

Lee County at warning level for Coronavirus

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) reported 28 counties in Illinois are considered to be at a warning level for novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on Friday, Oct. 2. A county enters a warning level when two or more COVID-19 risk indicators that measure the amount of COVID-19 increase.

Twenty-eight counties are currently reported at a warning level including Lee County. Other counties include: Bond, Boone, Brown, Calhoun, Christian, Clinton, Coles, Crawford, DeKalb, DeWitt, Fayette, Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Livingston, Macon, Massac, Monroe, Morgan, Pulaski, Putnam, Richland, Saline, St. Clair, Wabash, Washington, and Winnebago.

Although the reasons for counties reaching a warning level varies, some of the common factors for an increase in cases and outbreaks are associated with university and college parties as well as college sports teams, large gatherings and events, bars and clubs, weddings and funerals, family gatherings, long-term care facilities, correctional centers, schools, and cases among the community at large, especially people in their 20s.

Public health officials are observing businesses blatantly disregarding mitigation measures, people not social distancing, gathering in large groups, and not using face coverings. Mayors, local law enforcement, state’s attorneys, and other community leaders can be influential in ensuring citizens and businesses follow best practices.

Several counties are taking swift action to help slow spread of the virus, including increasing testing opportunities, stressing the importance of testing to providers, hiring additional contact tracers, working with schools, meeting with local leaders, educating businesses and large venues about the importance of mitigation measures, and distributing

Lee County COVID-19 Update: Oct. 5, 2020

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department advises anyone who participated in the dart tournament at the Depot Tap from 5-9 p.m. on Oct. 3, to monitor for symptoms due to potential exposure to COVID-19. If you develop symptoms, self isolate and consider getting tested. Call the health department at 815-284-3371 for more info.

The health department reported on Sept. 30, that Lee County will be placed on the warning list by the Illinois Department of Public Health next week due to new case rates and test positivity rates that exceed the state target-see attached. Lee County has a population of 34,223. For week 39, Sept. 20-26, Lee County saw a new test positivity rate of 9.4 percent.

Positive Tests

Between Sept. 26 and Oct. 5, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 60 new cases have been reported and here are the ages that were announced: 2 under age 10, 2 under age 14, 3 in his or her teens, 14 in his or her 20s, 5 in his or her 30s, 8 in his or her 40s, 13 in his or her 50s, 8 in his or her 60s, 2 in his or her 70s, and 3 in his or her 80s. One of the cases is a resident of the Jack Mabley Center.

This brings the total number of cases to 434 as of Oct. 5. Of the 434 cases,



A remote COVID-19 testing site was held in the Amboy Depot Museum parking lot on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

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327 have recovered. Currently, there are two residents hospitalized due to COVID-19.

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

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

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2020 Pumpkin Carving Contest

AMBOY — The Amboy News is excited to announce the 2020 Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest for youth. We want you to show off your pumpkin carving creations.

It’s easy to enter. Simply, carve out some time with your family and then upload a picture of your creation.

Visit rochellenews-leader.secondstreetapp.com/2020-Halloween-Pumpkin-Carving-Contest to upload your photo and also to vote.

Please enter your child’s first name, age and zip code with each entry. One entry per child.

Submissions will be accepted until Friday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. Voting begins on Oct. 1 and runs through Friday, Nov. 6.

The top 3 vote getters will receive a candy prize. This contest is open to children ages 12 and under.

Winners will be announced in the Nov. 11th edition of the paper along with a picture of the winning pumpkins.

This contest is sponsored by the Amboy News, the City of Amboy, Amboy Lions Club, and Amboy Food and Liquor.

Illinois Department of Public Health issues guidelines for Halloween festivities

SPRINGFIELD—As we head into the holiday season, starting with Halloween, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is issuing guidance to help people celebrate safely as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Guidelines include following the 3 W’s – Wash your hands. Watch your distance. Wear your mask.

“One of the hallmarks of holidays and celebrations is gathering with friends, family and loved ones,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “We are still in a pandemic, and unfortunately, this year, that means the safest way to celebrate is to stay home and plan virtual gatherings. That said, IDPH recognizes that some who will choose to gather together anyway, and instead of denying that reality, we are issuing guidance and recommendations for safer ways to celebrate together in person. Remember, we know what our best tools are: wearing our masks, keeping



our distance, limiting event sizes, washing your hands, and looking out for public health and each other.”

If you think you could have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, do not participate in any in-person Halloween activities.

Trick-or-treating

- Anyone participating in trick-or-treating, including

- those passing out candy, should maintain 6-feet of social distance and wear proper face coverings.
- Consider leaving individually wrapped candy (spaced apart) on a table in driveways or in front of walkways, sidewalks, or any outdoor space where 6-feet of distance can be maintained.
- A Halloween costume mask is not a substitute for

a cloth mask. Ensure that breathing is not impaired if a cloth mask is worn under a costume mask. If so, discard the costume mask.

- Trick-or-treat in groups with household members only.

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Amboy Cross Country team competes at meet.

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Bat tests positive for rabies in Whiteside County

STERLING - On Oct. 1, a bat was found inside a residence on the 700 block of East Second Street in Sterling. Whiteside County Animal Control sent the bat to the Illinois Department of Public Health to be tested, and the results came back positive for rabies.

It is very important to make sure that your dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies.

Humans are at risk of contracting rabies through bites, scratches, or contamination of mucosa (eye, lips, tongue, and mouth), or skin lesions by the infectious saliva.

Do not touch or handle grounded bats. When picking up dead or injured bats or animals, use extreme caution. Use a shovel or gloves that can be discarded. Do not re-use gloves after handling a bat, and never use your bare hands. Please contact animal control if you are injured when picking up bats

or animals, or if any of your animals are injured or killed by a rabid bat.

For information regarding rabies, please visit the Illinois Department of Public Health Website at <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/rabies>

Region 1 in northern Illinois sees increased mitigations due to riding rate of spread of COVID-19

NORTHERN ILLINOIS — Region 1 of the state’s reopening plan saw a second straight day with a COVID-19 test positivity rate exceeding 8 percent, according to the most recent data for Saturday, Sept. 26, as it increased to 8.3 percent. Later Tuesday, Sept. 29, the governor’s office announced the region would see increased mitigations starting Saturday, Oct. 3, due to the rising rate of spread.

“The concerning uptick in Region 1’s positivity – jumping more than two percentage points in two weeks even as the majority of Illinois continues to see downward trends – demands increased efforts to stop the spread in our northwestern counties,” Pritzker said in a news release.

The region includes the northwest part of the state from the Rockford area to the western edge of Illinois, including Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago counties.

Added mitigations include closure of bars and restaurants to indoor

services, while those facilities in the region must now close to outdoor service at 11 p.m. until mitigations are lifted.

Meetings, social events and gatherings will be limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25 percent of overall room capacity throughout the mitigation period, while party buses will not be allowed to operate. Gaming and casinos will close at 11 p.m. and be limited to 25 percent of capacity.

The region must see its positivity rate decrease to 6.5 percent or lower for three straight days to see mitigations lifted.

If the positivity rate averages between 6.5 and 8 percent, the new mitigations will remain in place. If averages greater than or equal to 8 percent after 14 days, more stringent mitigations may be applied, according to the governor’s office.

The Region 1 Health Departments said, as we learn to co-exist with COVID-19, it is important to respect and support local businesses and each other by taking the following steps:

Follow local travel guidance and limit non-essential travel.

Non-essential travel includes traveling for sports team and social gatherings.

Limit your contacts and follow the 3Ws.

Keep your contacts limited to a small number. The more people from different households that gather, the greater the risk of spreading COVID-19.

If your children are in school, keep the playdates to those who are in your child’s class.

When eating with others not from your household, keep 6ft apart • Leave a place or gathering where people are not masking or social distancing, or if the gathering is too large.

Support local businesses by continuing to order online, carrying out, and using curbside pick-up.

State Sen. Chuck Weaver (R-Peoria) says the Governor’s modified restrictions, if imposed, would strike yet another blow to already shaky regional economies.

“The 37th District encompasses a very small portion of Region 1, but this approach reflects what we consider the wrong approach to the COVID-19 situation. We do not need a rush to judgment on changes that will affect a very large portion of our state. We need more information about where these higher rates are. We want to know if they reflect a single large increase in one area, such as a spike in a communal-living situation like a nursing home community. We should also look at the actual number of cases in our region,” Weaver said. “We should not continue to be subjected to the standards designed for cities like Chicago that have significantly more cases of COVID-19 than our communities. Let’s continue the focus on letting businesses open based on their unique circumstances to operate safely, and not on arbitrary and subjective designations.”

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- Candy collected during trick-or-treating should not be eaten until after handwashing.
- An alternative to traditional trick-or-treating is to set up in a large parking lot or other outdoor setting with tables with individually wrapped candy (spaced apart) where participants with a parent/guardian can parade past while still keeping 6-feet of distance and wearing a face covering. It's suggested to offer reserved time slots to limit everyone showing up at once.
- Haunted Houses**
 - Halloween haunted houses currently are not allowed in Restore Illinois Phase 4 Guidelines.
 - Consider open-air, one-way haunted forests or haunted walks where 6-feet of distance can be maintained and face

- coverings are used.
- Adult costume parties, social gatherings, Halloween parties at bars
- Gatherings of more than 50 people or 50% or more of a building's maximum occupancy are prohibited. (Lower limits may apply for regions in additional mitigation.)
- The more time you spend at a gathering, the closer the contact, the more people, the higher your risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- Follow small social gathering safety tips from IDPH.
- Pumpkin patches and orchards**
 - Cloth face coverings and social distancing should be enforced.
 - Use hand sanitizer before handling pumpkins, apples, and other produce.
- Hayrides**

- Hayrides should not exceed 50% capacity with parties spaced at least six feet apart.
- Wear face coverings at all times when around people not from your household.
- After participating in any of the above activities, if you think that you may have been exposed during your celebration, take extra precautions for 14 days after the event to help protect others. You should:
 - Stay home as much as possible.
 - Avoid being around people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
 - Consider getting tested for COVID-19.
- IDPH Halloween guidance can be found on the IDPH website.



Pictured (left to right): Emily Pratt, Sen. Stewart, Leonard Sheaffer
Photo submitted

Stewart named

Friend of Ag

BLOOMINGTON — Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) ACTIVATOR announced that it has designated State Senator Brian Stewart of the 45th Senate District as a Friend of Agriculture.

"Senator Stewart consistently has shown his support for agriculture during his term," said Don Meyer, Lee County Farm Bureau president. "He is truly deserving to be recognized as a Friend of Agriculture."

IFB ACTIVATOR designates legislators as a Friend of Agriculture and endorses them because they demonstrate an understanding of the important role agriculture plays in Illinois. Those designated a Friend of Agriculture have shown they support the farmers of their district and the issues important to them.



Blaine named October Student of the Month

AMBOY — Brianna Blaine, daughter of Brian and Amanda Blaine, was named October Student of the Month at Amboy High School.

GPA: 4.02/4.0

Memberships/Involvement: I am part of the girl's volleyball and basketball teams, I am National Honor Society Vice President, Spanish Honor Society Treasurer, Senior Class Secretary, and a member of the Leo's Club.

Awards/Honors: I received the NUIC Academic All-Conference Award my sophomore and junior year, for both basketball and volleyball. I also received the Serving Award for volleyball, and Most Improved varsity basketball player my junior year.

Best Memories of AHS: My best memory of AHS has definitely been the excitement of our basketball postseason my sophomore and junior year. The feeling of having the whole town's support is so meaningful, and I will always cherish the memories that I made with my teammates and coaches.

Future Plans: I plan on attending University of Iowa or University of Illinois to major in biology. My goal is to eventually become a physician or a physician assistant.

Amboy Community Unit School District #272 is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on its Board of Education.

Application forms are available on the website (www.amboy.net), or can be picked up from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the District Office, 11 E. Hawley Street, Amboy. Applications will be accepted until Friday, October 16, 2020.

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Fish Fry

We are having a Drive-Thru Fish this Friday, Oct. 9th from 4 to 7 p.m. It will be a pick-up only at the Boehle Youth Center, Teen Turf building, 235 W. Main in Amboy. Dinner includes Fish, Coleslaw Bread, Potato Salad, and Dessert. Cost of dinner is \$9 in advance. Please see Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195 and Board members for tickets. Our kids did a terrific job on selling advance tickets.

Homework Club

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

Eileen says that Teen Turf could not survive or thrive without people's help, so we thank the following for items: Kathy Warner (Clothes and mayo), Carol and Jeff Schnaiter (Items), Donna Wellman (Toiletries and her awesome treats for the kids), Barb Harrison (monetary donation), Eileen and Irene Ramadell (for providing us a lunch with homemade cupcakes and toiletries), Janet and Bill Shaw (Beautiful flowers), Linda and Bill Disney (monetary donation), Leila Garland donation in memory of Richard Garland (monetary donation).

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.

A Note to say hello or Happy Birthday in October

If you know any person, young or old who is need of a Hello or a Happy Birthday. Please reach out to us via Facebook Messaging or please call Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195. We have given out over 100+ cards.

Final Word

Prayer for Health and Strength

Father Above, I pray before You today seeking strength and wellbeing. I pray that You grant me the strength to power through my days and health, to last a lifetime. Lord, I will not go sick neither will I tire, and throughout the days of my life, it is You that will be worshiped by me. I thank You for the blessings Oh Lord, and In Jesus Name I Pray, Amen.

Open house planned at Chaplin Creek Village

FRANKLIN GROVE — The Public is invited to the Chaplin Creek Muzzleloaders' open house on Saturday, Oct. 17-18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Chaplin Creek Village in Franklin Grove. There will be a period camp to visit and see how our ancestors survived and what implements they used. The Blacksmith shop will be open with demonstrations Saturday and Sunday. Masks must be worn.

They will have the sixth annual "Pumpkin Shoot" on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. Pumpkins are grown at the range, harvested and then lined up to see who can make a face on the pumpkin. Public welcome to come and observe the marksmanship. There will be prizes for the first, second, and third place for the best face shot into the pumpkins.

They will have a silent auction on various primitive paraphernalia, and a 50/50 cash raffle. Items to be auctioned will include period Muzzleloading accouterments and other muzzleloading era items. Bids may be submitted to the below email. The 50/50 drawing and the silent auction will be held after the pumpkin shoot, around 1 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 18.

The Chaplin Creek Muzzleloaders are a group of local antique and historic gun collectors that call their home Chaplin Creek Village in Franklin Grove. They are located in the historical Chaplin Creek Village - 1715 Whitney Road, Franklin Grove. For information concerning the Chaplin Creek Muzzleloaders, including becoming a member, please write to us at mrahk@comcast.net.

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.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the YMCA, 110 N. Galena Rd. 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 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Sterling Bethel Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

AMBOY-Teen Turf will hold a Drive-Thru Fish Fry on Friday, Oct. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. Pick-up only at the Boehle Youth Center, 235 W. Main St. Call Eileen at 815-440-8195 or see a board member for advance \$9 tickets. Tickets will be \$10 the day of the event.

LASALLE- Dani Brzowski, the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Illinois 16th district, kicked off a robust socially-distanced Park Tour series last month. Upcoming event dates, times, and locations are below. Masks and social distancing are required of attendees. More events are scheduled in October, and available via the campaign Facebook page.

Oct. 10, noon. - Gambino Park, Rockford

Oct. 10, 2:30 p.m. - Leland Park, Roscoe

AMBOY-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, at the Amboy Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

GRAND DETOUR-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12, at Faith Assembly of Grand Detour, 7881 S. Green St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will not meet at on Monday, Oct. 12, due to COVID restrictions.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension Four Seasons Horticulture Webinar Series will continue via Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 13, with Creating a Bottle Terrarium. Registration is required. Register online at go.illinois.edu/fourseasons.

MAY TOWNSHIP-The May Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Township Maintenance Building.

ROCK FALLS-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16, at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19,

at the old NAPA building, 399 N. Metcalf.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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Cathy Myers, Lee County Clerk and Recorder would like to announce that beginning THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 2020, VOTE BY MAIL and EARLY VOTING will be conducted in the Election Department of her office, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E. Second St., Dixon.

VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, October 29, 2020 and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

MASKS MUST BE WORN WITHIN THE COURTHOUSE

PLEASE NOTE: Lee County Courthouse will be closed October 12, 2020.

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

Website: www.leecountyil.com

Email: election@countyofolee.org

Phone: 815-288-3309

Cathy Myers

Lee County Clerk & Recorder

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Martha Jean Wojtkiewicz-Wagner

March 30, 1925 - Sept. 30, 2020

AMBOY — Martha Jean Wojtkiewicz-Wagner, 95, of Amboy, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020 in Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon.

Martha Jean was born on March 30, 1925 in Eldena, the daughter of Elbert & Olive (Shuck) Shoemaker. She was a 1943 graduate of Amboy High School, Amboy. She worked at the Green River Ordinance Plant, Amboy; before coming a mother and homemaker. She was a past member of St. Patrick Church, Amboy. Martha Jean loved taking care of family and friends, and she was known for her pies.

She married Robert J. Wojtkiewicz on Sept. 5, 1944 in St. Sebastian Church, Chi-

cago, and he preceded her in death on April 4, 1983.

On May 6, 1987 she married Daniel H. Wagner in the Candlelight Wedding Chapel, Las Vegas, Nevada and he preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1994.

Martha Jean is survived by five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands; son, Gary Wojtkiewicz; daughter, Carol Blum; one brother, Elbert Shoemaker; and two sisters, Maurine Hoyle and Thelma Krische.

Cremation rites have been accorded with Finch Funeral Home, 405 East Hitt, Mt. Morris. Martha Jean will be laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery, Dixon, and at



her request, there will be no services.

"Memories will remain in the sacred places of the heart."

In lieu of flowers memorials to Serenity Hospice & Home, Oregon.

More than 2 million mail-in ballots requested in Illinois

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SPRINGFIELD — More than 2 million Illinois voters have requested vote-by-mail ballots and more than 26,000 such ballots have already been returned, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

That means about a quarter of the state's registered voters had requested vote-by-mail ballots as of Wednesday, Sept. 30.

ISBE reported that 2,077,594 ballots were requested, with 26,872 returned and 55,751 persons having voted early.

The number continues to grow as public health guidance advises against congregating in indoor places due to concerns about the spread

of COVID-19. Earlier this year, state lawmakers passed a law requiring election authorities to send applications for vote-by-mail ballots to registered voters who voted in recent elections.

Applications must be sent back to the election authority to receive a mail-in ballot. Many of the applications have already been distributed to voters, and vote-by-mail and early voting periods began last week.

Once the ballot is received, it must be sent back to the election authority to be counted.

While the new law for the 2020 election allows an election authority to install drop boxes for the return of ballots, a spokesperson said only 54 of the state's 108 election jurisdictions have such a drop box.

Those who have requested mail ballots but change their minds and would like to vote in person instead have avenues to do so, according to ISBE spokesperson Matt Dietrich, who said there are safeguards in place to ensure no double voting occurs.

A voter who received a mail ballot but wishes to cast a ballot in person must surrender the ballot at an early voting location or polling place on Election Day and will be given a regular ballot.

A voter who does not surrender the ballot must cast a provisional ballot.

Provisional ballots are not counted until all the mail ballots have been processed and it is assured that the voter's ballot is not among them.

According to Dietrich, if someone has requested but not yet received their mail ballot and wants to vote in person, the voter can sign an affidavit at the polling place or early voting location attesting that they have not received a mail ballot. The voter will then be given a regular ballot.

"This happens most frequently with voters who request their mail ballot very late in the process and don't receive it as of Election Day, though a voter can do this anytime as long as they haven't received the ballot," he said.

Voters using this method are instructed to discard the mail ballot if it arrives, but if they do sign and return it for voting, they're committing vote fraud and are subject to Class 3 felony charges, Dietrich said.

All mail-in ballot requests must be received by Oct. 29 ahead of the Nov. 3 election, but officials recommend submitting requests earlier to ensure a ballot is received by Election Day.

Returned ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by the local election office by Nov. 17 in order to be counted.

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State Senator Dave Syverson (R-Rockford) and State Senator Brian Stewart (R-Freeport), both of whom represent portions of Region 1, issued the following statement criticizing the decision to place Region 1 under further restrictions:

"With the region reporting zero deaths in last ten days and with our hospital ICU vacancy rates at over 50 percent, any talk of business closure is unwarranted and wrong. The safety and well-being of the citizens of this state should always be our biggest priority; however, as we saw months ago, these arbitrary mitigations

measures are not the answer to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

"By shutting down our businesses and limiting their ability to operate, Governor Pritzker is doing lasting damage to our economy. Our business community is just beginning to pick up the pieces left behind from the original statewide shutdown Governor Pritzker enforced just months ago. We cannot afford to once again allow for our businesses to be negatively impacted and our workforce to take another hit just because the Governor has decided to enforce these arbitrary rules based on methodology

that lacks much transparency.

"Before destroying our economy and family businesses any further, the Illinois Department of Public Health owes the citizens of northern Illinois a much better explanation than a mere press release.

"We are calling on Director Ezike to make herself available to answer, in much more detail, for these arbitrary decisions that will so negatively impact our communities."

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or DPH.sick@illinois.gov.

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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>



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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>
- <http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- For businesses: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- Facebook: Lee County IL Health Department

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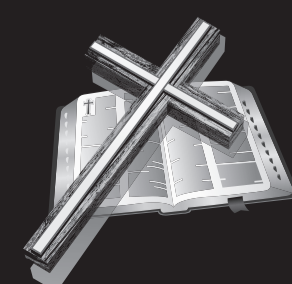
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THE PASTOR'S PEN

In The Ever-Changing World, He Is Constant

PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

Every year about this time I find myself reflecting upon Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 which begins, "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted." vs. 1-2

We see with our eyes the change of the seasons from Summer into Autumn—as farmers harvest their crops, as leaves transform into new shades of beauty, and as garden vegetation dies off. We are reminded that the world we live in is not stagnant—but just the opposite! It is living and it is vibrant. It is ever shifting, changing, and transforming. God made it this way.

And as temporary citizens of this great planet, He fashioned us in this way also. Our lives are not dormant. From the

cells and atoms which make us to our very thoughts and emotions, we reflect the splendor of God's creativity. And though we are all human beings with similar traits and characteristics—we each reflect His creativity in a unique way. From our daily routine of how we get up in the morning—breakfast, coffee, toast... to our hopes and aspirations for the future. I am unique and you are unique. God designed us this way.

And throughout our entire journey of life, as one season leads to the next, God is our faithful companion. "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). He was there with us in our beginning... "My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret..." (Psalm 139:15). And He will be with us the moment we close our eyes for the last time and finally stand before Him face to face.

"For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known." (1 Cor. 13:12)

I don't know about you, but this is a comfort to me. In the ever-changing world that we live in... He is the constant! He is faithful and He is true. He is dependable. You can trust Him! I wonder... how many of us are conscious of this? Our confidence and security does not rest upon the government, social programs, social network, or the media. It is, "In God we trust." It is in His Presence we find peace and security.

Let us determine this season to reflect in a fresh way that God really is our constant companion. He desires us to know and feel His presence every moment... of every day... in every "Season."

'Til next time—May God Bless you.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Not Saving Face

In "A Single Swallow" (2020), Zhang Ling's beautiful novel of war and redemption, three men make a pact that once they die, their ghosts will meet again in Yuehu, the Chinese village where they met in 1943 during the Japanese invasion of China. They meet 72 years later to tell their stories. But it is only one story, that of Ah Yan, "Swallow," the young peasant girl who profoundly affects their lives.

Two of the men are American. Pastor Billy from Chicago is a missionary and doctor. Ian Ferguson from Detroit is a military instructor at the Sino-American training camp in Yuehu Village. He calls his friends comrades because "I guard this word 'comrade' like an Asian girl guards her chastity." Liu Zhao, a recruit at the training camp, is the most tragic character. "Ah Yan's village was also my village. We knew each other as children. When Ah Yan was a child, I carried her and fed her rice cereal." The villagers are tea farmers, but when the Japanese bomb the village, both of their fathers are killed. To save Zhao from being forced into the Nationalist army, he is married to Ah Yan, even though she is a child.

Pastor Billy tells them of how he came upon a dying woman brutally slashed by Japanese soldiers. Her daughter was viciously raped and left for dead. He takes her home and nurses her back to health. He calls her Stella, beautiful star, and teaches her English and rudimentary medicine. Yet he cannot protect her from the horrific gossip that follows her everywhere. Saving face is crucial for a Chinese woman, and she is now a pariah.

Ah Yan is 15 when Ian Ferguson instantly falls for her. She is his Wende, wind.

"I was the only one of us who knew how to sit in the moment, admiring her blooming youth, not allowing either her past or future to destroy her perfection at that moment. Perhaps that's why Wende was drawn to me."

When Zhao sees Ah Yan at the Yuehu training camp, he is so ashamed of her, he publishes a notice in the newspaper to disavow their marriage.

"She wore her full armor and kept the polite distance of a stranger. She hated me, but not with the sort of hate that could be expressed in words. Hate that can find expression is not hate. Hate must come to the end of its own rope before being forgotten."

But when Ah Yan takes over Pastor Billy's practice after he leaves, she wins the respect of the villagers.

"She finally understood that no matter how important face was, it was not more important than life. She understood, but they didn't. They didn't know what sort of earth-shattering things a person was capable of once she had dared to give up her face."

From The Heart Calendar winners

September 2020 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Sept. 1 - Judy Etchason, St. Charles, \$25

Sept. 2 - Charley Boosta, Dixon, \$25

Sept. 3 - Taylor & Loren May, Westmintsier, Colo., \$50

Sept. 4 - Abigail Erwin, New York, New York, \$25

Sept. 5 - Dave & Judy Stadler, Forest, Virginia, \$25

Sept. 6 - Duane Alcock, Monroe Center, \$50

Sept. 7 - Sunshine Bakery, Rochelle, \$1,000

Sept. 8 - Gabe Garcia,

Chana, \$25

Sept. 9 - Carol Koch, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 10 - Sandra Chasm, Oregon, \$25

Sept. 11 - Ron Schabacker, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 12 - Jackie Cutts, DeKalb, \$25

Sept. 13 - Linda Sander-son, Creston, \$50

Sept. 14 - Joe & Norma Thiele, \$25

Sept. 15 - From the Heart Auction, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 16 - Jimmy Gilbert, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 17 - David Sprung,

LaMoille, \$25

Sept. 18 - Bobby Clausen, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 19 - Monty Enoch, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 20 - Roger & Jan Hoyle, Dixon, \$50

Sept. 21 - From the Heart auction, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 22 - Cheri Divine, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 23 - Sheri Klindera, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 24 - Robert Bryant, Earlville, \$25

Sept. 25 - Teresa Probasco, Stillman Valley, \$25

Sept. 26 - Jennifer Diehl,

Oregon, \$25

Sept. 27 - Gerri Arntzen, Amboy, \$50

Sept. 28 - Jackie McCon-nell, Beloit, WI, \$25

Sept. 29 - Kathleen Way-man, Oregon, \$25

Sept. 30 - Lauren Kellen, CHS-Rochelle, \$25

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

2021 From The Heart Cash Calendars are now available at the Amboy News. See Page B1 for more information about purchasing a 2021 cash calendar.

Black & White art exhibition opens at KSB Commerce Towers

DIXON—The Next Picture Show is pleased to present the Black and White Art Exhibition at KSB Commerce Towers. Opening Oct. 1, the show features 38 original works created entirely in black, white, and gray, including graphite, photography, charcoal, alcohol ink, oil, and pen-and-ink.

Participating artists include David

Bingaman, Chuck Cook, William Doring, Laurie Friemuth, Scott Griffis, Karen Lee Gyllin, Stephen Hart, James Hey, Bob Logsdon, Barbara Lundeen, Donna Smith, Melissa Spahn, Rebecca Taylor, and Mike Vaughn.

The Black and White Art Exhibit represents the 12th art exhibit at Commerce Towers and is part of a series

of art exhibitions at KSB Hospital designed to advance the use of art as part of the healing process.

The exhibit will be open for viewing during regular business hours, Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, on the first floor of KSB Commerce Towers, 213 East First Street, Dixon.

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For more information on Community Education-Online courses at Kish or to register, visit kish.edu/ce or contact Melissa Gallagher, coordinator of short-term training and continuing education, at mgallagher1@kish.edu or 815-825-9466.

OSF HealthCare announces DAISY and Sunflower award winners

MENDOTA—As a partner in the international DAISY Award program that recognizes the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care of nurses, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center recently awarded its 2020 DAISY Award to Denise Bickett.

Bickett, a registered nurse who works in the Emergency Department and received three different nominations from patients.

In one of the comments received about Bickett was that she went above and beyond her nursing duties. Bickett's nomination reads, "Denise took care of me in the ER. She is a very kind, caring, and professional nurse. Denise made me feel like I was her only patient. She kept me informed at everything taking place and told me what medications I was receiving and what to expect. She recognized my apprehensions and was reassuring." The DAISY Award program can be found in over 2,000 healthcare facilities in all 50 states and 14 other countries.

The Sunflower Award, a recognition program offered to non-nursing staff with OSF HealthCare, was given to Ashley Willoughby, Phlebotomist, with the hospital's laboratory department.

Willoughby was nominated for this award by a fellow Mission Partner and her nomination reads, "We had a patient that was withdrawn to all staff except Ashley. She spent a lot of time talking to the patient about her favorite TV show, playing games on her tablet, shared funny pictures and even had the patient teaching her sign language. The patient smiled and laughed. Ashley was able to calm her when she became anxious and was able to connect with her on a level that no one else could."

OSF HealthCare encourages patients, family members, and fellow staff to recognize caregivers who have provided exceptional care and service by nominating them for an award to honor their dedication.

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Opinion

Laws are needed to protect pregnant workers

Pregnancy is just a natural part of life; unfortunately some employers haven't figured that out yet.

A number of years ago I was in management for a news organization when a reporter I had just hired announced she was pregnant. I congratulated her and passed word up the chain of command.

I was stunned by the reaction of my boss. "She deceived us, Scott. If she was going to get pregnant, she should have told us before we offered her a job."

He wanted me to fire her.

I refused, but I knew my intransigence on the matter could cost me my job. Instead, I spent months being harangued on a near daily basis by the head of my organization about how I ought to fire the woman.

Eventually, the person gave birth, took a short maternity leave and returned to the office to be a productive employee. She never knew the discussions taking place be-

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



And in most circumstances, they could not be forced to take paid or unpaid leave.

tween those above her.

That experience changed how I viewed pregnancy in the workplace.

Before this experience, I couldn't imagine a business hassling an employee for being pregnant. And my default position on government regulation of business has always been less is better.

But you live and learn. I was naïve. And I was wrong.

That is why I'm pleased to see the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act earlier this month.

If the act becomes law, employers with more than 15 employees would have to make reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers. Also, pregnant workers could not be denied employment opportunities or retaliated against for requesting a reasonable accommodation.

One of the bills co-sponsor's is U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, who says she has personally felt the sting of discrimination.

"Like many women, I have seen the impact that it can have on a career when an employer refuses to consider accommodations for a pregnancy," she said. "Years ago, when I was still early in my career, I was up for a promotion. At the time, I had two children at home. During my interview, I was asked if I had child care and if I planned to have more children. I replied that I had everything in my personal life in the right place."

"Despite having more experience, an excellent track record and having been with my employer longer, weeks later it was announced that I did not get the promotion. The person who did was single, with no children at home."

Bustos asked that I not identify the employer where this happened. That's understandable. No one wants to talk badly about a former employer. And that's why I, too, have held off on identifying the firm where I had my bad experience.

But an interesting aspect of Bustos' situation was that it was a female supervisor who questioned her about whether she planned another pregnancy. In my case, the pressure to fire a pregnant worker came from a man.

Discrimination can come from all quarters.

And that is why we need laws protecting pregnant workers.

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Letters to the Editor

Not willing to take the risk with Halloween

Dear Editor,

I love children and would never do anything deliberately to disappoint them. That being said, I feel compelled to share my concerns.

Last Halloween we gave out 800 pieces of candy to about 300 kids. Now imagine those 300 kids going to a COVID-19 positive neighbor.

Sorry kids, no Halloween for us this year. I don't want

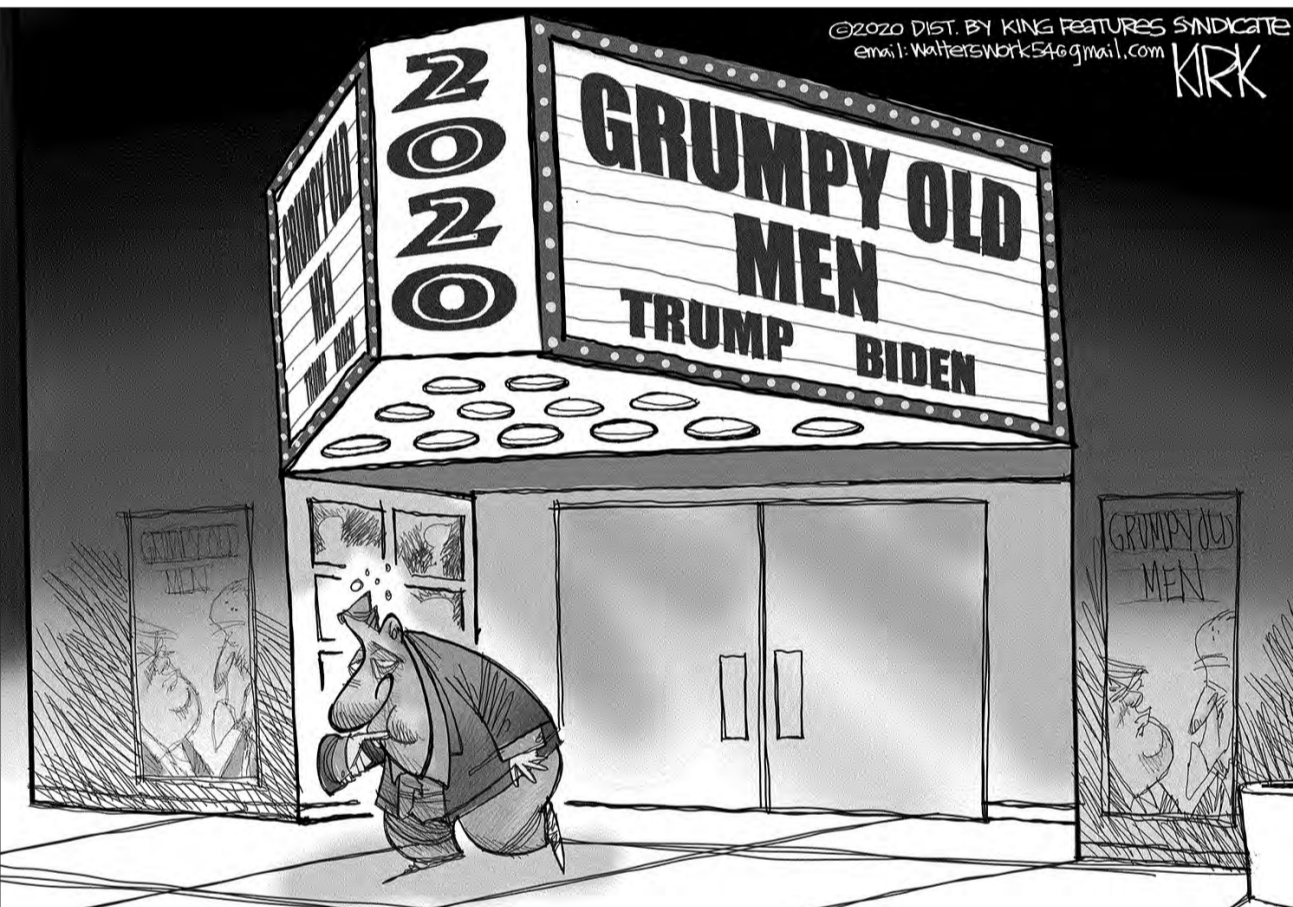
that awful responsibility and am not willing to take that risk.

I love you all too much, little ones.

I hope our readers will consider this risk as well before they send their children door-to-door for a piece of candy. Is that single piece of candy worth the life of your child?

Peace

Jamie Terra Hawk
Amboy



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Oct. 8, 1920

Dr. W.A. Evans, health editor of the Chicago Tribune, has been secured to deliver a public health lecture in Amboy the coming winter, under the joint auspices of the Women's Club and the Parent-Teacher Association.

Rock River Conference has assigned Rev. Joseph Burrows to the Amboy charge for another year, which will be his fifth in this place. His parishioners are now subscribing funds by which to provide him with an automobile.

L.J. Johnson and Wm. Herzog have formed a partnership and on next Monday will begin a general draying and teaming business in Amboy.

75 Years Ago Oct. 4, 1945

Fire, believed to have been caused by combustion in baled straw, completely

destroyed the large barn at the Ormand S. Baylor farm near Lee Center late Friday afternoon.

Mrs. S.M. Goode, Mrs. J.A. Tait, and Mr. and Mrs. George Bates left Monday for California for a month's visit with Fred and Clare Bates and their families.

50 Years Ago Oct. 8, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Don Babineau are moving this week into the house at 227 South Jefferson Avenue owned by Lyle Eisenbergs. Mr. Babineau is the agent at the Burlington-Northern depot in Amboy, and Mrs. Babineau is the agent at the Burlington-Northern in Buda.

Thirty-nine Rock River PCA members and guests attended the 1970 Farm Progress Show Tuesday at the Gerald Tarnow Farm at Rolling Prairie, Ind.

25 Years Ago

Oct. 12, 1995

Colorful banner will soon welcome visitors to Amboy, compliments of the Amboy Area Chamber of Commerce. The chamber board voted to purchase red banners that will hang from utility poles in the city. The banners will say "Welcome To Amboy" and will contain pictures of a clipper ship and the Depot Museum.

Beth Grossman of Amboy receives an award of appreciation from Carol Machen for her 21 years of volunteer service as a 4-H leader. In addition, she also was a 10-year 4-H member as a child.

Born, raised and a lifelong resident of Amboy, Bob Dickinson is one of Amboy's most enthusiastic supporters of school activities. In recognition of his more than 40 years of support, the Amboy High School council recently chose him to be the Grand Marshal of the 1995 Homecoming Parade.



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The limit is 300 words. Letters exceeding this will either be edited to fit or not published. The deadline for letters is noon on Friday.

Letter writers may only have two letters published per month, and the letters will be published on non-consecutive weeks. Letters are printed on a space-available basis.

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

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PASTOR RICK WULF

East Grove Union Church of Amboy

Hi, Friends.
Well, we are all still here. Whether that is good or bad all depends upon your present situation. So much continues to happen all around us that almost makes our heads spin.

I admit, many times, that there is much that I don't know and understand about life in general and what is happening specifically this year. I am thinking that perhaps many of us are going through a time of questioning right about now.

The Apostle Paul gives us great hope and courage in Romans 8:26-28, "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

To say that "God's got a reason for all things that happen" may be too sim-

plistic. Because He is God and we are not, and because we don't know everything, we just have to resign ourselves to exercise our faith and just trust God.

It is our prayer with all that has been happening in "these extraordinary times," as we have heard so often, or is it too often, that we will be able to survive this experience. We probably have heard, too much, about the health issues, physical as well as mental, the financial issues, with loss of some employment and for some, overworked experiences, and the social issues of being forced to isolate. There are just so many dynamics of life that we have to deal with, aren't there? For many it just becomes overwhelming. If you are at that point, please consider what the Apostle Paul also said in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, "Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

As I have read and studied God's Word, I have found that there is only speculation as to what this "thorn in the flesh" was to which Paul was referring. Many believe it was an issue with his eyesight, as a residual effect from his encounter with the Risen Christ on the Road to Damascus. No matter what his needs were or what our present needs are, God is still God, and His grace, His unmerited favor, will be more than enough for whatever we may be are facing.

Again, there is so much that we have to accept by faith and it is my prayer for you all as you are called upon to live by that faith that God will strengthen that faith and get you through whatever you are going through. Praise God for His faithfulness and goodness. Remember, as a child of God, you are never alone. If you are not sure about your relationship with the One true God, I would sincerely encourage you to seek Him out. Please consider your personal relationship with Jesus before it is too late.

October launches month long campaign to provide support for FAFSA form

CHICAGO — October is College Changes Everything® (CCE) Month in Illinois, when students are completing both their college applications and financial aid forms at the same time. Launched by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) five years ago, ISAC and its partners have extended the month-long campaign to provide an intensive schedule of free college and financial aid planning support to students and families from Labor Day through Thanksgiving. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) and the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid for the 2021-22 school year will both be available on Oct. 1, 2020.

This year is unique in many ways. The Covid-19 pandemic has upended not only how education is delivered, but how students are thinking—or perhaps re-thinking—plans for post-secondary education.

This year is also unique in Illinois because it marks the first year of the state's new FAFSA mandate. All graduating seniors attending public high schools in Illinois must complete the FAFSA, or if they are ineligible for federal aid, the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma. (Apparent, guardian, or the student—if 18 or emancipated—may opt out for any reason by filing a nonparticipation form.) Making FAFSA completion part of an expectation for high school graduation can increase awareness of resources available to help students afford education or training after high school, perhaps helping some decide to attempt college when they might not otherwise have done so.

The FAFSA is the form that determines eligibility for federal, most state, and some institutional financial aid. Because most state financial aid, such as the Monetary Award Program (MAP grant) is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Oct. 1 to have the opportunity to receive all the financial aid for which they might be eligible.

The 2021-22 Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid will also be available on Oct. 1, after 12 p.m. The Alternative Application provides a pathway to MAP grants for some undocumented students or

for transgender students who may be ineligible for federal student aid because they did not register for selective service. It's important to note that most students will continue to complete the FAFSA, rather than the Alternative Application, in order to determine their eligibility for federal and state financial aid. Pre-screening questions on the Alternative Application itself can also assist a student in determining which application to complete.

Activities and resources available to help with college planning and financial aid

CCE activities include free financial aid completion and college application workshops, where students and families can fill out college applications and/or complete their FAFSA or Alternative Application right then and there, with direct assistance from college and financial aid experts. While some schools may be providing in-person college application and financial aid workshops, this year as a result of the pandemic ISAC will be providing all support virtually, through online group events as well as one-on-one assistance by phone, text, email or WebEx videoconferencing.

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SPORTS

Clippers continue dominance on the course

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers continued their dominance in cross country by cruising to a triangular victory at Byron on Sept. 29.

AHS had the top five runners and won with a perfect 15 points. Mendota was second with 47 points and Byron had 77 points.

Brock Loftus won the meet in a time of 16:11. The next four spots were occupied by Clipper runners Ian Eller (16:23), Kyler McNinch (17:12), Charlie Dickinson (17:58) and Andrew Jones (18:05). AHS's Wyatt Lundquist finished in the seventh position overall with a time of 18:21, while the rest of the Clipper lineup was comprised of Ryan Dickinson (10th, 18:42), Garrett Pertell (12th, 19:08) and Calvin Deering (21st, 20:37).

"It was good to have almost everyone back," said Amboy coach Mike Robinson. "All the boys ran faster tonight on a 2.87-mile course than they did on the 2.8. The hard work is paying off. We keep getting better and showing people what we are made of."

Byron tallied 26 points and edged the Lady Clippers (30) in the girls' race. Mendota had 73 points.

Lauren Althaus was the first AHS runner through the chute and second overall in a time of 21:01. Byron's Rebekah Starwalt claimed the top prize in 20:08.

Other racers for Amboy were Elly Jones (3rd, 21:12), Madelyn McLaughlin (6th, 22:39), Brittney Mundell (8th, 23:16) and Brooklyn Whelchel (11th, 23:33).

"All the girls ran faster times on a 2.87-mile course than on the 2.8 at Eastland," said Robinson. "It was the best race for the girls' team all year. They all looked very good and made everyone very happy."

Amboy hosted three other teams on Oct. 1 at Shady Oaks.

The Clipper boys raced to victory with 22 points. Newman came in second with 33 points, followed by Genoa-Kingston with 85. Indian Creek did not figure in the team standings.

AHS runners occupied five of the top nine spots, led by Loftus in first place with a time of 16:40. Eller wasn't far behind in second place with a time of 16:57. Also finishing in the top nine were McNinch (4th, 17:43), Charlie Dickinson (6th, 18:03) and Lundquist (9th, 18:16).

Other competitors for the Clippers were Jones (11th, 18:33), Ryan Dickinson (13th, 18:50), Pertell (16th, 19:26) and Deering (24th, 21:05).

"Another great win for the boys making them 7-0 against 1A teams," stated Robinson. "We continue to show that we have put in the work and will continue to get better."

The Lady Clippers also enjoyed a team win with 30 points to edge Genoa-Kingston by three. Newman had 60 points and Indian Creek was not in the team standings.

Althaus led the charge for Amboy with a second-place finish in a time of 20:58. Indian Creek's Caroline Bend took the top spot in 19:20.

The rest of the Amboy lineup consisted of Jones (3rd, 21:36), McLaughlin (8th, 23:07), Mundell (9th, 23:08) and Whelchel (13th, 25:07).

"The girls ran fantastic races and it got them their first team victory of the season," commented Robinson. "It was really good to see everyone work very hard and earn the win."

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Amboy's Brock Loftus won the home meet against Newman Central Catholic, Indian Creek and Genoa Kingston on Sept. 28, with a time of 16:40.1.

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus



Amboy's Charlie Dickinson finished sixth in the home meet against Newman Central Catholic, Indian Creek and Genoa Kingston on Sept. 28, with a time of 18:03.8.

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus

Pictured right, the Amboy Boys and Girls Cross Country teams pose for a picture.

Photo courtesy of Nicole Jones



Amboy's Ryan Dickinson, Wyatt Lundquist and Garrett Pertell head up an incline at Amboy's home meet against Newman Central Catholic, Indian Creek and Genoa Kingston on Sept. 28.

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Amboy's Madelyn McLaughlin finished seventh in the home meet against Newman Central Catholic, Indian Creek and Genoa Kingston on Sept. 28, with a time of 23:07.2

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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #34 Eddie Morrissey

This week's Clipper Highlight is #34, three-year Varsity Running Back, Eddie Morrissey.

Eddie was a 1982 graduate of Amboy High School, three-year Varsity starter at Running Back, and member of the 1979 and 1980 State Runner-Up teams.

Eddie's freshman year he and the rowboats never lost a contest and continued that streak through their sophomore season (minus a tie at the F/S level with Fulton). The class of 1982's first actual football loss came in the 1980 State Championship game against Danville Schlarmann.

I had the pleasure of speaking with Eddie prior to this article. Not only did he share his memories of his time as a Clipper, but he fortified the precept that what we all share in Amboy Football is bigger than a game. I heard the pride and passion in his voice when he spoke of his teammates and the countless memories.

Eddie shared, "I was intimidated when I was called up as a sophomore because those seniors were absolute monsters. It was a great time to be a Clipper."

Eddie recalled several team memories but as expected gave credit to those around him.

"Bob Olson carried our team Senior year. He was an absolute stud," Eddie stated of former teammate and

friend Bobby Olson.

Olson was interviewed for this highlight and spoke just as highly of Eddie.

"Eddie was a great teammate, a hard-nosed Running Back, and pound for pound probably the strongest guy on the team," Olson shared.

Olson is proud to call Eddie his friend and stated, "It's been 38 years since we played Amboy Football but even sitting here enjoying a cold beer at Walton Tap, I still get goosebumps talking about it."

Thank you, Bobby, for the great statement that proves the very essence of our alumni page.

Eddie found out after the fact how exactly he was called up to Varsity. It was Senior Quarterback, Rick Considine, who approached Coach Wyzgowski and advised to bump Eddie up due to an injured Jeff Christopherson.

"Eddie was called up and added to our team success. He fit right in with all of us and nobody could even tell he was a sophomore that's how well he fit in," stated Considine.

Considine also shared, "Eddie is just a great guy and has been from day one."

It was a great day for me as I not only got to interview a great Clipper in Eddie, but I got to speak to two former Amboy Clipper Quarterbacks, Rick and Brad Considine. Brad stated, "Ed-

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



die was a huge part of our success his junior season (1980). He had a great year and averaged 6.8 yards a rush and led the team in punt and kick return yards. He also held the State Championship game record for longest touchdown reception (79 yards) for nearly 20 years."

Brad shared Eddie's single game stats against Mendota during the 1980 season and they are as follows: 18 carries for 213 yards and 2 touchdowns, sealing the 15-0 victory for the Clippers.

In speaking about Eddie's character, Brad shared, "Eddie is very affable, he's so genuine and has always been so humble."

Great and honoring words by Rick and Brad Considine and Bobby Olson. I'm sure many more of Eddie's teammates could go on and on about Eddie's exploits on the

gridiron and about his great character. Even Clippers after Eddie can attest to his character and good nature.

What strikes me the most about Eddie is his humility. He has accomplished things as a Clipper most of us could only dream of and has a lot he could boast about, but it was never about him as an individual. Never earning an All-Conference nod is not something that even crosses Eddie's mind to this day. His pride and passion comes from all the pain, hard work, success, defeat, and memories made with his teammates.

The bond between Eddie and his teammates is what means the most to him. How young men can come together as a family and then years, even decades, later still feel the same as when they put the pads on on Friday nights. To get chills when reminiscing and talking about those moments with teammates is what we all have and what this town and program provided us. Eddie attributes the pillars of Amboy Football to his success not only as a Clipper but as a business owner.

Eddie concluded, "I took that can't lose won't lose, underdog mentality with me after high school and said no matter what I am going to be successful. If I get kicked in the mouth, I'm going to get up and keep going."

So to #34, my good friend,



#34 Eddie Morrissey

and great friend to so many, Eddie Morrissey, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for being the guide of what humility looks like. Not only your success as a Clipper, but your great success as a business owner and being a staple of the community has been nothing short of inspiring for younger Alumni, like me, to emulate. 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.

Amboy cross country teams to compete at St. Bede Regionals

PERU – The Amboy High School girls' and boys' cross country teams have been assigned to the St. Bede Regional to be held on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The schools competing in the girls' race are Dwight, Henry-Senachwine, Mendota, Minonk Fieldcrest, Newark, Ottawa Marquette, St. Bede, Pontiac, Princeton, Rock Falls, Seneca, Serena, Hall, Sterling Newman and Lowpoint-Washburn.

Qualifiers will advance to the Seneca Sectional on Friday, Oct. 30 at 4:30 p.m.

The boys' field will include runners from Dwight, Earlville, Putnam County, Henry-Senachwine, Mendota, Minonk Fieldcrest, Newark, Ottawa Marquette, St. Bede, Pontiac, Princeton, Rock Falls, Seneca, Serena, Hall, Sterling Newman and Lowpoint-Washburn.

Qualifiers will advance to the Seneca Sectional on Friday, Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m.



Amboy's Andruw Jones finished 11th in the home meet against Newman Central Catholic, Indian Creek and Genoa Kingston on Sept. 28, with a time of 18:33.1

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus

Amboy's Brittney Mundell finished eighth in the home meet against Newman Central Catholic, Indian Creek and Genoa Kingston on Sept. 28, with a time of 23:08.6

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Amboy's Lauren Althaus finished second in the home meet against Newman Central Catholic, Indian Creek and Genoa Kingston on Sept. 28, with a time of 20:58.7

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Amboy's Elly Jones finished third in the home meet against Newman Central Catholic, Indian Creek and Genoa Kingston on Sept. 28, with a time of 21:36.6

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HUNTING AND FISHING

Illinois 2020 Fall Trout season opens October 17

SPRINGFIELD — The 2020 Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season opens Saturday, Oct. 17 at more than 50 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at select trout sites — the Fall Catch-and-Release Fishing Season — opened Oct. 3 at locations marked with an asterisk (*) in the list below. No trout may be kept during the catch and release fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning Oct. 17.

The Illinois catchable trout program is funded by those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps and the Illinois Fish Management Fund.

No trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites until the fall trout season opens Oct. 17. Anyone attempting to take (harvest) trout before the legal harvest

season opening will be issued citations.

All anglers — including those who intend to release fish caught before Oct. 17 — must have a valid fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp, unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five (5) trout.

Illinois fishing licenses and Inland Trout Stamps are available at DNR Direct license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. Check the IDNR website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>

Fishing licenses and trout stamps also can be purchased by using a credit card through DNR Direct online via the IDNR website at [https://](https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx)

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Not all of the fall trout sites are open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite trout fishing location prior to the season. For more information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout.

Participants in Fall Trout Fishing Season are reminded to follow current public health directives, including maintaining social distancing guidelines, bringing with them masks in case social distancing cannot be maintained and hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol.

Among the locations that will be open for Fall Trout Fishing Season are:

- Bureau County: Hennepin Canal Parkway
- Kendall County: Big Lake at Silver Springs State



Fish and Wildlife Area

- LaSalle County: Illinois and Michigan Canal, Lock 14, La Salle-Peru
- Ogle County: Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park*
- Whiteside County: Cen-

ennial Park Pond, Rock Falls

- Will County: Lake Strini, Romeoville
- Will County: Van Horn Woods, Plainfield
- Winnebago County: Bauman Lake, Cherry Valley

(* Denotes sites open for

Catch-and-Release Fishing Early Season)

For a full list of trout fishing sites in Illinois, go to <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/news/Pages/Illinois-2020-Fall-Trout-Season-Opens-October-17.aspx>

Essentials to have in your tackle box

Recreational fishing is enjoyed by millions of people. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported that there was an 8 percent increase in anglers between 2011 and 2017. Expenditures by anglers nationwide rose 2 percent during the same time, from \$45 billion to \$46.1 billion.

As more people stay closer to home, they're eager to engage in hobbies that are fun and accessible but still promote social distancing. Fishing checks each of those boxes. Prospective anglers who are eager to get into saltwater or freshwater fishing should know that the right gear is essential. For fishing enthusiasts, that gear starts with a rod and reel. Afterward, it is important to fill a tackle box with other essentials.

• Extra fishing line: Lines get snagged, torn or snapped when reeling in a great catch, so extra fishing line is essential.

• Extra hooks: The traditional J-hook can snag many

types of fish, but some anglers like a French hook. No matter which hook you prefer, make sure you have a variety of sizes on hand so you can switch if need be.

• A set of fishing pliers: Purchase pliers specifically made for fishing. Most come in aluminum so they will not corrode due to the elements. Also, if you're using braided fishing line, be sure the pliers have a cutter made for cutting braid.

• Bobbers in various sizes: Bobbers, also called floaters, help anglers know



when a fish is biting. Round clip-on bobbers are popular and widely available. Slip bobbers will slide up and down the line, enabling anglers to get the hook into deeper water.

• Sinkers: The yin to the bobber's yang, sinkers are weights that help weigh down a worm or artificial lure to reach the right level to attract fish.

• Fishing regulations/ruler: A variety of rules govern when and where you

can fish. Also, you'll need to know which size fish are keepers and which need to be tossed back. Keep a regulation ruler in the tackle box to avoid fines.

• Pocket knife: Keep a sharp knife for cutting lines and bait. Reserve a special file knife for cleaning fish.

• Selection of lures: Research which fish you're angling for and then purchase a variety of appropriate lures. Some lures will attract a wide array of fish.

• Stringer: A stringer is a device that is used to hold several caught fish through their gills. It anchors to land and the other end with the fish on it is placed in the water to keep the fish alive until you're ready to pack up and go. It's a good alternative to a cooler or bucket filled with water.

• Fishing license: Many conservation or fish and wildlife departments require a license for fishing for anglers of a certain age. Be sure to have it on hand or you may be susceptible to fines or other penalties.

A tackle box with the right gear can help novice fishing enthusiasts get off on the right foot.



Blaze orange is an important safety component of hunting that helps keeps hunters visible and out of harm's way.

Hunters and blaze orange

Hunters and prospective hunters are wise to educate themselves about the type of clothing they are allowed to wear. The rules of a hunting wardrobe, as with other aspects of hunting, such as size limits and location, vary according to local regulations. These laws must be followed at all times to ensure the safety of all hunters.

Many areas require hunters to wear hunter orange, commonly called "blaze orange." This is a very bright, often fluorescent shade of orange that makes hunters visible to other hunters. The percentage of blaze orange that hunters need to wear varies, and may even be determined by the type of game a person is hunting. Hunter orange may need to be worn from the waist up. Some hunters may need to have hunter orange cover 50 percent of their bodies while

they're hunting. In other instances, hunters may only be required to wear one item in blaze orange. In addition, hunting blinds may need to have a certain amount of square inches covered in blaze orange material.

Unfortunately, some hunters are not aware of the fact that blaze orange is hidden to deer and other game or they simply do not want to wear it. Learning more about the safety of blaze orange may help change such hunters' minds. Hunting clothing manufacturers also are incorporating blaze orange into camouflage designs in proper ratios to combine the best of camouflage and blaze orange for style, efficacy and appearance.

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IDNR launches new hunting website

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) recently announced the launch of the new Hunt Illinois website — an online resource for Illinois residents and visitors to the state interested in hunting in the Land of Lincoln.

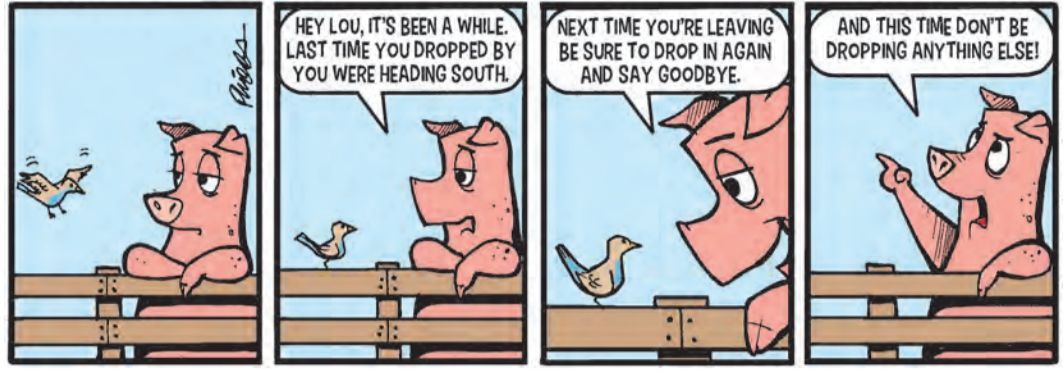
The website includes information on Illinois hunting seasons, places to hunt, licenses and permits needed, hunting and trapping regulations, hunter harvest reporting, hunter safety, wildlife management, and conservation programs.

The Hunt Illinois website can be accessed through most desktop and laptop computer web browsers, or by using most mobile devices, at <https://huntillinois.org/>.

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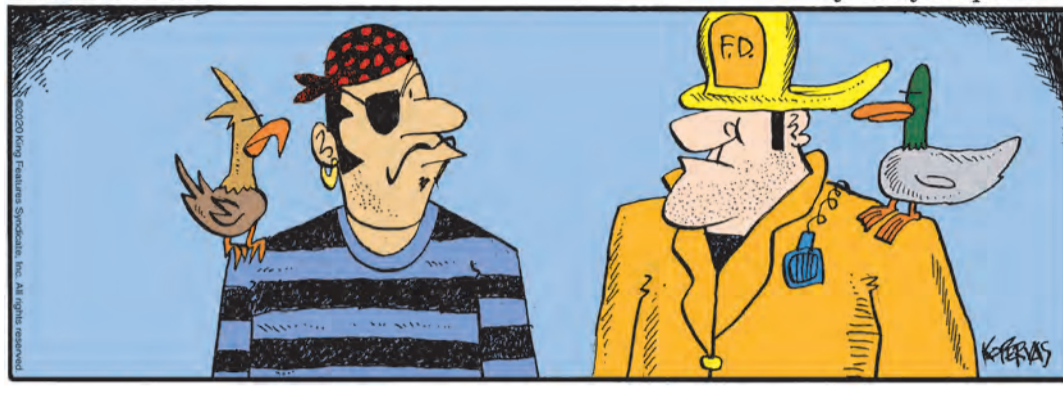
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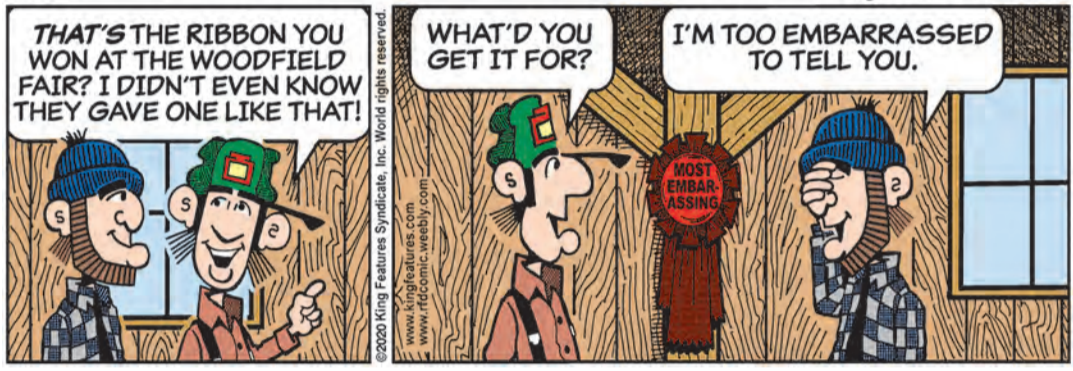
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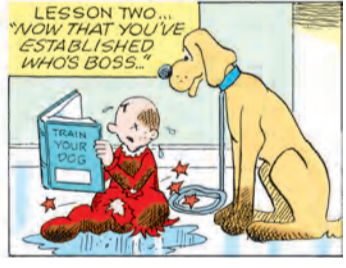
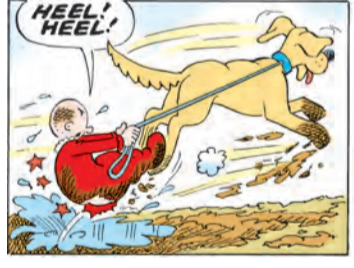
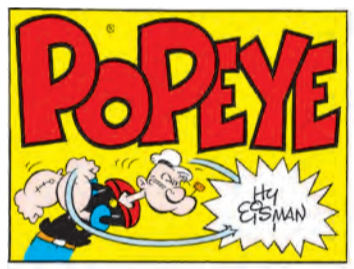
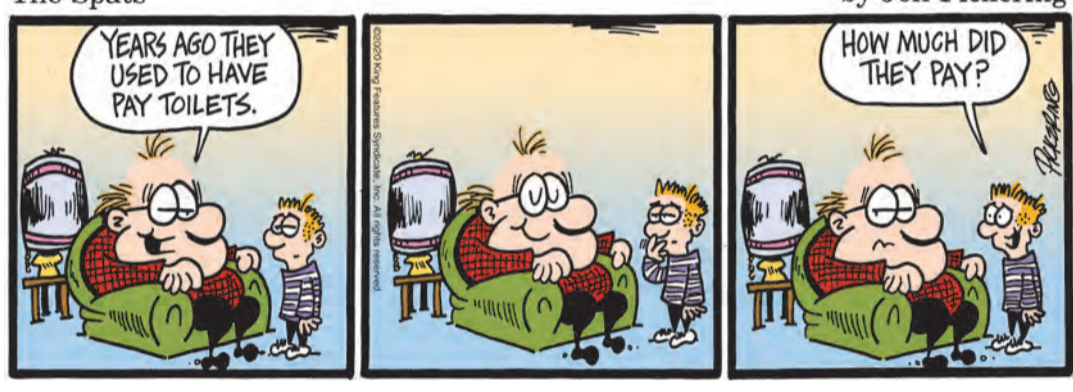
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LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

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

Stabilizer STABALL

Rush SLEUTH

Twirl GARETY

Meander SEGRIDS

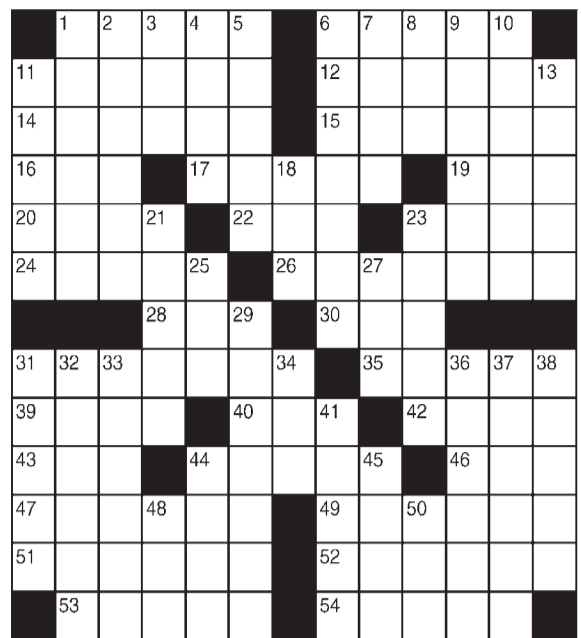
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ACROSS

- 1 Off
- 6 Handed out hands
- 11 Drunk (Sl.)
- 12 Wickerwork willows
- 14 WWI president
- 15 "The Compleat Angler" writer
- 16 Furthermore
- 17 Farewell
- 19 Coloration
- 20 Requirement
- 22 Right angle
- 23 California wine region
- 24 Contribute
- 26 Got rid of the bumps
- 28 Tummy muscles
- 30 Morning moisture
- 31 Not as prevalent
- 35 Bar legally
- 39 Frilly, in a way
- 40 Minor worker
- 42 Bygone times
- 43 Inseparable
- 44 Baby-sitters, often
- 46 Dead heat
- 47 IBM computer that won on "Jeopardy!"
- 49 Trumpeter Marsalis



- 51 Most cunning
- 52 Prepares to propose
- 53 Dispatches
- 54 ESPN datum

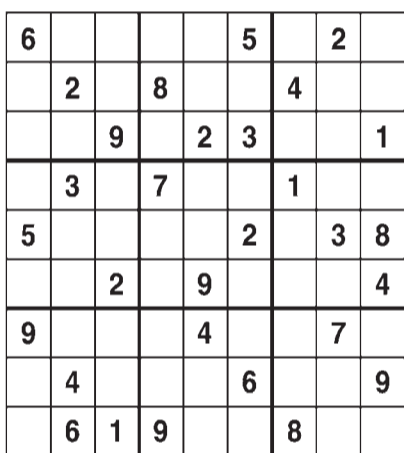
- 7 Birthright barterer
- 8 Have a bug
- 9 Deadly
- 10 Theatrical company
- 11 Master, on safari
- 13 Golf's "Slammin' Sammy"
- 18 Well, — bel!
- 21 Blog, basically
- 23 Full of info
- 25 Jimmy Fallon's network
- 27 Churchill's gesture
- 29 Cosines' reciprocals

- 31 Decelerates
- 32 Venice's thoroughfares
- 33 Vinegar radical
- 34 Director Howard
- 36 Stagger
- 37 Baltimore athlete
- 38 Hammerhead parts
- 41 Stares stupidly
- 44 Asking too many questions
- 45 Agreement
- 48 Red or Black
- 50 "The Matrix" role

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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.

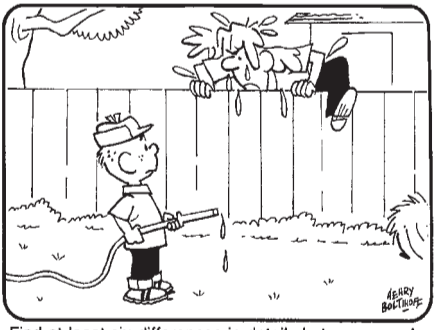
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's hat is different. 2. Fence board is missing. 3. Horse is longer. 4. Window is missing. 5. Tree is fuller. 6. Man's nose is different. 7. Off unknown cause

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: R equals G

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WGG, OWY DWYHJ IQ LKRQWV-
EWDQJ.

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BIRTHDAY

Today's Word

1. Ballast 2. Hustle; 3. Gyrate; 4. Digress

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Ballast 2. Hustle; 3. Gyrate; 4. Digress

Trivia test

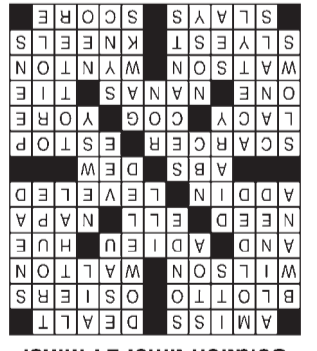
by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where was the ancient kingdom of Numidia located?
- 2. LANGUAGE: What is the opposite of the word convex?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: In which body of water is the island of St. Vincent found?
- 4. COMICS: What was the name of Superman's pet monkey?
- 5. HISTORY: Who was the king of England at the time of the American Revolution?
- 6. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel featured a character called Atticus Finch?
- 7. MEDICAL TERMS: What does the term "idiopathic" mean in diagnosis of a condition?
- 8. U.S. STATES: Which state's resident might be nicknamed a Jayhawker?
- 9. GAMES: How much money does each player start with in the board game Monopoly?
- 10. AD SLOGANS: Which auto company adopted the slogan "Fahrvergnügen"?

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Answers

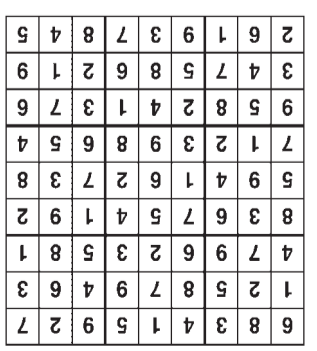
- 1. North Africa
- 2. Conclave
- 3. Caribbean Sea
- 4. Bepko
- 5. George III
- 6. "To Kill a Mockingbird"
- 7. Off unknown cause
- 8. Kansas
- 9. \$1,500
- 10. Volkswagen. The slogan means "driving enjoyment."



Solution time: 24 mins.

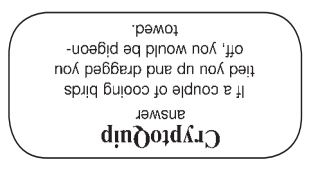
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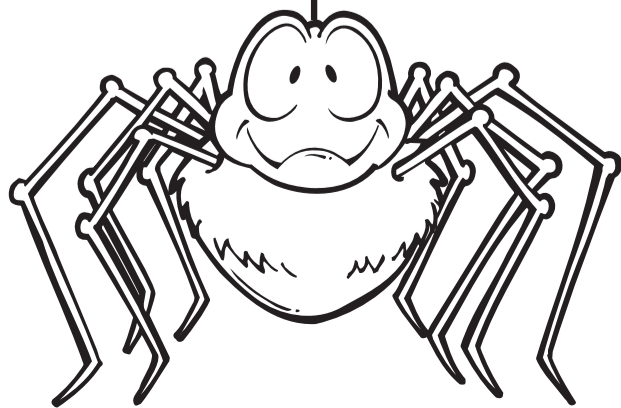
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