

Sheriff’s Department investigates bomb threat at campground

AMBOY — At approximately 9:51 a.m., on Monday, May 28, 2018, Lee County Sheriff’s Department responded to Yogi Bear Campground, 970 Green Wing Road, Amboy, to investigate a report of a bomb threat.

The surrounding area was evacuated and the assistance of the Rockford Bomb Squad was requested. The threat was later determined to be unfounded and remains a pending investigation.

Illinois State Police, Amboy Police Department, and Amboy Fire Department also provided assistance.

Board begins round two of decision on junior high

BY BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

AMBOY – When voters said no to a referendum to fund construction of a new Amboy Junior High addition in March, one big question remained: Now what?

To help the District 272 Board of Education answer that question, they invited Michelle James of CTS to offer some ideas at their May 24 regular board meeting.

James, whose company worked with the district in planning the proposed junior high addition, gave three possibilities for the school board to consider: renovation of the existing junior high building, construction of a free-standing junior high building, and adjustments to the original plan for construction of a new addition adjacent to Amboy High School.

Renovation of the old building: The \$9,300,000-\$9,700,000 cost to renovate the old school building is unchanged from last year. The recommended upgrades would include lighting, electrical (upgrade capacity to accommodate air conditioning, rewiring and installation of eight electrical distribution panels), HVAC, temperature controls, windows/exterior doors, plumbing, main entryway with secured entrance, interior doors, lockers, gym (flooring), asbestos abatement (floor tile, pipes, ceiling, walls), media center/maker space, kitchen (new HVAC, evaporator/condenser for walk-in refrigerator, dishwasher), sidewalk/paving, and tuck pointing.

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Board hears update on new county jail

BY MONETTA YOUNG
Reporter

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Board met in regular session at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, May 15 at the Old Lee County Courthouse.

Simonton gave an update on the progress of the new Lee County Jail. He had projected costs breakdown and the numbers are coming in about \$500,000 below the \$18.5 million cap that the board approved last month.

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Amboy, Sublette communities honor the fallen on Memorial Day



Amboy High School chorus sang “In Flanders Field” during the annual Amboy Memorial Day service. The high school chorus and band were led by Kathy Mekeel. This was Mekeel’s final Memorial Day service as an Amboy High School teacher. Mekeel spoke to the crowd gathered about her plans for retirement.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



Amboy Legion Post #453 Commander Larry Leffelman read a quote from Rob O’Neill, the Navy Seal who shot Osama Bin Laden, “Don’t wish me a happy Memorial Day. There is nothing happy about the loss of the brave men and women of our armed forces who died in combat defending America. Memorial Day is not a celebration. Memorial Day is a time to honor the lives of those who would rather die than take a knee when our national anthem is played. But they will fight and die for the rights of those who kneel.” Leffelman also said that a veterans is someone who at one point in time wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to my life.

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In Sublette, Don Dinges gave a speech on Sublette’s fallen heroes. Above right, the Amboy Post #453 Honor Guard give a 21-gun salute before Amboy High School 2018 graduate Mason Costner and Amboy High School student Alison O’Rourke perform Taps.

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AMBOY CONCERT SERIES KICKS OFF

The 2018 Amboy Concert Series was kicked-off Saturday evening by Jimmy Wolber with Lariat. The community turned-out, despite 90 degree plus weather, to enjoy the concert and spend time visiting with each other. Teen Turf volunteers were on hand to sell cold drinks to the thirsty crowd. The next concert will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, featuring Les Floto. Anyone with a farmer’s market or vendor stand is welcome to set-up during the concert in the parking lot to the east of the bandstand.

Mary Mays/Amboy News



FINAL EXAM

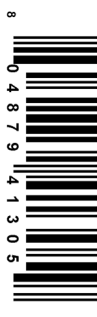
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Sherry Koch and Nancy Willahan hold up a photo of their parents, Bob and Mary Welty. Bob and Mary Welty were honored in having a street named for them after their family secured the winning bid of the annual A.C.O. Name a Street event.

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Bob and Mary Welty Blvd. unveiled

AMBOY — Every year, A.C.O. – Friends of the Library have offered families a chance to honor someone by naming the street to the north of Main Street for one year. The amount raised from this bidding event goes directly to the Pankhurst Memorial Library. This year's dedication is to Bob and Mary Welty.

Bob and Mary Welty were great supporters of the Amboy Community. Bob graduated from Amboy High School and Mary from Dixon High School.

Bob owned Welty Grain and Lumber of Harmon for many year, as well as being a veteran of World War II, serving in the Air Force. Mary was best known for her musical abilities. She was choir director for many years at the First Baptist Church in Dixon, and in later years, as the musical coordinator for the Kiddie Clippers of Amboy. Writing many songs herself for the children to perform.

They were the parents of Sandy Anderson of Henry, Sherry (Gordon) Koch and Nancy Willahan, both of Amboy, and Bob Welty, of Polo. They also have 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Family was their number one priority. They would be very proud seeing their names on the street sign in Amboy.



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Gascoigne recipient of James J. Braida Teacher Scholarship

AMBOY — Alyssa Gascoigne, Amboy High School Class of 2018, is the recipient of the James J. Braida Teacher Scholarship.

She is the daughter of Gary and Lisa Gascoigne. Alyssa will be attending Sauk Valley College to study Agriculture Education, then transferring to a four-year university to continue her education.

Her wishes are to become an Ag teacher so

more young people will become interested in Ag.

Alyssa is the 12th student to receive this scholarship and her name will be inscribed on the plaque that hangs in Amboy High School. It was established in 2003, 10 years after Mr. Braida retired as AHS Principal.

At that time he and his wife, Marilyn, decided to "give back" to encourage students to become teachers.



Gascoigne

CGH Medical Center receives an 'A' for patient safety in spring 2018 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

STERLING — The Leapfrog Group, a Washington D.C.-based organization aiming to improve health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers, today released the new Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades. CGH Medical Center was one of 750 awarded an 'A' for its efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the U.S.

The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care.

"Not every hospital achieves an 'A' rating. We are the only

hospital in the Sauk Valley area to achieve an 'A,' and also only one in our 50-mile service area to earn that score," said Dr. Paul Steinke, CGH President and CEO. "Our staff takes great personal pride in this recognition. Their efforts make CGH such a progressive facility. Receiving this high rating shows the importance of our continual efforts to ensure patient safety."

"This is the only national rating of how well hospitals protect

patients from preventable harm and death, such as medical errors, infections, and injuries," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Receiving an 'A' Safety Grade means a hospital is among the best in the country for preventing these terrible problems and putting their patients first, 24 hours a day."

Developed under the guidance of an Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to approximately 2,500 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

To see CGH's full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org and follow the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on Twitter and Facebook.

Ag in the Classroom Golf Outing planned for June 21

LEE COUNTY — Bureau and Lee County Farm Bureaus will be hosting their 9th Annual Golf Outing for supporters of Ag in the Classroom. The outing will be held on Thursday, June 21 at Lost Nation Golf Course in Dixon.

The tournament will be a shot-gun start, 4-person scramble. Tee time is 9 a.m. and lunch, provided by COUNTRY Financial, will be served for all teams during the event.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom programs.

Today's youth are two and three generations removed from the farm. Supporting the Ag in the Classroom program helps us provide free

agriculture materials, presentations and resources to local teachers and classrooms in Bureau and Lee Counties. So, whether you consider yourself "good on the green" or just want to have a fun day out, this is the tournament for you.

Polish up your clubs and support a good cause. Team fees are \$200 for Basic Registration, \$225 for Super Registration and \$250 for Premium Registration. Registration includes 18-holes of golf, half cart and lunch. If you are not a golfer, but would like to support this event, several sponsorship packages are also available.

Registration is suggested by June 8. Registration after the deadline will be accepted if space is available. Tee time starts at 9 a.m.

Thank You Neighbor

If someone has done something kind for you, let them know by nominating them for the "Thank You Neighbor" Rose. Send a brief description of their act of kindness to: The Amboy News, P.O. Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310

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Elsa is a graduate of Amboy High School and lives in Amboy with her husband of 11 years, Luke Payne, and their three children, a daughter aged 8 and two boys, ages 6 and 4.

When she's not helping her customers with their financial needs, Elsa can be found volunteering at community and school events, including serving on the board of her son's preschool and District #272 Board of Education. She also enjoys watching her children in sports and spending time with her family.

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Five employees retire from school district

AMBOY — Five employees will be retiring from the Amboy School District this year.

Christina Shaw

Christina Shaw will be retiring as the Head Custodian for Amboy High School. Shaw has been with the school district since August 1984.

Shaw said the best experience for her was seeing the children that were at Central School while she was head custodian there, come to be freshman at AHS, while being head custodian there.

“They remembered me being at Central,” Shaw wrote. “I remembered their small faces. I shall miss the students, faculty and staff that I have worked with throughout my years with the district.”

Shaw has been married to David L. Shaw for 42 years this July. They have three children, Michael, Susan and Matthew. They also have three grandchildren, Cheyenne who is graduating from AHS this year, Anthony who is in third grade, and Chelsey who is three years old.

“I am enjoying spending my retirement with my husband, grandchildren, reading, doing puzzles and fishing,” Shaw wrote.

Kathy Mekeel

Kathy Mekeel has been in the education system for the past 29 years. For 23 of those years, she has been employed by the Amboy School District as the Amboy High School band and chorus director.

She attended the University of Illinois.

“When I was a sophomore in high school, I went to a Solo and Ensemble Contest,” said Mekeel. “After I performed the judge asked me to come back to her and she told me I had a lot of potential and she wanted to teach me privately. She was the flute professor at Beloit College and Northern Illinois University. I took lessons with her in DeKalb and Aurora throughout high school and when I was home on break during my college years, she was amazing and changed my whole outlook on life. I had wanted to be a veterinarian from third through tenth grade. She had given me a real gift and I wanted to share that gift with others. So, I went into music education and have never looked back since. It was my calling and I have really enjoyed this journey.”

Memorial Day Services was Mekeel’s last performance with her students.

She is looking forward to having more time to spend with her family. She has three grandchildren that are the light of her life and two daughters and son –in-laws that she loves to spend time with.

Her husband, Frank, retired late last year, so it will be nice to have more time together.

“I am also going to enjoy being able to see my mom more as she was a snowbird and is now in Amboy full time.”

She also plans to spend time with her two puppies as well. She will continue to teach music privately at home and to play her flute.

“I have loved teaching at Amboy High School and I was glad to be able to teach and give back to the school I graduated from,” said Mekeel. “I will miss my students and wish them all the best. Go Clippers.”

Beth Becker

Beth Becker, who teaches Horticulture and Family and Consumer Sciences, has been teaching for 33 years. For 19 of those years she has been employed by the Amboy School District.

She attended Kishwaukee College and the University of Illinois for her Bachelor’s degree and received her Master’s degree from Rockford College.

“My high school horticulture teacher, Craig Theimer, made a huge impact on my selecting to enter the field of education,” said Becker. “He made learning fun through hands on activities and lots of encouragement. Also, my high school band teacher, Terry Roderick, who showed me I could do anything that I put my mind to, event when other people were telling me differently.”

She shares that after 33 years of teaching is it difficult to recall just one experience that she would include in a book if she were to write one. Over the years she has found it most satisfying to see the smiles on faces of students who create an incredible, hands on project and turn it in to her and say “I am so proud of this.” Or they would tell her what recipe they made at home over the weekend. Many times, it would come from a student that has a difficult time succeeding in the required classes.

“It’s as if you see the ‘self-esteem thermometer’ shoot way up on the scale,” said Becker. “Many of my previous students have found me on Facebook to tell me what an impact I had on their lives. Sometimes as teachers we wonder if we are making a difference and these types of experiences prove that we do.”

D. Allen Duerksen

D. Allen Duerksen was the Social Studies and Chorus teacher at the Amboy Junior High and was with the Amboy School District for 17 years.

Eileen Quest

Eileen Quest has been the Amboy School District’s Technology Assistant for the past five and a half years. She will officially retire on June 29.

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DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, on May 31. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Adult Vaccines.

AMBOY-A Novel Idea Book Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, at Pankhurst Memorial Library, 3 S. Jefferson Ave. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

STERLING-The Rock River Hospice & Home will host a Celebration of Life at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2200 16th Ave., to remember and honor the loved ones served in the past year. Call 815-625-3858 to include others not served by RRHH.

AMBOY-Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 4, at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 4, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive, sponsored by the SVCC Student Government, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL Route 2. Call 800-733-2767 or online RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

SUBLETTE-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive, sponsored by the Sub-let Indians 4-H Club, from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 202 S. Locust. Call Carol Vaessen at 815-849-5533 or the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment to donate.

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 first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m., June 6. The third Wednesday of the month drive, June 20, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The Bureau and Lee County Farm Bureau’s Golf Outing to Benefit Ag in the Classroom sign-up deadline is Friday, June 8. The outing will be held on Thursday, June 21, at Lost Nation Golf Club, 6931 Lost Nation Rd. Email JFrueh@bureauountyfarmbureau.org or leecfb@comcast.net for more information.

AMBOY-The 2018 Amboy Summer Concert Series will feature Les Floto, Lonesome Fugitive, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at the bandstand in downtown. A Vendor Fair will be held along side the concert.

ASHTON-The 29th Annual Ashton Lions Club Car Show will be held Sunday, June 10, at AFC High School, 611 Western Ave. Registration 8 a.m. until noon. Trophy presentations at 3 p.m. Call 815-677-1601 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 11, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 11, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

STERLING-The U of I Extension will host “All My Money: Change for the Better”, a train-the-trainer financial management program for agency staff, social workers and educators, from 8:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12 and 13. Visit go.illinois.edu/AllMyMoney for more information.

FRANKLIN GROVE-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at the Atlanta Park Building, South State Street. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at Ken Nelson Auto Group, 1050 N. Galena Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at the Sublette Township Building.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at the East Grove Township Hall.

PAW PAW-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive from 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 at the Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 14. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, at Amboy High School.

LEFFELMAN AND ASSOCIATES WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL LOCAL GRADUATES.

Special congrats to **Damon Quest** who graduated from the University of Wisconsin Platteville. Damon is the son of Lisa (Troy) Quest who manages our Amboy office.

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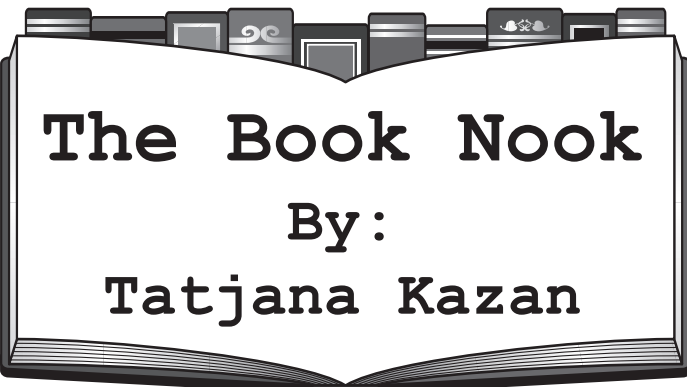
Which stones would you choose?

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

The Old Testament book of Joshua records the powerful story of how God stopped the Jordan River from flowing so that the people of Israel could cross over on dry land into the Promised Land. To commemorate this miracle God told Joshua to have twelve men each take a stone from the middle of the river and set them up, “as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.” (4:7). This pile of stones would serve as a reminder to Israel of Gods mighty power (v. 24). And it was also meant to be used as a teaching tool for when their children and future generations asked, “What do these stones mean?” Then the story could be told all over again!

I think this is an amazing story. And a fun one. I am sure the pile of stones probably stood in sharp contrast to the surrounding area in such a way as to inspire the question from children. What a fun way to remember a special moment. And to glorify God.

I have also been known to occasionally pick up a rock as a (cheap) souvenir to commemorate a special place or moment in my life. While I do not have a “pile” or even very many of them,



Division street

The title of Michael Ondaatje’s novel “Divisadero” refers to a street in San Francisco. It means “division,” but it also refers to the Spanish word “divisar,” which means “to see from a distance.” And that is what the novel is about, as Ondaatje explained to an interviewer: “It is a book of separations and divisions, of two stories that link up.”

In a highly imaginative, poetic style, “Divisadero” introduces three children: Anna, Claire, an adopted sister of the same age, and Coop, an adopted brother who is four years older. Anna’s mother died in childbirth, as did Claire’s, and Coop’s family was murdered by a hired hand while Coop hid under the floorboards. They are brought up in the 1970s by Anna’s father on a farm near Petaluma, California.

“We live with those retrievals from childhood that coalesce and echo throughout our lives ... We live permanently in the recurrence of our own stories, whatever story we tell,” Anna tells us. The event that “set fire to the rest of her life” is when, at 15, she and Coop become lovers and are discovered by her father. He nearly kills Coop and drags Anna away, but she escapes him. In the liveliest part of the novel, Coop becomes a card shark, and we meet some great characters and are treated to a fine lesson in how to cheat at Texas Hold’em and walk away with \$300,000.

The linked story finds Anna at 33 with a doctorate in French literature in an old farmhouse in the south of France, doing research on the poet Lucien Segura, born in the late 19th century and famous for seven popular novels. She meets Rafael, an older man who in his childhood spent many hours with the aged Segura. Anna and Rafael become lovers, but Anna still finds Coop, Claire, and her father everywhere: “It is the hunger for what we do not have that holds us together.”

The novel then veers off into the life, from birth to death, of Lucien Segura, who escapes into writing “where a third person hides us.” A married farmer’s wife, Marie-Neige, who is taught to read by Lucien’s mother, becomes the poet’s inspiration and great love. Lucien’s story contains superb descriptions of French country life and its hardships before the Great War, and far worse deprivations and violence after the war. Lucien joins up and soon catches diphtheria, called “the plague of the throat,” and is castoff into a tent with scores of dying soldiers.

The lives of Ondaatje’s disparate characters may not add up to a traditional novel, but there is an overarching idea to consider: “There is the hidden presence of others in us, even those we have known briefly. We contain them for the rest of our lives.”

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I do have a golf ball sized one that I picked up from the bottom of the Grand Canyon when my daughters and I road there on mules. When I look at that rock I always remember the special memory of that trip and the people I was with.

Wouldn’t it be special if we were able to keep a rock “as a memorial” for every time we had a special moment with God. Something as a souvenir to remember an event in our life in which we felt especially close to Him? Or to commemorate the time He answered a prayer in a unique or powerful way.

Chances are that none of us have done this. But what if we did? What would be some of those special memorials that you would have to testify of God’s presence and work in your life? I think it would be appropriate and even a blessing to Him if you took the time to acknowledge God and thank Him again for those “memorials” in your life. And in the process, I bet that you will be blessed from them all over again.



BY EMILY GOFF

Head Librarian

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Fun spring events at Franklin Creek State Natural Area and Gristmill

FRANKLIN GROVE — Franklin Creek Conservation Association is celebrating spring with a great lineup of events. From special evenings like the June trivia-night dinner to weekly hikes and stewardship days, there’s something for everyone at Franklin Grove’s beautiful state park and historic gristmill this season.

On June 9, from 6-9 p.m., they will be hosting “Treevia Night,” an Evening at the Mill event with six rounds of tree-related

trivia questions, a four-course meal featuring some delicious forest-themed foods, and great prizes at the end of each round. If you don’t have a team, don’t worry – they will be mixing people up before the first round. All are welcome. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for students, and proceeds will go to support the activities of the Franklin Creek Conservation Association.

On the stewardship days every first and third Saturday of the month, visitors have

a chance to help care for the land. Starting time is 9 a.m. and they will meet in the mill parking lot.

Every second and fourth Saturday there is a free guided hike in the park. Meeting times vary and they meet in the mill parking lot. Attached is a copy of the guided hike schedule.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @franklincreekconservation for event updates, or give us a call for more information.

Fundraiser planned June 30

DIXON — “Tapas & Tinis,” a fundraiser for Rock River Hospice & Home is a casual social evening featuring a variety of tapas (appetizers) created by local “Celebrity Chefs”. Each chef will host their own tapas station with plenty of samples. Guests are encouraged to vote with cash for their “Top Tapas Celebrity Chef”, with all the proceeds benefiting hospice services in our communities.

The event will be held on June 30 at The Brandywine Banquet Center in Dixon, beginning at 6 p.m., and will also feature a cash bar, including specialty martinis. Cost is \$30 per ticket and are available at Rock River Hospice & Home or any RRHH Board Member.

The event is sponsored by CGH Medical Center. For more information, call Rock River Hospice & Home at 815-625-3858.

Retired teachers association to offer scholarship

LEE COUNTY — The Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association- IRTA is offering a \$750 Scholarship to a college junior or senior from Ogle or Lee county, who is currently working toward a degree in education and is enrolled at an accredited school.

An application may be downloaded from the Ogle-Lee RTA website at www.ogleleerta.weebly.com

Applications are due by July 31, 2018, send to Phil Bratta, 5631 Fair Oaks Dr., Davis Junction, IL 61020, any questions may be directed to him at 815-520-5312

The scholarship winner will be announced in August 2018 on the website and in local media.

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Opinion

In a shrinking state, census sheds light on struggling cities

Rich didn't think his story would go viral. But a Facebook post with his photo and a quote from the longtime Clinton, resident has reached more than 800,000 people since May 21, with more than 10,000 reactions and 8,000 shares.

"I've lived in Clinton since I was two years old," Roth begins.

"The moving company is coming June 1. I sold my business as of this morning."

Roth's story — he's moving his family to Arizona and sold his home for a six-figure loss — resonated. And that's because too much of the state is in the same boat.

Clinton sits between Bloomington and Decatur, and it's lost 5 percent of its population since 2010, according to new data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Illinois' population has been shrinking for the last four years consecutively, driven by losing more people to other states than we gain.

The new Census data show 39 of Illinois' 50 most populous cities shrank from July 2016 to July 2017. Half have shed population since 2010. And the state's titan, Chicago, was the only major city

Guest Column

By Austin Berg



in the country to lose population over the year. It's seen fewer residents for the last three years running.

Among the Land of Lincoln's largest cities, there should be particular concern for Rockford. Twenty miles from the Wisconsin border, it's been shrinking every year this decade, and has fallen to the fifth-largest city in the state this year from the third largest in 2015.

Peoria is another pain point. It saw the largest decline in population over the year among the top 50 cities, losing 1.3 percent of its population in a matter of months. One of Peoria's largest employers, Caterpillar Inc., announced in January 2017 that it was moving its headquarters to the Chicago suburbs.

Mid-sized cities like Belleville and Decatur are seeing severe declines, both losing more than 5 percent of their populations since 2010.

So how does Illinois flip the trend?

Here's something that isn't helping: Proposed solutions to Illinois' fiscal problems appear completely detached from reality.

First there was Chicago Democratic state Rep. Robert Marwick's FRIENDLY Act, which outlined progressive tax rates

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that would hike income taxes on Illinoisans making as little as \$17,300. More recently, the Chicago Federal Reserve proposed a property-tax-for-pensions plan where every homeowner would pay an additional 1 percent property tax to the state to pay down unfunded pension liabilities.

Under the proposal, the typical Illinois homeowner would pay more than \$1,700 in additional property taxes to the state for the next 30 years to pay down the pension debt.

Who wouldn't want to stick around for that killer deal?

"I saw the [Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's proposed] 1 percent tax. I shared it and tagged all my friends and said 'my suggestion to you is just get the hell out of the state,'" Roth said.

Jobs and housing are the key to making any state more attractive. But the Land of Lincoln punishes small businesses and taxes homes at among the highest rates in the country. Illinois ranked 42 out of 50 states for jobs growth in 2017, and last among all its neighboring states.

When people can't find good job opportunities in Illinois, they are too often forced to leave. And to take their place, too few have enough confidence in the state to move in from elsewhere and build a future.

Growing Illinois requires growing confidence. For state and local leaders, that means spending restraint, aggressive reform and renewed respect for taxpayers.

Austin Berg is a writer for the Illinois Policy Institute. He wrote this column for the Illinois News Network. Austin can be reached at aberg@illinoispolicy.org.

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago May 30, 1918

The teachers who have signed contracts for the school year 1918-19 are Amboy High School — Thomas Brew, M. Maude Manley, Lena M. Johnson, Ilah M. Gordon, Harriet L. James. Grades, H.S. Building — Elizabeth Edwards, Jean Carroll, Maude E. Reilly, Lincoln School — Margaret Hammond and Mary B. Rooney.

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Little Miss Genevieve Collier went to Rochester, Minn., with her aunt, Mrs. Smith, to remain during the summer months.

75 Years Ago May 27, 1943

On orders received in a telegram Friday evening, Principal O. W. Funkhouser of Amboy Township high school left Monday

for Lexington, Va., where he will be commissioned a captain in the Special Services Division of the U. S. Army. He will serve as an educational officer and will be attached to some Army headquarters.

Jack Liggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Liggett, was guest of honor at a party given Friday afternoon to celebrate his sixth birthday.

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Hughes, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J.H. Hughes, was graduated Monday from William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo.

50 Years Ago May 30, 1968

Honors Day was held Wednesday, May 22 at Amboy High School — Honor Graduates who have maintained a 4.0 or above during all four years of high school include William Bulfer, Pamela Carey, Rebecca Donoho, Penney Edwards, Gregg Eisenberg, Barbara Glenn, Rose Henrich, Charles Jeanblanc, Joy Ann Kerchner, Alan Pfeifer, Joe Rapp, Penny Reinhold, Kathy Sherrard, Tom Spenader, Daryl Stuckemeyer and Patricia Young

Beggs' Certified Foods advertises Dubuque weiners for 55 cents per pound, Country's Delight Frozen lemonade for 10 cents and Kraft Miracle Whip for 49 cents a quart.

Joseph M. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Smith of Amboy has been assigned to the position of Station Agent for Braniff International Airlines. He will be stationed in Chicago.

25 Years Ago June 3, 1993

Mayor Hank Gerdes paid tribute to the 3.1 millions American who have served in this nation's wars at Memorial Day services Monday at Veterans Park in Amboy.

Fifty-nine seniors will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises at Amboy High School, Friday, June 4.

Jeff Cardot is asking for a variance too install a 19 x 43 foot pool that will be open to the public on South Commercial just off East Main Street. The city council has agreed to provide 25,000 gallon of free water if the proposed pool is approved.

I HEAR YOU ARE THINKING OF RETIRING — LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND, SAYS 84-YEAR-OLD SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY TO 81-YEAR-OLD SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY.



Graduates, chances are your old bedroom is already hot tub

For parents, graduation is a bittersweet time filled with angst and second-guesses. Particularly if it appears their graduate won't be out of the house before the contractor is scheduled to begin turning that extra bedroom into a new hot tub by July 4th.

Don't get me wrong. Parents will always have a place for their children at home. It's just that, after the remodel, that place may have to be in one of the utility closets.

To help with this important transition, a lot of parents put together a "survival" package containing things like pots and pans, utensils, toiletries, dishes, tools—things from home that 1) you, as graduates, will find familiar and comforting in your new life, and 2) they've been waiting to unload on you for years so they can buy all new stuff.

To protect yourself, take careful inventory of this "survival" package before you accept it. Any small appliance — such as a toaster, blender or hot plate — that was made before standard outlets were introduced should be refused. The same goes for any "family heirlooms" that you've never seen before, but that your parents insist you loved as a child. In many cases, these items were never in your home to begin with, and are actually the result of an exchange program established by other parents of graduating seniors who are also trying to get rid of stuff they don't want.

The reason for this is simple: All parents know that whatever you leave behind after graduation will likely remain in the attic or garage until the reading of their wills. Because of this, they will stop at nothing to make sure you are accompanied on your journey by that 70-pound ceramic pterodactyl you made in fifth grade, as well as any other belongings that won't readily ignite should the garage be consumed in a "freak" inferno.

Guest Column

By Ned Hickson



But let's assume you manage to escape from home in anything smaller than a 27-foot moving van. Your next step as a graduate will be to settle into your new surroundings. This generally includes adjusting to having a roommate your first year in college. It will probably be someone you've never met before, but whom you can rest assured has been carefully screened and, based on compatibility, specifically chosen as the perfect roommate. You will never actually meet this person of course, and will instead share a room with someone you once saw in a David Lynch movie. But that's all part of the college experience, which is aimed at preparing you for life.

(Or a life sentence, depending on how the whole roommate thing goes.)

Once you're settled, it's time to focus in on what you came to college for: An education.

Ha Ha! Just kidding! Let's just be honest and admit that you chose a college based on which website had the best-looking students playing volleyball in the fall leaves. Every college website has one of these photos, along with pictures of young, chiseled teachers lecturing before 300-seat-capacity halls filled with super models.

Warning: This is not real life! You will not find a lecture hall filled with 300 super models. In fact, your first semester, you'll be lucky if you find the lecture hall at all.

And even when you do find it, chances are you'll be sitting next to your roommate.

That said, I wish all of this year's graduates the best of luck as they embark into the world with stars in their eyes and dreams in their hearts — and, if they weren't quick enough, a 70-pound ceramic pterodactyl.

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Clippers compete at state track meet

CHARLESTON – The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team concluded its season with several team members competing in the IHSA Class 1A State Track Meet on May 24-26 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Junior Thomas Stamberger took 11th place overall in the 800-meter run. His finals time was 1:59.19. Stamberger had a time of 2:00.25 in the preliminaries, which was good enough to propel him to the finals.

The 800-meter run state champion was Riley

Wells of Rockford Christian with a clocking of 1:53.72.

The Clippers' Kyle Hunter participated in the shot put and did not make it out of the preliminary round. He had a throw of 46-2.25.

The state champion in the shot put was Hunter Woodard of Tuscola with a heave of 60-4.5.

A-L's Travis Eames also qualified for state in the 300-meter hurdles, but he did not compete in the event.

Kids fishing tournament held June 2

LASALLE – The 33rd annual Kids' Free Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 2 at I&M Canal Lock #14 in LaSalle. Registration is at 8 a.m. and fishing will be from 9-11 a.m.

The event is for boys and girls, who will be divided into two age groups – 4-12 and 13-15. Participants should bring their own tackle (one

pole and one hook). No artificial lures will be allowed. Bait will be provided.

Prizes will be awarded, and snacks and drinks will be provided.

For more information, call (815) 223-2382, (815) 223-3671 or go to www.better-fishing-assoc.org.

Early registration deadline approaches for KB Tough Run

OREGON — The 7th Annual KB Tough Run has been scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 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 our community that are burdened by a medical crisis.

More than 40 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.

Early registration for the event ends on June 6. Registration forms are available online at www.KBToughRun.com. This year they are once again offering online registration.

The new 10K run, 5K Tough Run, Hike and Kid Sprint participants can all sign up online by visiting our website and following the 'Register Now' link. Early registration guarantees tough run and Hike participants an event t-shirt and drink

token. This year's event will feature professional timing by Crossroads Events. Chipped bibs will allow for prompt and accurate race times for participants. The 10K race registration is \$35, the Tough Run and Hike registration is \$30 while the Kid Sprint is \$10.

Please join the KB Tough Run for another family friendly event. A \$5 Kid Zone wrist band ensure unlimited access to all the games, face painting and activities. DJJ, Jason Hardin, will be setting up his mobile sound station to provide music and emcee services throughout the day. 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. See you in June.

Questions can be directed to info@KBToughRun.com. To learn more about the event and the fund visit www.KBToughRun.com.



DONATION

The Lee County Fair Association is so thankful for this donation from America's Farmers and Lee County farmer Josie Willett. Each August, farmers can enroll online for a chance to win \$2,500 as a direct donation to a non-profit of their choice. Willett enrolled, chose the Lee County Fair Association, and was Lee County's winner. Each year the America's Farmers Grow Communities program awards more than \$3 million to rural non-profits. Pictured are association members, front row, left to right, Molly Biggs, Abbey Kelly, Adam Henkel, Willet, Katie Pratt, Lindsay Daniels back row, left to right, Nick Hemborough, Aaron Wolf, Andy Pratt and Joe Becker.

Photo submitted

Dispose of prescription drugs safely at OSF Saint Paul

MENDOTA — According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United States is experiencing an epidemic of drug overdose deaths.

Since 2000, the rate of deaths from drug overdoses has increased 137 percent, including a 200 percent increase in the rate of overdose deaths involving opioids. OSF HealthCare is leading the way in helping reduce the misuse of prescription medications by installing safe, secure disposal boxes for the public at each of its hospitals in Illinois and Michigan.

Jerry Storm, Senior Vice President of Pharmacy for OSF HealthCare started investigating

a drug take back program after hearing from people who wanted a safe way to dispose of old medication but were uncomfortable taking them to a police station where most drop off boxes are located.

The containers can be locked and are monitored continuously when open. They operate much the same as a mailbox.

The drug disposal boxes are currently installed in 10 of 12 OSF HealthCare hospitals. OSF Saint Paul Medical Center has installed their disposal box in the lobby of the hospital, near the entrance.

The public can utilize the drop box seven days a week, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m.



Samson

Samson is a handsome two-year-old long haired orange tabby with some white. He was rescued from outside and was covered with huge matts. He allowed all those matts to be combed out with no fuss at all! Samson is such an awesome loving cat. He is now neutered and vaccinated and ready for his forever home. Other cats don't seem to upset him-he is just curious. He might even tolerate a nice calm dog, but that is unknown. Samson would be a good fit for a family that would love him and keep him safe inside. To see Samson, visit Granny Rose Animal Shelter, 613 River Lane, Dixon. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, and closed on Sunday. Call 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

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Foxy

If you have a special place in your heart for a very special cat, I'm your girl. I'm Foxy and I'm mostly blind so I'll need a home where you don't move the furniture around all the time and there aren't small children running around. Just so you know, I was rescued by two wonderful humans who found me outside during the coldest part of last winter. I was nearly frozen and Happy Tails took me in and I was told some loving adopter would be in to take me to my forever home. Come see me if you are that loving adopter.

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ROCHELLE: 709 4th Ave. Hicks Hall. Thursday May 31st 4pm-7pm, Friday June 1st 8am-4pm & Saturday June 2nd 8am-1pm. HUGE GARAGE SALE!!! Benefiting Local Missions at the Rochelle United Methodist Church. There is Something for Everyone, Don't Miss This Sale! (05-31-18)

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Deadline to place your ad: Monday at 10:00 am


*Ad must appear in the Amboy News Garage Sale ads to be included in the Facebook Post.

The Amboy News will make a once-weekly Facebook post on Tuesday night of the complete garage sale advertisements from our newspaper. Each listing will be enhanced with a Google map link to the address of the sale—great for smart phone users! Whether you're hosting a sale or hopping from sale to sale, this post is for you.

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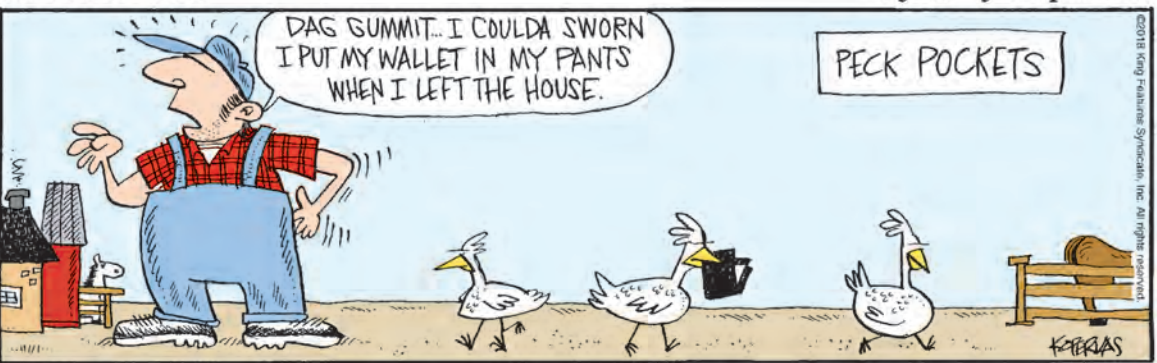
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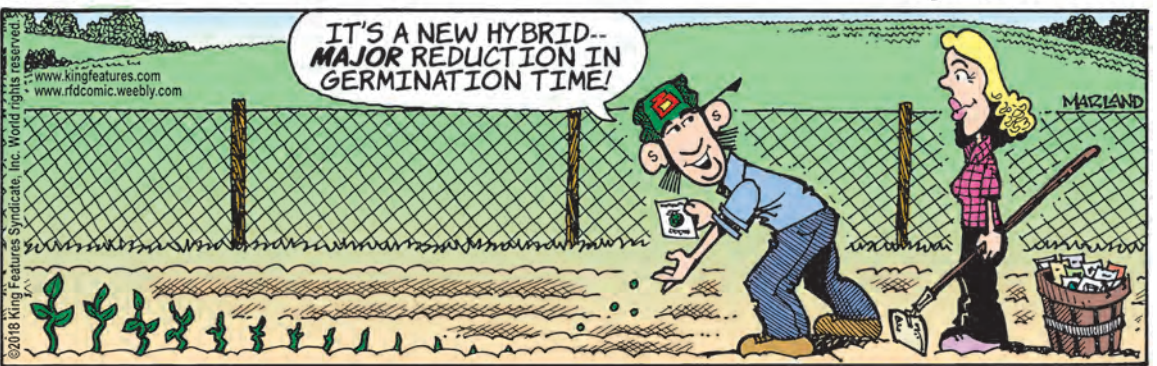
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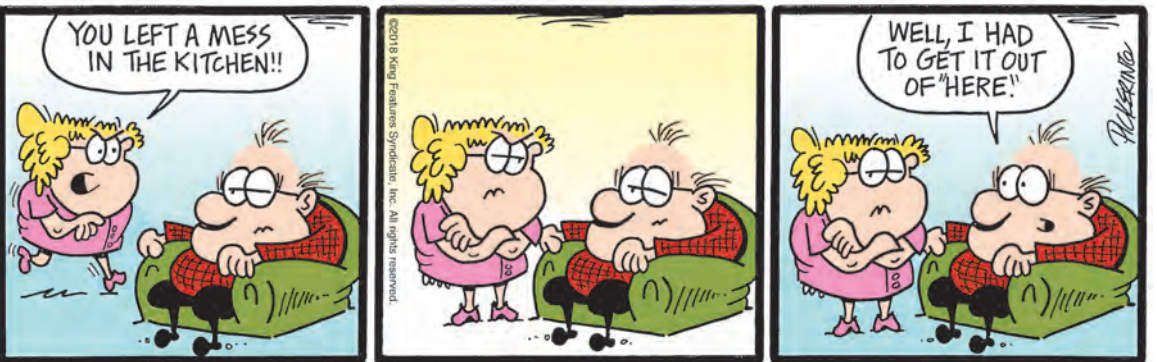
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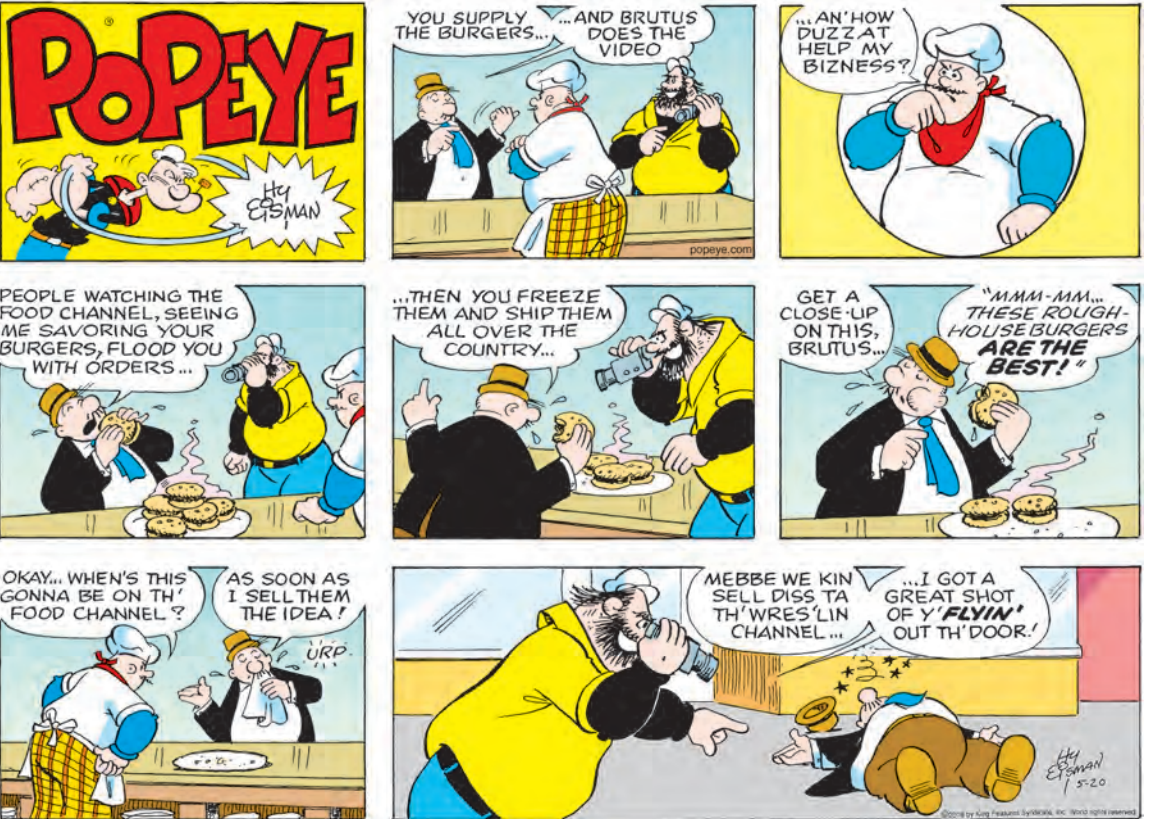


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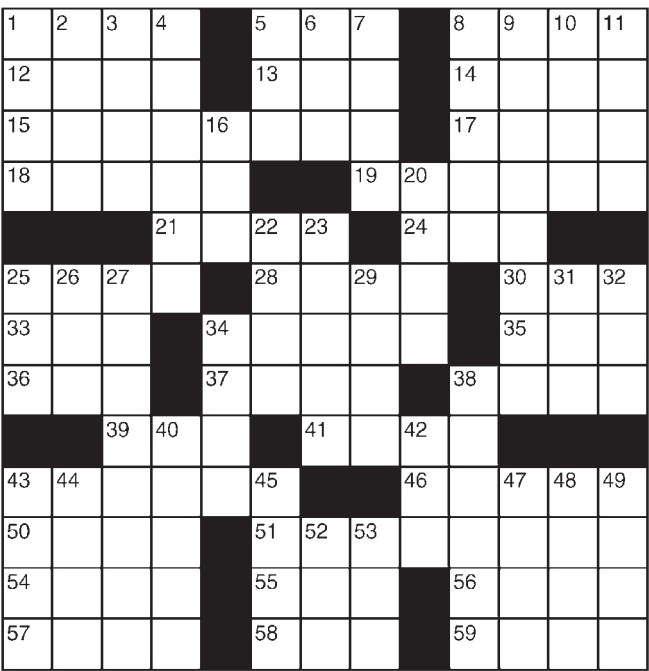
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Grand story
- 5 Recipe meas.
- 8 Slender smoke
- 12 Stereo precursor
- 13 Conger or moray
- 14 Opposed to
- 15 Sit on eggs
- 17 Highlander
- 18 Rib
- 19 Off the path
- 21 Thing
- 24 Golf prop
- 25 Related
- 28 Sandwich shop
- 30 Shock and —
- 33 Lair
- 34 Duck down
- 35 Vast expanse
- 36 Pouch
- 37 Male 38-Across
- 38 See 37-Across
- 39 Eggs
- 41 Unrivaled
- 43 Legendary
- 46 Adult insect
- 50 Sahara-like
- 51 On an angle
- 54 Rinky- —
- 55 Use the microwave
- 56 Unrivaled
- 57 Long story

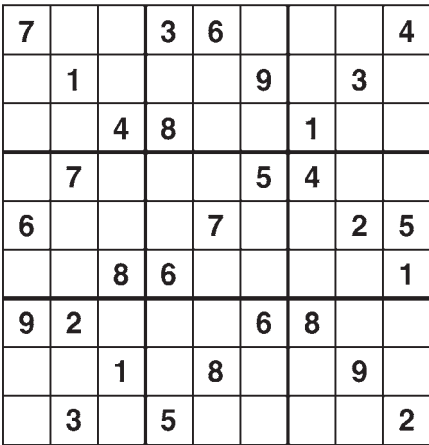


- 58 Flightless bird
- 59 Tackles' teammates
- 8 Haste result
- 9 Enlarge
- 10 Old portico
- 11 Compassion
- 16 Wager
- 20 Use a swizzle stick
- 22 Fix a manuscript
- 23 Olympics prize
- 25 Billboards
- 26 Mauna —
- 27 Arriving
- 29 Toy block name
- 31 Teensy
- 32 Listener
- 34 Jacob's brother
- 38 End
- 40 Bullshot ingredient
- 42 Zero
- 43 Crazes
- 44 Operatic solo
- 45 Dimension
- 47 Any time now
- 48 Neuter
- 49 Rhyming tributes
- 52 "Platoon" setting, for short
- 53 Innards of a PC

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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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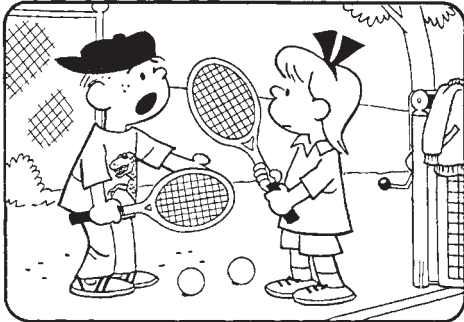
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MATH: What is the square root of 25?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: How many South American countries border Argentina?
- 3. SCIENCE: The conversion of water vapor to liquid is called what?
- 4. MUSIC: Who composed the opera "The Barber of Seville"?
- 5. ANATOMY: Where are the muscles called "lats" located?
- 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of lions called?
- 7. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear experienced by someone suffering from ailurophobia?
- 8. AD SLOGANS: What breakfast cereal's ad slogan was, "They're GR-R-R-reat"?
- 9. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What writer and activist once said, "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference"?
- 10. MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek god is associated with winged sandals?

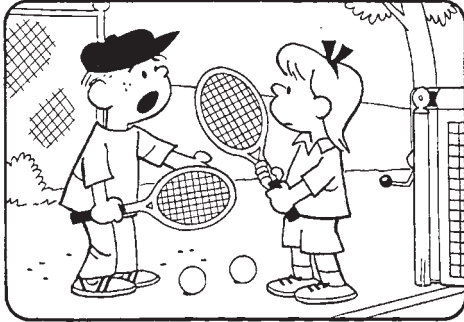
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UGYQGR JHZZL SAZUUR MA LI IYHT,
IZB LMPDC RYI M'L HYSMAP CDG
LZBATR.

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Today's Word

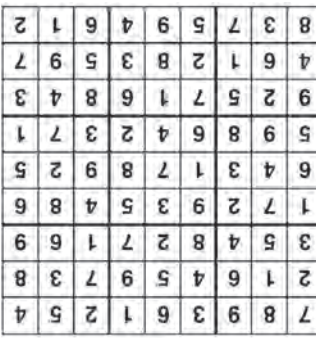
3. Staple; 4. Bizarre

1. Shelve; 2. Tremor;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

King Crossword



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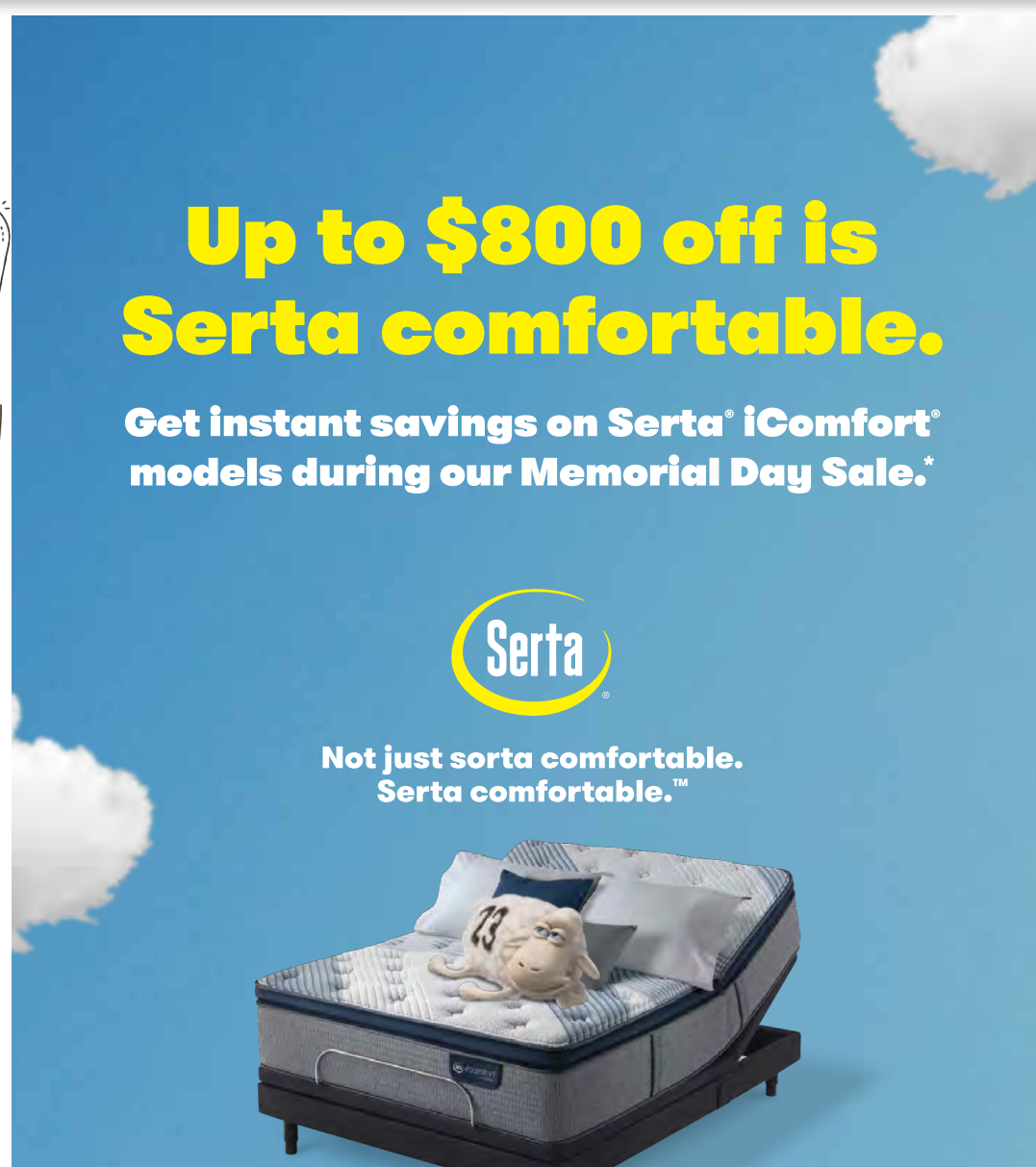
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