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Neighbors save child from house fire in Sublette

SUBLETTE – On March 14 at 12:07 p.m., the Sublette and Amboy Fire & EMS Departments were dispatched to 704 W. Santee St. in Sublette for a house fire with a burn victim.

Sublette was already enroute to a dumpster fire at Woodhaven Lakes Campground that was dispatched 12 minutes prior. Immediately, a MABAS Box Alarm was transmitted bringing in Mutual Aid from the Mendota Fire Department, Dixon City Fire Department, Dixon Rural Fire Protection District, Compton Volunteer Fire Department, West Brooklyn Fire Department, LaMoille Fire Protection District, Troy Grove Fire Department, Advance EMS and the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Dixon.

Prior to arrival of the first engine company, Sublette residents and neighbors, Curtis Ryan Kessel and Nick Wilson saw a young child in a window on the second story of the house. As they approached the house, the father was exiting the residence with another child

so Kessel and Wilson jumped into action. Kessel scaled the back fence and climbed to the second story window, grabbed the child by the ankle and lowered the child down to Wilson, saving the child's life before the window was enveloped in smoke and flames.

A few minutes later, the first engine company arrived with heavy fire on the first and second story.

Quick hose deployment and aggressive attack contained the fire to the structure of origin.

The father was transported by Sublette EMS for burns and the children were transported by Amboy EMS for smoke inhalation and evaluation (conditions unknown at this time).

The Sublette Fire Department expressed its appreciation to all the Sublette residents and neighbors who came out and offered assistance, and especially to Kessel and Wilson for their heroic efforts in saving the life of one of Sublette's residents.

Village of Sublette plans annual clean-up in May

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette is planning its annual clean-up day in May this year.

The village board met during its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m., on Monday, March 8, in the Ellice Dinges Center in Sublette.

In the past, the village clean-up day had been scheduled for April. Because of COVID, last year the clean-up day was in June. Sublette Acting Village President John Stenzel said this year the date will be in May, since the area experienced such a late winter.

Stenzel told the board he has some volunteers who are willing to help clean-up trees around town. If anyone needs some help with tree clean-up please let Stenzel know.

Village Electric Accounts

The village board approved a motion for a 3 year contract on the electric accounts that the village has. Stenzel reported that the new rates valid until the day after the board meeting were as follows:

- .04948 through Summer Energy for the two welcome sign accounts, the Ellice Dinges Center account, the water tower account and

the water plant account. The current rate is .06159.

- .02685 through Constellation for the street light accounts. The current rate is .03029.

In other board news:

- Don Dinges reported he is still getting calls asking about the annual toy show. This year, the show will be a one-day tractor drive-thru on Sunday, March 21. He said the Sublette Fire Department is planning a recruitment open house. He also said the village's annual car show is still being planned for September and notices will be going out.

- The board agreed to not allow the booking any rentals of village property right now. Board members expressed that maybe in the next couple of months that would change.

- Stenzel reminder the board of upcoming dates: Tuesday, April 6, Consolidated Election; Monday, April 12, next village board meeting; and Thursday, April 29, the year-end meeting when the newly elected officials will be sworn into office.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, April 12, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

Lee County COVID-19 Update: March 15, 2021

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department reported seeing an uptick in COVID-19 positive cases.

Between March 9-15, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 84 new cases have been reported. Here are the ages that were announced: 6 under the age of 12, 12 in his or her teens, 12 in his or her 20s, 9 in his or her 30s, 5 in his or her 40s, 20 in his or her 50s, 10 in his or her 60s, 4 in his or her 70s, 5 in his or her 80s, and 1 on his or her 90s.

This brings the total number of cases to 3,200 as of March 15. They also reported as of March 15, 5 or less

residents have been hospitalized and 60 residents have died.

Vaccine

As of March 12, according to IDPH 9,813 does of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee County, and a total of 3,630 people in Lee County have received both does of the vaccine.

Illinois is currently in Phase 1b for COVID-19 vaccine receipt. Persons qualifying to receive vaccine in this phase include:

- residents 65 years and older, as well as specific groups of workers including:
- Education Sector-Congregate

Child Care, pre-K through 12th grade school staff

- Food and Agriculture- Processing, plants, veterinary health, livestock services
- Manufacturing-Industrial production of goods for distribution to retail, wholesale or other manufacturers

- Corrections Workers & inmates
- United States Postal Workers
- Public Transit Workers-Flight crews, bus drivers, train conductors, taxi drivers, para-transit drivers, in-person support, ride sharing services

- Grocery Store Workers-Baggers, cashiers, stockers, pick-up, customer

service

- Shelters/Adult Day Care-Homeless shelter, women's shelter, adult day/drop-in programs, sheltered workshop, psycho-social rehab

If you qualify for 1b based on the above criteria, you can use this link: <http://bit.ly/39GTrMS>. Once you've signed up at this link, you are placed on our call list. You will be contacted when we have an available appointment for you. The Lee County Health Department understand that many residents are very anxious to receive their vaccine, but asks for your patience.

See **HEALTH** page A2

Sublette one-day tractor show planned for Sunday, March 20

SUBLETTE – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no toy or craft vendors at the 39th annual Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show. The event will be held on Sunday, March 21 as a tractor show only.

Tractors will be displayed in the downtown area from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tractors may be brought to town and parked on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors are asked to respect social distancing and must wear a mask. The tractors will be displayed to make it easy just to drive through and

view them.

There will be no food stands and no pancake breakfast this year, but local businesses and food establishments will be open during the show. Also, memorabilia from previous shows will be available for sale.

Plans are already underway for the 2022 show, which will be held on March 19-20. The feature tractor will be International Harvester, and Chapter 2 of the IH Collectors will be participating in the show.

Show sponsors are urging you to mark your calendar for the 2022 show.



VACCINE SITE COMES TO AMBOY

Amboy Fire Department in cooperation with the Lee County Health Department offered COVID-19 vaccines on Friday at the fire department. Vaccine's were given out to people with appointments.

Mary Mays/Amboy News

Illinois launches call center to assist with vaccine appointments

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) launched the Vaccine Appointment Call Center to assist people who do not have access to or who have difficulty navigating online services in making appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. As Illinois begins to receive significantly more vaccine from the federal government and appointments become more widely available, this call center will be critical in bridging the digital divide and ensuring the vaccine reaches all communities.

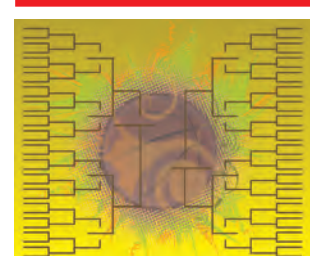
"We want to make sure our most vulnerable populations, such as our seniors and individuals in heavily impacted communities who may not have access to online services, are able to make appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "While vaccine is still limited, our allocations are increasing significantly and we want all Illinoisans to have access as quickly and easily as possible."

Currently, the call center is open seven days a week from 6 a.m. to midnight. There are approximately 500 agents answering calls with the ability to expand during peak periods. The call center has English and Spanish speaking call agents with the availability for translation into other languages.

Call agents will help individuals who do have access to online services navigate the various registration sites. However, if the individual does not have access to online services or is unable to navigate the site, the agent will make an appointment on their behalf. Individuals will need to provide the agent with their name, address, email (if available), mobile phone number, date of birth, and eligibility. The agent will not ask for any financial information and the call center will not share information with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

During heavy calling periods, callers could experience wait times before speaking with a call agent. In the coming week, the call center will offer the option for callers to leave a message and be called back when an agent is available.

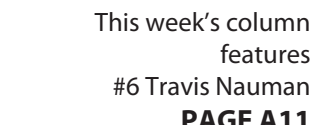
The toll-free Vaccine Appointment Call Center phone number is 833-621-1284 and can take TTY calls. For general questions about COVID-19 and Illinois' guidance, call 800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@illinois.gov.



This week's column features #6 Travis Nauman



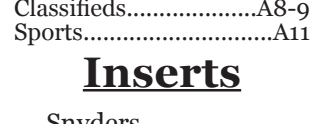
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TEEN TURF

Upcoming Events

We are having a Drive-Thru Fish Fry from 4 – 7 p.m., on Friday, March 26. It will be a pick up only at the Boehle Youth Center (Teen Turf building) 235 W. Main in Amboy. Dinner includes fish, coleslaw, bread, potato salad, and a cookie. Cost of dinner is \$9 in advance. Please see Eileen Piper 815-440-8195 and Board members for tickets: Deb Albee, Barb Harrison, Pam Thomas, Mark Grossman, Trese McNinch, Cindy Phillips, Shelli Bump, Janine & Scott Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Kimberly Watley. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 on the day of event. Our afterschool students have them as well. They are selling them to attend a special afterschool party.

Thank You's

We are blessed to have the following folks assist us: To the anonymous person who donated sanitizing wipes; Eddie and Becky Lopez for the extra pancake for our seniors; Deb and Art Albee for the craft items; Hayden Thomas for the St. Patty's Cookies for the kids; Thank you for those who donated cans; William and Barbara Grennan for the monetary donation; Eileen and Irene Ramsdell for the meats, cheese, beautiful St. Patty's Day cupcakes and granola bars; Sandy Schamberger for the oranges; Pam Love for cart, clothes and puzzles; Becky Whelchel for delivering paper from Woodhaven Lakes; Donna Wellman for the treats; Fran Kessel for her administrative talents; Pat Haunstein for the monetary donation; Donny and Sharon Pollard for the monetary donation; Jim and Jean Travi for the monetary donation; To the person who dropped off wrapped silverware; Neal and Pat Pitzer for the items; Kathy and Tim Cruise for the monetary donation; Linda Disney for the monetary donation; Long Branch Saloon for their monetary donation from their sandwich fundraiser; Jeremy and Shirley McGuire for the cookies; William and Pam Thomas for the donation to fix the pool table; Mike Peterson and Stillman Valley Pools and Pool Tables for making our pool table new again.

Needs

We are in need of granola bars.

Teen Turf

We are now open; however it is not like any year before. Students had to pre-register before coming and we are limited on space due to Illinois State guidelines. Please do not send a child without speaking to Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195

Final Word

Thank you, Lord, for being there for us and allowing us to cry out to you in our times of need. It is amazing to us that the Lord of the Universe would take time to listen to us and to care about what we say. God, there are things happening around us right now that we do not understand. Some of these things make us feel weak, helpless and afraid. Even in the midst of this, we know that you are the Lord. We know that the situation is in Your hand, and We trust You. We beseech you for strength and for wisdom that We would be able to endure this situation and be able to handle it in a way that would bring glory to Your name. In Jesus name. Amen.

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago March 18, 1921

The Subway restaurant under the Powers pool hall was sold last week to Thresher Brothers who took charge Monday morning. The new proprietors are well known in Amboy, having conducted the Merchant's Lunch Room on the I.C. right-of-way a year or so ago when provisions of sugar, etc. were sky high. The young men hope under more normal conditions to make the present undertaking win.

Miss Ann Schroeder assisted at the Ideal Hat Shop last week during the Spring Opening.

Mrs. Leon Barlow entertained about thirty of her neighbors and friends at "sewing bee" last Friday evening at her home on West Division street. About 20 pounds of carpet rags were sewed.

75 Years Ago March 14, 1946

Attorney Robert E. Leake will open offices over the A&P Store in this city for the general practice of law this week.

Amboy Fire Protection District's new 500 gallon pumper arrived Wednesday and the acceptance test will be made today. On order for a long time, the new piece of equipment is a triple combination fire truck which carries hose and light ladders.

Dr. Paul W. Cable, O.D., office now over Murphy's Market.

50 Years Ago March 18, 1971

Auditions are over and rehearsals have been started for the Amboy High School musical. "Bye Bye Birdie" will be presented nightly at 8:00 in the AHS Auditorium on April 23, 24 and 25.

At a recent meeting of the junior class parents, it was revealed that "The Age of Aquarius" will be the theme for the 1971 Amboy High School junior-senior prom on Saturday, May 1. The junior class voted to have the banquet in the Nachusa House, Dixon, followed by recreation of bowling, pool, dancing, etc., and a showing of the movie, "The Impossible Years," at Plum Hollow Bowling Lanes, also in Dixon.

Four Amboy High School students have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1971, according to James Braid, principal. Local nominees are: Robert Smith, Mark Smith, Barb Kelly, and Julie Sporleder.

25 Years Ago March 14, 1996

On Sunday, Feb. 11, the Amboy Education Foundation "Clipper Bowl for Education" raised over \$5,000. Chairman Sylvan Leffelman presented Becky Whelchel the grand prize of \$250, or a weekend get-away package, for successfully collecting a significant amount of pledge contributions.

Deb Carey and her screech owl, Elliott, visited the second graders at Central School recently. The students learned about a variety of owls, viewed a film strip and made owl puppets.

Ardline Daniels of Amboy accepts a check for \$600 from Jerry Garland, manager of Beggs' Certified Foods. Daniels won the money in a drawing held as part of Beggs' ongoing weekly Money Tree drawing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

PRINCETON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 18, at First United Methodist Church, 316 S. Church St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 19, at Dixon Hope Bible Fellowship, 732 Brinton Ave. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

S U B L E T T E - A Drive-Thru Tractor Display will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, in downtown Sublette. All makes and models will be featured.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension will host Wits Fitness Online from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, March 22. Keep your brain fit and healthy at home! Registration is required. Register online at go.illinois.edu/witsfitnessonline or call 815-632-3611.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 22, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension will host the Four Seasons Horticulture Webinar Series via Zoom at 1:30 p.m. beginning March 23. Topic will be Growing and Using Herbs. Registration is required. Register online at go.illinois.edu/fourseasons or call 815-632-3611.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension will host Lessons for Living Monthly Seminar Series at 2 p.m. beginning March 23 featuring easy-to-understand tips for living full, rich lives. Registration is required. Register at go.illinois.edu/2021HCElessons or call 815-632-3611.

SUBLETTE-“Be Reconciled Day” confessions will be heard from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and again from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 202 Locust St. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

WEST BROOKLYN-“Be Reconciled Day” confessions will be heard from

12 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension will host the Forestry Spring Webinar Series from 2 to 3 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, March 24. This is a six-session series for woodland owners and the first session is Crop Tree Management: Science and Application. Register at go.illinois.edu/SpringForestry or call 815-632-3611.

MAYTOWN-“Be Reconciled Day” confessions will be heard from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, at St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

STERLING-The U of I Extension Wits Fitness Monthly Workshop will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, at the Whiteside County Extension Office, 12923 Lawrence Rd. Register at go.illinois.edu/witsfitness or call 815-632-3611.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension Webinar Series, Keys for Embracing Aging, will be held Thursdays, March 25 through April 29, from 10 to 11 a.m. This is a 12 part series via Zoom. Register at <https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/1406318960> or call 815-632-3611.

AMBOY-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension Webinar, Good Growing Pollinators, from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, March 27, will be provide information on how anyone with an outdoor space can support pollinators. Register online at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=22991> or call 815-632-3611.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, at the Knights of Columbus, 506 W. Third. Call the Bruce KleinMaier at 815-973-0464 or the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension Webinar, Rural Pond Management, will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30. Fish stocking, weed management, fish kills and how to build and maintain ponds will be discussed. Register at go.illinois.edu/farmpond.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood

Drive from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL Route 2. Call Ana Salgado at 815-288-5511 or the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, at Amboy Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call Eddie Escatel at 815-857-3632

or the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The Lee County 4-H Cloverbud Project Pool will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, at the 4-H Center, Route 30, for youth ages 5-7. Register by April 1. There is a fee and registration is required: go.illinois.edu/CloverbudProjectPool or call 815-632-3611.

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Prairie Repose Cemetery

Spring cleaning begins March 17. Remove fall & winter decorations by April 1. No decorations or plantings allowed that interferes with maintenance. No pets, please. No glass, stones or marbles. Also, we are looking for people who are interested in family history, genealogy and helping to maintain the cemetery. If interested, call Don Wedekind at 815-857-3861.

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NOTICE OF VOTE BY MAIL AND EARLY VOTING For April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election

Nancy Petersen, Lee County Clerk and Recorder would like to announce that

VOTE BY MAIL and **EARLY VOTING** is being conducted in the Election Department of her office, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse.

VOTE BY MAIL ~ will take place from Thursday, February 25th through Thursday, April 1st and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING ~ will take place from Thursday, February 25th through Monday, April 5th and must be conducted in person. Early voting is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, April 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Election Department of her office.

PLEASE NOTE: LEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021.

The votes cast during this time will not be counted until Election Day. Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded.

Website: www.leecountyil.com
Email: election@countyoflee.org
Phone: 815-288-3309

Nancy Petersen
Lee County Clerk & Recorder

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Gerald W. Leffelman Oct. 25, 1932 - March 12, 2021

SUBLETTE — Gerald W. Leffelman, 88, of Sublette passed away March 12, 2021 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

Per his wishes there will be no visitation, and Mass of Christian Burial will be family only. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Gerald was born Oct. 25, 1932 in Sublette to Howard and Bernadette (Clayton) Leffelman of Maytown. He was a twilight sleep baby born at the Angier Hospital in Sublette. He married the love of his life, Sylvia Becker on Feb. 20, 1954 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Peterstown.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years; eight children, Susan Ennenbach, Mark (Natalie) Leffelman, Chris (Kim) Leffelman, Annette (Mike) Bonnell, Dale (Paula) Leffelman, Beth (Eddie) Morrissey, Kevin (Judy) Leffelman and Keith (Ashley) Leffelman; 16 grandchildren, Angela, Lindsay, Erica, Lauren, Clayton, Evan, Laura, Megan, Andy, Jon, Jake, Lydia, Conor, Kayla, Katie and Claudia;

20 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Howardene Stewart, Bernardine Roemich and Joyce Eames.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kenneth Leffelman.

Jerry grew up on the family farm in Maytown. His education started at the Dorsey School and then the Amboy schools. He left high school his second year to help his father farm. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952-1954 during the Korean War. Returning from the Army, he worked for his father at the Leffelman Meat Center, which originally had locations in Sublette, Mendota, Amboy and West Brooklyn. His other jobs included Justice of the Peace and being owner of Sublette Realty for most of his life until his retirement at age 86. He was instrumental in getting Country Village Meats open with his son and son-in-law and worked hard beside them for 20 years.

Jerry served on many boards including the Sublette Development Corporation, the Beautification



Committee, Sublette Village Board, and the Lee County Board. He was dedicated to seeing businesses brought into Sublette and seeing this "little country village" thrive. He loved his town and was proud to introduce anyone to its history. Many Sundays he loved to load the family in the station wagon and take a long ride that always ended at a drive-in that served chocolate shakes and hot fudge sundaes. He will be missed by his large family and friends.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude, Sublette Fire Department or OSF Hospice.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Dolores Reynolds Oct. 23, 1928 - March 11, 2021

ROCK FALLS — Dolores Reynolds, 92, of Rock Falls, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2021, at her sons residence in Rock Falls.

Dolores was born Oct. 23, 1928, in Dixon, to the daughter of Art and Etta Marie (Vernier) Nass. She married Duane Reynolds on Oct. 6, 1949. He preceded her in death on Nov. 6, 2015. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren, Dixon.

She is survived by her three sons, Alan (Joan) Reynolds, of Watseka, Chris

(Sherry) Reynolds, of Franklin Grove, and Tod (Lori) Reynolds, of Rock Falls; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m., on Monday, March 15, 2021, at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, Dixon, followed by a Celebration of Life from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Dixon VFW.

Memorials may be directed to Gaffey Hospice, Sterling.



Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Steward honors Koch at retirement

STEWART — Steward School Superintendent Lowell Taylor honors Richard Koch for 11 years of service to the school district as a custodian, sharing, "Mr. Koch could fix about anything." Among the services provided to the school district were maintenance, repair, upkeep, and miscellaneous duties through the years.

"As a smaller school, it's always been important for everyone to pitch in and help in any way possible. We've been a good team through the years and wish Mr. Koch the best in the future," shared Superintendent Taylor.

Koch is a lifelong resident of Rochelle and enjoys many rural hobbies, including farming and agriculture-related equipment.

Last chance for Girl Scout cookies

NORTHERN ILLINOIS — Local Girl Scout cookie booths close for the season on March 21. There is still time to support the world's strongest and youngest female entrepreneurs as they host Girl Scout Cookie booths in innovative ways during a worldwide pandemic.

For cookie customers who prefer contactless sales and delivery, girls and troops are marketing virtual cookie booths where customers order cookies directly through a girl's cookie business website and have cookies shipped to their homes. If girls want to remain local and still connect in-person with customers, families may be hosting pop-up cookie booths at the end of their driveway or block!

New this year, Girl Scouts has partnered with Grubhub for Girl Scout Cookie booths!

Girls Scouts, in grades 4 through 12, will get hands-on experience in handling e-commerce while they fill orders and manage inventory. Grubhub cookie booths are available on Fridays from 4-6 p.m. and Saturdays/Sundays from 1-5 p.m. through March 21. Locations in Lake Zurich, Oswego, Rockford, and South Elgin also offer pick-up options! Spend \$15+ on Girl Scout Cookies through Grubhub and get a package of Girl Scout Cookies free, once per day! Customers can order Girl Scout Cookies at https://www.grubhub.com/food/girl_scouts.

Girls are also participating in traditional, in-person cookie booths at community locations outside local businesses and stores. Interested customers can download the Cookie Finder App for Android and iOS systems on their device's app store. Cookie Finder directs consumers to in-person cookie booths closest to them. Girl Scouts staffing in-person cookie booths will abide by COVID health guidelines, including wearing a mask and social distancing as appropriate.

This year's delicious cookie lineup features refreshing Thin Mints (vegan), caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, crunchy Do-si-

dos, buttery Trefoils, sweet S'mores, tart Lemon-Ups, and toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free). All Girl Scout Cookies are on sale for only \$5 per package.

Don't know a Girl Scout? Customers may visit www.girlscoutsni.org/buycookies to purchase cookies directly or be connected to a local Girl Scout entrepreneur looking for cookie customers.

During Girl Scout Cookie season, each local Girl Scout sets out to sell delectable cookies while also building entrepreneurial and business skills imperative for leadership and future success. All the net revenue raised—100 percent of it—stays within our northern Illinois area.

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Register for citizenship class at Kish

MALTA — Kishwaukee College's adult education program is offering a tuition-free citizenship class for people interested in learning about the U.S. citizenship process. Relevant information for the U.S. citizenship test, basic interviewing, test-taking skills, English vocabulary and grammar will be covered, among other topics. Students need to be 18 years of age or older and score into placement. This class will be offered from 5:30 - 8 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays between April 6 and June 3.

Students will need to register and take

a placement test before starting the class. Allow up to three hours for registration and assessment.

Registration dates at Kishwaukee College (21193 Malta Rd., Malta, IL) are:

- Monday, March 22 at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 23 at 1 p.m. or 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 24 at 5 p.m.
- Thursday, March 25 at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m.

For more information, or to reserve a seat, visit www.kish.edu/adulteducation or contact administrative assistant Mari Vesey at mvesey@kish.edu or 815-825-9420.

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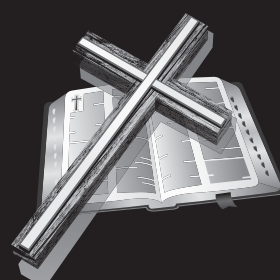
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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

The Mona Lisa of the North

She is known as the “Mona Lisa of the North.” Painted in 1665 by Johannes Vermeer, one of the great artists of the Dutch Golden Age, “Girl with a Pearl

Earring” is one of the most famous paintings in the world. It portrays a young woman sitting before a dark background, which beautifully contrasts her cream-colored skin and luminous eyes gazing directly at us, the viewer. In addition to a resplendent blue and yellow turban, she wears a large, tear-shaped pearl earring.

The startled, wide-eyed girl regards the viewer with a half-smile much like Leonardo’s Mona Lisa. It seems the viewer has caught her attention causing her to look back over her shoulder. The girl’s gaze, penetrating and engaging yet mysterious, is the inspiration for Tracy Chevalier’s novel, “Girl with a Pearl Earring.” “When you think about the Mona Lisa, she is also looking at us, but she isn’t engaging – she’s sitting back in the painting, self-contained,” Chevalier said, “whereas Girl with a Pearl Earring is right there – there is nothing between her and us. She has this magical quality of

being incredibly open and yet mysterious at the same time – and that is what makes her so appealing.”

The novel is a fictionalized account of the model, Vermeer, and the painting. Chevalier’s protagonist is 16-year-old Griet who is forced into servitude when her family becomes nearly destitute after her father, a tile painter, was blinded in a kiln explosion. She is hired as a maid in the Vermeer household. Vermeer, who specializes in scenes of everyday life, is renowned for his depictions of Delft, a city in Holland where he was born, lived, and died. Griet’s main duty, treated as a sacred task, is to clean Vermeer’s studio.

Griet is hardly welcome in the household. But when Vermeer draws her secretly into his work – there are restrained undertones of seduction – a new, intoxicating world opens for Griet. She discovers her own insightful gifts as she assists Vermeer, grinding his colors, laying out his paints and finally posing. Still, she is a mere servant forced to cope with a hostile fellow servant; Vermeer’s wife, Catharina, forever pregnant – she will bear eleven children – and dangerously jealous of Griet, and Cornelia, a malicious seven-year old girl bent on destroying the new maid.

For the painting, Vermeer forces Griet to pierce her ears and secretly wear his wife’s pearl earrings. Griet knows that using Catharina’s earrings will mean disaster. She protests; he insists, interested only in the painting, not in her or the consequences. Yet “Vermeer somehow manages to disappear when you look at Girl with a Pearl Earring,” wrote critic Michael Kimmelman. “And what is left are her extraordinary eyes, turned directly to meet your gaze across time.”

THE PASTOR’S PEN

Find a renewed sense of trust and rest in our Heavenly Father

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

h h h h... Spring is in the air. Most of the snow is now melted. Many of the birds have returned to our area. Trees are starting to bud. And my wife has been busy driving her little John Deere 214 around our yard... pulling a 1200 pound water-filled roller behind in order to flatten the bumps in our yard and smooth the uneven surfaces of our lawn... Spring is definitely here (no matter what the date on the calendar says).

There is something very nice about a smooth surface of a lawn, or a golf course, or a ball diamond, isn’t there? There is also something nice about life when we find we are in a “season” with relatively few “bumps,” isn’t there. I find in Scripture that God used the “lay of the land” often to describe His activity in the world... and in our lives, as well. Isaiah 40:3-5 says, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness. ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low, the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth. The glory of the Lord shall

be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

We know this Scripture, of course, to be a prophecy about the coming of God’s Son, into the world, and the work He would accomplish as the Messiah—Jesus Christ. I find it comforting in life to be reminded of the fact that whatever God has ever determined to do, accomplish, and complete... He does. Ecclesiastes 3:14 “I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever, nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does it that men should fear before Him.”

Verses like this make us feel rather “small,” don’t they? And they should, I think. Though perhaps “reverent” may be a better word to use. Though we “mortals” were created as a very special part of God’s creation – made in His image, we are still... just a part of His wonderful creation. This could almost be a depressing thought, if it wasn’t for the fact that He loves us beyond measure and comprehension with an “everlasting love.” When this magnificent truth is added to the equation, it therefore, becomes a source of comfort, doesn’t it. That we can trust this Awesome God

that we serve. That He is big enough to handle anything going on in the world today... and in our lives as well.

There is a place of peaceful acceptance in trusting Him to work in and around our lives and the lives of people we care about. Ecclesiastes 7:13 says, “Consider the work of God, for who can make straight what He has made crooked?” I was recently reminded of this verse by a young man that is learning in his own life that not everything in life that we personally consider “crooked” (or bumpy) is necessarily something God wants to change! It could actually be something that is there because it fits into God’s larger plan going on in the world around us! It may very well be that God may want to change us... or at least, our perspective, on the crooked (or bumpy) things in our lives?

This is something worth praying and asking Him about. Either way my prayer for all of us is that during this Lenten Season we find a renewed sense of trust – and rest in our sovereign and loving Heavenly Father working “out” ... or “in,” the crooked and bumpy parts of our lives.

May God bless you.

Applications available to veterinary student loans

BLOOMINGTON – Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) is accepting applications for its Illinois Veterinary Education and Training (IVET) loan program. Loans are available to second-year veterinary students attending any accredited college of veterinary medicine in the U.S. and who are focused on Illinois food animal medicine.

The Illinois Veterinary Education Training (IVET) Program helps offset the high cost of veterinary education. The program loans up to \$40,000 to as many as three veterinary students each year. Loans are made over a period of two to three years. IVET awards recipients a \$1,500 stipend during their fourth year in school to help pay expenses associated with clinical rotations. Loans are repaid over five years, during which graduates must commit to working in a food animal practice that services Illinois livestock producers.

Applications are due May 15, 2021 and can be found online at www.ilfb.org/IVET. The selection committee will interview eligible applicants in spring 2021. Successful applicants will be notified by mail. Loan disbursements begin in August.

IFB established IVET in 2005. Since then, the organization has awarded more than \$510,000 to 26 veterinary students who focus on caring for food animals in Illinois.

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conveniently available to public inspection at the clerk's residence by appointment from and after 6:00 p.m. on April 12, 2021.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 12, 2021, at the Maintenance building and that final action on the ordinance will be taken at the public hearing.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2021.

Leesa Burke, Supervisor
Lisa Bickett, Clerk
No. 0306
March 17, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the May Road District, in the County of Lee, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the clerk's residence by appointment from and after 6:00 p.m. on April 12, 2021.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of the Town of East Grove in the County of Lee and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Monday, April 5, 2021 at the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. at the Sublette Township Bldg., Sublette, IL for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

Dated January 4, 2021
No. 0304
March 17, 2021

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of May, in the County of Lee and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7 P.M. at the township maintenance building for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting. The April meeting will follow the Annual Meeting. Dated March 10, 2021 Lisa Bickett, Town Clerk No. 0305 March 17, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

East Grove Township Board Meetings for 2021-2022 will meet on the set dates at 7:30 PM at the East Grove Township Hall. April 13, 2021 May 11, 2021 June 08, 2021 July 13, 2021 Aug 10, 2021 Sept 14, 2021 Oct 12, 2021 Nov 09, 2021 Dec 14, 2021 Jan 11, 2022 Feb 08, 2022 Mar 08, 2022 Charlie Gonigam East Grove Township Clerk No. 0310 March 17, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LEE
IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
HAYWELL, LLC/TIM
HAYDEN**

PETITION NO. 21-P-1561 SPECIAL USE

The Petitioner, Haywell, LLC/Tim Hayden states as follows:

1. The Petitioner has entered into contract to own real estate legally described as: part of PPN# 19-22-05-300-005

2. The property is located at the northeast corner of US Rt. 52 and Green Wing Road, Sublette, Illinois

3. The property is currently zoned as: Ag-1 Agricultural District 4. The petitioner desires a: Special Use for the purpose of constructing a Self-Storage Facility THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON: Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. 3rd floor, Boardroom, Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E. 2nd Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021 Zoom remote access and YouTube information can be found on the Lee County website at www.leecountyil.com No. 0311 March 17, 2021

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 12, 2021, at the Maintenance building and that final action on the ordinance will be taken at the public hearing.

NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING LEE CENTER

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of the Town of

Lee Center in the County of Lee and the State of Illinois, the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. at the Lee Center Township Building located at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy, Illinois for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town: and after a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to decide the following:

set meeting dates and times for May 2021 through March 2022, approve the Town Budget, approve the Road District Budget, declare any possible surplus and possible transfer of funds, consider and approve donations to charities.

Dated March 11, 2021 Janice Bonnell Lee Center Township Clerk No. 0312 March 17, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Bud-

get and Appropriation Ordinance for the Lee Center, Lee County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Lee Center Township Building located at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy, Illinois from and after 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2021. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 25, 2021 at the Lee Center Township Building located at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy, Illinois and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at the public hearing.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2021

Jan Bonnell Lee Center Township Clerk No. 0313 March 17, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Lee Center Road District, Lee County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022 will be on file and conveniently available to

public inspection at Lee Center Township Building located at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy, Illinois from and after 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2021. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 25, 2021 at the Lee Center Township Building located at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy, Illinois and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at the public hearing.

Dated this 11th day of March 2021 Jan Bonnell Lee Center Township Clerk No. 0314 March 17, 2021

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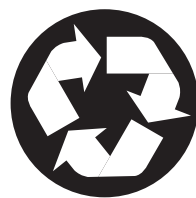
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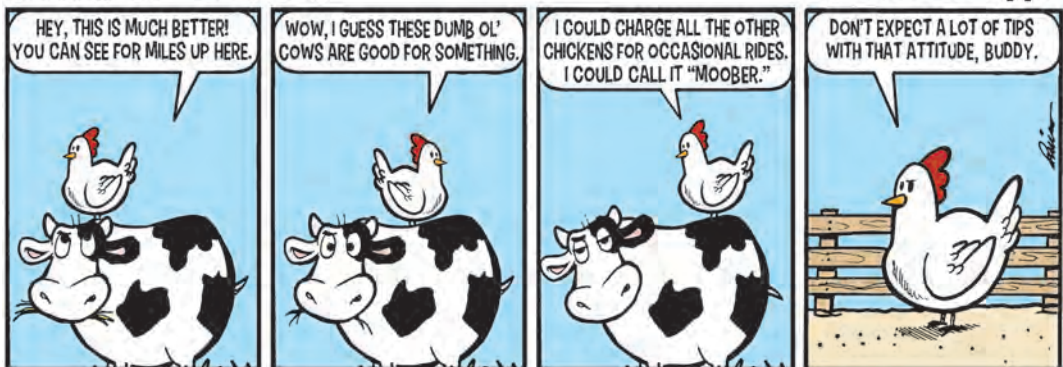
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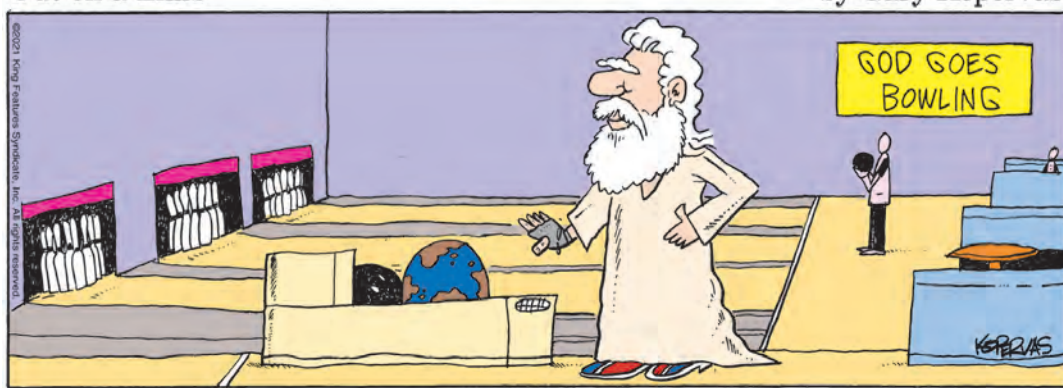
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by Dave T. Phipps



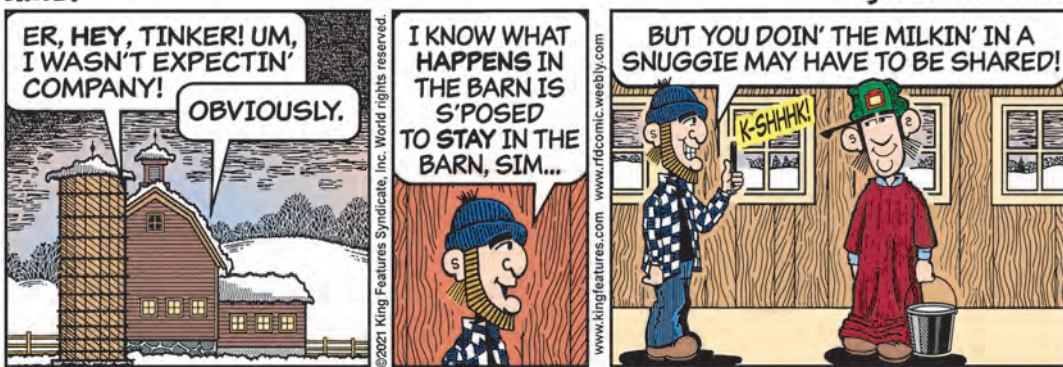
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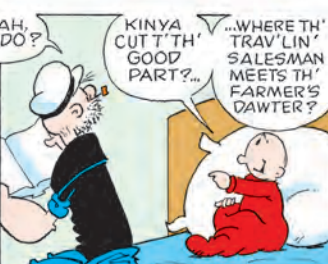
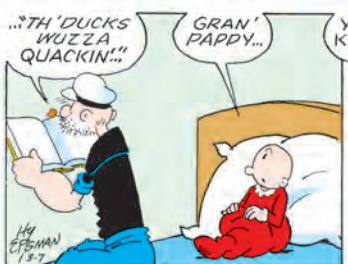
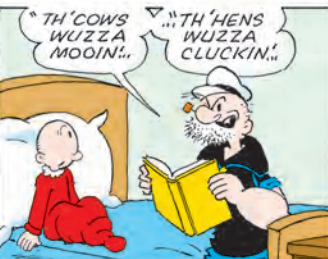
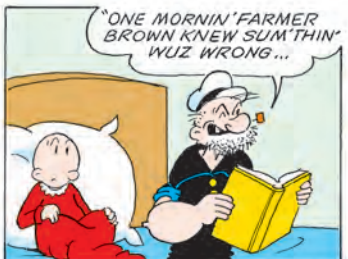
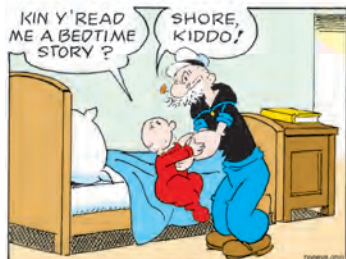
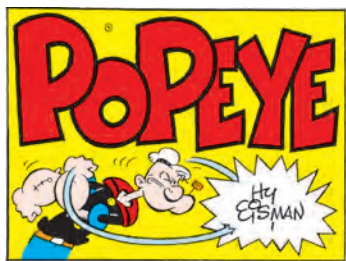
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by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

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

Shooter
RIPENS _____

Shoal
FREE _____

Foil
MISTEY _____

Bare
UNTIDY _____

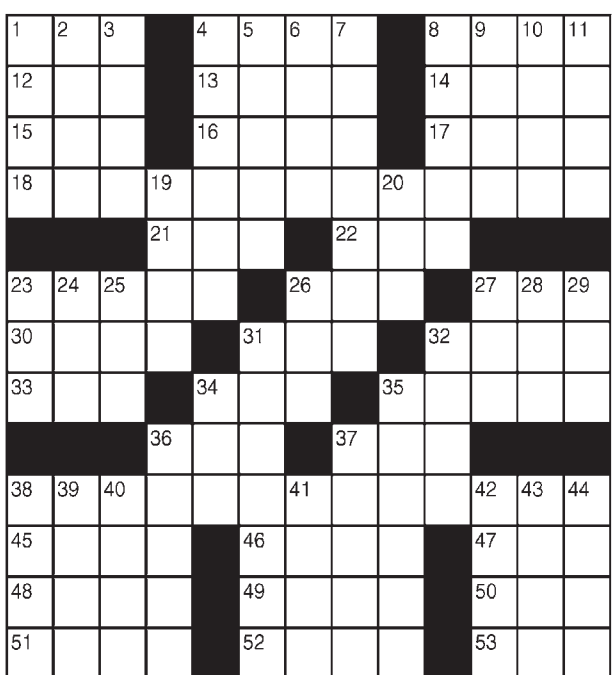
TODAY'S WORD _____

Posting Date March 15, 2021

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Gearwheel tooth
- 4 Baby elephant
- 8 Bar bills
- 12 Coffee vessel
- 13 — about (circa)
- 14 Panache
- 15 Salty expanse
- 16 Chills and fever
- 17 — avis
- 18 Driver's aid
- 21 Superlative suffix
- 22 Inlet
- 23 Protractor measure
- 26 Actress Lucy
- 27 "See ya!"
- 30 Old salts
- 31 "The Bells" author
- 32 Edge
- 33 Sea, to Henri
- 34 Periodical, for short
- 35 Belt holders
- 36 Summer cooler
- 37 "Alice" waitress
- 38 Fortress on the Thames
- 45 Pearl Harbor site
- 46 Stage show
- 47 Docs' bloc

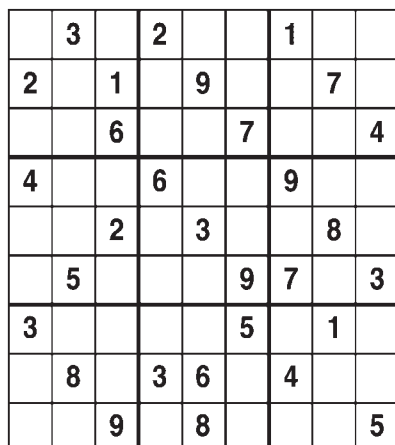


- 48 Alum
- 49 Give temporarily
- 50 Use a ray gun
- 51 Bygone jets
- 52 Talks nonstop
- 53 Before
- 7 Giveaway array
- 8 Towel material
- 9 Jai —
- 10 Hoedown site
- 11 Unforeseen problem
- 19 Morays
- 20 Vichy water
- 23 \$ dispenser
- 24 Scot's denial
- 25 Spike's warning
- 26 Journal
- 27 Buddy
- 28 Thrill bark
- 29 Type measures
- 31 Magnificent
- 32 Benefit
- 34 Ruin the veneer
- 35 British insurer
- 36 Vendettas
- 37 Be on either side of
- 38 Raiments
- 39 Rowboat needs
- 40 "Huh?"
- 41 Dog bane
- 42 Stupor
- 43 Actor Epps
- 44 Scruff

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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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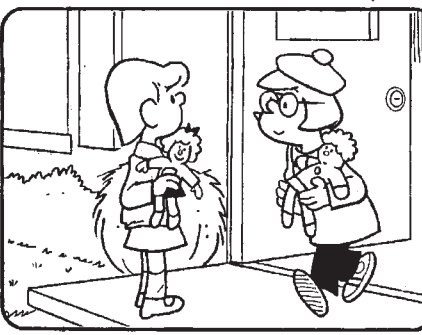
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Which animated series stars a precocious toddler named Stewie Griffin?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Diomed Islands located?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Former President Jimmy Carter served in which branch of the military?
4. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel featured a character named Boo Radley?
5. U.S. STATES: What animal is featured on California's state flag?
6. HISTORY: Which U.S. state was the last to remove a ban on interracial marriage?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of sharks called?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which products were advertised with a slogan that called them "indescribably delicious"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What shape has been used in U.S. stop signs since the 1920s?
10. PSYCHOLOGY: What irrational fear is represented by the condition called alektorophobia?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Socks are higher. 3. Button is missing. 4. Hair is shorter. 5. Pants are different. 6. Mailbox is missing.

FIREMEN

Today's Word

1. Sniper 2. Reef; 3. Sym; 4. Nudity

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: B equals L

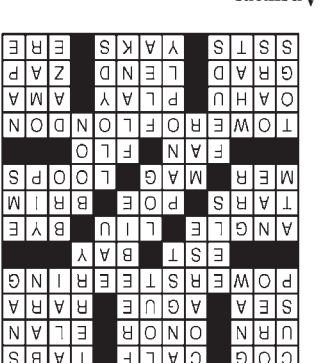
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EMZBZ LPEZSP, KGDPQGX F DZJMC

KVF FGH'OP KSZBBPX CMP QPVAK.

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1. "Family Guy"
2. The Bering Strait, between Alaska and Siberia
3. Navy
4. "To Kill a Mockingbird"
5. A bear
6. Alabama in 2000
7. A shiver
8. Mounds and Almond Joy candy bars
9. Octagon
10. A fear of chickens

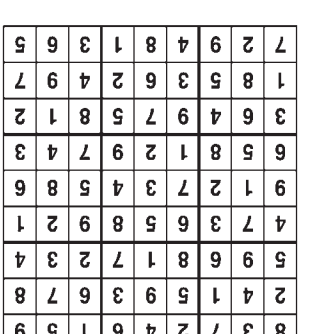


Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Answers



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

When you give away a secret chili recipe, somebody might say you've spilled the beans.

CryptoQuip

Answers

Clipper Highlights: #6 Travis Nauman

Not only had the opportunity to be this week's Clipper's backup and then successor but the honor of calling him a lifelong friend. This week's Clipper is #6, Travis "Reno" Nauman.

Travis was a 2008 graduate of Amboy High School, three sport athlete, and arguably the purest passer that Amboy has seen at Quarterback.

Coming from a long line of Clipper greats, Travis carried on the Nauman name as he led his Clipper teams to two quarterfinal appearances in 2006 and 2007.

"It was more than talent, we all were raised by the stories of Amboy football. Success was always an expectation," Travis shared.

Travis continued, "Our grade was so close, we held one another accountable. From fifth grade to Senior year, eight years of football together, you learn each other in the best or worst of times."

Travis was called up to Varsity during the final three games of the regular season his Sophomore year. He and I were normally on the sidelines for the Varsity game as we were tasked with charting offensive plays after our Rowboat contest. Week 7 at Riverdale, coaches approached Travis at halftime of the Varsity game and told him to go suit back up as he was needed in the second half. I'll never forget the cheers he got as he came down the hill to meet the rest of the Clippers that night. It was like he was Shane Falco in the movie The Replacements.

Travis played a number of positions on a very talented Clipper team his Junior season. Travis played fullback and quarterback offensively and outside linebacker on defense. Definitely a combination of positions you rarely see mix, unless you have the toughness and football IQ of a Nauman. Travis recalled the Fulton game from his Junior season, throwing for two scores and running for another to seal a Clipper victory. Another highlight from his Junior season includes

beating Newman at home on homecoming after several years without a victory over the arch rival. As Travis and I spoke, that season remains as special as it did then but we, alike many of us, believe if Plano bumps to 4A that season, our chances of making a title game would have been highly probable. Travis finished his Junior season earning Honorable Mention All Conference honors at quarterback.

The 2007 Clipper team would not only be led by Travis and teammate, Taylor Kaleel, but by other rich Clipper bloodlines in Jordan Willstead and Drew Goy. Add in great football players, Anthony Wells, Jacob Stewart, Travis Ullrich, Toby Glenn, Andy Clinton, George Scully, a solid Junior class, and three super Sophomores (L. Kaleel, C. Richardson, W. Montavon) and the 2007 Clippers were again loaded for another deep playoff run. Travis led our team to many of our victories that season through the air. Travis made throwing the football look easy. I would gladly argue that Travis was the best passing Quarterback that Amboy has ever had. However, Travis would often lower his shoulder and deliver a "Nauman-Sized" hit to an opposing defender when he was a ball carrier. My numbers may not be completely accurate but I believe Travis threw for 16 touchdown passes his Senior season adding a few more on the ground. He accomplished all those numbers even with being sidelined for two complete games with a shoulder injury. Travis finished the 2007 season earning 1st Team All Conference at Quarterback. Travis' statistical contributions were his second best contribution to our team. Travis was one of great leaders of that 2007 team. He was cool, calm, fierce, and emotional. He had all the tangibles and intangibles it takes to play, and succeed, at the most high profile of positions in all of sports.

Travis shared his best

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



and favorite game as a Clipper came during our second round Playoff win at highly ranked, undefeated, Petersburg PORTA. Travis played through an aggravated shoulder injury, willing us to victory. Travis threw for a touchdown and ran for a touchdown in the big Clipper win.

Travis shared, "in a game full of highlights with Tony's pick six and Cody's long run, the coolest and most chilling memory is when Tay got that interception near our sideline and ended up near our fans on their track, he flexed his muscles and then started slapping hands. That was one of the coolest things to see and be a part of."

Kaleel was equally grateful for Nauman as he stated, "Travis has been a lifelong friend. We grew up together, not only learning the great stories of our dads but all the values that came with those stories and what Clipper football teaches. I knew early on that nothing else mattered to Travis other than winning football games. He was always one I felt more confident around because I knew he was going to give it everything all the time."

Multiple other Clipper teammates were asked to provide statements as Travis' leadership, gridiron exploits, and friendship continues to this day.

Friend and former teammate Anthony Wells shared the following, "In my opinion Travis was the best pure

quarterback to come through Amboy. Mechanics looked effortless. Travis was a quarterback that hit like a linebacker, guess you could say that was the Nauman in him. Travis was never about personal accolades or being noticed, he was a team first guy. When you look at Travis you just say 'leader,' when he got emotional it was go time. He always looked after you and wanted you to grow and never once had I ever heard Travis talk down to a teammate, he would build you up. He always kept his composure and gave it his best for the team. Travis was/is a good man to anyone he meets, he gives people his respect and that's an art. He gave that to all his teammates. As far as stories well..... He played wherever the team needed him. He once threw me a ball so beautiful I swear it fell from the sky and all I had to do was open my arms. That was against Hamilton West Hancock. Looking back at the film of that beautiful ball, Travis was getting hit as he released it and managed to take that hit and deliver a dime. He was an amazing quarterback because he gave you a chance. You didn't need to be wide open, he trusted you. We developed that trust through afternoons of him and I playing catch and playing against Zinke and Lovgren and Fuller and Spencer. Little games that allowed trust to build. In Petersburg when he got hurt before half I called the game, I was down as was some of the team. When Travis came back and took a hit, or I should say laid one, it fired us up. He has just a quality you can't teach and its God given. Call it a Nauman thing but he has a look of a leader and one that lead me and others into battles where we won most of the time. I attribute that to him."

Friend and Center, Jordan Willstead shared, "He had the best center in the country...hahaha. Travis Was born to be a football player, his whole family loved and

"team player."

"Every team needs an Eden Lindenmeyer," said coach Mike McCracken. "Eden might not be known by everyone, but her coaches are well aware of her contributions to the team. Hopefully, the younger Lady Clippers learned as much from the example of what Eden Lindenmeyer showed them this season."

Amboy finished the season with a 14-1 overall record and a 9-1 conference mark. The Lady Clippers tied for first in the NUIC South Division. Amboy has been rated number one in the AP Class A poll for much of the season and finished third in the Max Preps poll.

The season ended with the victory over Polo. The real celebration began when the team bus was met by a fire truck, an ambulance and a police car that escorted them from U.S. 52 and 30, through Amboy and back to the high school. At that point, the team got to wave at all the cars in the caravan and say thank you to the fans.



#6 Travis Nauman

enjoyed the game. Travis was one of our natural leaders on our team, without him we were a 5-4 team. The guy had an absolute cannon for an arm and was one of the smartest football players I've ever been in contact with. It was an honor and a pleasure to play with Travis my whole life growing up and I wouldn't trade it for the world. Travis was one of the most levelheaded players on our team even in dire straits times Travis could come up with a play. Travis is a great person, great athlete, and continues to be a great friend."

Friend and former teammate Jacob Stewart shared, "Reno was not the biggest QB within our conference, but was the smartest and toughest. His ability to read a defense and offense was unbelievable. Let alone he can throw a ball a mile (hence the nickname Reno). At the time we were always known to be a running team. When Travis came in as QB we had the ability to throw the ball especially with the receivers (Wells, Fuller, Montavon) we had and running backs (Richardson, Clinton, and Tay as fullback) that were on the team. All you had to do was block for 4-5 seconds, and watch the magic happen. Reno was an exceptional leader on offense, and made sure that everyone understood our job. We had a lot of talent within our whole team, but Reno was definitely a key component to our success. One highlight I do remember was our junior year Derek Lovgren got hurt during the Fulton game. Travis came in and smoked them. I don't remember the stats, but he did get athlete of the week in the Sauk Valley newspaper. I think that opened a lot of people's eyes in our conference that we were able to throw the ball. Amboy football was going to be different from then on."

Friend and teammate

Jeremy Wolf shared, "Reno was always a level-headed leader of our team. Didn't say much off the field, but on it you knew who was in charge. Had an absolute rocket for an arm and would put it on the numbers every time. His passing threat was a great compliment to our strong running game, and I believe it's what made us as successful as we were in the 2007 campaign."

Travis spoke of the irreplaceable moments, memories, and Friday nights under the lights at The Harbor. But the meaning of Amboy Football is more than a memory to Travis.

"Amboy Football is community, it's where we are all from, it's how we learned, it brought us all together as players but also brought our entire community together," Travis shared.

Knowing all of us feel this exact way, Amboy Football can be synonymous with Unity, proving, yet again, what we all share is bigger than a game.

So, to my good friend, #6 Travis "Reno" "Bombin'" Nauman, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for your toughness, your leadership, and your friendship. Your authenticity as a Quarterback only pales in comparison to the husband, father, and friend you are to this day. 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.

Lady Clippers close out season with 14-1 record

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers closed out the season with three wins to finish with a 14-1 record.

Amboy had its final home game on March 9 against Polo. It was kind of Senior Night for the second time. The coaches had an earlier Senior Night because of COVID. Then, on the last home game of the season,

Amboy started five of the six seniors with all six seniors being announced for starters and the six seniors for Polo were also announced.

Once the game started, the Lady Clippers had very little trouble in disposing of the Lady Marcos, 66-27.

Senior Gabby Jones led the attack with 18 points, while she also had seven rebounds, three assists and four steals. Abi Payne was next with 14 points and led with eight assists. Mallory Powers provided 11 points and five assists, while Brianna Blaine contributed eight points, five boards and a team-high five steals. Also aiding the winning cause were Olivia Dinges with seven points

and seven rebounds, Madelyn McLaughlin with four points, five caroms and five steals, Eden Lindenmeyer with two points, two assists and three steals, and Olivia Miller with two points and two rebounds.

Amboy traveled to Sterling on March 10 to take on Newman and another fast start propelled the Lady Clippers to a 68-25 win. AHS led 20-5 after the first quarter and 45-13 at the half.

Nine of the 13 Amboy players scored in the contest. Powers led the bunch with 22 points, while she added six rebounds and four assists. Dinges pumped in 14 points, led with 10 rebounds and added four assists and three blocked shots. Payne drilled 12 points and had five assists and five steals, while Gabby Jones, Blaine, McLaughlin and Miller had four markers apiece. Others helping with the win were Lindenmeyer with two points, Elly Jones with two points, McLaughlin with seven rebounds and three steals, Gabby Jones

with six assists and four caroms, Blaine with six boards, Haidyn Zimmerly with four rebounds and Courtney Ortgiesen with three caroms.

The final game of the season was a rematch with Polo on the Lady Marcos' home floor on March 11, and Amboy came away with a 54-21 victory.

Payne dropped in a game-high 16 points and added five rebounds and five assists for the Lady Clippers. Powers had a nice stat line with 12 points, 11 rebounds, four assists and four steals, followed by Dinges with 10 points and 10 boards, Gabby Jones with nine points, 10 boards and four assists, Blaine with three points and 11 caroms, and McLaughlin with four points, seven rebounds and three assists.

Lindenmeyer did was she always does, contributing whether she is in the game or on the bench. She calls out defensive movement, suggests plays and keeps the enthusiasm on a high note. She is the best example of a

Clippers drop close game again Somonuak

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers dropped a narrow 56-54 decision to Somonauk in varsity boys' basketball action on March 8 at the AHS gym.

After trailing 25-19 at the half, the Clippers staged a third-quarter comeback and tied the game at 36-36 heading to the fourth. The game remained tight over the final eight minutes before the Bobcats pulled out the win.

Amboy had a balanced scoring attack led by Tucker Lindenmeyer with 16 points. Connor Simpson was next with 14 points, followed by Trevor Vaessen with 10 and Preston Henkel with nine.

Polo posted 44-27 triumph over the Clippers on March 9 at Polo. The home team raced out to a 17-5 lead after the opening quarter and carried a 23-12 advantage to intermission. The Marcos held a 33-19 cushion heading to the final stanza.

Ian Eller topped the Clipper scoring chart with eight points, while Vaessen chipped in with five tallies.

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