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HONORING OUR VETERANS

The Amboy American Legion held its Veterans Day program at Veterans Park on Saturday. It was a warm, sunny day for the event. Pictured above, Commander Jack Mead dedicated the two new murals featured on the wall behind the park. The new murals are the work of local artist Loreen Mead, and are on the left and right side of Loreen's original mural of a lone soldier by a grave with the quote, "In war, there are no unwounded soldiers," which debuted about two years ago. The mural on the left depicts the Dustoff Medevac Helicopter from Vietnam. The mural on the right depicts a scene from D-Day at Normandy during World War II on June 6, 1944. Pictured right, Mike Hickey prepares the American flags for their retirement.

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Lee County COVID-19 Update: Nov. 9, 2020

LEE COUNTY—The Lee County Health Department has reported that there have been two more county residents who have died; a person in his or her 60s and a person in his or her 80s. They also reported as of Nov. 9th, 12 residents have been hospitalized.

Between Nov. 3-9, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 230 cases have been reported, including the 15 from the Dixon Correctional Center, and 13 which were previously mentioned from the outbreak at Dixon Healthcare. Here are the ages that were announced: 1 under the age of 5, 5 under the age of 12, 10 in his or her teens, 21 in his or her 20s, 19 in his or her 30s, 22 in his or her 40s, 20 in his or her 50s, 10 in his or her 60s, 3 in his or her 70s, and 2 in his or her 80s. Due the volume of cases reported from Sunday and Monday, a total of 102, ages were not available at press time.

This brings the total number of cases to 1,165 as of Nov. 9. Of the 1,165 cases, 701 have recovered.

Mobile Testing

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With graduated tax failure, 'there will be cuts, and they will be painful,' governor says

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SPRINGFIELD—Backers of a graduated income tax constitutional amendment conceded defeat Wednesday for Gov. JB Pritzker's marquee policy proposal which was projected to bring in more than \$3 billion annually to state coffers.

With 98 percent of precincts reporting, voters had rejected the amendment by a 55 percent to 45 percent margin. The Associated Press called the race for the "No" camp, as a large number of outstanding mail ballots were almost certainly not enough to make up for the deficit of approximately 500,000 votes.

In his daily COVID-19 briefing in Chicago Wednesday, an agitated Pritzker lashed out against the Republican Party, warned of cuts to public safety and human services and said several other options were on the table for addressing state budget deficits that

The Lee County Health Department announced the State of Illinois is hosting a community drive-through test site on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the Paw Paw Community Building, 362 Chicago Road, Paw Paw.

Simple nasal swabs will be used, and you will be called with results within 4-7 days. 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.

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have been ongoing for decades.

"Illinois' fiscal problems haven't gone away. We now sit at a crossroads," Pritzker said. "Our state finances still require fundamental structural change. In the coming days I'll be talking with the leaders in the General Assembly about our path forward. But here's what we know for sure: I promised to be a governor who balances the budget and pays the bills that my predecessor left behind. I promised to make sure that our kids get a good education, that we invest in job creation and that we build a better future for Illinois. There will be cuts, and they will be painful."

The failure of the amendment marks the end of a fight led by Pritzker which began legislatively in April 2019 and even before that politically when Pritzker was running for governor in 2017 and 2018.

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State releases contact tracing data as one-day COVID-19 caseload tops 10,000

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SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker's administration unveiled a new central location for COVID-19 contact tracing data on the Illinois Department of Public Health's website Friday.

While the data contain outbreak and exposure information, the location of an outbreak is more difficult to identify than the location of an exposure, according to the governor's office. New data will be released every Friday.

In Friday's release from the governor's office, an outbreak is defined as five or more cases that are linked to a specific setting during a 14-day period. Those cases must be from different households with no known links to other potential sources.

"While certain settings like a college campus, a factory, or group home make it easier to determine an outbreak, most establishments that are frequented by the public, like restaurants or grocery stores, are harder to determine as the setting of an outbreak," according to the governor's office.

Exposure data, however, shows where individuals have visited in the 14 days prior to a diagnosis. The locations are places where exposure may have – not definitely have – occurred.

Per the data, "other" was the most frequent category, as it was a term encompassing such exposures as hair salons, funeral homes and warehouses. That category was cited by 11.6 percent of those contacted, or 4,179 people.

Directly behind that was restaurants and bars with 3,877, school with 3,794, workplace other than an office at 3,693, a hospital or clinic at 3,106, business or retail at 3,080, an office setting at 2,049, and private homes at 1,301. Grocery stores accounted for 1,243 exposures and colleges 1,085.

Individual cases can show up in multiple categories if a person has visited multiple locations.

"The day before a person tested positive for example, she might go to work, and then stop at a grocery store, and then stop and get drinks with friends at a bar. That's three exposure locations and that's just one day," Pritzker said. "Why is this important? Because exposure data is going to give you a sense of where you're at the greatest risk for catching COVID-19, and particularly when we see community transmission as high as it is around the state, the risk is going to scale up across the board."

Pritzker said at his daily briefing in Chicago that 57 of the 97 local health departments in the state are reaching out to at least 90 percent of individuals who test positive as of late October, and 86 of 97 are reaching out to at least 75 percent of positive cases.



Lee County votes Red

LEE COUNTY — Lee County voters selected red down the ticket on Tuesday in the General Election.

These results listed are unofficial and official winners will be declared during certification.

According to the Lee County Clerk election website, a total of 16,457 ballots were cast in the General Election, out of 22,291 voters.

For the office of President, Lee County voters selected Donald Trump to continue to represent them. President Donald Trump easily defeated former Vice-President Joe Biden, 58.61 percent to 38.95 percent. On Saturday, Biden captured the presidency when The Associated Press declared him the victor in his native Pennsylvania at 11:25 a.m. EST. That got him the state's 20 electoral votes, which pushed him over the 270 electoral-vote threshold needed to prevail.

Lee County voted for Republican Mark C. Curran, Jr. over incumbent Richard J. Durbin, 56.72 percent to 39.76 percent. While the entire state of Illinois voted in favor of Durbin, 52.3 percent to 40.9 percent for Curran.

In the race for 16th Congressional District, Lee County voted to keep Republican Adam Kinzinger representing them. Kinzing-

er received 66.12 percent of the vote, while opponent Dani Brzozowski received 33.82 percent of the vote. In the District, Kinzinger received 65.2 percent of the vote, while Brzozowski received 34.8 percent of the vote.

In the race for 74th State Representative District, Lee County gave Republican Incumbent Dan Swanson 67.55 percent of the vote, while challenger Christopher Demink received 32.45 percent of the vote.

In the race for 90th State Representative District, Lee County voted in favor of Republican incumbent Tom Demmer with 64.88 percent of the vote compared to challenger Seth Wiggins with 35.12 percent of the vote. Demmer has a strong lead overall, but Ogle County announced discovered that the electronic vote tabulators did not read the oval marks correctly in this race.

The programming error was limited to this race and no other races were affected.

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VERSION OF STATE

Amboy's Cross Country runner Brock Loftus competed in a version of a state cross country meet.

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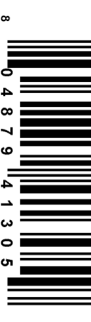
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The state has distributed \$237 million to the local health departments to hire contact tracers and get programs up and running.

As for outbreaks, Pritzker said data show “a pattern of formal group gatherings making up the majority of our confirmed outbreaks.”

“Again, these are the settings where it’s easiest to trace the origins of someone’s illness and declare a situation, a formal outbreak,” he said.

Only 10 of 5,478 schools have currently reported COVID-19 outbreaks, he said, noting local health departments will be the best source of information for school data.

Pritzker and IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said Illinoisans should answer the phone when contact tracers call, and no private information will be shared for the person who tested positive. Those getting COVID-19 tests should also leave accurate phone numbers.

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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>

“So please if you get that call from IL, Illinois COVID Help, please answer the phone and answer the questions,” Ezike said.

The announcement came as the state reported a one-day record for new cases, reaching 10,376. IDPH also reported another 49 COVID-19-related deaths as the total death toll grew to 10,079. That’s among 465,540 confirmed cases since the pandemic began.

The state also announced it would begin including probable cases in its daily case counts. That’s due largely to the fact that rapid antigen tests are viewed as probable exposures, whereas molecular tests are considered confirmed exposures. Most of the 8.2 million test results reported thus far are molecular tests, but the number of antigen tests are growing and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have changed guidance on reporting probable tests, which

could also include people with symptoms and a known exposure.

“In August, the national case definition was changed so that an antigen test alone would be considered a probable case with the increased use of antigen tests,” Ezike said. “We will get more probable cases and we want to make sure that we capture all of those cases that are diagnosed via antigen test, similar to how the CDC does this, and similar to how other states are calculating this as well, so that we can show our actual true burden of disease here in Illinois.”

The number of people hospitalized for COVID-19 in Illinois grew to 4,090, setting a second-wave high for the 12th straight day. Intensive care unit beds in-use increased by 14 from the day prior to 786 as of Thursday night, while ventilators in use by COVID-19 patients decreased by four from a day prior

to 339.

The statewide seven-day rolling average case positivity rate shot up to 9.7 percent, tying its highest point since May 20.

Pritzker once again said further economic rollbacks could be on the horizon if the spread of COVID doesn’t slow, although he was once again not specific as to what they could entail.

“The only way that science has told us that we can limit the number of cases or the epidemiological spread of the disease is by having less interaction and less interaction means cutting off people’s ability to interact in various places,” the governor said.

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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. And now the following people can be tested with or without symptoms.

- Work in health care facility
- Work in correctional facilities, such as jails or prisons
- Serve as first responders, such as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, or firefighters
- Support critical infrastructure, such as workers in grocery

stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, factories, childcare and sanitation.

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

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The programming error has been corrected and in accordance with Illinois law, the Ogle County Clerk’s

office will conduct a Public Test of the re-programmed electronic tabulation equipment on Monday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. at the courthouse in Oregon. The retabulation process will then begin on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 9 a.m.

Lee County voted for a new Circuit Clerk giving their votes to Republican Amy Johnson. Johnson received 53.55 percent of the vote while incumbent Denise McCaffrey Ehrmann received 46.45 percent of the vote.

Lee County also voted 71.78 percent against the proposed Constitutional Amendment. Statewide, the amendment was voted down 55 percent to 45 percent.



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Cozy ranch style Amboy home! Offers 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. Some recent updates, ask listing agent. The kitchen/dining area has large windows that fill the room beautiful natural light. Appliances in the kitchen are new and stay. The basement is full and unfinished. Walk out the back door and find a spacious backyard with a partial fence and a detached garage. Move-in ready!

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EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the deadline for all ads and news items for the Nov. 25 edition is 10am on Friday, Nov. 20.

The Amboy News office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26 in honor of Thanksgiving.

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

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

Our normal holiday breakfast will be a little different this year. It will be a drive-thru breakfast and it will be on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8 a.m.- 11 a.m. It will be run similar to our Fish Fry. You will have a choice of pancakes and sausage or Biscuits and Gravy. Tickets will be \$8 and will be available at the Teen Turf building and through our board members and our homework club students. Santa will be looking forward to see you.

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's

Thank you to Michele Cheshire for the Halloween candy bags. Thank you to Les and Betty Shaw for the toys. Thank you to Mark and Veronica Grossman for the cleaning supplies. Thank you to Donna Wellman for making treats. Thank you to Beverly Garcia for the furniture. Thank you to Scott and Tammy Strub for the dishes. Thank you to Tim and Lynn O'Laughlin for the snacks. Thank you to Elaine and Mark Powers for the turkey. Thank you to all our after school volunteers, we couldn't do it without them.

If you are in Need

If you or someone else you know needs anything, for example, food, toiletries, or medicine, please don't hesitate to contact Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195. She can arrange for someone to pick and drop off those items in a safe and timely manner. We also have extra meat, milk, eggs, and bread if you need them.

Wish List

Hand refill soap, Electric Griddles, Paper towels, Toilet paper and Ear Buds for students.

Final Word

Lord Jesus Christ, grant us the gift of understanding. Help us to understand the feelings of others, the desires of others, the goals of others. At the same time, help us to understand ourselves in our actions and reactions. Widen our vision beyond our own small world to embrace with knowledge and love the worlds of others.

ACO hosts membership drive

AMBOY— It's that time of the year again. It's time to recruit new members and to renew annual Amboy Civic Organization memberships. Though we have not been able to socialize at our usual once-a-month meetings, due to Covid-19 restrictions and concerns, we can still maintain our organization's purpose.

The ACO has supported community projects, mainly the Pankhurst Memorial Library, for over 20 years. Our members also support/participate in an annual American Red Cross Blood Drive, Host a Street (memorial sign) and other local projects.

Quite often, when someone is asked to join, they say,

"I'm too busy."

Great — that's a prerequisite for membership, as busy, active, involved people will fit right in with our group.

"It's for women."

Not really. The library, reading and learning are for everyone. P.S. We do have male members.

"I don't live in Amboy."

If you care about Amboy's library, you can live anywhere, and your support will be welcome.

"I don't know anyone in the group."

That's a perfect reason to join. It's a great way to meet people and to make new friends.

"I hate clubs."

Annual membership does

not require monthly participation.

"They only want my money."

Wrong, but it will be most welcome.

"I can't be active."

Fine. Support the library with your membership, and if you can join us at any time — meetings, dinners, special events — that would be great. You will not be badgered to participate at any time.

"I wasn't asked."

If you are reading this, you are being asked.

Annual membership dues are \$10 for one person and \$15 for a couple. Dues may be mailed to Carole Benson at P.O. Box 96, Amboy, IL 61310. Checks should be

made out to "Amboy Civic Org."

Prior to COVID restrictions, the ACO met the first Tuesday of the month at Maria's at 6 p.m. After dinner together, we would conduct our business meeting. After our meeting, most ladies remained for more socializing.

In lieu of meetings, in December and June, we usually planned a special outing or celebration. The ACO group takes a break in July and August, starting back up in September.

The ACO officers are: President — Christine Noble, Vice President — Kathy McLaughlin, Secretary — Jane Lovgren and Treasurer — Carole Benson.

PRINCETON—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, at First United Methodist Church, 316 S. Church St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

PAWPAW—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12, at Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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ROCK FALLS—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16, at East Coloma Elementary School, 1602 Dixon Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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Barbara A. Haub

June 10, 1936 - Nov. 5, 2020

AMBOY — Barbara A. Haub, 84, of Amboy and formerly of West Brooklyn, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

She was born June 10, 1936 in Amboy the daughter of Donald and Mabel (Harms) Ackerson. Barb raised her family and farmed with her husband in the West Brooklyn area. She was a member of St Mary Catholic Church in West Brooklyn, the Alter and Rosary Society and was also a member of the Red Hats. Barb enjoyed many things, some of which were singing in the choir and playing cards with her lady friends.

Barb married Raymond Haub on Feb. 23, 1957, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette. He preceded her in death on Oct. 15, 1991. She was also preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Marilyn Haub, one son, Michael

Haub, one sister, Donice Wellman and one brother, Raymond Ackerson.

Barb is survived by her children, Lori (George) Kersten, of Dixon, Jeff (Michelle) Haub, of Sublette, Chuck (Laurie) Haub, of Chana, and daughter in law, Deanne Haub, of Creston; 11 grandchildren, Angie (Brian) Dallam, Sara (Nathan) Grobe, Janessa (Nick) Dallmann, Amanda (Sue) Monreal, Jason (Stephanie) Haub, Kayla (Austin Blume) Haub, Josh Haub, Alyson (Drew) Bush, Rachel (Cody) Smith, David Haub, Rachael Haub; and 14 great-grandchildren with two on the way. She is also survived by one sister, Linda Hansen of Lady Lake, Fla., two sisters in law, LaVina Marschang, of Amboy, Mary Ann (James) Bryan, of Anderson, S.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held from 4 – 7 p.m., on Monday, Nov.



9, 2020, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A private family Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday at St Mary Catholic Church in West Brooklyn with Rev. Randy Fronck officiating. Burial was held in St. Mary Cemetery in West Brooklyn.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Jack E. Fore Jr.

Dec. 21, 1943 - Nov. 5, 2020

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Jack E. Fore Jr., a longtime resident of Chandler, Ariz., passed away on Nov. 5, 2020 at the age of 76.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Mary Jane Fore, and daughter, Anna Maria. He is survived by his wife, of 57 years, Mirtha Alicia; sons, William and Robert; grandchildren, Mary, Garrett, Joseph, Lauren, Ariel, Joshua, Hunter, Alexander, Matthew; and great-grandchildren, Rylee and Hayden. He is also survived by his siblings, Don, Rick, Dave, Bob, Jeannie, and Mary Lynn.

Jack was born on Dec.

21, 1943 in Rochelle. He graduated from Amboy High School in 1962. Jack enlisted in the Army and served in Stuttgart, Germany where he met Mirtha, and they were married in 1964.

He moved from Iowa to Arizona in 1969 where he owned his own barbershop for over two decades and then retired as a bailiff from the Maricopa County Court System. He was a dedicated member and past Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator of the Knights of Columbus Father Patterson Council 2536.

His viewing was held beginning at 6 p.m., on Mon-



day, Nov. 9, with a Rosary starting at 7 p.m. at Bueler's Mortuary in Chandler. The service will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chandler.

Sherman M. Shaw

Dec. 2, 1934 - Nov. 5, 2020

LA MOILLE - Sherman M. Shaw, 85, of LaMoille passed away Nov. 5, 2020 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria after a brave battle with COVID-19.

Due to COVID restrictions, private family burial will take place at Union Cemetery, rural LaMoille with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. A celebration of life memorial service for extended family and friends will be planned for a future date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling the arrangements.

Sherm was born Dec. 2, 1934 in Shaw Station to Sherman and Eva (Turner) Shaw, the youngest of eight children. He married Donna Morris on June 5, 1955 in Lee Center.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Donna; two sons, Sherman (Sandy) Shaw of St. Louis, Mo. and Curtis (Gin-

ny) Shaw of LaMoille; three grandchildren, Jordan Shaw of LaMoille, Daniel (Colleen) Shaw of Brentwood, Mo. and Ashton (Clayton) Kasperski of Hennepin, along with great-grandchild Kasperski expected in April 2021.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven siblings and one daughter, Debra Eileen in 2018.

Sherm graduated from Lee Center High School in 1952, and worked in agricultural business his entire career. He started out milking on the family farm, and then went into the agricultural feed business. After a short stint with Parker Feeders, he went to Fasco Mills, Mendota, where he retired in December 2007. While at Fasco, he expanded sales by working with game bird feeders and developed the quality control for the production of game bird feed. As an avid hunter and fisherman, he turned his job into his hobby.

Sherm also served as an officer and newsletter editor of the Illinois Hunting and Outdoor Sports Association (IHOSA).

He was filled with a strong sense of purpose in raising and returning quail to their natural habitat. As a member of Briar Knoll Hunting Club, he enjoyed sport shooting and fishing with family and friends.

A respected member of the LaMoille community



for over 60 years, Sherm served in many organizations throughout his life. He valued the time spent serving on the local school board, fire department, Buffalo Days committee, and LaMoille Lions Club. He was also a long-time member of the Mendota Golf Club, Mendota Elks Lodge, and Community United Methodist Church.

The Shaw Family Pavilion was recently constructed at the new LaMoille Park. This shelter was made possible by a monetary donation from Sherm and Donna. He took humble pride in its completion, as this was a part of his vision and goal for his beloved town.

Memorial contributions may be made to the LaMoille Park or Community United Methodist Church of LaMoille. They can be dropped off at the church or sent to Merritt Funeral Home, 800 Monroe St., Mendota IL 61342.

Evelyn J. Bonnell

June 27, 1927 - Nov. 8, 2020

DIXON — Evelyn J. Bonnell, 93, of Dixon, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 at Heritage Square in Dixon.

She was born June 27, 1927 in St. Joseph, the daughter of Kenneth and Clara (Minor) Myers. Evelyn worked as an Executive Administrative Assistant at Black Brothers Inc. in Mendota for 31 years prior to her retirement.

She married Donald Bonnell on March 21, 1949 in Mendota. He preceded her in death on Dec. 23, 2006. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters, Wandalee (Leo) Bonnell and

Maxine (Benny) Fenn.

Evelyn is survived by two sisters, Jean (Francis) Fogle, of Dixon, Connie (Robert) Blanton, of Ball Ground, Georgia, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 12:30 – 2 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center. Face Coverings required for the visitation and service.

A memorial has been established to Heritage Square in Dixon.



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<p>St. Patrick Church Fr. John Gow 32 N Jones, Amboy 815-857-2315 • www.stpatrickamboy.org New Mass Times Begin Sept. 1st Masses: Tuesday – Friday Daily Mass 8 am Saturday 4 pm • Sunday 7:30 am & 10 am Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 pm Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday, 8am-5 pm</p>	<p>First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church Pastor Rocky Fritz 24 N. Mason Avenue Church Phone 857-2682 www.fbcamboy.com Sunday School for all ages - 9:30 a.m. Morning Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. King's Kids program from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday Reformers Unanimous additions program from 7-9 p.m.</p>	<p>Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor Barb Otten 960 U.S. Route 52 Phone 857-2225 Sun. Worship - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.</p>
<p>St. Mary Church Fr. John Gow 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670 New Mass Times Begin Sept. 1st Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Grace Fellowship Church Amboy-Sublette Pastor Brian McWethy 500 W. Main Street, Sublette Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com</p>	<p>St. James Evangelical Congregational Church Robert Dunbar, Pastor US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd., Dixon 815-288-2447 Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Rev. Randy Fronck Locust Street, Sublette Phone 815-849-5412 Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Thursday - 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p>St. Flannen Church Fr. John Gow 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 New Mass Times Begin Sept. 1st Mass: Sunday, 9 am</p>	<p>East Grove Union Church Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321 449 Reuter Road, Amboy Phone 815-376-6661 1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd. Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. "Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!" Come as you are and join us on the journey!</p>	<p>St. Mary's Church Rev. Randy Fronck West Brooklyn Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Refuge Church Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows</p>
<p>United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745 Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.</p>		<p>St. Patrick Church Rev. Randy Fronck - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun. 8 a.m.</p>	<p>Harmon United Methodist Church Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.</p>

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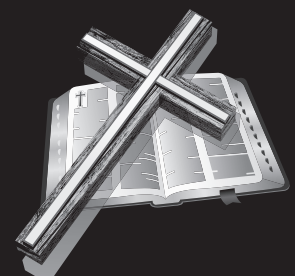
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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

One thing we can do is pray for our leaders

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

My wife and I will be leaving for a 5-day trip with some friends tomorrow. It will be an enjoyable mixture of both business and pleasure. But as we leave on our 10 hour "road trip," I find myself wondering... "What will our nation be like when we return?"

You see – we are leaving on Election Day... in other words, at the writing of this column, I have no idea who will have won any of the elections. And I am okay with that.

Though we live in a small town/rural area which seems somewhat removed from much of the "drama" we see and hear in mainstream media, people are still very passionate about this election – with strong feelings on both ends of the political spectrum.

Few are immune to the feelings of anxiety which this holds. But as a Christian however, I find comfort and solace in knowing that I know and serve the One who is the ultimate power and authority in the world (and universe).

Psalm 75:6-7 says "For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one and exalts another."

Though I do not know who has won any of the elections at the time of this writing – God already does. He has known for a long time... And I trust Him – more than any elected official. No matter how deserving or undeserving I may think they are. You see, the Bible contains a long list of kings – including rulers of powerful nations, whom God allowed to be put in those positions to fulfill His sovereign purposes.

These included both God fearing people like King David, and also those whom we would consider "pagan," like Pharaoh, Cyrus... even Pontius Pilate! In fact, Jesus told Pontius Pilate on what would prove to be His darkest night, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above..." (John 19:11a) Even our Lord acknowledged the sovereignty of our Heavenly Father in His personal life.

And He rested in that. And so can we.

One thing we can do... in fact Scripture tells us to do it, is to pray for our leaders. 1 Timothy 2:1-3 says, "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority. That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior." We can pray. We can also prayerfully vote.

One of the freedoms we enjoy in the United States is the right to vote for those who hold Public Office. It is a responsibility and privilege we share with all other citizens of the United States. I conclude by reminding all of us on this Veterans Day to remember our brave men and women who have fought and served that we may enjoy the privilege to cast our vote in elections as well as all the freedoms we all cherish in this great nation."

To them we say, "Thank you."

'Til next time – May God Bless you.

A small radio told them that the rescue was stopped after three days.

Without any sort of medical equipment, two medical students helped the injured as best they could. After days and nights in the hideously cramped fuselage and on the verge of starvation, an exploration group was organized. The leader's verdict: "They'll never be able to see us. It's basically impossible for them to find us. We're going to have to eat the bodies." Eduardo is hardly shocked. "Hearing it said out loud gave me a kind of relief. The crazy and persistent idea that I had stubbornly been pushing away was now out there, neatly expressed by someone much closer to me than a friend or even a brother."

It took considerable effort to convince the survivors to eat human flesh. "Those of us who were alive could express our consent, yes, and so we mutually offered each other our bodies, which, being Catholic, many of us compared to communion. Jesus, too, had offered his flesh and his blood to give us life."

They dried the meat in the sun and then offered it to their friends. They would survive, until, that is, the booming sounds they kept hearing turned into a massive avalanche that buried the fuselage. Sixteen of them survived.

They could barely carve out an air pocket. Too weak to hack their way out, they had to eat their newly dead comrades. Eduardo, ever laconic, tells us, "Eating meat that was still wet and bloody was a very difficult challenge that not everyone could overcome." He does not mention that when the story came out after their rescue – they had survived for 72 days – some newspapers wondered whether it was the avalanche alone that killed those people.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. Curbside services are also available.

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Edna May Good

Good to celebrate 98th birthday

AMBOY — Edna May Good, formerly of Amboy, will be celebrating her 98th birthday on Nov. 14, 2020.

She was born on Nov. 14, 1922. She was married to the late Jordan Good. She has one daughter, Eleanor Brown, and four stepchildren, Merle Good, Lonnie Good, Lynn Appleman and Gayl Good. She has several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She worked at KSB Hospital for 20 years. She started as a switch board operator, then became admitting clerk, insurance, and then bookkeeper. Agnes Florence was the administrator. She also worked at Dixon Freeman Shoe Company.

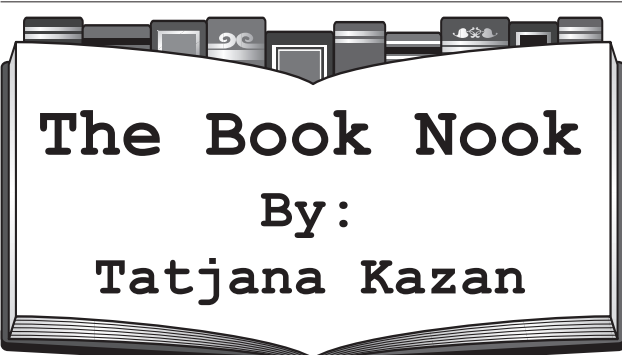
Birthday wishes may be sent to Edna at Prairie Crossing Living and Rehabilitation Center, in care of Edna Good, Room 20, 409 W. Comanche Ave., Shabbona, IL. 60550.

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Amboy Schools Menu November 16 - 20

Real fruit juice cups are served at Breakfast.
Fat-free chocolate or unflavored white milk are served at Breakfast and Lunch.

Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Early Dismissal: Pick & Pack Take Home Lunch
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Meatballs in red sauce, mozzarella cheese, roll, peas, pears
Wednesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, applesauce
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Pulled pork on a bun, sweet potato fries, pineapple
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Pizza, baby carrots w/ranch, mixed fruit



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October is springtime in South America, the flight covered a mere 226 miles, their light clothes were no match for the howling winds in minus forty degrees. But they didn't worry. "I thought we would all be sleeping in our own beds by the next night. That first night we spent on the mountain with no water, with only the smallest amount of food, taking refuge among dead bodies in the remains of a shattered airplane."



BY EMILY GOFF
Head Librarian

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Opinion

Learning how government works - or doesn't

Last week, my 15-year-old daughter graduated from civics lessons to reality.

While the lofty words of James Madison and Alexander Hamilton may still echo in her head, with her first visit to an Illinois Secretary of State's driver's facility she learned how government works - or doesn't.

When I picked Gracie up after school, she came armed with her paperwork signed by her driver's education teacher, which clears the way for her to get her learner's permit.

"My teacher says I only have to do a vision test - so this shouldn't take long," she said.

I smirked.

When we arrived at the Springfield facility on Dirksen Parkway at 2:45 p.m., there was a line stretching out the door. I had warned my daughter to bring a book and to expect a wait.

Instead, we were met by a Secretary of State police officer who told us we couldn't stand in line. I asked why and he said it was too close to closing time.

I was flummoxed. We arrived two hours and forty-five minutes before closing.

"Next time, you need to get here earlier," he said as he motioned us away. I responded, "This is really poor customer service." The SOS cop shrugged and said, "It's not my fault."

Hellishly long waits are what Illinoisans have come to expect when it comes time to renew a driver's license.

This isn't the case everywhere. According to the New York Times, 39 state departments of motor vehicles are now open only for folks who have appointments.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



But you guessed it, Illinois is one of the 11 states that doesn't take appointments.

Henry Haupt, a spokesman for the Secretary of State, said officials within his office also are contemplating a switch to reservations only.

"Right now, if someone shows up at one of our facilities, they usually can get what they need done the same day. If we switch to a reservation system, people will have to wait to have their needs met."

Haupt assures me my daughter's experience of being turned away hours from closing time is an anomaly.

"For whatever reason, that was an unusually busy day. We don't want to have a situation where someone waits in line for hours and then is turned away," he said. "After all, our employees have to get home to their families too."

The day after being turned away, I picked my daughter up at school again. I called the Klein Street facility in Springfield to see how long their line was. The phone rang more than 20 times and no one answered.

I called Taylorville and asked how long the wait was and an employee responded, "How should I know?" I asked, "Well, is the line going outside?" Her response: "It's always going outside."

I then called Jacksonville and was told, "Come on over, we have only a few people in line."

The already black sky thundered.

"Daddy, it's going to rain," my daughter said with a bit of trepidation.

"That's good, Dear. Nobody wants to wait in the rain and

the line will be shorter."

Sure enough, Klein Street's queue had withered down to a few folks anxiously eyeing the sky. And she got her permit within 45 minutes.

Did we feel like valued customers while we waited? Not really. It's a tough job.

While in college, I spent a summer working at Galesburg's driver's facility. After nearly 40 years in the workforce, I can tell you those three months as a secretary of state clerk were rough.

I got hollered at by customers on a near daily basis. I operated the camera. And believe me, no one likes their driver's license photo. I can't imagine working there year after year.

Still there is a difference between customer service in government and business. One competes for you. The other exists for you.

For example, this past week, I stopped by Cafe Moxo in Springfield to get some takeout. An employee asked if I was still planning on coming in on Thursday mornings with some friends. I told him we were.

He said that's good because they are erecting a large tent with heaters in front of the restaurant. He said they are discontinuing their "everything biscuits," which I always have for breakfast. But he added that they would bake one just for me if my friends and I promised to come.

I left the restaurant thinking, "Why can't government operate more like this?"

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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Nov. 12, 1920

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lauer returned to their home in Sublette Saturday, having visited several days at the Philip Clark home.

Miss Anna Schroeder returned home from Clintonville, Wis., Thursday where she has been employed as a trimmer during the fall and winter millinery season.

Jim Sibel, the electrician who has been working for Sam Goode for nearly a year, shook the dust of Amboy off his feet Monday, and left for sunny California.

75 Years Ago Nov. 8, 1945

Anton F. Becker has sold his 120-acre farm in May Township to his brother Jacob A. Becker. The new owner will take possession March 1, 1946. Anton

F. Becker recently purchased the Harry Turnquist home on West Division Street.

Charles Elliott served a duck dinner Friday night and another on Monday night to his bowling team, "Amboy Café," who bowl at Carr's Recreation. Those present were Earl Antoine, Clayton Elliott, Milo Blue, Charles McFadden and L. Pfingsten.

50 Years Ago Nov. 12, 1970

Voters of Lee Center Community Unit School District No. 271 Saturday approved an increase in the educational tax rate by a 274 to 192 vote. Voting in three polling places, the District 271 citizens approved the tax increase in each place. At Franklin Grove, the proposal carried 68 to 66. In Lee Center there was 60 Yes votes to 23 No. Paw Paw voters favored the increase 146 to 103. Mrs. Hobart Adams and son, Allynn

Parker, returned Sunday evening from Mondou, Wis., where they had visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton K. Butler. Master Ricky Clarke of Rockford accompanied them.

Miss James Jones is enjoying a two-week's vacation from her duties in the press room at The Wayside Press in Mendota.

25 Years Ago Nov. 16, 1995

The Sublette Farm Toy Show committee has been authorized to sell special commemorative license plates for their 14th annual show schedule for March 17, 1996.

Winners in card games played at the Coachman Inn Monday night were Vera Schlesinger, George Henrich, Ruth Schnuckle, Clara Guehler and Bernard Bushman.

Letters to the Editor

Take time to thank a Veteran

Dear Editors and Reporters,

On this upcoming Veterans Day, I encourage all Illinoisans to take a moment to honor and thank our veterans who bravely and honorably served our country.

Originally known as Armistice Day to honor and celebrate the end of World War I, Congress expanded the federal holiday in 1954 — renaming it Veterans Day — to recognize all U.S. veterans who served honorably in the military during wartime or peacetime.

I had the privilege of serving as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division and as a member of the Illinois National Guard and Reserve. This experience helped shape me into the person I am today. I remain grateful to all those with whom I served and to those who served before and after me.

The United States is the greatest country in the history of the world. We serve as a beacon of freedom and hope to many in the world living under hostile rule and deplorable conditions. Yet our freedom is not and has never been free. Those serving in the U.S. military defend our freedom both at home and abroad.

As Secretary of State, I am proud to have initiated efforts to help veterans and to honor them for their service to our nation.

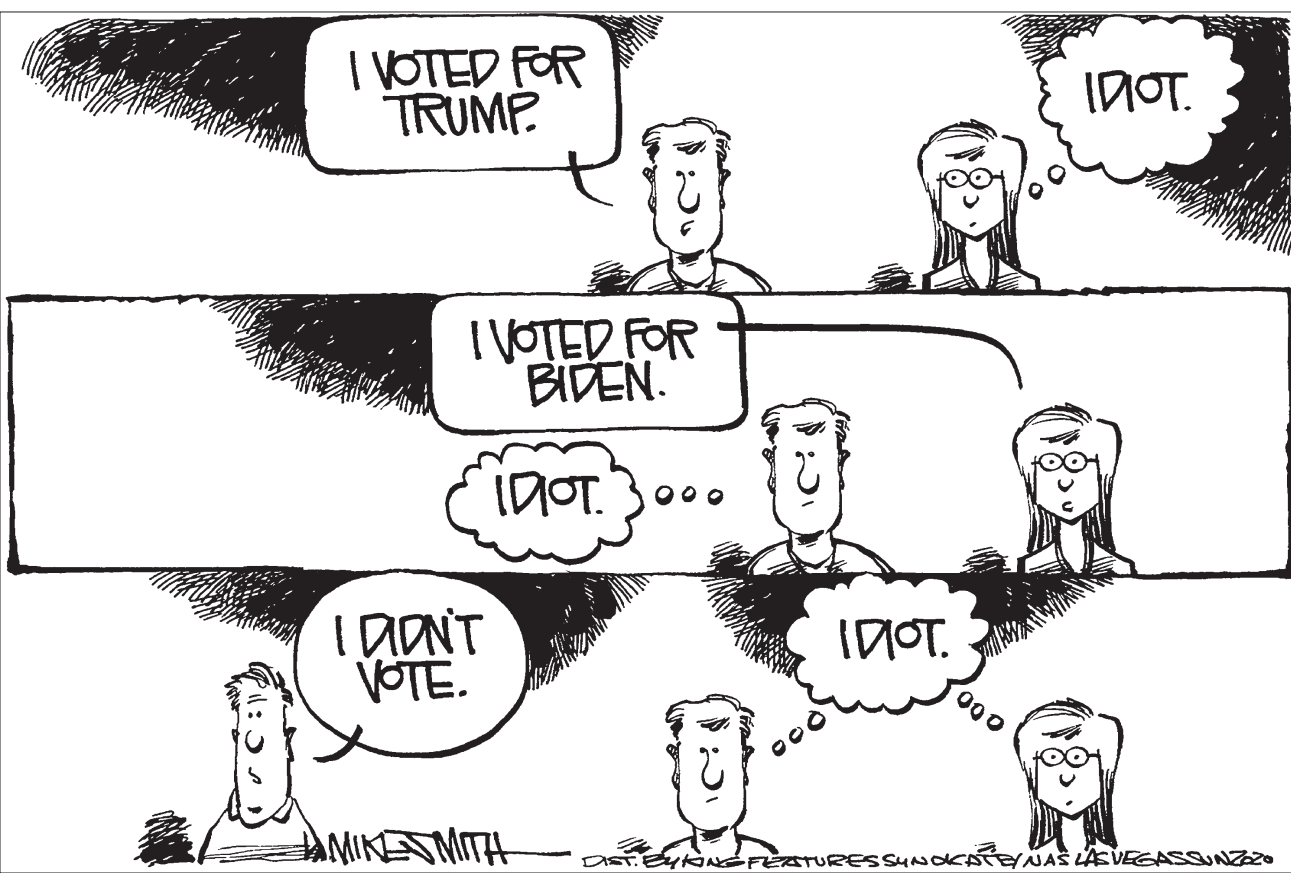
In 2017, I initiated a law that makes it easier for military

veterans to get jobs in the trucking industry. Public Act 100-0223 allows for an exemption from the Commercial Driver License (CDL) test requirement for qualified current or former military personnel who participated in military heavy-vehicle driving programs. Illinois was the first state in the nation to take advantage of changes to federal CDL regulations that grant state driver licensing agencies the authority to exempt veterans from the written and road skills testing, a move known as the "Even Exchange" process.

We have also implemented the policy that gives U.S. military veterans the opportunity to obtain an updated driver's license/ID card with the word "VETERAN" displayed under the signature on the front of the card. This applies to veterans who have received an Honorable or General under Honorable Conditions discharge. The veteran's designation helps ensure military veterans living in Illinois receive the services and benefits for which they are entitled, including healthcare, education and employment assistance.

Please take time Wednesday, Nov. 11, to thank veterans for their service. It is the least we can do to recognize our heroes with a heartfelt gesture of gratitude and appreciation.

Sincerely,
Jesse White
Illinois Secretary of State



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Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus

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Lee County Extension Foundation to Hold Virtual Dessert Auction

Lee County Extension Foundation is holding their famous dessert auction virtually this year.

Jump on this delicious opportunity to have

some amazing desserts made for Thanksgiving.

Money raised during this auction goes back to support the Howard Greenfield Memorial Scholarship and Lee County Extension Foundation Scholarship. These scholarships go to two Lee County 4-Hers that show excellent leadership, learning through projects, 4-H achievements, and community service.

A few of the freshly made, delicious desserts include; turtles, thanksgiving sugar cookies, cheesecake, thumb prints, dutch apple pie, chocolate fudge, Carol Vaessen's famous pecan pie, Gale Barnickel's melt-in-your-mouth creamy lemon pie, Mary Katherine's delectable cream puffs, and more.

The auction will begin at 3:30 p.m., CST on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020 and will end at

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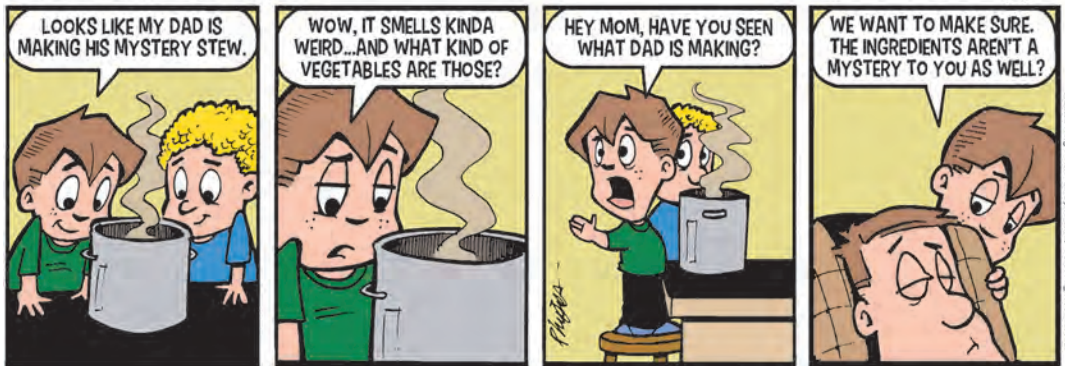


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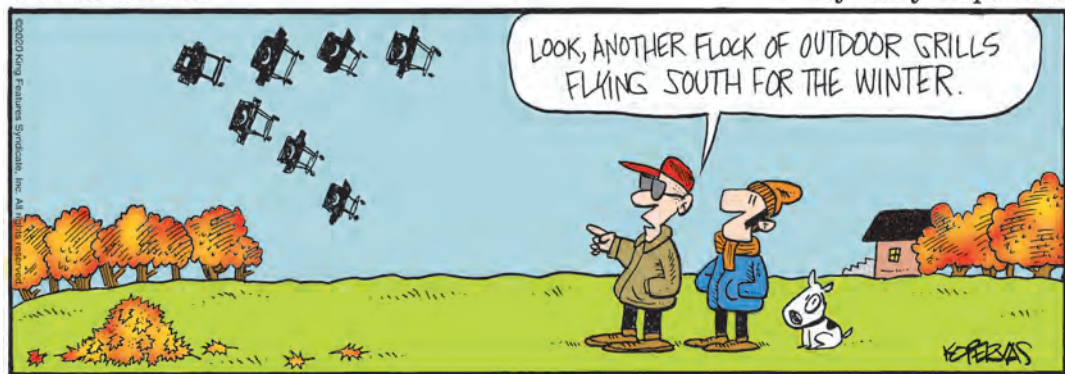
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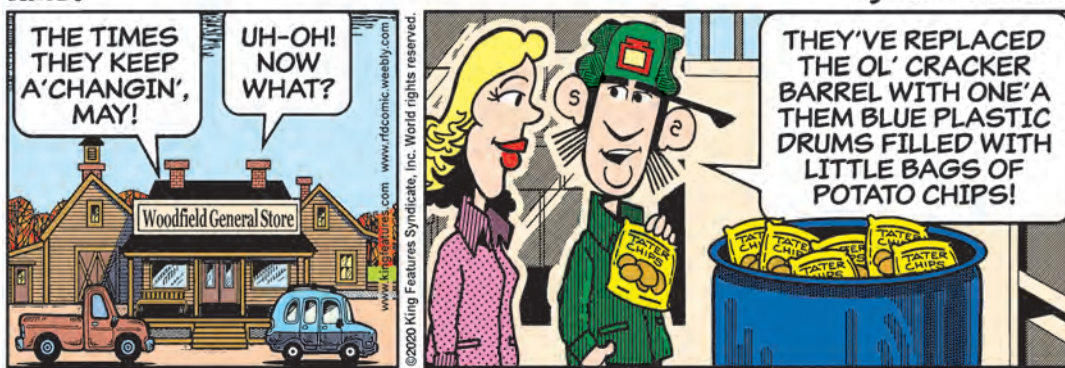
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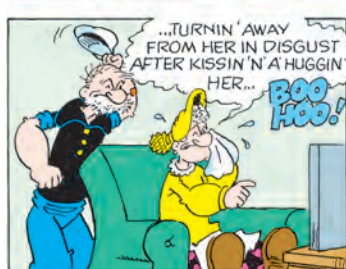
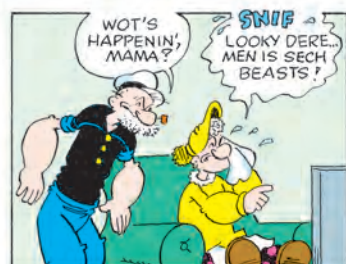
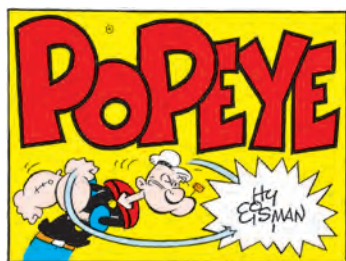
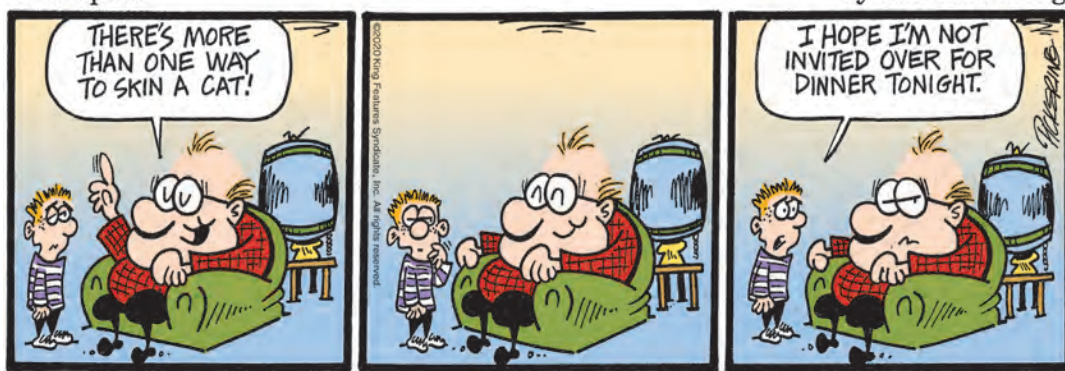
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"I never listen to the evidence — it only confuses my intuition."

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!

Bristle
BULBETS _____

Current
MASTER _____

Attendance
MURUQO _____

Riches
THELAW _____

TODAY'S WORD _____



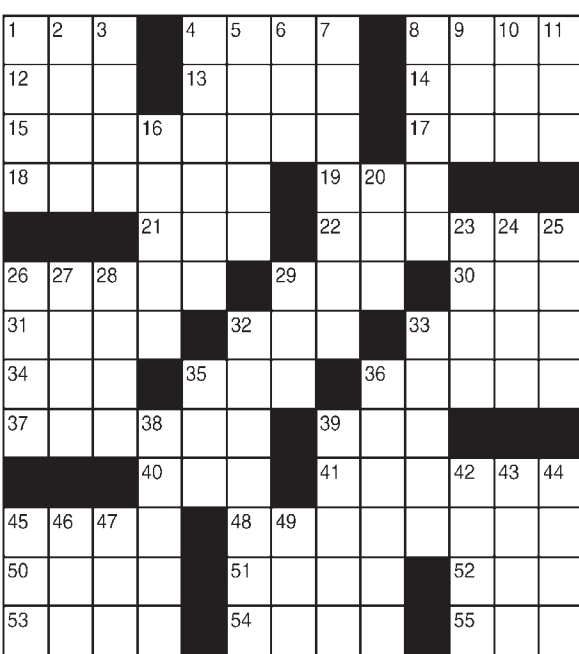
"I thought golf was an expensive hobby, but do you know how much costs?"

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Witticism
- 4 Out of danger
- 8 "Price Is Right" guesses
- 12 Exist
- 13 Vacation
- 14 Traditional tales
- 15 Scout festival
- 17 Black gem
- 18 Woolly beast
- 19 Kanga's kid
- 21 Firmament
- 22 Cavort
- 26 Wander off
- 29 Potent stick
- 30 Inventor
- 31 Implement
- 32 "Gosh!"
- 33 Small combo
- 34 In times past
- 35 Support system?
- 36 Dud on wheels
- 37 Panda's lunch
- 39 Neely of hockey fame
- 40 Debtor's letters
- 41 Current measure
- 45 Goad on
- 48 Angkor Wat locale
- 50 Roster
- 51 Hastened

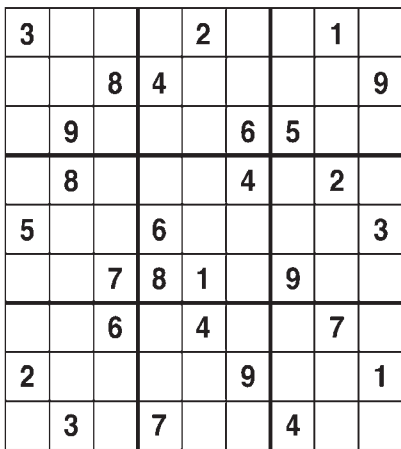


- 52 Egos' counterparts
- 53 "Why not?"
- 54 — podrida
- 55 Ball-bearing item
- 8 Become a flower
- 9 Tiny bit
- 10 Parch
- 11 Gender
- 16 — metabo-
- 20 Feedbag morsel
- 23 Highway shoulder
- 24 Hodgepodge
- 25 MGM mascot
- 26 Impale
- 27 Frat party garb
- 28 Leeway
- 29 Afternoon
- terpiece
- social
- 32 Julius Marx
- 33 Beat
- 35 Halloween cry
- 36 11th Greek letter
- 38 Product of one's labor?
- 39 Ship of the desert
- 42 Rewrite
- 43 Carousel, e.g.
- 44 Relaxation
- 45 Crafty
- 46 Chart format
- 47 Dos Passos trilogy
- 49 Have a bug

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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

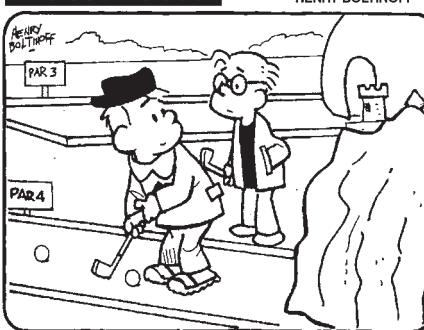
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Equatorial Guinea lies on which continent?
2. MOVIES: Which 1989 movie contains the line, "Have you ever danced with the devil by the pale moonlight?"
3. U.S. STATES: Which state's official flower is the Rocky Mountain Columbine?
4. LITERATURE: Which 17th century Spanish novel includes the line, "Wit and humor do not reside in slow minds"?
5. HISTORY: How many crewed moon landings has the United States made so far?
6. TELEVISION: Which 1980s sitcom features a character named Al Bundy?
7. LANGUAGE: What action is described in the term nephelococcygia?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is cyan?
9. MUSIC: Which group had the 1989 hit "Love Shack"?
10. ANATOMY: What is a goiter?

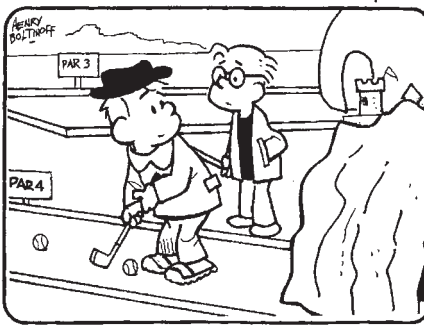
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's hat is different. 2. Castle has a flag. 3. Par 3 sign has moved. 4. Golf club is longer. 5. Some distant trees are missing.

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: I equals F

JAN CGC VTUNZ JR YNVXN JAN
PRCXNCJ, LGJ TAN IRGCZ KJ
ZKIIKPGYJ JR TAVUN JAN AVLKJ.

LUMBER

Today's Word

3. Quorum; 4. Wealth; 1. Stubble 2. Stream;

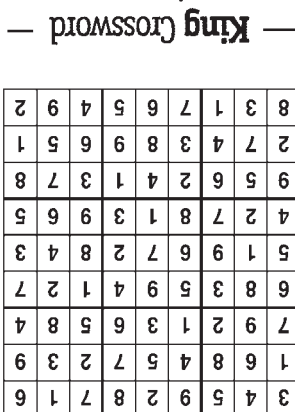
solution

SCRAMBLERS



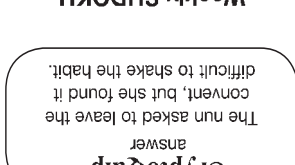
Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



The nun asked to leave the convent, but she found it difficult to shake the habit.

answer

Cryptoquip

SPORTS

Loftus participates in version of state cross country meet

CHILLICOTHE – ShaZam and MileSplit collaborated on a version of an Illinois high school state cross country meet called the ShaZam 2020 Cross Country Championship at Three Sisters Park in Chillicothe on Nov. 7.

Amboy High School's team signed up for the event prior to the end of the regular season and it was hoped that the entire team would be selected to participate. Teams and individual runners were selected by invitation only and standout Amboy cross country runner Brock Loftus was chosen for the honor.

Retired AHS coach Bob Halberg was Loftus's coach for the meet and the entire team as well as current AHS coach Mike Robinson traveled to Chillicothe to watch the meet.

Loftus placed 51st, which was 40+ spots better than last year at the IHSA State Cross Country Meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria. He also beat the two "local" boys that had beaten him the week before at Sectional.

More information about the race can be found at Shazamchamps20.com.

The AHS team and parents also are putting on a team 5K to support Newman High School cross country runner Karlie Hey, who is battling cancer.



Amboy's Brock Loftus, pictured right, was chosen to participate in an invitation only version of the state cross country meet on Saturday. Loftus placed 51st, which was 40+ spots better than last year at the IHSA State Cross Country Meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus

Clipper Highlights: #3 Jason McLaughlin

This week's Clipper Highlight is three year Varsity starter and two time All State Running Back, #3, Jason McLaughlin.

Jason was a 2001 graduate of Amboy High School. Jason was the star on a very talented 2000 Amboy Clipper Conference Champion team.

Coming off of a 5-4 Junior season that finished just short of a playoff birth, Jason and the New Millennium Clippers were ready to make a run at a Conference Championship and begin a new era of Amboy Clipper football. Jason finished his junior season earning 1st Team All Conference, 1st Team All Area, and 1st Team All State honors at Running Back.

"Mid-season during my sophomore year we switched from a two running back backfield, due to an injury, and went to the traditional I formation," Jason shared. I

t's fair to say that Jason's talent and his team's success in running the option and power football shaped the Clipper offenses to follow, for well over a decade. Our great Clipper coaches now had a model for what they wanted offensively and later Clipper teams followed suit, producing team success and two more All State Rushers in Daniel Saunders and Cody Richardson.

Jason's senior season snapped a six year playoff drought. The 2000 Clippers posted a 7-2 regular season, losing to 9-0 Fulton and 8-1 Riverdale. Both of those losses came at The Harbor. The 2000 Clippers beat quality opponents such as Morrison, Bureau Valley, St. Bede, and finishing the year with a Conference Championship victory at Eureka. The 7-2, Three Rivers Conference Champion, Clippers would clinch a first round IHSA playoff home game against a highly touted Eastland-Pearl City Wildcat team. The Wildcats came into The Harbor with a pass oriented offensive attack complimented with a stout running game.

Jason shared memories from that game, "I remember there was a lot of pressure before that game. Their quarterback said some remarks about our quarterback in the paper that week which gave us a lot of motivation. I had

two interceptions that game and our defense shut down their running game. We really grew as a team that day."

The Clippers went on to play the, eventual State Champion, Stillman Valley Cardinals. The Clippers lost the contest but that season would jumpstart Clipper success in the beginning of the 21st century.

Jason would finish his Senior season earning 1st Team All Conference, Area, and State honors for the second consecutive year at Running Back. Those accolades were never expected by Jason. He earned them by his hard work and attention to detail in studying the greats before him such as the Ely's, Rick Considine, and George Schwamberger.

"Everything I did was to get better for Amboy football. I played basketball and ran track (writer's note: very successful in track also) in preparation to be better on the football field," Jason shared.

In speaking of what would follow the 2000 Clipper team, Jason shared, "I believe our 2000 season spurred the New Millennium for Clipper football and as a Running Back I wanted to set the standard high for those in that position to follow."

I can attest to Jason's statement as I watched his Senior season from the Clipper sideline as a waterboy and would eventually hand off to the two All State Running Backs that followed. You absolutely set the bar high for all in your position to follow and those generations would emulate your Friday night glory in their own Jr. Tackle or even backyard games of football.

Jason's football and track career would continue as he

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



went on to Benedictine University where competed in each sport for his four years.

Jason's former teammate and offensive lineman, Jeremy Kessel shared, "Jason was a hard worker, a great leader, and wouldn't shy away from a hit which all added to our team success".

Former teammate, Greg Myers, shared, "The thing I most remember about Jason was that he was always a little faster and a little stronger than everyone, if you were having a day when you could catch him he would have the mental toughness to push a little harder and find a way to beat you".

Former Clipper, Cody Erbes, remembers Jason and the 2000 Clippers very well.

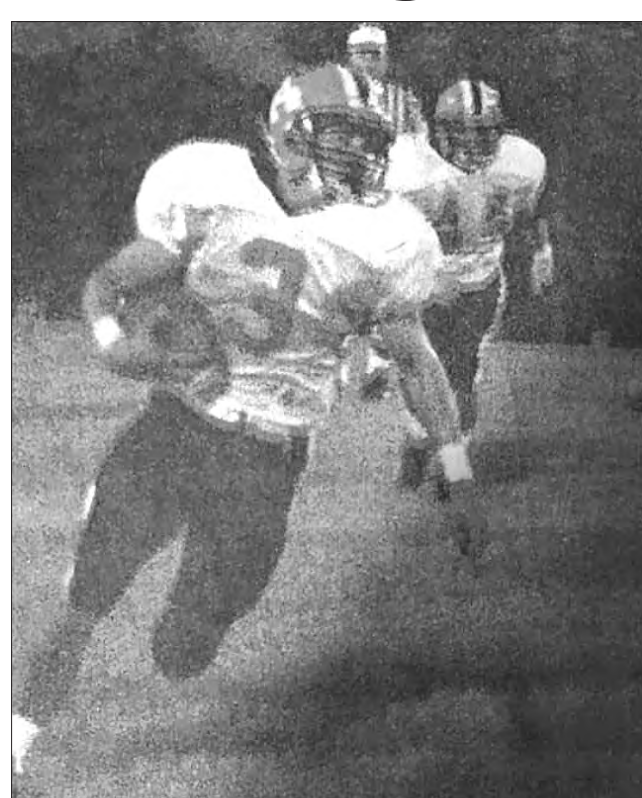
He added, "I was a freshman that season and I was so impressed by that team's level of unity and competitiveness. They were tough on each other but it was out of desire to make everyone better. They were more than just a good team, they were a family."

As a waterboy that season I wasn't old enough to fully understand or appre-

ciate what the 2000 Clipper team would do for Amboy football. I remember Jason, Quarterback Brian Jahn, and other members of the 2000 team coming down to my Jr. Tackle practice and talking to us about what Amboy football meant. I'll also never forget Jason's trademark move after a big play or clinching a victory he would wave his index finger in the air, which would spark the entire Clipper student section. There are many pieces of that season that I'll never forget. I am honored to have been there for the ride and honored now to share this page and these moments with Jason and his teammates.

So, to two time All State Running Back, #3, Jason McLaughlin, thank you for your contributions to Amboy football. Thank you and the 2000 Amboy Clipper team for setting the ships' sails, in the New Millennium, on the path of success. Most importantly thank you for being humble in your accomplishments and continuing to show kindness today as you did back then. Sail on!

Spencer Morrissey, is a former resident of Amboy



#3 Jason McLaughlin

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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Dec 4 - 8 Prizes Awarded - Choice of Turkey or Ham, donated by the City of Amboy

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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.

Letters may be sent to:

SANTA CLAUS

c/o the Amboy News

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