



CHRISTMAS IN SUBLETTE

Although the official Sublette Christmas in the Village was canceled, the Christmas spirit was still in the air on Friday night, as Santa rode on a Sublette Fire Department Engine and spread good tidings throughout town. Santa's first stop was in downtown Sublette. He stopped at the village's Christmas tree, which was decorated on both sides by Christmas trees sponsored and decorated by Sublette businesses. Below, Santa presented a present to Acting Sublette Village President John Stenzel. The gift was made by Mrs. Claus which was a Christmas Walk ornament that included a mask and gloves. Residents are encouraged to vote for their favorite Sublette business Christmas tree on the Sublette 365 Facebook page. Voting is available through Dec. 25. Just "Like" your favorite tree and the tree with the most "Likes" will be the winner.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



Amboy CUSD to continue to feed youth during winter break

AMBOY — Amboy CUSD 272 is pleased to announce they will continue to feed youths during winter break (Dec. 21-Jan. 1) with free meal boxes. The meal boxes are available to ALL children in the area ages 1 through 18, regardless of their school enrollment status and regardless of income - everyone is qualified.

The district typically does not provide meals during the winter break. However, due to COVID and the new USDA regulations

providing free meals to all kids, the district can provide meals on winter break days, too. While not required to serve meals during the winter break, the cafeteria staff realized many area families are facing hardships caused by the pandemic and thought that the two week break would be a long time for families to be without the benefit of school meals. The administration and District 272 board of education agreed.

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Amboy Lions stay busy by giving back to community

AMBOY — The Amboy Lions Club is staying busy during the pandemic by giving back to the community.

The Club recently donated \$300 each to local area food pantries: The Baptist Church Food Pantry, St. Patrick's Food Pantry, and the Amboy Fire Department Food Baskets.

These donations have been ongoing to these organizations for many years.

This is just another way in which the Lions are able to serve and support our community.

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Amboy Lions Club President Dave Kemp, pictured left, and Amboy Lions Jim Travi, pictured right present a check for \$300 to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry.

Photo submitted



The Amboy FFA Chapter brought Santa's Elves to town on Saturday, as they were found in downtown Amboy from 12-4 p.m.

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Amboy Hometown Christmas Week 2 drawing Dec. 11

AMBOY — The next drawing for in 2020 Amboy Hometown Virtual Christmas Walk will be held on Dec. 11.

On Dec. 11, the grand prize giveaway is sponsored by Hansons Chiropractic, Turquoise Turtle Apothecary, Prime Time Live, Mary Anne Duve, Subway, Two Sisters On Main, Last Alarm, The Warehouse Boutique, Napa, Amboy Fire Department, Johnson Oil/Amboy Shell, Nails By Lisa, Amboy Veterinary Clinic, Amboy Depot Museum, Main Hair Salon (Kirsten, Yolane, Sara, Lisa), Revolution Wellness, Iron Tree, Amboy Garden Shop, First National Bank in Amboy, First Federal Savings Bank, Dollar General, and Amboy Pharmacy. It includes 1 large basket filled with goodies from these participating businesses. Stop by City Halls windows to take a peek at what they have to offer. There will also be a second winner for our Folsom's Bakery cookie platter.

The boxes have been emptied and are ready for a new week full of names. Stop by Amboy Food & Liquor, Amboy Shell, Amboy Hometown Pharmacy and City Hall to sign up again. You can't sign up too much. You may also enter the drawings by email at amboychristmaswalk@yahoo.com.

Gift baskets will be on display at City Hall.

An entry form can be found on page 2 on the Shop Amboy This Christmas page.

The winners will be drawn on Dec. 11 and 18.

The winners from the Dec. 4th drawing are: Brooke Weidman, Sandy Wittenauer, Kimee Dale, Larry Eisenberg, Sonja Berogan, Adri Whitney, Laurie Johnson, Amy McCoy, and Pam Love. They won either a turkey or ham, courtesy of the City of Amboy.

Folsom's Bakery also donated a generous cookie platter, and the winner of the platter is Carol Hart.

The Facebook giveaway winner for the Amboy Family Restaurant & Pizza gift certificate, Polar Express, Popcorn, & The Main Flower Shop Christmas tin is Lana Duncan-Hambley. Thanks to Mason Ely for his generous donation, they were able to give away an extra prize, and the second winner is Jeff Ackert.

The Bubba Bug Popcorn Giveaway winners are Rosemary Buckley and Corinne Powers.

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Lee County COVID-19 Update: Dec. 7, 2020

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department is saddened to report 12 additional deaths in the county after confirming COVID as the cause. Age breakdown is as follows: 1 male in his 60s, 3 males in their 70s, 4 female and 2 male in their 80s, and 2 females in their 90s. This brings the total number of deaths in Lee County to 32.

The health department also reported 27 cases were from congregate living facilities - 7 are from Liberty Court, 4 Franklin Grove Living & Rehab and 16 Dixon Correctional Center.

Between Dec. 1-7, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 167 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above, and here are the ages

that were announced: 10 under the age of 12, 14 in his or her teens, 27 in his or her 20s, 11 in his or her 30s, 20 in his or her 40s, 24 in his or her 50s, 18 in his or her 60s, 7 in his or her 70s, 4 in his or her 80s, and 1 on his or her 90s.

This brings the total number of cases to 2,066 as of Dec. 7. Of the 2,066 cases, 1,276 have recovered. They also reported as of Dec. 7, 22 residents have been hospitalized.

Mobile Testing
The Lee County Health Department announced the State of Illinois is hosting a community drive-through test site on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon.

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In other news, Lions Roger Wittenauer and Jim Travi got into the Christmas spirit by hanging the holiday wreaths at the two Amboy welcome signs.

Preliminary plans are starting up to hold another community health fair event during the fall of 2021. The Health Fair planned for 2020 had to be canceled due to the Covid-19 Virus.

Lions Club Scholarship applications for graduating AHS 20/21 seniors will be made available through Amboy High School Counselor, Rob Wissinger, in mid to late January.

The Club would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy new year.

**Recycle!
Recycle!**



Amboy Lions Club President Dave Kemp, pictured right, and Amboy Lions Jim Travi, pictured left, present a check for \$300 to Barb Harrison with the St. Patrick Church Food Pantry.

Photo submitted

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Christmas
WALK

Bringing to the community, a month of business specials, giveaways, crafts to make at home, gift basket drawings, and a Christmas parade! Continue to Like and Share our Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk posts.

- Dec. 11 and 18 - Gift Baskets Drawing! Items and gift certificates from local businesses, purchased and donated by the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk, and local businesses

Please follow the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk on Facebook & articles in the Amboy News. Entry boxes will be at City Hall, Amboy Hometown Pharmacy, Amboy Food & Liquor, Shell (Johnson Oil) Nov 27- Dec 18. You may also enter drawings by email @amboychristmaswalk@yahoo.com. Gift baskets will be on display at City Hall.

- Santa and Mrs. Claus will be making a weekly appearance each Friday in December on our Facebook page! You don't want to miss this!
- Pankhurst Memorial Library will have a Curbside Pick-Up Craft, along with their Tales for Tots & Kids bags available.

- Extra giveaways will be happening during the month of December!

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Gift Basket Drawing Entry Form
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Santa Claus is coming to town so The Amboy News has made special arrangements with the North Pole to publish letters to Santa in our December 16th issue.

Letters may be dropped off until noon, on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at the Amboy News office. After we publish the letters, we will send them directly to Santa Claus at the North Pole in plenty of time for Christmas.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Sylvan J. Leffelman

Feb. 19, 1929 - Dec. 3, 2020

DIXON — Sylvan J. Leffelman, 91, of Dixon, formerly of Amboy, died on Dec. 3, 2020.

Sylvan was born on Feb. 19, 1929, to Walter and Esther (Burkardt) Leffelman in his Grandma Burkardt's farmhouse outside of Sublette.

Sylvan spent much of his childhood sweeping floors and cleaning windows at his father Walter's International Harvester farm implement dealership across from the Illinois Central depot in Amboy. It was under Walt's watchful eye that Sylvan learned the importance of hard work and customer service. At home, he was blessed with his mother Esther's delicious meals and ever present love.

Sylvan graduated from Amboy High School in 1946 and attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study business for two years. He returned to Amboy when needed at home for a family medical crisis.

Sylvan was drafted into the Army in 1951 and served two years during the Korean War. After his discharge, Sylvan once again returned to Amboy to work with his father and brother, John at the family business.

After Walt's retirement, Sylvan and John became co-owners of W.G. Leffelman & Sons and oversaw its transition to a Case IH dealership.

Sylvan married his beloved, Virginia Warner on Nov. 14, 1953 and they recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. Together they raised five children: Jan (Tom) McConville, of Amboy, Phil Leffelman, of Elgin, Paul (Robin) Leffelman, of Amboy, Nancy (Jim) Butler, of Bartlett and Rita Leffelman, in heaven (died 9-4-93). They are the grandparents of Rachel (Mike) White, Mitch (Meg) McConville, Maggie (Michael Daly) McConville, Damon (Alyssa) Leffelman and Lucas Leffelman. Their precious great-grandchildren include Kylie, Kaysen and Leo.

Sylvan was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Eva (Blackburn) Leffelman; infant brother, Michael and daughter, Rita.

Other survivors include Sylvan's brother, John (Mary) Leffelman; in-laws: Jim (Janet) Warner, Lyle (Rosella) Warner, Jim (Mary Ann) Blackburn; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sylvan was involved in many civic and religious organizations throughout his life. He was a founding member and remained a strong supporter of the Amboy Education Foundation. Sylvan also enjoyed lecturing and distributing communion at St. Patrick's in Amboy and St. Anne's in Dixon. He was a



proud member of the Amboy American Legion Post 453.

Sylvan loved people! And he believed in their inherent good, always giving them the benefit of the doubt. Sylvan was an optimist and a man of deep faith. He often expressed his appreciation for the many blessings in his life, especially his beloved, Virginia and his family.

To best honor Sylvan's memory, we believe he would simply want you to be kind to one another. Look for ways to do good for your family and your community, especially now. We will honor Dad's life with a funeral mass to be held at a later date.

The family would also like to express their deep gratitude to all the staff at Liberty Court. They knew Dad's every like and dislike, and cared for him with great compassion and professionalism. We also appreciate Dr. Joe Welty's dedication to always providing Dad with practical and empathetic medical care.

Amboy's Meyer nominated to Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors

BLOOMINGTON — Don Meyer of Amboy in Lee County was nominated to serve District 4 on the Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) Board of Directors at the organization's 2020 virtual business meeting on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Meyer was nominated to a two-year term to represent IFB members in LaSalle, Lee and Bureau counties. Meyer operates a family-owned corn and soybean farm in Lee County.

Meyer currently serves as president of the Lee County Farm Bureau.

He is a current member of the Illinois Corn Growers Association and has served his local ag community as a committee member for the Lee County Farm Service Agency.

In 2012, Meyer participat-

ed in and graduated from the Illinois Farm Bureau's Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) program. The ALOT program provides select Illinois Farm Bureau members an opportunity to enrich their leadership abilities and provide a greater voice for agriculture in Illinois.

Meyer graduated from Amboy High School, later receiving a bachelor's degree in agriculture science from Western Illinois University. He went on to receive an MBA from Northern Illinois University.

He and his wife, Paula, have two adult children.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-prof-



Meyer

it, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of more than 378,237 and a voting membership of 77,909. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.

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Since the USDA program the district participates in is an extension of the summer lunch program, it allows free meals to be provided to all children ages 1 through 18 in the area, not just children who attend Amboy schools, and, as previously stated, there are no income limits to receive the free meal boxes.

Families must pre-register for the winter break meals box by Dec. 11, at 4 p.m. Each child who is signed up will receive a box that will contain the components for 10 breakfasts and 10 lunches (two school weeks). Each family will receive 1 gallon of milk when they pick up the meal boxes on Dec. 21, and will then receive vouchers for milk to

meet the program requirements. The extra milk(s) vouchers may be used at Amboy Foods and the family can pick up the milk at their convenience. There will be three different meal boxes with slightly different products in them to allow for a little variety for families with more than one child.

Childcare providers must have each of their parents sign up for their own family's meal boxes. Those parents may arrange for and assign the sitter to pick up the meals for them, but the order itself must be placed under the parent's name.

The meal boxes will be distributed on Monday, Dec. 21 at Central School at

the east end door. There are two pickup time slots parents may choose from — 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. or 4 — 6 p.m. Cars should enter the alley from the north (off Bacon Street) and pull forward to door 19. A staff member will greet you and distribute the meal boxes.

The link to sign up for the winter break meal boxes can be found on the front page of the Amboy District 272 website. Questions about the program or families with no internet access who wish to sign up may call Dist 272 Cafeteria Supervisor, Amy Wittenauer, at 815-857-2164 ext. 2 (awittenauer@amboy.net) weekdays from 8:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

AMBOY—2020 Amboy Hometown Virtual Christmas Walk will have a variety of events to encourage the Holiday Spirit! See the schedule of events on page A2 of this Amboy News.

MAY TWP—The May Township Annual Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Township Maintenance Building.

STERLING—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, at Sterling Bethal Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

LEE CENTER TWP—The Lee Center Township Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd, Amboy.

PRINCETON—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, at the American Legion, 1549 W. Peru St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

SUBLETTE—The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

DIXON—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Elk's Lodge, 1270 Franklin Grove Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON—The American

Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, at Ken Nelson Auto Group, 1050 N. Galena Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY—The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21, at

the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

DIXON—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Dixon Home of Hope, 1637 Plock Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.



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The Amboy Fire Protection District is accepting canned or boxed food item donations through Dec 10th for their annual Christmas Food Baskets.

Locations donations may be dropped off: Amboy Fire Department, 25 N East Avenue, Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm

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Arrangement for pick-up can also be made for larger donations by calling 815-857-2325.

Monetary donations are also being accepted.

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Carolyn E. Johns

May 10, 1943 - Dec. 5, 2020

AMBOY — Carolyn E. Johns, 77, of Amboy, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at Liberty Court Assisted Living.

She was born May 10, 1943 in Chicago, the daughter of Henry and Caroline (Manning) Gerdes. Carolyn was a Human Resources Director at the LaSalle Veterans Home prior to her retirement.

She was on the board of directors at the Pankhurst Memorial Library, and a member of the Amboy Women's Club, Amboy Community Organization, Depot Days Car Show Committee and the United First Church of Amboy.

She enjoyed watching old television shows like Mash, and the Game Show Network. She also loved

her "Grand-dogs" and was always ready to go to lunch.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Joan Haas.

She is survived by her sons, Timothy Johns of Dixon and Daniel (Kristine) Johns, of Dixon; brother, Henry (Cynthia) Gerdes, of Amboy; sister, Juanita Foley of Cincinnati, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Jaedin, Jaesen, and Jessalin Johns.

A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Services will be at 1 p.m. following the visitation at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, with Pastor Mark Glenn officiating. Burial will follow



at Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center.

A memorial in Carolyn's memory can be made to the Granny Rose Animal Shelter in Dixon. Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Mary J. Lane

May 24, 1929 - Dec. 1, 2020

AMBOY — Mary J. Lane, 91, of Amboy, died on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 at her home.

She was born May 24, 1929 in East Grove Township in Lee County, the daughter of John and Frieda (Hoffman) Stewart.

Mary worked for the Amboy Rug Mill (1950-1956), Borg Warner in Dixon (1964-1972) and sold Shaklee Natural Products (1972-present). She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy.

Mary was an avid flower gardener, reader, and beautiful sewer, especially doll clothes. She also liked to embroider and French knots where her favorite. Mary also was an excellent baker and loved to make sweet rolls.

Mary married James Lane on Sept. 27, 1950 at St. Patrick Church in Amboy.

She was preceded in death

by her husband on July 9, 2017; her parents; son, David Lane; brothers, Jack Stewart, Calvin Stewart, Cecil Stewart, Warren Stewart, Chuck Stewart, Harold Stewart; and sisters, Dorothy Dyer Andreas and Iona Lee.

Mary is survived by her children, Mary "Liz" (Thomas) Peters, of Galesburg, Patricia (Leonard) Petrie, of Dixon, Janet (Randel) Bennett, of Dixon; and 11 grandchildren, Matt (Jessica) Peters, Paul (Kysra Kurzynski) Peters, Adam (Jamie) Peters, Thomas (Traci) Peters, Christopher (Laura) Petrie, Jennifer (Isaac) Bocker, Stephanie (Michael) Eliott, Michael Petrie, Chad (Brooke) Bennett, David Bennett, and Tara (Daniel) Rowe; and 21 great grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 10 - 11 a.m., at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy,



with a Mass of Christian Burial following at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020. Face coverings were required at service.

Burial followed at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. A memorial in Mary's memory can be left to St. Patrick Church in Amboy and to the Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Kenneth D. Wilson

Aug. 28, 1933 - Dec. 1, 2020

DIXON — Kenneth D. Wilson, 87, of Dixon, and formerly of Chicago, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 at Liberty Court Assisted Living in Dixon.

He was born on Aug. 28, 1933 in Franklin Grove, the son of Richard and Elsie (Shuld) Wilson. Kenneth worked as a Social Worker in Cook County for more than 50 years prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers, Jerry Lee Selover, Lester Wilson, Richard Wilson,

Bobby Wilson, and Grant Wilson.

Kenneth is survived by his sister, Jane Lovgren, of Amboy; two brothers, Jimmy Selover, of Amboy and Gene (Jeanie) Selover, of Earlville, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews that adored him.

Private family services for Kenneth were held on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020 at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with Fr. John Gow officiating. Burial followed at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy.



Donations can be made in Kenneth's memory to Unity Hospice.

Thomas R. Leach, Jr.

Sept. 29, 1969 - Dec. 2, 2020

AMBOY — Thomas R. Leach Jr., 51, of Amboy, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2020.

He was born Sept. 29, 1969 in Alexandria Va., the son of Thomas and Lynn (Hensley) Leach. Thomas was self-employed and worked as a carpenter for many years. He married Shivaun Straub on Dec. 31, 2018 in Dixon.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife,

Shivaun of Amboy; children, Jacob Leach, Hensley Leach, Garity Leach, and Emmett Leach; grandson, Benson Leach; and step children, Christopher, Straub, Aidan Straub, and Madison Straub. Thomas is also survived by his siblings, Susan (Dave) White, Amy (Steve) Montagnani, Jonathan (Gina) Leach, Justin (Ashley) Leach and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been accorded and arrangements



made by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Carol A. Abramson

May 23, 1939 - Nov. 29, 2020

PROPHETSTOWN — Carol A. Abramson, 81, of Prophetstown, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020 at Allure of Prophetstown.

A private family funeral service will be held at the Bosma-Gibson Funeral Home in Prophetstown, with Mr. Rich Criss officiating. A graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020 at the Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery in Oakbrook Terrace. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be directed to the ASPCA.

Carol was born May 23, 1939, in Chicago, to Edward Frank and Marie B. (Houser) Sedivec.

She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from North Central College in Naperville. On Feb. 9, 1963 she married Jack Abramson in Chicago. He died on June 7, 1984.

Shortly after graduating from college she became a teacher in the Downers Grove, area and taught third grade for 10 years. She became a homemaker and with her keen eye for interior design she did a first-rate job decorating her home. Carol loved and enjoyed riding horses; she also trained dogs.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer (Gene) Sleeman, of Prophetstown; one brother, Dale (Mary Lynn) Sedivec, of Concord,



N.C.; a very special friend, Mary Panosh, of Villa Park.

She was preceded in death by her parent and her husband, Jack.

To send online condolences go to www.bosmagibson.com.

Region 1 discusses COVID-19 vaccine

LEE COUNTY — Local health departments in Region 1 are encouraged by the progress being made on licensure of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Once approved by the FDA and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the vaccine will be distributed by the Illinois Department of Public Health for distribution to local health departments via the 10 Regional Hospital Coordinating Centers (RHCC) located throughout the state.

Mercy Health serves as the RHCC for Region 1. Local Health Departments will

allocate the vaccine to the hospitals to begin vaccination efforts for Phase 1.

Individuals to be vaccinated in Phase 1 include health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities who have the highest risk. Region 1 health departments will keep the community updated as vaccination efforts continue.

We urge all to be patient during this initial phase of limited vaccine supplies and continue to practice social mitigations to prevent transmission.

More obituaries appear on page A3

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New Mass Times Begin Sept. 1st

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Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

Pastor Barb Otten

960 U.S. Route 52

Phone 857-2225

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Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

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Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m.

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TEEN TURF

Teen Turf Pancake/Sausage or Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast Drive-Thru Breakfast

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to support and help us this year. Next week will be a full thank you to those that helped us.

These companies and/or individuals went above and beyond to help us: Thrivent Financial, Pete Rood, Walmart, Toni Fassing, First National Bank of Amboy, Sunset Inn Restaurant, and Amboy City Workers.

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

Thank You

Again we are blessed to receive either items or monetary donations: Laura Miller Hudson donated small toys; Sharon and

Delbert Yokum for the food; Steve and Carri Doege for the awesome monetary donation; Les and Betty Shaw for their generous monetary donation; Brad and Pam Kessel for their amazing monetary donation; William and Vicki Schauer for their incredible monetary donation; Nancy Hochstatter for her extraordinary monetary donation; Nancy and Terry Leffelman for the dodge balls, headphones, and dry erase markers.

Items in Need

During various times we need some items, now we are in need of: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, and Dawn Detergent.

Final Word

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way."

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Master Naturalist Training 2021 for Carroll-Lee-Whiteside Extension

Master Naturalists complete training with a deeper understanding of our natural world and the potential that exists with shared purpose and direction. They leave inspired, informed and connected with people, places and volunteer opportunities in their communities. University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist program supports a network of well-informed volunteers dedicated to conservation service, leadership and lifelong learning. Through expert led trainings, Master Naturalist are equipped to address environmental challenges facing the state. Make a positive impact through stewardship, citizen science and educational activities. Join us today.

Master Naturalist training will start January 2021, utilizing a "flipped classroom" style. Participants will be given a reading assignment, along with a variety of videos and podcasts to watch at their own pace before the monthly meeting for discussion and additional information. There will be field experiences as well, conducted at local conservation areas.

The University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist program broadens our horizons. It inspires people to engage in stewardship behaviors that make our home a better place to live and our communities more resilient to the changes we face.

For more information and to start your journey to becoming a Master Naturalist contact Mary Nelson; mnelsn25@illinois.edu.

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Simple nasal swabs will be used, and you will be called from 888-297-7208 with results within 4-7 days. Please answer when called. Please do not contact the Elks Lodge or the Lee County Health Department for test results.

There is no cost for the testing. Bring your insurance card, but you can still be tested even if you don't have insurance. Anyone can get tested. You don't have to have symptoms or be sick.

The Unified Command Team would like to remind our community that COVID-19 remains in our area and continues to be a real threat. Some people who have tested positive have had no symptoms or mild symptoms. Others have felt miserable or even been hospitalized. Although there are individuals considered at a higher

risk for complications due to COVID-19, some otherwise healthy people have also become very sick. The more the virus spreads & the more cases we have locally, the risk of very ill or hospitalized individuals increases.

Please, for yourself and others, follow the state and federal recommendations. It's easy to remember as the 3 W's: Wash your hands; Watch your distance; and Wear your mask.

Also, we'd like to mention the process of contact tracing. If your local health department tries to contact you, please answer or return their call. Some people may feel distrustful or afraid of the term "contact tracing." This is actually a strategy used for many years in public health to reduce the spread of infectious disease. Contact

tracing is a critical piece of our mitigation efforts against COVID-19. More information can be found at this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/contact-tracing.html>

What to do if you think you have or have been exposed to COVID-19

During the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals with symptoms SHOULD NOT GO to health care facilities such as hospitals, clinics, and urgent care centers without CALLING FIRST. Instead, they can seek care by using one of the following options:

Testing:

Anyone with COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, chills, sudden loss of taste and or smell and fever) OR who

have a risk factor, such as contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19, a compromised immune system or a serious chronic medical condition can get a test, even without a doctor's order.

Call the KSB Hotline Monday-Friday, 9-5 at 285-7777 to determine eligibility for testing.

Residents can go to the following websites for additional information:

Go to KSB, LCHD, IDPH, or CDC websites. Lee County Health Department provides regular updates on its Facebook page.

- <https://www.ksbhospital.com/coronavirus-outbreak-covid-19/>
- <http://www.lchd.com>
- Facebook: Lee County IL Health Department

SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

The Henna Artist

For more than five thousand years, henna has been used to adorn bodies." Indian-American author Alka Joshi's novel, "The Henna Artist," is about a woman's dangerous quest for independence in a world where women have few rights. The story of Lakshmi Shastri, the 30-year old henna artist, begins November, 1955 in Jaipur, the Pink City of India. Lakshmi is beautiful, ambitious, single-minded. Her business includes herbal treatments, aromatherapy for depression, and above all, highly imaginative henna tattoos for the rich ladies of Jaipur. Lakshmi's assistant is Malik, a poor, scene-stealing 9-year old Muslim boy.

At 15, Lakshmi was forced into an arranged marriage, as was the custom. She fled her village two years later to escape the brutal beatings she had to endure from her shiftless husband. Running away was incredibly courageous, but at a high cost to her parents. They had to bear the shame she brought

down upon them. As she explains, "The gossip eaters have long memories. In India, individual shame did not exist. Humiliation spread as easily as oil on wax paper to the entire family, even to distant cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. The rumor mongers made sure of that. Blame lay heavily on my chest. Had I not deserted my husband?"

We meet Lakshmi at work at the estate of Parvati Singh, a society matron who is both friend and foe: "Now as the henna on her hands were drying [henna is impermanent] and I began drawing on her feet, Parvati leaned forward until our heads were nearly touching, her breath sweet with the scent of beetle nut, her warm sigh grazed my cheek... On her soles, intended for her husband's eyes only, I was

painting a large fig, plump and sensual, split in half. I smiled as I met her eyes and pressed her shoulder back gently onto the cushions of the divan... I pulled a mirror from my satchel and held it to the arch, a sensitive part on most women, of the right foot so she could see the tiny wasp I painted next to the fig. 'Your husband surely knows that every fig requires a special wasp to fertilize the flower deep inside?'"

As the premier henna artist to the city's elite and later even to the Maharani of Jaipur, the pinnacle of her career, Lakshmi's reputation was everything. So when the husband turns up after years of silence with Lakshmi's 13-year old sister Radha in tow, Lakshmi's life veers sideways. How she almost achieved her goal - to build her own house - and then fell from grace is a bracing story of injustice. How Joshi's intricately luxuriant descriptions bursting with India's inimitable colors lend voluptuousness to a moral tale is the great pleasure of "The Henna Artist."

Included is a Cast of Characters, Glossary of Terms, The Story of Henna, the Indian Caste System, Radha's Recipe for Henna Paste, and several Indian recipes.

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Keep an eye on the Amboy Christmas Walk Facebook page each Friday for a special appearance from the man in red himself, Santa. Be on the lookout for special pop up giveaways happening on Facebook over the next few weeks, as they have got lots in store.

Other events planned in December include:

• Pankhurst Memorial Library will have a Curbside Pick-Up Craft, along with their Tales for Tots & Kids bags available.

• Lee County Ag in the Classroom will be hosting a Story Walk Nov. 30-Dec. 19, where you can view the pages of the book, "A Wish To Be A Christmas Tree," in the downtown windows. Pick-up craft at Pankhurst Memorial Library. Follow Ag in the Classroom

and Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk on Facebook, tagging for a chance to win the book in hardcover.

• The Amboy Fire Protection District will be hosting an Amboy Hometown Christmas Spirit Parade on Dec. 12. No gatherings needed, as Santa and his helpers will be making their way through a routed parade in our Amboy neighborhoods! Churches, businesses, or organizations are welcome to join! Follow the Amboy Fire Protection District and the Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk on Facebook.

• Extra giveaways will be happening during the month of December.

Christmas in the Grove

Dec. 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Santa will be in his hut and will safely visit with children from 6 - 7 p.m. by the H.I. Lincoln Building.

Cargill Wagon Rides will give rides throughout downtown from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The village house decorating contest will be voted on by the public, ballots must be turned in by 8 p.m.

Are you looking for a unique, handmade gift for someone special this year?
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We will reopen at 8 a.m., on Monday, Dec. 28th
The deadline for all advertising, editorial submissions and photos for the Wednesday, Dec. 23rd edition is 9 a.m., on Friday, Dec. 18th.

We will also be Closed at noon on Thursday, Dec. 31st and all day on Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.

We will reopen at 8 a.m., on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

The deadline for all advertising, editorial submissions and photos for the Wednesday, Dec. 30th edition is 9 a.m., on Thursday, Dec. 24th.



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Opinion

Politicians should be not be evaluated by measuring tape

We live in a society where it is unacceptable to ridicule a candidate's race or religion, but increasingly a politician's size is fair game.

As politics has become increasingly mean spirited, fat "jokes" have become more commonplace.

Politicians such as former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Gov. JB Pritzker and, yes, Donald Trump, are subjected to mockery because of their weight.

Regular readers of this column know that I'm no fan of Trump. But I find no humor in these remarks. And, yes, I realize that Trump has done much to coarsen public discourse during the last five years. Still, criticize his ideas, his positions on issues but not his belt size.

Much the same can be said of the cutting remarks I've heard about Pritzker.

Commentary on an Illinois conservative website alternately refers to him as "Jelly Bean," "Jelly Belly" and "Jelly Biscuit."

Hey, I get it. You don't like his stand on taxes or the pan-

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



dem. But what does his weight have to do with those issues? Nothing.

Unsuccessful legislative candidate Peter Breen suggested to me several months ago, that the reason Gov. Pritzker wasn't venturing out of Chicago more was because of his "co-morbidity."

After a long pause, I said, "Are you saying he's too fat?" His response: yes.

Sorry, Peter. I'm not a fan of some of the governor's positions either. That said, he has been an engaged governor who works hard. He's actively working and available - more than most of his recent predecessors. I've seen no indication that he is anyway impaired in getting his job done.

So, talk about his fiscal policies, not his physical size.

Back when I supervised statehouse reporters in various states, I had a reporter in Trenton, N.J. who routinely referred to Christie as "Gov. Krispy Kreme" during our daily staff meetings. I bit my tongue on a near daily basis

wanting to say, "Do you realize how stupid and petty that makes you sound?"

In hindsight, I should have spoken up.

After more than 30 years of covering politicians, I can say usually those who joke about obesity are folks who have never struggled with it themselves.

I know the struggle. At one point, I weighed 100 pounds more than I do today. Although I'm now at a healthy weight I'm humble enough to realize the recidivism rate on weight loss is frighteningly high.

Over the past 33 years, my weight has yo-yoed more than a Duncan Butterfly. It's a daily struggle.

Obesity isn't a personal failing, it's a disease.

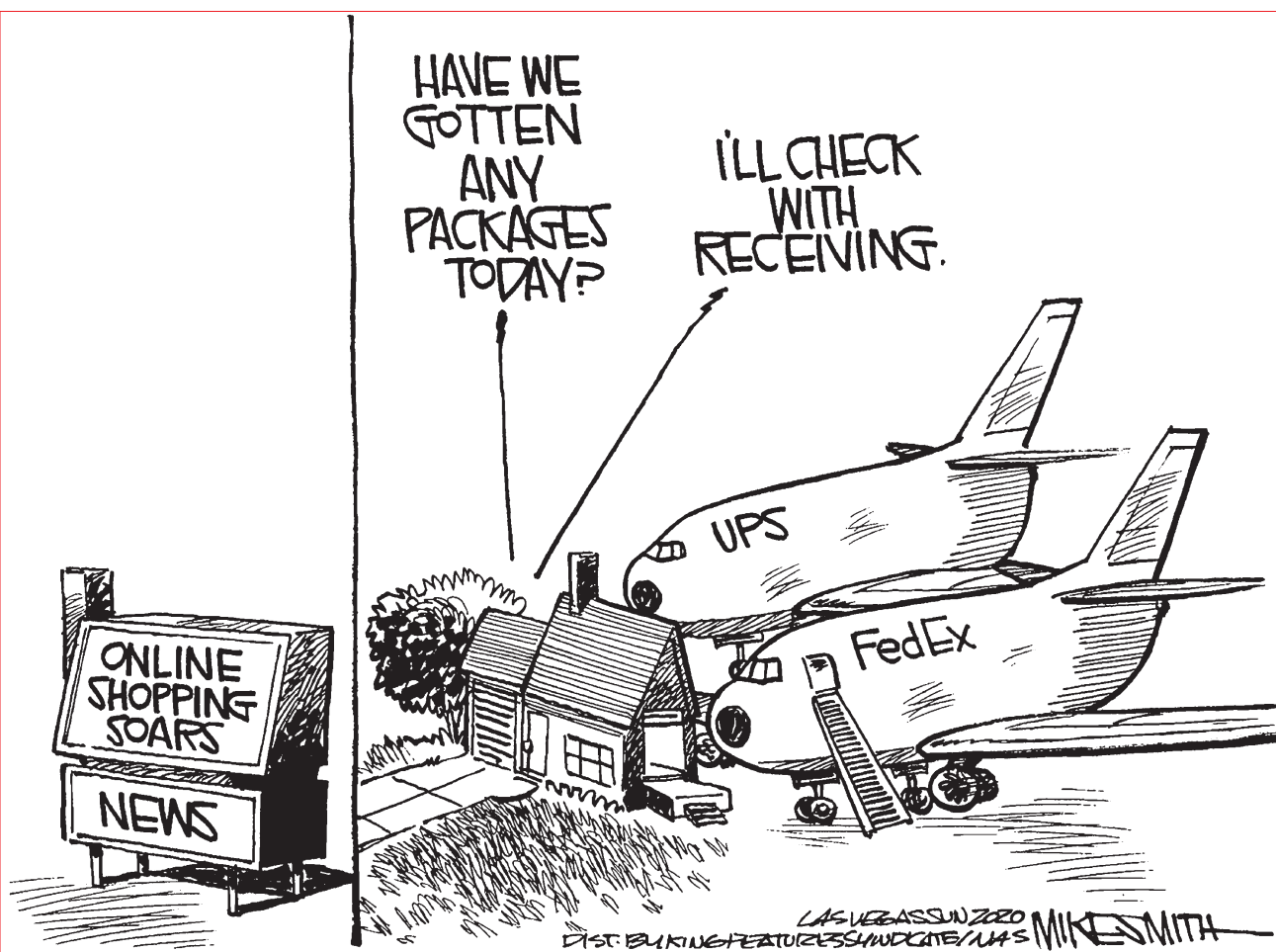
Early in my career, I had a supervisor who continually ridiculed my weight and inferred that I and several other overweight reporters had no business in "his" newsroom.

He was not a nice person. But he was the boss and I just had to sit there and take it.

It always seemed to me that what I wrote, how I reported or how I otherwise conducted myself as an employee was fair game for him to judge. But what business was it of his - or anyone else's - what my suit size was?

Well, we're these politicians' bosses. Let's evaluate them the way we would like to be judged. Let's look at their performance, policies and positions and leave the measuring tape at home.

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. He can be reached by email at ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Dec. 10, 1920

A.J. Barlow, Dick Lenihan and John Kennedy who exhibited at the Freeport Poultry Show recently came home with a nice bunch of premiums. Amboy will have no poultry show this year.

Rev. Vinton Lee, pastor of the First Congregational Church in Amboy, has received a call from an important church in Dubuque, Iowa, and has tendered his resignation to the trustees of the Amboy church.

The Farmers' State Bank of Sublette was organized in that village Tuesday. Officers are Otto Malach, president; William Brucker, vice president; and Lester Geiger, cashier. The new bank will take over the business of the Sublette Exchange Bank.

75 Years Ago Dec. 6, 1945

Mrs. Myrtle Bates has opened her new Eat Shop on Jones Avenue, former-

ly occupied by Blake's Shoe Repairs Shop. Mrs. Bess Dayhoff is assisting Mrs. Bates.

Amboy-Jones Post Veterans of Foreign Wars was formally instituted and Commander John C. Lenihan and his staff of officers were installed in impressive ceremonies at the I.O.O.F. hall Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ross Jr., are now making their home in Aurora, where they are employed in the newly remodeled A. & P. Super Mart.

50 Years Ago Dec. 10, 1970

Senior Citizen Housing has been proposed for Sublette, Lee Wright of Oregon, representing the Federal Farmers home Administration, Thursday evening outlined the procedure for securing such housing under a non-profit plan.

Members of the Amboy Community Theatre held their annual family Christmas dinner and gift exchange last Sunday evening in the Farm Bureau building.

Atomic science's peaceful applications will be explained in a demonstration lecture here at Amboy Junior High on Friday, Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Roemmich were honored Thursday evening at the meeting of the Sublette Businessmen's Association. Don Dinges presented a floor lamp to them for a going-away gift as the Roemmichs recently moved to Princeton.

25 Years Ago Dec. 14, 1995

Amboy artist Mike Davis recently donated a pen and ink drawing of Amboy's Main Street to benefit Pankhurst Memorial Library. The original drawing was used to create notecards which can be purchased at Amboy City Hall or the Pankhurst Memorial Library.

The confirmation class of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette, recently raised funds to attend the musical Joseph in Chicago.



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Clipper Highlights: #52 Hunter Varga

Happy Friday Clippers. It's week 24 for our Clipper Highlight. This week's highlight not only excelled as a Clipper but also in his fourth, Division I, seasons. I'm honored to announce our week 24 Clipper Highlight, #52, Hunter Varga.

Hunter was a 2015 graduate of Amboy High School and three year member of the Varsity Clippers.

Hunter's sophomore season he dressed for every Varsity contest and started at Long Snapper. One of the most successful Clipper teams of recent memory, Hunter spoke of the memories of that season.

Hunter shared, "We were all so close, we worked so hard in the off season with speed camp and getting in the weight room. Us sophomores earned the respect of the upper classmen and played to their level because disappointing them was never an option."

Alike all great Amboy Clipper teams, three classes came together, shared a great bond, and had one common goal; Clipper success.

Hunter spoke of the feeling he still has from that home, quarterfinal game against Mercer County, "I'll never forget walking out on The Harbor that Saturday afternoon. The crowd and atmosphere were something I've never seen before that day, an unforgettable memory."

Former Clipper Quarterback and friend, Tyson Powers, shared the following, "I had the honor of playing with Hunter for two years during high school. Hunter was not only a great lineman for his teams but was a great leader. As every center would, he took command of his offensive line and demanded them to be the best unit on the field. One play during Hunter's sophomore year stands out. Throughout his sophomore year Hunter was brought up to Varsity to long snap during the season.

In a Week 9 matchup with Sterling Newman (playing for the conference championship), Hunter recovered a muffed punt that lead to our only score. Hunter knew his role in that moment, get a perfect snap off and cover the punt and put pressure on the returner. He executed both to perfection. Hunter's leadership, dedication, and work ethic led him to a great four year Clipper career."

Hunter's Junior season ended without a playoff birth but the Clipper Way lived in every member of the 2013 Clippers. Hard work, commitment to one another and their community, and an understanding of the tradition that came with putting on the Clipper Red were all qualities of that Clipper team. Hunter and his classmates used the 2013 season as fuel for their senior season and it was Hunter who posed the question to his fellow teammates; How do you want to make your mark?

The 2014 Clippers posted a 5-4 Big Rivers Conference record and met the eventual State Champions, EPC Wildcats, in the first round of the playoffs. Hunter ended the season earning 2nd Team All Conference honors at Center and Honorable Mention honors at Defensive Tackle.

If I didn't know Hunter, his friends' testament to his character is all I would need to know his quality.

Former Clipper Running Back and friend, Chris Jones, shared, "Hunter was a natural born leader. He was our center all through our playing days and was someone our team rallied around. His hard work and dedication to Amboy football helped all of us stay focused on doing our best even in the worst of it all. His hard work is even more noticeable when he went on and had a successful career at Western Illinois. Overall he was a great clipper full of pride and is someone we are proud of having grown up with."

Former Clipper and friend

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



Ryan Leffelman shared, "Hunter was basically the anchor on our offensive and defensive line from 5th grade all the way to senior year. He was the center so he was always the guy you looked for after the play. He was all you could ask for in a teammate. He worked hard and played really consistent ball. You could always count on him to make a play when he needed to. Obviously, he was a good ball player on both offense and defense, but he really shined on special teams. Having one of the top high school snappers in the country on your team is a good feeling. Whether punting or PATs it was nice to know the snap was going to be a dime. It was awesome to watch a small town guy play at the division I level for 4 years. He was pretty much perfect throughout his special teams career. Hunter was a phenomenal teammate and an even better person."

Hunter continued his gridiron journey at the Division I level for the Western Illinois Leathernecks, an accomplishment only a handful of Clippers have achieved. Starting at Long Snapper for four years, Hunter set the school record for most consecutive starts (41).

Hunter is also proud that he recorded 11 solo tackles in his position when it is rare for a Long Snapper to record a tackle. Hunter was voted onto the WIU leadership



#52 Hunter Varga

council by his teammates which speaks directly to how Hunter's character and leadership inspire those around him.

For most of us, the anguish that comes with the end of our Clipper careers is what we feared more than anything as 17/18 year old young men. From 12 years old to 18 we had the opportunity to carry on the tradition, to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, and to feel like heroes in a community that always had our back. Hunter has experienced a lot of football games, a lot of atmospheres, big crowds and stadiums, but Hunter said it best, "there is nothing like Friday nights in Amboy."

Amboy football is more than a meaning to Hunter, it's a feeling. From fourth grade through his Senior season, every decision and every action was in preparation for Clipper Football. Hunter's

role as a Clipper has changed but the feeling and emotion is still very alive. The benefit for all past, present, and future Clippers is that we get to hear Hunter's love and pride for Amboy Football when those Friday night lights turn on as Hunter will be entering his second season as one of the voices of Clipper Football on 101.7 RiverCountry.

So, to #52, Hunter Varga, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. We all are proud of your continued service to "Clipperball" from the crows nest. You have already done so many big things as a young man but because of your great character, work ethic, and

leadership the opportunities and accomplishments will only become bigger and bigger. Sail on!

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

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IHSA gives update about winter sports

BLOOMINGTON—Illinois High School Association Executive Director Craig Anderson released the following statement on the IHSA Board of Directors Dec. 2 Discussion Update:

“The IHSA Board of Directors met virtually this morning for an update session, where they discussed several topics, including the timeline of winter sports.

“Given Governor Pritzker’s current mitigations, the Board has no expectation of starting low risk winter sports prior to January. The Board and IHSA staff will continue to monitor the Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigation in effect currently. When there is a timeline for the state to emerge from these restrictions, the Board is prepared to restart lower risk winter sports quickly. In addition,

the Board hopes to reestablish contact days in January for any winter sports that cannot begin, as well as spring and summer sports. The introduction of the contact days will be based on mitigations from the Governor and the Illinois Department of Public Health at that time. Further guidance on contact days limits will be established at a future Board meeting.

“Given its status as a low risk sport, the Board also discussed the possibility of moving the girls’ badminton season from the spring to the winter. Schools should begin preparing for this possibility as action on this could be decided at the Dec. 14, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.

“The Board reiterated that they remain committed to creating as much opportunity as possible for all sports that remain to be played

this school year. They intend to evaluate the equity of each season as a potential resumption date in January begins to materialize. The Board appreciates the flexibility displayed by our schools throughout the pandemic, and although they recognize the challenges each modification creates, they continue to ask that schools be adaptable in the New Year. The Board continues to evaluate season start and ending dates depending on when the winter season resumes.

“The Board is scheduled to meet again on Dec. 14 at their regularly scheduled December board meeting. The Board will be discussing sports/activities state series, possible adjustments to IHSA By-law 3.022 and 4.022 for semester academic eligibility and the latest information regarding Tier 3 Resurgence

Mitigation limits.

“The Board and staff have received questions from schools regarding the interpretation of the Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations and the application in use of the weight room and open gyms before and after school. The Board believes that local schools and their districts may interpret the application of this and whether or not their facilities are made available to community members in their district according to the guidance for public health and fitness centers.

“To reiterate, the Board has no expectation to begin any winter sports seasons until 2021, but will remain agile in their preparation and willingness to adapt should a window present itself sooner.”

White extends closure of driver services facilities until Jan. 4, 2021

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is announcing that Driver Services facilities statewide will remain closed for in-person transactions until Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. White is reminding the public that expirations for driver’s licenses and ID cards have been extended until June 1, 2021.

White also has expanded online services for the public, which they can take advantage of by visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com. Some of these services include:

- Renewing a license plate sticker;
- Renewing a valid driver’s license for qualifying drivers;
- Renewing a valid ID card for those age 22-64 (seniors 65 and older have free, non-expiring IDs);
- Obtaining a driver record abstract;
- Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports; and
- Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may contact adminhearings@ilsos.gov.

Select Facilities Open to Serve New Drivers ONLY

In addition, White announced that the following facilities will be open for new drivers ONLY:

Bradley, 1111 Blatt St.; Charleston, 1010 E. St.; Chicago North, 5401 N. Elston Ave.; Chicago South, 9901 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.; Danville/Tilton, #5 Southgate; DeKalb, 1360 Oakwood St.; Marion, 1905 Rendleman St.; Mascoutah, 9221 Beller Dr.; Moline/Silvis, 2001 Fifth St., Ste. #10; Olney, 1302 S. West St.; Peoria, 3311 N. Sterling Ave., #12; Princeton, 225 Backbone Rd. East; Quincy, 2512 Locust St.; Rantoul, 421 S. Murray Rd.; Rockford, 4734 Baxter Rd.; Salem, 1375 W. Whittaker St.; and Springfield, 2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy.

Chicago North and Chicago South facilities will be open for new drivers only Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The other facilities listed above will operate under normal hours.

Select Facilities Open to Serve CDL Applicants ONLY

White also reiterated that 18 CDL facilities remain open for CDL written and road exams. These CDL facilities include:

Bradley, 1111 Blatt St.; Charleston, 1010 E. St.; Danville/Tilton, #5 Southgate; DeKalb, 1360 Oakwood St.; Elk Grove Village, 650 Roppolo Dr.; Marion, 1905 Rendleman St.; Mascoutah, 9221 Beller Dr.;

Moline/Silvis, 2001 Fifth St., Ste. #10; Olney, 1302 S. West St.; Peoria, 3311 N. Sterling Ave., #12; Princeton, 225 Backbone Rd. East; Quincy, 2512 Locust St.; Rantoul, 421 S. Murray Rd.; Rockford, 4734 Baxter Rd.; Salem, 1375 W. Whittaker St.; South Holland, 41 W. 162nd St.; Springfield, 2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy.; and West Chicago, 1280 Powis Rd.

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Hunters harvested 47,147 deer during opening weekend of Illinois firearm season

SPRINGFIELD—Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 47,147 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois Firearm Deer Season Nov. 20-22 compared with 50,173 deer taken during the first firearm weekend in 2019.

Illinois’ seven-day Firearm Deer Season concluded Dec. 3-6.

Deer harvest totals from area counties are: Bureau – 635; DeKalb – 77; LaSalle – 465; Lee – 334; Ogle – 437; Putnam – 207; Whiteside – 420.

Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-Only

Deer Season, Dec. 11-13;

- Late-Winter Antlerless-Only Dec. 31, 2020 – Jan. 3, 2021 and Jan. 15-17, 2021;

- CWD Deer Season (in select counties only), Dec. 31, 2020 – Jan. 3, 2021 and Jan. 15-17, 2021; and

- Archery Deer Season

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House civil judiciary committee opens inquiry into LaSalle Veterans' Home deaths

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SPRINGFIELD — A coronavirus outbreak at the veterans home in LaSalle that has killed a quarter of the residents over the span of a few weeks has prompted the chairman of a state House committee to open an investigation into the deaths.

"I don't know what it is or who's responsible but something is wrong," said Rep. André Thapedi, chairman of the House Judiciary-Civil Committee in a phone interview. "And that's why I consider this to be a legal matter. What occurred — when you have 32 of our heroes dying in our care — that's clearly a legal matter. So, I want to use all of my skills and all other resources that I have as a legislator to try to get to the bottom of what happened."

Thapedi, D-Chicago, said the committee is "taking steps to conduct a fact-based investigation and hearings" before the new Illinois General Assembly is sworn in on Jan. 13, according to Thapedi's Dec. 1 letter addressed to Gov. JB Pritzker, Attorney General Kwame Raoul, House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, and House Minority Leader Jim Durkin,

R-Western Springs.

On Dec. 2, Thapedi submitted a written request for a broad range of documents pertaining to the outbreak from Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Administrator Angela Mehlbrech, who was the administrator of the LaSalle facility. On Monday, the state issued a news release noting Mehlbrech had been "terminated," with Assistant IDVA Director Anthony Vaughn to serve as interim administrator of LaSalle Home.

The written request asks for vendor information for the hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment used, as well as the specific rules and protocols related to COVID-19 in effect at the facility, among other demands for information and documents.

Thapedi's letter asked Mehlbrech to provide the documents by Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Since the outbreak began on Nov. 1, the LaSalle home has reported that 32 residents have died of COVID-19 related illnesses, according to the latest update from the IDVA on Dec. 5. As of midnight on Oct. 31, there were 128 residents at the home, according to an IDVA spokesperson.

Two separate on-site vis-

its conducted at the LaSalle home — the first by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on Nov. 12, and the other by the Illinois Department of Public Health on Nov. 17 — made several recommendations, including replacing the less effective alcohol-free hand sanitizer with an alcohol-based sanitizer.

The U.S. VA report provides examples of staff violating personal protective equipment guidelines, including an instance where three staff members in the facility's kitchen were seen with masks around their chins, eating, and all within less than 6 feet from each other.

That report also states that staff who eventually tested positive had attended a Halloween party.

When IDVA Director Linda Chapa LaVia was asked about staff attending a Halloween party during a Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing last month, she said that statement could not be substantiated and the information was based on "word of mouth."

The report from IDPH states that transmission among some staff "may have occurred due to reported laxity of masking and social distancing while off duty and also during break periods

while on duty." As a result, "Increased monitoring has been initiated."

Thapedi said once his committee receives the first batch of documents, the members will decide whether to make additional requests to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to the Department of Public Health.

"Depending upon what documents and what information comes out of that first round, there may be some other entities or people or organizations that have relevant information that we can obtain, all with the goal of finding out what happened. So, it's a process," Thapedi said.

The investigation by the House committee is separate from an independent investigation by the acting inspector general from the Illinois Department of Human Services, which Chapa LaVia announced last week.

Thapedi said the civil judiciary committee's investigation is also not in coordination with Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego, chairwoman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, who has called for an in-person committee meeting in Chicago currently set for Dec. 15.

Unlike the Senate, the House failed to pass a mea-

sure during its brief session in May that would have allowed for virtual committee hearings.

In Kifowit's Dec. 4 letter calling for the meeting, she wrote that she has no choice but to request an in-person subject matter hearing during a global pandemic, given the House's failure to pass virtual hearings, as well as "the extreme concern and mourning of the death of 30 veterans in the LaSalle Veterans Home by myself and members of the committee."

On Monday, Kifowit wrote via text message to Capitol News Illinois that the Veterans' Affairs Commit-

tee's hearing next week will focus on the steps needed to protect residents at LaSalle. She said her committee's inquiry will examine "the failings outlined in the (U.S. VA) report, look at best practices from other facilities and veterans homes, and work on a path through legislation to make sure situations like this never happen again."

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Applications are due to the Lee County Farm Bureau office by no later than Feb. 1, 2021.

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Seven Facilities Offering Drive-thru Services for License Plate Stickers

Lastly, White again reminded the public that seven facilities will continue offering drive-thru services for license plate sticker transactions ONLY. These facilities were selected due to the configuration of the buildings that allowed for drive-through transactions.

The seven drive-through facilities are: Chicago North, 5401 N. Elston Ave.; Chicago South, 9901 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.; Chicago West, 5301 W. Lexington St.; Danville/Tilton, #5 Southgate; Macomb, 466 Deer Rd.; Rockford-Central, 3720 E. State St.; and Springfield, Dirksen 2701 S. Dirksen Parkway.

Expanded Online Renewals for Driver's Licenses and ID Cards

In an effort to reduce future facility visits for in-person service, White has expanded online renewals for driver's

licenses and ID cards.

Not everyone qualifies, particularly those who are required to pass a written or road test. For qualifying drivers, if the driver's license or ID card expired between Feb. 1, 2020, through Jan. 31, 2021, then the individual will receive a letter this month with a unique PIN needed to renew online. If the driver's license or ID card expires after Feb. 1, 2021, the individual will receive the PIN letter approximately 90 days before the expiration date. For more information on determining whether an individual qualifies for online renewal, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and click on "Read more on how to renew your driver's license or ID card online" near the top of the main page.

Thousands of customers have already taken advantage of the expanded driver's license and ID card online renewal program, which results in fewer customers

waiting in person at Driver Services facilities once they reopen.

"As the health and safety of employees and the public are paramount, we decided to extend the closure of Driver Services facilities until Jan. 4, 2021, due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic," said White. "Unfortunately, face-to-face transactions potentially increase the further spread of the virus, and protecting the health and safety of our residents is my top priority. We have extended expiration dates to assist people during this difficult time. We are also offering services to CDL holders and new drivers at select facilities. In addition, I am encouraging customers to consider using online services that are available for many office transactions."

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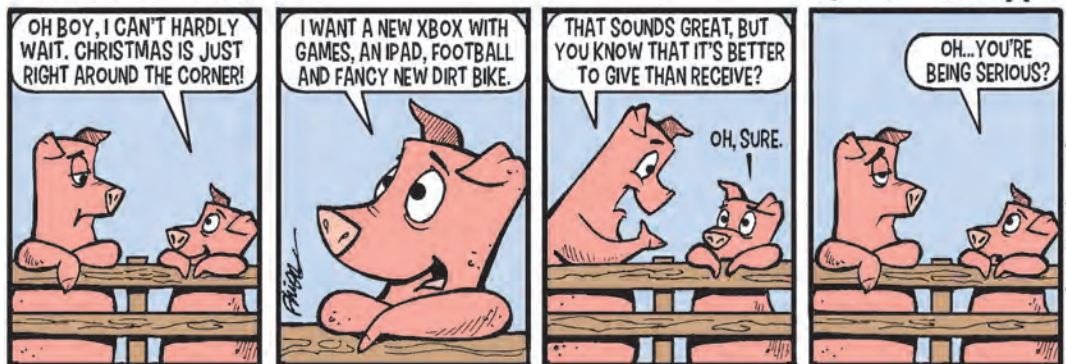
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LOCAL NEWS

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



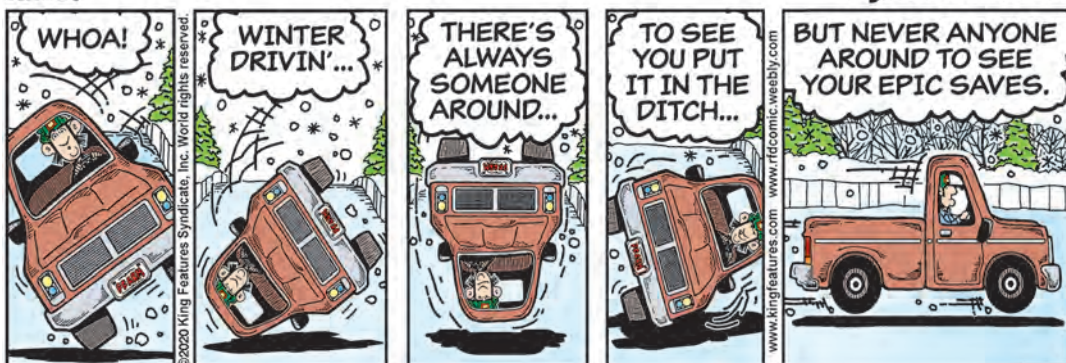
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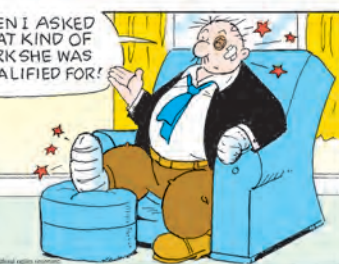
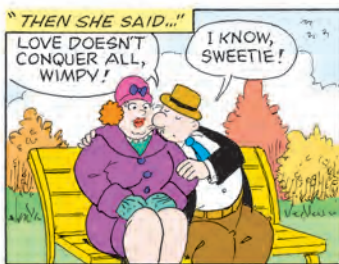
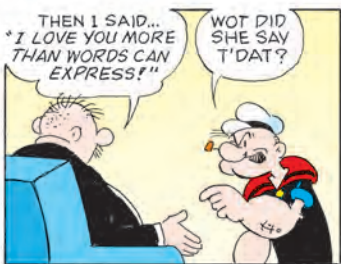
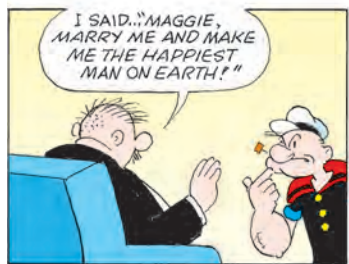
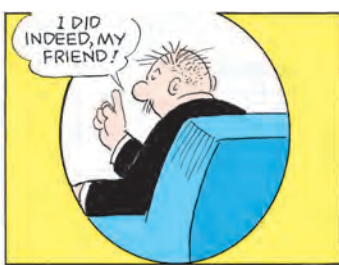
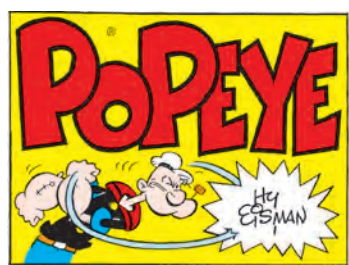
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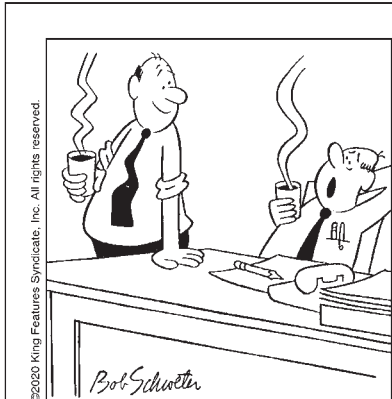


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

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

Entice
PARENT

Fable
GLEEND

Entering
DARWIN

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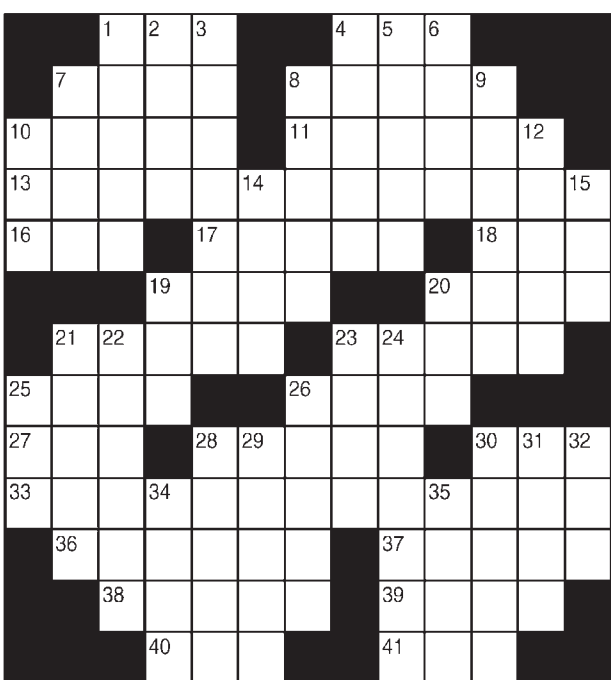
TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

Posting Date December 7, 2020

ACROSS

- 1 Vagrant
- 4 Poke
- 7 Femur or fibula
- 8 Elaine's last name on "Seinfeld"
- 10 Cook by direct heat
- 11 Silvery
- 13 Smooth-coated pooch
- 16 1/20 ton (Abbr.)
- 17 Humdinger
- 18 Moving truck
- 19 Narnia's Aslan, e.g.
- 20 Antitoxins
- 21 Munchie
- 23 Enthusiasts' emotions
- 25 Roe provider
- 26 Group of quail
- 27 Debtor's letters
- 28 Muslim maiden
- 30 Thee
- 33 High-backed chairs
- 36 Earthling, in sci-fi
- 37 Flavor
- 38 Go over the books



- 39 Spud's buds
- 40 Always, in verse
- 41 Two, in Tijuana
- 8 Conductor's wand
- 9 Whine
- 10 English channel?
- 12 Signs of sorrow
- 14 Kindle competitor
- 15 Genetic stuff
- 19 Young fellow
- 20 Put into words
- 21 Try for a two-pointer
- 22 Queasiness
- 23 Nil
- 24 Ousted
- 25 Bro or sis
- 26 Beyond well-done
- 28 Throng
- 29 Where the elated walk
- 30 Affirmatives
- 31 Uneaten morsels
- 32 Work with
- 34 Verifiable
- 35 Boxer's successful blow

DOWN

- 1 Give a leg up
- 2 One
- 3 Tuneful
- 4 Spanish wine town
- 5 Mad
- 6 Tavern offering
- 7 Forehead

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

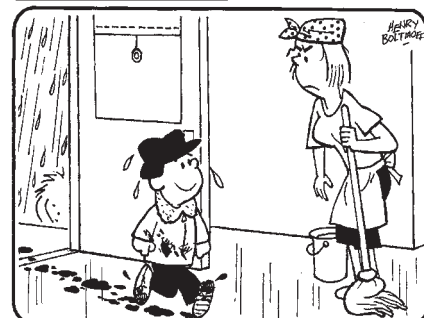
by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: What was the theme song for the 1997 movie "Titanic"?
- 2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is an espadrille?
- 3. FIRSTS: Which company was the first to use an assembly line to manufacture its products?
- 4. TELEVISION: What was Marge's maiden name on the animated comedy "The Simpsons"?
- 5. FOOD & DRINK: What are the main ingredients in a modern mince pie?
- 6. U.S. STATES: This city has two prominent nicknames, and one of them is The Crescent City. What is the city and state?
- 7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby puffin called?
- 8. ADVERTISING MASCOTS: What product did Mr. Whipple represent for more than 20 years?
- 9. GEOGRAPHY: What is an old name for north China?
- 10. MATH: What Arabic number is the equivalent of the Roman numerals MCMLX?

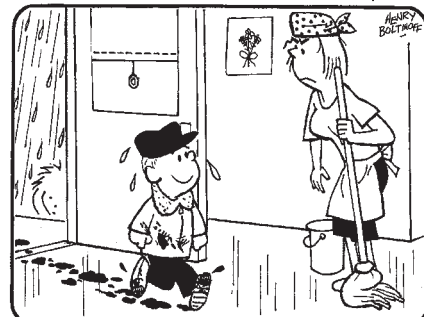
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTING



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bandanna is backward. 2. Picture has been added. 3. Shade is lower. 4. Bucket has no water. 5. Boy's hat is different. 6. Bloom handle is taller.

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: A equals E

ZR CLNALWA TUK U IZKA MUBZAXO
LR NLBUY GBZWQZGYAC, ILJYK
OLJ QUYY ZX AXTZQ KZMABCBZXO?

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RETIRING

Today's Word

3. Inward; 4. Hinder

1. Entrap 2. Legend;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

Answer

Answer

Answer

Answer

Answer

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Bureau County, Illinois

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LOCAL NEWS



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Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Kish Adult Education classes open

MALTA — Kishwaukee College will offer a variety of free classes for English Language Learners and those seeking their High School Equivalency/GED (in English or Spanish) this spring. ESL classes are available for beginning, intermediate and advanced English learners. Classes emphasize speaking, listening, reading, and writing in English. Citizenship classes will start in April. This course

will cover an overview of the information relevant to the U.S. Citizenship test and citizenship process including American history and government. High School Equivalency classes prepare students to take the GED. Subject areas covered in class include reading, writing, social studies, science, math and the U.S. Constitution. These classes emphasize practical applications of the subjects and

the total development of the learner. Enrollment for all these classes is happening now through January 20, 2021. For more information, including the registration process and class times and locations, visit www.kish.edu/adulteducation. To reserve your spot for registration, contact Mari Vesey, administrative assistant for adult education, at mvesey@kish.edu or 815-825-9420. Registration sizes are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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Books By the Bushel grant applications available

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to help increase agricultural awareness among children. The books are geared for children on a variety of ag topics which include: The Hundred Year Barn, Farmer George Plants a Nation, Pick a Pumpkin, and more! Applications to apply for "Books by the Bushel" are available one the

Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation website, www.lcfbfoundation.org. Applications are open to all organizations in Lee County. For questions or more information, contact the Lee County Farm Bureau, 815-857-3531 or leecfb@comcast.net. Completed applications are due by Feb. 1, 2021.



WELCOME SIGN DECORATED

Amboy Lions Roger Wittenauer and Jim Travi got into the Christmas spirit by hanging the holiday wreaths at the two Amboy welcome signs.

Photo submitted

Granny Rose - Theodore

Theodore is just 1 year old and is a kitten in a bigger body. His tabby coat is brown with gray and black. He arrived here needing surgery for a large hernia. Theodore is now healed, vaccinated and neutered and can't wait to meet you. He is super friendly with people and loves to be petted. Theodore is a sociable cat that would love to share your home. To see Theodore, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

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