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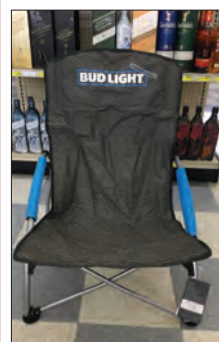
Show your patriotism, your good taste, your decorating prowess or just have fun by entering the Fourth of July Home Decorating Contest.

Deadline: Entries are being accepted now and should be uploaded before 5 p.m., Saturday, June 27, for entry.

Voting: Voting begins online at 5:01 p.m., on Saturday, June 27 and remains open until 5 p.m., on Sunday, July 5.

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

Grand Prize: The top 5 winners receive one of the prizes pictured below.



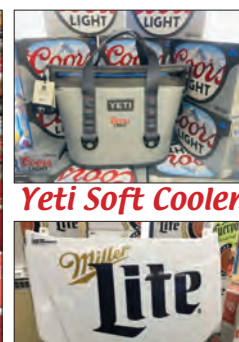
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Saturday, June 27th

Confession: St. Patrick Church, Maytown
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Mass at 4:00 pm
at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sublette

Mass at 5:30 pm
at St. Mary of the Assumption, West Brooklyn

Sunday, June 28th

Confessions: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sublette
9:15 – 10:00 am

Mass at 8:00 am
at St. Patrick Church, Maytown

Mass at 10:30 am
at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sublette



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TEEN TURF

Thank You's

Thank you to all those that donate Aluminum cans.

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.

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.

Teen Turf refrigerated food giveaway

Mark your calendars, due to a blessing from United Way, Teen Turf will be having a free perishable food giveaway on July 1 from 10-11 a.m. at the Teen Turf building at 235 West Main in Amboy.

A Note to say hello or Happy Birthday in June

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 75+ cards.

Final Word

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide. That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will. John D. Rayner

Dozens of endangered turtles to be released

FRANKLIN GROVE — More than 70 threatened Blanding's turtles will be released in two prairie preserves for the first time thanks to a new collaborative species protection program involving The Nature Conservancy (TNC) of Illinois, Forest Preserve Districts in DuPage and Lake Counties, Richardson Wildlife Foundation and Northern Illinois University.

Scientists plan to release the year-old turtles, known for their apparent permanent "smile," at Nachusa Grasslands and the Richardson Wildlife Foundation, which together encompass nearly 6,000-acres of restored prairie, woodlands and wetlands in Lee County.

A large threat to the species is predation—survival rates increase as the turtles grow and reach adulthood. It's something many of them don't live to see—currently, the turtles are a needle in a haystack on this land and others in the state, with less than 20 remaining on both sites. Studies show that most Blanding's nests are raided by raccoons and other animals.

"We are invested in protecting and expanding populations of the few turtles that remain," said Elizabeth Bach, Ecosystem Restoration Scientist for The Nature Conservancy at Nachusa Grasslands. "It's truly an extraordinary wildlife effort involving the collaboration of scientists from across the state. We're excited to be part of this species' critical and rewarding conservation journey."

Eggs were collected one year ago at both sites, a difficult, delicate and often days-long process requiring a deep dedication from the scientists involved. The eggs were then incubated by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. Once hatched, the hatchlings were transferred to the Lake County Forest Preserve District, where experts have raised the baby turtles ever since, a process called headstarting.

In the wild, Blanding's hatchlings hibernate during the winter months, but at the facility in Lake County, they stay awake to eat, potentially growing to the size of a three to four-year-old turtle in a year's time. Turtles are released back into the wild when they grow large enough to better protect themselves from predators.

A team from the Department of Biological Sciences at Northern Illinois University will place custom-built transmitters on a portion of the Blanding's turtles ahead of the release at each site to track survival rates.

"The headstart program has been crucial to helping stabilize and grow the Blanding's turtle population in Lake County," said Gary Glowacki, Wildlife Ecologist at the Lake County Forest Preserve District. "We're thrilled to support this effort at Nachusa Grasslands and the Richardson Wildlife Foundation."

The species is one of seven endangered turtles native to Illinois. The Blanding's turtle release will supplement an existing small and vulnerable population of animals to their habitats and is, ultimately, a step to restore the whole ecosystem. As the climate rapidly changes, this is also a demonstration of the importance of land protection and how a connected landscape can support a species as populations are forced to relocate and adjust to these profound changes. Illinois residents can get involved in the initiative by learning about a main cause of habitat loss — human development.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PAWPAW—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 26, at Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.

org to make an appointment to donate.

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—St. Patrick

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

Employees raise money for local food pantries

BYRON — Employees at Exelon Generation's Byron Generating Station recently set a goal to raise \$25,000 for local food pantries to help families affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

The nuclear plant's workers eclipsed that goal, raising more than \$35,000 for nearly two dozen area food banks. About half of the amount raised went to Northern Illinois Food Bank.

"Our essential workforce continues to safely generate carbon-free electricity for the region. But after seeing local job losses and a weakening economy, our employees wanted to do something positive for the region and beyond," said Mark Kanavos, site vice president at Byron Generating Station. "We all know someone affected in some way by the coronavirus pandemic. Helping to fill food pantry shelves is just one way we can assist in this time of need."

Byron Station's employee resource groups (ERGs) also contributed funds from their respective committees, each of which has a specific focus area like military charity support, nuclear power education and employee goodwill.

"In these challenging days the donations received by Bread of Life Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen in Stillman Valley are making it possible to feed our neighbors in need," said Bread of Life board member Alicia Lindholtz. "Exelon Generation has shown itself once again to be generous and community minded. We are very grateful for their support."

Byron Generating Station employees donated to the following food banks/pantries:

Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry, Belvidere-Boone County Food Pantry, Bread of Life of Stillman Valley, Community Food Pantry of Dixon, Echo Food Bank of Janesville (Wis.), Feeding America, Freeport Area Church Cooperative, Lifeline & Self Help of Oregon, New Life Community Center of Forreston, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Pecatonica Community Food Pantry, People Helping People of Byron, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, Rock River Food Pantry, Rockford Rescue Mission, Sauk Valley Food Bank, Sycamore Food Pantry, Sycamore United Methodist Food, and Walworth (Wis.) County Food Pantry

OSFM stresses fireworks safety during 4th of July

SPRINGFIELD — The 4th of July is usually celebrated with cookouts, outdoor activates and fireworks shows. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many communities have canceled their displays. This is raising concerns about an increase in use of novelty fireworks and illegal fireworks in Illinois.

Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez says, "Due to numerous community fireworks displays being canceled, we are concerned that people will resort to lighting fireworks in their backyard. It is important to remember fireworks are dangerous and should only be used by someone who has a permit and the proper training. We still want people to remember our safety message; Fireworks: Leave them to the Professionals!"

According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks started an estimated 19,500 fires in 2018, including 1,900 structure fires, 500 vehicle fires, and 17,100 outside and other fires. These fires caused five deaths, 46 civilian injuries, and \$105 million in direct property damage in the United States. These fires are not only caused by commercial/consumer fireworks, but also by unregulated novelty fireworks that are sometimes purchased at local supermarkets.

"Home fireworks should be limited to 'novelties' including sparklers, snappers, poppers, etc. as can be purchased in any general retailer. Even these can be very dangerous. Sparklers account for the greatest number of fireworks injuries, and often to the youngest victims. Sparklers burn in excess of 1,200 degrees — hot enough to melt many metals and hot enough turn steel glowing red. An instantaneous touch of this will cause a burn and may result in permanent damage or scarring," said Bob Wetzel OSFM Fire Safety Compliance Manager.

Healthcare facilities reported 126 persons having been injured and one person killed by fireworks during the 2019 seasonal reporting period in Illinois, which is between June 23 and July 20.

Males accounted for around 71 percent compared to just 27 percent females of all reported fireworks injuries. Almost half of all injuries (48 percent) occurred to persons over 22 years of age. Children under 6 years of age and 7-10 years old accounted for 22 percent of all injuries.



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Early Deadlines

The Amboy News will have

EARLY DEADLINES

for our issue on July 1 due to the Fourth of July Holiday.

The advertising deadline will be Thursday, June 25 at Noon.

The editorial deadline will be Friday, June 26 at 10 a.m.

The July 1st edition will be distributed on the afternoon Monday, June 29.

The Amboy News office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd for the holiday.



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Meetings and events: Venues and meeting spaces can resume with the lesser of up to 50 people OR 50% of overall room capacity. Multiple groups are permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups. This includes activities such as conferences and weddings.

Indoor and Outdoor recreation: Revised guidelines to allow select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks), as well as clubhouses to reopen. Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers OR 50% of facility capacity with outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups; concessions permitted with restrictions.

Indoor Dining: Indoor dining can reopen with groups of 10 or less, with tables spaced 6-feet apart in seated areas and with standing areas at no more than 25% of capacity.

Museums: Can reopen with no more than 25% occupancy, and with interactive exhibits and rides closed; guided tours should be limited to 50 people or fewer per group; museums should have a plan to limit congregation

via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing; concessions permitted with restrictions.

Zoos: Can reopen with no more than 25% occupancy, and with interactive exhibits, indoor exhibits, and rides closed; guided tours should be limited to 50 people or fewer per group; zoos should have a plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing; concessions permitted with restrictions.

Cinema and Theatre: Indoor seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers to allow admission of the lesser of up to 50 guests OR 50% of overall theater or performance space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall theater or performance space capacity; concessions permitted with restrictions.

Outdoor seated spectator events: Outdoor spectator sports can resume with no more than 20% of seating capacity; concessions permitted with restrictions.

Film production: Allow no more than 50% of sound stage or filming location capacity; crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer.

Industries with revised guidelines in Phase 4:
Youth and Recreational Sports: Revised guidelines

allow competitive gameplay and tournaments; youth and recreational sports venues can operate at 50% of facility capacity, 20% seating capacity for spectators, and group sizes up to 50 with multiple groups permitted during practice and competitive games given venues have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups; concessions permitted with restrictions.

Health and fitness centers: Revised guidelines allow gyms to open at 50% capacity and allow group fitness classes of up to 50 people with new safety guidelines for indoors, with multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups.

Day camps: Water-based activities permitted in accordance with IDPH guidelines; no more than 50% of facility capacity with group size of no more than 15 participants in a group, unless participants changing weekly.

OBITUARIES

Clara "Betty" Elizabeth North

Dec. 3, 1938 - June 22, 2020

DIXON — Clara "Betty" Elizabeth North, 81, of Dixon, passed away Monday, June 22, 2020, at her home in Dixon, surrounded by her family.

Betty was born Dec. 3, 1938, in Lee County, the daughter of Jess and Anna (Griffith) Partington. She married Edwin "Butch" North on June 17, 1961, in Dixon. He preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 2018. Betty was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Dixon.

Betty was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed traveling with her family and spoiling her grandchildren. She loved bowling, golfing and lunching with her girlfriends. Antiquing and decorating her home was her passion. Betty was a beautiful seamstress. Her originals included a collection of wedding dresses, baptismal gowns and special occasion dresses all mostly

for family.

She is survived by her four children, Dave (Denise) North, Doug North, both of Dixon, Linda (Todd) Thomas, Laurie (Todd) Baer, both of Minn.; nine grandchildren, Colin Voigt, Cole Voigt, Kyle Thomas, Austin North, Alex North, Anna Baer, Samantha Baer, Jake North, and Addison North; two sisters, Janice (Arlan) Ayres, of Chandler, Ariz., and Joyce (Duane) Burkhardt, one brother, Jesse M. (Ronda) Partington, one sister-in-law, June Partington, all of Dixon.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, five siblings, John Partington, James (Mona) Partington, Patrick (Lurita) Partington, Lila (John) Burhenn, and Alvera (Ray) Forney.

Private family graveside service will be on Friday, June 26, 2020, at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy, with Pastor David Schweppe,



officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dixon or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

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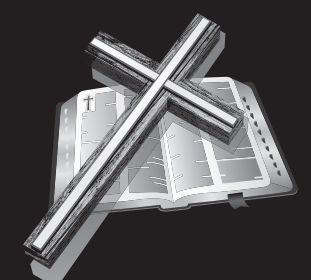
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The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

A Vanished World

They are gone now. Fled, banished in death or exile, lost, undone. Over the land sun and wind still move to burn and sway the trees, the grasses. No avatar, no scion, no vestige of that people remains. On the lips of the strange race that now dwells there their names are myth, legend, dust." So ends Cormac McCarthy's first novel "The Orchard Keeper" from 1965. The vanished people are from a tiny isolated place called Red Branch in the hill country of eastern Tennessee between the wars.

It is a pastoral world in which traditional values such as community and religion have deteriorated under the escalating pressure of urbanization, commercial expansion, and governmental intrusions upon the lives of the novel's characters. McCarthy metaphorically depicts the precariousness of their lives: "At that time there was a place in the gap of the mountain called the Green Fly Inn ... At times the whole building would career madly to one side as though headlong into collapse. The drinkers would pause, liquid tilting in their glasses, the structure would shudder violently, a broom would fall, a bottle, and the inn would slowly right itself and assume once more its normal reeling equipoise. The drinkers would raise their glasses, talk would begin again."

The story revolves around three characters: Marion Sylder, a bootlegger, John Wesley Rattner, a young mountain boy, and Uncle Arthur Ownby, an old, solitary woodsman, who lives with his ancient dog Scout beside a rotting apple orchard. But Arthur still dreams: "If I was a younger man, he told himself, I would move to them mountains. I would find me a clearwater branch and build me a log house with a fireplace. And my bees would make black mountain honey. And I wouldn't care for no man."

One night "Marion Sylder came through the door of the inn resplendent in gray gabardines, the trousers pressed to a knife edge, the shirt creased thrice across the back in military fashion." Later on he picks up a hitchhiker who attempts to murder and rob him. Sylder kills the man in self-defense and dumps the corpse in a gravel pit on Arthur's property. The robber is Kenneth Rattner, John Wesley's father who had deserted his family. Still, John Wesley's mother makes him vow to take vengeance on his father's killer. Sylder and Arthur befriend the boy and become his mentors. The ending is as bleak as the incessant mountain rain, though John Wesley does decide to leave to escape the fate of his people.

I should add that this is an exasperating novel, as detailed in a 1965 review: "Dense prose packed with elaborate figures of speech; deliberate ambiguity, hints and withheld information; confusion in time and place, flashbacks that fail to shed much light into the intermittent gloom."

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven." Matthew 18:10. What an amazing verse this is. Our Lord had just finished challenging His followers to become like 'children' by modeling their humility and innocence (vs 4). He then gives us a glimpse into Heaven's perspective and activity by telling them that angels are actually commissioned by God with the task of their care. Truly a powerful and eye-opening Scripture.

This should serve as both a comfort and a challenge to those of us reading this. It is comforting to know that even as children we are given angels from our Heavenly Father with the express purpose of ministering to us in whatever capacity is needed. It is also very likely that these same angels may be the ones to escort us to heaven when our life in this world is over... And though angels are not on the same level of power as almighty God - it is comforting to know non-the-less.

Yet the "challenge" of this same Scripture is "not to despise" or offend one of these little ones. We will give an account to God for our personal interaction with the children God chooses to place in our lives. Whether we realize it or not - this is a fact - straight from the

Bible. Their angels... behold the face of God. We should always strive to be kind and good hearted to the children and other people in our lives and to teach them godliness.

Our influence can be life-changing. To this day I can still remember the adults (many of them gray-haired) who had a good and godly influence upon my life. They have since gone home to be with the Lord—but their godly influence still continues to day. And we may never know when or how our actions and words may affect and influence another individual in a timeless way. Not just our children, but adults too.

Every summer churches across the United States host Vacation Bible School as a means of reaching children

for Christ. Unfortunately, this summer will be a little different.

Though many churches are unable to host VBS this year as a result of Covid-19 and the corresponding "Social Distancing", the Refuge Church is still holding Vacation Bible Camp - Virtually - complete with songs, crafts, snacks, memory verses, and biblically based lessons.

Though I don't "advertise" our church in this column, I do want to make this local ministry available to those with children or grandchildren who may not otherwise have a means of participating in this important children's ministry.

We are not "professional" by any means - and in no way flamboyant, but we

are very sincere, authentic, and biblically based. And it is Free. Many good-hearted people are involved with the sincere desire to reach children for Christ.

The date for our Virtual VBS is June 22-26th, 2020. It will require a little preparation on your part (obtaining snack and craft items beforehand - we will post it on our Facebook page). Our hope is that it can be a blessing for you and the children in your lives. Find us on Facebook or YouTube: "The Refuge Church - Amboy, IL." Or from our website: <https://refugechurchcamp.org>. If you have any questions call: 815-849-5930.

'Til next time - May God Bless you.

Pastor John

TNPS reschedules Nuts About Art

DIXON— Due to the ongoing COVID-19 issue The Next Picture Show has rescheduled "Nuts About Art" for 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 12, at John Dixon Park.

Originally scheduled for July 4 this annual event draws artists from across the Tri-State area showcasing their original works of art

including paintings, graphics, sculpture, jewelry, photography, drawing and artisan craft like clay, fiber, glass, metal, paper and wood.

The entry deadline for artists has been extended to Aug. 1. Forms are available at TNPS Art Center, online at www.nextpictureshow.com.

Educational Briefs

Iowa State University announces spring 2020 Dean's List

AMES, Iowa — More than 12,500 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2020 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 9 credit hours of graded course work.

Students listed below are from your area.

Dixon

Clay Wilson Jungerman, 4, Mechanical Engineering
Olivia Frances Pultorak, 4, Kinesiology and Health
Emily Victoria Smith, 4, Chemical Engineering
Erika L. Smith, 4, Mechanical Engineering
Kayla Renee McCormick, 2, Accounting

Local students named to Marquette University's spring 2020 Dean's List

MILWAUKEE Wis. — The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dixon

Lexie Murray, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising
Justin Sherman, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Operations & Supply Chain Mgmt

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2020 semester and have no disqualifying grades.

The GPA threshold varies by college - for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

NIU Spring 2020 Graduation List

DEKALB - Over 2,500 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in May. Included among the graduates were the following students from your area:

Ashton

Hope Friday, Master of Accounting Science, Accountancy

Dixon

Amy Clemens, Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies: Educational Leadership
Angelia Faller, Master of Science in Education, School Counseling
Linda Fane, Bachelor of Science, Nutrition, Dietetics, and Wellness

Michael Isaac, Bachelor of Arts, English
Bailey McClain, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies

Brittany Nice, Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences
Elizabeth Ortgiesen, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering
Caitlin Refatllari, Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Jessica Sanders, Bachelor of Science, Early Childhood Education with Preschool Special Education Approval
Michael Stockdale, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science - Politics and Gov-

ernance

Lauren Turffs, Bachelor of Arts, Journalism
Rachael Turffs, Master of Accounting Science, Accountancy

Franklin Grove

Maria Beltran, Master of Accounting Science, Accountancy

Lee

Lucy Johnson, Bachelor of Arts, History
Emerson Witte, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering

Paw Paw

Drew Winterton, Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering
William Zeman, Bachelor of Science, Political Science - Politics and Governance

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Peyton Gatz, Bachelor of Science, Management - Leadership and Management
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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

Why Illinois state lawmakers are still in line for an \$1,800 pay raise

BY AUSTIN BERG
The Center Square

We don't want nobody that nobody sent" is the most famous phrase on Chicago-style corruption. But a lesser-known saying from the Daley machine explains the ongoing drama about whether state lawmakers just gave themselves an \$1,800 pay raise in the middle of a pandemic.

"Don't make no waves, don't back no losers."

Illinois lawmakers are still likely to receive a \$1,800 pay raise. But some have tried their best to make no waves by giving themselves cover from backlash.

It didn't work.

Average Illinoisans—1.1 million of whom are jobless—were outraged to the point where Comptroller Susana Mendoza released a video assuring the public that lawmakers would be getting \$0 in pay raises this year.

Kudos to Mendoza for standing up against political pay raises.

There's just one problem: It's not her choice to make. The state comptroller does not create a budget and decide who gets paid and who doesn't, she simply pays the bills for the state. Members of the General Assembly and the governor are the ones who create a budget and make it law.

And by refusing to reform the law, Statehouse Democrats decided to make \$1,800 political pay raises more likely than not.

Follow along closely to understand how.

At the tail end of his term, former Gov. Pat Quinn tried to withhold lawmaker paychecks to pressure them into passing pension reform. House Speaker Mike Madigan didn't take kindly to a governor wielding this kind of power over his members. So, along with then-Senate President John Cullerton, he passed a new law defining lawmaker pay and pay raises as a "continuing appropriation." A continuing appropriation is like a bill that automatically gets paid each month, with or without a budget.

That means it doesn't matter whether the governor uses his veto power to zero out appropriations for lawmaker raises. And it doesn't matter if lawmakers pass a budget appropri-

ating \$0 to raises.

The Illinois law says the money shall be paid even if "aggregate appropriations made available are insufficient to meet the levels required" and "for any reason."

In order to stop the raises, lawmakers must pass a new law specifically prohibiting them. They could also pass a law removing automatic raises from the definition of compensation, which the Illinois Supreme Court has ruled.

From fiscal years 2014-2019, they did the former. Lawmakers included specific language in the budget to stop their own pay raises.

This year they didn't.

Under the law, appropriating \$0 and touting a handshake agreement with the comptroller's office is not enough to stop lawmaker pay hikes. But that's what lawmakers did.

Imagine if the General Assembly verbally agreed to stop paying retirees' pension payments. Or if lawmakers decided to budget \$0 to pay the electric bills for the Capitol complex. "The [pay raises] are on autopilot," wrote Rich Miller of the Springfield political blog Capitol Fax. "They have to vote themselves to stop it from happening."

If Pritzker and state lawmakers fail to pass a law prohibiting lawmaker pay raises this year—and Mendoza doesn't cut larger checks for lawmaker pay—they will expose Illinois taxpayers to expensive lawsuits from aggrieved politicians.

Who would be brazen enough to sue for political backpay during a pandemic?

Do not underestimate state lawmakers. Especially after they retire.

In 2016, a group of Democratic members of the House of Representatives successfully sued to get paid during the state's budget impasse. More recently, two retired state lawmakers sued for backpay for every year the General Assembly voted to freeze their own pay. Some lawmakers are using that lawsuit—which is still ongoing—as a justification for why they didn't pass a bill stopping their pay raises this year.

Again, make no waves.

This argument ignores the fact that there was legislation on the table to reform the system—ensuring Illinoisans were protected from political pay raises going forward.

"The General Assembly could have solved the recurring problem of legislative pay increases in this past session," said State Sen. Craig Wilcox, R-McHenry.

"Unfortunately for Illinois taxpayers, my legislation never received a vote."

Wilcox introduced a bill back in February to permanently end automatic pay raises for lawmakers. But Senate Bill 3607 died in the Senate Assignments Committee without a hearing.

If lawmakers were serious about stopping pay hikes, they would have passed a bill specifically stopping the raises, dared anyone to sue (and taken it all the way up to the Illinois Supreme Court if necessary), and passed a statute ending all automatic pay hikes for future General Assemblies.

Instead, Illinoisans got a half-hearted song and dance that could end with raises for politicians as their constituents can't find jobs.

This entire drama is uncomfortable for rank-and-file Democrats in Springfield.

Some surely would not have voted to hike their pay this year after voting for a \$1,600 pay hike last year, which Pritzker signed into law. They are the fifth-highest paid state lawmakers in the nation—and the highest paid among any "full-time" state lawmakers.

But a failure in leadership means they're now forced to defend actions that will not stand up to scrutiny in court.

For the rest of Illinois, make no mistake:

State lawmakers did not protect you from political pay raises. They just made it harder to follow the money.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I've been away for 49 years. Three weeks after my graduation from AHS, I left for college. And except for the passing of my parents, my trips home have been short and infrequent. But that is changing. Just as I started my life on a farm in Sublette, I plan to "bookend" the end of my life on that farm in Sublette. And for this phase, I am happily bringing my husband with me. He is the reason for this letter.

You or your children may know him, as Dr. Rothenberger, if you took the entry level chemistry lecture class at Illinois State. He is a kind, gentle, generous man. You may not see that to look at him. Every day he puts on a clean pair of dark knit pants, a black tee shirt and when he goes out, a blue denim

baseball cap and dark backpack; that's it—every day. He has a white beard and frankly, he looks homeless. Which isn't a problem when he stays here on the farm, but his preferred form of exercise is to walk.

What goes through your mind when you see someone walking alongside the road after "I wonder if he has car trouble?" Yep, me too. But in this case, that man shouldn't be avoided or endangered. He needs to be embraced and protected. Appearances are deceiving. Please help me welcome and orient this compass challenged person to the Sublette and Amboy area. He belongs. This is his new home.

Thank you,
C Amy Palmer Rothenberger

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago June 25, 1920

Miss Gladys B. Morrissey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Morrissey of Walton, was married Tuesday morning in St. Mary's Church at Walton to Mr. Lloyd A. Dieter of Vaile, Iowa.

Mr. G.H. Sturtz and family started last week on a several month's motoring trip sight seeing and visiting friends in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland.

Mrs. S.M. Hinds and children of Dixon who had been visiting at the Frank Brooks farm northwest of town, returned to their home in Dixon Tuesday morning.

75 Years Ago June 21, 1945

Miss Pat Lauer is enjoying a vacation from her work at The First National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGrath and son, Jack, Mrs. George Tait, Mr. and Mrs.

John Faley and Staff Sergeant Joseph Keenan, who was recently liberated from a German prison camp, motored to the Great Lakes Sunday and visited the former's sons, Ed McGrath, Stanley Cox and Jack Faley.

50 Years Ago June 25, 1970

Amboy Lions Club has completed arrangements for Amboy youngsters to have swimming lessons at the Mendota Pool. The lessons will be given five days a week starting July 20 and running through July 31.

25 Years Ago June 29, 1995

Doug and Linda Schrock have sold Sublette Meat Center to Eddie and Beth Morrissey and now intend to devote more time to their catering business. In

21 years at the meat center, which they purchased from Beth's grandfather, Howard Leffelman, the couple have seen many changes in the area economy and in their business.

Eddie and Beth Morrissey recently purchased Sublette Meat Center from Doug and Linda Schrock and have renamed their business Country Village Meats. The new name dates back almost 20 years, not nearly as far back as the family's roots in the butcher trade. The story behind the name stems from a conversation Jerry Leffelman, Beth's father, had with a family who came to this area from the Chicago suburbs and stopped in Sublette to ask directions from Jerry. They called Sublette a "nice little country village" and the name struck Leffelman as appropriate. He registered it with the county in 1976, and now it graces the business where Jerry once worked with his father, Howard Leffelman.

Illinois PTA calls for statewide learning recovery plan

Submitted by the Illinois Parent Teacher Association

As the current school year ends in districts across our state, school staff, from teachers and principals to bus drivers and school nurses, have shown to be true heroes for our students and families in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. These truly essential employees have delivered our communities meals, provided health alerts and information, supported our children with a quick transition to remote learning, and served as vital lifelines for countless students and families. We are extremely grateful to them and applaud their strength and commitment.

Now, as we begin to prepare for a return to school, it is clear our students and teachers will need support as schools re-engage. This crisis has taken an emotional and academic toll on every student in the state. Whether young people have lost a loved one, struggled through economic loss and hardship, worried about how to keep up with college tuition, or simply wrestled with isolation and anxiety, no young person in the state has been unscathed by the upheaval and dislocation of this pandemic.

As parents, we have seen firsthand that remote learning is not a substitute for in-person instruction and schooling. We see that many of our children are not covering all their lessons and material, are less engaged and have far less opportunity for peer to peer growth and development. We know that our schools had limited time and resources to plan for remote learning, and that we as parents had little time to prepare for what would be needed at home too. But we cannot let our children suffer—either next year or in the long term as a result. Just as Governor JB Pritzker identified the need for a state-

wide and regional approach for opening up the state, we need a statewide approach for reopening schools that recognizes local conditions but ensures equity, rigor, and recovery for all of our children and schools. While every student has been affected, we know that the impact of this crisis has been felt unevenly across race, income, citizenship status, and need. It is our job as adults to ensure that our educational recovery focuses resources on communities and students who will need them most.

We need our state leadership to ensure that Illinois has a comprehensive learning recovery plan. This plan should include elements that ensure our school communities have the social-emotional and mental health supports for students and educators; educator planning time, support, and training to navigate unprecedented emotional and academic impact; infrastructure, training, and other supports to close the digital divide; targeted supports for students most impacted by COVID-19; and additional school time to address learning and social-emotional needs.

Every student's future is at stake right now. History and research show that if we do not support students emotionally and if we do not help them make up missed academics, their educational and employment outcomes will be forever changed. These losses will follow them into adulthood where a vast majority of them will live and work in Illinois. Providing our children a quality education is as critical for us as it is for them. Leaders from across our state must work urgently to craft and implement a plan that will ensure our students' futures are not shortchanged. Working together, we can make every child's full potential their reality.

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LOCAL NEWS

IDNR asks boaters to keep drinks dry on the water this summer

SPRINGFIELD – As summer heats up and Illinoisans hit the water to celebrate Independence Day, Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Conservation Police Officers are reminding boat operators to always drive sober while on the water.

“When we talk about drunk driving, most people immediately associate it with getting behind the wheel of a car, but they should remember the same problems occur when boat operators drive drunk,” said Lt. Curt Lewis, boating law administrator, Illinois Conservation Police. “Just like a car or truck, boats are large, heavy machinery that become extremely dangerous to operate when you’re under the influence.

“Too often, boating accidents and fatalities in Illinois happen because boat operators

are impaired while driving their watercraft,” Lewis added. “We understand people want to enjoy the water with family and friends, we just ask that they do it responsibly. The safety of their family, friends and other boaters depends on it.”

Already this year, Conservation Police Officers have made 17 arrests for operating under the influence – 10 in June alone. Last year, Conservation Police Officers made 103 arrests for boaters operating under the influence (OUI). Additionally, Conservation Police Officers in 2019 issued 725 citations and 2,623 warnings in enforcement of Illinois boating safety laws.

Lewis said Illinois Conservation Police will be out in force during the Fourth of July holiday, not only checking for impaired boat

operators, but also making safety checks on watercraft throughout the state.

Next to boating sober, wearing a personal flotation device – or life jacket – is one of the easiest ways to stay safe on the water. Illinois requires that properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets or vests must be available for each person aboard a boat or other watercraft.

State law also requires that anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket while aboard any watercraft under 26 feet in length at all times the boat is underway, unless they are below deck in an enclosed cabin or operating on private property. Illinois law also requires persons of any age to wear a PFD while operating a personal watercraft or Jet Ski.

The IDNR offers boating safety courses that provide a review of boating laws and regulations, as well as instructions on safe and attentive operation of watercraft and encourages boaters of all ages to take a safety course.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1998 must pass a course and have a valid Boating Safety Certificate to operate a motorboat (with over 10 horsepower).

While the IDNR normally offers free boating safety courses taught by volunteer instructors, those courses are suspended at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When the courses resume, schedules will be available on the IDNR website’s boating information page. For a fee, online boating safety courses are available.

Pritzker signs vote-by-mail expansion, recent voters, those who changed addresses will receive mail-in application

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SPRINGFIELD – Anyone who cast a ballot in the last three years or who registered to vote or changed addresses after the March primary will be sent an application to vote by mail after Gov. JB Pritzker signed a bill expanding the program Tuesday.

In a news release, Pritzker’s office said the program is aimed at ensuring “safe and active participation in the 2020 general election during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.”

Pritzker signed Senate Bill 1863 and House Bill 2238, which also expands early voting hours at permanent polling places and makes election day a state holiday.

Local election authorities must mail or email the applications to voters who cast a ballot in the 2018 general election, the 2019 consolidated election or the 2020 general primary election, as well as voters who registered or changed addresses after the March primary.

Any eligible voter who submits an application by October 1 will receive their ballot by October 6.

“Sending vote-by-mail applications to

residents who have participated in recent elections will allow more people to exercise that right from the safety of their own homes and help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our communities,” Pritzker said in a news release.

The changes were backed by the House Democratic Women’s Caucus and sponsored by Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park, in the House and Sen. Julie Morrison, D-Lake Forest, in the Senate.

“The COVID 19 pandemic has created many challenges, but participation in the November election should not be one of them,” Burke, an assistant majority leader in the House, said in a statement. “Just as we have taken precautions to make shopping, traveling, and other everyday tasks safer, we must also take precautions and make adjustments to ensure everyone can safely exercise their right to vote.”

Republicans, however, have argued that the program is susceptible to fraud.

In Illinois Senate floor debate last month, Republicans raised questions on costs, input from county clerks, the security of collection sites and automatic sending of ballot applications.

Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, argued the bill creates a system with “significant” costs that are unnecessary given that Illinois already allows any citizen to vote by mail. He added it would also place a “significant burden” on local election authorities, whom he also argued have not been able to offer enough input.

The Illinois State Board of Elections filed a fiscal note saying that if the bill’s provisions are fully implemented by every local election authority, it would eat up every dollar of the more than \$16.7 million the state will receive from the federal CARES Act for elections.

The legislation also requires the Illinois State Board of Elections to: post an application for a vote by mail ballot on its website; allow a new registrant to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot when completing the online registration; provide notice to election authorities about compliance with the new law; and adopt emergency rules to provide reimbursement for expenses related to the 2020 general election incurred as a result of COVID-19 and the new requirements.

The legislation also raises the standard for rejecting a vote-by-mail ballot by requiring local election authorities to appoint

a bipartisan panel of three election judges to verify voters’ signatures and the validity of the ballot. Previously, only one election judge made this determination.

Also per the new laws, permanent branch polling places are required to be open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the weekends and holidays for early voting.

Curb-side voting, allowing voters to fill out the ballot outside of the polling place, will also be permitted.

Completed vote-by-mail ballots can be returned at new collection sites, which HB 2238 requires to be locked and opened only by election authorities.

The legislation also requires local election authorities to establish a central voting site where anyone who lives in the jurisdiction can vote, regardless of precinct.

The new laws take effect immediately and only apply to the 2020 general election.

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Sauk Valley College Foundation awards scholarships to all applicants

STERLING — Sauk Valley College Foundation is proud to announce that every applicant, who successfully completed the scholarship application for the summer semester, received a scholarship.

SVCF awarded a total of \$57,975 in scholarships for the summer semester.

On average, SVCF awards \$10,000 in scholarships, for students enrolled in the summer semester. Many SVCC students

have found themselves financially impacted by COVID-19, causing the demand for aid to rise; a demand that SVCF gladly matched.

Awarding five-times the average amount in scholarships, and offering separate aid via the Chris Byar Student Emergency Fund, SVCF continues to rally around students to help in their time of need. Lori Cortez, Dean of Institutional Advancement said “Empowering our students to be successful

is at an all time high. The SVCF is honored to assist students in their pursuit of a higher education so that they can become a valuable part of the local workforce.”

Fall semester scholarship applications open on July 1 and must be fully completed and submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 31.

SVCF has merit and need-based scholarship awards usually ranging from \$150

to \$1,000.

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 20-0601 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION FOR THE AMBOY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE GENERAL AND AMBULANCE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AMBOY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That the following is an estimate, by source, of the expected receipts of the Amboy Fire Protection District General, Insurance, and Audit Funds the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021:

GENERAL FUND	
ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES	
Cash on Hand at May 1, 2020	\$220,000.00
Estimated Real Estate Tax Receipts	285,000.00
Replacement Taxes	5,000.00
Foreign Fire Insurance Tax	8,500.00
Interest	1,200.00
Grants	30,000.00
Restitution	300.00
Insurance Claims	100.00
Donations	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS AND FUNDS AVAILABLE	
	\$555,150.00

SECTION II. That the following sums of money be and they are hereby budgeted and appropriated for general corporate purposes for the Amboy Fire Protection District, for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021 for the following purposes:

ADMINISTRATION	
Utilities	\$9,000.00
Telephone	1,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	25,000.00
Fuel	5,000.00
Fire Equipment	20,000.00
Firemen Training	20,000.00
Office Supplies	2,900.00
Insurance	32,500.00
Miscellaneous	6,000.00
Professional Services	30,000.00
Trustee Fees	900.00
Contingency Expense	5,000.00
Building/Grounds	15,000.00
Equipment Replacement	5,000.00
Fitness Equipment	1,500.00
PPE/Uniforms	20,000.00
Fitness/Wellness	15,000.00
Fireman Reimbursement	5,500.00
Firemen Salaries	30,000.00
Payroll Taxes	3,000.00
Pumper / Tanker Reserve	250,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION FOR THE GENERAL FUND	
	\$502,800.00
ANTICIPATED CASH BALANCE	
APRIL 30, 2021	\$52,350.00

SECTION III. That the following is an estimate, by source, of the expected receipts of the Amboy Fire Protection District Ambulance Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021:

Cash on Hand and Receipts	
Cash Balance at May 1, 2020	\$90,000.00
Replacement Taxes	5,000.00
Restitution	300.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Interest	1,000.00
Ambulance Fees	325,000.00
Real Estate Taxes	197,350.00
Total Cash on Hand and Anticipated Receipts	\$618,850.00

SECTION IV. That the following sums of money be and hereby are budgeted and appropriated for ambulance services purposes for the Amboy Fire Protection District, for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021 as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	
Equipment Maintenance	\$7,200.00
Fuel	6,500.00
Equipment Purchase	15,000.00
EMT Training	15,000.00
Office Supplies	1,200.00
Trustee Fees	900.00
Utilities	8,900.00
Telephone	3,775.00
Insurance	25,000.00
Miscellaneous	4,000.00
Professional Services	26,500.00
ALS Services	13,000.00
Ambulance Billing	10,000.00
Bad Debt Adjustment	8,000.00
Medicare Debt Adjustment	76,133.00
Public Aid Debt Adjustment	56,500.00
Contingency Fund	4,000.00
Equipment Purchase Savings	4,000.00
Building/Grounds	7,500.00
Fitness/Wellness	7,000.00
PPE Replacement	3,000.00
Ambulance Gross Wages	137,500.00
Ambulance Payroll Taxes	13,750.00
Ambulance Fund Savings	100,000.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE SERVICES EXPENSE	
	\$554,358.00
ANTICIPATED CASH BALANCE	
APRIL 30, 2021	\$64,492.00

SECTION V. The Trustees shall have the power and authority during the aforesaid Fiscal Year from time to time, as in their judgment may be necessary, to make transfers among the various line item appropriations for the purpose of meeting exigencies that may arise during the year as permitted by law. To the extent permitted by applicable law,

all unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appropriation made by this Ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this Ordinance. The sums herein appropriated are appropriated from all sources of income, including but not limited to all sources of income from property taxes, and all other revenues of the Fire Protection District received from all sources of revenue. Should a deficiency exist in any fund or line item other than the General Fund for a purpose for which money may be legally appropriated and spent from the General Fund, that deficiency may be made up from the General Fund. The amount of any such deficiency in any such fund or line item other than the General Fund is hereby appropriated from the General Fund.

SECTION VI. If any section, subdivision or sentence of this Ordinance is held invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 20-0601 and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Amboy Fire Protection District within thirty (30) days of the date of its passage. The newspaper shall furnish a certificate of publication to the Secretary of the Fire Protection District, which certificate shall be placed in the official records of the Fire District and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after ten (10) days of its publication.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District this 1st day of June, 2020 and filed with the Secretary of the said Fire Protection District the same date.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

[Signature]
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of the Amboy Fire Protection
District

Approved by the President of the Amboy Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, this 1st day of June, 2020.

[Signature]

President

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District, a Fire Protection District organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, certifies that on the day and date hereof, he/she was the duly appointed, acting and qualified Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the said Fire Protection District; that in his/her capacity as Secretary he/she is the official keeper of the records, minutes and resolutions of said Fire Protection District and that the document attached hereto is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 20-0601 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION FOR THE AMBOY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE GENERAL, INSURANCE, AUDIT AND AMBULANCE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2020 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

the original of which is part of the official records of the said Amboy Fire Protection District.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2020.

[Signature]
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of the Amboy Fire Protection
District

The undersigned certifies that on the day and date hereof, he was the duly appointed, qualified and acting President of the Amboy Fire Protection District; that on the day and date hereof JOEL HOCHSTATTER was the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of the said Amboy Fire Protection District and in such capacity was the keeper of the official records, minutes and resolutions of the said Fire Protection District.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2020.

[Signature]

President of the Board of Trustees
of the Amboy Fire Protection
District

The undersigned, being the duly appointed and acting Treasurer of the Amboy Fire Protection District, as chief fiscal officer of said District, certifies that the estimate of receipts set forth above in Ordinance No. 20-0601, being the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Amboy Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021 correctly states the revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the said Fire Protection District for the fiscal year indicated. This certification is made in compliance with the provisions of 35 ILCS 200/18-50.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2020.

[Signature]

Treasurer, Board of Trustees
Amboy Fire Protection District
No. 0605

June 24, 2020

ZONING HEARING

A hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 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 6:00 p.m. Questions call city hall 857-3814.

No. 0604

June 24, 2020

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ROCHELLE : 1120 Pickwick Dr. Wednesday June 24th 10am-4pm & Thursday June 25th 8am-Noon. Multi Family. Something For Everyone. Clothes, Shoes, Purses, Housewares, Home Décor, Books, Crafting Items, and Lots More. (06-24-20)

ROCHELLE: 1212 Lakeland Dr. Friday June 26th & Saturday June 27th, 8am-1pm. Moving In Sale. Too Many Items to List. (06-24-20)

ROCHELLE: 817 N 7th St. Thursday June 25th, 2pm-6pm & Friday June 26th, 8am-5pm. Furniture, Clothes, Electronics, Home Décor, Miscellaneous Items, Lawn Mower, and Yard Equipment. (06-24-20)

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ROCHELLE: 301 Lake Lida Lane. Thursday June 25th & Friday June 26th, 9am-5pm. Clothes, Box Fan, Tools, Knives, Swords, Lots of Bikes, & Miscellaneous. (06-24-20)

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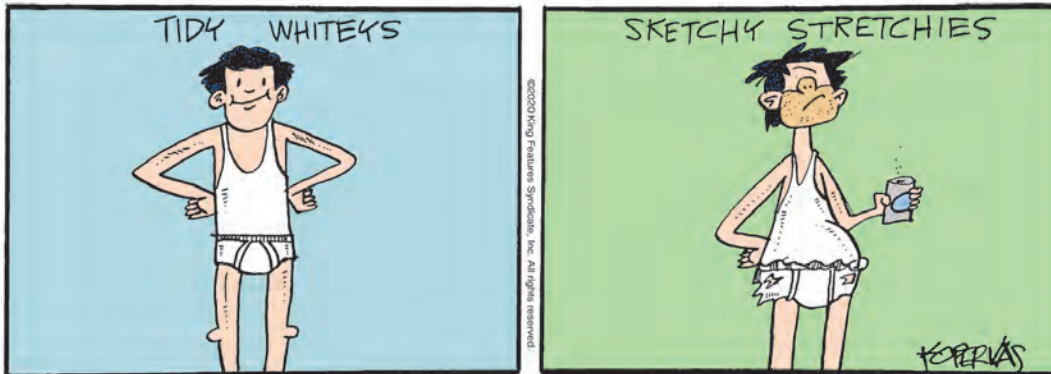
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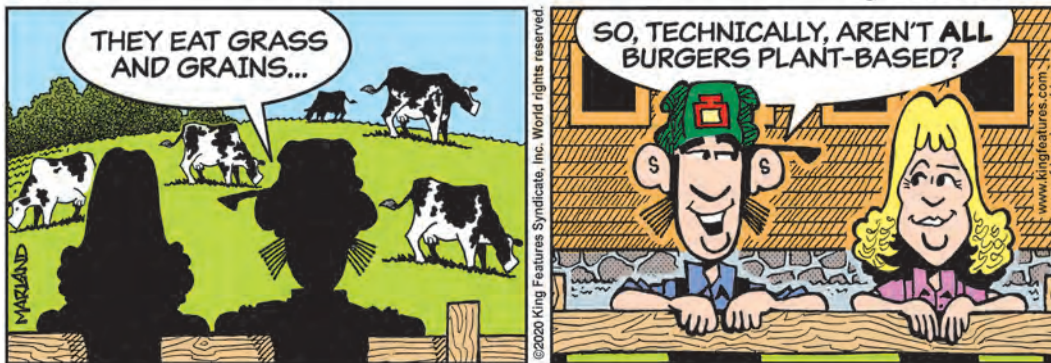
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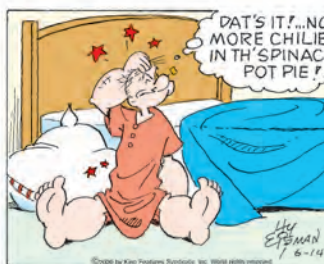
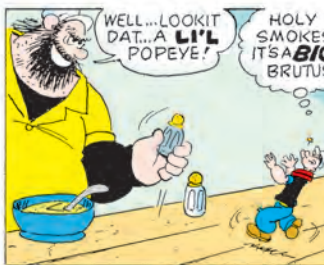
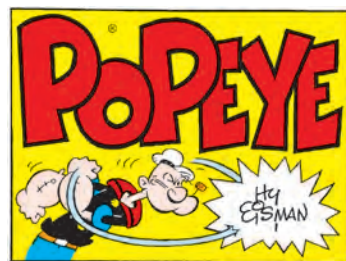
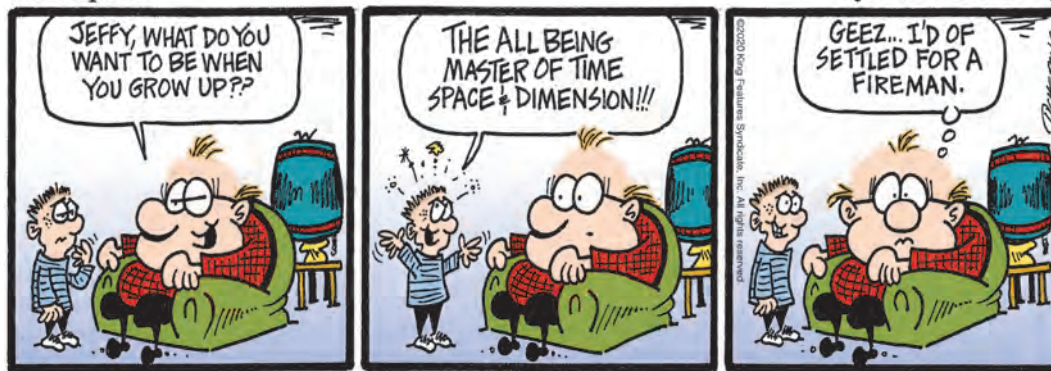
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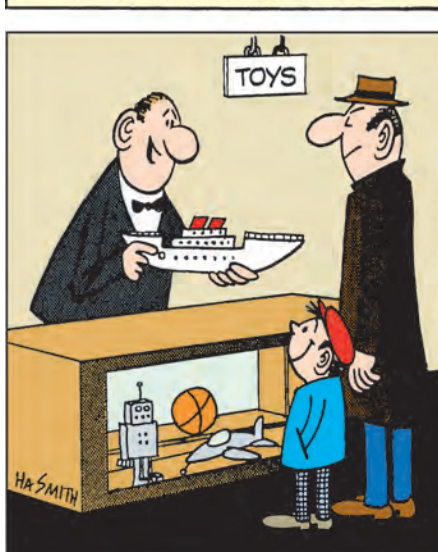


Just Like Cats & Dogs

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!

Shrill
BELTER

Champion
THINGK

Forest
TRIMBE

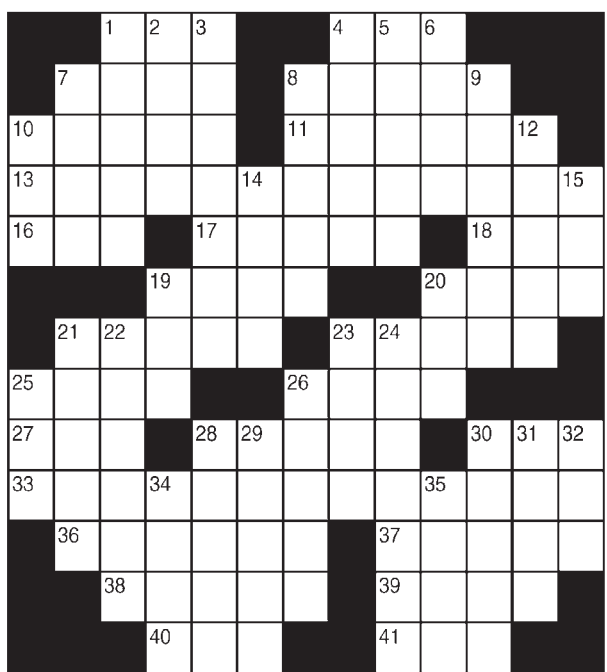
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 — Na Na
4 Swindle
7 Summery desserts
8 Fusses
10 Sixth president
11 Many
13 Proof of a crime
16 Sprite
17 Unclear
18 Still, in verse
19 Say it isn't so
20 Rhyming tributes
21 Groups of musicians
23 Slanted edge
25 Volcanic outflow
26 One of the Three Bears
27 Sailor's assent
28 Unwilling
30 Fine, to NASA
33 Texas city
36 Bill-payment period
37 Alan of "Little Miss Sunshine"
38 Mystery writer's award
39 Don of radio
40 Sun. speech



- 41 Rand McNally item
10 Expert
12 Man of — (Superman comparison)
14 Catches some rays
15 — and outs
19 "CSI" evidence
20 Eggs
21 Louisiana marsh
22 Unwilling
23 Dog owner's ordeal
24 Son of Joseph
25 Fond du —, Wis.
26 Harness horse
28 Thrust
29 "Argo" award
30 Invite to the penthouse
31 Elevator name
32 Family
34 Cushions
35 "Joy of Cooking" writer
Rombauer

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

7	8			1	2		
9				6		3	
		2	9				5
		7	6		5	3	
6			2		9		
	2			3	4		
3			2	5	1		
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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.

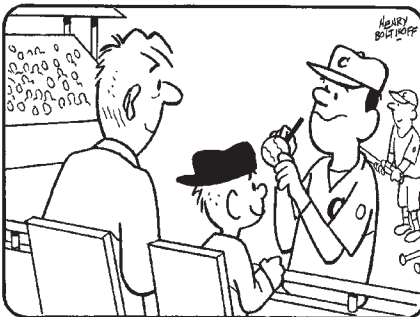
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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

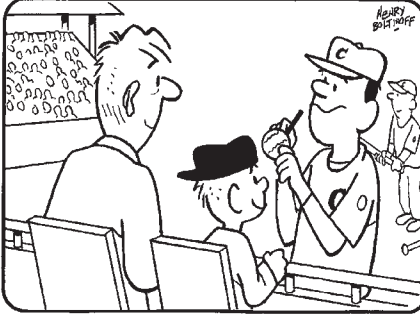
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bat is missing. 2. Railing is different. 3. Player's pants are longer. 4. Crowd is larger. 5. Ball stitching is different. 6. Neckline is changed.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals S

OJ V ROZ QDOTW-HWOOEYF AVAAVM
JYMQ OAVZOEVL C OMMEYHHYH, OQ'H
GLXRVRMC V DOGGXTDXEFLOVT.

BIKINI

Today's Word

3. Timber; 4. Tinsel

1. Treble; 2. Knight;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

If a big thick-skinned mammal felt imaginary illnesses, it's probably a hippopotonic.

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Answer

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Answers

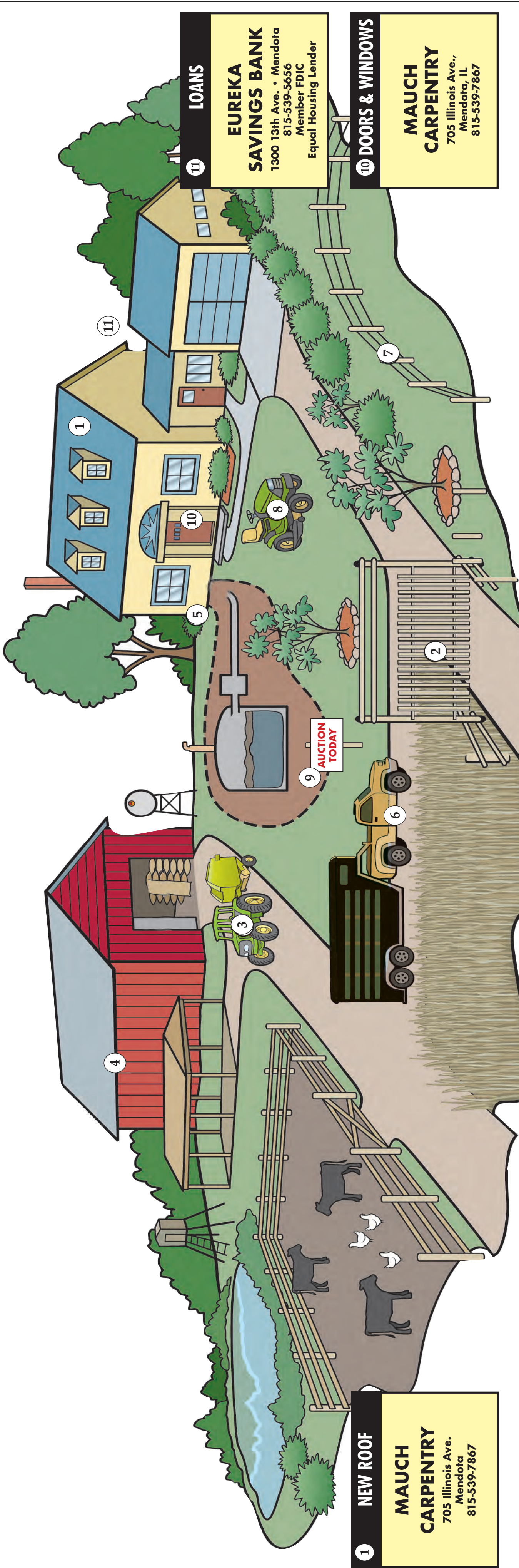
Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

Answers

10. Saffron
9. Jim Morrison
Model 29
8. 44 Magnum Smith & Wesson
7. Salvador Dali
6. Skipper and Bessie
5. Joan Crawford
4. Patricians
3. 22nd
2. Dover
1. On average, every 27 days

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Reg. Price \$2.59 ea.

Blue Bunny Mini Ice Cream Cones

8-10 Pack



\$4⁴⁹
ea.
Reg. Price \$5.39 ea.

Breakstone Sour Cream

16 oz



\$2³⁹
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.89 ea.

Juicy Juice

8 Pack or 64 oz Assorted



\$3⁴⁹
ea.
Reg. Price \$4.09 ea.

Sale goes through June 30, 2020