

Congratulations Amboy High School Class of 2024



Graduation commencement adjourned...let the confetti fly

The Amboy High School Class of 2024 was celebrated and awarded their diplomas on Sunday, May 19. Speeches were given by Emma Dinges, who was named the Student of the Year at Amboy Honors Night on Thursday, May 16 (see page A2 for winners and photos), Austin Shugars, and AHS principal Janet Crownhart. The Amboy choir sang and the band played to help officialize the event and the student's achievements. The annual handing of flowers from the graduates to people in the crowd who helped them get to this day occurred with plenty of hugs, smiles, handshakes, and statements of appreciation. Plenty of photos were taken during the ceremony, in the lobby in front of the Amboy Clipper backdrop and outside in a fitting beautiful, sunny day landscape. A storybook chapter closed for another to open after high school.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

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.

Ralph Fanelli

By **CHRISTINALOVINELLI**
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Journalism Student

The Great War was once often thought of as the war that would end all other wars. It was a time in America where most men were forced to leave their homes and fulfill the oath that promises one nation's needs are far greater than one's own. For the group, better known as the 18% of immigrants, it was a time in which they too



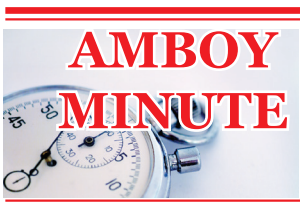
honorably served a country, but one that was not their homeland, and often before they earned their American citizenship. So the story goes for Amboy's very own Fanelli's Confectionery owner, Private Ralph Fanelli.

Ralph was an Italian man born in 1895 in the hills of Pieve Di Compito, Italy where he grew up on a vineyard with his 8 siblings. He arrived on Ellis Island by boat in 1912 at 17 years

old, and like many Italian immigrants at the time, he nestled in the city of Chicago and began working there for a few years up until America entered the war.

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Larry Leffelman

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...With Honors



Amboy High School seniors with top-notch GPAs earning honor roll, cum laude, and higher were given certificates during Amboy Honors Night on Thursday, May 16.

Scholarships, awards, and acknowledgment were well circulated in the Amboy High School auditorium on Thursday, May 16 at Amboy Honors Night.

Many AHS students, all classes, had their name called and were congratulated with applause.

Congratulations to those who put in the hard work to receive their recognition.

The 2024 Amboy Honors Night winners:

Student of the Year – Emma Dinges

Perfect Attendance – Grace Althaus, Logan Ketchum, Nicholas Ochoa, Bradley Schmidt, Austin Shugars, Caleb Shugars

Rhonda Politsch Memorial Scholarship – Emma Dinges, Elly Jones, Alexa Morris, Landon Whelchel

Knights of Columbus Scholarship – Emma Dinges, Madison O'Malley, Landon Whelchel

Shirley Rolf WACC Scholarship – Stephanie Nave, Alyvia Whelchel, Brittlyn Whitman, Tyrah Vaessen

Shirley Rolf Memorial Scholarship – Elly Jones, Madison O'Malley

William & Betty Kidd WACC/Sauk Scholarship – Cordia Asencio, Brysen Full, Caden Hummel, Micah Miller, Samantha Nauman, Emersyn Noble, Peyton Payne, Alyvia Whelchel, Brittlyn Whitman, Kenley Wilson

William & Betty Kidd Memorial Scholarship – Emma Dinges, Elly Jones, Maeve Larson, Landon Whelchel, Kimber Zitelman

Sylvan & Virginia Leffelman

Scholarship – Brennan Blaine, Emma Dinges, Landon Whelchel

The Carol & Tedd Schoch Memorial Scholarship – Addison Shaw

Larry J. Green Memorial Scholarship – Landon Whelchel

Gentry Family Agriculture Scholarship – Elly Jones

The Leave a Legacy Sylvan & Virginia Leffelman Scholarship – Emma Dinges

Lee County Foundation Scholarship – Emma Dinges

Sublette Toy Show Amboy FFA Scholarship – Emma Dinges

Sublette Toy Show Community Service Scholarship – Elizabeth Clarida

Lee County Democrats Scholarship – Maeve Larson

Don Schamberger Memorial Scholarship – Elly Jones, Madison O'Malley

Jason Bonnell Memorial Scholarship – Emma Dinges

P.E.O. Chapter AC Scholarship – Elly Jones

Kreider Alliance Scholarship – Elly Jones, Maeve Larson

DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) – Addison Shaw

DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) State Conference Award – Landon Whelchel

Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship – Emma Dinges, Landon Whelchel

Amboy Education Association Scholarship – Elizabeth Clarida

Ron & Jake Metzen Memorial Scholarships:

General – Maeve Larson

Agriculture – Emma Dinges

Sauk Community College

Scholarship – Austin Shugars

Incoming Sauk Academy – Brysen Full, Adrian Mimini

The Travi Educational Scholarship – Elizabeth Clarida, Austin Shugars

Lions Club Scholarships – Elizabeth Clarida, Emma Dinges, Madison O'Malley, Landon Whelchel

Jack Zentz Foundational Scholarship – Kimber Zitelman

Dukes Family Scholarship – Elizabeth Clarida

The Depot Days Car Show Scholarship – Brennan Blaine, Eliseo Vazquez-Tapia

Financial Plus Credit Union – Bucks for Books – Eliseo Vazquez-Tapia

KSB Scholarship – Elly Jones, Maeve Larson

Lee Center Masonic Scholarship – Emma Dinges

Illinois State Scholars – Brennan Blaine, Gabriel Jones, Austin Shugars, Landon Whelchel

Illinois Principal Association Award – Emma Dinges, Austin Shugars

Gary Groegarert Memorial Award – Brennan Blaine

Amboy News Award:

Best Female – Alexis Ketchum

Best Male – Landon Whelchel

Pathway Endorsement Awards – Elizabeth Clarida, Maeve Larson, Madison O'Malley

Red Cross Scholarship – Elizabeth Clarida, Emma Dinges, Maeve Larson, Madison O'Malley, Addison Shaw, Austin Shugars

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Amboy News Award for Best Female & Best Male Athlete, Alexis Ketchum and Landon Whelchel



Seniors, left to right, Kimber Zitelman, Landon Whelchel, Emma Dinges, Elly Jones, and Maeve Larson.



Pathway Endorsement Award winners, left to right, Elizabeth Clarida, Madison O'Malley, Maeve Larson.

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Why look at a remodel when you can move right in to a full renovation? Every aspect of this mid-century home has been addressed. As soon as you pull up, you'll love the blue exterior of the freshly painted cedar siding with new gutters and spruced up yard. The front yard is inviting for sure, but the back yard is both private and cozy - sure to be enjoyed all year long. The neighborhood is nice and quiet, with a lovely public park across the street and farm land directly behind said park. The location is just blocks from Rt. 38, so even being in the quaint community of Ashton you will be aligned with easy access to the surrounding communities of Rochelle, Dixon and just minutes from US 88. As soon as you step inside you will be sure to fall in love. The entryway has a charming built-in to flow perfectly with the style of this flawless renovation. The matching laminate flooring runs throughout the entire home and is a great neutral. The entire HVAC system was installed just months before listing, along with the water heater, water softener and expanded electrical panel. All of the interior plumbing fixtures have been replaced as well. Both the full and half bath were totally renovated with custom vanities and tile. The main bath has a lighted vanity and a double trough sink. The kitchen was totally gutted and renewed with beautiful cabinets, including three roll-out drawers and two with rotating shelves, and the quartz countertops will leave a sparkle in your eye. Then ALL the new appliances will be sure to captivate you - the dishwasher was a new addition but the disposal, stove, microwave and refrigerator are all brand new too. There is an interior water dispenser and ice maker in the fridge for convenience and refreshment. With all of this there is still room for a table and chairs, making this a functional eat-in kitchen if you choose. The huge, sunken family room is quite captivating and will be sure to be a great gathering space with the wood burning fireplace, full brick wall and exposed beams. There is a very convenient dry bar/buffet too with gorgeous butcherblock counter top for entertaining or convenience. A closet within the family room offers great options for room use as well. Directly off this great room is a perfectly appointed screened in porch. With the freshly painted concrete floor, inset tongue and groove pine ceiling and ceiling fan, you can enjoy the space most of the year. The dining room flows perfectly into the living room, but not before you pay special attention to the eye-catching feature wall and stunning new light fixture. Then the living room is nice and deep to afford a gathering of a large group of family and/or friends. Both the north and south walls have striking floor to ceiling windows. The bedrooms all have spacious closets with the old-school pul chain lights having been updated to switches. The main bedroom has another great accent wall that is also eye-catching, yet subtle at the same time. Every inch of the interior has been freshly painted and is heavily insulated from the crawlspace to the attic (access in bedroom hallway). All of these recent renovations were prudently planned out with the contractor and owner while staying true to the original style and relevance of the property. This home was the first all-electric home in northern IL, its location lends it convenience and charm and should be appreciated by a vast collection of home buyers. If you are looking to get moved in and not spend all summer revamping your new home so it is ready to love, then make an appointment to look at 707 N. Fourth St. Ashton today!

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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

End of School Celebration Dance

A full Thank you will be in next week's paper

4th Grade Graduation party

This is only open to our 4th graders, who have filled out an emergency contact form. It is tomorrow from afterschool till 6 p.m. A full thank you will be in next week's paper.

Summer Programs

"Places you go" will be our theme for 6 weeks. It begins, June 10th and will end July 17th for

pre-k to 4th grade. Pre-K and K will be on Mondays, 1st and 2nd are on Tuesdays, and 3rd and 4th will be on Wednesdays. Applications are in our 24/7 hallway and were sent to Amboy Central School to distribute.

Kids going into 5th grade, 6th, 7th, 8th, and High school will begin their summer program on June 3rd. They go from 9a.m.-4 p.m on Mondays and Tuesdays and go from 9a.m.-9p.m. on Wednesdays (They go to Woodhaven for a swim treat on Wednesdays) We are accepting applications for the all day community program and it goes to July 26th. Applications are in the Teen Turf Hallway and are in school as well. If you have any questions, please call Teen Turf building at 815-857-4800. Let's have a great summer!

Needs

Fruit Snacks, Fruit Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, and Toilet Paper

Final Note

Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all mankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence their lives, may they grow even more grateful and wise. Amen.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AMBOY – You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US Highway 52, Amboy. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Chairs are provided for an approximate 30-minute workout. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.

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 21-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 Amboy Lions Club May meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, May 27 at the Amboy Community Center, located at 280 W. Wasson Rd. The Lions Club meetings take place the second and fourth Monday of every month.

MILLEDGEVILLE – 4-H Botts N Spurs Horse Camp, a free one-day camp centered around horses and riders, is happening from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 1 at the Carroll County Fairgrounds. All lessons are centered around classes that may be offered at the 4-H Horse Show at both the county and state levels. This camp is acceptable for all skill levels, from beginner to experienced. A great option if your child wants to try something new or expand on current skills. Register online at go.illinois.edu/2024horsecamp.

MILLEDGEVILLE – Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the 4-H Poultry Workshop taking place from 1-3 p.m. on Sundays June 2 at the Carroll County Fairgrounds. Attendees will learn about poultry nutrition, as well as poultry diseases and illnesses. This workshop is being led by Jen Geerts. Registration is due on May 31. Register online at go.illinois.edu/2024poultryworkshop.

AMBOY – The City of Amboy committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, June 3 at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

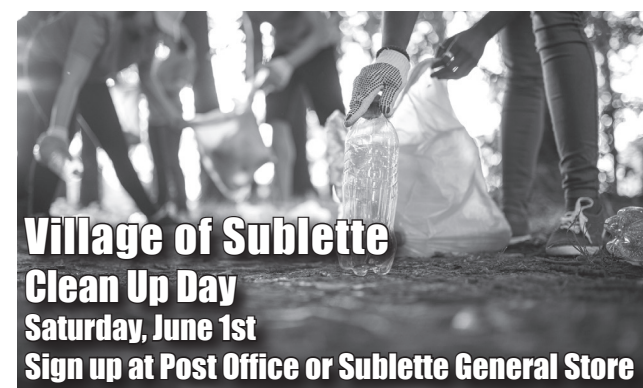
STERLING – The Sterling Public Library is hosting a Youth Sewing Workshop from 1-3 p.m. on every Month through June (3, 10, 17, and 24). The workshop allows you to explore the sewing world and bring your imagination to life. All sewing machines and basic supplies will be provided registration fee, \$20 for 4-H members, \$30 for non-4-H members. Secure your spot by registering on Z Suites at go.illinois.edu/SewingSterling. Non-4-Hers, please contact the office to register at 815-632-3611.

AMBOY – The Amboy Civic Organization currently meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at 4:30 p.m. at Maria's Pizza in Amboy, 110 E. Main Street. Please note, the A.C.O no longer gathers at 4 p.m. but instead will gather at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 4. Sharing dinner will provide a great opportunity for socializing and sharing community news.

SUBLETTE – The next Village of Sublette meeting

is at 7 p.m. Monday, June 10 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette.

STERLING – The monthly workshop held by Wits Fitness is from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 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.



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Valery C. "Larry" Leffelman November 30, 1938 - May 14, 2024

SUBLETTE – Valery C. "Larry" Leffelman, 85, of Sublette, died Tuesday May 14, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born November 30, 1938 in Sublette, the son of Charles and Mildred (Kuebel) Leffelman. Larry was an insurance agent and owned and operated Leffelman & Associates, Inc. since 1969.

Leffelman was a veteran of the Army National Guard and a 50-year member and past commander of the Amboy American Legion Post. Larry was a member of Our Lady of

Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette where he had been a religious education teacher. He was a member and past president of the Independent Farm Insurance Agents of Illinois as well as a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois. He was village president of Sublette for 11 years and had been a member of the Mendota Knights of Columbus Council and the Mendota Elks Lodge.

He felt very blessed and was passionate about God and his family, communi-

ty, and country. He had a legendary and unforgettable personality (Larry, the legend - "you're just saying that because it's true")

Larry married Rose Ella Bonnell on May 27, 1961 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette.

He is survived by his wife Rose, daughters Jennifer (Brad) Considine of Geneva, Christine (Ed) Klein of Sublette, Amy (Gerry) Staszewski of Hampshire, 11 grandchildren: Christian Considine, Emily Considine,

Andrew Considine, Grant Considine, Nathan Klein, Valery Klein, Alexandra (Roger) Willey, Riley (Whitney) Klein, Grace Klein, Clayton Staszewski and Aaron Staszewski. He is also survived by one sister Diane (Jim) Flaherty of Mendota.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Eugene Leffelman.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church hall from 10-11 a.m. Monday, May

20, 2024.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 20, 2024 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette with Rev. Randy Fronck officiating. Burial will follow with military honors by the Amboy American Legion at St. Mary Cemetery in Sublette.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Sublette Fire Department, the Amboy American Legion, or to the donors choice. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.



OSF announces 2024 Conkey Award winner

MENDOTA – The recipient of the 43rd Annual Conkey Family Award was announced on Monday, May 13th, at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center as part of National Health Care Week.

This year's honoree is Brenda Grobe, a dedicated hospital administrative assistant.

Brenda has devoted nearly 39 years as a Mission Partner and resides in Mendota. She was recognized by a fellow Mission Partner for embodying kindness and compassion. Whether managing the gift shop or assisting with administrative duties, she excels in every responsibility. Her thoughtful actions, such as surprise gifts and cards,

mirror her commitment to the OSF Mission. Known for her warmth and helpfulness, Brenda is cherished by her friends, patients, and visitors, who often seek her out for guidance and a welcoming smile.

Established in 1982, the Conkey Family Award honors exemplary service, with its inaugural presentation in 1983.

OSF Healthcare presents Denise Bickett with a DAISY Award

OTTAWA – As a partner in the international DAISY Award program that recognizes the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care of nurses, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center recently presented its DAISY Award to Denise Bickett, RN.

Bickett, a registered nurse in the emergency department, has been with OSF HealthCare for 15 years. Heather Bomstad, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer for OSF Saint Paul and OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, expressed gratitude for the daily contributions of compassionate RNs, noting that the DAISY Award is a significant way to acknowledge the dedication of individuals like Denise Bickett.

Bickett's nomination came from a local ambulance EMT. The EMT described bringing in an elderly gentleman in poor physical condition due to neglect, requiring extensive care



for multiple wounds. "Denise Bickett, the nurse who met us at the door, was exceptionally kind and compassionate, as were the rest of the ED staff. Denise's empathetic demeanor stood out. Bringing in such a challenging case is never easy for an ambulance crew, but Denise's professional manner and attitude made it easier. She is a true professional and deserves recognition for her selfless and caring skills and attitude."

The DAISY Award

program can be found in over 2,000 healthcare facilities in all 50 states and 14 other countries. OSF HealthCare encourages patients, family members, and fellow staff to recognize caregivers who have provided exceptional care and service by nominating them for an award to honor their dedication. For more information about the DAISY or Sunflower awards or to submit a nomination, visit: <https://www.osf-healthcarefoundation.org/gratefulpatient/>.

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Ralph was drafted into the Army in 1917 under the 131st infantry, or better known as the "Little Illinois." The Little Illinois' position was among one of the war's most dangerous roles. Trench runners had the task of delivering messages along the front by foot. Trench running was often described as a thankless job because it was only a matter of when one was to get hurt, merely if. To survive this roll, trench runners had no choice but to be quick on their feet, and at 5 feet and 6 inches tall in a skinny body, Ralph was a great candidate in the eyes of the US Army.

Under the 131st infantry, Ralph was assigned to the 2nd battalion H Company, and fought alongside the Australians. On May 13, 1918, his unit harbored in Brest, France, and three days later were sent out in small groups by train to head to the front lines. Twenty days later, on the 21st of July 1918, Ralph and his battalion were inching closer toward the war, when a German plane filled with 7 men and their bombs fell from the sky and crash landed near them exploding into millions of pieces. The following day, Ralph's unit was passing through Amiens, France, a deserted bombed city, where they documented that they were now in the war zone. From here on out, Ralph and his troop wore gas masks and dug ditches to protect themselves from the gruesome night bombings.

As the war continued to advance, and the 131st Infantry moved along the front, the harsh conditions of the trenches only increased. In

early July of 1918 outside of Bayonville, France, Ralph and all companies A-H marched alongside the Australian troops while strategizing their charge on Hemel. At approximately 2:30 AM on July 4th the men executed the operation. Progressing at a rate of 100 yards every 3 minutes, they steadily pushed the frontline deeper into German territory. Despite encountering strategically placed German barbed wire in the woods, the American forces pressed onward undeterred. Upon reaching Hemel, they found the British had already seized enemy positions. Ralph and the rest of H company rapidly secured the area, seized what they could, and continued marching on. The Battle of Hemel marked the first significant engagement involving all members of the 131st Infantry. The Australians noted their

impression of the American forces, relaying that their only critique was their remarkable swiftness. Ralph's searful war injuries and the exact timing they occurred remain unknown. However, given his role as a trench runner, it is imagined that he sustained such injuries during events like the Battle of Hemel. According to Ralph's children and grandchildren, his left leg bore witness to his time in the war long after it had ended.

On Oct. 3, 1918, an enemy aircraft and one allied plane went down in Drilliancourt near the 131st Infantry, amidst intense machine gun firing over control of the riverbank. Subsequently, many years later, an Amboy newspaper article shared that Ralph recalled his most vivid memory from the war involving witnessing an American plane crashing

nearby him during combat. Despite hoping to rescue the pilot, Ralph tragically discovered him to be deceased and riddled with bullet wounds.

On the evening of Nov. 10, at 6:15 PM, the commander of the 131st infantry company issued orders to Ralph and his unit. The message directed them to initiate a heavy artillery fire on Butgneville at 5 AM the following day, approximately 1 mile northeast of their position. They were instructed to advance to the town after the bombardment, seize control, and hold it with the entire company strength, alongside four machine guns. Despite a notice of armistice

delivered at 8:30 AM on Nov. 11, that announced a ceasefire at 11 a.m., a German machine gunner fired at Ralph's unit at the very last moment.

The narrative persists that Ralph regained consciousness amid distant cries that shouted, "The war is over!", whilst under a pile of dozens of lifeless men. The weight of the bodies applied enough pressure to Ralph's punctured left leg, ultimately saving his life. As Ralph began to move toward the top of the trench, he realized he couldn't walk. Ralph laid there crying out for help until a wounded German soldier, whose right leg mirrored Ralph's left one,

stumbled over to him. The two men took their rifles and supported one another on opposing legs as they hobbled to the aid station together. When they arrived, the German soldiers were being treated on one side and the Allied soldiers on another. Ralph and the German exchanged different items before parting, leaving Ralph with his ring.

Ralph went on to receive his American citizenship in 1920. He married Helen Fanelli and they raised six children together in Amboy. As much as Ralph loved Toscana, he wore his American citizenship with pride for the remainder of his life.

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Arend, Bruce, World War II
Arnold, J. H., Co. L, 1st N. Y. Artillery
Arnold, W. H., 111th N. Y. Infantry
Atkinson, Thomas, World War I
Atkinson, William M., World War II
Badger, Chester, Mexican War
Banker, W. H., Co. B, 7th Missouri Cavalry
Barnes, W. P., Co. G, 163rd Ohio Infantry
Barry, Maurice J.
Beck, Geo. E., U. S. Navy, World War II
Bee, Walter Carl, Army
Bennett, Jesse, Vietnam
Berkeley, Richard D., World War II
Beresford, John W., Blackhawk War
Bettner, Rober, Korean War
Blair, James, Mexican War
Blanchard, C. E., Battery D, 1st Illinois Artillery
Bliss, Calvin, War of 1812
Blocher, George, Co. C, 7th Illinois Cavalry
Blum, Harry, World War II
Bonner, George, Co. B, 30th Illinois Infantry
Bridgman, Junior L., World War II
Broderick, Thomas H., Worle War II
Broderick, Thomas Jr.
Brogan, Peter, Co. A, 13th Reg. Illinois Cavalry and Co. B, 4th U. S. Vet. Infantry
Brown, Arthur A., World War II
Bull, E. W., Co. I, 89th Illinois Infantry
Burrington, John, Co. D, 46th Illinois Infantry
Cardot, Henry (Dude), US Army
Cardot, Ken (Doc), US Army
Carlson, Earl, World War I
Chase, Donald, Korean War
Christiance, James, Co. C, 89th Ill. Inf.
Christiance, John D., Pvt., Co. D, 1st Regt. S. Dak. Inf., Spanish-American War
Clarke, Arthur C.
Clevenger, Franklin E., Vietnam
Clevenger, James S., World War II
Comstock, S. C., Capt. Co. I, 89th Illinois Infantry
Comstock, Oscar, A., Co. C, 89th Illinois Infantry
Conderman, Andrew, Vietnam
Conderman, Gary, Vietnam
Conway, Joseph C., World War II
Covell, Arlyn W., World War II
Cox, Stanley
Crampton, J. M., Co. I, 31st Mass. Infantry
Crampton, H. L., Co. D, 1st New York Infantry
Cunningham, J. Ward, World War II
Daniels, Delmar LeRoy
Daniels, Raymond A., World War I
Day, Richard Red, World War II
Decker, James, Spanish American War
Dees, Tim, Vietnam
Dewey, Clarence D.
Dickey, Gail, Korean
Dillian, Fredrick, 161 Co. D, U. S. Inf.
Dixon, C. IC, Co. H, 15th Illinois Infantry
Dotey, Donald
Doty, Paul A., World War I
Dooley, James V. World War II
Dunsmore, P., Co. G, 90th Illinois Infantry
Edwards, Rev. Earl M., World War II
Eckert, Louis, 65th Ohio Infantry
Eckert, Louis M., Spanish War
Eller, Irene, World War II
Eller, William
Elliott George, World War II
Emery, Deane
Emery, Earl C., World War I
Entorf, William, World War I
Ethredge, Dale, Army
Fessenden, W. G., Co. E, 14th Illinois Infantry
Fisher Geo. L., Co. C, 105th Illinois Infantry
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Flaherty, Lester Sr.
Flanders, Clifford, World War I
Flatt, William L., Co. E, 140th Ill. Inf.
Freeman, Capt. G. W., Co. C, 11th Illinois Cavalry
Frye, Larry A., Vietnam
Gascoigne, Charles Frederick, World War I
Gascoigne, Earl LaVerne, World War II
Gascoigne, Harold S., World War
Getty, R. Q., Co. D, 29th New York Infantry
Gilbert, Thomas, US Army
Gilpin, Donald Murray, World War II
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Glenn, Donald
Good, Jordan D., World War II
Green, Maurice Esmond, World War II
Groth, Philip, World War
Haefner, Edward
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Hall, Joseph, Co. A, 57th Illinois Volunteer Infantry
Hamilton, Alex, Co. C, 13th Illinois Infantry
Hardesty, Allen C., World War II
Hart, Paul, World War II
Harper, C. A., Co. I, 13th Ill. Inf.
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Haws, Wilbur E., World War II
Hawzen, Franklin M., World War
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Kelley, Mathew, Co. H, 97th Illinois Infantry
Kiefer, George, World War I
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Knoll, Henry, Army Korea
Koch, Thomas, Marine
Koehler, Eugene, World War II
Krehl, Fred, Co. G, 3rd Illinois Cavalry
Krieger, Stanley, World War I
Lane, James, Army
Lannen, Chas. E.
Lannen, Dennis, World War I
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Lavelle, Thomas Jr., World War
Leddy, Andrew F., S/Sgt., Co. C, 136th Inf.
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Long, William, Korea
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Lynch, Joseph, Air Corp World War II
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McCaffrey, Roger
McCaffrey, William E., World War II
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McNally, Peter, Co. C, 64th Illinois Infantry
Morrisey, Jerome, Viet Nam
Morrisey, Thomas, Korea
Morrisey, Walter J., World War I
Morrisey, William, Marine Korea
Mosher, Thomas, Rainbow Division Field Artillery, World War
Nauman, Earl, World War II
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Oester, James, Army Viet Nam
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Ottingheime, Frank, World War II
Pierce, Wayne, World War II
Powers, James Army Korea
Powers, John P., World War II
Powers, Joseph Army Korea
Reilly, Catherine Isly, Army World War II

Ross, E. James, Korea
Scott, Charles, World War II
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Scott, Lawrence R., World War II, Army
Sullivan, Dr. John L., World War II
Terres, Peter J., World War II
Turnquist, Harry, World War I
Underwood, Roy, World War I
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Vanic, George Navy
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Whalen, James, Co. H, 46th Illinois Infantry
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Zanpogna, Joseph, Co. E, 2nd. Div. B. N.
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Streit, Charles J., Battery E, 338th Field Artillery, World War.
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Vaessen, Joseph H.
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Holton, Jerome R., Co. C, 46th Illinois Infantry
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Hetherington, Myron H., Regiment Unknown
Ingalls, Chas. H.
Koch, Edwin O., World War
Landwehr, Wm. G., World War I
Letteer, Alva W., Penn. Vol. Infantry
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Minor, Britton, Co. F, 105th Illinois Infantry
McCall, A., Co. C, 7th Illinois Cavalry
McCune, Harry, Co. C, 13th Illinois Vol. Infantry
McCune, Edward, Co. E, 75th Ill. Vol. Infantry
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Newton, Harry, Regiment unknown
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Rolloff, Grover C., World War I.
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Bonnell, Leslie, Army Reserve Drill Sergeant
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Boyer, Otto, World War I
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Chesley, Charles, World War II
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Clink, M. L., Sergeant Co. B1 12th Illinois Infantry
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Conibar, Herbert, World War II
Courtwright, Lester, World War
Corydon, Dewey, Blackhawk War
Corywell, Henry (Tommy)
Courtwright, Glenn, World War II
Crombie, James L., Korean War
Dahle, Jostine, Army
Dagner, August, Co. E, 75th Illinois Infantry
Dagner, Charles
Dallam, Raymond, World War II
Daniels, Harold, Army
Daws, Clarence
Degner, August, Corporal, Company E. 75th Illinois 3rd Infantry
Depew, Leonard, Co. I, 10th Inf., World War
Dewey, Corydon, Blackhawk War
Dewey, Oscar, Civil War
Dickison, R. Dale, World War II
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Emery, G. D., 67th Ind. Infantry
Evans, Betty (Beals)
Everett, Oliver
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Fowler, William, Corporal, Army World War II
Frost, W.S., Capt. Co. E, 75th Illinois Infantry
Freadhoff, Norman, Army World War II
Gale, Harry, World War
Gascoigne, Sheldon, Navy World War II
Gerr, Daniel, Specialist Navy, World War II
Gonnerman, C. S., Co. E, 75th Illinois Infantry
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Haentisch, David, Army
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Hanneman, Roy, World War I
Hand, Andrew, Co. A, 86th Reg. New York Infantry
Harvey, James H., Co. I, 2nd Illinois Battery
Hicks, Rex
Hlinka, William J.,
Hodges, Giles, Civil War
Hummel, S., 183rd Pennsylvania Infantry
Huffman, Lemuel Co. H, 1st N. C. Union Vol.
Houghton, Thomas, Co. E, 142nd Regt. Pa. Infantry
Hoyle, Joseph L., Sergeant, Army Viet Nam
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Jahn, Fredrick, World War II
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Nash, Samuel, 13th U. S. Infantry
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Schnell, Roger, Captain, Army Reserves
Schuette, Martin
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Sensenig, Elmer (Rocky) Jr.
Sharp, Ellen Moore, Reserves, Illinois National Guard
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Spears, Roger Lee, Army Viet Nam War
Spotts, Donald, World War II
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Taylor, Robert, Illinois National Guard
Taylor, W.G. (Jim), World War I
Their, William, World War II
Thayer, Silas S., Co. A, 4th Mass. Infantry
Thornton, Capt. J. B. H., Co. A, 8th Kan. Vol. Infnt. Promoted Capt. 12th U.S. Colored Troops Infantry August 18, 1863
Ucci, Anthony Sr., World War II
Ulrich, Arlyn, A., Sr., World War I
Ulrich, Forrest H., World War I
Ulrich, Ray, World War I
Vivian, Henry, World War II
Wagner, Richard, Corporal, Army
Walkins, Wilfred
Wellman, Don, World War
Wellman, Don, Navy Korean War
Wellman, Howard Sr., World War I
Wellman, Howard J., Private First Class, Army Korean War
Wheat, George W., 75th Ill. Inf.
William, Homer, Korean War

OPINION/LOCAL NEWS

Not the suspected answer

Believe it or not, journalists are not the only ones asking questions.

From time to time curious minds will ask questions to the ones usually ending sentences with question marks, especially about details of our careers such as where we have been, who we have talked to, what's our best story or your favorite story, what gyms we have been in, have we been to all of the Illinois tourist destinations, what do we eat on the road, where is your favorite place to eat on the road, and every what is your favorite question possible.

The No. 1 question I've been asked over my 20 years as a professional journalist is, "What is your favorite event to cover?" At first it was a difficult question to answer.

I have covered a lot of cool, interesting, history making worthy events such as a rally at the Illinois State Capitol Building in Springfield to fight the pulling of a college grant, St. Bede

alumnus J.A. Happ pitching in MLB games (six different stories which took place in both Chicago ballparks, Detroit, and Milwaukee), state fairs, rodeos (including speaking to the at-the-time No. 1-ranked Professional Bull Riders cowboy), Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame member Walt "Clyde" Frazier donating to Southern Illinois University, Illinois Senator Sue Rezin and State Representative

Lance Yednock taking a tour of the newly bought and renovated OSF hospital in Peru, DePue boat races, two NASCAR races at Joliet Speedway with interviews with Ross Kenseth, speaking with country music singers Drew Parker and Shane Profitt in Sublette during Hops and Harmony 2023, the 2018 Hall baseball team state championship (covered on radio and in print), met US Senator Dick Durbin at the Amboy Fire Department, and many, many, many more awesome events I'll write about in a book some day.

I left out some of the happenings early on in my career from the list (Rest in Peace Dan Callahan, former SIU baseball coach who helped me mature and make sure this was the career I wanted) as I thought about more recent memories. There are events that made the question a tough answer since year one of my career in 2005.

In 2014, the answer became easier when I covered my first IHSA State Track Meet.

Since the first weekend I witnessed the jaw-dropping track and field performances to a level I had never seen before, I've been hooked and have never changed the answer to what is my favorite event to cover whether sports, news or entertainment.

The answer has been and may forever be, the state track meet.

Let's just look at this year with Mendota freshman high jumper Mariyah Elam winning only the fourth female track state championship in school history following Tracy Stroyan (1982, discus) and Sherry Hoffman (1987, long jump; 1989, long jump).

Not only did she win but she impressed herself, her coaches, her teammates and her parents

as she outleaped her 4-foot-11, fourth-place finish at last year's IESA State Track Meet to 5-7 to claim her gold medal in the high school ranks.

There were top marks, top athletic ability, top notch determination from athletes all over the state and definitely from the Illinois Valley.

It's like this every year.

I love basketball and football. Volleyball is awesome. Baseball and softball are cool. Soccer is alright. Tennis is OK.

I never thought I'd like covering or watching track, but it is at the top of the list, even surpassing hoops.

There is no greater feat than defeating opponents on a stage as big as the one at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

All eyes are on you. All headlines are focused on what you do. All schedules are booked around you. All attention is on the athlete and what he or she does.

Can they rise to the occasion? Will they fail?

The anticipation for a 50 second run or a 5-7 jump that took 10 seconds is incredibly intriguing, unique, and addictive.

Just ask every track athlete who has ever performed, it's

highly addictive.

That's what La Salle-Peru alumna Rachel Hickey won the 800-meter run in 2016 and 2018 before a career at Illinois State University and Baylor University. The same goes for St. Bede graduate Bret Dannis when he won both the 300-meter and 100-meter hurdles in 2106 and the 110 hurdles in 2017 before hurdling for the University of Illinois.

Steven Brust, Anthony Buchanan, Devin Soldati, and Marshall Walk gasped the words, "Man, that was awesome," after they won both the 400-meter and 800-meter relays in 2019.

And who knows who may be able to have the same thoughts and sentiments after this weekend's 2024 boys state meet.

Will the favored win?

Or will the lower expected reach higher like Amboy senior Elly Jones did this year in the 100-meter hurdles when she was seeded eighth but walked away from last weekend's state meet with a fourth-place medal.

What a great competitive environment.

What a fun event to create headlines and story lines.

What an awesome, easy answer to the question, "What is your favorite event to cover?"

Column

By Brandon LaChance



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Student Council Awards:

Membership – Elizabeth Clarida, Emma Dinges, Maeve Larson, Madison O'Malley, Addison Shaw, Austin Shugars

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Student of the Year for Early Childhood – Elizabeth Clarida

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Student Recognition Scholarship – Elizabeth Clarida

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Donna

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(May 15, 22 and 29,
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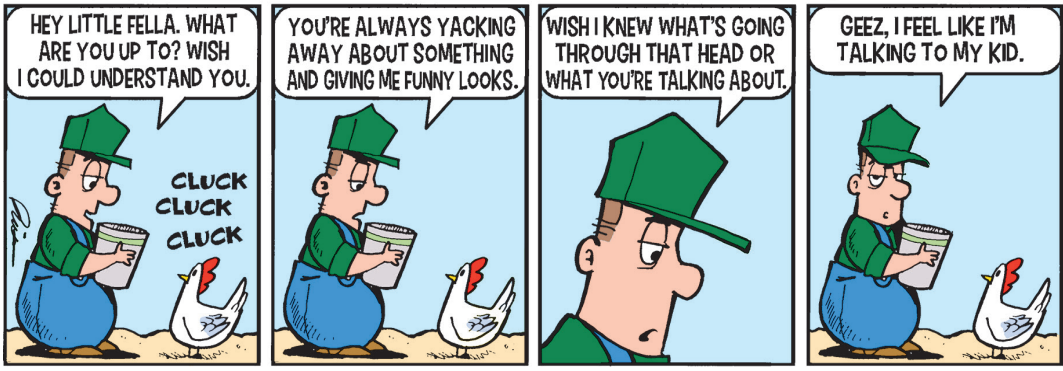
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whether it was a sign of good
or bad luck. Twain's
response: "Finding a spider
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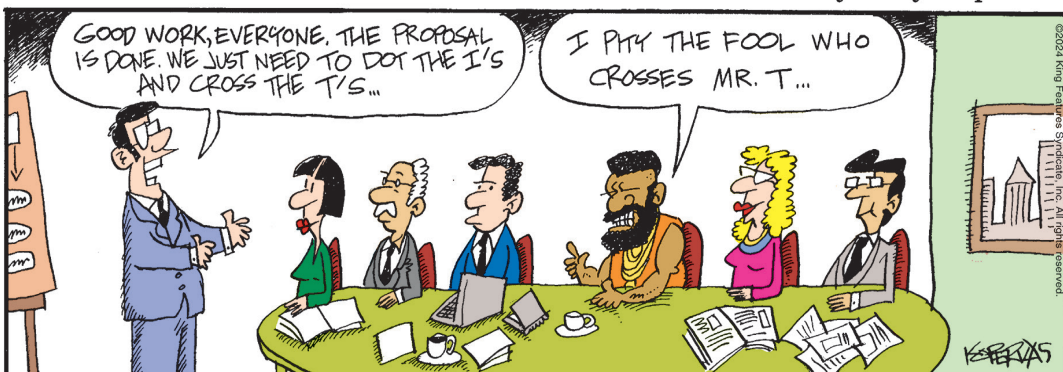
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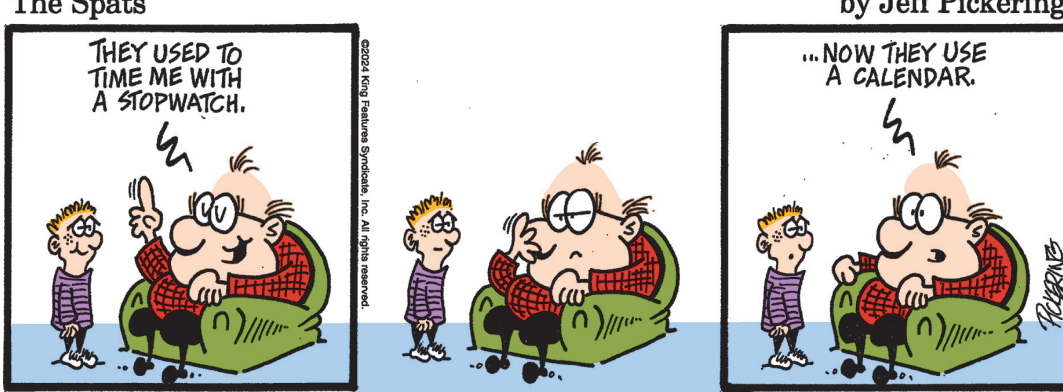
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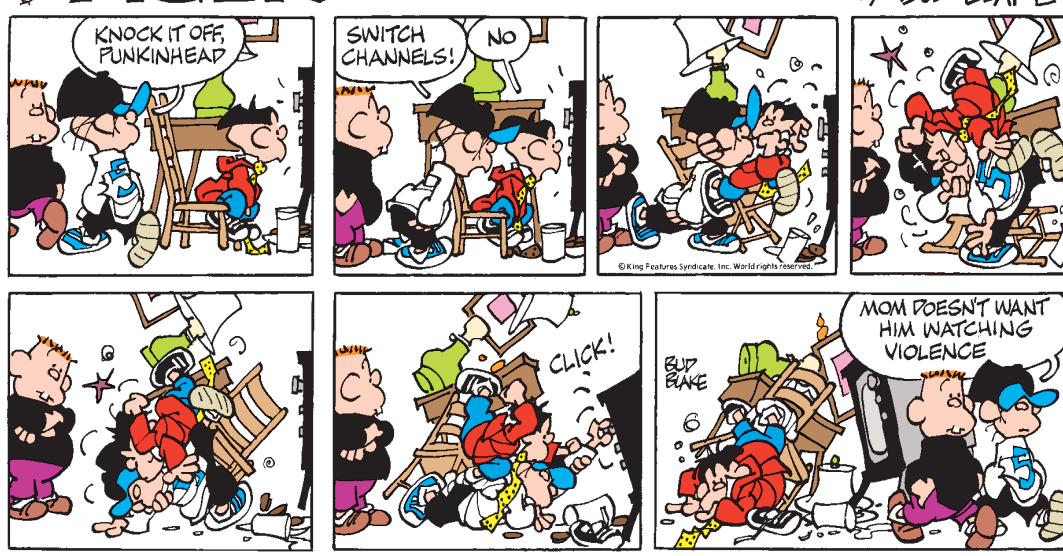
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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: P equals M

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PW FRRFO UVRHMTMX VHFRN
FQYHW. T XIRAA T'P YRMFHVVV
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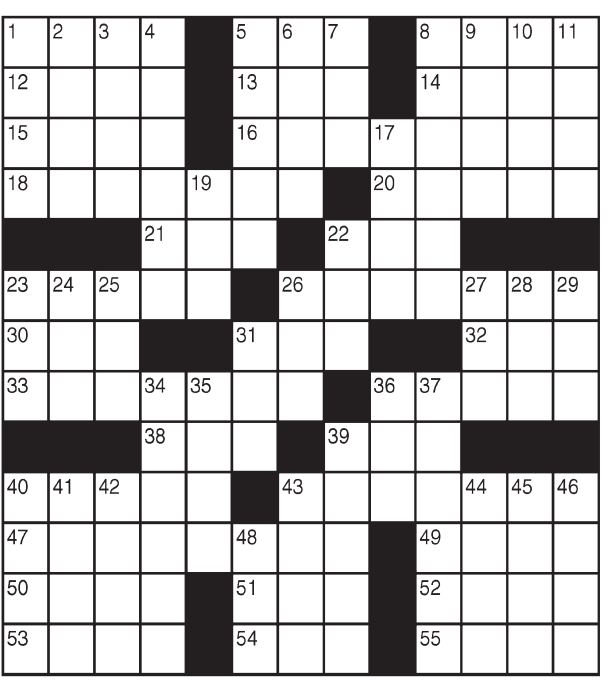
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Make over
- 5 Lucy of "Kill Bill"
- 8 Sch. for tots
- 12 Flair
- 13 Leb. neighbor
- 14 Bart's sister
- 15 Suffix for million
- 16 Kipling poem
- 18 "Even Now" singer
- 20 "Old MacDonald" refrain
- 21 French article
- 22 PC linkup
- 23 Type of wheat
- 26 Prayerful chants
- 30 Commotion
- 31 Do sums
- 32 "As I see it," to a texter
- 33 "How-to" books
- 36 Dull
- 38 Boy king
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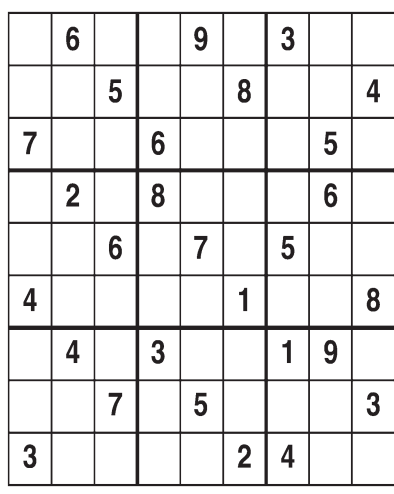


- 11 Deck in the ring
- 17 Campus big-wig
- 19 Permit
- 22 Young fellow
- 23 "Cheers" bartender
- 24 Hi-tech organizer
- 25 Very long time
- 26 Rx writers
- 27 Shred
- 28 "— dream-ing?"
- 29 Turf
- 31 Flight stat
- 34 Perfect place
- 35 Car
- 36 Mover's vehicle
- 37 Prizes
- 39 Hollywood's Leto
- 40 Mosque VIP
- 41 "The Lion King" lioness
- 42 Bitty biter
- 43 Blend
- 44 Avocado dip, for short
- 45 Fed. food inspector
- 46 Physics bit
- 48 Romance

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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: ♦♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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WORD LADDERS

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

FLAME

GRACE

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: What does the human vestibular sense do?
2. MOVIES: The phrase "As you wish" is key to which 1987 movie?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest island in the Caribbean?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are Chinese astronauts called sometimes in the West?
5. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a character named Phoebe Buffay?
6. MEASUREMENTS: What is the square footage of an acre?
7. SCIENCE: What are the four states of matter?
8. HISTORY: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave women the right to vote?
9. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel contains the line, "I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship"?
10. MONEY: In the old British monetary system, how many pennies were equal to a pound?

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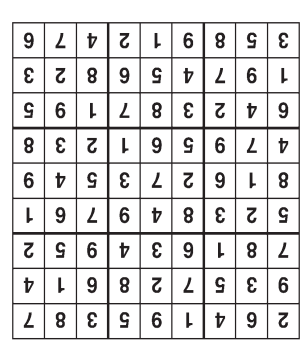
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1. Trudge; 2. Father; 3. Refrain; 4. Invest

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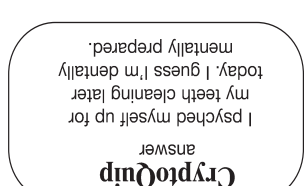
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Answer

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

CryptoQuip
I psyched myself up for my teeth cleaning later today. I guess I'm dentally mentally prepared.

SPORTS

Outracing the seedings

Jones earns 100-meter hurdles fourth place medal; Lady Clippers strong showing at state track

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Amboy News Editor

CHARLESTON – After the preliminary races on Thursday of the IHSA State Track Meet weekend, Amboy senior Elly Jones was seeded eighth in the 100-meter hurdles for the final race on Saturday, May 18.

Giving her all for her last race, ever, she outraced the seedings and finished with a fourth-place medal in 15.92 seconds at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

“I was surprised. I was very surprised I was able to get fourth place because going into the final race, I was ranked eighth,” said Jones, who will be attending the University of Kentucky this fall. “I didn’t expect much. I was just hoping to finish. When I finished, I was extremely surprised.

“I looked up at my family and my jaw just dropped. I thought, ‘Holy cow, I did it.’”

Jones finishes her career with six track and field medals, which is the most in Amboy girls track history. She took three her freshman year (sixth in the 100 hurdles, eighth in both the 300 hurdles and triple jump) two as a sophomore (seventh in 100 hurdles, ninth in triple jump), none her junior year as she qualified for state but competed through an injury, and her fourth-place medal this year, which is her best finish.

She needed to take at least eighth place to tie Arika Zimmerlein for the most points at the state meet. With her finish, she is Amboy’s reigning state points leader.

Only two Amboy girls state track finishes are better than Jones’ fourth place as the 1600-meter relay team (Ashley Althaus, Cassidy Corcoran, Madeline Foster, and Katelynn Pankhurst) took third in 2017 and Pankhurst placed third

in the long jump the same year.

“It’s huge to know I finished as one of the best track athletes from Amboy High School. It’s sad that was my last race, but to end it on that high of a note is really great,” said Jones, on Sunday, May 19 minutes after receiving her high school diploma. “I’m really happy.

“It’s a lot of happy, excited emotions. When I get home after high school graduation, I’m going to freak out a little bit. I’m on a high from Amboy Honors Night, state track, and graduating.

“These past four years of track have been amazing. I feel track and basketball have taught me so much about life in working hard, not giving up, and showing up every day. I’ve learned that from sports and I’m super grateful to all of my coaches and everyone who has been with me along the way.”

Jones’ six points tied Amboy for 45th in team points to trail team champion Father McGivney’s (Glen Carbon) 56.5 points.

She also competed in the triple jump prelims finishing 15th with a leap of 34 feet.

“She’s been a great example for the progress and the results we want to see at Charleston. We start every year with the hopes that we can get some athletes down there,” Amboy girls track coach Michael Robinson said. “With her leading the way, it shows we can get down there, now let’s do something while we’re there. It’s great to make it, but it’s even better when we can walk away with some hardware.

“It goes to show the seedings are just seedings. It all depends on what the athletes do on Saturday of state. It all comes down to the actual race, not predictions.”

Also competing at state was the 400-meter relay team of freshmen Alexa McKendry, Maddie Althaus and sophomores Jillian Anderson and Bella Yanos,



Top photo, now-graduated Elly Jones, third from left, leaps over a 100-meter hurdle during a preliminary heat of the IHSA Class 1A State Track Meet on Thursday, May 16 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. She placed fourth on Saturday. Right photo, the Amboy girls track team celebrated a great season ending.



which finished 21st in 52.19 seconds.

Individually, Yanos placed 27th in the long jump with a 15-foot-2 landing and Anderson was one of 16 jumpers to not make the qualifying height in the high jump.

Robinson is thrilled with how his team performed in Charleston and is excited to see what they can do next year.

“It lit a fire underneath them. Jillian, Alexa, and Maddie had been to the IESA State Meet, but it was great for them to get

to the IHSA State Meet and see “Big Blue” (the EIU track),” Robinson said. “It’s a different atmosphere. You’re looking at schools and competitors from all over the place. You’re looking at three different levels (Class 1A, 2A, 3A) competing on the same surface on the same day.

“It’s an experience not everyone gets to see or be a part of. Them getting down there, I think fueled the fire that they can do it and the next step is what can they do with it. I’ve already got messages from them saying they want to work harder to

Sundberg headed to state track meet at Eastern Illinois University in shot put

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Amboy News Editor

ERIE – Heading into the boys track and field postseason, senior Ian Sundberg would have put all his chips on the table toward discus being his ticket to the IHSA Class 1A State Meet.

At the Class 1A Erie Sectional on Thursday, May 16, Sundberg’s discus came up a tad short. But, his shot put did not as his fourth-place heave of 47 feet, 9 inches met the qualifying mark to give him his first state qualification.

“I’ve been working at this for awhile. Mainly, I was trying to get to state in discus, but it went my way in shot,” said Sundberg, who attends LaMoille High School. “I was two or three inches off in discus to qualify for state. I’ve been lifting quite a bit with my friend Zach, who threw a PR in the discus at the sectional (personal record of 123 feet). He really pushed me in both shot and



disc, and I pushed him as hard as possible. We threw heavy and kept working on technique. I sped up my spin, which helped me this year.

“It means a lot to me to make it to state. I went when I was in seventh grade and had an amazing time down there. To go my senior year to say I qualified to state when I was in high school is amazing.

“This has been a goal of mine since sophomore year.

My freshman year was about getting used to the heavier implements and it really shot off my sophomore year when I started winning meets and competing with the bigger schools. It felt amazing when I realized I made it. I saw my parents and all the guys around me I threw against were proud of me. We were in a pretty tough sectional with teams like Lena-Winslow and Ridgeview.

I fist pumped. There were a lot of those going around. I shook a lot of hands of the throwers around me.”

Sundberg finished sixth in the discus with a throw of 140 feet, 8 inches.

Amboy boys track assistant coach Abel Sustaita, who is leaving Amboy after four years as a football and track coach to take a head football coaching job at West Carroll, couldn’t be happier with Sundberg, who he worked with for each of his four years of Clipper throwing.

“We went through ups and downs getting him ready for this moment. It’s super exciting. We planned it out since Day 1,” Sustaita said. “We were leaning toward discus, thinking it was going to be his ticket to state, but shot came around.

“I’m so excited for him. Not everyone gets the chance to compete at state and he has earned it. I think

a contributing factor is his leadership. He stepped up as a leader. He’s helped me groom some of these new guys. They say if you can teach it, you know it. I think a lot of the teaching he’s helped me with in junior high and the underclassmen at Amboy High School, I think it has really improved his throwing.”

Amboy finished with 24.75 points to take 11th in the Erie Sectional. Lena-Winslow won with 108 points, Morrison was second with 90.5 and Bureau Valley had 74 points for third.

Although another Clipper didn’t make it out both Sustaita and head coach Jeramey Wittenauer were pleased with the results.

Amboy finishers at sectional:

100-meter dash: Junior Josh McKendry, 11.65 for 13th

200-meter dash: Junior Joel Billhorn, 23.88 for 10th;

McKendry 23.89 for 11th

400-meter dash: Billhorn, 52.86 for fourth

800-meter run: Junior Kabe Daniels, 2:11.07 for sixth

1600-meter run: Freshman Jhett Cowser, 5:23.73 for 18th

3200-meter run: Freshman Henry Nichols, 11:17.85 for sixth

300-meter hurdles: Freshman Lucas Gascogine, 57.12 for 17th

400-meter relay: McKendry, Billhorn, junior Ed Fry, junior Caleb Yanos, 45.58, sixth place

3200-meter relay: Daniels, freshmen Jack Thomas, Gascogine, Cowser, 10:07.37 for ninth

Discus: Senior Zach Dunne, 37.51 for 11th

High jump: Fry, 5-4 for seventh

Long jump: Billhorn, 19-5 for seventh

Triple jump: Daniels, 35-9 for 13th

Third time isn’t a charm for Clipper baseball

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Amboy News Editor

ASHTON – Coming into the IHSA Class 1A Ashton-Franklin Center Regional Semifinal on Wednesday, May 15, the Amboy baseball team had defeated AFC twice earlier in the season.

The clichés about playing an opponent a third time rang true for the No. 4-seeded Clippers as they fell 8-5 to the No. 6 Raiders.

“It’s definitely hard to beat a team three times in a row. That’s something we told them this last week to prepare for this, not to take anything for granted, and we had to play a solid game,” said Amboy coach Chris Tidmore. “I think AFC had some things go their way like balls taking crazy hops we couldn’t do anything about. There are things that are out of our hands. AFC was able to overcome things that we weren’t able to.

“The biggest thing was we had six walks in the first three

innings. That puts you in a bad position. We didn’t make them earn their runs in the first couple innings. In the end, those were the ones that mattered in crunch time.”

Amboy (10-13) found itself in a 6-0 hole after the top of the fifth inning as AFC scored a run in the second, one in the third, three in the fourth, and one in the fifth on seven of 10 walks and four of six errors by Amboy in the game.

The Clippers scored three runs in the fifth to cut the deficit to 6-3.

AFC scored two in the sixth and Amboy scored two in the seventh to round out the game’s scoring.

The Clippers graduated five seniors in Whelchel, Landon Montavon (losing pitcher against AFC with four walks, one earned run allowed in two innings), Cole Larson, Elisio Vazquez-Tapia, and Austin Shugars.

Bats stall for Lady Clippers

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – Throughout the season the Amboy softball team has become known for big hits in timely situations.

In a Class 1A Amboy Regional Semifinal on Wednesday, May 15 against Anawan-Wethersfield, those big hits couldn’t be found. After a troublesome second inning, No. 3-seeded Amboy

trailed and couldn’t catch up falling in upset to the No. 6-seeded Titans, 6-1.

“We didn’t come up with the big hits that we’re used to,” Amboy coach Kelly Whitman said. “We only had four hits total and four hits isn’t going to win you ball games.

“Aside from the second inning when we gave up a couple walks early, they loaded the bases, we didn’t make a couple of plays, and they scored four runs, you

take that away, and we still lost 2-1. We didn’t push enough runs across, we left some runners on base, and when we did get them on, we couldn’t push them around.”

A-W scored four runs with its first four hitters of the second inning on two walks, a fielder’s choice and an RBI single.

The Lady Clipper defense tightened after, but the damage had been done. The Titans added a run in the fourth inning and a run in the

sixth inning, while Amboy couldn’t put together more than two base runners or five hitters in an inning during any of the contest’s seven frames.

Junior Tyrah Vaessen scored the Lady Clippers lone run in the bottom of the seventh after hitting a triple. She was 3-of-3 with a triple, two singles, and a run scored.

Sophomore Ellie McLaughlin was the losing pitcher on eight hits, six earned runs, five strikeouts, and four walks.

Amboy High School

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Girls State Track:
Elly Jones - fourth in
100-meter hurdles

Boys State Track:
Ian Sundberg - qualified
for state in shot put

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Speaker..... **Rear Admiral Jack Sorby, USN Retired**
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Reading of General Logan's Orders..... **Read by Austin Shugars**
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\$6.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$7.99/ea.

Fiora Bath Tissue
12 roll



\$4.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$6.59/ea.

Fiora Kitchen Paper Towel Roll
6 roll



\$5.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$6.79/ea.