

Lawmakers seek public hearing on LaSalle Veterans’ home outbreak

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SPRINGFIELD — Republicans on the Illinois House Veterans’ Affairs Committee called for a hearing this week to investigate a COVID-19 outbreak at the LaSalle Veterans’ Home where at least nine residents have died after testing positive for the virus.

In a letter to the House’s committee chairwoman Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego, the Republican House committee members asked to hold hearings to “quickly investigate how and why this most recent outbreak occurred and what steps are being taken by the Pritzker administration to stop the spread of COVID-19 at all state-run veterans’ homes and health care facilities.”

More than 150 positive COVID-19 cases have been reported at the LaSalle Veterans’ Home, including 82 residents as of Thursday, said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. The LaSalle facility can provide care for up to 184 veterans, according to the state’s website, and the facility currently has 121 residents and 230 active employees.

“The increase we have seen at the LaSalle Veterans’ Home is frightening and leaves us with many unanswered questions about the failures in protocol that has caused such a widespread outbreak,” the letter reads.

Kifowit said she spoke to an Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs official on Wednesday about the recent outbreak and steps being taken to address it.

“I really think that it’s simply unacceptable,” Kifowit said in a phone interview. “I did have an extensive conversation with IDVA about the contact tracing and and evaluating what happened, increasing cleaning and about avenues to improve air quality. So, it was a good conversation.”

Kifowit said she is in talks with Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, who chairs the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, about holding a virtual subject matter hearing on the outbreak in LaSalle. While the Senate has procedures in place for holding hearings virtually, the House does not.

The Illinois Veterans’ Home at Quincy has reported more than 80 cases and one death since the beginning of the pandemic, and the Manteno Veterans’ Home has reported

more than 100 cases and more than 15 deaths since the pandemic began, Ezike said at the governor’s daily news conference Thursday. According to IDVA, no residents are currently known to be COVID-19-positive at the Quincy home, 14 employees are currently positive. Manteno has one resident and 12 employees who are currently positive for COVID-19.

The Prince Home, which is separate from Manteno but on the same campus, has reported seven positive COVID-19 cases, while the Anna Veterans’ Home has reported 13 positive COVID-19 cases, which includes six residents, Ezike said. There are no active cases at the Prince Home, according to IDVA, while one employee at the Anna home is currently positive.

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Winnebago County Hospitals request additional beds to manage surge in COVID-19 patients

ROCKFORD — Winnebago County Emergency Management, City of Rockford Emergency Management, and the Winnebago County Health Department, have requested additional hospital bed sets from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency through the Regional Hospital Coordinating Center to manage the surge of COVID-19 patients in local Region 1 hospitals. A bed set includes a bed, headboard with suction and oxygen, HEPA filter, lamp, trunk, tent and chair. The bed set does not include additional medical personnel.

The increasing rate of COVID-19 infection has stressed the healthcare systems in the region and highlights the consequences of unchecked transmission in the community.

All entities should be adhering to the Tier 2 mitigations outlined in Executive Order #2020-62 to protect the community.

All health systems are working to care for and manage both COVID and non-COVID patients and provide the appropriate level of quality care but the public’s help is needed NOW.

Winnebago County residents need to take the following actions immediately to prevent additional infections:

- Stay home as much as possible.
- Use curb-side and delivery options.
- Limit non-essential travel.
- Do not gather outside of your household.
- Wear a face covering when with those outside your household.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Maintain social distancing.
- If you are sick, stay home.
- Get tested as needed.
- Follow the quarantine and isolation guidelines as provided by the health department to prevent transmission to others.

Sublette board approves purchases of sanitizer equipment

BY TONJA GREENFIELD
General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette will be purchasing a new automatic hand sanitizer machines and a sprayer that can sanitize rooms, tables and chairs after being in use.

The Sublette Village Board met during its regular meeting on Monday, Nov. 9th. All board members were present except for Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myers.

Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel got a quote from Dixon Paint for the sprayer. She told the board the cost is \$620 and includes the sprayer and 5 gallon bucket of sanitizer. The board approved the purchase of the sprayer.

Kessel also found automatic hand sanitizer machines at Staples. She told the board that there were two left available in store.

Acting Village Board President John Stenzel suggested the village purchase one of the automatic hand sanitizers and see if they like it, adding he didn’t think the village needed two at this point.

It was also noted that these automatic hand sanitizers are moveable. The board approved the purchase of one of the automatic hand sanitizer machines and one gallon of sanitizer.

Dispose of Village Property

Earlier in the meeting, Stenzel read the minutes from the village property, EDC and Park committee meeting. He reported that during the committee meeting, Chris Klein from Leffelman and Associates expressed interest in the village property located at 109 West Main Street. The issue of disposing of the village property at 109 West Main Street was on the agenda for the Nov. 9th meeting.

Village of Sublette Trustee Scott Hanson said given there is an interested local business, he thought the village should proceed with the disposal of the property.

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Lee County COVID-19 Update: Nov. 16, 2020

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department has reported that there has been another county resident who has died - a person in his or her 80s.

The Lee County Health Department is reporting cases in four different locations in Lee County; 15 from the Dixon Correctional Center, 2 from the Jack Mabley Center, 8 from Dixon Healthcare and 18 from Franklin Grove Living & Rehab.

Between Nov. 10-16, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 222 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above, and here are the ages that were announced: 5 under the age of 12, 9 in his or her teens, 22 in his or her 20s, 23 in his or her 30s, 10 in his or her 40s, 21 in his or her 50s, 8 in his or her 60s, 4 in his or her 70s, and 1 in his or her 80s.

This brings the total number of cases to 1,387 as of Nov. 16. Of the 1,387 cases, 810 have recovered. There have been five reported deaths. They also reported as of Nov. 16, 12 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 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.

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Jesse White announces closure of driver services facilities from Nov. 17 until Dec. 7, due to worsening COVID-19 pandemic

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is announcing Driver Services facilities statewide will be closed to the public for in person transactions effective Tuesday, Nov. 17 and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 7, due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic. White is encouraging the public to take advantage of online services.

In addition, White announced that expiration dates for driver’s licenses and ID cards will be extended until June 1, 2021. This June 1, 2021 extension also includes those who have February, March, April and May 2021 expiration dates.

As a result, expired driver’s licenses

and ID cards will remain valid until June 1, 2021. CDL (Commercial Driver License) holders and commercial permit holders are excluded from this extension due to federal requirements.

“After careful consideration, we have decided to close all Driver Services facilities until Dec. 7, 2020, due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic,” said White. “The health and safety of employees and the public remains paramount and face-to-face transactions potentially increase the further spread of the virus. We have extended expiration dates to assist people during this difficult time. I am also encouraging customers to consider using online services

which are available for many office transactions.”

As White noted, many transactions with the Secretary of State’s office may be conducted online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com, some of which 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.

Those who are eligible for online driver’s license renewal will receive a letter from the Secretary of State’s office with a PIN necessary for online renewal.

Those whose driver’s licenses or ID cards expired between Feb. 1, 2020 and Jan. 31, 2021, who qualify for online renewal should receive their PIN letter in December 2020 or January 2021. Those whose driver’s licenses or ID cards expire after Feb. 1, 2021, will receive their PIN letter approximately 90 days before their expiration date.



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Stenzel agreed, adding that the village is not in the business of owning property. The board approved the motion to dispose of village excess property.

The next step was hiring a Realtor. Kessel made a motion to hire Lori Erbes from Erbes Realty, LLC as the village's Realtor for selling 109 West Main Street. The board approved the motion to hire Erbes, and will be holding a committee meeting to discuss price for the property.

Petitions Available

Sublette Village Clerk MacKenzie Belan has prepared packets for those wishing to run for elected office in 2021. Those open positions include three village trustee positions, village clerk, and village president. Election packets must be turned back into the village clerk by Dec. 21. The village will also be looking to appoint a new village treasurer as current treasurer Theresa Wilson will be retiring. The village trustees whose seats are up at the 2021 election include

Julie Kessel, Brian Wilson and Robert Bulfer.

In other board news:

- The board agreed to continue to not take rental agreements for 2021 as of this point.
- The board approved the 2020-21 levy at \$15,363. In October, the board approved to post the levy.

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Ezike said decreasing the spread of the virus in local communities surrounding veterans' homes will ultimately help lower the rate of infection inside veterans' homes.

"Please understand that it's impossible to have a COVID-free veteran's home, (or) COVID-free school in the midst of a COVID storm. And that's what we have in our community right now," Ezike said. "We can help protect our veterans by reducing the amount of virus that's circulating in the communities. Health care staff, who work at the homes, they're in the community with you. They're buying groceries, they're running other essential errands, and if disease transmission is just rampant, then those individuals that work in the homes can get the virus and unfortunately spread it to our heroes."

She said an IDPH team is on site at the LaSalle home to "provide technical assistance and consultation."

In a Nov. 11 letter to residents and staff of the LaSalle home, IDVA Administrator Angela Mehlbrech wrote that the facility has been following recommendations from state and local health officials.

"This includes continuing our health screenings of staff and residents, maintaining social distancing practices, wearing face coverings, using gloves and gowns when indicated, and intensified cleaning and disinfection protocols," Mehlbrech wrote.

• The village will be lighting a Christmas tree for the Holiday season in downtown Sublette, and local businesses are invited to decorate and put up a Christmas tree like previous years.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Dec. 14, in the Ellice Dinges Center.



Mallory Powers

Powers named AHS November SOM

AMBOY — Mallory Powers, daughter of Dean and Mandy Powers, was named November Student of the Month at Amboy High School.

GPA: 3.95/4.0

Memberships/Involvement: I am part of the girl's basketball, volleyball and softball teams, I am involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Leo's Club.

Awards/Honors: Academic All Conference, Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) — Second Team Junior Year and Special Mention Sophomore Year, AP Basketball All State Honorable Mention, Sauk Valley Newspaper Basketball All Area Team Junior Year and Second Team Sophomore Year, Basketball First Team All Conference Unanimous Selection Junior Year, Volleyball Second Team All Conference Junior Year, Softball First Team All Conference Junior Year, Triple Crown Award.

Best Memories of AHS: My best memories of AHS would be the success my basketball team has had. I have had the opportunity to play on some incredible teams throughout my high school career. The support and encouragement from the Clipper fans I will never forget. To be involved on a team that is selfless, determined and hard working is something that I will cherish forever.

Future Plans: I plan on attending a 4-year university to pursue a degree in Kinesiology and continue my passion for playing basketball.

Illinois urges residents to stay home for 3 weeks

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SPRINGFIELD — Illinois residents are being urged to stay at home as much as possible for at least the next three weeks as the second wave of COVID-19 outbreaks continues to sweep across the state.

The latest advisory from the Illinois Department of Public Health does not represent a renewal of the stay-at-home order that was in effect this spring, but Gov. JB Pritzker warned

Thursday that if current trends continue, stricter mitigation orders could be in store.

"With many community leaders choosing not to listen to the doctors, we are left with not many tools left in our toolbox to fight this," Pritzker said during his daily COVID-19 briefing in Chicago. "The numbers don't lie. If things don't take a turn in the coming days, we will quickly reach the point when some form of a mandatory stay-at-home order is all that will be left."

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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 from 8 – 11 a.m., on Saturday, Dec. 5. 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 seeing 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

Deb and Art Albee for the clothes and frames. Pete Rood and Larry Piper with the cans. Lori Hendrickson for the bed frames. Anonymous for the candles. Cindy Phillips for the sign on the highway. Pete and Jackie Ayling for the candy. Katie and Matt Vaupel for the candy and craft items. Fran Kessel for the oranges and the raisins. Linda Gascoigne for the monetary donation. Sheila and John Hemminger for the school workbooks, and Amboy Knights of Columbus for the candy.

If you are in Need

Now is the time of year with the cold and COVID, 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.

Final Word

Lord, I ask that You protect our minds. Father, the mindset on the flesh is death, but the mindset on the Spirit is life and peace. (Romans 8:6) O God, set our minds on You. Let us not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what Your will is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2) Help us by the power of Your Spirit to think on whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything is worthy of praise, let our minds dwell on these things. (Philippians 4:8).

White encourages families to spend the evening at home reading together

SPRINGFIELD—Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White encourages families to read together at home to celebrate Illinois' annual Family Reading Night (FRN) on Thursday, Nov. 19.

"This is a night when families across the state are urged, now more than ever, to turn off electronic devices and spend time reading together at home," White said. "Reading together creates a positive learning environment and helps children develop language skills, comprehension and a love for reading that can last a lifetime."

Family Reading Night is officially celebrated across the state on the third Thursday in November. This year, the Illinois State Library has again coordinated with Illinois READS, a program of the Illinois Reading Council, along with the Illinois Library Association's iREAD. The FRN theme continues iREADS "Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover" summer reading theme. The Illinois State Library distributed thousands of colorful posters and bookmarks to libraries, schools and literacy programs across the state to promote FRN to students and their families.

This year marks the 29th year that the Secretary of State's office has sponsored FRN.

For more information about Family Reading Night, visit: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/center_for_the_book/frn.html or contact the State Library, at 800-665-5576, ext. 2.



Granny Rose- Lucky
Lucky was rescued by a very kind person from outside an area lumberyard. No one knows how long she had been there trying to survive. She was filthy and very emaciated due to an uncommon intestinal infection. She probably would not have lasted much longer. Lucky is about 6 years old now and has not been adopted yet. She has a soft black and white coat that is clean, healthy and shiny. Lucky can be affectionate and enjoy petting... on her terms! She is an independent lady. If she wants to be left alone, she will walk away. Lucky is spayed and current on all her vaccinations. She will always have a sensitive stomach and eats a prescription diet—which she loves. Adopt Lucky and then you will be lucky to have such an adorable kitty. To see Lucky, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

PRINCETON - The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on

Thursday, 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.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1701 16th Ave. 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 12 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Borg Warner, 1350 Franklin Grove Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

SUBLETTE-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 202 S. Locust St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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Master Naturalist Training 2021 for Carroll-Lee-Whiteside Extension

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Come explore the natural world and learn what it means to be a naturalist. For more information please contact Mary Nelson at 815-632-3611 or email at mnelsn25@illinois.edu

If you will need an accommodation in order to participate, please email mnelsn25@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

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 Noon CST on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020. Bids can be made at [facebook.com/4hleecounty](https://www.facebook.com/4hleecounty) Freshly made desserts must be picked up Nov. 24 or 25.

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Gary Lee Bonnell

Dec. 21, 1954 - Nov. 7, 2020

CAMDENTON, Mo. — Gary Lee Bonnell, 65, passed away on Nov. 7, 2020 in Camdenton, Mo.

Born on Dec. 21, 1954 in Mendota, to Anna Mae and Marvin Bonnell, Gary was lighthearted, carefree, warm, and had a silly sense of humor. It was this warmth and humor that prompted Gary to take in a squirrel he had found in trouble as a pet; he named the squirrel Charlie. While attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Gary passionately pursued his architectural studies, until his passions were refocused on a girl of all things. Gary met Patrice Bonnell (Quiram), proposed, dropped out of college, and was married on June 22, 1974. Together the duo built a family of two daughters, three grandchildren, a slew of cats, and a couple of son-in-laws.

For those that might be concerned about Gary's inability to stay focused on his studies in the presence of his beautiful bride, there is no need to fear. Gary returned to college, attending Illinois State University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture. With these talents, he started his own architecture firm, aptly named GB Architecture, designing numerous

buildings including beautiful churches, unique apartment buildings and a magnificent Mosque. Even after retiring from his "side job" at State Farm in 2018, he continued to design projects for family and friends.

Gary enjoyed learning about history, affectionately cheering on the Chicago White Sox, and he had an enormous love for his Chicago Bears, but the depth and breadth of his love was always given to his family. There was not a picture he wouldn't show, or a story he wouldn't share when it came to his wife, daughters and grandchildren; those who knew Gary will recall with fondness his everlasting way of storytelling. He was proud of his family - he loved spending time with them, laughing with them, sharing with them, making memories with them, and supporting them; simply put: Gary loved his family.

He is survived by his wife Patrice; daughters, Maranna (Curt) Binder, Aurora (Stephen) Anderson; and grandchildren, Augustus Binder, Emmett Binder and Aurelia Anderson. Also surviving him are his sisters, Judy (Butch) Griswold, JoAnne Heinzeroth and Barbara (Louie) Bontz.

Gary is preceded in death



by his parents and his brother, James Bonnell.

A private graveside service for immediate family will be provided by East Lawn Funeral Home, with a memorial service planned for the late spring. Online tributes and condolences can be made at www.eastlawn-memorial.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you may make a donation to one of the following:

The Lamb House, 93 Morgan St., Camdenton, MO 65020

Or for the bright futures of his grandchildren whom he was so proud of...

Gary Bonnell Memorial Fund at IAA Credit Union, 808 IAA Dr., PO Box 2901, Bloomington, IL 61702-2901

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." - Abraham Lincoln

Sharon K. Murphy

Dec. 7, 1940 - Nov. 15, 2020

DIXON — Sharon K. Murphy, 79, of Dixon, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020 at Dixon Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born Dec. 7, 1940 in Oregon, the daughter of Garner and Martha (Harleman) Stevens Sr.

Sharon had owned and operated Sharon's Cafe in Oregon, Shari-Jo's Drive Inn in Amboy and the Star Diner in Dixon. She had also been a cook at Mapleside Manor in Amboy and at several area restaurants.

She was an avid bingo player, hosting bingo at the Nachusa House for years and was on the bingo committee at the Dixon Elks Lodge. She loved playing card games and doing puzzles with her family.

She was a member of the Dixon Elks Lodge and the VFW Ladies Aux.

Sharon married Leo "Ron" Murphy April 13, 1984. He preceded her in death June 17, 2000. She

was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Dallas and Ronald Stevens and granddaughter, Amanda Dawn Justice.

Sharon is survived by her children, Gwenda (Daniel) Justice Sr., of Dixon, Ronda (Dennis Dempsey) Hicks, of Amboy, Sharri (Craig) Miller, of Dixon; seven grandchildren, Daniel (Leia) Justice Jr., Bethany (Nathan) Wright, Tabatha (Eric) Behrens, Jennifer (Bob) Maves, Janda (Anthony) Hicks, Courtney (Bud) Helfrich, Hannah Miller; and 12 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Garner (Kelly) Stevens Jr. and one sister, Gayla (Jerry) Seaworth, both of Oregon; sisters in law, Betty Stevens, of Oregon, Carolyn (Bill) Herwig, of Dixon, Diane (Chuck) Harris, of Surprise, Ariz.; step children, Connie, Tom, Pam and Paula; and former spouse Norb Brachle, of Amboy.

Visitation will be held



from noon - 2 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A family service will be held at 2 p.m. with burial to follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Face covering required at the visitation and service.

Memorials have been established to the Dixon Elks Lodge 779 and Serenity Hospice.

Condolences can be sent at thejonesfh.com.

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The latest guidelines urge all Illinois residents to stay at home as much as possible, leaving home only for work or school if they are not working or learning remotely, grocery shopping, visiting a doctor or getting a COVID-19 test.

He also said the state is increasing its testing capacity at the most-visited testing sites in the state - Aurora, Arlington Heights and Harwood Heights.

A full list of available testing sites statewide can be found at the Illinois Department of Public Health's website, <http://dph.illinois.gov/testing>.

Earlier Thursday, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot issued a 30-day stay-at-home "advisory" for residents of that city, where the rolling seven-day average test positivity rate hit 13.9 percent on Monday, Nov. 9.

"With the rising prevalence of this virus, attending even the smallest gathering that mixes households or traveling to surrounding areas, that increases the risk of further spread of this virus," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said during the briefing. "Again, our goal is to reduce transmission. It's always been our goal, but especially as we head into the holidays so that businesses, so that schools, so that our veterans' homes can be safe."

"To the elected officials

who have chosen to disregard public health guidance, those who have stood up at press conferences to question the data and fuel conspiracy theories, those who have taken their absurd crusade to the courts and lost nearly every single time, those who have flat-out told the businesses in their communities to ignore what their local and state public health departments and experts, some of the best in the nation, are telling them, what is it going to take to get you to be part of the solution?" Pritzker said.

"There may be a vaccine on the way in just a few months, but a lot of lives can be saved before that happens," he added. "And when this is over, there will be an accounting by your constituents of who worked to keep the public safe and who just ignored the science."

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On behalf of the Dave Leffelman family, we would like to thank everybody for their outpouring support during our unexpected loss.

Thank you Amboy Fire Department for the beautiful tribute to Dave; He would be so proud and honored.

Thank you Long Branch Saloon for the wonderful food you provided for our family to gather and reminisce in Dave's memory.

Most importantly thank you to the Amboy Community as a whole and all of Dave's friends for the outpouring support during this time; You are very greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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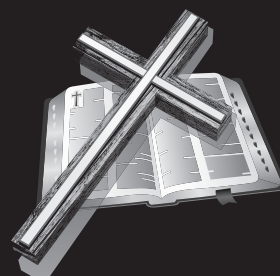
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SOCIAL NEWS



IN HER SHOES

The Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in partnership with Hope of Ogle County, presented the program "In Her Shoes" highlighting the financial difficulties domestic violence victims experience when trying to leave an abusive partner. Participants were given an identity to follow through the different stations where they had to make decisions that impacted the path that a victim might experience. The chapter also presented three different scenarios, one each at three separate Zoom sessions for those who were unable to attend in person. Shown, left to right, are some of the participants: Holly Campion, Regent Sarah Flanagan, Debby Katzman, Danette Hayes, Laurie Perry, Dorrie Kasmar, Judy Williams, Bea Chaplin, Becky Danner and Lydia Roberts.

Photo submitted

Homegrown by Heroes shines light on service men and women in agriculture

SPRINGFIELD —The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is proud to relaunch a program aimed at highlighting our service men and women in agriculture. The Homegrown by Heroes program allows Illinois farmers, ranchers, fishermen and producers who have served or are still serving in any branch of the U.S. military to use a special logo on the agricultural products they sell to the public.

"As a veteran, I understand how hard it is to return to civilian life," said Jerry Costello II, IDOA Acting Director. "We want to help our service men and women in the agriculture industry in any way possible. Highlighting products grown by our veterans will not only help to grow the agriculture industry but give our service men and women the boost they need to grow their second career." "I commend the Department of Agriculture for continuing to give Illinois Veterans the opportunity to distinguish themselves in a competitive marketplace," said Linda Chapa LaVia, Illinois Department

of Veterans' Affairs Director. "When given the opportunity, Americans unwaveringly support our nations' heroes. The Homegrown by Heroes program helps veterans thrive and gives the public the chance to show their appreciation for their service."

"As someone who grew up farming, I know farmers are vital to the prosperity of both our state and nation as are the men and women who volunteer for military service and defend America," said Maj. Gen. Richard R. Neely, the Adjutant General of Illinois and Commander of the Illinois National Guard. "Many of the Illinois National Guard's Soldiers and Airmen are also farmers. The Homegrown by Heroes program is a way for consumers to know that produce comes from Illinois' fields and orchards and from a man or woman who was willing to put his or her life on the line in defense of the United States of America."

Homegrown by Heroes is a free program for Illinois veterans. To be eligible, veterans must provide proof of service, a letter of support from their

commanding officer or a designated representative and must maintain 50-percent or greater ownership in the business/operation.

For those who qualify, the Homegrown by Heroes Illinois Product logo can be used to identify and market Illinois grown and made products on packaging, signage, websites and social media or wherever their items are being sold.

Thanks to the Department's partnership with various agencies and organizations, such as the Illinois Farm Bureau, Farmer Veteran Coalition of Illinois (FVC), Illinois National Guard, Illinois Veterans Affairs, and statewide Farmer Veterans Program, training and education also are components of the initiative, which will make informational resources available to veterans desiring to farm in the state. These programs will:

- Develop mentorships between experienced farmers and veterans;
- Identify community land access that benefits beginning farmers and saves municipalities' maintenance costs;
- Locate farmers' market

opportunities and partnerships;

- Assist veterans in developing value-added products;
- Foster relationships with retailers and food service organizations.

Illinois veterans who produce, process or package products in Illinois may also qualify for other business development programs and services. Additional programs and services include Specialty Crop Grants, trade show assistance, and export assistance. Please contact the IDOA Marketing Department to find out which program or service is right for your business.

For more information on how to become a part of the Illinois Homegrown by Heroes Program visit www.agr.state.il.us/hbh.

Kish holding virtual registration events for Spring 2021 semester

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is hosting virtual registration events Nov. 19, Dec. 9, Jan. 7 and 13, for students planning to attend Kish in the spring. The virtual registration events will begin at 9 a.m. and be conducted through Zoom video conferencing.

The virtual registration event is for all new incoming students to assist with technology access, academic advising and registration for the Spring 2021 semester. Sessions will include: setting up myKC, technology session and overview of student portal, paying for college, and academic advising. The event is scheduled to conclude at 11 a.m., with individual academic advising appointments between 1 - 4 p.m.

"The virtual registration

events are designed to help new students prepare for the upcoming semester. As we continue to offer support services in the virtual environment, we want to be able to support our students throughout this time as best as we can," said Graciela Horta, Kish's student outreach coordinator. "The new semester is approaching quickly with January only weeks away. Be prepared by attending one of the virtual registration events to learn more about Kish technology and be set for success. We are here to help you."

To get the most out of the virtual registration events, students are encouraged to apply to Kish prior to event. To apply, visit <https://kish.edu/get-started/apply/index.php>. For more information

and to register for the virtual registration event, visit <https://kish.edu/get-started/visit/regevent.php>.

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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.

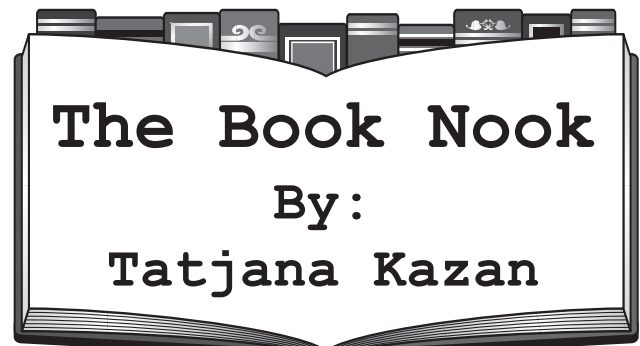
Please, for yourself and others, follow the state and federal recommendations. It's easy to remember as the 3 W's: Wash your hands; Watch your distance; and Wear your mask.

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



Murder in the Hell Gate

Elizabeth Hand's new novel "Curious Toys" is a terrific thriller due primarily to its sharp, complicated heroine, fourteen-year-old Pin, and its setting, Chicago's Riverview Amusement Park in all its disreputable splendor. The novel consists of 104 very short chapters with their multiple points of view focused mainly on Pin, on the security guard Francis Bacon, a disgraced ex-cop, on Charlie Chaplin, on the real-life outsider artist Henry Darger, who lived in poverty and left behind an illustrated novel spanning 15,000 pages and today is recognized as a great folk artist, and on the murderer, who, though we learn a good deal about his homicidal spree, is surprisingly one-dimensional.

It is the summer of 1915 and American cities are bursting with new immigrants (more than 15 million have arrived since the turn of the century). Pin lives with her mother, an Italian immigrant, in a shack on the Amusement Park grounds. Her mother is a fortuneteller at Riverview; after her young daughter goes missing, she insists that Pin disguise herself as a boy. To become invisible. For Pin this means glorious freedom: "No one paid her any mind. She was just another footloose boy, not big enough to pose a threat unless you found his hand in your pocket."

Pin makes a little money supplying drugs for Max, who performs at the carnival as "Max and Maxene, the She-Male." At the new Essanay movie studio, Pin delivers dope to Lionel, a photoplay writer, and promptly falls for an up-and-coming starlet called Glory. And she meets Henry Darger who hangs out at the Hell Gate to watch over vulnerable girls. Pin, still searching for her sister, also keeps an eye on the Hell Gate.

On a hot August afternoon, Pin watches as a man takes a young girl on a boat into the Hell Gate. But only the man emerges from the "dark ride." Pin bravely enters the Hell Gate and finds the girl's corpse floating in the water. The story explodes and we enter the world of the killer. Though we do not learn his identity until the very end, we do get to witness his atrocities, which in their repetitiveness lose considerable steam. We learn that he considers the young girls he targets as mere toys, as when he removes their dresses to take home with him. The idea of a grown man playing with live dolls is shocking, of course, but not necessarily compelling.

In Pin's world, girls are fragile, exposed, powerless. They are neither protected nor valued. Pin resolves to catch the murderer with Henry's help. Her courage in facing down a killer is summed up in the novel's epigraph from "Girls on the Run" by John Ashbery: "We aren't easily intimidated / And yet we are always frightened."

No "Cut Your Own Christmas Tree" this year

OGLE COUNTY — An annual Christmas event for the Prairie Preservation Society of Ogle County — Christmas tree sales at Sand Ridge Prairie — has been cancelled this year due to safety concerns about the corona virus.

They will not be selling any Christmas trees this year and we thank everyone for their understanding.

They hope that next year sales will be back to normal and happy "elves" will help visitors select that perfect tree and years of family traditions of picking out the perfect Christmas tree will be re-kindled.

They also plan to resume tours and work days after the situation changes. Consider visiting this great place even without the bonus of the

Christmas trees. With hills of waving prairie grasses and forbs (wild flowers), stands of spruce, fir and pine, it provides quiet beauty and sense of peace.

Surrounded by towering white pines which block the sight of cornfields and houses, it is a place set apart — a peaceful sanctuary from the everyday.

such as hospitals, clinics, and urgent care centers without CALLING FIRST. Instead, they can seek care by using one of the following options:

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.

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Opinion

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Lame-duck Congress needs to pass a responsible budget

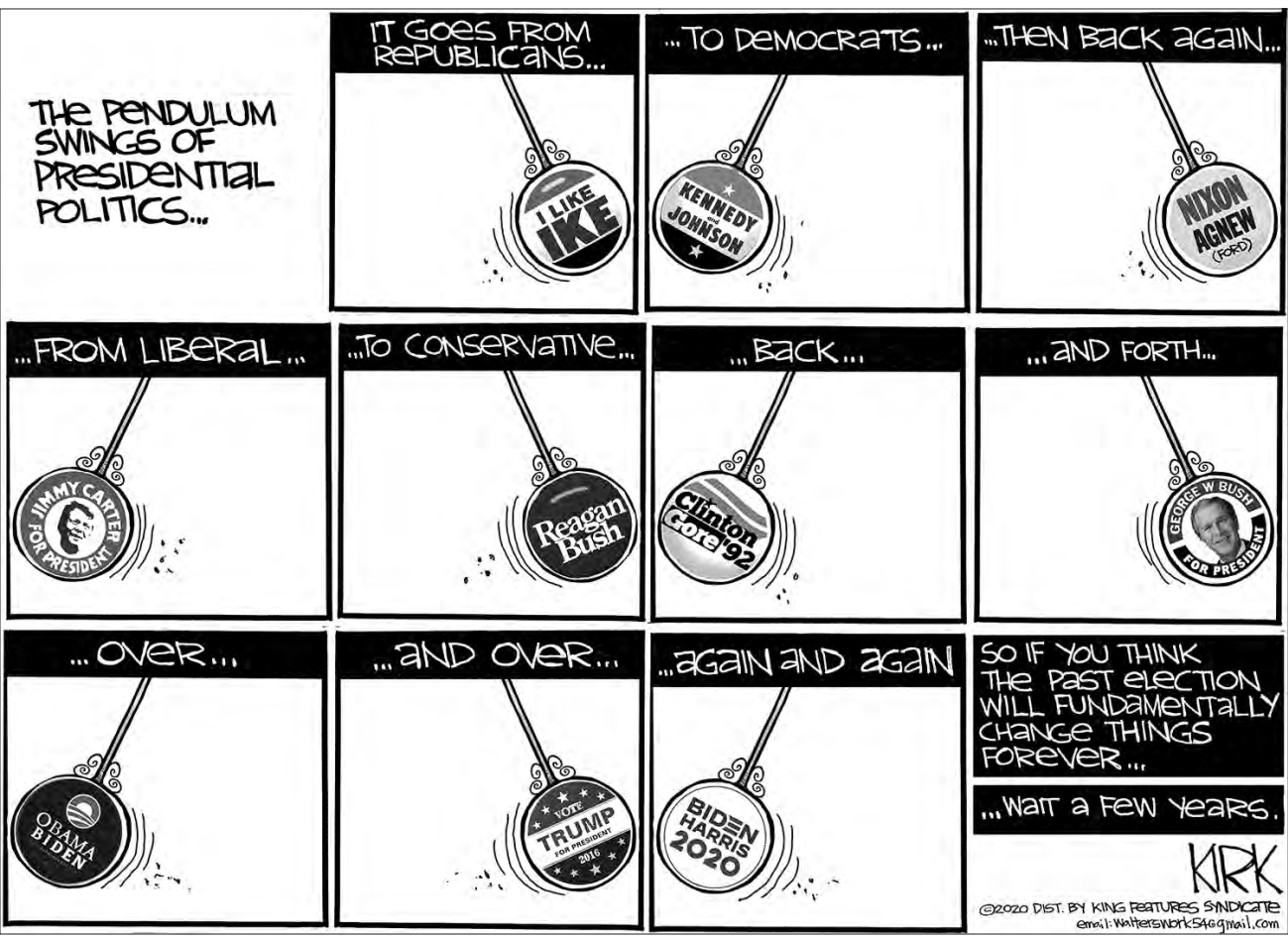
BY ROSS MARCHAND

Under the shadow of an incoming Biden administration, members of Congress are working against the clock to cobble together yet another continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government funded and running. As has been too often the case in recent years, lawmakers have let procrastination and grandstanding get in the way of passing a responsible budget. And, despite a nine-year ban on earmarks, members of Congress will almost certainly try to sneak “goodies” into any eventual (last-minute) deal. Instead of fiddling while taxpayer dollars burn, lawmakers must commit to fiscal accountability and responsibility and pass a responsible spending plan by the end of the year. And any new spending legislation must reflect core spending priorities, rather than giving unaccountable lame-duck members of Congress another shot at busting the budget.

On Nov. 10, Senate Republicans introduced a sprawling \$1.4 trillion spending package including \$696 billion for the Department of Defense. There are some minor improvements in the Senate’s spending blueprint compared to the House plan (passed in July), such as the Senate version calling for one fewer Virginia-class submarine than the House’s proposal. But the Senate version calls for funding 96 F-35s for fiscal year 2021, which is five more than the House included and

an astounding 17 more than asked for by the Pentagon. It’s unclear why lawmakers are doubling down on the F-35 program, which continues to cannibalize its own supply chain and suffer basic performance issues despite its gargantuan price-tag. For an estimated lifetime cost north of \$1.5 trillion, American taxpayers should expect the F-35 to run smoothly and make a significant contribution to America’s national defense. But as was noted in a July 22 House Oversight and Reform Committee hearing, the program is bogged down in supply chain snafus and the Autonomic Logistic Information System (used to track and order parts) is in deep trouble. Pilots flying F-35s have experienced barotrauma (i.e. severe sinus pain), making it difficult for the military to make the most of its already-troubled fleet. Yet, because of America’s dysfunctional budgeting process, lawmakers are bound to get their way and sneak in significant spending increases to the F-35 program. And that’s just the tip of the iceberg, as the coronavirus rages on unabated and claims roughly 1,000 lives every day. Lawmakers and politically connected, well-off individuals have used the rush for relief to their advantage, scoring low-interest loans and grants meant to benefit struggling small businesses. The cost of perpetual procrastination is that the top 1 percent will continue to nab taxpayer dollars with little scrutiny or accountability.

And if the lawmakers are unable to agree on a sustainable spending plan, another government shutdown will surely follow – about a month before the presumptive president-elect assumes office. If presumptive President-elect Biden’s campaign trail rhetoric is any indication, his administration will likely push for even more spending than is already on the table. While the high probability of continued Republican control in the Senate makes out-of-control spending less likely, the prospect of fiscal reform dwindles by the day. A “compromise” between senators willing to spend \$1.4 trillion to fund the government and an administration looking to spend far more than that won’t be pretty for taxpayers already struggling to get by. Instead of procrastinating and petty partisan infighting, the lame-duck Congress must work together to quickly pass a sensible spending agenda for the next fiscal year. Earmarks must be swept off the table, and lawmakers should identify significant spending items for elimination. Lawmakers such as Sens. James Lankford, R-Ok., and Rand Paul, R-Ky., have already assembled lists of unnecessary spending items that lawmakers can put on the chopping block right away. Passing a CR is critical to keep the government running, and any spending bills that follow must be structured in a way that protects taxpayers and allows for members of Congress to be held accountable. Congress should start off the new political era on the right foot and finally end the spending shenanigans. Ross Marchand is a senior fellow for the Taxpayers Protection Alliance.



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Nov. 19, 1970

A new timecard is to go into effect on the Illinois Central Nov. 28th. Two passenger trains that were discontinued soon after the government took over the management of the railroad during the war, are to be reinstated. The northbound train, No. 124, used to reach Amboy at 5 p.m. The other, No. 123, Southbound, reached here at 11:32 a.m.

Mrs. Arthur Garth and Mrs. Alex Robinson spent Tuesday in Franklin Grove and Rochelle.

Dr. Snyder of Freeport was in Amboy on professional duty Tuesday.

75 Years Ago Nov. 15, 1945

Dr. John P. Walsh, physician, this week is announcing the opening of his offices under the First National Bank in Amboy on Monday, Nov. 19. Dr. and Mrs. Walsh are now residing in Oregon and plan to move here as soon as they find living quarters.

Miss Gerry Gaines, who attended Amboy Township High School the past

two years, and who moved to LaGrange with her parents this summer, has returned to Amboy and will stay with Mr. and Mrs. L. Pfingsten and daughter Shirley while attending A.T.H.S.

Mrs. Fannie Clayton enjoyed last week as a vacation from her duties at the A&P Tea Co. Store.

50 Years Ago Nov. 19, 1970

Landtec, Inc., now has between 2,500 and 3,000 acres of land under option in the area south of Amboy with a projected use for a lake, recreation and homes.

John Blackburn, son of John M. Blackburn and the late Mrs. Blackburn, and Bob Bieser, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bieser, were named All Conference in Football.

Corporal Lee J. Leffelman was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon in recognition of this active participation and performance in combat action in Vietnam.

Mrs. Hugh H. McCleery of Leland was a Thursday supper guest in the home of her mother, Mrs. John J. Wagner.

25 Years Ago Nov. 23, 1995

The combined Kindergarten classes at Central School proudly display the Pilgrims and Indians costumes they made. Parents were on hand to serve pumpkin pie and corn bread. The “mini feast” was the culminating activity for the First Thanksgiving unit of study.

Second grade students at Central School are studying Native Americans. “Grandma” Margie Wilson recently shared her collection of Indian porcelain dolls. Mrs. Wilson works as a foster grandmother at Central School.

The Class of 1960 recently donated a picture of Hilda Hanson to the Central School Library. Hanson was born Nov. 25, 1901, and died Nov. 5, 1973. She taught in Amboy for many years and made a difference in many of her students’ lives – some more than others. To show their thoughtfulness, the Class of 1960 had Michelle Machen sketch Hanson’s picture which will be hung in the Central Library on Nov. 25 on Hanson’s birthday.



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Illinois joins Community Navigators to urge applying for BIG Grants

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) today joined the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition, The Resurrection Project and members of the community to call on more minority-owned small businesses to apply for the Business Interruption Grant (BIG) program. Since its launch, the historic BIG program has deployed over 4,000 small business grants. With \$175 million in remaining funds, the state and its partner organizations are aiming to get the word out to more Latinx and minority owned businesses facing losses due to COVID-19.

“All across Illinois, the small business community is facing tough choices due to the ongoing pandemic – which is why my administration worked quickly to stand up the historic \$636 million BIG program to provide relief the business owners need to reopen and operate safely,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “To date, more than 4,000 grants have gone out, with nearly half of the grants going to minority owned businesses which reflect the diversity and vibrancy of Illinois’ communities. Still, we know more must be done to help additional businesses struggling in the face of the ongoing pandemic. That is why we are working to ensure that business owners from every community, regardless of their immigration status, have access to BIG funding that will help them to continue making payroll, purchase PPE protecting for employees and staff and maintain other operational costs as Illinois works to get to the other side of this crisis.”

Guided by an equity framework to ensure businesses from across the state can benefit, the BIG program has yielded an equitable

distribution of funding so far—with over 4,000 grants totaling \$95 million provided to 469 communities across the state. The program prioritizes hard hit industries—with over \$46.5 million in funding allocated for restaurants and taverns. Nearly half of the grants have been extended to disproportionately impacted areas (DIAs) – those areas suffering higher cases counts and experiencing underlying economic distress.

“Since the time this crisis first hit, the State of Illinois has acted swiftly to implement emergency relief programs to help offset losses to help our small business community—essential to our economy—to weather the storm,” said DCEO Director Erin B. Guthrie. “Among the \$1 billion in funding opportunities launched by DCEO since March, BIG is perhaps our most central and powerful tool for getting funding to businesses quickly so that they can protect their staff and focus on a safe reopening. We are committed to working shoulder to shoulder with our BIG community navigators and members of all of our minority communities to ensure that our hardest hit business owners can get the relief they need from this program.”

Moreover, nearly half of all grants have been provided to minority business owners – including 10 percent for Latinx owned businesses alone. However, with a second wave of the crisis now upon us, the State and its community navigators are moving swiftly to ensure businesses owners have the tools and information needed to take advantage of remaining funds.

The BIG program ensures that every community, regardless of their status, has access to critical funds to help during these

challenging times.

The grants range from \$5,000-\$150,000 per business and the funding may be used to help businesses with working capital expenses, including payroll costs; rent; utilities; and other operational costs. The second round of funds focuses on:

- Heavily Impacted Industries
- Disproportionately Impacted Areas
- Downstate Communities
- Priority Businesses
- and Agriculture

“The Illinois Business Interruption Grant (BIG) has been a lifeline for us. It has been instrumental in allowing us to reopen our Pilsen location, which has been closed since March due to the pandemic,” said Christian Medrano, co-owner of the Brew Brew Coffee and Tea. “As a result of this grant, we will soon reopen our Pilsen store and we are bringing back baristas that we had to lay off when COVID-19 began to surge. We are so excited to reopen our doors and serve the Pilsen community once again for pick up & delivery and look forward to fully reopening when it is safe to do so.”

In an effort to reach small minority-owned businesses the BIG program has partnered with four lead organizations to conduct outreach and technical assistance through a community navigator model. The four lead organizations are:

- The Resurrection Project
- Illinois Business Immigration Coalition.
- Chicago Urban League
- Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation

“The State of Illinois’ BIG program is essential for small and minority-owned busi-

nesses that historically lack access to the same level of funding and opportunities as other business owners and continue to suffer due to lack of resources throughout the pandemic,” said Raul Raymundo, CEO. & Co-Founder of The Resurrection Project. “These businesses are the backbone of our communities and we cannot leave them behind. We urge all small businesses to apply for this grant as soon as possible. The funds are distributed on a rolling basis.”

“IBIC is proud to partner with Governor JB Pritzker and DCEO to provide capacity building for our community-based nonprofits to provide technical assistance through a community navigator model to assist minority owned businesses,” said Rebecca Sh Executive Director, IBIC. “Black and Brown businesses, independent contractors have been shut out of federal relief programs while continuing to bear the brunt of COVID-19. A robust, state-wide technical assistance program levels the playing field and ensures that entrepreneurs of color not only survive but thrive through this global pandemic.”

The Business Interruption Grant (BIG) Program is a \$636 million program developed by Governor Pritzker and the General Assembly supporting thousands of small businesses who have suffered losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The BIG program includes ITIN and represents the largest state-run economic support program in response to the economic hardship caused by coronavirus.

For assistance filling out the application please contact our technical assistance line at (312) 880-1882.

State agencies encourage people to prepare for winter weather

SPRINGFIELD – While the official start of winter is not for several weeks, those in Illinois know that winter weather is inevitable. Knowing what to do before a winter storm strikes can provide peace of mind and ultimately impact how well we respond and recover from any winter storm.

To help Illinois residents be prepared for winter weather, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and National Weather Service (NWS) developed a Winter Weather Preparedness Guide to help families prepare for extreme cold, snow and ice.

“Being unprepared for winter weather is not only inconvenient, but it can be dangerous,” said IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau.

A study published in 2020 by the University of Illinois Chicago found that nearly 95-percent of temperature related deaths in Illinois were due to cold weather. According to the NWS, the coldest temperature on record occurred on Jan. 31, 2019 when the mercury dropped to negative 38 degrees near Mt. Carroll in Carroll County. The previous record of negative 36 degrees was set in 1999.

Being in the cold too long can cause serious health problems. Hypothermia, or a drop in the body’s core temperature, does not require sub-arctic temperatures and can set in when you are indoors and outdoors. Hypothermia is especially dangerous and can be fatal if not detected promptly and

treated properly. Frostbite occurs when your extremities (fingers, toes, nose, and ears) are exposed to cold weather. The skin may become stiff and numb leading to severe tissue damage. Frostbite can permanently damage the body, and severe cases can lead to amputation.

Take Precautions When Working Outside

Hospital emergency rooms see an increase in cardiac incidents each winter. The frigid cold causes your body to go into protection mode, narrowing blood vessels. That can increase strain on the heart for those doing hard physical labor. Preventative maintenance is a good idea. Medical professionals encourage people who must work outside regularly in the winter weather consider

scheduling a physical exam before that winter work begins.

Common sense and self-awareness are the keys to winter weather safety. Workers should know the signs of hypothermia, not push their bodies to an extreme, layer clothing and make sure they have plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

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Ice and Snow, Take it Slow

Preparing for winter also means adjusting your driving habits. Snowy or ice-coated roads and reduced visibility due to fog or blowing snow results in thousands of motor vehicle crashes every year in Illinois. Many of these crashes can be avoided by slowing down on city streets, rural

roads and highways. Traffic studies have shown that many times, minor accumulations of snow or ice on roads can be just as dangerous for motorists as major snowstorms.

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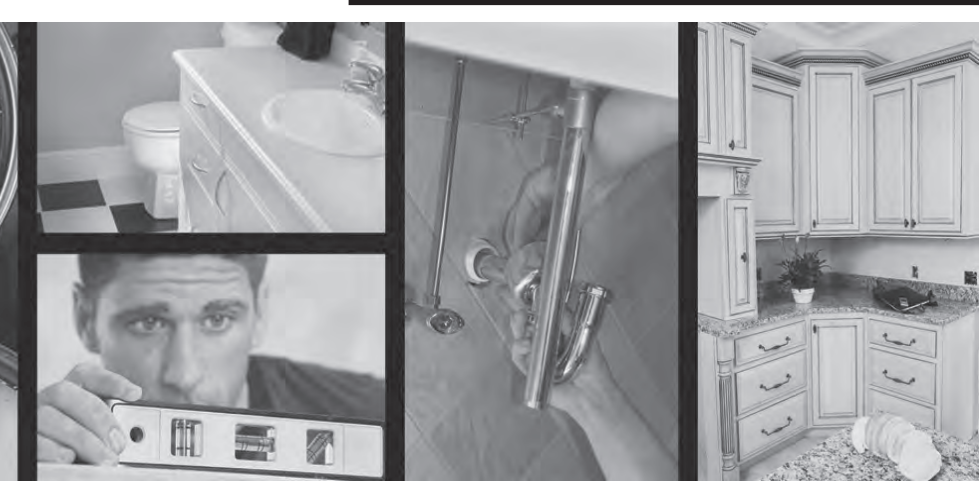
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Clipper Highlights: #21 Anthony Wells

I am honored to announce this week's Clipper Highlight, #21, Anthony Wells.

Anthony was a 2008 graduate of Amboy High School. Anthony was a WR/DB on the 2006 and 2007 Amboy quarterfinals teams. In 2006, Anthony's junior season, he was a crucial member of a dominate defense led by a very talented number of seniors from the class of 2007.

Anthony's senior season, 2007, is arguably one of the best individual seasons in recent Clipper history. In a 10 year time period, 1999-2009, Amboy could be known as "Running Back High" with greats like Jason McLaughlin, Daniel Saunders, and Cody Richardson. Why Anthony's senior year is so special is due to the fact he not only was an All State wide receiver but he totally transformed the mentality of the run dominate Amboy Clipper offense. Anthony caught 43 passes, 16 for touchdowns, for 959 yards and added another 2 touchdowns and 200+ yards rushing. Not only was Anthony great offensively but defensively he was among the highest in the area in tackles and interceptions. Anthony was the ultimate Clipper weapon.

I had the great opportunity to speak to Anthony prior to

this article and even though I had the honor of playing with him, I still learned a great deal. I learned that Anthony's Clipper journey is one fueled by pure grit and determination. Anthony dedicated his success to all of his teammates and his blood, sweat, and tears put into his hard work. However, above those two contributors to his success, Anthony stated his greatest motivators were Dennis and Travis Nauman.

"Without those two guys pushing me and challenging me I might not have played football," Anthony shared.

"Anthony played the game at 5'10" and 145 pounds but from his exploits on the field you would think he was 6'3" 225," as stated by former teammate, co-captain, and center, Jordan Willstead.

Willstead also shared, "Anthony was our trust as he always would come up with a clutch play whenever we needed it most."

Another former teammate, co-captain, and offensive guard, Drew Goy, stated, "we definitely don't have the team success and go as far as we did that year without Anthony."

Goy added, "he was the greatest teammate, always humble, and let his play on the field speak for itself."

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey

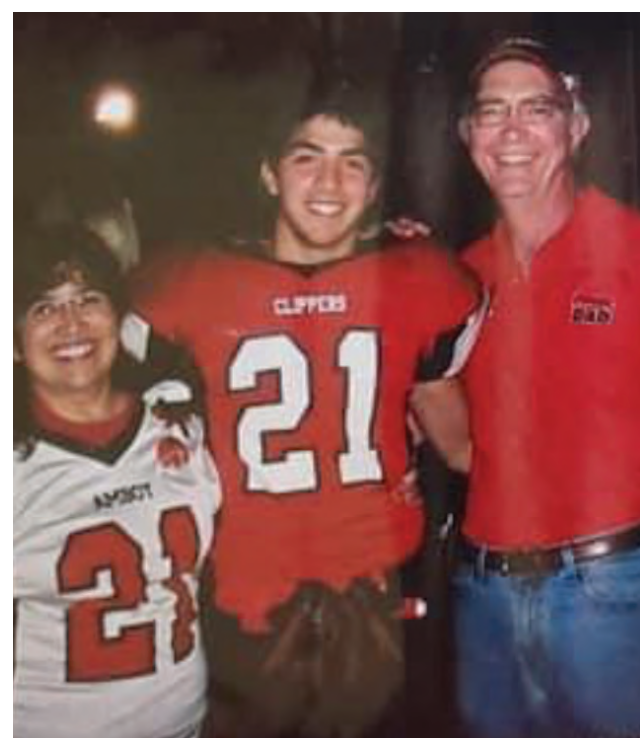


From my recollection of my playing days with Anthony, I never knew him to talk or chatter to our opposition but during the Newman week of his senior season, Newman's head coach nicknamed Anthony "the mouth from the south" and game planned for Anthony to be double covered all game. Anthony responded by torching the Comets for two touchdowns in the first half and numerous tackles throughout the game.

Anthony's primary goal was always team success. He loved his teammates so fiercely that even when he had nothing left to give, would pick us all up either with his play or with a gripping hug. No matter his hurt

or his level of exhaustion, he always was there for us first, before tending to himself. Anthony's motor was unlike I've ever experienced from anyone I have played the game with. Validated by Goy and Willstead, Anthony was on a different gear than the rest of us. This quality remains in Anthony today as evidenced by actions like his morning runs before a long days work or building his home for his family with his bare hands.

Anthony earned his Clipper glory the hard way. Nothing was given to Anthony or pre-written regarding his stellar Amboy football career. He accomplished it all because of his hard work and dedication to all that Amboy football represents. Not only the voluntary and mandatory preseason workouts, but going to The Harbor late at night in the spring and summer and throwing the ball to himself, in the dark, and running after it. Anthony's attention to detail and craftsmanship in honing his athleticism, agility, and hand-eye coordination is unmatched by any Clipper of recent memory. But it wasn't those attributes and skills that helped him snag touchdowns, break tackles, or pick off the opposing team, it was simply the fact that Anthony



#21 Anthony Wells

wanted it more than whoever he went up against. The true Amboy Clipper way!

So, to #21, "The Ultimate Clipper Weapon," my friend, Anthony Wells, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for being the catalyst that propelled us all to a higher level. More importantly thank you for being the greatest teammate to all of us, a selfless brother in Clipper red. 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.

IHSA receiving more input on high school basketball season

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors held a virtual update session on Nov. 11 to review recent developments related to the IHSA basketball season ahead of the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 19.

The Board announced that they are formally inviting representatives from Governor Pritzker's Office and the Illinois Department of Public

Health (IDPH) to attend the IHSA Board meeting on Nov. 19. Additionally, the IHSA will also seek representation at the meeting from the Illinois Principals Association (IPA), the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and a coalition of nearly 200 school superintendents who recently contacted the Governor regarding school sports during the 2020-21

school year.

"The Board hopes to create a dialogue and build a more collaborative relationship with all the entities involved with developing sports policy in our state as everyone tries to navigate the myriad issues caused by the pandemic," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "The Board's decision to move forward with the IHSA basketball season was not meant to be

adversarial. It was rooted in a desire to receive more direct communication and data from our state partners. They hope all the groups will see the mutual benefit of increased discourse and be represented at the meeting on Nov. 19."

The Board also announced that schools who began basketball practice on Nov. 16 should adhere to the Level 1 mitigations from the IDPH All Sports Policy until at least Nov. 19. The Board cited rising COVID-19 cases in the state and a recent membership survey for this recommendation. The Board plans to provide more direc-

tion on basketball practice and games following the meeting on Nov. 19.

The Board revealed that among the 546 schools who responded to the survey (IHSA has 813 member schools), nearly 300 IHSA schools did not start basketball on Nov. 16, and another 212 schools remain unsure of their status.

"The Board recognizes the difficult decisions they have placed on member schools regarding basketball," said Anderson. "With a limited number of schools set to begin their season on Nov. 16, they believe it is prudent to adhere to IDPH guidance as

they work with state officials to gain greater clarity on the metrics and mitigations required to conduct certain high school sports throughout the remainder of the 2020-21 school year."

IESA makes decisions on winter & spring sports

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois Elementary School Association Board of Directors met on Nov. 9 to address the winter and spring sports schedules after the announcement two weeks ago by the Governor's Office that basketball had been moved to the higher risk category of the Illinois All Sports Policy and the subsequent announcement by the IHSA that they are planning to move forward with their basketball season as scheduled in November.

"We all are trying to make decisions without knowing what the future holds," said Steve Endsley, IESA Executive Director. "Truly, all we can do is attempt to give direction to our membership based on what we know today and somehow still plan for the future of the Association. Not an easy task."

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With that in mind, the Board made some significant decisions on activity seasons. Here is the information concerning winter and spring sports:

CONTACT DAYS: IESA members schools are to follow the guidelines set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the updated All Sports Policy. In that policy, basketball has been designated as high risk and volleyball is medium risk. Schools should follow the All Sports Policy when conducting contact days for those activities.

BOYS' BASKETBALL AND GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: It is still uncertain as of Nov. 9 whether schools will be able to participate in boys' basketball and girls' volleyball contests in January. If competition is not approved by IDPH by the time these activities are scheduled to begin, then the IESA Board will meet to discuss the possibility of moving the seasons.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Currently scheduled to start March 8. If conditions require the boys' basketball and girls' volleyball season to be moved into the spring, scheduling becomes difficult. To have girls' and boys' basketball, girls' volleyball, and track and field all in the spring is an almost impossible situation for schools and student-athletes. We want students to have an opportunity to play all the activities, but it will be difficult to accomplish

this without causing students and schools to choose between activities.

WRESTLING: Has been moved to the spring. Practice may now start on April 5. Matches can begin on April 12 and run through May 28. If a regional tournament can be held, it will be held on May 29. If wrestling remains in the high risk or medium risk category on April 5, then the IESA wrestling season will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

TRACK AND FIELD: The IESA track and field season remains as originally scheduled. Our hope is that we can have a traditional track and field season.

CHESS: The chess activity for the 2020-21 school year has been cancelled. With upwards of 600 chess players in attendance at our tournament, it becomes impossible to conduct the event within the gathering guidelines established by IDPH.

While no final decisions have been made regarding scholastic bowl, bowling, and competitive cheerleading, the IESA staff is trying to determine if those activities can be held within the guidelines that have been established. Information will be distributed as decisions are made.

Please log on to this link for the updated IESA Plan for 2020-21: <https://www.iesa.org/documents/health/IESA-AltNovPlan.pdf>

Hunters encouraged to think safety first

SPRINGFIELD — Hunters in Illinois should think safety before, during and after their time in the field this fall and winter as waterfowl, upland game, furbearer, and firearm and archery deer seasons provide ample opportunity to enjoy time in the outdoors in Illinois.

"We want to encourage hunters to make safety their first priority as they head out to enjoy what we hope will be a successful hunting season for everyone," said Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Director Colleen Callahan.

The IDNR Office of Law Enforcement, which administers the state's Hunter Safety Education Program, has investigated seven hunting incidents so far during 2020. In 2019, there were 20 hunting incidents reported in all hunting seasons in Illinois. Among the hunting incidents reported last year, 10 involved hunters using elevated tree stands.

When utilizing a tree stand, hunters should check that their stand is installed properly. Hunters should check the harness and straps and replace worn straps if needed — and check the ladder and other equipment before they hunt to make sure they are in working order. Hunters also need to be mindful of weather conditions that could make stands and steps slippery, and they should have a cellphone within easy reach to call for help, if needed. Hunters can review tree stand safety online at <http://www.huntercourse.com/treestand-safety/>

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Safety educators and IDNR Conservation Police also remind everyone hunting with a firearm to:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded, and never assume a firearm is unloaded;
- Always point a firearm in a safe direction;
- Be sure of the target, and make sure there are no other hunters, homes, buildings, vehicles or other animals beyond the target; and
- Keep their finger out of the trigger guard and off the trigger until they are ready to shoot.

Other safety considerations include ensuring heating sources are properly ventilated in hunting cabins and boats, wearing appropriate, high visibility clothing while hunting (including blaze orange or blaze pink when required), and being familiar with the area being hunted.

Each year, Illinois' busiest hunting season is the seven-day firearm deer season. Dates for the firearm season this year are Friday through Sunday, Nov. 20-22 and Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 3-6.

The Illinois Archery Deer Season opened Oct. 1 and continues through Jan. 17, 2021. Archery deer season is closed during the firearm deer weekends except in those counties where firearm deer hunting is not permitted.

For more details check the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/HuntTrapDigest.aspx>.

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

**LEE COUNTY ZONING PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

PETITION NO. 20-P-1558
South Dixon Solar Project

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons that a public hearing will be held by the Lee County Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 East Second Street, Third Floor (Boardroom), Dixon, Illinois, 61201, on the application of South Dixon Solar, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, seeking a Special Use Permit for the following purpose:

To construct and operate a 500-megawatt solar energy system. The solar energy system will be sited over approximately 3,838 acres of leased property in South Dixon Township between Interstate-88 to the north-northwest, U.S. Route 52 to the east, and U.S. Route 30 to the south. The Project will be a utility-scale, ground-mounted solar farm consisting primarily of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels. Project solar PV panels will be mounted to single-axis trackers that will be mechanically connected in rows and distributed throughout the Site as panel array blocks. Other Project-related equipment will include direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC) inverters that will be distributed throughout the Site, underground or aboveground electrical conduits connecting PV array blocks with inverters, three (3) transformers located at the proposed South Dixon substation, and an interconnection to a new Commonwealth Edison Co (ComEd) operated switching station and existing 345 kV transmission line. The application is available for inspection in the Lee County Zoning Office, located at 112 East Second Street, Dixon, Illinois, 61201, and online at <https://www.leecountyil.com/>.

The property for which the Special Use Permit is requested consists of the parcels described in the following table and reference numbers correspond to Figure 1 – Project Parcels:

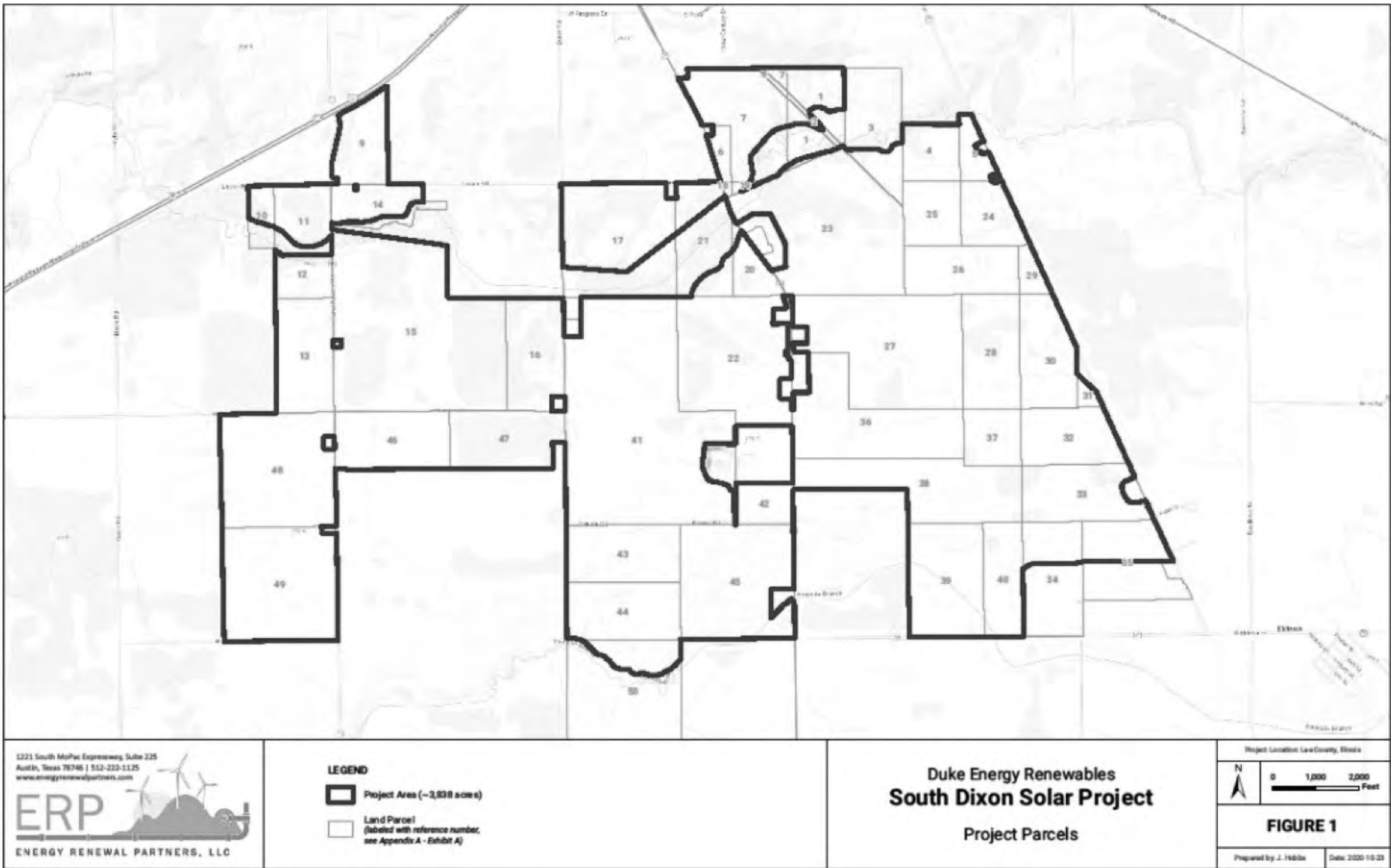
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| 2 | 180815300006 | SECT/LOT:15 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:9 FORM RR LYG IN WH SWQ SEC 15 BK 9802-2562 |
| 3 | 180815300007 | SEC15 TWP21 RNG9 PT EH SWQ SEC 15 AND PT NEQ NWQ SEC22 LYG N & E OF FORMER RR ROW |
| 4 | 180815400002 | SECT/LOT:15 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 SWQ SEQ 0105-0692 |
| 5 | 180815400003 | SECT/LOT:15 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 ALL W RD FRL EH SEQ 0105-0692 |
| 6 | 180816400005 | SECT/LOT:16 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 FRL SWQ SEQ E OF RD DEED BK 275 PG 190 |
| 7 | 180816400009 | SECT/LOT:16 TWP:21RNG/BLK:009 EH SEQ EXC R.R. AND EXC 2 A. IN SE COR. AND NWQ SEQ LYG E ILL. 26 EXC PT DESC. IN BK 8308 PG 642 |
| 8 | 180816400012 | SECT/LOT:16 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:9 FORM RR LYG IN SEQ SEC 16 BK 9802-2562 |
| 9 | 180817300002 | SECT/LOT:17 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 WH SWQ EXC 13.37 ACRES E/W TOLLWAY ACCESS RD PARCEL E3/32 |
| 10 | 180819200002 | SECT/LOT:19 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 EH NWQ NEQ |
| 11 | 180819200003 | SECT/LOT:19 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 N 5-8 EH NEQ |
| 12 | 180819200004 | SECT/LOT:19 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:9 E W/8 EH NEQ BK 8604-1088 |
| 13 | 180819400002 | SECT/LOT:19 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 EH SEQ BK 8604 PG 1088 |
| 14 | 180820100015 | SEC20 TWP21 RNG9 PT NWQ N FORMER RR ROW 0105-3259, 0706-3491 W/ EXC'S |
| 15 | 180820300004 | SECT/LOT:20 TWP:21RNG/BLK:009 NWQ LYING S OF RR AND SWQ EX .5 ACRE AND WH SEQ BK 8912-69/ 75 WD BK 9005-705 QCD |
| 16 | 180820400006 | SEC20 TWP21 RNG9 EH SEQ 0801-2149, 1302-2406 |
| 17 | 180821100002 | SECT/LOT:21 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:9 PT NWQ SEC 21 BK 9811-2133 |
| 18 | 180821200002 | SECT/LOT:21 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 WH NEQ LYG E RD N FORMER RR ROW |
| 19 | 180821200003 | SECT/LOT:21 TWP:21RNG/BLK:009 2.75 A N OF RY IN NW COR EH NEQ DEED BK 275 PG 190 |
| 20 | 180821200004 | SECT/LOT:21 TWP:21RNG/BLK:009 THAT PT EH NEQ SLY WLY OF CENTER LINE STATE BOND ISSUE 89 8402-737 |
| 21 | 180821200006 | SECT/LOT:21 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:9 PT WH NEQ SEC 21 BK 9811-2133 |
| 22 | 180821400010 | SEC21 TWP21 RNG9 PT SH SEQ SEC 21, PT NEQ NEQ SEC 28 |

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| 23 | 180822100003 | SEC22 TWP21 RNG9 PT SH SWQ SEC 15 & PT NWQ SEC 22 LYG S & W OF FORMER RR ROW, PT NEQ SEC 21, PT SEQ SEQ SEC 16 |
| 24 | 180822200003 | SEC22 TWP21 RNG9 PT EH NEQ & PT NWQ SEC 23 0505-1518 |
| 25 | 180822200013 | SEC22 TWP21 RNG9 PT WH NEQ |
| 26 | 180822200014 | SEC22 TWP21 RNG9 S 1145 FT OF NEQ |
| 27 | 180822300005 | SEC22 TWP21 RNG9 PT SWQ & WH SEQ 9610-1197 |
| 28 | 180822400003 | SECT/LOT:22 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:9 EH SEQ BK 9405-787/789 D TRT |
| 29 | 180823100002 | SECT/LOT:23 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 W RD PT WH NWQ BK 9012-905 D |
| 30 | 180823300005 | SECT/LOT:23 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:9 WH SWQ LYG SW OF RD BK 9405-787/789 D TRT |
| 31 | 180823300006 | SECT/LOT:23 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:9 SEQ SWQ LYG SW OF N LN OF FORM RR ROW & LYG W OF RD 9003- 367 BK 9405-787/789 D TRT |
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| 33 | 180826100012 | SEC26 TWP21 RNG9 PT SH NWQ AND PT SH NEQ LYG W OF ROAD |
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| 35 | 180826300003 | SECT/LOT:26 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:9 IRREG TR IN EH SWQ AND IN SEQ SEC 0107-3662 |
| 36 | 180827100005 | SEC27 TWP21 RNG9 PT SWQ SWQ SEC 22 & PT NH SEC 27 |
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| 41 | 180828100002 | SEC28 TWP21 RNG9 NWQ, WH NEQ SEC 28, PT SWQ SEC 21 |
| 42 | 180828200005 | SEC28 TWP21 RNG9 PT EH NEQ 0301-6144 & 6146 |
| 43 | 180828300001 | SECT/LOT:28 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 NH SWQ BK 9408-123 QCD |
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| 45 | 180828400004 | SEC28 TWP21 RNG9 PT SEQ 0803-0639 THRU 0659 |
| 46 | 180829100001 | SECT/LOT:29 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 NH NWQ BK 8604 PG 1088 |
| 47 | 180829200006 | SEC29 TWP21 RNG9 NH NEQ EXC 4.04 AC TRCT 9205-1102/1104 EXC 1301-0950/0954 |
| 48 | 180830200002 | SECT/LOT:30 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 FRL NEQ EXC BK 7614 PG 777 0103-0944 |
| 49 | 180830400004 | SEC30 TWP21 RNG9 PT SEQ BK 1212-1957/1961 EXC 1406-1325 |
| 50 | 180833100001 | SECT/LOT:33 TWP:21 RNG/BLK:009 NWQ BK 9408-123 QCD |

The Petitioner/Applicant, South Dixon Solar, LLC, is acting for itself. It is a Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware, with offices at 550 S. Caldwell St., Charlotte, NC 28202. The sole member of South Dixon Solar, LLC is Duke Energy Renewables Solar, LLC, with offices also at 550 S. Caldwell St., Charlotte, NC 28202.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard. This forum will allow interested parties to ask questions regarding the project. Due to COVID-19, Lee County will be providing a Zoom meeting link and information for virtual attendance. All speakers, and materials presented at the meeting, will be broadcast via the virtual meeting. Participants will be given opportunities to speak and ask questions. Please call the Zoning and Planning Office at (815) 288-3643 to get more details on the virtual meeting or you may visit the Lee County webpage at <https://www.leecountyil.com/> and view the Event Calendar for updates and information.

No. 1109 (Nov. 18, 2020)



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NOTICE

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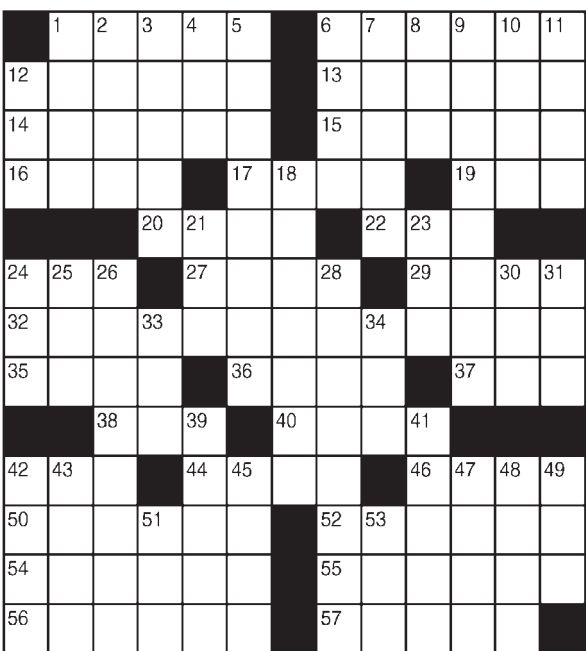
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ACROSS

- 1 Flourish
6 "Rabbit, Run" author
12 Tearjerker
13 Construction piece
14 "Anna Christie" playwright
15 Coats
16 Lima's place
17 Father of Thor
19 Away from WSW
20 Style
22 LummoX
24 Most Wanted List org.
27 Elite alternative
29 Bart's sister
32 Lincoln's election year
35 Region
36 Location
37 Storm center
38 Inseparable
40 Osso buco base
42 A cont.
44 Level
46 Apiece
50 Boardroom props
52 Prophet
54 Half a story-book duo
55 "My heavens!"

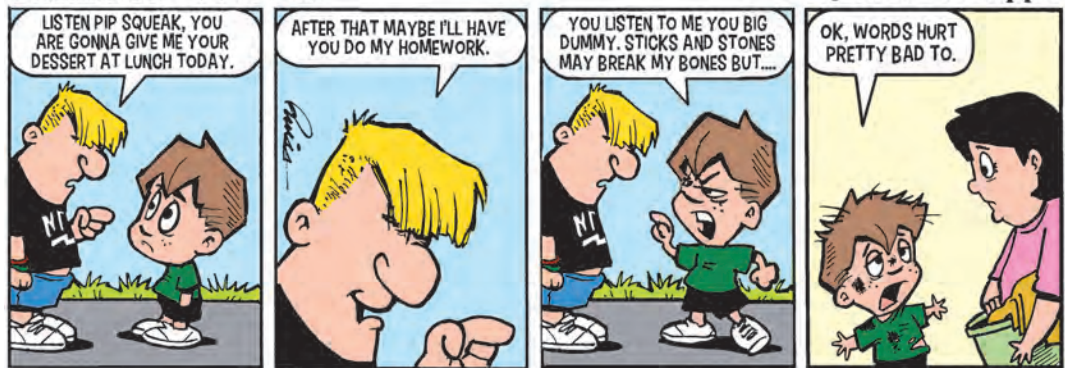


- 56 Clothing
57 Unlike a rolling stone?
11 Gaelic
12 Doo- music
18 Fool
21 Make a choice, with "for"
23 "The Greatest"
24 Shriner's cha- peau
25 Life story, for short
26 Unknowing
28 Waiting area
30 Pigpen
31 Nay canceler
33 Coop denizen
34 Multitude
39 Old anesthet- ic
41 Starts
42 Turkish poten- tate
43 "Animal House" group
45 Capri or Wight
47 Dogfight par- ticipants
48 23-Down's old name
49 The lady
51 Sixth letter after 53-Down
53 See 51-Down

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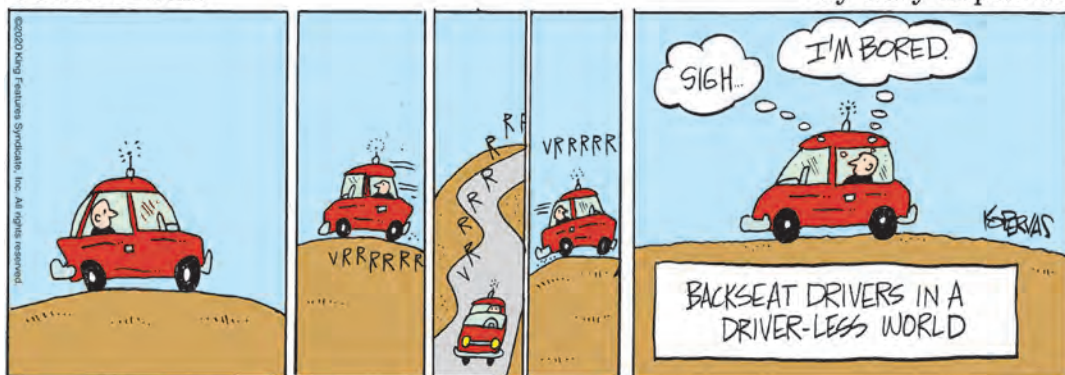
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



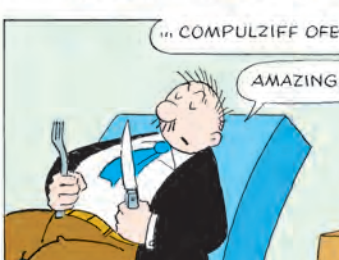
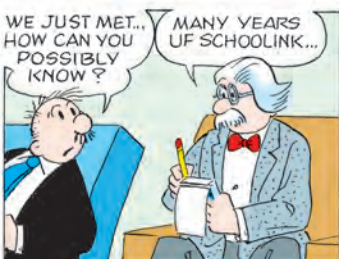
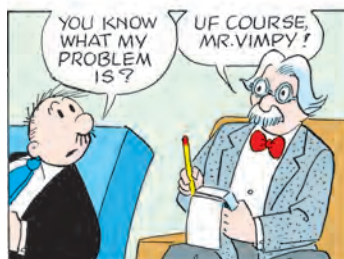
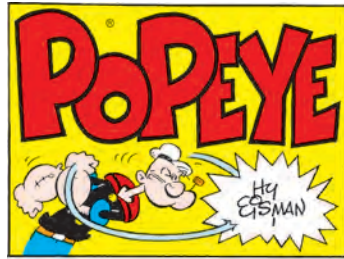
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"Oh, no! Eating again!?"

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!

Smart
STATUE
Empty
INARD
Close
BRANEY
Berate
CLODS

TODAY'S WORD

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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.

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UFKJFGH JOHSDBXOJ DBFJ HQTKH,
NYGGQKT BYS FGG SMO HSBNH?

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DISCOUNT

Today's Word

1. Astute 2. Drain; 3. Nearby; 4. Scold

solution

SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test

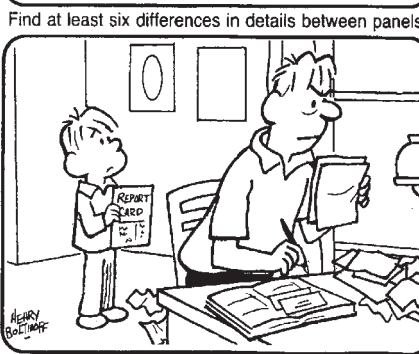
by Fifi Rodriguez

- MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1/2 cup?
- TELEVISION: Which 1990s sitcom featured the theme song "I'll Be There for You"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the city of Timbuktu located?
- GAMES: How much money does each Monopoly player get at the start of the classic game?
- SCIENCE: How much of the Earth's surface is covered with water?
- MOVIES: Which 2004 animated movie featured the character Edna Mode?
- U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Michigan?
- COMICS: Which comic character's favorite exclamation is "Good grief!"?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the phobia cynophobia?
- ANATOMY: What is the condition of "pes planus" more commonly called?

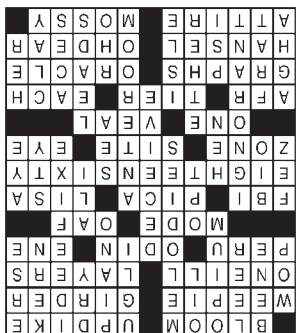
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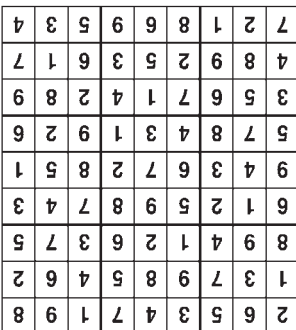
Differences: 1. Boy is taller 2. Picture is vertical 3. Chair back is different 4. Fewer papers on floor 5. Boy's collar is different 6. Two checks on book



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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CryptoQuip

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1-800-957-2513



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Thanksgiving Meal
to Help Raise Money for the
Shop With A Sheriff Program
Nov. 20 from 10 am - 2 pm
Shell Express Lane 342 North Mason, Amboy

Ham, turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, stuffing and a roll. Desserts will also be available

All proceeds and donations made in the deli go to the Shop With A Sheriff Program during this day.
Call ahead with orders 815-857-2990.
Help Us Help The Kiddos!
Please practice 6 ft social distancing & wear a mask.

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AMBOY
HOMETOWN**

VIRTUAL 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 for a chance to enter our Bonus Prize Drawing.
Ending Nov. 26, at 6 p.m.

- **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!
- Teen Turf will host a Drive-Thru Holiday Breakfast on Dec. 5, from 8 - 11 a.m. Tickets are \$8. Santa will be outside to say hello as you pick-up your breakfast!
- Pankhurst Memorial Library will have a Curbside Pick-Up Craft, along with their Tales for Tots & Kids bags available.

- **Dec 4** - Eight names will be drawn to win a Turkey or Ham, donated by the City of Amboy, first come first choice.

• 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. Watch for more information coming out about a craft to make. 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!

@AmboyHometownChristmasWalk | amboychristmaswalk@yahoo.com

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Make Sublette Green This Christmas

The Village of Sublette Businesses welcome you to shop, dine and celebrate close to home this Holiday season!

LEFFELMAN & ASSOCIATES
111 W Main St., Sublette
(815) 849-5219

WOODY TRUE VALUE HARDWARE STORE
1802 Sublette Rd., Sublette
(815) 849-5107

SUBLETTE COLLISION CENTER
Autobody Services at
affordable prices
We are the Best of a Bad Situation
(815) 849-9090

GREEN RIVER OAKS RESORT
Happy Holidays!
815-857-2815

DYNO DEAN MOWING
815-440-8461
Season's Greetings!

SUBLETTE BP
779-245-5399 • Route 52
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

MAIN STREET REPAIR
205 Main St., Sublette • 815-849-5225

WOODHAVEN LAKES ASSOCIATION
Happy Holidays!
509 LaMoille Rd., Sublette
815-849-5209

**HD SEED
BECK'S SEEDS**
203 N. Front St., Sublette
779-348-1149

ROUTE 52 ROADHOUSE
101 N Pennsylvania Ave., Sublette
815-849-9999

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290 W. Pieronnet St. • Amboy, IL 61310
Phone: (815) 857-4015

**Taking orders for
grave blankets &
wreaths for the
cemetery.
Orders must be placed
by December 1.**

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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
PO Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310

OR, drop them off at our location at 245 E. Main Street in Amboy
OR, Email them to: tgreenfield@amboynews.com (Email Subject "Letter to Santa")



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