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Lee County announces first positive West Nile Virus batch test

LEE COUNTY — On September 10, 2020, the Lee County Health Department obtained their first positive West Nile Virus (WNV) mosquito batch tests of the season. The samples were taken in the Amboy/Woodhaven area. These tests confirm the continued presence of WNV in our area. This news should not cause alarm, but rather serve as a reminder to use caution the remainder of your summer/early fall when outdoors.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Mosquito populations do not have to be large to transmit illness. Most people with the virus have no clinical symptoms of illness, but some may become ill three to 14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito.

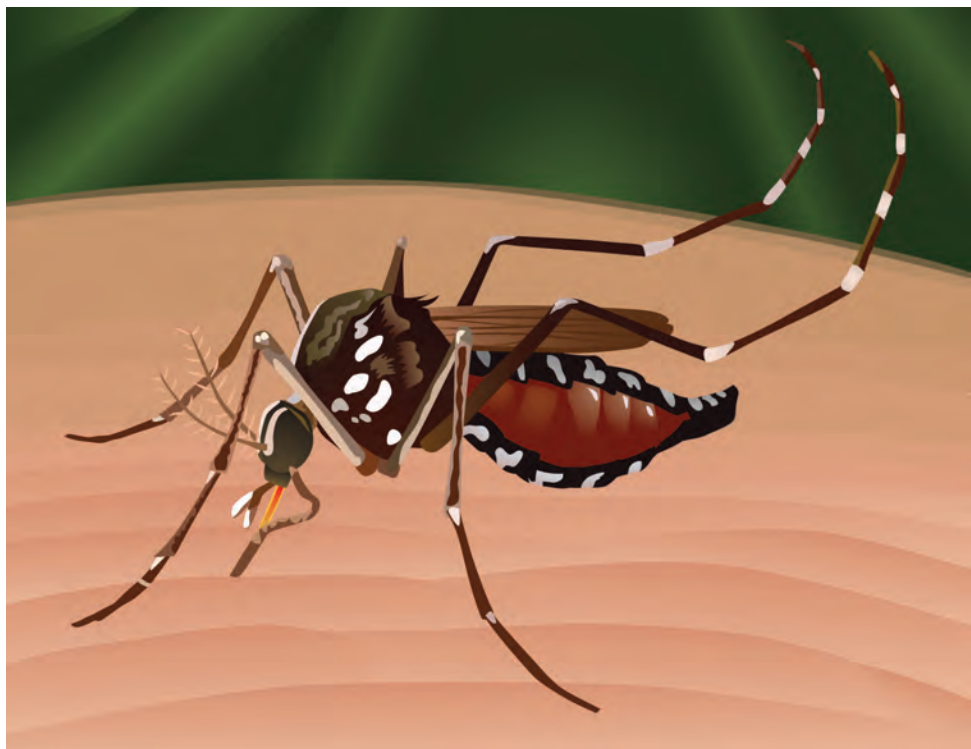
Only about two persons out of 10 who are bitten by an infected mosquito will experience any illness. Illness from West Nile is usually mild and includes fever, headache and body aches, but serious illness, such as encephalitis and meningitis, and death are possible. Persons older than 50 years of age have the

highest risk of severe disease.

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include:

- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn. Use prevention methods whenever mosquitoes are present.
- When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that includes DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles.

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Amboy C.U.S.D. announces its new teachers for 2020-21

AMBOY — Amboy Community School District has announced the following teachers have joined the school year for this school year.

Baylee Ricker, teaches Second Grade at Amboy Central Elementary School. Before coming to Amboy, she taught Special Education Pre-K Summer School.

She received her Early Childhood Education degree at Northern Illinois University. She has Pre-K Special Education approval and ELL endorsement.

Kelsi Eyster, teaches Language Arts. Before coming to Amboy, she taught First Grade for one year, and three years at the middle school level teaching language arts.

She received her Associates Degree from Kish-



Baylee Ricker

waukee Community College and her Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from Northern Illinois University. She has a nine year old son.

Joseph Heavner, teaches Amboy High School Agriculture. Before coming to Amboy, he taught for three years at Eureka High School.

He received his Associate's Degree in Arts and



Kelsi Eyster

Sciences from S.W.I.C and a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Education from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

He recently married Susie Heavner on June 27, 2020, and the couple adopted their dog, Gracie, on July 11, 2020.

"I'm excited to start working at Amboy, and I am grateful for how welcoming everyone has been so far,"



Joseph Heavner

Heavner said.

Michael Olson, teaches Fifth and Sixth Grade Special Education. Before coming to Amboy, he was student teaching at Sandwich School District. Olson received his degree at Northern Illinois University and received his Learning Behavior Specialist 1 endorsement.

Olson is single with no children.



Michael Olson

Abelardo Sustaita, teaches Physical Education and Weight Lifting. Before coming to Amboy, he taught Physical Education, World Geography, Economics, and was a Middle School Athletic Coordinator.

He received his Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology with a minor in History from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. He is also a



Abelardo Sustaita

United States Marine Corp Veteran.

He is single and has one son, Matthew Sal Sustaita, age 16.

Lee County COVID-19 Update: Sept. 14, 2020

LEE COUNTY — Between Sept. 8 and Sept. 14, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 25 new cases and here are the ages that have been announced: 2 in his or her late teens, 1 in his or her 30s, and 1 in his or her 60s. Two students from Dixon Public Schools have tested positive. LCHD is conducting contact tracing with the schools and family; and quarantining individuals identified as close contacts. Eleven other reported cases are in Dixon Correctional

Center inmates.

This brings the total number of cases to 299. Of the 299 cases, 253 have recovered. Currently, there is one resident 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.

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Sheriff issues campaign sign reminder

LEE COUNTY — Lee County Sheriff John Simonton said his department has received reports of stolen Biden campaign signs. The sheriff would like to remind residents that stealing campaign signs is theft, and possibly trespassing, and if caught, offenders will be charged.

Also, for those campaigning, signs are not permitted in the right of way, near any traffic signage, or on private property without permission.

Lee County Veterans Treatment Court holds graduation

BY MONETTA YOUNG
Special to the Amboy News

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Veterans Treatment Court held a graduation ceremony to recognize three graduates on Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Old Courthouse in Dixon, with Associate Judge Theresa Friel-Draper presiding. The ceremony marked the completion of an intensive specialized court program for three Veterans who have served in the armed services. Friel-Draper served as master of the ceremony for graduation, which also included Daughters of the American Revolution and Quilts of Valor.

The members of the Veteran's Treatment Court team include Friel-Draper, Charley Boonstra, Lee County State's Attorney; Will Fawkes, Assistant State's Attorney; Bob Thompson, Public Defender; Staci Stewart, Probation Department; Lesley Dever, Probation Department; Denise McCaffrey, Circuit Clerk; Sheriff John Simonton, Lee County Sheriff; Steve Howell, Dixon Police Chief; Mike Wolfley, Dixon Police Department; Brooke Garcia-Nettz, Mobre Counseling Services; Rebecca Johanning, Smississippi Centers, Inc.; Danielle Alderson, Veterans Administration and Karla Belzer, University of Illinois Extension.

Members of the team spoke during the ceremony

which recognized Valerie Allen, Marci McGee and Virgil Null.

Retired Judge Charles Beckman was the guest of honor. He addressed the graduates and commended them on their accomplishments.

Fawkes said he, "relishes the opportunity to help others." He also thanked the veterans for their service to our country.

Thompson, who has been involved in the court treatment program since it began said, "I have been cheering these veterans along the way to their graduation," noting that the struggles have been real and they faced many challenging obstacles.

The graduates each had the opportunity to address the audience gathered.

Allen said she was proud of herself on this very emotional day and that she hasn't been able to say that for a very long time. She thanked her mom and her neighbors for their support.

McGee thanked her family and counselor for supporting her through the process.

Null said that he is a better person now that he has completed the program.

Each of the graduates were presented a certificate and a coin from the program team.

They also received a Quilt of Valor, which is awarded to a service member or veteran who has been touched by war. The quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service



Veteran Virgil Null, pictured right, receives his certificate from Lee County Associate Judge Theresa Friel-Draper for completion of an intensive specialized court program for three Veterans who have served in the armed services. Each of the graduates were presented a certificate and a coin from the program team.

and sacrifice in serving our nation.

And each also received a shadow box with medals they had received during their service time. The shadow boxes were presented by Laurie Carlin Perry, representing the Daughter of the American Revolution.

Lee County Veterans Treatment Court began in 2016 with grant funding from the Bureau of Justice, which continues to assist the program today. A growing number of veterans suffer from PTSD and traumatic brain injury, which may be

exacerbated by the loss of structure and camaraderie found in the military. Veterans with a diagnosed mental health condition or substance use disorder engage in treatment while under close supervision. Participants are required to complete all necessary treatment and are regularly and randomly tested for drug and alcohol use and are also required to appear frequently in court for the judge to review their progress. Research continues to show that Veterans Treatment Courts work better than jail or prison and better than

treatment alone.

"It was exciting to celebrate the success of our first graduates. He has done an outstanding job in a very rigorous program. Our veterans make great sacrifices for the benefit of our nation. I am proud that our judicial system has a program designed to assist veterans who have struggled upon their return home," stated Judge Marmarie Kostelny in the release.

Before court was adjourned, Assistant State's Attorney, Will Fawkes, made a motion to dismiss all charges pending on the graduates.

Monetta Young/Amboy News



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Dave Lloyd and Marion King of The First National Bank in Amboy presents a donation to Pastor Satya Sudhakar and Patti Forrester of Franklin Grove United Methodist Church Personal Pantry. The Pantry has been in existence since 2015, serving the communities of Franklin Grove, Ashton and Lee Center. The bank partnered with Federal Home Loan Bank COVID-19 Relief Grant Program in supporting small businesses and non-profit organizations.

Photo submitted

AHS September Student of the Month

AMBOY — Nick Tarr, a senior at Amboy High School, has been named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for September. He is the son of Rachel and Andy Tarr.

GPA: 4.1

Involvement: I am president of my class, Student Council, and the National Honor Society. I am also a member of the Scholastic Bowl team, the Spanish Honor Society, and the Leos Club.

Outside of school, I have been an altar server at St. Patrick's Church in Amboy for the past nine years and a bell ringer for the Salvation Army for the past seven years.

Awards: The College Board National Recognition Program

Best Memories: I have enjoyed participating in a number of clubs and activities. Engaging in spirited debates in AP U.S. History was also very fun as well.

Future Plans: After graduation, I plan to attend SVCC and then transfer to Illinois State

University to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Business with a minor in finance.



Nick Tarr

My goal is to move to Montana or Colorado and become a certified financial planner.

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Some people who have tested positive have had no symptoms or mild symptoms. Others have felt miserable or even been hospitalized.

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

Please, for yourself and others, follow the state and federal recommendations. It's easy to remember as the 3 W's: Wash your hands; Watch your distance; and Wear your mask. We don't want to backtrack from the great work our community

has done. 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."

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

During the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals with symptoms SHOULD NOT GO to health care facilities such as hospitals, clinics, and urgent care centers without CALLING FIRST. Instead, they can

seek care by using one of the following options:

Testing:

Anyone with COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, chills, sudden loss of taste and/or smell and fever) OR who have a risk factor, such as contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19, a compromised immune system or a serious chronic medical condition can get a test, even without a doctor's order. And now the following people can be tested with or without symptoms.

- Work in health care facility
- Work in correctional facilities, such as jails or prisons
- Serve as first responders, such as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, or firefighters
- Support critical infrastructure, such as workers in grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, factories, childcare and sanitation.

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

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In communities where there are organized mosquito control programs, contact your municipal government to report areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes.

Dead birds can be submitted to IDPH for West Nile Virus testing. "Eligible" birds are those that have been dead for less than 48 hours (have not started decomposing, no strong odor, no bloating, no maggots, eyes are not deflated or dried, etc.), have not been damaged by scavengers, and have no obvious cause of

death. They must also be in one of the following categories: crows, blue jays, house finches, house sparrows, and robins. Other eligible perching birds: blackbirds, bluebirds, catbirds, cardinals, chickadees, cowbirds, creepers, goldfinches, grackles, finches, flycatchers, larks, mockingbirds, nuthatches, orioles, purple martins, sparrows (many species), starlings, swallows, tanagers, thrushes, warblers (many species), cedar waxwings, and wrens. Hawks and owls may also be submitted. If you have a dead bird acceptable for testing, call Lee County Animal Control at 815-284-3833.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the state health department's website at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm or people can call the West Nile Virus Hotline at 866-369-9710 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You may also contact the Lee County Health Department at 815-284-3371 for additional information.

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You can respond by:

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- Visit the Census website at <https://my2020census.gov/>

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Fish Fry

We are having a Drive-Thru Fish on Friday, Oct. 9, from 4 p.m. 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 815-440-8195 and Board members for tickets: Deb Albee, Barb Harrison, Pam Thomas, Mark Grossman, Trese McNinch, Cindy Phillips, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Kimberly Watley. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 on the day of event.

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 that hasn't pre-registered.

Thank You's

Thank you to those who bring cans. Thank you to our awesome volunteers, who helped make our first week smooth and successful: Donna Wellman, Kathy Gardner, Shannon Nichols, Maggie Lowry, Fran Kessel, Brooklyn Whechel, Maddy Thomas, Kimber Zitleman, Megan Cheatham and Kaylee Scanland. They rolled with everything new. Also thank you to the students who attended and braved a whole new Teen Turf. Thank you to Tammy, Scott, and Brooklyn Strub for the donation of apples and cheese sticks. Thank you to Mike Blackburn for the food donation. Thank you to Dejuana and David Morgan for their monetary donation. Thank you for Value Lab for their sponsorship in the Telegraph.

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 September

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

Genesis 18:19

For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him."



Granny Rose - Maggie

Maggie arrived at the shelter as a rescued stray with her kittens. She is a very pretty kitty with a short shiny black coat and distinctive white markings. She's about 3 years old and now spayed, vaccinated, and anxious to start a pampered life in someone's home. Maggie can be such a sweetheart and loves to sit on your lap to be with you. She is very stressed out with all the other cats around her and may not always show her sweet side. Maggie is a kitty that really needs to be in a home and not a shelter environment. Let's hope Maggie is a "home for the holidays"! To see Maggie, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

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- Recruitment and training for new and current EMS personnel
- Development of new ways to educate EMS providers using advanced technology and virtual learning
- Acquire OSHA approved EMS personal protective equipment
- Complete specific training on mental and substance abuse disorders and the appropriate care of patients with said disorders
- Purchase and train EMS personnel on the use of the opioid overdose antidote, naloxone, to utilize in case of opioid overdose emergency situations

We are looking for local individuals to recruit and train using this grant! Contact us to today at ashley@amboyfire.com to get on board!

*Applicants must reside in Amboy's district.

Thank you Chief Jeff Bryant for securing all types of grants for our department that benefit our personnel, our department, and ultimately our community!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PAWPAW-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, at Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on

other services available. You may also visit the website at www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

AMBOY-Amboy Farmers Market will be held each Friday until Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. until noon in the Depot parking lot.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21, at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N. Metcalf.

Goodwill launches mystery bags to go

ROCKFORD—Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois has launched "Mystery Bags to Go" online shop at www.goodwillgoodtogo.com with curbside or in store pick-up starting Friday, Sept. 11 at all 11 of its retail locations. "Mystery Bags to Go" contain a category of items and sizes that have been originally on the sales floor. The contents remain a mystery until opened for a fun shopping experience. The online store will list new bags every Friday to keep it fresh for the consumer.

The basic bag sells for \$9.99 and the designer bag for \$19.99 but the site will also include specialty bags at various prices. All bags contain a minimum of 12 items and are heavily discounted. The value of the mystery bags range from approximately \$60 to \$120 respectively.

Shoppers can access the site at www.goodwillgoodtogo.com to shop the various bags and pick up curbside or come into the store - whichever is more convenient.

Ben Bernsten, President of Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois, said they will continue to monitor the success of "Mystery Bags to Go" and will evolve the online site based on consumer demand.

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AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21, at the Community Center, 280 Wasson Rd.

STERLING-The U of I Extension Office will provide a 4-H Teen Teacher Program for youth 8th grade and older from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Whiteside Extension Office, 12923 Lawrence Rd. Two more meetings will be held virtually. Registration is required by Sept. 22 at go.il-linois.edu/4HTeenTeacher. The program is free.

AMBOY-The U of I System Student Money Management Center and U of I Extension will host the Get Savvy webinar series from 12 to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23. The webinar series is aimed to inform, educate and empower viewers about important financial topics. Register online at <https://forms.uofi.uillinois.edu/sec/1279302>.

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Virginia "Ginny" Morris

Nov. 28, 1937 - Aug. 25, 2020

BLOOMINGDALE — Virginia "Ginny" Morris, 82, passed away on Aug. 25, 2020 in Bloomington, Illinois.

Virginia Ruth Crossett was born Nov. 28, 1937 in Hwangchuan, China, to Vincent and Margaret Crossett. Her parents met at Wheaton College, and were missionaries with the China Inland Mission (now Overseas Missionary Fellowship/OMF International).

To escape the dangers of war, young Virginia went to boarding school in Kalimpong, India, where her Aunt Ruth Elliott was also serving as a missionary. It was there, at seven years old, where Virginia made a pledge to follow Jesus, a decision she "never regretted!"

In 1947, her family moved to Wheaton for her father to attend graduate school. They worshiped at Wheaton Bible Church and she and her sister Margaret briefly attended Wheaton Christian Grammar School.

Her father became a pastor in Honolulu, Hawaii, where Virginia spent her teenage years, graduating from Kaimuki High School. She returned to Illinois to attend Wheaton College, where she studied English, graduating in 1960. Her Master's in Education was from University of Illinois.

While working as a teacher in the town of Ohio,

Illinois, she met Ed Morris, whom she married on Aug. 12, 1964. They settled on a farm outside Harmon, Illinois, where they raised their five children. Christian education was very important to Ed and Ginny, and in 1983 they moved to West Chicago, where their children attended Wheaton Christian High School (now Wheaton Academy).

Ed and Ginny were active members of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Wheaton and later Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Warrenville. Ginny worked as the secretary for the Director of The Institute for Chinese Studies, and for the Executive Director of the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College. She especially enjoyed reading, knitting, and opening their home to family and friends from around the world.

After retirement, Ed and Ginny built a home near their original farmhouse in Lee County. They served faithfully at East Grove Union Church of Amboy and as election judges for many years.

Ginny is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ed Morris; their five children, Vince (Ellen) Morris, Ruth Waters, Alta (Paul) Johnson, John (Tammy) Morris, and Matthew (Jennifer) Morris; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister,



Margaret (Crossett) McKay and her loving family.

Ginny loved the Lord faithfully, and in her memoirs she wrote, "As the old hymn puts it, 'God has led us on our way,' and Scripture adds 'and He will be our Guide even unto death.'"

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Warrenville. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, personal attendance was limited to invitation only. All were welcome to attend virtually via livestream at the following: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-jk8SbzvMPU>

A local open house in honor of Virginia was held from 3-4:30 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 12, at East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd., Amboy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to OMF International: <https://partnerhub.omf.org/ttufund>

Betty A. Payne

Nov. 3, 1938 - Sept. 7, 2020

WALNUT — Betty A. Payne, 81, of Walnut, died Monday, Sept. 7, 2020 at her home.

She was born on Nov. 3, 1938 in Amboy, the daughter of William and Mildred (Conderman) Kessel. She married Rudy Francis in February 1957. He died shortly after. She then married Harold E. "Mick" Payne on May 5, 1959 in Walton. He died Sept. 4, 1982.

Betty had worked for the Illinois Department of Corrections in Dixon as a correctional officer for 20 years. She also had worked at PAG Seeds in Walnut either delivering seed corn or as a crew leader for detasseling or rouging; the Walnut Bowling Alley; and had been a school bus driver for the Ohio School District. Betty was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Walnut. She thrived on finding treasures at garage sales for family and friends alike.

Hand sewing, gardening, and woodworking were some of her hobbies.

She was most happy when she could help someone. Her work ethic will continue to be her legacy. She was named Rotary Club Citizen of the Year 1980 -1981 for fund raising and bringing awareness to ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. Fixing was her love language.

Survivors include her daughters, Joy (Dan) Hoffman, of Fairfax, Iowa, Jill (Bruce) Gonigam, of Walnut and Julie (Kent) Mathew, of Walnut, her son, Jay (Melissa) Payne, of Lisle; her son in law Don (Ellen) Monier, of Walnut; her sister Aleta (Fred) Faber, of La Moille; her sisters in law, Fran Kessel, of Amboy and Joan Kessel, of Dixon; 17 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her son, Jeff Payne in 1994; her daughter, Jan Monier in 2013; and two



brothers, W.C. Kessel and Benard Kessel.

Visitation for the public to attend without the family present was held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020, at the Garland Funeral Home in Walnut. Private family burial was held at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy, with the Reverend Thomas Shaw, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to I AM A L S in lieu of flowers please.

Stewart to host free Medicare 101 Webinars Oct. 1 and Oct. 8

FREEPORT — State Sen. Brian Stewart (R-Freeport) will host free community Zoom Webinars on Oct. 1 and on Oct. 8 to help constituents learn more about the federal Medicare program.

The Webinars are scheduled on those dates for 10 a.m. Central Time. Registration is not required.

Facilitated by the Northern Illinois Age Guide and the Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program, the Medicare 101 Webinars

include information about who is eligible, coverage details, how to get help with out-of-pocket expenses, and open enrollment. Participants will have the opportunity to ask live questions and get answers during the webinars. New and current beneficiaries are welcome.

Participants will be asked to copy and paste a link and a passcode to join the Webinar. The link and the passcode will be provided on Sen. Stewart's Web site at <http://senatorstewart.com/> on the morning of the Webinar.

On the date of the Webinar, participants should copy and paste the link into their browsers at about 9:50 a.m. and enter the password. They will be put on hold for a few minutes until the program begins at 10 a.m.

Participants unable to join via the Internet should call 312-626-6799. Please enter the Meeting ID and then enter the Passcode, which will be provided on the morning of the Webinar.

For more information, call Stewart's office at 815-284-0045.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Illinois Department of Public Health provides guidance for state polling locations

CHICAGO – In preparation for the 2020 elections, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has issued guidance to protect the safety and health of voters as they cast ballots at polling locations throughout the state during early voting and Election Day.

“Voting is a right and a privilege,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “While the safest way to cast a ballot this year is voting by mail, we are and will continue to take the necessary steps to ensure that Illinoisans can exercise their right to vote in person, in the safest possible environments during this COVID-19 pandemic.”

In accordance with the guidance, all local election authorities will be required to develop written COVID-19 prevention plans for all polling sites within their jurisdiction. Plans will contain specific COVID-19 safety and training instructions along with the names of individuals responsible for implementation of the plan.

Election authorities are being strongly encouraged to relocate polls previously housed in long-term care facilities and senior living residences to protect voters and residents – particularly those who are most vulnerable.

All locations will have signage to encourage voters to wear masks and maintain a distance of 6 feet, while inside the polling places. If voters show up to a polling place without one, election authorities are required to offer them a face covering outside of the polling place. Polling booths will be set up at least 6 feet apart and foot traffic will be one-directional.

Additional recommended preventative actions in the guidance include using Plexiglas barriers between election officials and voters, large print instructions to facilitate communication, routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, and polling place personnel to remind voters to maintain physical distance. While election officials are prohibited from preventing a voter without a face covering from casting a ballot, the guidance requires they take every reasonable action to separate noncompliant voters, ensuring they are socially distanced from those voters who are compliant.

Art exhibition winners

DIXON — Awards for the 16th Farms & Barns Art Exhibition have been announced with eight local and regional artists recognized in this annual exhibit at The Next Picture Show (TNPS) in downtown Dixon.

Awards Judge Suzanne Shedlosky, of Prophetstown, acknowledged the following artists for their entries. Best of Show to Rockford based artist Beverly Ashley Broyles for her watercolor “Tennessee Barn”; First Place to Bob Holmes of Millington, who is entering his first show at TNPS, for the watercolor “Early Spring Day”; Second

Place to Les Allen of Dixon for “Drawer of Keepsakes” a work in traditional film based photography; Third Place for the oil on canvas “Round Barn” by Richard Schmidt of Frankfort.

Honorable Mentions were also awarded to the following: “Illuminated by Moonlight” a digital photograph on metal by Jayson Tuntland of La Moille; “Red Door/ Farm House”, a watercolor by Larry Bond of Sycamore; “Grandma’s Mail”, a watercolor by Pecatonica based Dick Cholke; and “Pecatonica” by Leslie Crowhurst of Loves Park.



Mona Kaleel

Kaleel to celebrate 90th birthday

AMBOY — Mona Kaleel will celebrate her 90th birthday on Sept. 27, 2020.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1930, in Wichita, Kansas.

She married George Kaleel, and they have been married for 63 years. Mona is a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

They have two children, Karen Morrissey and Mark (Reene) Kaleel; six grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Birthday greetings may be sent to Mona at 123 N. El Vista Drive, Amboy, IL 61310.

Stewart to host Mobile Driver Services events

FREEPORT – State Sen. Brian Stewart (R-Freeport) will be hosting Mobile Driver Services Facility events Sept. 16 in Stockton and Sept. 23 in Rochelle.

On Sept. 16, the event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stockton Township Public Library, 140 W. Benton St. in Stockton. On Sept. 23, the event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rochelle City Hall, 420 N. 6th St. in Rochelle. Admission and refreshments are free.

Services provided by representatives from the Illinois Secretary of State’s office at the Mobile Driver Services Facility include: renewal/correction of driver’s licenses for persons younger than 75, obtaining a state ID, purchasing license plate stickers. NO REAL IDs. Senior citizens ages 75 and older will need to visit a permanent Department of Motor Vehicles facility to renew their driver’s licenses. Proper identification will be needed for all services. Checks or charge cards only. Face coverings must be worn and social-distancing rules must be followed.

For more information, contact Sen. Stewart’s office at 815-284-0045.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

A Fair Maiden

Joyce Carol Oates, considered by many the preeminent American novelist, is often misjudged. Certain critics have put down her novels as Gothic, melodramatic, unserious. A recent essay in “The New Yorker” sums up the issue: “But where Henry James wanted to tame his sense that life was ferocious and sinister, contingent and multiple, Oates taps her feeling of inner chaos as a creative resource.” Her fifty-eight novels and hundreds of short stories forgo an air of cool mastery in favor of a kind of cultivated vulnerability. Her 2010 novella “A Fair Maiden” is a fine example of what the “New Yorker” critic called Oates’s “unruly genius.”

Not surprisingly, Oates draws on the fairy tale as a rich source for her work: “Fairy tales contain an incalculably rich storehouse of mysterious, luminous, riddlesome, and ever-potent images, a vast Sargasso Sea of the imagination. Though characterization is minimal, plots are bold and original.” And she does not shy away from the violence and cruelties of the genre. She turns instinctively toward what she called “the central, centralizing act of violence that seems to symbolize something beyond itself.”

As the title suggests, “A Fair Maiden” has many of the elements of a modern fairy tale, both disturbing and violent. The heroine of the tale is Katya Spivak, 16, who has landed a summer job as a nanny for an affluent family in the posh seaside resort of Bayhead Harbor. One afternoon she is approached by the debonair and very rich 68-year-old Marcus Kidder, who kindly invites her and the two little children to his home.

Katya, having been abandoned long ago by her father, and who must cope with a vicious drunk for a mother, takes up Mr. Kidder on his invitation, despite her initial revulsion at the age gap. She is completely awestruck by Kidder’s palatial mansion, and though wary, soon warms to his courtly manner, “his sympathetic blue gaze.” He tells her they are soulmates, that she makes him feel “Heimweh,” homesickness. He calls her “my fair maiden” and promises that she will become one of the chosen.

Katya is alert to the creepy undertones of Kidder’s allure; she is insulted by his assumption that she will pose for him in sexy red underwear. But his warmth may be genuine since he has published four children’s books. Moreover, he is an artist who pays Katya handsomely to sit for him. She soon dreams of becoming a model and gleefully fantasizes about everybody’s reaction to her rich new friend. She is a Cinderella and a Sleeping Beauty. But in Oates’s world “experience is a mess of shards and shreds.” Reality in all its cruelty and tenderness intervenes to set up an indelible finale.

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Opinion

Female candidates put up with a lot when running for office

When it comes to running for office, women just have to put up with a lot more crap than men do.

This week, Republican congressional candidate Jeanne Ives had three signs in Naperville defaced with a slur often used to describe a private portion of women's anatomy.

Four years ago, someone took a picture of state Rep. Avery Bourne's face and photo-shopped it on to the naked body of another woman and mailed the phony image to people throughout her legislative district.

Vice Presidential candidate Kamala Harris has been publicly called a "prostitute" on various social media forums.

Let's face it, these are things that male candidates don't have to deal with.

In the case of Harris, much attention has been paid to her past relationship with former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, who is 23 years her senior.

It is interesting that her once dating someone 23 years her senior is considered a blotch on her record. But Donald Trump marrying someone 23 years his junior is just a mild curiosity for most folks.

By the way, both Brown and Trump were married but estranged from their wives at the inception of these relationships.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



Actress Robbin Young tweeted, "Kamala doesn't care if Willie was good...women who prostitute themselves only care about money and prestige."

In my 33 years in journalism, I've never heard an allegation like that made against a man holding public office.

But over and over I've heard that assertion made against women running for offices as low as county coroner and as high as vice president.

"There is a real double standard here. A man who dated a lot of women is called a 'stud' but a woman who dated a lot of men is called something else," said Denny Jacobs, a former long-time state senator from East Moline.

"It shouldn't make any difference who someone used to date. But for women seeking office it does matter," he said. "But it goes beyond that. A woman doesn't have to be beautiful, but she

has to be presentable. For us men, that is not an issue. (U.S. Senate Majority Leader) Mitch McConnell can win office even though he's not particularly good looking. Could a woman that bad looking win? No."

When Ives first contemplated a run for the Illinois House, she hired a consultant.

"He told me, 'You can't just go to the grocery store wearing

sweats anymore. People expect women running for office to look good all of the time.' I just looked at him and said, 'I had five kids at home if I need to go to the store, I'll wear sweats if I need to. I still go to the store wearing sweats.'"

In the case of Rep. Bourne, R-Raymond, the doctored photos appeared to be an effort to denigrate an accomplished woman. She is the youngest person to serve in the General Assembly in Illinois' 202 years.

Imagine someone pasting Mike Madigan's face onto a photo of a naked man and mailing it out.

It just wouldn't be an effective smear campaign. But, unfortunately, women in public life are held to a different standard. Rumors are spread, lies are told and usually it pertains to their personal lives.

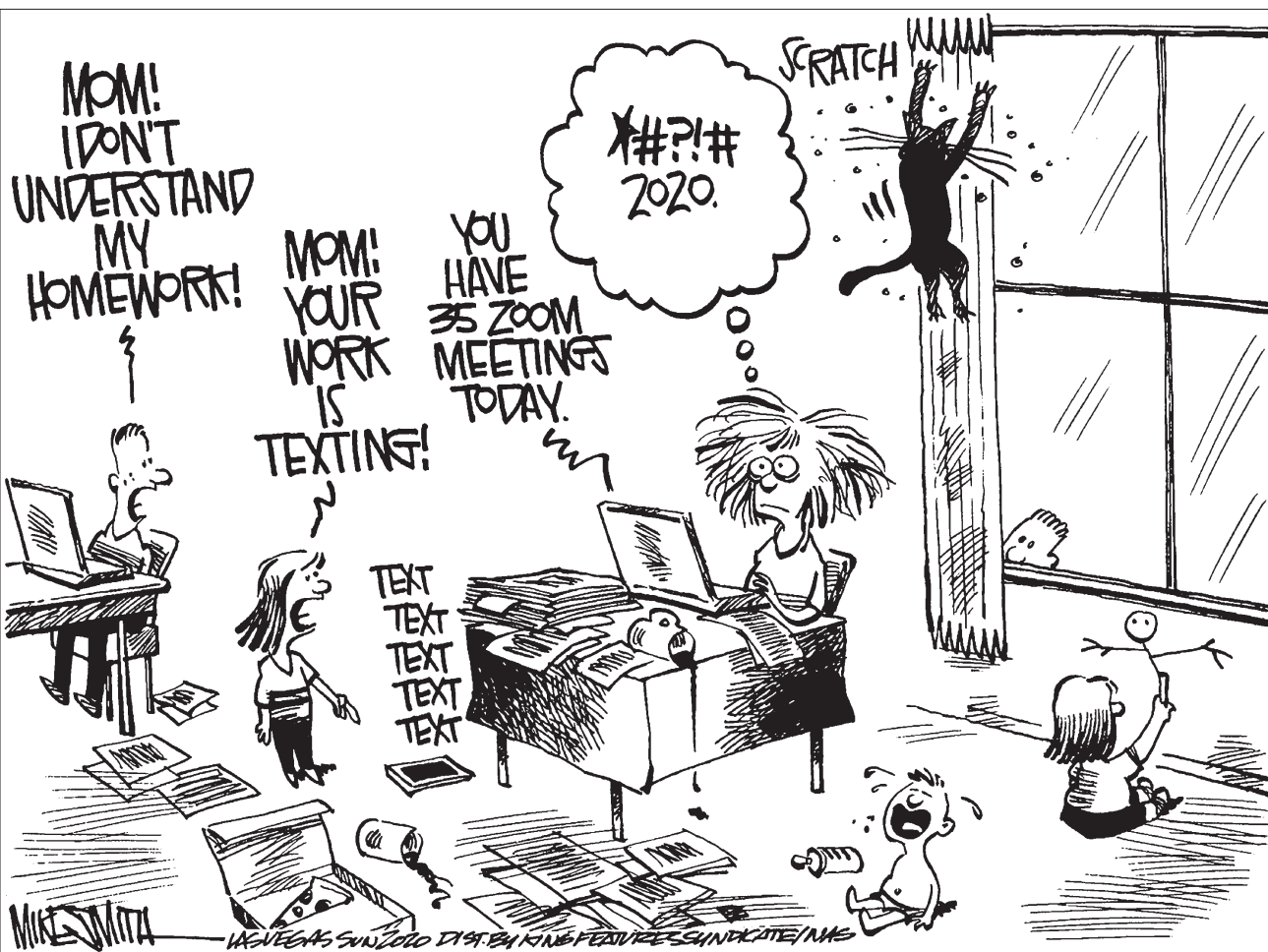
Sadly, an undercurrent of misogyny remains a constant in American politics.

Ives noted Trump's 2016 comment to "Rolling Stone" about his female primary opponent, Carly Fiorina, "Look at that face. Would anyone vote for that? Can you imagine that, the face of our next president?"

To be sure, both male and female candidates have signs vandalized. But the attack against Ives was far more personal.

"Someone used spray paint to write that horrible word on the sign," she told me Monday during a telephone interview. "We took the signs down right away so children wouldn't see them. ... Only female candidates have to deal with this sort of thing."

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



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Sept. 17, 1920

Wm. Finch made his first trip Monday as student fireman on the I.C.

Earl Antoine, Ray and Ed Whitver started by auto from here Monday morning to Minnesota, on a hunting trip. They will go to Porter, Minn., where Earl will visit his aunt, Mrs. Robert Lytle. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

The High School Senior Class elected officers Thursday. Wayne Dickey was elected president, Bernice Antoine, vice president, and Bessie Dewey secretary and treasurer.

Miss Louise Wohnke came home Monday evening, having spent a few days in Chicago buying Millinery for the winter season.

75 Years Ago Sept. 13, 1945

A disastrous fire at the Dave North farm, northeast of Amboy on Temperance Hill, completely destroyed the large barn and machine shed Friday afternoon. Fire departments were summoned from Amboy, Dixon, and West Brooklyn and succeeded in saving the house and other buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton F. Becker of May Township have purchased the residence property of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turnquist on West Division Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Riley have purchased the residence property of the late Mrs. Gladys Garrett on South Locust Street in this city.

50 Years Ago Sept. 17, 1970

Dedication ceremonies Sunday afternoon in the Ellice Dinges Elementary School at Sublette honored the memory of Mrs. Raymond Dinges, who was in her 30th year of teaching when she died April 16, 1970. A piano and an oil portrait of Mrs. Dinges were dedicated Sunday, funds having been given to a memorial fund in her name.

Sublette's Miss Flame Amy Palmer, participated in the Miss Flame Parade in Walnut Friday evening, Sept. 4. Mr. and Mrs. Neal Vaessen took her to Walnut and Neal drove the fire truck Miss Flame rode in.

A 216 lb barrow owned by Ed Gilmore of Compton was selected as the champion hog carcass in the Lee County Fall Barrow Show held at the 4-H Center, Sept. 10. The hogs were

cut out at Swift & Co. Plant at Rochelle on Friday.

25 Years Ago Sept. 21, 1995

The City of Amboy plans a crack-down on underage smoking. Mayor Hank Gerdes told the city council Monday that police will be contacting local stores that sell cigarettes informing them that personnel will be prosecuted if they violate the law that prohibits the sale of cigarettes to those under age 18.

AHS students are gearing up for Homecoming activities that will be held Sept. 27-30, with co-ed volleyball Wednesday, skits, and king and queen crowning Thursday, parade and football game Friday and dance Saturday. Senior attendants are Kari Politsch daughter of Gary and Marie Politsch, Emily Leffelman daughter of Edward and Susan Leffelman, Jessica Egan daughter of James Egan and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schultz, Rachael Jones daughter of Butch and Mary Jones, Stepheni Troxell daughter of Connie Ferris, Clay Partington son of Jesse and Rhonda Partington, Thomas Powers son of Dean Powers, Dan Tompkins son of Dan Tompkins and Maria Tompkins, and Jared Zellhofer.



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LOCAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

We Can't Do It Alone - We Need Jesus By Our Side

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

There is no denying that we are right in the midst of a swirling seasonal phenomenon. No, not hurricane season. No, not the season of COVID-19. No, not election season. It is, of course, football season.

In the words of gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson (1937-2005): "Football fans share a universal language that cuts across many cultures and many personality types. A serious football fan is never alone. We are legion, and football is often the only thing we have in common."

Both the teams and their fans have their own distinct duties—their own "jobs."

For fans the job is to show up, cheer for your team, question every call that goes against your team, and to eat outrageously large amounts of really tasty, really bad-for-your-arteries food. For most, being a good fan, doing your fan "job," is a long-distance exercise, carried out in crowded living rooms in front of big-screen TVs, littering the floor with chips, pizza crusts, dip drips, and other mysterious stains. For others being a good fan is taking off your shirt and waving it in sub-zero temperature—although maybe not this year. What did Dave Barry say about fans? "Sharks are as tough as those football

fans who take their shirts off during games in Chicago in January, only more intelligent."

Of course, the biggest job falls upon the teams themselves—both the players and the coaches. Bill Belichick, head coach of the incredibly successful New England Patriots, is famous for making one essential, absolute demand of all his players. "Do your job."

A player's "job" is far more complex than a fan's. It takes a lot more than just "showing up" to get the "job" done each week, at every game. At the very least "doing the job" entails self-discipline, deep preparation, working hard,

paying attention to details, and putting the team first. "Just do your job" most importantly involves, not fitting "in" to some job description, but fitting "together" in a play formation.

In Luke 17:1-2 Jesus warns his followers that if their behavior should cause another, a "little one," to stumble in their faithfulness, it "would be better if a millstone were hung around their necks and they were thrown into the sea." Behaving in a way that causes others to misbehave is definitely not "doing your job" as a disciple of Jesus and a scout of the in-breaking kingdom of God.

Even more challenging is

the next item in a disciple's "job description." Jesus declares that even "if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive." In other words, a continuing, never wavering attitude of forgiveness is central to the job description of "disciple."

Having heard these two intimidating requirements for their roles as disciples, Jesus' companions now beg him to "Increase their faith," so that they might accomplish these ambitions. Jesus' response calls his followers on the carpet, claiming that if they had but the "faith the size of a mustard seed" they could accomplish miraculous things.

We cannot do it on our own. As disciples our first "job," our first realization, must be the confession that

we can't "do it" on our own. We cannot finish our faith journey, we cannot bring the message and mission of Jesus as the Christ, the Redeemer, to anyone, anywhere, without having Jesus by our side, without having encountered God's grace. And we need each other to "do our job." Our "job" requires us, not to fit in, but to fit together in God's mission in the world.

"Just do your job," or in Christianese, "Just do your calling," is not a form of works-righteousness. It is a form of worship and adoration and love. We do our mission, we do our calling, because we love the one who called us and commissioned us. And we look forward to that day when we hear the words from the one who chose us, "Well done, beloved, and welcome. Your life brings me great pleasure."

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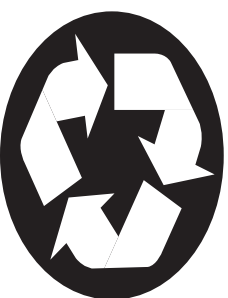
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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #63 James Mead

For this week's Clipper Highlight we have a guest writer.

What you will read below was written by former Clipper, my brother, Wes Morrissey.

It is an honor to write this Clipper of the Week! As a kid this man was my hero. I watched him play every Friday night and could not help but look up to him. He was Superman to me!

When I was in fifth grade I started working out at the high school. Superman would go out of his way to talk to me when he didn't have to. Friday nights we would line up to slap the Clippers pads at the Boatyard (Jr. High Field). Superman would always make sure he shook my hand on his way out to punish his opponents. Sunday mornings, Superman would go out of his way to shake hands with my brother and I at church even though we were just tykes.

This week I'm so honored to highlight my Superman, #63, James Mead.

The love for football games started from his love for Seattle Seahawk, Brian Bosworth: "I would get home from work and 5-year-

old James would tackle me as soon as I got out of my truck. He would knock me over, and say I am Brian Bosworth" says Jack Mead, James' father.

James played Center, Middle Linebacker, and Long Snapper. As a fellow Center and Long Snapper, I had to ask Jack how that came to be?

"Loreen (James' Mom) would stay home with him and James always wanted to play football. He would be so rough that she made him hike the ball to her so she wouldn't take the abuse." Loreen shaped his Clipper career more than anyone it seems.

It was such a treat to talk to James' friends and teammates. I think there is one thing we can all agree on and it's that James had a great sense of humor and was loved by all.

"The memory that comes to my mind the most is that every day before practice, James came running out to practice holding his helmet and screaming 'lost your bonnet baby' (a popular quote from popular football movie, The Program)," said current

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



Amboy High School Head Football Coach, Scott Payne.

Former teammate, friend, and Quarterback Brad Burke said, "we ran QB sneaks a lot and James would just keep running. I asked why he was still running over people as I was getting tackled. James, in true offensive line fashion, said, if I am running them over, why can't you? James saved my ass so many times." Burke loved him like a brother.

"As a punter, James was my long snapper. He had the best sense of humor on and off the field. He always

kept me laughing, but he was a damn good long snapper. He made it easy to do my job as a punter. He had such a great love for Clipper football," said former teammate, Tim Dale.

"James was a perpetual captain and leader. It is so cool you are honoring him this way," Burke added.

Former teammate and friend, Chris (Whitey) Streit stated, "James attacked football with passion and tenacity as he did all things in life."

Streit recalled his belief that James holds the IHSA record for holding penalties.

"He admittedly held on every play," Streit said.

Streit added that when someone would ask James why? He would always say, "well he didn't get to you, did he?"

Streit also boasted about James as a linebacker by saying, "he committed to every snap as if it were his last."

Streit closed by saying, "James' infectious work ethic, drive, passion, and pure joy for the game made us all better as a team and as individuals, on and off the field. I was lucky to share the same field with James and even luckier to call him a friend. Amboy Clipper football history would be incomplete without James Mead."

On the 1994 Clipper Playoff team, James was called up as a sophomore. The Clippers lost to a highly favored Byron team; James recovered 2 fumbles. The Three Rivers Conference during James' days was the toughest conference in Illinois. The best from Newman, Fulton, and Morrison, none of them wanted to be hit, on either side of the ball, by James Mead. I know! I was there, he was my Superman.

So, to #63, my Superman, our Clipper Guardian Angel



#63 James Mead

in Heaven, James Mead, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for the people's lives you touched. Thank you for making us all laugh with your famous sense of humor. Those of us who knew you will remember you forever. Sail on.

For those Clippers who did not know James (which is not many), he lost a fight with cancer in March 2006. He fought it as hard as he fought on the gridiron and kept his sense of humor the whole time. Every Clipper goes to Heaven, some have to wait in line, not James. With his big personality, he won over St. Peter and got right in.

An Irish blessing to you Superman:

May the road rise up to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm upon your face

The rains fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again;

May God hold you in the palm of his hand #63.

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.

IEMA, IDoA stress the importance of disaster preparedness

SPRINGFIELD—As we learned with the COVID-19 pandemic, disasters don't wait. They can strike at any time and anywhere. That's why, as part of as part of National Preparedness Month, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) are encouraging older Illinoisans and their caregivers to set aside time this month to prepare for potential emergencies.

"Illinois is home to nearly 2.7 million older adults, and some of these individuals represent a vulnerable population with functional impairments, chronic health conditions or economic limitations," said IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. "National Preparedness Month is an annual reminder for older adults, their families and caregivers to take a few simple steps to prepare for an emergency. Being prepared can help reduce fear, anxiety and losses associated with a disaster."

"Seniors should not feel anxious about asking for help or preparing for a disaster. Plan for what you can, and focus on things you can control," said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA. "I encourage everyone to be mindful of our older family members, friends, or neighbors. Have a discussion with your older friend or your relative's caregiver about the safeguards in place if a disaster strikes. If they don't have a plan, consider assisting them in implementing some of these tips."

Here are four tips that can help older Illinoisans prepare for a disaster or emergency:

- Create a Support Network: This is a great time to get to know your neighbors. Identify family, friends and others who can assist you during an emergency. Studies show 46-percent of individuals will rely on their neighbors immediately following a disaster or emergency. Also, take a moment to identify the

various services available in your area.

- Financial Preparedness: A disaster can disrupt mail service for days or weeks. If you depend on Social Security or other regular benefits, switching to electronic payments is a simple, important way to protect yourself financially before a disaster.

- Build A Kit: Stores and pharmacies may be closed immediately following a disaster, so it is important to keep critical supplies, including food and medication, in an emergency supply kit.

Medicine: Don't wait to the last minute to have your medications refilled. Talk to your pharmacist and health care insurer to see if your insurance plan offers a more affordable mail-order option.

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Food: Emergency food supplies can be built over time, as to not be a cost burden to seniors. Consider picking up one extra can of food each time you visit the grocery store.

- Learn a New (Technology) Skill: Access and use of technology by older Americans is important to building and keeping socially connected. Not only can smartphones and tablets/computers help you connect with family and friends, but these devices can also offer ways to receive emergency alerts and notifications about impending weather or hazards.

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PEOSTA, Iowa — The 2018 data for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 574 fatalities, or an equivalent of 23.4 deaths per 100,000 workers. Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the agriculture industry.

For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. This annual promotion initiated by the National Safety Council has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944.

National Farm Safety and Health Week is led by the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), the agricultural partner of the National Safety Council.



National Farm Safety & Health Week

EVERY FARMER COUNTS

September 20-26, 2020

The theme for National Farm Safety and Health Week 2020 is "Every Farmer Counts". This theme is one that reminds us that it is in everyone's best interest to prioritize the health and safety of those who work so hard to provide our abundant supply of food, fiber and fuel.

Along with the theme for the week, the daily topics of focus are: Monday - Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety

Tuesday - Overall Farmer Health

Wednesday - Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture
Thursday - Emergency Preparedness in Agriculture
Friday - Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture

Please visit www.necasag.org for this year's logos, as well as for further information and resources related to this year's campaign. There will be information forthcoming about webinars that

will be offered throughout the week. Special thanks to the Illinois Farm Bureau for developing the logo again this year.

As we recognize National Farm Safety and Health Week this September, please join us in spreading awareness of the risks associated with working in agriculture and promoting safe and healthy practices through the harvest season and beyond. We welcome your collaboration and

participation.

ABOUT NECAS

The National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) is dedicated to preventing illnesses, injuries, and deaths among farmers and ranchers, agricultural and horticultural workers, their families and their employees. NECAS offers safety and rescue training programs for a variety of topics and provides webinars to increase awareness for agricultural

safety. The center's trainings and rescue programs have resulted in 19 lives saved nationwide. NECAS is also a partner with Northeast Iowa Community College Business and Community Solutions in providing safety trainings for business and industry, such as hazardous materials training, forklift operator, construction flagger and more. Information about NECAS is available at www.necasag.org.

Safety essentials when visiting a farm

The nursery rhyme does not state, "Old MacDonald had a farm and on this farm there was a bunch of dangerous things." But maybe it should?

Farmers perform an essential service, providing food and other products that consumers commonly take for granted. The inner workings of a farm are something to treat with respect. Most of the families who live and work on a farm understand the potential hazards of such an environment. However, individuals visiting a farm may be unaware of these dangers. Understanding farm safety helps keep everyone safe.

According to the organization Kids Health, the age groups at greatest risk for

injury on farms are children ages 3 to 4 and teenagers ages 13 to 14. Most injuries can be prevented, though, with a little education and precautionary measures.

Machinery

There are many different forms of machinery on a farm to help keep it working efficiently. These items can pose serious safety risks. Although tractors are the type of farm equipment that causes the most injuries, some adults still think it is safe to allow children to ride along.

Injuries that may result from farm machinery include pinching of clothing or parts of the body, where a person may become trapped in the gears or components of equipment; cuts from

equipment that shears crops; bruising or cuts from projectiles thrown by mowers or other field equipment; and crushing or trapping injuries from machinery that falls or tips over.

Animals

Part of the excitement of visiting a farm is seeing and petting the animals. Although many animals may be docile and domesticated, they can still be unpredictable. Animals that are startled by yelling or loud noises also may become restless and dangerous.

Children should understand that animals may unintentionally cause injuries. It may be in a horse's defense mechanism to kick when it is scared. To avoid such injuries, never approach animals from behind. Also, when baby animals are present, a female may be protective of her brood and go on the defensive.

Another inadvertent in-



jury that may occur is from bacteria or viruses from the animals. Animal feces may contain bacteria, and there may be other microorganisms on the animals themselves. It is a smart idea to always wash your hands after handling a farm animal to prevent the spread of disease.

Here are some other pre-

cautions that can be taken when visiting a farm.

- Don't allow children to wander around unsupervised.

- Rides on farm equipment should be discouraged.

- Before starting machinery, operators should locate children and other guests and clear them from the work area.

- Don't allow children near machinery.

- Children under the age of 16 should not be allowed to operate any farm vehicles.

- Watch for hand tools or other equipment, and keep

children away from them.

- Do not touch animals unless a farm worker allows it. Then follow his or her instructions.

- Don't provoke farm animals or attempt to startle them.

- Supervise children around ponds, feeding troughs or manure lagoons. It only takes a few inches of water to pose a drowning risk.

Farms are interesting places to visit, especially for children. Safety should always be a priority when visiting a farm.

Facts and figures on farm safety

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, agriculture is among the most hazardous industries. Fatal and nonfatal injuries pose a significant threat to farmers, including the many young people who work on farms. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, in an effort

to promote productive and safe workplaces, supports programs that conduct research on injuries associated with agriculture as well as pesticide exposure, pulmonary disease, musculoskeletal disorders, hearing loss, and stress. Studying the results of such research, compiled by NIOSH, may compel veteran and novice farmers to further emphasize safety measures and promote practices that can reduce risk for accidents on the farm.

- Estimates indicate that there were roughly 2.1 million full-time workers employed in production agriculture in 2017 and between 1.4 and 2.1 million hired crop workers employed annually on crop farms in the United States.

- An estimated 893,000 young people under 20 years of age resided on farms in 2014. More than half of those young people performed farm work, and an additional 266,000 youth were hired to work on farms in 2014.

- Each day, roughly 100 agricultural workers suffer injuries that cause them to miss time at work.

- In 2014, 12,000 youth were injured on farms, and 4,000 of those youths could trace their injuries to farm work.

- In 2016, 417 farmers and farm workers died from work-related injuries. Tractor overturns and other transportation incidents were the leading cause of death for these farmers and farm workers.

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HARVEST SAFETY

Safety reminders during fall harvest season

With the urgency felt by farm families during the fall season, here are some safety reminders.

Equipment

Unfortunately, many farmers use older equipment during the harvest season that does not have recommended safety features. Keep your equipment in good condition and check to ensure all guards are properly positioned. Check to make sure that you have the recommended lighting on your tractor and implements especially when traveling in the early mornings or evenings.

Turn off the machine

Everyone is rushing to get that last field harvested and then the corn harvester gets plugged. Even though you are in a hurry to get done, you must always turn off the tractor before you get off the tractor to check or unclog any piece of equipment.

Rest and Breaks

During the harvest time, it is very easy for farm family members to not get adequate rest, take breaks, and even eat meals. In order for you to remain alert during harvest, you cannot sacrifice rest and nutrition. When doing fieldwork, take short breaks throughout the day to get out of the tractor to stretch. Stay



hydrated and pack nutritious snacks or meals so that you

have energy to complete the day's work.

Extra Workers

When it is crunch time

during harvest, a person may sometimes accept help from a neighbor, family member, or friend. However, it is important for you to provide that person with farm safety training related to the task that they will be helping with on the farm.

Youth Safety

If you have youth (either your own, hired, or volunteers) working for you during the harvest season, evaluate the job they are doing to ensure they are not taking on more responsibility than they are mentally, cognitively, and physically able to accomplish. Always provide training for youth workers prior to doing any work and check in with them on regular intervals to check on their progress and safety.

Body Mechanics

Not all harvesting is done with tractors and combines. Some fall crops require hand harvesting and heavy lifting. Remember it is better to make multiple trips with lighter loads than to strain your body by lifting or carrying too much. When carrying an object, hold the object as close to your body as possible and lift with your knees rather than your back.

Sleep

Do not ignore your health during the harvest season. As

hard as it might be, try to get adequate sleep which will help you rejuvenate from a hard day and prepare you for the next busy day.

Accessing the Tractor

During chopping, a person can get on and off the tractor numerous times to hitch and unhitch wagons. Consider using a hitching system to reduce the number of times you need to get on and off the tractor. If it is unavoidable, maintain 3 points of contact when getting on or off the tractor and avoid jumping off of the tractor or tractor steps to improve your safety and to protect your joints over time.

Personal Protective Equipment

Use personal protective equipment such as ear plugs, gloves, and safety glasses when appropriate.

Traveling on Roadways

Check to make sure that you have the recommended lighting on your tractor and implements especially when traveling in the early mornings or evenings. When possible, avoid traveling on roadways during the busy morning and evening commute times. Use an escort vehicle when necessary.

Do your part to make this a safe and healthy harvest season.

Putting a fire plan in place can keep a busy harvest season from going up in smoke

By Marilyn Thelen,
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Every year there are reports of combine fires. In a study of nearly 9,000 grain combine fires in the U.S., it was reported the majority (41.3 percent) were caused by crop residue. Crop residue and dust accumulate on engines and cracks and crevices through the combine.

Managing this is key to decreasing risk of fire starting on the combine. When it comes to preventing combine fires, there are the three P's to remember: prevention, preparation and practicality.

Prevention

- Keep the machine clean. Power-wash to remove caked-on grease, oil and crop residue. During harvest, frequently blow dry chaff, leaves and other crop materials off the machine. Remove any materials that have wrapped around bearings, belts and other moving parts. Be sure to check those pockets where wires or lights are housed and chaff accumulates.
- Eliminate heat sources. Exhaust systems surfaces, exposed electrical wiring and worn bearings, belts and chains can potentially generate enough heat to start dust and crop residue on fire. Check these areas daily and make repairs if there are problems.
- Don't park a hot combine in the shed or shop. After a long day of harvesting, smoldering hot spots may be present in the combine. If those spots suddenly flare up, at least you won't lose the building.



Preparation

- Keep at least one fully-charged, 10-pound ABC dry chemical fire extinguisher with an Underwriter's

Laboratory approval in the combine cab.

- Mount a second, larger fire extinguisher on the outside of the machine that can

be reached from ground level.

- Recharge partially discharged extinguishers.
- Have a cell phone.
- Have a plan. Turn off the engine, get the fire extinguisher and your phone. Get out and get help.
- Stay a safe distance away.
- Know when to wait for help.

Practicality

- Get out of the combine.
- Call 911 before beginning to extinguish the fire.
- Approach the fire with extreme caution. Small fires can flare up quickly with the addition of air (by opening doors or hatches).
- If fire begins spreading in the field, try to contain it. This may include tilling a strip around the fire to create a barrier.
- Consider your safety first. Combines can be replaced.

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These local businesses care about the health and safety of the farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers they serve. As we recognize National Farm Safety & Health Week, please take a moment to review these simple tips designed to protect your health and safety on the job.

- Stay alert, and be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Never allow extra riders on machinery. No seat, no rider!
- Never attempt to unplug equipment when power is engaged.
- Carry a fire extinguisher on each piece of powered equipment.
- Designate a safe play area for kids that is a safe distance from machinery.
- Plan an escape route when working around animals in tight areas.
- Wear protective equipment like masks and goggles to safeguard your lungs and eyes.
- Review and enforce basic safety rules for employees and family members, and set the example by following them yourself.



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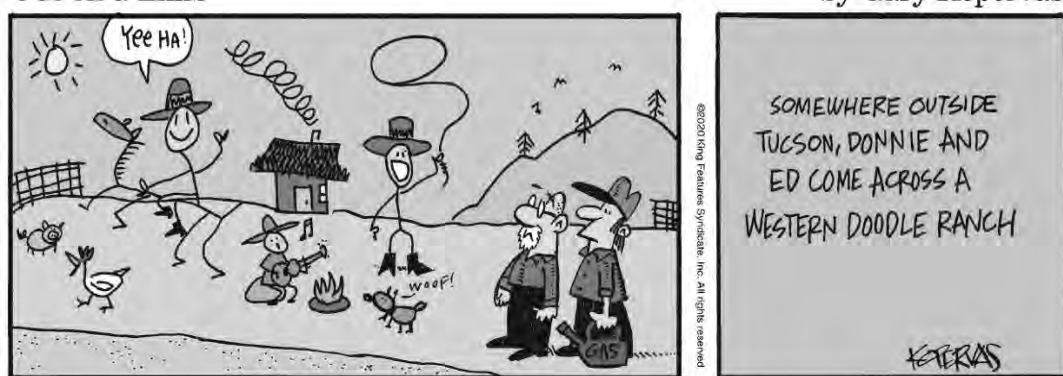
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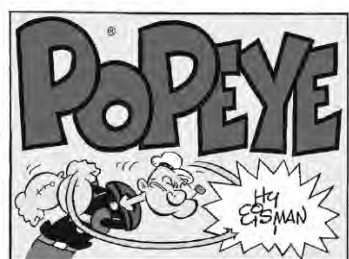
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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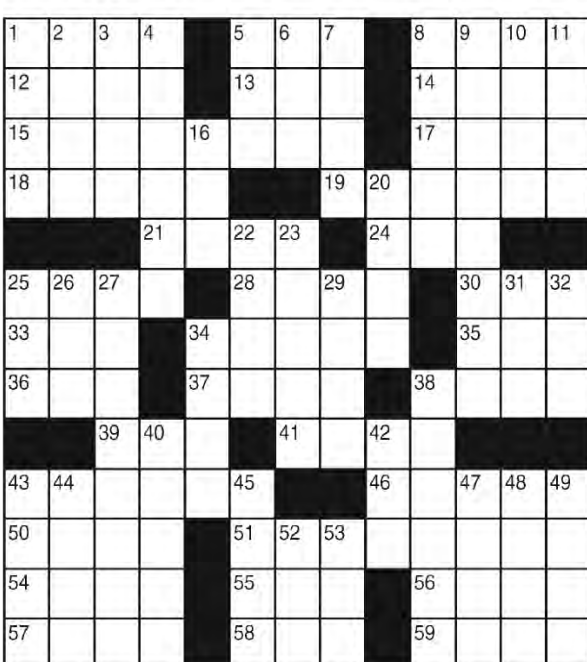
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5 Pouch
8 Con job
12 Portrayal
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15 "The danger has passed"
17 Borscht ingredient
18 Shelton or Lively
19 Chopping spree?
21 Breakfast for many
24 Jam ingredient?
25 Treaty
28 Teeny bit
30 Cow's chaw
33 Ostrich's cousin
34 Small chalkboard
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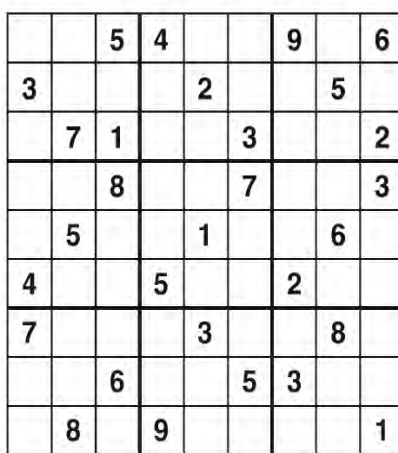


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22 Big bash
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27 Curtail
29 "Beetle Bailey" dog
31 NAFTA signatory
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Weekly SUDOKU

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
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Trivia test

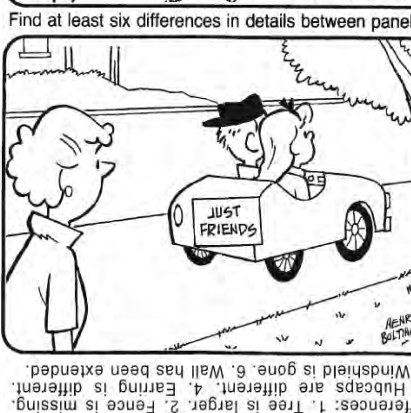
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Where is the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame located?
2. LITERATURE: Which famous novel begins with the line, "You better not never tell nobody but God"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the nickname of Tulane University's athletic teams?
4. MUSIC: Acorn, drop, ball and barrel are all types of what?
5. MOVIES: Which animated Disney movie featured the theme song "A Whole New World"?
6. GAMES: How many strikes must one throw to achieve a perfect 300 score in bowling?
7. ANATOMY: Which human organ filters blood, removes waste and regulates salt levels?
8. HISTORY: How many people survived the sinking of the Titanic in 1912?
9. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island of Palau located?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of rhinoceroses called?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Tree is larger. 2. Fence is missing. 3. Windshield is gone. 4. Earring is different. 5. Hubcaps are different. 6. Wall has been extended.

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: S equals G

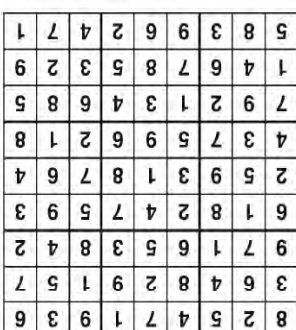
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Today's Word

1. Lapse 2. Grate
3. Install 4. Ramble

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Answer

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I've definitely been going bad lately. To be honest, I find that very dis-tressing.