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Want to get in on the 50/50 Raffle? Get your tickets purchased!

AMBOY — Depot Days 50/50 tickets are now on sale. Again, this year the Depot Days 50/50 raffle will see a total of 11 different winners.

The first place, big money winner will always receive half of the amount generated from the of tickets sold. Due to COVID, the 2020 Depot Days was canceled. In 2019, the top winner took home \$105,425.

Ten more lucky second place winners will be drawn. Those winners will each take home \$3,000 cash.

Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10, or 24 for \$20.

The drawing will take place on Aug. 29, in downtown Amboy.

Ticket sales locations are:

In Amboy: The Longbranch Saloon, The Last Alarm, The Depot Tap, Shell Express Lane, Jones Berry Lumber Co, Two Sisters on Main, Amboy Thrift Store, and Mowers and More.

In Sublette: Bonnell's General Store, Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet, The Sublette Saloon.

In Ohio: Harry's Pub.

The proceeds from the annual Depot Days 50/50 raffle will go to local charitable organizations.

White issues reminder: electronic automobile insurance verification program has begun

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding drivers that electronic verification of automobile insurance has begun and vehicle owners who are unable to prove insurance will face a license plate suspension and \$100 reinstatement fee.

Enforcement of the state's mandatory insurance electronic verification program began on July 1, 2021. Insurance companies are working in conjunction with the Secretary of State's office to confirm electronically that motorists have automobile insurance. The vast majority of vehicle owners will not have to do anything, as electronic verification of automobile insurance will be confirmed automatically.

"My office has led the effort to establish and implement an automobile insurance verification system online that uses innovations in technology to help reduce the number of Illinois motorists driving while uninsured," said White. "The message is simple: if you don't have auto insurance, get covered now. It is the law."

The program follows national standards established by the Insurance Industry Committee on Motor Vehicle Administration and is expected to reduce the number of Illinois motorists driving while uninsured. Under the new Illinois Insurance Verification System (ILIVS), vehicle owners' automobile insurance will be verified electronically at least twice a year at random intervals to ensure that vehicle owners are complying with the state's mandatory automobile liability insurance laws.

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State Fire Marshall reminds Illinoisans to practice grill safety this summer barbecue season

SPRINGFIELD — The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is reminding Illinoisans to think safety when using grills throughout the entire summer. July is the peak month for grill fires followed by June, May and August.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), reports around 64 percent of U.S. households own at least one outdoor BBQ, grill or smoker. Gas grills contribute to a higher number of fires than charcoal grills. The NFPA reports 61 percent of households own a gas grill. On average, 10,200 home fires are started by a grill each year. Annually, 19,700 patients visit the emergency room with injuries caused from grilling. Thermal burns are the most common injury with over 9,500 reported.

"We are seeing many reports of home structure fires caused by unattended grills or grills being placed and used too close to the house. Follow the proper safety steps to ensure you can enjoy the holiday weekend and the rest of the summer safely," says Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal advises everyone to take these steps to help ensure a safe summer filled with everyone's favorite grilled foods:

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors
- The grill should be placed away from the home or deck railings, and out from under eaves of your home and overhanging tree branches
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill
- Never leave your grill unattended
- Always make sure gas grill lid is open before lighting it
- Check the gas tank on your propane grills and hoses for leaks each time before using
- If you smell gas while grilling, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department
- Make sure charcoal grill coals are cool before disposing of them in a metal container

Bonfires, pit fires and campfires can also create fire safety dangers during the summer months. Campfires need to be built at least 25 feet way from tents, shrubs and anything that can burn. Make sure fires are allowed in the area that you are camping.

The Beaux Band takes the stage at Depot Days

AMBOY — The annual Amboy Depot Days celebration is just around the corner.

The free musical entertainment for the annual festival has been announced. Performing on Friday, Aug. 27, from 7 – 9 p.m., on the Main Stage is The Beaux Band.

The Beaux are a Classic Rock Cover Band serving Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin.

The band pays tribute to the best rock music of our lives. Everything from The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, Chicago, Journey, Bon Jovi, The Doors, Creedence Clearwater, REO Speedwagon, Badfinger, Bonnie Raitt, Tommy James, The Doobie Brothers, STYX, Bob Seger, Steppenwolf, Moody Blues, Santana, The Cars, Tom Petty, Cream, The Romantics, Stealers Wheel, Pat Benatar, BTO, Collective Soul, Chuck Berry, Steppenwolf, Todd Rundgren, ZZ Top, The Eurythmics and many more.

The band originally formed back in 1967 and played regularly throughout Northern Illinois until 1973. Though they never broke up, life (college, marriage, family, etc.) "interrupted".



After a 38 year "break", some of the original members of the band re-formed in 2011 for a one night "reunion" performance. It was such a blast

they decided to keep it going. Joining original member John "Monk" Montgomery (Lead Vocals and Drums) are Hans Stucki (Keyboards, Guitar

and Vocals), Ron Hoyle (Bass Guitar), Tim Schulz (Lead Guitar, Vocals), Lindasue Saballus and Jennifer Jones (Vocals, Percussion)

Pritzker signs bill expanding covered Medicaid services

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SPRINGFIELD — Illinois residents who have health coverage through Medicaid now have access to a broad range of services including mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, smoking cessation and dental services.

Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday signed Senate Bill 2294, which passed unanimously out of both chambers during the spring legislative session.

"This legislation that I'm signing into law today is a product of our passionately dedicated, bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators

who are part of the Medicaid legislative working group," Pritzker said at a bill signing ceremony in suburban Chicago. "... For all the naysayers that always seem to bad-talk the state of Illinois, few other states can say that they have an annual commitment shared across both sides of the aisle to hash out how to make health care access for millions of Illinoisans who rely on Medicaid even better."

Among many provisions, the bill provides that people covered under Medicaid will continue to be eligible throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency and for up to 12 months after the emergency expires.

It also calls on the De-

partment of Healthcare and Family Services to establish a program for implementation of certified community behavioral health clinics by Jan. 1, 2022, and to develop a "comprehensive behavioral health strategy" that is to be submitted to the governor and General Assembly by July 1, 2022.

Other provisions include recognizing veteran support specialists as mental health professionals under the state's Medicaid plan; coverage of both individual and group tobacco cessation programs; requiring in-patient treatment for anyone experiencing an opioid overdose or withdrawal if it's determined to be medically

necessary; coverage of kidney transplant medications regardless of a patient's U.S. residency status; and providing a 10 percent increase, through March 31, 2022, in reimbursement rates for supportive living facilities, to be paid for with federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

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If electronic verifications are unsuccessful, the Secretary of State's office will send a written request to the vehicle owner giving them the opportunity to prove they have insurance before suspending their vehicle registration. Vehicle owners must contact their insurance company or notify their insurance agent that

they received a letter with a specific reference number from the Secretary of State. The insurance agent's responsibility is to confirm electronically with the Secretary of State — through www.ILIVS.com — that the vehicle owner does in fact have automobile insurance on the verification date stated in the letter.



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It is important to note that vehicle owners who receive the letter should NOT VISIT a Driver Services facility; instead, they should CONTACT THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY OR AGENT who can provide the necessary electronic proof of insurance needed to cancel the license plate suspension. Vehicles owners who do not currently have automobile insurance must obtain insurance

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

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House Majority Leader Greg Harris, a Chicago Democrat and member of the Medicaid working group, said this year's bill is aimed at addressing many of the health care disparities that have existed in Illinois for years but which were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's something we in the legislature do every year to improve health care for people in every corner of the state of Illinois, but this will be really the first post-COVID omnibus bill," he said. "And in this, we've learned a lot of lessons from the last year about inequities and disparities and communities hardest hit by COVID. Many of these are covered by Illinois Medicaid. Some of these folks were not covered

at all. So today is a step one of many steps to expand coverage and access to make it more user friendly and reduce disparities for people to get health care."

Critical blood shortage Tuesday's bill signing took place at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, a southwest suburb of Chicago, where health care officials were also conducting a blood drive to address a critical shortage that's being experienced throughout the state and the country.

Bill Rhoades, chief medical officer at the hospital, said blood usage nationwide has risen about 10 percent recently, due largely to increased visits to emergency rooms.

Joy Squier, regional communications officer for the

American Red Cross in Illinois, said the shortage is especially critical as the nation heads into the peak of summer activity.

"While summer is traditionally a time when blood donations do decline, this year is particularly challenging as many Americans receive their vaccinations, resume summer activities, and after more than a year of limited interactions, are doing what's fun and what we all want to do," she said. "But it's leading to lower turnout."

She said people can schedule an appointment to donate at a blood bank in their area by visiting the website RedCrossBlood.org, or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Sauk Valley CC 36th Annual Child Fair seeks vendors

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College, in partnership with CGH Medical Center, KSB Hospital, and ABC AmeriCorps, will host


the 36th Annual Child Fair "A Day at the Beach" on Saturday, July 31. The drive-thru event will take place in the SVCC parking lot from 9

a.m. to 12 p.m.

The annual event includes exhibitor booths with activities and giveaways for participants. Those interested in having a booth at the event are encouraged to fill out the vendor application at svcc.edu/childfair by Thursday, July 15.

The Sauk Valley Child Fair is free to the public and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Emma Lea Bittner at emmalea.m.bittner@svcc.edu.



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TEEN TURF

Upcoming Events

We will be having our annual Pancake Breakfast at the Lee County 4H fair on Friday, July 23 from 7-10:30 a.m., on Saturday, July 24, from 7-10:30 a.m., and on Sunday, July 25, from 8-11 a.m. We will be serving a choice of Pancakes & Sausage or Biscuits & Gravy with choice of beverage. Each breakfast cost \$8 and all proceeds go to fund our programs. Our Teen Turf kids, parents, and Board members will be cooking and serving those days. Please come out to support 4-H and Teen Turf.

Summer Program

Our older kids are doing roadside cleanup, working in the garden, assisting the younger kids in the program. We picked green beans last week and did two major roads. This week is our last week of our Splash camp. Our younger kids learned about France. The third and fourth graders did experiments in their STEAM program. Thank you 4-H Team Teachers Ally and Martha. We are grateful for Bruce, Martha, and Karen (Master Gardener) from University of Illinois Extension for teaching our kids.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that help us: The Bump family for the fruit; Amber Horner for the juice boxes; Bev Halsey for treats; Tammy, Scott, and Brooklyn Strub for the snacks; Laurie Nauman for the licorice; and Larry Piper for doing the cans.

Needs

If possible, we need small prizes for Bingo and other games.

Final Word

Heavenly Father, as we arise today, we pray that Your strength pilot us, Your power uphold us, and Your wisdom guide us. May Your eye look before us, Your hand protect us and Your shield defend us. Amen.

Sheriff's office investigates collision

LEE COUNTY — On July 5, at 10:50 a.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to the intersection of Illinois Route 251 and Welland Road for a collision involving a motorcycle and an ATV.

Randall L. Butt, 67, of Ladd, was operating a motorcycle and Eduardo Figueroa-Torres, 31, Melrose Park, was operating an ATV when the two collided.

Butt was flown from the scene to St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford. Figueroa-Torres was transported by ambulance to OSF Saint Anthony Hospital in Mendota.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by West Brooklyn, Compton, Sublette, Amboy, and Mendota Fire Departments as well as the LaSalle County Sheriff's Office and Illinois State Police.

The incident remains under investigation.

OSF Saint Paul Medical to host blood drive

MENDOTA — ImpactLife, formerly known as Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center, will hold a blood drive from noon until 5 p.m., Friday, July 16, 2021, in Conference Room C at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota. Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply by scheduling an appointment to give blood by calling ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 or schedule online at <https://login.bloodcenter.org> (appointments required). Please bring a photo ID for use in donor registration.

Blood donations are often used to help treat patients with cancer, victims of trauma and patients undergoing major surgeries. All persons age 17 and up (or 16, with a signed parental permission form) who weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health meet the basic eligibility requirements for blood donation. For more information on donor eligibility, call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org/eligibility.

ImpactLife is a not-for-profit community organization providing blood

services to 120 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, including 12 of 14 OSF HealthCare facilities. For more information, see www.bloodcenter.org and find them @impactlifeblood on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and Snapchat.

Have a story idea?
Email George at
ghowe@amboynews.com

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 Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, at the Amboy Township building, 106 S. Prospect.

MAY TWP—The May Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, at the township maintenance building.

PRINCETON—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, at the First United Methodist Church, 316 S. Church St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY—The Amboy CUSD Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, at the Central School Gym, 30 E. Provost.

AMBOY—The Amboy Farmer's Market will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Friday, July 16, in the Depot Museum parking lot. No market during Depot Days. Vendors are welcome. Call Alice Dukes with questions at 815-857-4015.

MENDOTA—OSF Healthcare St. Paul Medical Center, 1401 E. 12th, will

host a Blood Drive from noon to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C with ImpactLife (formerly Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center) from noon until 5 p.m. on Friday, July 16. Call 800-747-5401 or schedule online at <https://login.bloodcenter.org>.

AMBOY—Due to a rain out last Saturday, the Summer Concert Series will feature Rusty and Friends on Friday, July 16, at 7 p.m. at the downtown bandstand. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert.

FRANKLIN GROVE—The Chaplin Creek Muzzleloaders will hold an Informational Encampment at Chaplin Creek Historical Village, Whitney Rd., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 18.

AMBOY—The Summer Concert Series will continue at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, with Robbie LaBlanc at the downtown bandstand. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert.

AMBOY—The City of Amboy Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 19, at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.3

DIXON—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, at Hope Bible Fellowship, 732 Brinton Ave. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY—The Lee County 4-H Show will be held

Thursday through Sunday, July 22-25, at the Lee County 4-H Fairgrounds.

AMBOY—The Summer Concert Series will continue

at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, with Lyle Grobe and Rhythmic Ramblers at the downtown bandstand. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert.

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Agnes R. Eisenberg July 15, 1926 - July 6, 2021

LEE CENTER—Agnes R. Eisenberg, 94, of Lee Center, died Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at her home surrounded by family.

She was born July 15, 1926 in Perham, Minn., the daughter of Edward and Mary (Fellerer) Boedigheimer. She was a member of St Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy and was active in the church's women's club.

Agnes married Leo F. Eisenberg on Nov. 19, 1955 at St Mary Catholic Church in Sterling. He preceded her in death Sept. 21, 2009.

She was also preceded in death by one great-granddaughter, Graceana Sutton; four brothers, Philip, John, Joseph and James Boedigheimer; and one sister,

Edna Heiserich.

Agnes is survived by her children, Debra (Bill) Gorski, of Dixon, Henry (Mary) Eisenberg, of Dixon, Brian Eisenberg, of Lee Center; four grandchildren, Jacob Gorski, Kelli (Emmett) Hicks, Adam Eisenberg, Nicole (Nicholas) Sutton; and three great-grandchildren, Maya, Leo and Wyatt Sutton.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 12, 2021 beginning with a 10 a.m., prayer service at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. Burial followed in St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation was held on Sunday July 11, 2021



from 5 to 7 p.m., with the Rosary starting at 7 p.m., at the funeral home.

A memorial has been established to Serenity Hospice and Home.

Condolences can be left on line at www.thejonesfh.com.

David L. Hof Jan. 19, 1937 - July 8, 2021

MENDOTA - David Lee Hof, 84, of Mendota, passed away July 8, 2021 in his home.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on July 14 at First United Methodist Church, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Burial was at Restland Memorial Gardens, Mendota with military honors by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Visitation was from 9:30 a.m. until time of services at the church. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

David was born Jan. 19, 1937 at the Harris Hospital, Mendota to Arthur and Alvina (Arndt) Hof. he married Earlene Klinefelter in January of 1958. They divorced in 2008.

Survivors include two sons, David (Deb Hagemann) Hof and Timothy (Carole Mabry) Hof; two grandchildren, Jerad (Tori Pennebaker) Hof and Rachel Hof; and a great-granddaughter, Adeline Bree Hof.

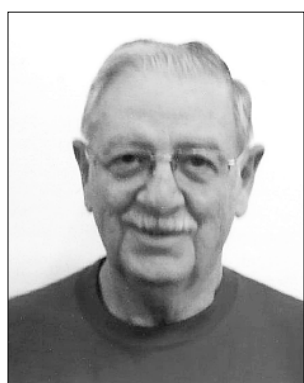
He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, George Hof in 1998.

David attended Lincoln

Grade School and graduated from Mendota High School in 1955. After graduation, he and his cousin, Gail Sibig-troth joined the U.S. Army. They had hoped to serve together but soon found that was not to be. During his term of service, he was stationed in Iceland. David was employed at the A & P Egg Handling Station, Classon's Super Market and Hof's Sanitation. Dave and Earlene next opened a neighborhood grocery store, Dalene's in the building now known as An-care Veterinary in Mendota.

They were approached by board members from Woodhaven Lakes Camp-ground to open and manage a grocery store at the campground. This grew to include Dave managing a restaurant and bait shop as well. After retiring, he took over care of the parking lot of what is known as Sullivan's Grocery Store.

He enjoyed fishing at Lake Mendota and trout fishing in southern Illinois. After an early morning spent fishing, he would often be one of the early golfers at Mendota Golf



Course.

After his divorce, he renewed his friendship with a former neighborhood acquaintance, Jane Rabel. They enjoyed golfing together, traveling to visit his fishing friends and spending time with his Tennessee family. Dave was an active member of the American Legion and the Mendota Elks Lodge for many of his younger years and was a lifelong active member of First United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church or Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry. On-line condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Michael R. Burkart Nov. 22, 1952 - July 6, 2021

AMBOY — Michael R. Burkart, 68, of Amboy, died Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

He was born Nov. 22, 1952 in Galesburg, the son of Raymond and Marian L. (Pantenberg) Burkart.

Mike was a truck driver and drove for Sensient Flavors in Amboy for 30 years. He was a member of the Mendota Elks Lodge.

Mike married Grace Way on May 22, 1993 in Tomahawk, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Mary Kay Flowers.

Mike is survived by his wife, Grace; children, Brad Burkart and Brian (Jessica) Burkart, both of Mendota, Beth (Eric Schier) Nickel, of Sublette, Ella Payne, of Amboy; 10 grandchildren,

Kaylee, Zachary, Quinton, Brady, Calvin, Kenzie, Baylie, Scarlett, Evelyn, Hudson; and four great-grandchildren; also his special friend, Chris Leffelman.

Mike was a car and truck enthusiast and an avid motorcycle rider. He customized a 1972 Electra-glide in his basement. Mike loved working on projects with his children. He also enjoyed watching cooking shows on TV and practicing in the kitchen. His children and grandchildren were a source of pride and happiness for him. Listening to their accomplishments or watching events they were in marked highlights in his life.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 1 p.m., at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with Pastor Brian McWethy



officiating. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in Mendota. A reception and gathering of family and friends followed. Visitation was held on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the funeral home.

A memorial has been established to the National Kidney foundation.

Tiffany Ellen Blake Memorial Service

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The DJ will be playing from 5 - 9 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone.



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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

The Scapegoat

There is no greater example of Congreve's famous line, "Heav'n has no rage, like love to hatred turn'd, nor Hell a fury like a woman scorn'd," than the Greek myth of Medea. Her myth is so ancient it was spoken of as ancient some 27 centuries ago. Her story has been told again and again in innumerable variations in poems, novels, plays, paintings, and in over two dozen operas. Medea is one of the most transgressive women in Western literature, credited with having slaughtered her younger brother and more famously, murdered her two children in revenge for her husband's abandonment.

One of the more fascinating interpretations of the myth is by the German writer Christa Wolf. Her "Medea. Voices" was published in Germany in 1996, and an English translation in 2012. The traditional story has the hero Jason, intent on recovering his kingdom, summon fifty fellow heroes to retrieve the Golden Fleece from Colchis, a barbarian kingdom at the outer reaches of the Black Sea. There King Aeetes sets impossible conditions for the Golden Fleece. But his daughter Medea, granddaughter of Helios the sun god, priestess, sorceress, and healer, decides to help Jason steal the Fleece.

They escape and eventually land in Corinth, where King Creon welcomes Jason who promptly repudiates Medea to marry Creon's daughter Glauce, thus becoming heir to Corinth. Medea concocts a horrible revenge. She sends a poisonous bridal gown to Glauce, which, when the sun hit it, burst into flame, killing Glauce and King Creon. Medea then kills her children to repay Jason for his treachery. She disappears from Corinth, and Jason is crushed by the prov of his rotting ship, the Argo.

Wolf has something entirely different in mind. She draws a moral equivalence between old, barbaric Colchis and rational, prosperous Corinth. Both are tyrannies; the cult of reason merely covers over Corinth's dark underside. Wolf deprives Medea of both her passion for revenge and the supernatural powers that would enable her to carry it out. Moreover, she is a refugee, a foreigner, and that makes her an ideal scapegoat. In a remarkable episode, Medea is hunted through the streets of Corinth by a mob of citizens who have been influenced by the ruling elite into blaming her for the plague which has broken out because corpses have been left to rot in buildings destroyed by an earthquake.

Wolf, a famous East German writer who lived through the war and its aftermath, believed socialism was the only answer to Germany's fascism. Disillusioned by both East German communism and Western capitalist democracy, she began

writing "Medea" in 1990, the year of Germany's reunification. She said in a 1993 interview that the only solution must come from the bottom up, from people in small communities taking charge of their lives.



THE PASTOR'S PEN

How Is Your Garden Growing This Year?

BY PASTOR RICK WULF

The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends,
I have come now in my life experience, recognizing that things do change and sometimes those "changes" are not always the most pleasurable to deal with. For those who know me, it has been over eight months since my stroke, and my life has changed. The stroke was classified as minor and after two months of rehab, I was released, but still with certain limitations of not being able to do what I used to be able to do.

I have to admit, I have limitations physically and also mentally/emotionally. It takes a lot of energy at times to do the things that I want to do or need to do. I'm sure you've heard the saying, "What a difference a day makes?" Well, it's true about years as well. Last year at this time I would have never dreamt what I have gone through. God has been faithful.

As I looked back to see what I wrote about last year at this time of year, the focus was on the garden that I was trying to grow. This has been my practice for several years and I usually find some measure of fulfillment and release in planting a garden. For me, this year with the issues I previously mentioned, I finally got the last of my garden in by the end of June.

Quite late, wouldn't you say? I am

only praying for a late frost. For you who do garden, you know that it is a job. There are many stages in the process of gardening. Each stage has its own challenges, some relatively easy, some more involved, others, downright hard. Of course, the final stage, the enjoyment of the work put into the garden, the eating of the produce is the most pleasurable. Thinking of those "hard" stages, makes me think of the parallels to everyday life.

Being a parent is more than just giving birth to a child. If you are a parent, you know that the birth process is just the beginning of parenthood and sometimes that "job" doesn't end, even after the kids are out of the house and on their own. Returning to the "hard stages," the feeding experience can definitely be challenging. As parents, we probably all have had our "finicky" eaters. That old saying that "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink," is often true. The "feeding" of the garden has been a challenge for me this year, in between the rainy periods. You know how important it is to keep your plants well-watered.

Unfortunately, I have lost a few. Of course, fighting with an "unruly" hose, like that "finicky" eater, can be very demanding on the patience. Another "fun" task is fighting those pesky weeds that sometimes seem to grow better than the plants themselves. Keeping those weeds in the garden under control is a season

long, but necessary task. In life, the "weeds" are all those things in life that are not good and that can actually hinder our growth.

If you are a Christian, you know that the Bible calls those things, sin. Sin is ugly and will destroy God's work in our lives if we allow it to do so. Because sin is an affront to God, we are to root it out of our lives! Just as when we weed the garden by digging them up at the roots, we, as well need to root out any evil completely from our lives.

The Apostle Paul gave us this admonition in Ephesians 5:1-3: "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people." God wants the best for us as His children. His will is perfect and good. If you don't have a relationship with Him, He desires to have one with you. Call out to Him in faith and seek Him with all your heart, and He will help you and save you. Do it before it is too late. You will be glad for it.

How is your spiritual garden growing? Well, I trust.

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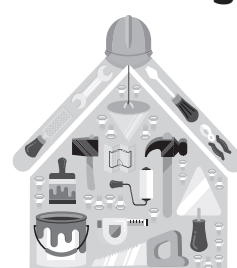
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Opinion

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Deadlock because some leaders in both parties have stopped trying to serve significant portions of the American people

Nothing is more annoying in public policy than people who complain, but don't offer solutions.

The U.S. Senate effectively has 50 Republicans and 50 Democrats. Vice President Kamala Harris can cast a tie-breaking vote giving the Democrats an ever so slight edge.

So, what complaint do we hear expressed continually on social media? That the Senate doesn't equally represent the American people.

That's certainly true. But, then again, it never was supposed to.

Half of the nation's people have 18 senators representing them. On the other hand, there are 52 senators from the 26 smallest states, where just 18% of Americans live.

The individuals who drafted the Constitution feared big states would dominate small states. So, they gave states equal representation in the Senate and based representation in the House on population.

They also added a provision to the Constitution, that says the clause giving each state two senators can never be amended. So, most constitutional scholars concede, it's an arrangement we are stuck with.

Instead of griping about it, we need to ask: Why after 233 years is it an issue now?

The short answer is our political parties have failed us. Diversity of thought has evaporated from both the Republican and Democratic parties.

Ideological litmus tests have become more important than legislative effectiveness among party leaders.

Don't believe me? Look at how many times in recent weeks

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



Sen. Joe Manchin, D-West Virginia, has been called a traitor to his party. Or, for that matter, how many times has Mitt Romney has been called a RINO -- Republican in Name Only.

Once upon a time, the world's greatest deliberative body was full of people like Romney and Manchin -- individuals whose beliefs didn't always fit neatly into an ideological box.

There once were liberal Republican senators such as Charles Percy and conservative Democrats like Alan Dixon. Both men served the Land of Lincoln ably in Washington, D.C. And both would be oddities in today's upper chamber.

South Dakota, a so-called "red state," for years elected a liberal Democrat, Sen. Tom Daschle. And New York, what most folks now call a "blue state" elected Al D'Amato, a conservative Republican.

Voters were willing to look past party labels and even positions on issues to elect those they just considered quality people. Today, that happens less and less. Social media has not only made voters more partisan but the parties themselves less ideologically diverse. Both parties have far fewer moderates holding elected office.

"As much as Democrats talk about the need for diversity, there is very little tolerance for ideological diversity in the party," said Robin Johnson, a political science instructor at Monmouth College and a consultant for Democratic campaigns.

If you think the Republicans are any better, look no further than what happened to U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming. She was booted from leadership when she dared to dissent

from a spurious narrative about a "rigged election."

Democrats complain that Republicans do better in rural states, which gives them an unfair advantage in the Senate. Nonsense. What they should be asking is why they aren't doing better in those smaller states they once won.

Years ago, I remember how college students from elite universities on both coasts came to work on an Illinois congressional campaign. They went to a Democratic Party event at the Illinois State Fair, stood at the gate and ridiculed working-class Democrats walking by in overalls, trucker hats and work boots.

It is the sort of elitism that has driven rural working-class voters into the Republican column.

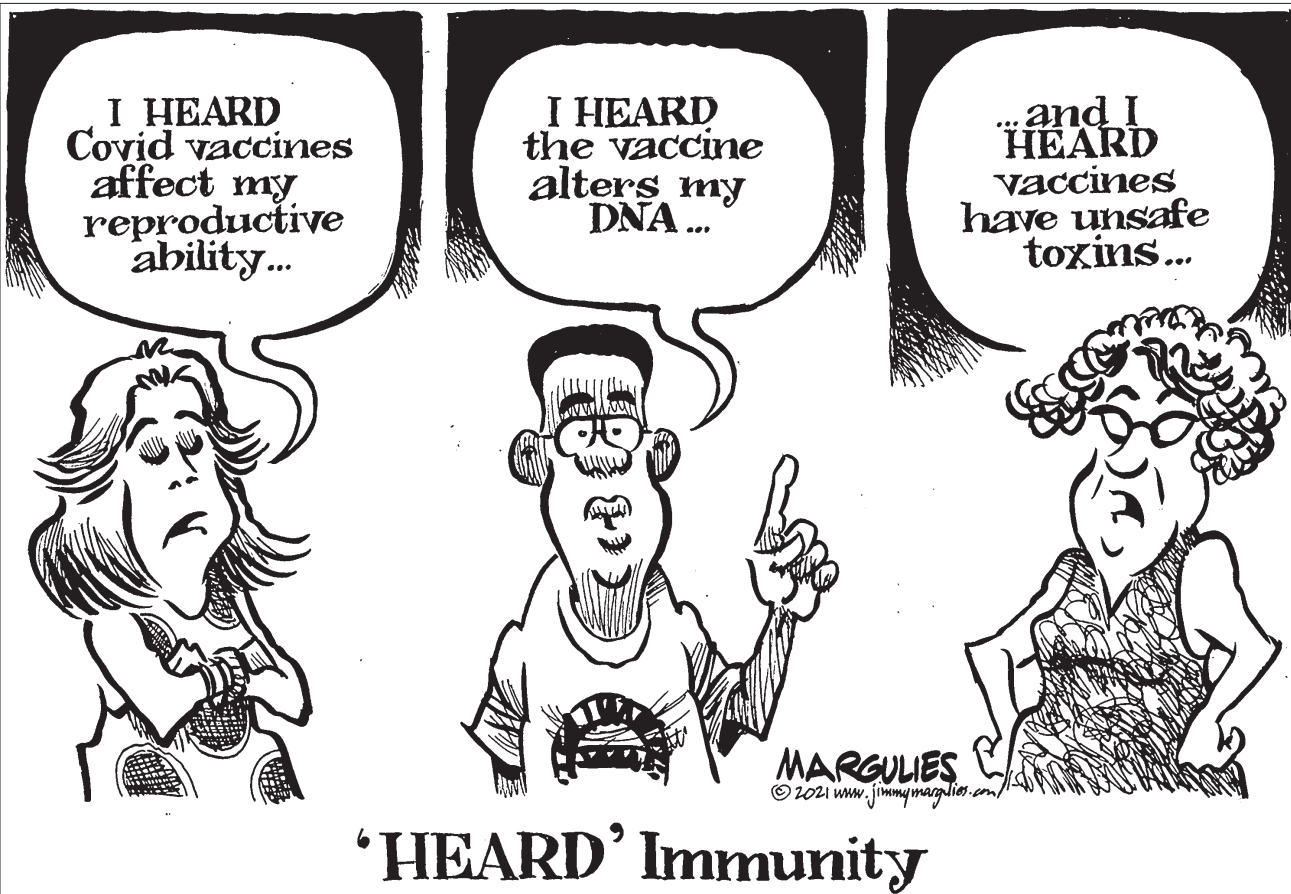
The same could be said for Republicans in urban areas. Time and time again, I've seen wealthy men opine on what ails inner-city neighborhoods. They do plenty of talking but not much listening.

We have a deadlocked Senate because some leaders in both parties have stopped trying to serve significant portions of the American people.

The problem isn't how the Senate has been set up for the past 230 years: it's political elites unwilling to listen to potential constituents whom they disagree with.

And until they start listening nothing is going to get better.

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist. He works as a freelance reporter in the Springfield area. He can be reached by email at Scottreeder1965@gmail.com.



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago July 15, 1921

Mrs. Margaret Branigan, son Ed and daughter Irene and Mrs. Eva O'Brien spent Sunday in Aurora.

Mrs. Ella Coates, who is making her home with her daughter Mrs. Arthur Mellen, in Minneapolis, is visiting at the home of her son E.S. Coates.

Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Prytherich and daughters went to Dodgeville, Wis., Monday evening to visit relatives.

75 Years Ago July 18, 1946

Joe Keenan, Leon Full, Eugene Rachey, Paul Reed and Jack McGrath attended the tryout camp conducted at the Merchants baseball diamond in Peru last week. Rachey was picked to play second base in the all-star game Friday evening.

Helbig Milk Products Company of Sublette will re-open this weekend after being closed while Theobald and Roger Helbig were in service during World War

II. Theobald will reopen the factory. Roger is still in service.

Miss Darlene Kessel is enjoying a vacation from her work in the INU office here.

50 Years Ago July 15, 1971

Vaessen Bros Chevrolet sales and service of Sublette were honored Thursday when Les D. Waddell, assistant district manager, Dixon, of the Chicago Motor Club presented a handsome trophy to Paul Vaessen. Vaessen Bros. has furnished a driver training car for use by the Amboy High School, and it is in recognition of this service that the trophy was presented.

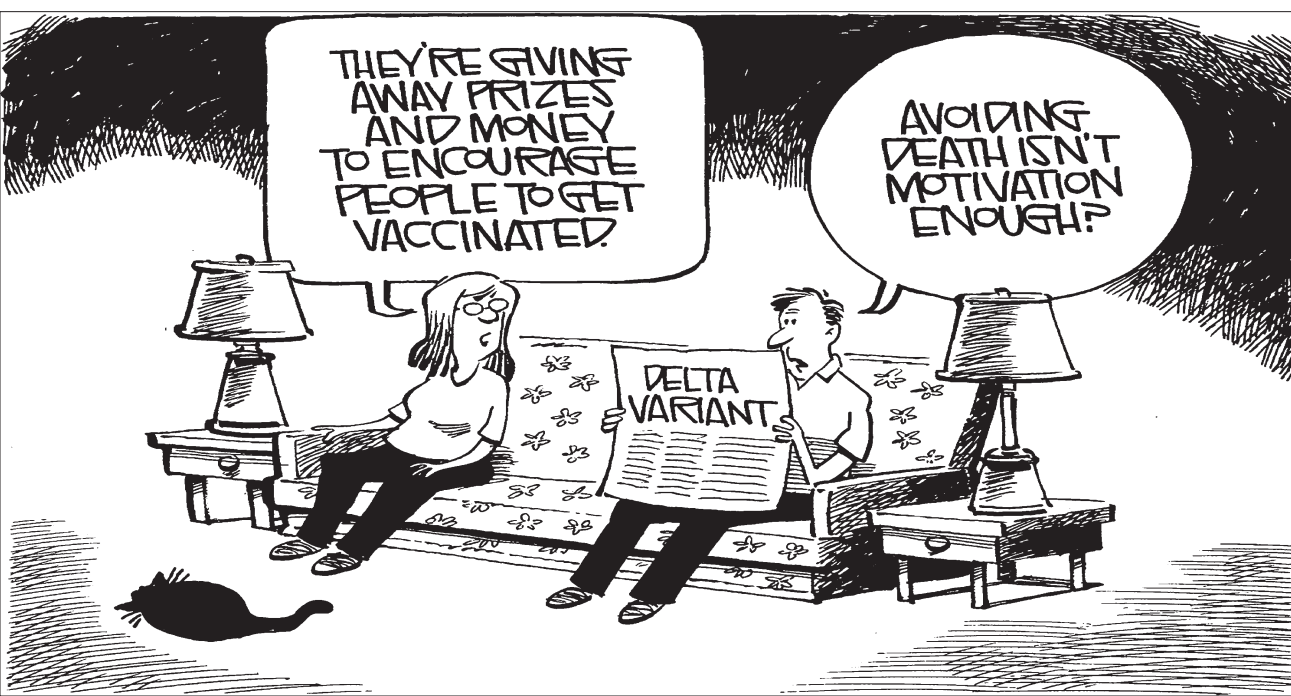
A new type of campers' resort where people will purchase -- rather than rent -- permanent campsites is being developed on 1,512 wooded acres in Lee County. Called Woodhaven Lakes, the private development is four and half miles southeast of Amboy and three miles northwest of Sublette.

25 Years Ago July 11, 1996

Janet Croegaert, marketing officer for The First National Bank in Amboy, congratulates Emily Leffelman, the 1996 Student of the Year at Amboy High School.

The First Annual Lyle Reuter Open Golf for Education will be held Saturday, Aug. 17, 1996, at Shady Oaks Country Club. Sponsored by the Amboy Education Foundation, the event is a fundraiser for the foundation's activities. All revenues generated will directly benefit students at Amboy Unit School District 272.

A new family was welcomed to town almost before the moving truck left. Ed and Candis Katzberg, who moved here from Elmhurst after purchasing the home built by Dave and Diane Haase, were welcomed with a gift box compliments of the Amboy Area Chamber of Commerce, with Rita Hageman and Darlene Hinkle representing the chamber.



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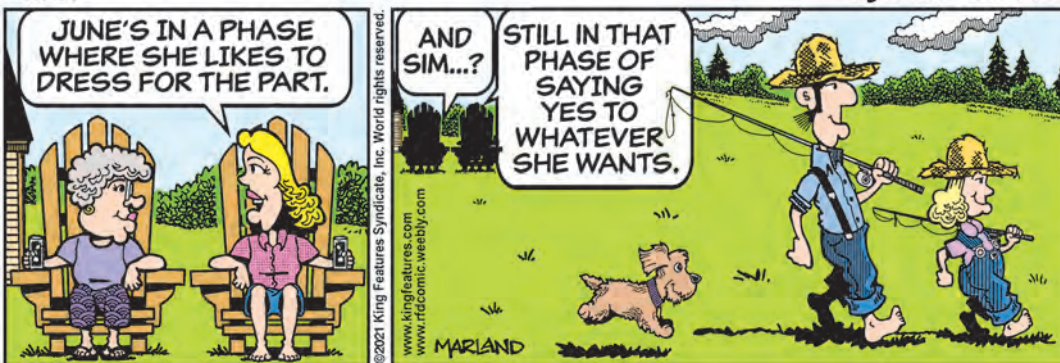
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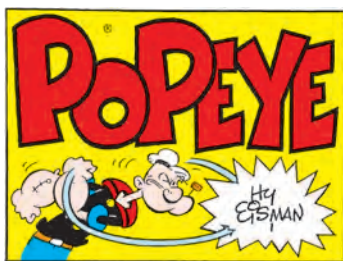
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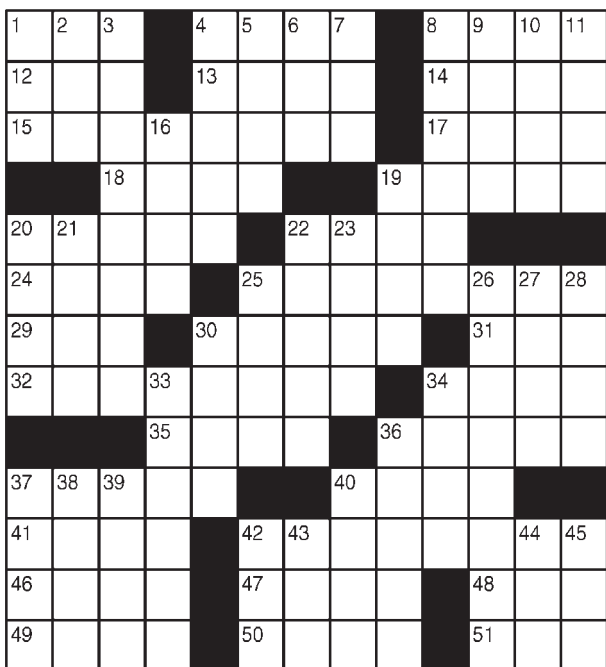
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TODAY'S WORD

ACROSS

- 1 Parking place
4 Toy block name
8 Narcissist's love
12 Bashful
13 Cameo shape
14 Russian river
15 Home
17 Wheels of fortune?
18 One of the Fab Four
19 Doze
20 Con games
22 Facebook action
24 Director Wertmuller
25 Tyrannize
29 Vichy water
30 Church keyboard
31 Big D.C. lobby
32 Realm
34 Hertz rival
35 Swiss peaks
36 Justice Kagan
37 Waterlogged
40 Mideast airline
41 Say it's so
42 Rectangular game pieces
46 Painter Magritte
47 Regarding
48 Shell-game

King Crossword



- 10 Hobbling
11 Broadway failure
16 "— Rock"
19 Epidermis
20 Rosebud, to Kane
21 Pisa farewell
22 Trademark symbols
23 One-named supermodel
25 Faucet problem
26 Letter holder
27 Ms. Brockovich
28 Tabula —
30 Unique
33 "Amen to that!"
34 Actor Rickman
36 "Adam Bede" author
37 Poet Teasdale
38 Roasting spot
39 Bloke
40 911 responders
42 Wee dollop
43 Sugary suffix
44 Moray, for one
45 America's uncle

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

3	7		8		5
	5	1		2	
	1		7		4 3
	4		6 1		7
		6 5			1
2			4 9		
	8		2 5		1
		9	3		6
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

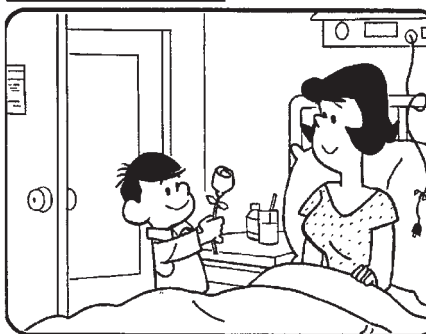
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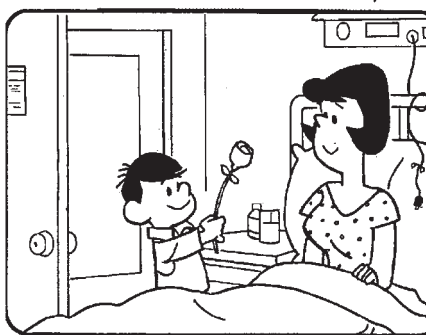
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Rose stem is longer. 2. Straw is missing. 3. Card is shorter. 4. Gown is different. 5. Hair is different. 6. Doorknob is lower.

DRESS

Today's Word

3. Cantor; 4. Study

1. Leaves; 2. Tender;

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: V equals H

HG Z XDUGHXVUT XYVDRHMI

RZNVDRZNYHYZM HX YVHUUT,

H XKSSJXD VD'X YJUC ZMC

YZUYKUZNHMI.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- AD SLOGANS: Which company used the slogan "The Uncola" as a way to stand out in the beverage market?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which actor/singer created The Cowboy Code in the 1940s?
- MYTHOLOGY: What item is a werewolf's greatest weakness?
- BUSINESS: What is the basic currency of Laos?
- U.S. STATES: Which state uses the slogan "The Last Frontier" on its license plates?
- ANATOMY: What is the second largest organ in the human body?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which body of water separates Saudi Arabia from Africa?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the detective agency in the 1980s series "Moonlighting"?
- SCIENCE: At what wind speed is a tropical storm reclassified as a hurricane?
- LITERATURE: Truman Capote's book "In Cold Blood" takes its name from which of Shakespeare's plays?

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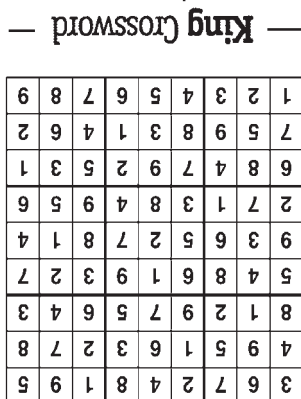
10. "Timon of Athens"
9. 74 mph
8. Blue Moon Detective Agency
7. Red Sea
6. Liver
5. Alaska
4. The kip
3. Silver
2. Gene Autry
1. JUP

Answers

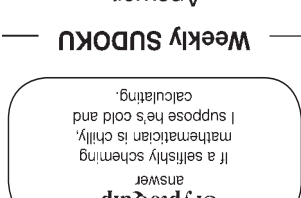


Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers



Answer



Cryptoquip
If a selfishly scheming mathematician is chilly, I suppose he's cold and calculating.

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concerning the use
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or services provided,
a current fiscal year
budget and audit, and
the rationale for request
to the Lee County
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Arlan McClain, Chair
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Paula Meyer
Lee County Treasurer
No. 0701 (July 14, 28)

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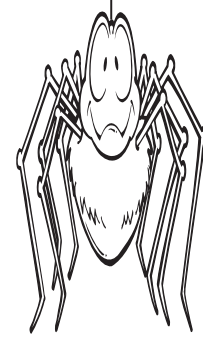
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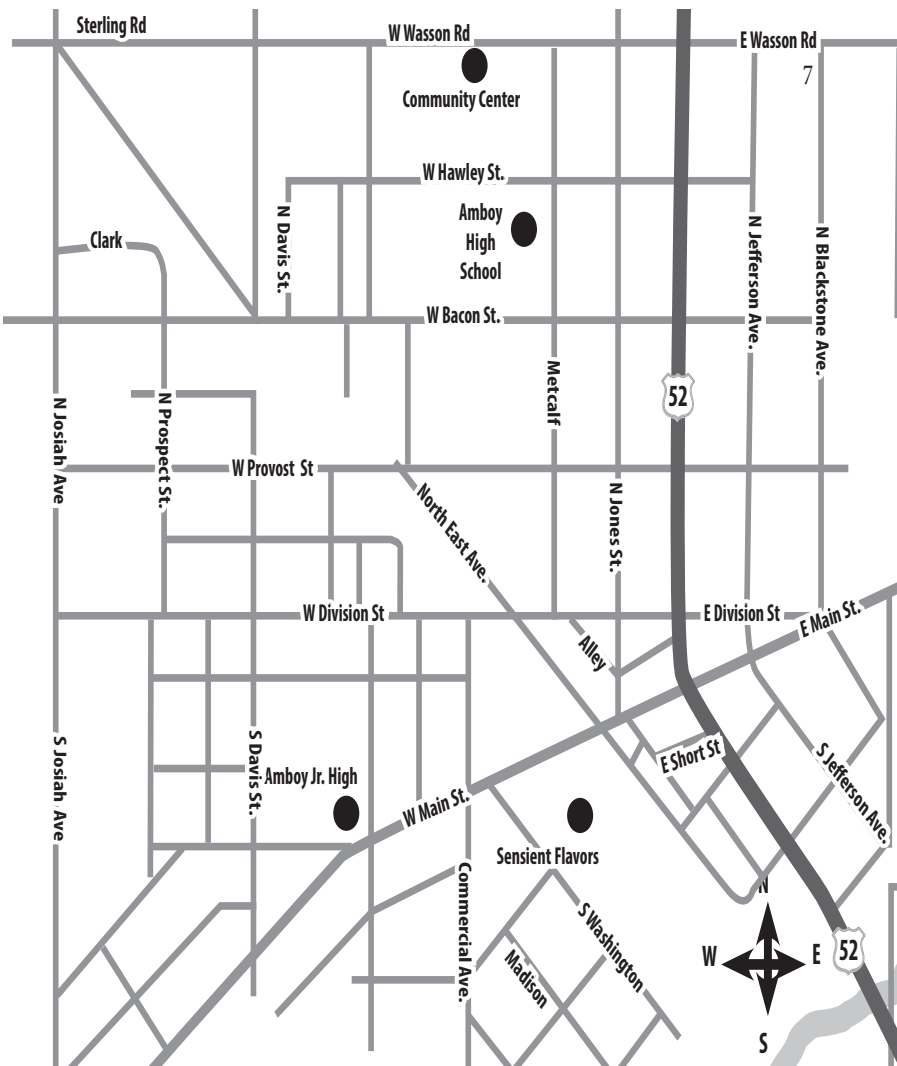
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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #21 & #72 Andy "Butch" McCoy

Known and highly regarded by many, this week's Clipper continues to represent what Clipper Football is all about, hard work, toughness, and humility. This week I'm honored to announce our Clipper, #21 & #72, Andy "Butch" McCoy.

Andy was a 1987 graduate of Amboy High School and two year Varsity starter.

If you're wondering why there are two numbers in the introduction, know that Andy played both tailback and offensive guard. Andy's incredible versatility required him to sometimes change jerseys at certain points in each game. There have been many Clippers to display their versatility through the many positions they have played over their career but Andy's almost surely tops the list. Offensive Guard to Tailback says everything about Andy's toughness and athleticism. As if switching between the two offensive positions wasn't enough, Andy also started his two varsity seasons at Nose Guard.

Andy and his teammates grew up without a Junior Tackle program but gained experience in Jr. High from Coach Jones' "semi-organized" flag football league. Andy's Freshman season was the and his teammates' first experience with organized football. Andy shared, "it didn't matter what color jersey you had on, red or white, you knew you were there to work and give 100 percent. At that point it was a dream come true to play Clipper Football."

Andy's Sophomore year, he and his fellow Rowboats went 9-0 and were Frosh/Soph Conference Champions.

"What made us really good that year was we sometimes had to go scrimmage the future 2A State Champs. They were so good, so tough. We got beat up pretty good but sometimes someone

would make a good play and it made it all worth it," Andy shared.

Andy's Junior season, the Clippers didn't miss a step as the top rated success continued.

"That class ahead of us, those guys were talented. They were tough and had the experience of a championship. They set the expectation high for us Juniors," Andy spoke of the Class of 1986. The 1985 Clippers had a full squad of Juniors and Seniors which made practices more competitive than some regular season games. The 1985 Clippers went 9-0, earned the top spot in class 2A, and drew #2 ranked Ottawa Marquette in the first round, Wednesday, playoff game. Andy was sidelined with an injury prior to the Marquette game but for the second time in three seasons we ended the season in the first round to Marquette.

Andy's Senior year the Clipper buzz was all over town.

Fueled by consistent success since the 1979 season and a State Championship two seasons prior, Amboy was in the height of its grid-iron glory. Andy's Senior season the Clippers did not have numbers like the previous few seasons. Therefore, they relied on every Clipper to do his job. Communication was paramount during the 1986 season also as no Clipper was too proud or shy to call out for help.

During the first week of the season, against Spring Valley Hall, the Clippers sustained a huge blow at Offensive Line as standout pulling guard, Mike McCaffrey, was sidelined with a season ending injury. The Clippers definitely missed one of their best Offensive Linemen but finished the regular season perfect, 9-0.

Andy continued his hybrid role offensively at Guard and Tailback and Defensively at Nose Guard. The Clippers

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



would meet future Conference Rival St. Bede in the first round at home. The Clippers took care of business in what Andy deemed, the hardest hitting game he has been a part of since the practices his Junior season. The following week the Clippers hosted highly touted Galena and escaped with a narrow win, 6-0 on an Aaron Hawes touchdown run. The Clippers traveled to Hamilton West Hancock in the Quarterfinal round.

Andy shared, "We stayed in a hotel the night before the game. We beat them 42-0 and Dennis Nauman went off. I remember he had a great game."

The Clippers would set the sails back home to the Boatyard the following Saturday for their home Semi-Final matchup against Woodstock Marian. The ship's voyage ended that day at the Boatyard by the hand of the Hurricanes.

Friend and former teammate, David Koch, shared the following, "Well in addition to being a classmate and teammate of Andy we were also cousins and good friends. Growing up with Andy gave me the opportunity to watch his love of Clipper football evolve. The class of 87 was certainly one for the record books for all kinds of reasons. From the moment we knew what

football was we dreamed of being a Clipper and knew we had something special. Back then we didn't have Jr tackle so we could only speculate of where we would play and how good we may be. But with Andy it seemed pretty obvious where he belonged and that was in the middle of everything. So, playing nose guard on defense and offensive guard on offense certainly was no surprise. When it came to heart and toughness Andy had as much as humanly possible. Even though he had obligations on the family farm on a daily basis he never missed a practice and always showed up raring to go. Nothing would have stopped him from being there and giving his all no matter how much hay he bailed all day. I played a few positions over at defensive end. It always seemed that no matter how many times I would get to the quarterback or make the tackle Andy was always in the pile with me. I can honestly say that playing with Andy and the rest of my teammates raised us all to a level we never thought possible. Being middle aged old men now we can still reminisce about our time as Clippers and I can still see that look in his eye and get the occasional snort and growl as we look back. Andy McCoy a true Clipper and a teammate anyone would love to have."

Andy never set out for individual awards as his honor came from simply contributing to the best time period of Amboy Football. Andy was an All Conference Nose Guard and All Conference Offensive Guard his Senior season. Andy appreciated everyone in the program from the Stenzel brothers who scouted games, to the "four extra players" on the chain gang at home games, Mort Henkel, Dennis McCoy, Don Full, and Les Cook, to the wonderful Clipper coaches of the era.

Andy spoke of two of



Andy "Butch" McCoy

his most prized possessions, his Jays Clipper Football schedule and his Wyz Kids red towel. Other memories shared include former teammate, Willie Jones' in-huddle jokes and in Jr. High, Dennis Nauman's "Unique" way of communicating with future Conference Rivals at Clipper home contests during pick up games behind the bleachers.

For Andy the meaning of Amboy Football was difficult to put into words because it means that much to him. But all of us that have put on the Clipper Red know and share the same feeling.

Andy stated, "Amboy football meant pride and community. It meant more than just a Friday night it meant past players like Mark Kaleel and Dean Powers going out of their way to ask you about the team or season. Or it was seeing George Kaleel or Gordy Koch amongst about 100 others who would always ask about Clipper Football."

Andy concluded, "It mattered so much to so many people and as a Clipper you felt that. As a kid all I wanted was to be a Clipper and now

looking back on it they were some of the best experiences of my life."

So, to #21 & #72, Andy "Butch" McCoy, thank you for your contributions to Clipper Football. Your versatility and toughness added so much to your successful Clipper teams. Your humility, pride, and continued support of our program is a prime example of what younger Clippers, like me, looked up to. Above all you continue our tradition by wanting for all future Clippers to feel what we all have felt every summer and fall Friday night. Sail on!

Spencer Morrissey, is a former resident of Amboy and 2009 graduate of Amboy High School. In April 2020, he created a private Facebook group specifically for Amboy Clipper Football Alumni. To have played Amboy football for any period of time, 1 year or all 4 years, is the only membership requirement. The group features photos, stories, and memories of past Clippers and Clipper teams. The best feature of the group is every Friday, he highlights a former player.

Educational Briefs

Rod named to Wheaton College (Ill.) Dean's List for Spring 2021 Semester

WHEATON — Wheaton College student Audrey Rod of Amboy, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester.

To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.) is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country. For more information, visit wheaton.edu.

MALTA — The Office of Student Services at Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List. To be eligible for Dean's List honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours (at the 100/200 level) during an academic term at Kishwaukee College with a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The following Kishwaukee College students have been named to the official Spring 2021 Dean's List:

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Charles Stone
Compton
Abigail Castle
Lee

Thomas Rissman, Raymond Ragan, Audrey Hulthen

Paw Paw

Joel Bertram
Steward
Makenna Ferrari, Keri Glavac, Raynah Marks

Kishwaukee College announces Spring 2021 Part-Time Student Honors List

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is pleased to announce its Part-Time Student Honors List for Spring 2021. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have completed a minimum of 6 (but less than 12) semester hours of college-level courses at Kish with a grade point average of

3.5 or higher.

The following students have been named to the Kishwaukee College Spring 2021 Part-Time Student Honors List:

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Compton
William Miller
Lee

Lucas Woodbury, Alyssa Scudder, Kaitlyn Frazier, Leea Lowe

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Regular deadlines will resume for the issue of July 28 and Aug. 4th.

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/ea.

Cauliflower



\$2.49
/head

HOT BUYS

AMBOY DELI

Kingsford Baby Back Pork Ribs



\$9.99
/lb.
Reg. Price \$12.99 /lb.

AMBOY DELI

U.S.D.A. Choice Beef Ribeyes



\$11.99
/lb.
Reg. Price \$15.99 /lb.

AMBOY DELI

Thickcut Boneless Pork Chops



\$2.99
lb.
Reg. Price \$3.99 /lb.

Johnsonville Brats or Italian Sausage



\$3.99
/lb.
Reg. Price \$5.49 /lb.

Lay's Chips

Assorted 7-10 oz. Excludes Party or Family Size



\$2.99
/ea.
Reg. Price \$3.79 /ea.

AMBOY DELI

Beef Chuck Roast



\$5.99
/lb.
Reg. Price \$7.99 /lb.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Saladitas Crackers



2/\$4

Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.

Food Club Waffles

Assorted 12.3 oz



\$1.39
ea.
Reg. Price \$1.89 ea.

Ocean Spray Juice

Assorted 64 oz.



\$2.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.

Kellogg's Poptarts

13.5 oz Assorted



\$2.49
/ea.
Reg. Price \$2.99 /ea.

Food Club Sour Cream

8 oz.



89¢
Reg. Price \$1.09 ea.

Juicy Juice

8-pack or 64 oz



\$3.49
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.99-\$4.19 ea.

Crisco Oil

48 oz



\$3.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$4.69 ea.

Combo Snacks

Assorted



\$1.79
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.19 ea.

Heinz Ketchup

20 oz



\$1.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.49 ea.

Gatorade

32 oz. Assorted



2/\$2.50
Reg. Price \$1.99 ea.

Seedless Watermelon



\$4.99
ea.

Sale goes through July 20, 2021