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Enrollment up in Amboy schools

BY BONNIE MORRIS

Editor

AMBOY – Several items of business were discussed at the Amboy Board of Education meeting on June 13. Superintendent Joshua Nichols reported that enrollment for the 2018-19 school year was up from the previous year, partly due to the addition of preschool. Enrollment last year rose to 737, compared to 692 the year before. He noted that even without counting the preschool students, overall enrollment had increased. Nichols said he sees the growth as a good sign and hopes the upward trend will continue.

Nichols also reported that teacher negotiations began last week with “a very good” first meeting.

The board approved a 2018-19 amended school budget following a public hearing on the matter. Nichols explained some of the difficulties in preparing an accurate budget starting with the uncertainty of payments from the state.

“There have been years when we have not gotten our fourth categorical payment from the state - they promise it, but we don’t get it,” he said. “That’s why we always underestimate the revenue.”

Additionally, this year the federal government gave \$20,000 more in Title payments than expected. “They told us what we would get then gave us an additional \$20,000,” Nichols said, “you can’t plan on that. If you say we’re going to get \$111,000 and then we get \$132,000 in Title I, that’s a huge jump. Other districts get millions in Title money, but

for us it’s a big deal and it skews our numbers.”

Board member Katie Pratt commented that at least the budget is being amended due to a surplus rather than a shortfall.

OTHER BUSINESS

* The board approved the sale of \$1,145,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) following a public hearing on the matter. The bonds are for improving the sites of and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities at Central School.

The hearing was the second of three required board actions for the board to be able to issue the \$1,145,000 in sales tax alternate bonds. The first step was adopting the resolution and publishing a notice in the newspaper, which was done last month. After a seven-day waiting period, the district will be able to sell the bonds and sale information will be provided at the July board meeting.

* The board approved the 2019-20 student handbooks. Nichols explained that state laws are always changing and most handbook revisions are a direct response to legal issues. As an example, Nichols discussed the changes in the state’s marijuana law. Although Illinois’ 2013 medical marijuana law allowed children to take CBD oil or other cannabis derivatives for serious illnesses such as cancer, seizures, or multiple sclerosis, the law prohibited students from bringing their medication to school.

Last year, Ashley’s Law took effect in Illinois, allowing children who have medical marijuana IDs to take their

medication at school, but it had to be given under the supervision of a parent, guardian or caretaker. The legislation was named after a 12-year-old in Schaumburg, who takes CBD oil to prevent seizures related to chemotherapy treatments for leukemia. For some parents, however, having personally administer the medication during the day was difficult, if not impossible. Now, with this latest change in the law, medical marijuana can be given to students by the principal or school nurse.

* Approval was given for a lease with American Capital for 370 Lenovo Chromebooks. Nichols said by leasing, after three years the old devices are shipped back allowing Amboy students to have up-to-date Chromebooks. He also noted that the company sends parts and a repair person who helps teach students how to do some repairs on the computers. “If they can’t fix something on site, we box it up and send back to the company,” Nichols said.

* The board approved the sale/disposal of the high school’s greenhouse and contents. Nichols said the greenhouse is in disrepair and is located in an area that will soon be needed for construction of the new junior high. Rather than paying to have the structure demolished, he said a former student had expressed interest in taking the greenhouse. “No one else has asked about it and if there’s no other interest out there, that’s what we’ll do,” he said. “I would let him just take it so we can get rid of it.”

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Margaret Vaessen

Vaessen honored at FFA State Convention

SPRINGFIELD – Margaret Vaessen, of the Amboy FFA chapter attended the 91st annual Illinois State FFA Convention on June 11-13 along with more than 5,000 other FFA members, advisors, and guests.

“Elevate” was the theme of the three-day event which recognizes achievements of Illinois FFA members, elects the major state officer team, and celebrates agriculture. Students at the convention were greeted with activities including a career fair featuring colleges and agribusinesses, an evening dance and talent show, and an opportunity to engage in the history of Illinois’ capital city.

The convention featured a new Spotlight on Service poster gallery where 24 FFA chapters highlighted a service project their members completed in the past year, celebrating the collective impact of Illinois FFA’s volunteer service. The program featured addresses by National FFA Southern Region Vice President Jordan Stowe of Alabama and from each of the retiring major state officers.

During the convention, the following awards were presented to the Amboy FFA chapter:

2019-2020 Section President: Margaret Vaessen was installed as the President of Illinois FFA’s Section 2. The 25 newly installed Section Presidents are members of the 2019-2020 Illinois State Officer Team.

Amboy bids farewell to police chief

AMBOY — The City of Amboy said goodbye to its police chief on Friday.

Amboy Police Chief Jeff Blake officially retired from the Amboy Police Department on Friday after 27 years of service.

Blake posted a goodbye message to the citizen of Amboy on Facebook.

“Today marks the end of my law enforcement career after 27 years of service. I have decided to retire and relocate to Nevada. It has been my greatest honor to have served you. I hope that in some small way I have helped to make our community a better place to live, work and raise our children.

“I can not leave without publicly expressing my gratitude to many individuals who have impacted my career. I hesitate to do this as there are so many and I know I will leave someone out.

“I first must give thanks to almighty God for His guidance, grace and protection these past 27 years. To my parents, children and siblings for always understanding the hardship of being a police officer. To my father especially for providing me an example to follow.

“To Paul Smith for your patients, friendship and mentoring. All the officers I have worked with and supervised. You are all amazing professionals.

“To Henry “Hank” Gerdes, and the late James E. Powers for having confidence in me as a young officer and providing me the opportunity to begin my career. Over the course of time I have had the opportunity to work with many Mayor’s and Council members. Mayor Schamberger has and is one



The City of Amboy bid farewell to its police chief, Jeff Blake, after 27 years of service. Blake’s last day was on Friday, June 14. He and his family are relocating to Nevada.

Photo submitted

of the most supportive Mayor’s I have ever worked with. Thank you Mayor, this has made our job so much easier.

“My secretaries over the years have been amazing. Shirley Yentzer and Melissa Simpson, I appreciate all you did for me.

“Darlene Hinkle, Melissa Eisenberg and Shelley Behrends...there are no words to express the amount of appreciation I have for what you do at City Hall. You have kept me organized all these years and I have not said thank you enough.

“As I prepare to depart our community, a place I have lived all of my life, I have confidence in the officers who remain in the department. Sgt. Terry Lester, Officer’s

Lisa Hart and Officer Joseph Alletto are professionals who will continue to pour their hearts into protecting this community.

“Finally, as a community, the safety and security of Amboy can not be left only to those who remain behind in the Police Department. Please continue to support them with your cooperation, tips, understanding, engagement in crime prevention and respect for others.

“Thank you all again for your support over the years,” Blake wrote.

“After 27 outstanding years serving our community, Police Chief Jeff Blake has officially retired from the department,” Amboy Mayor John Schamberger wrote on

Facebook. “On behalf of the City Council I would like to thank Jeff and send him our best wishes as he moves to Nevada. Thank you for your service and Godspeed, Chief.”

The Lee County Sheriff’s Department also posted a farewell message on Facebook.

“We would like to wish Amboy Police Chief Jeff Blake happy retirement. After 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Amboy today marks his last day on duty. Jeff never thought twice about heading into the county to help our deputies out when needed. Jeff truly had our deputies backs... Thank you for everything. Enjoy retirement.”



CAMP

Youth attend Amboy Girls Basketball Camp.

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Flooding often means more mosquitoes

SPRINGFIELD – The months of rain and flooding have created conditions ripe for floodwater mosquitoes (Aedes vexans). Fortunately, floodwater mosquitoes, often called nuisance mosquitoes, are not known to carry disease.

“It is important to protect yourself from insect bites, even if they are not known to cause disease,” said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “While the mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus prefer hot, dry conditions, even the mosquitoes that flourish in cooler,

wet weather bring the potential for infection if you scratch a bite and create a wound.

Taking some simple precautions can help keep you healthy.”

Many counties in Illinois are currently experiencing flooding conditions. Water that stands in flooded areas for more than 10 days has the potential to produce large numbers of floodwater mosquitoes. Floodwater mosquitoes can travel up to 10 miles from where they breed.

If we start to see drier weather with higher temperatures as we head into

summer, we will start to see more mosquitoes, often referred to as house mosquitoes (Culex pipiens), that can carry West Nile virus. Nine counties have already reported mosquitoes or birds that have tested positive for West Nile virus. House mosquitoes breed in stagnant water, like street catch basins, ditches, empty flower pots, tires, and any container that holds water that is not changed weekly. In stagnant water, house mosquitoes can multiply rapidly.

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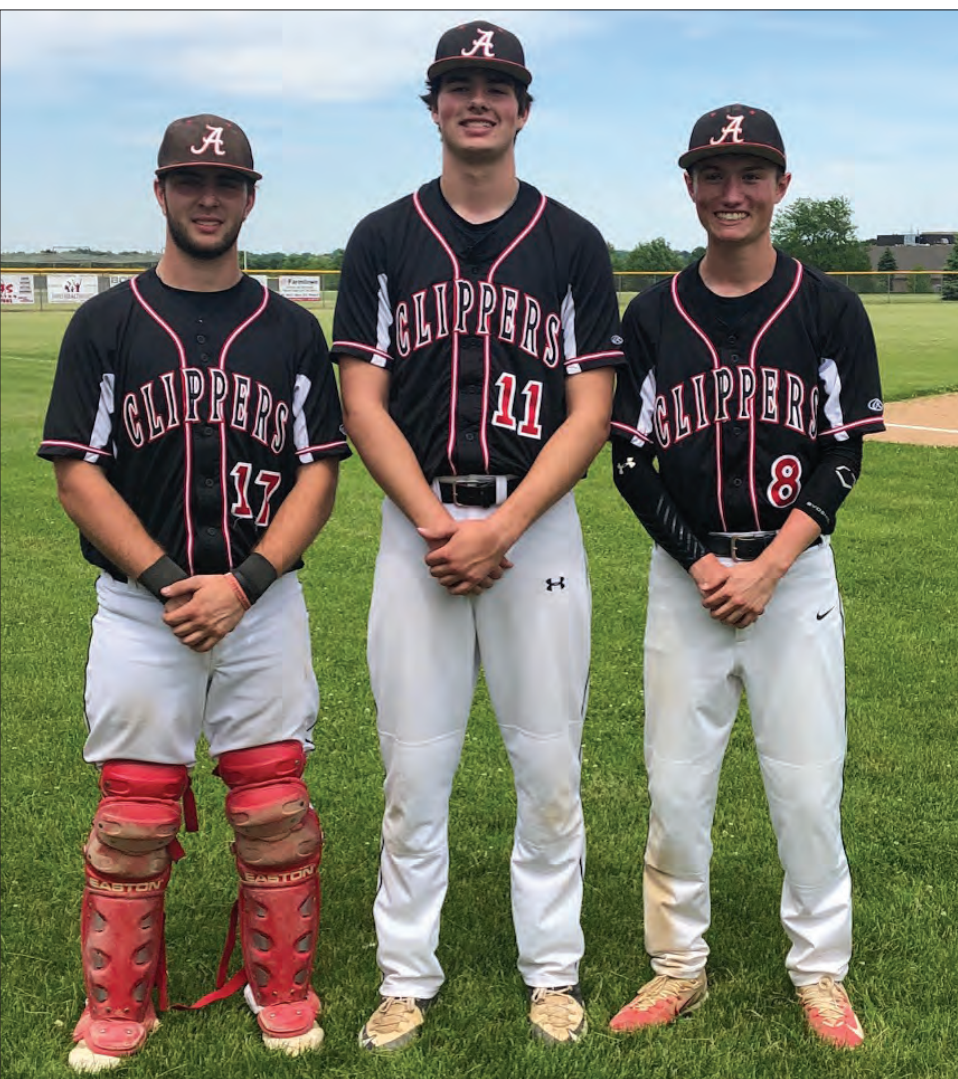
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The Pioneer Ag Lending Center will be a gathering place for area farmers to drop in and meet with each other over complementary coffee and donuts.

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LOCAL NEWS



EAST VS WEST

NUIC Conference All Star Game was held on Saturday, June 8, at Highland Community College, in Freeport. The contest was East vs West. East won 9 - 2. NUIC East Conference players from Amboy High School included Mitchell McLaughlin, Hunter Zimmerly and Clayton Kemp.

Photo submitted

Farm Bureaus, COUNTRY Financial to host crop marketing workshop in Rock Falls

ROCK FALLS – The Lee, Carroll, Ogle and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus along with COUNTRY Financial will host a crop marketing workshop on the evening of June 19, at the Days Inn, in Rock Falls.

“Crop Marketing Strategies to Survive the Current Farm Economy” is a two-hour seminar designed specifically for producers to help them manage risk associated with the current low commodity markets and identify market conditions to capture profit margins through 2019 and into 2020.

Dr. Steve Johnson, Iowa State University Extension Farm Management Specialist, will facilitate the program. Steve has served as the Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach since 1999.

He specializes in topics related to government farm programs, crop insurance, crop marketing, grain contracts, farmland leasing and other crop risk management strategies. In the past year, he has conducted more than 120 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt with nearly 15,000 in attendance.

Steve uses web sites such as ISU Ag Decision Maker and Polk County Extension Farm Management along with various print and electronic media. Annually he reaches

more than 200,000 producers, landowners and other agribusiness professionals.

During the two-hour program producers will examine the following topics:

- * Supply Demand and Crop Price Outlook
- * Marketing Strategies & Tools
- * Seasonal Futures Price and Basis Trends
- * Consider Your Cash Flow Needs

This presentation will assist producers in designing and implementing a marketing plan that is specific to their own operation. It will present producers with various options they can effectively utilize to capture market profits, manage market risks in this volatile market, minimize cost increases and make informed decisions on input pricing, storage options and position their marketing plan for profit protection. Market and recent economic factors will be examined and producers will learn to identify where profit opportunities and pitfalls lie for their farm operations through 2018 and into next year.

The workshop on June 19 begins at 7 p.m. at the Days Inn, located at 2105 First Ave., Rock Falls.

This workshop is free to all participants, with registration required.

For more information on the workshop, or to register, contact the Farm Bureau at 732-2231.

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OSF Healthcare announces advancements in cancer care

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare is pleased to announce a number of enhancements to cancer care services for patients within north central Illinois including additional specialists and advanced treatment options.

Shylendra Sreenivasappa, MD (Dr. Sreeni for short) recently joined the team at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota. Specializing in Hematology/Oncology, Sreeni completed his residency and fellowship at John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County, Chicago. He has been employed with OSF HealthCare since 2010, currently also serving the Rockford community at OSF Saint Anthony —

Center for Cancer Care where he oversees clinical trials and genetics programs.

Sreeni offers treatment options including chemotherapy, biotherapy, immunotherapy and high-risk cancer genetics for patients with a number of conditions including breast and lung cancer, lymphoma and gastrointestinal oncology.

Breast cancer patients will also benefit from Sreeni's collaboration with Megan Oppliger, RN, an oncology nurse navigator with OSF HealthCare. Oppliger is a dedicated registered nurse who cares for patients receiving a breast cancer diagnosis and/or treatment through a local OSF facility. She

serves as a member of the patient's cancer care team and is specially trained to assist in all aspects of the care experience. As an educator and an advocate for the patient and family, Oppliger acts as a single point of contact while facilitating personalized cancer care.

Oppliger also collaborates with Anthony Zalduendo, MD, a Radiation Oncologist with OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa, to offer breast cancer navigation for his patients. Zalduendo specializes in radiation treatment, also caring for the conditions of breast and lung cancer.

Zalduendo was instrumental in bringing advanced technology to the region including a new Discovery™ IQ PET/CT scanner that was introduced in May as part of the hospital's radiation oncology department. Combining a PET Nuclear Medicine scanner and a CT scanner into one machine, it obtains and fuses two scans together to provide the radiologist both anatomy and organ function in one image to help manage the patient's condition and properly phase the treatment.

The PET/CT scanner joins the Varian TrueBeam™ linear accelerator that was introduced in late September. This system utilizes arc therapy, a 360-degree treatment, allowing faster treatments than with the conventional fixed beam of radiation. Through intelligent automation, the amount of steps needed for imaging, positioning, and treatment decreases, resulting in less time the patient has to be on the treatment table. The system also provides real-time imaging, allowing the therapy team to more accurately direct higher doses of radiation to the area of interest while synchronizing the treatment with the patient's breathing.

Together, the three specialists and the advanced radiation technology combine to offer some of the area's most comprehensive cancer treatment services. Hematology/oncology appointments in Mendota are available at 1401 E. 12th Street by calling 815-539-1422. Radiation oncology appointments in Ottawa are available at 1200 Starfire Drive by calling 815-434-9999.

For more information about breast cancer navigation services available through OSF HealthCare, call 815-431-3210.

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Nichols said a new greenhouse is being donated to the high school and will be located elsewhere on the property.

PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board approved three-year contracts for the district's three principals,

Janet Crownhart, Amboy High School; Andrew Full, Amboy Junior High School; and Joyce Schamberger, Central Elementary School. They also approved a one-year contract for Katie Bulfer as dean of students for grades 5-12, effective Aug. 13 to June 30, 2020.

Newly hired teachers include Scotlyn Schabacker as social studies teacher at Amboy Junior High and Vanessa Goslin as K-8 art teacher, both for the 2019-20 school year.

Several retirement resignations were accepted including Connie Hobbs as

head cook and Mary Ehlers as a paraprofessional, both effective Aug. 1, and Allen Ringenberg as a custodian, effective Nov. 30, 2020.

The next regular board meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16 at Amboy High School.

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LOCAL NEWS

Police investigate accident, leading to stolen car recovery

MENDOTA — On June 16, LaSalle County Sheriff's Office investigated a crash on IL Route 251 north of Mendota. Subject, Dylan Hirsch, saw something on Facebook about the crash and went to the scene. He told LaSalle County Sheriff's Deputies that the truck is his and that it was stolen from his residence in Compton.

On June 16, at 11:55 p.m., Lee County Sheriff's Office was called to investigate the stolen truck incident. The driver, David A. Brown, 44, of Princeton, was transported to OSF in Rockford for treatment, as the result of the crash. Upon his release, LCSO arrested Brown for theft over \$500 and transported him to the Lee County Jail where he is being held.

The charges are merely an allegation and all parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Amboy Police

Speeding

On June 5, at 8 p.m., Shane A. Bielema, 32, of Rock Falls, was issued a citation for speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Speeding

On June 5, at 7:02 p.m., Eva M. Hoskins, 52, of Dixon, was issued a citation for speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Speeding

On June 7, at 10:57 p.m., Gabriel E. Shaw, 18, of Amboy, was issued a citation for

speeding 58 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Battery

On June 7, at 3:45 p.m., Mark S. Jackson, 52, of Amboy, was arrested for battery. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Operating uninsured vehicle

On June 15, at 8:16 p.m., Angela M. Morris, 33, of Franklin Grove, was issued a traffic citation for operating uninsured motor vehicle. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

ROCK FALLS-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The third Wednesday of the month drive, June 19, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

SUBLETTE-Business After Hours will be hosted by Shady Oaks Country Club, 577 US RT 52, at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19. This mix n' mingle is not just for local business owners and employees; the public is invited.

AMBOY-The Amboy-Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., in conjunction with KSB Hospital, will have Glucose and Cholesterol Screenings on Thursday, June 20. Call 815-284-3371

to schedule and appointment.

AMBOY-A Vintage Market, featuring over a dozen local vendors and food stand, will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, at Iron Tree, 205 N. Jefferson Ave.

BRIMFIELD-The Fulton Saddle Club will hold a Trail Rides on Saturday, June 22, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, June 23 at 10 a.m. at Jubilee College State Park, 13921 W US Highway 150. Call Larry Greenwood at 815-499-4680 or Susie Patten at 815-772-7593 for more information.

AMBOY-The 2019 Amboy Summer Concert Series will continue at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, at the Downtown Band Shelter, Main Street, with Jeff Kagay. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24, at the Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 24, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S.

Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, June 26 and 27. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Flu and other Adult Vaccines, free radon test kits or the application process for medical cannabis.

AMBOY-Lee County 4-H members, families and friends are invited to Movie in the Barn at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 28, at the Lee County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1196 Franklin Rd (corner of US RT 30). Featured will be Monsters Inc and The Greatest Showman. For more information, call the Lee County Extension Office at 815-857-3525.

SUBLETTE-A Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday,

June 29. Fellowship will follow in the Hall, 202 S. Locust St. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The 2019 Amboy Summer Concert Series will continue at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, at the Downtown Band Shelter, Main Street, with Route 38. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert.

SUBLETTE-Masses to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 30, with coffee, milk and donuts in the Hall after each Mass. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 1, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.



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THE PASTOR'S PEN

Keep fighting the good fight

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH
This past week I said goodbye to an old friend. Doug Williams went home to be with our Lord on June 11. He was the pastor for the parish of Eldena and Harmon United Methodist Churches in the early 1980s. He affected my life for Jesus Christ while I was in my late teenage years. Hardly a week goes by in which I do not reflect upon Pastor Doug and how he touched my life for Christ. Since then God has allowed me to minister to many people – and hopefully touch their lives for Jesus in the way that Pastor Doug touched mine.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said in Acts 1:7-8, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." I love this Scripture – which is often

read on Pentecost Sunday. It is specific enough to let us know that our mission as Christians is to be witnesses for Jesus. Yet, it is vague enough to demonstrate to us the variety of ways and places in which the "message" can be communicated.

This week we are currently holding our Vacation Bible School - or Vacation Bible Camp as we refer to it at Mendota Hills Campground. This is the opportunity when the children (and adults) have opportunity to hear stories about the heroes of our faith. Certainly and foremost they will learn about Jesus. We at the Refuge Church appreciate all of our volunteers who consistently donate their time, money, and resources in order for children to learn about God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Though we do not often get the opportunity to see the fruit of our labor for Christ, we try to consistently sow the seeds of faith into the lives of our young people and then trust God for the results.

It can be in small places like Harmon and Eldena, or big places (in comparison) like Amboy or Sublette. It can even be in one of the many campgrounds we find located in this surrounding area! And remember along the way - Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." And 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my loved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

I am just a little example of Pastor Doug's faithful service for the Lord. As he has gone home to be with the Lord – he will not get to see with his human eyes all the fruit that comes from his labor.

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Leo P. McCaffrey

Nov. 21, 1924 - June 13, 2019

WALTON — Leo P. McCaffrey, age 94, of Walton, died Thursday, June 13, 2019, at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

He was born Nov. 21, 1924, in Marion Township, Lee County, the son of Joseph and Marie (Fitzpatrick) McCaffrey.

Leo was a graduate of Amboy High School, Class of 1942. He was a lifelong farmer and had also worked at the Green River Ordnance Plant during World War II, and Borg Warner in Dixon.

Leo was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Walton, the Knights of Columbus, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He also served many years as an Election Judge for Marion Township as well as township trustee.

Leo loved his family and farming, the Boot Scootin' Seniors Line Dancing in Oregon, and he had a wonderful, witty sense of humor. He lived his whole life on the farm he was born on, and was the third generation of four to farm the family farm.

Leo married Kathleen Ann Becker in Amboy, Sept. 1, 1948. She preceded him in death June 1, 1991. He was also preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Joe McCaffrey; his sister, Arlene Bowes; his daughter-in-law, Bobbi McCaffrey; and his long time special friend, Dolly Abney.

Survivors include his children, Tom McCaffrey, of St. Charles, Maureen (Bob) Smith, of Richland Center, Wis., Eileen (Tom) Cain, of Oregon, Tony (Stephanie) McCaffrey, of West Brookfield, MA, Ed McCaffrey, of Walton, and Steve (Cheryl) McCaffrey, of Dixon; his sister Mary Jean Heck, of Dixon; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Leo's family appreciates the loving care he was given at Avonlea Cottage in Dixon and Serenity Home in Oregon.

Funeral services were held on Monday June 17, 2019, beginning with a 9:45 a.m. Prayer service in the



Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Catholic Church in Walton with the Rev. Timothy Draper, Pastor, officiating. Burial followed in St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation was held on Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. with a scripture service at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

A memorial has been established to St. Mary's Church in Walton.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Mary Jean Ross

May 24, 1931 - June 13, 2019

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — On a rainy Sunday, May 24, 1931, on the South side of Chicago, Mary Jean Noonan (Ross) was born to brighten the lives of her parents, Frances Marcella Brady Noonan and Ambrose J. Noonan. For the rest of her days she would continue to brighten the lives of all who knew her.

Mary Jean was the eldest of three children. Her younger brother Ambrose Patrick Noonan resides in Seattle, Wash. Her younger sister Nancy A. Noonan Kaminski passed away in 1994.

Mary Jean met and married the love of her life, Wilford Henry Ross, Jr., when they were both working at Detrex Labs in Chicago. As Mary Jean would say, "she was from the South side and Will was from the North side and never the twain shall meet." However, they obviously did and were married in 1953. Soon after, they moved to Detroit, Mich., where their two older children were born—Wilford Henry III, and Geraldine (Jeri) Frances.

They moved many times over the course of their long marriage. Mary Jean always loved to move and make new friends. Daughter Mary Charlotte was born in St. Paul, Minn., and their youngest child, daughter Nancy Jean, was born back in Chicago. After Nancy's birth they lived in Omaha, Neb., St. Joseph, Mo., Wauconda, IL, and Richmond Hill, Ga.

Mary Jean's favorite occupation was Mom, but she held many jobs over the

years. She was President of Chempro Manufacturing, the veterinary pharmaceutical chemical company she and her husband Will started and owned in St. Joseph, Mo. She was also a fashion model and co-owner of a modeling agency, worked for many years in the medical field, and finally retired from Dominick's Foods. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi International, a service sorority, and always remembered her work with the sorority with fondness. She was a devout Catholic, and as President of the parish guild, helped to organize and support the building of the new church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in St. Joseph in the 1980's.

She lost her dear husband, Will, after 64 years of marriage on Jan. 18, 2018. On June 13, 2019 after a long illness, she and Will were reunited at last.

She will be sorely missed by her brother Patrick and his wife, Bernadette; and her four children, Judge Wilford Ross and wife, Joanne of Calabasas, Calif., Dr. Jeri Bills and husband, Chris of Cary, N.C.; Charlotte Herring, LTC, USA (Ret) and husband, John Mahoney, Col, USMCR (Ret), of Springfield, Va., and Nancy Kattenfeld and husband, Heinz of High Point, N.C.

Mary Jean loved being a grandmother to her nine grandchildren: Brady and Carson (Jillian) Bills, Katie Herring, Henry, Louie and Adele Kattenfeld, and Michael, Kyle and James Mahoney.



As Mary Jean would say, "ask me no questions, I'll tell you no lies." She always "looked like she stepped out of a band box." I hope I'm not "damning with faint praise" because she was "hotter than a two-dollar pistol." She was "as Irish as Paddy's pig", and would tell us, "God doesn't close a door without opening a window." "Tomorrow is another day," and "things will look better in the morning, I'm sure." So, we'll just "put on some lipstick, and no one will notice," how much we'll miss her sage advice and funny sayings.

Visitation will be June 24, 2019 at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Springfield, Va., at 10:30 a.m., immediately followed by a funeral Mass celebrating her life at 11:30 a.m.

Donations in memory of Mary Jean can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

"May those that love us, love us - and those that don't love us, may God turn their hearts, and if He can't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so we will know them by their limp."

College for kids planned at SVCC

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College is offering a great variety of fun, educational classes at Sauk's campus this summer. Geared to grades 3 through 8, classes meet Monday – Thursday for four weeks.

SVCC has partnered with Black Rocket to bring the community four new technology classes this summer:

Make Your First Fortnite® Video Game, June 24-27; Virtual Reality, July

8-11; Make Your First 3D Video Game!, July 15-18, and ROBLOX® Makers, July 22-25. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for kids 8-11 years old and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for kids 11-14 years old.

Additional Summer Enrichment classes are available throughout the four-week time frame. Kids can attend all day or build their own schedules with a variety of classes like Biology, Chem-

istry, Chocolate Candy Creations, Cupcake Decorating, and Crafting Your Own PC – Kid Edition.

Visit svcc.edu/cfk for complete class information, registration fees, and more. Online registration and payment is available. Contact Brenda Helms, Community Education office with any questions, 815-835-6212, brenda.helms@svcc.edu.

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Mark Govednik, a local farmer and Pioneer's Ag Lending Specialist and Mr. Harmon will be on hand to

assist and discuss options for each farmer and develop a comprehensive plan to avoid today's obstacles and


ultimately create a strong partnership for years to come.

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SOCIAL NEWS



Neil and Judy Brinkmeier

Brinkmeiers to celebrate 50th anniversary

AMBOY — Neil and Judy (McFalls) Brinkmeier, of Amboy, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29, 2019.

They married in the Canton Illinois Church of Brethren. Judy taught school for many years in Amboy, and Neil works as a financial advisor and tax preparer.

They have three children: Jenny

(Stam Stamoulis), of Philadelphia, Penn., Katie (Nathan McGrew, Amber, Lexi, Breanna), of Kenosha, Wis., and Doug (Ashley Erbes), of Stanford.

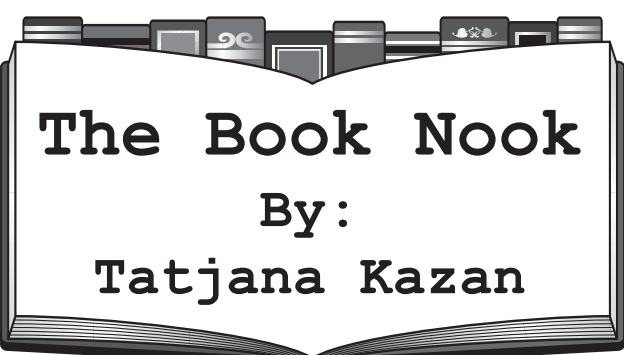
They also have six grandchildren, Anastasia and Theo Stamoulis, and Joseph, Thomas, William and Ella Brinkmeier.

Neil and Judy will host an open house from 1 – 3 p.m., on Sunday,

June 30, at the Franklin Grove Church of the Brethren, 121 W. North Street, Franklin Grove. The omission of gifts is requested.

They will also celebrate their anniversary with a two week trip with family to Greece in July.

Cards may be sent to 402 North Jones, Amboy, IL 61310.



Stolen lives

Lisa Wingate's novel, "Before We Were Yours," has one of the greatest villains in modern fiction. Unfortunately, she is not an author's invention, but an actual sadist who murdered children, mostly babies, 500 of them, at a minimum. Her name is Georgia Tann and she was known as "the mother of modern adoption." Eleanor Roosevelt consulted her and actresses Joan Crawford and June Allyson adopted children from her Tennessee Children's Home Society. The novel is the story of five children kidnapped in the 1930s and their subsequent fate, as told by the oldest girl, Rill. A parallel contemporary story follows the unearthing of the crimes by Avery Stafford, who, as daughter of a South Carolina senator, is part of what Georgia Tann liked to call "people of a higher type."

Although Avery's story is propelled by the excitement of the hunt, it is Rill's story of the cruelties endured by her and her siblings that leaves its mark. Their parents were Queenie and Rill, dirt-poor but exquisitely happy folks who lived on a houseboat called Arcadia. Four of the children inherited their mother's blond, blue-eyed good looks, but the fifth child, feisty ten-year-old Camella, had her father's brown hair and eyes and soon disappeared forever upon the children's arrival at the Children's Home Society, run by the vicious Ida Murphy.

Avery stumbles upon the story of the child traffickers when she accompanies her politician father to a nursing home birthday celebration and meets the 90-year-old Rill. Like her grandmother, Avery is a blond, blue-eyed beauty and Rill recognizes the young woman as part of her lost family. Though she doesn't tell Avery, Rill recalls in excruciating detail the horrors visited upon her and her younger siblings, beginning the night her father took their pregnant mother to the hospital and the children's abduction by the police the following morning.

Since the story is told by a terrified girl, "Before We Were Yours" is shrouded in the menacing anxiety of a fairy tale. But we also find ourselves in the world of slavery, where human beings are reduced to mere objects to be sold to well-to-do families (Georgia Tann made a million dollars equaling 10 million today with the sale of at least 5,000 children). Not until 1950 were Tann's crimes uncovered. She died before she could be charged.

Since the scandal involved prominent families, the Tennessee legislature legalized all of Tann's adoptions and sealed all records. But in 2015, the cemetery where 19 children were buried in a mass grave, raised \$13,000 to erect a monument to their memory. It reads, in part, "In memory of the 19 children who finally rest here unmarked if not unknown, and of all the hundreds who died under the cold, hard hand of the Tennessee Children's Home Society."

Our Book Club will discuss "Before We Were Yours" at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, June 24. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

KB Tough Run planned for June 29

OREGON — The 8th Annual KB Tough Run has been scheduled for Saturday, June 29, and will be held at the White Pines Ranch in Oregon.

The KB Tough Run is the major fundraising event for the KB Fund. This fund has been established to help those in the community that are burdened by a medical crisis. Over 70 families have been helped by the KB Fund. Their needs ranged from expenses related to cancer treatments, chronic illness, accident recovery, special needs therapy, premature births and more.

Registration forms are available online at www.KBToughRun.com. 5K Tough Run, Hike and Kid Sprint participants can all sign up online by visiting our website and following the 'Register Now' link. This year's event will feature professional timing by Crossroads Events.

The Tough Run and Hike registration is \$30, while the Kid Sprint is \$10.

A \$5 Kid Zone wrist band ensure unlimited access to all the games, face painting and activities. The Ogle County Pork Producers will be on hand preparing their pork chop sandwiches and hot dog for dinner. Rockford Brewing Company will be on hand, featuring great local craft beers. Fundraising activities including Horsey Bingo and a cash raffle are being organized too. Questions can be directed to info@KBTOUGHRUN.com. To learn more about the event and the fund visit our website at www.KBToughRun.com



BY EMILY GOFF
Head Librarian

Join us for and end of Summer Reading celebration with Mr. Steve. Mr. Steve will be here at 2 p.m., on Tuesday June 25. Please join us for the family friendly program full of music, magic, ballooning, and more.

New books and DVD's will be here any day, if there is a book or movie that you would like and it is already checked out, we will put your name on the wait list and give you call when it is in.

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OSF to host prenatal and baby health fair

MENDOTA — Are you expecting, have a little one, or are planning for your family's future? Join the OSF HealthCare Family Birth Center at the new Prenatal and Baby Health Fair to have all of your questions answered.

Expectant, current and future mothers are encouraged to stop by Meeting Room 1 of OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, on Saturday, June 29, from 10 a.m. – noon to interact with OSF providers while learning about available women's health services.

This one-day event will provide educational materials from bump to baby and beyond on topics such as breastfeeding, safe sleeping, pediatric health, and more.

Attendees will be entered for a chance to win a Boppy Pillow, a diaper display, or a new car seat with professional installation. Registration is not required and the Prenatal and Baby Health Fair is free to attend.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center is located at 1100 E. Norris Drive in Ottawa. For additional information, please contact the Family Birth Center at 815-431-5438.

Walnut 5K for ALS planned for July 6

WALNUT — The Walnut 5K/Run Walk for ALS Research will be on Saturday, July 6. The race will start at 8 a.m. You can register in advance at runsignup.com and search for the Walnut 5K or call 815-303-7726 to request an entry form to be sent to you.

You can also register the morning of the race from 6:45 – 7:45 a.m. at the tent located south of Bureau Valley North School.

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place overall male and female, and medals will be given to the top 3 in 15 age groups.

Bib chip timing, professional scoring by Racing Expectations and 3.2 mile course will again go through the streets of Walnut with the turnaround point close to the Walnut water tower.

Email news items to
tgreenfield@amboynews.com

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago June 20, 1919

Floyd Searls reached home early Monday morning from Camp Grant having received his discharge Sunday. He was so anxious to get back to the old town that he could not wait for the early morning passenger but caught a freight. Floyd makes a husky looking soldier.

On Sunday next, June 22, the laying of the corner-stone of the new St. Patrick's Church in Maytown will take place. The ceremony will be performed by the Rt. Rev. J.P. Muldoon D.D., Bishop of Rockford.

75 Years Ago June 15, 1944

Leo Murphy has rented the Frank Brady Meat Market and assumed possession today (Thursday). Mr. Murphy has had 12 years experience as a meat cutter and resigned his position at the Turnquist & Mattivi Royal Blue Store to take over his own market.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fassler have purchased the B.L. Hewitt house on West Division Street, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dempsey and son.

Mrs. Henry Mortenson entertained at dinner Sunday a group of friends, former classmates at Alvernia High School in Chicago.

50 Years Ago June 19, 1969

Amboy's Junior League baseball team won their home opener Sunday afternoon, defeating Mount Carroll 3 to 1. For Amboy, Doug Kirchhofer went all the way with Tom Both receiving. For Mount Carroll Fritz went the entire route.

Attending the one-day Homemaker's Camp at White Eagle 4-H Camp on June 18 are: Mrs. C.J. Kreiger, Ohio; Mrs. Ellis Rees, Steward; Mrs. Arthur Book and Mrs. Leo Eggers, Compton; Mrs. Catherine Harrison, Amboy; Mrs. Archie Swerson and Mrs. Sarah King, Eldena; Mrs. Harold Wright, Mrs. Sadie Shippert, Mrs. Edward Fisher, Mrs. William Meyer, Mrs. John Jacobs, Jr., Dixon.

Sister Rosemary Becker, OSB, of Nauvoo is spending a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Becker. Sunday she will go to Moline where she will live for six weeks while taking a Spanish course at St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa.

25 Years Ago June 24, 1994

Summer officially began Tuesday, but this vicinity has been suffering under a record-breaking heat wave for well over a week. Temperatures have hit the upper 90s and even went over 100 Friday afternoon.

David Kern-Lyons, a 1981 graduate of Amboy High School, has been accorded several hours in New York. He recently was awarded the merit scholarship from the State University of New York at Old Westbury through the Alumni Association for his accomplishments in the area of psychology and his work in the Long Island, N.Y. area.

Lyle Reuter, who revitalized the District 272 Education Foundation when he became chairman several years ago, has passed the leadership role to Sylvan Leffelman. Reuter, who has been a tireless advocate of education, will now serve the group as vice chairman.

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Letters may be dropped at the Amboy News office, 245 E. Main Street, mailed to the Amboy News at PO Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310, or emailed to tgreenfield@amboynews.com

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LOCAL NEWS

Young participate in Amboy Girls Basketball camp

AMBOY—The 2019 Amboy Girls' Basketball Camp was held the weeks of June 3-7 and June 10-14 at the Amboy High School gym.

This year's participants included:
4th Grade—Bre Fields, Sydney Whelchel, Addi Blaine, Hailey Cagle, Laci Daniels, Emma Richardson, Gabby Miller

5th Grade—Lili Leffelman, Jasmin Scott, Morgan Kreiser, Leighton Gulley, Callan Christoffersen, Maddie Althaus, Kylee Anderson

6th Grade—Olivia Ketchum, Alyvia Whelchel, Jadyn Whelchel, Samantha Nauman, Peyton Payne

7th Grade—Devyn Pasley, Addison Pertell, Gloria Parker, Tyrah Vaessen, Emily Sachs, Chloe Heath

8th Grade—Lexi Ketchum, Elly Jones

9th Grade—Courtney Ortgiesen

Prize winners were as follows:

Session One

Free Throws—Jadyn Whelchel, 1st place; Alyvia Whelchel, 2nd place; Maddie Althaus, 3rd place

Hot Spots—Maddie Althaus, 1st place; Alyvia Whelchel, 2nd place; Sydney Whelchel & Samantha Nauman, 3rd place

Most Improved—Samantha Nauman, 1st place; Jasmin Scott, Leighton Gulley, Gabby Miller & Olivia Ketchum, 2nd place

Hustle—Sydney Whelchel, 1st place; Morgan Kreiser, Addi Blaine & Lili Leffelman, 2nd place

Best Defense—Lili Leffelman & Maddie Althaus, 1st place; Sydney Whelchel, 2nd place

MVP—Alyvia Whelchel & Jadyn Whelchel, 1st place

Best Rebounder—Peyton Payne, 1st place; Leighton Gulley, Jasmin Scott, Kylee Anderson & Callan Christoffersen, 2nd place

Session Two

Free Throws—Elly Jones, 1st place; Lexi Ketchum, 2nd



Girls attending the 2019 Amboy High School Girls' Basketball Camp, front row, left to right, are Gabby Miller, Laci Daniels, Bre Fields, Morgan Kreiser, Maddie Althaus, Lili Leffelman, Sydney Whelchel and Addi Blaine. Middle row, Olivia Ketchum, Emma Richardson, Jasmin Scott, Alyvia Whelchel, Jadyn Whelchel, Callan Christoffersen, Leighton Gulley and Kylee Anderson. Back row, Coach McCracken, Tyrah Vaessen, Emily Sachs, Courtney Ortgiesen, Lexi Ketchum, Elly Jones, Gloria Parker, Addison Pertell and Samantha Nauman.

Photo submitted

place; Courtney Ortgiesen, 3rd place

Hot Spots—Lexi Ketchum, 1st place; Courtney Ortgiesen, 2nd place; Tyrah Vaessen, 3rd place

Most Improved—Devyn Pasley, Gloria Parker & Emily Sachs, 1st place

Hustle—Addison Pertell & Tyrah Vaessen, 1st place

Best Defense—Lexi

Ketchum & Elly Jones, 1st place; Addison Pertell & Tyrah Vaessen, 2nd place

MVP—Lexi Ketchum, 1st place

Best Rebounder—Court-

ney Ortgiesen, 1st place; Lexi Ketchum & Emily Sachs, 2nd place

First-place winners received trophies and second-place winners received red certificates.

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Caring for kitchen countertops

Kitchen remodels are a popular home improvement project that help homeowners recoup large percentages of their initial investments at resale. A kitchen remodel can invigorate a home and make the most popular room in the house more functional.

According to HomeAdvisor, a home-improvement informational guide, homeowners spend an average of \$22,000 on kitchen remodels. However, lavish projects can cost more than \$50,000. Protecting such investments is important and requires that homeowners understand how to properly maintain kitchen features so they have the longest life possible. This includes the new countertops that make the kitchen look complete.

Countertops come in various materials, not all of which should be treated the same way. Quartz, granite, marble, laminate, and tile countertops require different types of maintenance.

Quartz

Engineered quartz countertops are popular. Quartz countertops are nearly maintenance-free and resistant to stains,

scratches and even heat. Quartz will not need to be sealed like natural stone and can be cleaned using just a damp cloth with a mild, nonabrasive soap.

Granite

Polished or honed granite countertops offer a high-end look that adds instant value to a kitchen. Natural variations in granite give each kitchen a custom look. To keep granite countertops clean, avoid abrasive cleansers that can scratch, and opt for warm, soapy water instead. Stains are possible, but can be remedied with a baking soda paste left to sit for a couple of hours, advises Angie's List. Wipe up oils, acids and soda promptly to avoid stains, and follow advised sealing routines.

Marble

Marble is a natural stone that is porous and will need to be resealed periodically. Because marble has high levels of the mineral calcite, it can be reactive when acids come in contact with it, and etch marks may appear. Promptly wipe away tomato juice, lemon juice, perfume, or toothpaste. Marble is softer than granite and will wear at a faster rate. Avoid scratching and exercise caution when

using knives or sharp objects around marble.

Laminate

One of the more budget-friendly materials, laminate countertops can be fabricated to mimic the look of natural stone, wood or even quartz. Laminate is less resistant to damage than other materials and will need a gentle touch. Formica® says to never use abrasive cleansers, scouring pads or steel wool when cleaning laminate countertops. For tough stains, an all-purpose cleaner should suffice when applied with a nylon-bristled brush. Test any cleanser in a discreet area first.

Tile

Cleaning tile countertops requires getting into crevices along the grout lines. A toothbrush and a mildew-fighting cleaner or bleach diluted with water is advised. Also, unglazed tiles need to be sealed yearly. Some soap may leave residue, which can be removed with a solution of vinegar and water.

Check with the manufacturer or installer of the countertops to learn more about the ways to clean and maintain new counters.



During improvements, it may be time to replace old wiring

Old homes can be charming and contain architectural elements not often seen in many modern housing developments. But what older homes may have in design appeal, they may lack in updated features.

While cosmetic changes are not necessarily difficult, one area of concern in historic homes - and sometimes even in houses built 40 or 50 years ago - is archaic wiring. Wiring provides power to every room of the home. In today's electronics-driven society, electricity that works is an essential component of daily life. Over time, wiring can be compromised through simple aging, pest infiltration, weather, or other conditions.

Deteriorated wiring can present a shock hazard and also a serious fire hazard, warn the home renovation experts at The Spruce. Furthermore, the home improvement site This Old

House advises that the amperage of old wiring may not be able to meet the needs of the devices used in homes - overpowering the circuits. This can cause breaker blowouts and other problems, such as overheated wires that may spark and cause fires from within the wall.

Wiring often falls into the "out of sight, out of mind" category. Homeowners may make allowances for inadequate electrical systems, such as running extension cords or using multipoint connectors to increase their wiring capacity. However, they may not be diligently keeping on top of upgrades needed to stay safe. Confirming that a home's electrical system is safe is a necessary part of home maintenance.

For those who haven't already done so, schedule an inspection with a licensed electrician to go over the home's wiring. He or she can determine if any areas pose a safety

risk and/or do not conform to local code requirements and the National Electrical Code. Failure to meet code can lead to difficulty obtaining permits to make other home renovations, or difficulty selling a home later on.

The electrician can also go over improvements that can improve safety and function. Additional outlets, including GFCI outlets in kitchens and bathrooms, may be part of the plan, as well as rewiring a fuse box or circuit panel to allow for better flow of power around the house. Frayed wiring or underinsulated wiring also may need to be replaced.

Owners of old homes should recognize possible electrical system dangers that require attention. Plus, considering electrical codes change quite frequently, it is always in a homeowner's best interest to work with a qualified electrician to keep wiring inspected and up to date.

Basement remodeling tips

A basement remodeling project can add valuable and usable space to a home. For many years, homeowners overlooked the potential of a basement remodel, perhaps thinking it would not be a smart return on investment. But that's no longer the case.

The latest "Cost vs. Value" report from Remodeling magazine says the average basement remodel can cost around \$61,000 with a 70.3 percent recoup rate. In addition, HGTV says architects and contractors indicate the cost of redoing a basement is roughly one-third to one-half less than the price of putting an addition on a home.

Before remodeling a basement, homeowners should think about how they want to use the space. Homeowners also must focus on some potential obstacles in a basement that will need to be addressed so that the area can be as functional as possible.

Basements can be chilly and damp. That means moisture issues and heating and cooling needs must be addressed prior to any construction. Homeowners may have to consider the installation of a dehumidifier and run venting through the basement to allow for proper climate control. If a basement takes on water, either through the walls or a concrete slab, a professional

waterproofing company can come in and fix these issues so they will not damage drywall and flooring afterwards.

The presence of insects and pests also must be addressed. Exterminators can help homeowners figure out which insects are in their basements and how to make the space less hospitable to these unwelcome guests so that the room will become comfortable for human occupants.

Space is often at a premium in basements, which may contain HVAC units, water heaters, filtration devices, ductwork, pipes, and the other appliances. Qualified contractors can suggest solutions for cordoning off appliances and camouflaging pipes and wires so they won't detract from the finished product. However, building access panels into the design will make it easier to service or repair features as necessary. Homeowners also may want to wrap pipes before drywall is installed to quiet noisy drainage pipes.

Uneven basement flooring will need to be smoothed out and flattened before carpeting or tile can be laid down. A self-leveling underlayment can be applied to fill in gulches, while larger cracks and holes will need to be patched.

Once the structure of the basement is addressed, then



the design work can begin. Many professionals advise against drop ceilings, which can take away from ceiling height and look cheap. Basements can be dark, so the addition of plenty of lighting can help brighten the room. Small basement windows can be replaced with larger ones to add more light as well.

Homeowners can mimic built-ins and architectural details from elsewhere in

the home so the basement is aesthetically cohesive and doesn't seem like an addition. Bookcases and shelving can add valuable storage space as well. Decorate the basement with bright, neutral colors so they make the space feel more inviting.

With some effort and financial investment, basements can be as beautiful and functional as other rooms in a home



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Small kitchen improvements that maximize functionality

Many homeowners wish for expansive kitchens. Modernized kitchens that include sought after features and showcase the latest trends go a long way to improving the overall value of a home.

As desirable as such kitchens may be, some homes simply don't have enough space for a centerfold-worthy kitchen featuring an island, wine refrigerator and walk-in pantry. However, homeowners with small kitchens can still improve the form and function of their existing spaces.

Reconfigure and revamp cabinetry

Homeowners whose kitchens are small often lament their lack of storage. Redesigning the layout of cabinets, and possibly adding some more cabinetry, may take care of certain storage issues. The experts at Merit Kitchens suggest utilizing corner space with LeMans units, lazy susans and other gadgets to make access to these areas easier. Going vertical with wall cabinets that extend to the ceiling also can add more storage, as can roll-in work carts.

Work with the walls

Small kitchens require clever usage of vertical space. Vertical storage units, hooks, shelving, and more can move items out of drawers and off of counters. Consider an

under-the-cabinet toaster oven and microwave to create more counter space.

Use scaled-down appliances

Shop with size in mind when looking at new appliances if you have a small kitchen. Compact versions won't take up as much space as larger alternatives. Homeowners should consider the ultimate function of the kitchen and then think about which appliances will serve them well. Homeowners with small kitchens may not need a large stand mixer or an oversized commercial stove.

Add some glass

The DIY Network recommends incorporating glass to improve the perception of space in small kitchens. Glass lets you see through the objects, thereby enhancing the feeling of spaciousness or what designers call "negative space." Glass also can be reflective, visually expanding the space.

Embrace high-end materials

It costs less to renovate small spaces than bigger areas, so homeowners may be able to afford high-end materials that really add personality to a kitchen. Flooring, counter materials and quality fixtures can really set small kitchens apart.

Small kitchens can be culinary havens with the right improvements to maximize the space.



Essentials for creating a DIY spa bathroom

Relaxing at a spa each week may be a luxury reserved for celebrities and socialites. For many people, a day spa is a treat enjoyed on special occasions or while on vacation. However, home bathrooms can be designed to provide the same types of amenities offered at day spas right in the comfort of one's home.

The American Psychological Association says that money, work and the future of the country are particularly strong stressors today. Eighty percent of workers feel stress on the job and learning how to manage stress is a top concern, according to the American Institute of Stress. Creating a Zen-like retreat at home can help alleviate stress and improve health.

Homeowners whose renovation plans include turning a bathroom into a spa oasis will need to choose which features they desire most. These suggestions can spur on more ideas to create the ideal retreat.

- Soaker bathtub: There's something to be said about a luxurious soak in a tub. Tubs come in different sizes and shapes, like the highly recognizable clawfoot tub and other freestanding units. These types of tubs, as well as corner tubs, can offer deep-seated luxury by way of a relaxing and restorative soak. Pair with scented bath bombs or salts for a true spa experience.

- Steam shower: Steam showers are self-enclosed units that feature generators that deliver steam through steam heads.

The steam fills the space and can help a person unwind before a refreshing shower or bath. According to the retailer Modern Bathroom®, modern steam showers come with digital controls, which makes it easy for users to activate the shower, adjust the length of time that the shower will operate and adjust temperature controls. Extra features like music, mood lighting and aromatherapy can be included as well.

- Heated floors: Heated floors provide the utmost in comfort when stepping out of the bath or shower. They can warm the room and make using the space more comfortable in cold weather.

- Vessel sinks: A vessel sink typically features a bowl or basin that looks like it

was placed on top of the vanity. Vessel sinks can elevate the ambiance in spa bathrooms.

- Plush towels and robes: In addition to fixtures and other functional components of the bath, linens are key. Soft-spun Egyptian or Turkish cotton towels and robes are a must-have luxury for the full spa experience.

- Comfortable seat: A bench or chair nestled by a bathroom window is the perfect spot for pedicures or catching up on some light reading.

- Natural light: Skylights or privacy-ensuring windows are a must to create a relaxing space close to nature.

A spa bathroom at home is within reach. With a few touches, any bathroom can be transformed into a luxurious oasis.

Emerging deck trends

Custom-built decks can expand usable outdoor entertaining spaces. Decks can surround pools and create outdoor patio areas that make it easy to establish multitiered living spaces, improving the functionality of outdoor areas.

Certain deck trends have emerged as industry experts' top picks for the upcoming remodeling and renovation season. For those thinking of revamping an existing deck, or building an entirely new one, these trends are on point.

- Established perimeters: "Picture framing" is not a new trend, but one that has taken greater hold in recent years. The term refers to aesthetically appealing designs that conceal the ends of deck boards for a clean finish. Some designs feature contrasting material colors on the ends for even more impact. This helps create refined perimeters for a polished look.

- Roof-top decking: Urban areas also can benefit from decking to create usable outdoor spaces. In fact, many new condominium and townhouse communities are incorporating roof-top decks into their designs, particularly in communities with water views or other impressive vistas.

- Distressed hardwood: Builder and Developer, a management resource for professional

homebuilders, says that the trend for using distressed hardwoods at home has migrated outside.

Some decking manufacturers have recently introduced low-maintenance composite deck boards that mimic the look and feel of distressed, rustic hardwood flooring. This weathered appearance gives the look of age without the upkeep of real aged wood.

- Wooden walkways: Decking can be the more traditional design people envision with a patio table or outdoor furniture. But it also can consist of wooden walkways or a low-laying patio to accentuate the yard.

- Mixed materials: Homeowners may be inspired by commercial eateries, breweries and urban markets in their exterior design choices.

- Personal touches: Homeowners can customize their decks with personal touches. It's not unheard of to wrap columns in stone or glass tiles for more impact. And a vast array of decking colors now enables fun interpretations for outdoor areas.

- Fire pit conversation area: Many decks can incorporate water or fire elements for visual appeal. Gas-fueled fire elements can expand the functionality of decks beyond the warm seasons, or make enjoying them practical on nights when the temperature plummets.



Signs it is time for new windows

Windows help regulate the temperature in a home, let in natural light and keep insects, weather and outdoor elements outside where they belong.

Although homeowners can typically get many years out of their homes' windows, ultimately windows will need to be replaced. Homes that are more than 20 years old and

still have their original windows could be due for an upgrade. Here are some signs that it's time to replace windows, courtesy of Good Housekeeping, Centra® and the real estate website Redfin.

- Drafty feel in the home: Window frames can begin to shrink as they age, allowing air to flow from the outdoors in and vice versa.

- Rising energy bills: If energy bills are

inexplicably on the rise, then old windows could be to blame.

- Windows are difficult to open or close: Homeowners may get used to the quirks of their windows, but those that are difficult to open or close may require replacement. In addition, if windows need to be propped open, it's time to replace them.

- Water infiltration: Warping or decaying

window frames can make it easy for rain or snow to get into the home. Wood frames are particularly prone to moisture decay. If frames are warping or allowing water into the home, it's time for an upgrade.

- Condensation on windows: Fog or condensation buildup on windows can occur if the seal between panes is broken. In this instance, replacement windows are necessary.

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Gray is here to stay in home designs

Decorating a home in neutral tones has long been recommended as a way to sell a home quickly. But the color gray also provides a blank canvas for homeowners who have no intention of putting their homes on the market anytime soon.

Beige and white have long been go-to colors for neutral living spaces. But many interior decorators now look to gray as the neutral color of choice.

Design experts advise that gray has a broad range. Gray can include everything from silver to charcoal to a dusty cloud. According to the trendsetters at Glidden Paints, gray coordinates well with other colors. Plus, the neutral appeal of gray boasts a timeless quality.

Gray is not a clear-cut color that's simply a 50-50 blend of white and black. Gray has subtle nuances that can lean toward blues, greens, taupes, and more depending on the lighting and surrounding furnishings. That means that homeowners who are ready to

replace their furniture or accessories need not necessarily repaint if they've previously decorated in shades of gray.

Individuals need only replace small items to produce a big effect in rooms where gray is dominant. Because gray is so neutral, it works with soft, calming colors in various pastels, but equally as well with bright reds, yellow and oranges, according to Scott Bodenner, a Brooklyn-based textile designer.

Gray also is a predominant color in natural stones used throughout homes in entryways, bathrooms and kitchens. It can make design sense to maintain continuity throughout by dabbling in gray elsewhere.

Designers have shown how gray does not have to be cold, industrial or gloomy. It can be sophisticated in just about any room of the house. More designers are now leaning toward warmer variations of gray, such as taupes and blends dubbed "greige," that are beautiful but not as stark as pure gray.



Organize and declutter room-by-room

Getting organized is a popular summer to do activity.

Clutter can be a major source of stress that affects how individuals feel about their spaces. Psychology Today indicates messy homes and work spaces can contribute to feelings of helplessness, anxiety and overwhelming stress. Clutter bombards the mind with excessive stimuli, makes it more difficult to relax and can constantly signal to the brain that work is never done.

Tackling messes no matter where they are lurking is not a one-time project. Much like losing weight and getting healthy, clearing a home of clutter requires dedication and lifestyle changes. With these organizational tips and tricks, anyone can work through their

home room-by-room and conquer clutter.

Find a place for everything

Clutter creeps up as people accumulate possessions over the years. Over time, failure to regularly go through belongings and thin the herd can lead to the accumulation of clutter. But clutter also can accumulate if people fail to find a place to put items. Racks for garages, organizational systems for closets and furniture with storage capacity, such as storage ottomans, are some storage solutions that can help people find a place for their possessions.

Utilize vertical space when possible

Getting items up and off the floor can maximize square footage in a home. Bookshelves, hanging wall shelves, hooks, cabi-

netry, built-ins, and other storage solutions that rely on walls and ceilings are simple and effective storage solutions. Unused space behind cabinet or closet doors are some additional places to store belongings. Hang razors or toothbrushes on medicine cabinet walls and curling irons and other hair tools on the interior of cabinet doors in bathrooms.

Create a coding system

Home offices can be some of the more disorganized rooms in a house simply due to the volume of electronics and paperwork within them. HGTV suggests using a color-coded system for important files to keep them organized. Label important items, whether they're paper or digital files, in accordance with your system.

Put it away

When you finish using an item, return it to its storage location. This eliminates piles of belongings strewn around the house - and hunting and pecking for missing things. If you can't put it away immediately, have a few baskets on hand labeled for the different rooms in the house.

Pop the items in the requisite baskets and then routinely take each basket around the house to return the items.

Investing in custom cabinetry and organizational systems also can help people organize their belongings. Tackle rooms such as the garage, basements, bedroom closets, and pantries, or those areas that tend to accumulate clutter the fastest.



Must-haves for an amazing kitchen remodel

Kitchen remodels are among the most popular home renovation projects, whether they consist of swapping out cabinet hardware or doing major demolition.

Due to the sheer amount of time families spend in the kitchen, not to mention the number of tasks performed in this space, it is easy to see why Remodeling magazine consistently ranks kitchen renovations as projects that will enable homeowners to recoup a high percentage of their investments. In the magazine's 2018 "Cost vs. Value" report, midrange major kitchen remodels costing an average of \$63,829 recouped 59 percent of that investment.

When investing in a kitchen project, it is important to incorporate items that are coveted.

- Deep, double sinks: Having a double sink enables you to soak dishes

in one side and then wash on the other. It also makes it easy to wash and prep produce for meals.

- Kitchen island and bar stools: Even though many meals are enjoyed around the table, there's something to be said for the convenience of a kitchen island and some well-placed bar stools for quick breakfasts or snacks.

- Smart kitchen storage: Work with a contractor to include storage solutions built into cabinetry and the pantry. Slide-out shelving, nooks for a paper towel roll and custom-designed areas to store stand mixers and other necessities can make kitchens more functional.

- Outdoor access: If possible, design a kitchen so it is easy to access the backyard via sliding doors. This can make outdoor entertaining or even coffee on the deck much easier.

- Under-cabinet lighting: Fixtures

installed under cabinets provide both ambient lighting and task lighting. Such lighting makes it easier to see what you're working on as well, as even well-placed overhead lighting can fail to illuminate dark corners and spots on the counters.

- Convenient warming drawer: This appliance provides backup to the oven. It's a slide-out drawer that can keep prepared foods out of the way and warm until they are ready to be served. This is particularly handy for holidays and other entertaining.

- Beverage station: Designate one area of the kitchen to beverages, such as coffee and tea. Or make the area an informal bar. This can limit traffic in the kitchen to a single area.

Kitchen remodels are exciting to envision, and several choices can make these high-traffic spaces even more coveted.

Why it's smart to have a smart home

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Those figures are even greater in North America, where Cisco estimates each person will have 13 networked devices and connections by 2021.

What is a smart home?

According to SmartHomeUSA.com, the term "smart home" is commonly used to define residences in which appliances, lighting, heating and cooling units, televisions, computers, entertainment systems, and security systems are capable of communicating with one another. Each of these components can be controlled remotely, typically via a smartphone.

Why is it smart to have a smart home?

The benefits of a smart home are numerous, and will likely only multiply as people utilize more devices.

- Time: A recent joint survey from CNET and Coldwell Banker found that 57 percent of Americans say that smart home technology saves them an average of 30 minutes per day. That's an especially beneficial advantage for busy parents

and/or professionals who find it difficult to juggle all of their daily responsibilities.

- Money: Another benefit to smart homes is their cost savings. Because devices can be controlled remotely, smart home owners can adjust the temperatures on their heating and cooling units while away from home. That means they can arrive home each night to a comfortable home without having to run their HVAC systems all day while no one was home. In fact, the CNET/Coldwell Banker survey found 45 percent of Americans say that smart home products save them an average of \$98.30 each month.

- Investment: Whether you're a developer or a single-family homeowner, real estate is an investment. Making a home as appealing to prospective buyers as possible is a great way to get a better return on your real estate investment. The CNET/Coldwell Banker survey found that 81 percent of buyers would be more likely to buy a home if smart home products were already installed.

Homeowners who want to make their homes more livable today and more marketable tomorrow should consider investing in smart home products.

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LOCAL NEWS

Educational Briefs

Hosto named to Cornell College Dean's List

MOUNT VERNON, Iowa — Cornell College named 227 students to its Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester, including Erin Hosto, of LaMoille, with Honors.

Twice each year - at the end of January and the end of May - the Dean of the College recognizes those students who have earned superior grades during the previous semester and enrolls them on the Dean's List based upon their semester grade point average (Highest Honors: 4.000, High Honors: 3.8000-3.9999, Honors: 3.6000-3.7999).

About Cornell College:

Cornell College's picturesque campus is located in Mount Vernon, Iowa. One of the "Colleges That Change Lives," Cornell College is a national liberal arts college with a distinctive One Course At A Time curriculum. Students take one class for 18 days, which provides students the chance to dive into their studies and focus more intensely on the classes of their choice. Cornelliens learn with the unique freedom to shed the confines of the traditional classroom-studying off-campus, pursuing research, or accepting an internship-all without missing out on other classes.

With a student body from 47 states and 19 foreign countries, and renowned visiting speakers, faculty, and entertainers, Cornell offers the world from its hilltop campus.

For more information, visit cornellcollege.edu.

Iowa State University announces spring 2019 Dean's List

AMES, Iowa - Approximately 9,000 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2019 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 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Local students named to the list include:

Amboy

Cassidy Ann Koning, 4, Agronomy

Dixon

Clay Wilson Jungerman, 4, Mechanical Engineering

Olivia Frances Pultorak, 3, Kinesiology and Health

Erika L. Smith, 4, Mechanical Engineering

Paw Paw

John Jeffrey Hoelzer, 4, Mechanical Engineering

Kimberly Schlesinger named to Wartburg College Winter/May Term Dean's List

WAVERLY, Iowa — Kimberly Schlesinger, of Compton, was named to the Wartburg College Winter/May Term Dean's List.

The college recognized 443 students for Winter/May Term.

The list honors students who earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or above in at least five course credits during the terms. Four of the five course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Wartburg students take four courses during Winter Term, which runs from January through April, and one course during the one-month May Term. May Term courses often involve travel and study abroad.

Wartburg, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for community engagement, enrolls 1,498 students. Wartburg is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and named after the castle in Germany where Martin Luther took refuge disguised as a knight during the stormy days of the Reformation while translating the Bible

from Greek into German.

Kishwaukee College announces Spring 2019 graduates

MALTA — Kishwaukee College announces the graduates for Spring 2019. Graduation Honors are divided into three categories based on final cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale: summa cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.75-4.0; magna cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.5-3.749; and cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.25-3.499. Students who fulfill requirements for a Certificate and have a final cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher are awarded a Certificate with Distinction.

The College held Commencement Ceremonies for the Spring 2019 graduates on May 18. Members of the Class of 2019 participated in one of two ceremonies on campus, dependent upon the program completed. The graduate total for the semester is 384 students who completed a total of 426 degrees and certificates for Spring 2019.

The following students completed the requirements for graduation from Kishwaukee College:

Amboy

Matthew James Rood, CERT, Diesel Power/Equipment Repair, With Distinction

Dixon

Christian G Guerrero, AAS, Diesel Power Technology

Franklin Grove

Edward Leon Hoffman, CERT, Diesel Power/Equipment Repair

Lee

Natalie L Swanson, Associate in Science, Cum Laude

Mendota

Nina Jo Ramos, CERT, Esthetics, With Distinction;

Nathan Paul Truckenbrod, AAS, Diesel Power Technology

Paw Paw

Antonio Solis, AAS, Diesel Power Technology, CERT, Diesel Power/Equipment Repair, With Distinction

Steward

Daniel W Childers, CERT, Basic Welding Technology;

Caleb Gould, Associate in Science, Magna Cum Laude, PTK

Sublette

Joyce A Papiech, AAS, Horticulture Greenhouse, Summa Cum Laude

Simpson was recognized at Upper Iowa University's 2019 Honors and Awards Banquet

FAYETTE, Iowa — Upper Iowa University has announced its 2019 Honors and Awards Scholarship recipients. The honored students included Kelsey Simpson of Amboy. Simpson was awarded the Arneson Family Annual Scholarship & Local IQ Graphic Design Scholarship.

For a complete list of awards and their respective recipients, visit uiu.edu/alumni/scholarships.

About Upper Iowa University Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, nonprofit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to about 5,200 students-nationally and internationally-at its Fayette, Iowa, Campus, 21 U.S. locations, as well as centers in Hong Kong. Upper Iowa University is a recognized innovator in offering accredited, quality programs through flexible, multiple delivery systems, including online and self-paced degree programs. With a focus on developing leaders and lifelong learners, UIU provides dual enrollment programs for high school students as well as continuing education and professional development opportunities for learners of any age. For more information, visit www.uiu.edu.

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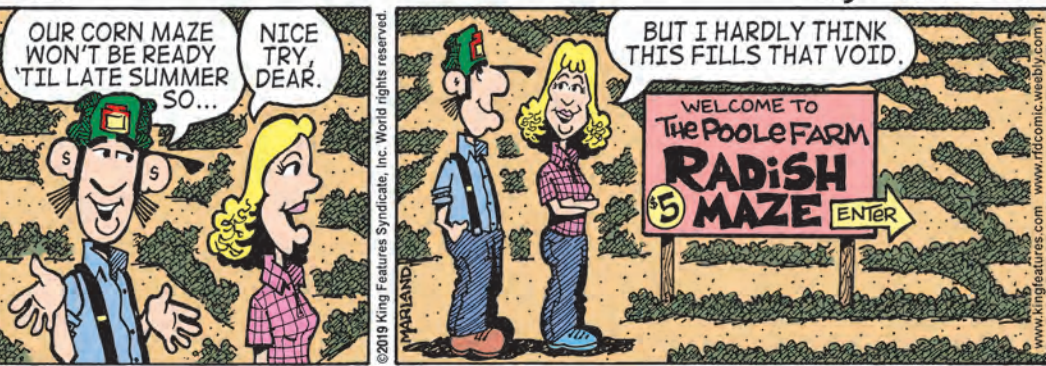
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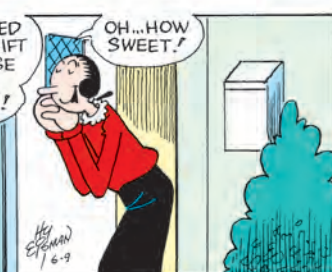
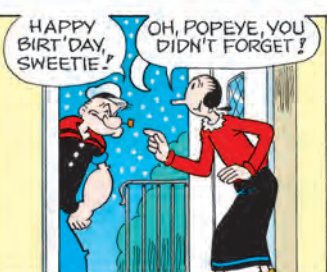
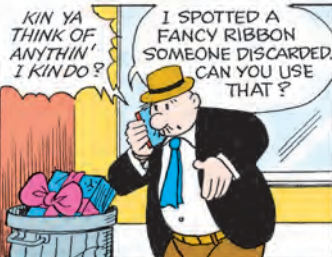
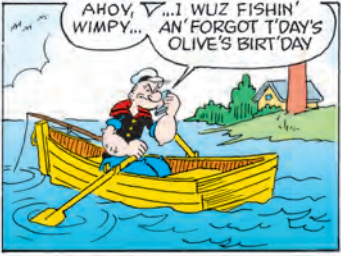
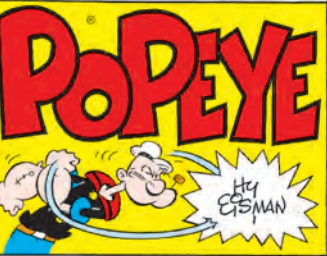
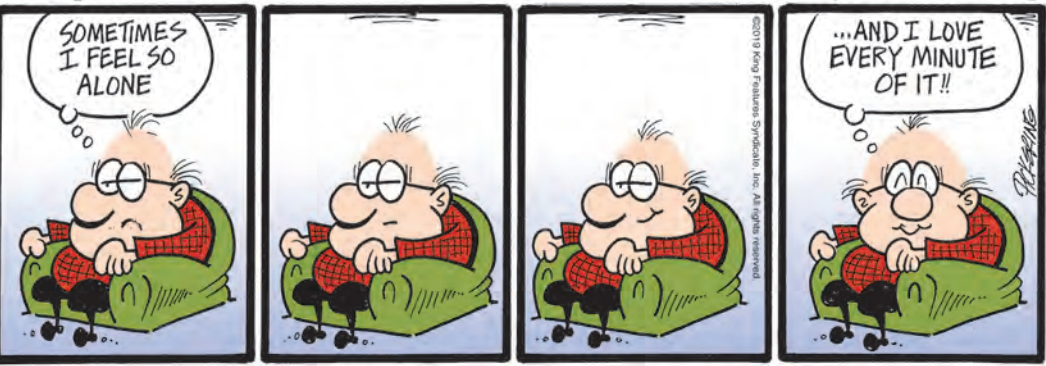
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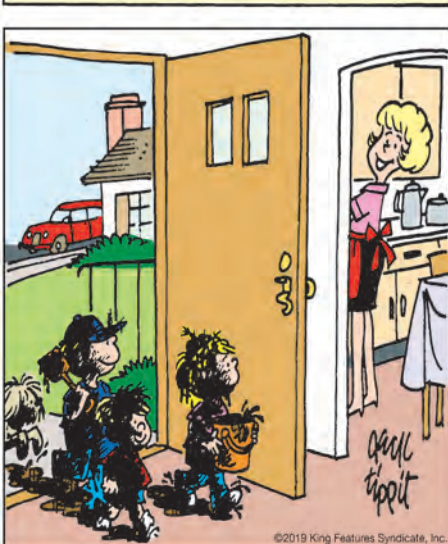


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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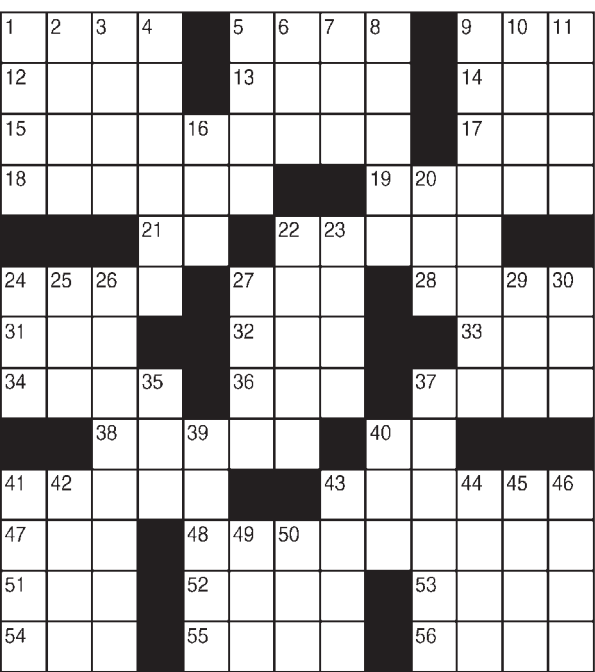
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Swift
GAILITY
Sparse
EARGEM
Bowl
ABINS
Vocalist
ROCNRoe
TODAY'S WORD

ACROSS

- 1 Church section
- 5 Gangster's girlfriend
- 9 GPS forerunner?
- 12 Contemptible
- 13 Met melody
- 14 Expert
- 15 Grand
- 17 Scooted
- 18 Baltimore athlete
- 19 Luxurious fabric
- 21 Rocky Balboa's greeting
- 22 Native New Zealander
- 24 Lowers the lights
- 27 Proscription
- 28 Make a sweater
- 31 Historic time
- 32 Table scrap
- 33 Id counterpart
- 34 Zinger
- 36 Anat. or biol.
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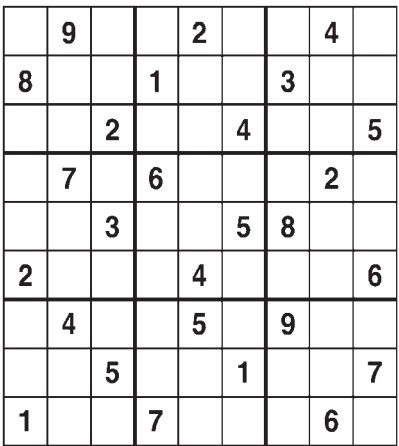


- ment
- 9 Strict disciplinarian
- 29 "Where did I go wrong?"
- 10 "Super-food" berry
- 30 Huck's pal
- 35 Baby's cover-up
- 11 Teller's partner
- 37 Off
- 39 Lousy car
- 40 "Born in the ..."
- 41 Raised
- 42 Assess
- 43 Census statistics
- 44 Anger
- 45 Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 46 Dregs
- 49 Lawyers' org.
- 50 Bungle

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's mask is black 2. Man's collar is different 3. Player's hat is black 4. Player's shirt symbol is different 5. Man on left is gone 6. Fence 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: R equals W

RKXH LIT RBWUK BH BWKAXWX
RKI'G QXBAAL JH WXQQJPJU
GKBMX, J GTMMIGX LIT
RJWHXGG PJWHXGG.

BECOMING

Today's Word

- 1. Agility; 2. Meager; 3. Basin; 4. Crooner

SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional stone associated with July birthdays?
- 2. MUSIC: In what state was singer-songwriter Tom Petty born and raised?
- 3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the short story called "The Sentinel," which provided a starting point for the film "2001: A Space Odyssey"?
- 4. HISTORY: What was the only state that George McGovern won in the 1972 presidential race?
- 5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest country in South America?
- 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of pelicans known as?
- 7. GOVERNMENT: Who was the longest-serving U.S. House Speaker?
- 8. MOVIES: Who was nominated for Best Supporting Actress in the movie "Silkwood"?
- 9. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of food is thrown at the annual food fight festival held in Bunol, Spain?
- 10. BIBLE: Who were King Solomon's parents?

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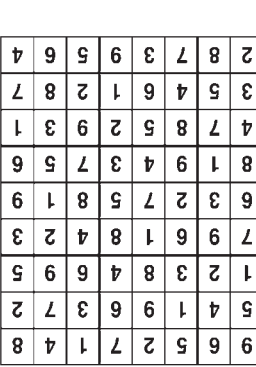
Trivia Test Answers

- 1. Ruby
- 2. Florida
- 3. Arthur C. Clarke
- 4. Massachusetts
- 5. Brazil
- 6. A pod
- 7. Sam Rayburn (17 years)
- 8. Cher
- 9. Tomatoes
- 10. David and Bathsheba

King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers



Answer

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When you watch an athlete shape, I suppose you witness fitness.

Answer

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