



And they are off. The Amboy Lions Club held its annual Cliff Walter Memorial Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday at the Amboy City Park. About 95 dozen dyed eggs were scattered around for the youth to find.

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Amboy Lions bring back annual Easter event

AMBOY — The Amboy Lions Club held its annual Cliff Walter Memorial Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. The Lions dyed about 95 dozen eggs and then hit them in four grids, divided by age groups. There were four plastic eggs per age group that represented a special prize for the youth who found it.

Winners of the special prizes were:

2-3 years old

- 1st Parker Nauman
- 2nd Robert Lahman
- 3rd Claire Lewis
- 4th Madison Maus

4-5 years old

- 1st Frankie Giannattasio
- 2nd Harper Meusel
- 3rd Quinn Kaleel
- 4th Cain Kaleet

6-7 years old

- 1st Kendall Hopper
- 2nd Cadyn Miller
- 3rd Kendall Helms
- 4th Auggie Boyle

8-9-10 years old

- 1st Parker Williams
- 2nd Hayden Thomas
- 3rd Evie Payne
- 4th Kainan Considine



The Lions Club handed out candy to all of the children who came to the event.

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The Easter Bunny was on hand in the Amboy City Park for pictures.

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Voluntary Excellence

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter

SUBLETTE—It takes a special group of individuals to donate their time. It's even more commendable when those same folks put their lives on the line every time that they get the call.

Since the inception in 1926 the Sublette Fire Department has been 100 percent voluntary. The department serves about 66 square miles and typically has approximately 2,400 residents throughout the region. That number can expand to 20,000 residents on weekends in summer when Woodhaven Lakes is bustling with people.

What makes this group of professionals unique is the proud family tradition that has been served through the years. There are multiple families with decades of service, many who have had three and four generations on the department with more than 300 years of experience to date.

Currently, there are 32 members in the division, 13 of which are EMT'S. All of these people work a fulltime job and as a result, according to Sublette Fire Chief Kevin Schultz who has been on the department for 35 years with 20 as assistant chief and named Chief in 2020, he never quite knows who is going to show up at the scene.

"When the 911 calls come in from the Dixon Dispatch Command Center, all members are paged and based on availability they report to the fire house and then to the location," he explained. The department averages about 200 calls a year, mostly for ambulance assistance, with the rest for fires, farm and boating mishaps. Training is ongoing with at least one session a month. Most firemen are crossed trained to perform multiple duties so there isn't a concern about something not getting done



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Photo submitted



In 2016 the department purchased a new engine which is an asset and big plus for a town of 400 people. There is a tradition in the firemen ranks that whenever a new piece of equipment is brought in there is what's called a 'pushing in' ceremony.

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because a member can't make it. During the summer months, once in a while, a call will come into the firehouse from a farmer who is going to tear down an old farmhouse or barn. Schultz jumps at the chance at using the building for instruction.

"A few weeks on a Saturday we will work on things like ventilation one day, overhaul the next and finally rescue procedures," he said.

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"It was an absolute night-

mare for this community," Schultz said recalling this memorable tragedy. "There were quite a few people trapped in their trailers as a result of fallen trees blocking the doors. There were of course some injuries but luckily no loss of life. We count that as a blessing."

As a result of the extensive damage and lack of manpower over a necessary sustained period of time

Schultz called in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System or MABAS. This allowed the department to contact neighboring departments for additional equipment, help and services. Helicopter and drone footage gave everyone involved a chance to understand the scope, magnitude, and severity of the damage.

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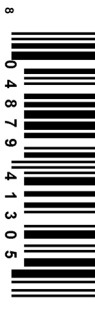
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LOCAL NEWS



EGG WINNERS

Cain Kaleel and Quinn Kaleel, won fourth and third place in the four to five age group of the Amboy Lions Cliff Walter Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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Madison Maus placed fourth while Parker Nauman placed first in the two to three age group of the Amboy Lions Cliff Walter Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

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Richardson named Amboy High School April Student of the Month

AMBOY — Lauren Richardson, daughter of Kelley and Stephanie Richardson, has been named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for April.

GPA- 4.0/4.0

Memberships and involvement- "I am involved in National Honor Society and Leos Club."

Awards and honors- "I have been on the highest honor roll for all four years of high school and Student of the Month for WACC in October."

Best memories of AHS- "My favorite memory was cheering the basketball girls on at Regionals and Sectionals and riding the fan bus."

Future plans- "After high-school, I will be attending St. Ambrose to obtain my bachelors degree in Behavioral Neuropsychology, and my Masters degree in Speech-Language Pathology."



Lauren Richardson

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Fish Fry

We served over 450 meals and we were able to deliver to our seniors and veterans. Special thanks to the following companies and people who helped us make a successful Fish Fry: Thrivent Financial and Hetta Grasser for nominating us; Walmart Dixon; Amboy City Workers; Mike Girton; Greg Girton; Dave Montez; Pete Rood; Donna Wellman; Larry and Eileen Piper; Mark and Veronica Grossman; Tammy & Scott Strub; Maddy and Syd Thomas; Gabby Ketchum; Karen Stenzel; Shannon Nichols; Barb Harrison; Shelli Bump; Kaylee Jones; Marykathryn Stenzel; Brooklyn Strub; Michael and Matthew Farrar; Anthony Linder; Kylee Grotzinger; Donny Pollard; Janine Huffman; Jim Travi; Louella and Doug Blackburn; Judy Schmidt; Bert Glenn; Amber Horner; Roxy and Al Stenzel; Justine Jones; Jillian Rieskamp; Robert Bowman; Candy Robinson; Katey Dickinson; Margaret Shaw; and anyone who purchased tickets; everyone who donated meals to seniors and veterans. Thank you to our communities.

Teen Turf Draw Down Dinner and Auction

We will be holding our 23rd annual Teen Turf Draw Down on May 7, 2022. It will be a drive-thru Dinner from 4-6 p.m. and the drawing will be held on Facebook Live at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and includes dinner, dessert, and a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$1,500. The Teen Turf Virtual Auction will be on Airauctioneer.com starting April 28, at noon and will end at 8 p.m. on May 5. The link for the auction will be Teen Turf Virtual Auction 2022 | AirAuctioneer. We will be posting pictures of upcoming auction items. Please see Eileen Piper 815-440-8195 and Board members for tickets as well: Deb Albee, Barb Harrison, Pam Thomas, Mark Grossman, Trese McNinch, Shannon Nichols, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Kimberly Watley.

Americorps Help Wanted

This wonderful program has provided us with so many great individuals over the years. Many of these volunteers have become teachers and other workforce leaders. They receive a stipend and school money after they complete each term. Right now we have Gabby and Pam, however we will need another person for the summer. If interested, please call Eileen Piper at 815-857-4800 or Nicole with Americorps at 815-835-6313.

Our FREE after-school program

Students in grades third - eighth. It began Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 3:30-5 p.m. Like last school year, we are only taking a set amount. You must have your child or children preregistered prior to coming. If you are interested in having them attend, please call 815-857-4800.

Aerobics

Open to the public: Anyone 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.

Thank You's

We are grateful for those who help us: Fran Kessel for her Draw Down basket; Doris and Wendell Miller for the wreaths; Sandy Draper for the cereal; Fran Khawaja for the games; Sue for the items; Nancy Hochstatter; Pam Payne for the monetary donation; Jayce Child for helping those in need; and Bobbi Jo and YWCA for the giveaways.

Needs

If anyone has an open garage or an empty storage unit, we are looking for one to store furniture for those in need. Please contact Eileen Piper at 815-857-4800. We are also in need of Fresh Fruit.

Final Word

Oh Lord, You know our hearts better than we know it ourselves. You know our struggles and You hold each hope and fear in Your caring hands. Teach us, LORD, to be still and to know that You are God.

You are in Your holy temple; let all the earth, including our minds and hearts, be silent before You, resting in Your sovereignty. Like Elijah, teach us to wait for Your still, small voice and quiet the earthquakes and blazing fires in our lives.

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 CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, at Amboy Junior High School.

AMBOY-Amboy High School Student Council will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Friday, April 22, from 1 - 6 p.m., at the Amboy Community Building.

For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call 815-857-3632 or sign up online at redcross-blood.org.

SUBLETTE-The Village of Sublette will host its annual clean-up day beginning at 8 a.m., on Saturday, April 23. Sign-up sheets are located at Bonnell's and the Post Office.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, April 25. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

AMBOY-The Clipper Kiddies Christian Preschool will be having a pork chop dinner fundraiser on Tuesday, April 26, from 5 - 7 p.m., at the Amboy Community Building. This dinner will be a drive-thru dinner. Tickets are \$10 and the carry-out dinner includes BBQ pork chop, au gratin potatoes, green beans and roll. Tickets can be purchased from CKCP family and staff or text/call

773-480-5044. All proceeds benefit the school.

DIXON-A pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Honor Flight will be held from 8 a.m. - noon, on Sunday, May 1, at the Dixon VFW, Franklin Grove Road, Dixon. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, egg and

drink. This is a good way offering breakfast. Proceeds will be used to send local veterans to Washington, D.C., in September.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 2, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

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Nursing home payment reform drives \$700 million to improve staffing, quality of care

By **PETER HANCOCK**

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SPRINGFIELD - A bill that would inject more than \$700 million annually into Medicaid-funded nursing homes to increase staffing levels and improve quality of care unanimously cleared the Illinois House on Thursday, one day after clearing the Senate.

It will head to Gov. JB Pritzker who praised its passage in a statement after the House vote.

Illinois has long been home to some of the most understaffed nursing homes in the country, a problem that was magnified during the COVID-19 pandemic when long-term care facilities became major centers of transmission.

The Illinois Department of Public Health estimates that nearly 8,000 nursing home residents and 100 staff members have died of the disease since the pandemic began. That's roughly 24 percent of all the COVID-19-related deaths recorded in Illinois as of Wednesday.

Officials from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, which administers Medicaid, have said much of that was due to understaffing and poor quality of care in Medicaid-funded facilities, especially in those that serve low-income residents and people of color, where residents are often housed together.

"Imagine ourselves in the year or two prior to COVID, and if we had known it was coming, whether we would have considered resident safety, room crowding, and staffing to have been urgent issues," HFS Deputy Director Andy Allison told a legislative committee in October.

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Amboy Police

Speeding

On April 8, at 10:22 p.m., Hailey J. Fuentes, 19, of Chicago, was issued a citation for speeding 52 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was released after posting bond.

Speeding

On April 11, at 8 p.m., Jonathan C. Alexander, 32, of Pontiac, was issued a citation for speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was released after posting bond.

Lee County warrant

On April 13, at 10:40 a.m., Kenneth D. Adkins, 26, of Amboy, was arrested on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear-contempt of court. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Dogs at Large

On April 12, at 1:30 p.m., Amy J. Kugel, 51, of Amboy, was issued a city ordinance citation for dogs at large.

Lee County warrant

On April 12, at 12:55 9.m., Nicholas D. Durham, 34, of Dixon, was arrested on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear-contempt non-pay. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Speeding

On April 15, at 7:47 a.m., Destiny J. Ritchey, 23, of Germantown Hills, was issued a citation for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was released after posting bond.

Speeding

On April 18, at 11:23 a.m., Gabrielle Kitzman, 20, of Dixon, was issued a citation for speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was released after posting bond.



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OBITUARIES

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Charles G. Kuebel July 15, 1923 - April 16, 2022

MENDOTA — Charles G. Kuebel, 98, of Mendota formerly of Sublette, passed away April 16, 2022 in his home surrounded by his family.

Mass of Christian burial will be Thursday April 21, 2022 at 11 a.m., in Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sublette. Rev. Randy Fronck will officiate, and burial will follow in St. Mary's cemetery Sublette. Full military honors will be conducted by Mendota V.F.W. Post#4079. Visitation will be Wednesday April 20, 2022 from 5 – 7 p.m., in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, at 201 Locust St., Sublette.

Charlie was born July 15, 1923 in Mendota to Charles J. and Elizabeth (Dinges) Kuebel. He graduated Amboy High School in 1941. Charlie proudly served in the United States Army in World War II. On May 22, 1947 he married the love of his life Florence Spitz, at Holy Cross

Church in Mendota.

From 1946-1960 he worked for Black Bros. as a self-taught draftsman. Charlie worked at the Kuebel Family Farm until he and Florence moved to Mendota on Dec. 23, 2017.

He was a devoted member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, served as a board member of the Sublette Elevator, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Charlie will be missed by his sons, Bernard (Kathy) Kuebel, of Peru and Tony (Kathy) Kuebel, of Fulton; daughters, Cheryl (Tom) Nauman, of Amboy and Patsy (John) Marks, of Earlville; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and three sisters-in-law, Mary Kuebel, Carlene Schuhler, and Rita (Dave) Jones.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Florence of 73 years, four sisters, Mary Truckenbrod, Millie Leffelman, Rose Biederstedt



and Rita Spitz; one brother in infancy; and three brothers, Joe Kuebel, Roy Kuebel and Fritz Kuebel.

Pallbearers will be Cody Marks, Casey Marks, Johnny Marks, Aaron Kuebel, Matt Kuebel, Ben Kuebel, Jared Kuebel and Jesse Nauman.

Memorials may be directed to Breast Cancer Research or American Heart Association. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Stephen Lewis Boyenga Feb. 11, 1971 - April 12, 2022

STERLING — Stephen Lewis Boyenga, 51, of Sterling, peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at Serenity Hospice Home in Oregon.

He was born to Robert and Cindy (Wellman) Boyenga on Feb. 11, 1971 in Dixon, and was a 1989 graduate from Dixon High School. He participated in Special Olympics while in high school and attended workshop and day programs at Kreider Services and later Self Help Enterprises throughout most of his adult life.

Known affectionately as "Stevie" and "Bo" by many, he was known for his wonderful smile and kind spirit and he enjoyed watching TV, dancing and listening to

music, going on vacations, and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his parents; sister, Stephanie (Ryan) McLean, of Sterling; brother, Matt Boyenga, of Sterling; and nephews, Jeremy Pierce, of Normal and Sean McLean, of Sterling; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, and his dear friends at Casa Willis in Sterling.

Following cremation, a celebration of life service will be held at Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy on Monday April 18, 2022 at 11 a.m. Visitation will be held on Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memories and messages of condolences can be shared through Mihm-Jones Funeral Home at <https://www.thejonesfh.com/>.



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Memorials will be established to the Lee Center First Congregational UCC and to the Casa Willis group home.

His family wishes to express a very heartfelt thank you to the staff in the CGH CCU, Serenity Hospice, and Pastor Jack Briggs for the excellent care given to Stevie.

Edna M. Good Nov. 14, 1922 - April 15, 2022.

AMBOY — Edna M. Good, 99, of Amboy, died on Friday, April 15, 2022 at Prairie Crossing Living and Rehab in Shabbona.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1922, in Sac City, Iowa the daughter of Luther Weldon and Mabel Elizabeth (Chase) Francis.

Edna worked for the Freeman Shoe Company from 1949 to 1952, and KSB Hospital before retiring in 1972. She also spent time waitressing in Dixon at the Roaring Twenties Café. Edna was a member of the Zion Methodist Church in Mendota, Amboy Legion Auxiliary, and VFW Auxiliary in Mendota. She enjoyed get togethers for Sunday dinners with family, crocheting, and especially baking her pies.

She married Jordan D.

Good on May 11, 1968 in Tonica. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 2011.

Edna is also preceded in death by her daughter, Marda Shane; grandsons, David Johnson, Timothy Willis; and siblings, George Francis and Priscilla Bresnahan.

She is survived by her children, Eleanor Jane Brown of Jefferson, Iowa, Lynn (Robert) Appleman, of Sterling, Merle Good, of Cleveland, Texas, Lonnie Good, of Lee Center, Gayl Good Dunseth, of Harvard; 13 grandchildren, Kim, Bobby, Kirk, David, Becky, Scott, Stacey, Jason, Kim, Misty, Mandy, Eric, Nick; and many great and great-great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be on Friday April 22, 2022 starting at 11 a.m., at the Prairie Repose Cemetery



Chapel in Amboy. Burial will follow at the graveside within Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner directed the deployment of Illinois Task Force 1, an 80-member search and rescue team, to assist local responders as they searched for people who may have been trapped after the tornado.

"We called at 6 p.m. and by the following morning 80 fulltime firemen from across the country arrived with 35 pieces of apparatus," Schultz shared. "It was incredible to have so much help to clear roads, check trailers and tend to injured residents. They even set up a medic-tent with the ability to perform surgeries if necessary."

"Our brotherhood is a strong one. They arrived as strangers and left as friends," he said with much pride in his voice.

The Sublette Fire Department takes the brotherhood seriously and according to second year firemen and recently certified EMT, Brian O'Malley, that was the first thing that he noticed and appreciated.

"Everyone was so willing to answer any and all questions that I have," he said. "I was looking for a way to help out my community and I thought that this would be a good fit. The training is top notch and they have a really good reputation. It's like one big happy family."

In 2016 the department purchased a new engine which is an asset and big plus for a town of 400 people. There is a tradition in the firemen ranks that whenever a new piece of equipment is

brought in there is what's called a 'pushing in' ceremony.

"We wanted to honor the tradition started by generations of firefighters before us," said Schultz. "Everyone gets in front of the vehicle and pushes it into the bay. It was very special and brings all of us even closer as a unit. I'm privileged to lead a great department with such a dedicated group of men and women. We are proud of our accomplishments."

Found

An earring was found in Amboy City Park after the Amboy Lions Club's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. The earring was turned into Amboy City Hall.

Village looks to replace damaged posts and cement in downtown

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

Publisher

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette is getting costs to replace the damaged posts and cement in downtown Sublette.

The Sublette Village Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, April 11, in the Ellice Dinges Center. All members were present except Sublette Village Trustee Larry Ellis.

Sublette Village Trustee Bob Bulfer told the board there are 24 posts that are rotted

off downtown and some cement work also needs to be completed. He said he contacted a company and a representative will be coming out to give a cost estimate for the work needed to be done.

High speed internet

Sublette Village Board President John Stenzel said another company, Rice Broadband, has approached the village about bringing internet into the village.

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

'NEVER TRUST A CANDY HOUSE'

"Hansel and Gretel" was included in Grimms' Fairy Tales of 1812, but the story originated 500 years earlier during the Great Famine of 1314 to 1322. Thus a cottage made of gingerbread and candy was surely the ultimate temptation for the children. But as a character in Jennifer Egan's novel "The Candy House" (published two weeks ago) warns his daughter, "Never trust a candy house. Nothing is free." The candy house in this instance is an invention called "Own Your Unconscious," which allows one to externalize one's mind and revisit the past whenever one likes. Once the memories are uploaded to an online archive called the Collective Consciousness, one may enter other people's memories as well.

Egan doesn't address such obvious problems as, for example, whether the brain is selective in storing the events of our lives. Her characters can follow in minutest detail their own and other people's memories. In fact "Own Your Unconscious" is much like the Internet, pervasive, but accepted as part of our daily life. It is in the background, like a movie soundtrack for the lives of her extensive cast of characters. The novel's drama takes place when many of the characters search for a more authentic life.

Bix Bouten, the tech billionaire who created "Own Your Unconscious," called his company Mandala to appeal to the benefits and temptations of perfect recollection of dimly remembered events. But Bix did not invent it. It was Miranda Kline, a genius anthropologist who spent years living among a remote tribe in Brazil, who "mapped the genome of inclinations for predicting behavior." Her daughters patented her algorithms for predicting "patterns of affinity," and sold them to social media giants. "We made a tragedy of her career by perverting her theory to bring about the end of private life."

Miranda became an eluder, people who go to extremes to escape the Collective Consciousness, often vanishing completely. Chris Salazar, who runs a rehab center in San Francisco – the stories range from New York to Chicago to LA and San Francisco – thinks externalizing consciousness is a grievous mistake: "The Collective is like gravity, no one can withstand it." On the other side is Lincoln, a "senior empiricist and metrics expert" (a counter) who declares, "What the eluders want to restore is the uniqueness they felt before counting revealed that they were an awful lot like everybody else." He believes "quantifiability doesn't make human life any less remarkable, or even (this is counterintuitive, I know) less mysterious – any more than identifying the rhyme scheme in a poem devalues the poem itself. The opposite." It is, of course, the story that wins out. "Knowing everything is too much like knowing nothing; without a story, it's all just information."

Brit Floyd bringing world tour to Rockford

ROCKFORD — Brit Floyd returns to the Coronado Performing Arts Center stage on Tuesday, July 26 at 8 p.m. to perform its brand new production, including highlights from "The Wall," "The Dark Side of the Moon," "Wish You Were Here," "Animals" and "The Division Bell," and featuring a show-stopping 23-minute, note-for-note performance of the iconic era-defining song "Echoes," written 50 years ago, and from Pink Floyd's breakthrough 1971 album "Meddle." Tickets for the show start at \$38.50 and went on sale Friday, March 4 at 10 a.m. on Ticketmaster.com, in-person at the Coronado Performing Arts Center box office and by phone at 815-968-5222.

Having performed over 1,000 shows since its launch in Liverpool, England, in January 2011, Brit Floyd have circled the world, sold out tours across Europe, North America, South America and the Middle East, and performed concerts at some of the world's greatest venues, including London's prestigious Royal Albert Hall, the awe-inspiring Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Denver, Colorado, the historic Greek Theatre in Los Angeles and "The Showplace of the Nation," NYC's Radio City Music Hall in Manhattan.

The Brit Floyd show has become a phenomenon and is widely regarded as the world's greatest rock tribute show. The production faithfully recreates the scale and pomp of the final 1994 Pink Floyd tour, complete with a stunning multimillion dollar light show, iconic circle screen, lasers, inflatables and theatrics.

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BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

I hope you all had a very meaningful Holy Week culminating with Easter Sunday. All four of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) give their own version of the Resurrection story of Jesus. All of which have their similarities with the others, but also their differences, which further validates the story because each writer recorded the events of that day based upon his own unique experience or research.

The Resurrection account from Mark's gospel (which scholars consider the first written) appears to be the shortest and least detailed. In fact, most Bibles today have a footnote which says something like, "The earliest manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20." Though those verses are still part of the canon of Scripture, they are thought to have been added at a later date.

If this is truly the case, then Mark's gospel originally ended with verse 8, which really condenses his account of the Resurrection. Yet what Mark shares is still sufficient. He tells of the women who were going to the tomb to anoint the dead body of Jesus with very expensive perfumed spices. The huge stone that sealed the tomb was removed. And the description of "a young man dressed in white" who would give them the most important (good) news ever spoken... "He is risen!"

Those three words changed the world forever. Though at the time, nothing seemed any different. Jesus' disciples (who didn't believe the initial report) were still hiding in fear. The Jews were still under Roman rule. And Caesar was still on the throne. In fact, the world appeared to be pretty much as it had been the day before. But it wasn't. And it would never be the same again. The Resurrection of Jesus

CGH Medical Center recognizes DAISY award winner

STERLING — Charles Arwine, a registered nurse in the CGH Critical Care Unit, was recently recognized as a recipient of the prestigious DAISY Award for extraordinary nurses. An international program, the award is presented to nurses around the world who go above and beyond for their patients and demonstrate extraordinary compassionate care.

"Chuck recognized the need for intervention on a patient who was not assigned to him and displayed true compassion and kindness," said Renee Stach, RN, Critical Care Assistant Manager. "He did everything he could to counsel and calm a postpartum patient who wanted to leave against medical advice. He spent over 20 minutes on his knee consoling her, and his true kindness and empathy towards her did not go unseen."

The DAISY Award - an acronym for "Diseases Attacking the Immune System" - was established by the DAISY Foundation in California in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at age 33 of an autoimmune disease. During his hospitalization, they deeply appreciated the care and compassion shown to Patrick and his entire family. When he died, they felt compelled to say "thank you" to nurses in a very public way. The DAISY Award continues to recognize and celebrate the outstanding professionalism and compassion that nurses bring to patients and their families every day.

Other CGH nurses nominated for the DAISY award during the 1st quarter included: Darcie Bettner; Shelly Roling Christensen; Jennifer Cook, LPN; Anne Cordell; Rosalie Feary; Michele Harrison, LPN; Laura Hawk; Sandy Hobbs; Rebecca Kundert; Shelly Lewis; Priscilla McNeill; Tiffany Markel; Anne Nehrkorn; Jennifer Olson; Danelle Saunders; Trisha Shuck; Laura Stoudt; Norma Alvarado-Urrutia; Stephanie Waller; Laurie Wilkinson; Julie Wardell, NP; and Beriah Zigler. If you would like to submit a nomination for extraordinary nursing care that you, a family member, or a patient have received at CGH Medical Center, please visit www.cghmc.com/daisy.

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Opinion

Closed-door process rarely benefits voters

Illinois politicians talk a lot about transparency but rarely practice it – even amongst themselves.

State budgets are negotiated behind closed doors between whomever is governor and legislative leaders. Sometimes members of the minority party are included, but other times, such as this year, not so much.

This month, once a budget agreement was reached behind those locked doors, lawmakers found themselves voting on a 3,400-page, \$46.5 billion operating budget a few hours later.

Think any of them knew exactly what they were voting on? No way.

Is this unusual in Springfield? No. But it has never served the public well.

Whether the governor's last name happens to be Pritzker, Rauner, Quinn, Blagojevich or Ryan, the secrecy persists.

I first began covering the General Assembly in 1988. I can say both Republicans and Democrats are guilty of this

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



practice. "Good-government-type" politicians and political hacks are equally guilty, too.

"They didn't talk to Republicans during the budgeting process at all, and they don't need to," Sen. Neil Anderson, R-Andalusia, said. "Why would they? This is kind of the result you get: a closed-door budget to make sure everybody in their caucus is happy."

In politics, knowledge is power.

Taxpayers and bondholders deserve to know how our money is being spent. But the budget document is so opaque it is often hard to discern whether major new initiatives have been slipped into the spending plan – even if those voting on it had adequate time to review it.

For example, back in 2005, the General Assembly rejected spending state money on stem-cell research. Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who favored the measure, snuck \$10 million in stem-cell research spending into the budget by labeling it "scientific research."

Lawmakers were understandably angry when they figured out they had been tricked into voting for something they had opposed.

Blagojevich shrugged and said the end justified the means. And there is the rub. Deception is often the key to legislative success. The closed-door process benefits political insiders, legislative power brokers and a host of special interests. But it rarely benefits voters.

It shows contempt not just for the minority party but also for the rank-and-file lawmakers of the majority party, who are derisively referred to as "mushrooms" because they are kept in the dark and fed a lot of er, um manure.

The budget was hurriedly debated and voted on during an all-night session. Why? Well, if they act fast – before lawmakers and constituents have reviewed the spending plans contents – they can beat any possible new opposition.

"You're trying to track everything and there's a lot of last-minute changes because you know, amendments get filed at the last possible moment," state Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, said. "And it does make it very difficult to know exactly what's in there. I'm sure we'll see things coming out over the next several weeks about things that were tucked in there or mistakes that were made."

His view was echoed by state Rep. Sandy Hamilton, R-Springfield. "We can do better than this to improve transparency. After all, the budget is spending taxpayers' money. The people of Illinois should have far more input."

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Prom and graduation season are important for many high school students. Both events serve as memorable celebrations and the next step in their journey to create their own futures. But these events can also come with a lot of pressure and feelings of anxiety for many teenagers. That's why Anheuser-Busch and G&M Distributors are building on their longstanding commitment to promoting responsible drinking by encouraging parents to talk with their kids on how to create memories with friends safely.

Before this season arrives, it's always a good idea to sit down with your teen to talk about a plan of action if they are

confronted with underage drinking, establish expectations, and answer any questions so that they can have a safe and fun night with their friends. Parents are the biggest influence on their teens' decisions about underage drinking, and special occasions like prom and graduation are great opportunities to build confidence and trust.

For more information and resources on how you can devote quality time to talk with your teenagers about underage drinking, Anheuser-Busch and G&M encourage you to learn more through the Family Talk About Drinking program. This essential resource for parents can help you connect with your teen through honest and open-ended conversations

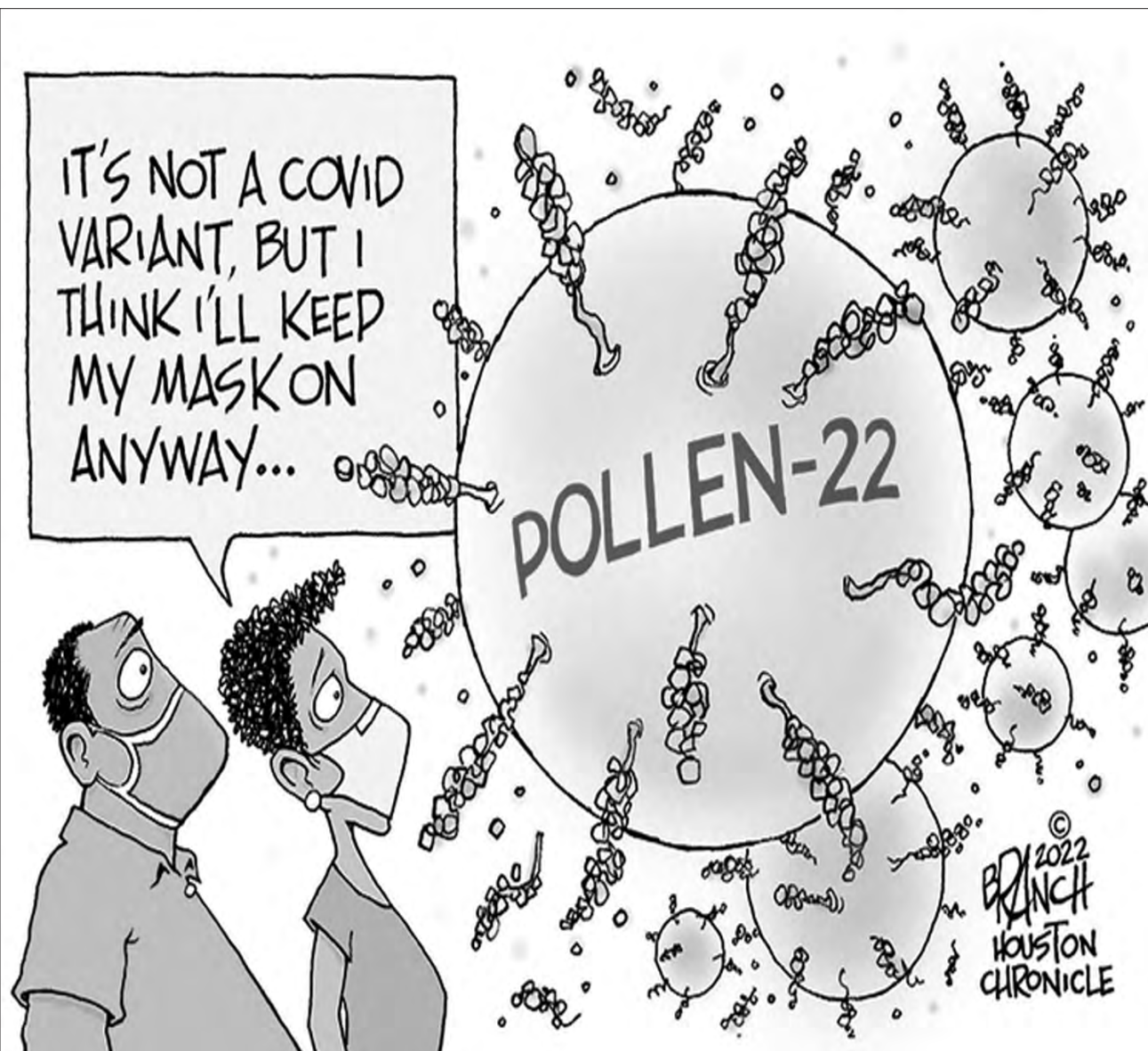
while providing tips for talking with children and teenagers through every stage of life.

Here's where you can find Family Talk About Drinking resources online to help start these important conversations:

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As prom and graduation season approaches, make sure you talk with your teen, so they are prepared to celebrate safely.

Sincerely,
Mary Adolphson
Corporate Social Responsibility
Coordinator



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago April 21, 1922

The Ford coupe driven by J. L. Glassburn, was destroyed by fire late Saturday afternoon.

An "Ocean Wave" has been added to the playground equipment at the Lincoln and Grant schools. The cost of these two pieces was upwards of \$200 and was paid for from the money earned by the grade pupils from entertainment, from the premium money won at the state fair, and from funds of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Guy Gascogine of Lee Center is building a bungalow on West Main Street, between the residence of George Hewitt and Mr. Hetherington.

75 Years Ago April 24, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Carr entertained Sunday dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carr and daughter Marna of Mount Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Carr, and son, Jerre.

Mrs. Julia Long, Mrs. Catherine

Schwamberger, Mrs. Margaret Hinkle and daughter Lois, spent Monday in Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Degne spent Thursday buying new merchandise for Degner Electric Shop.

50 Years Ago April 20, 1972

Tom Murphy as Lazar and Gary David Jones as Teyve are just two of the cast members of Amboy High School's "Fiddler on the Roof."

Darrell John broke the Amboy High School pole vault record Tuesday afternoon at a dual meet in Dixon. John cleared the bar at 12 feet to better the AHS school record of 11'9" set in 1949 by Ron Ellis.

Varsity basketball at its best can be seen by Amboy fans next season as the first annual Amboy Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held Dec. 27, 28 and 29.

Three bright spots in Amboy's loss to Dixon Tuesday night were record performances in the pole vault by Darrell John, and Dean Rapp's 10:45 in

the 2-mile relay along with a personal record, no school, by Jeff Gugerty in the discus with 140' 4".

25 Years Ago April 17, 1997

Jaron McCracken, a senior guard from Amboy High School, signs a national letter of intent last Wednesday to attend Division II Lewis University in Romeoville. Attending the signing, which took place at Amboy High School, were Jaron's parents, Mike and Pam.

Restored Unto Us is the latest business to open its doors in downtown Amboy. Located at 232 E Main St., between Kaleel's and Hair We Are, the business sells used children's clothing from infant through teenage on consignment.

Amboy Police Department announces the addition of two new squad cars – a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria, and a 1995 Chevrolet Caprice Classic. Both cars were purchased using money from a savings program started in 1994. The money in the program comes entirely from fines levied by the police department.

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LOCAL NEWS

Paid COVID-19 leave for vaccinated educators signed into law

BY PETER HANCOCK

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SPRINGFIELD—Public school, community college and public university employees who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are now entitled to paid administrative leave for any days they miss this school year due to coronavirus-related issues.

Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday signed House Bill 1167 into law, which provides those employees as many days off as need-

ed to abide by public health guidelines and mandates related to isolation and exclusion. The law applies to any employee of public educational institutions, including support staff and contractors.

It also applies retroactively to days missed this school year.

"It ensures that if a teacher has done their part to keep their classroom safe for their most vulnerable students, they won't have to worry for a second about their pay or their paid time off if they get COVID, or if they're

required to isolate, or if the school has moved to e-learning and their work can't be done at home," Pritzker said during a bill signing ceremony in his Statehouse office.

Lawmakers initially passed a bill during last year's fall veto session that provided paid leave for any education employee who had to miss work due to COVID-19, but Pritzker vetoed that measure in January because it also would have applied to unvaccinated employees.

At the same time he issued that veto,

however, Pritzker announced he had reached a negotiated agreement with teachers' unions, school districts, colleges and universities on a bill that would include a vaccine requirement for the benefit.

"Work in legislation is difficult. People don't always agree. There are struggles and differences of opinion," said Dan Montgomery, president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers.

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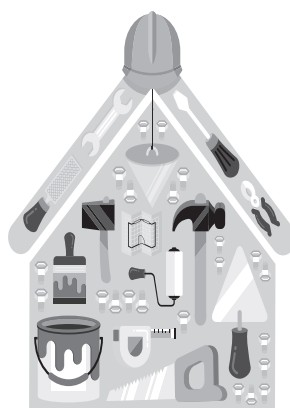
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LEE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
To Whom It May Concern:

On March 22, 2022, Michael and Mary Anderson had filed a Petition for Special Use Permit with the Lee County Zoning Office requesting that they be granted a special use for certain real property located in Lee County, Illinois, for the construction and operation of a mini warehouse. The Property, identified as 02-15-36-200-016, is presently zoned ag-1 Rural/Agricultural.

Notice is hereby given that the Lee County Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the Petition at 7 p.m., on May 5, 2022, at the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E. Second Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

Zoom remote access and YouTube information can be found on the Lee County website at www.leecountyil.com No. 0404 (April 20, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF MEETING DATES SET BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AMBOY TOWNSHIP FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR. MEETINGS HELD AT THE AMBOY TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 106 SOUTH PROSPECT, AMBOY, IL 61310
May 11, 2022
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October 12, 2022
November 9, 2022
December 14, 2022
January 11, 2023
February 8, 2023
March 8, 2023
March 29, 2023 (Continued Meeting; End of Fiscal Year)
April 11, 2023 (Annual Town Meeting followed by regular monthly meeting)
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7:00 p.m. UNLESS CHANGED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. ALL CHANGES WILL BE PUBLISHED.
Respectfully Submitted, Amy R. Scudder No. 0405 (April 20)

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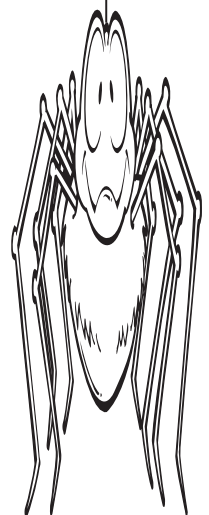
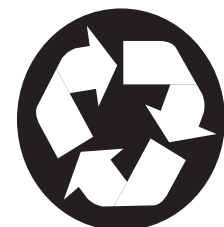
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LOCAL NEWS

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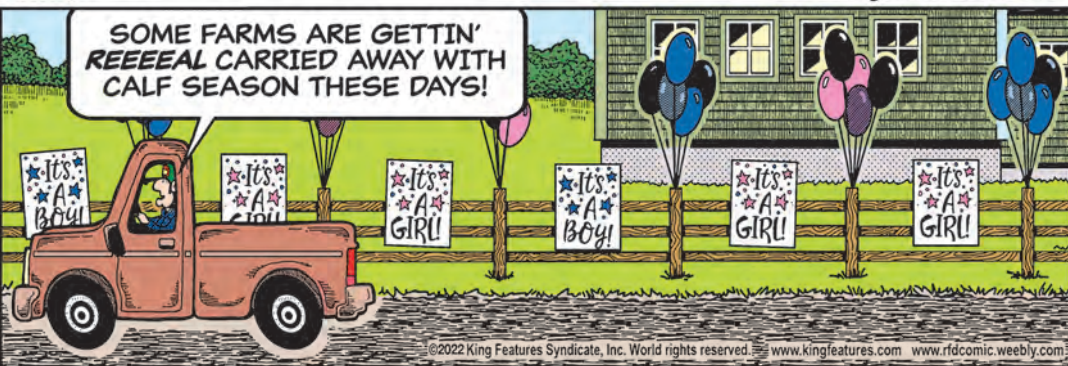
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by Gary Kopervas



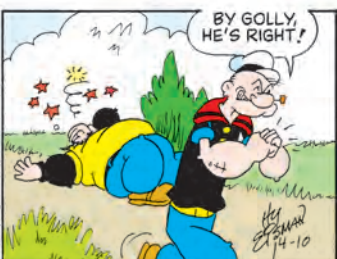
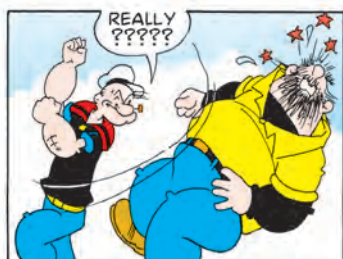
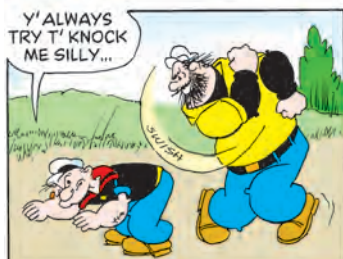
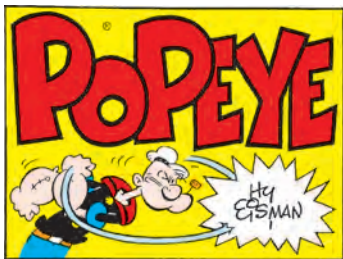
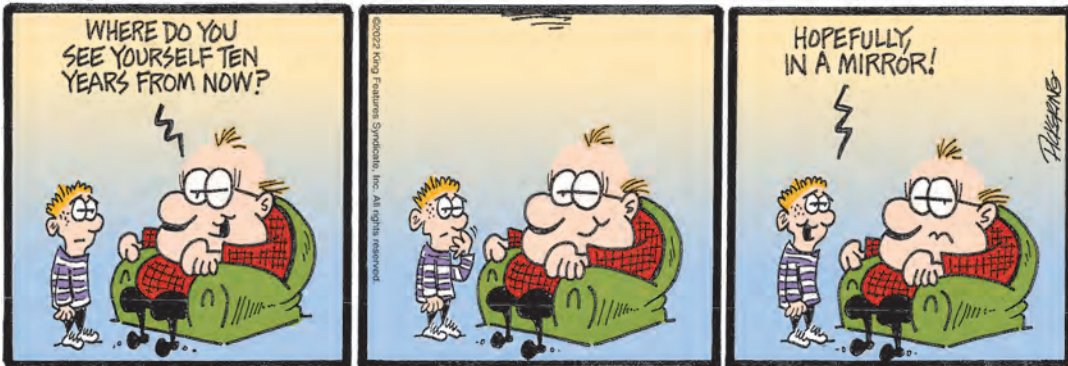
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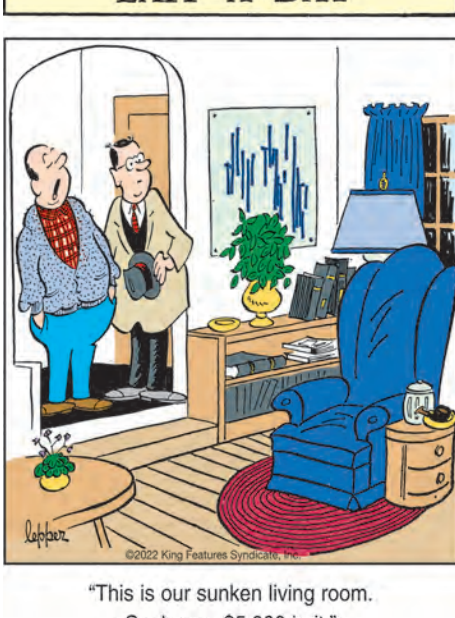


Just Like Cats & Dogs

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!

Mock DAYPRO
Plaid ANTART
Complete ACTTIN
Regret FIGER

TODAY'S WORD

ACROSS

- 1 Facts and figures
5 Bygone jet
8 Son of Seth
12 Latin love
13 Historic period
14 "Peter Pan" pooch
15 "No problem!"
17 Darkens
18 Skip
19 "Delicious" crop
21 Three, in Rome
22 Hold sway
23 Zsa Zsa's sister
26 Stitch
28 Justice Ruth — Ginsburg

King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13			14			
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51					52	53				
54					55			56		
57					58			59		

- 31 Missing
33 Pouch
35 Shriek barks
36 Toy (with)
38 Prattle
40 Make lace
41 Beer, slangily
43 Capote nickname
45 Black Sea port
47 Indigenous
51 Accomplishes
52 "Yes?"
54 Garfield's pal
55 Napoleon's

- title (Abbr.)
56 Actress Turner
57 Breaks down
58 Coifs
59 Stretches (out)
DOWN
1 Calendar squares
2 Mine, in Montreal
3 Talk up
4 Lingo
5 Small sofas
6 Lanka lead-in

- 7 Early Mongolian
8 Bridge tactic
9 Aced a test
10 "My treat"
11 Lip
16 Partially mine
20 Tavern
23 Sprite
24 Book-spine abbr.
25 "In my view ..."
27 Witty one
29 Clean air org.
30 Trio after Q

- 32 Bridge supports
34 Short snoozes
37 Super Bowl stats
39 Unruly kid
42 Cut lumber
44 Of service
45 Scent
46 Nitwit
48 Author Dinesen
49 Tarzan's commuter line?
50 LAX guesses
53 Med. plan

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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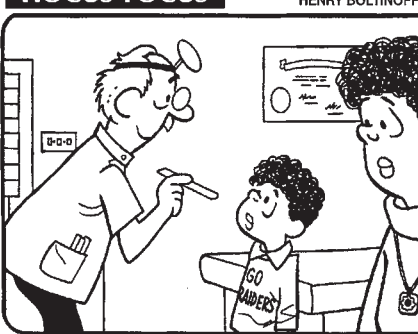
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

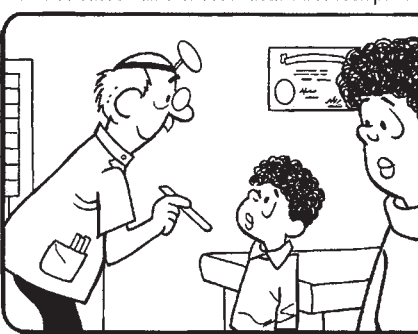
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Switch is missing. 2. Hair is different. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Shirt logo is missing. 5. Diploma is smaller. 6. Locket is missing.

DINNER

Today's Word

3. Intact; 4. Grief

1. Parody 2. Tartan

solution

SCRAMBLERS

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: N equals R

VUYGPU CMEC JEO KGYUX CZ

EVEI CZ MUBR MGI JGCM OZGB

IEGXCUXEXPU GX CMU KENVUX ZA

UVUX: E AGNOC-RUNOZX EUNECZN.

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April 18, 2022 Posting Date

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?
2. MOVIES: Which Disney character's catchphrase is "To infinity and beyond!"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: How many permanently inhabited territories does the United States have?
4. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Greek goddess of chance?
5. U.S. STATES: How many states call themselves commonwealths?
6. HISTORY: How many people worldwide were killed by the Black Death pandemic in the 1400s?
7. SCIENCE: What layer of air is closest to Earth in the atmosphere?
8. TELEVISION: Which animated TV comedy includes the fictional school Springfield Elementary?
9. ADVERTISING: A sales clerk named Lily promotes which company in advertisements?
10. LITERATURE: George Smiley is a character in which 1974 novel?

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10. "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy"
9. AT&T
8. "The Simpsons"
7. Troposphere
6. Estimates range from 25 million to 200 million
5. Four (Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia)
4. Tyche
3. Five (American Samoa, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Northern Mariana Islands)
2. Buzz Lightyear, "Toy Story"
1. Four. Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter, Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt

Answers

D	A	T	A	S	T	E	N	O	S
A	M	O	R	E	R	A	N	A	
V	O	G	O	O	T	I	T		
S	I	T	O	U	T				
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E	V	A	D	E	R				
T	R	E							
A	P	P	L	E	S				
O	G	O	O	T	I	T			
A	M	O	R	E	R	A	N	A	
D	A	T	A	S	T	E	N	O	S

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

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

CryptoQuip
Device that was given to Adam to help him with soil maintenance in the Garden of Eden. A first-person aerator.

LOCAL NEWS

MEDICAID continued from page A3

“We lost – this is hard for me – thousands in our nursing homes. I don’t think there’s anyone in the country who would not at that point have said, this is urgent. And I think the point is nothing has changed, except that now we know just how bad it can be.”

Since around the time the pandemic first struck, HFS has been working on a new funding model that would reward nursing homes for increasing staff levels and provide additional money to raise wages for certified nursing assistants, the people who provide the most day-to-day direct care to residents.

That new system, known as a Patient Driven Payment Model, or PDPM, has been the subject of intense negotiations for the past two years between state agencies, senior citizen advocates and the nursing home industry.

But House Majority Leader Greg Harris, D-Chicago, announced Wednesday morning that an agreement had finally been reached, and it passed the Senate unanimously later that evening.

“It’s a big victory, and it will bring a lot more accountability to the long-term care industry,” Harris said during a Statehouse news conference.

Most of the funding for the plan, an estimated \$515 million, would come from an increased bed tax the state levies on nursing facilities to generate money that is then used to draw down additional federal Medicaid matching funds.

Of that, \$360 million would be used as incentive payments for nursing homes to increase their staffing levels up to or beyond certain target levels. Those targets are determined by what’s known as the Staff Time and Resource Intensity Verification, or STRIVE study of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Those incentive payments begin when a facility reaches 75 percent of its STRIVE target and increase incrementally with each full percentage point increase that a facility attains, up to a maximum of \$38.68 per patient day.

Another \$85 million would be used to subsidize annual wage hikes for CNAs based on their years of experience. Those would start with a \$1.50 per-hour bump for those with one year of experience, increasing annually to a maximum of \$6.50 per hour for those with at least six years of experience.

Another \$70 million would be used to re-

ward facilities that demonstrate improvement on certain quality measures.

The bill also calls for spending another \$202 million in combined state and federal funds to raise the base per-day reimbursement rate the state pays nursing homes by \$7, bringing it to \$92.25 per resident day, plus another \$4 per day for facilities serving an above-average percentage of Medicaid patients.

Additionally, the bill requires nursing facility owners to report annually the names of all individuals and organizations with an ownership interest in the facility, a change prompted by the growing number of facilities owned by private equity funds, a trend that some studies have suggested is linked to lower quality care.

One provision the nursing home industry negotiated into the bill is an 18-month phase-in period during which all facilities would be reimbursed as if they were at 85 percent of their STRIVE target.

The new payment system is spelled out in a Senate amendment to House Bill 246. It passed out of the Senate on Wednesday, 58-0, and the House on Thursday 113-0.

BOARD continued from page A4

Sublette Village Treasurer Will Klein told the board that the residents of Sublette have many options for internet now, naming IT Works, Frontier, Riseband and Heartland Cable Broadband.

Under old business, the village decided to remove Surf Broadband from the agenda until the board heard what the residents of the village

want. Surf Broadband had also approached the village about bringing in high speed internet.

In other board news:

- The board will be getting quotes for the roof and gutters of the Ellice Dinges Center. The current roof was installed in 2001 and had a 20-year warranty.

- Don Dinges reported to

the board that the annual Toy Show was a huge success. He added that appreciation goes to the new committee, that they did a great job running the toy show. Dinges said the Sip and Stroll event that was planned for the end of April, has been postponed to June. He told the board that Sublette had been ranked second in Lee County sales tax for many years, but slipped to third place in 2021.

- The village has set Saturday, April 23 as the annual village clean-up day. Sign-up sheets will be available at the post office and Bonnell’s General Store.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m., in the Ellice Dinges Center.

HEALTH continued from page A7

“And we’ve seen around the country, and certainly around the state, that those tensions are inflamed during COVID. But this bill is a sign that when you have good public servants of goodwill, who devote themselves to trying to figure out what’s the right thing to do, we can all work together and get it done and do it in a way that is better for learning, teaching, and the kids and their communities of the state.”

Angela Bulger, a special education paraprofessional in O’Fallon, said she has already missed eight school days this year due to COVID-19 – once when she contracted the virus and again when her 7-year-old daughter was exposed to the virus at school.

“As a new employee, I am allotted 11 sick days,” she said. “Without this legislation, any additional days missed because of COVID would also mean a cut in pay because I have no more earned sick days.”

The original bill passed the General Assembly in October with near-unanimous

support, but the inclusion of a vaccination requirement to be able to receive the benefits sparked Republican opposition. They argued that unvaccinated employees who have to stay home to care for a sick family member would be deprived of a benefit that a vaccinated person in the same position would receive.

But Pritzker defended the vaccine requirement as a way to encourage more people to get vaccinated.

“What we’re trying to do, of course, is to encourage people to do the right thing to keep their students safe, to keep the rest of the school safe, by being vaccinated. That’s the whole purpose of that provision in the law,” he said.

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SPORTS

Lady Clippers finish in the middle of pack at Bureau Valley Invite

AMBOY — The Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team finished in the middle of the pack in the Bureau Valley Invitational on April 12 at Manlius. The Lady Clippers accumulated 68 points to finish in the fourth spot. The winning team was Kewanee Wethersfield with 147 points.

The Lady Clippers took first place in five events. Elly Jones captured the 100-meter hurdles, the long jump and the triple jump, while Lauren Althaus broke the tape in the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash.

April 12 – Bureau Valley Invite

Kewanee Wethersfield 147, Fulton 116, Bureau Valley 80, Amboy-LaMoille 68, Cambridge 59, St. Bede 44, Putnam County 5

A-L 1st place: Lauren Althaus, 200m dash, 27.79; Althaus, 400m dash, 1:06.65; Elly Jones, 100m hurdles, 16.14; Jones, long jump, 16-6; Jones, triple jump, 34-7

A-L 3rd place: Lexi Ketchum, 800m run, 2:57.34

A-L 4th place: Taylor Jahn, 800m run, 3:07.39; Ketchum, high jump, 4-3

A-L 5th place: Jahn, long jump, 14-0

A-L 6th place: Dezi Cater, 100m dash, 14.79

The Lady Clippers competed on their home track against six other teams on April 14. The other schools were Bureau Valley, Forreston, Stockton, Hinckley-Big Rock, Galena and Pearl City.

Amboy-LaMoille claimed first-place honors in five events. Althaus grabbed the 200-meter dash (27.79) and the 400m dash (1:06.65). Jones seized top honors in the 100-meter hurdles (16.14), the long jump (16-6) and the triple jump (34-7).

A-L 1st place: Althaus, 200m dash, 27.79;

Althaus, 400m dash, 1:06.65; Jones, 100m hurdles, 16.14; Jones, long jump, 16-6; Jones, triple jump, 34-7

A-L 2nd place: Jones, 300m hurdles, 54.43

A-L 3rd place: Jahn, 800m run, 2:57.72

A-L 4th place: Ketchum, high jump, 4-5; Natalie Wamhoff, discus, 71-6

A-L 5th place: Cater, 100m dash, 14.79; Cater, 200m dash, 31.42; Jahn, long jump, 14-0

A-L 6th place: Laela Shevokas, discus, 65-5

Amboy's team made the trek to Spring Valley for the Rollie Morris Invitational on April 16. The Lady Clippers scored 50 points, which was good enough for sixth place in the team standings.

Jones had the best finishes on the day for A-L, taking second place in the 300-meter

hurdles (52.3), the long jump (14-5) and the triple jump (33-9).

April 16 – Morris Invite

Newark 130, Princeton 101, Aurora Central Catholic 90, Rockridge 73.5, Lowpoint-Washburn 53, Amboy-LaMoille 50, Bureau Valley 47.5, Hall 36, St. Bede 34, Streator 24, Stillman Valley 23, Fieldcrest 19, Somonauk 8, Putnam County 6

A-L 2nd place: Jones, 300m hurdles, 52.3; Jones, long jump, 14-5; Jones, triple jump, 33-9

A-L 3rd place: Althaus, 200m dash, 27.4; Althaus, 400m dash, 1:04.7; Jones, 100m hurdles, 16.1

A-L 4th place: Ketchum, 800m run, 2:52.2

A-L 7th place: 4x400m relay (Ketchum, Reilly Schafer, Mallory Henert, Lily Searling), 5:05.3

A-L 8th place: Jahn, 800m run, 3:01.1

Clipper track team competes in relays, hosts home meet

AMBOY — The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team competed in the 11-team Fulton Relays on April 12. The Clippers finished in eighth place with 24 points. Lena-Winslow claimed the top spot with 86 points.

Amboy's best finish was third place in a pair of relays. The 4x800 relay took third in a time of 9:18.82. Runners included Kyler McNinch, Atticus Horner, Wyatt Lundquist and Brock Loftus.

Also claiming third was the SMR 200-200-400-800 relay in a time of 3:54.70. Making up that relay team were Caleb Yonos, Kelton Schwamberger, Zane Murphy and Loftus.

April 12 – Fulton Relays

Lena-Winslow 86, Galena 69, Erie-Phroetstown 65, Sterling Newman 56, Riverdale 54, Morrison 43, Fulton 30, Amboy-LaMoille 24, Rock Island Alleman 20, Milledgeville 16, West Carroll 2

A-L 3rd place: 4x800m relay (Kyler McNinch, Atticus Horner, Wyatt Lundquist, Brock Loftus), 9:18.82; SMR 200-200-400-800m relay (Caleb Yonos, Kelton Schwam-

berger, Zane Murphy, Loftus), 3:54.70

A-L 4th place: Chandler Pohl, shot put, 41-7; Pohl, discus, 113-1

A-L 5th place: 4x1600m relay (Lundquist, Ed Fry, Horner, McNinch), 10:59.77; DMR 1200-400-800-1600m relay (Lundquist, Fry, Horner, McNinch), 10:59.77

A-L 6th place: 4x200m relay (Yonos, Joel Billhorn, Schwamberger, Murphy), 1:39.77; Ian Sundberg, discus, 109-4

Amboy hosted six other teams on April 14 at the AHS track. Bureau Valley, Forreston, Stockton, Hinckley-Big Rock, Galena and Pearl City participated.

The Clippers finished first in four events. Chandler Pohl owned the top spot in the shot put (41-4) and discus (118-3), while Brock Loftus ran 10:13 in the 3200-meter to break the tape. The other first went to the 4x800 relay team in a time of 9:40. Runners were Lundquist, Schwamberger, Ed Fry and McNinch.

A-L 1st place: Loftus, 3200m run, 10:13; Pohl, shot put, 41-4; Pohl, discus, 118-3;

4x800m relay (Lundquist, Schwamberger, Fry, McNinch), 9:40

A-L 2nd place: Murphy, 100m dash, 11.7; Murphy, 200m dash, 23.9; Lundquist, 800m run, 2:20; 4x100m relay (Yonos, Billhorn, Josh McKendry, Murphy), 1:39.8; Billhorn, long jump, 18-3; Fry, triple jump, 35-1; Sundberg, discus, 109-2

A-L 3rd place: McNinch, 1600m run, 4:58; Sundberg, shot put, 38-6

A-L 4th place: Yonos, 100m dash, 11.9; Yonos, 200m dash, 24.3; Horner, 800m run, 2:30

A-L 6th place: Fry, 400m dash, 1:00; Horn-

er, 1600m run, 5:25

The Clippers braved the chilly temperatures at the Rollie Morris Invite in Spring Valley on April 16. A-L placed fifth in the team standings with 75 points.

Loftus had the only first-place finish for the Clippers, taking the 3200-meter run in a time of 10:01.2. Sundberg was second in the shot put with a heave of 39-7.

April 16 – Morris Invite

Streator 92, Stillman Valley 84, Aurora Central Catholic 83, Lowpoint-Washburn 77, Amboy-LaMoille 75, Hall 68.5, Bureau Valley 52.5, Rockridge 52, St. Bede 51.5, Fieldcrest 24, Putnam County 16, Newark 11, Somonauk 8, Mendota 6.5

A-L 1st place: Loftus, 3200m run, 10:01.2

A-L 2nd place: Sundberg, shot put, 39-7

A-L 3rd place: Loftus, 1600m run, 4:50.3; McNinch, 3200m run, 10:39.8; Pohl, shot put, 38-4; Pohl, discus, 120-7

A-L 4th place: 4x200m relay (Yonos, Billhorn, Schwamberger, Murphy), 1:40; 4x400m relay (McNinch, Billhorn, Schwamberger, Loftus), 3:59.9; 4x800m relay (Lundquist, Schwamberger, Jaden Haley, Horner), 9:52.1; Sundberg, discus, 107-8

A-L 6th place: McNinch, 1600m run, 5:04.9; 4x100m relay (Yonos, Billhorn, McKendry, Murphy), 49.2; Billhorn, long jump, 16-3

A-L 7th place: Murphy, 100m dash, 11.7; Murphy, 200m dash, 24.4

Lady Clipper earn win against AFC

AMBOY — Amboy exploded for 12 runs in the second inning and went on to defeat Ashton-Franklin Center, 18-1, on April 12 at the AHS field. The game was called after the top of the fourth. The Lady Clippers opened the scoring with three runs in the first, and then tallied 12 times in the second to put the game away.

Tyrah Vaessen had three singles for Amboy, Addison Shaw singled and doubled, and Baylie Nickel singled twice. Hannah Blanton added a double.

Blanton was the winning pitcher, allowing just two hits. She struck out six and walked one.

Clippers lose to AFC, earn win over Newark

AMBOY — Ashton-Franklin Center posted a 12-0 triumph over Amboy in varsity baseball action on April 12 at Parker Field. The game ended in the fifth inning because of the 10-run rule.

AFC jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first and added a single tally in the second. The Raiders tacked on four more runs in the fourth frame and then plated five in the fifth to put a premature end to the contest.

Sam Russell and Tucker Lindenmeyer both singled for Amboy's lone

safeties.

Ian Eller pitched the first two innings and took the loss.

The Clippers picked up a 9-6 victory at Newark on April 16. A six-run outburst by Amboy in the fourth inning did the trick.

Eller and Russell each had a pair of singles for Amboy. One of Eller's safeties came in the big fourth inning to drive in two runs. Russell also singled in a run in the frame and finished with

two RBI.

Andruw Jones was the starting pitcher and was credited with the win.

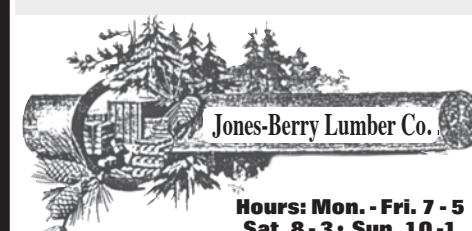
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Tuesday, April 26

AHS Softball & Baseball (H) Polo-4:30 pm

AJHS Track @ Morrison High School-4:30 pm

Wednesday, April 27

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

AJHS 7th/8th Scholastic Bowl Regional @ TBA

Grades 5-12 Speed Agility Quickness-AHS-6:45-7:15 am

Thursday, April 28

AHS Girls Track @ Pecatonica-4 pm

AHS Softball & Baseball @ Polo-4:30 pm

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