History Mystery

125 years ago
March 27, 1897

• J.E. Day of Ficklin was in town and brought a large blue heron that he had killed. It measured six feet from wingtip to wingtip. Charles Overton purchased the bird and will have it mounted for display in the millinery store.

100 years ago
March 30, 1922

• Lemuel Street of Hoopeston bought the Grand Cafe on North Central Avenue from Wesley Benson.

• Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Gould moved into the property known as the Cook House west of the school house in Camargo.

75 years ago
March 27, 1947

• Mrs. Emma Peck suffered severe shock and bruises when a heavy wind blew a wire fence at the Foley Auto Parts yard over on her as she was walking past.

• William Stallsworth of Tuscola graduated from Electronics Material School at Great Lakes.

65 years ago
March 28, 1957

• Kenny Huber, the barber, had emergency surgery on his appendix March 24.

• John McCartney was elected exalted ruler of Tuscola Lodge 1970, BPOE, succeeding Howard Morris.

60 years ago
March 29, 1962

• Roy Hopkins was appointed cashier at the First National Bank.

• L.H. Mann and Al Weber were given honorary memberships to the Tuscola FFA.

55 years ago
March 30, 1967

• Army Private Curtis Turner was assigned as a military police officer in Vietnam.

• Specialist 4 Jerry Changes, 24, was killed by enemy fire March 17 in Vietnam. Burial was in Villa Grove.

50 years ago
March 30, 1972

• Miss Tuscola Jean Waters was in two beauty pageants last week. She presided for the coronation of her successor, Carla Ford, and then returned to school at Northwest Missouri State University where she was a candidate for Miss Kirksville. She won and will now vie for Miss Missouri. (She later became Miss Illinois.)

• Lawrence Douglas, Hindsboro, succeeded Al Weber as deputy sheriff. Douglas recently retired from the service as a lieutenant colonel.

• Carla Ford was selected as Miss Tuscola for 1972. First runner-up was Cathy Ann Weber. Second runner-up was Barbara Sue Rogers.

• Bill McCarty was elected the first president of the newly incorporated Tuscola Community Development Corporation.

• Jean Burmeister, Greenville, Ind., Annabelle Kelsey, Arcola, and Dorothy Hilligoss, Tuscola, three of the McGuire sisters, have just returned from a trip to the Holy Land.

• Robert Earl Seaney enlisted in the Air Force.

• Gail Crary was promoted to start sergeant in the Air Force.

• Gene Murray's track runners finished in a three-way tie for first place at the Central Illinois indoor meet. A strong second place finish by the 4-lap relay team accounted for the tie. The runners were Rob Meyer, Doug Dietrich, Gary French and Steve Owen.

Ken Burke topped the mile record with a time of 4:28.1. His first place finish was the only one for Tuscola.

1 year ago
March 31, 2021

• There are four Tuscola School Board seats open and four people running for them, but only three can be elected leaving oone seat to be appointed. The anomaly stems from the rule that only three people can be elected from any single township range.The only contested race is thus between Wade Wilcox and Matt Kelly.

• Three more COVID deaths were reported in Douglas County in the past week bringing the total deaths to 42.

• With one member absent, the vote was tied on whether to recommend approval for a special use permit for another group home in Tuscola. The matter will go to the City Council without a recommendation.

• Marissa Russo and Aiden Beachy were named Homecoming Queen and King at Tuscola High School.

• The Tuscola Kiwanis Club stuffed over 400 Easter bags with candy, stickers, glow sticks, etc., for the students, teachers and staff at North Ward Elementary School.

• The Odd Fellows installed a little free pantry downtown.

• Tuscola won its first football game at home against Clinton 50–27.

ALL WE CAN tell you about this photo is that it is marked Sale Street in Tuscola. Several readers reported being unable to find the house, which may have been altered or is no longer standing. If you know more, let us know.

SCOTT STAHLER is looking for old photos of South Ward to assist him in his reconstruction of the school using toy blocks. You can post photos to the Remembering Tuscola Facebook page.

PUZZLES

CLUES ACROSS
1. A woman of refinement
7. Body part
10. One who imitates
12. Tropical Asian starlings
13. A type of delivery
14. W. Australian capital
15. Many wombs
16. Wings
17. Expression of amusement
18. Brews
19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
21. Mild expression
22. Solitary
27. Distance to top
28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)
34. Begrudged
36. Popular sports league
37. Autonomous republic of Russia
38. Double-headed drum
39. Type of light bulb
40. Czech River
41. Male servants (Span.)
44. Previously
45. Minor
48. Metrical foot
49. Days that follow Mondays
50. Small European viper
51. News shows have one

CLUES DOWN
1. Inspiration
2. Resembling wings
3. Form of Persian
4. Consumed
5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
6. Sea eagle
7. Jaguarundis
8. Poker stake
9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
10. South American nation
11. A colorless, odorless gas
12. Disturbance
14. Artist's tool
17. Polish peninsula
18. Ottoman military leaders
20. Bird-like dinosaur
23. Drinking glass
24. Central Florida city
25. One's mother
26. To do it is human
29. Atomic #10
30. Used to write
31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear
32. Adversaries
35. Have already done
36. One of conspicuous wealth
38. It flies over sporting events
40. Geological times
41. Net
42. Musical phrase
43. Chadic dialect
44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)
45. Lizard genus
46. Woman of the church
47. Having ten

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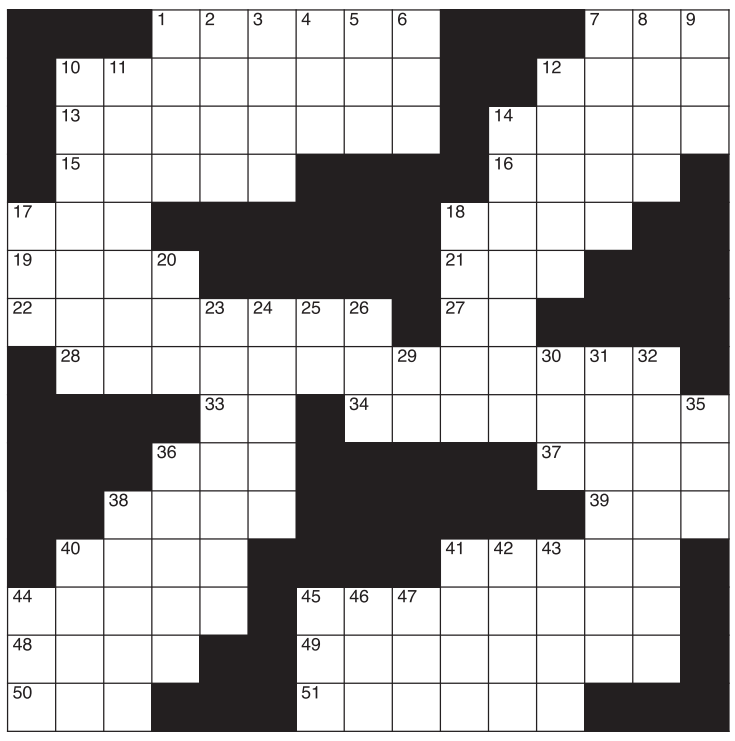

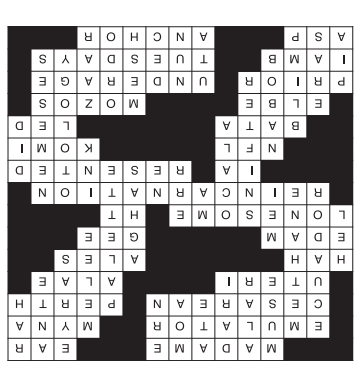

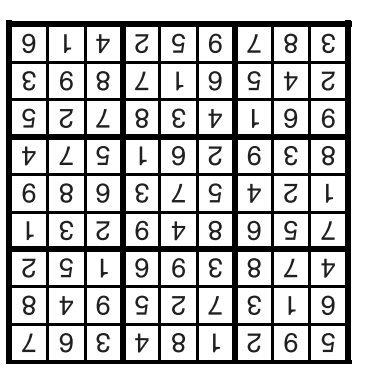

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, now is a great time to try your hand at a new creative pursuit. You may be surprised at the results. Encourage others to join and embrace a collaborative effort.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, this is the ideal week to get outdoors more. The great outdoors can be a medicinal, so take advantage of any opportunity to bask in the fresh air.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, it is easy to get frustrated with a close friend or romantic partner who is less ambitious than you. Try to be patient, as each person moves at their own pace.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Try to get some group activities together this week, Cancer. This can be valuable if it has been some time since you socialized. Enjoy the change of pace.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if you have been lacking a regular exercise regimen, this could be the week to make some changes. Participate in an organized sport if heading to the gym isn't your thing.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
It's a good time to put your ambition into action, Virgo. You're likely to be full of energy and you have had plenty of good ideas just waiting for an outlet.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, do not hesitate to take on projects this week, particularly those that show your management skills in action. Others will be quick to complement your organizational prowess.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Expect to feel a renewed sense of energy and purpose this week, Scorpio. This will motivate you to finish existing projects or to get started on new ones.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
This week you may be feeling extra creative and ambitious, Sagittarius. Use your strengths to work on an artistic project or one that is outside of your comfort zone.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
This is a good week to tackle projects that require you to get up and go, Capricorn. It may involve heavy yard work or even rearranging furniture.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, any lethargy you've been feeling will likely vanish in the days to come. Fresh air and physical exercise can be just what you need to feel reenergized.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, it is time to take charge of your health. Consider all aspects of well-being, including physical and mental health.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 17
Jennifer Garner, Actress (50)
APRIL 18
Conan O'Brien, TV Host (59)
APRIL 19
Maria Sharapova, Athlete (35)
APRIL 20
Miranda Kerr, Model (39)
APRIL 21
James McAvoy, Actor (43)
APRIL 22
Jack Nicholson, Actor (85)
APRIL 23
John Oliver, Comic (45)