

Two arrested after burglary attempt in Dixon

DIXON—On Wednesday, July 10, Lee County Deputies were dispatched to the area of US Route 30 and Walton Road in rural Dixon for a Burglary in progress.

Two individuals wearing masks were observed running from a residence and into a black GMC Sierra pickup. The vehicle then left the residence and was seen traveling north towards the City of Dixon. A witness observed a passenger exit the vehicle just south of Dixon on Pump Factory Road.

Dixon Police Officers were in the area and located the black GMC Sierra. A traffic stop was conducted near Rock Island Road and Atkinson Road, and the driver, identified as Michael E. Miller, was detained.

A short time later, Lee County Deputies located an individual walking west on Interstate 88 just outside of Dixon that matched the description of the passenger. As a result of the investigation, deputies arrested the two individuals on the following charges:

Michael E. Miller, 42-years of age, from Monmouth, Illinois was charged

with:

- Residential Burglary (Class 1 Felony)
- Theft (Class 3 Felony)
- Driving While License Suspended (Class A Misdemeanor)
- Criminal Trespass to Real Property (Class B Misdemeanor)
- Operating a Motor Vehicle with Registration Suspended (Business Offense)

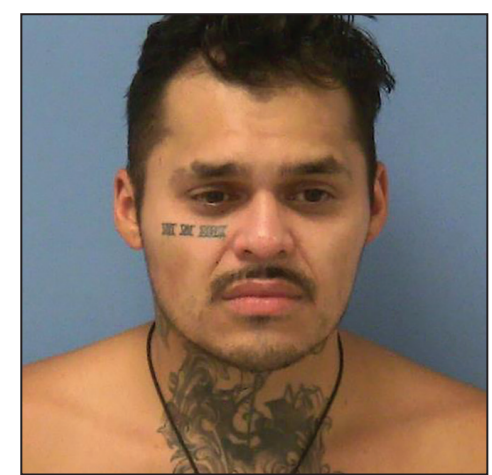
Miller is currently on felony probation from Whiteside County. He was charged on January 10, 2024 with the offenses of burglary (Class 2 Felony) and retail theft greater than \$300 (Class 3 Felony) in Whiteside County Case Number 24CF31. On June 12, 2024, Miller pleaded guilty to felony Retail Theft and was placed on 24 months of probation.

Julian J. Belmonte, 30-years of age, from Monmouth, Illinois was charged with:

- Residential Burglary (Class 1 Felony)
- Theft (Class 3 Felony)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Class A Misdemeanor)
- Criminal Trespass to Real Property (Class B Misdemeanor)



Michael E. Miller



Julian J. Belmonte

Belmonte is currently on pretrial release conditions out of Warren County on charges of child pornography (Class 3 Felony). The charges were filed on February 16, 2024, in Warren County Case Number 24CF23. Additionally, Belmonte has pending charges of retail theft (Class A Misdemeanor) that were filed on February 15, 2024, in Whiteside County Case Number 24CM44.

In accordance with provisions of

Illinois SAFE-T Act, Miller and Belmonte were again released on pretrial conditions in Lee County Case Numbers of 24CF181 and 24CF182, respectively.

Citizens are reminded to call the Lee County Sheriff's Office at (815) 284-6631 or Crime stoppers at 1-888-CAUGHT-U. Callers can remain anonymous and receive rewards of up to \$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest.

Surf Internet presents at July Sublette Village meeting

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Amboy News Editor

SUBLETTE – Northern Illinois has seen a new company within internet providers in the last four years, Surf Internet.

At the July 8 Village of Sublette City Council meeting, Jennifer Alvarez, Surf's regional market manager, presented what the fiber optic broadband internet company offers.

She answered questions from Sublette President John Stenzel and other members of the council in terms of what construction Surf would need to do, how far the fiber signal reaches, how long the price points last, the equipment Surf customers would use, speed rates of the internet, and more.

At the end of the presentation, Stenzel asked Alvarez to send him more information about the company and its services. There wasn't an exact date for a meeting or a return visit to put Surf Internet on an upcoming meeting agenda, but it seemed promising Surf Internet and Sublette will speak again to potentially offer Sublette residents another internet provider option.

Economic development coordinator Don Dinges spoke of the events in

Sublette that either already happened or are scheduled.

The truck show in June didn't bring in a big crowd, but they're hoping next year will expand as some of the attendees from Waterman, Compton, and Earlville loved the show and vowed to bring more people with them next June.

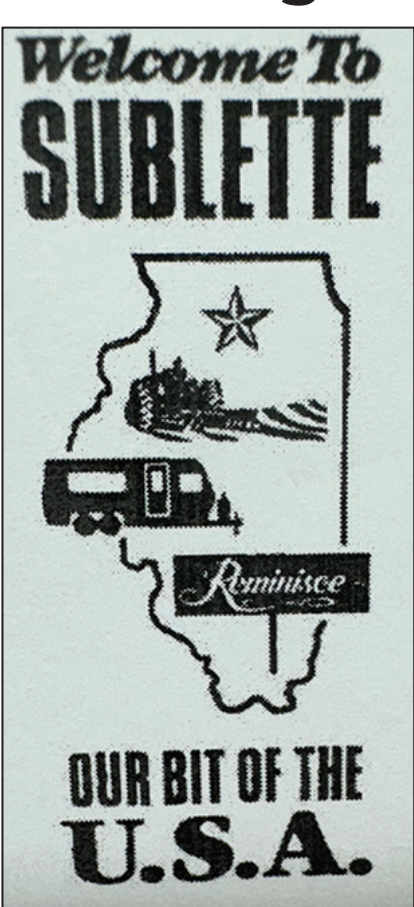
The farmer's market returns to Sublette on Tuesday, July 30. It will run from 4-7 p.m. on Main Street.

September 7-8 will be the annual events, Hops & Harmony and Pullin' in the Park at the Ellice Dinges Center and Centennial Park. Hops & Harmony offers beer tasting and features country music band Diamond Rio.

Also inked in the Sublette calendar is the Sublette Country Car Show from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 alongside U.S. Rt. 52.

Dinges also made the council aware of signs being made for Emma Dinges, a 2024 Amboy High School graduate, who was voted in as the Illinois FFA secretary for the next fiscal year.

Also discussed at the meeting, on June 24 a camera was ran through the tile under U.S. Rt. 52 to see the status of the foundation. The televising went approximately 300 feet. After



the Sublette board viewed the footage, it was unanimously decided it wasn't in the best shape and repairing may move up the priority list.

See **Sublette** page A2

No wake ordinance effective immediately

DIXON – Due to the amount of rain received Sunday in northern Illinois, Lee County Sheriff Clay Whelan is placing the "No Wake" ordinance into effect.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office has been in contact with the Ogle County Sheriff's Office and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. They have also instituted the "No Wake" ordinance in their respective counties.

The ordinance can be put into effect when flooding or other adverse weather conditions on the Rock River necessitate it for safety purposes.

No person shall operate a motorboat at a speed exceeding five miles per hour while traveling in a "no wake" area.

Lee, LaSalle County zip codes added to IDPH list of high-risk lead testing areas

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has announced an expanded list of high-risk ZIP codes, increasing mandatory testing for lead exposure of children who live within those areas. 148 new zip codes, representing parts of 60 Illinois counties, have been added to the list this year, bringing the total of high-risk ZIP codes to almost 1,200.

"There is no safe level of lead in the blood," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "To better serve our children and build brighter futures for all of our residents, IDPH is acting to ensure that more children have access to the testing and interventions necessary to decrease the potential serious physical and developmental health concerns linked to lead exposure."

See **Zip Codes** page A5

A Tribute to the fallen of World War I

Editor's note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on Lee County veterans who served during World War I. These heroes are part of Amboy's history and it is our honor to publish these articles so you can learn about their service to our country. This article was researched by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey, and written by Dempsey.

PVT. William Robert Patton

Co. A, 129th Infantry Regiment, 33rd Division

Born to Robert and Marcella Patton on September 14, 1894, William spent his childhood in Reynolds Township where his family made their living in farming.

While few details of his early life were available in public records, he registered for



the military draft in Lee County on June 5, 1917, and was later inducted into the army, most likely at Camp Grant in Rockford. Pvt. Patton became a member of the 33rd Division or "prairie division" as did many Lee County soldiers during the Great War.

On October 11, 1918, just one month before the

armistice, Pvt. William Patton was killed in action during fierce fighting between the Argonne Forest and the Meuse River. His official U.S. Army burial card lists him with the 129th Regiment at the time of his death. Patton's remains were first buried near the battle site, moved later to the Meuse-Argonne American Ceme-

tery before being returned home in 1921 for burial in Rochelle. Pvt. Patton's supreme sacrifice is ever so modestly noted on his gravestone at the Lawnridge Cemetery.

NOTE: If you know of other Lee County Soldiers who died in service during World War I, we urge you to share that information to demps60@

gmail.com so that those soldiers may be honored and remembered.

Sources:

- "War History of Lee County Illinois 1917-1919". Dixon American Legion Post 12, 1919.
- National Archives: U.S. WWI Burial Cards, 1915-1919.
- Find A Grave Memorial

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EVENTS/LOCAL NEWS

Birthday card shower for Myrtle Hitchins' 98th

PERU – Myrtle Hitchins of Peru, formerly of rural Mendota and Bloomington, will be celebrating her 98th birthday on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

Myrtle Harriett Setchell was born July 30, 1926, in Mendota to her parents, Clifford and Ethel Setchell.

She married Joseph Wayne Hitchins of Mendota on April 2, 1949. They raised four children, Nancy Luke of Hoopston; Stanley (Leslie) Hitchins of

Bloomington; Joseph (Debbie) Hitchins of Eureka; and Gary (Cathy) Hitchins of Peru. Myrtle has 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Please share a birthday wish with Myrtle while her family is celebrating her 98th birthday in 2024.

Her mailing address is:

Myrtle Hitchins
Manor Court #105
3230 Becker Drive
Peru, IL 61354



Mobile food pantry at St. Patrick's Church on July 20

AMBOY—St. Patrick's Church is introducing a mobile food pantry on Saturday, July 20.

The church, located at 32 N. Jones Ave in Amboy, will begin distribution for this one-time from the River Bend Food Bank truck at 10 a.m.

If you're coming to the mobile food pantry, please arrive no more than 30 minutes before

distribution begins. Distribution will be outdoors. In the event of inclement weather, distribution will be indoors.

Stocking the food pantry could take up to an hour.

St. Patrick's Church will hold its normal food pantry, but had the opportunity to bring in extra services through River Bend Food Bank on Saturday, July 20.

Aden Lamps Foundation to host golf outing Sept. 21

SPRING VALLEY—The Aden Lamps Foundation will host its annual fundraiser on September 21, 2024, at Spring Creek Golf Course in Spring Valley. The cost is \$75 if registered by September 14th, \$80 after that date. The cost includes 18 hole green fee with cart, cash prizes for winning teams, games of chance and skill, and a grilled lunch with 2 beverages.

The Aden Lamps Foundation helps spread awareness for SUID (Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths). The Foundation was started in 2014 by Aden's mother, Ashley Lamps, and since the inception, the foundation has been able to purchase 11,276 sleep sacks and 10,080 safe sleep board books, which are then donated to OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Morris Hospital, KSB in Dixon, CGH in Sterling, and other local organizations and daycares.

Every newborn receives one of the safe sleep packages, with a retail value of over \$25. The safe sleep package contains a reusable bag, a sleep sack (zip up wearable blanket), an infant board book, a onesie, and safe sleep information. The mission of the Aden Lamps Foundation is to educate local families on the dangers of an unsafe sleeping environment for infants. The sleep sacks are a safer alternative to having loose blankets in the crib. Aden Lamps, son of Andy and Ashley Lamps, died in 2013 of a SUID at the age of 4 ½ months.

For more information, contact Ashley Lamps at 815-712-7701 or adenlampsfoundation@gmail.com. Information can also be found at www.facebook.com/adenlampsfoundation or at www.safesleepforaden.org.

Food Truck Monday

AMBOY—The popular monthly event where different food vending trucks come to the Amboy Deput Museum parking lot is returning from 4-8 p.m. Monday, July 22.

Sublette Farmer's Market

SUBLETTE—The village of Sublette is resuming its farmers' market this summer. Vendors with fruits, vegetables, baked goods or other items are invited to participate.

The market will be held on Tuesdays from 4-7 p.m. at the downtown vacant lot between LaFiesta Restaurant and Leffelman & Associates Insurance. The dates are July 30, Aug. 27 and Sept. 24. More dates may be added later.

There is no fee for vendors space. Just bring your table and set up. For more information, contact Don Dinges at 815-713-5675.



Storm hits Amboy City Park

High winds and thunderstorms have ransacked northern Illinois the last few days, including Sunday, July 14 when a storm knocked down trees at the Amboy City Park.

Photo courtesy of Jim Travi

Make sure to take cover in storms with high winds
Listen to the radar, pay attention to sirens
Stay safe

Dixon Summer Sounds July 18

DIXON—The Dixon Municipal Band will continue its Summer Sounds concert series at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18 at the Page Park Band Shell.

The concert will include the Beau Ideal

March, Norma Overture, The King and I, and variations on An Early American tune. Other selections will be a Gershwin Portrait, Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon, Caravan, and the Dixon March.

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One of the two LED speed signs Sublette received via federal grant money is installed and the second one was planned to be implemented the week of July 15.

Stenzel addressed the state of the generator at the Ellice Dinges Center, which was purchased in 2001, and said he received a quote for \$200 to insure it.

Fire hydrants were replaced on E. Virginia Street and N. Wyoming Street on July 8. The damaged hydrants effected 11 homes in the village.

Concrete work was done outside of the Ellice Dinges Center and on sidewalks on Main Street. Stenzel said the the repairs look "pretty good" and the board agreed.

Chris Leffelman, the chair of the park board, is purchasing two benches for Centennial Park. The village has agreed to buy the benches and the park board will reimburse. There will be one bench added to the east side of the park and one to the west side of the park.

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We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Marguerite Daniels for various items; Bert & Dave Glenn for various items; Angel & Randy Schamberger for the sweet corn; Kathy Bonnell for the food; Everyone who donates cans (please put cans near conveyor belt, not in the bin it's self-we don't want to see you get hurt); Alice & Leroy Dukes for the corn, green onions, and yellow beans; Jacie Blaine and her family for the goldfish; Anonymous donation for the condiment packets; Martha Henely for the cookies; Nichole & Dave Stenzel for the granola bars; Monetary donation in memory of Bethann & Duncan Typer; Anthony & Sue Linder for the pool; Tammy, Scott, & Brooklyn Strub for the cookie cakes in honor of Mr. Piper's birthday; Kathy Kessel for the cookies; Cheshire family for the beautiful sign and various items; Nathan Dewey and his family for the goggles.

Summer Programs

"Places you go" has been our theme for 6 weeks. Last week the kids went to the Zoo and this LAST week they will be visiting the Carnival. The camp will end July 17th for pre-k to 4th grade. Pre-K and K will be on Mondays, 1st and 2nd are on Tuesdays, and 3rd and 4th will be on Wednesdays.

Kids going into 5th grade, 6th, 7th, 8th, and High school began their summer program on Monday, June 3rd. They go from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and go from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on Wednesdays (They go to Woodhaven for a swim treat on Wednesdays) We are accepting applications for the all-day community program, and it goes to July 23rd.

Save the Dates

We will be having our 4H Pie sale on Friday, July 26th from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. and we will also be having our 4H breakfast on Saturday, July 27th from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. More info to come. If you would like to donate a pie for the sale, please call 815-857-4800 and ask for Brian or Pam. All proceeds benefit our free afterschool and summer programs.

We will also be giving away school supplies and will be releasing a date soon about it.

Mini Food Pantry

We are so grateful to have a mini food fridge set up at Teen Turf. It is open to anyone and everyone 24/7 days a week. There are rules if you would like to donate to it. These are inside the fridge. Please close the fridge tightly closed after using it.

Needs

Hershey bar chocolate to make smores and Fruit bars.

Final Note

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for healing. Thank you that you are the resurrection and the life, death holds no power over you. Your word says that you will be the cries of all those who call on you. You say that you will send out your word and heal them. Increase our faith that we may call on your unfailing love for the healing and recovery that we need. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

AMBOY POLICE

UNLICENSED TRAILER

Sandra L. Feliciano, 51, of Mendota, was issued a \$100 ordinance citation for an unlicensed trailer at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, July 3 on South Mason Street.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION EXPIRED

Maritaza Castanda, 28, of Aurora, was issued a traffic citation at 2:29 p.m. Thursday, July 4 at South Mason Avenue and Bluff Street for expired vehicle registration.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AMBOY – Come see the amazing work 4-H members have completed this year. The public is welcome as youth will be displaying projects in more than 50 subject areas including visual arts, livestock, small animals, horticulture, woodworking, foods, and science.

DIXON – 4-H Junior Gardener teaches children about the wonderful world of gardening through hands-on investigation of growing their own vegetables and flowers and learning to use the harvest. The 4-H Junior Gardener SPIN Club is meeting from 4-5:30 p.m. every Tuesday from May 21-July 30 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dixon. The club is for youth ages 8-18 and the cost is \$30 for non-4-H members and \$10 for 4-H members. For more information contact the Lee County Extension Office at 815-857-3525. Register online at go.illinois.edu/leeco.jg.

DIXON – Looking for a fun, approachable way to incorporate movement into daily life? Get Up and Dance! at Sauk Valley Community College. Learn basic dance skills through games and activities that will help increase physical activity, promote a healthy lifestyle, and decrease potential injury. We'll get warmed up with activities in balance, endurance, rhythm, stretching, and more before diving into several dance styles including ballet, lyrical, jazz, hip hop, and kick, all in an inviting environment. So, Get up and Dance! Ages 8-14. Classes are from 1-3 p.m. on Monday, July 15 and Thursday, July 18. Cost is \$15. Register online at: go.illinois.edu/SVCCcollegeforkids.

AMBOY – The Amboy Lions Club meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, July 22 at the Amboy Community Center, located at 280 W. Wasson Rd. The Lions Club meetings take place the second and fourth Monday of every month.

STERLING – Join Family Life Educator Kara Schweitzer at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling for the Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention Program, with sessions held from 10-11 a.m. on July 23, 24, 30, 31, August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, and September 3, 10, and 11. This eight-week program focuses on improving muscular strength, flexibility, and fitness to prevent falls, with each session building on the previous one, making full program participation encouraged. For accommodations, contact Kara at kara7@illinois.edu. Register online at go.illinois.edu/WhitesideTaiChi.

AMBOY – Come see the amazing work 4-H members have completed this year at the Lee County Fair & 4-H Show starting at 10 a.m. each day from July 25-28. The public is welcome. Youth will be displaying projects in more than 50 subject areas, including visual arts, livestock and small animals, horticulture, woodworking, foods and science.

AMBOY – The City of Amboy committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5 at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY – The Amboy Civic Organization currently meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at 4:30 p.m. at Maria's Pizza in Amboy, 110 E. Main

Street. Please note, the A.C.O no longer gathers at 4 p.m. but instead will gather at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 6. Sharing dinner will provide a great opportunity for socializing and sharing community news.

LEE CENTER – The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, August 8.

SUBLETTE – The next Village of Sublette meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette

EAST GROVE – East Grove Township is holding its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 at the East Grove Township Hall.

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LOCAL/STATE NEWS

CGH Health Foundation names two new trustees

STERLING – Larry Cooper and Julia Mendez, both of Sterling, were recently appointed as new trustees of the CGH Health Foundation Board. Since 1987, the focus of the Foundation has been to raise funds to sponsor health initiatives which serve Sauk Valley area children and adults. As ambassadors for the 501(c)(3) corporation, the pair will assist with fundraising as well as help oversee the program/operating budget, policies and special events. They join a 15-member Board of Trustees.

Mr. Cooper is in his 49th year as a Financial Representative for Thrivent Financial. He served as Foundation Annual Appeal Business Division Co-Chair with his wife, Vicki, in 2023. He is a member of New Life Lutheran Church and has played a major role in fund-raising for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois.

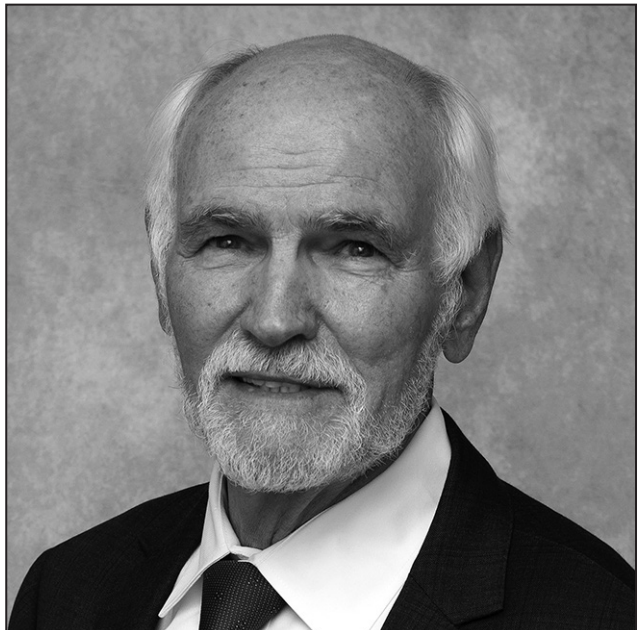
Ms. Mendez is a CPA and Business Manager within the Large Power Systems Division of Caterpillar. During her 12-year career, she has held various accounting positions supporting the quarterly earnings release as well as marketing, digital and aftermarket programs. She has been active in her family’s local greenhouse business as well.

The mission of the Foundation is “Pursuing healthier lives for the people of the Sauk Valley”. It is the fund



Julia Mendez

development corporation for all charitable contributions made to CGH Medical Center. Trustees and staff are dedicated to identifying sources of philanthropic support for current and future needs of CGH and the community, whether for patient care, wellness, community service programs, equipment or capital needs. Ninety percent of contributions are raised through the Annual Appeal.



Larry Cooper

This year’s goal of \$565,000 will fund 15 programs, including Oncology, Dementia and Ways to Wellness – the main focus of the campaign.

For more information or to make a gift, contact Foundation Executive Director Amanda Blaine at 815/625-0400, ext. 5672 or amanda.blaine@cghmc.com or go to www.cghmc.com/forms/giving-back.

IDPH warns Illinoisans to protect themselves from dangerously high heat

CHICAGO–With dangerously high levels of heat forecast across the state of Illinois in the coming days, including heat index forecasts approaching 100 degrees, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is warning Illinoisans to take preventive actions to avoid heat-related illnesses.

Exposure to extreme heat, and especially prolonged exposure, can cause serious health complications, including heat exhaustion and heatstroke, IDPH officials said. The Department is urging Illinoisans to take precautions and protect themselves, their families and their pets from overheating and heat-related illnesses. This is critically important for very young children, people who are pregnant and those who are older. Public health officials also remind Illinoisans to check on the well-being of vulnerable people who live alone without air conditioning.

You can protect yourself from heat-stroke and heat exhaustion with these

basic steps:

Stay in an air-conditioned area during the hottest hours of the day.If you don’t have air conditioning in your home, go to a public place such as a shopping mall or a library to stay cool. Or check for cooling centers at the Keep Cool Illinois website.

Wear light, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing, as it reflects heat and sunlight.

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water often and don’t wait until you are thirsty. Avoid beverages that can dehydrate you like those that contain caffeine or alcohol.

Avoid unnecessary hard work or activities if you are outside or in a building without air-conditioning, especially during times of peak heat from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Avoid unnecessary sun exposure. When in the sun, wear a hat, preferably with a wide brim.

Slow down. Strenuous activities

should be reduced, eliminated, or rescheduled to the coolest time of the day. Those at risk should stay in the coolest available place, not necessarily indoors.

Here are some symptoms of heat-stroke to look out for:

Body temperature over 103 degrees Fahrenheit

Difficulty breathing

An elevated heart rate

Skin hot to the touch

Feeling dizziness, nausea or disorientation

If you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms, call 911 immediately. While you are waiting for medical assistance, you can use ice packs on the neck and underarms and drink cool water to lower your body temperature.

Avoiding Sunburn:

This is the time of year when ultraviolet (UV) rays are strongest and can cause severe sunburn. It is important to protect you skin, especially if you are

prone to developing skin cancer.

To avoid sunburn, wear sunscreen of SPF30 or higher. Also wear protective clothing, including long-sleeved shirts, long pants and a wide-brimmed hat, especially when the UV index is over 6.

Heat can also adversely affect the health of pets. To keep your pets safe:

Never leave your pet in a parked car - they can suffer from heat-related illness too.

Provide plenty of fresh water for your pets and leave the water in a shady area.

Additional information about heat-related illnesses and how to avoid them can be found on at the following IDPH site for Hot Weather: Understanding and Preventing Heat-Related Illnesses, and also on the following National Weather Service heat safety website.

Ready Illinois, the program run by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, provides information on how to protect yourself and your family at this site: Extreme Heat.

Grilling safety a priority this summer; clean your grill as often as possible

SPRINGFIELD – The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is reminding Illinoisans to make sure they are following proper safety practices when using their grills this holiday weekend and throughout the rest of the summer.

July is the peak month for grill fires followed by June, May and August. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), reports around 64% of U.S. households own at least one outdoor BBQ, grill

or smoker. Gas grills contribute to a higher number of fires than charcoal grills. On average, 10,200 home fires are started by a grill each year.

In 2017-2021, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 11,421 home fires involving grills, hibachis, or barbecues per year, including an average of 5,763 structure fires and 5,659 outside or unclassified fires. Of those reported grilling fires, roughly one-fifth or 20% were caused by a grill that was

not clean. More than one-quarter of grill structure fires started on an exterior balcony or open porch.

Eight percent began when an outside wall caught fire; 4% began with some type of structural member or framing. During the same period, an average of 22,155 patients per year went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills. Nearly half (10,342 or 47%) of the injuries were thermal burns, including both burns from

fire and from contact with hot objects.

“Grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, or smoking your favorite meat is a popular way manycelebratethesummerandthe4thofJuly. There are a lot of distraction when you have guests over making it even more important to ensure you are following safe grilling habits,” said Illinois State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera. “Injuries such as burns can not only ruin your weekend, but they can also leave lifelong physical and mental scares.”

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STATE/LOCAL NEWS

Application period OSLAD grants is July 1 through Sep. 13

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will accept applications for the next round of Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grants between July 1 through Sept. 13, closing at 5 p.m.

OSLAD is a matching program that provides an advance payment (for development projects only) of 50% of the grant award amount shortly after the grant agreement is executed. The local agency must demonstrate and possess the ability to finance the remaining cost of an approved project prior to receipt of remaining grant funds. The program offers state-financed funding assistance to local governmental agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and outdoor

recreation areas.

A total of \$54 million is available for this round of OSLAD grants. In addition, IDNR will once again will provide funding to cover 100% of eligible projects located in economically distressed communities. In the most recent round of OSLAD awards announced in January, 32 underserved locations received grants for local park projects. Go online for a list of communities that are considered economically distressed.

"I encourage any community that is considering a park development or improvement project to apply for an OSLAD grant. Parks and greenspaces are the heart of our neighborhoods and communities," said IDNR Director Natalie Phelps Finnie. "Everyone belongs in nature. An investment in the

outdoors is an investment in the health and well-being of the people of Illinois."

Established by the Illinois General Assembly in 1986, OSLAD is a cost-sharing program between state and local governments that has become one of the most popular grant programs in Illinois. Since it was established, OSLAD has awarded more than \$585 million for park projects throughout Illinois. The program is funded through a percentage of Illinois' Real Estate Transfer Tax.

The application period opens July 1, and applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Sept. 13, 2024. Prior to applying for a grant, entities must be registered and current in the state's Grant Accountability and Transparency Act grantee portal. All applications will be

accepted online in the Amplifund portal.

Training webinar available for applicants

IDNR staff along with the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) will offer training to demonstrate how to complete an application in Amplifund. The webinar will begin at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 17.

- IAPD members will need to register through the IAPD website.

- Non-members can participate by going online and using the following passcode: 986269.

- Alternatively, participants can call in to the webinar at 309-205-3325 or 312-626-6799 with passcode 986269. The webinar ID is 880-7945-4324.

For more information about OSLAD grants, go online or call 217-782-7481.



Dixon Knights celebrate newly elected officers for 2024-25

The Dixon Knights of Columbus celebrated its newly elected officers for the 2024-25 fiscal year on Monday, July 1. The new officers are, front row, left to right, District Director Jonathan Smith, Chaplin Father John Evans, Grand Knight Mike DeShepper, Deputy Grand Knight Larry Prindaville, Warden Alex Pascal. In the back row are officers Luke Dixon, Larry Lally, Bruce Kleinmaier, John Bailey, Mike Brady, George Gill, Dave Contrares, and Tim Oliver.

Photo contributed

Zip Codes continued from page A1

Under Illinois law, any child residing in a high-risk ZIP code is to be tested automatically at 12, 24, and 36 months. All children six years of age and younger are required to be assessed for lead exposure through the use of a questionnaire administered by a pediatrician. In addition, children who fall into other risk categories spelled out in the questionnaire are also tested.

High-risk ZIP codes are determined through an algorithm that assesses a number of different risk

factors. The department has been expanding that list of ZIP codes gradually and expects to implement universal testing for lead exposure across all Illinois ZIP codes by 2026. The new expanded list, which took effect July 1, 2024, can be found at: Pediatric Lead Poisoning High-Risk ZIP Code Areas (illinois.gov).

Under current Illinois law, blood tests which come back with lead levels in excess of five micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL) require a public health intervention. This includes a home in-

spection to determine the source of the lead contamination. If lead is found, the inspector will work with the homeowner to remove the sources of lead. In addition, there will also be a visit from a public health nurse who will educate the family on ways to protect children from the harmful effects of lead.

The newly-added ZIP codes come from the following Illinois counties:

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Opinion

Yee haw in Nashville

By time you read this, I'll be gone.
Out of LaSalle County.
Out of Lee County.
Out of Illinois.
Out of the Midwest.
Hasta la vista.

I am able to take one vacation for one week of the year after I scrap and hide every cent I can to make sure I can afford to leave, able to shower and eat while away, and have a home upon return. Man, life is expensive, especially the extra circulars.

This year, I'm going somewhere I've been before. However, I went to Nashville, Tenn. when I was 10. Which means, I really didn't go because I don't remember much and I didn't get to enjoy what most people enjoy most in Nashville, the adult stuff.

Usually, my adventures are with family or solo.

This time around, it's the first vacation with my girlfriend. She actually selected the destination and I happily obliged because, like I stated, I wanted to be an adult doing adult things in "Music City" and I wanted her to choose because I'll literally go anywhere, outside of Nebraska (column subject

for another time).

What's awesome is she likes to do things. If you've ever met me, or read some of my columns, I can't sit still unless I'm writing, am an adrenaline

Column

By Brandon
LaChance



junkie, and have no fear of anything except dying without getting to experience and live as much as I could while breathing with an active pulse.

In other words, to have a partner who likes to be active and create memories, well, it's why we're together and going to Nashville.

We've booked a trolley tour, a dark secrets murder tour, a helicopter tour, a night at the Grand Ole Opry, a kayak adventure, and a visit to the Ryman Auditorium.

Plus, we'll have plenty of time to walk around and stumble upon shenanigans such as JBJ's Nashville. JBJ stands for Jon Bon Jovi, the lead singer of one of my all-time favorite bands, Bon Jovi. Yes, it surprises me also that I like Bon Jovi, but they're awesome.

The mini form of Brandon once, Ok, repeatedly, was yelled at for jumping off of the couch onto previously prepared sprawled out couch cushions on the living room floor as he was mimicking JBJ

in the "Born to be My Baby" video as he jumped on

the stage with his guitar and landed on his knees.

Oh, the 80s. And youth.

We also plan to venture to places we have never heard of and eat food we have only seen on TV cooking shows. If I look like I've been packing on the pounds the next time you see me, well, I have.

Unless the kayak adventure helps shave them off, which I'm secretly, not secretly, crossing my fingers this happens.

The word vacation is kind of boring.

I like to say adventure.

Voyage.

Crusade

Shenanigans.

Because that's what they should be.

The rest of our days, our work lives, our commitments, duties, responsibilities, can be important, boring, productive, and stressful.

And productivity, importance, and awesomeness (without the negatives) can happen on a journey somewhere away from home, this time Nashville, with an amazing woman on one arm and a drink in the other hand.

I may have to buy a cowboy hat.

Yee haw.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 years ago
July 18, 1924

Reverend Fred L. Brink has been engaged as the new pastor of the Amboy Congregational Church.

J. J. Daehler, formerly of Amboy, is now the owner and manager of the Morris Hotel in Delton, Wis., on Mirror Lake not far from the Dells and Devil's Lake.

Rev. Fred Baldus, who has served the Amboy Baptist Church as the student pastor for the past three years, presented his resignation to take effect Aug. 1. After accepting his resignation, the church immediately extended a call to the Rev. A. L. Wood of Chicago.

75 years ago
July 21, 1949

Committees of the Amboy Chamber of Commerce and Veterans of Foreign Wars are putting the finishing touches on plans for Amboy's big Fall Festival and Free Circus to be staged at Green River Park.

50 years ago
July 18, 1974

The Amboy News published seven letters from Amboy citizens as they shared their opinions about the Amboy Fire Protection District Ambulance Service Referendum. All seven were in favor of voting yes for the fire department to have and operate an ambulance.

Soybean raisers in Lee County cast 119 votes in the check-off referendum held Tuesday, according to M. T. Barlass, Lee County Extension farm adviser. Three of the ballots were spoiled, 70 were "yes" and 46 were "no".

Don Wyzgowski, coach at Tinley Park the past two years, was hired as Amboy High School's new football coach. He will coach football and teach business education in AHS.

25 years ago
July 15, 1999

The Amboy High School is in need of adult community members to volunteer for serving on their Activity Code Committee. The purpose of the Activities Committee is to help foster better communications

between coaches/sponsors and the students and to aid in governing the activities' programs. It also serves as the hearing board for appeals of the code.

Corrine Morrissey had a steak of good luck last week. Morrissey received a check for \$650 from Beggs' Certified Grocery Store Manager Jerry Garland for being the Money Tree winner.

Dana Nauman of Amboy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nauman, has been selected by Western Illinois University as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Governor George H. Ryan announced July 2 that nearly 100,000 Illinoisans have successfully moved from welfare to work over the past two years.

It will be the dawn of a new era in 1999 for the Amboy High School varsity football team. The Clippers will be joining the Three Rivers Conference, and the Tri-County Conference has merged to form the Big Rivers Conference. The League will be broken up into the Mississippi and Illinois divisions. Amboy will play in the Illinois Division: Bradford, Marquette, Bureau Valley, St. Bede, and Eureka.

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LOCAL NEWS

July brings new artists on display at the Coliseum Museum in Oregon

OREGON—The month of July brings a new line up of artists on display at the Coliseum Museum of Art, Antiques & Americana in downtown Oregon.

Lucinda Winterfield of Dixon is the Feature Artist for July. Cindy's love of nature, the North Woods, and wildlife is evident in her paintings. A talented 4th grade classmate inspired her to begin painting and take a children's workshop at Burpee Art Museum in Rockford. She then continued on to study fine arts at NIU. Since retiring as a graphics specialist, she has become an avid plein air painter and participates in classes and local work-

shops when available. Her oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings have won several local awards and many of her paintings have found homes in collections from Illinois, Wisconsin, Washington, Colorado, Florida, and the East coast.

Janet Cederlund, of Union, has her work on display in the Lowden Gallery from July 1 – August 31. Jan is a lifelong artisan dabbler, picking up watercolor in only the last 10 years. In 2017, with retirement looming, she began formal instruction with her new artistic mentor, artist Robert Krajecki, IWSA-TWSA. Today, Jan's work can be found



Above, Jeannie and Al Brown will play at the Coliseum Museum on Friday, July 19. Right, "Hibiscus" by Janet Cederlund.
Photos contributed

in many regional competitions and charitable sales as she continues to develop her personal style and expertise. Her painting signature is a simple JHaugen, a tribute to her maiden name and the beloved crayons that began her artistic journey. For Jan, watercolor

is no longer a hobby, but a passion to carry her through the remaining decades.

The work of these two artists as well as the many other artists on display throughout the Coliseum Museum will be highlighted at an Artist Reception on Friday, July 19, with



music by Al & Jeannie Brown. Based in Wyand, Al & Jeannie have been making music together for over 30 years. Covering nearly every musical style through the years, their piano and upright bass duo favors jazz standards.

The CMAAA mission is to present Art,

Antiques, Americana and history through permanent and rotating exhibits, workshops, music, theater and more. Additional information can be found on the website, www.cmaaa.org and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ColiseumMuseum/

Rep. Fritts announces July summer tour events

DIXON – State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) has officially announced his 2024 Summer Tour scheduled events for July.

The tour consists of traveling office hours and coffee & conversation events from June 5th to August 30th. Coffee & conversation events will all be held at locally-owned coffee shops and restaurants.

The events scheduled for July

include the following:

Traveling Office Hours:

July 25th at the Malta Township Public Library, located at 203 Adams Street in Malta, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

July 25th at the Creston-Dement Library, located at 107 S. Main Street in Creston, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

July 25th at the Rochelle Area

Chamber of Commerce, located at 501 6th Avenue, from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM.

Coffee & Conversation:

July 17th at the Sunrise Family Restaurant, located at 1181 N. 7th Street in Rochelle, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

To view the full Summer Tour schedule, visit RepFritts.com/SummerTour.



State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon), left, chose Rooney's, second and third from left, owners John and Amy Lauer, for his June local business highlight. Rooney's is located at 119 N. Elm Street in Franklin Grove.
Photo contributed

Rep. Fritts honors Rooney's

DIXON – For his June 2024 local business highlight, State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) chose to highlight Rooney's in Franklin Grove. Rep. Fritts spent time touring the business and presented the owners with a certificate of appreciation for their contributions to the community.

"I chose to honor Rooney's for my June local business highlight because of their deep-rooted values of family and community," said Rep. Fritts. "They are heavily involved with charity work in our area, specifically helping children facing homelessness and children battling cancer."

Rooney's was officially founded in 2019 by owners John and Amy Lauer. They

wanted to design a local community-focused establishment that incorporates old aspects of the Rooney building with their new design, such as building the bartop out of the old flooring. Rep. Fritts continued, "John and Amy are assets to our community who had a goal to 'create an environment that makes customers feel safe and supported to come in however they please'. I believe they have accomplished that mission and are a great example of the benefit of community-driven businesses that have a positive impact on their customers."

Rooney's is located at 119 N. Elm Street in Franklin Grove.



Volunteers at Whiteside County Senior Center Food Pantry accepted award. Congratulations to a group of volunteers from the Whiteside County Senior Center Food Pantry in Sterling, who accepted a Nutrition Environment Food Pantry Assessment Tool (NEFPAT) platinum award. The NEFPAT is implemented by University of Illinois Extension. The award signifies that the pantry offers nutritious foods to participants and promotes dignity to pantry guests by allowing choices within food options. The pantry is open each Thursday afternoon from 1-3 p.m. at 1207 W. Ninth Street in Sterling. The phone number is 815-622-9230.
Photo contributed

Robert L. "Smitty" Smith Assistantship provides opportunities for Kish College STEM students; four Kish attendees benefit

MALTA – Four Kishwaukee College students participated in science-based learning opportunities during the 2023-2024 school year thanks to the Robert L. "Smitty" Smith Assistantship.

The assistantship provides hands-on learning and research opportunities under the supervision of Kish faculty for students studying science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) programs. In 2021, Dr. Dale and Sharon Evans created the assistantship through the Kishwaukee College Foundation with a donation honoring former Kishwaukee College science instructor Robert L. Smith. The Evanses credited instructors like Smith for providing mentorship and educational opportunities during their time at Kish and established the assistantship to provide those opportunities to a new generation of students.

"Overall, this assistantship was educational, enjoyable, and eye-opening to many different STEM fields. I enjoyed the vastly different activities we did, which kept

this experience fresh and engaging. I am extremely thankful for the experience, skills, and education I am taking with me after this involvement. I am especially grateful for our wonderful donors who made this experience possible," said Navi Ruiz, an assistantship participant in Fall 2023.

During the Fall 2023 semester, Ruiz and Megan Radtke participated in the assistantship under the guidance of Adam Hughes, Assistant Professor of Biology, and Dr. Elena Lineberry, Assistant Professor of Biology. Both Ruiz and Radtke plan to transfer from Kish to study marine sciences.

Ruiz and Radtke experienced a variety of projects during the assistantship, including photosynthesis lab testing, testing equipment on Shabbona Lake, electrofishing with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, grounds cleanup with the Kish Green Team at Starved Rock State Park, exploring Shedd Aquarium, cadaver dissection and organizing Kish's biology specimen cabinet.

In the Spring 2024 semester, Carly Summers and Catlin Kersten participated in the assistantship under the direction of Tania Nezrick, Professor of Biology, and Dr. Lineberry.


Summers and Kersten contributed to X-ray image revision, developing hands-on lab exercises for anatomy and physiology labs, examining Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District effluent, screening tropical and local soil for antibiotic-producing bacteria, creating a circulatory system model, cadaver dissection, Earth Day event planning, the Argonne National Laboratory's Bioenergy Research and Education Bridge Program (BRIDGES), frog monitoring in Russell Woods in Genoa and Rotary Park in DeKalb, and more.

The participants expressed gratitude for the support they received and the diverse educational opportunities available through the assistantship.

"I had so much fun. All the different experiences have opened my eyes and made me feel better

prepared for my STEM-filled future. Thank you for allowing me to have this amazing experience. I am so excited to begin doing activities like these for a living," Radtke said.

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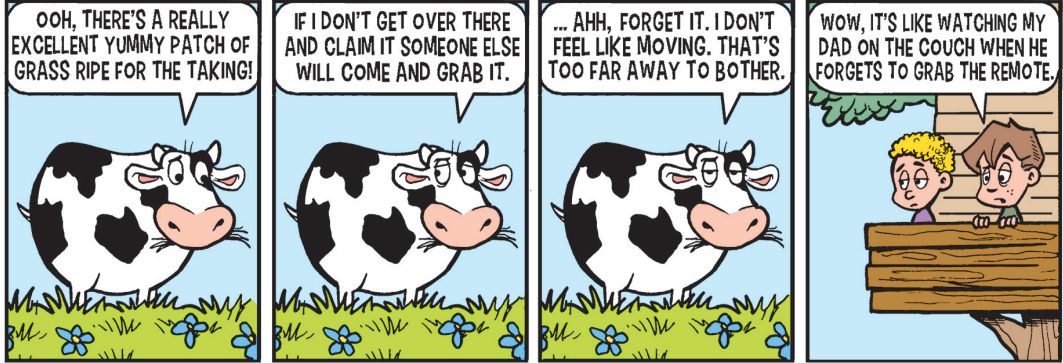
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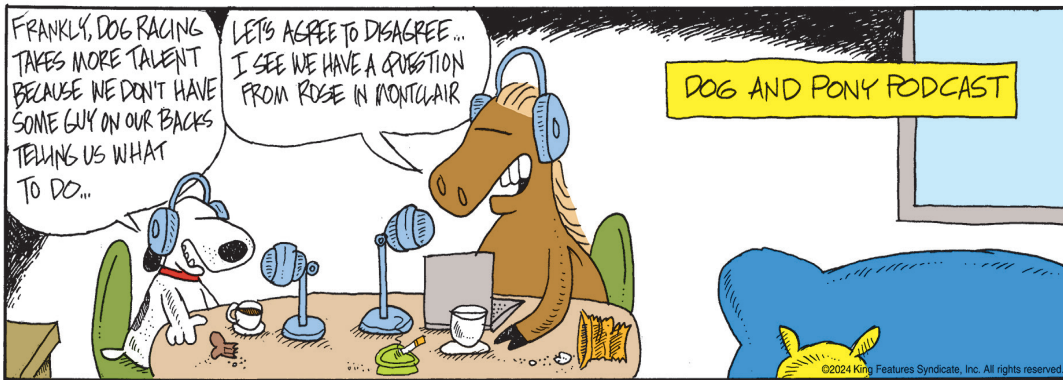
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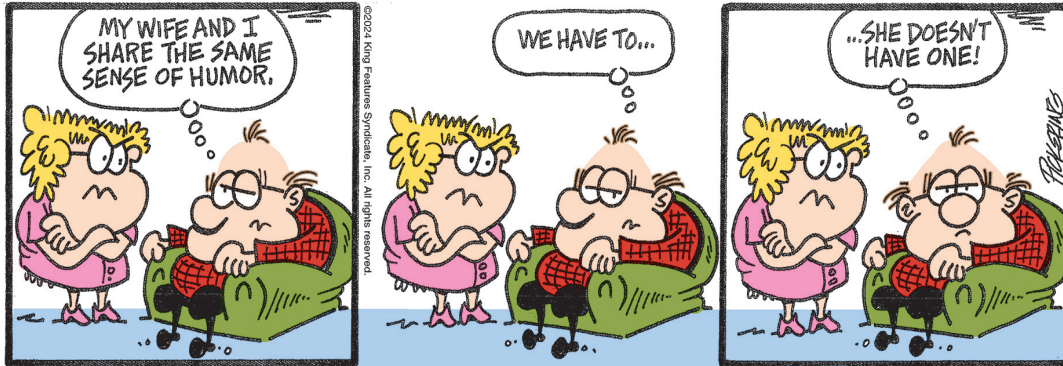
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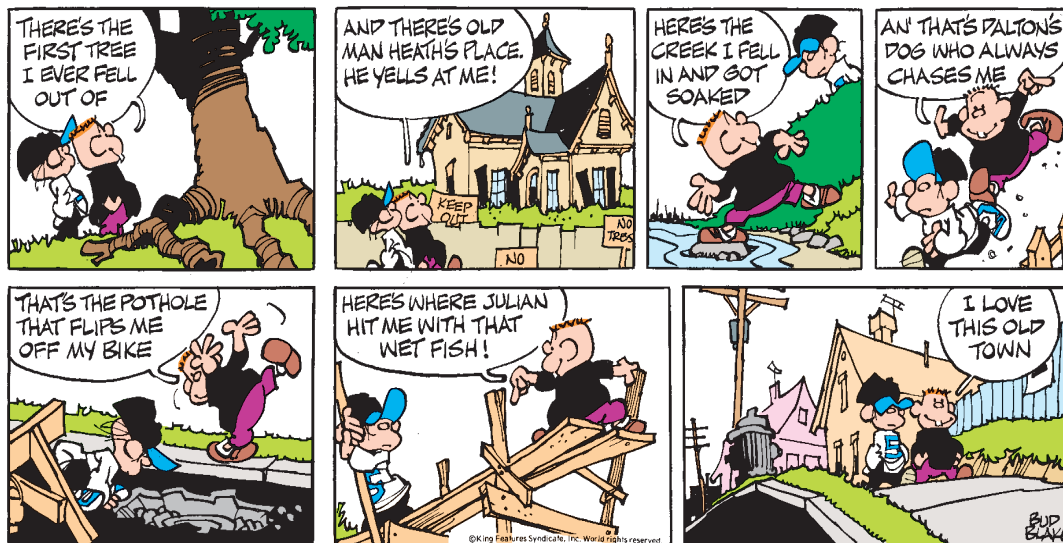
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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: N equals Y

CSZK SWNEXR SZ BZXLEXBD GD
SIJS QDGJHD CDDK IJLD XZ
BJKJBESN SZ HZXR QZW SIEXRC.
DVD VECI!

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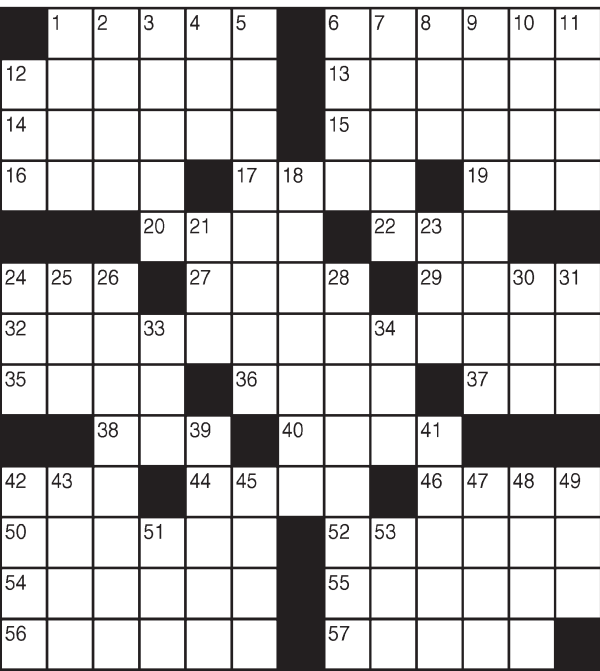
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ACROSS

- Ganges garments
- Stern and Asimov
- Raging rant
- Seafood soup
- Foolish talk
- Guarantee
- Faction
- Overdue
- Days of yore
- Entryway
- Bankroll
- Billboards
- Mooches
- Plunks (down)
- Wake-up calls
- Gambling game
- Poet Teasdale
- Water tester
- Tummy muscles
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- Jazz lover
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- Slightly
- Loves to pieces
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- Some beers
- Of France
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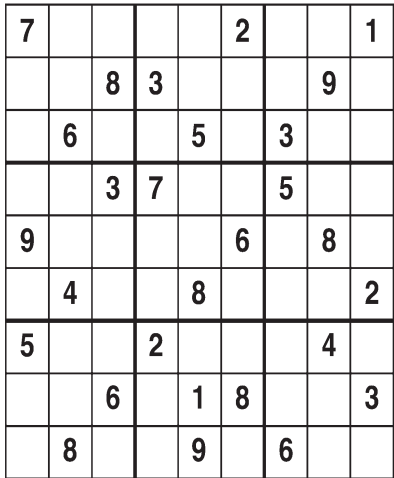
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- iPhone voice
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- Traitors
- "Yeah, right"
- Tendon
- Ninny
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- Ringlet
- Feeder filler
- Pro Bowl stats
- Marching insect
- Kimono sash
- Chest-beating beast
- Canine greeting
- Narc's org.
- Revolutionary War battle
- Forage for food, say
- Ring decision
- Away from NNW
- High tennis shot
- Deli meat
- Cubic meter
- Aerie builder
- Young whale
- Purim's month
- Cold War initials
- Body powder
- Bickering
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- Corn unit

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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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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from SPURT to SHADE in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

SPURT

SHADE

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in the sitcom "Parks and Recreation"?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Earth's equator runs through how many countries?
- MOVIES: Who plays the character Morpheus in "The Matrix"?
- MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek hero was dipped in the River Styx as a baby and made almost invulnerable?
- EXPLORERS: Which English explorer claimed Australia for Great Britain?
- HISTORY: Which two Native American leaders fought Gen. George Custer's troops at the Battle of Little Bighorn?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the two traditional flowers associated with the July birth month?
- LITERATURE: Which poem begins with the line, "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary"?
- ANATOMY: Where is the smallest skeletal muscle in the human body located?
- INVENTIONS: What medication, originally used to treat eye muscle spasms, later became a success in reducing facial wrinkles?

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10. Botox.

9. Middle ear — the stapedius.

8. "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe.

7. Larkspur and water lily.

6. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull.

5. James Cook.

4. Achilles.

3. Laurence Fishburne.

2. 13.

1. Pawnee, Indiana.

Answers

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Today's Word

3. Verity; 4. Deride

1. Render; 2. Spoil;

solution

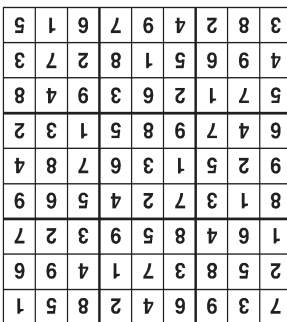
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SHORE, SHARE, SHADE

SPURT, SPORT, SHORT,

Answer

WORD LADDER



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answer

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Answers

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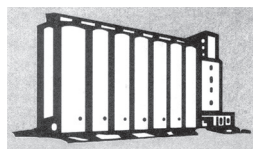
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In the money

Amboy native, Lonny Eisenberg, wins \$60,000 at World Series of Poker in Las Vegas

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**

Amboy News Editor

LAS VEGAS – Lonny Eisenberg wasn't expecting his family to purchase him a seat at the 2024 World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.

He didn't think he would make it past Day 1.

The bursting of the money bubble caused an explosion of emotion.

The Amboy native and Mendota fire fighter shook his head in disbelief when he lasted until Day 5, finishing in 221st place with \$60,000.

"I had a blast. I think these were the best five days of my life," Eisenberg said. «We have a poker league in Mendota. It starts in April and goes until the following March. The two top point leaders and the guy who wins the final tournament, we send to the World Series of Poker to represent our poker league. I got lucky and won our first tournament and I told my family about it. They wanted to know how it works and I explained it to them.

"My sister, Lori Dees, who owns a home health agency in northern Illinois, asked 'Why do you have to wait a whole year?' I told her, 'That's how you have to win your spot.' I think she talked to some of our other family members, and they surprised me by buying me a seat into the World Series of Poker.

"I was flabbergasted, I couldn't believe this was happening."

The seat cost Eisenberg's family \$10,000.

Although he considered it sort of a birthday gift since they told him about the purchase around his birthday, May 8, he didn't want to let his family down or make them think they wasted \$10,000.

Instead, he played poker like a veteran against some of the best players in the world.

Eisenberg flew to Las Vegas on July 4 and sat at his first table on Friday, July 5, but he hardly played a hand because of nerves.

After having Saturday, July 6 off, he was back at the tables on Sunday, July 7, which is when his WSOP run really started as his chip stack began to rise.

Monday, July 8 was another off day before he made it to Tuesday, July 9. Once he made it to Tuesday, there were no more days off.

"I couldn't believe I made it to Day 3. My chips stacks really took off on Tuesday. I got my chips up to \$1.9 million," Eisenberg said. "I stayed around there for a little while. On Wednesday, Day 4, we were waiting for the money bubble to burst. They have a number of people, which I think was 15 percent. Once there was only 15 percent of players left of the entire field, everyone remaining is in the money. They took the top 1,500 to be in the money, out of 10,000-plus players. It was exciting.

"My sister called me when the bubble burst. It was unbelievable. I was happy at that point. They could have sent me home and I would have felt accomplished. It just kept going. I made it through Wednesday and made Day 5, Thursday."

Then right before dinner break on Thursday, Eisenberg ran into some trouble.

The first unfavorable big hand.

"I had a huge hand; I had an ace and a king. I made a big raise," Eisenberg said. "This kid from Austria had about the same amount of chips I had called my raise. When they turned the flop, I flopped a straight. they call it 'Broadway,' 10 through ace. I made a big bet, and the kid called me again. A seven came up and it didn't mean anything, at least I thought, to either one of us.

"I looked at the board and there were two clubs. I was thinking to myself, 'This kid is waiting for another club to come so he can get his flush.' Being the amateur I am, I shoved all my chips on the table in the middle to make him really think about the risk of him getting knocked out of the tournament for fishing after a club.

"That wasn't the case. He had pocket 10s and there was a 10 on the board to give him three 10s. He called my big bet. The next card was another seven. We turned our cards over and he had a full boat with 10s over sevens to knock out my straight. That loss took me from 2.1 million chips down to 300,000 chips."

If Eisenberg would have won the hand, he would have been the tournament leader because he would have had over five million chips when the current leader had 3.9 million.

The fire fighter got his stack back around the one million mark, but the pricey blinds caused him to hemorrhage roughly 100,000 in chips every time the blind made his way.

On his very last hand, he went all in with an ace and a jack. Another player called him with an ace and a king. Eisenberg received a jack on the flop, but a queen on the river gave his opponent a straight to eliminate Eisenberg.

"The support I got online and the ones filming the clips featuring me were fantastic. At one point, I got picked for a feature table," Eisenberg said. "The only reason it happened was because we had two well-known pros at the table. The table was live streamed, and people back home got to watch. That's really exciting.

"I heard my hometown bar, The Depot in Amboy, had it on the big screen and everyone was going crazy. My phone and my Facebook blew up for five days. it's been wonderful. The support I got from everyone back home was really overwhelming. It was awesome."

There were quite a few take aways and high points of his World Series of Poker trip.

Obviously, he won \$60,000, met some poker professionals he watched on TV over the years, and was celebrated in two towns he calls home, Amboy and Mendota.

He also took away why playing the game he loves in those towns was important to the success he had in Vegas.

"The one thing I learned about the whole process is poker really is nothing more than luck. a lot of these pros, so called pros, are no different than the guys I play with in the poker league downstairs in the Moose Lodge in Mendota," Eisenberg said. "They've won it once or twice and have enough money to keep coming back and trying it. They got some name recognition along the way by being toward the top of the leaderboard a few times. But the game itself is all luck.

"My dad, Larry Eisenberg, taught me how to play poker at an early age. I was probably six or seven years old. I remember my childhood best friends and I going to Jack's Gun Shop in Amboy and the old guys would let us play penny poker with them. The love for poker started there. I've always loved it.

"In rural America, there isn't a lot to do. Growing up as kids, someone would have a party and all of a sudden all of the quarters are coming out and everybody is playing poker."

BBB alert: It's high season for summer scammers

ROCKFORD – With summer starting tomorrow, a season of relaxation and vacation is ushered in. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) warns that vigilance against fraud must not take a holiday. With con artists seizing this peak season to intensify their deceptive activities, the BBB is proactively spearheading efforts to safeguard consumers. Stay informed and protected by following the BBB's timely advice and resources to combat these seasonal scams.

"Vacation rentals and travel are at the top of the list, so consumers must be extra vigilant," says Dennis Horton, director of the BBB Regional Office. "If you are looking to book a vacation house or condo, it is imperative to research the company. Scammers will copy and paste listings they find on legitimate sites, passing them off as their own. After you pay the required deposit, they

are gone, and so is your money."

The public should be vigilant about fake websites, fraudulent phone numbers and imposter airline booking agents.

During the hottest weather, con artists will call people threatening to cut off their electricity if they don't pay a fee immediately over the phone. Hang up the phone and contact the company directly if you have any concerns.



Who do the Clippers play?

IHSA releases 2024 football schedules

BLOOMINGTON – The IHSA released the 2024 high school football schedules for both 11-man and 8-man football on Thursday, July 11.

The reigning Illinois 8-Man Football Association champions, the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio co-op, will see familiar faces this upcoming season.

Clipper nation will get the first look at its team as Amboy hosts the Ridge-wood co-op in Cambridge at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 in Week 1. Week 2 is on the road at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 against West Prairie at Sciota. The Clippers return home for Week 3 against Galva at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13.

Then Amboy is on the road for three straight games as it will be in Bushnell against Bushnell-Prairie City at 1 p.m. Saturday

Sept. 21 for Week 4, Week 5 is at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 in Cambridge, and in Flanagan at 7 p.m. Friday, October 4 to take on Flanagan-Cornell-Woodland in Week 6.

The last three games of the regular season are home, away, home.

The Clippers host Peoria Heights at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 for Week 7, are away at Biggsville against West Central at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 in Week 8, and finish the season at home Week 9 against Bushnell-Prairie City at 7 p.m. Oct. 25.

According to IHSA.org, the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio co-op has a class enrollment of 295.50, which is more than any of its opponents. But not by much as West Prairie has 293 and Flanagan-Cornell-Woodland has 264.

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