

Amboy Fire 150th Anniversary Celebration



The Amboy Fire Department hosted its 150th Year Community Celebration on Saturday, July 3, in downtown Amboy at Main St. and N. East Avenue. Included in the celebration were activities for the whole family. Pictured above, Whimsy Pixie Face Painting adds some colorful decorations to faces.

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Families lined up to take a ride on the back of the fire engine.

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Leader of Tomorrow

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter
SUBLETTE — It seems that few 20 year olds these days have a firm grip about their career path and goals. Margaret Vaessen is the exception.

Born and raised in Sublette and the youngest of four daughters to Michael and Brenda, Vaessen earned a unique opportunity while attending Amboy High School, one that will benefit her for years to come.

During her junior and senior years, Vaessen got involved with the Illinois Future Farmers of America, now referred to as the National FFA Organization. She successfully ran and held the position of state Chapter Officer and Reporter, and later was elected Amboy FFA President, where she represented 12 chapter schools in Northern Illinois.

As a reporter, Vaessen had many responsibilities in her one year term.

“I facilitated conference chapter visits and meet and greet with students,” Vaessen explained. “Additionally, my personal priorities included; sorting photos for the videography used for social media, virtual and live presentations, along with content and speech writing.

“I also got the chance to write a monthly article for the AgriNews where I did a recap of our FFA team activities. The editor Martha Blum taught me a lot.”

“I was impressed with Margaret’s ability to deal with challenges during a year that was significantly impacted by COVID-19,” said Blum. “I enjoyed working with her as she learned skills to write for a newspaper. I look forward to seeing her future career accomplishments.” This youth agricultural leadership program, centers around preparing



Margaret Vaessen poses in front of the sign that was erected in her honor as FFA State Reporter for the year 2020-21.

Photo submitted

young leaders of America for tomorrow. The core values of career readiness, personal growth, and premier leadership are learned early on and expected to be shared by all FFA officers.

“Our goal is to help others attain confidence and knowledge through the career development events such as public speaking and mock job interviews,” Vaessen shared. “You can also learn skills about food science, dairy meat and livestock judging training. We aren’t just concentrating on cows,

plows, and sows.”

For the past two summers, Vaessen has been employed by Pioneer State Bank and this fall will be attending the University of Illinois in Champaign Urbana, majoring in Agriculture Consumer Economics with a concentration in Agrifinance where she hopes to graduate in three years. “FFA has been exciting and rewarding,” said Vaessen. “My experiences and training have definitely given me the confidence and readiness that I don’t think I would have without it.”



BUILDING COMES DOWN

On June 28 at 7:30 p.m., the Amboy Fire Department was called to the scene of the old Beggs’ Certified Foods Store, located in the 100 block of Division Street. The building was unoccupied and none was injured. Pictured above, on June 30, demolition of the building began. Division Street between Metcalf and Jones were closed and the alley between Metcalf and Jones were also partially blocked off.

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Tommy Patel of Amboy Food and Liquor, left, poses with Jeff Gerdes of the Amboy Depot Days Car Show committee by the drum that holds all of the 50/50 raffle tickets. The Amboy Depot Days 50/50 Raffle Tickets went on sale July 1. Completed raffle tickets may be dropped off into the drum at Amboy Food and Liquor.

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Amboy Depot Days 50/50 Raffle Tickets now on sale

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 down-

town Amboy.

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



BEAUTIFICATION

About 25 members of Teen Turf did clean-up and sidewalk decorations on several downtown streets on Wednesday, June 30, in preparation for the holiday weekend festivities. Director Eileen Piper said, “I am so proud of the job they are doing for our town.” Everyone was treated to a cold drink at Revolution Wellness when clean-up was complete.

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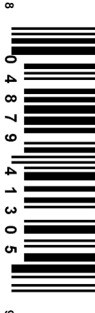
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Pictured top, even Captain America and Wonder Woman enjoyed the inflatables during the Amboy Fire Department's 150th Year Community Celebration on Saturday, July 3, in downtown Amboy. Pictured below, this youngster caught some air coming down one of the inflatables.

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Upcoming Events

We will be having our annual Pancake Breakfast at the Lee County 4H fair on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 23-July 25. More info to come.

Summer Program

Our summer program is in full swing. Our older kids are doing roadside cleanup, working in the garden, assisting the younger kids in the program. Last week we cleaned the sidewalks uptown and did some sidewalk chalk drawings. Our younger kids learned about U.S.A. The third and fourth graders did experiments in their STEAM program-Thank you 4-H Team Teachers 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 to those that assist us: The Kaleel family (Mark and Renee, and Lindsey and Nick) for all the snacks and drinks; Susan Erisman and Megan Chetham for the yummy treats for Mrs. Piper's birthday; Tammy, Scott, and Brooklyn Strub for Mrs. Piper's birthday cake and tea; Amboy Lion's Club for the pizza and Jim Travi for delivering them; City of Amboy for treating kids to Revolution Wellness; all those that wished Mrs. Piper a Happy Birthday; and Jamie Zimmerly for all the snacks.

Needs

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

Final Word

Loving Lord, we are seeking to draw close to you. We are learning to receive strength and help from you. Direct our attention to things that will bless us. Direct our attention to the encouragement that you strategically place in our day. Direct our attention to the beauty of this world that it may delight us and refresh us. Direct our attention to inspiring music that has the ability to capture our emotions and carry them upward. Direct our attention to the little miracles of joy and the explosions of laughter that you want us to experience. Direct our attention, Lord. Amen

Swanson hosts Readers are Winners summer reading club

WOODHULL — State Representative Dan Swanson (R-Alpha) announced the official launch of his Fifth Annual Summer Reading Club Program for first through fifth grade students who live within the 74th Legislative District. Rep. Swanson's theme this year for the program is "Readers are Winners." The program is offered to encourage students to read over the summer and promote the lifelong benefits of literacy.

"This is a great way to encourage young people in our region to read over their summer breaks from school. Students who do not read over the summer are much further behind, academically,

than their classmates who continue reading during summer break," said Swanson. "This year, as with last, reading at home is all the more important for our students to keep up."

Swanson launched the program with an interview with Naomi Law, local children's book author of *The Adventures of Ori the Orpheum Mouse: A journey through the Orpheum Theatre*. Naomi Law will also attend Rep. Swanson's Summer Reading Club Party to sign a book for each child in attendance at the reading program conclusion.

Pamphlets were distributed electronically to schools and libraries, and paper

forms are also available via direct mail upon request or online at rep.swanson.com. Participation in this program can overlap with any other summer reading program offered through area libraries, schools, or other organizations. Students may return their forms before Aug. 2 via US Mail or electronically at rep.swanson.com.

Participants in the program will also receive a Certificate from the Illinois House of Representatives. To request a brochure or confirm your residency in the 74th District, Rep. Swanson's office can be contacted at 309-334-7474 or swanson@ilhousegop.org.

Granny Rose - Henry

Meet Henry. This good-looking cat is just a year old with the energy and playfulness of a kitten. He is a short hair orange and white with the "spotted" pattern instead of stripes. Henry came to the shelter from animal control and was quickly adopted. His personality is to be super friendly and lovable with people he meets. Recently, he was returned because his activity level was too high. Henry does love to play and is not picky about toys - he loves them all. He has lived with a dog in the past and they played together. He might adjust to another cat, but it is unknown. He is a confident young neutered male that has a lot of energy. Henry's new owners should be willing to play with him as he loves the interactive toys. Henry is active and just adorable. To see Henry, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

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AMBOY-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy Farmer's Market will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Friday, July 9, in the Depot Museum parking lot. No market during Depot Days. Vendors are welcome. Call Alice Dukes with questions at 815-857-4015.

AMBOY-The Summer Concert Series continues at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, with Rusty and Friends at the downtown bandstand. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 12, at the Fire Station.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, July 12, at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. 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 Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 12, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Anyone wishing to join is invited to attend.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 12, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, at the East Grove Township Hall.

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. 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.

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.



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Beware of texts, emails requesting personal info

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation is reminding the public to be on the alert for text and email scams asking for personal information. Over the last several weeks, IDOT has been made aware messages sent fraudulently on its behalf, attempting to defraud the public. “If you receive a text or email that appears to be from IDOT asking for your personal information, you can be sure it’s a scam,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “Please know that we are aware of this issue and are working with the Illinois Attorney General’s office to protect you from these fraudulent schemes.”

While the messages might look official, IDOT will never request personal information, such as Social Security numbers or banking information, via text or email. If you receive such a message, delete it. Do not provide any information or click any links. Doing so could install malware on your device or computer.

To protect your personal information, take the following precautions:

- Delete unsolicited emails and texts requesting personal information or promising state driver’s licenses or IDs. Do not click on any links contained in such emails or texts, as they may place malware on your computer or devices.
- Hang up on any calls, including robocalls, that ask you to take immediate action or provide personally identifiable information.
- Ask to use other types of identifiers besides your Social Security number.
- Keep your software up to date, including operating systems and antivirus protection programs on your computer, phone and other devices. Most can be set to update automatically.

If you have questions about phishing scams or identity theft, please call the Illinois Attorney General’s Consumer Fraud Hotline in Chicago at 800-386-5438 (TTY: 800-964-3013), Springfield at 800-243-0618 (TTY: 877-844-5461) or Carbondale at 800-243-0607 (TTY: 877-675-9339). Spanish speakers may call 866-310-8398.

Amboy Police

Domestic battery

On June 29, at 3:54 p.m., Nicholas N. Schultheis, 36, of Franklin Grove, was arrested for domestic battery, unlawful restraint, interfering with the reporting of domestic violence, Reckless Driving, and speeding 100 mph in a 30 mph zone. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Illinois Department of Transportation reminds public to stay safe around flood waters

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation is reminding the public to stay alert for potential flooding and anticipate that travel could be impacted with more rain in the forecast this week. The department continues to monitor weather conditions and will respond as necessary to flooding situations as they occur.

“A few inches of water might seem harmless but can be powerful enough to carry away a person or vehicle,”

said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “Do not attempt to drive through flooded roads. Turn around, don’t drown.”

IDOT reminds motorists to take the following precautions:

- Even if water covering a road seems shallow, do not attempt to cross it.
- Seek higher ground if your vehicle stalls in a flooded area. Do not attempt to push your vehicle out of the water.
- Anticipate longer driving distances

and travel times to get to your destination if roads are flooded or closed.

- Follow any posted detours.
- Keep your cell phone charged.
- During inclement weather, ask yourself if your trip is necessary or could be postponed.

For regular updates on statewide road conditions 24/7/365, visit www.gettingaroundillinois.com. You also can follow IDOT on Facebook and Twitter.

Franklin Grove welcomes new business

BY MONETTA YOUNG
Special to the Amboy News

FRANKLIN GROVE — In 2019 two local men joined together in a partnership to open a bar/restaurant and gaming in the village of Franklin Grove, ending the 75-year drought in the village. They started with two months of demo in the summer of 2019. They then decided to do the business in stages.

Rooney’s opened recently with the first stage of the business, a quaint bar that is full of local history. It pays homage to the history of the small farming community. The building was built in 1868 by P. C. Rooney, who was a founding member of the local Masons, housed the Masonic Hall on the upper level of the building.

Over the course of time, the partners, Ron Horn and John Lauer, discovered just how much history that building held. They are enjoying the fulfillment they have had from doing much of the work themselves, with the help of Matt Hunt, an Ashton resident, who worked side by side every day with Lauer on the renovation. Horn and



Buisness partners Ron Horn and John Lauer behind the bar at Rooney’s in downtown Franklin Grove. The 75 year drought has ended thanks to these two friends.

Photo submitted

Richard Major, an Oregon resident, made deliveries of building materials, installed insulation, assembled all the tables, chairs and barstools, and kept the job site clean and organized.

They have incorporated much of the history into the décor. The bar is made from the original hardwood floors, the under side of the bar area are planks that came out of and barn on Lauer’s property, the original stone walls have been uncovered in many areas, a steel beam that was used to shore up the building when another building was built next door still has the original recipients name, F. D. Kelley, painted on it.

The wooden arches behind the bar were found on the upper level, they had been painted and were in disrepair, but they are restored to their natural beauty for all to enjoy. Local historian, Scott Spangler, has provided a display of several photos and history pieces for visitors to check out. Many visitors have shared stories of the days of yesteryear in the Rooney building and the surrounding businesses. Rooney’s is a great place to stop by for a cold drink and visit with friends. They are open Monday thru Wednesday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Thursday 11 a.m.-midnight, Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-1 a.m. and

Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Future plans include a kitchen, which is scheduled to open in the fall. They partners are hoping to create an event space on the upper level of the building. It will be a spacious area, again steeped in local history, a perfect place for a small gathering of friends for a class reunion or a family get together.

They have also agreed to help revive the Summer Harvest Festival; they were approached by some of the committeemen after they had a very successful grand opening a few weeks ago. So look forward to hearing more about that in the coming weeks.

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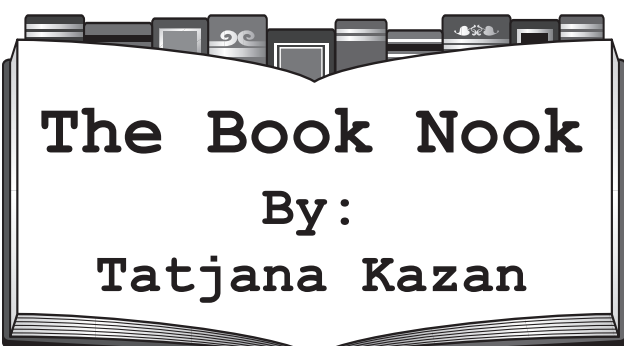
Patricia Stenzel

Stenzel to celebrate 80th birthday

SUBLETTE — Patricia (Pat) Stenzel of Sublette will celebrate her 80th birthday July 15, 2021.

She was born July 15, 1941 and was married to the late Harold Stenzel. She has four children, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

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Last Words

Russell Banks is the author of some very fine novels, including "Continental Drift," "Affliction," and "The Sweet Hereafter." His latest novel, "Foregone," his first new book in ten years, is about Leo Fife, a famous leftist Canadian documentary filmmaker who is dying of cancer. He is known as "the Ken Burns of the North." A draft dodger who fled to Canada in 1968, Leo lives in an upscale Montreal apartment with Emma, his wife of 40 years, and has managed to be "both materially comfortable and morally righteous."

A CBC film crew, headed by one of Leo's ex-students, arrives to interview him about his exposés of corporate polluters, his Viet Nam documentaries, and the celebrities he knew back when, including Joan Baez and Bob Dylan.

Leo will have none of it. "For forty-five years, all my years in Canada, from the day I went out and bought my first sixteen-millimeter camera, I exposed corruption, mendacity, and hypocrisy in government and business. Now, with your camera, I'm exposing myself. My corruption, my mendacity, my hypocrisy." However, the cancer that has ravaged his body along with powerful painkillers have "dissolved chunks of his temporal lobe" and addled his mind. More often than not, it is up to us readers to sort out truth from dreams in Leo's chaotic rush to finally confess all.

Leo comes from a poor home outside of Boston. At 16, in the first of many attempts to escape, he drives in a stolen Pontiac with his best friend to Amarillo, Texas. At the YMCA, he is molested by a blind man and drinks himself into unconsciousness trying to forget. By 19, having run off to Florida, Leo meets Amy, gets her pregnant, marries her, and abandons her. His second marriage to a Virginia heiress lasts several years, but ends the same way. Leo flees to Canada as a draft dodger, though he has already managed to get rejected by an army recruiter in the States. He is welcomed by the Canadians as a brave resister and consequently manages to build a reputation as an ethical and fearless documentarian based on this falsehood.

Has Leo's confession redeemed him? Banks replies in an interview, "Only at the very end did he understand that he did not live a good life. And he tried to confess it at the end. So that, to me, is redemptive." A more interesting comment on the novel comes from author Marilynne Robinson, "In the rages of a sick old man profound questions arise – what is a life? A self? And what is lost when truth destroys the fabrications that sustain other lives?"

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

Celebrating Our Nation's Birthday

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"...Happy are the people whose God is the Lord." Psalm 144:15

This year the United States of America celebrates her 245th Birthday. In recent years there has been much discussion and debate as to whether or not our country is, or ever was, a "Christian" nation. In times past, however, this was a non-issue. By-in-large our citizens were free to either practice their religious faith or refrain from religious practices altogether if they so choose.

One thing which cannot be denied however, is the theistic and Judeo/Christian influence and content of the

historical documents, memoirs, diaries, and correspondence of important figures who played prominent roles in our country's settlement, founding, independence, and progression. Much of their public and private writings acknowledge a belief in God, Jesus Christ, and an awareness of His divine providence. These people include common folk (teachers, blacksmith's, farmers...) as well as lawyers, judges, politicians and presidents. Even our Declaration of Independence, which was written by Thomas Jefferson and signed by 56 members of the Continental Congress, refers to God as "their Creator" and "the Supreme Judge of the world."

None of these people were perfect. They all had their flaws – but that is part of being human. They often realized their flaws and often acknowledged them in their personal writings. Yet the realization of their own limitations seemed to strengthen their resolve to trust in God to help them, and were willing to "count the cost" themselves. The Declaration of Independence concludes with these words, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor..."

Even the Star-Spangled Banner which was written by Francis Scott Key during the Battle of Fort McHenry on September 13, 1814, and became our national anthem on March 4, 1931, affirms the dependency our young nation felt toward God. Most of us probably know the first verse by heart, but it's the last verse which acknowledges God as our nations' foundation.

It says,

Oh Thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand

Between their loved home and the war's desolation!

Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land,

Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,

And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

This year, as we celebrate our nation's 245th Birthday, let us join with our forefathers in giving thanks and placing our trust in the God whom they also acknowledged. And let us also pray for our nation. In the same way that "common people" were instrumental in the founding of our country through trusting God (and by electing good and godly people of integrity to represent them). "We, the people" here in Midwest U.S.A. can still do our part.

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Opinion

So much needs to be done to improve Illinois schools

I remember the students presenting our fifth-grade teacher with the “gift” like it was yesterday.

Several girls emerged from a restroom with a package wrapped in a brown paper towel bound up in scotch tape and presented it to our science teacher.

He was a socially awkward fellow, bereft of any ability to keep order in a classroom. And his pedagogical skills were marginal at best. Fifth graders ate him alive.

There was the day that a student found a box of several hundred Styrofoam balls in a classroom closet and suddenly hundreds of orange balls were flying as students pummeled one another with these would-be components of model solar systems.

Amid the interplanetary warfare, he waved his arms about unable to capture the attention of his pupils.

Often after the daily classroom disorder, he’d exclaim: “If I give you 2.54 centimeters you’ll take 1.61 kilometers.” (Yes, he even converted the inch and mile in the old adage to the metric system.)

As I have written before, I’m dyslexic. I remember to this day him glancing over my shoulder and telling me I was lazy because I sometimes formed letters backwards. Or once I drew a picture with a backward plowshare.

Any teacher with any semblance of competence should have seen I was a child that needed help -- not ridicule.

Anyway, back to the “gift.”

When the youngsters gave him his “present” he cocked

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



his head to a side, gave it a perplexed look and probed the parcel with his fingertips. He then became visibly upset. The girls had wrapped up a sanitary napkin.

I was thinking about the teacher and the surprise offering this month after the Illinois Legislature voted to require Illinois schools to distribute tampons, and panty liners at no cost in restrooms used by both girls and boys in grades 4 through 12.

“This is really important for young menstruators who are not able to purchase products and they need this for emergency situations,” state Rep. Barbara Hernandez, D-Aurora, said.

But some Republicans said putting tampons into the boys’ bathroom made no sense.

Hernandez argued a boy could fetch them for a female friend in an emergency.

Oh yeah, that’s going to happen. Wives have enough trouble getting their husbands to buy them at the grocery store. How many junior high boys will willingly fetch one for a female classmate? For that matter, how many girls, too shy to go to the nurse’s office, will ask a boy to retrieve a maxi pad for them?

But state Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-Chicago, said tampons in the boys’ restroom could also be used by transgender students who use a boy’s bathroom but still menstruate.

My prediction? A few tampons in the boys’ room will end up in the hands of transgender students. The rest will be used to plug toilets or get soaked in the sink and turned into interesting “wall art.”

Your tax dollars at work.

As for transgender students, I believe everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. I question whether a junior high boys’ restroom is a place where that is often found.

Perhaps the nurse’s office or a faculty restroom might be a more respectful place for a transgender student facing a menstruation emergency.

Now, let me be clear. I’m ok with schools providing free tampons and sanitary napkins. They ought to be in the nurse’s office or in a teacher’s bottom desk drawer where a student in need can retrieve them.

Speaking as the father of three girls, these are expensive products. Let’s not waste resources where they can be used to vandalize rather than help.

But more significantly, I’m frustrated with the legislature debating whether tampons should be distributed in bathrooms rather than nurse’s offices; but not tackling more important issues like teacher quality.

After all, this legislation was one of the most high-profile “school bills” of the last session. That’s unfortunate. So much more needs to be done to improve Illinois schools.

We need to be offering financial incentives to attract the best and brightest college students to enter teaching.

It needs to be easier to replace underperforming teachers.

And more parents, particularly those in low income neighborhoods, need access to scholarships to ensure their children are not trapped in failing schools.

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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago July 8, 1921

Adam Vaupel and son Glenn visited over the Fourth at the home of his son, J.A. Vaupel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Reinboth, Misses Sue Hanson and Helen Waters picnicked in Lowell Park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hegert and daughters Helen and Elizabeth went to Chicago Saturday morning to visit over the Fourth.

of East Grove Cubs, will represent Lee County at the state contest at the Illinois State Fair.

If the Illinois Central Railroad property is cleaned up – if weeds and nuisance trees are cut and debris removed along the right of way – Amboy’s City Council is willing to let the ICRR discontinue use of their gates at the Main and Division Street crossings.

Although the Fourth of July fireworks had to be postponed until the night of July 5,

Amboy’s Volunteer Firemen drew a crowd estimated to be equally as large as the one that attended the show last year.

25 Years Ago July 4, 1996

Amboy Fire Chief Rocky Sensenig accepts a new defibrillator unit from Chris Abel of the Prudential. Also taking part in the presentation ceremonies were Amboy Fire

Protection Board Members Jack Carlson and Larry Hawes. The Prudential donated \$2,500 toward the cost of purchasing the unit.

Mount St. Clare College inducted Joan Myers Dinges of Sublette into the college’s Hall of Fame at a reunion held earlier this month. Dinges has worked as a medical assistant and parish secretary for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for over 25 years.

75 Years Ago July 11, 1946

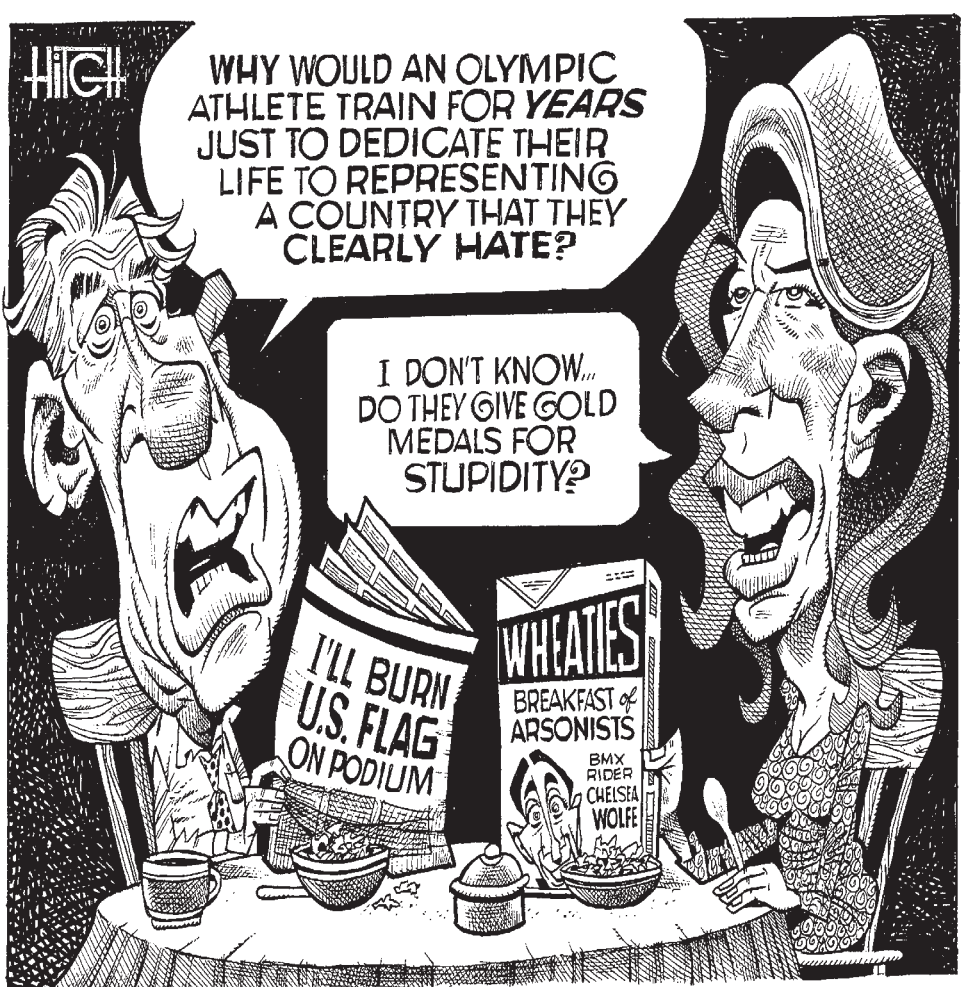
Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Simcox have purchased the William Ollman residence on North Jefferson Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Berthier Phillips drove to Lake Bloomington Sunday to take their son, Donald, Dick Wagner and Ronald Ellis who are camping there this week with a group of boys from the Congregational church.

Ed Whitver and John Stouffer went to Chicago Sunday to see the Cubs-Cincinnati ball game.

50 Years Ago July 8, 1971

Lee County Assistant Extension Adviser Ron Pierce, congratulates Dan Leffelman, winner of the Master of Ceremonies contest at the Lee County 4-H Share The Fun Night July 1, as Donnetta Petrie first alternative, looks on. Leffelman, a member



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LOCAL NEWS

Educational Briefs

Local students graduate from Marquette University

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — This past spring, local students graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Mitchell Etheridge, Bachelors, Finance
Justin Sherman, Bachelors, Operations and Supply Chain Management
Kennidy Summers, Masters, School Counseling
A total of 2,301 students graduated from Marquette in May. The university celebrated its 140th Commencement with a series of events, including Graduate Recognition Ceremonies at American Family Field and a Baccalaureate Mass on campus. Learn more about the weekend.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws nearly 8,500 undergraduate and 3,300 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

Local students named to President's and Deans' lists at Drake University

DES MOINES, Iowa — The following local students have been named to the Deans' and President's Lists at Drake University.

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Margaret Oswalt, Dean's List
To be eligible for the Deans' list students must have earned

a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Spring 2021 semester at Drake.

To be eligible for the President's list students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Spring 2021 semester at Drake.

Drake University is a midsize, private university in Des Moines, Iowa, enrolling nearly 3,000 undergraduate and more than 1,800 graduate students. Students choose from over 70 majors, minors, and concentrations and 20 graduate degrees offered through seven colleges and schools. Drake students, faculty, and staff take advantage of the wealth of cultural, recreational, and business opportunities found in Iowa's capital city. In return, Drake enriches the city through its own cultural offerings, considerable economic impact, and many service-learning endeavors, which channel the talent and energy of the Drake students toward meeting the needs of the community.

NIU Spring 2021 Graduation List

DEKALB — Over 2400 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in June. Included among the graduates were the following students from your area:

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Kellylyn Wood, Bachelor of Science, Medical Laboratory Sciences

Compton

Joseph Gehant, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering

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Savannah Barker, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Physical Therapy

Jordan Bonnette, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education with Preschool Special Education Approval

Sarah Crowe, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies

Ryan Dewey, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art Studio and Design - Design and Media Arts

Mitchell Dixon, Bachelor of Science, Finance

Katie Fredericks, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Megan Howard, Master of Arts, Communicative Disorders - Speech-Language Pathology

Elizabeth Ohme, Bachelor of Science, Fashion Merchandising

Kaylee Rhodes, Bachelor of Science, Human Development & Family Sciences: Child Development

Chantelle Ritzert, Bachelor of Arts, English

Madeleine Stauter, Bachelor of Arts, World Lang & Cultures: Spanish & Hispanic Studies

Lee

Sarah Griffin, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Physical Therapy

Paw Paw

Julia Hoelzer, Bachelor of Science, Management - Human Resource Management

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Alexandra Soto, Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences: General

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Kelly Wakefield, Bachelor of Science in Educ, SPED - Visual Impairments with PEL

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Howard and the White Boys Play the Mt. Morris Jamboree July 9

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the power and raw energy of the group when they perform live on stage.

Howard & the White Boys began jamming together just for fun, but their fast-growing popularity soon convinced them they could make a career of it. After only a few months, they got their first big break by opening for B.B. King. Their reputation grew in Chicago and they began performing with the biggest names in blues: Koko Taylor, Otis Rush, Albert King, Junior Wells, Lonnie Brooks,

Luther Allison, Bo Diddley, and Chuck Berry.

Be sure to come uptown early to visit the nearby Mt. Morris Community Farmers Market, open from 4-7 p.m., every Friday through October. Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of IL Route 64 on Wesley Ave and enjoy the free Blues concert. In the event of rain, the whole show moves to the Pinecrest Grove Community

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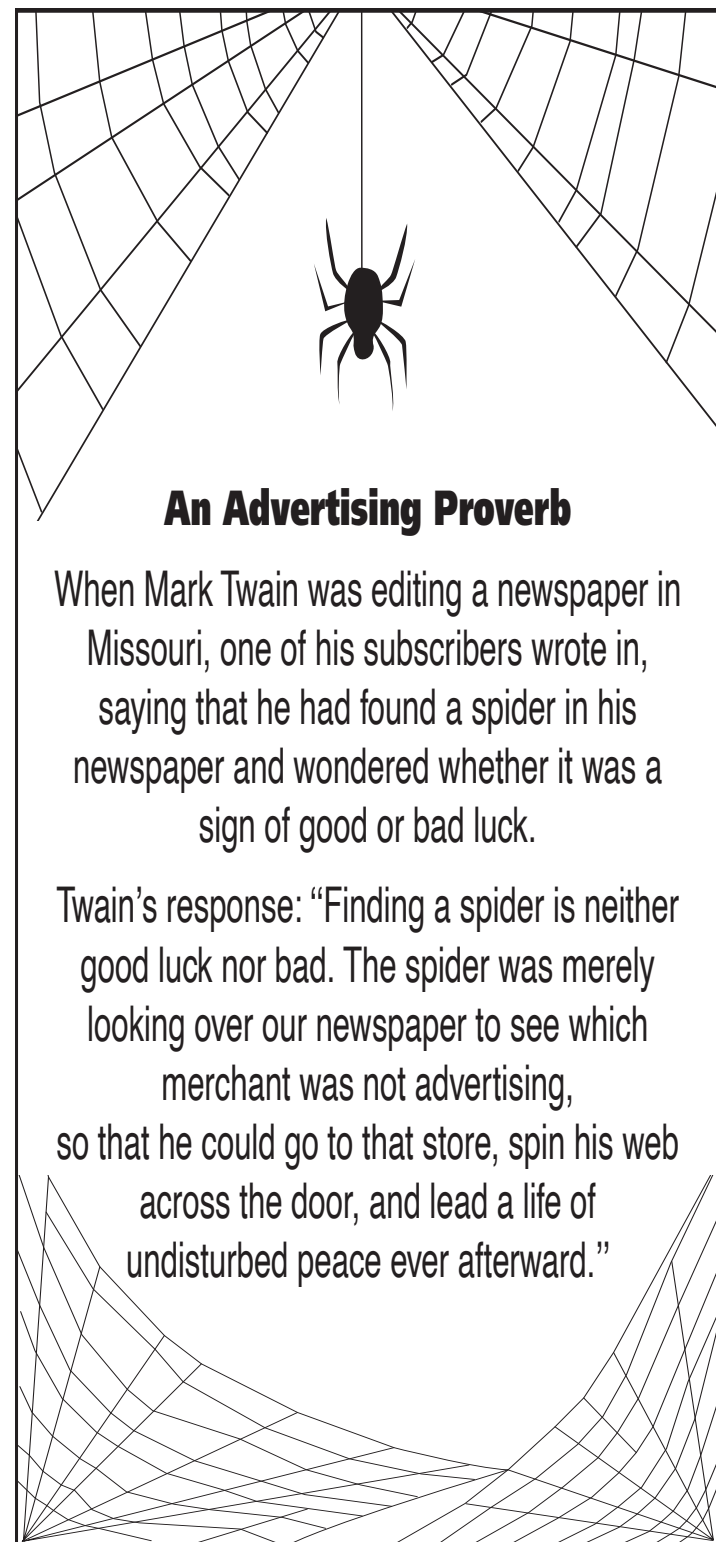
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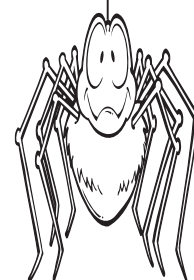
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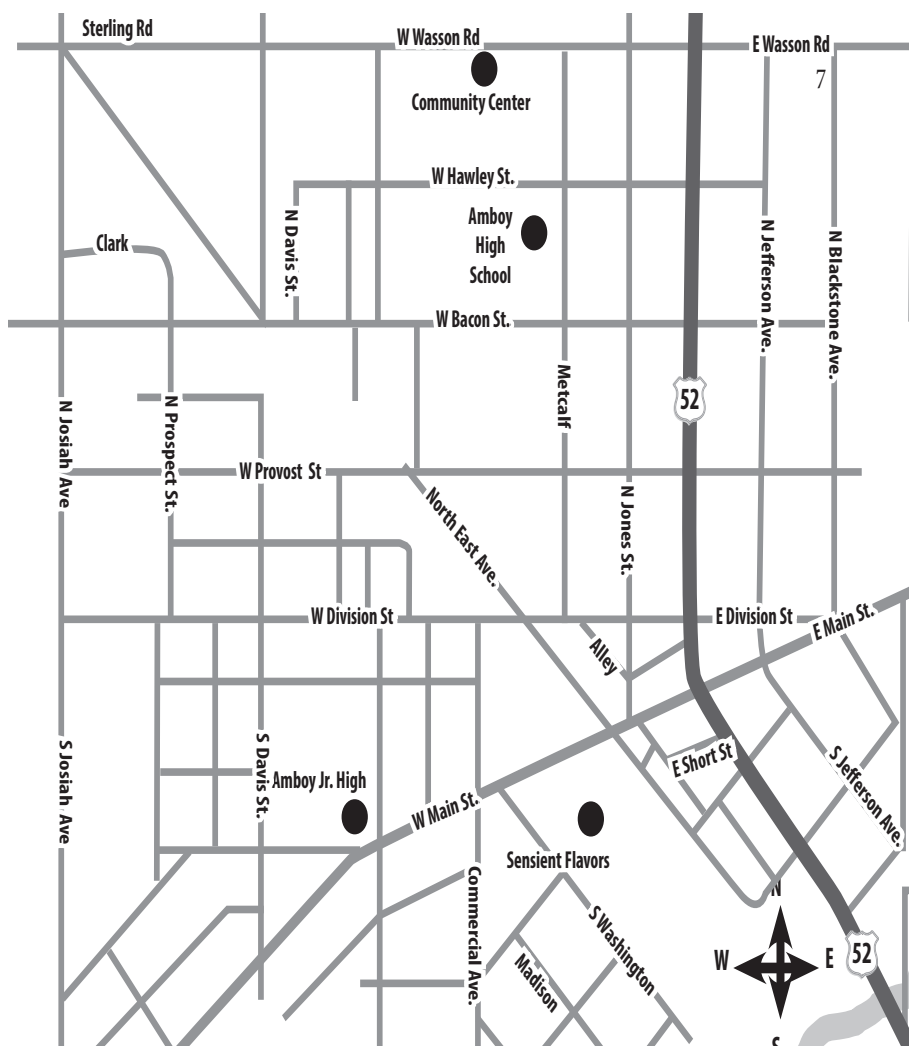
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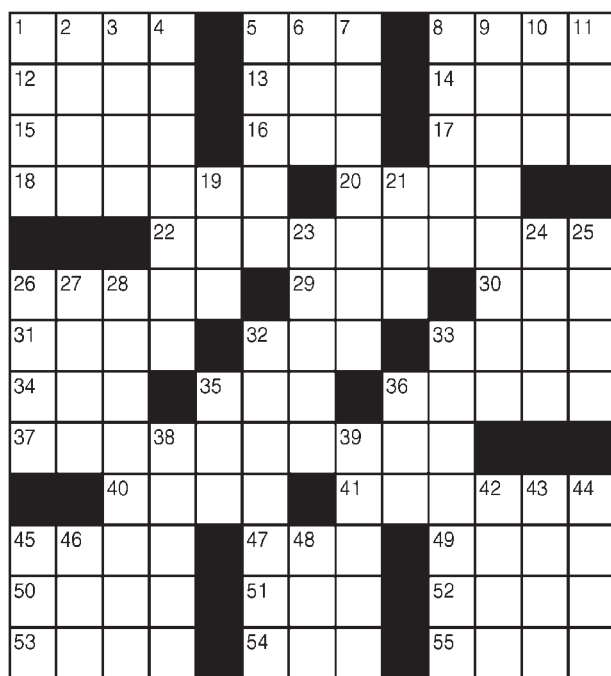
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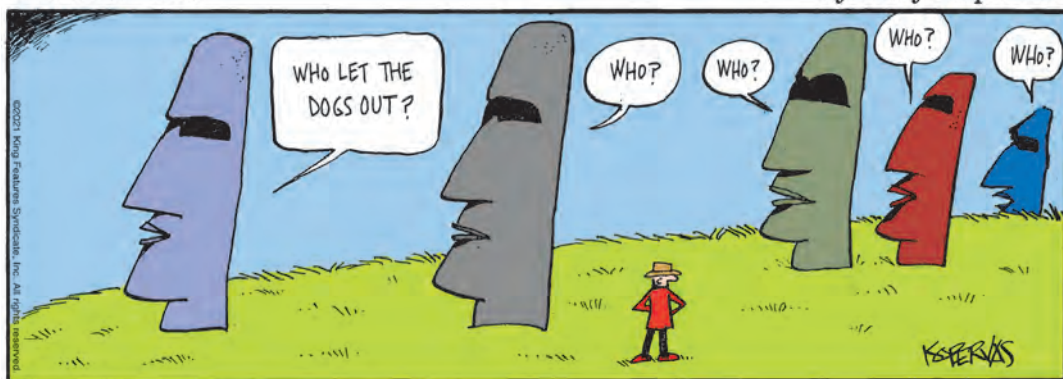
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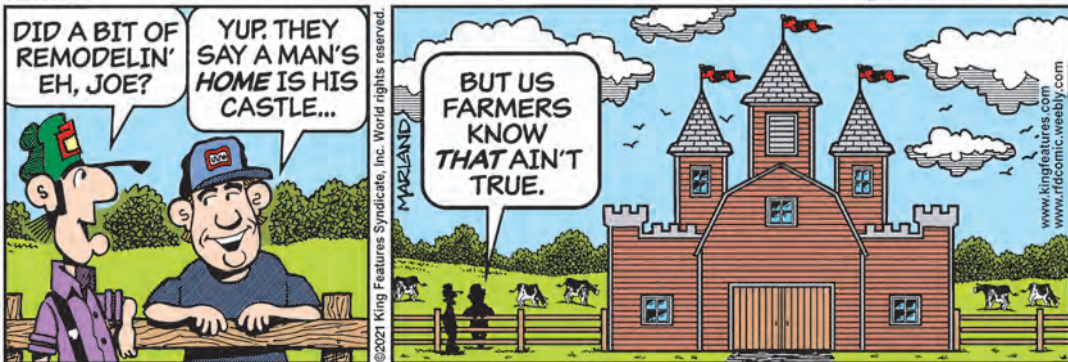
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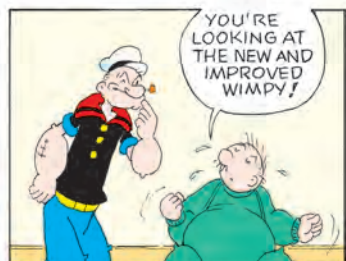
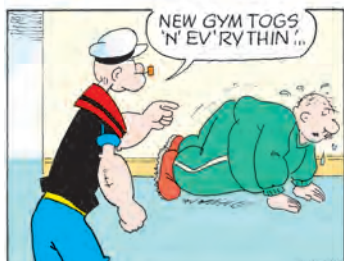
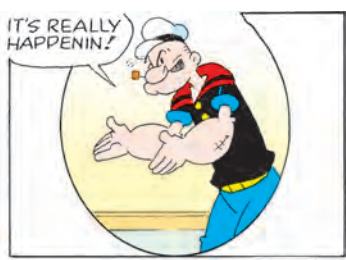
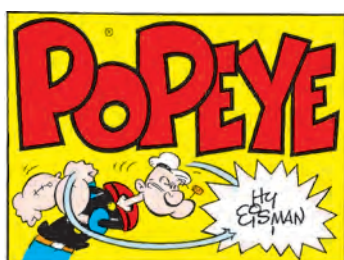
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Revolver
- PILOTS
- Serve
- REACT
- Royalty
- HORNET
- Cherish
- EARNED

TODAY'S WORD

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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

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Trivia test

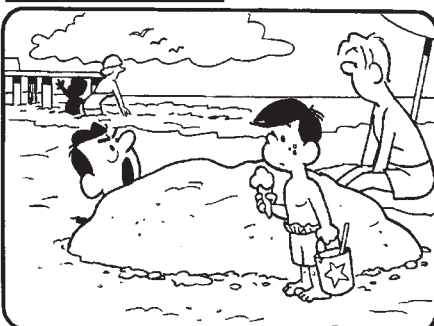
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1. GEOGRAPHY: How many states are in Australia?
2. LITERATURE: The character of Miss Havisham appears in which 19th-century novel?
3. ASTRONOMY: What is the name of the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What creature was a hood ornament on the 1933 Hudson Essex Terraplane car?
5. TELEVISION: What were the names of the boys on the 1990s sitcom "Home Improvement"?
6. MUSIC: The Jug saloon was the setting in which Lynyrd Skynyrd song?
7. MOVIES: What was Charlie Sheen's nickname in the 1989 movie "Major League"?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are the offspring of echidnas (Australia) called?
9. U.S. STATES: What is the state flower of West Virginia?
10. FOOD & DRINK: Which country produces Gouda cheese?

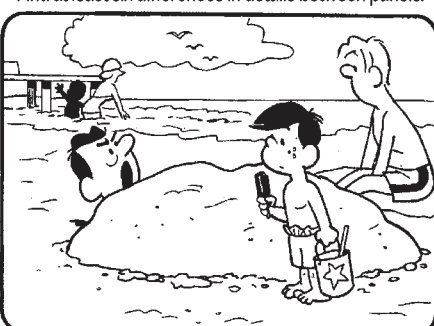
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Birds are removed. 2. Cloud is smaller. 3. Trunks are different. 4. Pier support is removed. 5. Ice cream is missing. 6. Umbrella is missing.

CHEAP

Today's Word

1. Pistol 2. Cater 3. Throne 4. Endear

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: Y equals N

JVM NPBLZMR CPHZY'L FZL

RZMHZG UZMWPY RVPVPUZ.

FJV XJVEG RPF LCZ NVMRL BR

FZL LJ XJWZ.

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Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

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LOCAL NEWS

SVCC honored outstanding alumni during may commencement

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College Alumni Association recognized three outstanding alumni at the 55th annual commencement ceremony on May 14 on the SVCC campus.

The alumni association nomination committee selected recipients based on peer recommendations and notable accomplishments. Lifelong educator, with indisputable leadership skills, Betty Obendorf '72 was chosen as the Distinguished Alumni recipient. This award honors a particular achievement of noteworthy value, a series of such achievements or a career of noteworthy accomplishments that bring honor to the College. Betty graduated from SVCC with an Associate of Arts degree. She completed her undergraduate studies in Science-Education at Northern Illinois University, graduating magna cum laude where she also earned her M.S. Ed.

Obendorf taught in the Polo Unit School District for over 20 years. After her retirement, she became the volunteer curator at the Polo Historical Society where she educates visitors and continues to teach and assist students

with research. She writes a weekly history column for the Tri-County Press which she has done since 1997. In addition, she authored two historical books, The Gallant 15th of ILLINOIS History of a Civil War Volunteer Infantry Regiment and Abolitionist Railroad in Buffalo Grove.

Obendorf demonstrates an ongoing commitment to community service through her involvement in organizations like the Polo Economic Development Group—the new Polo Fresh Food Market is one example of the group's success. She is a member of Chapter DW PEO Sisterhood. She was bestowed the Buffalo Grange Community Citizen Award in 1999 and Polo's Citizen of the Year in 2001. In the words of her nominator, "She is often described as a wealth of information and has the wisdom to share her knowledge with all she meets."

Accepting the Alumni Achievement Award is Britni Dvorak '12. This award recognizes alumni 35 years old and younger whose achievements, public service and/or volunteer activities bring honor to the College. Dvorak

attended SVCC through a scholarship after graduating from Amboy High School and earned her Associate of Science Degree before transferring to Northern Illinois University where she received her undergraduate degree in Textiles, Apparel and Merchandising with a minor in business marketing.

Dvorak is currently the owner of Pam's Hallmark in Dixon. She was the youngest owner in the Hallmark franchise and also owns Fresh Finds Hallmark in Princeton. She has been involved with the United Way of Lee County and received the 2020 Small Business of the Year award. She is very active in event planning with the Dixon and Princeton Chambers of Commerce and believes strongly in supporting her community and local charities including: Goodfellows of Lee County, St Anne's and St Mary's Catholic schools, YWCA, Toys for Tots, Shining Star, youth baseball and softball leagues, and many others.

The Future Alumni Award recipient is Anah Chamberlain. This first annual "rising star" award is accorded to a current SVCC student who seeks out opportunities for personal and

educational growth; endeavors to better their communities and College through participation in civic and college organizations, clubs, or initiatives.

Chamberlain is the 2020-2021 Student Government President. She demonstrated motivation to reach her personal and educational goal setting a great example for students academically and through her involvement in student organizations. During 2019-2020, she was the Vice-President of Service for Phi Theta Kappa; was an active member of the Science Club, Rotaract Club, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Informed Student Voter Coalition Club; and served as a student ambassador. Her nominators shared, "Anah is very responsible and hardworking. She has led and volunteered for many events, always providing excellent guidance to other students and encouraging students to get involved."

Nominations for SVCC alumni awards are accepted year-round. Please contact linda.s.osborn@svcc.edu at the SVC Foundation with any questions about this or other Alumni Association programs.

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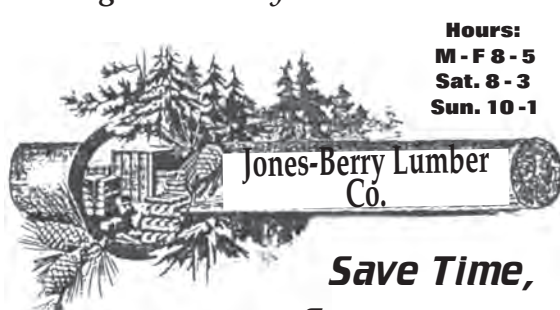
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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #52 Levi Kaleel

I am so honored and beyond proud to announce this week's Clipper, #52, "The Harbor Monster," Levi "Boom Truck" Kaleel.

Levi was a 2010 graduate of Amboy High School, three sport athlete, and three year Varsity starter in football, wrestling, and baseball. Levi wasn't a Sophomore just bumped up to each athletic team to provide more depth, inter-squad competition, or to fill in. Levi was bumped up because, even as an underclassmen, he was one of the best athletes on each team.

There was no doubt during the summer of 2007 that Levi would be promoted to the Varsity ranks to anchor, one of the most impressive and talented, offensive lines of recent memory. Levi was among Clipper greats; Jordan Willstead, Drew Goy, Jacob Stewart, Travis Ullrich, Jeremy Wolf, and Colby Fordham. Accompanying Levi at the Varsity level were two other Super Sophomores in Westin Montavon and Cody Richardson. Levi started both ways his Sophomore season at Offensive Guard and Inside Linebacker. Offensively, Levi was one of the most well-rounded Offensive Linemen our program has seen. Naturally athletic, quick, and fundamental, Levi's vital role to our team became pivotal in our success as he was taking on some of the best Linebackers the Big Rivers Conference produced.

Yes, he was getting second level and putting pads on a Linebacker, so whichever talented Clipper ball carrier could cut directly off his block. However, as gifted offensively, Levi made his name on the Clipper Defense.

At 5'10 230 pounds, we think purely of brute strength, shutting down the inside running game of any opponent. Levi defied the stereotype. Levi's lateral speed, primal instinct to read the field, and ability to fly to the football was as smooth and impressive as I have ever seen anyone do it at the high school or Division III college level.

There was a play against Ottawa Marquette his Sophomore season he was the inside linebacker to the field (wide) side. Marquette ran a sweep to the field side and Levi hit the ball carrier for a three-yard loss. I don't know the exact yardage from Levi's starting position to when he made the tackle, but the distance covered, and speed displayed was astonishing. For those that remember that play can still hear the roar in Levi's voice in celebration.

Even as a Sophomore, no matter the opponent, it was always Levi's field. The 2007 season came to an end with two triumphant playoff victories over Hamilton West Hancock and undefeated Petersburg PORTA and one painful Quarterfinal loss against Aurora Christian. However, it's my belief like

many others, that Plano can thank Levi for their State Championship that season as in the State Semifinal, Aurora Christian Quarterback, Jordan Robert's (a DI talent), couldn't complete a pass due to a hip injury suffered at Levi's hands in the Quarterfinal game. Levi ended his Sophomore season earning Second Team All-Conference Honors at Offensive Guard.

Two past highlights and Clipper greats shared the following on their time with Levi.

Travis Nauman shared, "I got to play with Levi my senior year, his sophomore year. He was a big part of our success that year. For only being a sophomore, he definitely played like an upperclassman. Someone that always did his job and you could always depend on him to make a play. I am glad I got the opportunity to play with him."

Brother, Taylor Kaleel shared, "I was fortunate enough to get to play football with both of my brothers and a lot of my cousins. While my memories of them days are all great, the easiest to remember are the ones playing with Levi. Levi was a sophomore, two-way starter my senior year and the kid was a beast. He wasn't just called up to fill some needed positions, but rather one of the best players on the field. Strong as an ox with a natural ability to find the ball. I know the game meant as much for him as it did for myself because it came from the same place, our dad. Levi left it all on the field, every play, every game, which is what makes great players great! It was honor to play with Levi."

As the 2008 voyage began, Levi was not only among the top linemen in the Big Rivers but in the entire Sauk Valley area as he was named to the Pre-season All Area team before his Jr. season. The only difference moving into the 2008 season was that Levi would move down to the defensive line, alongside Colby Fordham. Levi's experience from the previous season along with his incredible strength and athleticism was key to any/all success our 2008 team had.

He was not the most vocal but would often make his opinions known if someone could play better or work harder. I can recall quite a few poor throws/decisions I made throughout the 2008 season that I was held accountable by my younger cousin. I did get to return the favor against Ottawa Marquette during the 2008 campaign. I broke a (rare) 35-yard touchdown run on a 42 option, only for it to be called back because of a holding penalty called against Levi. Needless to say, I had a few choice words for him in the huddle before the next play. Another standout memory during the 2008 season came against Morrison.

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



We won in triple overtime, 41-40. What many may not know is that at some point in the 4th quarter Levi broke his hand.

Levi shared the following, "Another game I remember very well was Morrison my junior year when we went three overtime's I think and breaking my hand sometime in the fourth quarter but I knew my team needed me and you didn't give up on your team even if you had to play through a little pain, it was all worth it. And there was no going to the doctor because we had Newman the next week. Wrap it up and get back out there. I still look at that bone that sticks out of my hand to this day and it takes me back to the glory days."

Levi ended his junior season earning both All Conference and All Area honors offensively and defensively.

Friend and former teammate, Matt Fuller, shared, "I think the biggest compliment you can pay a player is saying that it was just a flat-out luxury to have him. Having Levi playing at the varsity as a sophomore was just that. You weren't just rolling the dice with an underclassmen on the varsity level with him. And when the '09 class were seniors, having Levi again as a junior, was even better. A year bigger, stronger, and more experienced, he was always a direct factor to our success on the field. He was a football player to his core and was absolutely groomed to do it. He was also the strongest football player I've ever played with. He was built like an ox, and nobody pushed him around. Ever."

With two, successful, years of Varsity experience under his belt, Levi began his final season and last season for a member of our family to strap up in Clipper red. Earning another Pre-season All Area honor at Defensive Line. With five home games at The Harbor, a reloaded Offensive Line, and key skill position players, the 2009 Clippers would post our best record since the 1986 season. Levi and the Clippers took down #1 ranked Bureau Valley Week 2.

The Clippers continued to roll until a matchup with fellow undefeated Morrison. The Clippers lost the contest at The Harbor in what would be the first of their two mud

games that season. The following week, the Clippers would travel to The Coliseum to meet archrival, Sterling Newman. What would be the second mud game of the season ended victorious for the Clippers. With a huge victory over Newman the Clippers would go on to complete the regular season with an 8-1 record and second place Big Rivers finish.

The 2009 season we would also bump down to 2A with a lower overall enrollment. The Clippers hosted Oneida ROWVA first round and notched one of the most dominant Clipper wins I've ever witnessed. One thing about that game that I'll never forget is the wildcat package. Richardson in the shotgun and Levi being the big, bruising fullback. As much as "Boom Truck" would have loved just one carry, he loved laying people out that much more.

The Clippers would end their season the following week with a loss to 2A Powerhouse, Annawan Wethersfield. The 2009 Clippers would finish with a 9-2 overall record. Levi earned All-Conference/All Area honors again on each side of the ball.

In speaking of his Senior season, Levi shared, "What stuck out the most my senior year was just playing with all my buddies and just having fun doing it. I'll never forget those days. Just living for Friday nights and we were fortunate enough to play on Saturday afternoons."

Friend and former teammate, Steven Apple, shared the following, "Levi was one of those guys that walked into the weight room for the first time and was already stronger than most in there. He was always pretty stout growing up so was on the line from the beginning but was faster than some of our backs. He used to pull on one of our 37 wham plays and sometimes he would take three to four guys out down the field and still be out ahead of the slot back. The one thing you always knew about Levi is that he was going to work his butt off every play. Our senior season he re-broke something in his hand and he never skipped a play. I think that hand still looks like there is a golf ball in it. He was hands down the toughest and most talented lineman I ever played with."

Friend and former teammate, Westin Montavon, shared, "Levi exemplified what it takes to not only be a Clipper but the leader of a Clipper team. He was one of the hardest working players and inspired others to work as hard as he did. Levi has



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a unique way of bringing people together with his personality and was the heart and soul of our team. I couldn't be more proud to have been able to share our time playing football together."

The interview with Levi was mostly via text this week as our schedules conflicted. However, it works to the benefit of this highlight given his quotes throughout. In speaking of the meaning of Amboy Football, Levi shared the following, "What did Amboy football mean to me? Well, it was a big part of life 'it's just what we did' no questions asked. Back then we were thinking about Amboy football year-round and what we had to do to get better each year. Whether it be spending more hours in the weight room, going to speed camps, or just learning how to play the game better, faster, and stronger. That's what we did and what it means to me today is still the same mentality. I'd give anything to get back out there. As I watched our Clippers, this past spring, play I had the hairs standing up on the back of my neck all night wishing to be out there. That's what Amboy Football does to me."

For a Clipper whose lineage as is as deep as our playoff history, Levi set his own sail. No matter the game, the opponent, the score, the age, Levi was, more often than not, the best athlete on the field at any given time. Yet, Levi's athleticism is not his best quality. Levi's personality is what makes

him one of the very best of us. Stern but gentle, fierce but calm, and humble but confident are what defines Levi's character. He's one of the only people in my life that I have never heard anyone voice any negativity or outright dislike. As his older cousin, I have nothing but pride in saying, I've looked up to him, I've depended on him, and I've been indebted to his sacrifices he's made for our Clipper teams. You are the epitome of an Amboy Clipper.

So, to one of our best, The Harbor Monster, #52, Levi "Boom Truck" Kaleel, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Loved by many today as you were all those years ago on the field is all the summation, we need in order to know your character. Friday nights and Saturday afternoons have come and gone. The memories will always remain but what I most look forward to are the ones we still have yet to make. 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.

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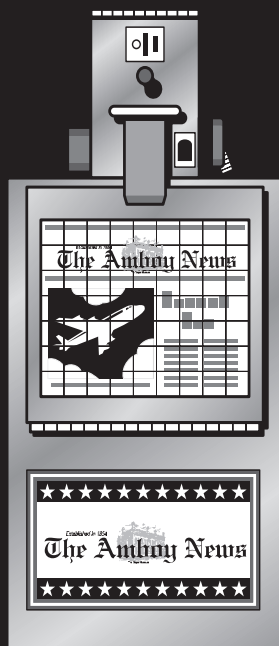
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