

History Mystery



A POSTCARD of the old South Ward Grade School from Jon Oye's collection.

Murdock Mine expanding 50 years ago

125 years ago
February 13, 1897
 • A.A. Rogers of rural Tuscola was accidentally killed while hunting. His shotgun exploded while he was crawling through a hedge. He is survived by a wife and seven children.
 • A wreck on the Illinois Central resulted in the destruction of \$15,000 worth of property [comparable to \$508,098.80 today].

100 years ago
February 16, 1922
 • Henry Rahn and Earl Jones, who had been conducting the Tuscola Cash Meat Market, dissolved their partnership. Jones purchased all the rights to the business.
 • J.P. Moorehead of Tuscola was awarded the contract for a new school for the south ward

of Tuscola Union School with a bid of \$60,572 [comparable to \$1,013,672.42 today].

85 years ago
February 18, 1937
 • Miss Greta Moore of Tuscola married Cecil Martin of Detroit, Mich.
 • Hoots School and Kaskaskia School each had Valentine's parties.

75 years ago
February 13, 1947
 • Harvey Bassett, 87, of Tuscola was struck by a car, which ran over one of his feet.
 • Jim Thomas and Jim Hendrickson were elevated to the rank of Star Scout.

65 years ago
February 14, 1957
 • An exchange of handker-

chiefs was conducted in celebration of Valentine's Day by the Tuscola Eastern Star.
 • Lt. Cdr. Glen Gallagher died in the crash of a Navy plane Feb. 5 in Florida.

60 years ago
February 15, 1962
 • The cattle barn on the Alta Bragg farm west of Camargo was destroyed by fire Feb. 9.
 • Susan Lynn Rairden celebrated her 8th birthday with guests Carol Stickel, Peggy Robinson, Bev Schweighart, Pamela Weber, Vicki Romine, Barbara Rogers, Party O'Bryan, Becky Dallas, Kathy Wright, Linda Strohl, and Larayne Dallas as well as Steve, Johnny, Julia and Nancy Rairden.

50 years ago
February 17, 1972

• Big doings in the Murdock area may serve to take up some of the slack caused by the layoffs at USI. The Murdock Mine is expanding its operations.
 • The Rev. Kenneth McConkey announced his retirement from the Methodist church.
 • About 20 residents of Meadowview showed up at the City Council meeting to oppose annexation. Meadowview was established in 1954 in anticipation of the USI chemical plant.
 • We'll bet you didn't know that when he was in high school, James Lemna played guitar in a band known as "Don's Gigolos."
 • The police department hired Larry Bean as a patrolman.
 • May Beth Phipps was born

Feb. 9 to Mr. and Mrs. John Phipps, 704 N. Parke St., Tuscola. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pack of Tuscola announced the birth of their son, Wesley Charles, on Feb. 5.
 • Mr. and Mrs. Let Hausmann celebrated their 49th anniversary Feb. 13. They are parents of 11 children.
 • Jim Kerns celebrated his 11th birthday Feb. 13. Attending his party were Jeff Gensler, Kevin Mathias, Cary Rahn, Steve Quinn, Andy Wood, Jeff Fruit, Carolyn Marler, Miriam Franklin, Barbara Bowen, Mary Ellen Kappes, Linda Hawkins, and Janet Pflum.
 • Girl Scouts attending the Ice Capades Saturday were Sandra Moseley, Laura Cross, Comanche Campbell, Carmen Goodman, Susan Dietrich, Joanne Grimm, Carol Riley,

Dendi Gould, Kathy McCrory, Anne Lolley, Joan Atwell, Tammy Fortney, and Becky Huffer.
1 year ago
February 17, 2021
 • Douglas County COVID-19 numbers spiked last week. The county was the only one in Illinois in double digits with an 11.2 positivity rate.
 • The Tuscola School Board identified more than 35 upgrades they'd like to make and are in the process of issuing \$5.15 million in bonds to pay for them.
 • The girls high school basketball team celebrated senior night with a win over Shelbyville. The boys won their CIC opener and are now 6-0.

PUZZLES

CLUES ACROSS

- Constrictors
- Abounding in rocks
- Speed
- German city
- Lacking sympathy
- Visionaries

- Wastes away
- One precursor to the EU
- Nursemaid
- Unconsciousnesses
- Baby's word for father
- Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)
- Senses of self-importance

- Midway between south and southwest
- When you hope to get there
- Electronic data processing
- Passports and drivers' licences are two
- Fishes
- Air Force
- Personal computers
- Ecological community
- Wings
- Halfway
- Cool, calm and collected
- Jewelled headdress
- Musical composition
- ___ Falls
- Repeating remarks
- Periods in one's life
- Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

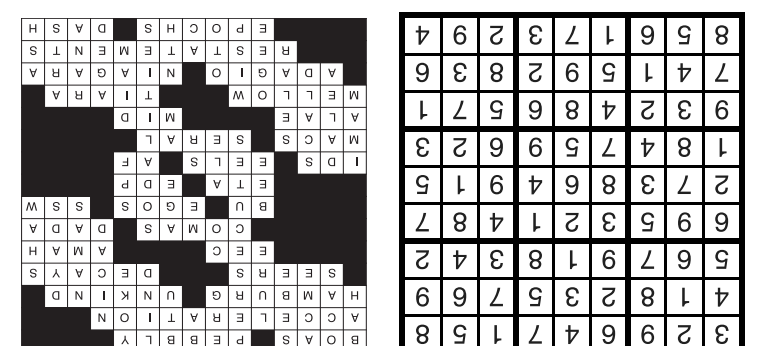
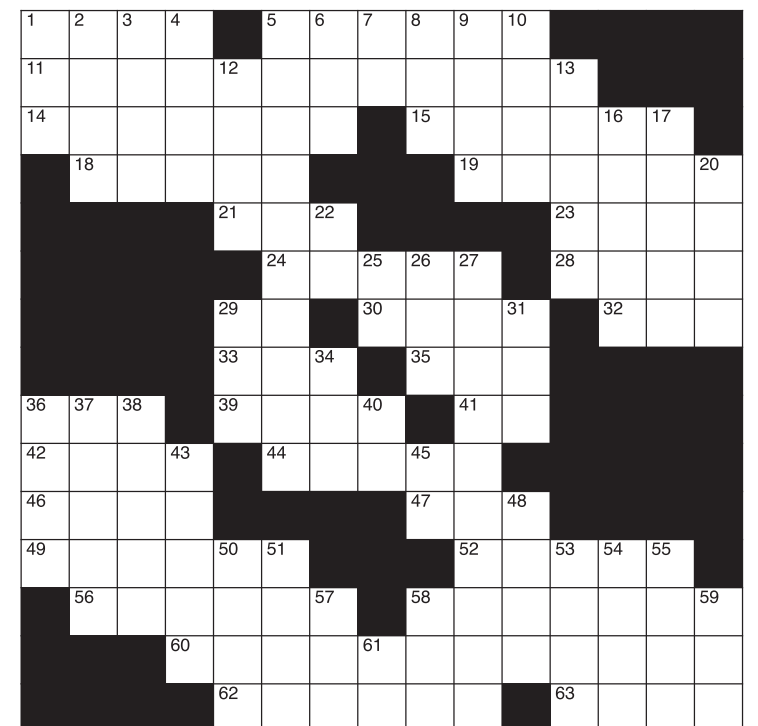
- ___ Humbug!
- Devices that alert pilots (abbr.)
- Grocer
- One point east of southeast
- Subjects to hostility
- Work unit
- Atomic #56
- British thermal unit
- "Elusive Butterfly" singer
- Fastened over animal's neck
- Device
- Rechargeable power source
- Ancient sage
- Consist of two elements

- "Pygmalion" writer
- "The Centennial State" (abbr.)
- Of I
- Get older
- Brotherhoods
- Buzzing insect
- Sunscreen rating
- Brew
- Leader
- Indigo bush
- Burn with a hot liquid
- Junior's dad
- Horse mackerels genus
- Morning
- Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)
- Double curve
- Small, twisted bunch
- Developed
- Mars crater
- Humanistic discipline
- Word element meaning ear
- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- Wood residue
- It cools your home

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- FEBRUARY 23**
 Emily Blunt, Actress (39)
FEBRUARY 24
 Floyd Mayweather, Jr., Athlete (45)
FEBRUARY 25
 Jorge Soler, Athlete (30)
FEBRUARY 26
 Michael Bolton, Singer (69)

CROSSWORD



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