



AHS CLASS OF 2023

The Amboy High Class of 2023 graduation ceremony was held at AHS on Sunday, May 28. Pictured above, Class Treasurer Wesley Wilson addresses those in attendance. Pictured below is the handing out of the flowers from the graduates to those who mean so much to them.



Brandon LaChance/Amboy News



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Kelton Schwamberger reads General Logan's Orders during the Memorial Day ceremony in Amboy on Monday morning. Schwamberger also played Taps at the end of the ceremony. It was also announced that the Amboy American Legion Poths/Lavelle Post #453 will be presenting Schwamberger with a \$500 scholarship. Below, Pastor Kyle Kelly was the featured speaker at the Sublette Memorial Day ceremony.

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AJHS GRADUATION

Fit for high school. The Amboy Junior High Class of 2023 eighth graders have officially moved on to Amboy High School as the graduation ceremony was at AHS Friday, May 26. The Amboy High School corridor turned into a photo booth after the Amboy Junior High School graduation ceremony.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News



Board hears about demolition of old junior high

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — Summer vacation is in sight for the students and teachers of the Amboy district. Lesson plans are wrapping up, final exams being administered, and students are gathering their school supplies to take home until next fall.

The school board met on May 18 and Superintendent Joshua Nichols reported that open forum Central teachers submitted their assessment data for the year.

“The kids have been making great strides and have been closing the learning gap,” he shared. Jenni Schaefer, Kathy Russel, and Principal Joyce Schamberger made the presentation.

Junior High Social Studies teacher, Kelly Foster presented student projects from her

design and development class.

Work continues on the demolition of the old Junior High building. Schmidt Plumbing has run the water lines to the records building and has capped off the sewer lines from the building. Helm's electrical division has pulled the electrical panel out of the building so it can be installed in the bus garage and has begun the process of switching the power there.

Under First Reading, the 2023-24 student handbooks were looked over and briefly discussed. The board approved the 2023-24 Fee Sheet. District fees have stayed the same and haven't increased in the last five years.

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Ag in the Classroom Golf Outing returns

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

SUBLETTE—For the last 13 years, the Lee and Bureau County Farm Bureaus have held a golf outing with proceeds going toward Ag in the Classroom.

The golf fun and fundraising isn't stopping at a baker's dozen as the 14th annual Golf Outing for supporters of Ag in the Classroom will be held Thursday, June 22 at Shady Oaks Country Club in Sublette.

“Our golf outing benefits Ag in the Classroom. The money raised through the golf outing will provide free resources to schools and teachers that are through

the Ag in the Classroom Program that will directly connect agriculture to their school curriculum,” said Lee County Farm Bureau's Danelle Burns. “The outing is open to anyone from kids to adults. The outing has predominantly adult golfers, but there are kids who will golf with their parents. We encourage and welcome all golfers at this outing.”

The money earned at the outing is split between Bureau and Lee County for Ag in the Classroom resources as the two county farm bureaus co-host.

Burns, who has been with the LCFB for 15 years, has seen the golf outing grow. At the same time, there are



familiar faces and backers.

All are thanked for their participation.

“I was reflecting on this the other day. It has evolved over the years, but at the same

time, it has stayed the same over the last 14 years,” Burns said. “I think we've been able to establish a solid group of supporters who have been with us since Day 1. We have

supporters who have been with us since the beginning and every year we seem to add a few more.

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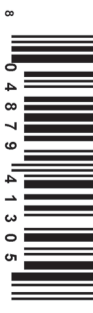
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Amboy School District announces retirement of staff members

**AMBOY** — Amboy Community Unit School District announces four staff members will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Doris Levan, attendance clerk for 18 years  
 “I have truly enjoyed my time with Amboy High School, the friends, laughs and lasting memories will always be with me. I specifically enjoy the “Homecoming Week” events, this year the faculty and staff were Care Bears. This just shows the camaraderie of the whole district pulling together not only for fun but for all the students district-wide. The time has come to move on to another chapter and I hope it will

be as wonderful as my time has been with District #272.”  
 Laura Hbbell, cafeteria at Central School. Years at the district – 16 years.

“The bittersweet time has become to close this chapter and reflect on all the years of learning experiences that come with working for our school district. My first employment was working at the Junior High School kitchen, then I was assigned years later as playground monitor at Central School, where I have also worked as cafeteria monitor.

“My schedule over the years has included bus aide for different routes. Here I would say kudos to all our Amboy

bus drivers.

“The experiences are that one does learn something new everyday. I will miss all the students, teachers, support staff, principals, district office personal and Mr. Nichols. I wish to thank you for the camaraderie, friendship and support from all the past and present employees and co-workers.

“I will always remember the loyalty and commitment our school district and all who served during the pandemic to keep our children safe. God bless you all.

“Congratulations to the Class of 2023 graduates. Go Amboy Clippers.”

A featured article on retiring principal Joyce Schamberger will appear in a later edition of the Amboy News.

## Narcotics bust on I-88

**LEE COUNTY** — During the early evening on Thursday, May 25, 2023, a deputy from the Lee County Sheriff’s Department was patrolling Interstate 88 doing narcotics interdiction when he observed a black Cadillac traveling westbound with an equipment violation.

The vehicle was stopped near mile marker 53, west of Dixon, and narcotics were located during a probable cause search. The deputy seized just over four ounces of a substance that tested positive for the presence of cocaine.

As a result of the stop, a passenger of the vehicle identified as Cirecco Romaine

Flint, 50, of Davenport, Iowa, was arrested on an outstanding arrest warrant out of Winnebago County for Failure to Appear – Driving While Driver’s License is Revoked. Flint was additionally charged with the following:

- Unlawful Possession of Adult Use Cannabis in a Motor Vehicle (a Class C Misdemeanor)

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (a Class X Felony)

- Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (a Class X Felony)

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## LOCAL NEWS

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## Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community:

Kathy Adams for the breakfast bars; Anthony Palucki for the Chicago Bears items and Candy Robinson for delivering them; Shannon Nichols and family for the rootbeer floats on early out; Kathy and Steve Gardner for the pizza for early out; Pete and Connie Kemp for the computer screen; Irene and Eileen Ramsdell for the meat, bread, cheese, and homemade cupcakes; Karen and Frank Stenzel for the art supplies and gloves; Tammy and Scott Strub for the dresses and Pam Thomas and family for the books for afterschool reading.

## Needs

Fruit bars and chocolate chip granola bars.

## Final Note

Glory be to God...for clear blue skies and sunny days for fresh green grass and leafy trees for vivid purple flowers and well-tended gardens for fluffy white clouds and gentle breezes for bright red buses and busy streets  
Glory be to God...for people stepping out with sandaled feet for children playing games with delighted squeals for picnics and street parties for street traders and market stalls for long days and short nights for open-topped buses and open-necked shirts.  
Glory be to God...for seasons for summer for sunshine.

## 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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DIXON-** The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at Dixon Family YMCA, 110 N. Galena Avenue. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

**SUBLETTE-** The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 – 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 202 South Locust Street. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

**AMBOY-** The A.C.O. will meet at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, June 6, at Maria's Pizza.

**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 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.

**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.

**AMBOY-** The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

**AMBOY-** East Grove Union Church will hosts its Community Vacation Bible School on June 19-23 from 9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Join them for Stompers and Chompers: Dino-sized faith and fun this summer. For more information contact Jennifer Vaessen, 815-719-4017 to pre-register your child text child's name and grade completed to the same phone number.

**AMBOY-** The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, June 19, at 6 p.m., at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

**AMBOY-** The City of Amboy Council will meet at

6 p.m. on Monday, June 19, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**AMBOY-** The Amboy/Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, at 7 p.m., at the Amboy Township Building, 106 South Prospect, Amboy.

**LEE COUNTY-** Get the most out of your garden by planning, planting, and main-

taining for the seasons broken down by Spring, Summer, and Fall. This series is for anyone interested in learning more about gardening, growing food in a home or community garden, or looking for ideas for the upcoming growing season. This session will be held from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 22, at the Lee County Extension Office. Register for one or more of the sessions at go.illinois.edu/LeeGrowingHort.

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B) Chicken salad, tomato

June 5-9  
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Tuesday – Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, brussel sprouts, wgr wheat bread-1, apricots  
Wednesday – Baked pork chop, baby red potatoes, green beans, wgr dinner roll, cherry crisp  
Thursday – Southwest salad, black beans, corn, cheese, chicken, tomato, onion, wgr dinner roll, fruit juice, dressing pc  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Richter named Executive Director of United Way of Lee County

**LEE COUNTY** — United Way of Lee County is pleased to announce Ashley Richter as their new Executive Director effective May 22, 2023.

Richter brings experience in non-profit marketing and fundraising. Most recently, she served as the Development and Marketing Director for the Sterling-Rock Falls Family YMCA.

"We are thrilled to bring Ashley into our organization. She will bring incredible expertise to her new role, and I am sure she will serve our agencies and community well," stated Jennifer Heintzelman President of UWLC Board of Directors.

The United Way of Lee County's goal is to create long-lasting changes by addressing the underlying causes of problems by boldly impacting critical community issues addressing educational opportunities, food insecurity, housing stability and mental health in Lee and Ogle County.

"I am excited to be able to work for such an amazing organization. I am looking



Ashley Richter

forward to working with our Board of Directors and local agencies on making a positive impact in the community," Richter said.

Richter is a committed leader with a Bachelor's degree from Augustana College, and a Master's degree in Community and Economic

Development from Western Illinois University. She has volunteered with the Rock Falls Chamber as an Ambassador for seven years, serves on Sterling Main Street Economic Vitality Committee and enjoys performing in local theatre productions.

## Workshop on self-publishing in print and audio coming to TNPS

**DIXON** — The Next Picture Show (TNPS), Dixon, will host a free workshop on how to get your book in print or in audio.

From 10 a.m. to noon, June 3, at TNPS. Two speakers experienced in getting their work published with share what they have learned.

"The two people we have speaking will provide local writers an opportunity learn what traditional, independent, and audio publishing is about," said Greg Smith, who, along with other members of the Sauk Creative Writing Group, is organizing the event. "The workshop is

free and open to the public.

Kim Sigafus, owner of McIver Publishing, Freeport, will share her experience with getting work published the traditional way and through an independent publisher. She has written 18 books.

There will be a break after her presentation for anyone who might have a question or want to look at self-published books.

"Kim spoke at a previous SCGW workshop after she helped a group member get her first book self-published," Smith said. "I know she'll be ready to answer any questions about getting published."

Tom Nance, Prophetstown, will talk about how to get your work on audio. Nance, a retired English teacher, has produced more than 30 audiobooks of different genres. He will also talk about the typical three ways authors and narrators are contracted and who the big players are in production and marketing.

"If there is time, there will be a few writing prompt exercises," Smith said. "Please bring something to write with."

For more information, contact The Next Picture Show at 815-285-4924.

## Free Dementia Therapies program to be presented by CGH Rehab Services in Sterling June 7

**STERLING** - Do you or a loved one suffer from cognitive impairment due to dementia?

A free program called "Dementia Therapies" will

be presented by CGH Rehab Services therapists at 12 noon on Wednesday, June 7, at 2600 N. Locust St., Sterling. Specialists Lyndi LeMay, MS, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist; Allie Yemm Repass, PT, DPT, NCS, Physical Therapist; and Brianne Hamstra, OTR/L, CLT, Occupational Therapist, will discuss the benefits of speech, physical and occupational therapies for those individuals having memory and motor skill deficits resulting from dementia or Alzheimer's Disease.

The presentation is sponsored by the CGH Health Foundation as part of a multi-year focus on increas-

ing awareness of dementia and on providing services/resources for those impacted by dementia.

"Our expert team will share clinical strategies and live demonstrations on how to maximize functional performance to maintain the individual's highest quality of life, all while focusing on their continued engagement as their disease progresses," said Beth Sterk, new CGH Dementia Navigator.

Please RSVP to Beth Sterk at 815/625-0400, ext. 3977, for this free educational presentation. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations are appreciated, but not required.

## Clipper track relay team competes at state

**CHARLESTON** — The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track relay team had its season end in the preliminaries of the IHSA State Track Meet

on May 25 at Charleston.

The 4x400-meter squad made it to state after running under the qualifying time in the sectional. The foursome of Joel Billhorn, Zane Murphy, Caleb Yanos and Kyler McNinch recorded a time of 3:35.47 at state, which was the 25<sup>th</sup> best time in the preliminaries, thus not being fast enough to make it to the finals.

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# SOCIAL NEWS



Mark and Cindy Streit

## Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

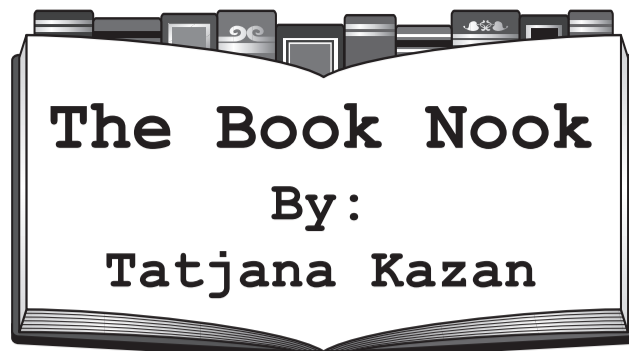
**SUBLETTE** — Mark and Cindy (Vollertsen) Streit will be married 50 years in June. They were married June 9, 1973, in Alton. They were honored with a Mass on June 10, at 4 p.m., at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, in Sublette.

On June 24, their children will be hosting a celebration in their honor in Bloomington-Normal for family and friends at their daughter's house.

The couple has three children, Nick and wife Mary Beth of Cary, and children, Megan, Holly and Kristen; Chris and wife, Meghan, of Oregon, IL., and children, Will and Makenna; and Amanda and her husband, Matt Cushing, of Normal, and children, Caitlin and Hunter.



Mark and Cindy Streit



### MONEY FOR NOTHING

In Hernan Diaz's superb novel "Trust," which won the 2022 Pulitzer Prize, Ida Partenza, one of the principal characters, perfectly sums up the novel's self-regarding men. Such men, she writes, "all believed, without any sort of doubt, that they deserved to be heard, that their words ought to be heard, that the narratives of their faultless lives must be heard."

The book consists of four parts: a novel, an autobiography, a memoir, and a private diary, each with its own author, audience, and motivation. The first part, the novel "Bonds," written by fictitious author Harold Vanner, sets up the story on which the novel's three other parts play variations. Like the book's title, where "Trust" is both a moral quality and a financial arrangement, as though virtue and money were synonymous, so "Bonds" can be both a monetary instrument and family attachments. In the 1890's in old-money New York, Benjamin Rask who has enjoyed almost every advantage since birth, nevertheless comes from a family of tobacco traders. He hates "the primitive sucking and puffing" that a good cigar requires, and so as soon as his father dies, he sells out and begins to play the market.

For Rask "capital is an antiseptically living thing. It moves, eats, grows, breeds, falls ill and may die. But it is clean." Rask seems almost entirely without an inner life. Devoid of dialogue, the narration of his life is like a summary rather than in scenes. He marries Helen Brevoort, an American girl from an old family who has been raised in Europe. She is intelligent and talented, but ends up deranged in a Swiss sanitarium.

The second part is "My Life," a partial autobiography by tycoon Andrew Bevel, who is clearly the model for Benjamin Rask. Bevel's wife Mildred has recently died at the same sanitarium in Switzerland. But unlike Helen, Mildred did not go insane, she died of cancer. Andrew is obsessed with setting the record straight, and to that end hires Ida Partenza to write the story of his beloved wife for his autobiography.

Ida is the Brooklyn-born daughter of an Italian American anarchist printer. Her working-class presence bursts the elite bubble. We get a closer look at narcissistic Andrew Bevel, but more importantly, Ida's dogged research into Mildred Bevel's life takes center stage and introduces genuine suspense. Fifty years on, Ida looks back on her ghostwriting days, and her memoir, the third and most spirited part of the novel, will make us distrust the entirety of the novel's first two parts. In the fourth and final part, we get a glimpse of Mildred's diary. She is dying. Andrew is impatient, but she tolerates him, writing in one of her last entries, "The loneliness of animals is what I aspire to."

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## Helicopter makes special delivery of new air handling unit at CGH

**STERLING** — On Thursday, May 25, CGH Medical Center and local contractors working to replace two outdated air handling units (AHUs) at the hospital brought in a helicopter to lift seven sections of the new, larger, more efficient air handling unit into place. The AHUs allow for proper ventilation within occupied wings of the hospital (second through fourth floor North and 3 West).

"In our ongoing efforts to improve patient comfort throughout the hospital, this project was long overdue," said Cindy Zander, Vice President of Support Services. "Our amazing Plant Operations and Maintenance staff have been able to keep the current units running for almost 45 years, when the normal run life of each unit is approximately 20 to 25 years! In addition, this project was postponed during the pandemic due to material delivery delays, so it was of top priority to get it completed." Other parts of the project include replacing the hydronic heating water systems and shell and tube heat exchangers that serve the south wing.

In under an hour, the military-grade helicopter, owned by Midwest Helicopter Airways, Inc. of Willowbrook, lifted each of the seven AHU sections into the new mechanical room located on the upper roof in the center of the hospital. Once in place, local mechanical MEPs — Loescher Heating & Air Conditioning and CORE Construction — began work assembling the new unit.

"A helicopter is more efficient from both a cost and workload perspective, as well as much quicker to lift each of the units," said Bob Lehman, CGH Director of Plant Operations and Maintenance. "But in doing so, there are strict FAA and Department of Transportation requirements, as well as many precautions that need to be taken for the safety of our patients and staff."



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### Chelsey Haye Named to SNHU President's List

**MANCHESTER, N.H.** — Chelsey Haye, of Amboy, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2023 President's List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

### AREA STUDENT(S) NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

**DE PERE, Wis.** — The following student(s) have been named to the 2023 spring semester dean's list at St. Norbert College. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

Founded in 1898, St. Norbert College is a private, Catholic, liberal arts college located in De Pere, Wisconsin, just outside of Green Bay. Recent years have seen record enrollments and unprecedented investments in the St. Norbert College campus.

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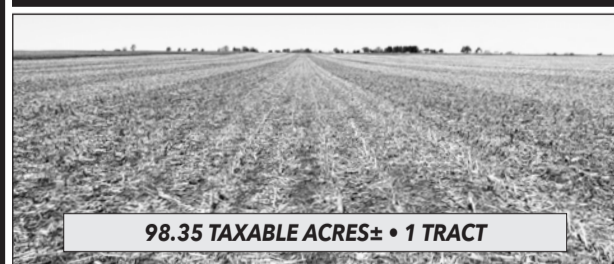


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# Opinion

## Worst kind of graft are often legal ones

The worst kind of graft is perfectly legal. That's a lesson I've observed in my 35 years as a journalist.

I've been thinking about that lesson these past few weeks as revelations are brought forth about gifts U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas received from a rich buddy.

Let me preface my criticisms of the jurist by saying I often agree with his decisions. But that doesn't absolve him from the shady things he has done.

Thomas and his wife Ginny, received luxury vacations and private jet travel from Texas real estate magnate Harlan Crow. The justice contends he did nothing wrong and that these were just gifts from a friend.

I don't doubt that Thomas and his wife consider Crow to be a "dear friend." But a more appropriate question might be whether the billionaire would be chumming around with Thomas if he didn't happen to be a Supreme Court justice.

Democrats in Congress are squawking about how wrong this relationship is. What is happening here is wrong – but probably not illegal.

When I was a young reporter in Galveston, Texas, the managing editor had a "Wheels" column in which he wrote a weekly love note to the auto industry.

The price of this journalistic prostitution? Every week, a car company would send him a new vehicle to "test drive" along with a press release espousing the model's virtues.

His teenagers drove them to school. And even when they sent him a real dog with major mechanical issues, he wrote about how swell it was.

"There is no such thing as a bad car," he told a group of young reporters who asked about the practice. We rolled our eyes.

Most journalists would say what he was doing wasn't ethical. The readers were never informed of this cozy relationship. But it's also the kind of graft that is legal.

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



If pressed as to why he did it, I suspect he would have justified his actions by pointing to his salary and saying he deserved some sort of perk.

Thomas, who earns \$184,000 a year as a Supreme Court justice, could make a similar claim, noting that he would make many times that in private practice.

That justification reminds me a bit of one given by another supreme court justice, Ray I. Klingbiel, who served on Illinois' highest court in the 1960s. Before that he was East Moline mayor.

Sometime in 1966 Ted Isaacs, a member of then-Gov. Otto Kerner's cabinet and a wheel-dealer, managed to put himself in a position to allocate stock in the politically connected Civic Center Bank in Chicago.

At the time, the state high court was considering the dismissal of a 35-count felony indictment accusing Isaacs of bilking the Illinois Treasury. Shortly thereafter, the court unanimously affirmed the dismissal of Isaacs' felony indictments in an opinion written by Klingbiel.

According to the book "Illinois Justice" by Kenneth Manaster, Klingbiel kept his 100 shares in a dresser drawer. Klingbiel insisted that the stock was merely a campaign contribution. But it was given after he had been elected and in the form of a stock certificate and it had been given to him by an associate of Isaacs, who had a case before the court.

"There is no doubt in my mind Isaacs was trying to influence the court with his actions," Manaster told me.

So why do educated people like Thomas and Klingbiel do stupid things like this?

Manaster attributes Klingbiel's transgressions to the Illinois political culture that he had been reared in. Klingbiel served as the Republican mayor of East Moline for six years and before that worked as the city attorney. There were few regulations on campaign contributions in those days.

But that strikes me as a child's excuse: "Everybody's doing it." Someone with a better moral compass would have

known better.

Future U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens was appointed chief counsel to the five-member commission that investigated the allegations of wrongdoing.

Stevens was quoted in a 1969 Associated Press article saying, "Chief Justice Roy J. Solisburg, Justice Ray I. Klingbiel and Theodore J. Isaacs are guilty of gross impropriety."

But neither Chief Justice Roy Solisburg nor Klingbiel was ever criminally charged. "The short answer is they never could prove they took a bribe to the degree necessary needed in court," Manaster said.

The worst kinds of graft are often legal.

Stevens insisted during his 1975 confirmation that he never would have been nominated for the supreme court if not for the work he had done investigating Klingbiel and Solisburg.

One honest man rose as two dishonest ones fell.

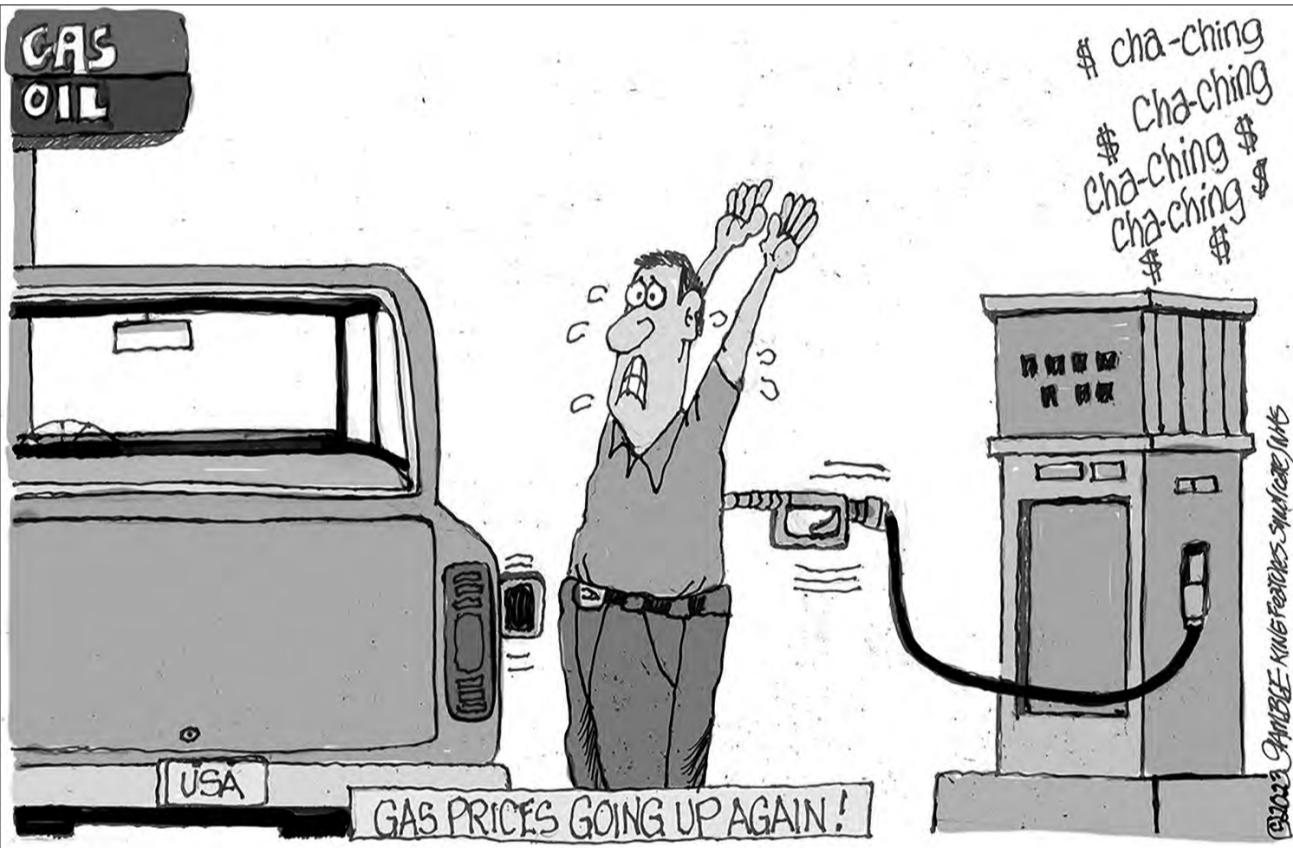
The episode ended with Klingbiel retiring and Solisburg resigning from the state supreme court.

Klingbiel's final days were sad ones, Manaster said. He remained bitter about what he described as a "political push" to get him off the court.

Shaken and sorrowful, Manaster said he told one member of the commission, he knew in his heart he was not a crook, "but I was a damn fool."

Will Justice Thomas have such a revelation? Don't hold your breath.

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## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

### 100 Years Ago May 25, 1923

W.H. Badger has put in a large refrigerator in his grocery, which is probably the finest in the city.

G.R. Finch brought into this office six of the largest stalks of rhubarb ever seen. The largest piece of the bunch measured 41 inches in length, and was 5-1/2 inches in circumference.

### 75 Years Ago May 27, 1948

Leonard Vaessen was named Sublette Fire Chief taking the place of Leo Burkardt, who had held that position for the past 10 years.

Farmers have taken full advantage of good weather last week and corn planting has progressed rapidly. The Lee County farm advisor expected all of the corn in this country would be planted by the end of this week.

America's Champion Race Drivers will feather Midget Auto Races at the Mendota Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 30.

### 50 Years Ago May 31, 1973

Randy Schlesinger and Darlene Trouth were named co-valedictorians and Deb Walgrave was salutorian of the graduating class of 1973.

Lee County Sheriff Ray Nehring was the speaker at the Memorial Day Services which were held at the Jr.

High School.

Due to heavy rains which washed through the area, the rodeo activities were re-scheduled for the weekend of June 10.

Fr. Ray Ross celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick's Church in Amboy.

### 25 Years Ago May 28, 1998

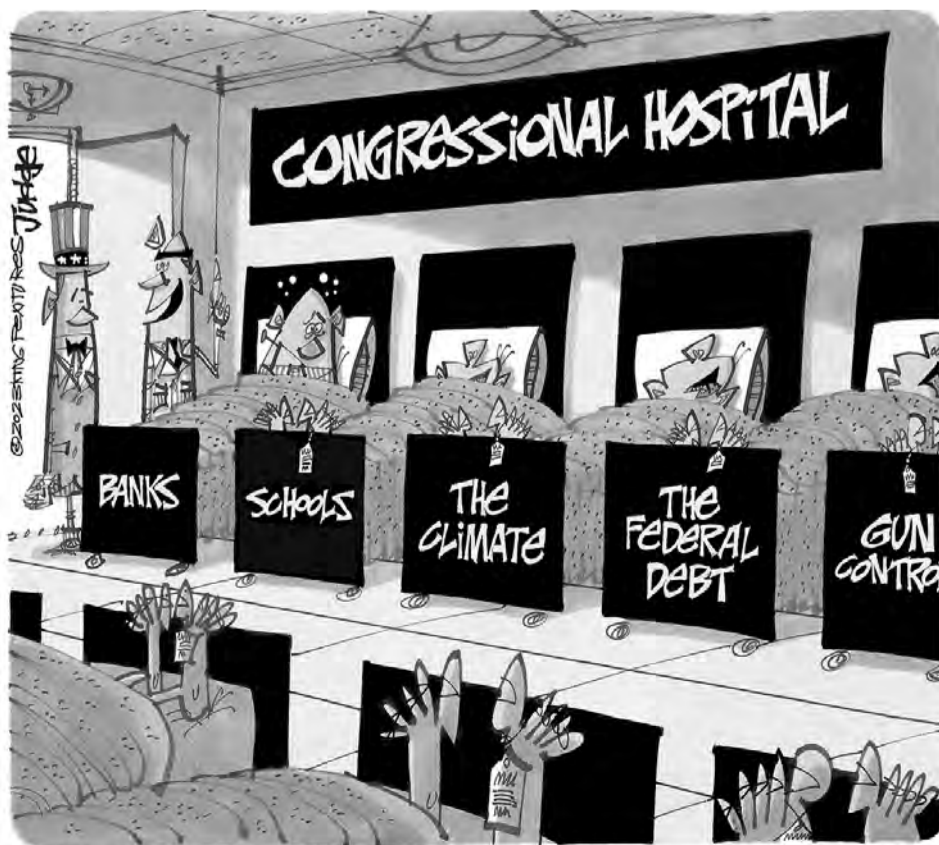
A number of students at

Amboy's Central School arranged themselves carefully on the school's front lawn recently to spell out the word "THANKS" in 10-foot-tall letters. The students' message was intended as a giant-sized thank you to all of the businesses, parents and volunteers who helped out in any way at Central School during this past school year.

Erica L. Weidman was named the 1998 Student of the Year at Honor's Night held at Amboy High School on Wednesday, May 20.

The First National Bank in Amboy is the sponsor of this \$1,500 scholarship award, this being the 15th year of offering the program. Weidman will be attending Illinois College in the fall and will major in psychology with a career objective of becoming an early elementary teacher.

Godzilla, Hope Floats, and Deep Impact are playing at Plaza Cinemas in Dixon. The Midway Drive-In is showing As Good As It Gets and Good Will Hunting. Children under 12 are always free.



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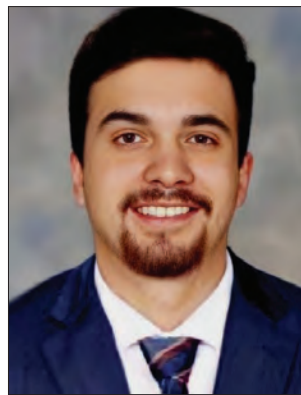
# LOCAL NEWS



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## Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships awarded to area

**AMBOY** — The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation has awarded a total of \$6,000 in scholarships to four area students pursuing degrees in an agriculture related field of study.

The Larry J. Green Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Andrea Buhrow, graduate of Ashton Franklin Center High School.

Amboy High School senior, Ethan Pratt, was named the recipient of the Gentry Family Agricultural Scholarship and the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Undergraduate Scholarships were awarded to Jayson Long of Ashton and Dana Merriman of Amboy. Dana Merriman also received the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation SVCC Scholarship.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation began awarding

scholarships in 1992 and has since provided scholarships to 100 students pursuing degrees in an agricultural-related field of study.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation would like to congratulate the scholarship recipients and wish them success with their education and future careers.

The mission of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is to fund and encourage ag related educational opportunities to the youth of Lee County through programs including college scholarships, Books by the Bushel, and Ag in the Classroom. For more information about the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation, visit their website, [www.lcfbfoundation.org](http://www.lcfbfoundation.org) or call, (815) 857-3531.

## Fritts announces 2023 Summer Distret tour

**DIXON** — State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) announced his upcoming 2023 Summer Tour of District 74.

"I am thrilled to announce that this summer I will be making my way into almost every town, village, and city in District 74," said Rep. Fritts. "As an elected official, it is my responsibility to not only make myself available to my constituents but to understand every corner of the district that I represent."

The tour consists of traveling office hours and coffee and conversation events held on alternating weeks from June 7 to Aug. 30. Coffee and 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.

Fritts continued, "I look forward to meeting with as many of my constituents as possible this summer, all while spending time at local establishments in an effort to better learn the needs and struggles of the district."

The tour begins with traveling office hours in Ashton on June 7.

For the full Summer Tour schedule, visit [repfritts.com/summertour](http://repfritts.com/summertour).

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"We're excited to see the new faces and we're excited to see our loyal friends.

"We truly appreciate every supporter we have, golfers and sponsors. We've had some golfers that have golfed at every golf outing that we've had."

Shady Oaks Club Manager Jeff Dagenais is excited to host the outing that supports agriculture education in the classroom.

Anytime the golf club can be of service to schools and programs, Dagenais and Shady Oaks are added to the list of supporters.

"Events like this involving schools — obviously youth golf has grown exponentially over the past few years — a lot of our members are older and if we can get youth started and interested in the game, they're going to be the individuals who keep the game going," said Dagenais, who is in his first year with Shady Oaks. "That's why we offer programs like kids 13 and under with a member or paying adult get to play for free. We have free rental clubs for juniors. It's all designed for youth and getting them interested.

"It's great for the course and the club house. I've said it before, people see the country club title in our name and think it means members only. Everything I've done out here so far this year has been designed to try to let people in the community and surrounding areas know that we have events for non-members and we allow non-members to come play golf.

"These events are good for getting the word out."

## Fritts honors Coffee Crush for May

**DIXON** — For his May 2023 local business highlight, State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) chose to highlight Coffee Crush in Dixon. Rep. Fritts spent time touring the business and presented the owners with a certificate of appreciation for their contributions to the community.

"This month, I chose to honor Coffee Crush because they offer a welcoming space for our community to gather while providing incredible products and friendly service," said Rep. Fritts. "As a frequent visitor to Coffee Crush myself, I truly appreciate their dedication to giving back to the area in many ways, such as contributing donations to local fundraisers and organizations."

Coffee Crush was founded in 2019 by Shelly Brantley. After a long career in social services, Shelly wanted to help her community in another way. She decided to open a coffee shop after noticing there were no other drive-thru coffee shops in Dixon. Located directly across from Dixon High School, Shelly wanted to offer a space for high school and college-aged students to meet with friends, study for classes,

or just grab a coffee before or after school.

Rep. Fritts continued, "I also commend them for their fight to stay open during the pandemic, which happened not long after opening their doors. Coffee Crush not only stayed open but has continued to thrive by giving our community a much-needed space to enjoy a great cup of coffee."

To nominate a local business in District 74 for a future highlight, visit [repfritts.com](http://repfritts.com) and select Local Business Highlight Submission Form under Resources.

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On Thursday, May 25, the Junior High end of the year awards assembly was held and eighth grade students practiced for promotion. The high school prom was held on May 13. Approximately 85 students attended. Final exams were held May 23, 24, and 25. Honor's Night was May 25, and graduation was May 28 in the AHS gymnasium.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, DIXON, ILLINOIS  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROBERT L. BRESSON, Deceased  
No. 23-PR-13  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of ROBERT L. BRESSON, late, of 1211 Melugins Grove Road, Compton, IL 61318. Letters of Office were issued on April 24, 2023 to CHARLOTTE M. BRESSON, of 1211 Melugins Grove Road, Compton, IL 61378, whose attorney is APLINGTON, KAUFMAN, MCCLINTOCK, STEELE & BARRY, LTD., 160 Marquette St., P.O. Box 517, LaSalle, IL 61301. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk, Circuit Court, in the Lee County Courthouse, 309 S. Galena Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 20, 2023, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 8th day of May 2023.  
NANCY PETERSEN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LEE COUNTY, DIXON, ILLINOIS  
No. 0504  
(May 17, 24 and 31, 2023)

**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

Any person not receiving a bill can pay or print their bill from [www.leecounty-il.com](http://www.leecounty-il.com). Failure to receive a bill does NOT exempt liability for payment. This is the only bill taxpayers will receive.  
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2) Phone 1-877-690-3729 (E-check or Credit Card)  
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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)

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## 105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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## 113 FINANCIAL

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## 119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 121 LOST AND FOUND

**Found:**  
Slim 3 ring binder with page inserts. Found on the block of 1800 Stroble Ave. in Mendota.  
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4107 E. Third Road, Mendota  
June 1, 2, 3  
8 a.m. - ?  
No early birds. We have everything. Proceeds go to Retired Greyhounds as Pets.  
**HUGE DOWNSIZING SALE**  
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June 3 — 9am-2pm  
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## 601 VEHICLES FOR SALE

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2018 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 LT, 99K Miles, Silver.....	\$28,900	2016 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 LT, Leather, 126K Miles, White.....	\$25,900
2018 Chevy Traverse, AWD, High Country, 99K Miles, White.....	\$27,900	2015 Chevy Impala LT, V-6, 88K miles, white .....	\$14,900
2018 Chevy Equinox FWD Premier, Loaded, Red, 92K Miles.....	\$18,900	2015 Chevy K-1500 Crew Cab, LTZ, 4x4 Z71, 122K Miles, Gray.....	\$24,900

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



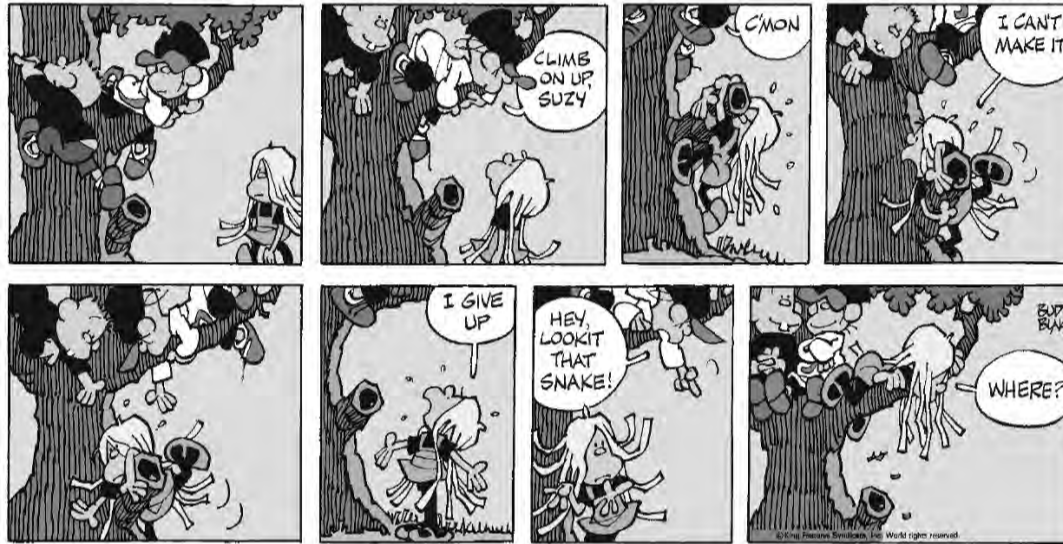
## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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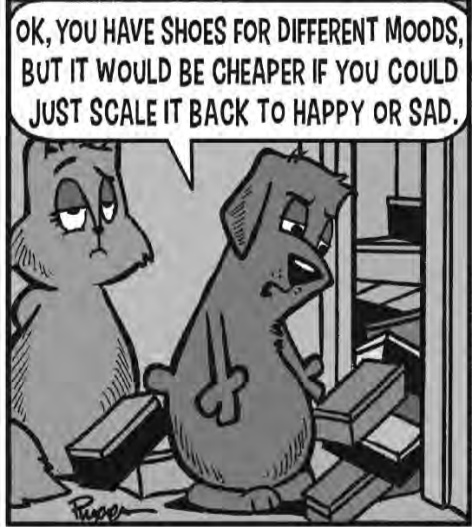
## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



## 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: B equals L

MR M UZDZ NT RMBB LBB NGZY  
NZYN NXHZY UMNG CTC-LEMJME  
YTBXNMTCTY, M'J JZEBLDZ  
"HLYZY BTLJZJ!"

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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!

Terrain DOGRUN  
Alert WEAKA  
Beyond FAILED  
Blank ANGLE

## TODAY'S WORD

"I promised to wait for him till he graduates, so he keeps \_\_\_\_\_"

## King Crossword

May 29, 2023 Posting Date

### ACROSS

- 1 Modern taxi alternative
- 5 911 responders
- 9 ER workers
- 12 Zero, in tennis
- 13 Scurry
- 14 Actor Kilmer
- 15 Wharton Sch. offering
- 17 506, in old Rome
- 18 Charon's river
- 19 Speedy
- 21 Devil's domain
- 24 Toppled
- 25 Writer Quindlen
- 26 Circus gymnasts
- 30 Call — day
- 31 Kathy of "Misery"
- 32 Pro vote
- 33 "No worries ..."
- 35 GI dining hall
- 36 Cries of discovery
- 37 Third rock from the sun
- 38 Gantry of fiction
- 40 Stable diet
- 42 Napkin's place
- 43 Coll. entrance considerations
- 48 Oahu or Maui (Abbr.)

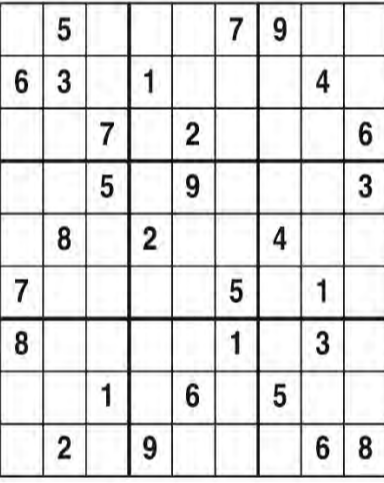


- 49 Military group
- 50 "A Doll's House" heroine
- 51 That lady
- 52 Tower city
- 53 Did the crawl
- 7 Three, in Rome
- 8 Sound systems
- 9 Movie buff's purchase
- 10 Sitarist Shankar
- 11 Lost traction
- 16 Roswell visitors
- 20 Cleric's tunic
- 21 It grows on you
- 22 Initial chip
- 23 Crime lab specimen
- 24 Glenn of the Eagles
- 26 Very small batteries
- 27 Dol. fractions
- 28 Try out
- 29 Merit badge holder
- 31 Endures
- 34 Common title start
- 35 Brick workers
- 37 And so on (Abbr.)
- 38 Yale students
- 39 Cilium
- 40 Elevator name
- 41 "The Thin Man" dog
- 44 Blackbird
- 45 Tier
- 46 Epoch
- 47 Actor Waterston

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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 HOCUS to MONKS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

### HOCUS

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### MONKS

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: When was the first "Star Wars" movie released?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: In which body of water is Bermuda located?
- 3. TELEVISION: Who was the first host of the game show "Jeopardy!"?
- 4. ANATOMY: Which part of the brain controls balance and coordination?
- 5. LITERATURE: Which short story is described as the first modern detective story?
- 6. ANCIENT WORLD: Which two cities were destroyed by a volcano in 79 A.D.?
- 7. U.S. CITIES: What is the nickname of Albuquerque's (New Mexico) minor league baseball team?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK: What does "en croute" mean?
- 9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What kind of farm did Jimmy Carter have before he became president?
- 10. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant urges customers to "Eat fresh"?

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- 10. Subway.
- 9. Pennut.
- 8. Food baked in a pastry crust.
- 7. The Albuquerque Isotopes.
- 6. Pompeii and Herculaneum.
- 5. "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" by Edgar Allan Poe.
- 4. Cerebellum.
- 3. Art Fleming.
- 2. North Atlantic Ocean.
- 1. 1977.

## SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word  
1. Ground 2. Awake;  
3. Afield; 4. Clean  
solution

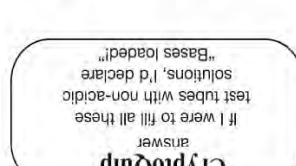
BONES, BONKS, MONKS  
HOCUS, HONUS, BONUS  
Answer

### WORD LADDER



Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU



Solution time: 23 mins.

### Answers

## King Crossword

Cryptoquip  
If I were to fill all these test tubes with non-acidic solutions, I'd declare "Bases loaded!"  
Answer

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Pint



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### Tomatoes on the Vine



**\$1.49/lb.**

### Strawberries

16 oz



**2 for \$5.00**

### Vidalia Onions

2lb bag



**\$2.29/ea.**

### Russett Potatoes

5 lb bag



**\$3.99/ea.**

### Mini Seedless Cucumbers

6 Pack



**2 for \$5.00**

### Green Peppers



**\$0.99/ea.**

### Matchstix Carrots

10 oz Bag



**\$1.69/ea.**

### Midwest Grown Asparagus



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### Avocados



**\$0.99/ea.**

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Reg. Price \$17.99/lb.

### New York Strip Steaks



**\$11.99/lb.**

Reg. Price \$15.99/lb.

### U.S.D.A Choice T-Bone Steak



**\$11.99/lb.**

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**\$3.29/lb.**

Reg. Price \$3.99/lb.



### Butterfly Boneless BBQ Pork Chops

**\$4.29/lb.**

Reg. Price \$4.99/lb.



### Jack's Pizza



**\$3.99/ea.**

Reg. Price \$4.99/ea.

### Doritos Chips

Assorted 7-10 oz only



**\$4.49/ea.**

Reg. Price \$5.99/ea.

### Curley's Pulled Meats

Assorted 16 oz



**\$4.99/ea.**

Reg. Price \$6.99/ea.

### Heinz Ketchup

38 oz



**\$4.49/ea.**

Reg. Price \$5.99/ea.

## WEEKLY SPECIALS

### CapriSun

10 Pack



**2 for \$6.00**

Reg. Price \$5.79/ea.

### General Mills Cheerios

Assorted 12-15.4 oz



**\$3.99/ea.**

Reg. Price \$5.69/ea.

### Bob Evans Pork Sausage

16 oz



**\$4.49/ea.**

Reg. Price \$5.29/ea.

### Silk Milk

64 oz Assorted



**\$3.49/ea.**

Reg. Price \$4.69-5.29/ea.

### Blue Bunny Loaded Sundaes

8.5 oz



**\$2.99 ea.**

Reg. Price \$3.49 ea.

### Kool-Aid

10 Pack Assorted



**2 for \$6.00**

Reg. Price \$4.69 ea.

### Food Club Canned Vegetables

14-15.25 oz



**\$0.99 ea.**

Reg. Price \$1.19 ea.

### Food Club Butter

16 oz



**\$3.49 ea.**

Reg. Price \$4.29-4.49 ea.

### Food Club Ketchup

38 oz



**\$1.99 ea.**

Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.

### International Delights Coffee Creamer

16 oz



**2 for \$5.00**

Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.

### Food Club Spring Water

24 Pack



**\$2.99 ea.**

Reg. Price \$3.59 ea.

### Food Club Frozen Vegetables

10-12 oz Assorted



**\$1.29 ea.**

Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.

### Food Club Ice Cream

Assorted 48 oz



**\$3.49 ea.**

Reg. Price \$4.79 ea.

### Food Club Dressing

16 oz



**\$2.49 ea.**

Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.