downtown Amboy, at the city band shelter. Show times are 7-9 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs for this free concert.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold

TRAFFIC

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The "Click It or Ticket" campaign aims to change the behavior of the millions of people who don't buckle up. Thousands of lives could be saved each year if every vehicle occupant was properly restrained when traveling.

During the enforcement period, Lee County Sheriff's Deputies wrote one (1) citation for seat belt violations and took the following additional actions:

- Three Distracted Driving citations
- One speeding warning

The Illinois "Click It or Ticket" campaign is administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal highway safety funds.

Scholarship application deadlines for CGH Auxiliary

STERLING—Nursing and healthcare college scholarships are offered annually by the CGH Auxiliary and the CGH Health Foundation. There are two separate applications, both of which can be found at www.cghmc.com/scholarships.

The CGH Auxiliary awards annual \$1,000 scholarships to students who reside in the CGH service area. Students must have been accepted into their professional school of healthcare study and meet the criteria established by the Auxiliary. Last year five scholarships were awarded.

Return completed form to the CGH Medical Center Auxiliary office on Thursday, June 15. Contact Deb Keaschall, 815-625-0400, ext. 5727, or email debra.keaschall@cghmc.com for more information.

Join the Amboy Fire Department on July 1 for a day full of fun!

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Back Country Roads will perform from 6-9:30pm in the Depot Parking Lot followed by the Fireworks provided by the City of Amboy

for adults its Diamond Painting Club program on Monday June 12, from 5 - 6 p.m.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, June 12. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 12, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its Preschool Summer Reading on Tuesday, June 13, from 10 – 11 a.m.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Mommy and Me program on Tuesday, June 13, from 11-11:45 a.m.

FRANKLIN GROVE-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 – 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, at Atlasta Park Building, South State Street. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its Kindergarten-First Grade Summer Reading on Wednesday, June 14, from 10 – 11 a.m.

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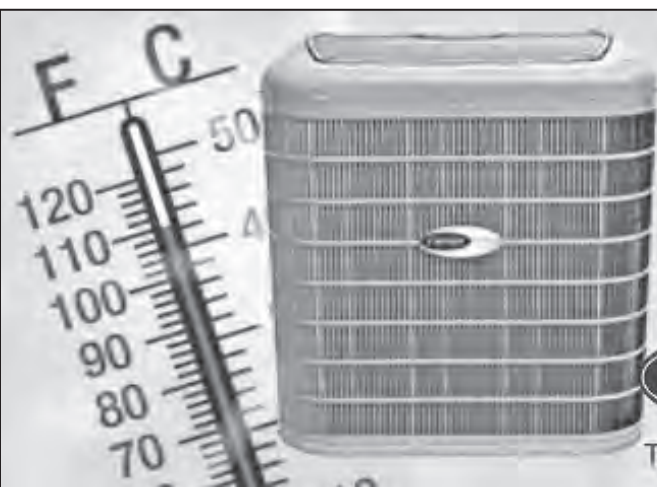
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Making Moments Matter: CGH Health Foundation to host June 11 Memories Matter2 Walk

STERLING - The lives of those impacted by dementia will be celebrated Sunday, June 11, at the second annual Memories Matter2 Walk at Westwood Fitness & Sports Center outdoor trail, rain or shine.

This event is hosted by the CGH Health Foundation as part of a multi-year effort to raise awareness of dementia and the devastating affect it has on area families. Sendoff ceremony is at 1 p.m., with registration at 12:30 p.m. in Building #3.

The Dementia Project initiative was inspired by a bequest from the late Hugh and Betty Miller, Rock Falls. Mrs. Miller battled

dementia for 11 years before her passing in August 2020. The walk is in memory of the Millers.

Participants can choose between a ½-mile trail, 1-mile trail or do both. Entry fee is \$20 before June 1 and \$25 after June 1. Children ages 12 and under are FREE. Register and pay at www.cghmc.com/memoriesmatterwalk. Walkers will receive a t-shirt, butterfly garden stake, swag bag and water/snacks. There will be activities for children prior to the walk. Register ahead of the walk and pick up your shirt at 2600 N. Locust St., Sterling.

The Dementia Project is again the major

focus of the 2023 Foundation Annual Appeal campaign. Funds will support dementia education efforts, provide resources/assistance and finance the Dementia Navigator position created in March.

The Foundation has already partnered with the Alzheimer's Association in establishing seven area dementia support groups. Other accomplishments include: a Dementia Navigator has been hired; 3 events held; 16 programs offered; 6 presentations given; 5 area nursing homes provided sensory therapy items, and 25 families counseled/provided services.

More than 6.5 million Americans are living with dementia and the number is projected to reach nearly 13 million by 2050. Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia, accounting for 60 to 80 percent of all dementia cases.

For more information, contact Joan Hermes at 815/625-0400, ext. 5672, joan.hermes@cghmc.com or Sherry DeWalt, 815/625-0400, ext. 5672, sherry.dewalt@cghmc.com.

Memorial Day scammers target veterans and service members

ROCKFORD – Memorial Day is generally thought of as the unofficial start of summer, but more importantly, it is a time to remember those who have served or died in service to our country. However, it's also an opportunity for scammers looking to take advantage of active-duty service members and veterans. The Better Business Bureau warns service members, past and present, and those who care for them, to do careful research before getting involved in too good to be true schemes or donating to "military" programs and charities.

"Donating to a charity is a wonderful way to support the families of fallen soldiers, sailors, and airmen, but consumers need to take extra precautions to avoid becoming a victim," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the BBB.

Horton adds, "Increasingly, military members are being targeted by scammers."

Individuals who self-identified as active-duty military personnel, military spouses, or veterans submitted 8.8% of reports to BBB Scam Tracker in 2022. Military consumers reported significantly higher median financial losses, \$238, than non-military consumers, \$163. The percentage of military consumers who reported losing money when targeted by scams dropped from 44.1% in 2021 to 38.6% in 2022.

The most recent information from the Veteran's Administration (2021) shows that veterans, active-duty servicemembers, and their families are 40% more likely to lose money to scams and fraud than the civilian population. These individuals lost more than \$257 million in 2021, up from \$102 million in 2020 (a 162% increase). A few examples of these scams include: Military loans - Loans that guarantee instant credit approval or no credit check are usually paired with extra fees and high-interest rates. Military charities - Phony charities

generally provide limited information, often use urgency as a pitch point, and ask for money to be wired. Rental properties - Advertisements may promote military discounts and request money be wired. However, the property shown is not what is available, or the ad was fake, and the money is lost. Either way, the consumer is ripped off.

Life insurance policies - Some solicitors offer unnecessary policies that often include misleading information.

Horton notes, "To perpetuate these scams, the crooks use text messages, emails, and robo calls to rip off their victims." To avoid these scams, BBB recommends the following: • Research first. Get as much information as you can before you pay. If you cannot find business reviews anywhere on the internet, be wary, as it is likely to be a scam. Check their Business Profile at bbb.org

• Anyone considering donating to many great military causes should check out charity reviews at BBB's Give.org

• Wire money with caution. Never wire transfer money to anyone you are not familiar with. Wire transfers are very hard to track, so scammers use them frequently.

• Use credit cards. Whenever possible, use credit cards. It is easier to track transactions, complain about charges, and discuss them with your credit card company.

• Be careful what you click on. Do not click on links in emails from unfamiliar addresses and do not enter information on unfamiliar websites.

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State Vehicle Show planned in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias is encouraging vehicle enthusiasts to mark their calendars for the 73rd Secretary of State Vehicle Show, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in downtown Springfield at the corner of Capitol Avenue and Second Street. The show is celebrating the 1966 Pontiac GTO. Special event commemorative license plates are available for purchase.

First organized in 1949 as an Antique Auto Meet, the Secretary of State Vehicle Show features some of Illinois' finest antique and classic vehicles, sports cars, motorcycles, trucks and tractors. The show will be held rain or shine.

"The Vehicle Show is a longtime tradition for Illinoisans and is a great time not only for automobile enthusiasts of all ages but also for the community to gather with one another," said Giannoulias.

The Vehicle Show will honor one vehicle with the Illinois State Champion Award, given to the vehicle judged best by the show's advisory committee. First-, second- and third-place winners will also receive awards in at least 60 classes.

For more information or for a brochure, including a Vehicle Show Registration Form, please contact Tasha Ivy at 312-793-8876 or Intergovernmentalaffairs@ilsos.gov.

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<p>St. Flannen Church Fr. John Gow 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 Mass: Sunday, 8:30 am</p>	<p>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!</p>	<p>St. Patrick Church - Maytown Rev. Randy Fronек Mass – Friday - 8 a.m. Sunday - 8 a.m.</p>	<p>Harmon United Methodist Church Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p>United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745 Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.</p>		<p>Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor Barb Otten 960 U.S. Route 52 Phone 857-2225 Sun. Worship - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.</p>	

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

A DERANGED WORLD

Alma Katsu, who is known for her enthralling supernatural historical horror novels, returned last year with another installment called "The Fervor." It is set during the end of World War II, when a highly censored incident killed the only civilians on American soil. A Japanese Fu-Go incendiary balloon exploded in Bly, Idaho, where a group of children and several adults from a local church were having a picnic in the forest. Four boys and two women were killed. The minister who survived is one of the main characters of the novel.

The second historical element in the novel is the internment of 13,000 Japanese Americans at the Minidoka concentration camp in southern Idaho. (Between 1942 and 1945 a total of 10 camps were opened, holding approximately 120,000 Japanese Americans.) Katsu reveals in the Afterword, "My mother is Japanese, and my in-laws' entire family were interned during the war. I grew up listening to stories of how my mother was ill-treated when she came to live in America with my father." Two Minidoka inmates, Meiko Briggs and her daughter Aiko, are the heroes of the story, along with reporter Fran Gurstwold, who tries to uncover the truth behind the mysterious explosion.

Born in Japan, Meiko is married to an American fighter pilot stationed in the Pacific theater. Meiko's father was a scientist whose research on jet streams took him and his family to Shikotan Island. Shikotan houses "a colony of undesirables, the mad and the deformed, the people that society does not wish to see. They are sent here to this lonely outpost to die." It is also the place where the "fiercest Kami" gods live and the tiny, transparent jorogumo spider lays its eggs.

Soon after the Bly explosion, which the military assiduously tries to cover up, scores of people begin to become violently ill, including derangement and hallucinations. People call it the fervor. The only and very strange clue to the affliction is swarms of tiny white spiders. There is no known cure. Meiko is removed from Minidoka and Aiko, a most intelligent and daring twelve-year old who at times seems the only adult in the room, is sent off to an orphanage. She escapes.

A story about the inexplicable madness appears in a Nebraska newspaper, and Fran Gurstwold, sensing her big break, sets out to uncover it. She barely manages to stay a step ahead of the military and the FBI. A militant right-wing bunch called the Loyal Sons begins a vicious campaign against Japanese Americans and their sympathizers. "The Fervor" is a terrific story, but Katsu means to take a wider, historical view: "The playbook is the same, again and again. Lies, lies, and the willingness of a large part of a population to channel their fear into senseless hatred."

FROM THE HEART
CASH CALENDAR

May 2023 From The Heart Calendar Winners

May 1 - Chuck Kessen, Rochelle, \$25
 May 2 - Alex Dyer, Rochelle, \$25
 May 3 - Zekelman Employee, \$25
 May 4 - Donna Durham, Rochelle, \$25
 May 5 - Ronny Alvarez, DeKalb, \$25
 May 6 - John Zhe, Rochelle, \$25
 May 7 - RACF, \$50
 May 8 - Shelly Crownheart, Sterling, \$25
 May 9 - City of Rochelle, \$25
 May 10 - The Kitchen Table, \$25
 May 11 - John Dreska, Lindenwood, \$25
 May 12 - Charlie Boonstra, Dixon, \$25
 May 13 - RACF, \$25
 May 14 - Alexis Wooden, Paw Paw, \$500
 May 15 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25
 May 16 - Brittani Lambrecht, South Beloit, \$25
 May 17 - Tammy Burke, Oregon, \$25
 May 18 - Megan Dempsey, Dixon, \$25
 May 19 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
 May 20 - RACF, \$25
 May 21 - Rochelle Fire Fighter Social, \$50
 May 22 - Zekelman Employee, \$25
 May 23 - Merrick Jacobs, Glendale, AZ, \$25
 May 24 - Dustin Shafer, Rochelle, \$25
 May 25 - Justin May, Byron, \$25
 May 26 - Zekelman Employee, \$25
 May 27 - Judy Connolly, Rochelle, \$25
 May 28 - Robert Thompson, Rochelle, \$50
 May 29 - Louise Reinke, Rochelle, \$1,000
 May 30 - Kevin Reilly, Hoffman Estates, \$25
 May 31 - Chicagoland Skydiving, Rochelle, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

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 Thursday - A). Turkey burger, wgr wheat bun, sweet potato fries, broccoli, apple crisp B). Tuna salad/chicken rice
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BY PASTOR RICK WULF,
The East Grove Union Church of
Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends,
Well, for most of us, transitions aren't always easy, especially for us as we get older. For others, they love the change and the new opportunities that are before them and the new adventures they may experience. No matter what our feelings are about this subject, we have to admit, that it is inevitable and for the most part we have little control over it. If we are honest, we also have to admit, that change does bring variety in life and that can ward off the possibility of boredom. I do recall when our boys were young that our younger son, Stephen had the hardest time adjusting to the change in seasons when he would have to change from wearing long pants and sleeved shirts in the winter and shorts in the summer. He was quite the child. Well, some 40+ years later, he is married, has given us two beautiful granddaughters and has been serving our country in the U. S. Airforce for the past 21 years. Next month he will be up for promotion to Master Sergeant. His mother and I are so blessed by God for how He has and is using his life.

Our young people are, for the most part, out of school now, except for those who need to finish their year in Summer School. It is our prayer for our school-aged youth, as they transition

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tion into their summer mode, that they will have a fun and safe summer. For our 2023 graduates, it is our prayer for them as they transition into Young Adult mode, that God would help them in this process as well. It was my honor to be asked to open and close in prayer, their Baccalaureate Service this year. I did attend their graduation on Sunday and was excited to see how well many of them did academically and how many awards and scholarships that they were able to get. It has been exciting for me as I have been pastoring the East Grove Union Church, for the past twelve years and substitute teaching for about that same period of time, seeing them grow up over the years into fine Young Adults. As we know and have heard how challenging these past three years have been, we do rejoice with them and their families that they have persevered! We will continue to keep them in our prayers. I remember to this day, I heard when I graduated fifty years ago, my Pastor that I had growing up, say that tomorrow is as bright as the promises of God! That is such a great statement of faith, but it is really conditional upon whether we claim them for ourselves, or not. It is my prayer for you that you do have that very special relationship with our great Creator God and are looking to Him for your future!

Speaking of our Creator God, we are excited for our Annual Community Vacation Bible School that we will once

again be bringing to our community, June 19-23, 9:15 - 11:30 am, for those ages three through finished eighth grade. I believe that the ad with the full information, will be in this edition or for sure next week's edition. We as a church are always so excited to bring this fun, learning experience to our young people in the Amboy area.

On a different note, God has blessed us this year once again, as we marvel over His creation with the wonders of nature that He brings to our place on Maytown Rd. We have had an Oriole feeder with Grape Jelly up for the past few years, and have had three or four birds this year since before Mother's Day. On Sunday I caught a Robin getting a sweet treat, eating at the feeder. I have been told from avid bird watchers that that is quite unusual. I guess that Robin was never told that, lol.

I trust that as you are transitioning into whatever mode you are finding yourself in, that you will be looking to Jesus who the author and finisher of our faith as the Book of Hebrews tells us in Hebrews 12:2. The Apostle Paul's prayer for the Early Church in Philippians 1:6, which is for us today as well, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." That is my prayer for you as well. Have a great summer.

May God continue to bless and sustain you.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago
June 1, 1923

Commencement exercises will be held Friday evening at Amboy Township High School with 22 members of the Class of 1923.

Elmer Roberts, who was convicted of manufacturing and possessing liquor for illegal purposes, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to 180 days in jail.

Fanelli Brothers advertise: "Our homemade ice cream is made from cream from a local farmer. We guarantee from four to 10 percent more butterfat than factory-made ice cream."

Work began on the remodeling of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. New siding was put on and a belfry added. The church will be enlarged to accommodate the congregation which has increased almost 50% since Rev. Bredow came here a year ago.

75 Years Ago
June 3, 1948

Orval Spurlin, basketball coach and assistant football and track coach at Amboy Township High School this past year, will serve as head coach for all three sports next year. He will be assisted by Harold Lashmett, who will also teach science.

Look fresh and neat in a pretty cotton wash dress in junior and ladies' sizes 9 to 52, available at Eichler Bros, Inc. Priced \$1.98 to \$14.95.

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Showing at the Amboy Theatre - Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour in "Road to Rio."

Sixty-four seniors graduated from Amboy Township High School.

50 Years Ago
June 7, 1973

Mrs. Catherine McCoy was honored at Central School after 32 ½ years of teaching.

Seven cars of the Burlington Northern local way freight were derailed 3 miles east of Amboy, according to Don Babineau, who is the Amboy agent. The train was west bound when one of the cars derailed and was dragged about ¼ mile before the other six cars went off the track.

Amboy Lions Club will sponsor the Rock River Rides Carnival.

25 Years Ago
June 4, 1998

With a 7-0 vote, Dr. Mary Summers became Amboy's new Superintendent of Schools at the Tuesday, May 26, meeting of the Amboy Board of Education. Dr. Summers is currently serving as Superintendent for the Sandwich school system. She is proficient in curriculum and instruction and an accomplished grant writer.

The Amboy News Athlete of the Year Award winners are Erica Weidman, daughter of Dennis and Brooke Weidman, for volleyball and basketball, and Aaron Self, son of Wayne and Cathie Self, for cross country and track.

The following boys will be attending the Boys State Track and Field Meet to be held June 6-12 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. The boys and their sponsors are Amboy Lions Club - Tom Dale and Even Reck; Amboy Fire

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LOCAL NEWS

Farm Bureau Foundation hosts 30th Anniversary Cash Bash

AMBOY – 2023 marks the 30th Anniversary for the Lee County Farm Bureau (LCFB) Foundation. The LCFB Foundation humbly started 30 years ago with the goal of awarding local agriculture students with scholarships. In the past 30 years, they have expanded the scholarship program to reach more students and are proud to have awarded 100 scholarships to local youth pursuing higher education in agriculture. The LCFB Foundation has expanded over

the years to additional youth agricultural education programs including the Lee County Ag in the Classroom program and the Books by the Bushel grant program. The LCFB Foundation is celebrating this milestone with a Cash Bash Celebration featuring entertainment by Burn N Bush. The Cash Bash will be held on Friday, Aug. 18 at the Elks Lodge #779 in Dixon. A dinner and raffle will be held, awarding \$8,750 in prizes. The Grand Prize ticket will receive \$5,000

and the individual who sells the Grand Prize ticket will also win \$500. Also awarded will be \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 to lucky second through fifth place prize winners. Tickets cost \$100 and will admit two, however, you do not need to be present to win. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and Burn N Bush is scheduled to play at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation. Tickets can be purchased

at the Lee County Farm Bureau, through volunteers or online, www.lcfbfoundation.org. If you would like to purchase a ticket or volunteer to help sell tickets, please contact the office, 815-857-3531. The mission of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is to encourage and fund age related educational opportunities for the youth of Lee County. For more information, visit www.lcfbfoundation.org

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Amboy CCR 2022

Spanish (Espanol)

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source of Drinking Water

The source of drinking water for Amboy is from ground water. The source of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Source water assessment and its availability

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at (815)857-3811. To view a summery version of the completed source water assessments, including: Importance of source water; susceptibility to contamination determination; and documentation/recommendation of source water protection efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial,

or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

For more information please contact your water operator.

Description of Water Treatment Process

Your water is treated by filtration and disinfection. Filtration removes particles suspended in the source water. Particles typically include clays and silts, natural organic matter, iron and manganese, and microorganisms. Your water is also treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectants to kill bacteria and other microorganisms (viruses, cysts, etc.) that may be in the water. Disinfection is considered to be one of the major public health advances of the 20th century.

Water Conservation Tips

- Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.
- Take short showers - a 5 minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
 - Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
 - Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
 - Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
 - Water plants only when necessary.
 - Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
 - Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
 - Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
 - Visit www.epjLgov/watersense for more information.

Source Water Protection Tips

- Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:
- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
 - Pick up after your pets.

- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community, or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Amboy is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Additional Information for Arsenic

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	0.9	0.68	1.07	2022	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	14	14.22	14.22	2022	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes](ppb)	NA	80	38	38.3	38.3	2022	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.135	.135	.135	2020	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.694	.694	.694	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	.111	.111	.111	2022	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (optional) (ppm)			6.96	6.96	6.96	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
Iron (ppm)	N/A	1	.162	.162	.162	2020	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA, however the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese (ppb)	150	150	36.6	36.6	36.6	2020	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA, however the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	1	1	.025	N/A	N/A	2021	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Arsenic (ppb)	0	10	1	1	1	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Radioactive Contaminants								
Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	0	5	1.02	1.02	1.02	2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	90% Percentale	Sample Date	# Sites Over AL	Violations	Typical Source	
Inorganic Contaminants								
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	5	2022	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.965	2022	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.	

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
Avg	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Na	Not Applicable
Mrem	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
ppb	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
Ppm	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT:	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
If any customer would like a copy of the report, simply stop by City Hall and request one or call the Amboy Water Department at 815-857-3811	

LOCAL NEWS

Amboy Junior High announces its fourth quarter honor roll

AMBOY — Amboy Junior High announces its fourth quarter honor roll.

Eighth Grade Highest Honors
Aaron Costner, Lainey Davis, Morgan Kreiser and Liliann Leffelman

Seventh Grade Highest Honors
Addison Blaine, Gianna Dempsey, Faith Fenwick, Abigail Fox, Kilah Helm, Jason Hemmen, Henry Klein, Tyler Mahar, Grady McLaughlin, Aarav Patel, Teagan Payne, Abel Valdez, Sydney Whelchel, and Tinley Whitney

Sixth Grade Highest Honors
Mallory Bodmer, Owen Dallam, Isabelle Klein, Adelynn Kreiser, Camryn Noble, Scarlett Payne, Charlie Schoenholz, and Parker Zimmerly

Fifth Grade Highest Honors
Leah Bonnell, Amelia Kant, Teagan

Moore, Blake Mumm, Mason Payne, Madison Phillips, and Kendyll Whitney

Eighth Grade High Honors
Madison Althaus, Callan Christoffersen, Jason Dickinson, Jacob Dinges, Ty Florschuetz, Lane Goff, Leighton Gulley, Chase Huggins, Logan Ketchum, Anthony Linder, Jose Lopez, Gage Mumm, Henry Nichols, Tori Pollock, Jack Thomas, and Chloe Vaupel

Seventh Grade High Honors
Makayla Burt, Hailey Cagle, Landon Carter, Madelyn Clarida, Ayla Costner, Bryson Deery, Aubrey Gabbard, Ethan Lewis, Gabrielle Miller, Ella Noble, Charlotte Patterson, Chase Rasmussen, and Aden Spinelli

Sixth Grade High Honors
Jacie Blaine, Tavarious Briar, Laci Daniels, Erika Decker, Owen Eisenberg, Sophya Fon-

deroli, Sydney Noble, Brock Olson, Hannah Shoemaker, Shawn Thompson, Cooper Welch, Hannah Whitman, Parker Williams, and Jaron Wittenauer

Fifth Grade High Honors
Logan Albee, Payton Angermeier, Cooper Fox, Vanessa Gross, Mason Heath, Jaxon Hudson, Shawn Hummel, Rylen Koch, Jack McCoy, Abel Mumm, Amelia Nichols, Maxwell Patterson, Thomas Payne, Caiddie Phelps, Nolan Scully, Kylie Vaupel, Alexis White, Scott Willstead, Bailey Wittenauer, Jacob Wittenauer, and Kylee Zellhofer

Eighth Grade Honors
Alexis Davis, James Eisenberg, Lucas Gascoigne, Madisyn Heath, Liam Ketchum, Hope Lauzon, Alexa McKendry, Gavin Nichols, Braden Shoemaker, Tanner Welch,

Aubrey Wells

Seventh Grade Honors
Owen Althaus, Channing Bellows, Damian Bender, Maddix Beyer, Amylia Bump, Brian Clements, Kylee Grotzinger, Jayce Hermeyer, Caylee Hummel, Maddex Moeller, Nicholas Warner, Kaylee Zimmerman

Sixth Grade Honors
Addison Bump, Kodie Dempsey, Leah Dempsey, Ian Hassler, Joivvee Hirsch, Mason Morris, Anthony Sus

Fifth Grade Honors
Kalob Bonnell, Dominic Broker, Ryan Gascoigne, Samuel Haley, Tinley Helms, Enrique Lara Alonso, Annabelle Leffelman, E. Lewis, Madison Lohmiller, Avery Wittenauer, Zoey Zambrano

Amboy High School announces its Spring 2023 honor roll

AMBOY — Amboy High School announces its Spring 2023 Honor Roll.

Highest Honors Freshman
Grace Althaus, Kiera Karlson, Ellie McLaughlin

Sophomore
Addison Pertell, Grace Royer, Brooklyn Strub, Kenley Wilson, Alainie Wittenauer

Junior
Brennan Blaine, Elizabeth Clarida, Elly Jones, Alexis Ketchum, Alexa Morris, Aaliyah Pointer, Landon Whelchel, Kimber Zitelman

Senior
James Curl, Charlie Dickinson, Courtney Lachat, Courtney Ortgiesen, Garrett Pertell,

Alexzandra Vaessen, Wesley Wilson

High Honors Freshman
Anna Carlson, Myla Davis, Molly Hassler, Samantha Hummel, Olivia Ketchum, Micah Miller, Stephanie Nave, Peyton Payne, Bradley Schmidt, Birgen Tucker

Sophomore
Vanessa Allevan, Corida Asencio, Carson Barlow, Saydee Benavidez, Ava Cline, Atticus Goff, Cierra Kessel, Dillon Merriman, Emerson Noble, Devyn Pasley, Hunter Rasmussen, Alena Shaw, Caleb Shugars, Tyrah Vaessen

Junior
Lucas Blanton, Emma Dinges, Zachary Dunne, Blerta Fekolli, Teagan Jergens,

Gabriel Jones, Rylyn Karrow, Cole Larson, Madison O'Malley, Nicholas Ochoa, Kaylee Scanland, Isaac Schamberger, Austin Shugars

Senior
Reed Barnes, Olivia Cordero, Ryan Dickinson, Jose Herrera, Sabie Koppien, Sidney Lewis, Ana Lopez-Belmontes, Adrian Marquez, Brian Moore, Kelton Schwamberger, Phillip Stewart, Valentin Vazquez, Aislinn Zitelman

Honors Freshman
Mylee Hochstatter, Victor Lopez-Belmontes, Rylan McNinch, Samantha Nauman, Ezra Parker, Emilie Reed-Dempsey, Landon Roath, Alvivia Whelchel, Brittlyn Whitman,

Cooper Whitney

Sophomore
Fabian Arteaga, Joel Billhorn, Emma Chandler, Brody Christoffersen, Kabe Daniels, Brysen Full, Jaden Haley, Brianna Henkel, Tyler Huggins, Caden Hummel, Quinton Leffelman, Joshua McKendry, Adrian Mimini, Natalie Pratt, Emily Sachs, Haleigh Stenzel, Karagen Welch

Junior
KayLynn Bopes, Isaiah Drew, Maeve Larson, Trey Payne, Addison Shaw, Eliseo Vazquez-Tapia, Skyler Ware

Senior
Olivia Costner, Kora Garren, Olivia Montantes, Ethan Pratt, Jersey Thomas

New Open Show announced at the Lee County Fair

LEE COUNTY — The 2023 Lee County Fair and 4-H Show is July 27-30 at the Lee County 4-H Center and Fairgrounds, 1196 Franklin Rd., Amboy. The four-day event is a throwback to the old-time county fair with petting zoo, pony rides, midway of games, bounce houses, a barrel train, axe throwing and the County Fair Speedway.

The Lee County Fair Association is now accepting entries for the 2023 Junior Show and the new Open Show.

"An open show is another avenue to welcome more people to the fair experience by exhibiting projects in a few non-livestock, general project departments," said Katie Pratt, secretary.

Pratt said the Lee County Fair Association choose to start small, opening entries in three departments: Cooking / Baking; Floral / Gardening; and Fibers / Arts.

The Open Show is open to any resident from any county of any age. 4-H members and jr. show participants may enter the open show with projects not already entered in the 4-H show or jr. show. Entries must be submitted by July 1. Fee per entry is \$2 with a limit of two entries per class. In the Cooking/Baking department pies, yeast breads and sweets (cookies, candies) can be entered. In Floral / Gardening, participants can enter vegetables, flowers, and floral arrangements with a retro theme. In Fibers / Arts, quilts, sewing projects,

photography and other art displays are welcome. A professional and amateur category are available in the Floral Arrangement and Photography categories.

All rules, details and entry information can be found at www.leecounty4hcenter.com under Lee County Open Show.

The junior show is open to youth ages 8 to 20, as of Sept. 1, 2022. Project departments include all livestock and small animals, as well as visual arts, mechanical sciences and crops. Visual arts projects can be any art project created using paper, fiber, metal, mixed media, cake decorating, natural materials, etc. Mechanical sciences projects include model rocketry, electricity projects, woodworking

and computer work.

Youth need not be 4-H members to participate. Visit www.leecounty4hcenter.com to find the online entry form and department and class descriptions. Entries are due July 1.

Grandstand events include tractor, garden tractor and truck pulls and a rodeo. New this year is the Cincinnati Circus Thrill Show, Sunday, July 30, 1 p.m. Entrance is free.

Returning to the fair schedule on Sunday, July 30 is the Marketplace featuring local crafters, artisans, farmer's market vendors, and home-based business products. The Marketplace is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spaces are available. Contact the fair office via Facebook or at 815-857-2603.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Paul Rudolphi, Lee County Treasurer, announced that his office will mail real estate tax bills on May 23rd to Lee County property owners. Taxes are payable in two installments due on June 23rd and September 1st 2023.

Anyone not receiving a bill can pay or print their bill from www.leecountyil.com. Failure to receive a bill does NOT exempt liability for payment. This is the only bill taxpayers will receive. Methods of payment are:

1) Online by direct debit from a bank account at www.leecountyil.com. The online payment service provider charges a \$2.00 convenience fee for direct debit payments. No portion of these fees are received by Lee County.

2) Phone 1-877-690-3729 (E-check or Credit Card)

3) Online by credit card at www.leecountyil.com. The online payment service provider charges a 2.40% convenience fee for credit card payments. No portion of these fees are received by Lee County.

4) By mail to the Lee Co. Treasurer, PO Box 328, Dixon, IL 61021. Please include the stubs with the payment.

5) Payment at any bank in Amboy, Ashton, Dixon, Franklin Grove, Paw Paw, Sublette, and West Brooklyn. Please bring the entire tax bill to the bank.

6) Payment in person at the Lee Co. Treasurer's Office on the 2nd floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E 2nd St. Dixon, IL. No. 0505 (May 17, 2023)

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 17 A.D. 2023 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lee County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Better Bargains Amboy, LLC located at 1194 Inlet Road, Amboy, IL. 61310. Dated this 17th day of May A.D. 2023. Nancy Peterson, County Clerk No. 0506 (May 24, 31 and June 7, 2023)

NOTICE

A 306-foot overall height guyed-type telecommunications structure, under ownership of Phoenix Towers International, is located near 1663 Pump Factory Road, Dixon, Lee County, Illinois (N41° 49' 29.7" W89° 29' 52.4"). The tower is anticipated to be lit with FAA Style A lighting. Any interested party may request further environmental review of the telecommunications facility under the FCC's National Environmental Policy Act rules, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. This request must only raise environmental concerns and can be filed online using the FCC pleadings system at www.fcc.gov or mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554 within 30 days of the date that notice is published on the FCC's website. Refer to File No. A1246351 when submitting the request and to view the specific information about the existing facility. 22-000773 DMG No. 0606 (June 7, 2023)

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NOTICE

Amboy Community Unit School District #272 is giving notice to students whose last year of enrollment in the district was 1962-1963. All permanent records of students last enrolled in the district before July 1, 1963 will be destroyed. Student permanent records are retained for sixty (60) years after the student has left the district.

All temporary records of students last enrolled in the district before July 1, 2018 will be destroyed. Student temporary records are retained for five (5) years after the student has left the district.

In accordance with the Illinois School Students Records Act and the Federal Family Educational Rights and Policy Act, this notice is to inform you of the policies and procedures in reference to school records. Parents, guardians, and students have the right to review and make copies of the student's records. If you would like to review your student's records, please send your request in writing by July 31, 2023 to:

Amboy CUSD 272
11 E. Hawley Street
Amboy, IL 61310
Permanent Record:
Basic Identifying Information, Evidence Required Under The Missing Children's Records Act, Academic Transcripts, Attendance Record, Health Record, Record of Release of Permanent Record Information, and Scores Received On All State Assessment Tests Administered At The High School Level

Temporary Record: Family Background, Intelligence and Aptitude Scores, Psychological Reports, Elementary & Secondary Achievement Level Test Results, Participation in Extracurricular Activities, Honors and Awards, Teacher Anecdotal Records, Disciplinary Information; and Special Education Files No. 0607 (June 7, 2023)

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113 FINANCIAL

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GARAGE SALE - Antiques, Housewares, Honda Cycle Tank, Auto, Fishing Poles, Vintage Utility Cart and Much More. June 8, 9 and 10 8AM to 2PM. 1113 Burlington Way, Davis Junction. (06-07-23)

Garage Sale - 10102 Fowler Road, Rochelle. Friday, 6/9 8AM-4PM, Saturday, 6/10 8AM-2PM. Clothes (Kids, Womens & Mens), Toys, Bikes, Furniture, Home Goods, Tack Room Clean Out & Much More. (06-07-23)

ROCHELLE - 1010, 1033 & 1107 N. 3rd Street. Multi-Family Garage Sale. Thursday, June 8 - Saturday, June 10 8AM to 5PM. Clothing (girls NB-10, Boys 14-16, Womens, Mens Big & Tall), Baby Items, Housewares, Knick Knacks, Sound Bars, Bunkbed, Furniture, Outside Toys, Mountain Bike, Motorcycle, Yard Roller, Shoppersmith with Accessories and More.

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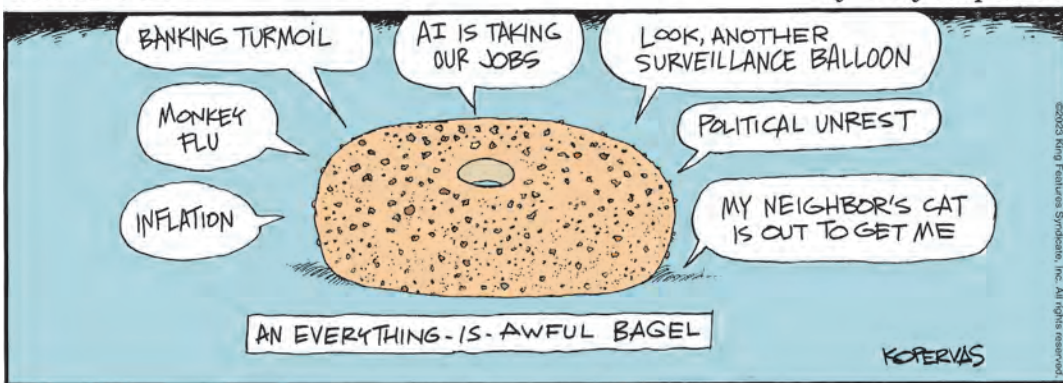
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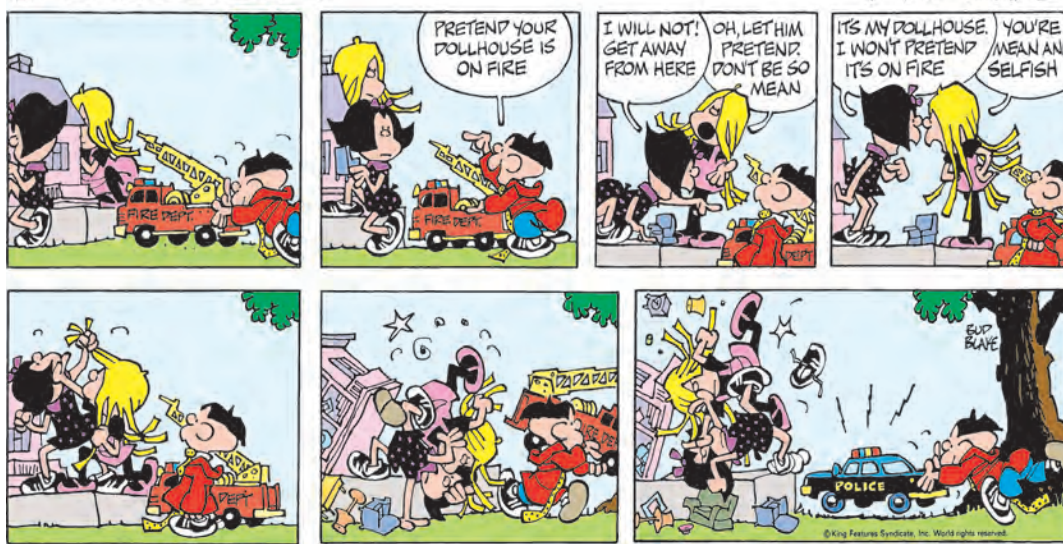
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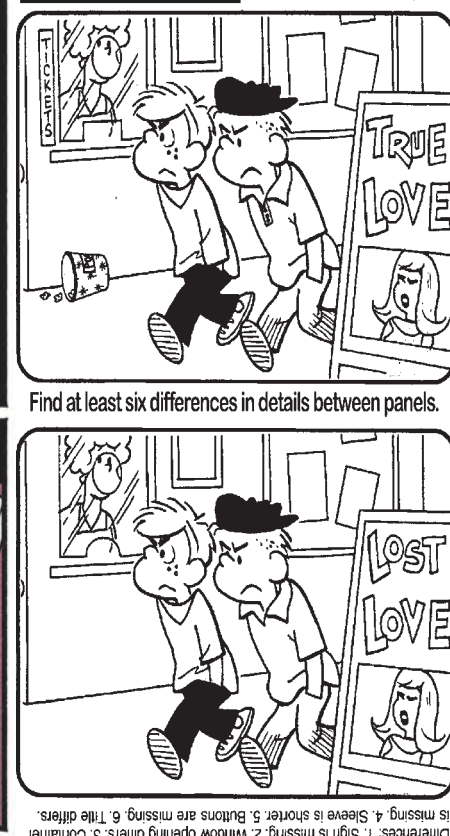


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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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: M equals B

HPCY YOCZ-XWZWTOE MCTTDOT
VDBPY JWVO QWZDXO MO
HTCQQDAB CTWLAE C XTDVO
JXOAO? XWTEWA MZLO.

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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!

Poise
CAGER
Sedate
ITSAD
Idle
IRENT
Shield
RUINES

TODAY'S WORD

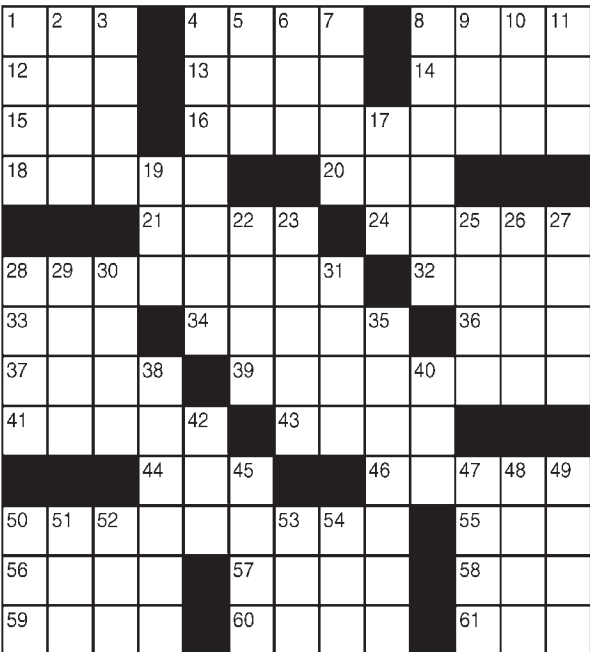
"I'm going in for a nap. I want plenty of energy when the _____ comes tonight."

King Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Cave flier
- 4 Beanies
- 8 Experts
- 12 Punk rock offshoot
- 13 Classic theaters
- 14 Global septet
- 15 Ages and ages
- 16 When bar drinks are discounted
- 18 First-rate, in slang
- 20 Perched
- 21 Apothecary measure
- 24 Of the Arctic
- 28 Annual celebration for a saint
- 32 Forbidden act
- 33 Freedom, for short
- 34 First half of an LP
- 36 Pol. party org.
- 37 Raw materials
- 39 Magazine founded in 1933
- 41 Costume
- 43 Admin. aide
- 44 Composer Rorem
- 46 Grammarian's concern
- 50 Freshman
- 55 Pen name

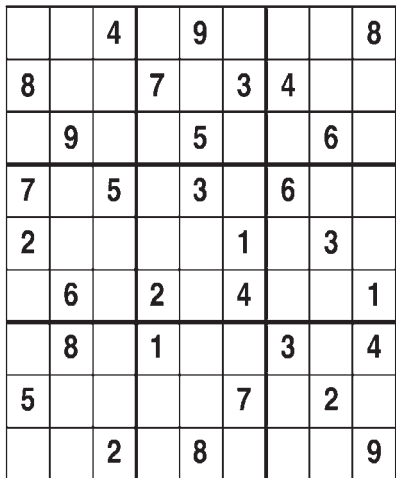


- 56 Garfield's pal
- 57 North Sea feeder
- 58 "This tastes awful!"
- 59 Engrossed
- 60 Conked out
- 61 Uncle (Sp.)
- 7 Actor Kutcher
- 9 Corp. boss
- 10 Vichy water
- 11 Old map letters
- 17 Chatter
- 19 Rx writers
- 22 Tennis score
- 23 Tyler Perry persona
- 25 Mine find
- 26 Diarist Frank
- 27 Boulder
- 28 Promote aggressively
- 29 Hibernia
- 30 Help a hood
- 31 Evergreen trees
- 35 Promised
- 38 Twilight time
- 40 Scale amts.
- 42 Favorite
- 45 Turned blue?
- 47 Border on
- 48 Leslie Caron role
- 49 Repeat
- 50 Supporting
- 51 Lupino of film
- 52 Wardrobe malfunction
- 53 Peyton's brother
- 54 Actor Vigoda

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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 VALUE to MINDS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

VALUE

MINDS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which actor voiced the character of Darth Vader in the first three "Star Wars" movies released?
- TELEVISION: Which was the first TV show to react to the 9/11 attack on the United States?
- LITERATURE: Who is the youngest person to win the Nobel Prize for literature?
- HISTORY: Which city did Anne Frank and her family live in hiding before they were discovered?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the tallest breed of dog?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is considered the national dish of Spain?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which is the only city that also is the smallest country in the world?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which holiday is considered the Jewish New Year?
- ANATOMY: What are the bones in the fingers called?
- ASTRONOMY: How many primary phases of the moon exist?

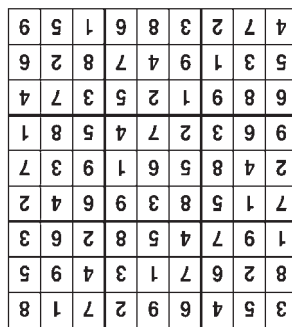
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- Answers
- James Earl Jones.
 - "The West Wing."
 - Rudyard Kipling.
 - Amsterdam.
 - Great Dane.
 - Paeonia.
 - Vatican City.
 - Rosh Hashanah.
 - Phalanges.
 - Four.

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Grace 2. Staid; 3. Inert; 4. Insure
Today's Word
SITTER

Answer
VALUE, VENUS, YENUS
MENUS, MENDS, MINDS

WORD LADDER



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Cryptoquip
answer
What teal-colored barrier might police be wrapping around a crime scene? Gordon blue.

LOCAL NEWS

EDUCATION BRIEFS

WIU Dean's List Spring 2023

MACOMB/MOLINE, IL - A total of 1,062 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2023 Spring Dean's List. The total includes 113 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

Local students include:

Dixon

Ethan M Hoyle (Senior)
Charlotte L McCoy (Senior)
Juliana M Rotella (Senior)
Ian E Thomas (Freshman)

Franklin Grove

Tyler D Reyes (Junior)

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

Local Students Named to NIU Spring 2023 Dean's List

DEKALB - Northern Illinois University announces its spring 2023 Dean's List students. To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the

colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts. Students from your area who achieved this honor include:

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Tyler Stewart, Mechatronics Engineering, Amboy High School

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Austin Bogle, Finance - B.S., Ashton Franklin Center HS
Carl Terwedow, Art and Design Education, Ashton Franklin Center HS
Emalie Vogeler, Art Studio-Design & Media Arts, Ashton Franklin Center HS
Jared Warner, Accountancy, Ashton Franklin Center HS
Heather Winterland, Physical Education, Stillman Valley High School

Dixon

Lilliana Campbell, Psychology - B.S., Newman Central Catholic Hs
Jozi Dever, Communicative Disorders, Dixon High School
Kalidance Humphrey, Art Studio, Dixon High School
Victoria Marchetti, Health Sciences-General, Oregon High School
Brian Podkulski, Psychology - B.S., Faith Christian School
Isabell Roberts, Nursing, Dixon High School

Franklin Grove

Madison Runkle, Art and Design Education, Ashton Franklin Center HS

Paw Paw

Anthony Castaldo, Biological Sciences - B.S., Paw Paw

High School

Anthony Castaldo, Chemistry-Biochemistry, Paw Paw High School

West Brooklyn

Natalie Bodmer, Accountancy, Mendota Township High School

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Augustana College announces 2023 commencement participants

ROCK ISLAND — Augustana College recognized 624 participants at the college's 163rd commencement ceremony Saturday, May 27. CNN Hero Nelly Cheboi '16 delivered the commencement address.

Recognized participants included:

Alana Cherry from La Moille, studied Masters of Science in Speech Language Pathology.

The Class of 2023 is the most diverse class in Augustana's history, with graduates hailing from 20 countries including the United States and 24 U.S. states.

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LOCAL NEWS

Amboy Junior High announces its 2022-2023 honor roll

AMBOY — Amboy Junior High announces its 2022/2023 Honor Roll.

Eighth Grade Highest Honors

Madison Althaus, Callan Christoffersen, Aaron Costner, Lainey Davis, Ty Florschuetz, Morgan Kreiser, Liliann Leffelman, Jose Lopez, Gage Mumm, and Henry Nichols

Seventh Grade Highest Honors

Addison Blaine, Landon Carter, Bryson Deery, Gianna Dempsey, Faith Fenwick, Abigail Fox, Kilah Helm, Jason Hemmen, Henry Klein, Tyler Mahar, Grady McLaughlin, Aarav Patel, Chase Rasmussen, Abel Valdez, Sydney Whelchel, and Tinley Whitney

Sixth Grade Highest Honors

Mallory Bodmer, Owen Dallam, Isabelle Klein, Adelynn Kreiser, Camryn Noble, Scarlett Payne, Charlie Schoenholz, and

Parker Zimmerly

Fifth Grade Highest Honors

Leah Bonnell, Mason Heath, Amelia Kant, Rylen Koch, Teagan Moore, Abel Mumm, Blake Mumm, Maxwell Patterson, Mason Payne, Caidie Phelps, Madison Phillips, Nolan Scully, Kylie Vaupel, Kendyll Whitney, Kylee Zellhofer

Eighth Grade High Honors

Jacob Dinges, James Eisenberg, Leighton Gulley, Logan Ketchum, Anthony Linder, Chloe Vaupel, and Aubrey Wells

Seventh Grade High Honors

Hailey Cagle, Madelyn Clarida, Ayla Costner, Aubrey Gabbard, Caylee Hummel, Gabrielle Miller, Ella Noble, Teagan Payne, Aden Spinelli, and Kaylee Zimmerman

Sixth Grade High Honors

Mackenzie Alletto, Jacie Blaine, Tavarius Briar, Richard Contreras, Laci Daniels, Erika Decker, Owen Eisenberg, Sophya Fonderoli, Sydney Noble, Brock Olson, Hannah Shoemaker, Anthony Sus, Shawn Thompson, Cooper Welch, Hannah Whitman, Parker Williams, and Jaron Wittenauer

Fifth Grade High Honors

Payton Angermeier, Cooper Fox, Vanessa Gross, Jaxon Hudson, Eli Lewis, Jack McCoy, Amelia Nichols, Thomas Payne, Alexis White, Scott Willstead, Bailey Wittenauer, Jacob Wittenauer, and Zoey Zambrano

Eighth Grade Honors

Jason Dickinson, Lane Goff, Madisyn Heath, Chase Huggins, Magdalena Keene, Hope Lauzon, Alexa McKendry, Gavin Nichols, Braden Shoemaker, Jack Thomas,

Tanner Welch, and Westin Wittenauer

Seventh Grade Honors

Owen Althaus, Channing Bellows, Bryden Boyer, Amylia Bump, Makayla Burt, Brian Clements, Ethan Lewis, and Charlotte Patterson

Sixth Grade Honors

Addison Bump, Kodie Dempsey, Leah Dempsey, Seeley Goff, Ian Hassler, Joivvee Hirsch, Oliver Jones, Mason Morris, Kinsley Pogue, and Jasmine Rhodenbaugh

Fifth Grade Honors

Logan Albee, Sarah Buckley, Bricen Davis, Alexander Dowd, Jayce Ellis, Ryan Gascoigne, Samuel Haley, Tinley Helms, Charley Henkel, Shawn Hummel, Cylis Jackley, Annabelle Leffelman, Hunter Roberts, and Avery Wittenauer

IDNR, Illinois Conservation Police urge life jacket use, sober boating

SPRINGFIELD — With the traditional start of the summer boating season just around the corner, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Illinois Conservation Police are reminding people to wear life jackets anytime they're on the water and to only operate boats while sober.

National Safe Boating Week is May 20-26, the week leading up to the Memorial Day holiday weekend, to raise awareness of boating safety.

"Life jackets save lives, period," said Illinois Conservation Police Lt. Curt Lewis, the state's boating law administrator. "Everyone who heads out on the water should wear a life jacket, regardless of whether they're on a motorboat, a kayak, a canoe, or a stand-up

paddleboard. We want you to have fun, but most importantly, we want you to be safe."

In 2022, there were 52 reportable boating accidents on Illinois waters, resulting in six fatalities and 40 injuries, according to statistics compiled by the Illinois Conservation Police. Prior years' statistics:

2021: 93 boating accidents with 16 fatalities and 28 injuries

2020: 81 boating accidents with 21 fatalities and 36 injuries

2019: 72 boating accidents with 14 fatalities and 42 injuries

(Annual boating accident statistics are compiled based on the federal fiscal year Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.)

Statistics show most boating accidents

occur between noon and 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays between June and August. Conditions are usually clear with good visibility, light winds, and calm water. Most accidents involve operators between the ages of 20 and 40 who have more than 100 hours of boating experience but little or no classroom boating safety instruction. They also usually involve open motorboats cruising in a careless or reckless manner, culminating in a collision with another boat.

IDNR offers free boating safety courses that provide a review of boating laws and regulations, as well as instruction on the safe and attentive operation of watercraft. The department encourages boaters of all ages to take a safety course. Anyone born on or after

Jan. 1, 1998, must pass a course and have a valid Boating Safety Certificate to operate a motorboat (with over 10 horsepower). State law also requires boating safety education for people ages 12 to 17 to operate a motorboat.

"With boating season getting underway, everyone who heads out to enjoy the beautiful lakes and waterways Illinois has to offer should make safety their first priority," said Cody Gray, safety education program administrator for IDNR. "IDNR's mandatory boating safety classes are free, and what you learn may just save someone's life."

Free safety courses are taught by volunteer instructors and are available throughout Illinois. Find a schedule of courses at <https://dnr.illinois.gov/safety/boatingsafety.html>.



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