



AHS HOMECOMING COURT

Amboy High School announces its Homecoming Court.
Freshmen: Ellie McLaughlin and Rylan McNinch
Sophomores: Saydee Benavidez and Brysen Full
Juniors: Liz Clarida and Zach Dunne
Senior Girls: Courtney Lachat, Sidney Lewis, Olivia Montantes, Courtney Ortgiesen and Alexzandra Vaessen
Senior Boys: Charlie Dickinson, Ryan Dickinson, Tucker Lindenmeyer, Kyler McNinch, Kelton Schwamberger, and Phillip Stewart.
Friday, Sept 30 is the Parade starting about 2:15 p.m., on Bacon Street. High school 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.

Courtesy photo

Amboy Lions, Fire District unite for Health Fair

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — The Amboy Lions Club and the Amboy Fire District had originally scheduled their own health seminars, displays, and presentations a week apart from each other. After some discussion and uniting, the club and the department have joined forces for the Community Health Fair from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., on Oct. 8 at the Amboy Community Center, located at 280 W. Wasson Rd.
“I think it’s going to be a benefit to both the Amboy Lions and to the Amboy Fire District,” Amboy Lions organizer Jim Travi said. “Instead of the fire department and the Lions having individual events, we’re putting them together in hopes of drawing more people.”
“When we had the Health Fair in 2018, we had over 150 people go through and 70-80 people did vision and hearing screenings. We’re looking for that number again this year, if not more. The fire department’s demonstrations will be extremely valuable because there has been a lot of fires recently in the area. We need to know the importance of fire safety and protocols.”
The Lions, which will have door prizes throughout the day, are offering hearing, blood pressure, eye, Diabetic Retinopathy, and Macular Degeneration screenings.
All of these will be free of charge at the fair.

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Solar Farm developments and lead service line replacement focus of meeting

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — The Amboy City Council met in regular session on Monday, Sept. 19 and breezed through a rather lite agenda.
Under Committee Reports, Second Ward Alderman Brandon Klein informed the council that at a recent Lion’s Club gathering at the Community Building they had a problem with fruit flies. A quick remedy according to City Clerk Melissa Eisenberg is to pour bleach down the drains which is exactly what is happening. Third Ward Alderman Dave

Shaw stated that the next Depot Committee meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Public Works Director Jeramey Wittenauer said that the chip sealing and street projects throughout the city have been completed.
Under “New Business” the council approved an ordinance disconnecting certain territory previously under annexation from the city of the Ackert property located at 1447 Nauman Road. This parcel is no longer needed to maintain city boundaries.
Next up, Matt Walsh, the Business Development Director of Nexamp Solar returned for

another discussion about possible issues up for change. Nexamp supplies a variety of solar panels for residential and commercial setups and has created several solar gardens within a 30 minute drive from Amboy including locations in Oregon, Paw Paw, and Tampico. One request Walsh had on behalf of his firm was to increase the size of the panels from the standard 10 feet to 20 feet in order to allow a U.S. steel product to protect the panels. A continuing uncertainty is the zoning designation of a possible site. An open commentary was bantered back and forth between Walsh and

city attorney Matt Keegan. Walsh explained that in order to qualify for state funding their application needs to be submitted and on file by Nov. 1. Keegan went on to say that the zoning process takes time and with 40 days out it will be tight. He plans on having discussions with the city immediately. Mayor John Schamberger said that these issues shouldn’t be a “show stopper” but the process needs to move along quickly.

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Tickets for the cross bow are currently available for \$10 each at the Amboy fire station and the six-seat LMV tickets (\$20) will be available soon.

Photo submitted

Amboy Fire District holding raffles

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — The Amboy Fire District has been applied for and received federal grants in efforts to acquire and equip a new fire engine.
Although a fair chunk of the change is in the vault, more equipment and training are needed.
With this said, Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant Sr. and his staff are holding raffles to raise funds.

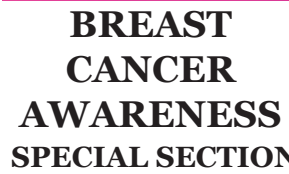
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Bryant Jr. named Aurora's Firefighter of the Year

Amboy native Jeff Bryant Jr. was recently named the Aurora Firefighter of the Year after his involvement at a structure fire on Nov. 27, 2021. While searching the basement, Bryant Jr. discovered an unconscious victim and was able to move the victim away from immediate danger and eventually out of the structure. Bryant Jr., 32, started his career at 16 with Amboy Fire District and was an EMT and firefighter before graduating from Amboy High School. He has commuted to Aurora to be a firefighter and paramedic for the last 7-8 years, but still lives in Amboy and assists when the department needs his help. Jeff Bryant Jr. (center) was joined by his wife, Ashley Bryant (left), and and Aurora Fire Chief Dave McCabe.

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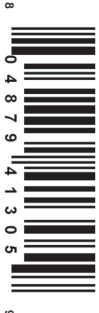
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A Look Back At Amboy's Heroes Who Served During World War II

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.

Private George Delmer Johnson

On Sunday, May 19, 1946, one year after the end of the war in Europe, a tree was planted on the school

grounds in Lee Center, in memory of six boys from that community who had made the supreme sacrifice during the Second World War. Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, the program included singing of the Star Spangled Banner, an invocation, vocal solos, a poem reading, ending with a Benediction and recital of Taps. Among those six boys honored was George Delmer Johnson, who had died of battle wounds he received in Germany.
George was born on Jan. 21, 1926 in Woodstock. Later in his childhood, he and his brother Richard were living with their mother, Mrs.



Gordon Lovett on a farm near Lee Center. It is likely that George attended grade school in Lee Center, or in one of several one-room school houses around the area, eventually enrolling at



Lee Center High School in the early 1940's.
During his final year of High School, George registered for the draft. In May 1944, at age 18, he travelled to Chicago for his pre-induction physical. A short time later he was enlisted in the U. S. Army as a Private

at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, on the shore of Lake Michigan. In the months to follow he would serve at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and Camp Meade, Maryland before being sent overseas attached to the 357th Infantry, 90th Infantry Division.
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LOCAL NEWS

SUBLETTE NEWS

New hair salon to open in downtown Sublette

Jordan Tidmore will be opening a new hair salon in downtown Sublette very soon. The salon will be located at 103 W. Main St. in a building recently purchased by Michael Vaessen. The building has been completely remodeled and a new front has been installed. The salon will be known as Shear Elegance. Tidmore will be offering haircuts for men, women and children, perms, hair color, facials, waxing and nails. The opening date will be announced soon.

September events in Sublette

The annual Country Car Show was held at Sublette Centennial Park on Sept. 17 and had a display of some unique and interesting cars including a 1929 Pierce Arrow brought by Jack Truckenbrod.

There was also a display of Hudson autos as the Chicago-Milwaukee Hudson Club



held a meet in conjunction with the show. The show featured Kaiser-Frazer, Willys-Overland, Hudson and Nash, but many other makes were on display.

The annual Pullin' in the

Park took place on Sept. 18. This event attracted a large number of tractors and trucks for the pull. The event also included food and games for the family.

The Antique Power show

was held at Mendota Hills Campground just north of Sublette on Sept. 24-25. This included a large display of old tractors and farm equipment.

There were also vendors and demonstrations.



HONORING VETERANS

Darlene Hinkle's grandson, Kian Noble, 16, is pictured kneeling by the grave of her Uncle Ted Morris, who was featured in the Sept. 21, 2022 issue of the Amboy News featuring Amboy World War II Heroes. In December 2021 while celebrating Christmas in Rome with her family, she traveled to beautiful Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy, where they were kindly escorted to her uncle's grave. Even though Hinkle was too young to remember him it was a very emotional experience for the family. Hinkle grew up with stories about her Uncle Ted and passed them on to her grandchildren and like Kian said as he knelt by his grave, "I feel like I knew him." Thank you to the men who are honoring our war heroes in our newspaper each week. These heroes deserve to have their story told.

Photo submitted

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Prior to his arrival in Europe, the 90th Division had landed at Utah Beach on June 6th as part of the massive D-Day Invasion in France. By the time he joined the Division, they had already broken out of the Battle of Normandy, heading south and east toward Paris and eventually into Belgium. In mid December 1944, Hitler's Army launched a major counter-offensive in the Ardennes to split and annihilate Allied Forces. The resulting battle caused

the American lines to form a bulge in the middle to defend against being divided. The 90th Division joined in this massive battle which later became known as the Battle of the Bulge. In a battle lasting over six weeks in snow drifts and record freezing temperatures, American Forces prevailed but with devastating losses. The U.S. Army reported 15,000 cold injuries, 19,000 killed in action, 47,000 wounded, and over 23,000 missing. About

100,000 Germans were killed wounded or captured, making this the bloodiest battle of the war.

By mid January 1945, with the Battle of the Bulge ended, the 90th Division pushed out of Belgium and into Germany. In fighting near Oberhausen, Private Johnson was badly wounded. Due to the large number of wounded soldiers in Central Europe, the U.S. Army had established semi-mobile field hospitals as close to the

front as possible, some of them located in Luxembourg. Official records show that Private George D. Johnson died of wounds in one of those medical units. He was awarded the Purple Heart, and his burial took place at the American Cemetery in Luxembourg.

On April 23, following his death, the 90th Division went on to capture the Flossenbürg concentration camp which held some 16,000 prisoners abandoned by the Nazis just

days earlier. Without the valor of soldiers like Private Johnson, thousands more might have perished in the Holocaust.

On April 15, 1945, a Memorial Service was held in Lee Center at the Congregational Church, which was filled to capacity. The Amboy Poths-Lavelle Post 453 conducted the military rites in the churchyard. At age 20, Private George D. Johnson is forever a hero to his hometown, family, and a

grateful nation.

Citations:
Purple Heart
World War II Victory Medal
Combat Infantryman's Badge
Marksmanship Badge
American Campaign Medal
Army Presidential Unit Citation
Army Good Conduct Medal
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign

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Jason Stoll representing Fehr Graham Engineering and Environmental Services presented a proposal for lead service line replacement program in cooperation with the

IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency). As part of the IEPA ever changing loan requirements for funding, the city must have an agency approved project plan

for the recommended potable water system upgrades and improvements. At this time, the IEPA is offering up to \$4,000 for each approved loan with 100% principal

forgiveness when associated with the lead service line replacement. The initial fee to initiate this process will cost the city \$14,500. Keegan again joined the discussion

and said that cities will have no choice as this will become a state requirement. The IEPA currently has a 9 month backlog of project plan reviews and the hope is

to have everything in place by the next IEPA fiscal year.

The 2023 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.

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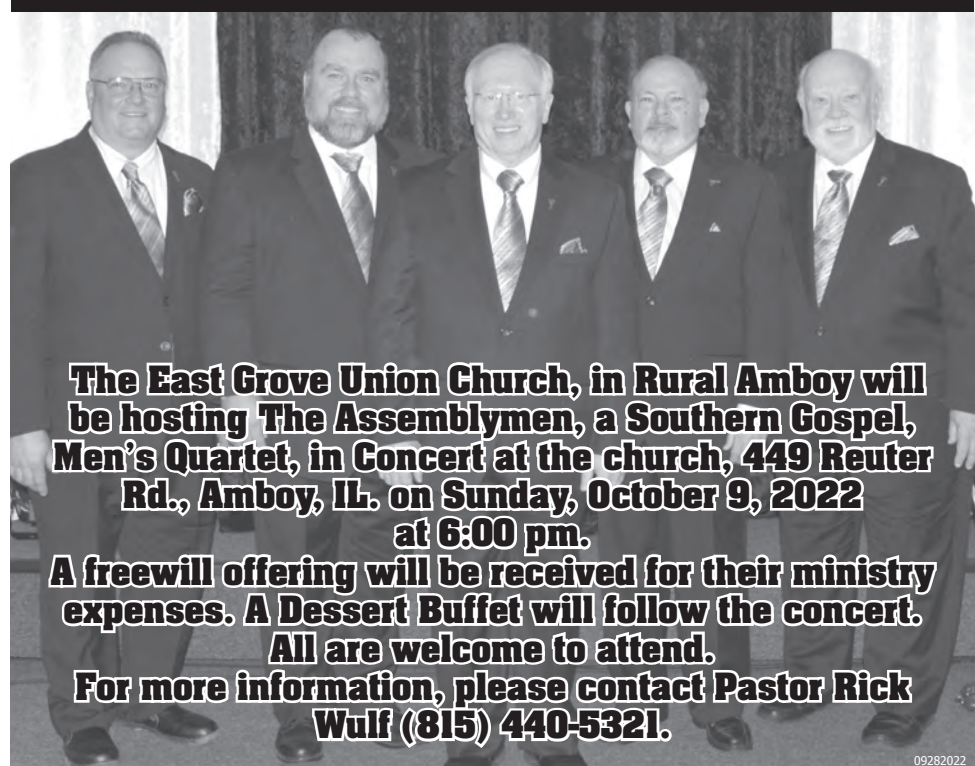
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Rotary Calendar, PO BOX 372, Rochelle, IL 61068

THE ASSEMBLYMEN

Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM
The East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd., Amboy, IL.



The East Grove Union Church, in Rural Amboy will be hosting The Assemblymen, a Southern Gospel, Men's Quartet, in Concert at the church, 449 Reuter Rd., Amboy, IL. on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

A freewill offering will be received for their ministry expenses. A Dessert Buffet will follow the concert. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Pastor Rick Wulf (815) 440-5321.

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

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 was this Friday and we will be posting Thank You's in the following newspaper edition.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that help us: Pete Rood for doing cans; Cindy Foster Knight for the three ring binders; Tammy and Scott Strub for the ice pops; Eric Hanson for the craft items; Someone for dropping off clothes and toilet paper; Donna Wellman for the cookies; Martha Henley for the cookies; Irene and Eileen Ramsdell for the meat, cheese, bread, and yummy cupcakes; Santa Clause for the items; Jim and Jean Travi for the veggies; Anonymous for the fruit and Barb and George Spataro for the straw and Larry Piper for getting everything for the Hayride.

Needs

Hot Chocolate

Final Word

Help us to live in the present. Allow us to be present to you, as you are always present to us, each moment of each day. Allow us to be present to the gift of each moment, no matter how ordinary, so that we can be present to the joy and wonder of your loving presence each moment of each day. In your loving name, Amen.



The Amboy Fire District is holding raffles to help raise funds for equipment for a new fire engine the department is purchasing and for training. The next drawing will be Oct. 1 for an Amboy Sporting Goods' cross bow. The following drawing will be for a six-seat LMV. Tickets for the cross bow are currently available for \$10 each at the Amboy fire station and the six-seat LMV tickets (\$20) will be available soon.

Photos submitted

RAFFLE

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"The FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) grant of \$39,000 we received last week was for equipment for the new fire engine we're going to purchase," Bryant Sr. said. "We're doing some raffles to help raise additional funds for the equipment and for training."

A drawing for a four-seater LMV (light motor vehicle) was held on Labor Day Sunday.

The next drawing will be for an Amboy Sporting Goods' cross bow.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Amboy Fire Department. No FOID card is needed for the crossbow.

Tickets for a six-seat LMV will be available soon as the price will be \$20 per ticket. The fire district is having 1,500 tickets created and the drawing will happen as soon as all of the tickets are sold.

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"I think this is very important, especially the screenings. A lot of people neglect to have their hearing tested," Travi said. "They don't think it's important or they don't want to spend the money. At the health fair, they can come have it done for free."

"Vision screening are very important. Today, with the rate of Diabetes, it's very important to get those screenings done. Eyesight is one of those things that once it goes, it never comes back."

Amboy Fire District Chief, Jeff Bryant Sr., is excited to join forces with the Lions.

This may be the first year the two forces have united, but it may not be the last as the Community Health Fair could become an every other year event.

Bryant Sr. will be at the fair and will join his staff to put on fire safety,

fire prevent, CPR and first aid training exhibits and displays.

The department will also have an inflatable house for the kids as well as a smoke out, a water challenge with a fire hose, and kid's gear.

"We need to be aware of all of the safety procedures and how important they are. Stop, drop, and roll is a muscle memory thing," Bryant Sr. said. "I've been told stories from adults that they remembered to stop, drop, and roll, and cover their face so they don't have any scaring."

"Although we learned to stop, drop, and roll when we were young, it's still a very important procedure to remember and to perform when need be."

Other agencies will be involved in the health fair as well.

Joining the Lions Club and the

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.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will hold a flu clinic from 9 a.m. – noon on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Lee County Health Department. Walk-ins are welcomed. No appointment necessary. Please bring insurance card or be prepared to pay a fee. Hi-Dose available for those 65 and older. For more information, please contact 815-284-3371, ext. 2100.

MENDOTA-In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, who was known for his love of animals, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center will be hosting a special blessing just for pets. The blessing of animals will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 4, between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. in the OSF Saint Paul Serenity Garden. The garden and parking lot are located on the hospital's west side. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. Deacon George Schramm will bless each of your animals.

FRANKLIN GROVE-Wouldn't it be terrific for all ages to learn more about gardening? The Lee County Master Gardeners have started a gardening series called "Big and Small Gardening." This series will be held at the Winfred Knox Library in Franklin Grove the first Tuesday of each month with alternating months offering a youth program at 4 p.m., or an Adult program at p.m. The Meaning of Flowers will be held on Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. One may register for these programs by calling the library at 815-456-2823. For full series details: go.illinois.edu/LeeBigandSmall.

STERLING-Youth Mental Health First Aid will be held from noon – 5 p.m., on Oct. 5 at the Whiteside Extension Office, Sterling. This program teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders in youth. This 6-hour training gives adults

who work with youth the skills they need to reach out and provide initial support to children and adolescents. To register go.illinois.edu/youthmentalhealth.

LEE COUNTY-Professional caregivers in long-term care environments face unique challenges which may impact their personal health and wellbeing. A workshop series, Learn. Think. Care., offered by University of Illinois Extension, helps caregivers build personal resiliency, knowledge, and strategies for meeting the needs of clients in long-term care environments. Three free one-hour workshops will be held online beginning at 2 p.m. on Oct. 6. Register at go.illinois.edu/LTCwebinars at least one week prior to each workshop to receive all access information. Happy Hacks for more Positivity and Increased Well-Being will be offered on Oct. 6.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions and the Amboy Fire Department will host a Community Health, Wellness and Fire Prevention Fair from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Amboy Community Center. Lions of Illinois Foundation Mobile Unit will provide: Diabetic Retinopathy/Macular Degeneration Screenings and Hearing Checks. AFD will provide CPR demonstrations, goodie bags, refreshments and fire prevention education information and hands-on experiences. Other organizations will be participating in the event. For more information, see the story on page 1 of today's paper.

LEE COUNTY-Gardening in the Air is a virtual nine-session series held seasonally and co-hosted by University of Illinois Extension and Iowa State University Extension. The online sessions begin at 9 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. CDT on Oct. 8. Participants may register for a single session or the entire series. Register at go.illinois.edu/GIA2022Fall using a valid email address; access links and handouts will be emailed to participants during the week before the event date. If you will need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please email Tracy Mulliken tmully@illinois.edu.

Amboy Fire Protection District are the Amboy Dental Group, the Amboy Police Department, Center for Sight & Hearing, DaVita Dialysis, Dixon Rehabilitation & Healthcare, Dixon YMCA, Hanson Chiropractic, KSB Community Wellness, KSB Diabetic Department, KSB Foot & Ankle, KSB Lawless Eye and Vision Center, KSB Women's Imaging, Lee County Health Department, Lee County Sheriff's Department, Lee Ogle Transportation, MD Skin Center, Peak Medical, Serenity Hospice, and Sinnenissippi Center.

Sponsors for the event are Amboy Food & Liquor Deli, Amboy Subway, Dollar General, Lilja Tiling, Revolution Wellness, The Last Alarm and the Amboy News.

AMBOY-The Gospel Quartet, The Assemblymen from Rockford, will present a concert on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m. at the East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd. at the corner of Union Rd., in Amboy. A free-will

offering will be taken for the group to cover their ministry expenses. A dessert buffet will follow the concert. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Pastor Rick Wulf at 815-440-5321.

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VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, November 3, 2022, and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Closed legal holidays.

The votes cast during this time will not be counted until the polls close on Election Day. Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded.

Website: www.leecountyil.com

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Phone: 815-288-3309

Nancy Petersen
Lee County Clerk & Recorder

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Roger Claire Robbins Sept. 28, 1934 - Sept. 20, 2022

DIXON — The Robbins family is saddened to announce the death of their beloved husband, father and grandfather, Roger Claire Robbins, on Sept. 20, 2022 in Dixon.

Roger was born at the public hospital in Amboy on Sept. 28, 1934, the son of Chauncey and Vida (Boehle) Robbins.

Roger was graduated from Amboy High School in 1952 and has, over the years, served on the class reunion committee.

Roger served with the United States military from 1954 to 1956 and is a veteran of the Korean War.

He is a graduate of Bradley University in 1960 where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

He began his professional career with the Illinois Department of Transportation in Peoria in 1960 and retired in 1990 from the Dixon office

as the Bureau Chief of Local Roads and Streets.

Roger married Michele Gorman on Nov. 9, 1963. They are the parents of two children, David and Reagen (William) Atwood and grandparents of Ainsley and William.

Roger was predeceased by his parents and three brothers, Dean, Dale and Kenneth, and one sister, Lois (William) Anderson.

Roger was active in the community including serving more than 40 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank in Amboy. He was also a member of the Dixon Elks Lodge, the Jaycees, American Legion and member/past president of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers.

Roger is survived by his wife, Michele; children and grandchildren; sister, Mrs. James (Yvonne) Reynolds;



and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a private graveside service with military honors at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy. A memorial has been established to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Patricia G. Williams Dec. 6, 1947 - Sept. 17, 2022

WALTON — Patricia G. Williams, 74, of Walton, died on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1947 in Dixon, the daughter of Joseph and Della Mae (Fenwick) McCoy.

Patricia was a caregiver and worked in home care for many years. She really enjoyed the morning coffee sessions at the Walton Tap.

Patricia married Doyce

Timothy Williams on April 6, 1974 at St. Mary's Church in Walton.

She is preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 20, 2012; two brothers, John Charles McCoy, James Peter McCoy; and brother-in-law Robert Erlandson.

Patricia is survived by one sister, Mary Erlandson, of Rockford, one niece and several nephews, and her beloved dogs, Ellie and Jacks.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Walton. Burial will follow the service at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. A memorial has been established to Granny Rose Animal Shelter.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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

White highlights successful electronic automobile insurance verification program

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is highlighting the success of the Electronic Automobile Insurance Verification Program, which has led to a dramatic reduction of uninsured motorists. Over the first 14 months of the program — which launched July 1, 2021 — the percentage of registered vehicles without verified insurance dropped from 12.7% of Illinois vehicles to 6.9%. During this same period, more than 540,000 vehicle owners have either obtained insurance or received license plate suspensions.

"My office led the effort to establish and implement this electronic automobile insurance verification system to reduce the number of Illinois motorists driving while uninsured," said White. "I am pleased the program is working. The message for the motoring public remains simple: If you do not have automobile insurance, get covered now. It is the law."

Under this program, insurance companies work with the Secretary of State's office to confirm electronically that motorists have automobile insurance. Vehicle owners' automobile insurance is verified electronically at least twice a year at random intervals to ensure that vehicle owners are complying with the state's mandatory automobile liability insurance laws.

Most vehicle owners do not have to do anything, as electronic verification of automobile insurance is confirmed automatically.

If electronic verifications are unsuccessful, the Secretary of State's office sends a written request to the vehicle owner giving them the opportunity to prove they have insurance before suspending their vehicle registration. Vehicle owners must contact their insurance company or notify their insurance agent that they received a letter with a specific reference number from the Secretary of State. The insurance agent's responsibility is to confirm electronically

with the Secretary of State — through www.IILIVS.com — that the vehicle owner has automobile insurance on the verification date stated in the letter.

It is important to note that vehicle owners who receive the letter should not visit a Driver Services facility; instead, they should contact their insurance company or agent who can provide the necessary electronic proof of insurance needed to clear either the license plate suspension or the pending license plate suspension.

"This is the best example of a successful public-private partnership led by Secretary White," said Kevin Martin, Executive Director of the Illinois Insurance Association. "Secretary White has been a leader in efforts to resolve issues impacting road safety and the insurance industry. We appreciate all that he has done for Illinois."

"We were pleased to work with Secretary of State White's office on the design and implementation of this important program to ensure all motorists in Illinois are in compliance with the law," said Phil Lackman, CEO of the Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois. "We urge all Illinois motorists to seek the advice of a licensed agent to find the coverage that best suits their needs."

Vehicle owners who do not currently have automobile insurance must obtain insurance to avoid license plate suspension. If vehicle owners are identified as uninsured, they must obtain automobile insurance and pay a \$100 noncompliance fee to clear either the license plate suspension or the pending license plate suspension.

White chaired the Uninsured Motorist Verification Advisory Committee that included insurance companies, traffic safety advocates and members of the General Assembly. The committee reviewed best practices and helped provide the guidelines used to establish legislation and program requirements.

Kish College to host FAFSA Information Session Oct. 13

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Financial Aid Office will host a free, in-person workshop demonstrating how to file the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The event is open to local students and fami-

lies and will take place 4-6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13, at Kishwaukee College. Those who cannot attend the event can set up an appointment with a Kish Financial Aid team member to complete the FAFSA by emailing finaid@kish.edu.

The FAFSA is the building block for all financial aid packaging for college students across the U.S. Filing the FAFSA is the first step in determining what federal or state financial aid a student is eligible for, including grants and loans. The 2023-2024 FAFSA application period opens Saturday, Oct. 1, and will be used to determine financial aid for the academic year beginning Fall 2023.

The in-person FAFSA Information Session or one-on-one appointments are open to all area students and their parents and will guide them through the FAFSA submission process with an opportunity to ask questions to Kish Financial Aid team members.

In preparation for the session or a one-on-one appointment, people filing FAFSA for the first time should visit <http://fsaid.ed.gov/> to create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID), which will be required to submit the FAFSA electronically.

See FAFSA page A5

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022 at the usual polling places in the various precincts in the County of Lee and State of Illinois, a General Election will be held for the purpose of securing the expression of the preference of the voters with respect to candidates for election for the office of:

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at which the Unisyn OpenElect Voting Optical Scan (OVO) and OpenElect FreedomVote (FVT) voting system will be used.

The polls of said General Primary shall be open continuously from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 8, 2022

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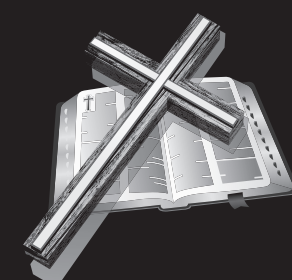
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SOCIAL NEWS

Local nature and history

By Jim "Mazie" Long

Our earliest settlers were ranchers, not farmers

In the early days of settlement in Lee County, it was a common practice to pasture cattle and hogs on the large unoccupied areas of marshland. It was only necessary to mark or brand the animals to prove ownership. The marshlands were so large that the scattered homesteads had all the pasture and wild hay that they wanted. They were only restricted by the amount of money they could invest in livestock. The early settlers here were not farmers; they were ranchers. Many of our earliest homes were paid for with the income from cattle sales. The "open range" did not end until the early 1900s, when the marshlands were drained and the land was developed for grain farming. For many years, the ranchers managed to continue in the cattle business in the "sandhills" and creek bottoms. Several them went into the business of raising horses. The Amboy area had many ranches that were well known for their breeding of fine horses.

The milk cow was always a part of the prairie community. In a wilderness where all the food was home-grown, a supply of milk and a large vegetable garden were a primary concern. As the population of the community increased and towns began to appear, there developed a market for cream, milk, and cheese. With the coming of the railroads, several of our small towns such as Shaw Station, Amboy, and Harmon developed creameries to buy cream from the local farmers. The cream was converted to cheese and widely distributed. When the Amboy Milk Factory opened, they developed a county-wide business of marketing canned condensed milk. They convinced many of the local farmers to operate a dairy farm.

Farmers today are almost exclusively grain farmers. In the 1920s and 1930s, the farmers were more concerned



Jim "Mazie" Long

with livestock. Every farm had one or two teams of horses; many had a dairy herd of cows; many raised hogs for market. A hen house for laying hens was a must. It was not unusual to see turkeys and guinea hens running free in the yard. The farmer's dogs never bothered them, nor did they bother the cats in the barn.

Many old-time farmers remember the livestock, Maude and Nell, the horses that pulled the machinery, the milk cows, especially the ones that kicked, the hogs that made such a ruckus when the troughs were filled with swill. They remember some of the fine old dogs that lived on the farm. But most of all they who farmed at a given time remember the barn raising, the barn dances, the husking bees, and the great meals and company of the threshing ring. Farming at times could be a lot of fun.

Editor's Note: James Brady Long was born in Amboy on June 12, 1926. Known by many as "Mazie", he grew up in Amboy, served in the army during World War II, then studied forestry at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. His studies in botany and forest protection continued as he ventured into farming here. A beloved story-teller, his farm became a place of learning and adventure for relatives and friends. In his later years, he contributed a series of local nature articles to The Amboy News. Upon his death in 2000, his many hand-written drafts were gathered and initially curated by Brenda Boyle. The present, renewed series draws from those drafts, both unpublished and previously published.

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The early settlers in our area were not farmers; they were ranchers. Many of our earliest family homes were paid for with the income from cattle sales.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

THE WAR LOVER

When I came across Edith Wharton's "The Marne: A Tale of the War," written and published in 1918, the final year of World War I, I was curious to get her take on the unimaginable tragedy that claimed over 20 million lives. Perhaps because of my hundred-year perspective during which 50 million people lost their lives a few years later in World War II, that I found Wharton's unabashed hymn to war quite disappointing.

The hero of "The Marne" is Troy Belknap who comes to France every June with his wealthy parents. Curious and adventuresome, he loves everything French, especially when his young tutor, M. Gantier, opens the world for him. Troy is fourteen at the outbreak of the war. He and his mother are trapped in Paris and his tutor runs off to enlist in the army. Desperate to fight for his beloved France, Troy is utterly contemptuous of his rich American compatriots: "Of course I don't pretend to be a strategist," whimpering or wrathful

ladies used to declare, their jewel-boxes clutched in one hand, their passports in the other, 'but one can't help feeling that if only the French Government had told our Ambassador in time, trains might have been provided.'"

The two Battles of the Marne bracket the war. In the first battle in September 1914, the Germans reached the eastern outskirts of Paris, but are defeated in a French-British counteroffensive. At the cost of 81,000 lives, the victory gives the French renewed confidence to continue the war. Troy, who sits out the war in America, manages to return to France at eighteen, in time for the Second Battle of the Marne in July 1918.

Troy becomes an ambulance driver and despite the carnage he witnesses, is frantic to join the fight. He is thrilled to see recently arrived American soldiers go into battle. Wharton captures the naïve American fervor in a speech to the soldiers by Troy's friend, Miss Warlick: "We must carry America right into the heart of France — for she has got a great big splendid heart, in spite of everything ... We must teach her to love children and home and the outdoor life; and you American boys must teach the young Frenchmen to love their mothers. You must set the example."

Contrast the French attitude: "The look on every face was not caused by the random fall of a few shells, but by the perpetual vision of that swaying and receding line on which all men's thoughts were fixed. It was sorrow, not fear, that Troy read in all those anxious eyes: sorrow over so much wasted effort, such high hopes thwarted, so many dear-bought miles of France once more under the German heel." Miraculously and at great cost, the line holds and the Germans surrender 100 days later.

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For dependent students, at least one parent will also need to complete the FSA ID. Students and parents should have their 2021 tax return, income information, social security numbers

and driver's license/state ID or alien registration card.

To register for the upcoming in-person FAFSA Information Session or schedule a one-on-one appointment,

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Opinion

Reading creates bridges of understanding between disparate groups

As my parents walked down a street in China, a man sidled up next to my mother and asked if they had a Bible. In accented English, he explained that some Americans brought Bibles to give away in that Communist country. My folks were Illinois hog farmers who over the years visited their counterparts in China, Ukraine, Poland and Denmark to exchange ideas.

When Mom related that story more than 30 years ago, I felt so grateful to live in a nation where the government didn't tell people what they could read.

I'm not sure I live in such a place anymore. Unfortunately, we live in a society where folks on both the left and right are trying to determine what others can read.

I'm bullheaded enough that when someone tells me not to read something, it's the first thing I add to my reading list.

Guest Column
By Scott Reeder



Years ago, a fellow Protestant mocked me for my curiosity about the Apocrypha, the four books of the Bible recognized by the Catholic Church but not by most Protestant denominations. My response was to read it. It has helped me understand differences in Catholic and Protestant teachings. It adds greater context to the 400 years before the birth of Jesus and its prose is beautiful.

Today, race is often the fulcrum on the book-banning debate. I recently interviewed the Republican candidate for governor, Darren Bailey, and he said critical race theory shouldn't be taught in schools.

Supporters of teaching "critical race theory" contend race is a social construct, and that racism is not merely the product of individual bias or prejudice, but also something embedded

in legal systems and policies. Conservative critics counter that the foundation of the theory is that the United States is fundamentally racist and that it leads students to feel guilty for past actions by white people.

How about letting the kids read the works and decide for themselves?

Critics of Critical Race Theory often point to the "1619 Project," a Pulitzer Prize-winning endeavor by the New York Times Magazine looking at the legacy of 400 years of slavery on what is now the United States.

For Christmas last year, my wife gave me a copy of the "1619 Project." It was a fascinating read. Some conclusions in the book I agreed with. Others I didn't. But that's OK. When you read something, it should provoke thought, not adherence.

I also make a point of reading authors I know I will disagree with. Sometimes, I even read material that I know going in I will find revolting.

For example in 1995, in the wake of the Oklahoma City Bombing, I entered a bookstore in Davenport, Iowa, and asked if they had a copy of the "Turner Diaries," a racist tome that is said to have inspired the bombers.

The older woman who owned the store narrowed her eyes and snarled, "We don't sell that here. Do you want to bomb something?"

No. But I did want to derive some understanding of what hate motivated the terrorists. When I eventually obtained a copy, I found the ideas it espoused disgusting. But it has given me insight into the warped reasoning behind the white-nationalist movement.

One of my favorite books is "To Kill a Mockingbird."

When I read the novel as a teenager, I was mesmerized by the tale of a lawyer standing against a racist legal system in the South. I loved the book so much that when we were expecting our second daughter, I wanted to name her "Scout" after the book's protagonist. (My wife nixed the idea.)

Today, there is a push to ban the book in schools. Some folks don't like it because it uses a racial epithet in the context of the Southern culture of the time. Others say its misogynistic because it's about a false rape accusation. Still others don't like that a white man is cast as the hero trying to save a Black man.

All these criticisms would seem to make good fodder for a discussion in a classroom. Instead, wimpy school administrators are banning its use.

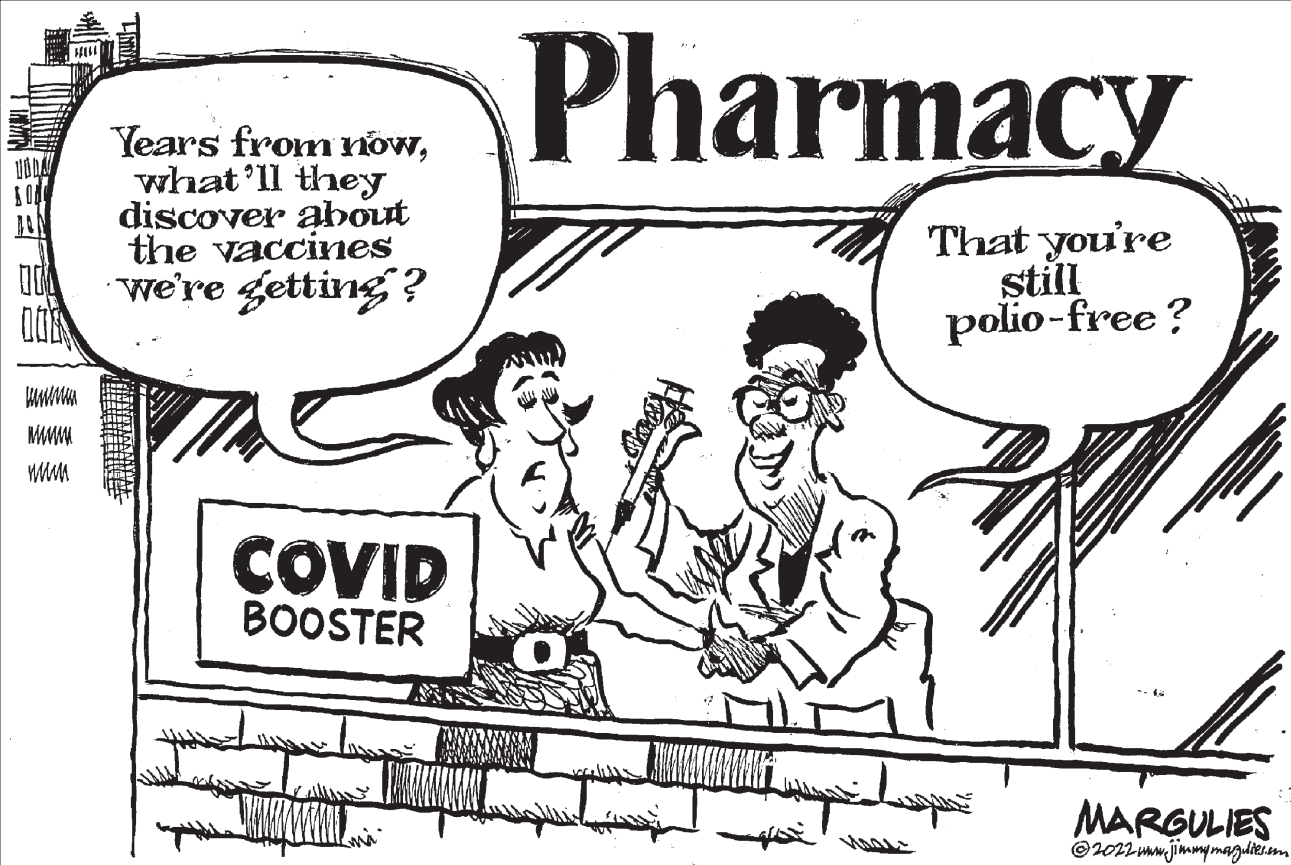
So, what am I reading during Banned Books Week? Well, "Diary of a Misfit" is an excellent non-fiction read. It's about a lesbian journalist returning to rural Louisiana, where she grew up, to create a documentary of a transgender man her grandmother knew in the 1940s.

I'm not done with it, but so far it is a brilliant read.

I'm also reading "Every Good Endeavor" by Timothy Keller, an evangelical pastor who discusses finding spiritual purpose in our work. I enjoy discussing it with others early on Wednesday mornings.

Reading creates bridges of understanding between disparate groups. In our divided society, what could be a better goal?

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



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 YEARS AGO Sept. 22, 1922

S.M. Goode was awarded the contract for wiring for electricity for the Lincoln and Blackstone school buildings in Mendota.

The Lee County Board of Supervisors who voted a few months ago to abolish the highway patrol system, reconsidered the action by a vote of 12 to 11 to retain the system.

75 YEARS AGO Sept. 25, 1947

Francis "Dad" Flach, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Flach, died at the age of 88. "Dad" learned the trade of barbering from his father at the age of 14, and continued in that profession for 70 years. At the time of his retirement in 1943, he had spent more time in active service than any other barber in Illinois.

A 130-foot modern barn on the C.L. Bothe farm, seven miles north of Dixon,

was completely destroyed by fire Sunday. Jess Partington, who tenants the farm, discovered the blaze and called the Dixon Fire Department. Lost in the fire were 2,100 bushels of oats, a large quantity of baled hay and straw, a cow, and two calves.

Showing at the Amboy Theatre is Zane Grey's "Western Union," starring Robert Young and Randolph Scott.

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 29, 1997

The City of Amboy and Amboy Board of Education offered to share in the cost of employing a crossing guard on Route 52 and Provost Street for school children, before and after school.

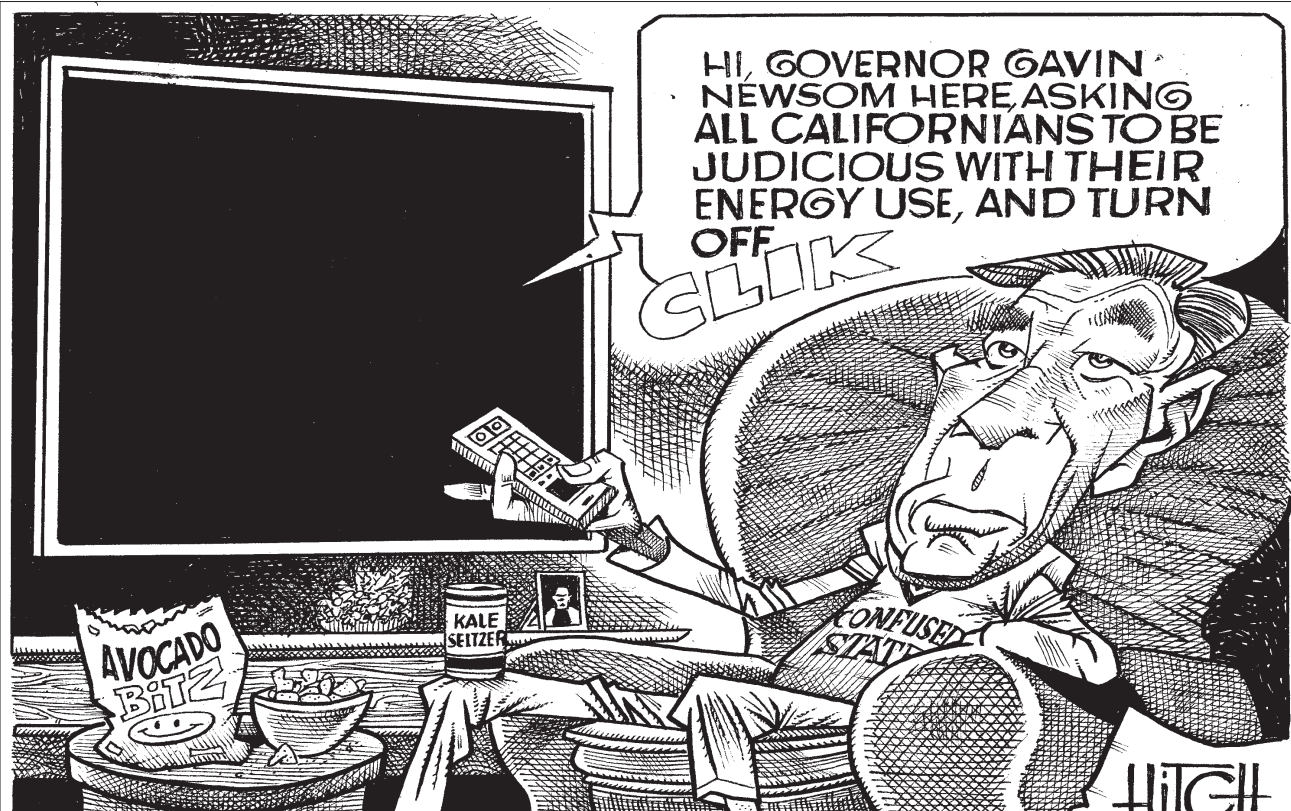
Homecoming weekend festivities included stunt night, pep rally, parade, football games and a banquet. Featured classes were graduates from the classes of 1922 and 1947. AHS royalty were Queen LuAnn Meyers, King Tony Kuebel, senior attendant Cheryl

Setchell, junior Joanie Sondgeroth, sophomores Teresa Cully and freshman Judy Gascoigne.

25 YEARS AGO Sept. 25, 1997

At the Amboy City Council's monthly meeting Monday, September 15, Alderman Tom Nauman gave his report on bids for the 1997 Streets Improvement Program. Four local contractors submitted bids for the street maintenance needs. The contract was awarded to North West Construction of Sterling. The bid of \$80,877.25 includes a 10% override provision in which the company is allowed to run up that amount over the bid, if necessary, due to possible material cost increase.

The Lee County Council on Aging is making plans to extend its Transportation Program to include Amboy, Sublette, Ashton and Franklin Grove areas on a daily basis. Currently, this service is only offered one day a week.



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BBB alerts consumers to “check washing” fraud for scammers, it’s a blank check to steal money

ROCKFORD—BBB is alerting consumers to sign checks only with indelible black ink after a growing trend in what authorities call “check washing.” Scammers can take you to the cleaners by washing checks in a simple bath of household chemicals to erase the original name and dollar amount written on the check.

Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau says, “Scammers wash and then write in any name and any sum of money they want, cash it, and in an instant, your money can be gone. The process leaves a blank space where the “Pay to” name and dollar amount used to be. A simple \$25 birthday check can be converted into a \$2,500 check. Experts estimate it’s a \$815 million business and growing.”

At the core of the process, thieves steal mail, removing any found checks. Many opportunities exist from people leaving up flags on mailboxes signaling scammers of opportunity, to unguarded or open-door mail trucks.

Single-family homes often have an unlocked mailbox mounted near the front door, and some multi-resident dwellings expose incoming or outgoing mail. In some cases, thieves get access to mailbox keys.

Fraudsters have also been known to reach inside of U.S. Postal Service mailboxes, especially on Sundays or holidays when mail builds up. They will also look for envelopes with the feel and shape of cards and seek credit card and utility envelopes that obviously contain bill payments. It happened to a BBB employee.

Thieves removed a stamped envelope out of a U.S. Post Office blue mailbox, altered the check amount and stole \$9,200.

Victims often have no idea there is a problem until someone they sent a check to indicates the check was never received, or they see a check written to someone or some company they do not know. Monitor your bank account frequently.

“Even businesses are now being impacted,” Horton adds. “Anyone who writes and mails a check is at risk.”

BBB Tips on how to avoid check-washing scams

- Use a pen that contains indelible black gel ink to write your checks. This type of ink cannot be washed away.
- Avoid regular blue ink or black ink pens. These contain dye-based

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- Bring mail containing checks to a U.S. Post Office and deposit it inside.

- Pay your bills online from a secure computer.

- Get your incoming mail right away. Do not leave it in your mailbox overnight.

- Never leave your outgoing mail in the lobby unsecured. Anyone could pick it up, not just the postal clerk.

- Do not deposit mail containing checks after the mailbox’s last pickup. Crooks tend to steal mail at night.

If you’ve spotted a scam or been victimized, report it to local law enforcement and the BBB ScamTracker. This will help protect your community. Follow us @ChicagoBBB on social media.

Autumn On Parade returns to Oregon this weekend

OREGON — Folks will be “Fallin’ for Oregon” on Oct. 1 and 2 at the 51st annual Autumn on Parade. This fun-filled family-friendly event celebrates the small town in a big way.

The 2022 festival offers a wide variety of activities for the young and young at heart. The Schedule of Events will reflect times and additional details as they approach the festival weekend.

Since its creation in 1970, the heart of Autumn on Parade has always been the Farmers and Crafters Market. From humble beginnings of a seven-vendor market on Third Street to an average of 180 booths now located on and surrounding the Ogle County Courthouse Square, one detail has remained steadfast: vendors sell homegrown, handmade, homemade items. A stroll through the market will re-

veal a wide variety of shopping options ranging from children’s clothing, fashion accessories, casual wear, and quilts, to bittersweet, baked goods, produce, soap, jewelry, home décor, and unique artisan items.

A Fun Zone for the kids, located on Fifth Street behind the coliseum, will feature Miller’s Petting Zoo, inflatables, specialty entertainment, and more. These outdoor interactive options are sure to keep the young ones happy, occupied, and engaged.

Local not-for-profit organizations, as well as a few small businesses from the area who support one, offer up everything from pork chop sandwiches, Mexican cuisine, and stuffed baked potatoes, to hotdogs, brats, burgers, kettle corn, and more. Tempting aromas will lead you south of the square

to Jefferson Street (opposite the stage). Most are open both days from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Every booth is staffed with volunteers whose goal is to raise money to give back to the community at large, creating a win-win for all.

An Auto Classic (coordinated by Focus House, Rochelle) and an Antique Tractor Show (brought to you by longtime local farming families) are two of our Saturday Only special features held just across the Rock River at Oregon Park East. It’s a Vintage Automobile, Farmalls and Olivers, John Deere loving dream come true.

Chana School, the centerpiece of this Park East scenic setting, is a historic completely restored two-room schoolhouse, which is also open for touring on Saturday Only. Food is available on site.

After last year’s success and being strongly encouraged by public input, we’ve decided to continue the Entertainment Stage and Beer Garden on Saturday. Music begins at 11 a.m. and runs until 6 p.m. Stay tuned for information on performers and bands. A huge thank you to “Topsy Hog” for managing the beverages end of this portion. This is a 21 or older fenced area. An entry fee and ID are required.

Our one-mile “Fun Run” and the 5K launch festivities on Sunday morning at the Blackhawk Center, which is located on the west edge of town adjacent to our school campus. Entry forms are available for printing or use the online registration option! The Harvest Time Parade steps off at 1 p.m. sharp, winding its way from 10th and Jefferson Street through downtown Oregon. Loaded



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SPORTS



CLIPPERS PLACE IN NUIC CONFERENCE MEET

Amboy's Wes Wilson placed fourth, overall shooting 80, and Hayden Wittenauer placed sixth, overall shooting 81, in the NUIC conference golf meet held at Woodbine Golf Course in Stockton.

Photo submitted

Lady Clippers lose close match

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers lost a close 25-22, 25-20 decision at Forreston in varsity volleyball action on Sept. 19.

Elly Jones, Courtney Ortgiesen and Kiera Karlson led with three kills apiece, while Jones topped the team with 11 digs and Tyrrah Vaessen had 13 assists. Also, Ortgiesen and Vaessen each had two

blocks, and Karlson collected a pair of ace serves.

Amboy hosted Milledgeville on Sept. 20 and the visitors left town with a 25-9, 25-22 victory.

Amboy fell to Eastland, 27-25, 25-13, on Sept. 21 at Lanark.

Jones paced the Lady Clippers with five kills and eight digs. Vaessen had 11 assists and six digs, while Karlson also picked up six digs.



Kyle McNinch took second-place honors for Amboy in a time of 18:02 at the Mendota cross country meet on Sept. 20.

Amboy News photo

Clippers win meet in Mendota

AMBOY — Amboy cross country runners competed in a pair of events last week, starting with a meet in sizzling temperatures at Mendota on Sept. 20.

The Clipper boys won the meet with 26 points, edging Mendota by three points. Kyle McNinch took second-place honors for Amboy in a time of 18:02. Also placing in the top 10 for the Clippers were Atticus Horner (4th, 19:44), Charlie Dickinson (6th, 20:10) and Garrett Pertell (9th, 21:28). Kelton Schwamberger (11th, 22:00) and Jaden Haley (19th, 24:14) also participated for Amboy.

Two girls competed for Amboy, with Samantha Nauman taking third place in a time of 27:23 and Addison Pertell in 10th place at 31:19.

Princeton claimed the team title with 15 points.

The Amboy harriers journeyed to Kewanee for the Boiler Invitational on Sept. 24.

In the girls' race, Anna Carlson was the first to cross the finish line for the Lady Clippers in 34th place with a clocking of 24:30. Nauman was next in 38th place at 25:13, while Addison Pertell finished 45th in 26:02.

Chillicothe IVC was the top team with 63 points.

The Amboy boys finished second in the team standings with 42 points, behind only Chillicothe, which had 40. No other details were available.



Samantha Nauman took third place in a time of 27:23 at the Mendota cross country meet on Sept. 20.

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SPORTS

Clippers back in the win column

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY—After suffering the first loss of the season the previous week, the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team wanted to shrug off the defeat and get back in the win column on Friday in its Week 5 contest at Orangeville.

The Clippers pounced on all opportunities in the first half, scoring once in the first quarter and three times in the second quarter to help them beat Orangeville 44-0.

“It does feel good to get back in win column,” Clippers coach Scott Payne said. “We started off slow, but we picked it up in the second quarter. Once we got going, we played really well, and I was happy with the game.”

Sophomore Eddie Jones made his first start as quarterback after taking over for senior Tucker Lindenmeyer when he went down with a hamstring in Amboy’s first possession in the Week 4

40-30 loss to Milford/Cissna Park.

Jones scored the first touchdown of the game on a 7-yard run to give the Clippers a 6-0 lead after the first quarter.

“I thought he played very well. Eddie completed a couple of great passes to our receivers. This was a good confidence building game for him since he’s playing varsity as a sophomore,” Payne said. “He is very good at throwing the fade routes or the jump balls to receivers. He threw a couple of perfect jump balls to (Brennan Blaine).

“Eddie also finished with 110 yards rushing. He isn’t as polished of a runner as Tucker – not many players are – but he’s fast and once he gets going, he’ll outrun some people.

“We’ve kind struck out some of the playbook a little bit, so he doesn’t have to worry about as much. The passing plays are the same. We’re not worried about his

arm strength or his ability to throw the ball. We’re taking it slow for the sophomore quarterback, making it as easy as possible for him, and we’ll open the playbook as the season goes on.”

Junior running back Landon Whelchel was first to score in the second quarter as he broke loose for a 76-yard run.

Sophomore Quinn Leffelman added a 51-yard scoring run and Blaine collected a 3-yard pass from Jones in the endzone to give the Clippers a 30-0 halftime advantage.

“Being able to play the way he does every game, no matter who the quarterback is, says a lot about him,” Payne said referring to Blaine. “He’s a really good football player. He could play any position we asked him to play. All you have to do is throw the ball high and give him a chance to catch the football.

“Once we get going and find a few things working for us, we stay with it. We try to

figure out what the other team is doing to us and we make adjustments.”

Jones found the endzone again in the third quarter on a 65-yard keeper to give him two rushing touchdowns and a passing score in the game.

Whelchel recorded his second score on a 3-yard run in the third frame to end the games scoring.

The game of football is not only won with offense as the Clippers excelled on special teams and defense as well.

Junior Austin Heath was all over the field on the defensive end as he had seven tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks.

Next week, Payne will need all phases of the Clippers’ game on all cylinders once again as they play Kirkland-Hiawatha at 7 p.m., Friday in Amboy’s Homecoming game.

“We knew coming in that our season was tough. Hiawatha is 4-1 with their only loss being to Polo last week, 44-32,” Payne said. “That’s what you want. We

want to play competitive, solid teams. It prepares you for the playoffs. They have a good quarterback, running back, and wide receivers. Very good football team and it will be tough.

“It’s our Homecoming game and we will be ready.

It’s always important to win the Homecoming game.”

Update on Lindenmeyer: Lindenmeyer will have a MRI on his hamstring injury on Wednesday. Currently, doctors don’t know if his hamstring is pulled or if the injury is more serious.

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More than 60 pieces of art will be on display, including paintings, pottery, photography, and glass art objects.

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A Magical Cirque Christmas: Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 - 6:30 p.m

Single Tickets On Sale: Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 - 10 a.m.

The Book of Mormon: Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 – 8 p.m.

Single Tickets On Sale: To be Announced Soon

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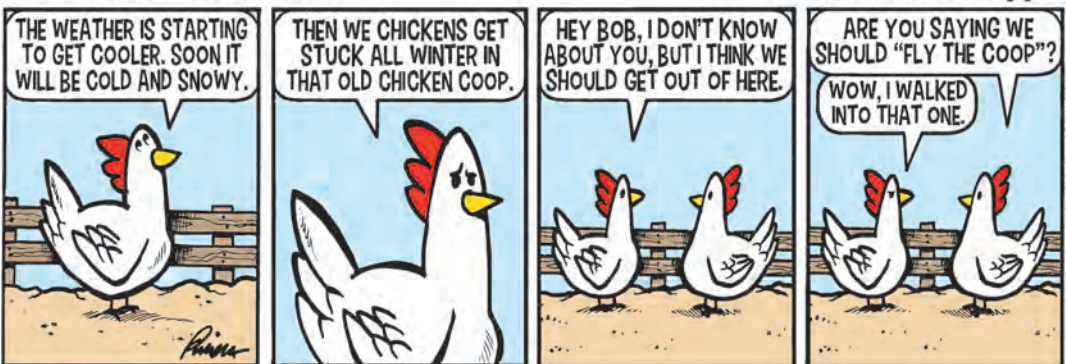
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LOCAL NEWS

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



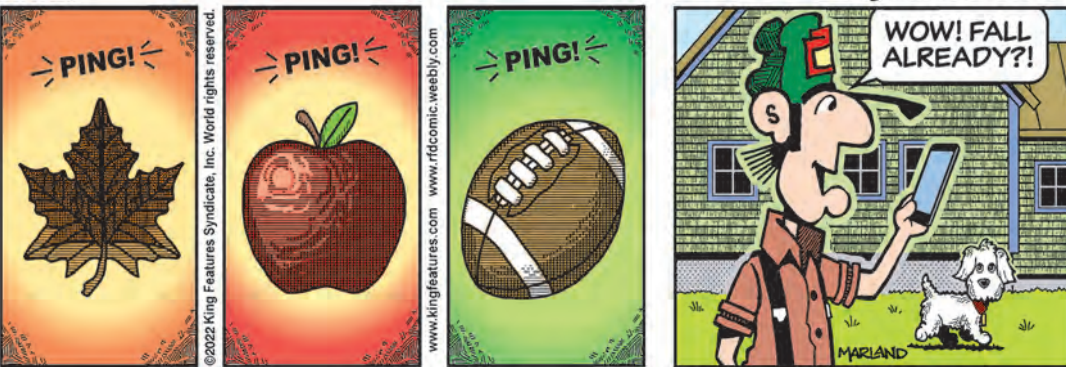
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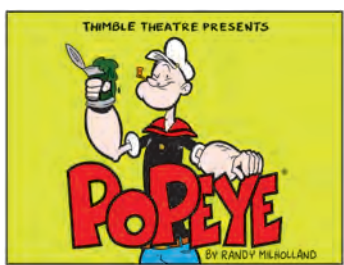
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



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!

Area
GREEN

Lucid
LACER

Absorb
GETIDS

Joy
TRIHM

TODAY'S WORD

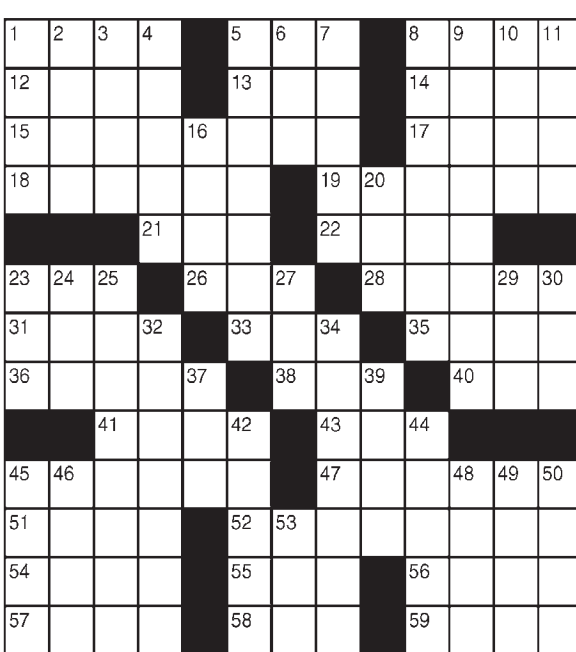
My kid swallows a dime and I cough up fifty dollars.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Piratic quaffs
- 5 605, in old Rome
- 8 Last write-up
- 12 Like some vaccines
- 13 Ecol. watch-dog
- 14 Stratagem
- 15 Turkey's most populous city
- 17 Actress Falco
- 18 Second of two
- 19 Church key-boards
- 21 Six, in Sicily
- 22 Harvest
- 23 Fireplace residue
- 26 Society new-bie
- 28 Golf great Sam
- 31 Coach Ewbank
- 33 Passing craze
- 35 Capital on a fjord
- 36 Cardiff's country
- 38 "Uh-huh"
- 40 Kids' game
- 41 Antitoxins
- 43 French article
- 45 Juan's pals
- 47 Cease-fires
- 51 Track assignment
- 52 Brazil's most populous city



- 54 Karaoke prop
- 55 Brit. record label
- 56 Bridal cover
- 57 Writer Kingsley
- 58 Wee bit
- 59 Old U.S. gas brand
- 8 Pizza sauce herb
- 9 Hungary's most populous city
- 10 "The doctor —"
- 11 Casual tops
- 16 Must have
- 20 Scale members
- 23 "How adorable!"
- 24 Mermaid's home
- 25 Finland's most populous city
- 27 Inlet
- 29 Carte lead-in
- 30 Pooch
- 32 "Stayin' Alive" band
- 34 Shoulder muscle
- 37 "No seats" sign
- 39 Criminal, to cops
- 42 Plus
- 44 Debonair
- 45 — mater
- 46 Hurt severely
- 48 Poolroom supply
- 49 Yale students
- 50 Without help
- 53 "I — Rock"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

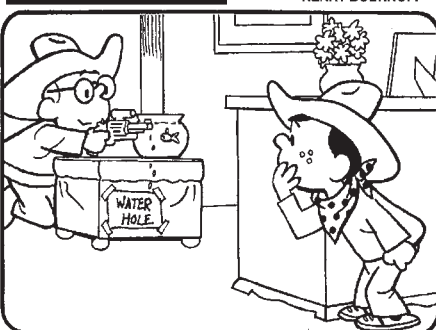
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

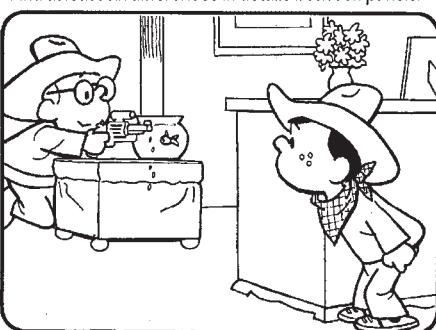
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Vase is smaller. 4. Arm is hidden. 5. Bandanna is different. 6. Picture frame is moved.

MAGICIAN

Today's Word

3. Digest; 4. Mirth

1. Range 2. Clear

solution

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Digest; 4. Mirth

1. Range 2. Clear

solution

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: T equals C

RVL TLULDP OKHIK XDB

UDEACPW LHTUNDTVAHI KENH

RVL WLDUPW TUNEB NO UWL

DHC XVLDR. LUIN, LUINR.

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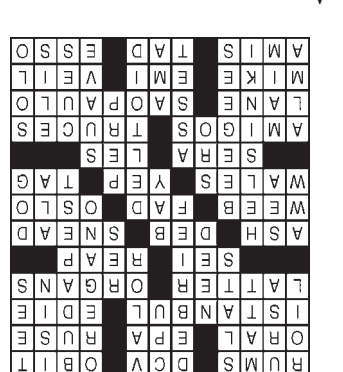
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state's official animal is a panther?
2. LITERATURE: What was the color of the man's hat in the "Curious George" book series?
3. TELEVISION: Chuck Woolery was the original host of which TV game show?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the location of the first White Castle restaurant?
5. COMICS: What's the name of the newspaper where Clark Kent works?
6. MOVIES: Which 1980s movie features a character named Aurora Greenway?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the phobia eisoptrophobia?
8. GEOGRAPHY: How many African countries have Portuguese as their official language?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: On average, cats sleep how many hours a day?
10. HISTORY: The ancient city of Rome was built on how many hills?

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1. Florida.
2. Yellow.
3. "Wheel of Fortune."
4. Wichita, Kansas.
5. The Daily Planet.
6. "Terms of Endearment."
7. A fear of mirrors.
8. Six.
9. About 15 hours.
10. Seven.



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Answers

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

The cereal fungus was rapidly encroaching upon the yearly crops of rye and wheat. Ergo, ergot.

answer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-PLAN COMMISSION
CITY OF AMBOY, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LEGAL NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NEXAMP SOLAR, LLC AND MEAD FAMILY FARM TRUST NO. 1 AND MEAD FAMILY TRUST NO. 2 FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMBOY, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND A SPECIAL USE NOTICE
NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Amboy, a public hearing will be held before the Plan Commission in connection with this application for Rezoning and a Special Use Permit for the following described real estate:
The East One-half (1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4), Section 13, Township Twenty (20) North, Range Nine (9) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, EXCEPTING a strip of land thirteen (13) rods in width East and West and Sixty-five (65) rods long, North and South, in the Southwest (SW) corner of said East Half (E1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of said Section Thirteen (13), Township Twenty (20)

North, Range Nine (9) East of the 4th Principal Meridian.; thence along the North line of said Section Thirteen (13) South 89 degrees 39 minutes West, 1296.55; thence South 1 degree 04 minutes East, 157.55 feet; thence South 83 degrees 25 minutes 30 seconds East, 1297.25 feet; thence North 0 degrees 55 minutes East, 313.8 feet to the Point of Beginning, situated in the County of Lee in the State of Illinois.

ALSO: A strip of land Thirteen (13) rods in width East and West and Sixty-five (65) rods long North and South in the Southwest corner of the East Half (E1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Twenty (20) North, Range Nine (9) East of the 4th Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois.
Common Address: Northwest corner of Sterling Road and Corregidor Road, Marion Township, City of Amboy, Illinois.
Parcel Identification Numbers: 12-14-13-200-005 & 12-14-13-200-004
It is proposed that the premises described

above will be rezoned from R-1 One-Family Residence District to Light Industrial for purposes of constructing and operating a 5-megawatt solar farm on the premises. Such amendment and special use are permitted pursuant to Chapter 16 and Chapter 17 of the Amboy Zoning Code. The property is composed of approximately 72.5 acres.
A hearing will be held on this Petition on the 20th day of October, 2022, at 6:00 PM at, the Amboy Community Building, 280 W. Wasson Road, Amboy, Illinois. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard.
Plans for the proposed project are available at the City Hall, 227 E. Main Street, Amboy, IL for viewing during normal business hours.
PLAN COMMISSION CITY OF AMBOY, ILLINOIS
Melissa Eisenberg, City Clerk
City of Amboy
227 E. Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
Phone: (815) 857-3814

Dated September 28, 2022
Legal No. 0903 (9/28 2022)

PLANNING HEARING
A hearing will be held on October 20th 2022. Property location is 305 Water Street for a zoning change from commercial zoning to light industry. Property location 405 S Mason Ave from residential to light industry. The hearing will be held in the city hall located at 280 W. Wasson Rd at 6:00p.m. No. 0904 (Sept. 28 and Oct. 4, 2022)

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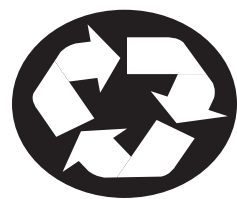
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LOCAL NEWS

Lincoln and Grant Memorial Highways fall colors and history self-guided driving tour

ILLINOIS — The Lincoln Highway Association in Illinois announce a self-guided driving tour, just in time for the fall colors! Everyone is welcome to follow the driving directions which are available for free at: illinoislincolnhighwayassociation.org. The trip can be enjoyed just for the fall scenery but there are suggested stops for travelers to explore history, too! There are turn-by-turn driving directions for a big loop around northern Illinois, from Geneva to Galena and back to Geneva. The self-guided tour includes an online map and links to resources for planning a trip, including places to see, eat, shop, and stay overnight. The directions begin in Geneva but it is possible to start anywhere along the loop.

The loop around northern Illinois includes the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial Highway and a stop at his home in Galena. Another part of the tour takes visitors along the



Lincoln Highway, with photo stops where he spent time in northern Illinois before becoming president. Scenic drive along the gorgeous Fox River and the Mississippi River on the Great River Road connect the Grant and Lincoln Highways.

The Fall Colors & History Tour has something for ev-

everyone. Please see: illinoislincolnhighwayassociation.org and look for the link for the Lincoln and Grant Memorial Highways Fall Colors & History Self-Guided Driving Tour for more information and resources to plan a trip.

Disc Golf Course added to Atlasta Park

FRANKLIN GROVE - Franklin Grove Park Committee is excited to announce a 9-hole Disc Golf Course has been installed at Atlasta Park. The committee would like to shout out a huge thank you to the sponsors that made this possible: FG Fundraisers, A&W Heating and Cooling, Coydog Trucking, Rooney's, Stenzel Insurance, Drew's Plumbing, Lincoln Way Café, Winifred Knox Memorial Library and Atkinson Trucking.

Without the generous sponsors, this dream would not have become a reality.

Disc Golf involves throwing a Frisbee-like disc into a series of metal baskets in the lowest number of throws. The course was installed by the friendly and knowledgeable staff of Rock River Disc Golf. It incorporates the natural landscapes highlighted by the park and creek. It features modest elevation changes and hole lengths that vary to make this course ideal for the whole family.

The park committee is looking forward to offering tournaments in the future.

The course is free and the committee invites everyone to get outside, enjoy the fresh air and have some fun.



Paranormal event planned in Oregon

OREGON — Do you enjoy the paranormal and looking for something unique to do this Halloween?

Join the Lorado Taft staff and the Rock River Area Paranormal Society to explore the historic Lorado-Taft Field Campus for all things spooky.

Enjoy a home cooked meal from Taft's famous chefs for a fall inspired meal including their famous cinnamon rolls featured in their

bread pudding. Next will be a tour of the Taft campus followed by an evening exploring Taft's buildings for paranormal activity with the Paranormal Society.

The evening will begin on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 5:45 p.m. at the Taft dining hall and continue with two options. The evening portion is available until 11:30 p.m. for \$75R/\$90NR or extend your stay at Taft Campus with an overnight including brunch

the next day with Taft's famous cinnamon rolls for an additional \$50.

Registration is available online through the Oregon Park District, www.oregon-park.org or by calling 815-732-3101.

Don't miss this unique event at Taft campus. Deadline to register is Oct. 19. For more information about the program contact Shannon Forney at sforney1@niu.edu.

Halloween on the Prairie planned at Byron Forest Preserve

BYRON — The Byron Forest Preserve is pleased to announce the annual Halloween on the Prairie on Sunday, Oct. 23, from noon-4 p.m.

This family-friendly event is co-sponsored by the Byron Park District.

Some of the offerings featured include hayrides, crafts, Raptor Rehab owl and hawk demonstrations, a bounce house and more. The Byron Park District will offer paid ticketed games and apple sling shot. There will be a costume parade at 1 p.m., so be sure to dress up. The forest preserve will also offer a free lunch of hot dogs, chips, and bottled water.

Byron Forest Preserve is located at 7993 N. River Road, Byron. For more information, please call 815-234-8535.

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