



The fourth fire over Easter weekend was a structure fire. Courtesy photo

Two barns, two homes burn to total loss

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — Easter weekend is supposed to be joyful as people spend time with their families. However, for a few barn owners, a few homeowners, and firefighters and EMTs in Amboy, Sublette, other agencies in Lee County, Whiteside County, Ogle County, and Bureau County, it wasn't a typical holiday.

"Easter weekend was a busy, busy weekend. At about 5 p.m. Saturday (April 8), we received a call about a barn fire on Rt. 52," said Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant Sr. "The second fire was a structure fire at about midnight, Saturday night and Sunday morning. The next barn fire was at 5 p.m. on Sunday, which was a different location than the first barn fire, but still on Rt. 52. The last structure fire was at 1 a.m. on Monday.

"I have been involved with the Amboy Fire Department for 26 years. I have never seen so many fires in such a short time before," Chief Bryant Sr. said. "We haven't had anything like this. Maybe a few grass or field fires when it's windy, but nothing as far as structural fires. The first question everyone has asked is, 'Is arson was involved?'"

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AMBOY FIRE & EXTRICATION SCHOOL WAS IN SESSION

The Amboy Fire Protection District opened up their fire station, training facilities, the Amboy Junior High School, the Amboy High School and the Amboy Community Center for the annual Amboy Fire & Extrication School on Saturday, April 15. While registration took place at the community building and classes were held in the schools, other firefighters and EMTs were learning hands-on as they were putting out electric car fires, strategically moving through simulated buildings, properly climbing up ladders, and more.

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Education Foundation a pillar of the community

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — Since 1991, the Amboy School District has been fortunate enough to have a group of local businessman and farmers whose only intent and goal has been to provide funding. Spearheaded by Sylvan Leffelman, and Lyle Reuter, they first went canvassing for donations from residents and other businesses trying to get the word out. Mark Becker, a respected constituent of the community and a past school board member for 16 years, first got involved back in the

90s and has helped carry on the philanthropic endeavors as the current President of this organization known as the Amboy Education Foundation.

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The Amboy CUSD 272 School Board held a special ceremony before a track meet on Thursday, April 13 to name the track and field throwing pits, the Gordon Mool Shot Put & Discus Area. Gordon Mool's family, seated left to right, daughter-in-law Deanna Mool, son Bob Mool, and wife Janet Mool, were present for the honor given by, standing left to right, Amboy Athletic Director George Schwamberger, Amboy Superintendent Joshua Nichols, Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart, and school board members Katie Pratt, Elsa Payne, President Nicole Jones, and Rory White.

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Long-time coach has track throwing pits named after him

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — When Gordon Mool passed away on Jan. 17, 2023, the Amboy community mourned his loss.

Especially the Amboy CUSD 272 School Board and the staff at each of the Amboy schools.

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A Look Back At Amboy Area Heroes Who Served During World War II

Editor's note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on veterans who served during World War II. These heroes are part of Amboy's history and it is our honor to publish these articles so you can learn about their service to our country. This article was researched by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey, and written by Dempsey.

TEC4 Walter A. Lengel

On Nov. 30, 1918, 19 days after the guns of the First World War fell silent, Walter Albert Lengel was born in Dixon, Illinois to Albert and Verna Lengel. American soldiers were on their way home amidst a worldwide flu pandemic, women could now



vote, and prohibition was the law of the land. For some, the tragic, industrial scale violence of the Great War offered the possibility that humankind might once and for all abandon war and work out differences peacefully.

Walter's father painted houses for a living, and his mother eventually took a job at the shoe factory in town. In 1936, as the Great Depression took its toll on



ordinary Americans, Walter graduated from Dixon High School while employed at a local bakery. On Oct. 16, 1940 he registered for the military draft as required by America's first-ever peacetime draft. As events unfolded in Europe, it seemed that at least part of humanity had not yet agreed to abandon war. Four months after his draft card was issued, Walter enlisted in the U.S. Army in Chicago, eventually assigned to the 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division.

On May 11, 1943, the 7th

Infantry Division made an amphibious landing on Attu, the western-most island in the Aleutian chain of islands that stretch from Alaska to the far reaches of the Bering Sea. If the allies were to fight a successful campaign in the Pacific, it was essential to eliminate the Japanese base there to stem the flow of enemy supplies into other parts of the region. Over the next nineteen days, American soldiers would fight against fierce enemy resistance in some of the harshest cold weather conditions of the

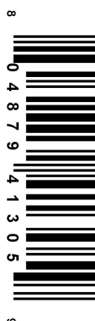
war. Thermometers on Attu seldom reached 40 degrees with sub-freezing temperatures common at night. When GIs came ashore, they were equipped with the same uniforms and boots they wore when training in the California desert, resulting in frequent cases of frozen foot and frost-bite. Though repulsed by doing so, may GIs were forced to strip boots, jackets, and other cold weather gear from dead soldiers in hopes of surviving.

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LOCAL NEWS

Leffelman stepping down as Sublette Village Clerk

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
SUBLETTE – Right before Sublette Village Board President John Stenzel asked for a motion to adjourn the Monday, April 12 meeting, he said, “This is a sad day.” He looked to the person

on his left for a few seconds and while he looked at Katie Leffelman, Stenzel said, “Katie will be stepping down on May 31.”

Leffelman was voted in as the Sublette Village Clerk in 2021 and is halfway through her four-year term.

“It was too late to be on

the ballot for Election Day, so someone will be appointed,” Stenzel said. “If no one comes forward, I may have to have MacKenzie Belan step in again. She filled in as the village clerk in 2020. She became a board member when Katie became the village clerk.

“Katie’s around during the day since she works at the bank, which is a big asset. She picked up the position fairly well.”

Other meeting agendas and discussions:

NuMark Credit Union’s purchase of Pioneer State Bank is official.

The lone bank in Sublette has a new owner.

Effective March 31, NuMark Credit Union purchased Pioneer Bank to become Sublette’s financial institution.

Village Message Board
Although the Sublette Board members seem to be leaning toward keeping the village message board at its current location, a motion didn’t begin to start the process.

The board is currently on the property of Leffelman Automotive and is visible on IL Route 52. According to board members, new owner Scott Leffelman said the board is fine in its current location.

However, the village will either have to secure its own electricity for the board or pay Leffelman’s for the electricity.

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The Village Message Board has been a hot topic at Sublette Village Board meetings as of late. The discussions have been about whether to relocate the board or keep it where it is, which is on the property of Leffelman Automotive.

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Draw Down

May 6 is the Drive-Thru Dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. and the live drawing at 7 p.m. on Facebook. Our online Auction will be on Air Auctioneer again starting noon on Thursday, April 27 through Thursday, May 4 ending at 8 p.m. Cost is \$50 per ticket. If you would like to donate a basket or a gift certificate, please contact us at 815-857-4800, email teenturf@yahoo.com, or message us through Facebook. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please see Eileen Piper, Pam Thomas, or any of our board members-Barb Harrison, Mark Grossman, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, Trese McNinch, and Kimberly Watley.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community:

Pete and Jackie Ayling for the candy; Kathy Kessel and Pete Rood for the Meat Thrivent Project; Alice and Leroy Dukes for the monetary donation; Kathleen Donahue for the candy; Michele Cheshire Family for the tic tac toe boards in memory of her parents Fran and Bern Kessel; Jim Travi for bringing candy and food from The Amboy Lions Club; Amorette Greon for the beautiful bingo prizes and Diamond Merboth for bringing them; Lee County Master Gardeners for the food; Colleen and Glen Robison; Katie Dickinson for the cookies; Mark and Veronica Grossman for the various items; and Sandy Schamberger for the oranges.

Needs

Granola Bars

Final Note

Precious Lord, bless those around us and bless the beauty on our earth that this springtime season has brought our way. We ask that You continue to keep the weather steady, keep the trees growing strong, and bless all the lovely gardens so that Your fruits of the field may ripen, to nourish our bodies. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

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"These are just four terrible, individual, separate, non-related incidents."

The four fires happened in a 34-hour period April 8-10. All four buildings were ruled a total loss.

According to Bryant Sr., currently, the reported cause of the two barns is open burning. The two houses are under investigation by the Illinois State Marshalls Office.

The first house fire started in the basement and had already ate away at the floor of the first story when departments arrived. The second house was engulfed on arrival.

Both the Amboy and Sublette Fire Departments had letters of thank you to the other units involved in putting out the fires.

"There was a lot going on. It was hard on equipment and hard on people. It was a holiday weekend on top of it. We all pulled together," Bryant Sr. said. "Hopefully moving forward, all the involved units can work and train together like we have been. It's important for the units in the area to have good relationships. With it being Easter weekend, some agencies weren't readily available, so we had agencies from a little further

AMBOY- The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 20, at Amboy Junior High School.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Tales for Tots program on April 22, from 10-11 a.m.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Junior Craft Club on April 24, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, April 24. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

LEE COUNTY- Seasons come and go, but home gardening never stops. Pick up the knowledge you need to maintain a safe and healthy home landscape, create friendly spaces for indoor plants, and support a resilient environment by joining Illinois Extension Four Seasons Gardening's horticulture experts. Sessions are free to attend, and registration is required at go.illinois.edu/FourSeasons. Native Plants:

Sequence of Blooms will be offered at 1:30 p.m., online on April 25.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold for adults its Diamond Painting Club program on Monday May 1, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Mommy and Me program on Tuesday, May 2, from 10-10:45 a.m.

AMBOY- The next Amboy Civic Organization's monthly meeting will be at 4 p.m., on May 2, at Maria's Pizza and Family Restaurant.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Lego Club from 10-11 a.m., on Saturday, May 6.

POLO- Tri County Gun Club of Polo will be having an open house May 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This event is open to the public at no charge. All ranges will be open with a range officer or instructor in charge. You will be able to try 10 different shooting sports. A NRA Women On Target class, offered by Tri-County Woman of Caliber, will have

20 seats available each day. Tri County Gun Club is located between Polo and Milledgeville on South Brookville Rd., just north of Hazelhurst. More information is available online at www.tcgc.net.

FRANKLIN GROVE- Bluebell Photography Workshop with Photography by Marge Dixon will be offered at the Franklin Creek Conservation Grist Mill, at 893 Twist Road, Franklin Grove, from

9 a.m. until early afternoon, on May 6. Cost is \$25 which includes a sack lunch (guaranteed if registered before May 3). Limited number of participants. Fee due at time of registration. Payments can be made by sending check and filled out form to the above address or online payment at <https://donorbox.org/events/434477>. Call Heather at 815-456-2718 or Marge at 815-440-4035 for questions or more information.

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On the early morning of May 29, Japanese troops moved quietly through dense fog as American soldiers from the 32nd Regiment marched on orders to a field kitchen where they would receive the first warm meal since landing on Attu. This allowed enemy troops to get through American lines unnoticed and attack the American artillery battery atop Engineer Hill. There they were confronted by a hastily assembled line of engineers, cooks, and anyone else capable of firing a rifle, including Brigadier General Arnold, Commander of the 7th

Division who had set up his command post at the top of the hill.

After intense fighting, the Battle of Engineer Hill was over that same day, and the enemy attack was repelled. U.S. casualties were 579 killed, including Cpl. Walter A. Lengel, with 1,200 wounded. All but 28 of the 2,400 man Japanese garrison were killed or committed suicide. After Attu was taken, and it was apparent the Japanese would not return, the Americans and Canadians abandoned the island, confident the threat to the North American mainland

was removed.

On Oct. 14, 1948, Cpl. Walter A. Lengel was finally laid to rest with military honors at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. With heroic valor he gave his life at age 24. His memory lives forever.

Citations:
Purple Heart
World War II Victory Medal
American Campaign Medal
Army Presidential Unit Citation
Army Good Conduct Medal

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"Our elementary school Principal Joyce Schamberger puts together a wonderful menu of appetizers," said Becker. "My brother cooks up brisket, and ham. No one goes away hungry and it's all for a good cause."

District Superintendent Joshua Nichols also lent a helping hand.

"I got to walk around and serve hors d'oeuvres and greet everyone," he shared. "The foundation does a fantastic job and we are grateful for all of their assistance over the years."

Additional fundraisers

include the Lyle Reuter Open Golf Outing, the first one put on by the organization and still going strong today, and will be held on Aug. 4. During Depot Days on Aug. 26, there is the "Sylvan Shuffle" 5k run/walk, named in honor of Leffelman.

The foundation bestowed grants this year of \$6,000 to each school, a lot of the money directed toward (Stem) science, technology, engineering, and math, along with a \$100 stipend to each teacher for classroom materials. Weekly reader books are also provided to the libraries

and Becker was proud to share another valuable gift.

"We adopted the 1 on 1 initiative where we have provided Chrome books for every student which is so valuable in today's technology world," Becker said.

Four different groups have given large donations, including William and Betty Kidd and Sylvan and Virginia Leffelman, allowing the foundation to reach even further by providing \$60,000 worth of scholarships for graduating seniors.

"This is such a huge gift for these students who will

be moving on," explained Becker. "We feel good about giving their college education a jumpstart."

In case you were wondering, the foundation doesn't have an office or storefront. Everyone is a volunteer, and the monthly meetings are held at the Dinges Fire Company.

"We welcome all residents to get involved and help out in many ways," said Becker. "We feel good knowing that the district realizes that they have a core group of 'cheerleaders' looking out for the well being of the children of our community."

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The memories of Mool and what he meant to athletics led the board to naming the track and field throwing area, the Gordon Mool Shot Put & Discus Area, on Thursday, April 13 during a presentation before a track meet.

"It's very kind for people to think of us at this time. We appreciate the thought. It's a real honor because dad cared about Amboy, the high school, and its athletics," said Mool's oldest son, Bob Mool who lives in Boone, N.C. with his wife Deanna. "People will say that he devoted his life to the track program. It's because he liked the kids and the people. It's very nice for people to remember him."

"People are very kind to suggest naming the discus and shotput areas after him. We appreciate it because the school board doesn't have to do anything like this. For them to do this is very thoughtful and kind."

Gordon Mool, born Jan.

16, 1940, began teaching and coaching in Amboy in 1966.

He taught driver's education, coached wrestling, football, and track and field, was Amboy's athletic trainer, and was a volunteer firefighter through the years.

In the naming dedication ceremony, stories and memories of Gordon Mool were told by Amboy Athletic Director George Schwamberger, former track coach Dale Eller and his wife Tina Eller, current Amboy track coach Jeramey Wittenauer, Bob Mool, Gordon's wife Janet Mool, and Amboy Superintendent Joshua Nichols.

Each story highlighted Gordon's dedication to the student-athletes and his ability to always be there for anyone during his 54 years at AHS, as he left with everyone else in 2020 because of COVID-19 and didn't return.

"Dad cared a lot about the program, but also about all of the students and the athletes



Gordon Mool was honored for his 54 years of teaching and coaching at Amboy High School on Thursday, April 13 when the Amboy CUSD 272 School Board unveiled the Gordon Mool Shot Put & Discus Area. Mool's family, seated left to right, daughter-in-law Deanna Mool, son Bob Mool, and wife Janet Mool, were joined by Amboy track coach Jeramey Wittenauer (standing, far left) and the Amboy boys and girls track and field teams.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

he worked with," said Bob Mool, who graduated from AHS in 1983. "The coaches and everyone involved were really important to him. He cared about things and made sure he was involved."

Gordon's youngest son, David Mool, and his wife Karen Mool were not able to make the trip from Sumner, Wash., for the ceremony.

But a day hasn't gone by where he doesn't remember

his father's words of advice or his way of teaching.

"He coached me in baseball, wrestling, and in-directly, track and field," said David Mool, who graduated from AHS in 1986. "He always made me be the first to help him teach others. Do you know how people say, 'I'll never ask you to do anything that I won't do myself?' For the other athletes, it was more like, 'I'll never ask you to do anything that my son doesn't do first.'"

"I've taken that mentality and other things from him and use them with my sons when I'm coaching them baseball

and lacrosse."

While coaching, teaching, and making an impact for five decades, Gordon Mool left an unknown number of stories and memories for athletes, students, teachers, administrators, board of directors, fire chiefs, firefighters, EMTs, friends, and family.

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On the mat.

In a meeting.

On the back of a fire truck.

At the throwing pit.

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"I am just flabbergasted by them honoring my father like this. I'm so proud that

they recognize him and what he's done," David Mool said. "As a student and his son, I always knew he was special, but I didn't fully realize how special and what he meant to so many people."

"He just had a perfect balance of being stern but being a caring and loving friend at the same time. People tell me stories all the time about my dad where there was a line with him, and you always knew where it was. You didn't cross it. As long as you stayed on the right side of the line, he was your best friend."

"My dad was always there for me. When my mother's father died (Clifford Kime), my father was just really there for me. It will be something I'll always remember. He always had my back."

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By :
Tatjana Kazan

A HERO FOR OUR TIMES

Hollow Beasts” (2023) by Alisa Lynn Valdes is a terrific thriller about heroes and exceptionally depraved villains. The heroes are Jodi Luna, the new game warden of Rio Truchas County in northern New Mexico, and her teenage daughter Mila. The villains are a white supremacist group called the Zebulon Boys, who, under the banner of ridding the country of Mexicans, relish hunting down and dismembering teenage girls. Jodi’s husband has recently died in a rock climbing accident, and so she “left her seemingly totally unrelated life as a celebrated poet and academic in Boston to move back to this vast but sparsely populated county she’d sworn at eighteen she never wanted to see again.” The Fish and Wildlife office in “Gato Montes was a flat, beige one-story cinder block box set down on a bed of puckered asphalt and weeds.” There is not very much more to the town. Jodi’s Uncle Atencio, the game warden long past his retirement, has mentored her through her field training, and we meet them on her first day on the job.

Game wardens have one of the most dangerous jobs in law enforcement because they work alone in a remote wilderness, dependent on not always reliable satellite phones. Armed poachers whose credo is “no witness, no crime” are the greatest danger. Jodi and Atencio confront a poacher on an old logging road and confiscate the rotting head of a trophy buck from the bed of his rusted white pickup. The poacher, who is in General Zeb’s army, is amused by Jodi’s outrage and she goes out of her way to humiliate him. It is the prelude to the violent battle she will have to wage against the white supremacists.

At General Zeb’s hide-out in the forest, two kidnapped girls are desperate to survive in an 18-foot hole. General Zeb is a vainglorious peacock who preens and struts in front of his pathetic new recruits, who arrived with a fragile pregnant young Mexican woman in tow. General Zeb is tickled by this twofor. “We have chosen Rio Truchas County, New Mexico,” he tells them, “because there are more Mexicans per capita here than anywhere else in the nation. This is where we will start the war, and we will do so on July third, as Operation New Gettysburg.” The night before they hunted the third captive, nearly broken by her ordeal in the hole. They dismembered her and left a hand as a calling card for the game warden.

As with most good thriller, a description of the novel hardly ever does justice to the writer’s descriptive mastery or the skill with which she builds suspense. In an interview, Alisa Lynn Valdes summed up her intention: “Jodi Luna is the hero we need right now.”

Showers & Flowers fundraiser May 13

OREGON — Serenity Hospice and Home will host our “Showers & Flowers” Garden Luncheon Fundraiser on Saturday, May 13 at the Stronghold Brubaker Center located at 1922 North Illinois Route 2 in Oregon. Doors open at 11 a.m.

This fun event will feature a silent and live auction. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$350 for a table of eight. Appetizers, lunch and dessert will be provided and there will be a cash bar.

All proceeds go towards the mission of providing the highest-quality care to our terminally-ill patients and their families.

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://cbo.io/gardenluncheon2023/tix> or by calling Serenity at 815-732-2499.

Grief Group to begin May 3

OREGON — Serenity Hospice and Home will facilitate a free, six-week Grief Support Group that is open to the public. Based on the book “Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart” by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, this group is designed to help individuals along their grief journeys by connecting them with a supportive community and providing helpful resources.

The group will be facilitated at Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 S. Illinois Route 2, Oregon and will be held weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-3 p.m. May 3 to June 7. Individuals who would like to attend should register by calling Cathy Warren or Denise Watts of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499.

THE PASTOR’S PEN

LET’S REMEMBER THE JOY WE EXPERIENCE ON EASTER SUNDAY

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

He is Risen...” “He is risen, indeed.” This is the greeting and response I have been told that the followers of Jesus greeted each other with after His resurrection. In fact, many Christians in churches still greet each other in this same manner on Easter Sunday, including ours. The interesting thing is that at first the disciples did not even believe Jesus rose from the dead, even though on numerous occasions Jesus had told them that He would. When angels announced this history changing message to the women at the tomb, they had instructed the women to repeat this good news to the disciples. Which they did. The disciples still did not believe it... until they actually saw the resurrected Christ with their own eyes. They saw Him, talked with Him, touched Him, and even ate with Him on various occasions for 40 days until His ascension. Not only did those closest followers of Jesus see Him... but many others saw Him as well. The Apostle Paul said that “...He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once.” 1 Corinthians 15:6. Can you imagine being included in this group. What an incredible experience.

So even though the disciples were corrected by Jesus for their unbelief, it was still always His intention to show Himself to them. In this way His church would be founded upon actual historical events which took place. All of which Jesus said would happen... and did, exactly the way He said they would! And we believe today for the same reason. Not because we had to actually see Jesus to believe it, for as Jesus told Thomas... “blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed.” John 20:29.

Someday every Christian will stand in His presence... and what an unspeakably awesome experience that will be. But until then, let’s remember that the joy we experience on Easter Sunday is a joy that is meant to be experienced every day for the rest of our lives. It is a joyful truth which transcends time. The fact that He lives... and He lives for evermore.

Easter may be over on the calendar, but don’t let it be over in your hearts. May we daily, remember and celebrate, our Risen Lord.

Praise the Lord. He is Risen. ‘Til next time.
God Bless, Pastor John.

Educational Briefs

WU Spring 2023 College, Departmental, Honors Scholars

MACOMB/MOLINE— Six students, who will complete their degree requirements in Spring 2023, have received the highest recognition from their colleges for their overall academic excellence by being named a College Scholar.

Faculty in each of the University’s four academic colleges; University Libraries and the Centennial Honors College select a graduating senior as the college’s outstanding student. Students graduating as College Scholars have satisfied the criteria of excellence established by their individual academic college’s faculty members. A Departmental Scholar is an outstanding degree candidate in an academic major as determined by the faculty in the major department. An Honors Scholar is a student in the Centennial Honors College who has completed a set of honors requirements and has achieved a grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Approximately 10 percent of graduating seniors achieve academic distinction, which is designated as Summa Cum Laude, highest academic distinction, with a minimum grade point average of 3.90; Magna Cum Laude, high academic distinction, with a GPA of 3.75-3.89; and Cum Laude, academic distinction, with a GPA between 3.60-3.74.

Local students earning honors include:

La Moille

Madeline Hewitt, Elementary Education, will graduate with academic distinction, cum laude.

Amboy

Noelle Jones, Human Resource Management, Centennial Honors College Scholar.

Dixon

Megan Podkulski, Psychology, will graduate with academic distinction, cum laude.

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Thursday – A). Lemon pepper chicken, wild rice, broccoli, wgr dinner roll, applesauce B). Ham/vegetable
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CLIPPER KIDDIE 2

This Week’s Student of the Week is:
Ireland Morrissey

Student’s Favorites:
Favorite Color – Pink and Purple
Favorite Animal – Unicorn
Favorite Food – Sushi
Favorite Book – “How to Catch a Unicorn”
Favorite Game – Hungry, Hungry Hippos
Favorite Song – Jojo Siwa - Boomerang

CLIPPER KIDDIE 2

This Week’s Student of the Week is:
Hayden Kessel

Student’s Favorites:
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Opinion

The secret to marriage - love, forgive and never give up

A stream of more than 30 cars and trucks roared down the dirt road, honking their horns and then stopping at our farmhouse just south of Galesburg.

Don Swedlund, the dairy farmer down the road, got out and hollered, "We're having a shivaree!"

For the uninitiated, a shivaree is a rural matrimonial custom where the newlyweds are serenaded on their wedding night. Sometimes the bride or groom is kidnapped and hazed.

In my parent's case, it was just the name neighbors chose to call a surprise anniversary party. I remember thinking that warm summer night in 1974, Twenty years is an awfully long time—more than twice as long as I had been alive.

Next week, my wife, Joan, and I will have reached that milestone that my childhood neighbors believed warranted an impromptu celebration. Yes, we will hit the platinum mark, two decades.

I met Joan on a blind date in 2001. The twin towers had tumbled a couple months earlier, our mothers were battling cancer and I had pretty much altogether soured on dating. It hardly seemed an auspicious time to begin a romance, but five weeks later we were engaged to be married.

Since I was 38 and entering the world of matrimony a bit later than most, well-meaning friends felt the need to offer advice.

"When she does something that annoys you, don't hold anything back and let her know just what you are thinking," advised a twice-divorced college buddy.

On the other hand, a fellow statehouse reporter told me, "The secret to a long marriage is inertia." I remember giving him a blank look in the Senate press box and thinking, "So, your marriage has lasted because it wasn't worth the effort to get a divorce?"

Guest Column
By Scott Reeder



He and his wife have since split. Even the governor at the time, George Ryan, felt the need to provide some marital wisdom before we began an interview, he said, "The secret is picking the right gal."

Ryan was on to something. His wife Lura Lynn stuck with him for 55 years. Even when George was in prison, she visited him regularly and worked to see that he was released. She died of cancer the day after their wedding anniversary. Her husband remained incarcerated but anyone who knew them will tell you they were very much in love.

And there is the rub, when you fall in love the world is all puppy dogs, jelly beans and unicorns. But marriage is a lot more than that.

While most of the advice I received was unsolicited, I do remember asking a veteran wedding photographer if he had a good idea at the wedding which couples' marriages would last.

He laughed and said, "Nobody gets sprinkled with fairy dust. You never know. All that I can say is that it's never a good sign if the groom has been sleeping with one of the bridesmaids."

When State Sen. Denny Jacobs heard about our impending nuptials, he walked up to the press box and said, "What do reckon marriage will be like, Scott?"

I replied, "A lot of fun." His response: "Marriage isn't about fun." As he said "fun," he repeatedly thrust his pelvis and gyrated his hips pantomiming a couple in sexual congress.

His act may have drawn the attention of his senatorial colleagues—including a future president of the United States. I could hear them wondering, "What on earth is Denny talking to that reporter about?"

After he finished his performance, he leaned forward

and almost snarled, "Marriage is not about fun, it's about commitment."

The senator from East Moline must have known something; he and his wife, Mary Ellen, have been married 68 years. I do suspect there has been some fun there over the years—along with the commitment.

Spouses don't come with instructions and I'll admit that even after 20 years, I'm at times bewildered as to how to respond to some situations. More than a few times I've exclaimed, "Honey, I can't read your mind."

But I do know this: She is the love of my life and puts up with me despite my many shortcomings.

She completes me.

Right before we wed, one relative opined: "Marriage is something you should go into with your eyes wide open and through with them half shut."

When I ran this adage by my father, who ultimately was married to my mother for 58 years, he would just smile.

His folks were married 74 years, and my mother's parents' marriage lasted until the eve of their 50th anniversary, when a bad heart felled my grandfather.

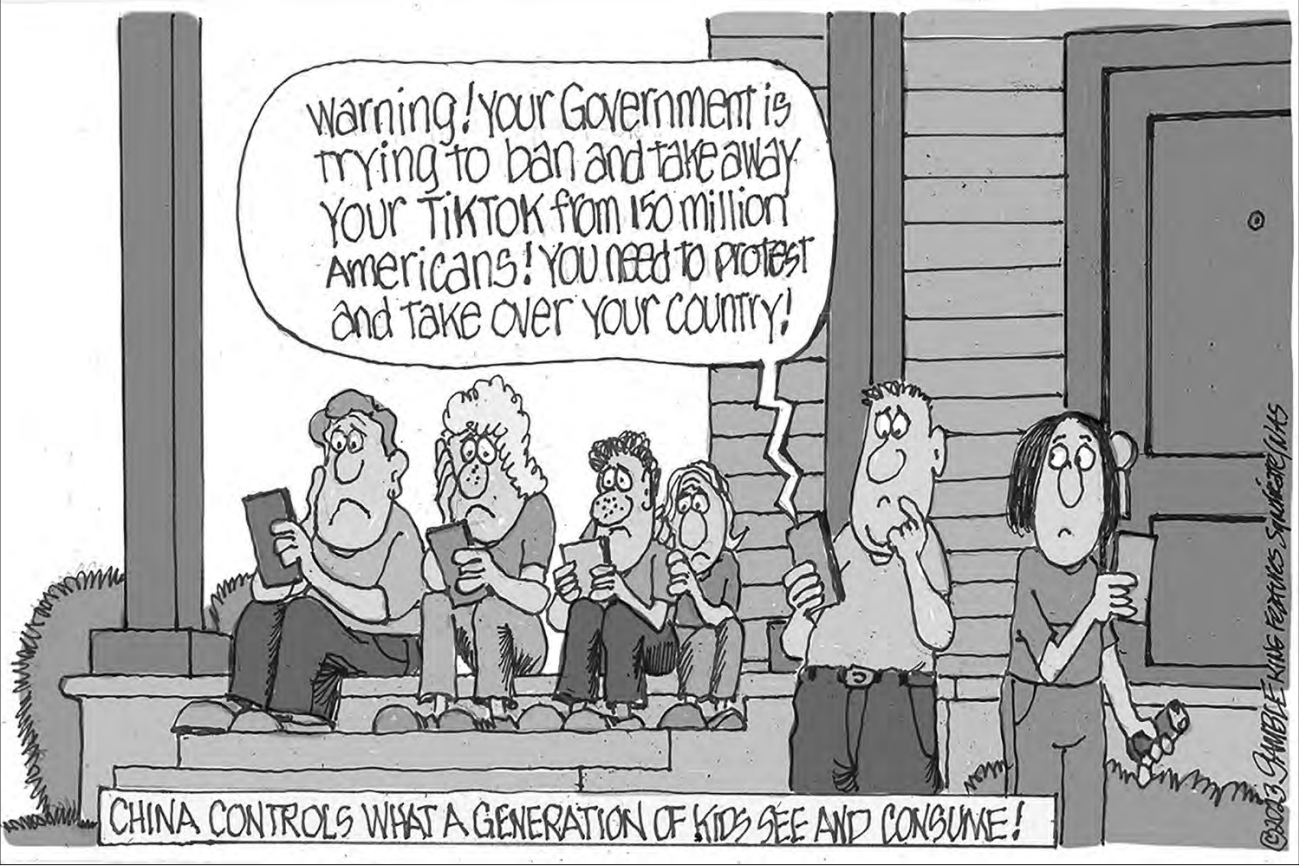
They set good examples.

I only hope my wife, Joan, and I can provide an even better example for our three daughters.

If they ever ask the secret to a happy marriage I'll say this: love, forgive and never give up.

Happy anniversary, Dear.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for the Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago April 20, 1923

The Illinois Central railroad has increased the pay of its mechanics, helpers and apprentices 2 cents per hour. The increase will affect about 7,000 employees.

Cox & Sons' new hospital for old shoes, located under the First National Bank, is turning out a lot of fine repair work. They have one of the best equipped shops in Northern Illinois and Amboy is fortunate to have such a fine shop.

75 Years Ago April 15, 1948

Howard Leffelman of Maytown has purchased the Elliott Meat Market in Amboy. Mr. Leffelman also owns a meat market in Mendota. The Amboy Market will be operated by W.J. Fenton, assisted

by Mr. Leffelman's son, Gerald. Rev. Raymond Ross will be ordained May 31 in St. Louis Cathedral and will sing his first Solemn High Mass in St. Patrick's Church in Amboy.

The Ayres Davies Circus will perform at St. Anne's School grounds.

50 Years Ago April 19, 1973

Ken McCracken was elected Amboy's mayor defeating Ted Etheridge and Norb Brachle.

State Senator David Shapiro (R-Amboy) was elected chairman of the Public Employees Pension Commission.

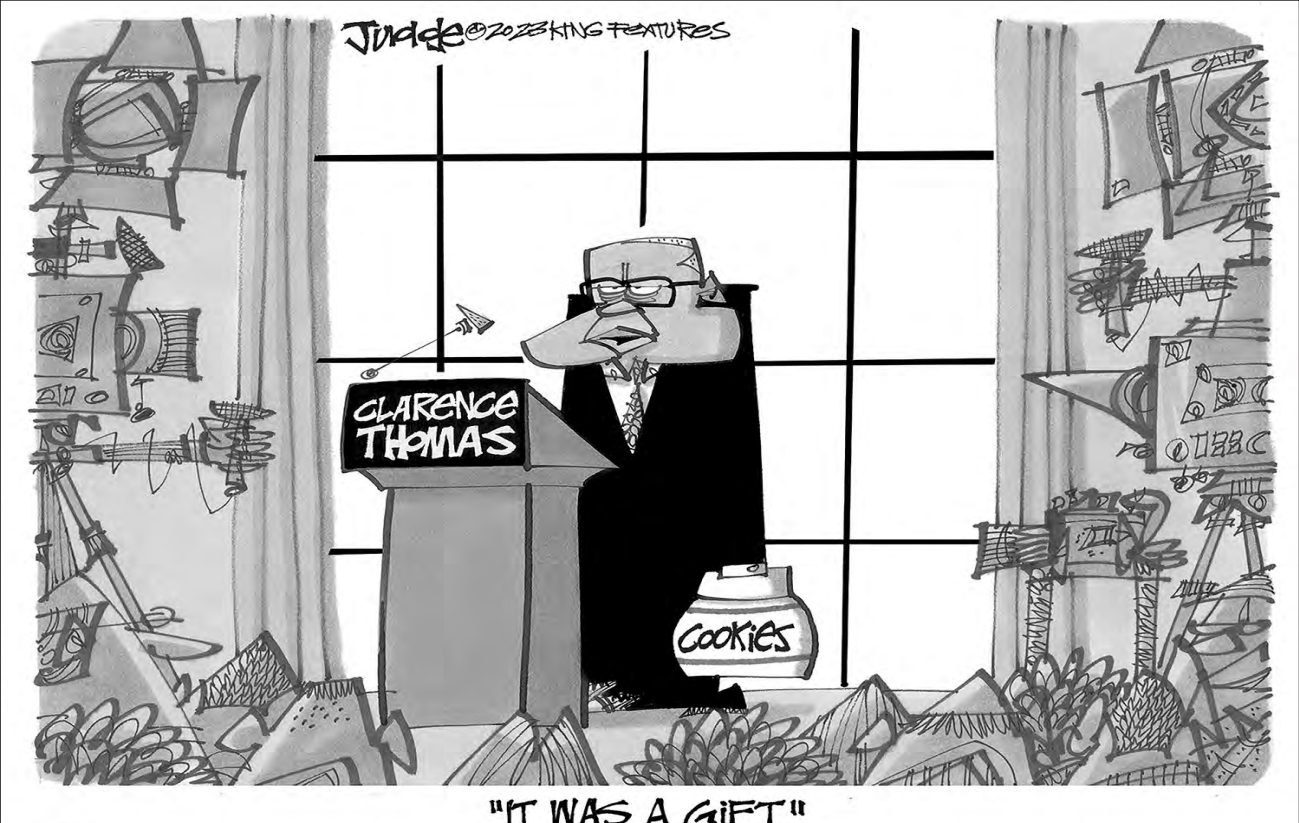
25 Years Ago April 16, 1998

With a 5-0 vote, the Amboy School Board approved the purchase of one

modular classroom at Tuesday night's meeting. The classroom will be placed at the Junior High School. Board members Scott Harrison and Dan Stephenitch were absent.

An appreciation Open House is being planned for Dr. Wayne Spenader on Sunday, April 19 at the Ellice Dinges Memorial Center in Sublette. All former patients and friends are invited to stop in to wish Dr. Spenader well on his retirement. Dr. Spenader began his practice in Sublette in 1953 and has maintained offices in Sublette since that time. He has also had offices in Mendota and Amboy.

The Amboy FFA Chapter recently announced the four recipients of the 1997-98 Star Greenhand Award. This award is based on leadership, scholarship, and participation. Receiving this award are Cari Oester, Aaron Krager, Colleen Dickinson, and Amanda Streit.



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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Blanton became the first freshman wrestler state qualifier for Amboy

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — Some news items are worth more than a photo and a cutline.

Even if the story publishes a few months after an event took place.

When Landon Blanton qualified for the IHSA State Tournament, which took place Feb. 16-17 at University of Illinois' State Farm Center, he became the first Amboy High School freshman to qualify for the biggest tournament of the year.

"I was just glad to be wrestling in the state tournament," Blanton said. "After state, it took a while for it to sink in that I wrestled in the tournament."

Blanton began wrestling when he was in the sixth grade for a wrestling club in Dixon.

At first, he didn't know if he was going to like wrestling.

He quickly found out he not only liked it, but he enjoyed the compliments and routinely having his hand raised.

"My parents (Lisa Trader and Steve Blanton) and my first coach in Dixon, Evan Thorpe, thought wrestling would be good for me," Blanton said. "I decided to give it a shot and I turned out to be pretty good, I guess."

"I keep wrestling because I like winning. I am competitive in everything I do. I used to play football and baseball, but now I'm just focusing on wrestling. Wrestling is a team sport, but when you're on the mat, it's just you. That's how I like it, more of an individual sport. 'I'm also better at wres-

ting than I am at football or baseball."

Blanton finished his first AHS wrestling campaign with a 43-11 record. His fantastic start gives him a possibility of reaching the Clippers' all-time win tally by the time he finished high school, which is in the 120s.

The last year a Clipper qualified for state was Avery Shaw in 2018.

Although Blanton finished 12 out of 16 at the state tournament, replacing Dallas Appleman as the last Amboy state medalist (2016) is on his goal list.

"There were some nerves during the big matches. I try to get rid of the nerves before the match," Blanton said. "I don't pay attention to anyone in the crowd because the crowd gets me nervous. I shut it all out."

"I'll keep getting better." Amboy coach Brent Montavon was in Blanton's ear during the season and the postseason giving him pointers.

Once the freshman qualified for state, the coach's motivation tactics changed.

"It's pretty intimidating walking through the tunnel and seeing the six mats laid out," Montavon said. "During his first match, his eyes were big, and he was all nerves. I told him to, 'Soak it up. Live it up.' He made it to state and that's what he needed to do; enjoy the ride."

"At state, everyone is a good wrestler. It's the top 16 guys in your weight class in the entire state. There are no bums. Everyone is a state qualifier, and everyone is a good wrestler. I told him, 'Everyone here is good, just wrestle. Have fun.' That's all



you can do."

Montavon is excited about Blanton leading the way for the Clippers.

Blanton will be wrestling year-round as he is part of Albers wrestling in Freeport. Lucas McKendry and Josh McKendry, who will be a senior and a junior next school

year, along with incoming freshmen Evan Flanagan and Jose Lopez, are wrestling year-round as well at Nate Martinez's Nate's Wrestling Organization in Sheridan.

The Clippers' coach sees a team with reoccurring state qualifiers in the future.

But right now, the Clip-

pers are celebrating the now.

"Landon's season was amazing. You can't get any better than that, especially for a coach. Landon comes to practice every day and wrestles his butt off. He's always there," Montavon said. "It transfers over to the meets and the tournaments."

Amboy freshman Landon Blanton (left) and Clipper wrestling coach Brent Montavon have had time to think about Blanton's first high school wrestling season. After becoming the first Clipper freshman to qualify for the IHSA Wrestling State Tournament, a 43-11 season, and setting standards for the program, Blanton, Montavon and AHS are anxious for the next opportunity to roll out the wrestling mats.

Brandon LaChance/
Amboy News

That's how wrestling is. If you're lackadaisical in practice, that's how you're matches are going to be in meets.

"I'm proud of him. For a freshman to do what he did, it was phenomenal. It was a great year."

SUBLETTE continued from page A2

The village message board will also need a permit application sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation with a legal description for the sign.

Village Trustee Scott Hanson brought up a strip of non-working lights on the south front of the board. After some research, Hanson said it would be approximately \$2,000 to fix the LED lights.

Child Abuse Awareness Month

In villages, towns, and cities through America, the month of April is also the Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Dixon's Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center reached out to Stenzel and asked if it would be possible for Sublette to pass a resolution to make the Child Abuse Awareness Month official in Sublette.

After stating there were 3.9 million child abuse calls across America in 2021, Stenzel proclaimed the resolution.

Motion for more bids

There has been one bid received by the Sublette Board for a contractor on the N. Reeve, Virginia, and Richmond Project, which includes locating potholes, verifying storm

tiles, water mains and water services.

Sublette Village Trustee Bob Bulfer began a motion to waive the bidding process. Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myers seconded, but the motion did not pass.

Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel motioned for more bids to take place and it was approved after Stenzel had to break a tie vote.

IDOT permit proposal approved for IL Route 52 tile repair

After debate of which plan to proceed with, the board approved Bulfer's motion to hire Willette & Hoffman and begin the paperwork to acquire an IDOT permit for tile repair on the west side of IL Route 52, north of E. First St.

The repair will replace clogged tiles that will not allow a camera through to view the rest of the section of tile.

There is a bigger, more expensive plan to investigate for recommendations if the IL Route 52 section needs to be fully repaired or not.

The idea is to complete the first step to see what will need to be done next.

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
MAY TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2023
TOWNSHIP - REVENUE SUMMARY:
CD Renewal - \$99.51;
Election Set Up - \$35.00; Interest - \$127.04; Dividends - \$417.00; Replacement tax - \$2,001.44; Property tax - \$59,324.06;
TOTAL REVENUES: \$62,004.05
TOWNSHIP - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
TOIRMA - \$2,915.00; Treasury Department \$5,335.44; All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$2,982.87
TOTAL VENDORS: \$11,233.31
TOWNSHIP - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Range under \$21,000.00: Lisa Bickett, Laura Morgan, Jason Leffelman, Jim McLaughlin, Marty Montavon, Brian Russell, Jason Streit
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$32,202.36
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - REVENUE SUMMARY:
Interest - \$68.95
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
None
ROAD DISTRICT - REVENUE SUMMARY:
Big Sky Win-\$1,174,472.00; Interest-\$478.93; Replacement tax - \$5,309.73; Property Tax-\$113,827.16; Dividends-\$489.00; Culvert installation-\$20.00
TOTAL REVENUES: \$1,294,596.82
ROAD DISTRICT - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Woody's True Value - \$4,612.91; TOIRMA-\$3,422.00; Northern Partners-\$6,291.97; Timber Industries - \$9,200.00; Renner Quarries - \$7,652.17
Quality Spot Repair-\$5,187.50; Prairie State Tractor - \$4,600.00; Lee County Highway Department - \$5,331.96; Blunier Builders-\$48,810.00; Raynor Door- \$20,292.00; All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$16,526.28
TOTAL VENDORS: \$128,514.79
ROAD DISTRICT - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Sam Russell - \$2,248.70 ; Jason Bickett - \$584.11
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$2,832.81
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION BEGINNING BALANCE
Town Fund \$116,575.47
General Assistance \$37,623.03
Road & Bridge \$541,857.19
REVENUES
Town Fund \$62,004.05
General Assistance \$68.95
Road & Bridge \$1,294,596.82
EXPENDITURES
Town Fund \$43,435.67
General Assistance \$0.00
Road & Bridge \$131,347.60
ENDING BALANCE
Town Fund \$135,143.85
General Assistance \$37,691.98
Road & Bridge \$1,705,106.41
Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of April, 2023
Laura L Morgan, Supervisor
No. 0404
(April 19, 2023)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AMBOY TOWNSHIP FOR THE 2023 - 2024 FISCAL YEAR. MEETINGS HELD AT THE AMBOY TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 106 SOUTH PROSPECT, AMBOY, IL 61310
May 10, 2023
June 14, 2023
July 12, 2023
August 9, 2023
September 13, 2023
October 11, 2023
November 8, 2023
December 13, 2023
January 10, 2024
February 14, 2024
March 13, 2024
March 27, 2024 (Continued Meeting; End of Fiscal Year)
April 9, 2024 (Annual Town Meeting followed by regular monthly meeting)
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7:00 p.m. UNLESS CHANGED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD. ALL CHANGES WILL BE PUBLISHED.
Respectfully Submitted,
Amy R. Scudder
No. 0405
(April 19, 2023)

NOTICE
THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF AMBOY/LEE CENTER MULTI-TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES SET BY THE BOARD FOR THE 2023 - 2024 FISCAL YEAR.
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June 21, 2023
7:00 p.m.
September 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.
December 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.
March 20, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Amy R. Scudder
No. 0406
(April 19, 2023)

NOTICE
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8:00pm
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by Dave T. Phipps



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Clue: N equals S

IPJF MW OWT LJBB NWGUSWMO
IPW NFWZN TNRVK JV RBBVUNN-
FXUJFRVK NTSNFJVLU?
J GUMRLRVU MXWZZUX.

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag:

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LATER
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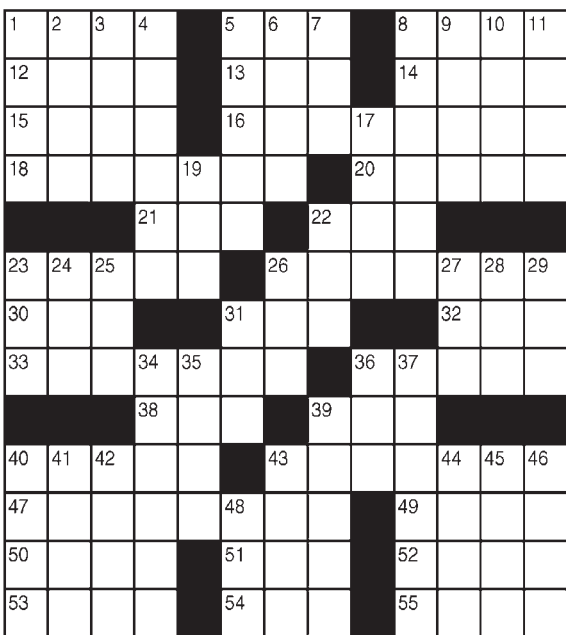
TODAY'S WORD

"I can't understand it. At home you're always ready with a _____ answer."

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Burden
- 5 "Terrific"
- 8 Confront
- 12 Guesser's words
- 13 Rushmore face
- 14 Big-screen format
- 15 Banner
- 16 Actuality
- 18 Prepare for printing
- 20 Staffers
- 21 Small batteries
- 22 "Today" rival, briefly
- 23 Bizarre
- 26 "The West Wing" actor
- 30 Altar constellation
- 31 Group of whales
- 32 Pledge
- 33 Was behind schedule
- 36 "Thank Me Later" rapper
- 38 — tear (raging)
- 39 Sticky stuff
- 40 Cockeyed
- 43 Worldly
- 47 Stop signal
- 49 Small iPod
- 50 Story
- 51 Calendar abbr.

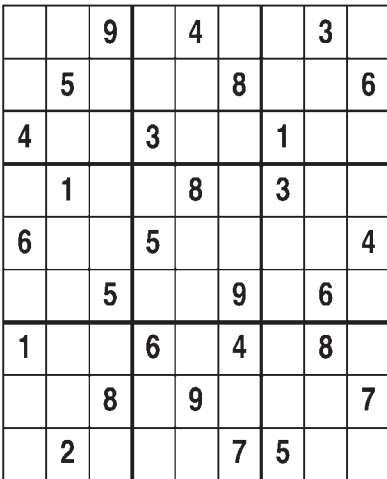


- 52 Flintstones' pet
- 53 Scratched (out)
- 54 Earth (Pref.)
- 55 RBI, for one
- 9 During
- 10 Sidewalk eatery
- 11 Former mates
- 17 Mary's follower
- 19 Melancholy
- 22 Deity
- 23 Series of battles
- 24 Historic period
- 25 007 creator
- 26 Fleming
- 27 Lab eggs
- 28 Stir-fry pan
- 29 Lamb's dam
- 31 School support org.
- 34 Did nothing
- 35 Con
- 36 Medico
- 37 Bout segments
- 39 Very beginning
- 40 Jocular
- 41 Ship wood
- 42 Between jobs
- 43 Actress
- 44 Elisabeth
- 45 "Downton Abbey" role
- 46 Cheer (for)
- 48 Joke

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from MOVES to LIVID in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

MOVES

LIVID

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. TELEVISION: Which drama focuses on the inhabitants of Wisteria Lane?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: The Aswan Dam is located on which river?
- 3. LANGUAGE: What is the only word in the English language that ends in "mt"?
- 4. MOVIES: What is the name of Ryan Reynolds' Alaskan hometown in "The Proposal"?
- 5. U.S. CITIES: How many buildings in New York City have their own ZIP codes, including the Empire State Building?
- 6. SCIENCE: Entomology is the scientific study of what?
- 7. CHEMISTRY: Which natural element is the most unstable?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK: What is the condiment tahini made of?
- 9. LITERATURE: What is the setting for John Kennedy Toole's novel "A Confederacy of Dunces"?
- 10. ANATOMY: How many lobes are in the human brain?

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- Answers
- 1. "Desperate Housewives."
- 2. The Nile River.
- 3. Dream.
- 4. Sitka.
- 5. More than 40.
- 6. Insects.
- 7. Francium, because it has 49 more neutrons than protons.
- 8. Sesame seeds.
- 9. New Orleans.
- 10. Four.

SMART

Today's Word

3. Escape; 4. Almost

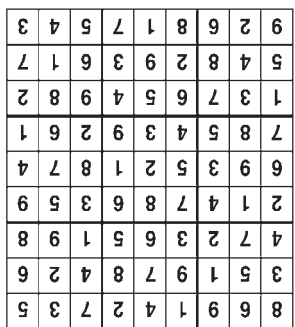
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SCRAMBLERS

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MOVES, ROVES, ROVED

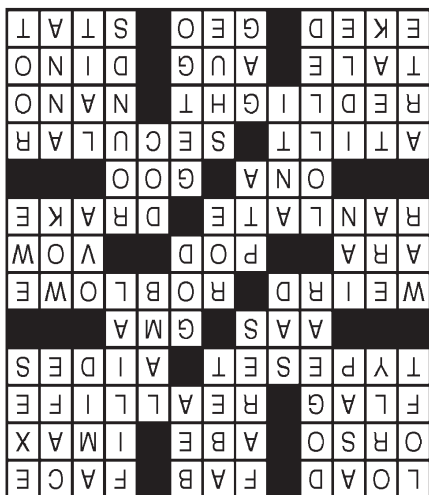
Answer

WORD LADDER



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

What do you call somebody who stops using an illness-treating substance?
A medicine dropper.

SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS

Clippers track and field team competes in meets last week

AMBOY — The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team had a busy schedule last week as it competed in four meets.

The Clippers started off in the Craig Faulkner Relays at Fulton on April 10, where they placed sixth in the 11-team meet with 42 points. Lena-Winslow took the top spot with 78 points.

A-L's best finishes went to Ian Sundberg in the discus (129-4) and Ed Fry in the triple jump (38-4), both taking second place.

Faulkner Relays — April 10

Lena-Winslow 78, Riverdale 55, Erie 46, Fulton 46, Galena 44, Amboy-LaMoille 42, Rock Island Alleman 32, Milledgeville 27, Morrison 15, Newman 10, West Carroll 5

A-L 2nd place: Ian Sundberg, discus, 129-4; Ed Fry, triple jump, 38-4

A-L 3rd place: SMR 1600m (Caleb Yanos, Zane Murphy, Joel Billhorn, Kyler McNinch), 3:55.55; Billhorn,

high jump, 5-3; Fry, high jump, 5-3

A-L 4th place: 4x800m (Atticus Horner, Kelton Schwamberger, Conner Deering, McNinch), 9:41.02; SMR 800m (Yanos, Brayden Kein, Murphy, Billhorn), 1:43.56

A-L 5th place: 4x400m (McNinch, Yanos, Murphy, Billhorn), 3:41.53; Kydreel Green, shot put, 40-9

A-L 7th place: DMR 4000m (Horner, Schwamberger, Jaden Haley, Deering) 11:20.4

The Clippers hosted four other teams on their home track and came away with a second-place finish on April 13. A-L scored 79 points, while Bureau Valley won the meet with 94.5 points.

Amboy-LaMoille finished first in six events, which included McNinch in the 1600 (5:00.1), Deering in the 3200 (11:54.5), Sundberg in the discus (140-1) and Fry in the triple jump (36-9). Also coming in first were the 4x200 and

4x400 relay teams.

April 13 (H)

Bureau Valley 94.5, Amboy-LaMoille 79, Stockton 38, Hinckley-Big Rock 27.5, Pearl City 5

A-L 1st place: McNinch, 1600m run, 5:00.1; Deering, 3200m run, 11:54.5; 4x200m relay (Yanos, Kein, Schwamberger, Murphy), 1:37.2; 4x400m relay (Nick Noble, Fry, Horner, Deering), 3:54.5; Sundberg, discus, 140-1; Fry, triple jump, 36-9

A-L 2nd place: Murphy, 200m dash, 23.1; Billhorn, 400m dash, 54.7; McNinch, 800m run, 2:11.8; 4x100m relay (Yanos, Kein, Noble, Murphy), 47.7; 4x800m relay (Horner, Schwamberger, Haley, McNinch), 9:37.9

A-L 3rd place: Adrian Marquez, 3200m run, 14:38.9; Green, shot put, 38-3

A-L 4th place: Yanos, 200m dash, 24.1; Sundberg, shot put, 37-6; Zach Dunne, discus, 104-4; Schwamberger, long jump, 15-5; Kein, triple jump, 32-8

A-L 5th place: Yanos,

100m dash, 11.9; Deering, 1600m run, 5:37.4; Fry, high jump, 5-1

The boys' squad took fifth place in the Rollie Morris Invitational on April 15 at Spring Valley. A-L scored 80.5 points, while Streater's 140 topped the 13-team field.

Sundberg recorded the Clippers' lone first-place finish with a distance of 133-2 in the discus.

Rollie Morris Invite — April 15

Streater 140, Aurora Cen-

tral Catholic 128, Bureau Valley 94, Stillman Valley 88, Amboy-LaMoille 80.5, Lowpoint-Washburn 41, Fieldcrest 32, Mendota 30, Hall 19, Putnam County 15, Somonauk 14.5; Newark 13, St. Bede 7

A-L 1st place: Sundberg, discus, 133-2

A-L 2nd place: McNinch, 3200m run, 10:46; Sundberg, shot put, 42-1.5; Fry, triple jump, 37-0

A-L 3rd place: 4x200m relay (Yanos, Kein, Fry, Murphy), 1:39.3

A-L 4th place: Yanos, 100m dash, 11.6; Murphy, 200m dash, 23.9; 4x100m relay (Yanos, Noble, Billhorn, Murphy), 47.8; Billhorn, high jump, 5-4

A-L 5th place: Murphy, 100m dash, 11.6; Billhorn, 400m dash, 55.2; Fry, high jump, 5-4

A-L 6th place: Yanos, 200m dash, 24.0; McNinch, 1600m run, 5:00.3

A-L 7th place: Green, shot put, 37-11

Sublette 365 announces line-up for Hops + Harmony on Sept. 2

SUBLETTE — Hosted by Sublette 365, Hops + Harmony is back for the third year for an exciting line up of more than 15 craft breweries from all over Northern Illinois and Chicago, on Sept. 2, at Centennial Park in Sublette.

Organizers are expecting this year to be the largest yet. Taking the stage at 8 p.m. are 2 artists straight from Nashville, Tenn. Drew Parker, who has garnered more than 50 million global streams as well as Shane Proffitt,

who's Debut single, "How It Oughta Be," is currently No. 20 at country radio, cracking the Top 20 in just 16 weeks.

Beer tasting tickets include tastings, as well as party pit tickets to the concert. Party pit tickets are also sold separately. The event will start at 6 p.m. in Centennial Park in Sublette and the music will start at 8 p.m. with Shane Proffitt.

Tickets for the tastings as well as the party pit are on sale now at www.sublette365.com.

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SPORTS

Lady Clippers participate in two invites, home meet last week

AMBOY — The Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team participated in two invitationals and had a home meet last week.

The Lady Clippers went up against five other teams in the Bureau Valley Invitational on April 10 at Manlius.

Stark County claimed the top team spot with 139 points, while A-L was fourth with 75 points.

Elly Jones captured three of the team's four first-place finishes. She won the 100-meter hurdles in 18.06, took the 300-meter hurdles in 54.23 and captured the triple jump with a leap of 33-7. Jillian Anderson had the other first with a measurement of 4-9 in the high jump.

Bureau Valley Invite – April 10

Stark County 139, Bureau Valley 133, Cambridge 84, Amboy-LaMoille 75, St. Bede 66, Putnam County 2

A-L 1st place: Elly Jones, 100m hurdles, 18.06; Jones, 300m hurdles, 54.23; Jillian Anderson, high jump, 4-9; Jones, triple jump, 33-7

A-L 3rd place: Bella Yanos, 200m dash, 28.26; Lexi Ketchum, high jump, 4-8; Yanos, long jump, 14-9

A-L 4th place: Stephanie Nave, triple jump, 29-0

A-L 5th place: Grace Althaus, long jump, 14-0

A-L 6th place: Jones, 100m dash, 14.46; Anderson, 200m dash, 29.99; Anderson, 400m dash, 1:07.47; Samantha Nauman, 100m hurdles, 20.87; Nave, long jump, 13-9

*** Six first-place finishes

helped the Lady Clippers to second in the team standings in a five-team home meet on April 13.

Forreston grabbed first-place honors with 77.5 points, while Amboy-LaMoille checked in next with 64.5 points.

Jones and Yanos had three top finishes apiece. Jones won the 100-meter hurdles (16.5), the 300-meter hurdles (51.3) and the triple jump (32-6), while Yanos captured the 100-meter dash (13.1), the 200-meter dash (27.2) and the long jump (15-1).

April 13 (H)

Forreston 77.5, Amboy-LaMoille 64.5, Bureau Valley 64.5, Stockton 32.5, Hinckley-Big Rock 4

A-L 1st place: Yanos, 100m dash, 13.1; Yanos,

200m dash, 27.2; Jones, 100m hurdles, 16.5; Jones, 300m hurdles, 51.3; Yanos, long jump, 15-1; Jones, triple jump, 32-6

A-L 2nd place: Anderson, 400m dash, 1:07.1; Nauman, 800m run, 3:02.2; 4x200m relay (Althaus, Angela Bejarano, Skyler Ware, Alexis Cheever), 2:11.1; 4x400m relay (Althaus, Anderson, Nauman, Ketchum), 4:45.8; Anderson, high jump, 4-8

A-L 3rd place: Kimber Zitelman, shot put, 28-0

A-L 4th place: Anna Carlson, 1600m run, 7:43.1

A-L 5th place: Nave, 100m dash, 14.0; Ketchum, 400m dash, 1:11.6; Carlson, 800m run, 3:14.5; Mazey Sterling, 1600m run, 8:51; Nauman, 100m hurdles, 20.2; Ketchum, high jump, 4-4;

Althaus, long jump, 13-5

The Lady Clippers had a strong third-place showing out of 13 teams in the Rollie Morris Invitational on April 15 at Spring Valley.

Princeton occupied the top spot with 100 points, followed by Aurora Central Catholic with 95 and A-L with 77.

The Lady Clippers won two events—Anderson in the high jump at 4-11 and Jones in the triple jump at 34-5.

Rollie Morris Invite – April 15

Princeton 100, Aurora Central Catholic 95, Amboy-LaMoille 77, Bureau Valley 75, Streator 62, Newark 61, Stillman Valley 51.5; Lowpoint-Washburn 46.5, Hall 43, Fieldcrest 41, St.

Bede 32.5, Mendota 1, So-

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A-L 1st place: Anderson, high jump, 4-11; Jones, triple jump, 34-5

A-L 2nd place: Jones, 100m hurdles, 16.3; Ketchum, high jump, 4-8

A-L 3rd place: Yanos, 100m dash, 13.2; Jones, long jump, 14-9

A-L 4th place: Yanos, 200m dash, 27.6; Nauman, 800m run, 2:56.4; Jones, 300m hurdles, 53.6; Yanos, long jump, 14-8

A-L 5th place: 4x400m relay (Anderson, Althaus, Nauman, Ketchum), 4:42

A-L 6th place: Carlson, 3200m run, 17:48.4

A-L 8th place: Anderson, 400m dash, 1:09.7; Zitelman, discus, 74-7

Clippers lose to Bureau Valley, Forreston

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers dropped an 8-2 decision to Bureau Valley in a non-conference varsity baseball match-up on April 10 at Manlius.

The Storm scored all of its runs in the first four innings, while Amboy avoided the shutout by plating two runs in the top of the fifth. Quinn Leffelman singled to produce both of the tallies.

Tucker Lindenmeyer, Landon Whelchel and Jackson Rogers also had singles for the Clippers.

Garrett Pertell was the starting pitcher for Amboy, working four innings and allowing 10 hits and eight runs.

Amboy let a lead slip away as Forreston rallied to post a 9-8 triumph over the Clippers in conference action on April 11 at Parker Field.

Forreston held a 3-0 lead entering the bottom of the second when Landon Montavon drew the Clippers closer with a two-run homer.

The Cardinals added a single tally in the third, and then Amboy batted around and scored five runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 7-4 lead. Montavon had a single that produced a pair of runs during the uprising.

But the lead didn't last long as Forreston batted around in the top of the fifth and tallied five runs to seize a 9-7 lead. Amboy was able to get one run back in the bottom of the fourth, but that finished off the scoring for both teams.

In addition to Montavon, Whelchel, Rogers and Brody Christoffersen also had a multi-hit game for the Clippers.

Christoffersen took the pitching loss, allowing nine runs and nine hits in three innings. He struck out five. Lindenmeyer hurled the final four frames.

The Clippers fell by a 12-6 count at Forreston on April 13. The Cardinals led 9-0 heading to the top of the fourth when Amboy tallied four runs. Forreston was able to pad its

lead with a three-run fifth, while the Clippers added a pair of runs in the sixth.

Whelchel (three singles) and Dillon Merriman (single, two doubles) paced the Clipper hitting attack, while Leffelman, Lindenmeyer and Charlie Dickinson added two hits apiece.

Rogers allowed four hits and seven runs in 1 1/3 innings to take the pitching loss for Amboy.



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AHS Varsity Softball @ Eastland-4:30 pm	AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm	Friday, April 28
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