History Mystery

100 years ago
May 25, 1922

• David Smith, one of the oldest Civil War veterans in the country died at his home in Tuscola at the age of 87.

• A golf club organized at the Tuscola Chamber of Commerce and proposed a 9-hole golf course at Ervin Park.

• Gus Flesor put in a new sidewalk on the east side of his store. The old brick sidewalk that was removed was one of the oldest in Tuscola.

85 years ago
June 2, 1937

Florence Ochs and Robert Knicely graduated from eighth grade at Sipple school near West Ridge.

75 years ago
May 22, 1947

• Paul Erdley announced that his new Western Auto store at Main and North Central Avenue was to open.

• Howard Barnes and Johnny Stabler of Tuscola were honored at a sports banquet at Eastern Illinois University.

65 years ago
May 23, 1957

EIU graduates from Tuscola are Gerald Williams, William Burress, James Wood and Byron York.

• Clifford Green, Elmer Lash and Jim Henning were selected to attend Boys State.

• Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Meyer announced the birth of their daughter, Jean Marie May 16.

55 years ago
May 25, 1967

• Specialist 4 James Michael of Newnan was killed in Vietnam when the helicopter he was in was shot down. He was the first Douglas County resident killed in the war.

50 years ago
May 25, 1972

• Summer repair work on local schools includes windows at South Ward, boiler work at North Ward, a pump at the high school and new sidewalks.

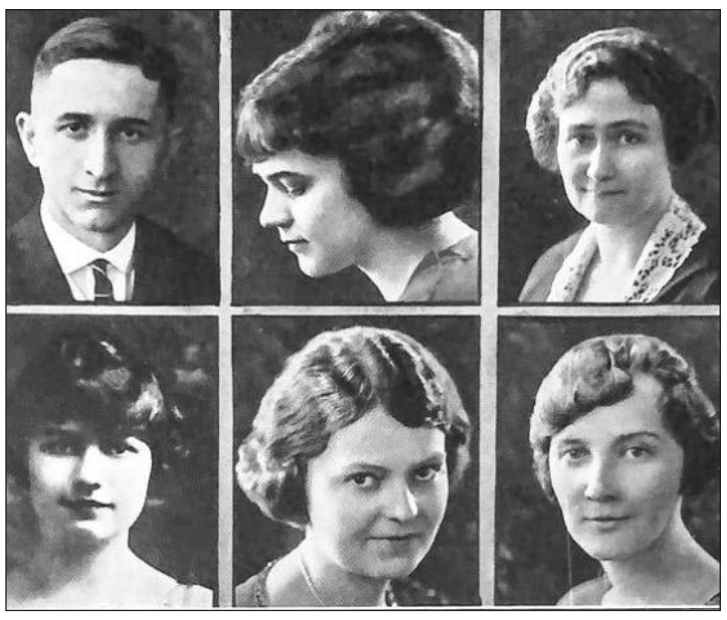
• Ed Schultz was elected commander of the American Legion. Fred Groves is first vice commander. Wayne Neal is second vice commander. Phil White is chaplain. Urban Cannon is sergeant-at-arms. Myron Fullerton was appointed adjutant and Pete Nuccio was appointed finance officer.

• Sarah Jane Romine was awarded a scholarship at Eastern Illinois University where she is majoring in zoology.

• Marshals for graduation are Larayne Dallas, Patrick Horn, Kimberly Dillon and Terri Weber. Gerald Frye is class president.

• Seniors earning track letters were Ken Burke, Greg Hastings, Craig Romine and Kim Smith. Junior letter winners were Doug Dietrich, Gary French, Roger Galloway, Ric Izquierdo, John Kalmar, Rob Meyer, Steve Mick, Steve Owen, Randy Todd, Dave Trinkle and Bill Weber.

• Patti Heath, a fourth grade teacher in Tuscola, was engaged to be married to Daniel Alan Russell, a sixth grade teacher in Tuscola. He is a 1965 graduate of Tuscola High School.



LAST WEEK'S PHOTO was of several Tuscola High School teachers in the early 1920s. Top row, left to right: Glen Hiers, chemistry and physics, Helen Pringle, English, and Bertha Flack, social sciences. Bottom row: Irene Schujahn, advanced math and French, Ruth Webber, math, and Harriet Sluss, Latin.

Cookout cost climbs 17%, but farmers' expenses also higher

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The grocery bill for a summer cookout will cost U.S. consumers 17% more than last year, according to a new American Farm Bureau Federation market basket survey.

The survey focuses on food commonly part of Fourth of July cookouts, including cheeseburgers, pork chops, chicken, homemade potato salad and more.

The cost breaks down to $69.68 for 10 people, or about $7 per person, and reflects the largest increase since the annual survey began a decade ago.

Inflation, supply chain disruptions and the war in Ukraine are driving the higher prices.

While food costs are rising, AFBF Chief Economist Roger Cryan stressed the trend does not translate to a windfall for farmers, who face skyrocketing input costs, especially fertilizer and fuel prices. According to the Agriculture Department's revised Food Dollar Series, farmers receive about 8% of every food marketing dollar, and less for highly processed foods.

"Bottom line, in many cases the higher prices farmers are being paid aren't covering the increase in their farm expenses," he said. "The cost of fuel is up and fertilizer prices have tripled."

Cryan also pointed to the cascading effects of the war in Ukraine. As Ukraine's contributions to global food security are cut off, Russian and Belarusian fertilizer exports are constrained and other countries pull back exports to protect their domestic supplies.

"We've had improved agricultural technologies, new opportunities to be more productive in so many ways in agricultural production, and agricultural productivity has grown for the last 40 years without a major disruption until this year," Cryan said Monday during a media briefing. "And this year's war in Ukraine, I think is a very striking demonstration of how fragile the system can be and how important it is not to take our food supply for granted."

Ground beef came in with the highest year-over-year increase at 36%. Survey results showed 2 pounds of ground beef cost an average of $11.12.

Meanwhile, the Agriculture Department's Producer Price Index indicates that compared to a year ago, farm-level cattle prices are up 17.5%, but wholesale beef prices are down 14%. This serves to highlight the differences between farm-level, wholesale and retail beef prices and how the past few years have had significant impacts on the beef production and cattle pricing cycles, making them all hard to predict, according to an AFBF news release.

Most of the food on the cookout list saw increases, except for sliced cheese, potato chips and strawberries.

The year-to-year direction of the market basket survey tracks with the federal government's Consumer Price Index report for food at home and general inflation across the economy, although food inflation tends to be higher, Cryan said.

The survey is part of the Farm Bureau market basket series, which also includes the Thanksgiving Dinner Cost Survey.

Data for this year's survey was collected by 176 volunteer shoppers across the country and in Puerto Rico, including Farm Bureau members and others.

Summer cookout prices:

• 2 pounds of ground beef, $11.12 (+36%)

• 2 pounds of boneless, skinless chicken breasts, $8.99 (+33%)

• 32 ounces of pork and beans, $2.53 (+33%)

• 3 pounds of center cut pork chops, $15.26 (+31%)

• 2.5 quarts of fresh-squeezed lemonade, $4.43 (+22%)

• 2.5 pounds of homemade potato salad, $3.27 (+19%)

• 8 hamburger buns, $1.93 (+16%)

• Half-gallon of vanilla ice cream, $5.16 (+10%)

• 13-ounce bag of chocolate chip cookies, $4.31 (+7%)

• 2 pints of strawberries, $4.44 (-16%)

• 1 pound of sliced cheese, $3.53 (-13%)

• 16-ounce bag of potato chips, $4.71 (-4%)

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PUZZLES

CLUES ACROSS

1. Basics
4. In a new way
10. __ Paulo, city
11. Jailhouse
12. Expresses surprise
14. Trigraph
15. A small stream
16. Dissimilar
18. Promote
22. Gives a boost
23. Lawmaker
24. Orthodox Jews
26. Actor Harris
27. Wild cherry
28. Participate in democracy
30. Opposite of begins
31. A Brit's mother
34. Set of moral principles
36. Very fast airplane
37. Czech river
39. Private school in New York
40. Israeli dance
41. Electron volt
42. Adjusting
48. Duct by the bladder
50. Small burger
51. Begin again
52. Unstuck
53. Jai __, sport
54. Get free of
55. For instance
56. Hotel chain
58. A team's best pitcher
59. Extracts from various sources
60. Indefinite period of time

CLUES DOWN

1. St. Francis of __
2. Supported
3. United in working
4. It cools your home
5. Predicting
6. Irritated
7. Popular talk show host
8. Fabric edge
9. A resource for employees
12. Broadway's Jackman
13. Small water buffalo
17. City of Angels: __ Angeles
19. Asteroids
20. Tailless amphibians
21. German expressionist painter
25. What drives you
29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
31. Gold coin used in British India
32. Have deep affection for
33. Ponds
35. Breaks between words
38. Hairstyle
41. Print errors
43. Family of iron alloys
44. Sidelined in bed
45. Many couples say it
46. Brazilian hoopster
47. Allman Brothers late frontman
49. German city
56. One hundred grams (abbr.)
57. One billionth of a second (abbr.)

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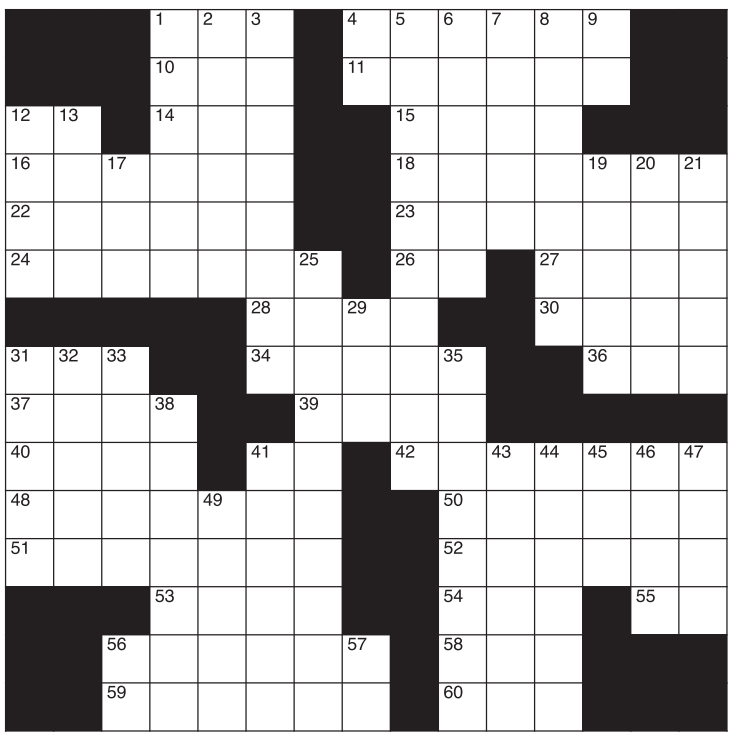

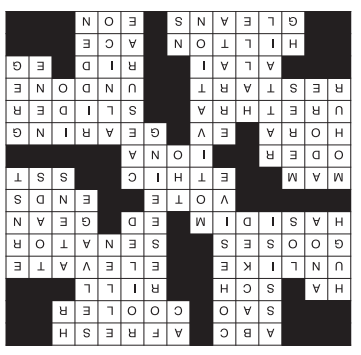

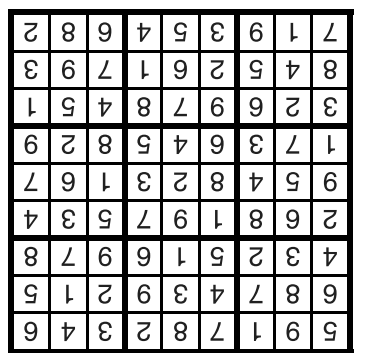

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you are on fire lately. There's seemingly nothing you touch that won't turn to gold afterward. This trend will continue, but try not to let it go to your head.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, unless you take swift action, you could be heading for a financial free-fall. Start to pull back spending for a while and see if the situation will right itself.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

It's time to make amends with someone who did you wrong, Gemini. Life is too short to hold grudges, and this person has mended his or her ways since.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, when plans change on a dime, you are ready to roll with the new situation. Higher-ups could get a peek at your quick thinking, which can land you a promotion.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way this week, Leo. You may not get many chances to prove your worth in the weeks to come, so it's important to act now.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, it is important to remember that your online presence never goes away. Watch what you post and say in social media groups, as it could come back to bite you.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Something that started out as a part-time venture could turn into much more, Libra. Figure out if this is the path you see yourself going and then jump on it.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Let loose and have fun for a change, Scorpio. Don't delay when others want to invite you out for a night on the town or even a brunch. Say "yes" to any and all opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

There's a lot going on right now and it may have your head spinning, Sagittarius. Delegate some of your workload if you can. Don't be too hard on yourself.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Family matters come to the forefront this week, Capricorn. You must dig in deep to address them. There are two sides to every story, so try to get all the facts first.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Just when you started to lose hope, that new horizon you were seeking comes into view, Aquarius. It is well-deserved and there will be smiles for the weeks ahead.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, if you find yourself with too much extra time on your hands, why not volunteer with the community to pass the time?

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 26
Ariana Grande, Singer (29)
JUNE 27
J.J. Abrams, Filmmaker (56)
JUNE 28
Elon Musk, Entrepreneur (51)
JUNE 29
Kawhi Leonard, Athlete (31)
JUNE 30
Fantasia Barrino, Singer (38)
JULY 1
Pamela Anderson, Actress (55)
JULY 2
Margot Robbie, Actress (32)