

Condemned buildings demolished

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Amboy News reporter

AMBOY – Driving through downtown Amboy on Aug. 5, you may have been able to see the inside of the building at 65 Southeast Ave. from the outside.

What was once Mort’s Tap and other businesses beforehand, became a condemned building neighbors wanted to fix or replace.

After researching safety and health restrictions and maintenance costs, neighbor Long Branch, made an executive decision to have the building demolished.

“We had the opportunity to acquire the business next door to the Long Branch. Our goal was to expand the Long Branch and the type of services the Long Branch offers,” said Wendy Olson, who has owned the Long Branch with her husband Bob since 2006. “We had to make the decision to tear down the physical buildings that were right



Workers knock down condemned buildings on Southeast Avenue.

next door to the Long Branch for safety reasons.

“The Trackside building – which was actually two buildings, and then there is Mort’s – those four buildings have been lacking in maintenance. Ultimately, we had to make the decision to tear the buildings down because most of the buildings had deteriorated to a point, they were not safe or able to be repaired, both in physical

and economic standpoints.

“Our goal is to preserve the nostalgia and the character of the previous businesses that have been on what is typically called, ‘Whiskey Row.’ It’s not just about Mort’s, it’s about all of the previous businesses. Where Trackside was, it used to be the Essence House, Lamb’s Pizza Place, Trackside,

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Former Woodhaven Lakes finance manager charged with felony theft

□ Woodhaven Board states the theft reached \$333,046

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Amboy News reporter

SUBLETTE — Former Woodhaven Lakes Finance Manager Donna Unrath was charged with Class 2 Felony theft on July 7 for allegedly taking \$10,000-\$100,00 from her former employer.

The Woodhaven Lakes Association Board of Directors had its monthly meeting on July 23 and matter was addressed during the meeting. The board of directors meetings are available for viewing on youtube.com.

Jeff Hickey, the executive director at Woodhaven Lakes, read a statement claiming the reportable stolen funds are \$333,046 after an internal audit was held.

The board stands by its original statement on June 25 in which it stated several inaccuracies and inconsistencies were found in the bookkeeping. This led it to believe that theft of funds



could have occurred over the past few years.

Hickey added there is no indication a current employee(s) was involved.

Woodhaven Lakes Association contacted the Lee County Sheriff Department, presented the bookkeeping and the case, and the Lee County Sheriff’s Office arrested Unrath.

During an ongoing investigation, specific details can’t be released, which Hickey announced during the July 23 meeting, but it was relayed Woodhaven is working with Cincinnati Insurance Company and WIPFLI, the auditing company, to obtain restitution of the stolen funds.

Hickey went over a timeline and where Woodhaven,

the Lee County Sheriff’s Office, Cincinnati Insurance Company, and WIPFLI are with the case and the findings.

- Woodhaven’s internal controls found the issue.

- Inconsistencies in accounting procedure were addressed to Unrath (Hickey never said Unrath, just former employee).

- Unrath resigned as accounting administrator.

- Additional inconsistencies identified immediately after resignation.

- Inconsistencies with financial records and theft of funds identified within months of resignation.

- Internal investigation confirmed portion of theft, local authorities and insurance company made aware.

- Charges filed.

- While preparing Woodhaven’s year-end audit, additional inconsistencies were found.

Unrath will be in court Thursday, Aug. 25 for a pretrial hearing.

Singing the blues at Yogi Bear

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Amboy News reporter

AMBOY – When Michael Charles was invited by Buddy Guy to play the blues in Chicago, the Australian musician told his management, ‘There is nothing to think about, let’s just do it.’

Fast forward from 1989 to 2022, Charles had the same demeanor when he was asked to play from 7:30-10:30 p.m. on Aug. 13 at the O’Connell’s Yogi Bear RV Resort (970 Green Wing Road, Amboy) during Blues, Bears & BBQ.

“I was at Yogi Bear Park last year. It was just as things were starting to pick up again after the pandemic (Covid-19),” Charles said. “It was one of those early coming back from the pandemic shows that we used sort of like a dress rehearsal. It was cool to get back to per-

forming and pull it together again and Yogi was one of those springboards for us.

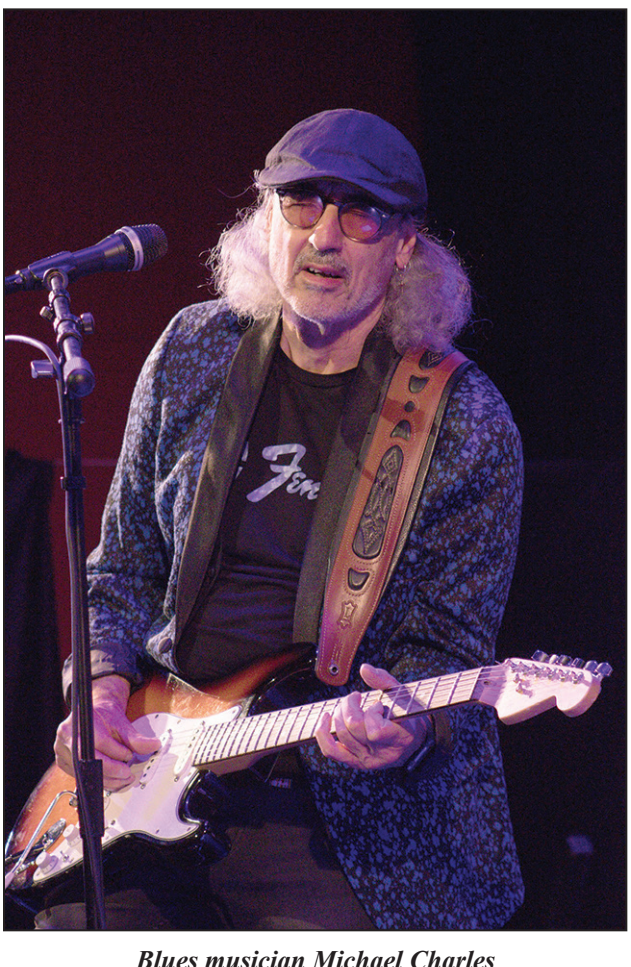
“Now, we’re back in full swing and it’s nice to return to Yogi Bear Park so we can do a show where we’re a little more ready than the first time I was there.”

Charles, who has been Grammy elected 10 times and is a member of the Chicago Blues Hall of Fame, remembered playing at Yogi quite vividly.

Actually, it’s a performance his friends, family, and fans have heard before as well.

“The name of the park says it all. I was on the stage doing my thing and the next moment, I feel a tap on my back, I turned around, and it was Yogi Bear himself,”

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Blues musician Michael Charles

10-day sales tax reduction on clothing, school supplies begins

□ Tax decreases to 1.25% through August 14

By **JERRY NOWICKI**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Beginning Friday and lasting through Aug. 14, the state will reduce its sales tax rate from 6.25 percent to 1.25 percent for certain clothing items costing less than \$125 and school supplies.

The “tax holiday” was included in Gov. JB Pritzker’s “family relief plan,” one prong of several bills making up the Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget. The tax breaks passed with nearly unanimous support in the General Assembly and provided an estimated \$1.8 billion in tax relief for Illinoisans.

“These past two-and-a-half years, for everyone, of managing through the pandemic has been hard,” Pritzker said at a news con-

ference Thursday. “And the last nine months of inflation on top of that has strained the budgets of parents and teachers alike. Prices have risen for everything from gas to groceries to school supplies, and everyone is taking a hit. It’s at moments like these that we need thoughtful and creative solutions that provide financial relief for Illinois families.”

The state estimated the sales tax reduction would amount to \$50 million in savings for taxpayers.

Included clothing items

The 10-day tax reduction includes clothing items costing less than \$125 individually.

Clothing items, as defined by the law, include the standard items such as shorts, pants, skirts, shirts and un-

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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.

Rodney Vail Buchman

Rodney Vail Buchman was born at home on the farm on St. Patrick’s Day, 1918 to Frank and Ethyl Buchman near Franklin Grove. His brother, Frank Morris Buchman, was two years old, and these two boys would be the only two sons in the Buchman Family. Mr. Buchman was a farmer in China Township (later renamed as Franklin Grove Township), and Mrs. Buchman was a homemaker. The family rented their house and farmland. Rodney’s paternal grandparents had immigrated to America from Germany, and his maternal grandparents were of Canadian and American ancestry. Rodney and Morris attended grammar school in the Franklin Grove School District and graduated from Amboy High School in 1936.

Rodney worked for a time with his father and brother doing farm work for the family. He enlisted in the Army in March of 1941 and left home with the National Guard on March 19, 1941, going directly to Camp Forrest, Tenn. Later he joined the Paratroopers and trained at Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Bragg, N.C. Following America’s entry into World War II, he headed overseas in April of 1942 as a member of Company C, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, commanded by General Omar Bradley. In June of that same year, his older brother Morris, a flight instructor in the Army Air



Corps, was killed in a plane crash while on duty at Wadlow Field, near Alton.

After arriving in Casablanca, French Morocco on May 10, 1943, the 504th began the grueling preparations for the drops into Sicily from their base in North Africa. Finally, on the night of July 10, the 504th was ordered to jump on Farello Airstrip, which was held by the Americans. However, disaster soon struck. One anti-aircraft gunner opened up on the transports and soon other itchy trigger fingers jerked in response. Twenty-three of 144 USAAF transports were shot down by friendly fire and a total of 318 American troops were killed or wounded in the operation. Rodney participated in this action as part of Company C.

On Sept. 9, 1944 Field-Marshal Montgomery proposed a plan, called Operation Market Garden, to secure a bridgehead across the Rhine. The operation called for a combined armor and airborne assault to seize and hold key bridges and roads deep behind German lines in Holland. The airborne phase of the operation consisted of capturing five bridges ahead of the armored force. The 504th now back at full strength rejoined the 82nd, while the 507th went to the 17th Airborne Division. During this fighting, Rodney sustained injuries resulting from artillery fragments, including damage to his eyes. After a stay in the medical unit, Rodney was released to active duty. Over the duration of the war, Rodney took part in the invasion of Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Holland, Belgium, and Germany. He was killed in action in Belgium on Dec. 6, 1944 while loading a

truck near the front lines.

Rodney was known to everyone for his fine personality, his excellent scholarship at Amboy High School, and his ability to make friends. He will be remembered forever for his heroism in the cause of freedom and decency. Although many Gold Star Families suffered untold grief and loss during wartime, Frank and Ethyl Buchman are also remembered for the unimaginable pain of losing both of their loving sons in this cause.

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Charles said. "That was one of the most unique things I ever experienced on stage."

"It represents the park. It was all fun. It's one of those stories that will pop up when we're touring. We talk about

certain places or things that happened at certain venues, and the Yogi Bear Park comes up and we have a chuckle. It usually goes, 'How about that time Yogi Bear came on stage with us?'"

The Australian picked up the guitar for the first time when he 5 or 6 years old.

When he picked the instrument up, he was following in his father's footsteps as he was a stringer veteran who

eventually taught Charles the basic chords and passed on the love of music.

"My dad (Sam Charles) loved country music. I started playing country-type songs and licks. As I was getting older and listening to the radio, I remember when the Beatles came out," Charles said. "I remember when John Fogarty was Credence (Credence Clear Water Revival). Eric Clapton was with Cream. The Rolling Stones were the Rolling Stones, and Elvis Presley."

"There is this long list of awesome musicians that were all blues-based musi-

Michael Charles will be playing the blues from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at Yogi Bear Campground.

cians. They were all influenced by the blues. These guys influencing me, I was learning the blues and didn't even realize I was learning the blues."

Now known as a blues musician, Charles revels in the fact he played the instrument his father did, plays similar riffs as his idols, and has an identifiable resume and discography.

To him, it all makes sense. Playing the guitar and performing at show like the

one 7:30-10:30 p.m., Aug. 13 at Yogi Bear RV Park in Amboy is all he wants to do.

"I don't remember not holding a guitar or not playing. I've been doing it for so long," Charles said. "I've had a guitar in my hands for a good 60 years or so, and I hope to keep playing for another 60 years."

"My guitar playing is my occupation, my hobby, my habit, the evolution of who I am. I can't think of a time that I won't be playing a guitar."

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Wayne's Trackside, and another pizza place.

"We want to preserve some of that, but we are trying to develop the area so our customers can enjoy an outdoor atmosphere. Through COVID-19, we realized we don't offer outdoor seating and Amboy doesn't have a bar or restaurant that offers an outdoor venue. It made sense to us to try to take some of the deteriorated buildings and turn them into an outdoor atmosphere and allow us to go down that avenue to better serve our great customers."

The building that was at 63 Southeast Ave. (Trackside) was torn down in April and the demolition of 65 Southeast Ave. will be finished in August.

The future landscape is still a work in progress as Olson is taking all suggestions of what could replace the condemned, historical buildings.

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If you are in need of any supplies, please message us on Facebook, call us at 815-857-4800, or email us at teenturf@yahoo.com with the name of the child and what grade they are going in.

Afterschool program

We will have applications ready in the hallway, starting at the end of this week. If you have a 3rd grader or above, they may be able to attend. They will ride the bus, have a hot meal, a fun place to play, and of course complete homework. More info to come.

Volunteers

"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.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that help us: Sandy Morrissey for monetary donation for school supplies; Lori Hendrickson for monetary donation; Barb Harrison for the school supplies; Gary and Lori Wilhelm for the paper towels; Justine Albee for the book bags; Bill and Vicki Schauer for the paper towels and snack bars; Mary Katherine Stenzel for getting the supplies; Anonymous donation for the poparts and snacks; Lynn and Tim O'Laughlin for the snacks; Kim and Mark Stram for the school supplies; and Monthly Anonymous donation of snacks, grapes, and paper towels

Needs

Toilet paper and if you are upgrading your outdoor umbrella, we will take your old one.

Final Word

God, our Rock, times of service can be intense and physically draining for volunteers because they don't do the work every day. We pray for Your blessing on each of the volunteers You have brought to serve with us. We ask that You would set a guard over them and keep them strong in You. You promised that You would be our strength, so we ask You to give each volunteer the measure of the strength that they will need to accomplish what You have called them to do. We also pray that You would grant them discernment to know and honor their physical limitations. Lastly, we ask that they have the mind of Christ so that they will be emotionally ready to pour themselves out for the task before them. Amen.

Sauk Valley Community College sunflower field in bloom

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College's first sunflower crop is in bloom. The fields were planted earlier this year by the SVCC Agriculture program to expand and diversify the program's curriculum and production experience for students. The hands-on learning that these fields provide enhance students' knowledge beyond the traditional local crop choice production methods.

The community is welcome to enjoy these fields, but please keep in mind that the sunflowers are first and foremost a learning opportunity for our students.

SVCC Ag planted a total of 5 acres of sunflowers across campus, the seed for which was generously donated by Lauren Bishop and Pioneer Seed. Each acre has the potential to yield between 1,500 and 2,000 pounds of seed which is destined for use as bird seed after harvest and cleaning. The yield of the seed type planted is also applicable for use as sunflower oil but less so for direct human consumption. The sunflower seeds seen at the supermarket are a larger type with a heavier shell and lower oil content which makes them easier to process and result in a larger kernel.

"Specialty crops such as pumpkins and sunflowers are a viable option to diversify your farming operation, no matter the size. We are showing our students, and the community, that these beautiful crops can do just that and address food supply issues as well," said Kevin Larsen, SVCC Ag instructor.

Please take photos, but please do not pick, cut, or damage the flowers or crop. Anyone visiting campus for the sunflowers are asked to pull onto campus and park in one of the parking lots or in designated parking areas marked with road signs. For safety reasons, please do NOT park on Route 2.

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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.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Dixon Family YMCA, 110 N. Galena Avenue, Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the township maintenance building.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township

Dvorak performs in Dixon Aug. 20

DIXON — Books On First welcomes folk artist and Chicago's "official troubadour" Mark Dvorak back to the cafe stage on Saturday, August 20 at 6:30 pm.

"Mark is a Midwest treasure," said proprietor Carolyn Dunphy. "He was with us last May and the evening was simply magical. We're thrilled to have him back at the store."

When the singer songwriter and author began his career in music he knew right away he'd be in it for the long haul. Thirty years later Mark is still writing, recording and on the road performing.

"At this stage of the game," said the singer from his home outside Chicago, Illinois, "I feel like I'm doing my best work."

Dvorak is busy at work on his 20th CD release and fourth book of essays, 31 Winters.

The Chicago Tribune has called him "masterful," and the Fox Valley Folk Festival describes him as "a living archive of song and style." Dvorak has won awards for journalism and children's music, and was honored in 2013 with the FARM Lantern Bearer Award from Folk Alliance International. In 2008 he received the Woodstock Folk Festival Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2012 Rich Warren, long time host of The Midnight Special radio program named Dvorak "Chicago's official troubadour."

Books On First was established by the late Larry Dunphy and is the premier independent bookseller and coffee house in the Sauk Valley. There is no admission but a \$10 suggested donation will be accepted. For information contact Books On First by phone at 815 285 2665 or on the web at www.booksfirst.com.

meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m., at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

LEE COUNTY- The Four Seasons Gardening Webinar Series is one of the most popular horticulture programs offered by the Illinois Extension Horticulture Team. This webinar will be offered at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Each season, the team hosts live webinars delivered via Zoom. Registration is required and can be completed at go.illinois.edu/fourseasons to attend Late Summer and Fall Blooming Plants on Aug. 16.

STERLING- Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders in youth. This 6-hour training from noon to 5 p.m., on Thursday, Aug. 18, 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

AMBOY- The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, in the Junior High School cafeteria.

STERLING- Youth Mental Health First Aid Workshop us being held from noon - 5 p.m., on Aug. 23, at the

Whiteside Extension Office, Sterling. Youth Mental Health First Aid 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

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LOCAL NEWS



It's in the hole (in one)

Tyler Callison, holding golf ball, playing with his dad, grandpa, uncle and a couple of his family's friends scored a hole in one at Shady Oaks during their Tuesday night Open League on hole 17. Tyler surprised his family by coming home this past week for a short visit, joined by his girlfriend. Tyler his grandpa Phil Callison, uncle Mark Callison and dad Chad Callison decided to play golf together at Shady Oaks during their League night. To everyone's surprise on their last hole of the evening Tyler scored a hole in one. It was witnessed by Grandpa Phil, Grandma Judi, Uncle Mark, his dad, his sister, Mike McCoy, Mark Godsil and his girlfriend Larissa Zimmer from Germany where Tyler is stationed in the Navy. Photo submitted

MPV vaccine not yet available in Lee County

LEE COUNTY — Recently Governor Pritzker declared MPV (Monkeypox Virus) a public health emergency in Illinois. The Lee County Health Department (LCHD) has received inquiries about JYNNEOS, also known as Imvamune or Imvanex vaccine, which has been approved by the FDA for the prevention of MPV infection.

Due to limited supply, this vaccine is being prioritized for jurisdictions with recent cases of MPV and is therefore not currently available in Lee County. LCHD will provide information and guidance if vaccine becomes available.

To help protect yourself and others from MPV, individuals who develop a new or unusual rash or have symptoms of MPV should contact their healthcare provider.

LCHD encourages the following steps to reduce the risk of MPV infection:

Avoid close, skin to skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like MPV.

Do not touch the rash or scabs of a person with MPV.

Do not kiss, hug, cuddle or have sexual contact with someone with MPV.

Avoid contact with objects or materials that a person with MPV has used.

Do not share eating utensils or cups with a person with MPV.

Do not handle or touch the bedding, towels, or clothing of a person with MPV.

Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially before touching your face or eating and after using the bathroom.

While certain individuals may be at an increased risk of exposure to MPV at this time, anyone can contract and transmit MPV. Please monitor CDC and IDPH for updates and new guidance as this outbreak continues.

Additional information can be found at: Monkeypox Q&A (illinois.gov) and Monkeypox | Poxvirus | CDC

OSF Saint Paul names '22 Conkey Award winner

MENDOTA — The 41st Annual Conkey Family Award winner was announced on Tuesday afternoon at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in the serenity garden as part of National Health Care Week.

Joni Zinke, an administrative assistant in the medical/surgical department, was named this year's winner. Joni has been a Mission Partner for 33 years and is described by her nominator as the glue that holds us together.

"Joni is the perfect example of what it looks like to live the OSF Mission as she serves others with the



Joni Zinke, second from left, with Heather Bomstad, Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer, Dawn Trompeter, OSF Saint Paul President, and Jodie Borchelt, Director of Nursing Operations. Photo submitted

greatest care and love. She comes to work every day with the heart of Jesus and offers herself and her ser-

vices to all departments to help them provide the best care to all the patients," said her nominator.

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derwear. The tax reduction will also apply to aprons, hats, caps and earmuffs, coats and jackets, belts and suspenders, rubber pants, lab coats, hosiery, scarves, bathing suits, school uniforms and neckties.

It also applies to footwear — shoes, shoelaces, slippers, insoles, boots, socks and sandals.

Excluded items

But it does not apply to ballet, tap or athletic shoes, roller or ice skates, ski boots, waders, or fins.

Shoppers also should not expect the reduced sales tax rate on accessory items such as briefcases, hair bows, handbags, jewelry, sunglasses or wigs. The reduction also does not apply to sports gloves, goggles, hand and elbow guards, life preservers, wetsuits, shoulder pads, shin guards or mouth guards.

Also excluded are protective equipment items such as breathing masks, hearing protectors, face shields, hard hats and helmets, respirators, protective gloves, safety goggles or tool belts.

Included school supplies

Binders, book bags, calculators, cellophane tape, blackboard chalk, notebooks, erasers, folders, index

cards, legal pads, lunch boxes, pencils and sharpeners, supply boxes, protractors, rulers, compasses, and scissors are all eligible for the reduced tax rate.

So are glue, highlighters, markers, crayons and colored pencils.

Excluded items

Shoppers should not expect other art supplies to be eligible for the reduced rate, however. Clay and glaze, paints and paint brushes, sketch pads and drawing pads will all be taxed at the regular 6.25 percent rate.

Textbooks, reference books, maps and globes are all excluded from the "holiday" as well.

Electronics and computers will also be taxed at the regular rate. That includes computers and related supplies such as flash drives, memory cards, data storage, computer cases, cables, printers and ink.

Shoppers also should not expect any breaks while buying cameras, cellphones or handheld electronics.

The task of adjusting the tax rate for individual items will fall on retailers, who collect sales tax and remit it to the state.

Guidance from the Illinois Department of Revenue on qualifying items can be found here.

Other tax relief

Other tax relief measures approved in the budget include a property tax rebate up to 5 percent of the homeowner's tax bill up to \$300, and a one-time income tax rebate of \$50 per individual and \$100 per dependent, up to a limit of three children per family. Those would be available to individuals with incomes up to \$200,000 and joint filers with incomes up to \$400,000.

The package also suspends for one year the 1 percent tax on groceries and puts a six-month pause on the automatic inflationary increase in the state's motor fuel tax, which was estimated to be 2.2 cents per gallon.

The plan also permanently expands the state earned income tax credit from 18 to 20 percent of the federal credit while also expanding the number of households that can claim the credit.

The measure also set an income tax credit for teachers buying classroom supplies at \$250 for the current year and \$500 beginning Jan. 1, 2023.



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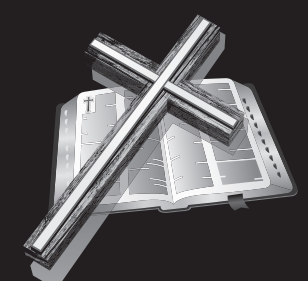
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SOCIAL NEWS



Local nature and history

By Jim “Mazie” Long

Yesterday’s railroad crews lived an unsettling life

An engineer would often blow the train’s whistle in a certain pattern to signal to his wife that he would soon be home...

Over a hundred years ago, when Amboy was in its “hey-day” as a railroad town, every engineer’s fondest desire was to have a Longines watch. Anyone who was part of a trains crew had to have a very good watch.



Jim “Mazie” Long

checked with the depot, to be certain of the time they would be called. You could always tell a railroad man, because he was always looking at his watch.

Every locomotive had a steam whistle that was blown in a certain way at every cross-

road. Along the railroad there were special signal poles erected that were watched by the engineer. When he sighted a signal pole, he began to blow the whistle. When an engineer approached Amboy, his home, he often blew his whistle in a certain pattern that would inform his wife that he would soon be home. She would hear the special whistle even if it was in the middle of the night. He usually arrived home hungry.

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.

Related Resources:

- First Central Electric to Amboy (photo) bit.ly/3ci8xNN
- Railroads in the Midwest bit.ly/3aIdkY8
- Amboy Depot Museum bit.ly/3lJlk7L



You could always tell a railroad man, because he was always looking at his watch. IC conductor photo source: Library of Congress.



THE PASTOR’S PEN

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR

BY PASTOR’S PEN JOHN KALEBAUGH

“... And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:29

If I were to ask you, “who are your neighbors,” you probably could give me the names of people who live right next door to your house. If you live on a farm, you could probably give me the name of your next-door neighbor... even though they may live a mile away. You may also be able to name all the people that live in that household, and how long they have lived there. Sometimes in small towns and farming communities (such as ours) individuals and families may live in the same house, or property for generations.

Such is the case of a friend of mine who grew up on a farm in Iowa. His brother still lives on the “homeplace” where the family has lived for six generations. This family is definitely known in this farming community and the two small towns that he farms near. Sometimes individuals and families such as this are often referred to as “pillars” of the community. And we are usually glad to have them for our “neighbors...” and understandable so. Often these people look-out for their neighbors and are quick to give a helping hand when

there is a need.

This, however, is not the type of person Jesus uses to illustrate His parable of The Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-37) The neighbor in this story was a total and complete stranger who had never met the person he was helping. He was a person who came upon a terrible situation and could have just as easily chosen to not get involved... Just as two other men had already done in the story. Instead, he reached out and helped someone who had been beaten-up and robbed by thieves. He was The Good Samaritan. He was a “neighbor” to the needy. And Jesus concluded this teaching by saying, “go and do likewise.”

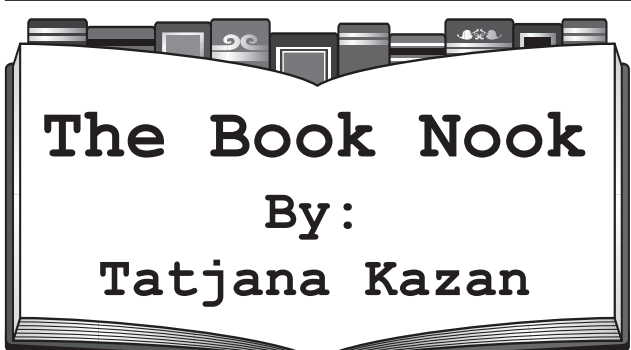
The teachings of Jesus are just as appropriate for us today as they were when He first spoke them. I got to witness this sort of kindness firsthand while on a recent mission trip to Mexico. Though we were serving at an orphanage, we also visited another mission nearby that minister’s to homeless men. People from that mission take trips into the nearest city (Tijuana) and invite the homeless (who are often addicted to drugs or alcohol) to come with them back to the mission. They provide these “strangers” with food, shelter, and a new purpose in life.

The people we help today don’t nec-

essarily have to be “strangers.” They can be people we know. They can even be our actual neighbors right next door, or down the street, or in our community.

Of course, recently in our town of Amboy there have been some tragic situations that no one ever desires to experience. But when they do occur, they become more bearable when others are there to help. And once again our community is truly blessed with our qualified and caring First Responders. Hats off again to all these men and women. They all do the things for our community that many others are unable to do. And just because it is their vocation or choice to volunteer does not make it easy. They are truly “Good Samaritans” to their neighbors in this community. And hats off to the others who are not First Responders... but saw the need of those who were hurting and stepped up to help. Your kindness, care, and selflessness touched the hearts of those who were broken and needy. Maybe we will never know all that you did... because you did not want recognition. But you made a difference by bringing comfort to the hurting. God saw it and He was pleased.

Thank you all for your selfless kindness. Keep up the good work.



THE LIONESS

In the Prologue to Chris Bohjalian’s novel “The Lioness” (2022), an unidentified narrator tells us that the dead and missing will never be found because the area is too vast. The area is the 12,000 square miles of Tanzania’s Serengeti. The description of its landscape and animals is masterful throughout the novel. The narrator dismisses any attempt at explanation of the events because “blame, I can tell you first-hand, is every bit as subjective as the truth.” The dead and missing called themselves the Lions of Hollywood when they set out on safari in the Serengeti in 1964, but, our narrator concludes, “The mantra for most of us was

Woodlawn Arts Academy to host annual art exhibit

STERLING — The Woodlawn Arts Academy’s 14th Annual Juried Art Exhibit opens Aug. 26.

Cash prizes will be given to the winners of Woodlawn Arts Academy’s annual Juried Art Exhibit. The exhibit features fine art and photography from adult exhibitors, and artwork of all types from students in grades kindergarten through 12th.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception for the exhibit from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26. Many of the artists will be present, and artwork will be on display in the halls and lounge at the Academy, 3807 Woodlawn Road, Sterling, and refreshments will be available. Awards, including the juror’s picks and People’s Choice for Best of Show, voted on by the public during the beginning of the reception, will be announced and prizes awarded at 6 p.m. Artwork will remain on display through Nov. 16, and the exhibit is free and open to the public during regular business hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays.

Woodlawn Arts Academy is a partner agency of Unit-

ed Way of Whiteside and Lee counties, and financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Programs are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

During the year, the Academy presents three other exhibits. The 2022-23 Winter Exhibit, featuring works by local artist Beverly Garcia, opens Dec. 9. The 2023 Student-Teacher Art Exhibit, featuring artwork by area students and their teachers, opens in February. The 2023 Summer Art Exhibit will open in May. In addition to the featured exhibits, the Winter and Summer Exhibit opening receptions will feature artwork from Woodlawn Arts Academy’s Exploration Art School students and students from other WAA visual arts classes.

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Opinion

Not the last chance

Column

By Brandon
LaChance



We should always show love
This is going to sound harsh at first, until I have time to explain myself.

So, bear with me.
But being blatantly honest, from the beginning of time, people have died.

Whether it was a spear, arrow, or bullet during a war, a plague, malaria, a king's order to behead, a hunting accident where a deer or a moose install its antler into your abdomen, epilepsy, diabetes, carriage or car accident, cancer, a tragic summer vacation terror, an America's Most Wanted worthy murder, a tally on a serial killer's list, drowning in a hurricane, burning in a volcano, twisting in a tornado, explosion, suffocating, and the list could expand to the end of this column.

The list of ways someone's life could end is endless.

I know this sounds negative and pessimistic, but at the same time, it's reality. We are all going to leave or be taken (depending on your religious believes) at some point.

The positive side, and to a lot of people the reason we are here in the first place, is life.

We all – absolutely every living, breathing organism and life form – are given the opportunity to accomplish amazing feats while we shake hands with Mother Nature, get Vitamin D from the sun, and walk the land of Earth. It can be academically, athletically, spiritually, financially, emotionally, or compassionately to name a few.

We will focus on the compassion side of things as we have all felt heart strings being plucked as of late.

How could we have a column about death and life in the 2020s without using the noun, adjective, nightmare, non-stop meme, joke, serious pandemic known as Covid-19.

Since March 2020 we have lived in fear, made fun of, respected or disrespected the virus that has dug itself into every corner of our lives.

Let's face it, there is no dining room table in the world that hasn't had Covid-19 screamed or mumbled over its surface. There isn't a stand-up comedian on your Netflix watch list that hasn't used the pandemic's name through a microphone.

Add in the unfortunate normal life-taking accidents, circumstances, and situations, with economic and political struggles we've endured, and man, we're all exhausted, irritated, angry, depressed, and ready for five too many drinks at the end of a Tuesday.

(There was the oppressing climax, here is the happy solution and ending with sarcasm, humor, and love.)

The one constant – the most positive, important constant – is our family and loved ones.

They've always been here. And you've been there for them (hopefully).

From the beginning of my time, I've had my family and loved ones.

From the beginning of your time, you've had your family and loved ones.

So, why through something like a pandemic, tragedy or an extremely unfortunate situation is it the only time we are thanking our family members for loving us?

We should not need a passing or a funeral to cherish and

appreciate the people we love.

Tell them right now, as you are reading this, that you love them. Well, you're almost done, so right after you finish reading:

Send your brother or sister a text...hey (sweet explicit) I love you. Add even if I hate you right now, if you must.

Call your mother and grandmother and fill them in with what's been going on in your life and tell them how much you miss them or that you'll be over for Sunday dinner whether they will be home or not.

If they previously didn't plan to be, I bet they will be next Sunday.

Tweet, Snap Chat, Instagram or Facebook your best friend about how you'll dominate him or her during the fantasy football season.

Just show love.

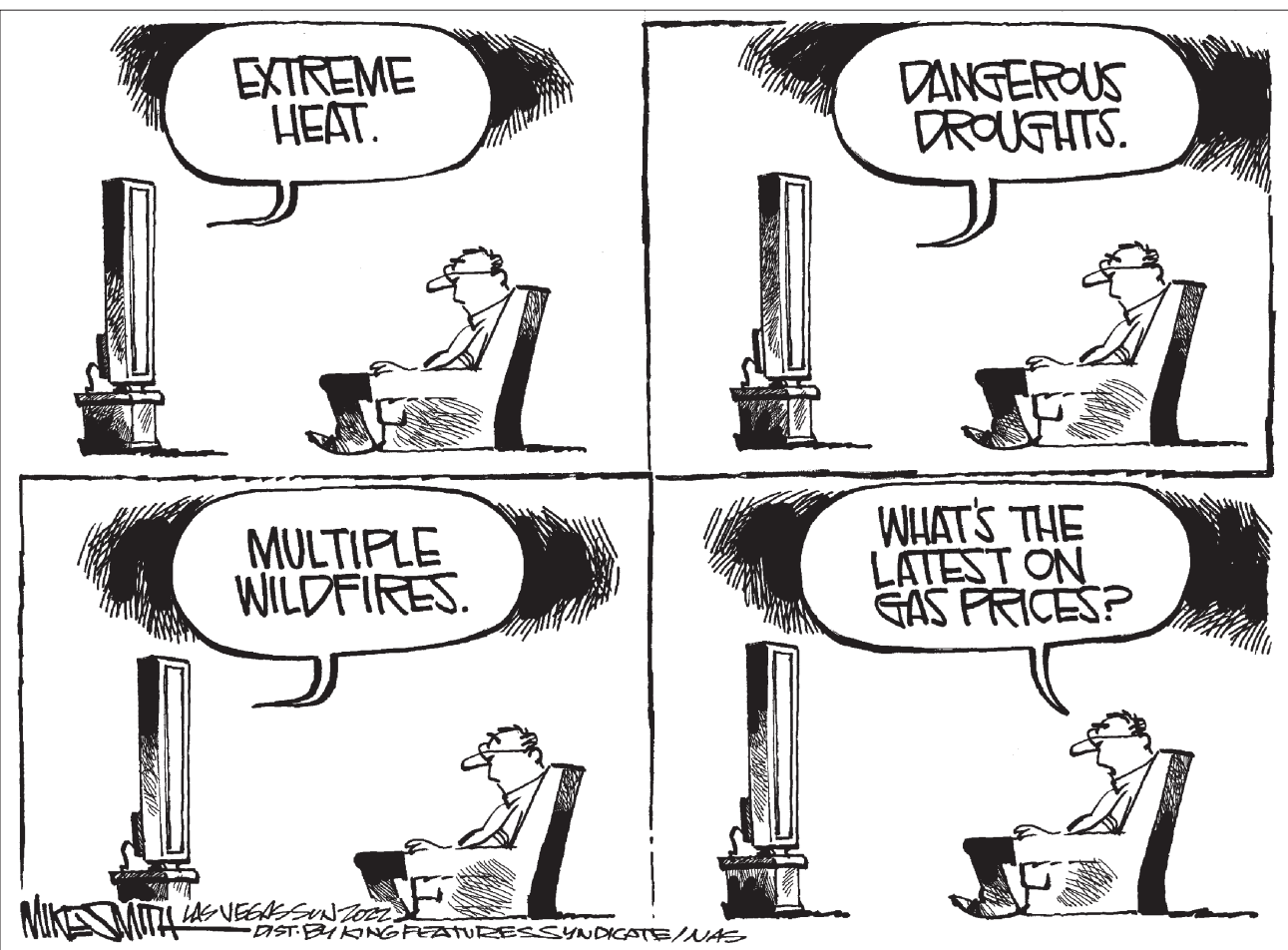
Always.

We shouldn't need a dramatic, sad reason to appreciate, thank and love the people who have been there for or with us whether it be from Day 1, Day 365, Day 899, Day 3,000, or day right now, because we never know when any of the above listed causes of grievance is going to happen to yourself or to one of them.

They deserve a, 'Hey, I love you' on every day ending with a Y and during all moods and emojis.

With that being said, and in the way, I say things...

Yo, I love you.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 YEARS AGO Aug. 4, 1922

James Logan, proprietor of the clothing and jewelry store on East Avenue, was bound over to the grand jury on. A charge of assault with intent to commit murder. According to a dozen witnesses, Logan fired a .22 caliber rifle at Joseph Brierton, a watchman for the Illinois Central Railroad, who was seated on the steps in front of E.A. March's implement store. There seems to be no motive for Logan's actions, other than bad blood between the two men.

75 YEARS AGO Aug. 7, 1947

Amboyans sweltered in the fifth straight day of a heat wave which swept the Midwest. Temperatures of over 100 degrees were recorded on Monday and Tuesday.

Ballerina slippers in white, black,

red and green are clearance priced at \$1.98 at Fagan's.

50 YEARS AGO Aug. 10, 1972

Nancy Schultz was crowned Miss Flame 1972 and will compete for the title of Miss Blackhawk at Tampico.

Grand Opening at Don's Super Valu. Fresh whole fryers – 28 cents a pound; cut-up fryers – 34 cents a pound; crisp head lettuce – 15 cents a head; Favorite sandwich bread three loaves for \$1; eight prizes to be given away on Aug. 24.

25 YEARS AGO Aug. 7, 1997

Our first pioneers called this area Palestine Grove. The area along Green Wing Road was called East Palestine. The Sublette Road was South Palestine. Anything west of Rocky Ford was simply West Palestine. Green River

was called Inlet Creek. The original Wasson Road is Amboy's Main Street today. It was one of the original roads and still has many turns and twists from Binghampton to Rocky Ford.

Illinois Congressman Glenn Poshard and Democratic Candidate for Governor will attend the Lee County Democrats Annual Drawdown Jamboree Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Walton Tap picnic grounds.

Frances Brady Noonan is celebrating a joyous occasion with her 90th birthday on Aug. 15, 1997. She was born to Frank and Mary Kiefer Brady and graduated from Amboy High School in 1925. She worked at the Amboy News for the following year. She received her Registered Nursing Degree in 1929 from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, and thus began her nursing skills at Mercy. After a 46-year career, Noonan retired in 1975.



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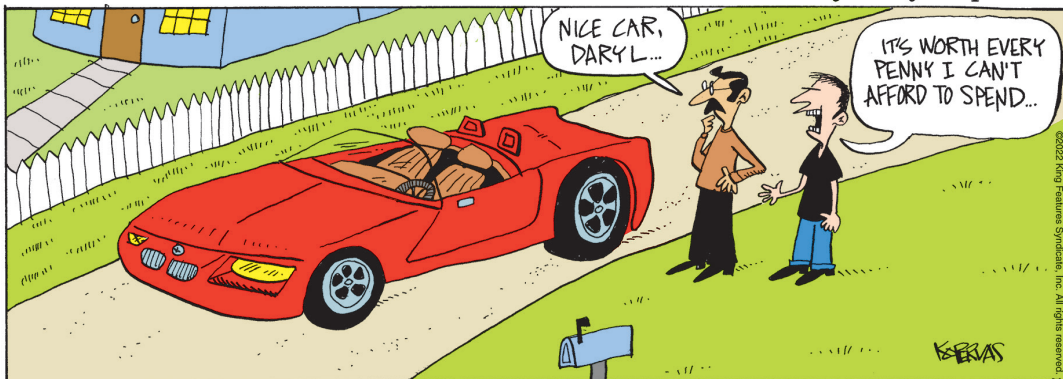
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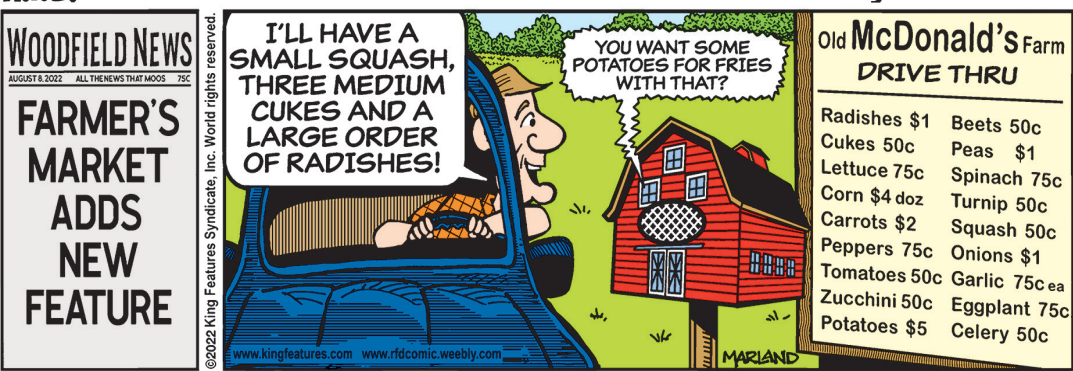
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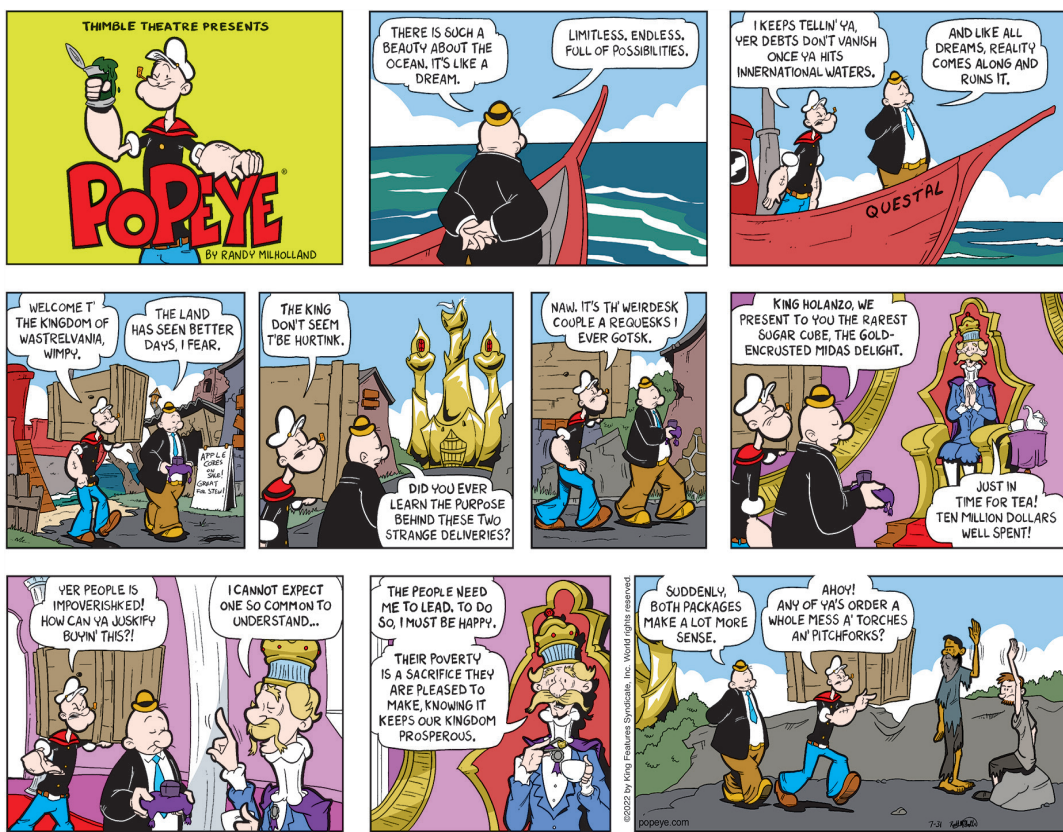
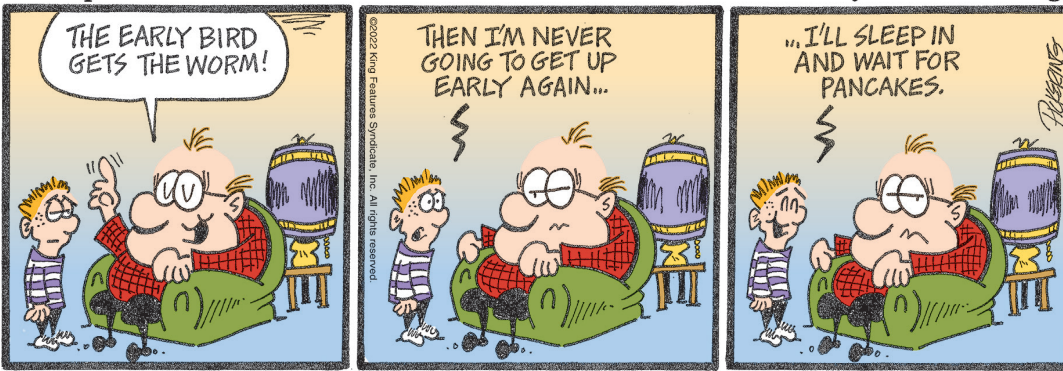
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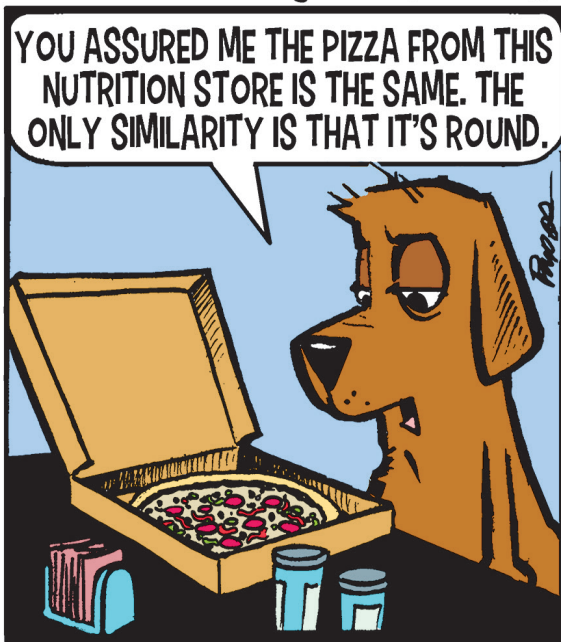
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Average
MAILED
Expire
PLEASE
Witness
ONTRAY
Delirious
BRAID
TODAY'S WORD

ACROSS

- 1 Mimics
- 5 Satchel
- 8 Blue hue
- 12 Tibetan monk
- 13 Crew tool
- 14 Galoots
- 15 Spring flower
- 17 Marathon fraction
- 18 Vagrant
- 19 Nearsighted
- 21 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 24 Blueprint
- 25 San — Obispo, CA
- 26 Lose weight
- 30 Web address
- 31 April forecasts
- 32 Pi follower
- 33 Pained expressions

- 35 Egyptian deity
- 36 911 responders
- 37 Garden statuette
- 38 Shrimp recipe
- 41 Gloomy guy
- 42 Horseback game
- 43 Record holder?
- 48 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
- 49 Melody
- 50 Long tale
- 51 Theater award

King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13			14			
15				16			17			
			18			19	20			
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38	39	40				41				
42				43	44			45	46	47
48				49				50		
51				52				53		

- 52 Texter's chuckle
- 53 Yon folks
- DOWN
- 1 Jungfrau, for one
- 2 Standard
- 3 Brit. record label
- 4 Brazilian dances
- 5 Prosperous period
- 6 Small batteries
- 7 Glitch makers

- 8 Candy bar nut
- 9 Witticism
- 10 Wrinkled fruit
- 11 In — (shortly)
- 16 Trench
- 20 Orange veggies
- 21 Punch
- 22 Kitten's sound
- 23 Leslie Caron film
- 24 Snoops
- 26 Strategic
- 27 Guesser's words
- 28 Caprice
- 29 Proboscis
- 31 Wheelchair access
- 34 "Cats" show-stopper
- 35 Demand
- 37 Wrigley product
- 38 Espy
- 39 Lake of Lombardy
- 40 Arkin or Alda
- 41 Lass
- 44 2016 Olympics city
- 45 "Unh-unh"
- 46 Census stat
- 47 Non-clerical

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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. Hair is different. 2. Sleeve is reversed. 3. Bow is missing. 4. Bat is added. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Shirt is shorter.

PARENTS

Today's Word

- 3. Notary
- 4. Rabid
- 1. Medial
- 2. Elapse

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

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: F equals H

CFRM AEO VNLB SEMH EK KJOKKA
ZOLB KRNSFRXH EMSE N SXNMHVEXS
HFQV, Q IORHH SFNS'H ZECC-
JENZQMI.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the only vowel on a computer keyboard's middle row of letters?
- LANGUAGE: What is the diacritical mark used over the first "a" in "cha-teau"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Czech Republic?
- MOVIES: Where was the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy filmed?
- MEASUREMENTS: What is 4 ounces of liquid equal to in cups?
- U.S. STATES: Which is the only American state that begins with the letter P?
- LANGUAGE: What is the word that stands for the letter Y in the international radio alphabet?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element zinc?
- TELEVISION: What is Kramer's first name in the sitcom "Seinfeld"?
- MUSIC: Which country is home to the rock group AC/DC?

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- 10. Australia.
- 9. Cosmo.
- 8. Zn.
- 7. Yankee.
- 6. Pennsylvania.
- 5. 1/2 cup.
- 4. New Zealand.
- 3. Prague.
- 2. Circumflex.
- 1. A.

Answers

A	P	E	S	B	A	G	A	O	A	U	A	I	R	H	A	M	O
L	A	M	A	O	A	R	L	O	S	E	I	G	A	I	R	H	A
S	I	S	I	S	I	S	I	S	I	S	I	S	I	S	I	S	I
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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

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

Answer

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When you pack tons of fluffy duck feathers onto a transport ship, I guess that's down-loading.

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LOCAL NEWS

Illinois recognizes Child Support Awareness Month with Resource Day event for families, charitable fundraiser

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois is marking Child Support Awareness Month this August with a Family Resource Day to raise attention and help connect Illinois families to the range of child support services available to them.

The state's Child Support program is administered by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' Division of Child Support Services (DCSS).

This year, DCSS is holding its inaugural Child Support Awareness Family Resource Day in Springfield to connect Central Illinois families with child support-related services, as well as a fundraiser to benefit Feeding America.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Salvation Army Community Center, located at 1600 E. Clearlake Ave., in Springfield. The event is free, and those who plan to attend are encouraged to pre-register here.

DCSS representatives will be on-site to provide attendees with expert assistance on child support case-specific customer service and other critical family support including enrollment, paternity, child support orders and enforcement, order modification, and income withholding.

In addition, legal services representatives will have a presence at the event including the Illinois Attorney General's Office, State's

Attorneys' offices, and Legal Aid. HFS' Medical Division and partner Medicaid Managed Care Organizations will have representatives on-site to provide information and assist families with enrolling in the Illinois Medicaid program.

In addition to the Resource Day event, for its annual Child Support Awareness fundraiser, DCSS is partnering with Feeding America to support Illinois families by making contributions to local food banks. The statewide fundraising drive is underway at all Illinois Child Support regional offices, and donations can be made online here.

"This year, we're so glad to be partnering with Feeding America, and marking Child Support Awareness Month with a drive to benefit local food banks across the state," said Department of Healthcare and Family Services Director Theresa Eagleson. "The Division of Child Support Services does vital work for Illinois families every day to help improve their financial well-being and create better outcomes for the many families and children they serve. This August, we want to recognize that good work and reach even more families who are eligible for these services."

"We are so pleased to be starting a new event this year to further our mission: connecting Illinois families with critical child support

services," said Bryan Tribble, Administrator of the Division of Child Support Services at HFS. "We want to be sure that families across the state know about the free services that exist for parents and children in families where they are not living with their parents, and we encourage families to come out to learn more at our event in Springfield later this month."

"During Child Support Awareness Month, we recognize and celebrate parents across Illinois who strive to co-parent and give their children the best possible future," said State Representative La Shawn Ford (D-Chicago). "The parents who pay child support and the parents who receive child support are building strong foundations for their children, and the child support services that Illinois provides help them to do so."

"The state of Illinois provides critical child support services to many families, and I'm so pleased that the Family Resource Day event will be held in Springfield this year," said State Senator Doris Turner (D-Springfield). "This is a proactive, informative way for state government to engage with families in our community about the services available to them, and I encourage people to attend."

August is the designated Child Support Awareness Month because it is the anniversary of the establish-

ment of the Child Support Enforcement Program in the Social Security Act of 1975.

In Illinois, DCSS provides child support services to more than 357,000 families. Ser-

vices include helping parents establish paternity, establishing fair child support orders, and enforcing them when necessary. These services are available to anyone who

needs them, regardless of economic status. In state fiscal year 2022, roughly \$1.18 billion in child support was collected for Illinois families.

McCoy's Extension leadership expanded with appointment as assistant director

STERLING—Janice McCoy has provided University of Illinois Extension educational programs and leadership for residents of Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside counties for more than 20 years. Now, McCoy will oversee 39 counties in western and central Illinois as the region's newest Extension assistant director.

Extension has a local presence in every Illinois county, allowing it to seamlessly link communities, businesses, and the public to the innovative research of the university and its partners. A regional network provides support for the organization's 650 staff members.

Janice McCoy
McCoy's Extension career began in 2001 as a family life educator before transitioning to county director for Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside counties.

"My most important role as assistant director will be to ensure that each of the ten units has a solid program plan that serves the needs of their communities," McCoy says. "Designing research-based programs that improve the lives of individuals and communities is the core mission of Extension, and our local counties are the point of access."

McCoy transitioned to her new role on Aug. 1.

"Extension is a tremendous resource for local communities," McCoy says. "We harness the groundbreaking research done in a myriad of areas and make that useable for all people."

McCoy believes Extension transforms people's lives.

"We are developing young leaders in our 4-H programs—the next generation of the workforce, public servants, and volunteers. We are helping farmers increase their productivity to feed the world. Families benefit from learning how to raise their children, nourish their households, and care for those they love."

A network of volunteers assist in the development and delivery of Extension programs, including those volunteers who work with 4-H, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, and Money Mentor programs.

"Extension really is the glue that brings groups together to make a difference," McCoy says, "and our local staff are incredible resources. They work every day to help their communities thrive and prosper. They are focused on the mission of Extension and helping people improve the quality of their lives."

McCoy is the current president of the Illinois Epsilon Sigma Phi professional association chapter and has been an active member of the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, receiving the Distinguished Service Award in 2014.

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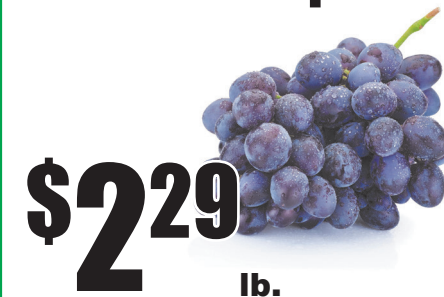
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