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## IHSA Board approves modified schedule for 20-21 school year

**BLOOMINGTON** – The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for a special meeting on July 29, 2020, where the Board announced its intended plans for the 2020-21 school year. The plan has been sent to the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) for final approval.

“This plan, like nearly every aspect of our current lives, remains fluid,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “Changes may come, and if they do, we will be agile while putting safety and students first. It was important that we provide a framework today for our student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and officials to begin preparing for the 2020-21 school year.”

The COVID-19 pandemic led the Board to propose unprecedented scheduling changes for the 2020-21 school year. They include playing all sports over the course of truncated fall, winter, spring, and summer seasons. As a result, several team sports will shift to new seasons, including football, boys’ soccer, and girls’ volleyball moving from the fall to the spring.

“I applaud our Board of Directors for choosing a model that allows every student-athlete the opportunity for a modified season,” said Anderson. “Based on our recent conversations, it is our expectation that today’s plan meets all of IDPH’s safety guidelines and will be approved.”

IHSA boys’ and girls’ golf, girls’ tennis, cross country and girls swimming & diving will remain as fall sports, and can proceed to start on Aug. 10 as scheduled. Per Governor Pritzker’s announcement on July 29, fall sports will begin with competition limited to conference opponents and other schools in the same general geographical area.

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## Local townships, municipalities awarded infrastructure grants

**SPRINGFIELD** – Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Transportation announced the second of six \$250 million grants to counties, municipalities and townships to address local transportation needs. Made possible thanks to the bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital plan, the first infrastructure program in Illinois in nearly a decade and the largest in state history, the funding ensures continued investment in Illinois’ transportation systems and helps maintain safe and reliable infrastructure at the local level.

“For too long, Illinois has relied on legacy infrastructure investments without tending to them properly to maintain our status as a transportation hub for the nation. Rather than build on our storied history and strong foundation, our critical infrastructure has been allowed to deteriorate,” said Gov. Pritzker. “Thanks to dedicated funding in the bipartisan Rebuild Illinois plan, we’re investing

in our roads and bridges and cementing our leadership position as a global transportation powerhouse.”

Today’s announcement is part of \$1.5 billion being distributed over three years to advance municipal, township and county projects statewide. Eligible projects include road and bridge improvements, traffic signal upgrades, new storm sewers and bike paths, sidewalk replacement and other long-term maintenance needs.

Projects will be selected and managed locally with IDOT oversight.

The following local townships and municipalities will receive grants:

Amboy Township, \$16,488.10  
Brooklyn Township, \$28,841.52  
East Grove Township, \$27,485.79  
Franklin Grove Township, \$14,356.07  
Lee Center Township, \$24,813.72  
Marion Township, \$22,726.69

May Township, \$24,886.85  
Sublette Township, \$31,429.21  
Viola Township, \$25,010.61  
City of Amboy, \$27,459.97  
Village of Sublette, \$4,931.81  
Village of West Brooklyn, \$1,559.73

“In Illinois, we don’t have just state or local roads and bridges, but one system of transportation that stretches across all modes and involves multiple partners working together,” said Acting Transportation Secretary Omer Osman said. “This funding through Rebuild Illinois means our cities, neighborhoods and rural areas have the resources they need during this uncertain time, but also enhances quality of life, encourages additional investment and improves safety for years to come.”

The local component of the Rebuild Illinois grant program is distributed via the state motor fuel tax formula, which resulted in an additional \$860 million for counties,

municipalities and townships in the past fiscal year alone.

Passed in 2019, Gov. Pritzker’s historic and bipartisan Rebuild Illinois is investing a total \$33.2 billion into the state’s aging transportation system, creating jobs and promoting economic growth. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history, but also the first one that touches all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.

As part of the recently announced FY2021-26 Proposed Highway Improvement Program, IDOT is investing a total of \$21.3 billion to improve roads and bridges over the next six years, the second multiyear plan that captures the impact of Rebuild Illinois. Of that, \$4.7 billion will be dedicated to local transportation systems.

## Northern Illinois county at warning level for COVID-19

*This is a joint news release issued by the Northern Illinois Rockford Region Public Information Officers (NIRPIO). NIRPIO serves Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago Counties.*

Northern Illinois Rockford Region – For the first time since Illinois entered Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan, a county in the Northern Illinois Rockford Region is at the warning level for coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced Jo Daviess County is considered to be at a warning level for COVID-19 today. This increase in community spread of COVID-19 is associated with travel to hotspots including neighboring Iowa and larger social gatherings.

“As a community, we must heed the warning and work together to adhere to

the social distancing and masking guidance that will help slow the spread of COVID-19 while moving our community forward toward recovery,” said Sandra Schleicher, Jo Daviess County Health Department Public Health Administrator. “Our individual actions impact our local community’s ability to prevent further morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 and will impact the safety of activities in our communities like the opening of schools.”

The Health Departments in the Northern Illinois Rockford Region (NIRHDs) express concern that the spread of COVID-19 will continue to increase in communities throughout the region and will require additional strategies to protect the public’s health. The public is urged to take steps to protect our communities and reduce the need to adhere to stricter guidance.

## Lee County COVID-19 Update: Aug. 3, 2020

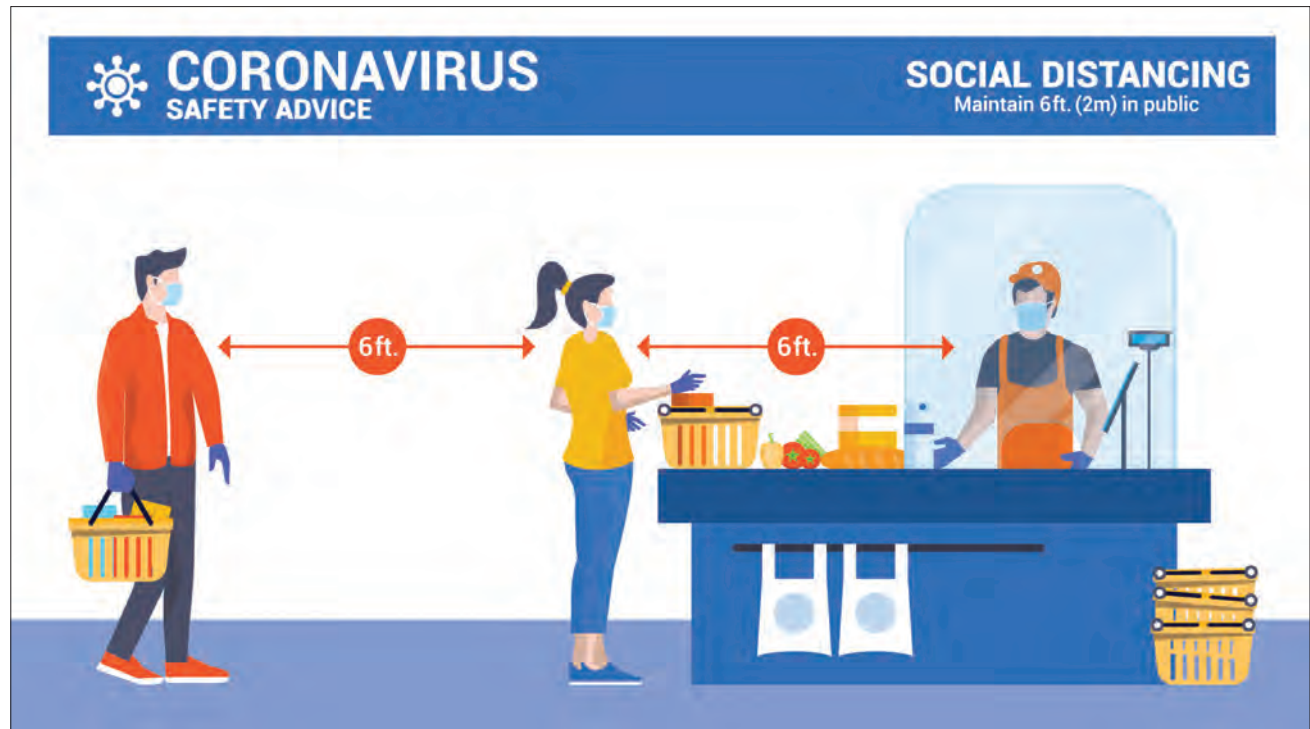
**LEE COUNTY** — The Lee County Health Department announced on Aug. 1, that there were 9 positive reports, eight of which are in employees and residents of Jack Mabley Center. All cases are from one house and no one is severely ill at this time.

On Aug. 3, there was 1 more positive case of COVID-19 in Lee County, bringing the total to 144 positive cases. The Lee County Health Department reports that an additional person has recovered and been lifted off of isolation, for a total of 118 recovered of the 144 positive cases thus far.

Please continue, or if you haven’t been-start, to follow the 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. We all have to do our part.

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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The public can do their part to protect their community by consistently taking the following actions:

- **WEAR A FACE MASK:** Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth covering
- **WATCH YOUR DIS-**

**TANCE:** Keep at least 6 feet apart from others

- **WASH YOUR HANDS:** Wash your hands regularly

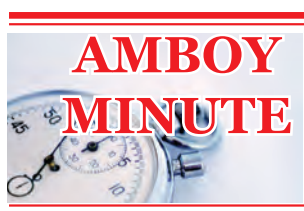
with soap and water for 20 seconds



### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**The First National Bank in Amboy partnered with Federal Home Loan Bank COVID-19 Relief Grant Program in supporting small businesses and non-profit organizations. Pictured, Pastor Rocky Fritz of First Baptist Church – Amboy receives a donation from Mike Hickey, President of The First National Bank in Amboy. The church is able to purchase and distribute food to over 120 families in the community each month.**

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# LOCAL NEWS



## SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

The First National Bank in Amboy partnered with Federal Home Loan Bank COVID-19 Relief Grant Program in supporting small businesses and non-profit organizations. Pictured, Barb Harrison, Tena Sadewater and Eileen Piper of St. Pat's Church Food Pantry receive a donation from The First National Bank in Amboy. The bank partnered with Federal Home Loan Bank COVID-19 Relief Grant Program in supporting small businesses and non-profit organizations.

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## SUPPORTING LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

The First National Bank in Amboy partnered with Federal Home Loan Bank COVID-19 Relief Grant Program in supporting small businesses and non-profit organizations. Locally, the Amboy Fire Protection District and Franklin Grove Fire Protection District took part in the program. Pictured, Pat Hilliker of Franklin Grove Fire Protection District receives a donation from Dave Lloyd and Marion King of The First National Bank in Amboy. They plan to purchase Personal Protection Equipment. The bank partnered with Federal Home Loan Bank COVID-19 Relief Grant Program in supporting small businesses and non-profit organizations.

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**THE WANDA MOUNTAIN BOYS**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 8, 2020 AT 6 PM**

**AT THE SHAW SHELTER IN AMBOY CITY PARK**

**The Southern Gospel group, The Wanda Mountain Boys from Herculaneum, MO., will present a "concert in the park." Saturday, Aug. 8 at 6 PM at the Shaw Shelter in Amboy City Park. This free concert is sponsored by the East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd. in Amboy. A free-will offering will be taken for the group to cover their travel and ministry expenses. All are welcome to attend. Please bring your own lawn chair. For more information, please contact Pastor Rick Wulf @ (815) 440-5321 or (815) 376-6661.**

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**Due to Upcoming Vacations, the Amboy News office will observe the following hours during the week of Aug. 10-14th**

**Monday, Aug. 10 - 9 a.m. - noon**

**Tuesday, Aug. 11 - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Thursday, Aug. 13 - 10 a.m. - noon**

**Our office will be closed on Wednesday, Aug. 12 and Friday, Aug. 14.**

**Normal Hours for July and August are:**

**Monday and Tuesday - 8 a.m. - noon, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Thursday, 10 a.m. - noon**

**Closed on Wednesdays and Fridays**

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## LOCAL NEWS

## 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](http://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, Aug. 5, at the YMCA, 110 N. Galena. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 421 S. Peoria Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 2

p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, at the National Guard Building, 412 W. Everett. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**AMBOY**-The East Grove Union Church will host The Wanda Mountain Boys from Herculaneum, MO, at Amboy City Park-Shaw Shelter at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8. A free will offering will be taken and everyone should bring a lawn chair. Call Pastor Rick Wulf at 815-440-5321 for more information.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**SUBLETTE**-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

**AMBOY**-The U of I Extension online webinar series, Four Seasons Horticulture,

will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, via Zoom. Registration is required at [go.illinois.edu/fourseasons](http://go.illinois.edu/fourseasons). Call 815-857-3525 for more information.

**MAY TOWNSHIP**-The May Township meeting will be held at the township maintenance building at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

**AMBOY**-The U of I Extensions's Energy & Environmental Stewardship Team webinar series, Everyday Environment, will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13. Preregister online at [go.illinois.edu/everyday-environmentwebinars](http://go.illinois.edu/everyday-environmentwebinars). Call 815-857-3525 for more information.

**STERLING**-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13, at Sterling Bethel Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to

donate.

**LEE CENTER TWP**-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13, at the township building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

**FRANKLIN GROVE**-The U of I Extension Lee County Master Gardeners will host Herb 101 Workshop at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15. Pre-registration is required. Call 815-456-2823 to register or for more information.

**AMBOY**-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 17, at the Community Center.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

## TEEN TURF

## Thank You's

Thank you to Pete and Jacking Ailing for donating bread and legos. Thank you to Donna Wellman for the cookies. Thank you to the anonymous donor of school supplies. Thank you to Sheila B Garcia and G.G. Garcia for their monetary donation. Also thank you to those that donated cans and Pete Rood for making sure they are crushed.

## If your children need school supplies

We are putting a list together for families that need school supplies. Please message us on Facebook or call Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195 if you would like to be on that list. It does not matter whether the child is doing remote learning, on-line, or in school instruction. We are here to help.

## 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.

## Mini Food Pantry

We have devised a small pantry in the hallway of Teen Turf. The outside door is always open. We have snacks, school supplies, and other fun items. Please take what you need. We will continue this program until the epidemic is over. If you need something in particular, don't hesitate to call Eileen at 815-440-8195 or call Teen Turf at 815-857-4800.

## A Note to say hello or Happy Birthday in August

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.

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We bless your name, O Lord for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys.

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Amen.



## DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Who are these masked ladies, smiling behind their masks? Members and prospective members of Rochelle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution gathered for a masked and socially distanced gathering to reconnect with each other at the Lost Lake Community in rural Dixon. It was a perfect evening for an outdoor catered summer dinner and was enjoyed by 14 members and three prospective members (not pictured: Chapter Chaplain, Mary Lou Kator). The program committee offered teasers about upcoming events for the 2020-2021 program year, highlighting plans for partnering with the Hope Domestic Violence Shelter to present "In Her Shoes," an experience based domestic violence community education event, as well as an opportunity to support the Flagg Township Museum's Aug. 16 event (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) to commemorate the passage of the 19th Amendment: "They Took to the Streets-but Not Without Hats." This is a great time to explore your family history. Anyone interested in finding out if they are a descendant of a Revolutionary War Patriot can begin by sending an email to [DARinfo.rochelle@gmail.com](mailto:DARinfo.rochelle@gmail.com). Information about the National Society, or the Rochelle Chapter and its activities is available at: <https://ildar.org/chapters/rochelle/index.html>.

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## Recycle! Recycle!



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Through this grant we will be offering entry into a drawing for a \$500 gift card as a sign-on bonus after completion of a probation period.

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

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

Testing:

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

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

• Support critical infrastructure, such as workers in grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, factories, childcare and sanitation.

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

Residents can go to the following websites for additional information:

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

- <https://www.ksbhospital.com/coronavirus-out-break-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

## Demmer, Keicher to host employment readiness webinar

**DEKALB**—State Representatives Tom Demmer (R-Dixon) and Jeff Keicher (R-Sycamore) are hosting a free Employment Readiness Webinar at 10 a.m., on Thursday, Aug. 13 for area residents who are unemployed, underemployed, or looking for a career change. The webinar, titled "Stand Out Resumes & Networking Your Way to a New Job," is available to residents of DeKalb, Lee, Ogle, LaSalle and Boone Counties.

Attendees will learn how to structure and compile a stand-out resume, get tips on how to ace their next interview and get their questions answered during a Q&A session following the webinar presented by DeKalb Workforce Development.

Registration is required as the webinar is limited to 500 attendees. Register online at [tomdemmer.org](http://tomdemmer.org) or [repkeicher.com](http://repkeicher.com). For questions or more information, please call Representative Demmer's district office at 815-561-3690.

## Illinois Elementary School Association reinstates fall sports

**BLOOMINGTON**—The Illinois Elementary School Association Board of Directors once again held a special meeting to discuss the status of fall sports and all IESA activities for the 2020-21 school year. The meeting was convened as a result of the announcement by Governor Pritzker on July 29 regarding youth sports.

During its meeting on July 23, the IESA Board made the decision to cancel the fall activities of golf, softball, baseball, and cross-country. That decision was based on the information the Association had at the time of the meeting. The All Sports Guidance document that was recently released from the Governor's Office placed the sports of golf, softball, baseball, and cross-country in the "lower risk" category. Sports in that category

can hold practices and interscholastic games. As a result of these four sports being recategorized to lower risk and with interscholastic competitions being allowed, the IESA Board for Directors has approved a plan for the return of regular season contests in these activities and a limited state series.

Softball, baseball, and cross-country teams were allowed to begin their practices on Aug. 3 and they may conduct their first game or contest on Aug. 15. Please note that competitions may not be held before Aug. 15. This means that contests previously scheduled to start before Aug. 15 will need to be cancelled. This start date is mandated by the Governor's Office. A copy of that document is available at this link: [https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/sfc/servlet.shepherd/document/download/069t-](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/sfc/servlet.shepherd/document/download/069t-000000CyCndAAAF?operationContext=S1)

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A regional only level of the state series for softball and baseball will be held the week of Sept. 21 and a sectional only level for cross-country will be held sometime between Oct. 10-17. A sectional only level for golf will be held on Sept. 9.

Additionally, the Board approved a plan for modified seasons in all remaining IESA sports and activities. The purpose of the plan is to provide schools, administrators, coaches, parents, and officials with a general framework for their sports and activity programs in the 2020-21 school year. It is a very fluid plan and circumstances/guidelines/mandates may change any part of the plan at any time. The plan is available at this link: <https://www.iesa.org/temp/IESAAAlternativePlan.pdf>

Statement from IESA executive director Steve Endsley: "I speak for the Board when I say they do not like to reverse decisions. In this case, the Board believed the information that became available after their initial decision on July 23 warranted a review of that decision. Ultimately, the Board approved the resumption of a regular season in the sports deemed lower risk and a plan for the remainder of the school year. It is important to remember that the 2020-21 school year is not going to be the same as previous years. We are hopeful that the remainder of the sports and activities will be held. Currently, the majority of those activities have been deemed as medium or high risk. The Board felt that the plan they approved provides direction and a blueprint should we be able to move forward."

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Schools will be provided more details in the coming week about the scheduling limits, and scheduling will continue to be assessed throughout each season. The condensed 2020-21 season dates will be as follows:

- Fall: Aug. 10 to Oct. 24
- Winter: Nov. 16 to Feb. 13
- Spring: Feb. 15 to May 1
- Summer: May 3 to June 26

"The Board believes this plan offers the most realistic chance for student-athletes to participate in interscholastic sports while balancing the challenges of a new academic setting and IDPH Guidelines," said Erie High School Principal and IHSA Board President Tim McConnell. "We are an education-based athletic association, and school has to come first. By delaying the majority of the team sports in the fall, it will allow our schools and students the chance to acclimate to what

will be, for many, a totally new educational experience. We will do our best to try to give every student-athlete the opportunity for a season this school year."

State Series tournament decisions will be made on a sport-by-sport basis as each season progresses, but providing postseason opportunities remains a priority of the Board. This could potentially include culminating State Series Tournaments after Regional or Sectional rounds, or seeking other non-traditional means to conduct events.

"I understand that today's announcement will be met with mixed emotions," said Anderson. "Our staff and Board have heard from thousands of people over the past few weeks with ideas, opinions, and proposals on how we should proceed. We respect and understand their passion, because we share in it. It is a great reminder that if we want

high school sports to return to normal, we all need to do our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19."

The Board also extended the current Phase 4 Return To Play Guidelines, which will allow sports slated to be played in the winter, spring and summer seasons to allow an additional 20 days of contact for schools between Sept. 7 and Oct. 31 following IDPH Phase 4 Guidelines.

The Board also verified that IHSA by-laws do not prevent schools who are conducting remote learning from participating in IHSA sports and activities. Participation will remain a local school and district decision, regardless of the learning plan a high school is utilizing.

The Board discussed IHSA activities for the 2020-21 school year but did not take any action.

The IHSA's activity offerings include Bass

Fishing, Chess, Debate, Drama & Group Interpretation, Individual Events, Journalism, Music & Scholastic Bowl.

Further details on items such as sport season and practice limitations will be released to IHSA schools following IDPH approval of the plan.

The new IHSA schedule for the 2020-21 school year is as follows:

FALL SPORTS (Aug. 10-Oct. 24)—boys' and girls' golf; girls' tennis; boys' and girls' cross country

WINTER SPORTS (Nov. 16-Feb. 13)—boys' and girls' basketball; wrestling; cheerleading; dance; boys' and girls' bowling.

SPRING SPORTS (Feb. 15-May 1)—football; boys' soccer; girls' volleyball.

SUMMER SPORTS (May 3-June 26)—baseball; softball; boys' and girls' track & field; girls' soccer; boys' tennis.



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BY EMILY GOFF

Head Librarian

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July 6 - James Liberator, Rockford, \$25  
July 7 - Tom Kane, Byron, \$25  
July 8 - City of Rochelle, \$25  
July 9 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25  
July 10 - William Fawkes, Sterling, \$25  
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July 21 - Darlene Reynolds, Rochelle, \$25  
July 22 - Lois Hayes, Steward, \$25  
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July 24 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25  
July 25 - Delilah Melton, St. Simons Island, Georgia, \$25  
July 26 - Mike Dale, Edgerton, Wis., \$50  
July 27 - Dennis Stewart, Rochelle, \$25  
July 28 - Dakota Ames, Rochelle, \$25  
July 29 - Lynette Alcock, Monroe Center, \$25  
July 30 - Shirley LeMar, Rochelle, \$25  
July 31 - Carter Shaw, Amboy, \$25

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Rosie Liston

## Liston to celebrate 92nd birthday

AMBOY — Rosie Liston, of Amboy, will be celebrating her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Aug. 9.

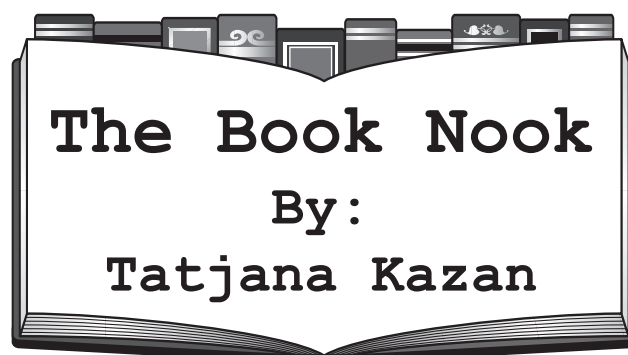
She was born on Aug. 9, 1928. Rosie was married to the late Pete Liston and has three children, 11 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to Rosie at 1 N. East Ave., Amboy, IL 61310.

## Storybook Trail completed at FCCA

FRANKLIN GROVE — Franklin Creek Conservation Association invites the public to join them for light snacks and refreshments at Franklin Creek State Natural Area from 9 a.m. - noon, on Aug. 15. All are invited to attend this celebration of the completion of the Larry Dunphy Memorial Storybook Trail featuring the children's book Miss Maple's Seeds. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic guests are required to register if they plan to attend. Reservations are limited to 50 people for each slot, there are two time slots to choose from, 9-10:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.- noon). Links to register can be found on our website and Facebook.

During the event guests will have the opportunity to help choose the next featured storybook on the trail. There will also be a reading of Miss Maple's Seeds for each group. Those interested in attending need to register by Aug. 13, masks and physical distancing are required at all FCCA programs and events, there is an inherent risk of exposure to the coronavirus in any public place where people are present. The coronavirus is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death.



### Damaged Lives

Holly Seddon's debut novel, "Try Not to Breathe," is a character-driven psychological thriller whose two protagonists are exceptionally well done, but whose thriller aspects are, to be charitable, somewhat muted. Alex Dale is a journalist who was touted as "the voice of her generation," but whose moment has long passed. A late-stage alcoholic who has destroyed both her marriage and career, Alex is warned by her doctor that she will die within the year if she does not quit. Alex tries to revive her career with an article on long-term comatose patients, but ends up in pursuit of a violent rapist from a sensational cold case.

Amy Stevenson is a patient on the comatose ward where she has languished for fifteen years, half her life time. Frozen, she is unable to communicate, "but she may be in there somewhere." She was brutally beaten and left for dead in a park by someone who knew her. Amy is indeed in there, but she has no concept of time and place, floating in a kind of suspended animation. She hears her visitors and recognizes some of them from her past. Over the years, beginning with sporadic recollections, her beautifully rendered monologues gain ever greater clarity until she arrives at the moment of the attack.

When Alex visits the coma ward, she is amazed to find Amy still alive. Alex recognizes a good story when she sees it: "Amy Stevenson, the biggest news story of 1995, lying in a human archive." The two women, who are the same age, grew up in the same suburb. Alex, whose only friend has been the bottle for too many years, visits Amy regularly and soon finds that Amy has become an indispensable friend. She talks to Amy, finds music she may like, and shares her ideas. As she commences her hunt for the perpetrator, Alex enlists the help of her ex-husband, a cop, and a "sitter" by the name of Jacob. Jacob was Amy's boyfriend in high school when the attack occurred. Married to overbearing Fiona, he has secretly visited Amy all these years.

Alex comes across potential perpetrators, including Amy's stepfather, but Amy's life remains shrouded to the end. Rather inexplicably we learn a good deal about Jacob and his family. To be sure, that Jacob manages to free himself "after languishing in his own arrested development for so many years" makes for a happy ending for him, but it's as if his family was imported from another novel. Still, the story of these two severely damaged women who are saved by an unexpected friendship makes "Try Not to Breathe" an enjoyable read.

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# Opinion

## Nature of his job to be in the know

Nobody gets in to see the wizard. Not nobody, not no how."

Those words quoting the "Wizard of Oz" hung from the wall of the statehouse office of Tim Mapes.

And they summed up his job nicely. He was the gatekeeper to Mike Madigan, speaker of the House and chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party.

He routinely turned away legislators, lobbyists, businessmen and others seeking an audience with the most powerful politician in Illinois.

But in the wake of a recent plea deal between Commonwealth Edison and federal prosecutors: people are asking: What does Tim Mapes know and what will he say?

There is no indication that Mapes has done anything wrong, but it was the nature of his job to be in the know.

After all, for 26 years, he was Madigan's chief of staff. And he also was the director of the Illinois Democratic Party — while Madigan was speaker of the House and chairman of the Democratic Party.

Tim Mapes was once one of the most important people in Springfield. But unless you are an inside player in state government, you've likely never heard of him.

In the recent plea deal, ComEd essentially admitted to giving bribes to Madigan. The bribes would be in the form of contracts and jobs at the giant utility that Madigan could dole out to his supporters.

Through a spokesperson, Madigan has said he is innocent of wrongdoing. And he has not been charged with a crime. That said, it would appear that Madigan is the target of

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



federal prosecutors. And this is why questions have been percolating through Springfield as to whether prosecutors will seek Mapes' cooperation in pursuing a case against Madigan.

When George Ryan went to prison, it was after his former chief of staff, Scott Fawell, testified against him. When Rod Blagojevich was locked up, it was after his chief of staff Bradley Tusk testified against him.

So, it's no stretch to assume the feds may be hoping for some cooperation from Mapes or one of Madigan's other confidants.

"Madigan plays it pretty close to the vest," Fawell said. "He only has a few people who he tells what he is thinking and Mapes was one of them. I anticipate the feds are going to put pressure on him to see if they can get him to talk. The thing is when you are chief of staff, you're the go-to guy to get things done."

Fawell, who was sentenced to more than six years in prison on corruption charges, said the pressure to testify is enormous.

"They will go through your taxes and see if there is anything there that they can prosecute you on. Then they will lean on your friends and family members and threaten them with prosecution if you don't cooperate. There is a reason the federal government wins 99 percent of its cases."

Mapes did not return phone calls seeking comment Monday. He has not been accused of any crime.

But all has not been well between Mapes and his former boss.

In 2018, Madigan removed Mapes from his jobs, after he was accused of fostering "a culture of sexism, harassment and bullying that creates an extremely difficult working

environment."

It's worth noting the sexagenarian was not accused of making sexual advances toward any staff members. Accusations centered on remarks that just a few years before would likely not have resulted in any disciplinary action. He was an early casualty of the #MeToo movement.

Whether the circumstances of his ouster would make him more or less likely to cooperate with federal investigators is not known.

"It's an extremely isolated position he's in right now," Fawell said. "I remember showing up at a golf tournament when the feds were investigating George Ryan. Nobody wanted to talk to me because they feared being subpoenaed. You feel very alone."

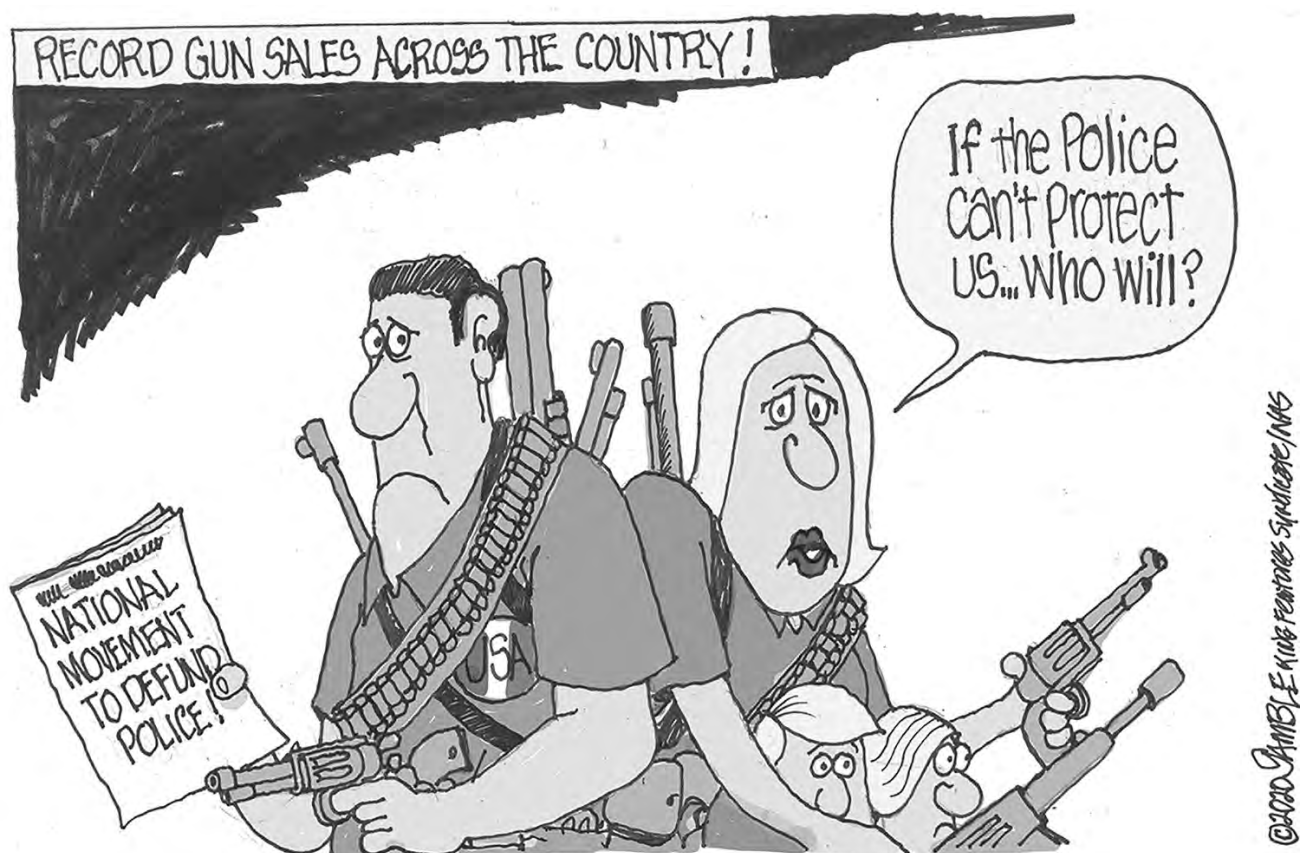
Longtime statehouse reporter and political observer Charles Wheeler III, said he doesn't anticipate criminal charges being made against Madigan.

"Mike Madigan knows where the line is and he doesn't cross it. He's not going to cross it in public and he's not going to cross it in private when he's talking to Tim Mapes or anyone else. If the prosecutors had anything on Madigan, they would have already charged him."

But Fawell said dealing with federal prosecutors is rarely so straight forward.

"I'm not saying that people lie. But after they have been interviewed several times by prosecutors, what they remember being said in a particular conversation can change."

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. He can be reached by emailed at [ScottReeder1965@gmail.com](mailto:ScottReeder1965@gmail.com).



## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago Aug. 6, 1920

Miss Helen Schneider of Oregon is visiting at the home of her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Boyce.

Louie Wiser is entertaining his uncle, Fred Wiser, who recently returned from a trip to his native country, Switzerland.

Mrs. Homer Rosier has rented the residence of the late Mrs. Alice Whitver on Plant Street, preparatory to moving here from Bloomington.

### 75 Years Ago Aug. 2, 1945

O.C. Holt, instructor in vocational agriculture at Amboy High School for the past 13 years, on Wednesday of this week began his work as assistant state supervisor of vocational agriculture.

Marvin Sheerin is spending his vacation here with his family in the R.W. Ruckman home.

Jack Miller, proprietor of Amboy Flower and Gift Shop, was awarded the rug by the Fannie Doty Club Saturday evening.

### 50 Years Ago Aug. 6, 1970

Miss Mary Nelson was a happy and surprised young lady Saturday evening as she was crowned Miss Flame by Miss Karen Sondgeroth, Amboy's 1969 Miss Flame. Miss Janece Ross, was runner-up and master of ceremonies was Roland Full.

Amboy Public Hospital has a full-time x-ray technician, Miss Mary Clark. She began work there on June 29 and is employed Monday through Friday, and is always on call for emergencies.

Merle Bodmer, Jr., South Dixon Willing Workers, and Phyllis Ramsdell, Grove Girls, were crowned 4-H King and Queen at the 4-H Fair Wednesday evening, July 29, by Margie Salzman,

1969 Queen and Jerry Hicks, 1968 King.

### 25 Years Ago Aug. 10, 1995

1947 was a memorable year in the lives of Ole and Eileen "Coke" Dickinson. They were married in May, and the newlyweds became business owners in October. And now, almost five decades later, the marriage is still going strong, but the business is coming to a close. Ole and "Coke" are closing Dickinson Corner Hardware. At 78, Ole believes it's time to retire.

Meusel's Dairy Delite sponsored an ice cream eating contest Sunday as part of their 10th anniversary celebration. Nancy Sherman and Andrea Dinges took first and second respectively, in their age groups. Other winners were: Don Hendrickson, first; Luke Buzzard, second; Ashley Raines, first; and Brad Johnson, second.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



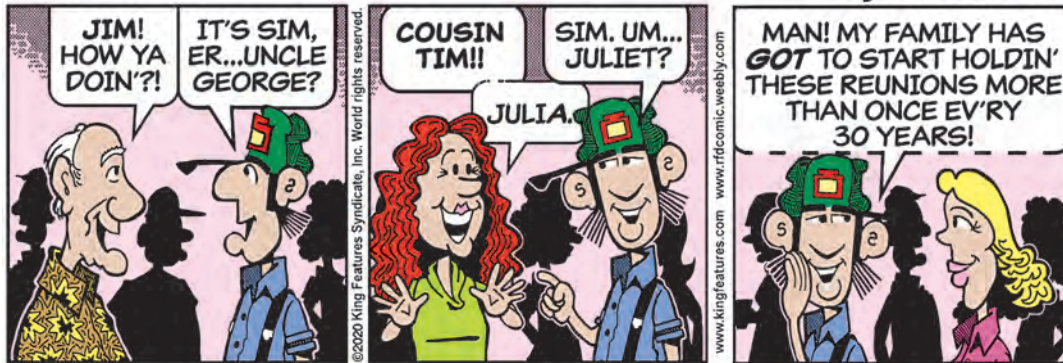
## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



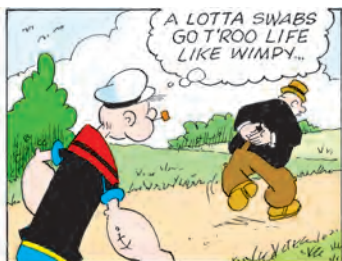
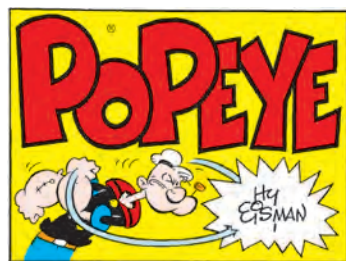
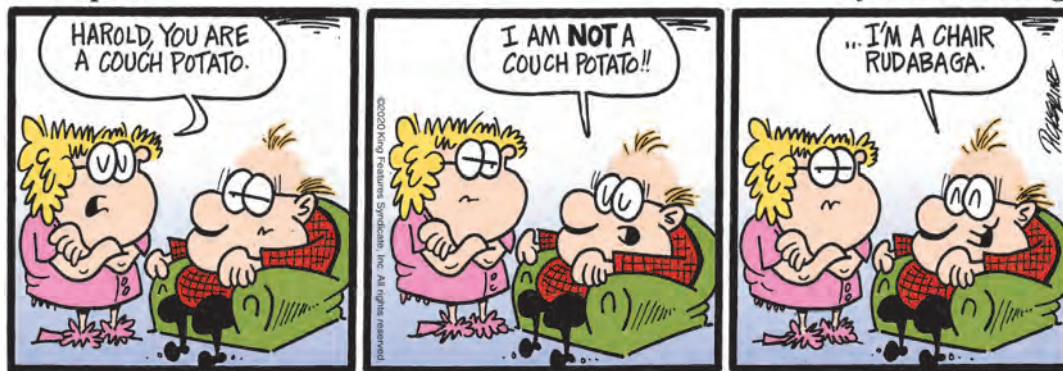
## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## LAFF-A-DAY



## 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!

Ahead  
ENBODY  
Pang  
WETING  
Tremor  
KASHE  
Beast  
NIFED

## TODAY'S WORD

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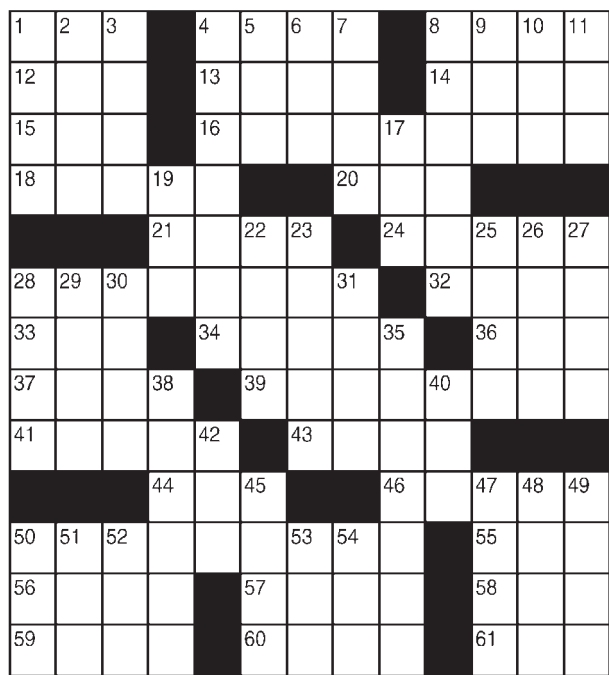
## ACROSS

- 1 Autumn mo.  
4 " — Breckinridge"  
8 Drag along  
12 That girl  
13 Quite some time  
14 Shrek is one  
15 Remiss  
16 Flattery  
18 Eye-related  
20 Marry  
21 Hen pen  
24 Famous  
28 Flowering vine  
32 Clinton veep  
33 Standard  
34 Billow  
36 Watch chain  
37 Sister of Osiris  
39 Grump  
41 Eighth Greek letter  
43 Rip  
44 Historic period  
46 Healthy  
50 Dairy item  
55 Aye opponent  
56 Heap  
57 Carte  
58 Conk out  
59 Choir member  
60 Vail gear  
61 On in years

## DOWN

- 1 Norway's capital  
19 Lemieux milieu

## King Crossword

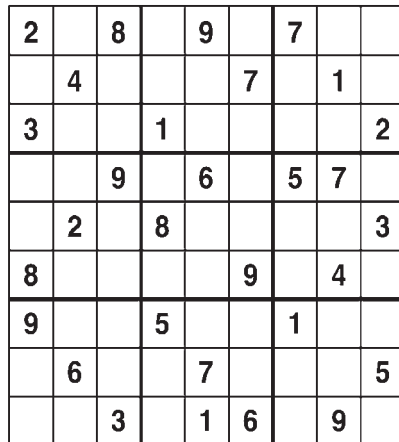


- 2 Fellow  
3 Libretto  
4 Team animals?  
5 Evergreen type  
6 Caviar, really  
7 From the start  
8 Frank  
9 — Khan  
10 Web address  
11 Albanian money  
17 Coffee break hour  
22 Piece of work  
23 1992 presidential candidate  
25 Bean curd  
26 Cupid's alias  
27 Society newbies  
28 Skewer  
29 Launder  
30 One of HOMES  
31 Chills and fever  
35 Dutch Renaissance scholar  
38 Audiophile's setup  
40 Expert  
42 Joan of —  
45 Weaponry  
47 Loosen  
48 Catch red-handed  
49 Changed the color  
50 Hot tub  
51 Painter's medium  
52 Last (Abbr.)  
53 "A mouse!"  
54 Blackbird

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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.

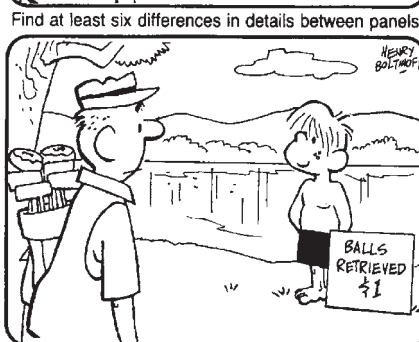
## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Golf club is missing. 2. Swim trunks are different. 3. Cloud has moved. 4. Boy's hair is different. 5. Shrub is gone. 6. Hat is different.

## 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: T equals G

NANDY DXRT GXRGPARNRT Z MPBBXQ

QYX ZBQZID DENBPD QZAEBI:

"HYP QPZANRT XM HYP TANR."

## WENDY'S

Today's Word

1. Beyond 2. Twinge  
3. Shake; 4. Friend

## SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Hungary?  
2. MOVIES: What is the name of the necklace given to Rose in the movie "Titanic"?  
3. TELEVISION: Which TV comedy led to a spinoff series called "The Andy Griffith Show"?  
4. HISTORY: The Motion Picture Association of America established modern movie ratings in which year?  
5. ADVERTISING: What is the name of the rooster in the Kellogg's Cornflakes advertisements?  
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many gills are in a pint?  
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is spumoni?  
8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century poet once wrote, "August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time"?  
9. BIBLE: How many times did Noah send a dove from the Ark to seek land?  
10. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the clavicle?

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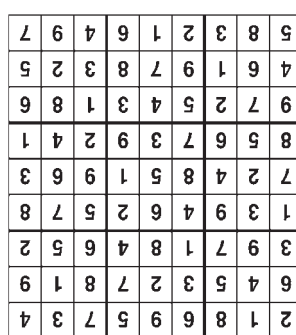
10. Collar bone  
9. Three  
8. Sylvia Plath  
7. A layered Italian ice-cream dessert  
6. Four  
5. Cornelius  
4. 1968  
3. "The Danny Thomas Show"  
2. The Heart of the Ocean  
1. Budapest



Solution time: 25 mins.

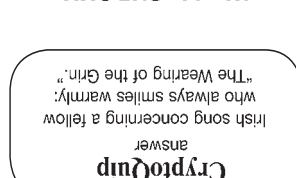
## Answers

## King Crossword



## Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU



## Cryptoquip

Irish song concerning a fellow who always smiles warmly. "The Wearing of the Green."



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## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

### WEST BROOKLYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2021 ORDINANCE 20-01

An Ordinance setting for the budget and making appropriations of sums of money for all necessary expenditures of the West Brooklyn Fire Protection District of Lee County, Illinois for corporate and ambulance purposes beginning May 1, 2021, and ending April 30, 2021.

WHEREAS, there has been prepared in tentative from a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the West Brooklyn Fire Protection District of Lee County, Illinois for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021 and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made said Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereof; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 22nd day of July, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. notice of which hearing was given by publication as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST BROOKLYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: The fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same is hereby fixed and declared to be from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021

SECTION 2: That the following Corporate Fire Fund budget containing an estimate of the cash expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, and a statement of the estimate cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said fire protection district for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

GENERAL COOPERATE FIRE FUND	
Beginning cash on Hand May 1, 2020.....	\$107,637
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS CORPORATE FUND	
Property Tax Corporate Fire Fund.....	\$ 69,968
Replacement Tax.....	3,500
2% Fire Insurance Tax.....	814
Interest Revenue.....	893
Transfers In.....	12,500
Contributions	
Other Income	
Total Receipts Corporation.....	\$ 87,675

SECTION 3: That the following sums of money by and the same are hereby appropriated for the general corporate fire fund purposes of said West Brooklyn Fire Protection District herein specified, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021:

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:	
a. Trustee salaries (1/2 of \$2,400).....	\$1,200
b. Legal services (1/2 of \$ 2,500).....	1,250
c. Bookkeeping services (1/2 of \$2,000).....	1,000
d. Social Security and Medicare.....	250
e. Liability Insurance (1/2 of \$10,000).....	5,000
f. Workers Compensation Insurance (1/2 of \$4,000).....	2,000
g. Compilation/Financial Report (1/2 of \$1,750).....	875
h. Publishing and Printing.....	1,200
i. Office and Postage.....	250
j. Dues, Memberships and Fees.....	350
k. Miscellaneous.....	5,000
l. Transfers Out.....	2,500

PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES:	
m. Volunteer Fire Department (1/2 of \$6,000).....	\$3,000
n. Emergency Services Training.....	300
o. Repairs and Fuel.....	4,500
p. Utilities and Telephone (1/2 of \$4,000).....	2,000
q. Material and Supplies (1/2 of \$5,000).....	2,500
r. Capital Equipment Outlay.....	30,000
s. Debt Retirement (Tanker payment 5 of 20).....	12,500
t. Building Maintenance and Repair (Reserve).....	30,000
u. New Equipment	
Total Estimated Expenses General Fund.....	\$105,675

TOTAL ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND MAY 1, 2021.....\$89,637  
SECTION 4: That the following Ambulance Fund budget, containing an estimate of cash expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, and a statement of the estimate cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

Beginning cash on Hand May 1, 2020.....	\$ 54,011
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS CORPORATE FUND:	
Property Tax Ambulance Fund.....	\$57,143
Insurance Refunds.....	1,700
Interest Income.....	120
Other Income.....	
Transfers In.....	2,500
Total Receipts Corporation.....	\$61,463

SECTION 5: That the following sums of money be and the same are hereby appropriated for the General Ambulance Fund purposes of said West Brooklyn Fire Protection District herein specified, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021:

ESTIMATED EXPENSES AMBULANCE FUND:	
v. Intergovernmental agreements.....	\$25,500
w. Liability Insurance (1/2 of \$10,000).....	5,000
x. Worker's Compensation Insurance (1/2 of \$4,000).....	2,000
y. Trustee Salaries (1/2 of \$2,400).....	1,200
z. Legal Services (1/2 of \$2,500).....	1,250
aa. Bookkeeping Services (1/2 of \$2,000).....	1,000
bb. Compilation/Financial Report (1/2 of \$1,750).....	875
cc. Volunteer Fire Department (1/2 of \$6,000).....	3,000
dd. Rescue per call fees.....	1,000
ee. Utilities and Telephone (1/2 of \$4,000).....	2,000
ff. Materials and Supplies (1/2 of \$5,000).....	2,500
gg. Repairs and Fuel.....	4,500
hh. Capital Equipment Outlay.....	10,000
ii. Building Maintenance repair (reserve).....	5,000
jj. Transfer out.....	0
Total Estimated Expenses Ambulance Fund.....	\$64,825

TOTAL ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND MAY 1, 2021.....\$50,649  
SECTION 7: That the funds derived from sources other than the 2020 tax levy (payable 2021) may be allocated by the Board of Trustees to such appropriation and in such amounts, respectively, as said board may determine, within the limits of said appropriations, respectively and pursuant to statute.

SECTION 8: That the unexpended balance as to any item appropriated may be allocated to the payment of a deficiency as to any other item of appropriation.

SECTION 9: That if any part of this ordinance shall be determined to be invalid, the determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 10: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage by the trustees and publication in accordance with state statute.

Approved: July 22, 2020

WEST BROOKLYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
ATTEST:

*Douglas Pettenger*  
Douglas Pettenger, President/Trustee  
*Foster Dorn*  
Foster Dorn, Secretary/Trustee  
*Joseph Weinzierl*  
Joseph Weinzierl, Trustee

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF  
STEVEN JOHN  
DEMPSEY,  
No. 2020P00028  
Deceased

#### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Steven John Dempsey. Letters of Office were issued to Lisa Magnafici, 517 Third Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021, as Representative, whose attorney is David T. Fritts, 217 N. Dement Avenue, Dixon, Illinois, 61021.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Lee County Courthouse, 309 S. Galena Ave., Dixon, IL 61021, or with the Representative, or both, on or before February 10, 2021, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Date: July 22, 2020  
Lisa Magnafici,  
Representative  
DAVID T. FRITTS  
ATTORNEY FOR REPRESENTATIVE  
217 N. DEMENT AVENUE  
DIXON, ILLINOIS 61021  
815-284-1841  
No. 0706  
(July 22, 29, August 5, 2020)

#### ZONING HEARING

A hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2020.

A variance will be discussed. Property location is 508 S. Monroe for home addition variances. The hearing will be held at city hall located at 227 E. Main St. at 7:00p.m. Questions call city hall 857-3814. No. 0802  
Aug. 5, 2020

## 119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HILLCREST: 200 Ramona Ave. Estate / Garage Sale. Open Each Weekend 10am-5pm Until Items are Sold. Furniture and More. Call For More Info 815-562-9509. (08-05-20)

MALTA: Village of Malta Community Garage Sales. Friday August 7th & Thursday August 8th, 8am-? Over 20 Sales. Something For Everyone! (08-05-20)

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Kishwaukee College TRIO programs served 212 local students throughout 2019-2020 academic year

**MALTA** — Kishwaukee College's TRIO Upward Bound (TRIO UB) and TRIO Student Support Services (TRIO SSS) supported 212 students during the 2019-2020 academic year. Both programs help first-generation students, low-income students, and/or students with disabilities reach academic and college success.

"Upward Bound continues to provide college preparation and academic assistance to help bridge the gap for low-income and first-generation students at DeKalb High School," comments director of TRIO UB Tashena Briggs. "We also expose students to new cultural activities and college experiences to expand their perception of the world and what they can do with their lives."

During the 2019-2020 academic year, TRIO UB provided college preparation support to 61 DeKalb High School students. Of the 14 seniors, 6 students are planning to attend Kish and 6 students will be attending other colleges for fall 2020.

TRIO SSS offers a variety of resources and services to help eligible Kish students overcome barriers and ensure a successful college experience. "Our holistic support

approach had a powerful impact on the success rates of our students as we finished up a very productive year," stated director of TRIO SSS Keith Wise. "We look forward to a new school year, continuing to expand our services to help students remotely during the fall semester."

The program provided tutoring support, college visits, cultural trips, career exploration and personalized advising to 151 Kish students this year. The Annual Performance Report for the program demonstrated that 58% of the first cohort to join the program graduated, exceeding the grant requirements of 30%. Of those graduates, 23% transferred to a four-year college.

"During the Covid-19 pandemic, both TRIO programs have reinvented themselves in a creative way, while navigating a remote working environment," says director of student success, Dariana Lee. "I am confident that we will continue to see great things with TRIO as they adjust to changes, while still serving the community needs for higher education."

For more information on TRIO Programs at Kish, visit [www.kish.edu/trioss](http://www.kish.edu/trioss) or [www.kish.edu/trioub](http://www.kish.edu/trioub).

## Annual fall mum sale to benefit the KB Fund

**OREGON** — The annual KB Fall Mum Sale has started. Beautiful fall mums are available in a variety of colors for \$8 each. Orders will be taken through Friday, Aug. 21. These plants are grown in Northern Illinois and will arrive just in time for fall decorating. Mums are field grown in natural conditions, leading to a more hardy robust plant. Plants arrive in a number 2 pot (that's about a 2 gallon pot) and are measuring approximately 16-18" wide by 14-16" tall with buds ready to bloom throughout the season.

Order forms are available online at [www.KBToughRun.com](http://www.KBToughRun.com) and [www.Facebook.com/KBToughRun](http://www.Facebook.com/KBToughRun). Please return order forms and payment to the KB Fund, PO Box 374, Oregon, IL 61061 no later than Friday, Aug.



21. Mums will be available for pick up from 3 – 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18 and 9 a.m. – noon Saturday, Sept. 19 at 284 Cultra Drive in Oregon, (just north of the Blackhawk Steak Pit).

Please contact Julie Cain

with any questions that you may have or to place an order 815-519-2593 or email [cainj1@comcast.net](mailto:cainj1@comcast.net).

All proceeds from the sale will support the KB Fund. Thank you for your continued support.

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# AMBOY FOOD & LIQUOR

Grocery delivery for disabled & senior citizens - in town only.

Summer Hours

Monday-Thursday - 7 am - 9 pm

Friday-Saturday - 7 am - 10 pm

Sunday - 8 am - 8 pm

242 E. Main Street, Amboy IL. 61310

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Now Accepting EBT  
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**Amboy Deli Hours**  
Mon-Sat 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Sun 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Rotisserie Chicken Available on Tuesdays and Fridays after 2 pm

**Sale Prices Valid Aug. 5-11, 2020 - Limited Quantities - While Supplies Last**

## PRODUCE & WEEKLY SPECIALS

### Washington Cherries



**\$3.99**  
lb.

### Fresh Green Beans



**99¢**  
lb.

### Halo Clementine Oranges

3 lb bag

**\$4.99**  
ea.



### Cucumbers



**69¢**  
ea.

### Honey Dew Melon



**\$3.99**  
ea.

### Mann's Sugar Snap Peas

8 oz bag

**2/\$5**



### Steak Cut Mushrooms

16 oz

**2/\$5**



### Idaho Potatoes

3 lb bag

**\$1.29**  
ea.



## HOT BUYS

### Pepsi Products

24 Pack

**\$7.99**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$8.99 ea.



**AMBOY DELI**

### Beef Filet

**\$13.99**  
lb.  
Reg. Price \$19.99 lb.



**AMBOY DELI**

### Beef Chuck Roast

**\$5.99**  
lb.  
Reg. Price \$9.99 lb.



### BBQ Bone-In Pork Chops

**\$3.99**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$4.99 ea.



### Kellogg's Poptarts

Assorted 13-14 oz

**2/\$4**  
Reg. Price \$3.99-4.49 ea.



### Kemp's Ice Cream

48 oz

**\$3.99**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$5.29 ea.



## WEEKLY SPECIALS

### Bay's English Muffin

6 Ct

**2/\$5**  
Reg. Price \$3.19 ea.



### Amboy Big Beef Burger w/ Fries & 16 oz Drink

**\$5.99**  
ea.



### Skippy Peanut Butter

15-16 oz

**\$2.29**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.



### Florida Natural Orange Juice

52 oz

**\$3.49**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$3.79 ea.



### Budding Meats

Assorted 2 oz

**79¢**  
ea.  
Reg. Price 99¢ ea.



### Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Shaved Meats

Assorted 7-9 oz

**\$3.99**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$5.19 ea.



### Sugardale Hot Dogs

16 oz

**2/\$3**  
Reg. Price \$1.89 ea.



### Food Club Frozen Vegetables

Assorted 12 oz

**2/\$2.50**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$1.89 ea.



### Food Club Apple Juice

128 oz

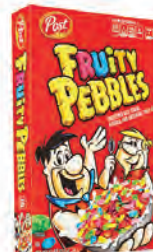
**\$3.99**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$4.49 ea.



### Post Cereals

Assorted 10-14.7 oz

**\$2.99**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$3.89 ea.



### Gatorade

32 oz Assorted

**2/\$2.50**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.



Sale goes through Aug. 11, 2020