

Obituaries

Austin Bassett

Austin Gage Bassett, 19, of Villa Grove, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 9, 2023, at AllianceHealth Durant in Durant, Okla.

Austin was born on December 26, 2003, in Champaign, to Amanda Doherty.

He is survived by his mother, Amanda Doherty (David Baker); one brother, Mason McQueen; a special cousin, Heather Madden; several other loving family and friends; along with his favorite pet, his dog Baby.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Edith Burris.

One of his favorite things to do with his mom and brother was to go to the movie theater and watch scary movies together.

Austin also loved the out-



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doors; you could always find him outside hunting for mushrooms, building bonfires, learning to shoot rifles along with riding three wheelers. He would always be on a “trea-

sure hunt” and proudly drag home his findings to show his family and close friends.

While he loved his adventures, Austin would always stop what he was doing to help out a family member or friend in need. His amazing relationships with his great grandmother, and special friend, Lily Gawthorp, will be some memories those closest to him will always remember him as, the sweetest boy with a kind heart.

A celebration of Austin's life will be held from 10 a.m. – 12 noon on Saturday, June 24, at the Joines Funeral Home in Villa Grove with a memorial service beginning at 12 noon.

Memorial donations can be made to the family to help with funeral expenses.

Phyllis Millsap

Phyllis Dean (Emberton) Millsap died June 13, 2023, at Newman Rehabilitation and Health Center, surrounded by her loving husband and children.

Phyllis Millsap was born September 2, 1941, to Claude and Lillian Emberton, deceased, in Monroe County, Ky. She graduated from Gamaliel High School in 1959. Phyllis married Delbert Millsap on May 17, 1959. During their 64 years of marriage, they resided in Murdock and Newman.

Phyllis spent her career as supervisor of the Stenographic Services at the University of Illinois. She retired from that position in 1996 continuing to work part-time at the U of I. Phyllis enjoyed other retirement jobs at R.C. Plumbing and Heating in Villa Grove and Sass Shoe Store in the Tuscola

Outlet Mall.

During the 1970s, Phyllis learned to play guitar, which she enjoyed playing while she sang country songs. She performed at Wayne Scott's Garage Dance most Saturday nights for nearly 10 years. She was also an accomplished spoons and accordion player.

Phyllis enjoyed shopping with her daughter and traveling near and far to casinos with her husband. She loved visiting family and friends in Kentucky and especially enjoyed hosting family reunions at her home in Murdock. Yearly trips to Florida with Delbert were her perfect get-a-way vacation.

Phyllis was a member of the Murdock United Methodist Church.

Phyllis Millsap is survived by her husband Delbert and two children, Rodney (Mary Hettinger) Millsap of Philo

and Pamela (Brent) Mohr of Broadlands; grandchildren, Josh (Anna) Millsap of St. Robert, Mo., Lacy Millsap of Villa Grove, Jessica (Lucas) Hansen of Tolono, and Dakota (Cheyanne) Mohr of Tuscola; and great-grandchildren, Braylen, Lily, Adrian, and Salem.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents and one infant sister, Vivian Nel; two toddler brothers, Rondal Mor-dica and Ivan Leo; and three adult brothers, Clinton O.H., Edward Clayton, and Jackie Ned Emberton.

A private burial will be held at the Murdock Cemetery.

A special thank you to Transitions Hospice and the care, love and support from the Newman Rehabilitation and Health Center employees.

Memorials may be made to the Murdock United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

Diana Pierce

Diana E. Pierce, 77, of Bement, passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 3:45 p.m., at the Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur.

Graveside services were held Monday, June 19, at the Bement Township Cemetery, Bement. The Pastor Pat Tie-man officiated. Memorial contributions can be made the charity of the donor's choice.

Diana was born on August 10, 1945, in Monticello, a daughter of Ray and Thelma

Spelbring Fogerson. She married Charles W. Pierce on February 5, 1965, in Bement, and he passed away October 28, 2018.

Surviving are two children, Brian W. Pierce and Tracy L. (Bob VanMatre) Pierce, both of Bement. Surviving are five grandchildren, Leslie Pierce, Christopher Pierce, Mackenzie Pierce, and Breanna and Brandi Van Matre; as well as six great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, Dean (June) Fogerson of Orea-na. She was preceded in death

by her parents; husband; and 11 brothers and sisters.

Diana loved to play bingo and pulltabs, but her greatest joy was spending time with family and going to all of her grandchildren's events.

Aaron and Susie Hinds of Hinds Funeral Home & Cremation Services, are proud to honor the life of Diana Elaine Pierce. “Our Family is Here to Serve Your Family.” Please visit our website at www.hindsfuneralhome.com to offer condolences.

Melvin Shields

Melvin Dale Shields, 64, passed away at his home on June 13, 2023. He was a resident of Decatur.

Melvin was born on June

11, 1959, to Richard S. and Gloria N. Shields. He was employed at International Foods in Decatur.

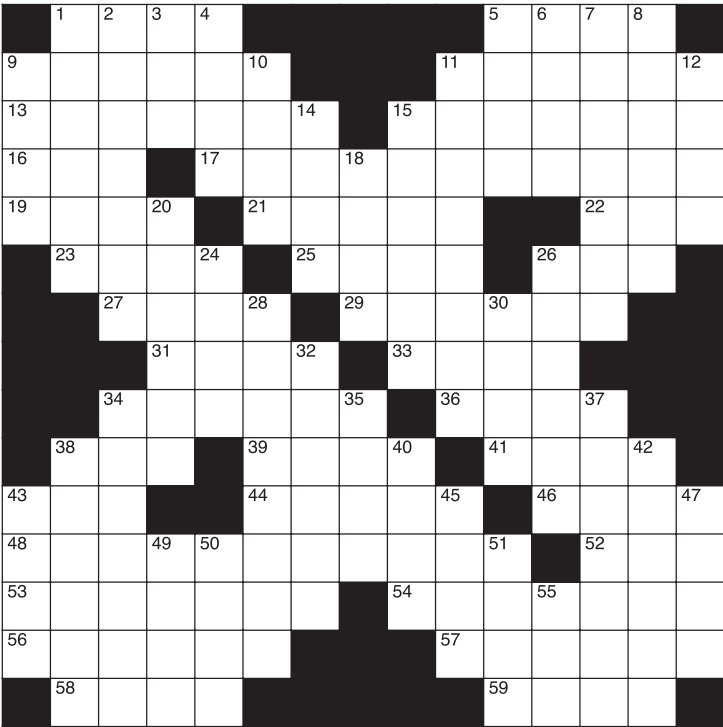
Melvin is survived by his mother, Gloria, of Forsyth. He is also survived by his son,

Steven, of Alabama; and his brother, Rodney, of Germantown Hills.

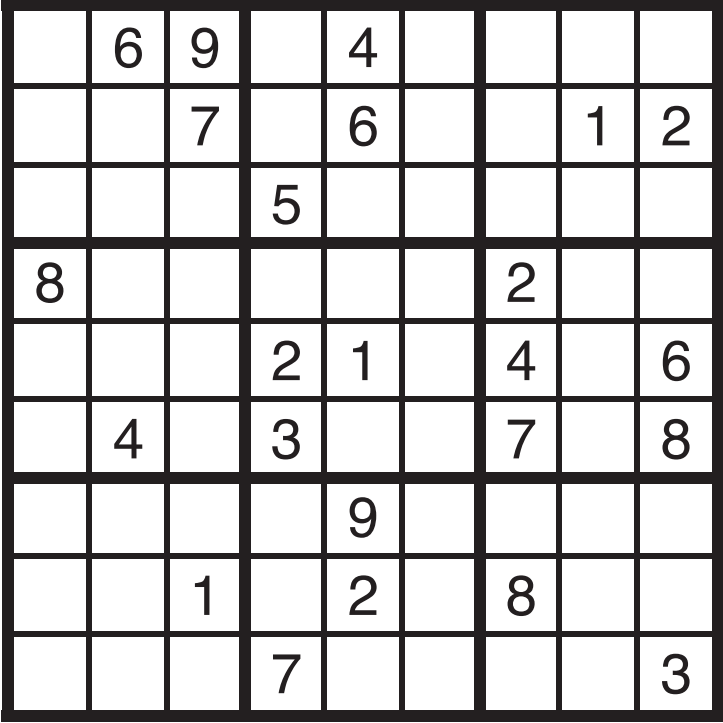
There was a graveside service Monday, June 19, at Mt. Zion Township Cemetery.

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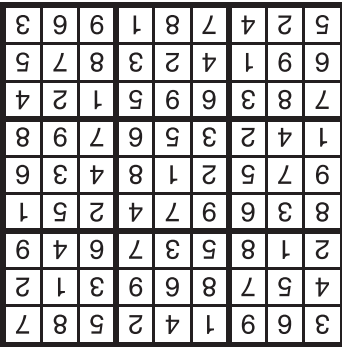
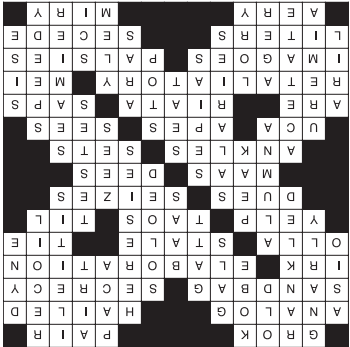


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43. Extra seed covering
45. “Survivor: Panama” winner
47. Six
49. One who inspects lamps
50. Small parrot
51. Primordial matter of the universe
55. _ fi (slang)

SOLUTIONS



Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, sometimes you do not have to take action to fix problems. Certain issues will work themselves out on their own. Don't feel the need to rush in and find a quick solution.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Right now the spotlight is on you and your talents, Taurus. You have a large group of admirers who are looking to see what you can produce next.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

You will recover quickly from disagreements with others, Gemini. These situations may give you a new perspective and compel you to change a few things for the better.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Confide in a friend about something that is troubling you, Cancer. Talking about the issue could start you down a path toward a solution. Thank others for lending an ear.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, on the outside everything may seem to be going along fine with a friend. But things may be different on the inside. Treat others tenderly to avoid piling on.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Vacation vibes are high this week, Virgo. You are daydreaming about potential destinations. Narrow down your prospects and zero in on your favorite features.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

You may want to know what another person is thinking but don't want to come off too pushy, Libra. If you phrase the question the right way, it won't seem like an interrogation.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Your physical and emotional health may be a focal point this week, Scorpio. Book some time for reflection, rest and relaxation. Solitude can help you clear your mind.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you are staying on top of your responsibilities and have good energy moving through this week. However, by the time the weekend arrives you may be running on empty.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Try having some fun outside of your comfort zone, Capricorn. It is good to try new things from time to time and push the boundaries you have set up for yourself.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, this week you may find yourself meeting new people and fitting into groups you had not imagined. Network as much as possible while having fun along the way.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, finances may have been on your mind and you are eager to pay off some debt. It could take a while, but you will be successful.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS



- JUNE 18
- Blake Shelton, Singer (47)
- JUNE 19
- Macklemore, Rapper (40)
- JUNE 20
- Nicole Kidman, Actress (56)
- JUNE 21
- Chris Pratt, Actor (44)
- JUNE 22
- Danny Green, Athlete (36)
- JUNE 23
- Alexandra Trusova, Skater (19)
- JUNE 24
- Lionel Messi, Athlete (36)



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