

# Lee County real estate tax bills mailed to owners

**LEE COUNTY** — Paula Meyer, Lee County Treasurer, announced that her office mailed real estate tax bills on May 28 to Lee County property owners. Taxes are payable in two installments due on July 2 and Sept. 3.

The County Treasurer asked that anyone not receiving a bill please contact the Treasurer's Office 815-288-4477. Failure to receive a bill does not exempt liability for payment. This is the only bill taxpayers will receive.

Methods of payment are:

- 1) Online by direct debit from a bank account at [www.leecountyil.com](http://www.leecountyil.com). The online payment service provider charges a \$1.00 convenience fee for direct debit payments. No portion of these fees are received by Lee County.
- 2) Online by credit card at [www.leecountyil.com](http://www.leecountyil.com). The online payment service provider charges a 2.35% convenience fee for credit card payments. No portion of these fees are received by Lee County.
- 3) By mail to the Lee Co. Treasurer, PO Box 328, Dixon, IL 61021. Please include the stubs with the payment.
- 4) Payment at any bank in Amboy, Ashton, Dixon, Franklin Grove, Paw Paw, Sublette, and West Brooklyn. Please bring the entire tax bill to the bank.
- 5) Payment in person at the Lee Co. Treasurer's Office on the 2nd floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E 2nd St. Dixon, IL.

# Amboy school district announces retirement of three employees

**AMBOY**—Amboy Community Unit School District announces the retirement of three employees.

Kay Shaw - 41 Years—Bus Driver

Mary Knowles, 23 Years - Teacher

Mary Jo Zinke - 21 Years — District Librarian

“Working here in the Amboy School District has provided me with wonderful friends that I feel are like family. I was lucky enough to start teaching at AHS after my darling daughter graduated spring of 2000. (that was probably a blessing) I was

here to experience Garrett's high school years much to his dismay the start of his freshman year. I remember him asking if now that he was going to be in high school if I could go teach at Mendota. He survived the four years with me teaching here and I enjoyed every minute of being an extra mom to Derek, Drew, Danny and Alex. My classroom was never empty with those boys around. Some wonderful memories were created academically and sports wise by his class and friends the four years they were in high school.

I've enjoyed my time as the District Librarian, my fondest memories are the huge success of the Barnes & Noble Bookfairs in Rockford. The students and the community were very supportive of this event to make our school the #1 bookfair that the Rockford Store had for the 10 years we participated. I have fond memories of running the Clipper Store for 10 years with the help of Cynthia Carlson. I feel my 21 years spent in the district were wonderful and fulfilling.”

# Both houses pass election bill postponing 2022 primary to June

**BY RAYMOND TRONCOSO**

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**SPRINGFIELD**—Largely on partisan lines, lawmakers passed an omnibus elections bill Monday that would push back the date of the 2022 primary elections amid other major changes to the state's election code.

The 156-page omnibus bill, an amendment to Senate Bill 825 filed by Rep. Maurice West, D-Rockford, would also strengthen the state's cybersecurity surrounding elections and make Election Day a holiday among other provisions.

The bill was filed Sunday night, passed the House 72-46 at about 6 p.m. Monday, then passed on a partisan 41-18 split in the Senate at about 10 p.m. It will need only a signature from the governor to become law.

**Election dates**

Under the legislation, in 2022, early voting for primary elections would start May 19 and Election Day would be moved to June 28. State primaries are typically held in March. The dates for nominating petitions for primaries would also change, with those seeking office being able to circulate petitions starting Jan. 13. Congressional and judicial candidates must have petitions filed by March 14.

The provision changing these dates is set to expire at the start of 2023.

“The state has always had a really long window between the primary and the general, which makes the political season long and risky, negatively affecting public policymaking,” West said to committee members Monday. “Our proposal is to do this one-time change just to see how it works and I think it will be beneficial to the state and then it can maybe be something we keep, moving forward.”

The bill would also make

# Pritzker signs redistricting plans for state legislative, appellate court districts

**BY PETER HANCOCK**

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**SPRINGFIELD**—Gov. JB Pritzker signed a pair of bills Friday that redraw state legislative and appellate court districts, despite the fact that official U.S. Census data needed to ensure equal representation has not yet been delivered.

In a statement released Friday afternoon, Pritzker said he signed the measures after reviewing the maps to make sure they complied with state and federal law by ensuring minority representation.

“Illinois' strength is in our diversity, and these maps help to ensure that communities that have been left out and left behind have fair representation in our government,” Pritzker said in the statement. “These district boundaries align with both the federal and state Voting Rights Acts, which help to ensure our diverse communities have electoral power and fair representation.”

Reaction to Pritzker's announcement was swift. House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch called the signing “a win for the people of this great state.”

“With Governor Pritzker's signature, people of Illinois can be confident in a legislative map that is reflective of the diversity that we see in every corner of our state,” Welch said.

“Not only does this map adhere to state and federal laws, but it is a product of more than 50 public hearings where citizens came to tell us what their communities look like to them.”

But Republican Sen. Jason Barickman, of Bloomington, the minority spokesman on the Senate Redistricting Committee, accused Pritzker of going back on his campaign pledge to support an independent mapmaking process.

“The people of Illinois deserve a fair, transparent process that allows them to choose their representatives in government,” Barickman said. “Pritzker turned his back on them and chose instead to use his signature to further enshrine the broken status quo of politicians picking their voters.”

The redistricting process is highly political, even in a normal year, because it gives the majority party the ability to draw district maps that will favor them for the next decade.

But it was especially heated in the General Assembly this year, not just because the release of detailed census data has been delayed, but because, as a candidate running in 2018, Pritzker supported creating an independent redistricting commission—the so-called “Fair Maps” proposal—and had vowed to veto any maps drawn by lawmakers or their staffs.

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## TRAVI HONORED

*Amboy Lions Club President Dave Kemp presented Jim Travi with the Key Builder Award at the Lions Club meeting on May 10. Travi has been one of the greatest promoters of the Amboy Lions Club in recent years and has sponsored 10 members since joining the club. Anyone wishing to know more about the Amboy Lions Club is invited to the next meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 14.*

Mary Mays/Amboy News

# Sheriff's Office announces 'Click It or Ticket' campaign numbers

**LEE COUNTY** — The Lee County Sheriff's Office today announced it issued fifteen (15) citations during the recent Memorial Day “Click It or Ticket” enforcement period.

“Through the Memorial Day enforcement campaign, we helped make Illinois roads safer and spread the word that seat belts save lives,” said Sgt. Derek Ranken.

While Illinois' 2020 seat belt compliance rate was 94.6 percent, unbelted occupants still account for over half of those killed in traffic crashes.

The “Click It or Ticket” campaign aims to change the behavior of the millions of people who don't buckle up. Thousands of lives could be saved each year if every vehicle occupant was properly restrained when traveling.

During the enforcement period, Lee County wrote one citation for seat belt violations and took the following additional actions:

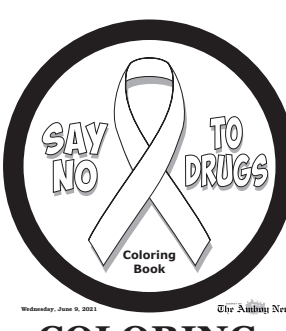
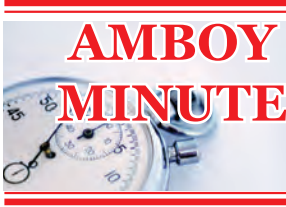
- One DUI arrest
- Three suspended/revoked licenses
- Two uninsured motorists
- Three speeding citations

• Two electronic communication citations

• One drug arrest

• Eight warnings for other traffic offenses

The Illinois “Click It or Ticket” campaign is administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal highway safety funds.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Amboy Junior High announces its fourth quarter honor roll

**AMBOY** — Amboy Junior High School announces its fourth quarter honor roll.

### Eighth Grade Highest Honors

Cordia Asencio, Dominic Fonderoli, Jaden Haley, Addison Pertell, Caleb Shugars, Tyrah Vaessen, Karagen Welch, and Alainie Wittenauer

### Seventh Grade Highest Honors

Kiera Karlson and Ellie McLaughlin

### Sixth Grade Highest Honors

Callan Christoffersen, Aaron Costner, Jacob Dinges, James Eisenberg, Ty Florschuetz, Liliann Leffelman Jose Lopez, Gage Mumm, Henry Nichols, and Chloe Vaupel

### Fifth Grade Highest Honors

Owen Althaus, Damian Bender, Addison Blaine, Hailey Cagle, Landon Carter, Madelyn Clarida, Ayla Costner, Bryson Deery, Gianna Dempsey, Faith Fenwick, Karona Gall, Kylee Grotzinger, Jason Hemmen, Caylee Hummel, Henry Klein, Ethan Lewis, Tyler Mahar,

Grady McLaughlin, Gabrielle Miller, Macie Muro, Aarav Patel, Chase Rasmussen, Kahne Skibbe, Ayden Talsma, Abel Valdez, Sydney Whelchel, and Kaylee Zimmerman

### Eighth Grade High Honors

Carson Barlow, Brysen Full, Atticus Goff, Chloe Heath, Cierra Kessel, Quinton Leffelman, Joshua McKendry, Dillon Merriman, Adrian Mimini, Emersyn Noble, Gloria Parker, Devyn Pasley, Natalie Pratt, Hunter Rasmussen, and Brooklyn Strub

### Seventh Grade High Honors

Grace Althaus, Myla Davis, Molly Hassler, Samantha Hummel, Micah Miller, Stephanie Nave, Ezra Parker, Peyton Payne, Brayden Phalen, Brittlyn Whitman, and Tristan Zellhofer

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Madison Althaus, Kylee Anderson, Brandon Campiran, Alexis Davis, Lainey Davis, Bryar Full, Janella Gallagher, Ryan Garcia,

Lane Goff, Leighton Gulley, Madisyn Heath, Abigail Hicks, Hayden Hunsberger, Logan Ketchum, Morgan Kreiser, Hope Lauzon, Anthony Linder, Alexa McKendry, Gavin Nichols, Isabella Rosentreter, Tanner Welch, and Aubrey Wells

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Channing Bellows, Amylia Bump, Brian Clements, Brenna Fields, Kilah Helm, Jayce Hermeyer, Caelin Hildreth, Ella Noble, Charlotte Patterson, Teagan Payne, Lila Rieskamp, Aden Spinelli, Gavin Spinelli, Nicholas Warner, Tinley Whitney, and Lily Yanez

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Jarrett Althaus, Fabian Arteaga, Saydee Benavidez, Brody Christoffersen, Ava Cline, Elijah Garcia, Tyler Huggins, Caden Hummel, Eddie Jones, Emily Sachs, Kaysi Schaeffer, Alena Shaw, Haleigh Stenzel, and Caleb Yanos

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Kaitlyn Dempsey, Gavin Eisenberg, Matthew Farrar, Olivia Ketchum, Jace McCallister, Tucker McCoy, Chase Montavon, Samantha Nauman, Collin O'Malley, Emilie Reed-Dempsey, Landon Roath, Bradley Schmidt, Alyvia Whelchel, Cooper Whitney, and Isabella Yanos

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Lluvia De La Cruz, Jason Dickinson, Lillian Drew, Caiden Heath, Chase Huggins, Andrew Hummel, Colt McCoy, Aubrey McGuire, Caiden Noble, Liam Rieskamp, Trevor Stenzel, Averick Wiseman, Alexander Wittenauer, and Westin Wittenauer

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Maddix Beyer, Trenton Drew, Michael Hood, Jasper Oury, Chloe Porter, and Emma Richardson

## Amboy Junior High announces its year long honor roll

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The legislation would have voters who apply to be on the list remain on it until they request to be removed, change their registration or register to vote in another county. A witness representing the Kane County Clerk told the committee that county clerks receive death certificates and notice of address changes and would remove voters from the rolls in those instances as well.

The bill also tasks the Illinois State Board of Elections with looking into the possibility of electronic vote-by-mail for voters with disabilities. By the end of 2021, ISBE must submit legislation to the General Assembly creating a method for disabled voters to independently and privately mark a ballot using

assistive technology.

Before submitting the legislation, ISBE must hold at least two public hearings on the subject.

### Cybersecurity

After high-profile cybersecurity breaches involving the Illinois State Board of Elections and the attorney general's office, the bill would also require election authorities to beef up cybersecurity measures including monthly vulnerability scans, risk assessment every two years and use protection from the Department of Innovation and Technology or a third-party vendor within one year of its passage.

Attorney General Kwame Raoul addressed the April breach of his office's network ear-

lier in May, telling lawmakers that federal investigators were looking into the incident. A February audit conducted before the attack had concluded his office lacked necessary cybersecurity safeguards.

ISBE's former executive director Steve Sandvoss, who has been on leave since April, is set to resign on June 30 after being the target of an online extortion attempt.

While an internal investigation on the extortion attempt was completed, ISBE and the Illinois State Police have not released any details on the case or the nature of the extortion.

According to that internal investigation, no voter data or ISBE systems were com-

promised.

### Jail polling stations

The bill also allows election authorities to create temporary polling places in the jails of smaller counties.

Under current law, a county with 3 million or more residents — which applies exclusively to Cook County — is required to make a temporary branch polling place in the county jail, allowing residents of that county who are in custody but have not been convicted of the arresting offense to vote.

The election omnibus allows sheriffs in all other Illinois counties the option of establishing a temporary polling place in their county jail.



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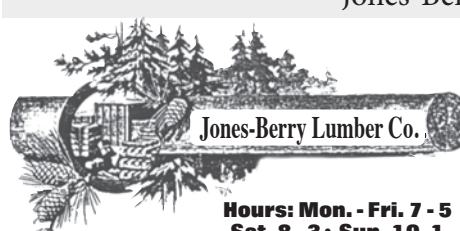


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## LAMOILLE BUFFALO DAYS

June 11-13 2021

<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 11</b> 5:00-7:00 Paint the Town \$5/square, Gurney Street 5:00 TACO DINNER (\$) - Park Shelter 5:45-5K Stampede Registration 6:00 Prairie Princess Pageant - tent 6:00 5K Stampede, High School Dusk Outdoor Movie "BABE" - Park Lawn  <b>SATURDAY, JUNE 12</b> 8:00 Tractor Show 10-4 Vendor Fair 10:00 Food, Beer Opens 10:00 Parade Registration - HS Parking Lot 11:00 Main Street Parade 1-4 Fun Games for Kids: Nerf Wars &	Measner's Magic Show (3 show) 12:00 Adult Waterfights Registration, Sheldon Street by Park 1:00 Waterfights Begin 1:00-5 AMJ Spectacular Events Zipline (\$) 4-7 pm MUSIC - VALLEY KATZ - Beer Tent 8-12 MUSIC - Aika Arlynn - Beer Tent  <b>SUNDAY, JUNE 13</b> 10:00 Community Church Service 10:30 Bags Tournament Sign In-Age 16+ Beer Tent 11:00 Food, Beer Opens Bags Tournament begins Kiddie Waterfights Registration, Sheldon St.	11:30 Kiddie Waterfights, Sheldon St. 12-2 Fire Dept Open House 1:00 Kids' Bags Tourney 2-6 MUSIC - Burn N'Bush and Live Auction 4:30 50/50 Drawing
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Or call for more information: 815-866-2154



# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Sheila Gale Berry

Aug. 13, 1948 - June 4, 2021

**PLYMOUTH, IND.** — Sheila G. Berry, 72, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family and her beloved dog Baby on Friday, June 4, 2021, in Amboy.

Sheila was born in Plymouth, Ind. on Aug. 13, 1948, to Ethel (Samuels) and Mack Johnson Jr.

She married Terry L. Ritenour Sr. in August of 1967. They had three wonderful children. Then in January 1981 she married William E. Berry.

Sheila worked at American Optical and later she became a CNA. She loved dancing to her favorite music and enjoyed fishing, boating, and cooking with her husband, Bill. She loved spending time with her grandkids playing games and teaching them life lessons. Especially, how to lose if they were not paying attention. She also enjoyed spending time with many other family members and close friends.

Sheila's family includes her sons, Richard Lee Ritenour, Terry Lee Jr. (Angie) Ritenour of Hot Springs, Ark., and daughter Carri A. (Steven) Doege, of Amboy; grandchildren, Jessica Riten-

our, Kevin (Christian) Ritenour, Shawn (Emily) Ritenour, Taylor (Jenny) Doege, Cassey (John) Lampe and Karlee Doege; great-grandchildren, Blake, Riley, Peyton, Alexander, Clark, Raylan, Lorelai and Henry; brother, Roger (Vonda) Johnson, and sister, Pamela (Rick) Jones; and step-children, William Berry Jr., Mark Berry, Sherrie Berry; and step-grandchildren John (Peeper) Berry and many others. She also loved many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mack and Ethel Johnson, husband, William Eugene Berry, Terry Lee Ritenour Sr., son, Richard Lee Ritenour, and grandson Kevin M. Ritenour.

Sheila was loved by many and if you knew her as family or friend you were lucky. She was the most happy, loving, welcoming, confident, strong soul and caring son you would have the pleasure to encounter. She was the most unique and special person that touched so many hearts and never wavered from who she was and what she believed in. She taught her family so much that will be carried on for generations. The number one thing is to



never give up. She also gave a new meaning to the word fight. She fought for many years just to stay with her family. We love you Mom, Gram, Sis, and Aunt Sheila, you will be deeply missed.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 14, 2021, from 9:30-11 a.m. EDT at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, Ind. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m., with Rev. Charles Krieg officiating.

Burial will be in the Tyner Cemetery in Tyner, Ind.

Condolences may be sent to the family through the website [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, at the township building.

**MAY TWP**-The May Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, at the township maintenance building.

**AMBOY**-The U of I Extension's Energy & Environmental Stewardship Team will present the webinar, "Protect Water Quality from the Comfort of Your Home", at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 10. Register online at [go.il-linois.edu/everydayenvironmentwebinars](http://go.il-linois.edu/everydayenvironmentwebinars).

**LEE CENTER TWP**-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

**AMBOY**-The Teen Turf Covid Draw Down and Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

on Saturday, June 12, at 235 W. Main St. Eileen Piper and board members will have tickets. Tickets are \$50 and include two dinners, two desserts and a chance to win a grand prize \$1500 or other cash prizes. The drawing will be live on the Teen Turf Facebook page at 7 p.m.

Summer Concert Series will feature Chris and Rick from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, at the downtown bandstand. These concerts are free.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Fire Protection District Board will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 14, at the Fire Station, N. East Ave.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy



Tess Fleming



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## TEEN TURF

### Covid Draw Down & Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru

At the time of writing this, tickets are almost gone. You must contact Eileen Piper at 815-857-4800 to see if there are any left. Things will be a little different this year. Our Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru will be held at the Teen Turf building, 235 West Main from 4-6 p.m., on Saturday, June 12. Those that have tickets will drive around the building to get your dinners like our past Drive-Thru Fish Fry's. No sales will be permitted that day. The drawing will be held on the Teen Turf's Facebook page live at 7 p.m.

### Online Auction

There is still time to participate in our Teen Turf Virtual Auction on AirAuctioneer.com. It will end at 8 p.m. tomorrow, June 10. There are a variety of items to bid on and win. Type in this Auction URL when it goes live on June 4: [airauctioneer.com/teen-turf-virtual-auction](http://airauctioneer.com/teen-turf-virtual-auction). Check our Teen Turf Facebook page for a preview of items.

### Summer Program

Our Junior High program started this week. They were all preregistered, so you must call Teen Turf at 815-857-4800 prior to attending. We are getting things ready for our Summer Camp. Our theme is Around the World in Five weeks. Our elementary students were preregistered as well. If you are interested, you must call the above number for more information.

### Thank You's

Tammy, Brooklyn, and Scott Strub for the juice pops; Ed and Sue Leffelman for the freeze pops; Carolyn Robison for the items donated to those in need; Donny Pollard for the clothes for those in needs and Irene and Eileen Ramsdell for the juice pops.

### Needs

If possible we need freeze pops for the summer

### Final Word

Father, Praise You for this event, and Your purpose for it. We know that when we

gather together, You always have a divine agenda. We love You for that, Father. That even when we have done what You have asked, the results are so much greater than we ever could have imagined. Even in failed attempts, You blow us away with Your faithfulness to provide what we need.

Our prayer today is that You will be done through this event. Take what we have prepared and multiply our efforts as only You can. Steer our intentions to align with Your righteous will. Remind us of Your faithful provision when our efforts fail us or fall short. May all glory go up to You when we reach the finish line and climb over benchmarks. Blanket us with Your peace today, Father. Keep us physically safe and guard our hearts and minds from pride and selfishness. Keep love at the forefront of our minds today, and the guiding light for all we set out to accomplish and celebrate.

In Jesus' Name,  
Amen.

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That number was over 130,000 in mid-April and over 86,000 in early May.

But as the vaccination pace has slowed, so have the number of new COVID-19 cases recorded each day and the number of people hospitalized for the disease. For 12 straight days, there have been fewer than 1,000 new cases reported each day.

The death toll of the virus had reached

22,963 in Illinois as of Monday, with 14 deaths reported over the previous 24 hours. Thus far in June, the number of daily COVID-19-related deaths have hovered between six and 42 each day. At the pandemic's height in December, 238 died in one day.

Hospitalizations continue to push past their lowest points in the pandemic as well, with 788 hospital beds in use by

COVID-19 patients as of Sunday night, a decrease of more than 300 from a week ago. That number peaked at more than 6,000 in November.

On a weekly average, the period from Monday to Sunday was the lowest it has been throughout the pandemic with 915 beds in use on average daily over the seven-day period.

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"No one twisted his arm to say what he said," Republican Congressman Rodney Davis, R-Taylorville, said during a news conference Thursday in Springfield. "No one told him, 'You have to make this pledge.' No one told Gov. Pritzker when he was campaigning, that he needed to campaign and be in favor of a fair map process."

During a separate interview Thursday afternoon, however, Pritzker said the opportunity to create an independent

commission had passed and that Republicans were trying to delay the process for their own political advantage.

"They (the General Assembly) took off the table a constitutional amendment for an independent redistricting commission. That never happened in the legislature," Pritzker said in a phone interview with Capitol News Illinois. "So then you're left with, the two sides really need to work together, whether that was in a construct of an independent

commission or just working in a bipartisan fashion. The Republicans seemed not to be interested in doing that."

"What they really wanted was a map that favors them," Pritzker continued. "You know, they don't like to say that, but that's what they were after."

Under the Illinois Constitution, lawmakers have until June 30 to approve a redistricting plan. After that, the process goes to an eight-member bipartisan commission.

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# OBITUARIES

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### Helen L. Sheridan

**Aug. 14, 1932 - May 31, 2021**

**DIXON** — Helen L. “Minnie” Sheridan, 88, of Dixon, died at home surrounded by her family on Monday, May 31, 2021.

She was born on Aug. 14, 1932, in Ohio, IL the daughter of Frank and Alice (Hawks) Warkins. Helen worked at Freeman Shoe, the Dixon State School, Dixon Developmental Center, and for the Jack Mabley Center for over 35 years prior to her retirement. She was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Catholic Womens Club, A.F.S.C.M.E., Meals on Wheels, Sterling Moose Club, American Legion Aux., Lee County Democrat Central Committee, and was a long time precinct committee person. In 2002 Helen won the Illinois Democratic Women’s Eleanor Roosevelt

Illinois Democratic Women of the Year award.

Helen married William “Bill” Sheridan on June 27, 1953 in Ohio, IL.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bernard “Sonny” Warkins, John “Richard” Warkins, Donald Eugene Warkins; granddaughter, Amber Sheridan; and great-grandson, David Senneff.

Helen is survived by her husband, Bill; children, Ronald Lee (June) Sheridan, of Sabula, Iowa, Don (Jodi Vance) Sheridan, of Dixon, Mary (Mark Barnes) Sheridan, of Amboy; five grandchildren, Tanley (Tom) Meinsma, Ashlee (Mio Vilalobos) Sheridan, Donald “Turtle” (Desiree) Sheridan Jr., Jillian Barnes, and Reed Barnes; seven great-grand-



children, Oceanna, Kameron, Conner, Bryant, Sheridan, Kylee, and Hadley.

Visitation was held on Thursday, June 3, 2021 from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon with the Rosary at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday June 4, 2021 at 11 a.m., at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon.

Burial followed at St. Mary Cemetery in Ohio, IL.

### Josephine Lucille Morrissey

**May 29, 2021**

**ROCKFORD** — Josephine Lucille “Jo” (Nana) Morrissey, daughter of Lorenzo and Catherine Matranga, passed away peacefully, Saturday, May 29, 2021, surrounded by family, with a Rosary in her hands.

Josephine was married to Amboy native, Joseph A. Morrissey in 1960.

Josephine entered Heaven’s Door at the age of 94.

She is survived by her children, Bill (Melissa) Morrissey, Eileen (Joe) Carlson, and Larry (Stacy) Morrissey; grandchildren Larissa, Joseph, Josh, Matt, Andrew, Grace, Seanna, Sophia, Dillon and AJ. Also surviving are sister-in-laws: Rita Glenn, Lois Considine, Frances Carroll, Monica Scorby, Colleen Koch, Corrine Morrissey and Linda Morrissey, and brother-in-law, Larry Morrissey; and many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by her be-

loved husband, Joseph Morrissey; parents, Lorenzo and Catherine Matranga; grandson, Michael Joseph Morrissey; brother and sister-in-law Cosmo and Antoinette Matranga; brother and sister-in-law Joseph and Marge Matranga; three brothers all named Samuel Matranga, who died as young children; sisters-in-law Rosie Hawks, Bette Wilhelm, and Barb Goy; brothers-in-law Robert Morrissey, John “Tiny” Morrissey, Rev. William Morrissey, Leroy Goy, Doug Koch, George Hawks, Louis Wilhelm, Alvin Glenn, Gene Carroll, Lloyd Considine, and Jack Scorby; nephews Tim Considine, Jay Hawks, and Brian Goy.

Visitation was held on Friday, June 4, 2021 from 4 to 7 p.m., at Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory on Mulford Road, Rockford. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Visitation also took



place on Saturday, June 5, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Holy Family Church with Mass of the Lord’s Resurrection celebrated at 11 a.m. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery.

Please bring a mask or face covering to follow COVID-19 protocol at the Visitation and Mass.

Special thanks to Fr. David Beauvais and Fr. Kaim, Pastor of Holy Family Church who provided counsel, comfort, and support.

### Mary G. Mead

**Feb. 28, 1929 - May 31, 2021**

**GENOA** — Mary G. “Gene” Mead, 92, of Genoa, died of natural causes on Monday, May 31, 2021 at NW Medicine- Kishwaukee Hospital in DeKalb.

She was born on Feb. 28, 1929, in Amboy, the first of 10 children, to Cecil and Catherine (Weidner) Harrison. Her early education took place in rural one room schoolhouses and she graduated near the top of her class from Amboy High School. She stayed in touch with her high school classmates and enjoyed their reunions. She was married to Charles Mead on July 15, 1948 in Amboy. She resided in Genoa, and was a member of the St. Catherine of Genoa Roman Catholic Church in Genoa for over 50 years. Principally a homemaker she also enjoyed and stayed busy outside the home as a member of the Alter and Rosary Society, a founding member and past President of the Friends of the Library, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was active at her church. For many years she has sponsored several children in central and south America through charitable organizations and has enjoyed writing to them and watching them grow.

She loved to exchange letters with her brothers, sisters and friends and many marveled at her beautiful penmanship. She was considered to be the Harrison family historian, kept track of hundreds of birthdays, anniversaries and addresses and was an always reliable resource of family information. In addition to being dedicated to her family, she was passionate about her flowers, gardening and watching and feeding wild birds.

Survivors include her three children, Patrick Mead and his wife Lori of Utah, John Mead and his wife Jodie of Wisconsin, and Mary Mead-Cantrell of Oregon. Gene has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her brothers, Cecil Harrison and wife Shirley, of Amboy, Gerald Harrison and wife Mary Ann, of W. Lafayette, Ind., Stanley Harrison and wife Mary, of Milwaukee, Wis., sisters, Dorothy Cheshier of Sterling, and Rosetta Baumgartner, of Princeton; sister-in-laws, Sharon Harrison, of Polo, and Mary Lou Harrison, of Amboy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, sister, Rita Leffelman and brothers, Duane, Stephen and



Raymond Harrison.

Her visitation was held on Friday, June 4, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Slater-Butala Funeral Home of Genoa. A graveside service followed at 2:30 p.m. at St. Catherine of Genoa Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made directly to St. Catherine’s Catholic Church in Genoa or the National Audubon Society ([www.Audubon.org](http://www.Audubon.org)) or sent in care of the Slater-Butala Funeral Home, 132 W. Main St., Genoa, IL. 60135. (phone-815-784-5191) The family wishes to thank the ED staff, nurses and physicians at Kishwaukee Hospital and JourneyCare for their compassionate services.

To sign the online guest book or share a special memory, go to [www.ButalaFuneralHomes.com](http://www.ButalaFuneralHomes.com).

### James L. Ligtenberg

**Nov. 15, 1942 - June 4, 2021**

**DIXON** — James L. Ligtenberg, 78, of Dixon, died Friday, June 4, 2021 at Heritage Health Walnut.

He was born Nov. 15, 1942, in Pierre, S.D., the son of Gerrit and Florence (Star) Ligtenberg.

Jim had been a blacksmith and volunteer firefighter in South Dakota and then worked at Henry Pratt Company and Craigs Equipment in Dixon prior to his retirement.

He was a member of the NRA and the Dixon Elks Club and helped build their current building.

Jim married Geraldine “Jeri” Brink on June 27, 1963 in Harrison, S.D. She preceded him in death Dec. 22, 2007. He was also preceded in death by his parents, grandson Travis Ligtenberg,

and granddaughter Kristen Hanrahan. Jim was also preceded in death by one brother, Robert Ligtenberg, and three sisters, Eileen Vanzee, Phyllis Dehei, and Ruby DeVries.

Jim is survived by his children, Darla Mallory of New Iberia, La., Mary (Pat) Hanrahan, of Delmar, Iowa, Dale (Katie) Ligtenberg, of Amboy, and Lowell (Amy) Ligtenberg, of Dixon; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Mike (Evalou) Ligtenberg, of Mitchell S.D.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., on Friday June 11, 2021 at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with a sharing of memories at 7 p.m.

Burial of cremains will be at Emmanuel Cemetery in Dixon.



Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer’s Dementia Association.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Online condolences can be sent at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

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## Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

#### St. Patrick Church

Fr. John Gow  
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Masses: Tuesday – Friday Daily Mass 8 a.m.  
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Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 p.m.  
Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 p.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:  
Friday, 8am-5 p.m.

#### St. Mary Church

Fr. John Gow  
912 Walton Rd., Walton  
815-857-2670  
Mass: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

#### St. Flannen Church

Fr. John Gow  
213 S Second St., Harmon  
815-857-2670  
Mass: Sunday, 9 a.m.

#### United First Church of Amboy

Pastor Mark Glenn  
East Main & Jefferson  
815-440-0745  
Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

#### First Congregational United Church of

Christ of Lee Center  
Pastor Jack M. Briggs  
1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center  
[www.LeeCenter-UCC.org](http://www.LeeCenter-UCC.org)  
Phone 815-732-7032  
Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

#### Grace Fellowship Church

Amboy-Sublette  
Pastor Brian McWethy  
500 W. Main Street, Sublette  
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
[www.graceisforyou.com](http://www.graceisforyou.com)

#### East Grove Union Church

Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321  
449 Reuter Road, Amboy  
Phone 815-376-6661  
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10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult  
6:00 p.m. Evening Service  
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Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Service - 6 p.m.  
Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
King’s Kids program from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday  
Reformers Unanimous additions program from 7-9 p.m.

#### St. James Evangelical

Congregational Church  
Robert Dunbar, Pastor  
US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd., Dixon  
815-288-2447  
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9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
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#### St. Mary’s Church

Rev. Randy Fronck  
West Brooklyn  
Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m.  
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

#### St. Patrick Church

Rev. Randy Fronck - Maytown  
Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.

#### Immanuel Lutheran Church

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#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Rev. Randy Fronck  
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Phone 815-849-5412  
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Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.  
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## SOCIAL NEWS



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

### Thinking beyond the 7th Generation

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

I love hearing a good story. Most people that I know do. And it doesn't seem to matter what age a person is, either. My grandson's favorite story at this time seems to be, "The Three Little Pigs" – complete with sound effects which include lots of "huffing and puffing." Our minds seem to be created by God in such a way that we remember stories and often learn valuable lessons from them. Maybe this is why the Bible contains so many of them. Stories about real events and people like you and me.

An interesting thing about Scripture is the writers did not "clean up" the stories in order to make the people in them seem better than they were. No, God made sure to include both the good and the bad parts of their lives. The successes and failures. Because this is what real life is like! Both then and now. Psalm 71:17-18 says, "O God, You have taught

me from my youth; and to this day I declare Your wondrous works. Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come."

Have you ever thought about your life in terms of a story? A story... in process! Complete with a beginning and an eventual ending, with you and I are somewhere in the middle between these two points.

And like the stories of the Bible, our lives also include both successes and failures. (Though I am grateful that mine are not recorded in Scripture.) And this is okay, because a theme that resonates throughout the Bible is that we humans are so... human. Complete with all the flaws which mark our humanity. God is the only one without flaws. He is the only one with a perfect record! No failures... ever. One of the important things for us

Christians to do is to tell others (as the Psalmist says) about God's faithfulness and power toward us throughout our lives. This is part of our story. And others need to hear it.

So, I encourage you, if you haven't already, to think of ways to share God's faithfulness in your life with others. It doesn't have to be in book form, complete with chapter and verse. It could be while sitting around the table having coffee. Or maybe as you are out walking the dog. Or making a run to the grocery store. Any of these times and a host of others may be that opportunity when God causes someone's path to coincide with yours in order for them to hear a part of your story of God's faithfulness toward you.

It may very well be that it's something they need to hear to bring them encouragement and hope for that day in their life. For their story... God bless you.

## The Book Nook

By:  
Tatjana Kazan

### The Old Stories

Mark Haddon's brilliant novel "The Porpoise" (2019) opens and closes with scenes of terrible violence. A beautiful Swedish actress named Maja, who is 37 weeks pregnant, is killed when her private plane crashes in France. The inexperienced pilot is so enamored by her blue, blue eyes and the small scar on her cheek, he pays little attention to the gathering storm clouds he flies into. Miraculously the baby is born alive.

Philippe, the obscenely rich, grieving widower who boasts that his family has been "part of a global aristocracy" since ancient Greece, devotes himself to his daughter Angelica. Before she turns six, Philippe begins to visit her every night: "She is made from his body... How could there be a boundary of any kind between them?" He rapes her night after night. When Angelica turns sixteen, a handsome playboy, Darius, appears, and she sees her chance for escape. Darius, having intuited the truth, returns to the estate to rescue her. Philippe savagely attacks him and Darius, badly wounded, escapes and with his friends boards a yacht, the Porpoise, and sails home to Greece.

During the night, Darius wakes, his head full of someone else's memories. He finds himself on an ancient ship whose sailors call him Pericles. He has sailed out of contemporary Britain into ancient mythology, to be precise, into Shakespeare's play "Pericles, Prince of Tyre." In the play, Pericles vies for the hand of King Antiochus's daughter but flees when he discovers the king's incestuous secret. Pursued by assassins, he sails off to have his adventures.

Haddon follows Shakespeare's plot, but instead of having the female characters keep their place, silent and obedient, he gives them a voice and fully realized lives. Thus Pericles' wife Chloe is every bit his equal. Their marriage brims with youthful infatuation and lust, but also with respect and understanding. Their daughter Marina, raised by others, thinks bitterly about how "she has been told to be soft so that men will always have a means by which they can hurt and control her. That ring through the nose which men call femininity." She finds shelter with a priestess, Emilia with blue, blue eyes and a tiny scar on her cheek. Emilia, whose tempestuous life has finally subsided, muses about her vocation, "When all the ceremony and the theology are peeled away, prayer is a serious stillness in which one talks quietly to one's own best self."

Haddon's writing is both precise and luxuriant and best described by Angelica: "Her favorite stories are the old ones, those that set deep truths ringing like bells, that take the raw materials of sex and cruelty, of fate and chance, and render them safe by trapping them in beautiful words."

## From The Heart Calendar winners

### May 2021 From The Heart Calendar Winners

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May 6 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25  
May 7 - Sam Barkus, Rochelle, \$25  
May 8 - Spencer Meyers, DeKalb, \$25  
May 9 - Evi O'Rourke, Steward, \$500  
May 10 - Lexi Eckhardt, Bloomington, \$25  
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\$25  
May 12 - Jenny Thompson, Rochelle, \$25  
May 13 - Abby Eckhardt, Seattle, Wash., \$25  
May 14 - Jose Hernandez, Clark-Dietrich, \$25  
May 15 - Simber Zeund, Dixon, \$25  
May 16 - Keith Cochrane, Malta, \$50  
May 17 - Linda Presslor, \$25  
May 18 - Margie Schlueter, Plainfield, \$25  
May 19 - Phillip Heisner, Kirkwood, Missouri, \$25  
May 20 - Madie Ohlinger, Rochelle, \$25  
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May 22 - Rochelle Community Foundation, \$25

May 23 - Kwami Gati, Rochelle, \$50  
May 24 - Rochelle Community Foundation, \$25  
May 25 - Bill Patrick, C/O Edward Jones Linc. Hwy, \$25  
May 26 - Jon Cappel, Waywatos, Wisconsin, \$25  
May 27 - United Way of Rock River Valley, \$25  
May 28 - Laura Evangelista, Rochelle, \$25  
May 29 - PDG Steve Kuhn, Sycamore, \$25  
May 30 - Kathy Olson, Rochelle, \$50  
May 31 - Karen Ravnika, Peru, \$1,000

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

## About Face art exhibit opens at TNPS

DIXON — The Next Picture Show is pleased to present a new art exhibit, 'About Face', that will focus on the subject of Portraits.

The exhibit features 89 individual works of art using a wide variety of media including acrylic, alcohol ink, charcoal, clay, digital photography, film photography, metal, mixed

media, oil, pastel, pencil and watercolor.

The exhibit will be open for viewing through July 17 at TNPS, 113 West First Street, Dixon. Hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

The art exhibit is sponsored by Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger Lee & Considine, LLC, 215 E 1st St #100, Dixon.

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Kevin Glenn is an Amboy resident and former Lieutenant of Amboy Fire. In March of this year, Kevin was seen in the ER for severe stomach pain where further testing diagnosed him with Stage 3 Colon Cancer. Kevin will be undergoing chemotherapy and incurring major medical expenses. The Amboy Firemen have put together a raffle fundraiser to give back in any way possible for the years of service he selflessly gave to the community.

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# Opinion

## Policy restricts public access rather than expanding it

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot landed in a maelstrom of controversy last month when she said she only would allow “journalists of color” to interview her for pieces about her first two years in office.

Fox News provocateur Tucker Carlson called Lightfoot a “racist” and a “monster” when he learned of the mayor’s position. A conservative news outlet, the Daily Caller, is suing the mayor saying its First Amendment rights were violated.

If I’ve learned anything in the last 33 years as a journalist, it’s that sources will talk to whom they want to.

Is the mayor’s policy: Discriminatory? Certainly. Bigoted? Perhaps. Racist? Nope.

Why isn’t it racist? After all, that’s a term that’s being bandied about quite a bit to describe her actions.

Well, racism is discrimination on steroids, powered by privileges given to those in the culturally dominant race. In the United States it’s a bias with a pickaxe. It’s a prejudice with the weight of 400 years of slavery, Jim Crow laws and history behind it.

That’s a distinction that has sometimes been hard for white people, myself included, to discern.

This latest dustup with the mayor had me thinking about a fellow by the name of Ennis Williams, an assistant high school principal I knew when I was a young education reporter in Galveston, Texas.

Mr. Williams was a wonderful source for a first-year reporter. I went to him regularly for guidance as I attempted to cover a community scarred by years of racial hatred.

We were less than 20 years removed from segregated schools, libraries and other institutions in that small city. Of course, when you are 22 or 23 years old you think 20 years is almost an eternity.

My generation of journalists was the first at the newspaper not to have been educated in segregated schools. None of us remembered the once ubiquitous “whites only” and “colored” signs that marred the community.

The newspaper’s track on race was dismal. It editorially supported Jim Crow laws during the Civil Rights Era. Up until the 1970s, it wouldn’t run Black and white obituaries on

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



the same page. And when I started at the paper in 1988, there wasn’t a single Black or brown face in the entire newsroom -- in a community that was a majority minority.

Older reporters would dismissively refer to the Black neighborhood north of Broadway as “The Jungle.” The managing editor would determine how prominently crime stories were played based in part on whether the victim was Black or white.

Despite this institutional legacy, I routinely went to Mr. Williams, who was Black, for guidance on how to cover the entire community. He was always gracious and helpful.

And then his brilliant daughter Elicia became enmeshed in a controversy through no fault of her own. Elicia had the highest grade point average in her class and was selected to be the first Black valedictorian at the historically white

Ball High School.

A school administrator, who was Ennis Williams’ boss, came forward and announced that he made a mistake when publishing how grades would be weighted to determine class rank. Because of this he said that Elicia would only be a co-valedictorian along with a white girl.

All heck broke loose in the community. Recriminations were fired across the town’s racial divide. Many Black people perceived that it was an attempt to diminish the accomplishments of one of their own.

I called Mr. Williams for comment and he wouldn’t speak with me. But the next day a Black reporter from the Houston Post had an interview with him. A mid-level editor chewed me out for not landing the interview. I was hurt as only a 23-year-old striving reporter with little life experience can be.

I kept thinking the only reason Mr. Williams wouldn’t speak to me is because I’m white. That’s reverse discrimination. That’s wrong.

More than three decades later, I view this situation differently.

A person can speak or not speak with whomever they want. That’s life. But more importantly, Mr. Williams perceived the systematic racism in the community, which included a newspaper that didn’t employ anyone who looked like him.

Also, while I could sympathize with the struggles Mr. Williams faced, I could not empathize.

After all, I never knew the pain of not being able to check out a book from the “white library” as he did while growing up. No social convention expected me to step into the gutter when meeting a woman of a different race on the sidewalk. But for Mr. Williams -- and millions of other African Americans -- that was their life experience.

But more significantly, it wasn’t just about historic wrongs. The newspaper’s racial shortcomings were readily apparent to anyone who cared to look.

In the three decades since then, I’ve had time to ponder a difficult topic: white privilege. Please note that it’s an advantage that is not necessarily sought and it doesn’t mean one hasn’t had struggles in their life. It just means one of those struggles hasn’t been related to the color of their skin.

Over the years, I’ve seen sources who have consistently shared information with me and other white reporters suddenly become mum around my Black colleagues. It’s not right, but it’s an unsought advantage bestowed nonetheless.

So, when Mayor Lightfoot said she would only speak to journalists of color as a means of encouraging greater diversity in the city hall press corps, my thoughts are these: I don’t like it because it is needlessly polarizing and it restricts public access rather than expanding it.

That said, while I don’t like the policy, I understand where it’s coming from.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Thanks to all who helped with Poppy Sales

Dear Editor,

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary would like to thank all who volunteered on Poppy Days on Memorial weekend by distributing the poppies. Without their help, Poppy Days would have not been possible. We would also like to thank the businesses that allowed the volunteers to stand at their stores—Amboy Family Restaurant, Amboy Food & Liquor, Casey’s, Bonnell’s General Store, Country Village Meats, Dollar Store, The First National Bank, Local Cup & Cake, Shell, Sublette BP and Sunset Restaurant. Poppy Days is such an important fundraiser for the

work that is done for our Veterans. We especially would like to thank all those that donated for their poppies and helped make the Poppy Days a great success and a wonderful way to support and honor our veterans.

Volunteers of our two communities: Tom Ackert, Steve Albrecht, Pete Ayling, Kim Becker, Lisa Bickett, Diane Blaine, Marilyn Braid, Bill Bontz, Connie Bontz, Bill Burke, Don Dinges, Kathy Dinges, Bill Disney, Peg Duffy, Sue Duffy, Ron Egler, Carol Ely, Kelly Foster, Kathy Gardener, Terry Garland, Lisa Goy, Linda Grady, Marge Guenzler, Barb Harrison, Cecil Harrison, Shir-

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Linda Disney  
ALA Poppy Chairman

## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago June 10, 1921

Miss Geraldine Hegert who has been attending the University at Champaign came home Tuesday to spend the summer vacation.

Mrs. Walter Burn spent Thursday in Freeport.

Mrs. John Curtin and Mrs. A.C. Weise spent Thursday in Clinton.

Howard Bates returned to Lincoln Wednesday morning after a visit of a week with relatives here.

### 75 Years Ago June 13, 1946

Reverend D.H. Ross has resigned as pastor of the Amboy Methodist Church. He and Mrs. Ross will move soon to Sycamore to make their home. A pastor for the Amboy church will be named at the close of the Rock River Conference which will be in session next week.

The house on the Smith and Cole farm north of Amboy has been moved to the Wayne Moore farm, formerly known as the Egan farm, on US 52 and will replace the residence which was destroyed by fire several months ago.

Mary Ellen Lane is working as a waitress in the Amboy Café.

Miss Pat Lauer is enjoying her two weeks’ vacation from her duties in The First National Bank.

### 50 Years Ago June 10, 1971

Farmers of DeKalb, Ogle

and Lee Counties are taking active opposition to the proposed extension of the Illinois East-West Tollway. The farmers of the three counties have formed a committee to formally oppose the toll road extension and have retained the Chicago law firm of Rothschild, Stevens, Barry and Myers to represent them.

At a recent meeting of the Amboy Education Association, Mrs. Orval (Isabel) Spurlin was elected president for the 1971-72 school term. She replaced Lee Scheid- enhelm who has accepted a teaching position at Wau- bonsee Community College.

Amboy’s Marching Clippers will be led by a new Drum Majorette this fall. Jane Bonnell was selected by the band council to be the new

leader of the marching unit. Her assistant will be Beth Nusbaum.

### 25 Years Ago June 6, 1996

At last Thursday’s School District 272 regular board meeting, board member Will McCoy went on record as protesting what appears to be an illegal school board meeting held on April 22. The meeting in question was convened one hour and 15 minutes after formal adjournment of the regular school board meeting held that same night.

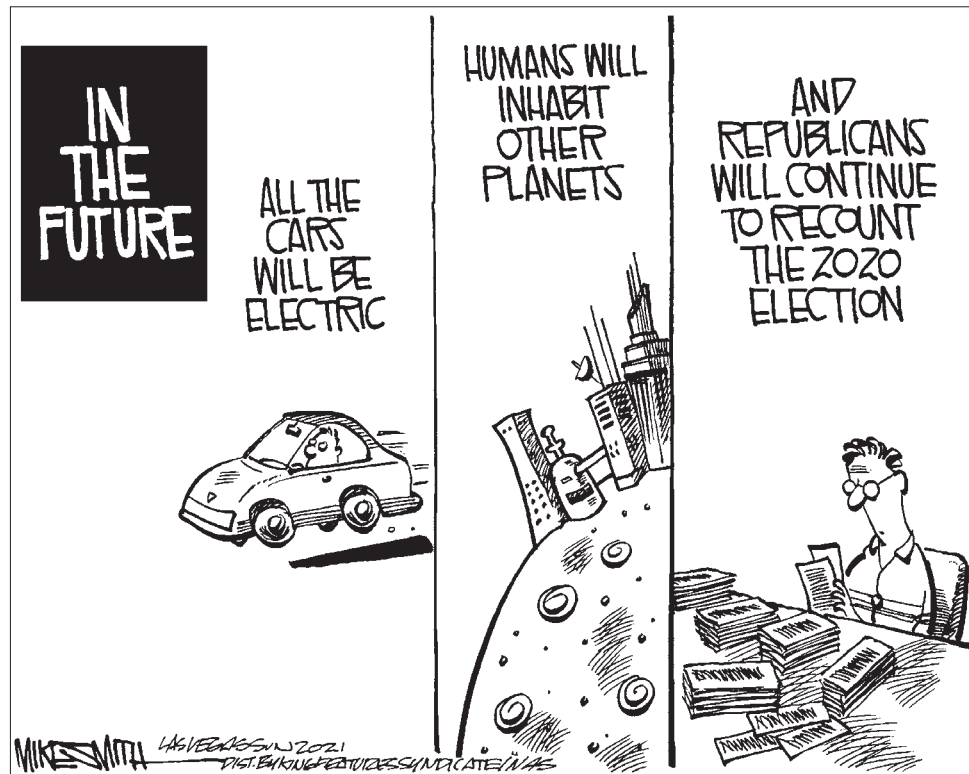
Florence Rasmussen presents Mabel Spencer with a proclamation and pin in recognition of Spencer being named Volunteer of the Year

by Amboy AARP Chapter 2326.

Nichole McCaffrey and Kari Politsch each received a \$250 scholarship from the Amboy Education Association.

Jacob Jones and Cindy Shaw were awarded the most valuable track athlete award and the Calvin Dewey Track award for best male and female track athletes for 1996 at a recent Amboy High School Track Award Banquet.

Lee County Sheriff Tim Bivins in cooperation with DARE Officer and Instructor Corporal Tim Deem, and O’Connell’s Yogi Bear Jellystone Park in Amboy, hosted over 100 DARE graduates for a day of fun.



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## LOCAL NEWS

## Educational Briefs

## IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2021 DEAN'S LIST

AMES, Iowa — More than 10,500 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2021 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework.

Students listed below are from your area.

## Dixon

Nicholas Dean Engle, 2, Accounting

Erika L. Smith, 4, Mechanical Engineering

## Steward

Kayla Renee McCormick, 3, Accounting

## Sublette

Ashley Renee Althaus, 2, Agricultural Systems Technology

Natalie Diana Vaessen, 4, Event Management

## MORE THAN 4,700 GRADUATES RECEIVE DEGREES AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY THIS SPRING

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State University recognized 4,798 spring graduates on May 7 and 8. Iowa State awarded 4,176 undergraduate degrees, 609 graduate degrees and 143 veterinary medicine degrees. Students had the opportunity to attend in-person ceremonies and celebrations at Hilton Coliseum and Jack Trice Stadium, which were livestreamed for those who preferred a virtual option.

Following are graduates from your area:

## Dixon

Erika Smith, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Magna Cum Laude

## Garret Patti Named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Garret Patti, of Compton, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2021 Dean's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Learn more at [www.snhu.edu](http://www.snhu.edu).

## AREA STUDENTS RECEIVE DEAN'S LIST RECOGNITION

GREENVILLE — Shau-ni Warner, from Dixon, a Senior, was placed on the Dean's List at Greenville University for the Spring 2021 semester.

Greenville University is a four-year accredited Christian liberal arts school with more than 1,400 undergraduate and graduate students. Founded in 1892 and affiliated with the Free Methodist Church, the college is located in Greenville, Illinois, 45 miles east of St. Louis.

## BETHANY CELEBRATES CLASS OF 2020 AND 2021 IN JOINT COMMENCEMENT

LINDSBORG, Kansas — On May 8, 2021, Bethany College conferred degrees upon 140 students who earned Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, and Bachelor of Music Education Degrees in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 academic year. This was the first time in history Bethany College celebrated the achievements of two academic classes at the same time.

Locally, Mackenzie B. Callison, of Ashton, graduated with the Class of 2020 with a degree in Biology.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop, and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning, and service. Bethany connects its past, present, and future with distinctive initiatives like Swedes to Sweden, a free service-learning trip for the sophomore class to Sweden, and the Good Life Scholarship, presenting all local high school graduates with a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to the college. Bethany College is on the Web at [www.bethanylb.edu](http://www.bethanylb.edu) and is located in Lindsborg, Kansas, the fine arts and crafts capital of the state.

## AREA STUDENT(S) NAMED TO

## DEAN'S LIST AT ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

De Pere, Wis. — The following student(s) have been named to the 2021 spring semester dean's list at St. Norbert College. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

Locally, named to the dean's list is:

## Dixon

Natalie DeArvil  
Erin Vits

Founded in 1898, St. Norbert College is a private, Catholic, liberal arts college located in De Pere, Wisconsin, just outside of Green Bay. Recent years have seen record enrollments and unprecedented investments in the St. Norbert College campus. The academic excellence and character-building qualities of the college are nationally recognized by U.S. News & World Report, Forbes, Princeton Review and others. St. Norbert College is host to the 13-time NFL Champion Green Bay Packers training camp each year and is home to the Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

## LEEANN BLY NAMED TO SNHU PRESIDENT'S LIST

MANCHESTER, NH — Leeann Bly of Paw Paw has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2021 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

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## WIU GRADUATES

## SPRING 2021

MACOMB/MOLINE - A total of 1,017 students earned academic degrees or post-baccalaureate certificates after the Spring 2021 semester at Western Illinois University.

Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 679 graduates.

Local graduates include: Zachary Thomas Healy, of Dixon, Bachelor of Science, Geospatial Science

Academic distinction was awarded to baccalaureate graduates who achieved high grade point averages. This includes: Summa Cum Laude, 3.90 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; Magna Cum Laude, 3.75-3.89 GPA; and Cum Laude, 3.6-3.74 GPA.

Master's and doctoral degrees were earned by 272 graduates, including three doctoral (Ed.D.) graduates.

## WESTERN ILLINOIS

## ANNOUNCES ITS DEAN'S LIST

MACOMB/MOLINE - A total of 1,224 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2021 Spring Dean's List. The total includes 101 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

Locally, those students include:

## Amboy

Michael L Reed (Senior)

## Dixon

Caitlin Anne Hoy (Senior)  
Jacob M Rhodes (Senior)

## Franklin Grove

Cody A Penick (Senior)

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

## UW-MADISON ANNOUNCES SPRING DEAN'S LIST

MADISON, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized Gretchen Bushman, of Dixon, College of Letters and Science, named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2020-2021 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction. Most call the honor "dean's list", but some grant the "Dean's Honor List" and "Dean's High Honor List."



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by Dave T. Phipps



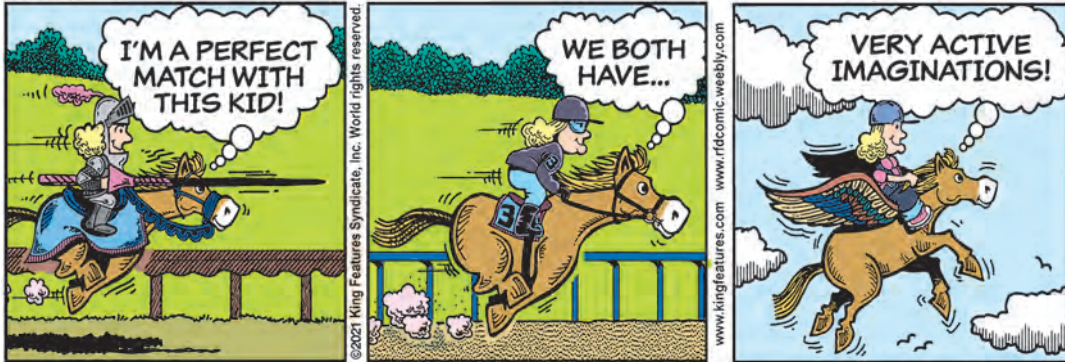
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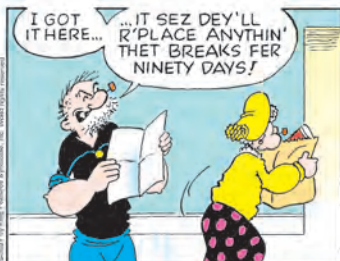
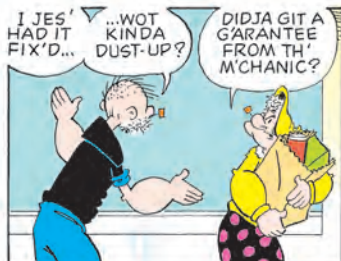
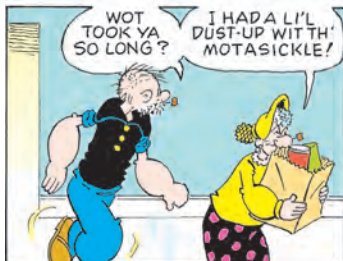
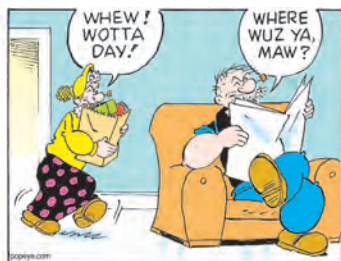
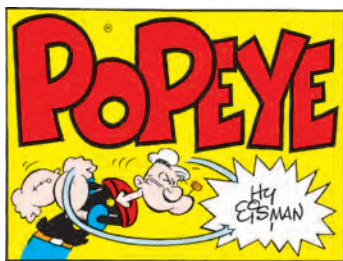
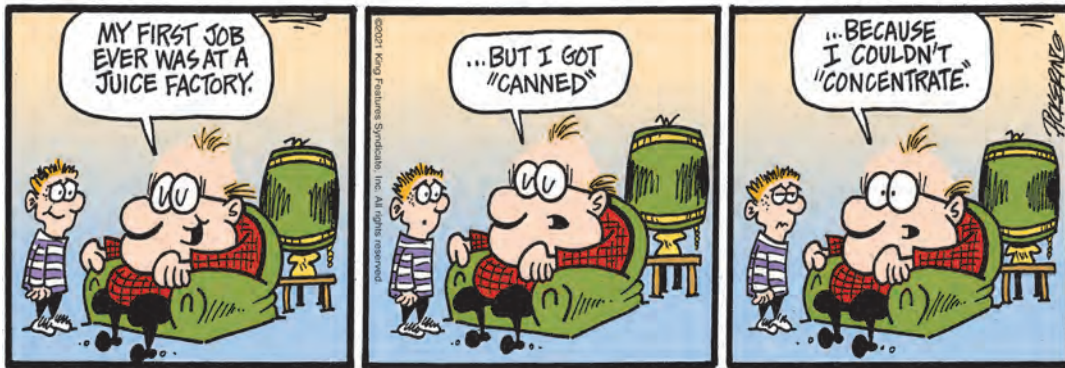
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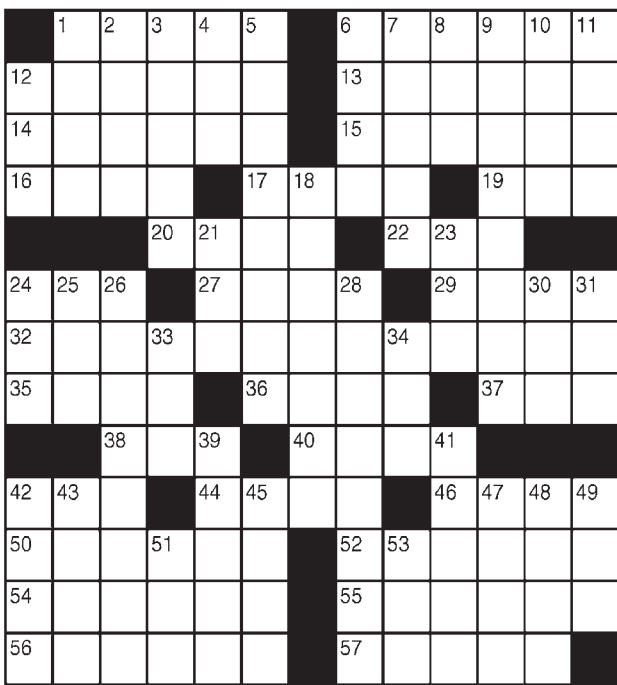
## LAFF-A-DAY



## ACROSS

- 1 Lingo
- 6 Slopes regular
- 12 Tenant
- 13 Sheathe
- 14 Schedules
- 15 Pumpkin relatives
- 16 Appointment
- 17 Spring melt-down
- 19 Cooking fuel
- 20 Libertine
- 22 Poseidon's home
- 24 Satisfied sigh
- 27 La Scala solo
- 29 Fine spray
- 32 Fruity rum cocktail
- 35 Author Wiesel
- 36 Eve's third son
- 37 That girl
- 38 "Awesome, dude!"
- 40 Pop
- 42 Trojans' sch.
- 44 Org.
- 46 Forget-me- (flowers)
- 50 Paris art museum
- 52 Athlete's woe
- 54 Tempt
- 55 Point maker
- 56 Op-ed pieces
- 57 Dwelling

## King Crossword



## DOWN

- 1 Actress Ward
- 2 Aspiring atty.'s exam
- 3 Fall bloom
- 4 Formerly called
- 5 Hand signals
- 6 Video game giant
- 7 Recognizes
- 8 Hosp. section
- 9 Haggles
- 10 Fed. food inspector
- 11 GI dining hall
- 12 Leary's drug
- 18 Patty Hearst, for one
- 21 Feed-bag morsel
- 23 Outback bird
- 24 Mimic
- 25 100 percent offerings
- 26 Barber's
- 28 Flabbergast
- 30 Learning ctr.
- 31 Common title start
- 33 Museum-funding org.
- 34 Prof's degree
- 39 "Pride and Prejudice" suitor
- 41 Pear variety
- 42 Peter Fonda's beekeeper role
- 43 Male deliveries?
- 45 Beholds
- 47 Partially mine
- 48 Genealogy chart
- 49 Neighbor of Leb.
- 51 By way of
- 53 Sgt., e.g.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

1			4		6	
		7		8	3	
	8		5		7	9
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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

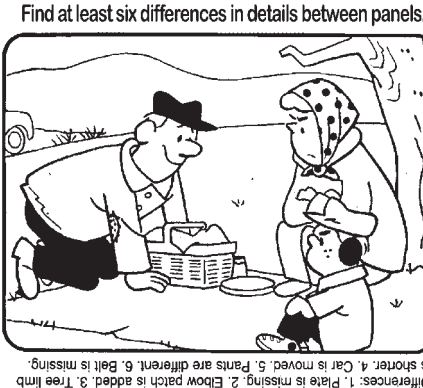
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIE: Which 1985 Brat Pack movie featured the theme song "Don't You (Forget About Me)"?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is the color of the spirit called absinthe?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which Central American country used to be called British Honduras?
4. TELEVISION: What is the dog's name on "Family Guy"?
5. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the condition called lateral epicondylitis?
6. LANGUAGE: What does the Japanese word tsunami mean in English?
7. BUSINESS: In what year did Amazon launch?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What animal has no vocal cords?
9. U.S. STATES: What is the only state that borders just one other state?
10. SCIENCE: What is empirical science?

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF



Differences: 1. Plate is missing; 2. Elbow patch is added; 3. Tree limb is shorter; 4. Cat is moved; 5. Pants are different; 6. Bell is missing.

## DANCING

Today's Word

- 1. Induce
- 2. Regard
- 3. Raise
- 4. Wane

## SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

DS MQA ZQ FQ T WDWVM

BXZTBXJ CQJDTFBDPF, D

PACCQPX MQAB SXXF TBX DL

ZQQJ WTLJP.

Clue: C equals P

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## 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: C equals P

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Answer

If you go to a highly regarded podiatrist, I suppose your feet are in good hands.

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# SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

## Lady Clippers to send two to state track meet

**EDGINGTON** – Two girls from the Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team will represent the Lady Clippers in the IHSA Class 1A State Track & Field meet after they participated in the Rockridge Class 1A Sectional on June 3 at Edgington.

Junior Lauren Althaus will make the trip to state in two events, while freshman Elly Jones qualified for state in four events.

Jones took first-place honors in two events. She broke the tape in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.03 and topped the rest of the competitors in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.96.

Jones placed second in a pair of events, which was good enough to qualify for state. She had a distance of 4.94 meters (16-2) in the long jump and was measured at 10.71

meters (35-1.5) in the triple jump.

Althaus was second in the 200-meter dash and also the 400-meter dash, which earned her a trip to the state meet. She had a time of 27.10 in the 200 and 1:00.90 in the 400.

Althaus also competed in the long jump and took fourth place with a distance of 4.45 meters (14-7).

Sherrard claimed the sectional team title

with 81 points, followed by Erie (75) and Bureau Valley (58). Amboy-LaMoille was fourth in the team standings with 56 points and Orion finished fifth with 53.

The state meet will be held on Thursday, June 10 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

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### Local 4-H'er Competes in the Midwest States 4-H Photography Challenge

Nearly 400 youth from across the Midwest submitted photos that demonstrated creativity and skill as they explored the great outdoors. The Black & White Photography Challenge

was a multi-state effort that got youth outside and seeing their world differently.

Three hundred eighty-four youth in grades kindergarten through one year post high school from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin participated.

In this challenge, youth played with shadows, looked at texture, and layered dark and light tones to create stunning black and white photographs. They also built skills in effectively turning a color photograph into a black and white image.

"This was a great opportunity for me to teach my photography project members to look at shadows, textures, etc. to make black and white photographs fun," said a volunteer leader. Youth were open to exploration and discovery through this challenge. One youth said, "I learned that photos are really an amazing thing to do, as some photos can really capture the very essence of life itself." Another youth participant commented, "I

learned a lot about how to balance the black and white parts of a photo & how to make those parts complement each other."

Locally, Kayleigh Lipe of Lee County AFC Aggies 4-H Club submitted pictures of her dairy cows. Rhayanna Cotter of Lee County AFC Aggies 4-H Club submitted pictures of her dairy cows and barn.

After youth submitted up to three photos for the challenge, volunteer photography judges provided feedback to participants to further expand their skills. Three overall photos were selected by the judges and received special prizes. Congratulations to the top three winners:

- Allyson Decker, Wisconsin
- Makayla Mashlan, Wisconsin
- Chloe Schaffer, Minnesota

What is coming up next from 4-H for youth interested in photography?

The Capture What's Great in Midwest States 4-H Photography Challenge will begin accepting submissions on May 15. Youth are encouraged to think about what's unique or famous about their state or a Midwest state they visit and start capturing images. Submissions are due 11:59 p.m. (CST) on June 30, 2021. More information is available at: [z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge](http://z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge)

The 4-H photography project is a youth development offering of the University of Minnesota Extension.

### Mental health

America's farm families are paying a heavy mental toll as they deal with unpredictable weather, variable input costs, long work hours, and unpredictable commodity prices. A gap exists between farm families and the resources they need to keep them safe.

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producers, agribusiness personnel, and others who support the agricultural community can stand in the gap and connect Illinois farmers with the resources they need.

"As their neighbors, customers, business partners, and clients, you may feel helpless," says Karla Belzer, Extension family life educator, "but Illinois Extension can provide you the tools to identify mental health issues in our agricultural communities and the communication skills to support and save lives."

Two day-long online training opportunities are available: June 29 and July 28. Participants should select one date when they register at [go.illinois.edu/mentalhealth2021](http://go.illinois.edu/mentalhealth2021). Register by June 15 for the June training. Trainings begin at 8 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.

Prior to the live video conference, participants will complete a two-hour self-paced online course. Topics covered in the webinar include mental illness symptoms, substance use signs and addiction, crisis interaction, trauma, and self care.

The work is supported by Illinois Extension specialists Josie Rudolphi and Courtney Cuthbertson as part of the North Central Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Center, funded by USDA NIFA.

If you will need an accommodation in order to participate, please email Belzer at [kbelzer@illinois.edu](mailto:kbelzer@illinois.edu). Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

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## Boys track sectional to take place in Erie June 11

**ERIE** – The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team has been assigned to the Erie Class 1A Sectional to be held Friday, June 11.

Field events will start at 4 p.m. and running events will kick off at 5:30 p.m.

Other schools in the sectional include Aledo (Mercer County), Cambridge [Coop], Earlville, Erie [Coop], Fulton (H.S.), Man-

lius (Bureau Valley), Milledgeville [Coop], Morrison, Orion, Port Byron (Riverdale), Rock Island (Alleman), Savanna (West Carroll), Sherrard, Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) and Taylor Ridge (Rockridge).

Athletes are competing for a chance to advance to the IHSA State Track Meet, which will be held Thursday, June 17 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #22 Chris Jones

This week we feature another, tough, Clipper running back from our most recent playoff team. I'm proud to announce this week's Clipper, #22, Chris Jones.

Chris is a 2015 graduate of Amboy High School and two year Varsity starter at Running Back and Outside Linebacker.

Chris's Sophomore season, he learned from the examples of Clipper greats, Tyson Powers, Spencer Johnson, and Bailey Appleman. Chris was a part of a large group of Clippers to engage in Speed Camp prior to the 2012 season. That season, as a Rowboat, a successful, winning season was recorded. Chris and other Sophomores dressed for each of the three playoff games and gained valuable experience of the Varsity game speed during practices.

With the loss of several offensive skill position players, Chris knew going into his Junior season that he, Senior Jason Bontz, and Sophomore Dallas Appleman would lead the Clipper rushing attack. Gifted with an experienced offensive line, led by Garrett Liebong and Emmitt Hicks, the running game would be the feature of the Clipper Offense. Chris and the Clippers would fall short during the 2013 season due to a very difficult Three Rivers schedule.

"We had really good talent. We had some experience return from the 2012 season but we were hurt by some injuries," Chris shared.

Chris would split time between Tailback and Fullback that season but understood his role to the team.

Chris stated, "I knew my job at Fullback was to block and clear a hole for Jason. I tried to do whatever I could to help us win."

Chris's Senior season, he

and his classmates learned from the previous two Clipper seasons. The 2014 Clippers were a close knit group of young men ready to right the ship. The 2014 Clippers started off red hot posting a 5-1 record through six games including a huge Three Rivers win at, then, #10 ranked Erie-Prophetstown. Chris did not know the exact numbers from his performance that game but approximated them as follows: 50 rushes for nearly 220 yards and 2 touchdowns. I don't know of the rushing stats throughout our history, but I am confident in saying that Chris may be the only one or on a very short list of Clipper rushers to have 50 carries in a single game. What impresses me the most, beyond the road win against a State ranked opponent is the toughness Chris displayed in that game and the rest of the season.

"Every week in our conference you got beat up but it didn't matter we all knew it was a higher level of football," Chris shared.

The Clippers would run into the heart of their schedule the last three games and end the season in the first round of the playoffs to, eventual State Champions, E-PC. Chris ended the season earning First Team All Conference honors at Running Back.

Friend and former teammate Dallas Appleman shared, "Chris was the man that showed up every Friday night to do his job. Chris was a hard worker and gave 110 percent on and off the field. He was a great teammate and a great buddy. The best memory playing with Chris was a game winning interception against St. Bede my junior year at there place."

Friend and former teammate Ryan Leffelman shared, "The first word that comes to mind when talking about Chris as a player is tough.

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



Chris was one of the hardest working guys on the team as well. He was our workhorse on offense and a big part of our defense. Our senior year, we weren't the biggest or most athletic team. We had to run the ball and control clock to win games. Chris helped us do that by consistently picking up 3-4 yards a carry whether a hole was there or not. He wasn't the biggest or the fastest but he was by far the toughest running back in the conference. Week in and week out he would take an absolute beating and not say a word about it. When we played EP, who was ranked #10 in 3A at the time, Chris carried the ball 50 times and played the entire game on defense to help us win that game. That's just a testament to his toughness and grit as a player. Chris was a huge part of the success we had as a team and without him we maybe go 2-7. He was all you could ask for in a teammate."

Friend and former teammate Hunter Varga shared, "I had the pleasure of playing football with Chris since fourth grade. From then to senior year, he was the go to bat for us. He was probably one of the best all around athletes we had, he was good at pretty much anything he did. He was a quiet leader, all he



#22 Chris Jones

would tell us as an offensive line was to make a hole and he would do the rest. I always felt good if we needed a big play or a spark that he would deliver. The kid was a bowling ball. I remember coming into film Saturday mornings, he would be a hurting unit but he would play through anything come Friday night. Not only did he shine on offense, he was a key to our defense as well. He secured the St. Bede game for us our senior year with a pick at the end to stop the Bruins so we could take a knee. He rarely came off the field. It was an honor getting to block for Jonesy for nine years."

Great accounts from all Chris' teammates that provide just a glimpse of the athlete, football player, and Running Back Chris was.

What sticks out to Chris is not the awards or carries as he stated, "Our success came from everyone on the field. In all my Varsity games we all had pride week in and week out to win at all costs, even when we were down."

"Amboy football was a way of life when we were in high school. It was a brotherhood of all the guys you grow up with ready to do whatever it took to win football games. It's only change now is that we aren't on the field but yet the brotherhood has grown and our connections are ever expanding because of what we share with past, present, and future Clippers," Chris shared of his meaning of Amboy Football.

So, to All Conference Running Back, #22, Chris Jones, thank you for your

contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for your devotion and toughness to your teammates and the program regardless of the bumps or bruises. May your great success as a Clipper only pale to your business success as an adult. 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.

Clippers suffer non-conference loss

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers suffered a 13-1 non-conference loss at Newark in a game halted in the fifth inning by the 10-run rule.

Newark nearly batted around twice in the second inning and plated 12 runs.

Amboy avoided the shut-out with a run in the fourth an RBI single off the bat of Calvin Seier.

Andrew Jones batted out two doubles for the Clippers. Ian Eller was the losing pitcher.

Amboy hosted conference foe Milledgeville in the regular season finale on June

1 and the Clippers claimed a wild 15-14 come-from-behind victory.

The Missiles sprinted out to an 8-0 lead after two and a half innings before the Clippers began their comeback. Amboy scored three runs in the bottom of the third and then sent 15 batters to the plate in the fourth and nine of them scored to push the Clippers into a 12-8 lead.

The game eventually became tied as 14-all heading to the bottom of the seventh when Amboy scored the game-winner off of three walks and an error.

Jackson Rogers paced the Clippers with three hits and three runs batted in, while Preston Henkel and Jairon Hochstatter each drove in

two runs. Eller, Joe Ackert and Ethan Larson recorded one RBI apiece.

Tucker Lindenmeyer pitched a scoreless seventh inning in relief to pick up the win.

The Clippers dropped a 13-3 decision to Fulton in the opening round of the Class 1A Regional on June 4 at Fulton. The Steamers closed out the game via the 10-run rule in the bottom of the sixth.

Jones doubled and Lindenmeyer singled for Amboy's only hits.

Eller started on the mound for the Clippers and took the loss.

Amboy finished the season with a 4-9 overall record and a 4-6 conference mark.

Lady Clippers end season with loss

STRONGHURST—The Amboy Lady Clippers saw their softball season come to a close after they were defeated by Biggsville (West Central), 15-0, in a Class 1A Regional game on June 3 at Stronghurst. The game was stopped in the fourth because of the 10-run rule.

West Central started off strong right out of the gate with a six-run first inning. The Heat matched that with another six-run outburst in the third and it added three more in the fourth to complete the scoring.

Madelyn McLaughlin, Mallory Powers and Gabby Jones each singled for Amboy.

Powers was the losing pitcher.

The Lady Clippers concluded the season with a 4-7 record.

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