



Amboy CUSD Superintendent Joshua Nichols said how “exciting” it is to have the outdoor classroom and new playground installed and completed.
Photo submitted

School board thrilled with new Junior High playground

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — The Amboy School District Board fulfilled their yearly obligation of holding a meeting at the Central School gymnasium on Sept. 15. Board President Nicole Jones opened the proceedings with a public hearing on the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget which runs from July 1, 2022 to June 31, 2023. As required by law, the budget has been on public display and was ratified by the board. Superintendent Joshua Nichols reviewed the current financial and expenditures and said that there has been a change to the grant funding and budgeting as a result of costs for equipment replacement. Junior High Principal Andrew Full gave a status report of the possibility of the school’s participation in soccer after parents Tanya Ketchum and Rebecca Lopez inquired at the last meeting. According to Full, the current

Little 10 conference is debating whether to join the Illinois Elementary School Association creating uncertainty of the future prospects for Amboy Soccer. In his Principal report Full shared that the Art Club is underway with a healthy 22 students. The Girl’s volleyball team recently finished in second place at Montmorency in Rock Falls, and the first fire drill was Sept. 9. High School Principal Janet Crownhart stated that homecoming starts the week of Sept. 25 with the parade and football game commencing on Sept. 30. Representatives from the ISAC gave a presentation to the juniors and seniors about the college entrance application process. The career job fair will be held on Monday, Sept. 26, with 46 businesses from around the local counties participating.

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Ukraine firefighters are pictured wearing equipment donated to them. Courtesy photo

Amboy collection station for Ukraine donations

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — Ukraine has been on a lot of radars since the Russian invasion began. Whether it was prayers, thoughts, food, funds, or supplies many donations have traveled overseas or virtually to the European nation. Including from Amboy. “We sent about \$750,000 worth of fire equipment. In United States terms, the equipment was expired because we have statues that we have to follow by age of equipment, not by being worn out,” Amboy Fire District Chief, Jeff Bryant Sr., said. “A lot of the equipment is over 10 years old and can’t be used in the states, but it can be used, and they need it. “It’s the same with Kiosk Foam. It has to be taken off the market in the U.S., but over there it doesn’t matter. We’re finding a home for foam and equipment that we couldn’t find a home for.”

Finding a home for the equipment and foam (which can’t be dumped and is an expensive cost to dispose of) instead of keeping it in storage was great for Amboy and the other departments who donated items to be taken to Cicero before it is shipped to Poland. Amboy is the northern Illinois collection station as equipment was brought from fire departments in Peoria, Huntley, Williamsfield, Sheridan, Chadwick, Shannon, and approximately 15 more. The efforts are under a World War II organization 501c3 for legal and tax purposes. After sending out the equipment, Bryant Sr. and other chiefs began collecting sleeping bags to send to Ukraine after a bombing on Aug. 24 left many homeless and cold as the Ukrainian winter is coming. “We’ve collected about 35 sleeping bags so far. A lot of those are going to the border area, like Poland, as some of their supplies were struck on August 24,” Bryant Sr. said. See **EQUIPMENT** page A2

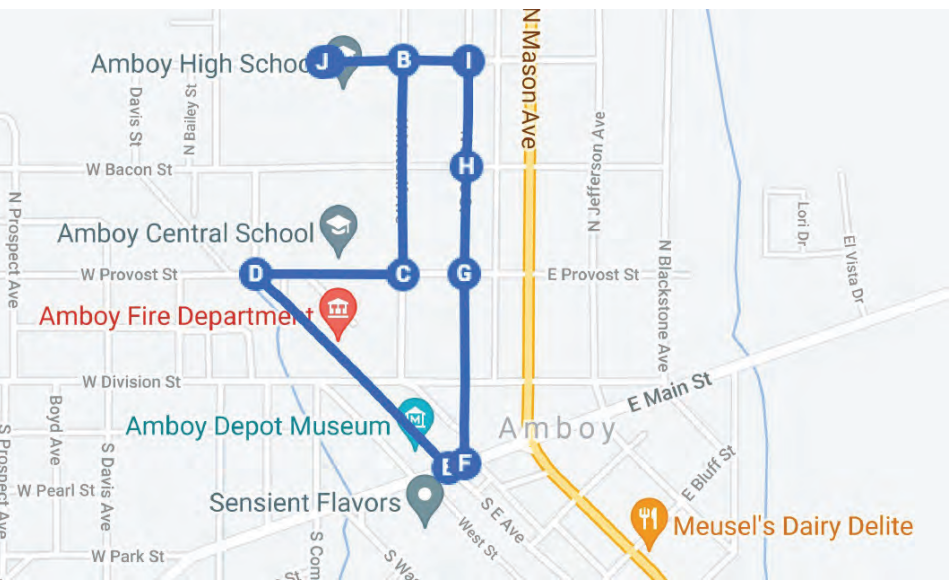
Residents express concerns over safety in Village of Sublette

BY TONJA GREENFIELD
Publisher
SUBLETTE — Sublette residents express their concerns for public safety to the Sublette Village Board and a Lee County Sheriff’s Deputy at a recent meeting. The Sublette Village Board met for their monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 12. All members were present except trustees Mackenzie Belan and Jeff Meyers. Sublette resident Marlene Egler brought to the board’s attention that the people are disregarding the stop sign at South Front Street. Egler said people drive right through the stop sign all day, every day, and voiced that if people aren’t going to use it, then the village should just get rid of it. Egler said she is concerned about her granddaughter running across the road and right in front of a driver speeding by. She also mentioned a toddler who lives across the corner. “When they go through the stop sign they go fast,” Egler said. “Those cars, they don’t watch, they just go. Someone is eventually going to get killed.” Lee County Sheriff Matt McGrail was at the meeting and addressed Egler’s concerns. He said it’s not up to the sheriff’s department to decide if a stop sign should be in the village or not. He did say that disobeying the stop sign is an enforceable offense. He told the board that the sheriff’s office has two deputies patrolling the county during the day, and there were three deputies on patrol during the village meeting.

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Homecoming Week kicks off on Sunday

AMBOY — Amboy High School is celebrating its Homecoming Week next week. Sunday, Sept 25: Powder Puff football at 4 p.m. SIP day Monday, Sept 26, is the college and career fair and then F/S football at home starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept 27 is the LaMoille Parade, LaMoille volleyball game, and LaMoille bonfire as well as a home Amboy Volleyball game vs Fulton starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 28 is a home Cross Country Meet at Shady Oaks at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept 29: 5:30-7 p.m. is an Open House at the high school, open to the public with “Hidden in Plain Site” from LSSI and then skit night on the field at 7 p.m. with the announcement of King and Queen at the end of the evening. Friday, Sept 30 is the Parade starting about 2:15 p.m., on Bacon Street. High school



The Homecoming parade route is pictured above. Courtesy photo

students will be dismissed at 1:20 p.m. on Friday (Buses still leave at normal time) The parade route will start at the high school and go south on Metcalf, to Provost, then west on Provost to East Avenue, then south on East Avenue to Main Street, then west on Main Street to Jones Street, then north on Jones Street to back to the start. The Homecoming football game will be played at 7 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 30 against Kirkland-Hiawatha. The Homecoming dance will be held at 7 p.m., on

Saturday, Oct. 1. This dance is for high school students and their guests only. If people have questions about any events or want to register a float in the parade, please email Jessica Arellano at jarellano@amboy.net or call the school 815-857-3632.

A Look Back At Amboy’s Heroes Who Served During World War II

Editor’s note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on veterans who served during World War II. These heroes are part of Amboy’s history and it is our honor to publish these articles so you can learn about their service to our country. This article was researched by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey, and written by Dempsey.

address. During the previous year, the world saw the Spanish Flu outbreak turn into a pandemic, the Armistice to end the World War, and the Paris Peace Conference. By the end of the decade, Ted and his family were living on the 7700 block of South Eggleston Avenue in Chicago where his father was employed in sales work. In the years to follow, Ted would move to Amboy, where his mother had married Allen Tait of that city. In 1940 after graduating from Amboy High School, Ted registered for the draft. His card shows that he was employed by Robert W. Smith at R.F.D 3, outside Amboy. In April, 1941, following America’s entry into World War II, he enlisted in the Army Air Force at Chicago. After completion of his flight training, he was assigned to the 415th Bomber Squadron, 98th Bomb



Group, achieving the rank of Second Lieutenant. Stationed at Bari, Italy, his bomb group mostly flew the B-24 Liberator, and aircraft used for heavy bombing of enemy oil fields and other shipping and harbor installations around the Mediterranean Theater. In August of 1944, Lt. Morris was able to visit his mother and step-father while on a brief leave. On a Wednesday morning in October, Ted’s mother, Mrs. Allen Tait was officially notified that her son had been killed in



action while piloting a B-24 Liberator over Italy. He was survived by his brother who was in training at an Army Base in California, and his sister, residing in Chicago. Lt. Morris gave his life for his country at age 25. The American Battle Monuments Commissions certified that after his death on Oct. 8, 1944, Lt. Ted William Morris was buried alongside other American heroes in the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy. Ted’s character reflected the motto

of the 98th Bomb Group: “Force For Freedom.” His sacrifice is forever revered by a grateful community and nation. Citations: Purple Heart World War II Victory Medal American Campaign Medal Army Presidential Unit Citation Army Good Conduct Medal European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign



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Sublette Village President John Stenzel asked Egler if the stop sign was helping. Egler said most people will come up very slowly, but there are certain drivers who deliberately go through fast. Stenzel suggested the sheriff's office do some patrolling, and recommended if residents see someone consistently running the stop sign to call the sheriff's office.

McGrail said the department does what they can with the complaints they receive.

Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel said it's constantly in the morning around

7-8 a.m., and after Amboy High School Football practice. She said a specific driver, who is a high school student, sees you, flips you off and then steps on the gas.

Kessel asked the sheriff's deputy to come down and patrol in Sublette, even one day a week.

"Let them know someone is here once in a while," Kessel said.

McGrail said the sheriff's office could do enforcement at that stop sign for a week straight, and then three months later, you will still see that problem.

Stenzel asked said maybe

the village should make every street 20 mph. He added that people know when the cops are working in the village.

Sublette Village Treasurer Will Klein said that he thinks if you give the offender a ticket, they may think twice before doing it again.

Stenzel said he appreciates all that the deputies do and that maybe if a couple of key people get a ticket it will change what is happening.

McGrail said the department would like to do more drug enforcement in the county, and that meth is

a huge problem. He added that there are other villages/towns in the county that have worse problems than Sublette.

Sublette resident Lori Hansen spoke up at the mention of drugs, saying the sheriff's department needs to look at the street she lives on.

"I should not be afraid to live in my house," Hansen said. "I'm tired of it. I'm terrified to be in our own house."

She told the board she would like to see a police presence in the village.

Stenzel reminded residents that they need to call the

sheriff's office when they see something suspicious.

McGrail said he would take the concerns from this meeting to his higher ups. He also recommended residents call their Lee County Board members about their concerns as well.

Stenzel suggested the village have a community meeting, inviting the sheriff's department down, where the public can come and learn what to look for. He also suggested the village pay for a deputy to patrol the village on a regular basis.

McGrail said Paw Paw currently contracts with the

sheriff's office for 40 hours a week for patrolling.

No action was taken after the discussion.

In other board news

• The Sublette Christmas in the Village will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 4. Plans are underway and include a lighted parade and Santa.

• Sublette 365 will be taking the lead on a celebration for the Village of Sublette in 2024. In 2024, the village will celebrate being 170 years old.

The next Sublette village board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 10, in the Ellice Dinges Center.



The Amboy Fire Department is taking part in Ukrainian relief as the European country is going through a Russian invasion. The department is the northern Illinois collect point as it has taken \$750,000 worth of equipment from approximately 20 different fire departments to Cicero, which is then shipped overseas. Currently, sleeping bags are being collected to keep Ukrainians warm after an Aug. 24 bombing destroyed homes and shelter. New and used sleeping bags can be donated at the Amboy fire station.

Courtesy photo

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"Winter is coming and they're looking to get kids and women off the ground. The sleeping bags are a little more substantial and will help them.

"It ends up being the right thing to do. We should be donating and helping."

If you want to help the cause, new and used sleeping bags can be dropped off at the Amboy fire station.

They will be collected, sent to Cicero, and then make their journey overseas to help Ukraine.

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Elementary School Principal Joyce Schamberger opened her report by letting everyone know that the first school assembly was held last week, along with sharing that the "Second Step" program

offered for students from kindergarten to fourth grade had begun. This program sponsored by the Sterling YWCA covers the social and emotional aspects that the students may encounter

such as bullying and inappropriate touching. A book fair is planned and coming up soon. Schamberger also explained that an unplanned fire drill had taken place as a result of a pre-schooler

pulling the alarm. She went on to say that it was a good drill and practice for a real life emergency.

In other business, Nichols explained that the school maintenance project grant

was in place. He's optimistic that \$50,000 in state grant money will help with the cost of the recent replacement of two boilers. He also shared good news that the new stove and ovens that were originally delivered with no electrical components are

up and running. He closed his comments stating how "exciting" it is to have the outdoor classroom and new playground installed and completed.

"It all turned out very good" he said.



SUBLETTE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS - MCGRAW TAX PREP AND MORE

The Village of Sublette welcomes its newest business on Thursday. McGraw Tax Prep and More is located at 113 W. Main St., Sublette. Presenting an American flag to new owner, Alice and John McGraw, is Sublette Village President John Stenzel, left. The business, owned by Alice McGraw, specializes in tax preparation, sales taxes, payroll services and monthly accounting/bookkeeping. Outside of tax season, the business hours will be by appointment only. During tax season, the business hours will be Tuesday and Thursday, 4-8 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1 - 6 p.m., with additional times available by appointment. A grand opening celebration will be held from 1-3 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 25. For more information, call 815-994-0609, or email mcgrawtax@outlook.com or like them on Facebook at McGraw Tax Prep and More.

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Saturday, October 8, 2022

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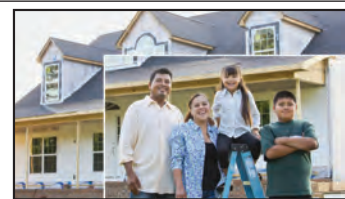
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Aerobics

We will be having Aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday. Everyone is invited to gather at Teen Turf on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. for group chair exercises and walking. They have a great time together.

Afterschool program

Our program has started. Attendance has been tremendous. At this time, we will be having a waiting list. You must call 815-857-4800 to be put on. If you are not registered, please do not send your child without speaking with us.

Volunteers

We have 66 kids signed up and we could use your help "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Gandhi. Please consider helping us help children during our afterschool program. It runs from 3:30 till 5 p.m. We need people to listen to children read, do basic math, and other small tasks. Give one hour or give a little bit more. Contact us at 815-857-4800 if interested.

Dance and Hayride

Our Dance and Hayride will be this Friday, Sept. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be a Hayride, weather permitting. It may be a little chilly, so please bring a jacket. If it is raining, we will be at the Teen Turf building for the entire evening. We will have games and music. The cost is \$5 to get in. We will have food and drinks for sale. You must have a permission form on file to ride the hayride. This is for insurance purposes. Chaperones are needed, please call 815-857-4800. If you chaperone, the child gets in free.

Special Thanks

A huge shoutout to our volunteers: Donna Wellman, Candy Robinson, Kathy Gardner, Chris Noble, Meagan Cheatham, and Shannon Nichols. There are truly amazing.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that help us: those that donate cans; Leroy and Alice for the fruit; Mercedes Kulak for the clothes; Barbara Berger for the monetary donation; Karen and Frank Stenzel for the fruit; Anonymous donation for the baby seat and buns; Nancy and Terry Leffelman for monetary donation; John and Katey Dickinson for the food; Martha Henley for the cookies; Amboy Lions Club for the food; Walter Ag View FS for the food; Kylee Grotzinger for the highlighters; Gary and Theresa Bucella for the little library repair; Chris Noble for the cookies; Donna Wellman for the cookies; Jim and Jean Travi for the T.V.

Needs

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Final Word

Dear Lord, Your Word says that when we wait on You, You will renew our strength. Although our strength is depleted, We are choosing to rest and spend time in Your presence, recharging our batteries. We refuse to run ourselves ragged, listening to the voice of the enemy that we should just try harder or work longer. We trust in Your infinite capacity of strength. It will never run out. Thank You for working in our weakness and pouring Your strength into us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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EXTENSION NEWS**Join Illinois Extension
on Tree ID and Hike**

What tree is that? typically starts with the kind of leaves it produces, so what do you do in the winter? When you are out for a winter hike, it may seem that there are not many clues to identify the trees around you. By focusing on non-leaf characteristics, and the help of a field guide, winter tree ID can be fun and rewarding.

Join Illinois Extension on Saturday Oct. 8, at the Savanna Museum and Cultural center as we explore the world of winter

trees. We will touch on the basics of non-leaf characteristics and how to use a winter tree ID guide. We will then practice what we learned as we hike the High Point Trail at the Mississippi Palisades State Park.

NOTE: the High Point trail is classified as moderate. Walking the trail is optional, you may choose to attend the education at the Savanna Museum and Cultural Center only.

Barking up the right tree will start at 10 a.m., at the Savanna Museum and Cultural Center, 406 N Main St., Savanna. We will travel to the Mississippi Palisades State Park, South Park Entrance to walk the High Point trail. The program is scheduled to end at noon.

No reservations needed. Family Friendly event. Youth are welcome with an adult. Please no pets.

Amboy Police

City Ordinance Citations

On Sept. 10, at 8:45 p.m., Jarrett J. Dempsey, 18, of Amboy, was issued city ordinance violations for disorderly conduct and unlawful conduct.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

AMBOY- The Amboy Farmers Market is held on Fridays from 8 a.m. – noon, in the Amboy Depot Museum parking lot shelter.

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

LEE COUNTY- Lessons for Living are monthly workshops which provide easy-to-understand tips for living full, rich lives. Lessons for Living Monthly Webinar Series will be held at 10 a.m., Sept. 22 online. The free online webinars, taught by University of Illinois Extension educators, are extended at no cost to the public in collaboration with the Illinois Home and Community Education units throughout the state. One may register online at go.il-linois.edu/2022HCElessons for webinar on Cultivating Your Own Blue Zone.

LEE COUNTY- Keep your brain fit and healthy from the comfort of home. Current research indicates that challenging the brain is one of several things you can do to contribute to your own brain health as you age. Wits Fitness Online will be held

from 10-11 a.m., Sept. 23. OnlineChallengingactivities is one way to train your brain and keep your wits fit! Each virtual class is free and open to the public! Registration is required to receive log on instructions. Participants may also join by phone as well and are welcome to join the class at any time. Register online at: go.illinois.edu/witsfitnessonline

WALTON-Join the fun as the Lee County Democratic Party has their Annual Jerry Sheridan Picnic and Drawdown on Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Walton Tap. Picnic starts at 1 p.m.; drawdown starts at 3 p.m. Tickets for the drawdown which includes two meals are \$100 and a chance to win a share in \$13,000 in prize money with the grand prize being \$8,000. Meal ticket only is \$10. Contact Amy Palmer 407-353-0399 for tickets or questions.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Sept. 26. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, at American Legion, 1120 W. First St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

LEE COUNTY-The Four Seasons Gardening Webinar Series is one of the most popular horticulture programs offered by the Illinois Extension

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John "Jack" Appleman

Oct. 2, 1936 - Sept. 16, 2022

MOLINE — John "Jack" Appleman, 85, of Moline, passed away Friday, Sept. 16, 2022, at home surrounded by family.

Funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Moline. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, with a rosary to be recited at 3 p.m., at Esterdahl Mortuary & Crematory, Ltd., Moline. Burial will follow at Moline Memorial Park with military honors to be conducted by the American Legion Post #246. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Alleman High School, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, or the Family to Family Program at Sacred Heart Church.

Jack was born in Amboy, on Oct. 2, 1936, the son of William and Helen (Jones) Appleman. He attended Amboy High School and in 1955, joined the United States

Marine Corps with his best friend, Butch North. While in the Marines, on Jan. 1, 1958, he married Julie Morrissey after a three-week courtship.

After four years in the Marine Corps, Jack was hired by United Parcel Service where he worked for 39 years. At the time of retirement, he held the longest safe driving record for the state of Iowa with 38 years of safe driving. After his retirement for UPS, he barbered part-time in Moline and East Moline until 2017.

Jack became catholic while in the Marine Corps and expressed his love for the Sacred Heart community as an usher and Eucharistic minister for over thirty years. His life was an exemplary model of faith and integrity for his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 64 years, Julie; three children, Jill (Chris Scott) Appleman,



Jeff (Theresa) Appleman, Jerry Appleman; daughter-in-law, Stacy (Luke) Appleman-Stein; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three children, Tony Appleman, Jimmy Appleman, Judi Sunner; siblings, William Appleman, Fred Appleman, Janet Foley; and his parents.

Memories may be shared online by visiting esterdahl.com.

Gail P. Dunn

Nov. 20, 1945 - Sept. 14, 2022

AMBOY — Gail P. Dunn, 76, of Amboy died on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022 at Heritage Health in Mendota.

She was born on Nov. 20, 1945 in Champaign, the daughter of Raymond and Iona (Reed) Primmer. Gail graduated from Eastern Illinois University with her Bachelor's Degree, and received her Master's Degree from Northern Illinois University.

Gail worked as the Club House Manager at Shady Oaks Country Club, as a High School Librarian and Yearbook Advisor at the Amboy High School for over 20 years. She was a United Way Volunteer, a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Delta Zeta, was active in her children's extracurricular activities and is a huge Chicago Bears Fan.

Gail married Edward

Dunn on Dec. 17, 1967 in Mahomet.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Col. Ron Primmer, Ret.

Gail is survived by her husband Ed; children, Brett (Lynn) Dunn, of Lena, Jodine (Scott) Tuman, of Grayslake; three grandchildren, Christian Dunn, Garrett Dunn, Julia Tuman; one brother, Randy (Lani) Primmer of Mahomet; and one sister, Carol Matheson of San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy. Burial followed at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation was held on Sunday Sept. 18, 2022 from 2 to 6 p.m., at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, and also on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11



a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy.

A memorial has been established to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (myasthenia.org).

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

ComEd, Better Business Bureau report another rise in mobile payment app scams following summer heat wave

ROCKFORD — When temperatures rise or fall to extremes, and electricity use increases, ComEd and the Better Business Bureau (BBB) have observed scammers taking advantage of these conditions to bilk customers out of their hard-earned money.

Complaints coming into the BBB Scamtracker reflect reports spanning all ages with the largest demographic being 18-54, and many of these scam attempts are being made door to door. In July 2022, following a stretch of extreme heat during the first five weeks of summer, ComEd received nearly 280 reports of scams from customers, which is

significantly higher than the 80 reports received in July 2021. The last time ComEd experienced a significant increase in reported scam incidents was February 2022, when nearly 290 customers called ComEd following a bout of freezing temperatures across the Midwest in January. In addition to the increase in reported incidents in July, the amount of money customers reportedly lost to successful scams rose dramatically to nearly \$25,000. This compares to approximately \$4,000 lost to scams in July 2021.

"At ComEd, the safety and security of our customers is among our most-important goals. That is why we con-

stantly monitor trends and share what we learn to help individuals identify unscrupulous activity," said Melissa Washington, ComEd's chief customer officer and senior vice president of customer operations. "ComEd will never call a customer and demand immediate payment—particularly with a cash card or mobile payment app."

Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau says, "Our research shows scammers are more successful if they can scare victims or create a sense of urgency. Unfortunately, energy impostor scams have both of these traits. The BBB hears

from consumers and business owners who felt they need to act fast, or their power would be cut. Scammers will demand payment fast, and usually, tell their victims to send money in an unconventional form of payment."

Based on reported incidents, scammers contact ComEd customers by phone, although some contacts can be made by text or email, demanding payment to a particular account under the threat of immediate service disconnection. The imposter will instruct the customer to use a mobile payment app, such as Cash App, QuickPay, Venmo or Zelle, which often have higher transaction limits

than pre-paid cash cards. In some instances, the scammer will falsely claim not to have received a payment so the victim transfers money two or three times.

Tips to help identify scams

1. Utility workers will never call or come to a customer's home or business to:

- Ask for direct payment with a prepaid cash card, cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin, or third-party payment app like Cash App, QuickPay, Venmo or Zelle.
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2. To identify an actual ComEd employee or communication, remember:

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- Check the name on email or websites and make sure they match the name and address of the company you do business with. Look for misspellings or slight alterations.
- Make a call to verify the suspected email or website is from a trusted source. Use a phone number from your personal business records or the company's official website and not the number provided in the email.

BBB asks anyone encountering a scam to report it to the BBB Scamtracker regardless of if money was lost. Reporting these incidents helps protect your community.

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

THE GOOD FATHER

In "The Forgotten Hours" (2019), Katrin Schumann creates a protagonist of such depth and complexity that following her mounting anxiety feels like being at a loss to help your best friend who is going through hell. From an affluent family, plain, withdrawn Katie Gregory will realize in the end that "it was possible to know someone intimately and yet not know them at all." That, it seems to me, is the subtext of the novel, and more generally, our tragedy that no matter how devotedly we love someone, we can never fully know him or her or be known.

Schumann introduces Katie and her best friend Lulu in June 2007 when the Gregory's arrive at their summer cottage: "Two girls — almost young women, but not quite — stand side by side on a dock in the shade of an old green boathouse. Their arms and legs prickle with goose bumps. Their skin is winter pale. One has a spray of purpling bruises on her thigh, and the other has forgotten to shave. They are laughing and laughing, their toes curled over the edge of the dock, splintered after months of snow cover."

Lulu is a fifteen-year old local girl who has been Katie's best friend since they were seven. From a poor family, she was adopted after being severely abused by her mother's boyfriend. She happily stays with the Gregory's throughout the summer. That fall, Lulu, who is brash and daring, and not merely pretty but beautiful, casually mentions to a teacher that she slept with Katie's father, John Gregory. He is promptly arrested, put on trial, and convicted. In shock, Katie protests that she "was a normal girl too — a girl with a father who took me blueberry picking and told me stories, a mother I could count on. I had a best friend I adored, and she betrayed us."

In 2016, having served his six-year sentence, John Gregory is about to reenter Katie's life. Absolutely devoted to her father who has raised her with equal devotion, Katie has lived in a kind of limbo for the past six years. "In each person she encountered, she detected a whiff of sad-eyed need, the perpetual desire to be noticed and understood."

Days before her father's release, Katie decides to find out what happened in the trial, mostly to understand why Lulu decided to destroy Katie's family. In an interview, Schumann describes Katie as "an extremely reluctant truth seeker ... We become deeply invested in believing that people are who we think they are. When we get it wrong, we see it as a reflection on ourselves, on our own failings, and this can be very disorienting. For Katie, it feels safer to disbelieve her friend and trust the man who raised her so lovingly."

Pollinator trivia night planned in Franklin Grove on Oct. 15

FRANKLIN GROVE — Put your pollinator knowledge to the test at Franklin Creek Conservation Association's annual Pollinator Trivia Night. The event is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at Franklin Creek Grist Mill, 1893 Twist Road, Franklin Grove.

Work with a team of up to six to see what you really know about this important group of animals. No pollinator knowledge is needed to have fun. Earn prizes for getting the most questions correct or emerging victorious in the bonus games.

Dinner and four rounds of trivia begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$15 per student with valid ID. There will be a maximum of 50 people allowed to register.

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RETIRED TEACHERS HEAR FROM SPEAKERS

At the September meeting of the Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association, the guest speaker was the 2022 Illinois State Teacher of the Year, Kimberly Radostits, a Spanish Teacher from Oregon High School, pictured above. She spoke about her after-school program and early intervention efforts and the renewal of students' learning from the impact of the pandemic. Also speaking at the meeting was Brad Fritts, Republican Candidate for State Representative from District #74. He spoke on the issues facing Illinois with emphasis on education and his experiences that will help him make decisions.

Photo submitted

The Next Picture Show celebrates local artist Graydon Cafarella

DIXON — The Next Picture Show (TNPS) is pleased to open the Graydon Cafarella Celebration, on display from Sept. 24- Oct. 22 featuring over 150 works of art by renowned watercolor or artist Graydon Cafarella. All artwork is for sale.

Graydon Cafarella was born in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1941. Later he moved to Park Forest.

Graydon graduated from The American Academy of Art in Chicago in 1973. After graduation, he was employed by the Reuben H. Donnelley Corp. as an illustrator. Shortly after beginning at Donnelley, Graydon began taking night classes in watercolor paint-

ing with renowned painter and teacher, Irving Shapiro.

In 1998, after many years of exhibiting in local and national art shows, he began teaching at various local art centers and park districts. In 2006, after over 50 years in the southern suburbs of Chicago, he relocated to Dixon.

He taught classes in the southern Chicago suburbs and at The Next Picture Show.

He has been accepted in over 25 national painting competitions in 11 states and has earned signature status in the Kentucky, Louisiana, Red River, Mississippi, Wyoming and Illinois Watercolor Societies.

He has exhibited in art fairs and gallery shows in

Hello Pumpkin painting class offered in Utica Sept. 26

OTTAWA — The Starved Rock Country Welcome Center is hosting a "Hello, Pumpkin" painting class on Monday, Sept. 26, from 6-8 p.m. Jyllian Ossola, local artist and experienced instructor, will direct attendees as they complete their 16" x 18" pumpkin-shaped door hanger.

"This piece will be done with step-by-step instruction and as much help as needed so that each artist will go home with their own original piece of art to proudly display or give away," said Ossola. "The completed project will be a large pumpkin sign with a decorative fabric bow that will look great on a front porch, entryway or fence," added Ossola.

Ossola, originally from Utica, has been hosting "hosting" painting classes for several years. She also offers painting sessions through IVCC and teaches after-school art classes in Putnam County. Examples of some of her other projects can be found at her Facebook page, Flipping Vintage 17.

Everything will be provided to complete the wall hangers that evening. Ossola also recommends that old clothes or a paint shirt be worn.

A specialty soup bar with all the trimmings, Boggio's apple cider and dessert will be provided for all participants.

This painting class is designed for men or women of any skill level. Limited spaces are available and pre-registration is necessary. Cost is \$35 per person and pre-payment is required. Please call the Starved Rock Country Welcome Center at 815-667-4356 or stop by the Welcome Center (248 W. Canal Street, Utica, IL 61373) any day between noon and 6 p.m. to register.



Graydon Cafarella's "Afternoon Shadows"

the Chicago area and north-west Illinois, and has been the recipient of over 100 awards, including the Best of Show award at the 2009 Grand Detour Fine Art Festival. Graydon passed away

in January of 2022.

The exhibit is available for viewing at 113 West First Street, Dixon. Hours are Tuesday — Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment.

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Opinion

Communities across the nation are better because of people like German

A former colleague of mine was stabbed to death in his yard this month, apparently for writing something someone didn't like.

His name was Jeff German and he was a crackjack reporter who spent a career covering crime and corruption in Las Vegas. We worked together at the Las Vegas Sun some 23 years ago.

I won't lie to you and tell you we were close. Jeff was one of an assortment of newsroom characters I've worked with over the years.

He believed he deserved a private office in the shabby building where we worked. So, he erected makeshift walls around his desk, which was topped with piles of books, documents, notebooks and other journalistic debris.

I never heard him say a bad word about anyone – except for the reporter with the same beat at the other newspaper in town. To hear Jeff tell it, that fellow was Satan incarnate the purveyor of numerous journalistic transgressions – and not to be trusted.

That just shows you how much things have changed in the news business. Newsrooms are leaner now. And the struggle isn't so much to beat the competition but to write the best story that one can with the resources at hand.

We're competing against ourselves.

German's reporting was phenomenal. When I worked with him, his adept reporting essentially solved the murder of casino boss Ted Binion. Looking back, I'm amazed at what he was able to accomplish. Law enforcement essentially followed his lead on one of the highest profile murders in the state's history.

Recently, a county official blamed German for an election

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



loss. He had written an exposé about the official and malfeasance in his office. An informed and angry electorate went to the polls and tossed him out of office.

The official, Robert Telles, has been charged with murder.

Authorities said his DNA matched specimens found at the scene of the crime. A GMC Denali registered to Telles's wife and parked at his home was picked up on surveillance video near German's home before and after his killing. A straw hat allegedly used by Telles to disguise himself was found during a search of his home and car.

German was 69 when he died. He was part of that vanishing breed of characters who used to populate newsrooms.

Just about every newsroom I've worked in has had such folks. To them journalism wasn't

a vocation – it was a calling. No one ever entered the profession for the prestige or the money. There is little of either.

But newsrooms were a happy habitat for those who marched to a different drummer.

I think of a Texas county government reporter I worked with who drilled a hole in the floor of his van and attached a hose and funnel so he wouldn't have to stop for bathroom breaks between assignments.

Or there was the Texas photographer who, while on assignment at the mall, stood on a park bench and spoke in tongues. (He remains the most gifted shooter I've ever known.)

Or in Nevada there was the reporter who married a woman who was always threatening suicide – when he was on deadline. She would have a gun to her head threatening to shoot,

while he would be trying to talk her down on the phone while simultaneously pounding out a city council story on deadline.

I've never met a journalist who handled deadline pressures better.

All of these people are long gone from newspapers. And some have left this life. But each was a gifted newspaper person who I'm proud to have called a friend.

Newspaper work is hard. The hours are long and irregular. Your mistakes are public. And the criticism is constant. But the reward is making a difference.

Las Vegas is a better community for the decades Jeff German kept an eye on corrupt politicians and underworld figures.

Was he quirky? Yes. Tenacious? Certainly. Courageous? Absolutely.

Communities across this nation are the better because of people like German.

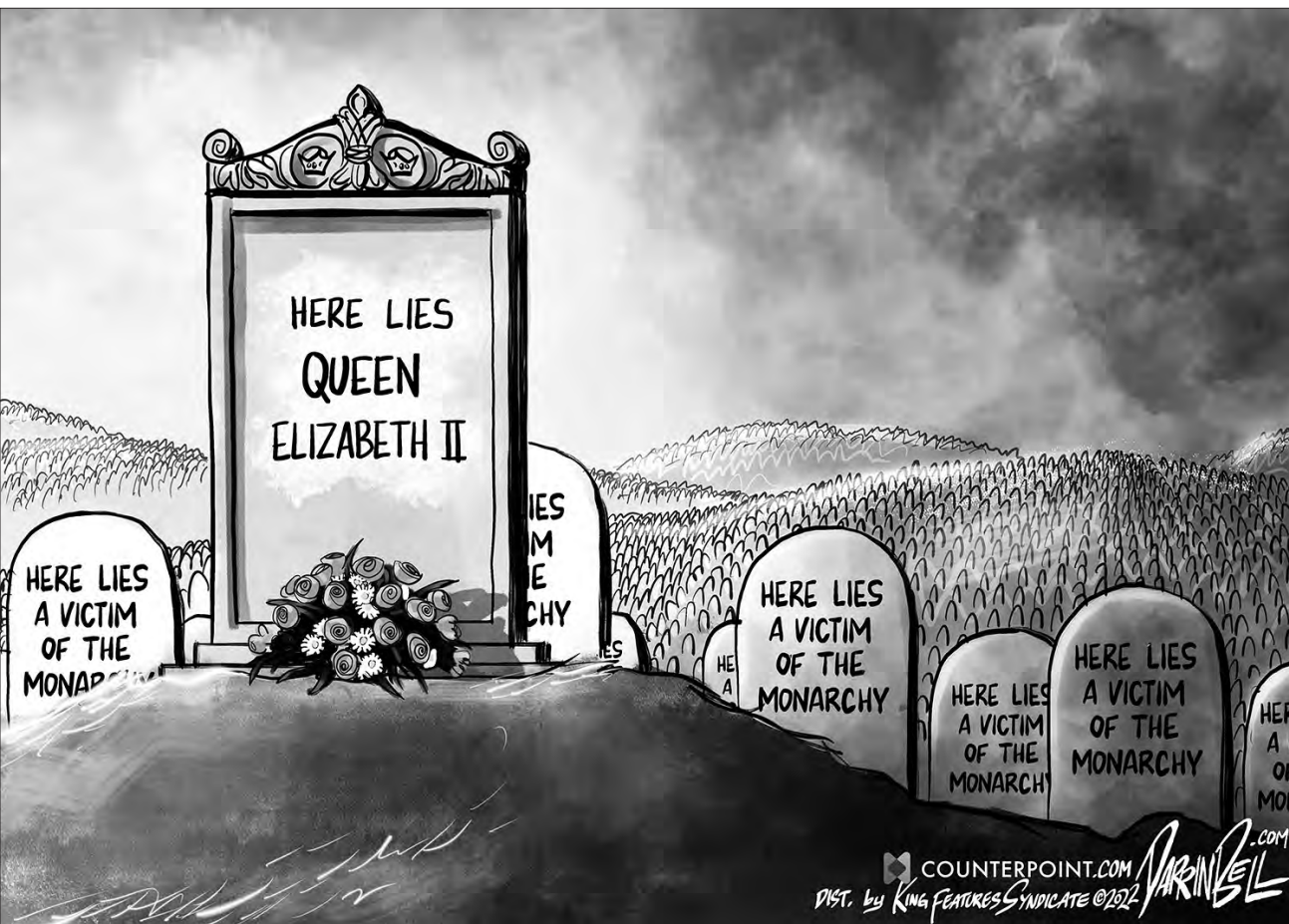
When one thinks of German or the five Annapolis, Md., journalists killed in their newsroom in 2018 the loss is obvious and profound. Their lives were sacrificed because someone didn't like what they wrote.

We mourn not just the loss of their lives but the silencing of their voices.

Other newsroom voices are silenced not with a bullet or a knife but with an accountant's pen.

Regardless, the question remains the same: When a watchdog's voice dies, who will hold those in power accountable?

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 YEARS AGO Sept. 15, 1922

Another gas well was opened up in Maytown on the Montavon farm. This is said to have the strongest pressure of any well yet opened.

J.B. Graves, one of the pioneers of Lee County coming here from New York about 1850, was brought back from Chicago to be buried in Prairie Repose Cemetery.

Ruth Smith will be the new mathematics, shorthand and typing teacher at the high school. She will also be in charge of girls' athletics.

75 YEARS AGO Sept. 18, 1947

Between 3,500-4,000 good sized bullheads were placed in the Green River by Illinois State Conservation officials. The fish were brought here from the fish

rescue station on the Mississippi River near Savanna.

Five Amboy businesses were burglarized Friday night. Only cash was taken from The Rose Mary Shop, Bellows Variety Store, Lee County Service Company service station, and Lally's Bowling Alley, and an attempt was made to enter Dempsey's Tap.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 21, 1972

Mrs. Harry Lally was notified that she was the winner of a Charmglow dual gas barbecue with accessories on the NBC program, Sale of a Century.

The first regular meeting of the newly formed Clipper Backers was held with Doris Welty being named president.

25 YEARS AGO Sept. 19, 1997

A large crowd attended Monday night's Amboy City Council meeting. After attending to the normal business Mayor Hank Gerdes introduced Matt Hanson, a representative from Willett, Hofmann and Associates. In the past month, this firm has taken bids for the proposed improvements to Amboy's wastewater treatment plant. The project had been broken down in two bids, referred to as contract one and contract two. The first contract involves improvements and modifications to the lift stations pumps and pipes.

Pewter medallions are being sold to benefit Pankhurst Memorial Library. These ornaments depict the stately historic Amboy Illinois Central Depot Museum. A brief history denoting the erection of the building in 1876 as the division headquarters for the Illinois Central Railroad is noted on the back of the ornament.



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LOCAL NEWS



Coming from Providence, R.I., Charlie Hewitt, pictured, stands before his great-grandmother's gravesite.

Photo courtesy of Doug Erbes

Man from Rhode Island finds great-grandmother's gravesite with the help of Sublette residents

ARTICLE BY MAURICE ZIMMERLEIN
SUBLETTE — On Tuesday, Aug. 16, some Sublette residents had a visit from a man that had found contacts through the internet searching for the gravesite of his great-grandmother, Mattie Hewitt.

Coming from Providence, R.I., Charlie Hewitt met with Don Dinges, Chris Leffelman, Doug Erbes, and Maurice Zimmerlein. John Stenzel was unable to attend. After lunch

at La Fiesta and a tour of the village, including the Union Church that Mattie attended, the Sublette Evergreen Cemetery on Inlet Road was visited, and where the gravesite was found.

Charlie's interest in his family history stemmed from his possession of Mattie's daily diary from 1881 and several photos of that era. She passed away in 1882 at age 34, shortly after giving birth to a surviving son

Coronado and Hard Rock Casino Rockford celebrate new partnership

ROCKFORD — The Coronado Performing Arts Center (CPAC) and Hard Rock Casino Rockford announce a new partnership that expands Hard Rock's commitment to the arts and entertainment culture in the Rockford region.

The partnership includes a guaranteed block of seats to all events, Hard Rock's sponsorship of renovated opera boxes providing some of the best seats in the theatre, and exclusive use of the newly restored Club

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To the Electors of the State of Illinois:

The Illinois Constitution establishes a structure of government and laws for the State of Illinois. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) a petition initiative may propose amendments limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in the Legislative Article. The people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Illinois Constitution before they become effective. The purpose of this document is to inform you of proposed changes to the Illinois Constitution and to provide you with a brief explanation and a summary of the arguments in favor of and in opposition to the proposed amendment.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ADD SECTION 25 TO ARTICLE I OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I — BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION 25. WORKERS' RIGHTS

(a) Employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and work place safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment.

(b) The provisions of this Section are controlling over those of Section 6 of Article VII.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment, which takes effect upon approval by the voters, adds Section 25 to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section will guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate safety conditions, wages, hours, working conditions, and economic welfare. The amendment prohibits the passage of any new law within the State that restricts or prohibits workers from engaging in collective bargaining with their employer over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, like safety protocols or training.

Arguments In Favor of the Proposed Amendment

This amendment will protect workers' and others' safety. That includes guaranteeing nurses' right to put patient care ahead of profit and making sure construction workers can speak up when there's a safety issue. It will protect workers from being silenced when they call attention to food safety threats, shoddy construction, and other problems that could harm Illinoisans. This amendment protects firefighters and EMTs who put their lives on the line to protect Illinoisans. It means they get the training and safety equipment they need to do their jobs, and can speak out when they see a problem without fear of retaliation. This amendment will help our economy by putting more money in workers' pockets who join together and get raises. That will mean more money going into our communities and small businesses as people join the middle class with good-paying jobs.

Arguments Against the Proposed Amendment

A fundamental right provided to all citizens under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution is the right to free speech and freedom of association. This amendment prohibits any law or ordinance that allows union workers to choose whether they wish to be a member of the union or not. Under the 2018 United States Supreme Court decision Janus v. Illinois AFSCME, non-union government workers cannot be required to pay union dues as a condition of working in the public sector. Approval of this constitutional amendment will deny that protection to private sector workers. The amendment also states that lawmakers could never "interfere with, negate, or diminish" certain rights. These terms are broad and undefined and leave lawmakers without the ability to clarify through legislation. Our Illinois Constitution provides such protection to public employees. The result of that protection has been to squash efforts by state lawmakers and voters to address Illinois' pension fund deficits.

FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment would add a new section to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution that would guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate wages, hours, and working conditions, and to promote their economic welfare and safety at work. The new amendment would also prohibit from being passed any new law that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety. At the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

YES _____ For the proposed addition of Section 25 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution.
 NO _____

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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, Done in the City of Springfield, this sixth day of September, 2022.

Jesse White

Jesse White
 Secretary of State

The link below has information about a proposed constitutional amendment that will be considered at the November 8, 2022 general election.

以下连结提供将在2022年11月8日大选中提出拟议的宪法修正案相关信息。

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Poniższy link zawiera informacje na temat proponowanej zmiany konstytucyjnej, która zostanie rozpatrzona w wyborach powszechnych w dniu 8 listopada 2022 r.

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SPORTS

Amboy suffers first loss of the season, QB Tucker Lindenmeyer injures hamstring

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — Heading into the Week 4 home contest against Milford/Cissna Park, the No. 1-ranked 8-man football squad, Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio, knew it had its hands full.

Add the fact, Amboy was going into its third game in four weeks against the No. 2 team.

The Clippers (3-1) were not wrong that the challenge would be tough as they lost their first game of the season, 40-30.

“It’s a good thing to be tested like that. You play teams in your schedule and it makes you better throughout the year,” Clippers coach Scott Payne said. “It makes you better come playoff time. Milford is big and they have a couple really good athletes.

“It didn’t help that Tucker Lindenmeyer went down with a hamstring injury on the first possession of the game. He was out the rest of the game. Eddie Jones came in and played very good at quarterback for us.”

Lindenmeyer, the Clippers’ lone senior, scored the first touchdown of the game on a 3-yard run. Junior tight end Brennan Blaine collected a pass from sophomore Eddie Jones for the 2-point conversion.

Milford found the endzone on a passing touchdown in the first to cut the Clipper lead to 8-6 at the end of the first, a rushing TD in the second to take a 12-8 halftime advantage and scored the first score of the third frame for an 18-8 lead.

“It’s always the next-man-up mentality. Eddie came in and played well,” said Payne, who said Lindenmeyer is going to the doctor this week to see how many games he’ll miss, and Jones will be the starting QB until he returns. “He threw two touchdown passes to Brennan Blaine. He ran the offense pretty good for not getting as many reps as a starting quarterback does.”

The first Jones-Blaine connection came in the third quarter and junior Landon Whelchel ran in the two-point conversion to cut the Milford lead to 18-16.

The Bearcats scored two rushing touchdowns to expand their advantage to 34-16.

Jones found Blaine again at the end of the third quarter to tighten the score, 34-22.

Amboy scored first fourth quarter to cut the deficit to 34-30 on a 1-yard rushing score by Quinn Leffelman with eight minutes left in the game.

“We had an opportunity. It was 34-30 and we had them at fourth-and-10. Their coach made a great call and faked a punt,” Payne said. “The kid made a great catch despite our great coverage. That’s just what happens in the game. The playoff opportunity is still there, obviously, and its next man up.

“I told the team, ‘One man doesn’t make a team. It takes everyone playing together to win a football game.’ It’s not good to lose Tucker, a returning all-state player, but now everyone else has to step up and play at a different level.

“We could still very well finish the season at 8-1 and get a two, three, or four seed – depending on what other teams do — get in the playoffs and make a run at it. We still have a lot of good players on our team that can step up and take the pressure off of Eddie at quarterback. We still feel confident with everything we’re doing.”

Next up for Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio is Orangeville, who is 0-4 and at the bottom of the North 28-man football conference.



Sophomore running back Quinn Leffelman (No. 21) takes a handoff during Friday’s 40-30 loss to Milford in Amboy. Photo courtesy of Brenda Merriman



The Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team fell to defeat for the first time this season as it lost to Milford, 40-30. Although the Clippers lost, they huddled together until the last buzzer sounded.

Photo courtesy of Brenda Merriman

IFB celebrates National Farm Safety and Health Week

BLOOMINGTON — Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) is again partnering with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NE-CAS) to promote farm safety and health during National Farm Safety and Health Week, themed, ‘Protecting Agriculture’s Future,’ Sept. 18-24, 2022.

“We’re excited to help promote and support NE-CAS’s efforts in keeping farmers and farm families safe,” said Danelle Burrs, manager, Lee County Farm Bureau. “Harvest season can be particularly dangerous for farmers with long hours and stress of weather delays, equipment breakdowns or high operating costs, and this year’s activities will reinforce the importance of organizations like ours working together to ensure farmers make it home safely to their families at night.”

Each day of the week has

a designated topic of focus to promote various aspects of farm safety:

Wednesday, Sept. 21 – Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture

Thursday, Sept. 22 – Confined Spaces

Friday, Sept. 23 – Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture

The 2019 data for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 573 fatalities, or an equivalent

of 23.1 deaths per 100,000 workers.

Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week.

“Farmers are notorious for their work ethic and determination, both qualities that also can be a detriment when it comes to safety,” said Burrs. “While farm safety is top of mind every week for

farmers, their families and their employees, National Farm Safety and Health Week is an opportunity to spotlight safety reminders that keep those both inside and outside the agriculture industry aware and mindful during the busy harvest season.”

For more information about National Farm Safety and Health Week, contact your local county Farm Bureau, visit www.necasag.org, or contact Donna Gallivan at 309-557-2350 or dgallivan@ilfb.org.

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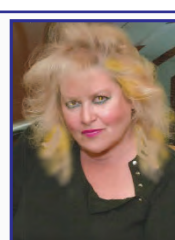
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AHS Fresh/Soph Football (H) Alden Hebron-5:30 pm

AHS Volleyball @ Indian Creek-4:30 pm

Early Dismissal-School Improvement Day-AHS/AJHS-11:20;Central-11:25

Tuesday, Sept. 27

AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium

AJHS Art Club-Art Room-3:15-4 pm

AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball (H) Sterling Challand-8th-5pm/7th-6pm

AHS Volleyball (H) Fulton-5 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 28

AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm

AHS Boys Golf Regionals @ TBA

AHS Cross Country (H) TBA-4 pm

AHS Flag Practice-3:30-4:30 pm

AHS Fall Play Practice - Auditorium

Thursday, Sept. 29

AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium-

Central School Drawing Club-Art Room-3:20-4 pm

AHS Girls Golf Regionals @ TBA

AHS Skit Night-Football Field-7 pm

AJHS 5th/6th Volleyball @ Rock Falls-6th-4 pm/5th-5 pm

Friday, Sept. 30

AHS Flag Practice-3:30-4:30 pm

AHS Varsity Football (H-Homecoming) Kirkland Hiawatha-7 pm

Saturday, Oct. 1

AJHS 5th/6th Volleyball @ St. Andrews, Rock Falls-TBA

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SPORTS

Clippers compete at invitationals

AMBOY — The Amboy cross country teams were busy competing in two invitationals last week.

Amboy participated in the Rochelle Invitational on Sept. 15.

The Clippers had five runners in the boys' race. Charlie Dickinson (18:44.4) and Atticus Horner (18:54.5) placed fifth and sixth, respectively. Garrett Pertell occupied the 13th position with a time of 19:53.6, while Kelton Schwamberger was 20th in 20:57.8 and Jaden Haley placed 21st in 21:05.1.

DeKalb was atop the team standings with 30 points, followed by Rochelle with 61 and Amboy with 63. Camanche (94) and Genoa-Kingston (104) also figured in the team totals.

In the girls' competition, Addison Pertell was the first of four Lady Clipper runners to cross the finish line in 11th place with a time of 25:59.3. Anna Carlson was 12th in 26:01.7, while Samantha Nauman (13th, 26:21.2) and Natalie Pratt (15th, 26:53.3) also participated.

Amboy ventured to Manlius for the Bureau Valley Invitational on Sept. 17.

The Clippers had a lineup of six runners

in the boys' competition, led by Kyler McNinch, who took 18th place in a time of 17:41.4. A total of 157 harriers finished the race. Also traversing the course for Amboy were Dickinson (47th, 18:58.3), Horner (54th, 19:18.7), Garrett Pertell (76th, 20:03.5), Schwamberger (83rd, 20:17.4) and Haley (104th, 21:22.8).

The Clippers were eighth in the team standings with 202 points. Taking the first spot was Elmwood with 70 points, followed by Sandwich (94), Rock Falls (113), Mercer County (140), Rock Island Alleman (147), Newman (163) and Erie-Prophetstown (165). Finishing behind Amboy were Westmont (204), Seneca (229), Chillicothe IVC (268), Lowpoint-Washburn (307) and Henry-Senachwine (310).

The Amboy girls were led by Carlson in 75th place with a clocking of 25:06.1. Addison Pertell was next (94th, 26:18.5), followed by Pratt (98th, 26:30.8) and Nauman (127th, 28:31.3).

Elmwood made it a sweep on the day by winning the girls' race with 87 points. Rock Falls (98), Seneca (115), Sandwich (117) and Sherrard (119) completed the top five.

Clipper golfers to compete at Regionals

OREGON — The Amboy Clippers will compete in the Oregon Class 1A Regional Golf Tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at Silver Ridge Golf Course.

In addition to the Amboy boys, other teams in the field include Byron, Erie, Hinckley-Big Rock, Morrison, Oregon, Polo, North Boone, Port Byron Riverdale, Rockford Christian Life, Rockford Lutheran, Rockford Christian, Indian Creek and Sterling Newman.

The top three teams and the first 10 best scoring players not members of a qualifying team will advance to the sectional. The sectional will be hosted by Riverdale High School and played at TPC Deere Run on Monday, Oct. 3.

Other regionals feeding into the Riverdale Sectional are Monmouth-Roseville, St. Bede and Galena.

Lady Clippers earn win over AFC

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers rolled over Ashton-Franklin Center, 25-10, 25-20, in varsity volleyball action on Sept. 13 at Ashton.

Courtney Orgtgesen picked up two aces and three kills, Elly Jones had four kills and Tyrah Vaessen produced 11 assists. Kiera Karlson added a pair of kills.

Girls golf

Members of the Amboy girls' golf team will participate in the Rock Falls Class 1A Regional Golf Tournament on Thursday, Sept. 29 at Deer Valley Golf Course in Deer Grove.

Other teams competing in the regional include Cambridge, Dixon, Erie, Galva, Geneseo, Kewanee, Kewanee Wethersfield, Bureau Valley, Morrison, Orion, St. Bede, Port Byron Riverdale, Princeton, Rock Falls, Rock Island Alleman and Sterling Newman.

The top three teams and the first 10 best scoring individuals not members of a qualifying team will advance to the sectional, which will be hosted by Kewanee High School on Monday, Oct. 3 at Baker Park Golf Course in Kewanee. Other regionals feeding into the sectional include Metamora, Canton and Rockford Boylan.

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After a short break, the second workshop, from 12:30 to 2 p.m., will lead dancers through a jazz warm-up with adage, turns and jumps. The warm-up will be followed by a musical theatre combo where dancers will have the opportunity to cultivate their acting ability

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A New York City based dancer and actor originally from Chicago, Stevko is a graduate

of Northern Illinois University's Dance Performance Program, where he started dancing at the age of 18. He is currently in the Lyric Opera of Chicago's production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

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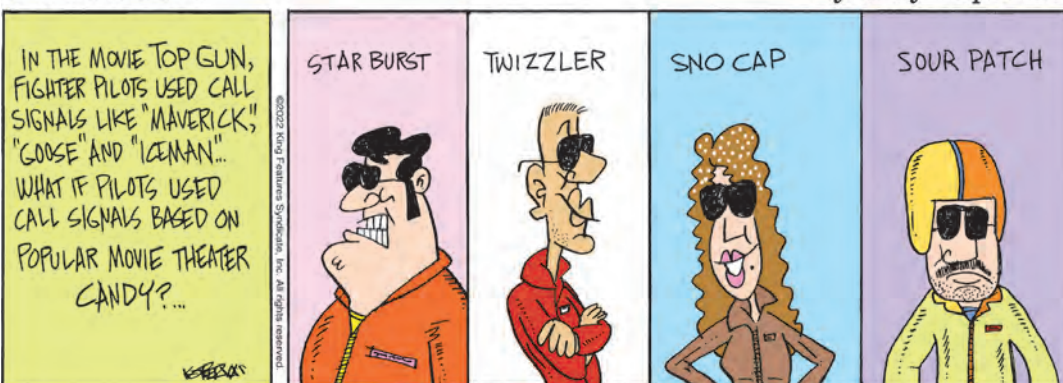
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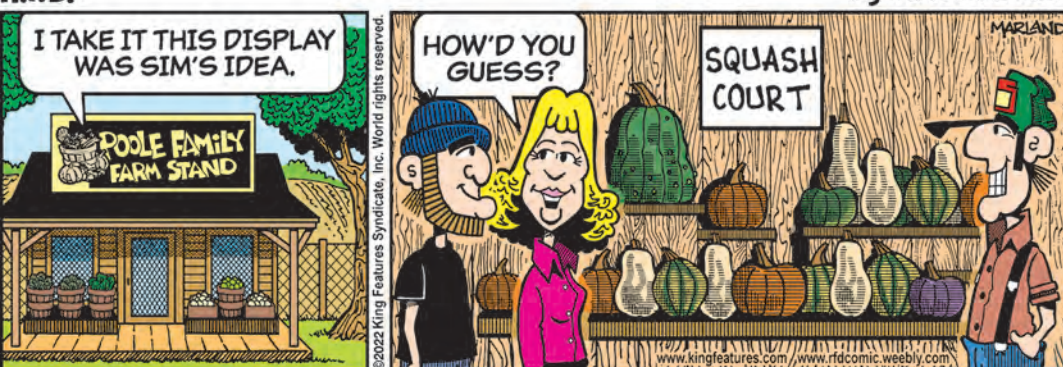
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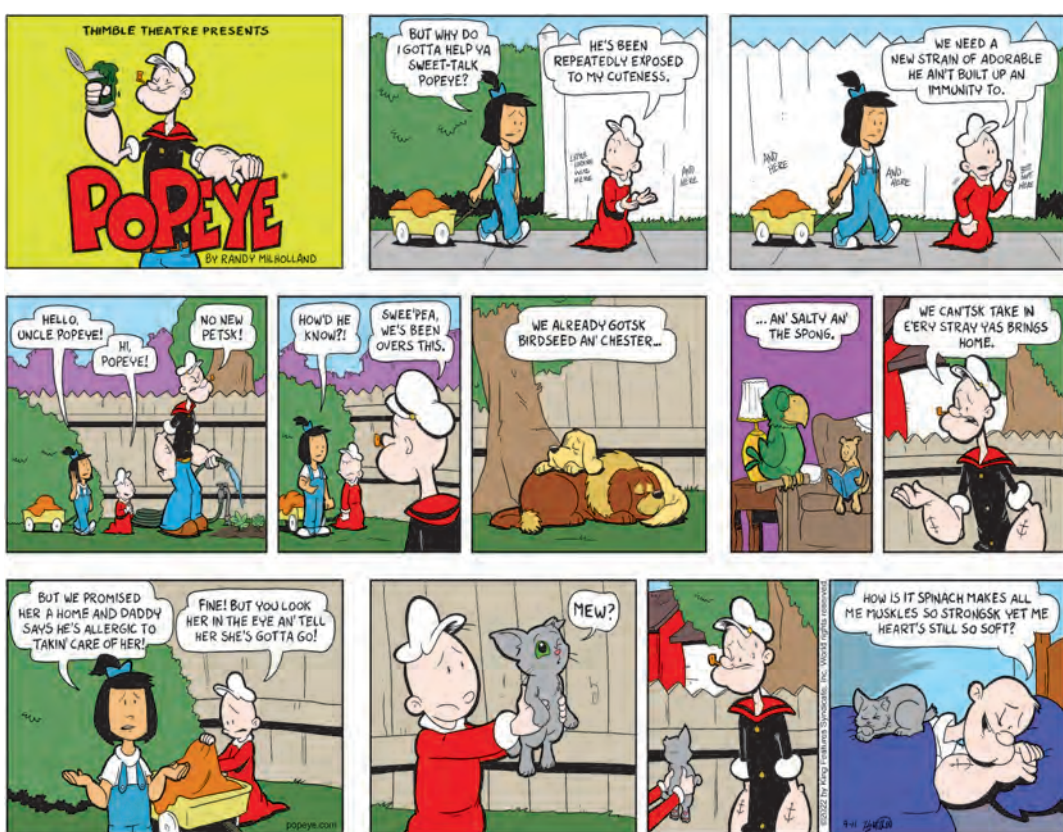
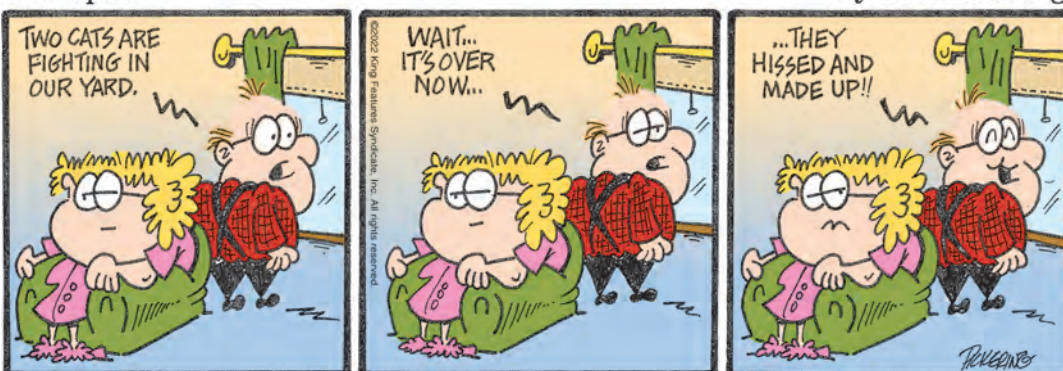
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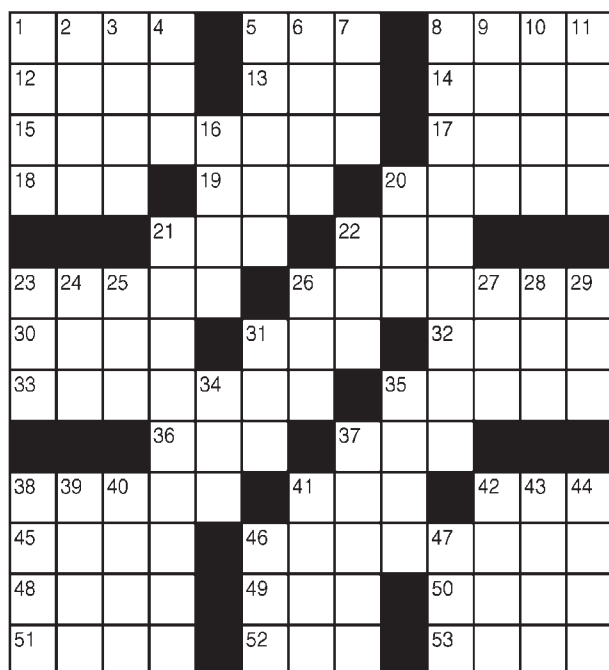
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King Crossword

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5 Witty one
8 Leer at
12 Western tribe
13 TV pioneer
14 Eye part
15 Dressing ingredient
17 Sugar unit
18 Fill in — blank
19 Conclude
20 Monk's home
21 Droop
22 Bikini top
23 Wan
26 Germ
30 God, in Granada
31 Joke
32 Spoken
33 "You wish!"
35 Pesky insects
36 Chairman of China
37 Greyhound vehicle
38 Hoopster
41 Dict. info
42 Chi follower
45 Sandwich cookie
46 Fuel-producing area
48 Hindu royal
49 Parisian pal
50 Advertising award
51 Genesis



- 10 Margarita gar-nish
11 Glimpse
16 Campus VIP
20 Lob's path
21 Staple in some Asian recipes
22 Ginormous
23 Do sums
24 Polite address
25 Weed whacker
26 Chess piece
27 — pro nobis
28 Cudgel
29 Overhead trains
31 Sticky stuff
34 Scratch
35 Nonsense
37 Prove untrue
38 Comics' Mrs. Dithers
39 Bedouin
40 Hereditary unit
41 Exemplar of thinness
42 Soccer leg-end
43 Faux pas
44 Nuptial vows
46 Klutz
47 Glacial

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

2			3		6			
		7	8				9	
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	1		2				5	
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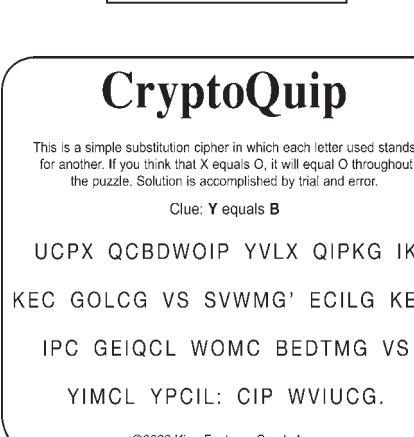
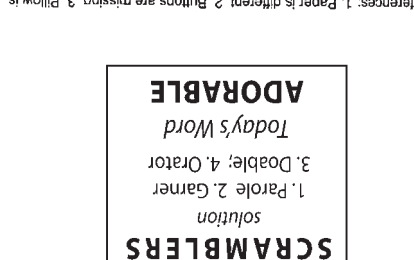
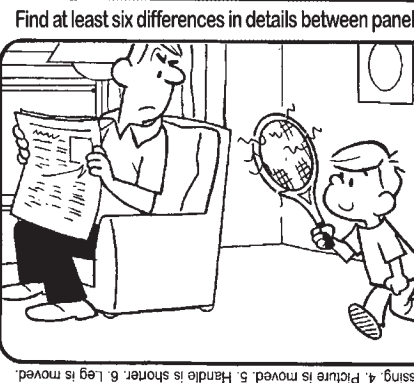
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



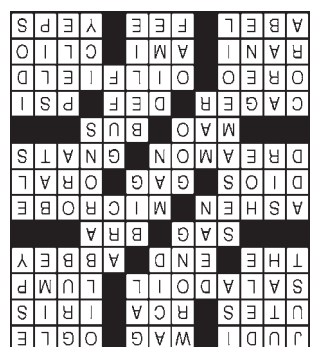
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby hedgehog called?
2. MOVIES: Which 1960s movie features a character named Holly Golightly?
3. HISTORY: In which country did the Easter Rising of 1916 take place?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is bordered by the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Nevada?
5. LITERATURE: What do the initials in J.D. Salinger's name stand for?
6. GEOMETRY: How many sides does a heptagon have?
7. TELEVISION: Richard Dawson was the original host of which TV game show?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which gymnast was the first to score a perfect 10 in Olympic competition?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's official animal is a red fox?
10. MEDICAL: What is the common name of a condition called tussis?

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- Answers
1. Hoglet.
2. "Breakfast at Tiffany's."
3. Ireland.
4. Idaho.
5. Jerome David.
6. Seven.
7. "Family Feud."
8. Nadia Comaneci.
9. Mississippi.
10. Cough.



Solution time: 23 mins.

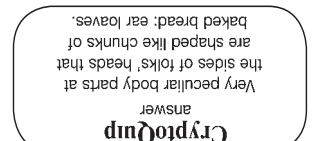
Answers

King Crossword

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

Weekly SUDOKU



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answer

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Fiscal Year April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

TOWN FUND

Beginning Balance April 1, 2021 \$61,727.52

Revenues:

Property Taxes \$43,080.74

Replacement Tax \$4,060.68

Interest Income \$84.27

Total Revenue \$47,225.69

Expenditures:

Utilities \$4,329.61

Administration \$15,330.06

Wages \$9,280.38

Taxes \$9,398.16

Misc. Expenses \$1,935.45

Total Expenditures \$40,273.66

Ending Balance March 31, 2022 \$68,679.55

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Beginning Balance April 1, 2021 \$43,614.66

Revenue:

Interest Income \$1,046.73

Expenditures:

Ending Balance March 31, 2022 \$44,661.39

SPECIAL BRIDGE

Beginning Balance April 1, 2021 \$161,989.90

Revenue:

Interest Income \$189.48

Total Revenue \$189.48

Ending Balance March 31, 2022 \$162,179.28

EQUIPMENT & BUILDING

Beginning Balance April 1, 2021 \$80,462.25

Revenue:

Property Taxes \$11,522.88

Interest Income \$95.40

Total Revenue \$11,618.28

Ending Balance March 31, 2022 \$92,080.53

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Beginning Balance April 1, 2021 \$23,041.68

Revenue:

Property Taxes \$10,551.73

Rental Income \$2,013.00

Interest Income \$13.75

Total Revenue \$12,578.48

Expenditures:

Utilities \$3,339.85

Main. & Repair \$785.00

Misc. Expenses \$2,406.73

Total Expenditures \$6,531.58

Ending Balance March 31, 2022 \$29,088.58

ROAD & BRIDGE

Beginning Balance April 1, 2021 \$220,459.74

Revenue:

Property Tax \$90,666.65

Replacement Taxes \$7,819.59

Interest Income \$467.31

Insurance Refund \$5,466.83

Total Revenue \$104,420.38

Expenditures:

Wages \$16,865.72

TOIRMA \$9,321.00

BP-Fleetcor \$7,759.66

Vaessen Bros. Chevrolet \$4,703.54

Vaessen Implement Repair \$3,327.82

Timber Creek Industries \$2,700.00

Civil Materials \$2,653.30

Parts/Supplies \$2,215.89

Misc. Expenses \$2,684.25

Hornung Tiling \$1,095.25

Rennar Quarries \$719.14

Total Expenses \$54,045.57

Ending Balance March 31, 2022 \$270,834.55

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Carroll-Lee-Whiteside 4-H youth program offers a place where kids can belong, lead, learn

LEE COUNTY—4-H members in Illinois will join the 6 million youth across the country in celebrating National 4-H Week Oct. 2-8. Clubs around Illinois celebrate this week by highlighting the remarkable 4-H youth in their communities and showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth program for the University of Illinois Extension and the largest out-of-school youth organization in Illinois. 4-H youth development programs challenge youth to “learn by doing” with fun, hands-on activities. Kids can learn, practice, and demonstrate

new skills while exploring the interests that are important to them. In 4-H, youth are brought together in clubs, led by caring adults, who welcome them as a part of the larger 4-H family. Illinois 4-H members range in age from 8 to 18. Youth who are 5 to 7 years of age may join 4-H as a Cloverbud member. During National 4-H week clubs have been challenged to show their 4-H spirit with a family Facebook challenge and a window/club display competition in their communities. The cost to join 4-H for the year is \$20. New members can get more

information by calling our main office in Sterling at 815-632-3611. About Illinois 4-H: Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth development program of University of Illinois Extension and administered through the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. 4-H grows true leaders, youth who are empowered for life today and prepared for a career tomorrow. The hands-on approach in 4-H gives young people guidance, tools, and encouragement, and then puts them in the driver’s seat to make great things happen. Independent research confirms the unpar-

alleled impact of the 4-H experience, demonstrating that young people are four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to make healthier choices; two times more likely to be civically active; and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs. About Extension: Illinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.

Scammers go into overtime to cash in on sports betting excitement - fan fever runs hot for betting and micro betting

ROCKFORD – With all the excitement of the new NFL and college football season, Better Business Bureau is alerting sports fans about sports betting scams. “The popularity of sports betting has exploded, and scammers developed more tricks to score a touchdown with your hard-earned cash,” says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. “A new, hot-targeted type of betting, called micro betting, is taking hold,” notes Horton. “Micro betting is wagering on the outcome


of very specific, individual short-term plays during the game, such as who will get the ball or how many yards will be gained. You are not just betting on which team will win.” You can do micro betting with football, baseball, and other sports. For example, you can bet if the next pitch will be a hit or a ball in baseball. Will the hitter strike out? What’s the speed of the ball? This increase in betting opportunities raises the stakes for potential scams. Illinois has legalized online and in-person sports betting. Nearly 20% of U.S.

adults bet on sports at least once a month, according to Morning Consult, which reported 31% of sports betters responding to their survey are aged 35-44; 28% are aged 21-34. Horton says, “What the scammers do is create online lookalike legal sports betting operations.” BBB Scam Tracker is seeing reports from people who accidentally placed bets with scam sports betting websites or apps. **How the scam works** You want to place a bet on an upcoming game, so you search online for a sports

betting service. You find a website or app that looks trustworthy. It may even offer an enticing introductory bonus, so you can make an initial bet “risk free.” You place a bet, and, at first, everything seems normal. But as soon as you try to cash out your winnings, you find you can’t withdraw a cent. Scammers will make up various excuses. For example, they may claim technical issues or insist on additional identity verification. In other cases, they may require you to deposit even more money before you can withdraw your winnings! Whatever you do, you’ll never be able to get your money off the site. And any personal information you shared is now in the hands of scam artists.

incentives. Gambling sites and apps often offer incentives or bonuses to new users and around major games. But like any sales pitch, these can be deceptive. Be sure to read the fine print carefully. • Even legitimate sports betting sites have the right to freeze your winnings. Be sure to check the terms of service. Is a sports handicapper promising you guaranteed wins? Don’t bet on it. According to recent BBB Scam Tracker reports, con artists are posing as self-proclaimed handicappers who use insider information to place guaranteed bets on upcoming games. You come across a social media post or get an email about an experienced handicapper with a record of picking consistent wins. This handicapper is allegedly using insider information to place sure-thing bets on upcoming games. For a fee, you can get in on it too. This person is so confident about their information that they even offer you a money-back guarantee. For example, they may promise you free picks if you make a losing wager. While it sounds like a safe bet, you’re really dealing with a scammer. These

“handicappers” never intend to provide a refund or free picks. And their “insider information” is fake, too. You run the risk of losing not only money but valuable personal information. • Avoid sports handicappers. A handicapper’s goal isn’t to win bets for their members, it’s to get people to buy their picks. Once you’ve purchased their picks, the handicapper has already won. It doesn’t matter if the pick wins or loses, the handicapper keeps the payment. • Don’t believe promises that sound too good to be true. If a handicapper promises you will never lose a bet, or they will refund your money any time you do, think twice. Scammers love to entice their victims with get-rich-quick schemes. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



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