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L.C. Francis, who writes the blog *L.C. Francis Open Society for History and Civics*, describes how, at the time, government jobs were not based on skill or experience. People did not have to prove they were the best for the job. They just had to be more loyal to leadership than the next guy. This made government less effective. Every time a new president was elected, many workers were replaced with new loyal leadership. **Loyalty was to the President – not to serving the country.**

This system had gone so out of control that the newly-elected President James Garfield complained he was constantly approached on the street and at home by men who wanted government jobs. One of them was Charles Guiteau. Garfield did not know him, but Guiteau wanted a job in the U.S. consulate in Paris because he had helped Garfield's campaign. Giteau became obsessed. On July 2, 1881, Guiteau shot president Garfield. Garfield died September 19, 1881 of complications from the wound.

By 1883, after seeing how broken the system had become, President Arthur signed the Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act. This law made it illegal to fire federal workers because of their political beliefs. It stopped government officials from forcing workers to do political work or give political donations. The law required more competitive testing for jobs so people were hired based on their skills.

Now, once again, President Trump wants only loyalty. The administration says that federal jobs are still based on merit and qualifications. But new rules allow employees to lose their jobs for what is called **"subversion of Presidential directives."** If an employee reports fraud or misconduct in the government against the President's wishes, their job may be at risk. Their honesty and integrity will not be enough to keep them safe. Public servants who protect our food and water, investigate fraud, study diseases or manage Veteran's benefits may have to worry that their work will not please the President or his party.

When that happens, the civil service doesn't work for the American people any longer. Then it is like 1880 all over again.

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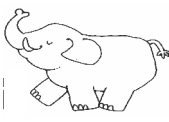
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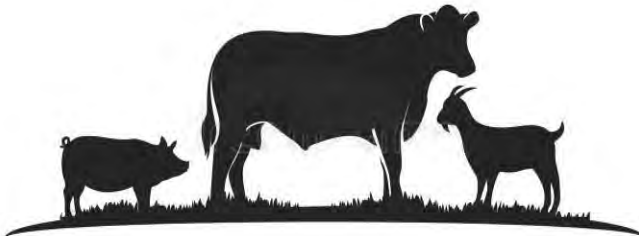
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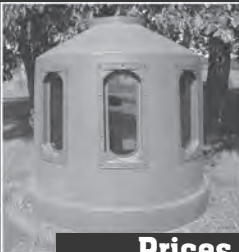
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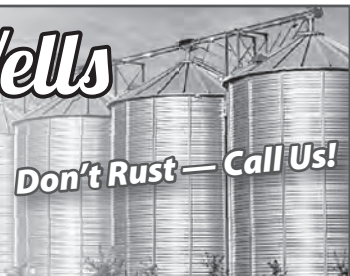
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Black River Memorial Hospital welcomes first baby of 2023

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Common Council committee votes on new fares and fees for the shared-ride taxi service

The Jackson County Common Council's Transportation Committee voted Tuesday night to approve a new fare structure for the shared-ride taxi service. The new fares will be based on the number of passengers and the distance traveled. The committee also voted to approve a new fee for the use of the taxi service.

WisDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program is accepting volunteer groups to adopt a local roadside

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is accepting volunteer groups to adopt a local roadside. The Adopt-a-Highway program is a volunteer-based program that allows groups to adopt a section of highway and keep it clean and safe. Groups can adopt a section of highway that is at least 1/4 mile long and no more than 1/2 mile long. Groups can adopt a section of highway that is on a state or federal highway. Groups can adopt a section of highway that is on a local highway. Groups can adopt a section of highway that is on a private road. Groups can adopt a section of highway that is on a public road. Groups can adopt a section of highway that is on a private road. Groups can adopt a section of highway that is on a public road.

DNR reaches out to state veterinarian in regards to the local injured elk in Jackson County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reached out to the state veterinarian in regards to a local injured elk. The elk was found on Jan. 10, 2023, near the town of Black River Falls. The elk was found by a local resident who called the DNR. The DNR is currently investigating the incident and has reached out to the state veterinarian for assistance.

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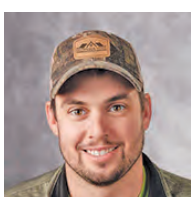
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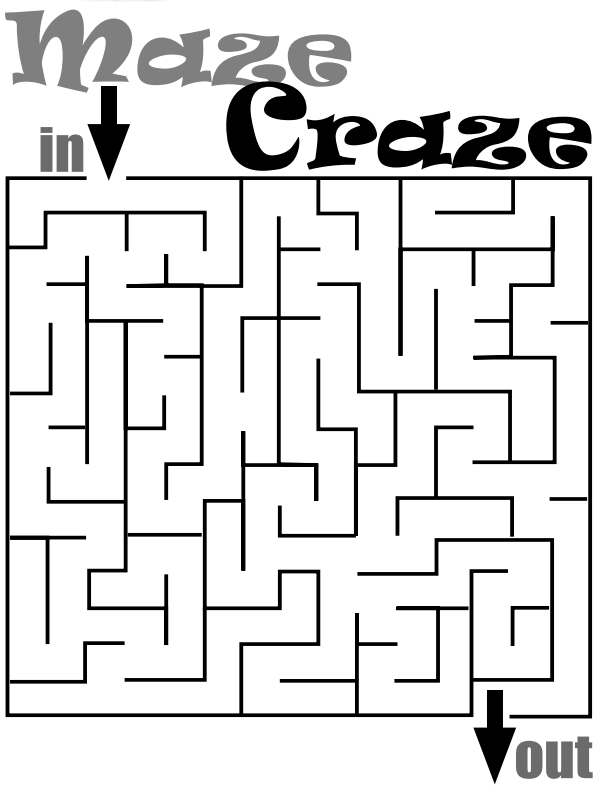


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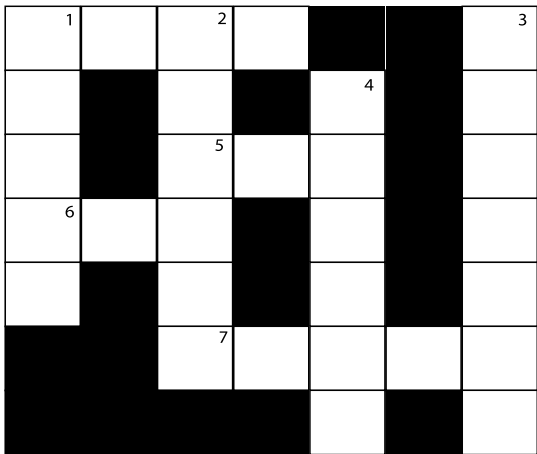


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- ACROSS

1. Sugary drink

5. Inflated feeling of pride

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- DOWN

1. Show happiness

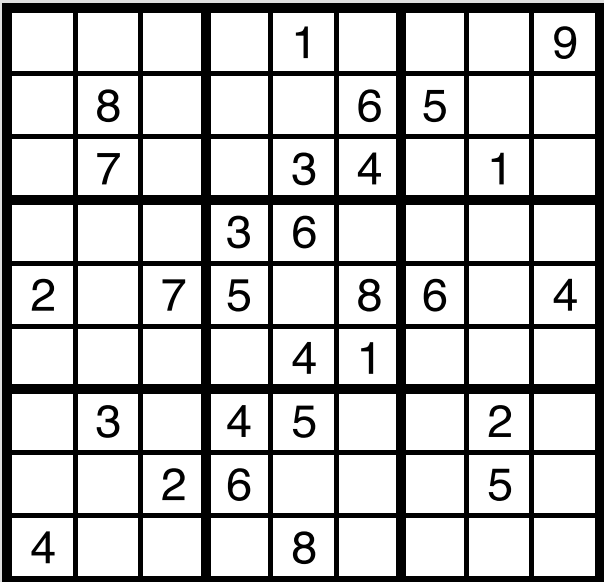
2. One who diets

3. Cleans teeth with special string

4. Consecutive effect

Answers:  
Across  
1. Soda 5. Ego 6. Lot 7. Rinse  
Down  
1. Smile 2. Dieter 3. Flosses 4. Domino

SUDOKU



Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle.

Jokes & Riddles

- Q. Why did the boy bring a ladder to school?  
A. He thought it was a high school!

Q. If April showers bring May flowers then what do May flowers bring?  
A. Pilgrims!

Q. What's in the middle of a jellyfish?  
A. A jellybutton

Q. Why did the parrot wear a raincoat?  
A. So he could be polyunsaturated

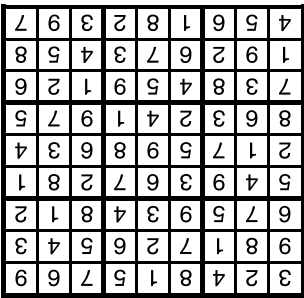
Q. How much does a pirate pay for his corn?  
A. A buccaneer
- Q. What do mermaids have on toast?  
A. Mermerlade

Q. How do porcupines play leapfrog?  
A. Very carefully!

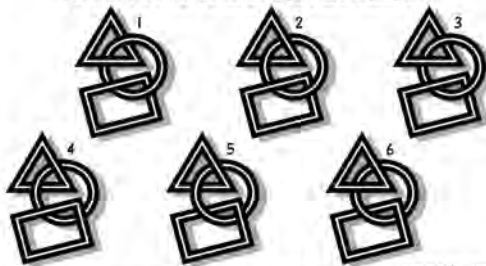
Q. What works only when it's fired?  
A. A rocket

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Boy: For singing  
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Sudoku answer:



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- 11am - Parade
- 12pm - 3pm Live Music by Shock Pocket
- 12pm - Santa Claus Visits
- 12pm - Cornhole Tournament
- 1pm Pin-Up Girl Contest
- 2pm Kiddie Tractor Pull
- 3pm Car Show Awards

Sunday

- 10:30am Community Worship Service
- 12pm - Potluck Lunch



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**~Do a practice walk to school or the bus stop**

Practice with your child on or before the first day of school, choosing a route with the fewest street crossings and avoiding deserted areas.

**~Teach your child to never talk to strangers**

Go over specific scenarios, such as a motorist asking for directions or assistance, or a stranger with a friendly pet, that may trick kids into interacting with a stranger.

**~Teach kids what traffic signals and signs mean**

Communicate the importance of obeying them. Remind kids to carefully cross streets at crosswalks, looking both ways twice and never entering the street from between parked cars.

**~Go over school bus rules with kids**

Remind them to stay seated throughout the ride. Teach kids to never approach or prepare to exit the bus until it comes to a complete stop, and to only cross at least 10 giant steps in front of the bus when exiting, so the driver can see them.

**~Make sure your child knows your phone number**

As well as your place of work, and his or her home address. Kids should also have a backup number for another trusted adult and know to call 911 in an emergency.

**~Help organize your child’s backpack**

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**~Tour the school with your child**

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5pm: Rides Start  
6pm: Loyal Royalty Coronation Held at the Loyal American Legion Hall/Admission to the Coronation: Cornfest Button  
6pm: Coin Scramble Citizens State Bank parking lot  
6pm - 9pm: Methodist Church Ice Cream Stand  
7pm: Mini Rods & Badger State Dirt Flingers Lawn Tractors  
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**Saturday, August 29**  
8:30am: Lil' Rascal Run  
9:30am: Spanky's Run/Walk begins on Main St.  
11:30am: Sign up for Loyal Fire Dept. Bean Bag Tournament, in Fire Hall, 12:00pm Start Time!  
12-6pm: Corn on the cob, all-you-care-to eat with Loyal Corn Fest Button (buttons available at corn area and information booth) Buttons \$3.00  
12:00pm: Rides Start  
12-6pm: Floating Green Golf at the pond behind the Legion  
12-7pm: Chick Poop Bingo (Loyal FFA)  
12-9pm: Methodist Church Ice Cream Stand  
1:00pm: Horse Pull @ Vita Plus lot Midwest Farmers Horse Pulling Association  
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**Sunday, August 30**  
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12:30pm: Loyal Corn Festival Parade  
1-5pm: Chick Poop Bingo (Loyal FFA)  
1:30pm: Kids Pedal Pull (Free)  
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