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- 19. Wastes away
- 21. One precursor to the EU
- 23. Nursemaid 24. Unconsciousnesses
- 28. Baby's word for father
- 29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.) 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Midway between south and
- southwest
- 33. When you hope to get there
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports and drivers'
- licences are two
- 39. Fishes
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Personal computers
- 44. Ecological community
- 46. Wings
- 47. Halfway
- 49. Cool, calm and collected
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. Musical composition
- 58. __ Falls
- 60. Repeating remarks
- 62. Periods in one's life
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. __ Humbug! 2. Devices that alert pilots
- (abbr.)
- 3. Grocer
- 4. One point east of southeast
- 5. Subjects to hostility
- 6. Work unit
- 7. Atomic #56
- 8. British thermal unit 9. "Elusive Butterfly" singer

- 10. Fastened over animal's neck 12. Device
- 13. Rechargeable power source
- 16. Ancient sage
- 17. Consist of two elements
- 20. "Pygmalion" writer
- 22. "The Centennial State"
- (abbr.)
- 25. Of I
- 26. Get older
- 27. Brotherhoods
- 29. Buzzing insect
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Leader
- 37. Indigo bush

- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's dad 43. Horse mackerels genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Unit of linear measurement
- (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
 - 51. Small, twisted bunch
 - 53. Developed
 - 54. Mars crater
 - 55. Humanistic discipline
 - 57. Word element meaning ear
 - 58. Last or greatest in an
 - indefinitely large series
- 59. Wood residue
- 61. It cools your home

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Solve the code to discover words related to weddings. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: **8 = E)**

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Clue: Woman on wedding day

17 16 13 13 22 Β.

Clue: Man on wedding day

C. 6 8 14 8 21 16 3 25

Clue: Acknowledge a happy day

7 13 26 15 D.

Clue: Promises

Riddle: What runs, but never walks. Murmurs, but never talks. Has a bed, but never sleeps. And has a mouth, but never eats?

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Answers: A. bride B.

groom

C. celebrate

D. VOWS

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Puzzle answers on page 6!

Police reports

Loves Park

The following arrests are on file at the Loves Park Police Dept. Readers are reminded that suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Jan. 29

Pennsylvania Ave. - Matthew Huff, 30, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol (over .08), and speeding

W. Riverside Blvd. - Miracle Thomas, 30, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol (over .08), possession adult use cannabis in motor vehicle, and speeding

E. Riverside Blvd. - Larry Reynolds, 28, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

Reanna Way - Anthony Pomykala, 51, on charges of domestic battery

N. 2nd St. - Daniel Salinas, 42, on charges of aggravated battery

Jan. 30

N. 2nd St./Theodore St. -Traci Turnmire, 41, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle without registration, no valid driver's license, and speeding

W. Riverside Blvd./N. Main St. - Jameson Gould, 21, on charges operating a motor vehicle with no valid driver's license and speeding

Walker Ave. - Nathan Nicholas, 34, on charges of domestic battery

Jan. 31

Loves Ct. - Kylie Kretsinger, 25, on charges of operating a motor vehicle without registration, driving under the influence of alcohol, and improper lane

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River Lane - Philip Zeilinger, 66, on charges of driving under

the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol (over .08), and moving violations (non specific) N. Perryville Road/Hart Road

Shonta Farris-King, 26, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, and speeding

E. Riverside Blvd/East Dr. -Demario Cole, 29, on charges of speeding, driver's license offenses, and equipment violations

Feb. 1

Forest Hills Road/Harlem Road - Verdie Hubbard, 59, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and improper use of evidence of registration or certificate of title

E. Riverside Blvd. - Carlen Roeschley, 41, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal transportation of alcoholic liquor

Feb.4 N. Bell School Road - Jesaiah Jones, 33, on charges of battery, domestic battery, and resisting a peace officer

N. Bell School Road - Hailey Edmonds, 21, on charges of domestic battery, resisting a peace officer, and Wanted on Warrant





Machesney Park

The following arrests are on file at the Machesney Park Police Dept. Readers are reminded that suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Jan. 31

Victory Lane/Wilson Ave. -Frelin O. Ulloa-Vasquez, 22, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle

Feb.1 8307 N. 2nd St. - Branndon Paul Johnson, 45. charges of aggravated battery strangulation

8877 Mariner Dr. - Tyler R. Pierce, 18, on charges of improper lane usage

Van Stone Dr./Emerald Lane - Holly Ann Mertl, 19, on charges of traffic light violation

Harlem Road/Cameo Dr. -Leo Jose White, 40, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle

Feb.3

Harlem Road/Amber Dr. Takesha Shyvonne Sockwell, 33, on charges of improper lane

8609 Victory Lane - Joshua Fortunato Campuzano, 32, on charges of traffic sign violation Feb. 5

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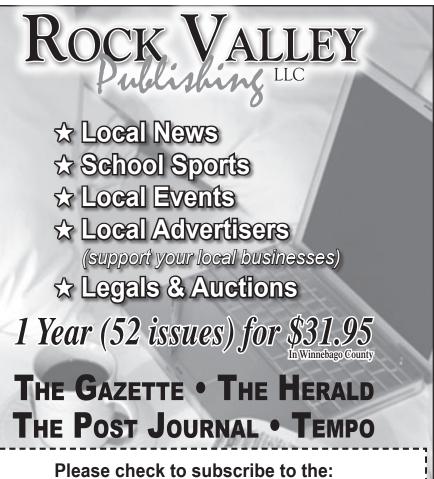
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And no, this phone funeral is not about a cell phone. Instead, it's taking a deep dive into something fewer and fewer people have these days. A landline phone.

Like most people my age, I remember growing up wanting one of those cool, neon, transparent phones. The ones that lit up when they rung. I grew up in the days where phones were creative, decorative pieces of art - not just small, rectangular minicomputers you could stick in your pocket.

While I never got my neon light-up phone (though I did have a Sports Illustrated football phone as a teenager), I got the next best thing in third grade. My mom, working a telemarketing job, won a phone as a prize for meeting some goal or another. If you're looking for a comparison,



think of the fundraising prizes you were always aiming for in high school or with the Girl Scouts.

This phone, well, it was just cool. Instead of the rounded handset, it was square. Smooth and sleek, it even had variable ringers (before the days of cell phone ringtones galore) and -GASP! – it played music, had an alarm clock built in and you could even use music for your alarm.

This magnificent General Electric marvel even had a cool blue light-up screen (instead of the ubiquitous red

display) and these wonder buttons that I'd become far too familiar with as an adult sleep and snooze.

The phone took on a revered status in my childhood. When I could answer the phone, I always wanted to answer on THIS phone. I gazed at the blue display with admiration, wondering when I could have such a thing of my own as an adult. In short, I was more in love with this phone than Ralphie was with his official Red Ryder, carbine action. 200-shot range model air rifle.

If you haven't already guessed, this is run-of-themill AM/FM clock radio with a phone. It's got a few extra design tweaks that were novel for the time but, in general, it really isn't much of a technological marvel these days. But this phone was a part of my life from about age 8 on

forward. These days, the cool blue display has faded. The phone stopped working at least 17 years ago, and really, the only reason it was still plugged in was because it still told time ... sort of.

In the day and age of cell phones serving the purpose of clock, alarm clock, phone and radio, well, it's obsolete. So when my mom got behind the old table it's been on for two-plus decades, she finally unplugged it last week.

The alarm clock and radio don't work anymore, either. The sleek, metallic buttons have been jammed or the wires broken to them for years - and it's no wonder. The device is close to 40 years old.

And yet, looking at it today, before it goes into the garbage, it brings me back to my childhood. It reminds me of all the little technological



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into the trash. But it will be over the decades, and how our remembered, as will so many other parts of my childhood that have come and gone. Jennifer Eisenbart is an

editor and staff writer for Southern Lakes Newspapers.

Weekly connection Ponies, horses and a dear friend

Last summer I bought a miniature horse and a pony for the grandkids to enjoy. I've never owned a horse or pony before, so it's been quite a learning experience. Actually, they really don't take a lot of extra attention.

It's funny though, this winter every time I go out in the morning or evening to do my chores and milk the cows, the pony screams out at me letting me know that he is ready for some hay. He acts like I have forgotten him every morning and night.

He brays very loudly and tosses his head about showing how hungry he is. What is kind of nice about my pony and mini horse is that they are so gentle and ready to halter up at any time. I haven't had much time this winter, and it's been too cold to spend much time out in the pasture riding horses so they just go about their days eating



hay, trotting around the pasture, and drinking from the creek.

Twice I walked out to the creek after a few days of below zero temps to make sure that they had a place to get water. I was sure that the creek was completely frozen over, but both times I found holes in the water where they were drinking. It looks like perhaps they use their warm mouths and breath to keep the hole open for drinking.

When I was a kid, we had a couple ponies. One was named Smoky, and the other was Dusty. My Dad was pretty busy running a 350-acre farm with

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40 cows to milk each morning and night, but I remember him patiently leading us around on the back of those ponies from time to time.

I don't know what happened to those ponies, but I found a picture at my parents the other day of my dad holding me on Smoky's back as he walked alongside. We both had big smiles on our faces.

In other news, I lost a dear friend in January this year. His name was Bob and I loved him dearly. When we started at the church in Browntown back in 2018, he was so excited about what God was going to do in and through my wife and my leadership there. He was constantly encouraging us every time we got together.

In the Bible the Apostle Paul's missionary partner was called the "Son of Encouragement." In fact, that is what his name Barnabas meant.

Bob was a Barnabas. Sadly for us, he fell upon some hard times with his health over the past couple years but it never stopped him from sharing with everyone his love for Jesus.

He was so bold. He expected everyone to be just as outspoken and serious about their faith as he was. He wanted people to know Jesus and not just know about Him. In Matthew 7:21-23 we read; "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did

we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?'23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness."

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The phone had a dirge

played for it that night, and it

was, rather reverently, placed

most of them.

That to me is the scariest of all the verses in the Bible. There's nothing wrong with a little healthy fear now is there. God expects us to live in a relationship with His son so much so that Jesus knows us as His true followers. How does a person do that you ask?

Number one you believe Jesus is the one and only Son of God. They you put your

trust in Him for salvation and the forgiveness of your sin condition then you live in obedience and genuinely try to live a holy life because this is what we are commanded to do.

When we do these things. He knows us and we are His children. As the song goes, we walk with Him, and we talk with Him, and we tell Him we are His own, and how thankful we are for His salvation. This is living in relationship with our Savior and when we do that we have no danger of being told, "depart from me, I never knew you.

Until next week, God bless.

Grief tutorial 2.0 - part 1

About a month after I lost my husband, I put together a tutorial of sorts for what to do (and not to do) when someone you love is grieving. It's been over a year since and then and in that time I've gained myriad knowledge about the grief process. (Yeah me!)

Losing is a part of loving and loving is a part of life so I think this is knowledge we all can use, whether we are helping someone through grief, we are grieving ourselves or both.

This information was too



impossible. Much like other significant roles in life, you can't pretend widowhood away.

The event doesn't have to completely define you, but much like the significant gain knew before grief.

Grief may leave you alone, but alone comes with certain unique possibilities. When you share your world with another person it is wonderful, but it also means sharing your world. Grief leaves you free to not share. This means pursuing you. It is realizing it's okay to have your own bucket list, because the "our" bucket list may not longer exist. Take this for what it is and bucket your way away.

Give yourself grace. You

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much for one column, so I've put together advice for those who are grieving (this column) and those who love someone who is walking the walk (next week's message).

When you are grieving: It's tempting to compare your situation to that of someone else's. Don't.

The death of a child, a spouse, a friend, a sibling, a parent or anyone you love or have loved - they are all devastating. You can't measure or compare devastating. Each experience is unique. Don't equate your grief with someone else's, especially if their loss is newer than yours. Give them the moment.

As much as you want it to end, it never will. I remember on day two vowing I wouldn't be defined by widowhood. I now realize that might be

of a marriage or birth of a child, it will change you and will forever affect you. You simply can't deny it.

After a deep loss, every day starts out hard because it often comes with the realization of the life you are now living; Sometimes the aloneness is nearly too much to bear. But every day is also a new day with opportunities to take a step (even a small step) forward. If you falter and stand still or go backward, give yourself grace. There's always tomorrow.

The people we loved are not gone or lost. They are close, especially if we acknowledge and believe in their closeness. They want us to acknowledge and believe in their closeness. Love never dies; human bodies die, but love remains intact. It continues to grow. It is eternal and more beautiful than I ever

are walking a walk that you never planned nor would have chosen. You were forced to pivot mid-step and keep breathing the whole while - that is nothing short of Olympic. Give yourself a medal for participation; make it a gold one at that.

No one chooses grief, or loss; it descends upon us and claims a permanent spot in our lives. Grief isn't something you get passed or get over. It is something you learn to live with - in tandem. It remains in your life, but whether it rules you or you rule it is in your power.

Claim your power.

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