



## Fruits of labor, fundraising

*Saint Patrick Catholic Church enjoys new roof, upcoming “Save the Steeple” projects set for Fall, after Christmas*

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
*Amboy News Editor*

**AMBOY** – If you’ve driven past Saint Patrick Catholic Church at 32 North Jones Avenue in Amboy, you’ve seen the new roof.

After two years of fundraising, “Save the Steeple”, St. Pats has a new top all members of the parish are proud and happy with.

They are letting the new roof sink in for a little while as fundraising is currently on pause. It will start back up in the fall or after Christmas because repairing the church is not finished.

“We’re excited that the roof is done. It looks great,” said Carol Prunty, the parish bookkeeper. “But we’re not done by any means in terms of church repairs. The first part of the roof project was \$319,000 and the second part was \$119,000. We were able to raise it with the help of so many generous donations from the community and others.

“Now we need to tuck point the actual steeple which will probably be another \$100,000. Then the windows need some work, but we haven’t priced it yet.”

The tuck-pointing project is the

next step as the steeple is crumbling in certain areas.

“What we have left to do is tuck pointing for the church’s bricks. Some of the bricks are original when the church was built approximately 170 years ago,” said Beverly Halsey, the St. Pat’s pastoral associate. “They need to be reinforced. You can see little pieces of the bricks break and fall down all the time.

“We’re taking a little breather from fundraising to give people a little bit of a break since we’ve been doing it for a little over two years now. Everything gets redundant and we don’t want to do the same things over and over.”

What Halsey, Prunty, all everyone else involved is excited about with the completed roof project is the access to the complete parking lot.

The roof project blocked off the main portion of the parking lot for three weeks as the two-part project was being completed.

“We’re glad to have our parking lots back, especially for the people who are older and have to use the side doors and park close,” Halsey said. “That was a huge inconvenience, but they all kept coming to church.”

## Introducing 2024 Miss Amboy contestants

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
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**AMBOY** – Depot Days is upon us this weekend.

With the yearly carnival, comes the yearly Miss Amboy pageant.

This year there are six girls who are vying for the title

of Miss Amboy. Let’s meet the three final contestants this week as we met three Miss Amboy hopefuls in the August 14 edition of The Amboy News.



**Samantha Nauman**

**Year in school:** Junior

**Favorite subject:** History or science

**Favorite summer activity?** I went to Myrtle Beach  
**Why did you join the pageant?** It’s definitely different for me because I’m not a good public speaker. But, I wanted to try it out and try to be a better speaker. My stepmother, Danielle, talked me into it. I’m excited and nervous at the same time.



**Emily Sachs**

**Year in school:** Senior

**Favorite subject:** Criminal Justice at Whiteside

**Fav. summer activity?** Vistited Uni. Tennessee Knoxville  
**Why did you join the pageant?** I was in the pageant last year. I wanted to try again to prove to myself and others that I can put myself out there and not be a loner like I used to be. I used to be a really quiet person. I’m coming out of my shell and trying to be the best person I can be.



**Brooklyn Strub**

**Year in school:** Senior

**Favorite subject:** English

**Fav. summer activity?** Volunteering at Kiddie Clippers  
**Why did you join the pageant?** I’m back because I had a lot of fun last year. I enjoyed being with all of the other girls. I also enjoyed working with the other girls to think of the questions and getting to know them. I don’t really care if I win or lose. I’m just having fun.

## Village of Sublette addresses busy August agenda

**BRANDONLaCHANCE**  
*Amboy News Editor*

**SUBLETTE** – Per usual, the Village of Sublette Board had a lengthy agenda and many topics to talk about at its monthly meeting on Monday, Aug. 12 at the Ellice Dinges Center.

The Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Parade on Sunday, Aug. 11 gave the Sublette Village float the Friendship Award. Ethan Orzech will be taking the float to Amboy’s Depot Days this weekend.

Village Economic Development Coordinator Don Dinges let the board know the Sublette Farmer’s Market has done well in the last two weeks with more vendors bringing more vegetables. Instead of 3-6 p.m., the vendors have asked to stay open 3-7 p.m. to increase sales and exposure.

Dinges also spoke about possible grants. One grant idea is to pave the bike path and another grant proposal

is for a new business program, which would help build a building for a new, ensuing business. Both are in the blueprint process to see what information would be needed and if they are feasible.

Fliers for the Sublette Country Car Show (10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14) have been distributed and there is a lot of interest and enthusiasm. Also, Hops & Harmony, Pullin’ in the Park and the celebration of Sublette’s 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary September 7-8 are catching steam.

In his president’s report, Sublette Village Board President John Stenzel said the well at the Sublette Elevator was pulled out and would have to be sealed.

Sublette’s attorney Dana Considine was in attendance and spoke on ordinance violations. The Bonnell residence has been issued a warrant for failure to appear in court and ordinances have not been paid, the Vasquez residence has

been ordered to pay \$350 a month for ordinances, and the Truckenbrod residence made a payment toward violations and the village has agreed to not file a lien against the property.

Two properties in Sublette borders will receive letters from Considine’s office with a summons of fines of \$500 a day for junk cars loitering front and back yards. The letters will include a 10-day notice before the ordinance violations will mandate. The definition of junk cars is those that are not licensed and not operable.

Stenzel said he has sent both properties letters about cleaning up the junk cars and they have either been ignored or haven’t responded.

Both of the LED speed limit signs the village were able to purchase thanks to federal grant money have been installed. The village agreed to buy speed limit signs, \$35 each, to put closer to the LED signs

to help drivers realize the speed zone. There are signs currently, but they’re a distance from the LEDs and can’t be moved because they are owned by Lee County.

Stenzel said there has been good feedback on the LED signs from the community.

There was a special committee meeting held on Wednesday, Aug. 7 and included discussion of making changes to the maintenance contract which is up for renewal.

The current three-year contract with Rick’s Lawn & Property Maintenance has cost Sublette \$45,000 a year with a \$100 lease for equipment.

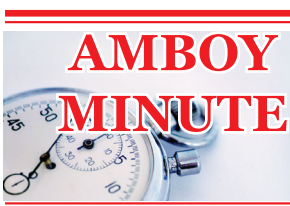
At the committee meeting, the changes the village wants to make include adding removal of garbage cans at Centennial Park twice a week, mowing the walking path, recording how many times they mow and shovel, washing trucks and tractors, requiring a



copy of driver’s license for all village equipment operators, and no storing of equipment inside or outside of village property.

Sublette is accepting bids from maintenance providers.

Trustee Julie Kessel made a motion to purchase four children playing signs to be displayed in busy neighborhoods. Trustee Larry Ellis seconded, and Scott Hanson and Richard Klaser agreed.



### Obituaries

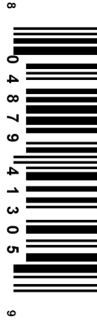
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# LOCAL NEWS/EVENTS



## Amboy High School Class of 2025

And we're off with the 2024-25 school year. Amboy High School kicked off the year with the Student Council hosting a freshman/new student orientation where they played games, took a tour, made locker signs, and learned about some changes from junior high to high school. Haleigh Stenzel and Alainie Wittenauer put together the first day of school activities. Students watched a homeroom video about setting goals, working hard for their dreams, and being their true self. The students were asked the question, "What can you do to embrace yourself?" They worked through the day on their schedules, playing minute-to-win-it games, tug of war, BINGO, Alaskan Baseball, and Homecoming thoughts. Logan Ketchum won the cup stacking game, the sophomores won tug of war, the Class of 2025 won the mat race, the freshmen won the egg race, and Maddie Althaus won head, shoulders, knees, cup.

Photo/cutline contributed by AHS Principal Janet Crownhart

## Pankhurst Memorial Library events in August

**AMBOY** – The Pankhurst Memorial Library always has fun events for its patrons. August is no different. The Book Club will talk about the latest book "Mrs. Everything" by Jennifer Weiner from 5-6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26.

The Crochet Club will meet from 5-6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. There are children's programs in the works for the near future. There is no cost nor do you have to be a member of the library to attend any of Pankhurst Memorial Library's events.

## Sublette Farmer's Market

**SUBLETTE** – The Sublette Farmer's Market will be open every Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. during August and September. Vendors will be located on Main Street between La Fiesta Restaurant and Leffelman Insurance. Vendors are welcome and there is no charge for space, just bring your table and set up. For more information, contact Don Dinges at 815-703-5675.

## Extraordinary 4-H volunteers honored in Lee, Carroll, Whiteside Counties

**STERLING**—Illinois 4-H volunteers empower and prepare youth for success as the program relies on over 6,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles. Four volunteers from Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside counties were recently honored by Illinois 4-H for their selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program.

In 2024, 70 individuals were inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. Illinois 4-H honors and celebrates extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff. Those inducted have a track record of exemplary service to 4-H or outstanding career and community achievement and were nominated by

county University of Illinois Extension staff. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion at the Illinois State Fair 4-H Alumni & Volunteer Celebration events.

### Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award-Whiteside County Gordon Kelm

Gordon Kelm has been involved in 4-H for most of his life and has been a Volunteer Organizational Club Leader—among many other far-ranging roles—for over 50 years! His decades of leadership speak to his unwavering passion and steadfast dedication to the 4-H program, its ideals, and its participants.

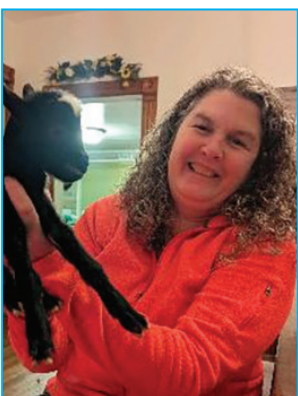
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Hall of Fame (Whiteside County): Christine Krum



Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award (WC): Godon Kelm



Hall of Fame (Lee County): Michelle Snode



Hall of Fame (Carroll County): Sandy Imel

## Plan Commission Meeting

**AMBOY** – There is a Plan Commission Meeting set for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4. On the agenda are audience concerns, approve/discuss Z Best Property, 204 S. Mason Avenue, zoning change from Residential to Commercial 1.

### MEET AMBOY'S NEW AG TEACHER / FFA ADVISOR

Help us welcome **Lexi Hilliker** to Amboy High School. Mrs. Hilliker is our second ag teacher and FFA advisor.

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Race Day .....	\$35

**Pre-Race packet pickup:**  
Friday, August 23rd from 4-6:30 pm at the lobby of the High School entrance.

All proceeds to benefit the students of Amboy, CUSD 272.

## DO YOU SUFFER FROM ALLERGIES?

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## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Amy & George Schwamberger for coffee machine; Goodfellows of Lee County for various items; Jim & Jean Travi for vegetables and Mary & Greg Malach for the watermelon.

## Bake Sale uptown

We want to thank these individuals for helping us during our bake sale that was held along with the other vendors: Kathy Kessel for the bread & cookies; Eileen & Irene Ramsdell for the bread & cookies; Katey Dickinson for the pies; Margaret Shaw for the brownies, and Kirstyn Carter for organizing the event. Thank you to the community for their donations as well.

## Barnyard Bingo Tickets

Tickets are sold out for our Annual Depot Days Barnyard Bingo. The game is across the street from Sensient Flavors at 5 p.m. The number grid is mixed up. The proceeds benefit our FREE programs. Thank you to our Board members, Mrs. Piper, and Pam for selling them.

## Governor Hometown Awards

Now that we are back...we can reflect about yesterday at the Governor's Hometown Awards ceremony was. Thank you to Serve Illinois Commission for picking us out of a huge line up in our small town division. We are honored to be recognized among these other worthy programs. If there was one or two words to describe yesterday, it would be "go getter". Each of these organizations had a point person, who had a dream. They didn't have anything stop them, we are sure there were bumps and bruises along the way. Just like us. First place went to an amazing organization named, Madison County Challenger Baseball. Please check out their program for kids with disabilities. We placed 2nd. Not bad for a small organization like us. The other two organizations were equally amazing, Social Change and Marion Connects. All have a common goal of making kids flourish and prosper. Thank you to Veronica Hays Grossman for capturing moments and being there. Thank you to the following speakers: Eileen Piper for inspiring us, Pamela Thomas for discussing homework and summer programs, Barb Harrison discussing volunteers, and Mark Grossman for discussing fundraisers and community events. We were honored to have the following people support us either by speaking or just being part of our support system: Larry Piper and Frank Stenzel who spoke from the heart, Karen Stenzel, Marykathryn Stenzel, Jeff Parker and his daughter Abi, Pete Rood, and State Representative Bradley Fritts.

## Homework Club

We will have applications ready in the hallway, starting at the end of this week. If you have a 3rd grader or above, they may be able to attend. They will ride the bus, have a hot meal, a fun place to play, and of course complete homework. Program starts Tuesday, September 3rd.

## Volunteers

We welcome all volunteers for our afterschool program, which runs normally Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Volunteers help serve lunch, supervise kids, and help with various homework tasks. If interested, please call us at 815-857-4800. You can volunteer whatever time you have. We even have volunteers come in the morning to help with other prep tasks.

## Final Note

Dear Jesus, Thank You for knowing what we need, even before we do. Help us to release control of our agendas, our wants, and the "needs" we think we need, to You. We pray that You would give us, our children, our family, and friends what we need, whatever that may be, to see You and feel Your presence more clearly in our lives. Help us to be men and women after Your own heart. In Your Mighty Name, Amen

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**STERLING** – Join Family Life Educator Kara Schweitzer at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling for the Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention Program, with sessions held from 10-11 a.m. on July 31, August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, and September 3, 10, and 11. This eight-week program focuses on improving muscular strength, flexibility, and fitness to prevent falls, with each session building on the previous one, making full program participation encouraged. For accommodations, contact Kara at kara7@illinois.edu. Register online at go.illinois.edu/WhitesideTaiChi.

**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.

**AMBOY** – The Amboy Lions Club meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26 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.

**AMBOY** – The City of Amboy committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2 at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**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, Sept. 3. 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, Sept. 9 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette.

**DIXON** – Experience a monthly with the Wits Fitness Monthly Workshop with Kara Schweitzer, an educator from University of Illinois Extension as she

## AMBOY POLICE

## DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Brock Decker, 36, Amboy, was issued a city ordinance citation with a \$100 fine for disorderly conduct at 5:50 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 at the Amboy Police Department

## DISORDERLY CONDUCT

At 11:03 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 on S. East Avenue, Keri A. Spinelli-Wittenauer, 30, Amboy was issued city ordinances with a \$200 fine for disorderly conduct and possession of open alcohol in public.

## DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Sean P. Harmon, 27, Amboy, was issued a \$200 fine for two city ordinances of disorderly conduct and possession of open alcohol in public at 11:03 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 on S. East Avenue.

leads participants through interactive activities crafted to stimulate the brain and enhance cognitive function and memory. The next workshop will be from 1-3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9 in the Edward Murphy Room at KSB Town Square Center, 101 W. Second St. New participants are welcome to join any time.

**DIXON** – The next Lee County Board of Health meeting is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Lee County Health Department Family Planning, located at 309 S. Galena Ave. The meetings are held the second Tuesday in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

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# OBITUARIES

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**AMBOY**—Debra L. Sanders, 65, of Amboy, passed away Sat. Aug. 10, 2024 at her home in Amboy.

Cremation rites have been accorded with a celebration of life to be held from 1-3 p.m. Sept. 22, 2024 at the Amboy Community Building. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Sanders was born on Sept.

21, 1958 in Rochelle, the daughter of George and Bernice (Weishaar) Ennen.

Debra was a CNA at Mapleside Manor nursing home in Amboy and worked at Tri-County Opportunity Council. She also sold Avon and Tupperware products. Debra was a member of Grace Fellowship Church and a long-time member of Ruffit Park in Rock

Falls, where she enjoyed many weekends socializing with friends, attending activities, and spending quality time with her dogs.

Debra married Michael Sanders on Aug. 18, 1984 at St. John Lutheran Church in Ashton and he preceded her in death on March 17, 2009. Debra is also preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her mother Bernice “Gussy” Ennen of Franklin Grove, brother Doug (Karen) Ennen of Tucson AZ, aunt Pauline Meurer, close friend Amber Horner, and her caretaker for the last 15 years Cruz (Christy) Martinez of Amboy.

The family would also like to express a special thank you to Ava Martinez who helped care for Debra.



### Babies aren’t waterproof; Illinois DCFS reminds parents, caregivers to supervise children in water

**CHICAGO** — WHAT: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 4 and the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children ages 5 to 14. In 2023, 20 Illinois children lost their lives to accidental drowning: eight in pools, four in bathtubs, four in lakes, two in ponds, one in a washing machine and one at a water park. Thirteen of the children were age 5 and younger; including six of the children who drowned in pools. For every child who dies from drowning, another seven receive emergency department care for non-fatal submersion injuries.

WHY: During the summer when pools are open and lakes, ponds and other bodies of water are more accessible, there is an increase in water related deaths especially with children. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) reminds parents and caregivers to constantly supervise children whenever they are near water, no matter their age or how well they can swim.

“It is easy to be lulled into a false sense of security when using devices such as floaties or baby bathtubs,” said Illinois DCFS Director Heidi E. Mueller. “Children should never be left unattended. Whether at home or at events, family gatherings or vacations, it’s very important to remember that children are naturally drawn to water — it’s fun and entertains many senses.

Keep your children safe by always keeping them in sight near water. Get waterwise...SUPERVISE!”

Illinois DCFS offers safety tips, brochures and posters in English, Spanish and Polish for parents, caregivers, individuals, pools and other water-related businesses to print and share. Visit: <https://dcfs.illinois.gov> and click on Safe Kids > Health and Safety Tips for Children > Water Safety.

Quick links:

- Get Waterwise...SUPERVISE! brochure: English Spanish Polish

- Babies aren’t waterproof poster: English Spanish Polish

Follow these safety tips to help protect children and prevent water-related tragedy:

Bathrooms

- Never leave a young child alone in a bathtub or rely on a bathtub seat for safety.

- Secure the toilet lid. Curious toddlers could tip headfirst into a toilet, risking drowning.

Buckets

- Five-gallon buckets commonly used for household home-improvement projects pose a threat to babies and toddlers who may topple into them and be unable to get out.

- Empty and store all buckets out of children’s reach when not in use.

Portable or inflatable pools

- Don’t be lulled into a false sense of security because of the shallowness of baby pools.

- Empty the pool immediately after use and store it upside-down.

Swimming pools and hot tubs

- Keep ladders, patio furniture and toys away from above-ground pools.

- Install a four-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate around all pools and spas.

- Keep the pool and deck clear of floats, balls and toys after you leave the pool.

- Young children can wear personal flotation devices, but do not be lured into thinking these are able to prevent drownings.

- Keep hot tubs securely covered when not in use. Children should not be left in a hot tub alone.

- Appoint an adult who can swim to always watch children when they are in the pool.

- Learn CPR and keep rescue equipment, a phone and emergency numbers by the pool. The American Red Cross offers online CPR training classes anyone can take at their own pace from the convenience of home.

Ponds, fountains and retention ponds

- Be aware of access to water hazards in your yard and neighborhood. If a child goes missing, check these areas first.

### Don’t booze and boat: The risks of drinking and steering while boating

**SPRINGFIELD** — Gordon Lightfoot’s song The Wreck of the Edmund Fitz-

gerald depicts the Midwest’s waterways simultaneously as a robust economic and recre-

ational force and a terrifying force of nature. As beautiful as the rivers and lakes of Illinois are, any body of water can become dangerous and deadly when mixing boating and alcohol. Alcohol drastically increases the risks and dangers of boating in Illinois

waterways. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) urges boat operators and passengers to be responsible, practice moderation, and understand the threats of drinking and boating.

“Like drinking and driving, Boating Under the Infl-

uence (BUI) of alcohol can impair operator and passenger safety. Alcohol can damage operator judgment, reflexes, depth perception, and coordination abilities. No matter how confident a boat operator is while under the influence, the consequences of alcohol

on an individual’s mental and physical well-being increase the danger of boating,” said Illinois Liquor Control Commission Executive Director Lisa Gardner.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reported 70 boating accidents and 72 people arrested for BUI in Illinois in 2023. Tragically, IDNR registered two fatalities in BUI incidents in 2023. Due to the deaths and injuries caused by BUIs, boaters must educate themselves on safety. For more information on boating safety, please visit the IDNR webpage education: <https://dnr.illinois.gov/safety/boating-safety.html>.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Rep. Fritts earns Freshman of the Year honor from Illinois Chamber of Commerce

**SPRINGFIELD** – Senator Erica Harriss and Representative Bradley Fritts have been named Freshmen of the Year by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. This award is given to legislators who have made exceptional contributions to the defense of free enterprise and the advancement of economic opportunities for the people of Illinois during their first two years in office. Representative Fritts was elected to represent the 74th District in 2022. Representative Fritts graduated from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural and Consumer Economics. Representative Fritts works on his fam-

ily farm in Dixon and is an active member of the community volunteering with programs such as Meals on Wheels, the food pantry, and Buddy Bags. "I am proud to learn that Representative Brad Fritts was selected as the Illinois Chamber of Commerce's Freshman of the Year," said Illinois Republican Leader Tony McCombie. "This well-deserved recognition highlights his dedication and effectiveness in his first session. His commitment to prioritizing the needs of the district above politics has contributed to advancing legislation that advances the region. I look forward to seeing his continued impact and leadership as a rising star in Illinois politics."

"I am incredibly honored to receive the Outstanding Freshman of the Year award from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce," said Rep. Fritts. "I look forward to continuing working alongside the chamber to foster economic development and make Illinois a place where businesses and families thrive." Senator Harriss has represented the 56th District since 2023 and serves as the Minority Spokesperson on the Local Government Committee. During Senator Harriss' time on the Madison County Board, she served as the Chairperson of the Personnel Committee and was also a member of the Finance, Government Operations, and Grants committees.

Senator Harriss served on the County Board for six years. Senator Harriss lives in Glen Carbon, where she is a small business owner, volunteers for local charity organizations, and a youth group leader in her church. "As a small business owner, Sen. Harriss has a unique understanding of the challenges that our job creators face in Illinois," said Illinois Senate Republican Leader John Curran (R- Downers Grove). "She uses this firsthand experience to help craft and pass public policies to invest in our Illinois job creators and the millions of families they support. She is a passionate, intelligent and solution-driven legislator and a great asset to our caucus and the

people of Illinois. I am proud of her for receiving this prestigious award for her voting record and the successes she accomplished in her first General Assembly, and I look forward to working with her on her continued efforts to make our state a better, more prosperous place to work and live." "It's an honor to be recognized by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce for my commitment in ensuring Illinois businesses have the support and tools needed to foster economic development across our state," said Senator Erica Harriss (R-Glen Carbon). "As a small business owner, I understand how important it is to continue to find ways to make Illinois a more business friendly state. A robust jobs climate serves the



interests of everyone in our state." "The Illinois Chamber is honored to provide these awards to two Outstanding Freshman legislators. Both Senator Harriss and Representative Fritts have made great gains in their short time in the General Assembly," said Lou Sandoval, President and CEO, of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. "We hope to continue to see them rise in their careers as legislators and provide lasting impact to the businesses in our state."

### State Representative Fritts hosts Hunter Safety Course

**DIXON** – State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) is hosting an upcoming Hunter Safety Course. This two-day event will take place from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. September 7-8. Both days are required. "I am thrilled to offer my second annual Hunter Safety Course this September," said Rep. Fritts. "With hunting season right around the corner, I want to offer my constituents a way to learn more about how to keep themselves and others safe while enjoying the outdoors." The event will take place at the Rochelle Masonic Lodge located at 500 Lincoln Highway, Rochelle. Reservations are required and spots are limited. To secure your spot, contact Representative Fritts' office at 815-561-3690. For more information about Representative Fritts, visit RepFritts.com.

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6pm-10pm Carnival on Depot Museum Grounds  
Arm bands \$30 for unlimited rides  
6:30pm Depot Days Little Dancers-on Main Stage  
7pm Miss Amboy Pageant & Little Miss Amboy  
8:30pm Announcement of Miss Amboy of 2024

**Friday, August 23**  
8am-5pm Community Wide Garage Sales  
8am-5pm Craft Booths - Downtown  
11am-10pm Food Stands open - Depot Museum Grounds  
5pm Bags Tournament-Downtown East Ave. 6pm Tournament start time. Signup Steve Boelter 815-970-4462  
6pm-10pm Carnival on Depot Museum Grounds. Arm bands \$30 for unlimited rides.  
7pm-9pm The Neverly Brothers on Main Stage. FREE.  
9pm – 1am K.C. Beer Garden: Class Field Trip

**Saturday, August 24**  
8:00am Sylvan Shuffle Adult 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Amboy Education Foundation. Contact: Joyce Schamberger, 815/857-2164 or register at [www.amboy.net](http://www.amboy.net)  
8am-1pm Amboy Farm Tractor Show. Downtown Amboy. John Pierce at 815/973-4676  
8am-5pm Community Wide Garage Sales  
8am-5pm Craft Booths - Downtown  
11am Meet in the Streets-Wrestling Tournament-East Ave.  
11am-10pm Food Stands open - Depot Museum Grounds  
11am-1pm Kids Character Meet and Greet: Bluey

& Bingo. Pankhurst Memorial Library  
11am-1am K.C. Beer Garden: South of Bandstand  
Noon-3pm Carnival on Depot Museum Grounds  
Arm bands \$30 for unlimited rides  
1 pm Mr. Steve-Magic Show on Main Stage-Depot Museum Parking Lot  
2pm-4pm Whimsy Face Painting. Free Kids Event (Depot Parking Lot)  
3pm Depot Days Parade  
Sponsored by the Amboy Area Lions Club  
[www.amboylionsclub.com](http://www.amboylionsclub.com) to sign up  
5pm Teen Turf Barnyard Bingo-Chance to win \$\$  
857-4800 (located by Amboy Sporting Goods)  
7pm-9pm Petty Union on Main Stage. FREE. Sponsored by KSB Hospital  
9pm-1am K.C. Beer Garden: Kirkland

**Sunday, August 25**  
6am-3pm 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Depot Days Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show — Downtown Amboy.  
6:30-10am Pancake Breakfast: Knights of Columbus, at the Beer Garden  
8am-4pm Crafts - Downtown Streets  
8am-4pm Community Wide Garage Sales  
11am-4pm Food Stands Open  
11:30am Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show Judging-Downtown Amboy  
Noon-4pm Carnival on Depot Museum Grounds. Arm bands \$30 for unlimited rides.  
Noon-5pm K.C. Beer Garden: South of the Bandstand  
3:30pm Depot Days Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show Awards Presentation & 50/50 Drawing. Last year's 50/50 winner received \$124,959.50 Main Stage by Depot Museum

**INFORMATION BOOTHS**  
Information Booths (50/50 tickets available). On West Main St. in front of First Federal.  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Available at Two Sisters on Main, Depot Tap, The Last Alarm, Longbranch Saloon, Uncle B's Bar, and the Shamrock in Dixon.

**DAILY INFORMATION**  
FREE SHUTTLE on Sunday. Park at Amboy School, 11 E. Hawley St.  
First Aid & Cooling Center at Amboy Fire Dept., 25 East Main St.  
Food Stands & Restrooms are open all weekend on Depot Grounds.  
Community-Wide Garage Sales: Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8am-5pm. Garage sale maps available at City Hall or the information booth.  
Museums open for viewing. Stop in and enjoy a little of Amboy's history. The Gift Shop will be open.  
Car Show Registration and information - Contact Garth Dallam 815/857-2946. [www.amboycarshow.com](http://www.amboycarshow.com)

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# Opinion

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## Chicago sports fans still scratching their heads

It has been a rough couple of years for Chicago sports fans. Since the Chicago Sky won the WNBA Championship in 2021, it has been doom and gloom for Chicago franchises.

The Sky are currently eighth in the league and fourth in the Western Conference with a dismal 11-16 mark.

The White Sox are the worst team in baseball with a 30-95 record (as of 2:38 p.m. Aug. 19, they do play at 8:45 p.m. against the San Francisco Giants, which should be No. 96). The Chicago Cubs started the season off hot but are 61-64 (as of the same time and date, with no game tonight) and trail both the Milwaukee Brewers and the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League, with the Cincinnati Reds a half-game behind the Cubs with a 60-64 record. Cubs are going nowhere unless they win out. Ha Ha.

Between injuries (seems like everyone), bad deals for older players toward the end of their career (we could start with Dwyane Wade and move forward), and bad draft picks (Patrick Williams, and more), the Chicago Bulls can't make it past the playoff play-in tournament. This next season may be a total collapse as DeMar DeRozan and Alex Caruso are playing for different teams, while Zach LaVine and Lonzo Ball (I'm not holding my breath) are supposed to return from injury.

Even if they are 100 percent healthy and Coby White plays at the same level he did last season, the Bulls are no better than a sixth or seventh seed, yes even in the lackluster Eastern Conference, and are nowhere near a championship contender.

The Blackhawks have been awful and more awful since winning their sixth Stanley Cup in 2015 after Patrick Kane was traded and Jonathan Toews basically retired in 2023, although he is still listed as an unrestricted free agent. He is also 36 years old and looked old when last seen in Chicago.

The Bears haven't won a Super Bowl since the NFL was still in the Xs (Super Bowl XX in January 1986) and have only returned to the last game of the season once since then, in 2006.

The last few years have seen great defensive players come and go, while the offense was led by quarterbacks such as Mitch Trubisky (a second overall pick in

2017) and Justin Fields (an 11th overall pick in 2021) would be outplayed by Keanu Reeves character Shane Falco in The Replacements.

Actually, can the Bears sign him?

The Chicago Fire won the MLS Championship in 1998, which was their first year in the league as an expansion franchise. And haven't won again.

In other words, there are a lot of reasons for Chicago sports fans, like myself to scratch our heads or rip our

hair out (you get the joke).

But we hold on. We have faith.

Because it always seems like one or a few of the franchises are right on the cusp of turning things around.

The Bulls are trading older players and adding younger, closer to their prime players via trade and free agent signings such as Josh Giddey and Jalen Smith, while drafting a 6-foot-9 Lithuanian in Matas Buzelis. Foreign exports are how the league is going as of late and was a good move for the Bulls.

The Bears used their No. 1 draft pick they received in a great trade with the Carolina Panthers before last season where they also acquired D.J. Moore (an awesome, talented wide receiver) and selected Caleb Williams.

Williams, a QB from USC, has wowed every Bears fan in the preseason and has everyone excited that the offensive unit may actually score some points and give the Bears a chance to win more than seven games for the first time since 2020 when they lost in a Wild Card game against the New Orleans Saints.

The Blackhawks have had No. 1 and No. 2 draft picks in each of the last two seasons adding a scoring center in Connor Bedard and a big, bully defender in Artyom Levshunov. There were also two more first round picks in 2024.

So, although the head scratching never seems to stop, there is always a reason to only use one or two fingers instead of the entire hand. Or both hands.

The life of a Chicago sports fan is never easy.

### Column

By Brandon LaChance



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Members of the late Cecil and Catherine Harrison family gathered at the Amboy Park on Sunday, Aug. 11 for their annual reunion. There was 90 in attendance coming from Florida, Wisconsin, Arizona, and Illinois enjoying the festivities. It was truly a beautiful day in the park. We will do it again next year on Aug. 10, 2025. See you there.

Shirley Harrison, Amboy



## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 years ago  
Aug. 22, 1924

There is no paper on file for this date, probably due to vacations.

75 years ago  
Aug. 25, 1949

Radio station WSDR, whose transmitter is located in Sterling, held its inaugural broadcast Sunday afternoon. It took place in Sterling, Dixon, and Rock Falls with programs originating on stages of the Sterling Theatre, Dixon Theatre, and the American Legion Hall in Rock Falls. Mayors of all three cities participated.

Jack Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Holt of this city will broadcast over radio station WENR of Chicago on Sunday afternoon on the Morris B. Sachs amateur hour. He will play a piano solo, "Juba Dance."

50 years ago  
Aug. 22, 1974

John Faivre, president of the Lee County Historical Society, announced that the book, "Recollections of the Pioneers of Lee County," had been reprinted and was ready for delivery. Books would be available at the Depot Museum. Melanie Guither of Walnut and

Vickie Morgan of Amboy competed in the Illinois State Dairy Princess contest in Rochelle.

The Community Unit School District #271 Board of Education met in regular session and approved teacher contracts for Howard Schmacher and James Kloepping.

Amboy Rodeo Queen Miss Harlene Hanmett was crowned Illinois Rodeo Queen at ceremonies held at the State Fair in Springfield. Miss Hammett, 18, of Sterling, was named the Amboy Rodeo Queen on May 30 at the opening of the Amboy Rodeo Days celebration.

25 years ago  
Aug. 19, 1999

On Sunday, Aug. 22, Amboy Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Ltd. will host an Open House and dedication ceremony to commemorate the opening of Maple Side Lane, a 17-bed specialized unit dedicated to Alzheimer's and dementia care.

A new medical clinic will be coming to Amboy. The Amboy City Council approved the annexation of 14.35 acres of land to the north and east of the city at Monday's meeting. Two of the acres of the land are to be sold to KSB Hospital of Dixon.

Miss Amboy, Kelly Arbuckle, waved to the crowds of people gathered in Mendota on Aug. 15 during the city's annual Sweet Corn Festival. Arbuckle's reign as Miss Amboy

will come to an end Aug. 26 when a new Miss Amboy will be chosen as part of the Depot Days Festivities.

Glenda R. Gray, 40, of Amboy, pleaded guilty on Aug. 6 to a federal charge that she made a false statement under penalty of perjury in a bankruptcy proceeding, said Scott R. Lassar, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, along with Ida L. Gillis, Inspector-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service. In pleading guilty, Gray admitted that on June 5, 1998, she filed a Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition in which she sought to discharge approximately \$108,000 in debts. In the petition, asset schedules and financial statement, she falsely claimed as exempt property \$57,000 in a pension account with the United States Postal Service.

The Amboy Police Department will be purchasing a police dog to assist with investigations and police work, said Amboy Police officer Jeff Blake. The Amboy City Council unanimously approved the purchase of the specially trained animal at its meeting on Aug. 16.

Amboy wrestling coach Jim Mahar jumped at the chance for some of his outstanding wrestlers to participate in the Junior Olympic Trials held in Cleveland this summer. Randy Ullrich, 115-pound senior, Joe Alletto, 132-pound junior, and Brandon Horner, 142-pound senior, gave a "thumbs up" to wrestle in the trials.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Volunteers continued from page A1

He lives and breathes this wonderful organization, stands by everything we believe in, and has positively impacted the lives of a conservatively estimated 2300 youth! Gordon grew up and still lives and works on his family farm, where he, his brother, and both of his parents were involved in 4-H. His parents even met and fell in love through a 4-H program. Gordon, as a successful grain and livestock farmer, respected community member, and honorable friend to many, is an exemplary role model. His focus has been, and continues to be, on giving youth the skills they need to be successful in life, providing them opportunities they may not otherwise experience, and inspiring them to excel. He cherishes the many friendships he has developed with 4-H members, fellow leaders, community members, and staff on his decades-long 4-H journey.

### Hall of Fame 2024- Whiteside County Christina Krum

Christina Krum's involvement in 4-H spans most of her life, including 29 years as a volunteer leader for Cottonwood 4-H Club, the same club she was a member of in her youth. Her dedication to 4-H is generational, and she now guides her children in this familiar setting. She has also volunteered at 4-H camp, led 4-H Ambassadors, helped with show judging, and served on the 4-H Support

Fund. In addition to the many hours she devotes to 4-H and 4-H youth, Christina is a Fiscal Operations Officer at Morrison Tech, active in her church. She works on the family farm and within the family business, Krum Kreations, in Morrison.

### Hall of Fame 2024- Lee County Michelle Snode

Michelle Snode has been a 4-H club leader for over 20 years, getting involved when her (now adult) daughters were 4-H members. She currently leads the Soaring Eagles 4-H Club, which meets monthly in Steward. She avidly supports all 4-H youth in Lee County, helping them grow and progress in their project areas and assisting at 4-H Shows each year. Her hobbies include horseback riding, raising pygmy goats, and fostering dogs and puppies for the Tails Humane Society of DeKalb, IL. "4-H has given so many children a chance to learn and grow new skills and develop important life skills," she said. "I'm proud to be a part of it."

### Hall of Fame 2024- Carroll County Sandy Imel

Sandy Imel is a dedicated leader and mentor within the 4-H community, particularly known for her 11-year tenure as the leader of the Chadwick Achievers

Club. She actively engages with and supports other club leaders, providing guidance and encouragement to foster their growth and success in the 4-H program. Sandy's commitment to mentoring reflects her passion for cultivating strong leadership and camaraderie among fellow volunteers.

About Illinois 4-H: Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth development program of University of Illinois Extension and administered through the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. 4-H grows true leaders, youth who are empowered for life today and prepared for a career tomorrow. The hands-on approach in 4-H gives young people guidance, tools, and encouragement, and then puts them in the driver's seat to make great things happen. Independent research confirms the unparalleled impact of the 4-H experience, demonstrating that young people are four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to make healthier choices; two times more likely to be civically active; and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

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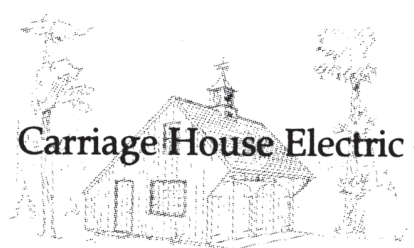
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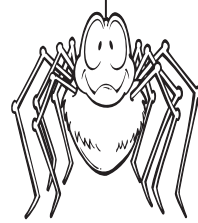
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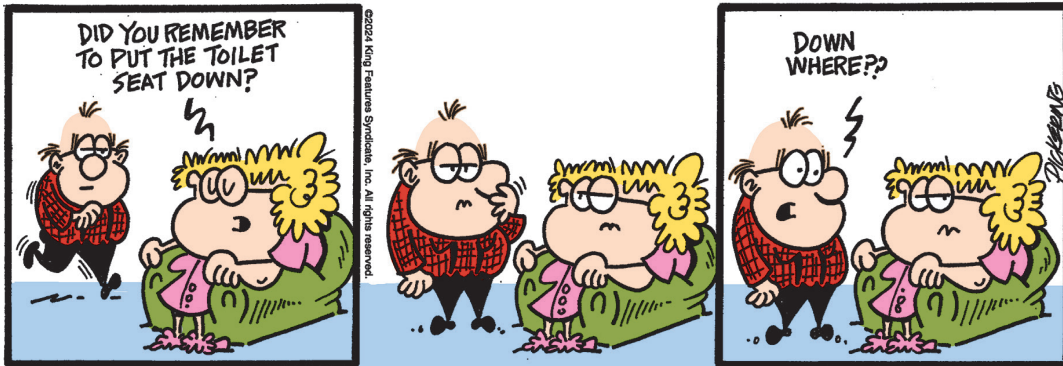
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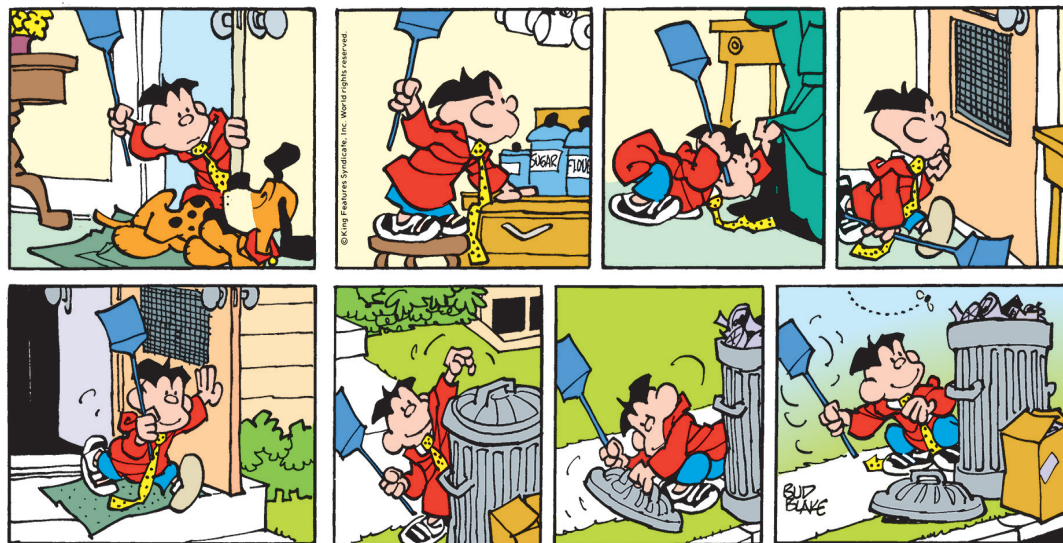
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by Dave T. Phipps



## 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: M equals F

VLNR ZYKNYRN UMMJXKZ BLUB  
U ENXBUJR INBBNX JZ JRHNNH  
RYB U EYRZYRURB, JZ BLUB  
U DYVNI UDYVUI?

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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!

Err BELGUN  
Stature THIGHE  
Upset NAYON  
Attire SLOTECH

TODAY'S WORD

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Apt. coolers
- 4 Fishing rod
- 8 Choir voice
- 12 New Deal agcy.
- 13 "Zounds!"
- 14 Chiefs coach Andy
- 15 Boring types
- 17 Tear
- 18 Bad habit
- 19 Woodland walks
- 20 Computer problem
- 22 Swedish auto
- 24 Spartan queen
- 25 Dijon products
- 29 Tokyo's historic name
- 30 Quick looks
- 31 Hasten
- 32 Sends on, as an email
- 34 Kick back
- 35 Bee's home
- 36 Comic Hedberg
- 37 Suitor
- 40 Shakespeare villain
- 41 Reedy
- 42 Birds of prey
- 46 Queue
- 47 Yankee nickname
- 48 Debtor's letters



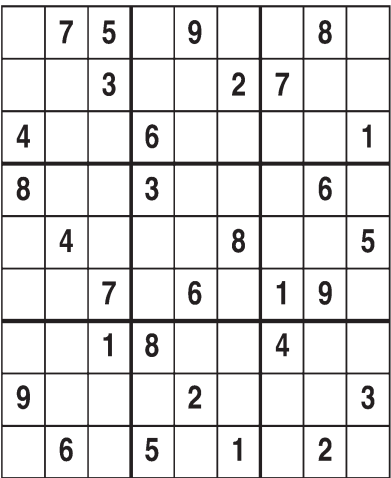
- 9 Onion relative
- 10 Fork part
- 11 Probability
- 16 Kudrow of "Friends"
- 19 Millinery
- 20 Staff symbol
- 21 Decorate anew
- 22 Soft leather
- 23 Requests
- 25 TV mogul Griffin
- 26 Art of speaking
- 27 Platter
- 28 Third son
- 30 Ache
- 33 Bellyaches
- 34 Latvia's capital
- 36 Tribute maker
- 37 Normandy battle site
- 38 Use an egg-beater
- 39 "— She Sweet"
- 40 Sport shirt brand
- 42 Cote cry
- 43 Internet address
- 44 Scooby- —
- 45 Heat source

### DOWN

- 1 Moreover
- 2 French vineyard
- 3 Surrealist Dali
- 4 Fuzzy fruit
- 5 Shrek, for one
- 6 Young fellow
- 7 Sheeran and Harris
- 8 Mexican shout of joy

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## WORD LADDERS

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

COVEY

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POKER

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

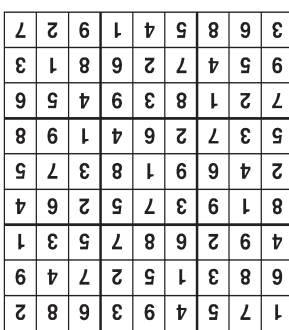
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Parthenon located?
- TELEVISION: What game are the younger characters in "Stranger Things" playing at the start of the series?
- MOVIES: Who was the first African American actor to win the Academy Award for Best Actor?
- LITERATURE: What is floo powder used for in the "Harry Potter" book series?
- U.S. CITIES: Which U.S. city's nickname is Beantown?
- AD SLOGANS: Which ride-share company's slogan is "Move the way you want"?
- ART: Which artist painted a work titled "The Potato Eaters"?
- MUSIC: Who wrote the song "God Bless America"?
- HISTORY: Who became U.S. president after Abraham Lincoln was assassinated?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal can hold its breath for up to five minutes underwater?

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- 10. Hippopotamus.
- 9. Andrew Johnson.
- 8. Irving Berlin.
- 7. Vincent van Gogh.
- 6. Uber.
- 5. Boston.
- 4. Rapid transportation.
- 3. Sidney Poitier, "Lilies of the Field."
- 2. Dungeons & Dragons
- 1. Athens, Greece.

Answers  
SCRAMBLERS  
Today's Word  
1. Bungle; 2. Height; 3. Annoy; 4. Clothes

WORD LADDER  
Answer  
MOWER, POWER, POKER, COVEY, COVER, MOVER,



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip  
When someone affirms that not a consonant, is that a vowel avowal?

King Crossword  
Answers  
Solution time: 26 mins.



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<b>CapriSun Juice Drink</b> 10 ct  <b>\$3.99 ea.</b> Reg. Price \$5.79/ea.	<b>Jif Peanut Butter</b> 15.5 or 16 oz  <b>\$2.49 ea.</b> Reg. Price \$2.99/ea.	<b>Pace Picante Sauce or Salsa</b> 16 oz  <b>2/\$5</b> Reg. Price \$3.69/ea.	<b>Kraft Dressing</b> 14 to 16 oz  <b>2/\$6</b> Reg. Price \$5.19/ea.
			<b>Fiora Paper Towels</b> 6 Giant Rolls  <b>\$5.99 ea.</b> Reg. Price \$6.79/ea.