

Illinois minimum wage increases on July 1

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois’ minimum wage will make its second increase this year to \$10 per hour beginning July 1. The Illinois Department of Labor urges minimum wage earners to make sure their checks reflect the increase following July 1.

Governor JB Pritzker signed legislation passed by the General Assembly providing a path to a \$15 minimum wage by 2025. Minimum wage earners received the first increase of \$1 to \$9.25 per hour on January 1, 2020.

Prior to the January increase, the last time Illinois increased its minimum wage was a decade ago. In 2010, the minimum wage was raised from \$8.00 to \$8.25 per hour. Cook County has a higher minimum wage than the state, with the Cook County minimum wage increasing to \$13 per hour beginning July 1, 2020. The City of Chicago minimum wage will also increase on July 1, 2020 to \$13.50 per hour for small employers (4 to 20 employees) and \$14 per hour for large employers (21 or more employees).

The state’s minimum wage is scheduled to increase an additional \$1 per hour each year on January 1 until it reaches \$15 per hour in 2025.

“While IDOL fully expects employers to abide by the new minimum wage, it is important for workers to inspect their checks to make sure they reflect the increase,” said Michael Kleinik, director of the Illinois Department of Labor.

The new law maintains provisions for employers to count gratuities to offset wages for workers, such as food servers, who regularly earn tips. Tipped employees may be paid a minimum of 60 percent of the hourly minimum wage. These workers must still earn the minimum wage after receiving tips.

Workers who are under 18 years old and work fewer than 650 hours in a year earn a minimum wage of \$8 per hour.

You can find more on the minimum wage including frequently asked questions here: www2.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/FLS/Pages/minimum-wage-law.aspx.



Illinois Department of Public Health monitoring several indicators to measure the health burden of COVID-19 in each county

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Public Health is monitoring several indicators that measure the health burden of COVID-19 in each Illinois county and capture a county’s ability to respond. Many of these county-level indicators are similar to the Restore Illinois criteria and support that larger framework. These metrics are intended to be used for local level awareness of each county’s progress during Phase 4 and will help local leaders, businesses, local health departments, and the public make informed decisions and promote healthy behaviors.

By applying the same metrics to each county, IDPH is using a standardized approach to monitor the state as a whole. Each county will be assessed to determine whether it is meeting or exceeding each indicator target. Counties meeting set targets will be indicated in blue, while counties that are not meeting the targets will be indicated in orange.

How to use these data

Individuals, families, and community

groups can use these critical data to help inform their choices about personal and family gatherings, as well as what activities they choose to do.

- Blue indicates that the county is experiencing overall stable COVID-19 metrics.
- Orange indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county.

For example, if the local area is currently orange, some questions you should consider include: Should I still attend or host a large gathering? Are there additional precautions I should take given my personal/family health risks? Should I wait to dine out or go to a movie?

During Phase 4, IDPH reminds everyone to wash their hands, wear a face covering, and watch their distance.

Q. What data are being used to determine the status of a county?

A. 8 different indicators are being used:

- New cases
- Test positivity

- COVID-like-illness (CLI) ED visits
- CLI admissions
- Clusters
- New deaths
- ICU availability
- Number of tests

Q. Does every indicator have to be met for a county be listed as “Warning?”

A. If there are two or more indicators that are going in the wrong direction, the county will be color coded orange – Warning. However, information surrounding clusters and the number of tests provides contextual information and do not directly tie into whether a county is meeting or not meeting the goal.

Q. If a county is not meeting the goal indicators, does it go back to Phase 3, or other phases?

A. The Restore Illinois plan provides guidance that communities need to follow in order to keep people safe. The county-level risk map compliments the Restore Illinois plan to help educate and inform individual choice

within the Restore Illinois plan. At this time, a county that does not meet the indicators will not automatically revert to a previous phase. The county-level risk indicators are a warning that a county could be headed the wrong direction and people should take additional steps to slow the spread of the virus. For example – stay home instead of going out to dinner or hold off having friends over for the afternoon. The county-level risk indicators do not loosen the guidance in the Restore Illinois plan, or make it more prescriptive.

Q. Are there any additional requirements or enforcement based on whether a county is or is not meeting the target indicators?

A. The map is meant to help people make informed decisions about their actions. If they see the county they live in is orange, it is a warning to them that the risk of COVID-19 is increasing. The hope is that people will take this warning to heart and adjust their personal behavior, including their mitigation strategies, to help lower the risk.

Illinois releases guidance for schools reopening, Amboy CUSD to issue survey to parents

AMBOY — Amboy Community Unit School District Superintendent Joshua Nichols posted a message on Facebook on June 24 about the Illinois State Board of Education guidance for schools.

“Dear Staff and Community of the Amboy Community Unit School District # 272,

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Yesterday afternoon, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for schools on the 2020-21 school year.

This 60-page document has been much anticipated and will go a long way toward answering critical questions all of us share about what the 2020-21 school year will look like in terms of in-person learning, scheduling, transportation, wearing masks, social distancing and other measures intended to keep everyone safe and healthy, while also re-engaging students in the learning process.

Right now, we don’t have all the answers to those questions as this document was released to school districts at the same time it was released to the public. Therefore, we kindly ask for your continued patience as our staff thoroughly reviews this detailed guidance and implements the suggestions into our district’s own transition plan.

The Amboy Community School District

is keenly aware of the urgent need to communicate to families about what to expect next school year and anticipate releasing our own transition plan within the coming weeks.

As you may know, our district formed a transition team earlier this month and has been actively discussing various options for the 2020-21 school year. This guidance has accelerated those conversations, and I’m confident that our district will put forth a plan that prioritizes the health and safety of our students while maintaining a dynamic learning environment. In order for us to continue to refine and tailor our plans to the Amboy school community, a parent survey will be sent out on Monday. Parents, please take the time to fill out this survey as it will help guide our planning going forward.

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and flexibility as our entire community continues to navigate a situation that none of us could have imagined.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please reach out to me at jnichols@amboy.net.

In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,
Joshua Nichols
Superintendent”



AMBOY — Voting is now open in the 2020 Patriotic Decorating Contest and the Kids Coloring Contest.

These contests are sponsored by Amboy Food and Liquor, The City of Amboy, and The Amboy News.

Prizes will be awarded to the top five, and each winner will receive one of the prizes. The prizes are on display at Amboy Food and Liquor and include a Yeti cooler, a fire pit, and a golf bag.

Voting for the Patriotic Decorating Contest remains open until 5 p.m., on Sunday, July 5.

Winners will be announced in the July 8th edition of the Amboy News.

To view the contest and vote, visit www.AmboyNews.com and click on the banner ad for the 2020

Patriotic Decorating Contest.

Kids Coloring Contest

The deadline to enter the Fourth of July Coloring Contest has been extended to Wednesday, July 1. All children 10 years old and younger were invited to color the Fourth of July scene and submit it to Amboy Food and Liquor for a chance to win fabulous Lego prizes.

One Entry Per Child.

Entries must be received at Amboy Food and Liquor by 5 p.m., on Wednesday, July 1. All coloring pages will be hung in the window of the grocery store and issued an entry number. The public is invited to vote for the winner between Wednesday, July 1 and Saturday, July 4 at the grocery store by voting for a certain entry number. Winners will be announced

in the July 8th edition of the Amboy News.

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Perspectives on Progress: Demmer says GOP willing to listen to police reform proposals

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SPRINGFIELD — As the Black Lives Matter protests continue in Illinois and throughout the nation, many observers have noticed something that sets the current wave of demonstrations apart from those of previous generations — widespread participation of people of all races, including white people.

That has been true of many demonstrations in Illinois, including those held in predominantly white

communities.

State Rep. Tom Demmer, a Republican from Dixon, represents the 90th House District in northwest Illinois. Dixon is the county seat of Lee County which, according to Census Bureau estimates, is nearly 92 percent white. His district also includes parts of Ogle, DeKalb and LaSalle counties — all predominantly white as well.

When video circulated last month of an unarmed Black man, George Floyd, being killed at the hands of a white Minneapolis police officer, Demmer said even people in his rural, largely white House district

were outraged.

“And I think people have rightly been looking for a way to express some solidarity,” he said. “And also, to express that, you know, that kind of thing is not and shouldn’t be tolerated or accepted in the United States of America. And so, I think it’s been pretty positive to see some of the reaction of people standing up and saying that kind of thing is just not permissible.”

Demmer spoke to Capitol News Illinois for its “Perspectives on Progress” series, a collection of conversations about race that until

now has focused on the voices of Black leaders and members of the Legislative Black Caucus.

One of the things those leaders have stressed is that the issue of racial injustice in America isn’t just about one instance of police brutality, or even a long string of such instances stretching back for centuries in American history. They argue it’s a structural problem that reaches into every aspect of American life, from housing and education and job opportunities to access to health care and investment capital for businesses.

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Many of them also say that when they return to Springfield for the fall veto session in November, they plan to propose legislation to address those inequities and hope their colleagues, including Republicans, will listen.

Demmer serves as the Deputy House Minority Leader, thereby making him the second-highest ranking Republican in the House. Demmer said he agrees that the problem is more pervasive than a group of isolated incidents, and that he and his GOP colleagues are willing to listen to reform discussions.

"I'm not going to come into this and say that I've got the answers for this," he said. "I mean, I want to be in a position of listening to the suggestions and the solutions that are offered by many of my colleagues and the Black and Latino caucuses — my colleagues who have been personally touched by this, who see this in a very pronounced way in their districts. I think an appropriate role right now is for us to listen and to be supportive of, you know, things that our colleagues are telling us would improve the situation in their districts and, more broadly, in the entire state of Illinois."

In particular, Demmer said he wants to hear ideas about ways to bring more investment into communities of color. "I think that's definitely an area that I'm interested in and can be supportive of is trying to provide that spark, in some cases towards turning around the economic downturn or the pressures and the tide that have been pulling against these kind of new investments and new opportunities in those communities," he said. "I certainly think that's a big piece of the puzzle, is trying to provide more and higher quality opportunities for people who live and work in some of these communities who have been hardest hit by so much of this

economic strife for decades."

One of the things Demmer said he and his colleagues will be more reluctant to endorse, however, is the call that has been heard in many demonstrations to "defund the police."

It's a phrase that may mean different things to different people — some say it simply means shifting resources from policing to human services, such as mental health care, and economic development while others say it's a call to completely reinvent the idea of policing and law enforcement.

"I think that it's not, as some people have tried to paint this, this stark contrast between either supporting the status quo and everything that's happening with police today, or defund the police and abolish police departments," he said. "I mean, you've seen everything across that spectrum. And I really don't think that either of those alternatives is appropriate."

"We saw just this past weekend in Chicago, over 100 people were shot in one weekend," he added. "This shows that there's a widespread problem with violence. Police officers have a role to play, and do so in many, many communities all around the country and around the world, in promoting public safety and a huge number of incidences. Now, it doesn't mean that we should, you know, look the other way when people abuse that position. But I certainly think that the concept that's been talked about in some parts of the country about eliminating

police departments I think is a fundamentally wrong message and wrong solution to take out of this problem."

Demmer said he is willing to look at a number of ways to reform policing in Illinois, such as licensing police officers and working legislatively to refine the concept of "qualified immunity," which often makes it difficult for victims of police brutality to sue for damages. But more than anything, he said he wants to hear ideas from people whose communities would be most affected.

"You know, honestly, I think I am open and want to listen and be supportive (of) some folks who have personal experience... and have more direct interaction in their districts with the kinds of steps that could be taken that would improve the credibility and the relationship between communities and the police officers that serve them," he said.

Demmer's full interview, along with other episodes in the "Perspectives on Progress" series are available on the Capitol News Illinois website.

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Celebrate Fourth of July fireworks safely with pets, animals in mind

SPRINGFIELD—Everyone loves to celebrate the Independence Day holiday, with exciting fireworks that explode with loud noises and bright flashes of colorful embers in the sky. However, many companion animals and livestock see this day and night as one filled with confusion and terror.

The Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA) encourages everyone to consider moving pets that are sensitive to loud noises to a quiet and secure area, far away from the fanfare that fireworks and party revelers enjoy during the celebration.

"If you have a cat, dog or other

companion animal or livestock easily frightened or spooked by fireworks, you need to think about their own mental and physical safety," says Dr. Olivia Rudolphi, ISVMA President.

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Census outreach 'incredibly stymied' by COVID-19 pandemic

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SPRINGFIELD – Like everyone else, Illinois' census outreach coordinators have had to adapt to a new reality during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As drastic as this change has been for everyone, it's the same thing for us," said Marishonta Wilkerson, who was named co-director of newly-created state census office last September.

Wilkerson and fellow co-director Oswaldo Alvarez are leading Illinois' \$29 million outreach effort through their office within the Illinois Department of Human Services. Their positions were created by Gov. JB Pritzker's June executive order aimed at maximizing participation in the decennial head count.

The pair oversees a "hub and spoke" model in which funding passes through IDHS to 31 intermediary organizations that lead outreach efforts in 12 regions of the state. Those organizations partner with other community groups to target outreach at a hyperlocal level.

Thus far, Illinois has hovered in the top 10 for state self-response rate since the census portal opened on April 1. While Wilkerson and Alvarez are pleased with the high ranking, they said there is room to grow the response rate – which was 64.2 percent as of May 13, putting Illinois in 8th place of all states.

While good against the national average of 59.1 percent, the numbers were well below the state's 2010 final self-reporting tally of 70.5 percent. In 2000, the self-response rate in Illinois was 69 percent. Illinois outpaced the national average of 66.5 percent in 2010 and 67.4 percent in 2000.

There is still plenty of time to push this year's numbers upward, as the self-response period deadline has been extended to Oct. 31. But for organizers, one difficulty is maintaining momentum as the pandemic puts door-knocking efforts on hold and strict social distancing requirements cancel the planned pizza parties, booths at fairs and local library events while driving outreach online.

Anita Banerji, director of the Democracy Initiative of the nonprofit organization Forefront, agreed that 2020 is presenting challenges both foreseen and unforeseen. Forefront is partnered with the city of Chicago for community-based census outreach as part of the program, and Banerji said they are noticing lagging numbers in minority communities that have not had points of contact with census organizers.

She said one continued challenge is fear of a citizenship question appearing on the official questionnaire. While President Donald Trump advocated for such a question and received widespread media attention, it does not appear on the final form.

"And then everyone also thought that with us going online, that was going to be an issue, but now coupled with the pandemic, there are so many challenges to the 2020 census," she said.

While respondents can still fill out their census by phone at 844-330-2020 or by mailing back the questionnaires that are delivered to one's household, the majority of responses this year – nearly 53 percent in Illinois – have been completed online at my2020census.gov. The process generally takes about 10 minutes and can also be completed on mobile devices.

Hard-to-count communities

Organizers agree that challenges are compounded in "hard to count" communities.

Populations and geographies deemed "Hard to Count" by the U.S. Census Bureau are areas where the self-response rate in the 2010 census was 73 percent or less. Populations that have been historically undercounted include young children, immigrants, low-income households, people of color and rural residents.

Alvarez said the Illinois model puts nonprofit and other community organizations at the center of outreach in these communities.

"It's important to have them become the trusted messengers," he said, noting that nonprofits are often already making day-to-day contact with some of the hardest-to-count communities.

Education is key in the effort, organizers said, as residents need to know what they stand to lose in an undercount, what questions will or will not be on the form, and that their privacy is protected.

But strict social distancing guidelines have made that process more difficult for many local organizers.

Lynden Schuyler, director of southern Illinois census outreach through the Illinois Public Health Association, works in Illinois' southernmost 20 counties. She said the pandemic has made hard-to-count communities "even harder" in her territory, where four counties have between 28 and 51 percent of households that lack internet access.

"There are pockets where thousands and thousands and thousands of people don't have access to internet services," she said, later adding, "There's a lot of migrant population down there. I think every single one of the hard-to-count communities is there in an abundance."

She said many people are waiting for hand-delivered census forms, especially in rural areas that have only PO boxes which do not receive the forms. The hand delivery effort has been postponed, however, and is tentatively scheduled to start again on June 13 in the region.

"You have a good majority that are still waiting on that folder," Schuyler said. "And in Hardin County, for example, you're talking 98 percent of those people don't even have their census invitation yet. So they're going to explode when that finally gets to them."

Hand delivery entails only slipping the census forms into one's mailbox or onto a door handle, meaning it is different than door-knocking efforts which require in-person contact and won't begin again until at least August, depending on the region.

Banerji said the lack of "touchpoints," or in-person contact, in minority communities in the Chicago area is creating problems as well.

"Our outreach efforts have been incredibly stymied by the pandemic," she said. "And we need to make sure that people's priorities are health and safety first."

Adapting outreach

Unsurprisingly, social media has been important to getting the word out as organizations creatively adapt to new realities.

Banerji said one organization she worked with had not used Twitter much, but realized its power when participating in a coordinated regional outreach "thunderclap" event where several organizations posted to several social media platform at a coordinated date and time to promote the census.

"So we've never utilized social media like this before," she said. "And to know that it is helping people get counted while they're home, has helped us with our outreach efforts while we're all staying at home."

Organizations have also partnered with new entities to expand internet accessibility and hotspots, she said, and they've launched promotion efforts through grocery stores and food banks among others.

In Schuyler's territory, efforts also include billboards, distributing signage in yards and at grocery stores and other creative efforts. One of her sub-groups launched a "boredom busters" drive-thru where organizers handed bags of coloring books, other activities and census literature to parents while maintaining social distancing.

Groups also promoted social media "dance parties" and other shared virtual activities.

"We're encouraging parents to do videos about how they and the kids are doing the census and just post them on Facebook somewhere – encouraging people to try to do things together without being together," she said.

Alvarez said the census office is also partnering with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to "engage the business community to promote the 2020 census."

That includes marketing and media campaigns as well as working with essential businesses that are open during the pandemic, such as grocery stores in hard-to-count neighborhoods, to distribute posters and canvas tote bags and potentially launch advertising campaigns.

DCEO is also looking at ways target materials to gig workers and work with chambers of commerce to designate a day for workers to take 10 minutes off to complete the census once pandemic restrictions are loosened.

"I would say this is where creativity is really taking flight amongst certain organizations, and encouraging other organizations to think about doing their work differently," Banerji said. "And because we do have more months added to self-response, it's an opportunity to think about more of these concerted outreach efforts, but I will tell you that it's an incredible challenge."

Undercount

While the pandemic has changed nearly everything about census outreach efforts, one thing remains the same – the

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AMBOY-The First Baptist Church Food Pantry, 24 N. Mason Ave., will be open on Thursday, July 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. Call 815-440-2078 for more information.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 6, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The May Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, at the township maintenance building.

AMBOY-The Lee Center Township Board will meet at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

AMBOY-St. Patrick Food Pantry, 32 N. Jones Ave., will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 13, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 13, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy USD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, at Central School, 30 E. Provost.

AMBOY-The First Baptist Church Food Pantry, 24 N. Mason Ave., will be open on Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m. until noon. Call 815-440-2078 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy City Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 20, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

consequences of an undercount. Those include a potential loss of local health resources, up to two seats in Congress and other federal funding.

Wilkerson said about \$1,500 per year in federal funding is lost for each person not counted in the census, and the numbers shape federal funding for the next 10 years.

Alvarez characterized the census as "the one way we really have to twist the government's arm to represent you and invest in you."

"We all win when we're all counted," he said.

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White launches driver's license/ID card preregistration application

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that his office has launched an online driver's license and ID card preregistration application program to reduce the processing time of transactions at Driver Services facilities.

Customers may go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to access the preregistration application for driver's licenses and ID cards and input specific information regarding their upcoming transaction. As a result, once the customer visits a Driver Services facility, the clerk will not have to enter all of the data like a change of address or a change of height and weight into the electronic application form because the customer has already updated the information.

With preregistration, customers will be prompted to:

- Choose a license type (REAL ID or standard driver's license/ID card);
- Choose an application type (renewal or corrected);
- Input designations (organ donor or veteran);
- Choose any corrections to be made to the information on file (examples: address, date of birth, eye color, gender, hair color, height, name, Social Security number or weight);
- Choose the type of required documentation and enter data from those documents (i.e., certified birth certificate for a REAL ID);
- Print receipt with barcode, which should be brought to the facility.

Customers using the preregistration application must

still bring all of the required paperwork to the Driver Services facility for verification. In addition, they are encouraged to bring the printed preregistration receipt to the facility for the clerk to scan the barcode. However, if the customer does not bring in the receipt, the clerk can enter the customer's driver's license/ID card number to access the preregistration application information.

To qualify for the preregistration application process, a customer must have an Illinois driver's license/ID card that is not suspended, canceled or revoked and has not been expired for more than one year.

As a reminder, Driver Services facilities statewide are open to serve ONLY new drivers, customers with expired driver's licenses/ID cards and vehicle transactions through July 31.

September Sublette car show canceled

SUBLETTE — The Sublette Country Car Show scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12 will not be held on that date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The show will be rescheduled in the future.



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"It's easy to get caught up in the coordination of festivities with family and friends during the holiday, but it's just as important to include a plan for your pets and livestock when celebrations become troublesome for them."

So how can you be proactive and safely prepare your companion animals and livestock for a raucous holiday? Dr. Rudolphi suggests the following:

Never ignite fireworks near any animal, including sparklers, fire crackers and smoke bombs. Keep pets indoors in a recognizable environment. Consider staying at home to help them relax.

Introduce your pets to calming music in a quiet room that can help mask noises from parties and fireworks displays. Have their kennel or bed nearby for comfort. Shut windows and close curtains. Also consider a compression

or "thunder" shirt for a dog to help keep them calm.

Consider talking with your veterinarian about medication that may help soothe an easily distraught animal during a stressful holiday celebration. You may wish to try this medication in advance to ensure the pet reacts favorably to it.

Never punish pets if they are scared. This will only add to their anxiety.

Keep horses and farm animals away from fireworks and keep gates and fences securely locked and maintained well in advance of the display.

Dr. Rudolphi says there are also other dangers for animals during the upcoming holiday, including:

Runaways — Dogs and cats, even outdoor animals such as horses, can be spooked by the noise, flashing lights and unpredictability of firework explosions. They

may escape from backyards and pastures, through open doors and jump or crash into weakened fences and unsecured gates. For companion animals, microchip them, make sure their ID tags are on their collars, and take photos to help you recover and claim them when found if they do escape.

Firework debris — Dogs will eat just about anything -- including remnants of firework explosions that fall into your yard. Most of this debris carries heavy metals and gunpowder dust, elements that are not digestible. This concern also pertains to pasture and penned animals.

Poisonous food and dangerous food-related items — If you're having a typical cookout, there are human foods that can be poisonous to pets, including chocolate for dogs. Make sure you, your family and friends don't share

picnic table scraps with them. And items to grill food, such as wooden and metal grilling skewers, can also injure pets.

Heat exhaustion — Pets exposed to hot outdoor weather conditions ("hotter than the Fourth of July") without proper shade and water are at high risk of dehydration and heat stress. If traveling over the holiday, do not leave pets in hot vehicles; make sure they always have proper ventilation and fresh water.

"Just as you would consider all options for your human family for a safe and happy holiday celebration, make sure you consider the needs of your family's pets and livestock, as well," Dr. Rudolphi says. She also encourages you to ask your veterinarian any questions you may have about the animals in your life and to ensure they, too, get through this holiday as comfortable and stress-free as possible.

OBITUARIES

Anna Mae Bonnell Willavize

March 25, 1929 - June 23, 2020

CAMDENTON, Mo. — Anna Mae Bonnell Willavize, 91, formerly of Sublette, joined hands with the Lord on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at Windsor Estates in Camdenton, Mo., surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation was held on Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy. Funeral services followed with Pastor Judy Williams of Creston officiating. Burial was held at the Evergreen Cemetery, Sublette.

She worked at Hart-Carter in Mendota, for 19 years prior to her retirement in 1985. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Amboy, and the Green River Saddle Club.

Anna was born on March

25, 1929, in Centerville, Iowa, the daughter of Elmer and Minnie (Raney) Jump.

She married Marvin Bonnell on Aug. 3, 1946 in Batavia. He preceded her death on May 12, 1974. She later married Leo Willavize on Sept. 22, 1984 in Amboy. He preceded her in death on May 8, 1996. She was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, James M. Bonnell, two brothers, David and Robert Jump, and one sister, Betty Jean Jump.

Anna is survived by three daughters, Judy (Butch) Griswold of Camdenton, Mo., JoAnne Heinzeroth, of Mendota, Barbara (Louis) Bontz of LaSalle; and one son, Gary (Patrice) Bonnell, of Camdenton, Mo.

She also has 16 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren,



and 17 great-great-grandchildren. Anna has one brother, Richard (Nellie) Jump of Jacksonville, Fla., and one sister, Myrtle Medernach, of DeKalb.

Memorial Contributions may be directed to the family and distributed to Anna's favorite charities.

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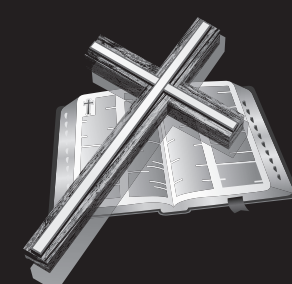
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SOCIAL NEWS

Educational Briefs

La Moille Student is on Lewis University 2020 Spring Dean's List

ROMEOLLE — Monica Joerger of La Moille, IL was named to Lewis University's Dean's List for the 2020 Spring Semester. Joerger is studying Information Systems at Lewis University.

Just under 1,700 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2020 Spring Semester.

To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

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Quincy University releases Spring 2020 Dean's List

QUINCY — Quincy University released its Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester. Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual Dean's List. In total, 439 students received the honor during the Spring 2020 semester. A complete list of honorees is listed below:

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Bailee Highbarger
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Wheaton College (IL) Student Audrey Rod Named to Dean's List for Spring 2020 Semester

WHEATON — Wheaton College student Audrey Rod of Amboy, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester.

To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.) is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country. For more information, visit wheaton.edu.

Kirkwood Community College announces Dean's List honors

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Kirkwood students from the area earning this distinction are listed below.

Dixon

Lauren Wilson

TNPS complete purchase of building

DIXON — On Friday, June 12, The Next Picture Show Board of Directors closed on the purchase of 113 W. First Street, in Dixon, from Ralph Edgar Properties. The building has been the home of The Next Picture Show (TNPS) for the past 16 years and will now be able to continue in that role.

The deal included a down payment generated by numerous small and moderate size donations from its board, members, and friends of TNPS (some of whom wish to remain anonymous), KSB Hospital, Dixon Community Trust, and the City of Dixon. The transaction also included financing from Sauk Valley Bank.

David Bingaman, President of TNPS Board of Directors, said that "We greatly appreciate the many years of support from Ralph and Jane Edgar and we also thank all of the generous people and organizations that contributed to our Crossroads Campaign and made this purchase possible."

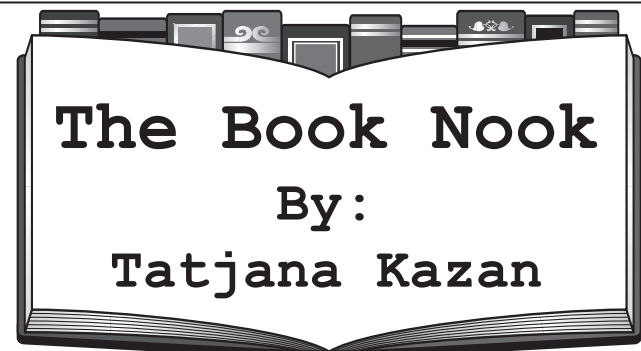
Now TNPS will be able to continue its frequent art exhibitions, art classes, paint parties, private events, art shows at KSB Hospital and other community locations, and intimate music concerts for residents of the Sauk Valley area.

Mike Glenn, Executive Director at TNPS said that "Art and culture are important

to all and can make a greater impact in challenging times. Although people could not visit our gallery during the pandemic, we have adapted our approach by bringing the art to our communities in short video posts via our website and Facebook page. Using social media has expanded our reach by taking art well beyond our walls."

Bingaman added that TNPS will now undertake some needed repairs and restoration on the building including masonry, plaster and roof repairs; painting; window replacement; HVAC and gutter work. The Crossroads (fundraising) campaign raised monies to undertake these repairs in addition

to providing for the down payment to purchase the building. Fundraising efforts will now transition to support ongoing operations through individual and business memberships, sponsorships, and events.

The Book Nook
By:
Tatjana Kazan

The Murder Book

In Michael Connelly's "The Night Fire" (2019), iconic LAPD Homicide Detective Harry Bosch has retired and we find him hobbling around after knee surgery. He is poring over a murder book handed over to him by the widow of his mentor John Jack Thompson on the day of the funeral. A murder book is the case file of a murder investigation, the complete paper trail of a murder investigation that includes autopsy and forensic reports, crime scene photographs, investigators' notes, and witness interviews. This particular murder book is about the unsolved murder of John Hilton, a nobody who was shot in a back alley 30 years ago. Bosch takes it on because "nobody should be a nobody."

Bosch takes the murder book to his young partner, LAPD Detective Renee Ballard, who will take the lead in the investigation. Ballard works the midnight shift, known as the Late Show, for the Hollywood Division, Bosch's territory before he retired. Ballard is as unrelenting and courageous as her mentor Bosch, though, as Connelly said in an interview, "To me, Bosch is a guy who goes up to the line and will put one foot over, and Ballard steps completely over." Fiercely independent, Ballard prefers to stay in a tent with her dog, a Pitbull-Boxer mix named Lola in Venice Beach when she gets off her midnight shift. Her face-offs with her nemesis, the misogynistic Capt. Robert Olivas, are a joy to behold.

Along with the Hilton cold case, which poses a further mystery as to why Thompson stole the murder book and then sat on, Ballard and Bosch work three additional murder cases, all intricately plotted by Connelly. As Ballard hunts for clues in a homeless encampment fire that killed a young man, Bosch helps out his half-brother, the shifty defense attorney Mickey Haller. They manage to get his client off, whereupon Bosch feels obligated to hunt for the real killer. As clues accumulate, Bosch and Ballard chase an assassin at the heart of two of their cases. Called the Black Widow, she is as elusive as she is vicious. But then Ballard notices that she has an in-toed gait.

Following Bosch and Ballard in their tough pursuit of justice is of course the pleasure of the crime novel. As their creator said, "It does take a certain kind of detective to do it well — someone who is really deeply rooted in the idea of fairness."

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Opinion

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances ~ The First Amendment

Animal doctors have such an intense love for creatures

On Father's Day, I found myself contemplating the veterinarians in my life.

You see, I've been blessed with two veterinarians – my father and my wife.

Growing up, I was always "Doc Reeder's boy."

Together we would ride from farm to farm across Knox and Warren counties. I observed and helped with countless surgeries.

Sometimes it was as simple as, "Hold the flashlight, Scotty."

Later, as a teenager, I was gripping the edges of a uterus incision as my father pulled a calf into the world during a Caesarean section.

I remember when I was in kindergarten, sitting cross legged in a barnyard answering my Dad's questions.

"How many stomachs does a cow have, Scotty?"

"Four, Dad."

"Well let's take a look at them, Scotty."

He then proceeded to perform a post mortem, explaining the purpose of each organ in language a 5-year-old could understand.

I remember falling off my bicycle in the second grade and walking home with an injured arm. My father took a look at it and said, "It's either a fracture or a really bad sprain."

His next step was to take me to the veterinary clinic for an x-ray.

I still remember him striding into Cottage Hospital's emergency room with me by his side. He hollered, "He doesn't

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



need to go to radiology, I've got an x-ray film right here."

Animal doctors seem more direct and practical than their human counterparts. Perhaps it's not having to deal with lawsuits and hospital politics.

But it goes beyond that.

Animal doctors have such an intense love for creatures that their homes tend to become, well, menageries.

When I asked my wife for her hand in marriage, I made her promise: no animals would be added to our family -- unless we both agreed.

She hasn't exactly respected this wedding vow. Ok, perhaps she has won my repeated acquiescence by continually wearing me down.

I suspect the only reason I asked for the promise was because of childhood memories.

When I was 8, my dad came home with a billy goat. Dad was vaccinating cattle at a sale barn and as a joke bid \$5 on a lonely goat that had no ears.

We ended up owning the beast that devoured newspapers, cigarette butts and just about anything else. The ruminant had no respect for fences or screen doors.

No sooner had the goat been put in the pasture than it jumped the fence, ran across our yard, peered through the screen door and baaed loudly. Apparently, it had once been a house goat.

My mother took to chasing Billy off the porch with a broom -- until he ate the broom.

Having no respect for fences, the animal took to sunning itself on the front porch, which caused more than a few drivers

to nearly swerve off the gravel road that ran by our house.

Given this history, you'd think I'd have gone into marriage to a vet with my eyes wide open. Dream on. My wife brought a cat into the marriage that hated all men. Within a week, the cat marked my suit and every freshly pressed white shirt of mine hanging in the closet.

But marital adventures in felines didn't end there. A couple of years after we wed, my wife was more than eight months pregnant with our first daughter and she came home with a kitten that was born without eyes.

Between sobs, Joan said, "They wanted me to put it to sleep just because it was born this way. I couldn't do it, Scott. What happens if our child is born without any eyes?" As my pregnant wife stroked the blind kitten she added, "It's just a foster cat. It will stay with us just until we find someone who will give it a home permanently."

The "foster cat" lived with us for another 13 years. It had the floor plan of the house memorized, avoided the kids' toys on the floor with an eerie sixth sense and lounged on the window sill like a prince on a throne.

The current census in our home is: eight dogs, five guinea pigs, four birds, three sugar gliders (flying squirrels) one hamster, one ferret and one very overwhelmed cat.

Dad has been gone now almost five years. But I think about him every day when I scratch a dog behind the ear, give the cat a tummy rub -- or go to the hospital for an x-ray.

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 July 2, 1920

An attempt was made to rob the Sublette State Bank Monday night, but was unsuccessful. Tools with which to force an entrance to the safe were stolen from the Illinois Central tool house and the Garlich blacksmith shop.

The Amboy band has been engaged to furnish the music at the Fourth of July celebration at Mendota. The celebration will be held at Dewey's grove and promises to be quite up to snuff.

Miss Gusta Koesler has been visiting her sister Mrs. Devoe Harvey in Moline.

75 Years Ago June 28, 1945

Four Lee County farm boys, Hubert Leffelman, 17 years old, and Roland Stenzel, 19, both of Sublette; Glenn Pfoutz, Jr., 16, of Ashton, and Wayne Schwingle, 14, of LaMoille, were among the exhibitors at the seventh annual Chicago Junior Market Lamb Show and Sale, held June 15 at the Chicago Stockyards.

Rosemary Shannon went to Chicago

Sunday to work in the bond department of the Merchandise Mart.

Lt. Helen Burke of the Army Nurse Corps, who is stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis., is enjoying a 15 day leave at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burke in Maytown.

50 Years Ago July 2, 1970

Amy Palmer was chosen Miss Flame in Sublette contest Friday evening. Julie Sporleder was second runner up in the Sublette Miss Flame Contest.

Robert A. Reinboth District 272 elementary supervisor since 1949 and an Amboy educator for 37 years, was honored Sunday afternoon at an open house in Amboy High School. He and his wife will soon move to Florida to make their home.

Allison Blake of Amboy was the winner of the colored television set given Saturday evening at the Walnut Days Celebration.

25 Years Ago July 6, 1995

Amboy FFA advisor Mark Streit and Tina McCoy and Nicole Burkardt accept the Governor's Citation as the state's top chapter in the Building Our American Communities program. Tina also was Illinois winner of the Achievement in Volunteerism award.

Orion Samuelson, popular WGN farm commentator, will bring his "Noon Show" to Lee County 4-H Fair and Junior Show this year. Samuelson, whose farm reports are heard each day by a wide audience throughout the Midwest, will broadcast live from the fairgrounds arena Friday, July 21.

Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 8277 installed officers for 1995-96 June 28 in St. Patrick Church. The officers are Fr. Frank Daleiden, chaplain; Ken Hackbarth, grand knight; Ray Harrison, deputy grand knight; Dean McCoy, chancellor; Bill Apple, recorder; Jerry Garland, treasurer; Tim Oester, financial secretary; Gary Wilhelm, advocate; Francis Murrari, warden; Doug McCoy, inside guard; Terry Lynch, outside guard; Rich Klein, three-year trustee; Bill McCoy, two-year trustee; James "Mort" Hinkley, one-year trustee.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to opine on opinions expressed by Scott Reeder and Austin Berg in the June 17, 2020 Amboy News. By fact that they appeared on the Opinion page, I perceived their remarks to be just that - opinion. By definition, opinion can be "beliefs of ideas that can be held but not substantiated by direct proof or knowledge." It seems to me that tragedies such as Minneapolis are too often hijacked for political or counter cultural reasons well in advance of the accused's constitution rights under Article VI of The Bill of Rights to wit -- "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of..."

All too often the "Vox populi" does not find its way into the 24-7 barrage of non-stop news. Article 1 of the Bill of Rights entitles all citizens to enjoy Freedom of Speech. At times like these I think "we the people" have uncon-

sciously abandoned our rights under Article 1 or we have been shamed from exercising our right by a news media that is hyperbole, one sided, leftist and that will attempt to marginalize anyone who holds an opinion not in keeping with the Media's opinion and perspectives.

Reeder and Berg call for reform. That is good, but as I read between the lines their idea of reform appears to be a "one way street." Their proposed solution only addresses one side of the equation and ignores the other.

For far too long the voice of the few have been "force feeding" we citizens on things that "we the people" know is not good for us and our country.

The elections in November 2020 will be the most important election in our country since Abraham Lincoln. The "Vox populi" must be expressed.

Thomas J. Scarpelli
Amboy

Dear Editor,

This Fourth of July may be a little different than we're used to, but that won't stop Americans across the country from cracking open a cold one and celebrating with loved ones. Whether you're staying at home or getting together with a small group of friends, join us in raising a glass to America's birthday.

After a difficult few months, this Independence Day is an opportunity to relax, enjoy the sunshine and cherish the land we call home. If your plans include a beer or two, make sure you prioritize your safety and the safety of those around you by hydrating between Buds and drinking responsibly. And if you're heading out for the festivities, remember that no celebration is complete without planning ahead for a safe ride home.

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Regardless of what your plans look like, it's always best to end on a high note. As you sit back and watch the fireworks, we at G&M wish you a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July!

Mary Adolphson
Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator



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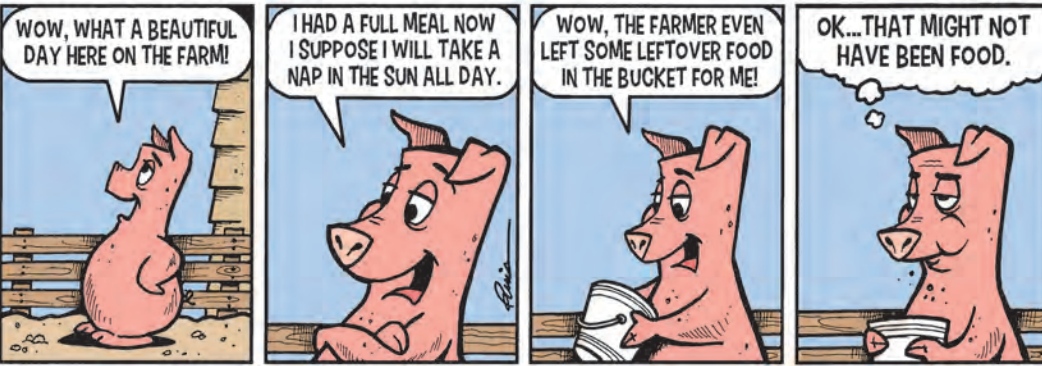
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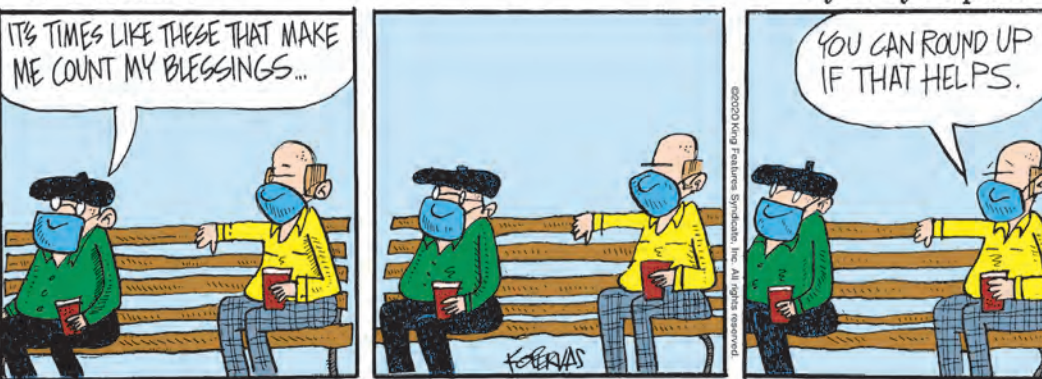
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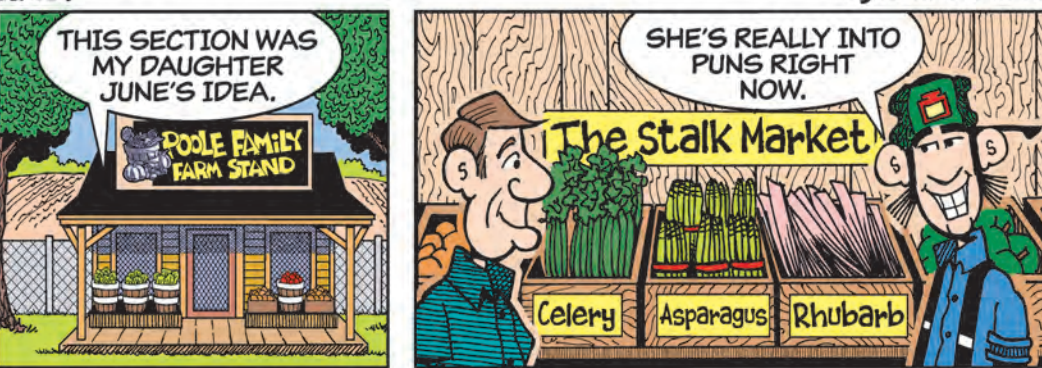
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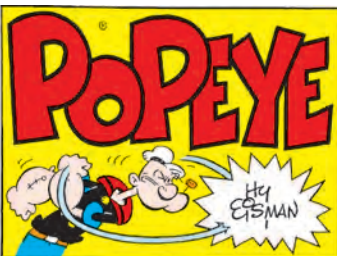
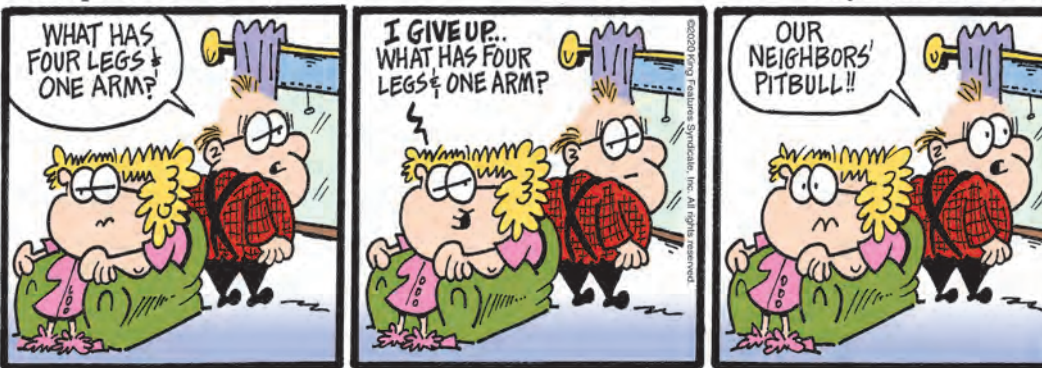
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LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

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

Award OWNED
Portend DELHAR
Graft ECLIPS
Shake LATTER
TODAY'S WORD

LOCAL NEWS

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 — and call
- 5 Promptly
- 8 Despot
- 12 Verve
- 13 Rd.
- 14 Regulation
- 15 Not yet final, in law
- 16 — -relief
- 17 Blind as —
- 18 Body art
- 20 Pack down
- 22 Half a fluid ounce
- 26 Short
- 29 Swiss canton
- 30 Tokyo, once
- 31 Bergman, in "Casablanca"
- 32 Action star Diesel
- 33 One
- 34 Mel of Cooperstown
- 35 Programmer's woe
- 36 Foolish
- 37 Skiers' carriages
- 40 Summertime pest
- 41 Starry
- 45 Honeycomb compartment
- 47 Web address
- 49 Wander
- 50 Met melody
- 51 Dos' neighbors
- 52 Yemeni port

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- 53 Helen's home
- 54 Previous night
- 55 Saucy
- DOWN
- 1 Crooked
- 2 Director
- 3 Kazan
- 4 Group of actors
- 5 Made a sweater, maybe
- 6 Biz big shot
- 7 Eggs
- 8 Oater
- 9 Chaplin persona
- 10 Court sum-
- 11 — carte
- 12 Pensioned (Abbr.)
- 13 Lummo
- 14 "— was saying ..."
- 15 Playwright Pirandello
- 16 Valhalla VIP
- 17 Memo
- 18 United nations
- 19 Naomi's daughter-in-law
- 20 Incised printing method
- 21 Predatory sort
- 22 Remove a seat belt
- 23 Underwear with underwire
- 24 "Monty Python" opener
- 25 Dental filling
- 26 Untrue
- 27 Took the bus
- 28 State with certainty
- 29 Gave temporarily
- 30 Garfield or Heathcliff
- 31 Blunder
- 32 Gun the engine

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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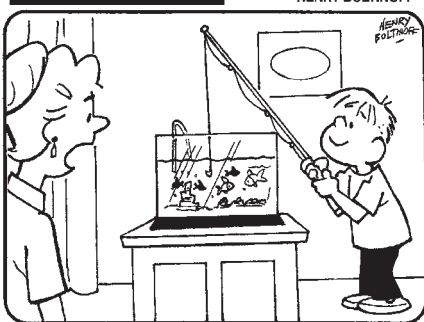
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

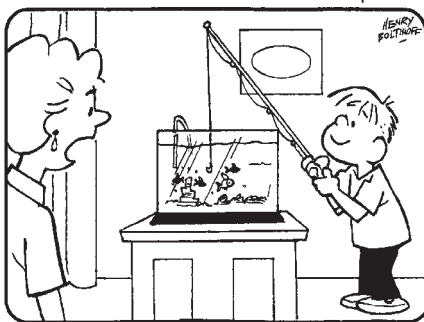
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Table is different 2. Picture has moved. 3. Fish is missing 4. Boy's neckline is different. 5. Woman's hair has changed 6. Boy's neckline 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: N equals L

HJEXBV ERWE ZAWETMAH W ZWVJNQ

ZTNN BZ JNN-VWDDAMAC XRJNCMAD:

"ERA FMWEEQ FTDXR."

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WALLET

Today's Word

1. Endow 2. Herald; 3. Spice; 4. Rattle

solution

SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name of the Hawaiian Islands?
- 2. MOVIES Which Elvis Presley movie features the theme song "Can't Help Falling in Love"?
- 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is fuchsia?
- 4. TELEVISION: What was the real name of the Skipper's character on "Gilligan's Island"?
- 5. GEOLOGY: What kind of rock is sandstone?
- 6. FOOD & DRINK: Which country has a wine-producing region called the Rapel Valley?
- 7. MEDICAL: What kind of insect can transmit diseases such as cholera and typhoid fever?
- 8. MEASUREMENTS: How many standard bottles are contained in a magnum of champagne?
- 9. LITERARY: Who was the first official poet laureate of England?
- 10. HISTORY: Which treaty ended the American Revolution?

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

"The Bratty Bunch." Sitcom that features a family full of ill-mannered children.

answer

Cryptoquip

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- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



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SUBLETTE, ILLINOIS

On Tuesday evening, August 11, 2020, at six o'clock p.m., a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Sublette Fire Protection District at the Sublette Fire Station, located at 200 Virginia Street, Sublette, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. The public hearing will be followed by a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees with an agenda item in regard to the adoption of said ordinance.

A copy of the tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance is available for public inspection at the Sublette Fire Station. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard. By Order of the Corporate Authorities of the Sublette Fire Protection District, Lee County, Illinois.
Dated: June 9, 2020
Don Dinges, Secretary,
Board of Trustees
Sublette Fire Protection District
No. 0701
July 1, 2020

105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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LOCAL NEWS

Kishwaukee College announces plan for Fall 2020

MALTA — Kishwaukee College will be open for classes for the Fall 2020 semester. As the State of Illinois begins to re-open, Kishwaukee College is planning to bring some students, faculty and staff back to campus. The current plan is to offer the majority of classes online, with some lab and career and technical education courses on campus following CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines.

There are three types of courses for the fall:

1. Online/Online. These courses will be offered in a traditional online format. Students complete coursework at any time of day that works best for them.

2. Online/synchronous. These courses are online at a particular time, with scheduled virtual class meetings that students will attend via computer, providing live interaction between instructor and students. "Online/synchronous" class sessions will meet during the times listed on course schedule for those sections.

3. Hybrid. These courses will combine on-line lecture with limited on-campus meetings in labs, shops and studio art. These on-campus meetings will occur during the times listed on course schedule.

Kish is committed to providing quality, affordable education to students in a safe

environment. "We are looking forward to welcoming students back to campus in the fall with new safety guidelines and reduced capacity on campus and in the classroom," said Kish College president, Dr. Laurie Borowicz. "With the current plan, the College will be prepared to make quick adjustments to the course schedule and College operations should there be further disruptions if a surge in COVID-19 should happen."

With all courses having an online component, the College is committed to providing the necessary tools and resources needed for student success in the online environment. Having access to the required technology is key. The College has Chromebooks and laptops available for check out for students who do not have access to a computer. In addition, the College campus will be open during set hours for students needing access to the internet.

Kish is a great local option, whether students are getting started on a college degree or wanting to prepare for a new career. We are here for you. The fall semester begins August 17. Students can enroll now online or set-up an appointment with an academic advisor our counselor. For more information, visit www.kish.edu/fall.

White encourages customers to sign up for online service to receive license plate sticker renewal notices by email

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White encouraged residents to visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com to sign up to receive license plate sticker renewal notices by email. This service provides customers 24/7 access to renew their sticker online. As a result of email reminder notices, the office experienced a 103% increase in online license plate sticker renewals from June 1-21, with 338,602 customers renewing online over the three week period. This service allows customers to renew online instead of waiting in line at Driver Services Facilities.

"Customers who receive the email reminder notice can renew online 24/7 at www.cyberdriveillinois.com and avoid waiting in line at Driver Service Facilities," said White. "On June 16th, 38,735 license plate stickers were renewed online — a record high for renewals in one day, surpassing the previous high by 10,000. This was after a mass renewal reminder notification was sent to customers who had signed up for the service."

To register, drivers will need their vehicle registration card or past renewal notice containing their Registration ID and PIN numbers. If vehicle owners do not have a renewal notice or a current registration card, they should call the Public Inquiry Division at 800-252-8980. After obtaining their Registration ID and PIN numbers, they can visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and go to the "License Plate Renewal Email Notices" under Online Services.

A series of three reminder emails are sent to motorists -- three months before expiration, then one month before expiration and the third email is sent the day of expiration. When the sticker is renewed, the reminder emails stop until the following year when it is time to renew again.

Currently, more than 2.8 million motorists have signed up to receive reminder notices by email.

Recycle! Recycle!

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PRODUCE & WEEKLY SPECIALS

Washington Cherries



lb.

Driscoll's Strawberries



container

Red or Green Seedless Grapes



lb.

Tomatoes on the Vine



lb.

Lemons



ea.

Cantaloupe



ea.

Watermelon



ea.

Cool Whip

8 oz



ea.

Reg. Price \$2.19 ea.

HOT BUYS

AMBOY DELI

Bacon, Cheddar Cheese Burger with Wedges and 16 oz Drink Meal

\$5.99

ea.

Reg. Price \$7.19 ea.

Kemp's Ice Cream

Assorted 48 oz

\$3.99

ea.

Reg. Price \$5.29 ea.



Cheez It or Town House Crackers

12-13.8 oz

\$2.99

ea.

Reg. Price \$3.99-4.49 ea.



Wide A Wake Coffee

10 Ct K-Cups or Ground 11-12 oz Assorted

\$2.99

ea.

Reg. Price \$4.99 ea.



Pepsi Products

12 Pack Cans

3/\$12

Reg. Price \$5.99 ea.



Doritos Chips

Assorted 9-11.25 oz Excludes Party or Family Size

2/\$6

Reg. Price \$3.79 ea.



WEEKLY SPECIALS

Pillsbury Toaster Strudles

Assorted 11.7 oz

\$1.99

ea.

Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.



Johnsonville Brats

Party Pack 2.85 lb

\$9.99

ea.

Reg. Price \$11.99 ea.



Food Club Butter

Assorted 16 oz

\$3.29

ea.

Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.



Pringles

Assorted 4-5 oz

\$1.69

ea.

Reg. Price \$1.99 ea.



Gatorade

8 Pack

\$5.99

ea.

Reg. Price \$7.79 ea.



Ocean Spray Cocktails

Assorted 64 oz

\$3.29

ea.

Reg. Price \$3.89 ea.



Heinz Ketchup

38 oz

\$2.99

ea.

Reg. Price \$3.79 ea.



Hidden Valley Salad Dressing

Assorted 16 oz

\$3.49

ea.

Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.



Food Club Worcestershire Sauce

10 oz

\$1.29

ea.

Reg. Price \$1.59 ea.



Sunny D Juice

Assorted 64 oz

2/\$3

Reg. Price \$2.89 ea.



Dean's Dips

Assorted 16 oz

\$1.99

ea.

Reg. Price \$2.39 ea.



Sale goes through July 7, 2020

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