



2024 Amboy Prom King & Queen
The Amboy High School Prom took place Saturday, May 4. After everyone attending the prom was announced, the king and queen were crowned. The 2024 queen is Lexi Ketchum, left, and the 2024 King is Trey Payne. Prom court members are Madison O'Malley, Maeve Larson, Elly Jones, Elizabeth Clarida, Landon Montavon, Cole Larson, Brennan Blaine, and Landon Whelchel.
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Lee County announces distracted driving results
LEE COUNTY— The Lee County Sheriff's Office announced it issued twenty-two (22) citations for hands-free law violations, along with five (5) seat belt citations, one (1) speeding citation and one (1) other citation for a moving violation during April's Distracted Driving Awareness Month enforcement campaign. Deputies also issued sixteen (16) warnings for various offenses.

"Driver distraction is a persistent issue in Lee County that often has life-altering consequences," said Chief Deputy Derek Ranken. "Issuing a citation is a proven way to get motorists to pay attention or pay the price. Distracted Driving Awareness Month may be over, but we will continue our efforts to stop motorists from engaging in this deadly behavior."

Prepared to launch...

BRANDONLaCHANCE
Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – Through his 17 years of being a science teacher at Amboy High School, James Brown knows what classes his students enjoy more than others.

Engineering Technology and Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) usually win out.

This semester's Engineering Technology class highlighted a month of building rockets in class by launching them in front of the school on Monday, May 6.

"It's good for them because they can build what they want to build," Brown said. "I just push them to help them and pay the expenses. This started in my STEM class. This year they're building a 12-tube T-shirt gatling gun. The cheerleaders wanted one, so we're building it.

"I know it's fun for them to build projects. And part of the fun is they get to see the end result and it if worked. They get to say, 'Hey, I did it.'"

After wind affected the two launches on Monday, the next launch was pushed to Tuesday.

The class members didn't mind because it just means another day of being outside and having



Freshman Ty Florscheutz, kneeling, Gage Mumm, center, and Landon Roath watch their rocket take off Monday, May 6 during their Engineering Technology class taught by James Brown.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

fun launching rockets.

Here is what a few of the freshmen students said:

Ty Florscheutz

"It's cool because we got to build something and see it work right. We put a lot of time in them just for them to blow up. It was cool to see them in the air."

Gage Mumm

"It's really fun to launch them, see them come back down, seeing what problems there are and fixing them. The biggest issue we had was parachutes not deploying. If the parachutes don't deploy, the rocket will come down to

the ground very fast and shatter."

Henry Nichols

"It's always fun to launch rockets and see how they work out. Sometimes they blow up over homes and sometimes they don't. This is one of the best classes in high school."

Aaron Costner

"Being in this class and working on projects is the highlight of the day. We get to make rockets and all kind of cool stuff. I really enjoy the different kinds of projects we get to make."



Amboy's Food Truck Monday

Food trucks rolled back into Amboy for Food Truck Monday on April, 29. The event raised \$233.00 for Clipper Kiddies. The next Food Truck Monday is Monday, May 20 where donations will be raised for Amboy High School.

A Tribute to the fallen of World War I

Editor's note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on Lee County veterans who served during World War I. 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.



WWI Fact: The United States had sustained more than 320,000 casualties in the First World War, including



over 53,000 killed in action, and over 63,000 non-combat related deaths, due mainly to the influenza pandemic of 1918.

Fred McWethy was born in Eldora, Iowa on Dec. 8, 1896, his family moving

to Palmyra Township soon thereafter. He attended school in Palmyra and Dixon, and worked as a farm laborer in both Lee and Ogle Counties. After completing his education in Dixon, Fred enrolled in a course of study at the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin, eventually graduating with a degree in Agriculture in March of 1917, just one month before the United States entered the Great War in Europe.

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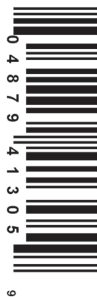
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LOCAL NEWS

Rezin calls for the preservation of Starved Rock State Park's name

SPRINGFIELD— In light of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' (IDNR) public confirmation that the Department may be open to a possible name change of the famous Starved Rock State Park, Illinois Senate Deputy Republican Leader Sue Rezin (R-Morris) has filed a resolution in support of keeping the park's current name.

"While I recognize desires to create open dialogue on issues such as naming parks and places after Indigenous peoples and their legends, I believe that this well-intended but misguided proposal will result in more harm than good," said Sen. Rezin. "The Starved Rock name has become a treasured part of the local community's identity and brand. There are far too many people who rely on the park's nationally recognized name for their livelihoods."

Senate Resolution 956 advocates

for the preservation of the state park's historic name. It notes the importance that the Starved Rock name has on the local community and acknowledges the concerns of residents and businesses regarding the potential renaming of the state park. Finally, it encourages open dialogue with relevant stakeholders, including Tribal Nations and Indigenous communities, to address concerns and explore ways to honor the park's heritage while respecting diverse perspectives.

"It is vital that we honor the important history of Starved Rock State Park," said Sen. Rezin. "I truly believe that there is a path to accomplish that goal in a way that preserves the park's iconic name while respecting the heritage of Indigenous people."

The Resolution was filed in the Illinois Senate on April 30 and is currently awaiting assignment.

Kish seats Aiyanna Washington as student trustee, bids farewell to Perla Gonzales

MALTA — Kishwaukee College seated Aiyanna Washington as the new Student Trustee on the College's Board of Trustees at the April meeting. Washington was elected by her peers to the position and took over the role of outgoing Student Trustee Perla Gonzales.

Washington, of Rochelle, is pursuing an arts associate's degree with plans to graduate in the spring of 2025. Following her time at Kish, she plans to study psychology and sociology. At Kish, Washington is a member of TRIO Student Support Services, the Black Student Union, the National Society of Leadership and Success, and the Student Government Association. In the role of Student Trustee, Washington said she plans to be an active supporter and voice of the Kish student body.

"As the Student Trustee, I hope to make a difference in as many ways as I can. I hope to address as many of my classmates' concerns as

possible and make everyone feel heard. By the end of my term, I hope to be able to look back and see all the changes I have been a part of to help make Kish a better place for all," Washington said.

Gonzales, of Kirkland, will graduate in May with an associate degree in applied science in registered nursing. Following her time at Kish, she plans to join the workforce at a regional hospital while continuing her education, pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing and a nurse practitioner license.

"Perla has been an excellent representative of all Kishwaukee College students, and the Board wishes her well in her next step," said Bob Johnson, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "We are pleased to welcome Aiyanna to the Student Trustee role and look forward to collaborating with her."

Gonzales has served as Kish's Student Trustee since January 2023. Among the many initiatives accomplished during her tenure, Gon-

zales said eliminating student fees is one she is most proud of.

"The elimination of student fees allows for transparency when students are selecting a college, so they know exactly what they are expected to pay once they weigh out their options," Gonzales said. "I believe that one of the main barriers that stop not only college-aged students but also returning adults from getting an education is financial constraints. Kish has already made great strides in aiding the student body financially. Initiatives like these allow students to better focus on academic excellence."

In addition to serving as the Student Trustee, Gonzales is a member of the Student Government Association, Student Nursing Organization, National Society of Leadership and Success, Latinos Unidos, and Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honors Society.

For more information on Kishwaukee College, visit kish.edu.



Kishwaukee College hosts floral expert for design demonstration

MALTA —The Kishwaukee College Horticulture program hosted Illinois Certified Professional Florist (ICPF) Coordinator Ronda Hess as part of the Artist In Residence (AIR) program offered through the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD).

Hess AIFD, Certified Floral Designer (CFD), ICPF presented a floral design demonstration for Associate Professor of Horticulture Janet Gallagher's advanced floral students and Kish's Student American Institute of Floral Designers (SAIFD) Floral Club members. The presentation gave students hands-on experience in variations of triangle floral arrangements, emphasizing color harmonies,

style techniques, and the principles and elements of floral design.

The AIR program is offered through the AIFD to bring together industry professionals and floral design students at colleges and universities that host AIFD chapters like Kish.

For horticulture students like Christina Fisher, who owns and operates a floral shop, hands-on opportuni-

ties through Kish's horticulture program, like the AIR demonstration, offer numerous educational and professional advantages.

"It is absolutely beneficial to see other professionals at work. Everybody designs differently, so it is very helpful to see the different tips and techniques you can pick up," Fisher said. "Ronda explained the purpose behind her displays very thoroughly and in-depth."

Hess is a Certified Flo-

Column

By Brandon LaChance



Kish to host two commencement ceremonies

MALTA — Kishwaukee College will host two commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2024 on Saturday, May 18, in the College gymnasium. The 9 am ceremony will honor graduates earning Associate in Applied Science degrees, Certificates of Completion, Short-Term Training and Illinois High School Diploma credentials. The 11 am ceremony will honor graduates earning Associate in Arts, Associate in Engineering Science, Associate in Fine Arts, Associate in General Studies and Associate in Science degrees. During the 11 am ceremony, Kish will present the John C. Roberts Community Service Award, which honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to education for the Kishwaukee College district by supporting the College to benefit students, businesses and the community.

Who: Kishwaukee College students, faculty, staff, family, friends and community members.

When: Saturday, May 18
9:00 am — Ceremony for graduates earning Associate in Applied Science degrees, Certificates of Completion, Short-Term Training and Illinois High School Diploma credentials.

11:00 am — Ceremony for graduates earning Associate in Arts, Associate in Engineering Science, Associate in Fine Arts, Associate in General Studies and Associate in Science degrees. Includes presentation of the John C. Roberts Community Service Award.

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We are indebted to our afterschool volunteers: Bonny, Sandy P, Sandy D, Mary, Amber, Brian, Karen, Candy, Kathy G, Kathy K, Donna, Shannon, and our Impact Volunteers.

We could not make the decisions or hold events without our Board members: Brian, Barb, Mark, Shelli, Amber, Joshua, Madison. Of course, our treasurer, Roxy

24th Annual Teen Turf Draw Down and Auction

Thank you's

A full Thank you will be in the paper who helped with Sunday's dinner pick up and drawing.

Thank you to everyone that bid and won an auction item. All proceeds benefit our FREE summer and afterschool program.

Please support these individuals or businesses who provided us with an item or items for our auction: Sue Stephenitch, Joey Stephenitch, Lonnie & Dan Schaefer, Woodhaven Association, The Last Alarm, Creative Wolfe, Brian Wedekind, Orion Organics, Madison Thomas, Donna Wellman, Mary's Grooming, Oregon Soap Shoppe, Ken Burkhardt, Shady Oaks Golf Course, Mary Kathryn Stenzel, Amboy School District #272, Laura Nettleton, Jones & Berry, Sheridan's Walton Tap, Barb & George Spataro, Amber Horner, Club Car Wash, NIU Huskies, AL & Roxy Stenzel, Venier's, Amboy Family Restaurant, Mark & Veronica Grossman, Chicago White Sox, Tom Nauman, Amboy Martial Arts, Meddling Sheep Mushrooms, Main Flower Shop, Bonita Willis, Woodhaven Lakes Realty, Coffee Crush, Mendota Hills Campground, Pam & Will Thomas, Beth Grossman, Gnamma Spa, Roger Wittenauer, Lisa Goy, Anna Mainhart, Strub Family, Johnson Tractor, Gina & Andy McCoy, Cheshire Clan, Midwest Cement Products, Katey Dickinson, Tim & Lynn O'Laughlin, Susan & Nick Vaessen, Big Worm, Dowd Family, Maria's Pizza, Brake-Thru Driving School, Erbes Realty, Revolution Wellness, Amboy Garden Shop, Folsom's Bakery, Stenzel Insurance, Nichols Family, Dinges Fire Company, The Center for Children's Books, Décor & More, Country Village Meats, Buggy's Arcade, Julie Koch, Better Bargains Amboy, Long Branch Saloon, Candy Robinson, Kaleel's Clothing, First National Bank of Amboy, Homework Club Kids, O'Connell's RV/Campground in Amboy, La Fiesta, Two Sister's on Main, The Rink at Pine Creek, Chicago Cubs, Woodhaven Lakes Association, TLC Creations, Clipper Kiddies Preschool, Meusel's Dairy Delite, Jordan Mesick, Sunset Inn Restaurant, The River's Edge, Culver's, Bill Burke, and Green River Cattle Company.

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Chocolate chip bars and Toilet Paper

Final Note

Lord Jesus, You came that the world might know the peace that You have experienced with the Father eternally. Yet, You taught us that in this life there will be wars and rumors of wars. Nations will rise against nations as violence works itself out in the world. However, through You, the world may be saved. O Lord, send Your spirit into the hearts of all men, that the world might know true peace through Your abundant mercy. Amen.

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You may also fax or mail the information to The Amboy News PO Box 300 Mendota, IL 61342.

If you have any questions please call the office at 815-539-9696

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This Week's Student of the Week is:
Brantley Wolf

Student's Favorites:

Favorite Color – Blue
Favorite Animal – Giraffe
Favorite Food – Chicken from Pizza Ranch
Favorite Book – Never Touch a Dinosaur
Favorite Game – Disney Bingo
Favorite Song – Back Then Right Now by Tyler Hubbard

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DIXON – 4-H Junior Gardener teaches children about the wonderful world of gardening through hands-on investigation of growing their own vegetables and flowers and learning to use the harvest. The 4-H Junior Gardener SPIN Club is meeting from 4-5:30 p.m. every Tuesday from May 7-July 30 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dixon. The club is for youth ages 8-18 and the cost is \$30 for non-4-H members and \$10 for 4-H members. For more information contact the Lee County Extension Office at 815-857-3525. Register online at go.illinois.edu/leeco.jg.

AMBOY – The Board of Trustees of The Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 at the Amboy Township Building, located at 106 South Prospect St. in Amboy.

PAW PAW – The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Paw Paw will commence at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 at the Paw Paw Village Hall.

LEE CENTER – The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 9.

AMBOY – The Amboy Lion's Club May meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, May 13 at the Amboy Community Center, located at 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE – The next Village of Sublette meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, May 13 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette.

DIXON – The Wits Fitness month workshop is taking place from 1-3 p.m. Monday, May 13 at the KSB Town Square Center in Dixon. Experience a monthly journey with Kara Schweitzer, an educator from University of Illinois Extension, as she leads participants through interactive activities crafted to stimulate the brain and enhance cognitive function and memory. We will be offering this program at the Edward Murphy Room at KSB Town Square, 101 W. Section St. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

EAST GROVE – East Grove Township is holding its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 at the

East Grove Township Hall.

STERLING – The monthly workshop held by Wits Fitness is from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 at the CGH Health Foundation Community Room in Sterling. Experience a monthly journey with Kara Schweitzer, an educator from University of Illinois Extension, as she leads participants through interactive activities crafted to stimulate the brain and enhance cognitive function and memory. We will be offering this program at the CGH Health Foundation Community Room. New participants are welcome to join at anytime. Registration is not required but appreciated by calling Beth Sterk at 815-625-4790 EXT. 3977 or by emailing beth.sterk@cghmc.com.

AMBOY – Plan Commison Meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 at Amboy City Hall. The meeting will address audience concerns and approve, discuss Z Best Property, 215 E. Bluff St., zoning change from residential to light industry.

AMBOY – The Amboy City Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 20 at the Amboy Community Center, 290 W. Wasson Road.

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LOCAL NEWS

OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center receives an “A” rating

OTTAWA – The biannual Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades for the Spring of 2024 have been announced by The Leapfrog Group, a national watchdog organization for patient safety, and OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center has been named to the list.

Nearly 3,000 hospitals across the U.S. are assigned A, B, C, D, and F letter grades. Widely acknowledged as one of the most prestigious distinctions a hospital can receive in the U.S., the recognition showcases OSF HealthCare’s commitment to patient safety and quality.

OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center received an “A” grade.

“Providing the highest level of care has always

been our focus,” said Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. “Our teams are pushing higher on safety and quality standards and collaborating together to continue to keep getting these high scores. We are immensely proud of our Mission Partners and deeply honored by the ongoing recognition we receive.”

Two additional OSF HealthCare facilities achieved an “A” grade, OSF Healthcare Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac and OSF Saint Anthony’s Health Center in Alton, Ill. The study only includes hospitals of a certain size and treating a minimum number of specific conditions; therefore, some OSF HealthCare facilities, such as OSF Saint

Paul Medical Center in Mendota and OSF Saint Clare in Princeton, were excluded from the ratings.

Hospitals are assigned A, B, C, D, and F letter grades based on 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries, and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm. These measures include patient care management, medication safety, frequency of healthcare-associated infections, and maternity care. The biannual report is calculated by a panel of safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent, and free to the public.

To see the full grade for all eligible OSF HealthCare facilities, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org

OSF Occupational Health Services relocation update

OTTAWA – OSF HealthCare has announced an update to the OSF Occupational Health services available in the Interstate-80 market. As part of an ongoing commitment to transform, preserve, and sustain evolving health care, OSF HealthCare is realigning its occupational health services across the region.

According to Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center and Saint Paul Medical Center, these changes were made to benefit its patients. “These adjustments to OSF Occupational Health services will maximize our resources while maintaining exceptional patient care,” Trompeter said. “This involves strategically reallocating services across the I-80 markets to guarantee efficiency and deliver quality care through specialized centers of excellence.”

Starting Monday, May 6, the OSF Occupational Health department will provide the following services at these locations:

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OSF Occupational Health – Peru
1412 Midtown Road, Peru | (815) 538-1353

Services by appointment Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Walk-in drug screens available Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

OSF Occupational Health - Ottawa
1614 E. Norris Drive, Ottawa | (815) 431-3077

Services by appointment Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Walk-in drug screens available Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

OSF Occupational Health - Streator
111 Spring Street, Streator | (815) 431-3077

Services by appointment Wednesday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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1401 E. 12th Street, Mendota | (815) 538-7232

Walk-in drug screens available Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

OSF Saint Clare Medical Center – Princeton (Laboratory)
530 Park Avenue East, Princeton | (815) 876-4401

• Walk-in drug screens available Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

OSF Healthcare signs agreement with OrthoMidwest

OTTAWA – OSF HealthCare is pleased to announce another step in our commitment to clinical excellence with the signing of a clinical co-management agreement with OrthoMidwest. This agreement marks a significant collaboration in the I-80 market aimed at advancing orthopedic services through joint expertise and leadership.

The goal of this partnership is to elevate the quality, efficiency, and safety of orthopedic care by integrating clinical and administrative leadership. OrthoMidwest’s specialized knowledge will enrich services in Mendota, Ottawa, Peru, Princeton and Streator, Illinois.

“At OSF Medical Group - Orthopedics, our

commitment to providing exceptional personalized care is unwavering,” said Leonardo Lopez, MD, chief medical officer. “Our partnership with OrthoMidwest brings additional resources, including cutting-edge technological advancements, to enhance the patient’s experience. With the support of our board-certified physicians, advanced practice providers, and dedicated staff, we’re prepared to positively impact your orthopedic journey.”

The I-80 orthopedic team includes Connor Kasik, DO, Kenneth Korcek, MD, Robert Mitchell, DO, Kate Jaegle, APRN, Debra Pyszyka, PA, Taylor Tuten, PA and Shannon Whit-

ley, APRN, which underscores the depth of expertise available to patients. With office locations in Ottawa, Mendota, Princeton, and Streator, OSF Medical Group – Orthopedics ensures accessibility and convenience for individuals seeking orthopedic care. “The partnership between OSF HealthCare and OrthoMidwest is rooted in shared values of excellence, dedication, and innovative patient care,” said Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center and OSF Saint Paul Medical Center. “Our collaboration will facilitate the exchange of best practices, ultimately enhancing the standard of care to new heights.”

Don’t get mowed over by lawn and garden scammers

ROCKFORD —With plenty of rain and a shot of warm weather, homeowners will be starting their gardens, yard projects, and lawn maintenance for the season. And it may require help. Gardening and lawn care services are a multi-billion-dollar industry for homeowners in the United States. The Better Business Bureau says to watch out for those who try to capitalize on your lawn and garden needs.

Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the BBB, says, “While there are

many great high-quality lawn and garden experts to hire, unfortunately, there are also many scam operators.”

Not all lawn care scams are the same. Sometimes, the scam business will offer a free inspection and then set up a recurring lawn care schedule and charges, regardless of the homeowner’s wishes.

“Other times, it’s about substandard work,” says Horton, “and charging too much money for it. Or, the scam is not delivering services as promised, or tacking on extra charges without warning.”

Complaints coming into the BBB Scamtracker reveal victims who pay for a season of services up front, only never to see the scammer again. Often, people sign a contract without reading the fine print, and prices can be significantly increased for additional services the homeowner did not want or need.

“Be skeptical of any lawn ‘expert’ who contacts you out of the blue,” notes Horton. “Be especially wary if a business you are unfamiliar with uses high-pressure tactics.”

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LOCAL NEWS

Fourth annual John Crady Memorial 5K Run/Walk scheduled for June

PROPHETSTOWN – The fourth annual John Crady Memorial 5K Run/Walk will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 1 in Prophetstown.

The race, which has a \$25 entry fee, begins and ends at Eclipse Square located on the corner of IL Hwy 78 and

Railroad Street.

Medals will be given for all age groups and trophies to the winning male and winning female, plus the winning masters male and female.

Commemorative T-shirts will be awarded to all registrants who sign up before May

16. Shirts of various sizes will be available on race day.

Fresh fruits, cookies, and beverages will be available after the race.

A silent auction table will be at the park. Gifts of Hope, an organ donor organization, will have information. John Crady

was a donor and the family encourages others to sign up. His corneas were donated within days of his passing.

Race proceeds will be donated to Erie-Prophetstown High School golf and cross country teams and E-P Junior High cross country teams. In

2023, we were able to donate \$4,100 thanks to all of our generous sponsors.

Sign up on the website, www.johncradymemorial.5K.run until May 16. Contact Carol Crady at sic3crady@yahoo.com with any questions.

Kish names Perla Gonzales winner of Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship

MALTA – Kishwaukee College named Perla Gonzales as the winner of the 2024 Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship. Gonzales was selected after submitting an essay where contestants outlined a plan for a nonviolent response to the problems of hate and discrimination and drew upon the lives and writings of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Gonzales, of Kirkland, received a scholarship for the Spring 2024 semester and was recognized with

a certificate of achievement at the April Board of Trustees meeting. Her entry was forwarded to the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) for consideration in the statewide Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship competition.

In her essay, Gonzales focuses on providing education for the community and examining the issues of hate and discrimination through personal connections.

"The first step is ac-

knowledging the scope of the problem. I propose initiating workshops and seminars that explore the historical context of discrimination, its present-day manifestations, and its impact on individuals and communities. We will bring light to the issue at hand. Incorporating the teachings of Gandhi and King will emphasize the connection between humanity and highlight the shared responsibility we bear in confronting discrimination," Gonzales

wrote in her essay.

Gonzales said she viewed the essay prompt as an opportunity to showcase the lessons and peaceful strategies she has learned to use against discrimination from personal experiences.

"My hope for readers of my essay is to understand that diversity does not equal inferiority. My essay was written to encourage individuals to embrace a mindset of learning and understanding regarding various

religions, cultures and spiritual beliefs they may not be familiar with. By learning to appreciate everyone's differences, I aim to inspire people to peacefully support one another rather than remaining passive bystanders in the face of discrimination and hate," Gonzales said.

Gonzales plans to graduate from Kish's Registered Nursing program in May with an Associate in Applied Science degree. Following

her time at Kish, she plans to join the workforce at a regional hospital while continuing her education in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in nursing and a Nurse Practitioner License.

Kishwaukee College is committed to a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging, focused on respect and fairness, in all aspects of the College experience.

To read Gonzales's full essay, visit kish.edu/iccta.

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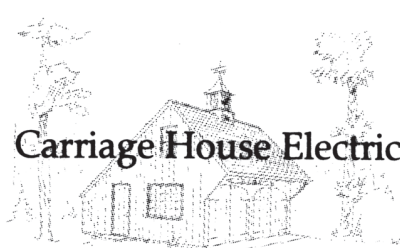
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Opinion

Wasn't it yesterday?

Time is weird.
Or maybe the way we look at time is what makes it unreal or mysterious.
When you're standing in line at a grocery store, two minutes feels like two hours.
At the dentist, as soon as a foot touches the lobby floor it seems like three hours.
Driving to a game in Chicago seems like it takes five hours, but the three-hour Cubs, White Sox, Bears, Bulls, Sky, or Fire contest seems like it was 15 minutes.
Same with a concert.
Last May, the drive to Chicago did three hours because of construction, which felt like eight days, while the Lil Wayne amazingness (I bring up my favorite rapper of all-time because I'm wearing a T-shirt from the show as I type this) was three hours wrapped in a four-minute music video.
I felt the same way at the Amboy Prom on Saturday.
How is it prom already?
Wasn't I just here taking the king and queen photo yesterday?
Why is Kelton Schwamberger in street clothes putting the crown on the king, Trey Payne, instead of wearing his suite and being crowned himself?
I'm glad no one could see it, but while I looked at the screen on my phone as I took photos, my head was exploding.
The time warp, time morph, or whatever word or words you choose to say, way too fast, is real.
And it has to be fast for them, their parents, and the Amboy High School staff, too.

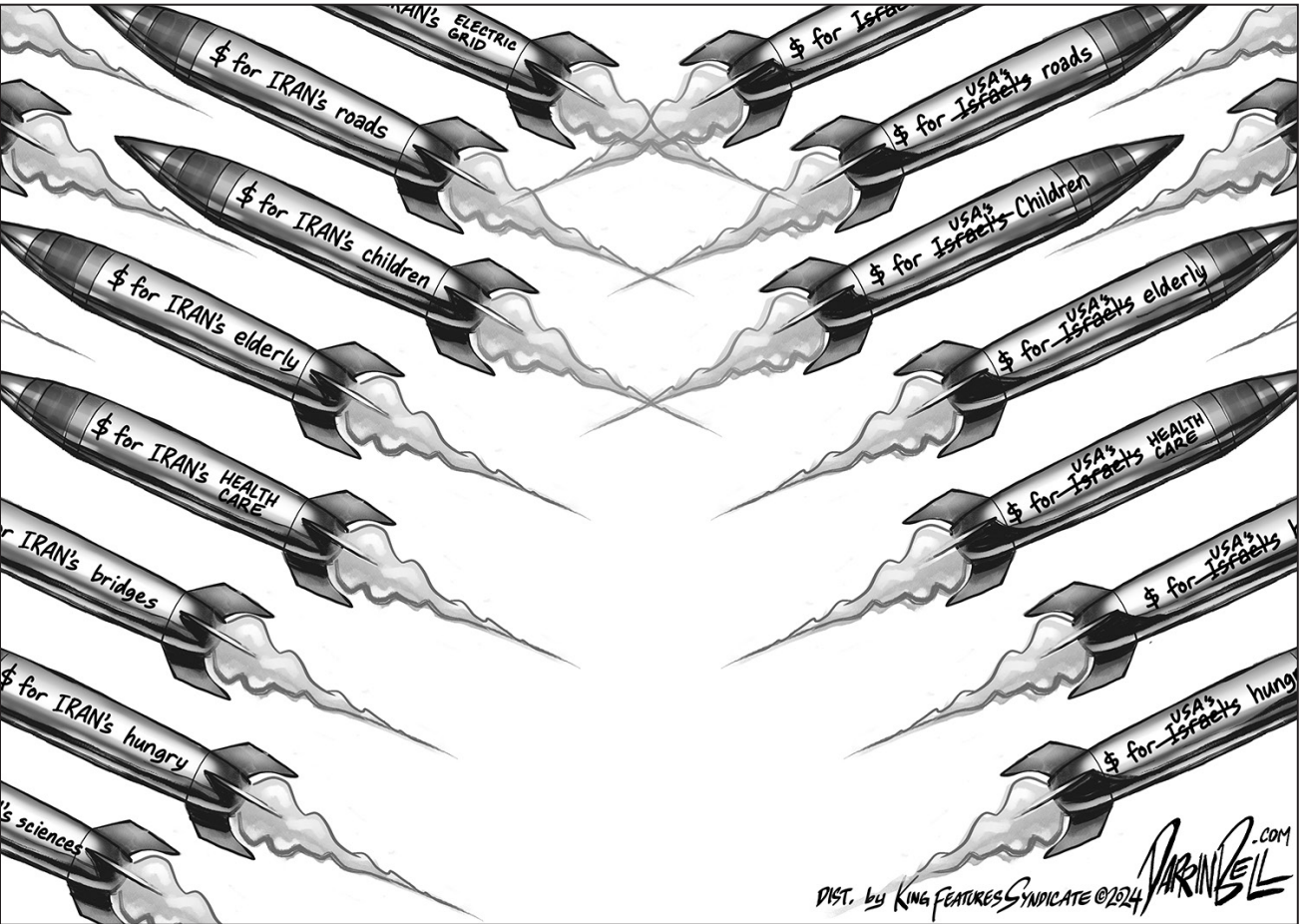
Column

By Brandon LaChance



Three days ago, they were freshmen.
Two days ago, they were sophomores.
A day ago, they were juniors.
And now they're dressing up, walking the Prom red carpet, having their names announced, and enjoying prom for the last time.
I don't only say or write enjoy, but I mean it.
First, it is your last prom, if you're a senior. If you're a junior, blink, and it will be your senior prom.
Second, these are memories you only get to make once or twice and it's only right now. There isn't a prom sequestered in a work calendar or the never filled out planner (probably bought by a parent) stuffed under the bed or couch of someone trying to find out what's next in life.
Meaning, done with school, doesn't have a job or anything going on, yet. Hopefully the most important word on the last sentence was, yet.
Third, some of the very people you danced with, smiled at, conversed with, or kissed at the prom, will not be in your life by the middle of August when some leave for college, join the work force, or enlist in the military. Some of those changes happen even sooner than August.
Fourth, and we all forget this one as adults and don't even realize it as high school students, this the prom is the last fun event not surrounded by responsibility. Seriously, think about it.
Graduation is next.
The word responsibility now looks like RESPONSIBILITY as you're either figuring out what you're

doing after high school, fighting nerves about your first roommate, first class, first time being away from mom and dad at college (which means responsibility in taking care of yourself and your parent's nerves), or the duties you now have as a grown up with a big boy or big girl job.
If you go to a game or concert in Chicago, Peoria, Bloomington, Rockford, or another bigger city hosting professional sporting events or music attractions, there is the responsibility of buying the tickets, getting a ride there, planning before, during, and after the event, making sure you're fed, so buying a \$20 burger from a vendor that tastes worse or is colder than a \$3 burger at McDonald's.
I could literally go through every event looked at as fun for an adult and come up with a longer list of responsibilities for each of them.
For most, hopefully all the Amboy High School prom attendees, prom doesn't have those or any responsibilities.
The one duty is to have fun.
The one duty after the prom is to remember that fun.
Because in four days you'll have graduated college or already received a job promotion or have worked at four different places of employment.
In six days, you'll have a wife/husband and kids.
And in 10 to 11 days, you'll be in the stands taking photos of others at their prom.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 years ago
May 9, 1924
Mrs. Addie Barlow made many improvements to her house on Adams Street with new fireproof shingles and a fresh coat of paint.
A thought on mud slinging: It might be well to remember in these days of hurling it, that one who slings mud should not wail if some of it sticks to his fingers.
The largest class in the history of Amboy school, 38 in number, will graduate from the Amboy Township High School on May 30. The class will furnish its own program for the occasion, instead of having an outside speaker.
75 years ago
May 5, 1949
All restrictions of the number of Class A liquor licenses were removed as the result of action taken at the Amboy City Council Meeting. For some years, the council had put a limit of four on the Class A license which permits the sale of whiskey and "hard" liquor. The new plan was to go into effect as soon as the amendment to the liquor ordinance was passed.
Coming soon to the Amboy Theatre: Bob Hope and Jane Russell in

50 years ago
May 9, 1974
Jerry Fitzpatrick received the Amboy News "Outstanding Senior Athlete" Award for the 1973-74 season.
Notice to do owners in the City of Amboy: Dogs must be on a leash at all times. If your dog is picked up, a fine will be issued.
State Senator David C. Shapiro (R-Amboy) recently spoke at the Illinois Dietetic Association's Spring Convention in Peoria. The Senator joined other governmental voices in a "Let Us Be Heard" workshop on legislation.
25 years ago
May 6, 1999
The Lee County Sheriff's Department received a report of a bomb threat at the Edelmann-Epector plant in Dixon. The anonymous caller told the Edelmann's switchboard operator that there were a number of bombs in the plant and that the devices were

set to go off later in the morning. A sweep of the property by Lee County deputies, Dixon Rural and Franklin Grove Police departments found no suspicious items.
What parents teach their children when they're young can influence what their children do when they're older. This was the case for Robert "Buck" Kellen, who recently retired from the Sublette Fire Department after 38 years as a volunteer fireman, 28 of those years as Fire Chief. "I was about five or six years old when I started going on calls with my dad and my brother Bill," said Kellen. "I've been interested in the work ever since." Amboy High School students attended the school's annual prom. This year's king was Joey Hume and the queen was Kristin Jahn. The court included Jenny Christofferson, Terri Huene, Becky Wedekind, Jill Shaw, Donnie Sommers, Tony Magnafici, James Fleming, Cory Fredericks, and Chris Dickinson.
Amboy's Jason McLaughlin won the 100-meter dash and placed fifth in the 200-meter dash at the Oregon Track Classic hosted by Oregon High School. The Clipper 800-meter relay team took fourth but set a new school record for the event for freshmen and sophomores. The same relay team of McLaughlin, Ryan McCoy, Kevin Hopper and Greg Welker took sixth in the 400-meter relay.

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LOCAL NEWS

BBB, ICC Alert: Scammers, substandard movers prey in May

ROCKFORD — The Better Business Bureau and the Illinois Commerce Commission are teaming up to alert consumers to use caution to avoid moving scams as May officially marks prime time for movers and is designated as National Moving Month.

For countless Americans, May signifies a significant transition in their lives. Whether graduating from high school, coming home from college, starting a new job, or relocating, this is the busiest month of the year for leases expiring.

“Consumers need to know that there are many great moving companies available, but you have to do your homework before you choose, and BBB.org is a great place to start,” says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the BBB. “It’s important to read ratings and reviews before you hire movers. And please remember, just because a price is lower, doesn’t make it the best deal.”

Troubling movers and scammers often use low-ball offers as one of their tools to attract people. Over 1,000 complaints were filed with the BBB against moving companies last year.

Horton adds, “Most

people hire a mover only a couple of times during their lives, so finding the right mover may be an unfamiliar process, leaving them prime targets for scammers.”

According to the BBB Scam Tracker, customers report hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses to moving scams yearly.

Consumers commonly allege problems in complaints and Scam Tracker reports, including receiving a quote and paying a deposit, but the movers never show up.

Other reports to the BBB include items showing up late or damaged or even being hijacked by a shoddy company and held until a higher price is paid.

The moving company provides a quote based on the expected weight, and after loading the truck, they inform the consumer that the load is over the expected weight and an additional fee will have to be paid. Most of the time, the extra cost is significantly more expensive per pound, sometimes as much as double the original estimate.

When moving within the state, always check with a great partner of the BBB, the Illinois Commerce Commission.

“When we move, we’re entrusting the contents of

our life with a company. Before handing everything you own over to a mover, be sure to research the company so you can make the safest decision for your home,” says Ruben Ramirez, Chief of Police for the Illinois Commerce Commission, the state entity that regulates intrastate household goods movers. “For folks moving within the state, the ICC website offers tips and resources to help Illinoisan’s vet potential movers and confirm that they’re licensed and insured to safely operate in Illinois.”

When moving between states, check licensing with the U.S. Department of Transportation. All interstate moving companies require an identification number issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), which can be verified at ProtectYourMove.org.

Over 40% of all business inquiries on BBB.ORG for moving companies occur between May and August. With the amount of moving activity during summer, the potential of being a victim of a moving scam also increases

BBB recommends that consumers follow these guidelines:

- Watch out for warning

signs. When reviewing a company’s website, if there is no address or information about a mover’s registration or insurance, it is a sign that it may not possess the appropriate policies to protect a consumer’s belongings. Additionally, it may not be a legitimate business if the mover uses a rented truck or offers an estimate over the phone before conducting an on-site inspection.

• Get everything in writing. Though most professional movers do give quotes over the phone, it’s still a good idea to get written documentation of all the services you are receiving. If an estimate seems too good to be true, it likely is. Get three writ-

ten estimates from different movers based on visits to your home. Be sure the estimates are based on weight, not cubic feet, and opt for full-value replacement liability insurance. If at any point the services change, ensure that these changes are documented and understood by both parties.

• Keep an inventory of your belongings. An inventory sheet is one of the best ways to keep track of your possessions. Label the boxes your belongings are packed in and what is in each box. Movers are not liable for lost or damaged contents in customer-packed boxes unless there is provable negligence on the mover’s

part. Taking photos of the contents before packing is a great way to prove if damages were incurred during the moving process.

• Ask questions. Do not be afraid to ask questions about anything you don’t understand. If the moving company can’t or won’t answer your questions, look for another company. Trust matters when hiring a moving company.

For more information, if you encounter a scam, even if you don’t lose money, report it to the BBB Scam Tracker to help alert others and protect your community. Look for the BBB seal, The Sign of a Better Business. Visit BBB.org or follow us @ChicagoBBB on social media.

BBB of Chicago, Northern Illinois celebrates 98th anniversary

CHICAGO—The BBB of Chicago and Northern Illinois celebrates the anniversary of the opening of the Chicago Office on Monday, April 22.

BBB has come a long way since being founded in 1912. Later, Samuel Dobbs, president, and Chairman of Coca-Cola, led a national team of business leaders to uphold truth in advertisements. A very active and vigilant team, first calling itself the Better Advertising Bureau, then evolved and opened the doors of the first Chicago BBB office in 1926.

The Bureau has remained committed to its work through good times and bad, protecting businesses and educating consumers during the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, the Great Recession, and the historical pandemic.

Steve J. Bernas, BBB president and CEO, says, “The BBB Seal, ‘The Sign of a Better Business,’ has become more important and relevant than ever before. All age groups, from Millennials to Seniors, are relying on the BBB for consumer protection and trustworthy business research. We are proud to have strengthened the marketplace during these challenging times, and we are committed to offering the same reassurance to our stakeholders today and into the future. Through the years, we have had the pleasure of receiving positive feedback from thousands of everyday consumers and former presidents of the United States.”

Bernas adds, “As president and CEO, it is my pleasure to continue to serve this BBB for over 36 years. We are proud

of our rich history and historical local roots and look forward to the next 2 years to our 100th anniversary and far beyond.”

McWethy from page A1

On June 5, 1918, Fred registered for the draft in Ogle County, while employed by his father on the family’s farm. During August, he entered the army and was sent to the University of Chicago for training, and then on to Camp Hancock in Augusta, Georgia. During his time in camp, Private McWethy was assigned to a training company and was scheduled for transportation to the front when the November 11th armistice interrupted that plan.

As the calendar moved to 1919, Pvt. McWethy was sent to Camp Grant at Rockford to prepare for discharge from the service. On the day of his discharge, he was so anxious to return home to family and friends that he did not mention to camp officials that he was feeling ill. Upon reaching his home in Dixon, his illness had reached a critical stage and he was

admitted to KSB Hospital with a high fever. On Jan. 21, 1919, Private Fred O. McWethy died of influenza at 6:30 in the morning. Pvt. McWethy’s obituary described him as a “popular, steady young man, well-liked by all who knew him”. Following his funeral, his remains were interred at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon, where he is forever remembered as one of Lee County’s Gold Star soldiers.

NOTE: If you know of other Lee County Soldiers who died in service during World War I, we urge you to share that information to demps60@gmail.com so that those soldiers may be honored and remembered.

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On Wednesday, May 22 The Amboy News will publish a special Memorial Day page devoted to those who are gone but not forgotten.

The memorials will be similar to the sample below:

Andrews, David C.
July 10, 1961-May 5, 1980

**May God's angels
guide you and
protect you
throughout time.**

**Always in our hearts,
John and Mona Andrews
and Family
(SAMPLE)**

(actual size)

If you wish, select one of the following FREE verses below to accompany your tribute.

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
12. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

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Deadline - Thursday, May 16, at noon

Fill out the form below and mail or drop off in our dropbox located at:
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Please publish my tribute in the special Memorial Day Page on May 22.

Name of deceased _____

Relationship to me _____ Number of selected verse _____

Date of birth _____ Date of passing _____

Additional information _____

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Cass Larson
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Lee Community Fire Protection District.
No. 0502
(May 8, 2024)

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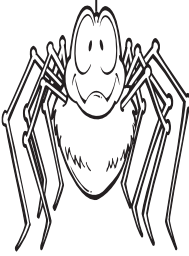
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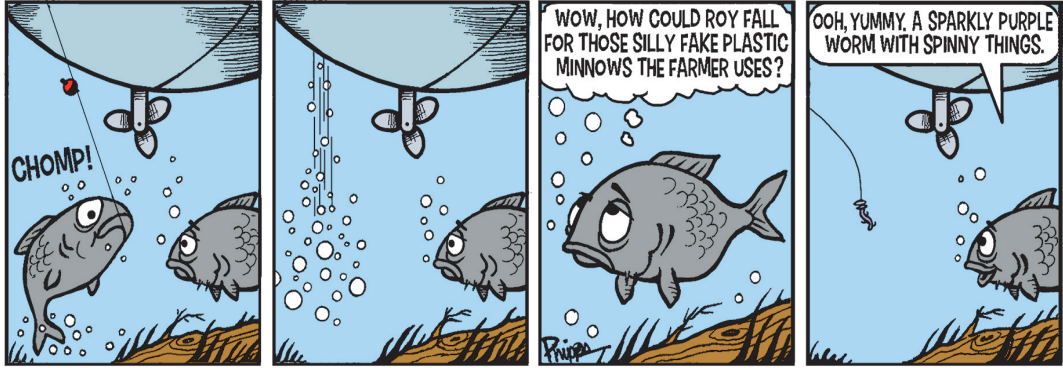
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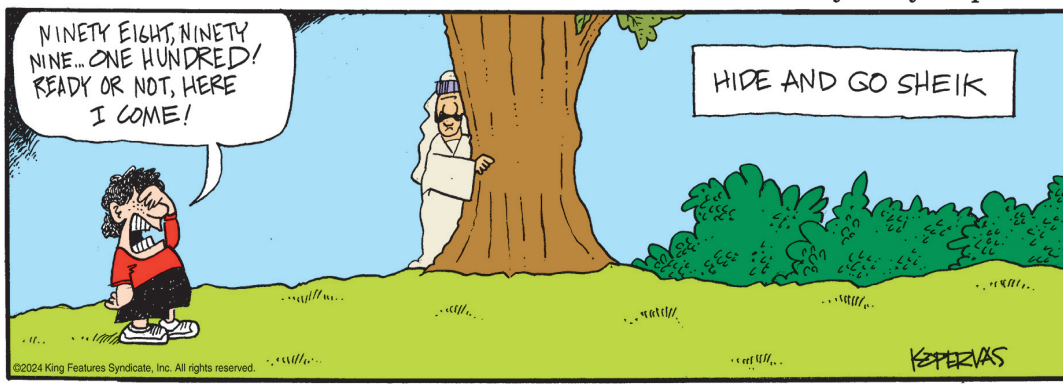
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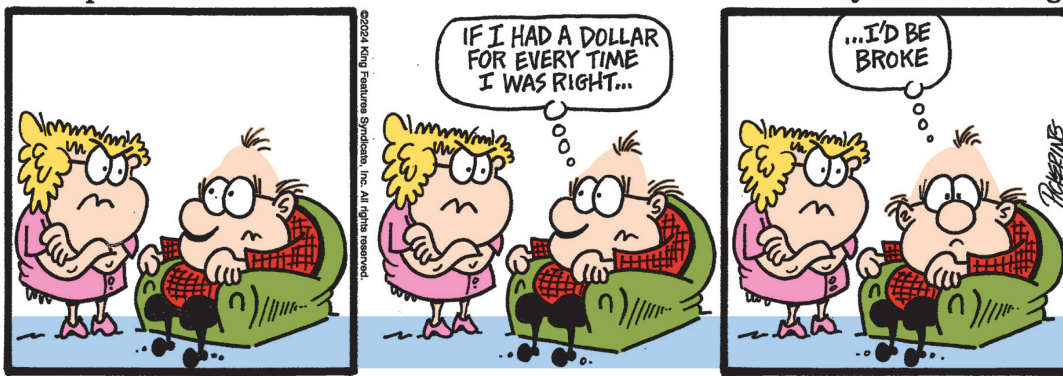
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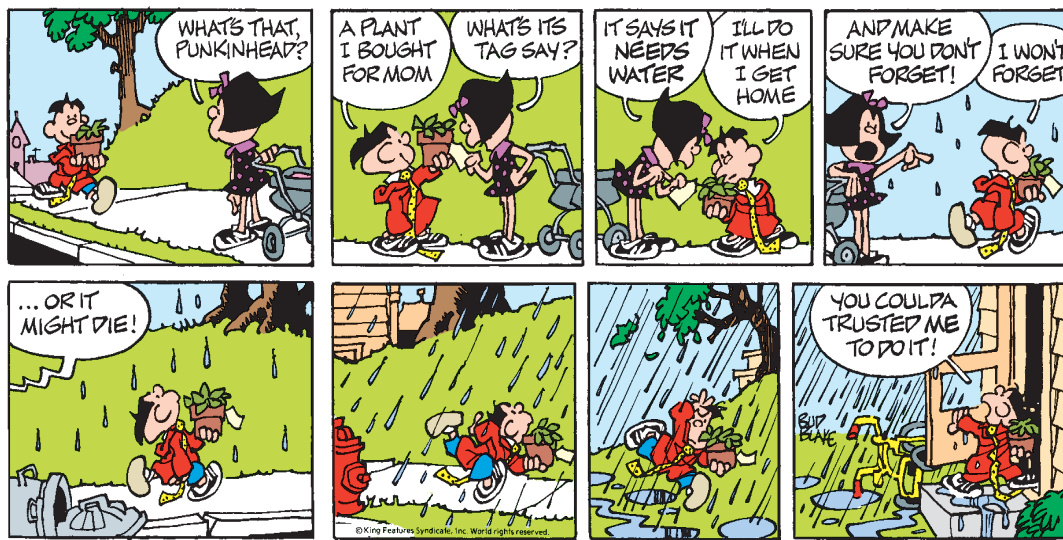
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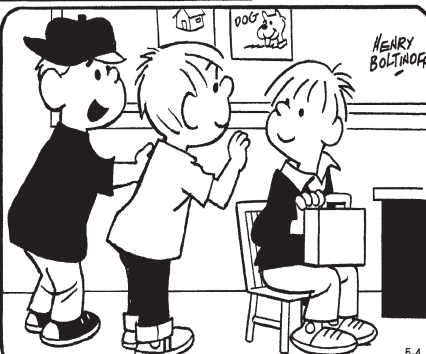


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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals C

RVL TLULDP OKHIKB XDB
UDEACPW LHTUNDTVVAHI KENH
RVL WLDUPW TUNEB NO UWL
DHC XVLDR. LUIN, LUINR.

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SCRAMBLERS

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!

Poem
SERVER
Scour
FEARGO
Sketch
SINGED
Rush
SLEUTH

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Volume-based
- 6 Outcome
- 12 Spud
- 13 Key in again
- 14 Chalkboard accessory
- 15 Vineyard harvest
- 16 Classic soda brand
- 17 "Excuse me ..."
- 19 Tolkien creature
- 20 First lady of scat
- 22 Lith., once
- 24 Six-pack muscles
- 27 "Carmen" solo
- 29 Staffer
- 32 Employer's directive
- 35 Hideaway
- 36 Couturier Christian
- 37 Science guru Bill
- 38 Small tablet
- 40 Iowa city
- 42 Top card
- 44 Hotel chain
- 46 "Casablanca" role
- 50 Tomorrow, in Tijuana
- 52 Witty retort
- 54 Billie Eilish hit song

DOWN

- 1 Apple center
- 2 Beehive State
- 3 Count with an orchestra
- 4 Mineral suffix
- 5 Lipstick shade
- 6 Incite
- 7 Salon jobs
- 8 Depot (Abbr.)
- 9 Father of Helios

- 10 Serving customers
- 11 Try out
- 12 Stock holder
- 18 Hispaniola resident
- 21 Trail the pack
- 23 Cutting tool
- 24 100%
- 25 "Don't — stranger!"
- 26 Allowances
- 28 Perfume dispenser
- 30 Parched
- 31 Scrape (out)
- 33 Span. lady
- 34 Raw mineral
- 39 Dunkable treat
- 41 Egyptian peninsula
- 42 Both (Pref.)
- 43 "Misery" star James
- 45 Baseball legend Willie
- 47 Pride parade initialism
- 48 Actress Ward
- 49 "How — you?"
- 51 Mature
- 53 — jiffy

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

3			8			1		
	7	9			2			6
	8			5			2	
2				4	5			
	9		5					3
		8		6			1	7
	6			4	1			2
		4	6			7		
1					9		5	

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 PEDAL to MEDIC in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

PEDAL

MEDIC

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MUSIC: The 1980s group Duran Duran took its name from a character in which movie?
- SCIENCE: What is the science of making maps called?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is surrounded by the country of South Africa?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the boy who owns the toys in "Toy Story"?
- THEATER: What are the major divisions in a play?
- TELEVISION: Which sitcom has the theme song, "Everywhere You Look"?
- GAMES: How many checkers does each player get to start the game?
- LITERATURE: Which children's book features a construction vehicle named Mary Anne?
- ANATOMY: What are the smallest blood vessels in the human body called?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of the dog mascot on the front of a Cracker Jack box?

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SELFISH

Today's Word

3. Design; 4. Hustle
1. Verse; 2. Forage;

SCRAMBLERS

solution

MEDAL, MEDIA, MEDIC

PEDAL, PETAL, METAL,

Answer

WORD LADDER

1	2	7	3	8	9	6	5	4
8	3	4	6	2	5	7	9	1
6	5	7	4	1	8	3	2	
4	5	8	2	6	3	9	1	7
7	6	9	5	1	8	2	4	3
2	1	3	6	7	4	5	8	
6	8	1	4	5	7	3	2	9
5	7	9	1	3	2	4	8	6
3	4	2	8	9	6	1	7	5

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

The cereal fungus was rapidly encroaching upon the yearly crops of rye and wheat. Ergo, ergot.

ANSWER
CryptoQuip

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

SPORTS

Lady Clippers beat AFC twice

AMBOY – Pitching and swinging were working into the Amboy softball team’s favor against Ashton-Franklin Center in their Northwest Upstate Illini Conference battles Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1.

In the first meeting in Amboy, the Lady Clippers won 9-1.

The win in the circle was accredited to sophomore Ellie McLaughlin who struck out nine, walked two and gave up six hits.

On the plate, junior Tyrah Vaessen was 2-of-4 with a single, a double, and three RBI, sophomore Kiera Karlson was 3-of-4 with a triple, a double, a single, and three RBI, sophomore Peyton Payne was 2-of-3 with two singles, and McLaughlin, senior Addison Shaw, junior Haleigh Stenzel, and sophomore Brittlyn Whitman each tallied a single.

The next day, Amboy and AFC met on the field in Ashton where the Lady Clippers triumphed 6-2.

Sophomore Alyvia Whelchel was the winning pitcher with nine strikeouts, three walks and allowing six hits.

Vaessen was 2-4 with the bat hitting two singles, McLaughlin was 2-of-4 with two singles and two RBI, and Shaw was 2-of-3 with a double and a single.

Also this week, Monday, May 6, Amboy traveled to Sterling to play Newman Central Catholic.

The Lady Clippers fell 12-1 although Payne hit a double and Karlson and Stenzel recorded singles. Whelchel was the losing pitcher.

The Amboy softball team is now 10-8, 7-3 NUIC.

Jones hits home run to help Clippers hold off rival AFC

ASHTON – There were many saviors on Thursday, May 2 for the Amboy baseball team on the road in Ashton, but the first one to leap off the box score is junior Eddie Jones.

Jones hit a home run in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference contest to seal the deal against rival Ashton-Franklin Center.

In the top of the third inning, Amboy scored two runs and added two in the top of the fourth including the home run.

AFC scored three in the fourth inning to fall a run short.

For the Clippers, senior Landon Montavon scored a run and hit a single, junior Dylan Merriman scored a run, and sophomore Rylan McNinch hit a double and scored a run.

Amboy baseball travels to Ashton for regional play

ASHTON – The Amboy Clippers will participate in the Ashton-Franklin Center Class 1A Regional Baseball Tournament. The Clippers are the fourth seed in the sub-sectional.

Action will begin with two play-in games on Monday, May 13. The winner of the Kirkland Hiawatha and Ashton-Franklin Center game will advance to the semifinals to square off against Amboy on Wednesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. The other semifinal contest will pit the winner of the Earlville-Indian Creek game against top-seeded Forreston at 4:30 p.m. May 15. The two semifinal round winners will meet for the regional championship at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18.

The champion of the A-FC Regional will advance to the Forreston Sectional to play the survivor of the Lena-Winslow Regional at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22. The other sectional game will be between the champions of the Hanover River Ridge and Fulton regionals.

Ashton-Franklin Center Class 1A Regional Baseball Tournament Monday, May 13

1 – (9) Earlville [Coop] at (8) Shabbona (Indian Creek) – 4:30 p.m.

2 – (10) Kirkland (Hiawatha) at (6) Ashton (A.-Franklin Center) – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15

3 – (1) Forreston vs. Winner Game 1 – 4:30 p.m.

4 – (4) Amboy vs. Winner Game 2 – 7 p.m. Saturday, May 18

5 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 – 1:30 p.m. (championship)

Who would you draft first, Luca Doncic, Anthony Edwards, Jalen Brunson or Shai-Gilgeous-Alexander if you were starting an NBA franchise?

Are you watching the NHL Playoffs?

Amboy High School

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Softball:
Kiera Karlson

Girls Track:
Stephanie Nave

Baseball:
Eddie Jones

Boys Track:
Ian Sundberg



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Amboy softball hosts Class 1A Regional

AMBOY – The Amboy Lady Clippers will host the Amboy Class 1A Regional Softball Tournament to be held May 13, 14, 15, 17.

Amboy is the third seed in the sub-sectional and will open post-season play against Kewanee Wethersfield on Wednesday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m. If the Lady Clippers defeat Wethersfield, they will advance to the regional championship game on Friday, May 17 at 4:30 p.m.

The winner of the Amboy Regional will move on to the Williamsfield Sectional to take on the survivor of the Woodhull (AlWood) Regional at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21. The other two sectional teams will be the champions from the Putnam County and Biggsville (West Central) regionals.

Amboy Class 1A Regional Softball Tournament Monday, May 13

1 – (9) Peoria Heights at (8) Toulon (Stark County) – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14

2 – (2) Henry (H.-Senachwine) vs. Winner Game 1 – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15

3 – (3) Amboy vs. (6) Kewanee (Wethersfield) [Coop] – 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 17

4 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 – 4:30 p.m. (championship)

Clipper boys track headed to Erie Sectional

ERIE – The Amboy boys’ track team has been assigned to the Erie Class 1A Sectional Track Meet to be held Thursday, May 16. Action will begin with the field events at 4 p.m., followed by the running events at 5:45 p.m.

Other schools competing at Erie include Ashton-Franklin Center, Cambridge, Erie, Fulton, Lena-Winslow, Manlius Bureau Valley, Milledgeville, Morrison, Orion, Pearl City, Port Byron Riverdale, Rock Island Alleman, Savanna West Carroll, Sterling Newman Central Catholic, Stockton and Taylor Ridge Rockridge.

First- and second-place winners and those who meet or exceed the qualifying standard in each event, including relay teams, will advance to the State final meet.

The IHSA State Meet is scheduled for Thursday, May 23 through Saturday, May 25 at O’Brien Stadium on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Small business scams are big business for fraudsters

ROCKFORD – There are more than 31 million small businesses in the United States. Each year they are recognized for their contributions to innovation, job creation, and the overall health of the economy. BBB always urges customers to support small businesses when possible.

These businesses are also the targets of scammers who seek to line their pockets off the efforts of small business owners. The Better Business Bureau warns that millions of dollars are lost to fraudsters each year.

“We have identified a list of scams that small businesses often encounter,” says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the BBB. “The scammers often succeed in defrauding these smaller businesses because they lack the resources of bigger companies to protect themselves.”

Horton notes, “Knowing the red flags is a key to avoiding the traps laid by scammers.”

Common small business scams identified by the BBB include:

(“BEC”). Business email compromise fraud is an email phishing scam that typically targets people who pay bills in businesses, government, and nonprofit organizations.

According to the F.B.I., it has resulted in more losses than any other type of fraud in the U.S.

In BEC fraud, the scammer poses as a vendor or other trusted source who emails an accountant or chief financial officer. The email asks them to wire money, buy gift cards or send personal information, often for a plausible reason. If money is sent, it goes into an account controlled by the con artists.

Stolen identity. Scammers often pretend to be legitimate companies to trick consumers. Scammers set up fake websites and “hijack” your company name and address. They may also use brand hijacking - blatant copying and misusing company logos and website content - to impersonate a business and deceive unsuspecting visitors.

Phishing scams. Phishing scams attempt to steal sensitive information about your business. These scams often appear to be legitimate emails or text messages. However, when you click on the link, you download a virus that captures personal information or loads a form that asks for bank account or credit card details. Be leery of unsolicited messages.

Overpayment scams.

In this scam, the person you are doing business with sends you a check for more than the amount they owe you. Then, they instruct you to wire the balance back to them. The check eventually bounces, and you’re stuck, responsible for the full amount, including what you wired to the scammers.

Other scams that are common attempted attacks on businesses are being sold fake directory ads, phony requests for charity donations, charging money for vanity awards that can have little to no meaning, fake invoices, or being pitched discounted office supplies that don’t exist.

BBB offers these tips to help small businesses protect themselves:

- o Keep good records. Keep documentation of all orders and purchases. This will help you to detect bogus accounts and invoices.
- o Be extra careful with payment procedures. Establish payment authorization procedures, including a multi-person approval process for transactions.
- o Avoid some payment methods when possible. Wire transfers, pre-paid debit cards, and gift cards are scammers’ preferred payment methods. Also, pay with a written company check so a paper trail is created.
- o Double-check vendors. Make sure that the business billing you is a business you’re familiar with and normally do business with.
- o Be careful what information you share. Do not give out information about your business unless you know the person asking and how the information will be used.

Protect your devices with proper computer protection software and a firewall.

Spread the word. If your employees know about the scam, they’ll be more likely to spot it. Tell your colleagues, too.

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Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Monday, May 13

• AHS Fresh/Soph Track @ Milledgeville-TBA

Wednesday, May 15

• AHS Baccalaureate @ St. Patrick Church-7:00 pm

Thursday, May 16

• AHS Honors Night-Auditorium-7:00 pm

Sunday, May 19

• AHS Graduation-Gym-2:00 pm

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2

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3

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at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.

4

Shopping Local saves you money and time!

Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items more.

5

Shopping Local retains our community:

Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.

6

Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:

Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.

7

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8

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9

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Reg. Price \$5.99/ea.

Tombstone Pizza

17.2 or 27 oz



2/\$10

Reg. Price \$6.29/ea.

Gatorade

8 pk Assorted



2/\$17.99

Reg. Price \$10.39/ea.

Ruffles or Tostitos

5.5 to 13 oz



2/\$8

Reg. Price \$5.99/ea.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Klement's Summer Sausage

12 oz

Assorted



\$4.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.99/ea.

Sugardale Hot Dog

16 oz



2/\$5

Reg. Price \$1.99/ea.

El-Monterey Burritos or Chimichangas

30.4 oz



\$5.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$6.59/ea.

Blue-Bunny Ice Cream

48 oz



\$5.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$6.99/ea.

Stouffer's Family Size Entrees

25 to 40 oz



\$9.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$10.99/ea.

Ore-Ida Potatoes

19 to 32 oz



\$4.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.59/ea.

Chips Ahoy Cookies

7 or 13 oz



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.99/ea.

Ritz Crackers

7.5 to 13.7 oz



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.99/ea.

Hidden Valley Dressing

16 oz



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.99/ea.

Pop-Tarts Toaster Pastries

7 or 13.5 oz



2/\$7

Reg. Price \$3.89/ea.

Barilla Pasta

12 or 16 oz



\$1.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$2.09/ea.

Werther's Original Popcorn

5.29 oz Assorted



\$2.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$3.99/ea.

Hostess Red, White & Blue Twinkies

10.65 oz



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.99/ea.

Pringles Party Stack

6.8 oz Assorted



\$2.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$3.29/ea.