



CABOT CORPORATION'S Tuscola location provided hearing protection to the Douglas County Health Department for the July Moultrie-Douglas County Fair's tractor pull. Pictured, left to right, are Colleen Lehmann, Douglas County Health Department liaison, Annie Heinz, regional manufacturing accountant at Cabot, and Karey Lynch, human resource generalist for Cabot. Submitted photo.

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Douglas County will operate with four full-time busses Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. For trips to Champaign/Urbana, buses are available Monday and Friday from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Coles County trips are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. and trips to Decatur can be scheduled Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Board

- approved the public agency engineer services agreement for Motor Fuel Tax. \$38,000 of the Motor Fuel Tax will be appropriated to pay for preliminary engineering and construction guidance services by Hillards Bookkeeping

service;

- approved the purchase of replacement telephones worth \$39,110 for the courthouse. 48 phones will be replaced with digital phones, costing \$12,528. Software for the new phone systems costs \$26,582;
- tabled the decision on resolution 23-R-12 for a bridge construction contract in Arcola. Douglas County Clerk and Recorder Judi Pollock said the item was tabled because the bid came in 9.5% higher than the estimate;
- passed resolution 23-R-13 for a bridge construction contract in Garrett. The bridge is located on CR 250, approximately 1.3 miles south of Garret. The project will cost \$442,835 and will be done by Reyhan Bros., Inc., dba San-

gamo Construction Company out of Springfield;

- appointed Douglas County Engineer Jim Crane as the Douglas County floodplain and building permit administrator;
- tabled its decision to lease Flock Safety cameras for the Douglas County Sheriff's Department.

According to Flock Safety's website, the cameras operate 24/7 and read the license plates of vehicles. The cameras would be placed on poles owned by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and would require their permission as well. According to an email by Sheriff Nate Chaplin, four Flock cameras would cost \$12,000 annually and have an installation expense of \$600- \$2,400,

based on location. Pollock said that the price was a little higher than expected, which is why it was tabled;

- approved resolution 23-R-10 in support of Douglas County Agriculture. According to County Board documents, Douglas County is home to 600 farms out of the 71,000 in Illinois. 1,213 jobs have been supported through those farms and account for 10 percent of the jobs in the county.

Farm properties provide 35.1 percent of the taxable value in Douglas County. The resolution states that efforts should be made to accommodate future success in the rural community.

Kim Higgins was reappointed to the Douglas County Historical Museum District.

BRIEFS

Pancakes and sausage

The Tuscola American Legion Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, at the Tuscola Community Bldg. Donations accepted.

Senior outing

Family Service Senior Resource Center-Tuscola Tours invites Douglas County residents age 60 and up or those with a disability for a fun outing to Effingham Tuesday, July 18. They will visit the Historical County Museum followed by a lunch stop at Pinky's on Lake Sara. Free van transportation is provided. You will be responsible for the cost of your lunch. Seating is limited. Call Connie now to reserve your spot at 217-898-3321 or 217-599-1324.

Deflection kick-off

The East Central Illinois Deflection Initiative kickoff meeting is 10 a.m. -12 noon July 12 at the Monticello High School auditorium, 1 Sage Dr., Monticello. Counties included are Coles, DeWitt, Douglas, McLean, and Vermillion. This meeting will be in-person only. Questions about the Illinois Deflection Initiative and/or to RSVP to the kickoff, please email Koren VanderWeele at kvanderweele@tasc.org.

Deflection is an early strategy for drug addiction that "meets people where they are" and doesn't wait for a crisis, overdose or arrest. The aim is earlier intervention, keeping families intact, removal of barriers to access to treatment and keeping people out of the judicial system.

Hochstettler reunion

One of the largest family reunions in the United States is coming to Arthur July 28-29. Anywhere from 300 to 500 descendants of Jacob Hochstettler are expected to descend on the city; the reunion, held every five years, changes locations each time. For more information, call 217-721-9266 or 217-520-8891. The family also maintains a website at <https://www.jhfa.net/> with lots of history.

FEMA internship program

The application period is now open for the FEMA Region 5 Virtual Internship Program, an opportunity for students living in or attending colleges or universities in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin to get hands-on training in the growing field of emergency management. These unpaid positions will offer students the chance to learn about FEMA programs and services and gain real-world experience with the potential for future full-time employment at FEMA or another federal agency.

Eligibility requirements and conditions of employment apply. For more information and how to submit an application, visit USAJOBS - Job Announcement. You can also learn even more about the program by following social channels: <https://twitter.com/femaregion5> and www.linkedin.com/showcase/fema-region-5. Individuals with questions should contact fema-r5-info@fema.dhs.gov.

Weather forecast

Wednesday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

Wednesday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 1am, then a chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Thursday: Showers likely. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

This week you are surrounded by a heightened sense of romance. It could be from reading a favorite book or watching a beloved movie, Aries. Use it to spice up your love life.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, something you desperately need seems to be missing from your life right now. It's more than a misplaced item. Focus your attention this week on figuring out what it is.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Try not to listen to any gossip this week, Gemini. It will only frustrate you and could put you further out of sorts. Avoid people who love to talk about others for the time being.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Is there a luxury you have been craving lately, Cancer? You could be very tempted to give in and make a purchase this week, even if your finances may not be on solid ground. Be careful.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, your emotions will be all over the place the next couple of days. This turmoil may compromise your usual objectivity as well as your good sense. Try to talk your feelings through.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your imagination knows no bounds this week. If you're ready to delve into a creative project, do so now when you have a lot of ideas and outside inspiration.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You could have doubts about a friend you thought was close to you. Has this person promised to do you a favor and didn't deliver, Libra? Be patient before you draw conclusions.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Feelings of confusion may get in the way of your ability to make sound decisions this week, Scorpio. You might need to lighten your load, since you often take on too much.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, do not get into an argument with someone who has a different opinion from your own. Ask to get more information about why he or she sees things in a particular way.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

A bothersome feeling may persist for much of the week, Capricorn. It's almost as if you've forgotten to do something but do not know what. All will be revealed in due time.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, be prepared to be a listening ear to a friend or loved one who needs to work through a few issues. You are able to give trusted advice in this matter.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Listen carefully and take notes when someone at work provides directions for an upcoming task, Pisces. You don't want to make any mistakes as it could delay the project.

PUZZLES

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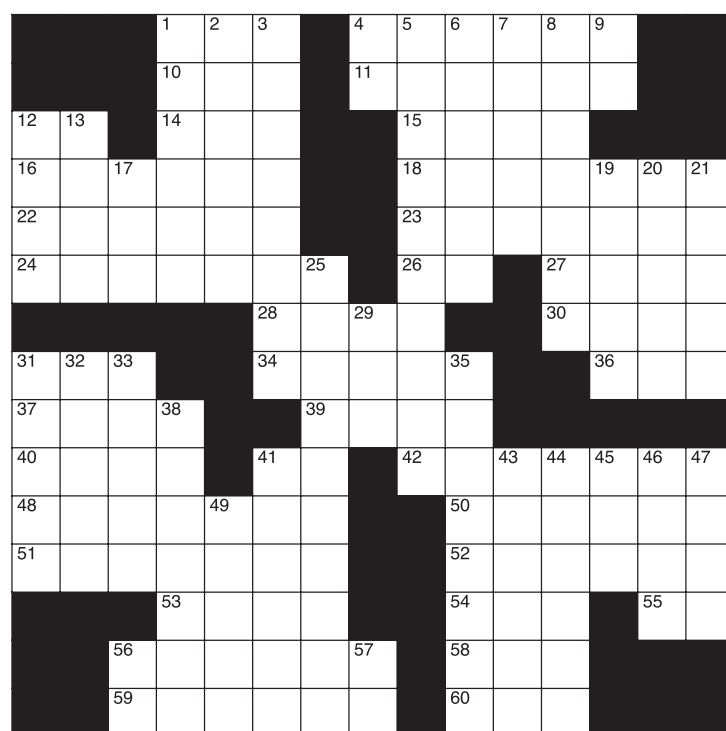
CLUES ACROSS

- Small Eurasian deer
- Irish county
- A major division of geological time
- Broadway actor Lane
- Canadian province
- It causes fainting (abbr.)
- Two
- A notable one is blue
- Utter repeatedly
- Rings
- Sullies
- Occurs
- Publicity
- Near
- Tools of a trade
- Offer in good faith
- "American Idol" network
- Garments
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Retired NFL DC Dean
- Hot meal
- A type of gin
- Percussion instrument
- A \$10 bill
- About ground
- Medicine man
- Seedless raisin
- National capital of Albania
- Appendage
- Oj trial judge
- By the way
- Bicycle parts
- Barbie's friend
- In a way, stretched
- Commercials

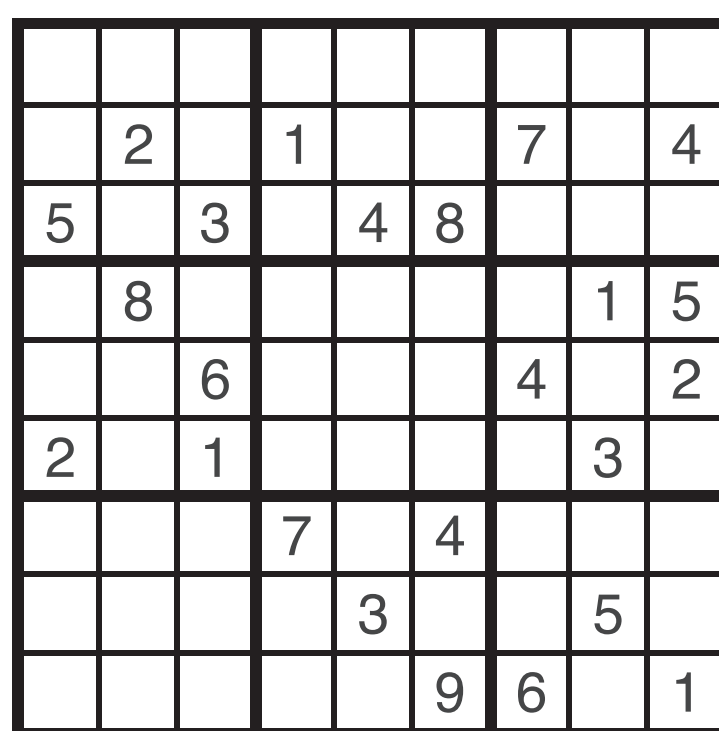
CLUES DOWN

- Make up for
- American songbird
- Pay
- International organization
- Engravers
- Declared as fact
- Criminal
- Jewelry
- Hospital worker (abbr.)
- Nonsense (slang)
- Town in Galilee
- Value
- Another name
- Sheep in second year before shearing
- Town in Surrey, England
- Appropriate during a time of year
- Creative output
- Recesses
- District in N. Germany
- Rider of Rohan
- The official emblem of the German Third Reich
- One who puts down roots
- Scribe
- Painted a bright color
- Tycoons
- Actress Thurman
- Walking accessory
- Crest of a hill
- Member of a North American people
- Type of computer
- U.S. State (abbr.)

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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS



- JULY 2, Margot Robbie, Actress (33)
- JULY 3, Tom Cruise, Actor (61)
- JULY 4, Post Malone, Rapper (28)
- JULY 5, Megan Rapinoe, Athlete (38)
- JULY 6, Sylvester Stallone, Actor (77)
- JULY 7, Jack Whitehall, Actor (35)
- JULY 8, Maya Hawke, Actress (25)

SOLUTIONS

