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INSIDE TODAY

Pair confess to string of rural burglaries

Committed 41 break-ins across 3 counties

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Two men arrested in Will County on Tuesday are believed to be responsible for burglarizing at least 22 homes in the western part of Kankakee County during the past month.

Tony E. Adams, 24, of Kankakee, and Jesus J. DeJesus, 22, of Elwood, are being held in Will County without bond.

A Will County State's Attor-

ney spokesman said the pair will be in court today. They each will be charged with eight counts of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon. Additional charges are expected.

They also will be in court in Kankakee and Livingston counties in the near future.

In all, the two have admitted they committed 41 daytime burglaries in Kankakee, Will and Livingston counties, according to a release from Livingston County Sheriff Tony Childress posted on the department's Facebook page



Adams



DeJesus

Wednesday morning.

Childress said the duo committed between 12 and 15 burglaries in his county.

"We really appreciate everyone's assistance in helping us end this issue," Childress said. "We just want to say thank you to the public for responding to our requests for information."

Sheriff's detectives are continuing their investigation, according to a release from the Kankakee County sheriff's office. Burglary victims will be contacted in the

near future to provide additional information.

According to the Livingston County sheriff's release, about \$30,000 worth of stolen items, and two vehicles were seized as evidence.

They were taken into custody about 7 p.m. Tuesday at a home in Elwood.

Other arrests and charges are possible, according to Livingston sheriff's release.

Kankakee County Sheriff Tim Bukowski credits the community's cooperation with law enforcement in providing the tips that culminated in the arrest of the two men.

In fact, deputies investigated

calls of suspicious activity in the western part of the county Wednesday morning.

"I applaud the extraordinary efforts provided by the Illinois State Police; Will and Livingston counties sheriff's police; the Tri-County Stolen Auto Task Force; and the efforts of the patrol divisions, all of which led to the arrests in this case," Bukowski said.

"I cannot over-emphasize the contributions of the public in providing bits and pieces of information, which allowed analysts to connect-the-dots that ultimately pointed investigators to those involved in the numerous burglaries in the three county area."



Bob Allen from Bill Balthun Automotive Service carries a badly damaged bicycle to his tow truck on U.S. Route 45/52 after a bicyclist was hit by a vehicle on the shoulder of the road on Wednesday afternoon.

The Daily Journal/Mike Voss

Danville student retracts gun incident at KHS

Officials determine it was a 'false allegation'

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After questioning by Danville school officials and police, the Danville student recanted his story that he was threatened by a gun, as well as his claim of seeing a gun during the high school football game between Danville and Kankakee high schools on Friday at Spurs Stadium in Kankakee.

The mother of the boy had contacted police on Saturday morning and reported that her son and other Danville supporters were approached by a group of girls from Kankakee in the visitors bleachers. A group of boys followed, and one them lifted his shirt, revealing a firearm and made a verbal threat.

According to a statement by Geneva Walters, superintendent of Kankakee School District 111, a joint investigation by District 111, Kankakee Police and Danville School District 118 indicated the alleged incident didn't occur as it had been reported. The student also said he didn't report the incident to a Danville coach on the night of the game. None of the Danville coaches reported being told of any threats during or after Friday's game.

Alicia Geddis, superintendent of Danville schools, said what was reported to Danville police on Saturday and then reported by local radio on Tuesday was an "unfounded allegation."

It's not known whether the Danville student was disciplined.

Walters said she considers the matter closed.

Biker hospitalized after being hit along Route 45

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An accident involving a bicyclist and a pickup truck sent the badly injured bike rider to a local hospital — and then to Loyola Medical Center in Maywood — Wednesday afternoon.

Kankakee Police and Illinois State Police

are investigating the incident that took place on Illinois Route 45, just north of the River Road intersection.

Police reports, providing names and other details of the accident, were not available at presstime. However, evidence at the scene indicated the cyclist was northbound, riding on the painted white stripe on the edge of the roadway. Rubber marks on the highway indicated the red Ford pickup at

the scene braked hard after the contact. The truck's windshield was shattered on the right side.

The bicycle was badly mangled, but there was no report on the rider's condition. It appeared the rider was returning from a grocery shopping trip: A plastic bag containing eggs, bread and other items remained in the right lane as police conducted the accident scene investigation.

Take a country trip for fine theater

The Country Theatre Workshop near Cissna Park is set to begin a two-week run of the comedy "Suitehearts," the story of two couples who arrive in New York City to discover they both have booked the same hotel suite. You can call 815-457-2626 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday to order tickets.

7:30 p.m. tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sept. 10, 11 and 12; 2 p.m. Sunday and Sept. 13
countrytheatre.org

Two types of music in Tinley Park

If you like country, heavy metal or both, a trip to the Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre (formerly Midwest Bank Amphitheatre) might be in order. One of country's top stars, Toby Keith, will perform Friday and metal stalwarts Def Leppard will play Saturday. Both shows begin at 7 p.m.

firstmidwestbankamphitheatre.net

Crosstown rivalry renewed

The Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and Kankakee High School football teams have squared off on the gridiron for decades, and they will do so again when the Kays travel to the Boilermakers' home field for an early-season showdown.

7:30 p.m. Friday, BBCHS field

FIVE THINGS TO DO THIS WEEKEND

Gotta love Labor Day in Herscher

In fact, people have had a love affair with the Herscher Homecoming & Labor Day Celebration for a long time as the 95th edition will be held this weekend. The three-day celebration will be highlighted by Monday's Grand Parade followed by the Grand Dinner, which will feature the distinctive, delicious barbecue chicken. A full slate of activities also are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

Noon-midnight, Saturday and Sunday; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday
herscher.net

Lowell also loves Labor Day

While Herscher is the reigning king of Labor Day celebrations in Kankakee County, a short trip across the Indiana state line will lead to a similar tradition as Lowell will hold its 96th annual festival. There will



The Daily Journal/Scott Anderson

Karson Elbert squirts the crowd from the Herscher Christian Church float during last year's Labor Day Parade in Herscher.

be fireworks at dusk on Sunday and the "hometown heroes" parade will be held Monday morning.

Today through Monday
lowell.net

Rauner wins labor fight

Illinois House fails override

BY JOHN O'CONNOR
The Associated Press

Gov. Bruce Rauner won a victory over a Democratic majority Wednesday when the Illinois House failed to override his veto of legislation designed to prevent a strike or lockout if union contract negotiations break down.

Democrats under House Speaker Michael Madigan, of Chicago, voted 68-34 to reverse Rauner's rejection of the measure that would give an independent arbitrator power to decide who wins if there's an impasse in negotiations between the administration and the state's largest employee union. To become law, the legislation needed a three-fifths majority of 71 votes.

The vote marked a key showdown between the General Assembly's pro-union majority and the first-year Republican governor they fear wants to smash organized labor. The Senate voted to overturn the veto last month, so a House override would have made it law.

Rauner said he hopes the vote "marks the beginning of serious negotiations" in a summer-long dispute over the budget, which should have taken effect July 1.

"While House members chose to help us avoid digging a deeper financial hole, we still have a lot of work to do and time is of the essence," Rauner said in a statement after the vote.

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More local news

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KANKAKEE COUNTY

New I-57 interchange work begins Tuesday

At 6000N Road
in Bourbonnais

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On Tuesday, the day after Labor Day, one of the region's most-discussed public works projects — the Interstate 57 interchange at 6000N Road in Bourbonnais — finally begins.

The Illinois Department of Transportation said the \$46.2 million project will create a new interchange that is expected to be completed by Kankakee Valley Construction Company crews by the end of the 2017 construction season.

The project also includes widening of 6000N Road and intersection improvements at both U.S. Route 45/52 and Illinois Route 50.

The project should already have started, but Gov. Bruce

Rauner delayed it, as he reviewed numerous projects when he became governor. Rauner gave the project its go-ahead in mid-July.

In addition to the road construction jobs, the development is being eyed as the ignition for a 1,000-acre business and industrial park near the interchange.

Motorists will see barricades being put in place Tuesday.

Mark Kraetzer, KVCC's vice president of operations, said the majority of work this year will

be site preparation as dirt will be moved, some underground piping work will take place and tree cutting.

"This will be mainly preliminary work. The heavy work won't begin until next year, unless the winter weather cooperates," he said.

Nonetheless, Kraetzer said he was pleased to note the project finally was underway.

"It's certainly taken some time since the bids went out in January."

Police Blotter

Editor's note: The following is a roundup of area arrests for serious crimes. Unless otherwise stated, all of the people listed have been arrested but not yet charged. They are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Unless otherwise stated, the following are taken directly from police reports.

Domestic battery

Kankakee police arrested Bijou D. Williams Jr., 23, for domestic battery on Sept. 1. According to police records, an officer was called to the intersection of South Poplar Avenue and East Bourbonnais Street in reference to a domestic battery. The officer talked to the victim who said her boyfriend, Williams, struck her in the face, pushed her down and repeatedly kicked her following an argument about a vehicle and a pair of shoes. The officer saw and photographed swelling to the side of the victim's head and minor scrapes to her left arm. The victim's daughter said she saw Williams push, hit and kick her mother. Officers located Williams in the area. He said the victim was spitting at him and came after him with a knife. Williams was arrested on a warrant and signed complaint for domestic battery. Williams was taken to Jerome Combs Detention Center. A judge set his bond at \$5,000. He is to have no contact with the victim.

DUI

• Illinois State Police arrested David D. Trout, 44, of Ashkum, for driving under the influence of alcohol on Aug. 29. According to a release, a trooper was on patrol in Iroquois County. The trooper observed a vehicle traveling all over the roadway with no rear registration light activated. The trooper stopped Trout and had him perform field sobriety tests. Based on the trooper's observations, Trout showed signs of alcohol impairment and was arrested. He was taken to Iroquois County Jail.

• Bradley police arrested Jason W. Stinebring, 30, of Manteno, for driving under the influence of alcohol on Aug. 29. According to a police report, an officer saw a northbound vehicle on Illinois Route 50 at Larry Power Road. The officer started to follow Stinebring's car, which allegedly crossed the center-lane marker and swerved to the right nearly striking the curb. The officer stopped the vehicle on Route 50 and McKnight Road. The officer checked Stinebring's information through dispatch and learned his license was expired. Stinebring took field sobriety tests. After that, he was arrested. While searching inside the car, an open bottle of Crown Royal was found on the passenger-side floor board. Stinebring refused to provide a breath sample. He was then taken to Jerome Combs Detention Center.

• Illinois State Police arrested Arianna D. Lewis-White, 25, of Kankakee, for driving under the influence of alcohol on Aug. 29. According to a release, a trooper was on patrol in Kankakee County. The trooper observed a vehicle traveling all over the roadway. The trooper stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver, Lewis-White. The trooper had Lewis-White perform field sobriety tests. Lewis-White showed signs of alcohol impairment and was arrested and taken to the Jerome Combs Detention Center. She was issued citations for improper lane usage, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, and failure to notify secretary of state of address change.

Union: Legislation advances to prevent Rauner from closing Illinois State Museum

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Under the proposal, either side would have been able to call for an independent arbitrator and ostensibly prohibit a strike or worker lockout.

Democrats had argued that arbitration offered moderation to tense talks and would prohibit the extremes of picket lines or a government shutdown.

The GOP argued it would take away from the taxpayer-elected governor the ability to decide how much the state can afford to pay its employees.

Rauner, who campaigned on and continues to push plans to curb labor's influence, has promised there will be no lockout. But the union can't shake statements the former private equity investor made during his 2014 campaign that he would welcome a government shutdown, if necessary, to get the debt-riddled state back in fiscal shape.

"The governor's ferocious and false attacks on this moderate and responsible bill clearly show he wants conflict, not compromise," Illinois AFL-CIO President Michael Carrigan said in a statement.

During more than 90 minutes of debate, override opponents pointed out that Rauner, just this week, reached a tentative agreement with 4,600 state employees represented by the Teamsters, whose leader declared Rauner's negotiating team tough but fair.

But supporters noted that arbitration is used in contract negotiations among emergency-services workers, such as police and firefighters, who could cripple government service with a strike.

The House overwhelmingly reversed Rauner's partial veto Wednesday of a major initiative to attack heroin abuse. The 105-5 vote sends the measure to the Senate, which with an override could make it law.

Rauner agreed with the bulk of the wide-ranging approach but said the Medicaid health care program for the poor can't afford coverage of key medication for treatment and to reverse overdoses.

Lawmakers also advanced legislation to prevent Rauner from closing the Illinois State Museum in Springfield and its satellite sites to save money approved a measure to keep thousands of families eligible for state-subsidized child care assistance, which Rauner restricted sharply July 1 because there's no state budget agreement.

WEATHER

Relief from the heat



The Daily Journal/Tiffany Blanchette

Nixon Peters-Vercruyse, 2, jumps back as the sprinkler turns on again at Diamond Point Park's splash pad Wednesday afternoon while his dad, Shawn Vercruyse, left, holds his 11-month-old brother, Asher, all from Bourbonnais, on a nearby bench. Afternoon temperatures reached the low 90s, with a "real feel" as high as 99 degrees, according to AccuWeather.



Bradley-Bourbonnais' Emily Rozak hydrates following the Irish Conditioner held at Small Memorial Park in Kankakee on Wednesday afternoon.

The Daily Journal/Scott Anderson

AGRICULTURE

No end in sight for high egg prices

Dozen of eggs are up
75 percent from 2014

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U.S. egg prices have been at a record high for the past few months, and all indications are they won't come down anytime soon.

Prices soared earlier this year to their highest mark in 15 years, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Average prices for Grade A large eggs delivered Midwest stores hit a range of \$2.73 to \$2.81 per dozen, the USDA said in a report released last week.

That is the most expensive price for a dozen eggs, according to data going back to 2000. The costs likely are to remain high.

"That's the speculation," said Keith Mussman, of Mussman's Back Acres, an egg supplier in Grant Park. "I don't think the birds have repopulated in those barns out in Iowa, so there's still a shortage of eggs."

A record bird flu outbreak killed more than 48 million fowl in the first half of 2015, hurt-



The Daily Journal/Tiffany Blanchette

A record bird flu outbreak killed more than 48 million fowl in the first half of 2015, hurting egg suppliers across the country. Average prices had been as low as \$1.06. A dozen Grade A large eggs was \$2.99 at Jewel-Osco in Kankakee during the weekend.

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"Prices are likely to get even stronger into the baking season with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up ahead," said Thomas Elam, president of FarmEcon LLC, a Carmel, Ind.-based agricultural and food

industry consulting firm.

Mussman said he has had to take bio-security measures to protect his chickens, which added to the cost of egg production. The farm gets a lot of outside traffic, and Back Acres has to take precautionary steps to prevent the disease from being brought onto the site.

"If any of the birds get infected, and if they don't die, then they have to be destroyed,"

he said. "It's required by the USDA."

Mussman's Back Acres is a wholesaler and sells its eggs to some local grocers, including Mario's Market in Kankakee.

Mussman said there also are fears migrating birds heading south for the winter might spread the disease. Whether that happens won't be known for a couple of months.

"Everybody is taking precautions to not let that happen," he said.

In May, Goldman Sachs estimated that U.S. consumers will pay \$7.5 billion to \$8 billion more this year to buy eggs, an increase of at least 75 percent from 2014.

The bird flu scare hasn't affected the prices of Nature's Choice Farm, a specialty egg supplier in Grant Park. Nature's Choice Farm sells eggs at the Frankfurt Farmers Market.

"It really hasn't affected our cost, so we really haven't changed our prices," said Eric Sexton, of Nature's Choice.

Depending on the size of the eggs, it charges \$4.50 to \$6 per dozen.

"After my last inspection, I was told that there was not a confirmed case of the bird flu in Illinois," Sexton said.

More local news

WILL COUNTY

Will County officials say rabid wildlife count on the rise

Captured bat marks 14th case in Homer Glen

The Associated Press

HOMER GLEN — Will County officials say there have been 14 confirmed cases of wildlife rabies this year, and they're warning that the number could rise with peak bat season. Will County Health Department spokesman Vic Reato said a rabid bat captured on Sunday in a Homer Glen home marks the 14th case.

The Daily Southtown reports it's one more case than last year. Reato said Tuesday that two residents were being treated for exposure to rabies. Health officials say treatment always is recommended if a bat is found inside a home even though most bats aren't rabid. Will County Animal Control administrator Dr. Lee Schild said bats are attracted to wooded areas containing sources of food and water. He says residents need to be vigilant and monitor possible entry points like roofs.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Symbol of lost times



The Daily Journal/Robert Themer

Windmills like this one along Illinois Route 170 west of Odell first began pumping water from the Midwestern prairies in the mid-1800s. Now, they stand across the country as symbols of lost times and lost farmsteads. Those that survive seem, through the eyes of an aging former farm boy, a much more pleasant site than their modern electricity-producing and gigantic descendants.

ILLINOIS

Judge closes start of Peterson pretrial hearing

The Associated Press

CHESTER — A southern Illinois judge closed the start of a pretrial hearing for convicted murder Drew Peterson in a murder-for-hire case to consider whether prosecutors can submit certain evidence of his past conduct.

The former Bolingbrook police officer is accused of soliciting a prison inmate to kill Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow, the prosecutor who helped convict Peterson of killing his third wife. Peterson has pleaded not guilty in the case.

The Randolph County Herald-Tribune reports that the trial judge closed the Tuesday hearing for more than one hour at the request of Peterson's defense lawyer



The Associated Press/file

A judge on Tuesday closed the start of a pretrial hearing for convicted murder Drew Peterson in a murder-for-hire case to consider whether prosecutors can submit certain evidence of his past conduct.

to avoid influencing the opinions of potential jurors in advance of the mid-November trial.

The judge did not immediately rule on motions submitted by lawyers on both sides.

Briefs

BY THE DAILY JOURNAL STAFF

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CULLOM

Tri-Point FFA taking pre-orders for flower sale

The Tri-Point FFA is planning its annual fall flower sale by again offering large potted mums for \$7 per plant or five for \$30.

They are available in a variety of fall colors including red, bronze, yellow, white and purple.

To pre-order by Sept. 4, call 815-689-2110, ext. 301 or contact any FFA member. Pre-orders ensure best color selection.

Pick up times will be 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, and Thursday, Sept. 10, or by pre-arrangement during the school day.

For more information, call chapter advisor Diana Loschen at Tri-Point High School 815-689-2110, ext. 301.

REGION

Fall fish, tree order due this month

Kankakee County

Orders of fish for pond stocking are due by Friday, Sept. 11, from the Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Tree and shrub orders also can be made.

To make orders, visit the website kankakeecountyswcd.org; phone 815-937-8940, ext. 3; or visit the office at 685 Larry Power Road, Bourbonnais.

Iroquois County

Pond fish orders from the Iroquois County SWCD are due Sept. 25. Tree and shrub orders close Oct. 27. For order forms, call 815-432-3946 or stop by the office at the Iroquois County Administration Building, 1001 E. Grant St., Watseka.

Will-South Cook

Grass carp orders from the Will-South SWCD are due Sept. 25; all other pond fish orders are due Oct. 5.

Tree orders will be available for pickup Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9-10.

For order information, visit the website will-southswcd.org, phone 815-462-3106 or stop by the office in New Lenox.

ST. ANNE

St. Anne 50th reunion set for Sept. 25-26

The St. Anne Community High School Class of 1965 will hold its 50 year reunion Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25-26, in conjunction with the annual Pumpkin Festival.

An informal dinner gathering will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the Homestead Restaurant, 230 S. East Ave., Kankakee. (Although the Homestead has closed after 109 years, the dinner will be held as planned by agreement with owner Terry Linskey.)

Classmates who haven't signed up previously may do so by phoning 815-427-8312.

Homecoming activities on Saturday, Sept. 26, will begin at 11 a.m. with a tour of the high school. Members of other SACHS classes are encouraged to attend.

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RHODE ISLAND

Fox News anchor sues Hasbro over toy hamster

PROVIDENCE — An anchor for Fox News is suing Hasbro for more than \$5 million over a toy hamster that shares her name — and possibly even her resemblance.

Harris Faulkner sued Hasbro this week over its plastic Harris Faulkner hamster, sold as part of the Pawtucket, Rhode Island-based company's popular "Littlest Pet Shop" line. She says the toy wrongfully appropriates her name and persona, harms her professional credibility as a journalist and is an insult.

"Hasbro's portrayal of Faulkner as a rodent is demeaning and insulting," says the lawsuit, which was filed Monday in U.S. District Court in New Jersey. — *The Associated Press*

CHINA

China enlists monkeys to clear skies during parade

BEIJING — China is leaning on the animal kingdom — including a squad of nest-wrecking monkeys — to ensure its military parade commemorating the end of World War II goes smoothly.

To minimize the chances of birds striking engines during the many airplane flyovers connected to the Beijing parade, state media reports say, the military has used falcons to chase away birds and a team of trained macaques to flush nests out of trees around the pilots' training grounds.

"We bought two monkeys in April last year from Henan province. After one month's training, the macaques mastered the skill of taking apart birds' nests," air force official Wang Mingzhi was quoted as saying by China News Service. Three more monkeys were later added to the team, which can dismantle up to 60 nests per day in return for rewards, Wang said. — *The Associated Press*



According to China air force official Wang Mingzhi, macaque monkeys have "mastered" the skills to destroy birds' nests.

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WASHINGTON

Study counts 3 trillion trees on Earth

WASHINGTON — More than 3 trillion trees now grow on Earth, seven times more than scientists thought. But it's also trillions fewer than there used to be, a new study concludes.

Yale forestry researcher Thomas Crowther said he had to figure out how many trees are on Earth and that number was far more than anyone expected: 3.04 trillion trees, according to a study published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*.

The previous estimate was 400 billion trees and that count was based on satellite images from space. Crowther and colleagues used 429,775 ground-based measurements along with satellite measurements and computer models to get a more accurate figure. — *The Associated Press*

ILLINOIS

Legionnaires' disease cases rise at vets home

BY ALAN SCHER ZAGIER
The Associated Press

State officials are reporting another death and four new cases of Legionnaires' disease among residents of a western Illinois town, bringing the number of deaths to eight from an outbreak first disclosed last week.

The Illinois Department of Public Health said Wednesday that the new cases are not connected to an infectious disease outbreak that has sickened about 50 residents of the 129-year-old veterans home in Quincy, but they are in the same city.

Adams County Health Department Director Jerrod Welch said the eighth person to die from the severe form of pneumonia, like the seven veterans home residents who died, also was elderly and had underlying medical conditions that increased the risk of exposure.

The state public health director has warned more fatalities could occur since the disease has a two-week incubation period.

As of Wednesday, 49 people have been sickened in Quincy — 45 of whom lived at the state facility. Similar outbreaks have been reported in California and New York.

Legionnaires' experts at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the outbreak prevalence so far this year is not unusual, but that the number of patients involved is larger than typically seen. The outbreak was first identified in



The Associated Press

Erica Jeffries, director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, center, stops to talk to Rosemary Smith, left, and Helen Uhm, right, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy. The death toll from a Legionnaires' disease outbreak at the western Illinois veterans home climbed to seven on Tuesday.

Illinois late last week after an initial case at the home in early August; its source remains undetermined.

An epidemiological team from the CDC remains at the 129-year-old facility to assist the state investigation.

Those who exhibit symptoms — such as breathing difficulties, coughing, fever and muscle aches — are monitored closely, and infected patients are treated with antibiotics, said Ryan Yantis, a Department of Veterans Affairs spokesman.

Dr. Nirav Shah, Illinois' public health director, said that officials "do not believe there is an increased risk of Legionnaires' disease to the Quincy community."

That forecast was tempered Wednesday by an update from the state VA that noted no residents of the veterans home had been referred to the local hospital with symptoms in the past

48 hours. Hours later, the state reported the additional death — while also noting that on average 200 people in Illinois are sickened from the disease each year, with Adams County reporting infections in three of the past six years.

Legionnaires' disease is mostly contracted through inhaling bacteria that thrives in warm water. People can get sick if they inhale mist or vapor from contaminated water systems.

Residents of the veterans home are relying on bottled water and sponge baths as a precaution. The facility has cleaned its hot water tanks and air conditioning system, and has shut down decorative and drinking water fountains and other potential sources of aerosolized water.

The veterans home has slightly more than 400 resi-

Quick facts

What is Legionnaires' disease?

The illness is a type of pneumonia caused by bacteria that infect the lungs. Named after a 1976 outbreak among participants of an American Legion convention in Philadelphia, the disease can cause coughs, breathing trouble, fever and muscle aches.

How does the disease spread?

The bacteria live in the environment and thrive in warm water. People can get sick if they inhale mist or vapor from contaminated water systems, hot tubs and other typical sources but the bacteria don't spread from person to person.

How common is Legionnaires' disease?

The CDC estimates that between 8,000 and 18,000 people are hospitalized with the disease each year, usually in summer and early fall.

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dents. Several dozen live independently but the rest live in a sprawling complex similar to assisted living or a nursing home, Yantis said.

West Nile virus claims 2 lives in Illinois this year

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois officials have confirmed two deaths from West Nile virus this year. Health officials say the deaths are a reminder that the mosquito-borne virus can cause serious illness.

The Illinois Department of Public

Health said Tuesday the deaths were reported in Cook and Kendall counties.

One victim was a man in his early 90s from south suburban Chicago. That case was announced Monday by the Cook County Department of Public Health. The Kendall County victim reportedly was a person in their 70s.

Health officials recommend wearing mosquito repellent when outside between dusk and dawn.

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Last year, state health officials reported 44 human cases of the virus in Illinois, including four deaths.

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Editorial

All work has dignity

Underemployment not preferable, but beats alternative

For more than a year now, the Illinois Department of Employment Security has released monthly unemployment figures that, on the surface, project an increasingly rosy picture.

Take the statistics unveiled just last week for instance. They showed July was the 17th month in a row unemployment rates fell in every metro area in the state compared to a year ago.

That, of course, includes the Kankakee metropolitan area, where unemployment stood at 6.2 percent in July 2015 compared to an even 8 percent in July 2014. The 1.8 percent drop was the highest in the metropolitan areas IDES tracks with the exception of the Danville area, where unemployment dropped 2.1 percent over the same span.

It sounds like good news, but it's also news that media outlets similar to The Daily Journal have been more reluctant to report of late. When you look beyond the raw data, you find the unemployment, or underemployment, problem remains persistent at the very least.

According to data released last month by compensation comparison site Payscale.com, up to 22 million workers in the U.S. could be considered underemployed, a term Payscale defines as "having part-time work but wanting full-time work, or holding a job that doesn't require or utilize a person's education, experience or training."

Then, there is the issue of long-term unemployment. Even IDES Director Jeff Mays acknowledged it casts a pall over the overall declining unemployment rate.

"The year-over-year statewide unemployment rate has declined from 7.3 percent to 5.9 percent and continues to fall in all metro areas," Mays said last week. "However, we are still concerned that the long-term unemployed are still having difficulty finding jobs while there were 205,700 online job postings by Illinois employers in July."

While each case differs and it's not completely fair to group all the underemployed and long-term unemployed in one category or another, a trend seems to have developed. You have a number of workers who are willing to take whatever jobs might be available to support themselves and their families, and you have a number who have become so discouraged they have stopped looking for work completely.

You can understand their disenchantment, too. Primary jobs that provide a living wage seem to be more at a premium than ever. Bunge North America will soon close its plant in Bourbonnais Township and 200-plus jobs of this type will vanish. The BASF plant in south Kankakee has cut its workforce by one quarter, eliminating 50 jobs.

What will happen to these displaced workers? In a few cases, they will land opportunities as good or better than their previous job. On the other hand, many more of them will turn toward underemployment as an immediate alternative, and, perhaps, string together a couple part-time jobs to counter the loss. But, the combination of lower base pay and less or no benefits will put them in clearly a more vulnerable position than before.

Then, there are those who will seek out work that more fits their particular skill set, and unfortunately, many will slip into the ranks of the long-term unemployed when they find no such opportunity.

Neither alternative is attractive. But, as we approach Labor Day, a holiday where we honor the working people of America, we are reminded all work has dignity, and that includes manual labor and other jobs some find unworthy.

In an economic climate where it's easy to simply give up the search, those who are in this predicament should be encouraged to do the opposite and keep the pursuit alive.

A wise mother once counseled her children with this remark: "It's easier to get a new job when you already have a job." The evidence you are willing to work in less than ideal circumstances would indicate you are the very type of determined person another prospective employer is looking for. If you approach the situation in this manner, chances are you won't remain underemployed forever.

Meanwhile, the term "forever" seems increasingly more applicable to the long-term unemployed.

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COMMENTARY

Snaring more story than expected

Drumline feature generated this column

The renown philosopher Todd Rundgren once explained:

"I don't want to work. I want to bang on the drum all day. I don't want to play. I just want to bang on the drum all day."

He reminds us: "Ever since I was a tiny boy, I don't want no candy. I don't need no toy. I took a stick and an old coffee can. I bang on that thing til I got blisters on my hand because ... I don't want to work. I want to bang on the drum all day."

And, I admit, those words were in my head when I found myself unable to condense a recent story — the one I wrote on the new Knight Watchmen drum corps and flag team. I prefer turning out articles with a comfortable reading length of 16 to 18 column inches. Instead, the feature I wrote last week ran more than 20 inches.

And, it still didn't tell the whole story.

What impressed me, what I couldn't efficiently put into words, was the old-fashioned sense of dedication to this old-fashioned youth activity. Consider the cast of characters I discovered that Tuesday night at the Youth of Christ City Life Center on Kankakee's East Court Street.

• Gary Moore, a Bourbonnais businessman and author: He arrives at 3 p.m. each Tuesday. Practice doesn't start until 6 p.m., but he said some kids

like to come as soon as school is dismissed. He wants to be there for them. Maybe they can go over some things before practice officially starts, or maybe, he just likes the idea they're off the streets.

• Ron Jackson: But this is the guy who has to start every new conversation with the disclaimer he is NOT the Ron Jackson who writes columns for The Daily Journal. He recognizes the value of the drumline experience for young people. But, he also recognizes "the curse," having rhythms in your head and constantly wanting to tap them out with pencils or whatever might be handy.

• Aaron Pittman, a 16-year-old snare drum specialist and a "sergeant" in the corps' administrative hierarchy: He might look like a guy who would be more at home in a football uniform, but he's looking forward to wearing the new Watchmen uniforms. As one of his mates explained after trying on a sample uniform: "I stand 5-foot-6 most of the time. But, in that uniform, I felt 10 feet tall."

And, that was the message I couldn't get into that story: That when adults go out of their way to work with kids, they can change lives. That kind of message doesn't have to involve a drum and bugle corps, but kids do learn some valuable lessons in discipline and teamwork in this setting. Those lessons are taught in countless other environments — without drums. You see it at church after-school programs, YMCAs and other youth sports settings, and hundreds of school programs, from robot-building to simple notes of encouragement to improving readers.

Still, this drum corps group

intrigued me. The volunteer leaders are helping to create special memories for these kids. That extends beyond Moore and Jackson. Other adults were helping the young people practice the flag routines. Bill Buck, of Bourbonnais, took a new 7-year-old recruit into a windowed, separate room for a quick, private drum lesson.

While the students' commitment to practicing daily seems to be quickly ingrained in this group, Moore noted this year-round program has an understanding with the educational system.

"School always comes first," he said. "We encourage the kids to keep up with homework, join the school band and stay involved. If they have a soccer game, we say, 'Go.' If they have a test, and need to study, we say, 'Put school first.'"

I guess I was just impressed with the chemistry that made Jackson and Moore so committed to the drum corps experience. And, I was impressed this rhythmic chemistry still is working with the young people I met that night.

Maybe you'll never meet these kids, but I'm betting you'll see them on TV one day, marching in some holiday parade, representing all of Kankakee County. They already have an informal invitation to visit with the Queen's Guard, if they ever get to England.

So, you know how I like to wrap these things up. I have to mention: Todd Rundgren is right. Sometimes, you just want to bang on the drum all day. And that's not a bad thing.

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My daughter was killed on live TV

I will do whatever it takes to end gun violence

BY ANDY PARKER

Special to The Washington Post

Last Wednesday, (Aug. 26) my daughter, Alison, was brutally struck down in the prime of her life by a deranged gunman. Since then, I have stated in numerous interviews with local, national and international media that I plan to make my life's work trying to implement effective and reasonable safeguards against this happening again.

In recent years, we have witnessed similar tragedies unfold on TV: the shooting of a congresswoman in Arizona, the massacre of schoolchildren in Connecticut and of churchgoers in South Carolina. We have to ask ourselves: What do we need to do to stop this insanity?

In my case, the answer is: "Whatever it takes."

I plan to devote all my strength and resources to seeing some good comes from this evil. I am entering this arena with open eyes. I realize the magnitude of the force that opposes sensible and reasonable

safeguards on the purchase of devices that have a single purpose: to kill.

That means, we must focus our attention on the legislators who are responsible for America's criminally weak gun laws; laws that facilitate the access dangerous individuals have to firearms on a daily basis—legislators such as Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., who represents Roanoke, where the shooting of my daughter and her colleague, Adam Ward, took place on live television.

In his more than two years as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Goodlatte has had plenty of opportunity to bring up universal background check legislation and other gun violence prevention bills. He has refused to lead on this issue, and he has done absolutely nothing to help contain the carnage we are seeing. On the other hand, Goodlatte had no problem cashing his check from the National Rifle Association during the 2014 election cycle. Shame on him.

At the state level, we are talking about legislators such as Virginia state Sens. John S. Edwards, Democrat, who represents the area where Alison and Adam lived, and William Stanley Jr., Republican, who

represents my home district. Edwards's district also contains the Virginia Tech campus, so he is fully aware of how easy it is for dangerous, mentally ill individuals to acquire guns in the commonwealth of Virginia. Yet, he has been a constant opponent of sensible gun reforms, such as expanded background checks, during his nearly 20 years in the state senate, breaking ranks constantly with his colleagues in Virginia's Democratic Party.

This year, Edwards and Stanley had the opportunity to cast a vote for SB 1429, a bill sponsored by Sen. George Barker, Democrat, that would have instituted a gun violence restraining order policy in Virginia. The GVRO is a life-saving reform that allows family members and/or law enforcement to petition a judge to temporarily remove firearms from an individual in crisis.

Of course, we have no way of knowing whether a bill like this would have made a difference in Alison's and Adam's case. We don't know if the family of shooter Vester Flanagan II was aware of a problem. Nor do we know whether removing firearms would have just prompted him to use something else.

The writer lives near Martinsville, Va.

COMMENTARY

Berko's thoughts on interest rates

Will they be raised?

Dear Mr. Berko: What are your thoughts on interest rates?



MALCOLM BERKO
TAKING STOCK

Will the Federal Reserve raise them this year or not? And if the Fed were to raise rates, how badly do you think it would hurt the SPDR S&P 500 exchange-traded fund, which is my largest individual investment and is 55 percent of my equity portfolio. And this worries me.

I'd also like to invest \$35,000 in Pimco's California Municipal Income Fund III, which pays 6.8 percent tax-free. Your opinion of this closed-end fund also would be appreciated. — WP, Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear WP: Some wise observers believe the Federal Reserve

will begin to raise interest rates this year, but some equally wise observers believe the Fed won't raise rates in 2015. I think it's a tossup, perhaps a 50-50 chance the Fed will or won't — which reminds me of my 50-50-90 rule. Most times, when I have a 50-50 chance of making the right decision, there's a 90 percent probability I'll pick the wrong one.

I don't know whether Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen will raise rates this year, and frankly, I doubt she knows what she's going to do. However, I've been told Yellen is facing steady pressure from the Obama administration and some members of Congress to maintain the current low rates. They're concerned higher rates would translate to higher borrowing costs for municipalities, corporations and consumers. And they're concerned higher rates would stifle demand and raise prices for goods and services, causing a drop in our

gross domestic product.

The Fed's policy of low rates is one of the two primary reasons your SPDR S&P 500 ETF (SPY-\$193) has more than doubled since 2009. The other reason, of course, is the gusher of trillions of easy dollars with which the Fed has flooded the economy. Some market seers believe a slow shift to higher rates would not presage a market decline or burke the continuing bull market. Rather, it might mean the Fed believes the economy is healthy and can constructively absorb higher borrowing costs. But as I pointed out in an earlier column, the acolytes of Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman have a low opinion of the Fed's timing and disagree. Yellen strongly believes that if rates were raised, continuing gains in employment would increase consumer buying power and businesses would be able to raise prices significantly. Apparently, the majority of Fed gover-

nors agree with Yellen.

And history confirms this. Since the S&P 500 index was launched in 1957, there have been 14 instances in which the Fed has bumped short-term rates; and the average annual return, including dividends, during those years has been 9.51 percent. The highest annual returns have been during the years when rates have been increased gradually in an economy with low inflation. It doesn't take a high IQ to recognize that these are the conditions we have today. If this market is giving you the woolsies and the heebie-jeebies, you can protect yourself by purchasing put options on the S&P 500 index. A put option gives you the ability, for an agreed-upon time frame, to sell the S&P 500 index at today's prices, even if it is 50 percent lower.

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Wasp traps, cheap eats and more great reader tips

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MARY HUNT
EVERYDAY
CHEAPSKATE

Before I do that today, we need to go over a few things:

I might not have personally tested and vetted every tip, trick and idea that I share with you. Some I consider to be clever no-brainers that make me go, "Well, of course that works — and what a great idea!"

Other tips just don't lend themselves to being

tested under my present circumstances, while some are just so "out there," I wouldn't know how to make 100 percent certain that they would work, even when they do make sense.

And then there are the tips you will never know about because they are so off-the-wall or downright ridiculous that I am not willing to waste my time or yours with them.

When it comes to sharing clever tips and great ideas, I rely on your good judgment and common sense — and from time to time, your sense of humor! With that in mind, check out this fresh batch of great reader tips:

• **Wasp trap.** We have a lot of wasps in the summer, and commercial

wasp traps at my grocery store cost \$12.99 each, so I make my own. I take an empty plastic sports drink container, cut the top off just below the point where it tapers up to the screw-on lid, then invert the top and place it inside the bottom portion and add a couple inches of orange juice (anything sugary will work) and set it on my deck. The wasps fly or crawl into the bottle but can't figure out how to get out, and they eventually die. It works like a charm, and it's free! When the trap gets full, just make another one! — Linda

• **Eating out.** I often just get an appetizer at a good restaurant. Most restaurants serve too much food, and appetizers are a

good way to stay on budget and diet. — Teacher in LA

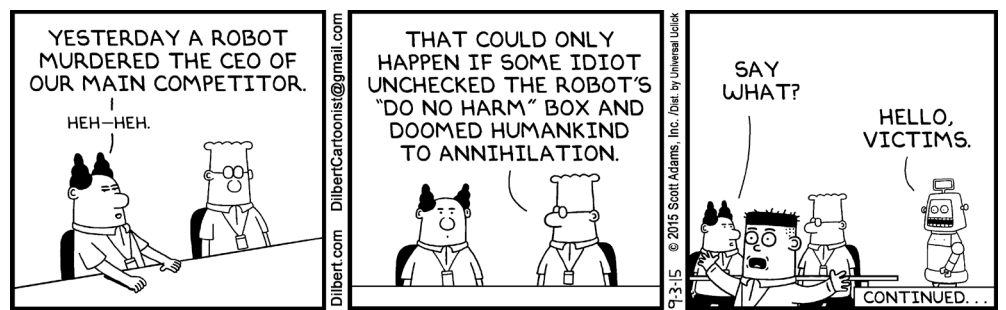
• **Recycled contact lens case.** Ever since hearing about the tip to cut open a tube of lotion to get to the last bit of product, I've been amazed at how much I'd been wasting all these years. (I've even started to

wrestle open pump bottles with a pair of pliers to get every last drop of that expensive eye cream.) But how do I store that remaining lotion to avoid it drying out? As a contact wearer, I have many extra contact cases and realized they make perfect storage containers for those last lotion bits.

An added bonus: These containers are perfect for travel. I write the contents on the lid and take my pomade, hair gel, eye cream, etc. without the bulk. — Kate

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FEATURED

A little bit of soul

Friends of the Blues is welcoming Laura Rain & The Caesars

THE DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

It will be the Kankakee-area debut for Detroit's Laura Rain & The Caesars in a Friends of the Blues show at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Moose Lodge in Bradley.

Laura Rain & The Caesars also will be a first for the Friends of the Blues — hiring an artist and band from Detroit performing Motor City R&B. In nine seasons and 151 live music shows, the Friends has brought in bands from five different countries (Australia, Canada, Israel, Serbia and the United Kingdom) as well as from 14 states, but never Detroit.

Laura Rain and the Caesars are reclaiming the storied Detroit soul music legacy from the ravages of time, neglect and electronic dance music. The Caesars are veterans of the Motor City's R&B, jazz, rock and blues scenes.

For more than a decade, the classically-trained Rain has been singing in Detroit and Los Angeles. She has a wondrous voice, an instrument of infinite shadings in timbre that avails itself to effortless glides between registers. Often compared to Aretha Franklin, Rain's fire, feeling, and expressiveness are all her own with an absolute freedom of expression.

Beside her on stage is the incredible George Friend on guitar. Campaign-Urbana's veteran Blues Disc Jockey, Dave Wright, called George, "the best guitar player at the 2015 Blues, Brews and BBQ Festival."

Friend is a producer, co-writer and guitarist and another Detroit who returned home from L.A. He has made his mark in multiple genres: rockabilly (Robert Gordon), R&B (The Sun Messengers), and blues (Janiva Magness), and he released a hip solo album of West Coast blues, "Looka Here!"

On keyboards is Phil Hale, who has played for everyone from Martha Reeves to George Clinton, Stanley Jordan, Bettye LaVette



Photo courtesy Susan Walker

Laura Rain & The Caesars, from Detroit, Mich., will be playing a Friends of the Blues show on Tuesday at the Moose Lodge in Bradley.

and James Carter.

Drummer Ron Pangborn, an original member of Was (Not Was), lays down beats that are perfectly fitted to the Caesars' retro-modern soul and blues.

Reflecting a bygone era when song-craft and spine-tingling vocals mattered most, Laura Rain and the Caesars fall squarely in the tradition of great soul music, and have raised the bar significantly for their peers in today's Blues scene.

Tickets are just \$7 for the all ages show, and the general public is welcome. The Moose is at 730 N. Kinzie Ave. in Bradley. As always, food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, call 815-939-3636.

100-WORD REVIEW

KIP MOORE

"Wild Ones"

Label: MCA Nashville
Released: Aug. 21, 2015



Of all the backward-ball cap-wearing male country singers, Kip Moore takes the dirt road less traveled. The songs on his debut album tended to search his soul.

But on "Wild Ones," Moore occasionally explores gray areas. The song "I'm to Blame" features a guy who regularly makes bad choices — an alternative to the confident chest-beating so common in contemporary country music.

Too often, though, Moore retreats clichéd themes. He links drinking and staying up late with being wild and reduces love songs to creepy sexual come-ons.

Musically, the album consistently serves up clever roots-rock riffs and rhythms that separate Moore from the rock-meets-rap focus of his Nashville peers. If more of the lyrics matched the best efforts here, "Wild Ones" would be a triumph. Instead, it's an album ripe for cherry-picked downloads.

Key cuts: "Comeback Kid," "That's All Right With Me"

— **Michael McCall,**
The Associated Press

DANCE

Beginner line-dance lessons, 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dance in the Light Studio, 431 W. Broadway St., Bradley. Intermediate/advanced from 7:15-8:45 p.m. These are ongoing classes and will meet weekly. No registration is required. For more information, call 815-937-9301.

Beginner line-dancing lessons, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Moose Lodge, 730 N. Kinzie Ave. Bradley. \$6. Call 815-258-4014 for details.

Tropical Latin dance classes with Jolynne Keiser, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Bradley American Legion, 835 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

Beginner line-dancing lessons, 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Bradley American Legion, 835 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

MUSIC

Key City Singalong, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feed Arts and Cultural Center, 259 S. Schuyler Ave., Kankakee. Bring your guitar, banjo, harmonica, fiddle, ukulele, or tin whistle ... or just sing. The Singalong is a free, family friendly event for people of all ages. For more information, visit feedarts.org or call 815-496-0278.

Lenny Kravitz, Andra Day, 7:30 p.m. today, Ravinia Festival, Highland Park. For more information, visit ravinia.org.

Trivia, 9:30 p.m. today, Village Pub, 235 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

DJ Ferg, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. today, Out on a Limb, 139 S. Schuyler Ave., Kankakee.

B backlash, 6-8:30 p.m. Friday and Wednesday, Crazy Joe's Diner, 907 S. Washington Ave., Kankakee.

Carla Stinson, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Flight 102 Wine Bar, 65 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais.

Karaoke with Lee, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Out on a Limb, 139 S. Schuyler Ave., Kankakee.

DJ in the dance room, 9 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, BreakAway Bar, 864 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

Monk 9 from America's Got Talent. The singer is Tom Repenty, who's the former singer of 3 Dudes and a Dead Chick, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Looney Bin, 201 S. Schuyler Ave., Bradley.

Beaver Karaoke, Friday, Crazy Beaver Grub & Pub, 510 S. Oak St., Chebanse.

DJ, Friday, Village Pub, 235 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

Back Paiges Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Moose Lodge, 730 N. Kinzie Ave., Bradley.

Toby Keith, 7 p.m. Friday, Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre, Tinley Park (formerly Midwest Bank Amphitheatre). For more information, visit livenation.com.

Jerry Vernon & the Dune Country Band, 6 p.m. Saturday, Crazy Joe's Diner, 907 S. Washington Ave., Kankakee.

Todd Hazelrigg Band, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Herscher Labor Day celebration.

DJ in the dance room, 9 p.m.-close Saturday, BreakAway Bar, 864 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

DJ, Saturday, Village Pub, 235 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

Poison'd Crue, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Saturday, Looney Bin, 201 S. Schuyler Ave., Bradley.

Jackson Browne, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Ravinia Festival, Highland Park. Tickets: \$38-\$100. For more information, visit ravinia.org.

O.A.R., Allen Stone and Brynn Elliott, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Ravinia Festival, Highland

Park. For more information, visit ravinia.org.

Def Leppard, 7 p.m. Saturday, Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre, Tinley Park (formerly Midwest Bank Amphitheatre). For more information, visit livenation.com.

Karaoke with The Cool Cat Denny Case, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Monday, Looney Bin, 201 S. Schuyler Ave., Bradley.

Karaoke with DJ Paul, Monday, Village Pub, 235 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

Music Mondays and open mic, 8 p.m.-midnight Monday, with Vern & Vern, classic country/rock, Whatever Bar, 360 S East Ave Kankakee.

Laura Rain & The Caesars, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Moose Lodge, 730 N. Kinzie Ave., Bradley. Friends of the Blues show. \$7 cover. General public is welcome. Food and beverages will be available.

Ratatat, Hot Sugar, 8 p.m. Tuesday, The Riviera Theatre, Chicago. Tickets: \$30. For more information, visit jamusa.com/riviera-theatre/.

Karaoke, Wednesday, Village Pub, 235 W. Broadway St., Bradley.

Itzhak Perlman and Emanuel Ax, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Ravinia Festival, Highland Park. For more information, visit ravinia.org.

ART EXHIBITS

"Finding 15," 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. weekends through Monday, Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery, 901 N. Entrance Ave., inside Presence Heritage Village.

THEATER

"Suitehearts," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday and next weekend, Country Theatre Workshop, 1280 E. 770N Road, Cissna Park. For tickets, call from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday at 815-457-2626.

"Ring of Fire. The Music of Johnny Cash," times vary, extended through Nov. 1, Mercury Theater Chicago. For more information, visit mercurytheaterchicago.com or call 773-325-1700.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Oil painting classes, D & E Art Gallery, 538 N. Convent St., Bourbonnais. Registering for classes. For more information, call 815-939-9144.

FAMILY

Manteno Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m. Thursday, southeast corner of Main and Division streets in downtown Manteno. For more information, mantenochamber.com.

Kankakee Farmers Market, 8 a.m.-noon, South Schuyler Avenue and East Merchant Street, Kankakee.

The 96th annual Herscher Labor Day Celebration, Saturday through Monday, Village Park, Herscher. Parade is at 10:30 a.m. Monday. For more information, visit herscher.net or call 815-426-2131 or 426-6183.

The 96th annual Lowell Labor Day Parade, 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Lowell, Ind. Parade begins at the Dairy Queen on Indiana Route 2 and proceeds west.

Grant Park Farmers Market, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Grant Park. For more information, call 815-465-2203.

Robot Revolution, through Jan. 3, 2016, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago. For more information, visit msichicago.org.

Amphibians, new exhibit at Shedd



Submitted photo

The Country Theatre Workshop will be presenting "Suitehearts" this weekend and next at the theater in Cissna Park. Cast members include, back row, from left, Marlynn and Craig Luhrsen, of Buckley; and front row, Kaitlyn Fink, of Onarga, David Novak, of Gilman, and Kevin Kohn, of Clifton.

Aquarium. For more information, visit shedd-aquarium.org.

COMEDY

Jon Lovitz, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield

Road, Schaumburg. Tickets are \$33. For more information, call 847-240-2001 or visit improv.com.

Jim Flannigan, 10:15 p.m. Friday, Chicago Improv, 5 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg. Tickets are \$12. For more information, call 847-240-2001 or visit improv.com.

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PERSONALITIES

Spielberg plunges into the Cold War

The nearly three year wait since Steven Spielberg's last movie (2012's "Lincoln") comes to an end this October with the spy thriller "Bridge of Spies."

Good news for moviegoers: There won't be another gap like that for a while. Having just locked "Bridge of Spies," Spielberg is already editing his next film, Roald Dahl's "The BFG," and is in pre-production on "Ready Player One," a sci-fi adventure from Ernest Cline's best-seller.

It's a pace that Spielberg, 68, says he plans to continue.

"I'm doing a long stretch of directing over the next several years," Spielberg says. "We put our last child into college. Number seven went to college last week and (wife Kate Capshaw) and I are enjoying the empty nest. It gives her a chance to get more involved with her art — she's a wonderful painter — and it gives me a chance to direct movies back to back now."

"Bridge of Spies," due Oct. 16, is a new chapter in history for Spielberg and one he knows personally: the Cold War. Tom Hanks stars as James Donovan, a lawyer the CIA recruited to rescue a spy pilot downed in the Soviet Union.



Tom Hanks portrays Brooklyn lawyer James Donovan in a scene from the Steven Spielberg film, "Bridge of Spies." The movie is due to open in U.S. theaters on Oct. 16.

In a recent interview while taking a break from editing "The BFG," the director spoke about making the true-life tale, the unexpected success of "Jurassic World" and his distaste for superhero movies.

AP: What attracted you to "Bridge of Spies"?

Spielberg: I've always wanted to make a spy movie. This is not James Bond. Only James Bond can be James Bond. I've always been fascinated with the entertainment value of the James Bond spy series of movies, as well as the serious John le Carre spy nov-

els, especially the Martin Ritt movie "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold." Also spy pictures like "The Quiller Memorandum" and "The Ipcress File," and "Torn Curtain" by Hitchcock in the '60s.

AP: Were you interested in making a film set during the Cold War?

Spielberg: I lived through the Cold War and I was very aware of the possibility of walking down the street and seeing a white flash and being atomized. I was very, very aware of what a tentative and insecure time it was, especially for young

The Dish



Steven Spielberg

people. It's something that made a big impression on me as a kid. We were shown instructional 16mm films of what to do in the event of the air raid sirens going off or seeing the flash and ducking and covering under your desk and holding, hopefully, a very large book over your head.

AP: Do you see a connection between that time and today?

Spielberg: There's so much relevance between the late '50s and today. We fly drones today; they flew U2 spy planes over Soviet Russia in the '50s. Our story is also about the shooting

down of Gary Powers' U2 and the apprehension of a Soviet spy working in this country for over a decade: Rudolph Abel. And the negotiator — a fish-out-of-water — an insurance attorney who used to be the associate prosecutor at the Nuremberg war-crime trials who was called upon to defend an alleged Soviet spy, and the kind of charged atmosphere he was willing to endure to see justice served. It's a story about a very righteous, principled individual — and for Tom Hanks, it's right up his alley.

AP: This is your fourth film with him.

Spielberg: Every collaboration is better than the one before. We're having a great time together.

AP: You caused a stir two years ago when you predicted Hollywood was headed toward an "implosion" because of the overabundance of mega-budget movies. Do you still feel that way?

Spielberg: I do. I still feel that way. We were around when the Western died and there will be a time when the superhero movie goes

the way of the Western. It doesn't mean there won't be another occasion where the Western comes back and the superhero movie someday returns. Of course, right now the superhero movie is alive and thriving. I'm only saying that these cycles have a finite time in popular culture. There will come a day when the mythological stories are supplanted by some other genre that possibly some young filmmaker is just thinking about discovering for all of us.

AP: Were you surprised by the success of "Jurassic World," on which you were an executive producer?

Spielberg: I'm back in the dinosaur business, it appears. We promised them more teeth and they rewarded us for it. I would have been ecstatic if we had done what the town was expecting, which was a \$100 million three-day weekend. That would have just made my whole year. But the fact that it did over twice what the prognosticators were predicting, it just blew me away.

— The Associated Press

COMMENTARY

How seniors can stop robocalls

Dear Savvy Senior, What can I do to stop the perpetual prerecorded robocalls I keep getting?

I'm signed up with the National Do Not Call Registry, but it seems like I still get three or four robo telemarketing calls a day offering lower credit card interest rates, medical alert devices and more. — Fed Up Senior

Dear Fed Up, Millions of Americans on the National Do Not Call Registry (donotcall.gov) complain they still receive unwanted calls from robocallers. Why? Because most robocalls are scams run by con artists who are only trying to trick you out of your money, and they simply ignore the law.

But there's good news on the horizon. A few months ago, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) passed a rule giving telecommunication companies more leeway to block robocalls. Before this ruling, the FCC has always required phone companies to complete all calls, much in the same way the postal service is required to deliver all your mail, even the junk. So, look for your phone service provider to start offering call-blocking tools in the future. But in the meantime, here are some things you can do to reduce those unwanted calls.

Set up "anonymous call rejection" option: This is a free landline-calling feature available from most telephone companies. It lets you screen out calls from callers who have blocked their caller ID information — a favorite tactic of telemarketers. To set it up, you usually have to dial *77 from your landline, though different phone services may have different procedures to set it up. Call your telephone service provider to find

out if they offer this feature, and if so, what you need to do to enable it.

Sign up for Nomorobo: This is a free service and works only if you have an Internet-based VoIP phone service. It does not work on traditional analog landlines or wireless phones. Nomorobo uses a "simultaneous ring" service that detects and blocks robocalls on a black list of known offender numbers. It isn't 100 percent foolproof, but it is an extra layer of protection. To sign up, or see if Nomorobo works with your phone service provider, visit Nomorobo.com.

Buy a robocall-blocking device: If you don't mind spending a little money, purchase a call-blocking device like the Sentry 2 (\$59) or Digitone Call Blocker Plus (\$100), sold at Amazon.com. These small devices, which plug into your phone line, allow you to blacklist numbers you no longer wish to receive, and set up a whitelist, or manually program the

phone to recognize and accept a certain number of safe numbers. Both devices are very effective.

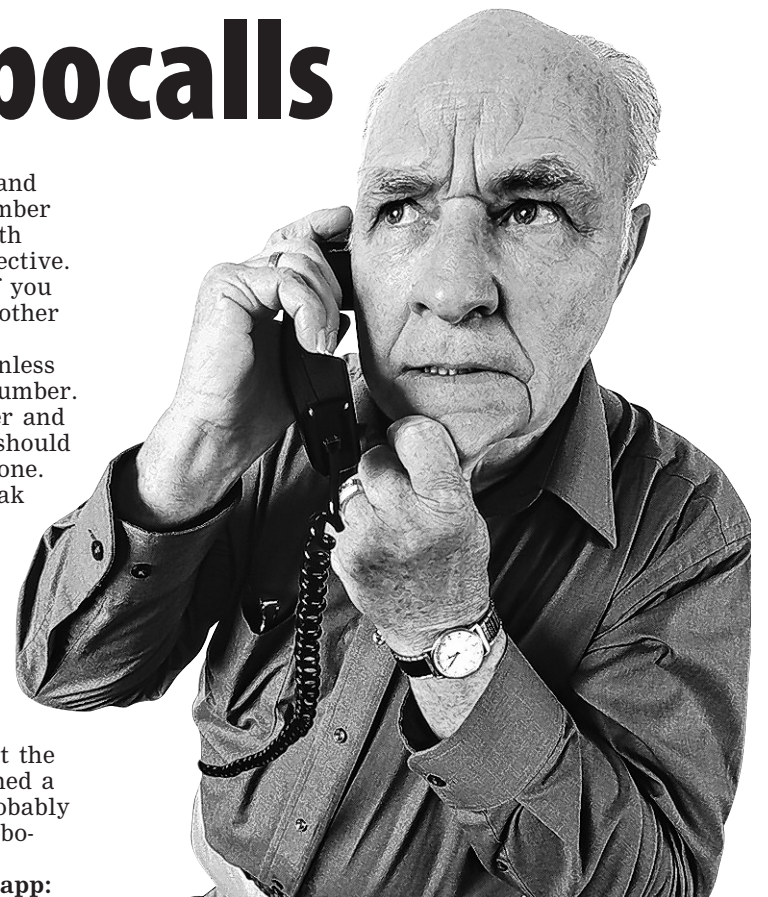
Don't pick up: If you have a caller ID, another tip is to simply not answer the phone unless you recognize the number. But if you do answer and it's a robocall, you should just hang up the phone. Don't press 1 to speak to a live operator and don't press any other number to complain about the call or get your number off the list. If you respond by pressing any number, you're signaling that the autodialer has reached a live number and probably will lead to more robocalls.

Get a cellphone app: To help with robo telemarketing calls and robo spam texts to your cellphone, get a call-screening app like Truecaller (truecaller.com) or PrivacyStar (privacystar.com) that screens and blocks them. It's also important that

you report illegal robocalls to the Federal Trade Commission at consumer-complaints.fcc.gov or call 888-225-5322, and sign the Consumer Union petition at EndRobocalls.org to

pressure phone companies to start offering free call-blocking technology.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.



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Man is devastated to learn of wife's long-ago affair

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are in our 60s and have been married more than 40 years. It hasn't

always been great, but we've made it.

Recently, while going through some old boxes in the basement, I ran across her diary and discovered that she had an affair while we were engaged. This has left me depressed, hurt and feeling very down. Should I confront her with my findings? — HURTING IN OHIO

DEAR HURTING: If you feel the need to bring this up after 40 years, rather than let it fester and ruin the next 40, tell your wife what you have

found. However, before you do that, remember diaries are supposed to be private, and you will have to explain why you took it upon yourself to read something that was never meant for you to see.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 41-year-old mother of three. I was raised in a good household, but we didn't have a lot of love. My folks were strict, straight to the point and good providers, but I don't remember many hugs and kisses, or moments of real expressions of emotion or intimacy between them.

Now I realize I am the same way with my kids. I'm very matter of fact, strict and too serious. I love my children more than life itself. But how do I become more loving? I don't know how to play or be silly. My hubby tells me it bothers him sometimes when he's trying to tell me how much he loves me and I make a joke or say something acerbic.

The problem is, my daughter is 9 and she is turning into me and my mother. She's not frivolous, like a little girl should be. She's serious, studious and almost cold in her assessment of everyone around her. It worries me. How do I combat this? How do I change myself so I can help change her, before it's too late? — BAD ROLE MODEL IN MISSOURI

DEAR BAD ROLE MODEL: You have already taken the first step by recognizing the pattern that is being repeated. Another step in the right direction would be to discuss your discomfort with expressing emotion with a licensed therapist, because it has affected not only your daughter but also your relationship with your husband. While a therapist may not be able to help you "be silly," a good one can offer suggestions on how to become more playful and communicate your feelings more openly.

However, I would caution you about one thing you said in your letter. Not all 9-year-olds are "frivolous." Many of them are serious and studious and that's a plus. If she "judges" contemporaries to the point of being sarcastic or cruel, she should be corrected before she's perceived as a bully or turns herself into an outcast. I have always abided by the philosophy that if you think something nice about someone else, you should share it. You might suggest that to her.

DEAR ABBY: Eleven years ago, my husband had a prostatectomy, which left him impotent. His sex drive dropped from 100 to zero. I have told him many times I don't care what he can or can't do. I also have told him I married him in sickness and health, and if this is the worst thing to happen, we are pretty lucky.

This is the man I couldn't walk by for many years without him

all over me. We made love two or three times per day. I miss the man I married desperately. He is the one who had surgery, but I didn't. I would never cheat on him, but I don't know what to do. Anytime we are intimate, it is always my idea, never his. I feel lost and hope you can help. — LOST IN MICHIGAN

DEAR LOST: In one paragraph you tell me that you don't care what your husband can or can't do. In the next you tell me you miss the man he was and need more than you're getting. Here's what I advise: Have a talk with your husband and suggest that he have a talk with his urologist. There are medical interventions that could improve the state of your union, but only if he is aware of them and is willing to avail himself.

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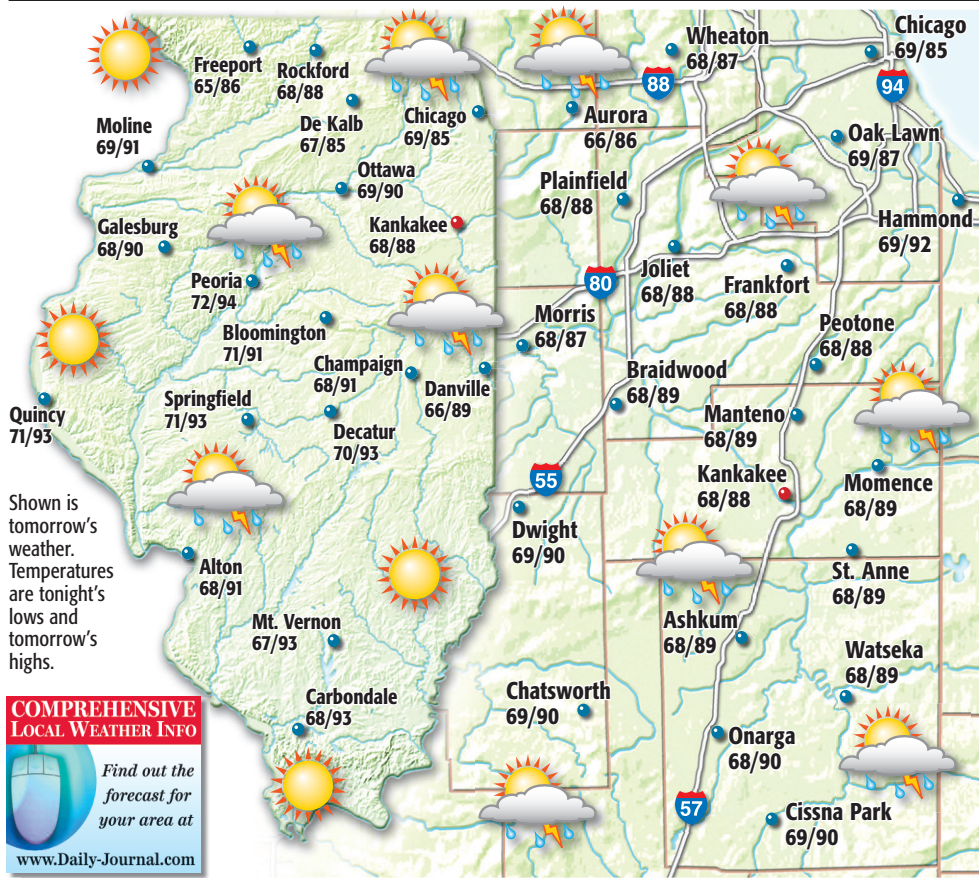
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5-DAY FORECAST FOR KANKAKEE

TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOW 68	88 68	87 70	90 71	85 65
A t-storm in spots this evening	A t-storm in spots in the afternoon	Warm and humid with clouds and sun	Mostly sunny, hot and humid	Clouds and sun, a t-storm or two

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Statistics for Kankakee for 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Temperature

High	90
Low	66
Normal High	82
Normal Low	60

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Total month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.22"
Year to date	34.31"
Normal year to date	27.00"

Cooling Degree Days

Yesterday	13
Month to date	26
Year to date	767
Normal year to date	836

FARM REPORT

A shower or thunderstorm in spots during the evening; otherwise, partly cloudy and humid tonight. Winds south-southwest 3-6 mph. Chance of precipitation 40%.

Growing Degree Days

Yesterday	28
Season to date	2613
Normal season to date	2479

SUN AND MOON

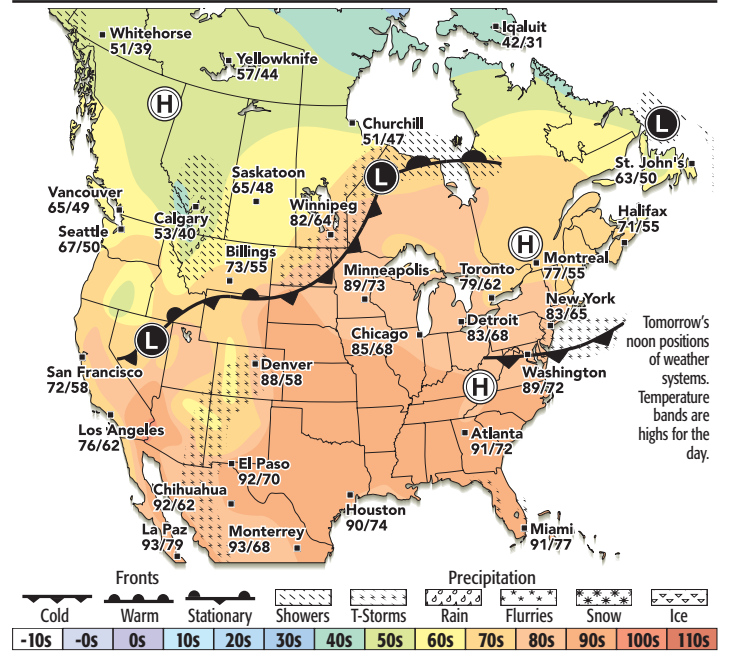
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Sunrise 6:21 a.m.
Sunset 7:20 p.m.
Moonrise 11:28 p.m.
Moonset 1:05 p.m.

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City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	91/72/t	87/70/t	Los Angeles	76/62/pc	78/59/pc	Portland, Ore.	71/51/pc	74/52/pc
Boston	71/59/s	76/59/s	Memphis	96/76/s	96/74/pc	St. Louis	95/76/s	96/77/s
Cincinnati	89/67/pc	87/67/s	Miami	91/77/t	90/77/t	Salt Lake City	89/66/s	76/48/s
Dallas	95/78/pc	97/79/s	Milwaukee	77/66/t	82/69/pc	San Diego	76/66/pc	77/66/pc
Denver	88/58/t	87/57/pc	New Orleans	90/77/t	91/77/t	San Francisco	72/58/pc	75/58/pc
Indianapolis	88/69/pc	88/69/s	New York	83/65/pc	82/64/s	Seattle	67/50/pc	72/54/pc
Kansas City	91/73/pc	90/76/c	Philadelphia	87/66/pc	84/64/s	Wash., D.C.	89/72/t	85/68/s

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National recognition



The AAU Boys 14U Basketball took second place at the Nationals in Lake Barrington last month. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Dylan Hassett, of Bourbonnais; Jaylen Arseneau, of Bourbonnais; Kawani Blackman, of Richton Park; Wilson Netherton, of Bourbonnais; and Dylan Bettenhausen, of Peotone. Pictured in the back row, from left, are Cole Gagnon, of Bourbonnais; Payton Gerberding, of Bourbonnais; TJ Wicks, of Kankakee; Larmarius Lilliard, of Mokenca; Seth Hathaway, of Peotone; Broghann O'Connor, of Bourbonnais; Jack Fegan, of Crescent City; and coach Joshua Arseneau. Not pictured are Jared Oates, of Peotone, and coach Barry Bradford.

First writing assignment



First-graders Kylie Stanek, left, and Collin Gonzalez wrote about a fun summer day for their first writing assignment in Jan Rodgers' class at Noel LeVasseur Elementary School in Bourbonnais.

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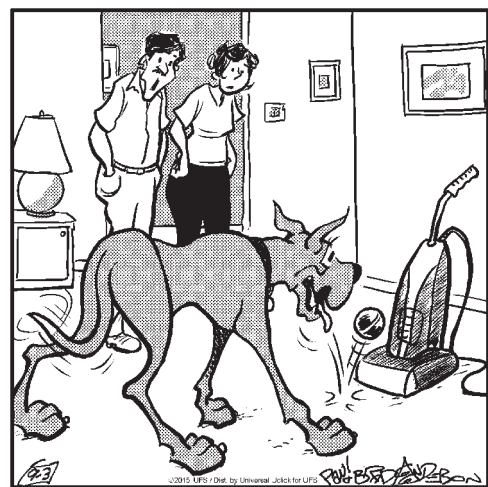
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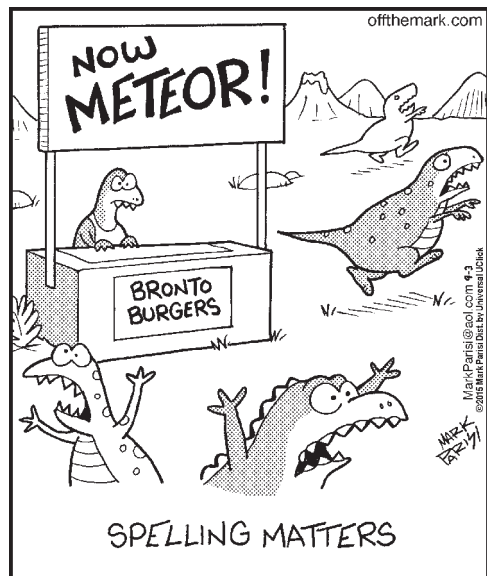
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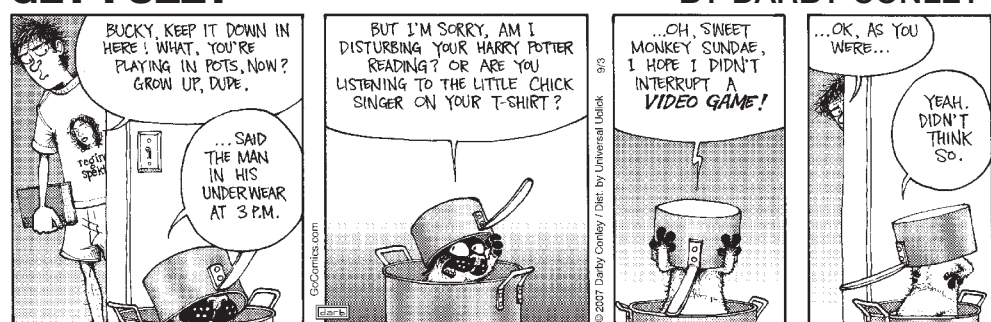
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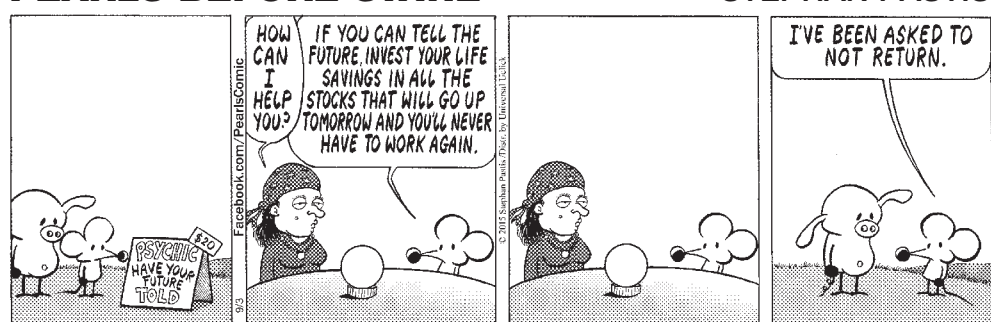
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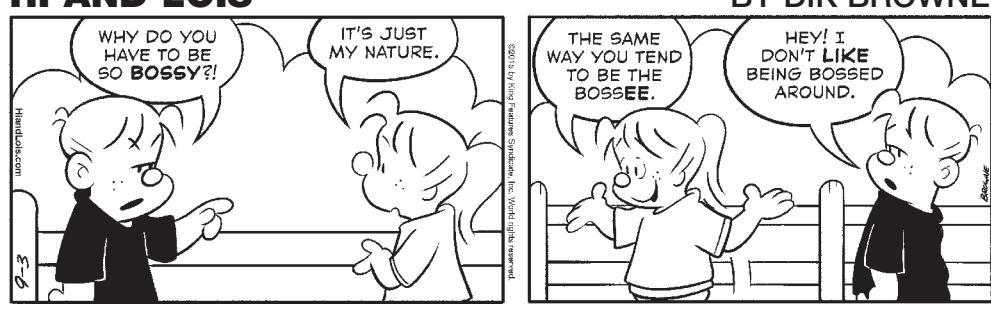
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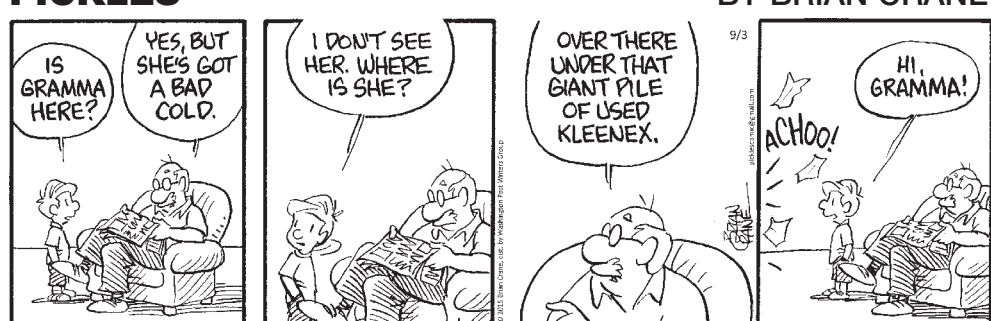
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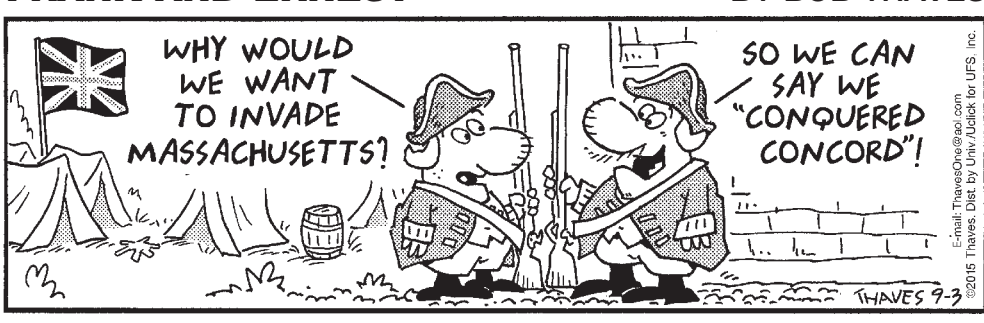
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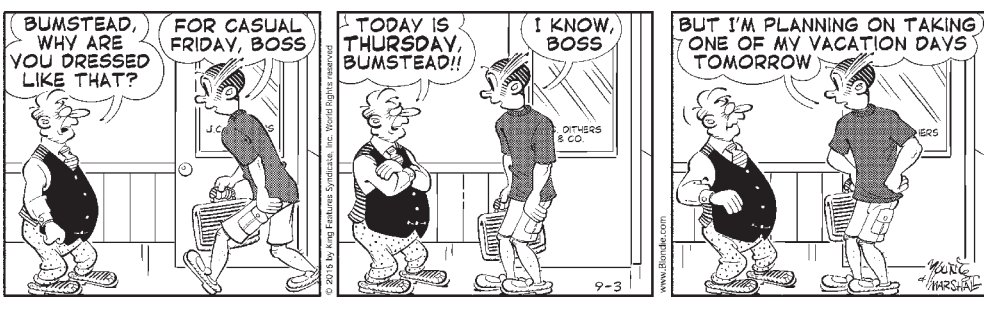
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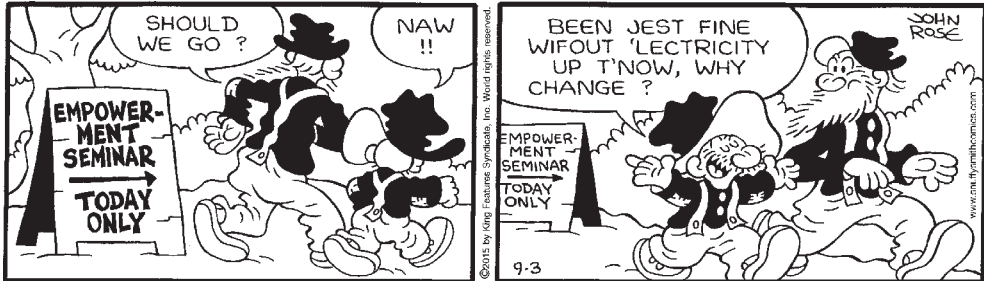
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Heavy police presence near where officer shot

FOX LAKE — A county sheriff's spokesman said authorities responded to a report of two "suspicious subjects" in a northern Illinois town near where a police officer was fatally shot.

Lake County Sheriff's Sgt. Christopher Covelli said police officers with dogs conducted systematic searches with air support Wednesday night in Volo.

Covelli said there's no evidence the scene is connected to the shooting of Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz in nearby Fox Lake. But he said: "Given the circumstances, we're taking it very seriously."

Authorities say Gliniewicz, a 30-year police veteran, was shot Tuesday morning while pursuing three suspicious men.

A manhunt for the subjects has been ongoing since then.

Meanwhile, hundreds gathered at a park for a vigil in memory of a northern Illinois police lieutenant who was fatally shot in the line of duty.

Mayor Donny Schmit said Wednesday the death of Gliniewicz has left a hole in his heart.

The officer's widow, Melanie Gliniewicz, took to the stage in a Fox Lake park surrounded by her sons. She thanked the people attending the vigil and those offering their support and prayers.

Gliniewicz said her husband was her "best friend, my hero, the love of my life for the last 26 and half years."

A minister, Mike Johnson, said Gliniewicz died serving the community and was about helping others.

He asked the crowd who among them would replace him.

— Associated Press



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Hungarian policemen stand guard near to the Hungarian town of Roszke at the border with Serbia, on Wednesday. The 28-nation European Union has been at odds for months on how to deal with the influx of more than 332,000 migrants this year as Greece, Italy and Hungary have pleaded for more help.

Tensions build at Budapest's urban refugee camp as migrants face hostility, plot their escape

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Tempers flared among the thousands trapped in a makeshift refugee camp in the heart of Budapest on Wednesday as Hungary played hardball with its unwelcome visitors for a second day, blocking train ticket-clutching migrants from traveling deeper into Europe.

The migrants, who have swamped every nook and cranny of public space outside the city's Keleti train station, threatened to walk the 105 miles to the Austrian border if police don't let them board trains to their desired destinations in Austria and Germany.

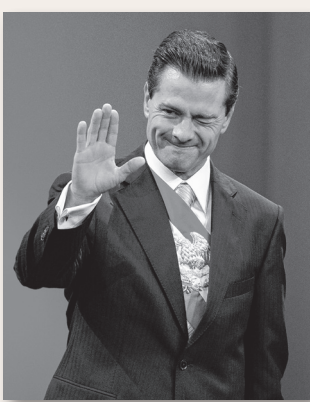
"I will walk the whole way if I must," declared 28-year-old Ahmed Shamoun, who deserted Syria's army three months ago, leaving nine brothers and eight sisters behind in Damascus. "I could pay a taxi 500 euros (\$550) to take me to Austria, but the police might stop me. I could wait here forever before Hungary lets me take the train."

— Associated Press

State of Mexico

Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto winks and waves as he acknowledges invited guests before delivering his third State of the Nation address, inside the National Palace in Mexico City on Wednesday.

Pena Nieto sent his written report to Congress on Tuesday in an atmosphere of rising violence, a falling currency and a slowing economy.



Associated Press

Lesbian couple respects clerk despite outrage over repeated marriage license denials

MOREHEAD, Ky. — As April Miller drove to work, still too stunned to grasp the magnitude of the fight erupting around her, an old song crackled over the car radio.

"Will you still love me for the rest of my life?" the band Chicago sang. "I can't go on if I'm on my own."

Miller pulled over. And for the first time since she and her partner stepped into the vortex of history, she wept.

"I had been trying to keep it together, keep it even, trying not to let my blood pressure go up," she said.

The day before, Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis refused her a license to marry Karen Roberts, her partner for more than a decade. Rather than comply with the U.S. Supreme Court's legalization of gay marriage nationwide, the Apostolic Christian has invoked "God's authority" in refusing license any marriages at all.

Miller said she feels like they're walking parallel paths with Davis, under the unexpected glare of television cameras.

"We understand how hard it is to stand up for what you believe in," she said. "This is really the first time that we've done that. We know from this experience how hard it is. There are some days when all you want to do is give up. She's standing up for what she believes in too. And we respect her for it."

— Associated Press

Our World

Baltimore charges stand

Judge orders officers in Gray case to be tried separately

BALTIMORE (AP) — A Baltimore judge on Wednesday refused to dismiss charges against six police officers in connection with the death of a black man from injuries he suffered while in custody. The judge also refused to remove the prosecutor in the case.

The death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray — who succumbed to injuries sustained after his arrest on April 12 — sparked rioting and unrest that shook Baltimore for days. Protests Wednesday outside the Baltimore courtroom where a pretrial hearing on the charges took place resulted in just one arrest.

Defense attorneys failed to persuade Circuit Judge Barry Williams that what they claimed was prosecutorial misconduct on the part of State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby was reason enough to drop the charges against the police officers — which range from second-degree assault to second-degree murder.

Williams ruled that while Mosby's public comments regarding initial statements made by the officers to investigators were "troubling," they were not likely to prejudice a jury.

Andrew Graham, an attorney representing Officer Caesar Goodson, unsuccessfully argued that Mosby's comments after filing charges against the officers were "reckless and unprofessional," and violated the rules of conduct. He likened Mosby's comments on the case to a "pep rally calling for payback."



Lloyd Fox/Baltimore Sun via AP

Kwame Rose is detained by police as protesters rallied outside the Baltimore courthouse during the first court hearing for six Baltimore police officers who are charged in the death of Freddie Gray, on Wednesday in Baltimore. A Baltimore judge refused to dismiss charges against the six police officers accused in the death in April of Gray, a black man who was in their custody.

Justice Dept. report says flawed Ferguson response offers lessons on how to handle protests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The police response to unrest in Ferguson, Mo., last summer offers lessons in how not to handle mass demonstrations, according to a Justice Department report that warns such problems could happen in other places roiled by mistrust between law enforcement and the community.

In a detailed chronology, it tracks missteps that began almost immedi-

ately after the shooting when police wrongly assumed crowds would dissipate, withheld information from the public and were slow to grasp community angst over the hours-long presence of Michael Brown's body beneath white sheets in the street.

It details more flaws over the next two weeks, including the improper use of police dogs, armored vehicles and snipers to monitor the crowds; the decision by some officers to remove their nameplates; arbitrary orders to demonstrators to keep moving after five seconds; and poor communication

among agencies about which policy to follow and who was in charge.

Sheriff: Texas man killed by deputies appeared to hold knife; second video being examined

DALLAS (AP) — A second video that captured Texas deputies fatally shooting a man whose hands were raised appears to show that he was holding a knife, a sheriff said Wednesday, declining to release the video because the investigation is ongoing.

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Obama visit to Arctic spotlights tough life in Alaska

President Barack Obama holds up a fish while visiting with Commercial and Subsistence Fishers Alannah Hurley, left, and Kim Williams, second from right, on Kakanak Beach, Wednesday, in Dillingham, Alaska. Obama is on a historic three-day trip to Alaska aimed at showing solidarity with a state often overlooked by Washington, while using its glorious but changing landscape as an urgent call to action on climate change.

Biden tests waters in Florida as all watch for hints about his ambitions

Vice President Joe Biden came to Florida to lend a hand to Senate Democrats and the administration's education agenda Wednesday on a trip watched for any hint that he'll seek the presidency. He may have dropped a hint at Miami Dade College, telling a crowd, "People who aren't willing to risk failing never succeed." But the remark, at least on its surface, was about the courage it takes for students to go back to community college after being out for years.

Judge clears way for 48-year-old's gender reassignment, denies parents

A judge in Pennsylvania on Wednesday cleared the way for a 48-year-old transgender woman to undergo gender-reassignment surgery, rejecting an effort by her parents to have the operation blocked.

Christine Kitzler's parents said she was incompetent and needed to have a guardian appointed, but Judge C. Theodore Fritsch Jr. said they failed to provide clear and convincing evidence of that. He also rejected their request for an independent medical exam.

Obstacle to moving 2016 Rio Olympic venues? 1,400 silent athletes

Olympic organizers have agreed to test for viruses in Rio de Janeiro's sewage-filled waters. But even if they find high virus counts, organizers say they have no plans to move venues. Why isn't there more pressure to move? Olympic athletes have little clout, some sports don't have alternate venues, and sport federations have deep financial ties to the International Olympic Committee. Most athletes, however, have remained

quiet, even after The Associated Press released a five-month independent study showing high levels of viruses at Olympic venues for sailing, rowing, canoeing, triathlon and open-water swimming. About 1,400 athletes will compete in the hazardous waters.

US offers \$10 million in grants for railroad crossing fixes

U.S. transportation officials on Wednesday offered \$10 million in grants for states to upgrade highway-rail crossings and tracks in response to a recent surge in flammable fuel shipments.

The announcement from the U.S. Department of Transportation comes as rail crossing collisions have increased over the past several years, following more than three decades of steady declines.

Almost 40 percent of the fatalities last year occurred in just five states — California, Illinois, Texas, Alabama and Louisiana.

Foreign militants get ID cards from corrupt officials, giving freedom to move

Foreign Islamic militants have been able to secure Pakistani national identity cards for years in exchange for bribes as low as \$100, giving them vastly greater freedom to operate, according to a report by Pakistan's top intelligence agency obtained by The Associated Press. The issue of foreign jihadis operating so easily in Pakistan has regional and even global implications. The country has long been a destination for aspiring global jihadis to receive training, some of whom are sent back abroad to conduct attacks. Foreign governments, particularly Afghanistan, have frequently accused elements of the Pakistani government of sheltering Islamic militant groups that frequent the porous and lawless tribal regions along the Afghan border.

ILLINOIS

Peoria, creator of Twitter parody settle lawsuit

The city of Peoria will pay \$125,000 to a man whose home was raided after he created a Twitter account to parody the mayor.

The city and attorneys for Jon Daniel of Peoria said Wednesday that they have agreed to the payment to settle a federal lawsuit.

It still needs approval by the Peoria City Council.

Daniel's home was raided in April 2014 and he was investigated after he created the Twitter account that portrayed Peoria Mayor Jim Ardis as a profane fan of drugs and alcohol.

Daniel was never charged with a crime and claimed the parody account was protected speech.

He said Wednesday he is satisfied with the settlement.

Attorney Jim Sotos represented the city and said it settled because fighting the lawsuit would have cost far more.

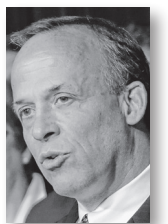
IDOC holding job fair for recent parolees

Illinois parolees and people on probation are getting a chance to apply for jobs, have a health screening and obtain a driver's license.

The Illinois Department of Corrections is holding a "Summit of Hope" Wednesday at the Salvation Army in the Chicago suburb of Joliet.

The event was aimed at helping people recently released from jail or prison to lead a successful life, so they don't return to a life of crime or end up back behind bars.

Corrections officials say more than 700 parolees have been invited to attend. They say: "These men and women are working to become productive members of society and the services available to them at the Summit are often the difference between success and failure."



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Jon Daniel



WATCH YOUR WASTE!

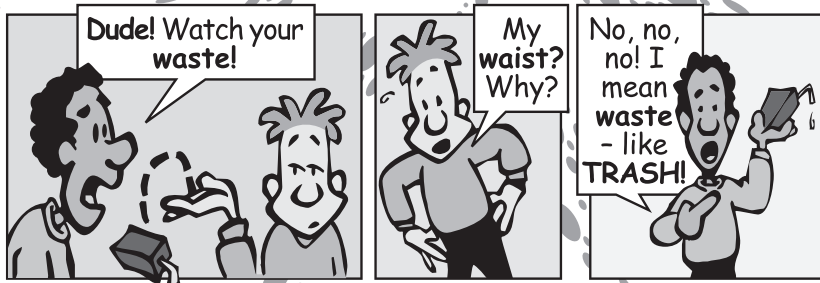
Litter Can Kill

Not only does litter look ugly, it can cause serious harm to wild animals – even to animals that live far away from where the litter was first dropped. Some litter looks like food. Other litter can tangle animals, leaving them trapped so that they can't find food or escape predators.



Litter can wash into rivers and streams and be carried to oceans and bays. There, birds, sea turtles and even whales can become entangled. Sea turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and try to eat them. Eating plastic bags is very dangerous for any animal.

Standards Link: Life Science: Living things cause changes in the environment and some of these changes are detrimental to other organisms.



Problem Poppers

Do you like helium-filled balloons? They are fun to _____ and bat around.

When these balloons are let loose, they float up into the air and seem to _____. But they don't.

Ultimately these balloons lose their _____ and fall back to earth as litter. Some end up in the _____ where marine animals, especially sea turtles, eat them. The swallowed balloons can block air _____ or get caught in the animal's _____. Either way, balloons can be dangerous.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words and sentences.



Find the words that complete the story before they float away!

Extra! Extra!

That's Fine

Different places have different fines for littering. In some places, fines are \$500. In other places, fines can be \$5,000 or more. Pretend you got fined \$500 for littering. Look through the newspaper and find things you could buy with \$500, instead of paying a fine. Be sure to find items that add up to exactly \$500.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums using money amounts to \$500.

BALLOON SAFETY TIPS

Replace the missing words.

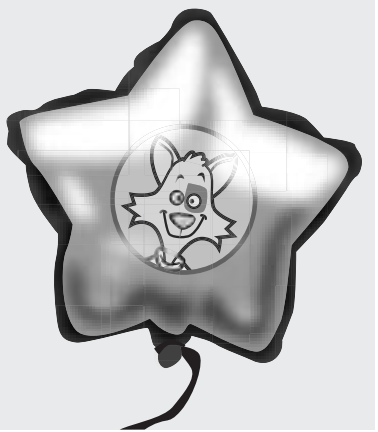
- INDOORS
- HOLES
- ENTANGLED
- FLOAT
- REMOVE
- TIED

Keep Mylar balloons _____.

Outside, a Mylar balloon needs to be _____ down or attached to a weight.

When getting rid of Mylar balloons, make sure to poke _____ in them to be sure left over helium doesn't cause them to _____ and blow around if the garbage container is overturned.

If a Mylar balloon, kite or any object becomes _____ in an overhead power line, call 9-1-1 or 1-800-743-5000. Do not try to _____ it yourself.



Litter Hunt

Circle all of the litter hidden in the park. Draw a line from the litter to where it should go.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions. Health: Understand and participate in community environmental issues.

YOU Can Help Stop Litter!

Circle the things you can do to keep your community clean and beautiful.



Standards Link: Health: Understand and participate in community environmental issues.

Read and sign this pledge and keep it where you can see it every day!

OFFICIAL WASTE WATCHER PLEDGE

I promise not to litter.

I promise to do my part to keep my community clean and beautiful.

I promise to recycle.

Signature _____

Date _____

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all of the letters in the word WASTE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

W				
A			W	
S		W		
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E				W

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: FINE

One meaning of the word **fine** is a sum of money that someone is ordered to pay for breaking law.

The girl was **fined** for dropping litter in the park.

Try to use this meaning of the word **fine** in a sentence today when talking with your friends or family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Homonym Hunt

Waste and *waist* sound the same, but they are spelled differently and have different meanings. They are called **homonyms**. Look through today's newspaper and find 5 or more sets of homonyms.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Recognize and use homonyms.



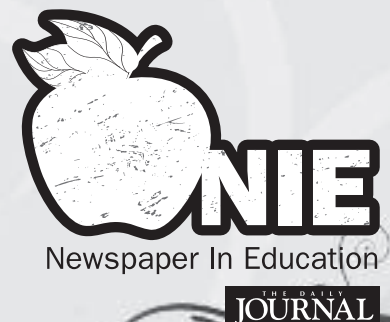
Write On!

If I Were a Teacher

How would you set up your classroom? What rules would you have? What subject would you teach?

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Chatter Box



"I like crafts that are made out of necessity because they're a little naive — you made it because you needed it."
— Amy Sedaris

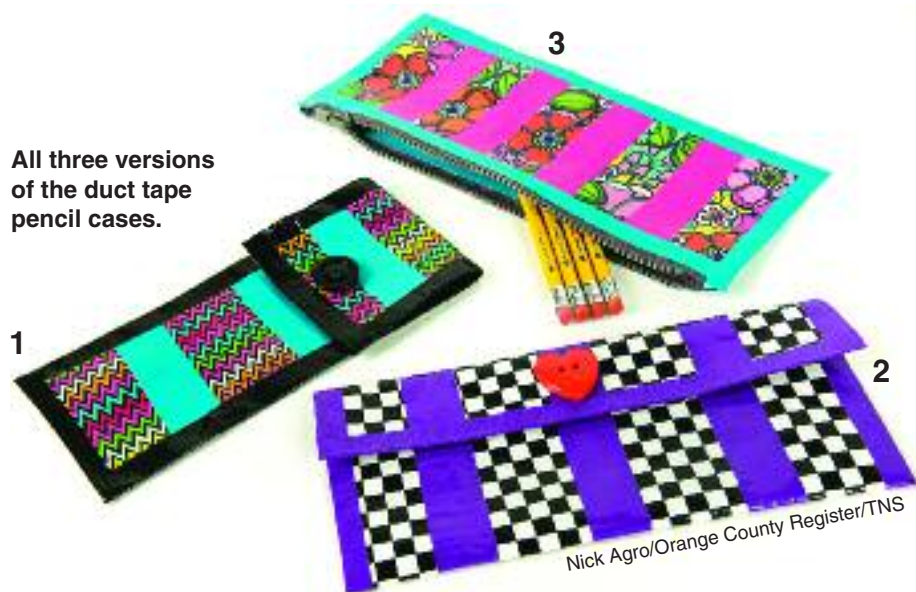
KID NEWS

Laugh Lines

What kind of music do astronauts listen to?
Rock-et-roll



Why was the musician arrested?
Because he got in treble



All three versions of the duct tape pencil cases.

Duct work: Make a statement with tape

With an endless array of colors and patterns, tape-crafting pencil cases, clutches reaches a new level

1. Duct Tape Pencil Case

MATERIALS

- Duct tape rolls (in various colors and patterns)
- Two fabric scraps, 3x6 inches and 3x12 inches
- Sticky Velcro dots or squares
- Scissors or craft knife
- Ruler
- Decorative button (optional)
- Cutting mat (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Step 1: Stick the duct tape to the back of both your fabric scraps, designing any pattern you want until the fabric is covered. Smooth out any bubbles as you go.

Step 2: Flip over the fabric and trim off the excess tape with scissors or a craft knife.

Step 3: Place the smaller piece on top of the larger piece with the duct tape facing out. Align the bottom of the two pieces.

Step 4: Now seal the edges.

Cut a piece of tape a little longer than 12 inches and cut in half lengthwise to seal the sides. Cut another piece that's slightly longer than 3 inches and cut in half lengthwise to seal the bottom and border the top edge. Cut off the excess.

Step 5: Place a pencil in the case to make sure you have enough height and then fold over the longer piece to create a flap.

Step 6: Add the Velcro closure. For optional decoration, sew or glue a button on the front.

Source: Duckbrand.com

2. Duct Tape Pencil Clutch

MATERIALS

- Duct tape rolls
- Fabric scrap, 10x10 inches
- Sticky Velcro dots or squares
- Scissors or craft knife
- Ruler
- Decorative button (optional)
- Cutting mat (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Step 1: Stick the duct tape to the back of the fabric scrap, designing any pattern you want until the fabric is covered. Smooth out any bubbles as you go.

Step 2: Flip over the fabric and trim off the excess

tape with scissors or a craft knife.

Step 3: Holding the fabric lengthwise, fold the bottom edge up 4 inches with the duct taped side facing out. This will give you a 4inch pencil pouch and a 2inch flap to close it.

Step 4: Now seal the edges.

Cut a piece of tape a little longer than 6 inches and cut in half lengthwise to seal the sides, going a little beyond both edges. Cut pieces for the rest of the raw edges and finish taping. Cut off the excess.

Step 5: Add the Velcro closure. For optional decoration, sew or glue on a button on the front.

Source: whiletheysnooze.com

3. Duct Tape Zipper Pouch

MATERIALS

- Duct tape rolls
- Zipper, 9 inches
- Two fabric scraps, each 4 inches wide and as long as the zipper
- Scissors or craft knife
- Ruler
- Decorative button (optional)
- Cutting mat (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Step 1: Stick the duct tape to the back of the fabric scraps, designing any pattern you want until the fabric is covered. Smooth out any bubbles as you go.

Step 2: Flip over the fabric and trim off the excess tape with scissors or a craft knife. Make the two pieces the same size.

Step 3: Cut a piece of tape that is a little longer than your zipper and cut in half lengthwise. Use each piece of tape to connect the zipper to both pieces of fabric. Make sure the duct tape is facing out and the zipper closure is on top and facing out. You may also want to use tape to seal the zipper and fabric pieces on the inside.

Step 4: Measure another piece of tape that is a little bit longer than the bottom of your fabric and cut in half lengthwise. Use one piece to seal the bottom of the two fabric pieces. Cut the other piece of tape in half to seal each side. Trim any excess tape.

Source: Duckbrand.com

— Denise Smaldino, Orange County Register

MUSIC REVIEW

Bea Miller has nothing to apologize for with debut album

It's hard to believe that Bea Miller is just 16 years old, for her raspy vocals and energetic music are quickly making a name for the young singer. Originally from a small town in New Jersey, Miller first came onto the music scene with a debut on the American talent show, "The X Factor." Despite placing ninth in the competition show, Miller ended up signing with Syco Music and Hollywood Records.



Since then, Miller has continued to make her mark in the industry. From being named MTV's "Artist to Watch 2015" to one of Rolling Stone's "10 Artists You Need To Know," Miller is quickly conquering the industry. After almost a year, her debut album, "Not An Apology," was released in late July.

BEA MILLER
NOT AN APOLOGY
• Rating: 4 out of 4 stars
• Best tracks
Fire N Gold
Young Blood
This Is Not An Apology
Rich Kids
Dracula
We're Taking Over

The first track, "Young Blood," immediately sets the overall tone for the album. Miller may be young, but her age has nothing to do with the maturity of her voice and lyrics. This continues with "Fire N Gold," where Miller really shines in the track with the combination of her powerful vocals, inspirational lyrics, and upbeat melody.

The song reinforces that even when a person is going through their darkest time, everyone is born with a spark that makes them special. Even though she is technically classified in the pop genre of music — and is currently on tour with Fifth Harmony — Miller refuses to be typecast as a pop star. Being heavily influenced by rock bands from a young age, like The Pretty Reckless and Nirvana, she tries to incorporate some of these rock elements in each song on "Not An Apology." There are heavy rock riffs in many of the tracks. This, combined with her soulful voice, creates a unique sound that puts Miller in a class of her own.

The versatility throughout "Not An Apology" makes the album appeal to music lovers of all genres.

— Cailey Gleeson, The Mash, Chicago Tribune's newspaper and website written for teens, by teens

A-MAZE-ING

Track which amplifier is plugged into the guitar



Project: That's a crafty cat you've got

Make a menagerie of animals (such as a fat cat, pictured) by sculpting just a few simple shapes. After you master the cat, try your hand at creating an elephant, bunny, penguin or pig!

Create a cat

1. Roll bakeable polymer clay (such as Fimo) into a ball. Add flattened-egg-shape feet.
2. Form eyes and diamond-shaped ears, then insert them into holes made with a toothpick. Press on the nose, the cheeks, and arms, as shown.
3. Use the toothpick to add lines for fingers and toes. Roll a snake of clay for a tail and press it onto the back.
4. Bake the clay as the package directs, then add a dot to each eye with a white paint marker.



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GAME OF THE WEEK



Kankakee at Bradley-Bourbonnais

GAME TIME 7 p.m., Friday
PICK Bradley-Bourbonnais 31, Kankakee 21

Kankakee

ON OFFENSE: The Kays' attack starts with electric running back DeAndre Caldwell. The junior showed his playmaking ability in a Week 1 win over Danville with 140 rushing yards on just 12 attempts. Caldwell runs behind what Kankakee coach Omar Grant believes to be a much improved offensive line heading into the 2015 season. The unit had a solid debut but will face a tougher task against a talented defense from Bradley-Bourbonnais. But the biggest concern for the Kays will be taking care of the football. In Week 1, quarterback Kelvontae Bell tossed three interceptions against Danville.

ON DEFENSE: The overtime win against Danville was a mixed bag defensively for Kankakee. The Kays surrendered 320 yards of total offense and had problems coming up with stops in the red zone; however, they also showed a knack for the big play with three interceptions. The Kays are a young team, and it seems particularly noticeable on the defensive side as evidenced by Caldwell's interception and immediate fumble late in regulation last week. Kankakee seems

equally capable of making big plays or big mistakes.

Bradley-Bourbonnais

ON OFFENSE: After losing many of last season's key components to graduation, questions surrounded Bradley's offense heading into 2015. The Boilermakers answered many of those questions with a Week 1 victory against De La Salle. Senior Noah Fritz rushed for 173 yards in his first varsity start, while senior quarterback Owen Starr went 15 of 23 for 202 yards. Starr also tossed two picks in his first career start. Look for Kankakee to try and create opportunities for turnovers in the secondary.

ON DEFENSE: While the offense is young, the Boilermakers' defense returns several of the area's top players. Linebacker Mason DeLong and defensive end Cameron Douglas can create chaos up front, while junior cornerback Camron Harrell is an explosive athlete capable of shutting down his side of the field. Considering Kankakee threw three interceptions in Week 1, expect the Boilermakers to stack the box against Caldwell and force the Kays to take their chances through the air.

Cameron Douglas anchors Bradley-Bourbonnais' defensive front, which will undoubtedly look to bring pressure against Kankakee quarterback Kelvontae Bell.

The Daily Journal/Scott Anderson

WEEK 2 CAPSULES

Plainfield North at Bishop McNamara

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Players to watch: Plainfield North: RB Tyler Hoosman, RB Nick Capezio, OL Brent Johnson. Bishop McNamara: RB/DB Jonathan Ward, RB/LB Jerrico Johnson, RB/LB Jared West, TE/OL Dylan Deatherage.

Preview: The good news: Plainfield North (1-0) no longer has Quintin Hoosman, who ran for 264 yards in a 33-6 blowout of Bishop McNamara (1-0) in Week 2 last year. The bad news: little brother Tyler Hoosman rushed for 143 yards in a win over DeKalb in last Friday's opener. Of course, the Fightin' Irish, ranked fourth in the Class 3A Associated Press poll, have their own special talent in the backfield with Jonathan Ward and Jerrico Johnson. The game will likely come down to who better controls the line of scrimmage, which will be a tough battle for Bishop McNamara against its much larger Class 7A foe.

Pick: Plainfield North

Dwight at Hoopeston

When: 7 p.m. Friday
Players to watch: Dwight: TE/DE Jace Kennedy, OL/DL Drew Travers.

Preview: Coming off its first season-opening win in more than a decade, Dwight (1-0) has a prime opportunity to start out 2-0 for the first time since 1993. Hoopeston (0-1) has just one victory over the last two seasons was outscored 422-74 last season. All signs point to another tough go-around for the Cornjerkers, who lost their opener 56-3 to Sullivan. Dwight could be without running back Austin Kavanaugh. The junior tweaked his ankle in last week's win against Seneca, but his absence likely wouldn't hinder the Trojans much against Hoopeston.

Pick: Dwight

PICKS



LAST WEEK/SEASON RECORD

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Coal City at Wilmington	St. Joe	St. Joe	St. Joe	St. Joe	St. Joe	St. Joe
Dwight at Hoopeston	Wilmington	Wilmington	Coal City	Wilmington	Wilmington	Wilmington
Herschel at Peotone	Dwight	Dwight	Dwight	Dwight	Dwight	Dwight
Iroquois West at MCP	Herschel	Peotone	Herschel	Herschel	Peotone	Peotone
Kankakee at BBCHS	MCP	MCP	MCP	MCP	MCP	MCP
Momence at South Newton (Ind.)	BBCHS	BBCHS	BBCHS	BBCHS	BBCHS	BBCHS
Plainfield North at Bishop McNamara	South Newton	South Newton	South Newton	South Newton	Momence	South Newton
Reed-Custer at Manteno	Plainfield N.	Plainfield N.	Plainfield N.	Plainfield N.	Plainfield N.	McNamara
Watseka at Tri-Valley	Manteno	Manteno	Manteno	Manteno	Manteno	Manteno
	Tri-Valley	Tri-Valley	Tri-Valley	Tri-Valley	Tri-Valley	Tri-Valley

Iroquois West at MCP

When: 7 p.m. Friday
Players to watch: Iroquois West: RB/DB Jacob Connor, RB/LB Kristian Sanchez. MCP: QB/DL Kyle McNally, RB/LB Drew Hartman, RB/LB Jake Montgomery.

Preview: Transfer Drew Hartman turned in a terrific debut for Milford-Cissna Park (1-0) with 192 rushing yards in a Week 1 victory over Moweaqua Central A&M. The Bearcats displayed the tenacity that has become a staple of the program in recent years to pull out the win in a close game. Iroquois West (0-1), on the other hand, struggled in a 27-20 loss to Eureka. The Raiders had opportunities to make things interesting, but a lethargic ground game (79 yards for 24 attempts) and three turnovers hampered their effort.

Pick: MCP

Watseka at Tri-Valley

When: 7 p.m. Friday
Players to watch: Watseka: QB/DB Cole Davenport, RB/LB Cameron Eades, RB/LB

Christian Garcia. Tri-Valley: RB Hayden Long, QB/DB Peyton Roop.

Preview: Coming off six-straight losses to end 2014, Watseka (1-0) debuted its new-look offense and found immediate success against Salt Fork. With Christian Garcia and Cameron Eades leading the way, the Warriors chewed up more than 300 yards via its ground game on the way to 40 points. They'll face a much tougher task in Week 2 against Tri-Valley. The Vikings (1-0) are coming off a 49-18 dismantling of 2014 Class 2A state semifinalist Fieldcrest. Tri-Valley, ranked fourth in this week's Class 2A AP poll, used a balance attack to put up 494 total yards in the win.

Pick: Tri-Valley

Coal City at Wilmington

When: 7:15 p.m. Friday
Players to watch: Coal City: RB/DB Joe Starkey, QB Nick Micetich, RB/DB Brad Churnovic, OL/DL Marco Alegria, RB/LB Matt Norton. Wilmington: RB/LB Nick Hawkins, TE/DB Steve Smock.

Preview: Both storied programs entered the 2015 with trying to fill major holes and both got off to a quick start in Week 1. Coal City (1-0) romped Reed-Custer 47-0, while Wilmington (1-0) walloped Sandwich 48-13. The Coalers, ranked seventh in Class 4A, needed just 30 rushing attempts to rack up 365 yards. Wilmington, ranked third in Class 3A, piled up 361 yards on 36 carries without even attempting a pass. Which defense can come up with the big stop?

Pick: Wilmington

Herschel at Peotone

When: 7:15 p.m. Friday
Players to watch: Herschel: RB/LB Matt Alsip, QB/DL Tyler Jones. Peotone: RB/LB Tyler Pavesich, OL/LB Corey Vincent, QB/DB Kale Maupin.

Preview: Herschel (0-1) opened the season with a lopsided loss to Manteno for the second year in a row, but history is on the Tigers' side. They went on to win four-straight games following the Week 1 loss last year, including a 13-7 victory against

Peotone in Week 2. Herschel will need to improve in the red zone after a disappointing effort against Manteno. Meanwhile, Peotone (1-0) will look to keep its momentum going after putting up 39 points against Lisle in the opener. The Blue Devils entered the season expecting to focus heavily on the run, but quarterback Kale Maupin threw for an area-best 266 yards last week.

Pick: Peotone

Reed-Custer at Manteno

When: 7:15 p.m. Friday
Players to watch: Reed-Custer: RB Connor Harding, RB Vince Verdelote. Manteno: RB/LB Logan Duvall, OL/DL Brian Soulinge, WR/DB TraVelle Calvin, QB Gavin Zimbelman.

Preview: It's out of the frying pan and into the fire for Reed-Custer (0-1). The young Comets were smoked 47-0 at Coal City in Week 1 and are right back on the road to take on Manteno's high-powered offense. The Panthers (1-0) received a solid debut from junior quarterback Gavin Zimbelman in a 36-15 win against

Herschel, while wide receiver TraVelle Calvin emerged as a playmaker on offense and special teams.

Pick: Manteno

Central at St. Joseph-Ogden

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Players to watch: Central: LB Ben Schafer, WR/DB Blake Willis, RB/LB Jacob Smith. St. Joseph-Ogden: RB Ty Brown, QB Eli Oltean.

Preview: Not much went right for Central (0-1) in a 49-12 loss to Prairie Central in the season opener. Unfortunately for the Comets, things won't get much easier in a Week 2 matchup with St. Joseph-Ogden (1-0), which enters the game ranked fifth in Class 3A. The Spartans used a balanced attack behind quarterback Eli Oltean and running back Ty Brown to defeat Winnebago 36-20.

Pick: St. Joseph-Ogden

Momence at South Newton (Ind.)

When: 8 p.m. Friday
Players to watch: Momence: WR/DB Zach Hamann, QB/DB Dazhee Horton, RB/LB Brandon Connors. South Newton: QB John Dafcik, WR Sam Apple-gate.

Preview: Momence (0-1) will try to regroup after getting surrendering 586 rushing yards to Deer Creek-Mackinaw in a 60-33 loss last week. South Newton (1-1) has had mixed results on the ground. The Rebels rushed for 250 yards against North Newton (Ind.) in their opener but were limited to 30 yards by Paxton-Buckley-Loda last week. Quarterback John Dafcik has made some big plays through the air; however, he has also thrown four interceptions in two games. Momence's defense will need to show rapid improvement to avoid an 0-2 start.

Pick: South Newton

Capsules by Kyle Nabors. Picks are based off majority of staff selections.

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● MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: CINCINNATI 7, CUBS 4

Cubs have short-lived celebration

Votto hits 3-run HR in 9th after Bryant error in Cubs loss

BY JOHN JACKSON
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kris Bryant hardly had time to enjoy his latest home run.

The rookie third baseman hit a tying drive in the eighth inning, then made a two-out error in the ninth that set up Joey Votto's three-run homer and lifted the Cincinnati Reds over the Chicago Cubs 7-4 Wednesday.

"It's tough," Bryant said. "Obviously, you're on Cloud Nine when you hit the game-tying home run, then you blow it the next inning."

"But sometimes baseball works that way. It's a crazy game. I mean, it gives you everything and then takes everything away," he said.

Bryant's two-run shot made it 4-4. The rookie has 22 home runs and 84 RBIs this season.

The top of the ninth started innocently enough with Cubs closer Hector Rondon (5-3) retiring the first two batters. Jason Bourgeois, who led off the game with a homer,

then hit a high chopper to the right of the mound that he beat out for a base hit.

Jay Bruce followed by slicing a sharp grounder through Bryant's legs for the error.

"He hit it hard, but there's no excuses for that," Bryant said. "I've got to keep the ball in front of me."

Rondon fell behind Votto 2-0 before leaving a 97 mph fastball out over the plate. Votto drove it to left-center and the wind guided it several rows back into the bleachers.

"He doesn't try to do too much in those situations," Cincinnati manager Bryan Price said. "but he smoked that ball. It was great."

That's not exactly how the Cubs looked at it.

Chicago manager Joe Maddon was asked if he considered walking Votto to load the bases with righty Brandon Phillips on deck.

Not really, he said, mainly because Rondon — who had a 0.45 ERA since May 25 and hadn't



Chicago Cubs' Dexter Fowler (24) and Kris Bryant celebrate after the pair scored on Bryant's home run off Cincinnati Reds relief pitcher J.J. Hoover, during the eighth inning Wednesday in Chicago. The Reds won 7-4.

allowed a homer since May 22 — was pitching so well.

"We probably should have zigged when we zagged," Maddon said. "The third fastball in a row got him. Votto is good and that's just execution. You throw the pitch where you want to, obviously, it's a good pitch. We didn't throw the ball where we wanted to and it's a three-run homer."

J.J. Hoover (7-0) got the win despite giving up Bryant's homer. Aroldis Chapman closed for his 27th save.

Tommy La Stella and Anthony Rizzo hit solo home runs for the Cubs. Chicago began the day with a 6½-game lead over San Francisco for the second NL wild-card spot.

Reds rookie Raisel Iglesias

struck out 10 in seven innings, allowing just three hits. It was his third straight start with double-digit strikeouts.

Bryant, who has hit two walk-off homers this season, said he won't dwell on his late mistake.

"I think there are a lot of positives from the game, personally and from the team," he said. "There's nothing to hang my head about. I wish I had blocked the ball or put a body part on it, but I wasn't able to do that."

Schwarber ailing

Cubs rookie Kyle Schwarber was slated to start in left field, but was a late scratch with right rib soreness.

"From my understanding, in the

batting cage this morning, he felt something in his side," Maddon said after the game. "We immediately shut it down, got him out of there. He's undergoing some tests right now. I don't have anything to report just yet."

Trainer's room

Cubs' OF Jorge Soler (left oblique strain) said he is feeling fine and hopes to begin swinging a bat later this week.

Up next

Cubs: Off on Thursday. The homestand resumes on Friday with the first of three against Arizona. LHP Jon Lester (8-10, 3.59 ERA) pitches the opener.

● MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL: MINNESOTA 3, WHITE SOX 0

White Sox bats fail to back up Rodon in loss to Twins

BY TYLER MASON
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Chicago White Sox rookie Carlos Rodon was good enough to keep his team in the game Wednesday night.

If only Chicago's bats could have provided a little help.

Tommy Milone struck out seven in seven innings and Miguel Sano hit another monster home run to help the Minnesota Twins beat the White Sox 3-0 on Wednesday night.

The 22-year-old Rodon (6-6) certainly gave his team a chance. He allowed two runs and five hits in six innings. The White Sox hitters, however, couldn't do much of anything against Milone and the Twins' bullpen.

Chicago never got a runner past second base and finished with three hits, all singles. Milone (7-4) gave up the three hits and finished seven innings for the first time since July 8. Kevin Jepsen picked up his 10th save for the Twins, who started the day one game behind Texas for the second AL



Minnesota Twins' Byron Buxton, front, is tagged out by Chicago White Sox catcher Tyler Flowers as he tried to score on a bases-loaded, two-run double by Trevor Plouffe during the seventh inning Wednesday in Minneapolis. The Twins won 3-0.

wild card.

"Winning is everything in this game," Rodon said. "It's tough. Just trying to keep it close for the team and let them do their job."

Rodon stumbled early, allowing a solo homer to Sano to lead off the second inning. But the left-hander

settled in after that and got the best of Sano the second time around.

Hesitant to run on an injured hamstring, Sano slowly jogged down the first base line on a slow roller to first that the White Sox easily turned into a 3-6-1 double play in the fourth inning.

That helped Rodon to pitch into the seventh inning with Chicago trailing just 1-0. Rodon left in the seventh following a leadoff single by Eduardo Escobar, who eventually scored on a double by Trevor Plouffe. That run was charged to Rodon, who completed his third straight quality start.

Catcher Tyler Flowers' errant pickoff throw to first base when Jose Abreu was not covering helped the Twins load the bases with no outs in the seventh. Plouffe followed with a two-out, two-run double off Daniel Webb to snap an 0-for-19 skid.

"For us, we have to score, we have to put something on the board to help him out," Chicago manager Robin Ventura said. "All those guys want to talk about wins, and if we can't put anything offensively, it's going to be tough for them, especially after getting down 1-0."

Rodon, the No. 3 overall pick in the 2014 draft out of North Carolina State, is at 118 2-3 innings this season. His ERA dropped to 4.10 after Wednesday's loss.

Sano was named AL rookie of the

month for August on Wednesday, but was late to the ballpark so he could get an MRI on his ailing right hamstring. The exam revealed a strain, but doctors advised that he could play through the injury, and the Twins desperately need his big bat in the middle of the lineup.

It didn't take him long to make an impact. Sano led off the second inning with a 439-foot blast to dead center that hit halfway up the giant black wall behind the center field fence. It was his 15th of the season in just his 51st game.

The homer left Sano's bat at 108 mph, but Rodon settled down after that. He struck out Eddie Rosario three times and got out of a two-on, no-out jam in the fourth without allowing a run.

Up next

RHP Kyle Gibson (9-9, 3.82) will pitch for the Twins in the series finale against RHP Jeff Samardzija (8-11, 4.85). Gibson has a 0.56 ERA in 16 innings over two starts against the White Sox this season. Samardzija is 3-1 with a 5.12 ERA in his career against the Twins.

● MEN'S COLLEGE GOLF

Tigers ready to rely on youth

ONU opens season with only 5 upperclassmen

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After a fifth-place finish at last year's Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament, the Olivet Nazarene men's golf team is young and optimistic.

The squad has just five upperclassmen and will be led by a pair of juniors from Princeton. Cole Evenson and Luke Lambert figure to be coach Damon Jensen's two top golfers.

"They're very in control of their emotions," Jensen said. "Mentally strong."

Along with the pair of juniors, Jensen is excited about freshman Matt Winklemann out of Wheaton North.

The Tigers have a little local flavor on their roster. Cody Kinstner is a Momenca resident, while Kyle Dwyer and Stephen Lowe are both from Bourbonnais.

ONU will be busy this year with 12-13 tournaments on its fall and spring schedules with the fall slate opening today hosting the Olivet Invite at Balmoral Woods.

Eleven days after the tournament at Balmoral Woods, the Tigers will play at the Mike Lalauff Memorial Invitational at Lost Marsh Golf

Course in Hammond, Ind. The highlight of the spring season will be the CCAC Tournament, which decides which teams go to the NAIA National Tournament. If the team adopts Jensen's "Practice with Purpose" motto, the Tigers could have big things again.

"We are still rebuilding and are somewhat of a young team. However, I expect some great things from the team we have," Jensen said. "The team has a little bit of experience now and has seen some of the courses we will be competing on."

No matter how the team performs on the course, Jensen knows he has a great group of kids.

"While golf is an individual sport these guys are a team," Jensen said. "They practice together, study together, encourage and help each other. We believe in being a team and showing our character both on and off the golf course."

Even if the season goes astray for the Tigers, there's more to being a great student-athlete than playing golf.

"I am amazed at what these guys accomplish with their education, their charity, and the work they do for the church," Jensen said. "Golf is a sport they play, but what they accomplish while at Olivet is who they are. I have been blessed to be a part of this team."

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ON THE COVER

Our hand-drawn illustration by graphics designer **Kim Carpenter** illustrates the wide range of fall produce available at the Kankakee Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings.

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Welcome to the market!

As I stood **on my back porch** one Friday night before heading to bed to be up early for the next day's farmers' market, I could hear the Kankakee High School football team **winning their first game in a double overtime.**

Football season is officially here, and with it comes the **fall harvest** at the **Kankakee Farmers' Market.** Fall is one of my favorite seasons, and I get so excited thinking about the **pumpkins, squash, broom corn and mums!**

It has been a rough market season as spring brought so much rain. Some of our farmers suffered **terrible losses.** Many crops were decimated. Others survived but were on a long delay waiting for some sunshine and heat.

But the **neat thing** about unpredictable weather is that we sometimes end up with a **later harvest** of things would normally have in July. I look forward to including these **typically unseasonable vegetables** in some **fall soups** and other recipes!

Look for the fall harvest theme to continue with our food vendors. Many of them use products from other vendors to make or compliment their goods.

We also have postponed the annual **Amateur Chef Competition to Oct. 10.** This should bring some amazing fall food creations! Don't forget our **Shredding Day on Sept. 26,** sponsored by **SDC Credit Union.** Plan on bringing your piles of documents to be shredded.

Our **last market day is on Halloween** this year. We plan to involve our furry market friends and hold a **pet costume** event. **River Valley Animal Rescue** will be a part of this, as well as **Ravenspring Creative.** There are many more events and musical talents to be showcased throughout the rest of the season.

We look forward to seeing you each Saturday from 8 a.m.-noon through the end of October!

Many thanks,
Elizabeth Gernon Lipofski,
Market manager



full vendor list

- Anything Orchids
- Bamboo Island
- Benoit's Pumpkin Farm
- Bread Buddies
- Chuck's Mums
- Cindy's
- Cliff's Natural Pork
- C-Mac's Smoothies
- Crème of the Crop Food Truck
- Delicja Polish Foods
- Dickman's
- Four Flowers Gluten Free Bakery
- Gourmet on the Go
- Gray Farms Organics
- Hardins Family Farms
- Headstash Roasting Company
- Heavenly Doggy Treats
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Fresh — Kankakee County Farmers' Market is an annual publication of **The Daily Journal.** In our **Harvest 2015** issue, you'll find more about the men and women who **make the market the premiere gathering place** on Saturday mornings in Kankakee County, the vendors who **rise and shine at the crack of dawn** to bring you **just-picked produce, farm-raised meat and eggs, and fresh-baked breads and treats** that elevate meals to the next level.

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Make a real pumpkin pie

Fall gives us the green light to **crank up the oven** and **indulge** in a slice of comfort. **Chery Sackett** — who spends **40 hours a week making 300 baked goods** for the market — agreed to share her recipe for a mouth-watering pumpkin pie. We're talking **from scratch**, with a pie pumpkin you pick up at the market.

The crust is the recipe her mother gave her, the same one she uses to bake **200 pies for the Rhubarb Festival** every spring.

"One reason I like it is that it is a make ahead crust that you only need to add ice water to when you need a crust. Because it is made ahead, it makes baking a pie really fast when needed. No need to refrigerate or freeze unless you are not going to use it but once every few months."
— Taylor Provost



Chery Sackett

Make Ahead Pie Crust

6 cups flour (I use organic, unbleached flour, but not necessary)

1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups shortening
Mix the dry ingredients and

then cut the shortening into the dry ingredients with a pastry cutter. Store in a covered container on the shelf. For each pie needed, combine 2 cups mix with 5 tablespoons cold water, or enough to moisten.

Fresh Pumpkin Pie

2 mashed cooked pulp from a pie pumpkin
(or 2 cups canned, if you must!)

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cloves

3 eggs
3/4 cups milk
1 (12-ounce) can evaporated milk

Make Ahead Pie Crust

First, bake the fresh pumpkin:
Do not use a regular pumpkin;

they are too stringy. Score it, top to bottom, with a sharp cutter. Store in a covered container on the shelf. For each pie needed, combine 2 cups mix with 5 tablespoons cold water, or enough to moisten. Cook pumpkin in 350-degree oven until soft, about an hour. Cut in half, remove seeds and scrape out the pulp into a food processor or blender. Process until smooth.

Quick and easy alternative method: Wash and score as above. Place pumpkin in microwave oven for about 15 minutes and cook on high. Cook longer if pumpkin not soft to the touch. When done, cut open, remove seeds and blend the pulp.

Place first 10 ingredients into a blender and mix well. Pour mixture into unbaked pie shell. Bake at 375 degrees for about 50 minutes, or until knife inserted into center of pie filling comes out clean. Cool and serve.

Chery's pie baking tips

- Buy a handheld pastry cutter. They can be purchased for as little as \$5.
- When mixing, work in the shortening one cup at a time. You will get a flakier crust.
- Do not over mix! Otherwise, the dough will not hold together when you move it to the pie plate. Work the shortening into the flour mixture, not vice versa. The end result must be crumbly. If you do over mix, add some flour and work in gently with your fingers.
- I like to use a large, round bucket lid as a template for the large crust, and another pie plate for the smaller crust. You need one that will cover your pie plate adequately to allow it to be turned for a nice, fluted edge.
- I use milk brushed over the top crust followed by sprinkled sugar; it will brown nicely. Just don't put milk or sugar on the fluted portion as it will brown too quickly.

Did you know?

Extra pulp from a pie pumpkin can be frozen for future use.

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It had "what" in there?

Sneaky ways to get kids to eat their veggies

Sometimes it can be **tricky** to convince your kids to **try something new**, especially when it comes to **vegetables**. But what if they didn't know they were eating their veggies? What if you **snuck them in**?

We chose five kid-friendly recipes and hid vegetables in them to show you **just how easy** it is to get kids to eat healthy. We went a step further, offering them to **willing taste-testers** at the market. They were **wholesome, flavorful**, and only a few of the kids stuck their noses up at them.

Don't believe us?

Here's what we made, and here's what the kids had to say.



The dish: Cheesy chicken tacos

The hidden vegetable: Kale

How we did it: Cheese and chicken aren't hard to get into our kids diets, and what kid doesn't like tacos? Tear kale into small pieces and saute in EVOO. Assemble warmed soft tacos with chicken, cheese, kale "lettuce" and low-fat sour cream.

The verdict: "This is all really good."

— Nolan Casino, 10, Bourbonnais



The dish: Spaghetti with meatballs

The hidden vegetables: Spaghetti squash, roasted butternut squash, carrots

How we did it: Instead of pasta noodles, we used spaghetti squash. Halve and seed one, then bake or microwave halves in a baking dish with 2 inches of water until soft. Use a fork and scrape the "noodles" into a colander. Half and seed the butternut squash and roast until soft, then use an immersion blender to puree into your favorite red sauce. Add shredded carrots to your meatball recipe.

The verdict: "I like trying new foods, even if I haven't had it before. I like the spaghetti, and the meatball is good, too."

— Dugan Hubert, 9, Bradley



The dish: Chips and dip

The hidden vegetable: Red peppers

How we did it: Instead of high-fat french onion dip or nacho cheese, have your kids dunk pita chips into home-made roasted red pepper hummus. Slice and roast the peppers in the oven for 10 minutes, or until skin is charred. Seal in a paper bag for 10 minutes, or until cooled, then peel off the charred skin. In a food processor, add the pepper, 2 cans drained chick peas, 2 tablespoons each tahini and lemon juice, and process until smooth.

The verdict: "It tastes like chips and salsa!"

— Jeno Andreina, 8, Herscher

Other ideas

White bean chicken chili — This is a great alternative to kids with an aversion to beefy or spicy chili. The flavor is sweeter and milder, and the soup is chockful of veggies that kids will hardly notice. Include diced onion, tomatoes and green chiles, white beans and fresh corn. If you want to hide the veggies even better, use an immersion blender to cream some of the chili. Add cooked chicken and serve with low-fat shredded cheese and sour cream. Give them a handful of tortilla chips to dunk.

Little veggie cakes — Combine corn muffin mix, one egg white and three tablespoons water. Stir in shredded zucchini and chopped cooked beets. Place batter by the tablespoon onto cookie sheet and bake until browned. Serve as corn muffins; the kids will hardly notice the veggies baked into them.

Peanut butter soup — Saute chopped onion in olive oil until tender. Stir in 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth, 1 cup of water, a 15-ounce can of pumpkin puree and 1/4 cup peanut butter. Add a pinch of salt and curry powder (optional). Adding pumpkin gives the soup a sweet taste. Squeeze a smiley face of plain yogurt on top of each bowl for a fun, decorative finish.

Green fries — Kids love crispy things they can dunk into dips. Dip cut asparagus in all-purpose flour, then in a beaten egg, and then in Panko bread crumbs. Drizzle with olive oil and bake at 450 degrees for 10 minutes, or until golden. Serve plain or with a homemade honey-mustard dip.

Cheesy veggie popcorn — Popcorn is a kid favorite, but cauliflower can be cut up to look similar to it. Cut up and toss small florets with olive oil and pepper. Roast at 450 degrees, uncovered, for about 20 minutes or until lightly browned, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan or cheddar cheese and serve.

— Taylor Provost

The dish: Sweet fries

The hidden vegetable: Sweet potatoes

How we did it: Every kid loves french fries; making sweet potato fries is an easy way to introduce your kids to a similar, but healthier, alternative. Peel and slice sweet potatoes into french fry-sized strips. Sprinkle with pinches of cinnamon and bake at 450 degrees for about 25 minutes, flipping halfway through. Sprinkle with sea salt and serve with honey.

The verdict: "Tastes like bananas ... banana pudding! Mmm!"

— Maddy Schillinger, 4, Kankakee



The dish: Mashed potatoes

The hidden vegetable: Turnips

How we did it: Kids love mashed potatoes, and creamed turnips are a healthy look-alike that offer loads of calcium and potassium. Peel and cut a couple of turnips into big chunks and put into large saucepan of boiling water. Boil until tender, drain and blend into a bowl of prepared mashed potatoes. Adding a little cream, salt and pepper will help disguise those little guys even more.

The verdict: "I like this, too!"

— Jazmyn Ahlstrom, 13, Bourbonnais



Say "Cheese"

Cheese gurus Gary and Kevin Harrison are two of the most popular guys at the market. They're the duo with Stamper Cheese, cutting wedges of aged Parmesan, goat Gouda and sweet cream Havarti while handing out samples to throngs of customers.

We asked them to choose seven of their most popular cheeses and suggest ways to enjoy them. Here's how to nosh with their bestsellers.

— Taylor Provost

Pistachio log roll

"A great snacking cheese," Gary said. "Schmear on bread, crackers and even celery." "It's perfect for parties."



Raspberry Bellavitano

A parmesan and white cheddar blend submerged in New Glarus raspberry ale for a sweet raspberry flavor. Gary suggests crumbling it on salad dressed with a raspberry vinaigrette to complement its flavor. Also goes well alone with white wine, or as a dessert cheese.



Horseradish and Chives

Exactly what it sounds like, with fresh mustard seeds and chives, the flavor complements omelettes, roast beef sandwiches or corned beef.



Chipotle Cheddar

This cheese has a kick to it, but it isn't too spicy. Good for melting into ground beef and making perfectly seasoned tacos.



Mascarpone

This delicious garlic and herb spread is a perfect veggie dip. Creamy and soft, it's easy to spread on crackers and bread, as well. But Gary said it also melts easily on corn on the cob, adds flavor to potatoes (baked or mashed), and is good spread on steak, chicken and chops. You can even mix this cheese with salsa (half and half) for a tasty dip. Gary likes spreading it on frozen pizzas before baking to add a nice garlic taste.



Saint André Brie

Most Stamper Cheese comes from Wisconsin, but Saint André Brie is imported from France, one of their very few imports. A dessert cheese layered with an apricot, honey and toasted almond mixture, this triple cream brie stands perfectly by itself, but can also be baked and served with crusty bread or crackers.



Pleasant Ridge Reserve

It's one of the most expensive cheeses Stamper sells, but for very good reason. It's the most awarded cheese in America. It's made from raw milk and is as close to organic as they get. Goes wonderfully with a light red wine, and even better with white. Also pair with fruit, herbed bread or even chocolate-covered cherries. Wrap well when storing to keep it at its freshest.



Pat Barr, of Bourbonnais, gets a sample from Gary Harrison, of Stamper Cheese.



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Heavenly Doggy Treats

The farmers' market has become a Saturday morning staple in town, and some of its **biggest fans** are the **four-legged kind**.

"Dogs are part of the family and the culture of the market," market manager **Elizabeth Gernon Lipofski** said.

Some love the opportunity to just **stretch their legs**. Others like to **meet and greet (i.e. sniff)** their fellow Fidos. Sometimes they get a treat from **Karen Jones and Sydney Klonowski**, the mother-daughter duo behind **Heavenly Doggy Treats**.

If they're lucky, they might also get a chance to get **snout to snout with the pot-bellied pig** that walks around the lot on a leash.

So we asked a few pups what their favorite part of the market is. Here's what they have to say.



Name: Dozer
Age: 3
Breed: Bullmastiff
His people: Dad Rich Kazlausky and brother Jack
Residence: Manteno
 "I come to the market quite a bit, and I just love meeting people! I especially love the doggy treat lady; her beef jerky treats are my favorite."



Name: Pugly
Age: 8
Breed: Puggle (beagle and pug)
His person: Donna Howell
Residence: Bradley
 "My favorite part of the market is spending one-on-one time with my mom, and visiting the cheese booth to snatch up any little pieces that happen to fall on the ground."



Name: Cosmo
Age: 5
Breed: Golden Retriever
Her people: Francis and Angela Buckley
Residence: Kankakee
 "My favorite part of the market is meeting all the other dogs and people, and getting petted. I've been coming here since I was a puppy!"

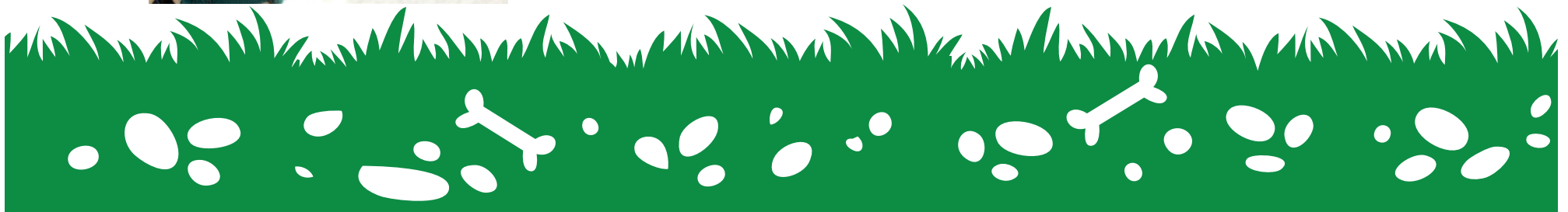


Name: Romeo
Age: 8
His person: Matt Luymes
Residence: Bourbonnais
 "I don't get to socialize often, so my favorite part of the market is getting to meet all the other dogs. When I see one, I practically drag my dad towards them so I can meet them."



Name: Rigby
Age: 8 months
Breed: Pitbull mix
Her person: Michele Dionne
Residence: Bourbonnais
 "This is my first time at the market ever! So far, I love the doggy treat booth."

— Taylor Provost



Calendar of events

Sept. 5 — Kankakee Valley Montessori School book swap and children's activities • Out of the Darkness Walk information tent • St. Pat's Half Paddy raffle ticket sales • Yakos bilingual speech therapy free screenings • Kankakee School District alumni gently used uniform donations and resale booth • Blood drive 9 a.m.-noon (Kankakee Public Library parking lot) • Entertainment by Build a Well Ensemble.

Sept. 12 — Align Yoga free lesson 8 a.m. • Kankakee Valley Theater Association information table and performance of "Mary Poppins" sing along 10 a.m. • Community Arts Council information table • Children's Safety Center of Kankakee County with Christopher's Clubhouse • Little Me Learn and Play Studio educational daycare children's activity booth • "Adopt a Farm" Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce information and sign-up • Entertainment by Menagerie Quartet.

Sept. 19 — Hispanic Arts and Heritage Day for Education.

Sept. 26 — Zonta 12th annual Emperment Walk • Document shredding day sponsored by CDC Credit Union • Kankakee Area Career Center information table • St. Teresa Church picnic information table • University of Illinois Extension "Rethink Your Drink" information table • Entertainment by Lupe Carroll.



Oct. 3 — National Qigong Association Day 9-11 a.m. • Kankakee Valley Montessori School book swap and children's activities • Zonta information table • Entertainment by Heartland Bluegrass Band.

Oct. 10 — Amateur Chef Competition • Kankakee County Humane Foundation information table • Zonta information table • Entertainment by Matt and Jake of Animal Honestly.

▲ **Scottie Moore and Bill Davison of Heartland Bluegrass Band.**

Oct. 17 — DCFS recruiting foster parents information tent • Entertainment by John Till.

Oct. 24 — Entertainment by Karl Otten a.k.a. Big Daddy.

Oct. 31 — Last day of market. • Entertainment by Chris James.

FREE family-friendly activities!

10 a.m.-noon every Saturday during the **Kankakee Farmers' Market** at **FEED Arts & Cultural Center**, across from the market on South Schuyler Avenue. Bring the whole family for creative arts and craft workshops. Then look for a **culminating exhibit** inspired by your creations as the market comes to a close in October.

FEED is a nonprofit organization providing a way for **visual and performing artists** of all levels and ages to pursue their work and to broaden their knowledge of the role of art in society.

President and co-founder Michael Costanza said his favorite part of participating in the market is the collaboration with the community. "We see new faces all the time, and with new faces comes new ideas and new ways of learning. Without collaboration, we wouldn't be where we are. When we work together, FEED is able to **better reflect and nurture** the community in which we are rooted."

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vendor profiles

BENOIT'S PUMPKIN FARM, AROMA PARK

Assortment of pumpkins, gourds and squash

Engineer and steel-worker by day, respectively, and pumpkin-pickers by night, brothers Kevin and Jim Benoit started growing pumpkins as a hobby with no idea their farm would become what it is today.

The Benoit brothers began on their Aroma Park farm about eight years ago, and this is their fourth year at the market. The farm sells an array of seasonal goodies, from decorative to edible. They have pumpkins of all different colors, including blue and green, striped, jack-o-lanterns and pie pumpkins. They also carry gourds and squash, including acorn, butternut and spaghetti squash, which are crowd favorites at the market.

The Benois usually arrive to the market around the second or third weekend of September. This year, excessive rain ruined about 30 percent of their crop, but they are anticipating to still have a variety available. Customers can also visit Benoit's Pumpkin Farm on Lowe Road to shop for their favorite fall decor and snacks.

— Taylor Provost

BAMBOO ISLAND, KANKAKEE

Ready-to-eat Filipino food

One hundred cups of cantaloupe water, 50 orders of chicken on a stick, 50 orders of lumpia and 40 orders of chicken adobo — that's how much it takes Bamboo Island to keep Kankakeeans happy every Saturday morning.

Largely taught the delicate skills of fine Filipino cuisine by her mother, Lilly Focht, came from the Philippines to the U.S. at 4 and has been cooking delicious dishes of her heritage ever since.

"We do it for the community," said husband



Liven up your fall decor with Chuck Olthoff's beautiful mums.

CHUCK'S MUMS, GRANT PARK

Mums

Chuck Olthoff's love for flowers began 35 years ago when he ordered his first daylily out of a catalog. Soon after, he joined a daylily club and his enthusiasm grew to 350 varieties. When he heard the market needed mums, he decided to sell those, too.

It's his first year at the market, where he only sells mums. While Olthoff grows some mums in his home garden in Grant Park, the mums sold at the market have been purchased wholesale.

Olthoff said people do not need big properties to be able to grow mums. "Start with planting just one, then you get hooked," he said.

— Taylor Provost

CINDY'S, ST. ANNE

Handmade decorative soaps, lotions and bath products

Cindy DeYoung has been a one-woman operation in her decorative soap-making business for the past 16 years, which is when she began selling her soaps at the market.

Not only are they beautifully shaped but are also naturally scented and offer benefits of different essential oils. The organic glycerin soaps are the main attraction, but she also sells lotions, body washes and hair serum, which adds shine. You'll also find her friend's homemade laundry detergent, bath salts and lip balm.

— Taylor Provost

made of strawberries, bananas, blueberries, red grapes, spinach and water.

"It has all the nutrients the body needs per day," McLaughlin said. "They are very sweet, you don't even taste the spinach."

— John Cummings



Cindy DeYoung makes homemade soaps, lotions and bath products.

DELICJA POLISH FOODS, PALOS HILLS

Pierogies and Polish bakery items

When Joanna Clancy came to the U.S. 12 years ago with her mother, the most valuable things they brought were not in their suitcases. In their minds were all the recipes passed down from generation to generation.

"All of the recipes were taught by grandmas, moms, aunts. They are not written down," Clancy said. "You just touch and feel to see if you need to add anything more to a recipe."

After being laid off from a job, Clancy decided that she no longer wanted to be a dispensable part of a company and started her own. She's now serving the food of her heritage at five different markets on various days of the week.

Foodies will love Clancy's potato pancakes, cheese blintzes (a cream cheese-stuffed crepe), kolacja (Polish coffee cake), paczki (Polish doughnuts filled with strawberry or custard) and a crowd's favorite, handmade pierogi.

"Pierogies are kind of like a ravioli but bigger," Clancy said. These tasty fried treats are glazed with butter and have a variety of fillings, from potato to sauerkraut, ground meat or cheese, even fruit.

— John Cummings

Michael Focht. They love to share ethnic food with the community and are considering expanding their business and opening a food truck.

Customers love the chicken on a stick, savory teriyaki and garlic skewers that are perfect for a pre-lunch snack and pair perfectly with their cantaloupe water — a fresh, cool water with thin ribbon-like slices of cantaloupe adding just the perfect amount of tangy sweetness.

— John Cummings

BREAD BUDDIES, KANKAKEE

Preservative-free breads and sweets

Jayne Selk of Manteno and Nancy Cienkus of Crete are the self-proclaimed Bread Buddies, in their third year selling loaves they purchase wholesale from Labriola Bakery.

Bread Buddies' booth satisfies every carbohydrate craving possible with varieties of ryes, sourdough, Asiago cheese, English muffins, apple fritters and top-selling bagels such as jalapeno-cheddar and chocolate chip.

"We have people that come here every weekend, and they look for us," Cienkus said. "Our regulars keep coming back, and halfway through the morning we've sold a ton of bread already."

— Taylor Provost

Jayne Selk, of Manteno, and Nancy Cienkus, of Crete, are the Bread Buddies.



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FOUR FLOWERS, GILMAN

Gluten-free baked goods

Karri Schroeder specializes in typically unhealthy food made in healthier ways.

"Everything happens to be a healthy version of junk food," she said of the cookies, cakes, breads and muffins she brings to the market. But Four Flowers provides high-quality sweets for those with dietary concerns to enjoy. Most of her items are vegan: gluten free, dairy free and egg free.

"Tell me what you can't eat and I'll make it," is her motto.

You'll find chocolate chip cookies, almond cranberry sugar cookies, lemon ginger cookies, banana zucchini muffins, blueberry muffins and peanut butter and jelly bars — all blended from her own gluten-free flour recipe she sifts together from ingredients such as millet. She uses a vegan veggie-butter substitute for dairy and flax for eggs.

— John Cummings

GRAY FARMS ORGANICS, WATSEKA

Organic vegetables

He has a degree in math and computer science from University of Illinois, but Marty Gray's passion is for organic farming.

Gray Farms in Watseka is on the homestead that Marty grew up on, so his connection with the land is as strong as his love for his family. This wet summer season has been hard on the crops at Gray Farms.

"We have had loses in the five figures," Gray said. "We are hustling right now to clean up and replant."

Though the Grays have lost almost all of their potatoes, carrots, beets and a significant portion of their sweet corn, they are confident they will be able to bounce back. "There is still time left in the season [to grow]," Gray said.

Gray Farms can also be found at other farmers' markets — Frankfort and two in Chicago — and also run a CSA program that distributes produce to more than 100 members.

— John Cummings

HEADSTASH ROASTING COMPANY, CHICAGO

Coffee

Headstash's quality is apparent through its name — after all the term "head stash" refers to a prized possession, so prized that it is not often shared with others. Thankfully for us, Headstash Roasting Company is willing to share with the coffee-lovers of the Kankakee Farmers' Market.

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MADELINE'S HEAVENLY HARVEST, BOURBONNAIS

Honey and honey products

"My son has 60 hives already and if he could get help he would double his hives," Denise Grezesiakowski, mother of Scott Shold, owner of Madeline's Heavenly Harvest, said. "He can't take care of that many hives by himself."

Madeline's heavenly honey is in high demand and enjoyed by people throughout Kankakee, but owner Scott Shold can't seem to make enough honey. "We've been approached numerous times to sell our products in different shops," said his mother Denise Grezesiakowski, who works the booth, bottles and stocks honey and makes lotions. "We just aren't that big."

Local honey lovers can find hand creams, soaps, beeswax candles, lip balm and pure honey ranging in size from a 2-ounce jar to a 5-pound jar. "Everything that we make contains pure and natural honey and beeswax."

— John Cummings

MARTINEZ TACOS, KANKAKEE

Burritos, tacos, flautas and more

Carmen Hernandez runs Martinez Taco Store simultaneously with a booth at the market and a restaurant on East Station Street in Kankakee. Martinez Tacos caters as well.

Carmen, with the help of her daughter, Lesley Hernandez, brings a wide portion of their menu to the market. The booth serves burritos, tacos, tostadas, flautas, tortas, Mexican corn and refreshing fruit and drinks.

Carmen said her favorite part of the market is the satisfaction her and her family receive from knowing that their hard work pays off when they're pleasing customers. They also love seeing the same market-goers returning to their booth every weekend.

— Taylor Provost

MUNSON PRODUCE, DONOVAN

Spinach, lettuce, kale, broccoli, potatoes, green beans, white sweet corn and corn-fed ground beef

Part of market's original dozen vendors, Munson Produce is in its 15th year. Larry Munson said his fall specials are winter squash and butternut squash. His bestsellers are his green beans and his white sweet corn. He also sells his brother's corn-fed beef.

"Customers love [white sweet corn], and it keeps them coming back for more," Munson said.

— Taylor Provost

NANA'S CAKERY, BRADLEY/KANKAKEE

Baked goods

Wanda Warman had been baking since she was a teen, and about eight years ago when the kids finally moved out, she decided to start a business, Nana's Cakery.

Nana's has all kinds of baked goods like danishes, coffee cakes, cookies, muffins and pull-aparts. The latter is a customer favorite. Made of danishes baked together in a six-inch round pan, the warm thick dough melts in the mouth and satisfies sweet cravings.

The bakery is moving locations this fall to expand the shop. For fall, new items will be added to the menu: pumpkin, carrot, and caramel apple breads, muffins, cakes and bars.

— John Cummings

NEW DAY HYDROPONICS, MOMENCE

Lettuce, greens, herbs

Where typical farmers grow in soil, Tim Yohnka grows in water.

Yohnka sells several different varieties of lettuce, from romaine and buttercrunch to redina, which has a peppery flavor, all grown in his hydroponic systems in his indoor farm in Momence. He grows all of his products using nutrient-filled water and fluorescent lights — growing conditions that accommodate all seasons.

If you stop by the stand you may be surprised to find cilantro or spearmint, two items he grows on very rare occasions. This fall Yohnka plans to add three new hydroponic systems to accommodate his dream of being the prime basil provider to the region.

While all of Yohnka's lettuces are exclusive to the market, his basil is distributed to local stores — so if you can't get enough of the deliciously crunchy greens that make a perfect pesto you can find bundles at Ultra Foods or Strack & Van Til.

— John Cummings

PARMESANS WOOD STONE PIZZA, FRANKFORT

Pizza, pizza crust, pastries, pesto, bread

It started with a lease written on a napkin for a summer-only rental in the Hamptons to two family-owned restaurants in the suburbs and booths at 20 farmers' markets.

It's Parmesans Wood Stone Pizza, and owner Mike Papandrea knows how to pique people's interest. People flock to Parmesans for the salted pizza pops. This heaven-on-a-stick is made out of a half-pound sausage wrapped in pizza dough with sautéed onions and mozzarella cheese, and leaves mouths nothing less than drooling for more.

Parmesans also offers pizza by the slice, flat-bread pizza crust, a variety of pastries, take and bake pizza, gluten-free take and bake pizza and pesto — 90 8-ounce bottles are sold each Saturday at the market.

"We love the people and the atmosphere. It is great every single year," Papandrea said. "We do 20 farmers' markets a week and Kankakee is in the top three."

— John Cummings

JOHNNY'S PIZZA, KANKAKEE

Italian ice, Italian beef and peppers.

One of Kankakee's longtime favorite pizza places, Johnny's Pizza, has joined the market this year, selling Italian beef, Italian ice and jars of mild and hot giardiniera peppers.

Johnny's has been in business for over 26 years, but their participation in the market this year seems to have increased business even more now, said employee Jim Lloyd.

They don't sell pizza at the market, but you need only to walk across the street to the restaurant for a slice.

— Taylor Provost

KIMBERLY'S KUPBOARD, CABERY

Natural soaps, salves, lotions and potions

Kimberly Bouk began making herbal teas and sprays at the age of 13, grown out of a curiosity of exploring plants in the woods. Now, she grows several herbs on her farm to make and sell loose leaf teas, herbal salves, tinctures, extracts, herbal soaps and her best-selling all natural bug spray which she said is 10 times more effective than DEET at repelling mosquitoes.

All of her soaps and salves have medicinal properties as well. Arnica salve heals bruises and swelling. Calendula soothes irritated skin. Her green tea and mint soap has antibacterial properties. She sells nearly 100 different handcrafted herbal products in all, some of which are also available at Kankakee Natural Foods.

— Taylor Provost

▼ **The pizza pops — loaves of bread, stuffed with sausage, pesto and mozzarella — are one of Parmesans Wood Stone Pizza's bestsellers.**



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THE PIE LADYE, BOURBONNAIS

Baked goods, pies and ice cream

Though Amy Wagner is the owner of The Pie Ladye food truck, she is not the first Pie Ladye — not even the second. She's third in the Pie Ladye legacy. The original was Granny Layde. Her pies were to die for, Amy said. Wagner can remember waiting impatiently for dessert during the holiday season to get a slice of Granny Layde's Chocolate Chess Pie.

"It's not a pretty pie," Wagner said. "It has similar ingredients to a hot fudge," she said. She uses Granny's original recipe, and you can almost taste the generations of hard work and love poured out into the plate.

With the help of her daughters and family friends Wagner produces many different kinds of pies. "Pretty much any pie flavor you can think of, we make," Wagner said. At the market, sweet-toothed customers can expect strawberry rhubarb, rhubarb, cherry, apple, apple crumble, mixed berry, peach and blueberry pie — all of which can be served a la mode per request.

She only serves fruit pies at the market. For cream-based pies like coconut, banana, chocolate, and Granny Layde's Chocolate Chess, you'll have to visit her bakery in Bourbonnais. Believe me, it's worth the drive.

— John Cummings

PINK FROG BOUTIQUE, BOURBONNAIS

Handbags, jewelry, bows, tutus and unique gifts

Elaine Loy makes custom jewelry, jewelry boxes, tutus, barefoot ribbon baby sandals and gift baskets, but her favorite are custom ribbon wreaths and hair bows. Many of the accessories she sells are geared toward babies. She does custom embroidering orders, and many come to her for accessories for baby christenings. Her latest product is "Spa in a Jar" — assortments of lipgloss, body lo-

Larry Munson and daughter, Jennifer.

tions, shampoos, shower gels, manicure sets, loofahs and bath bombs. Market-goers can place custom orders at Pink Frog's booth at the market or at the Bourbonnais store.

— Taylor Provost

RIVERFRONT BERRY FARM, MOMENCE

Fruit and vegetables

Bob Blaine, owner of Riverfront Berry Farm, considers himself a "bad retiree." He is not one who wants to sit on the couch watching Dr. Phil for the rest of his days — he would rather be out in the gardens working with others in the fresh air.

The land was purchased by Blaine's grandfather in 1903. "It was always used for green crops like corn," Blaine said. He has chosen to focus on fruits. When he first joined the market he noticed that vegetables were covered, so to balance it out, Blaine started harvesting nature's sweets.

At Riverfront Berry Farm's booth customers will find berries and peaches during the spring, and apples, tomatoes and spinach during the fall.

— John Cummings

SACKETT'S HOME BAKERY, KANKAKEE

Pies, cookies, sweet breads, granola, breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy and gluten-free goodies

Chery Sackett has been in the baked goods business through her home bakery for 16 years, when she also set up a booth at the market.

Sackett's Home Bakery is in her commercial kitchen in her basement. Her and a small team of women she's trained bake hundreds of goods together to bring to hungry customers, especially those with a sweet tooth.

Sackett's treats at the market include pies, cookies, bars, granola, whole wheat breads, sweet breads, breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, fresh-squeezed lemonade and coffee. Many of the ingredients she uses are organic and local. Sackett now offers gluten-free options such as gluten-free bars, pies and candies.

Sackett's newest items at the market include cranberry-walnut breakfast bread, apple bread and cranberry orange sweet bread.

She also takes custom orders. Customers can either pick up their custom orders at the market the following week after ordering, or stop by her Kankakee home.

— Taylor Provost

SIWICKI NURSERY, MOMENCE

Shrubs and perennials.

Bob Siwicki and his wife Kona grow Proven Winner shrubs, perennial white dahlias, colorful hibiscus and veronica, to name a few. He has been bringing these gorgeous plants from his Momence home to the market for the past five years.

Siwicki said the hibiscus and veronica are good sellers, but every week at the market is different. A pattern he does notice though is the joy he sees in customers — "the people's reactions, watching them take pictures of the plants and be amazed by the look of them."

— Taylor Provost

SUGAR FOREST TREATS, ELWOOD

Rice Krispie treats

At a party about four years ago, Rachael Long created a huge Rice Krispie treat sculpture to serve as the backdrop for a cookie platter. She did not expect anybody to eat the Rice Krispies, only the cookies. "These people started tearing apart my sculpture," Long said. "It was like I had given them a drug."

And that is how Sugar Forest Treats started. She makes gourmet Rice Krispie treats in flavors ranging from chocolate to lime. "Maple bacon is always the most popular," she said.

Long works full time in an office and often dreams of opening a shop for Sugar Forest Treats, but for right now it's the market and a select few fairs throughout the summer. She said no other market is as good as Kankakee's.

"People care so much about it, they make it as good as it is," Long said. "The vendors are all quality and the music is the best market music I've ever heard."

— John Cummings

SUPER SHARP, CRESTWOOD

Sharpening service for knives, scissors, mower blades and other household products

"If your knives are squishing your tomatoes instead of cutting through them, it's time to sharpen them," Super Sharp master sharpener Kim Caldwell said.

The booth offers sharpening services which can be completed in about a half hour at the market with a technique using powder-fine metal.

"It's a dying trade," Kim said. "We've been such a throw-away nation, but now the younger generation is looking to reuse products and sharpen their old knives. Usually, if it has an edge, it can be done."

— Taylor Provost

TURTLE ACRES, KANKAKEE

Baked goods, canned goods and grilled items

When Debra Turrell's kids were growing up, she and her husband Douglas wanted a way to teach



The Siwicki Nursery family, of Momence: Kona Siwicki, center, with her daughter Emily and son Frank.

their kids practical life skills, like how to run a business. Turtle Acres was the result.

"I grew up with my grandma baking and cooking," Turrell said. "We have always been doing this."

You'll find baked goods, canned goods, grilled foods and gluten-free items, which can also be found at Presence St. Mary's coffee shop. They even have a special Turtle Bar filled with crispy pecans, chocolate chips, and perfectly sweet and salty toffee bits that will leave you wanting more.

What's more, Turtle Acres bakes with lots of love by Debra and her family, bringing the warmth of her heart to the market.

— John Cummings

WILLIE'S PAINTINGS, KANKAKEE

Original acrylic paintings

Dixon Jr. has been selling his acrylic paintings of landscapes, seascapes, still-life flower arrangements and local landmarks at the market for the last eight years.

The former Kankakee Community College professor began painting at 65 after watching an artist on TV. "Well, I can do that," Dixon said, and began to self-teach. Now 83, Dixon lives by the philosophy, "If I'm breathing, I'm painting."

Dixon's signature touch to his landscape paintings is three birds in the corner, which he said represent faith, hope and charity.

— Taylor Provost



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