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SPRIT WEEK!



Artwork by Roselyn Nietes

HHS HOMECOMING IS FINALLY HERE!

- As fall creeps towards us so does HOCO and all of the excitement that is going to happen on the 26th of October. Join your friends at the High School Gymnasium from 7pm-10pm for an amazing time. YOU KNOW HIM AND LOVE HIM: DJ TONE IS BACK! With some more amazing songs and dances for everyone to have an even better time than last year. The Homecoming week starts out with the Herkfoot flipped on Sunday the 20th, then the pep rally on Friday October 25th. The pep rally is a way for us to get hyped and ready for the Homecoming football game! At the pep rally there will be games to play, competitions, a cheer routine, and more. The week leading up to Homecoming is spirt week: 'Merica Monday, pajama day and white lie, dynamic duo and anything but a backpack day, and lastly, color wars with each grade. See more specifics below! *Written by Jaylyn Gregory*

Merica Monday

Dress in red,
white & blue
and show your
American
pride!



Pajama Day and White Lie

Choose to either wear
your comfy Pj's or let
everyone know of
your white lie.



Dynamic Duo and Anything but a Backpack Day

Duo up with your
friends or show off
your creativity with
anything but a
backpack!



Color War!

Each grade will be
assigned to colors
and then the color
war begins!



Herk Pride Day!

Show off all your
school spirit with
herk pride! Lets
see who shows off
the best herk
pride! #HERK



Sports Spotlight Female



For the month of October the selected female athlete is senior Madison Marusic. Madison has been working hard in her chosen fall sport, soccer. As of October 11th, Madison has 3 goals, 9 assists, 8 points, and 10 saves. We asked Madison about some of her thoughts on the season.

Interviewer: “What does being a good teammate mean to you?”

Madison: “Being a good teammate means constantly supporting and pushing your teammates when they are down.”

Interviewer: “Who has been the most influential teammate or coach in your athletic journey?”

Madison: “The most influential coach in my athletic journey is coach Shep.

This upcoming basketball season will be her 5th year coaching me on variety basketball. She brought me up to varsity in 8th grade because she saw potential in me. I would not be the player I am today if it wasn’t for her. Through all the hard games, tough practices, and mental blocks. She always knew how to motivate and inspire me. “

Interviewer: “How has participating in sports helped you grow as a person?”

Madison: “Participating in sports have helped me grow as a person in many ways physically and mentally.”

Interviewer: “Where do you see yourself in the next few years, both academically and athletically?”

Madison: “In the next few years academically, I see myself at a good college majoring in physical therapy. Athletically I see myself playing college basketball and continuing high jump on a team or club.”

Madison also says “The most valuable lesson I have learned throughout my athletic career is that you can't expect to be successful if you don't put in the work, time, and effort into your sport and that goes for everything, not just sports.”

Written by Arriana Boyd

Sports Spotlight Male

For the month of October, the selected male athlete is senior, Terrance Jones. Terrance works extremely hard in his chosen fall sport, football. As of October 15th Terrance has 2 rushing touchdowns and 4 receiving touchdowns. Terrance also has a total of 101 rushing yards and 302 receiving yards. We asked Terrance about his opinions on his sport.

Interviewer: *What has been your proudest moment in your sport this month?*

Terrance: “Having 7 catches for 140 yards in our game vs Dolgeville.”

Interviewer: *What personal or team goals have you set for this season?*

Terrance: “To not lose a game in the month of October.”

Interviewer: *How do you stay motivated during tough practices or games?*

Terrance: “I think of our record last year”

Interviewer: *Is there a specific game that stands out to you?*

Terrance: “Our Little Falls away game because of them being a class C school.

Interviewer: *What do you think is the key to your recent success on the field ?*

Terrance: “Having our coaches teach us grit. Having grit is having will to do hard things to win.”

Interviewer: *How do you manage to balance schoolwork and athletic commitments?*

Terrance: “I sacrifice time with friends after school to complete work.”

Interviewer: *What role do you play on your team both on and off the field?*

Terrance: “Having a good attitude no matter the current situation your other teammates are going through during games or practices” is what makes a person a good teammate. Terrance also says “My advice would be understanding the sacrifices you need to make to be able to be a successful student athlete.”

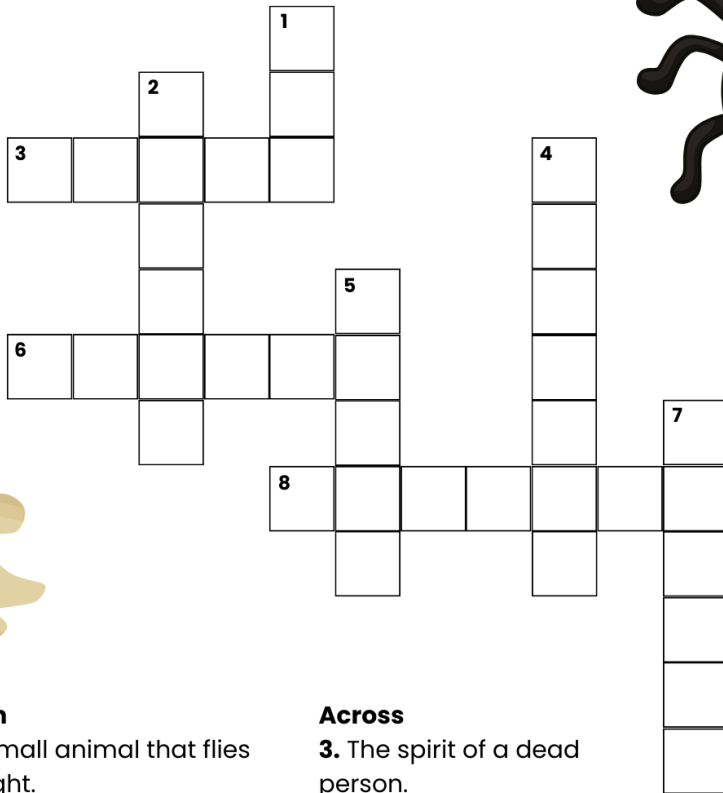


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Fun Page

HALLOWEEN CROSSWORD

Read the clues below and find the words.



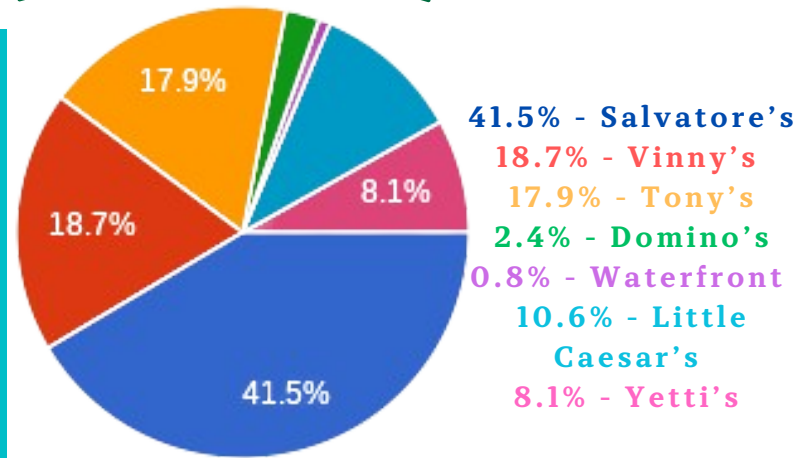
Down

1. A small animal that flies at night.
2. A scary dead person who comes back to life.
4. A large, round vegetable with hard, orange flesh.
5. A type of food, usually something sweet.
7. An evil being with a tail and horns.

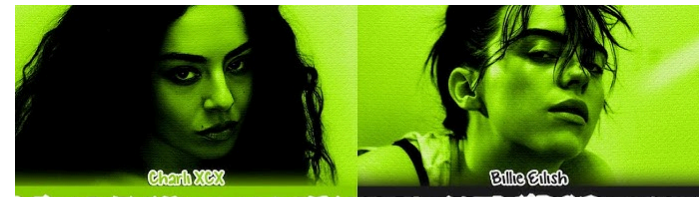
Across

3. The spirit of a dead person.
6. A small creature with eight thin legs.
8. A dead person who comes out at night.

Pizza Poll



Song of the month



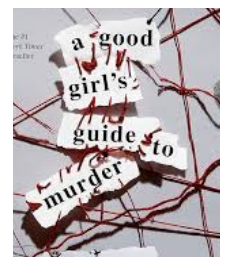
GUESS
Charli XCX (Guess featuring Billie Eilish)
Color Coded Lyrics

Ms. Bello's book of the month:

A Good Girl's Guide to Murder

By Holly Jackson

A high school student decides to solve a murder for her senior project

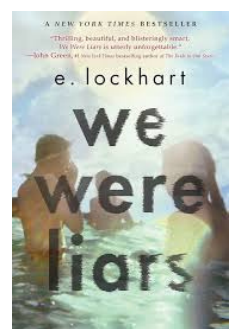


Mrs. Sommer's book of the month:

We Were Liars

E. Lockhart

A girl with a head injury can't remember anything from summer vacation.



Easy Blueberry Bread Recipe



Ingredients:

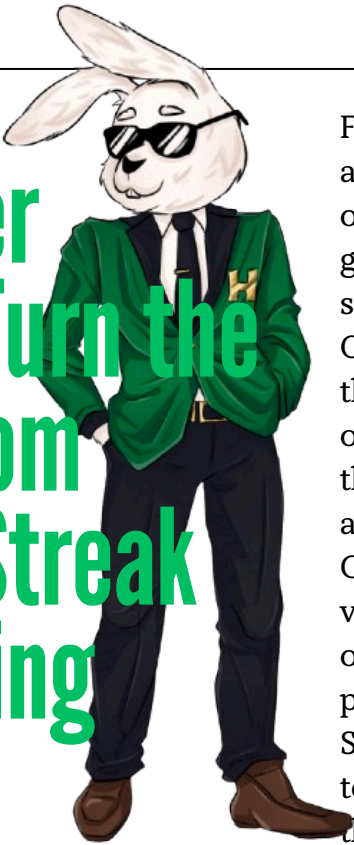
- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups blueberries
- ¼ cup vegetable oil

Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 350 and combine dry ingredients
2. Combine wet ingredients
3. Combine wet and dry ingredients
4. Bake for 20-25 minutes @ 350

Herkimer Teams Turn the Tide: From Losing Streak to Winning Surge

Artwork by Roselyn Nietes



Fall sports at Herkimer started off the fall season with a not so successful string of losses, but with a lot of grit and determination, the tides have recently turned in the Magician’s favor! With the boys soccer team starting off slow, then coming in hot with a win September 25th against West Canada and a score of 6-0! During this game, 2 goals were scored by Nick Allen, another was scored by Adam Fountain, and the three others were scored by Shane Maxon, Peyton Gillen, and and Kieran Murphy. Boy’s soccer also had another great win October 1st against Town of Webb (2-0) with goals scored by Nick Allen and Brian Lindsay. Keeping with the theme, the girls soccer team also started their season off a little bumpy but then came in with their first win on September 24th at home against Little Falls with a score of 3-1! Two goals were scored by Avrey Allen and the other was scored by Katelyn Carney. The lady magicians then picked up another 2 wins on October 8th and 14th, one against West Canada Valley (4-3) at home and the other at Adirondack High school winning 2-1. Congratulations to our soccer teams on turning the season around and fighting until the very end! In a similar vein, Varsity Football had their first win against Beaver River during Teacher Appreciation Night, with a score of 43-21 with touchdowns scored by Steven Naegele, Terrance Jones, and Zack Petucci. The magicians then powered through with a second victorious win of 45-0 against Port Byron. 5 touchdowns were scored by Steven Naegele, 2 by Terrance Jones, 1 by Zack Petucci, 1 by Braysen Richard, and 1 by Landon Ploss. Girls tennis also had a great win against Canastota with a score of 3-2. Our girls field hockey team also kicked off their season with a 2-0 win with some of our own players playing for Central Valley Academy. During that game Sarah Huyck had a goal. Even though fall sports started off bumpy, the seasons are all coming to a close with victories. Great job magicians!

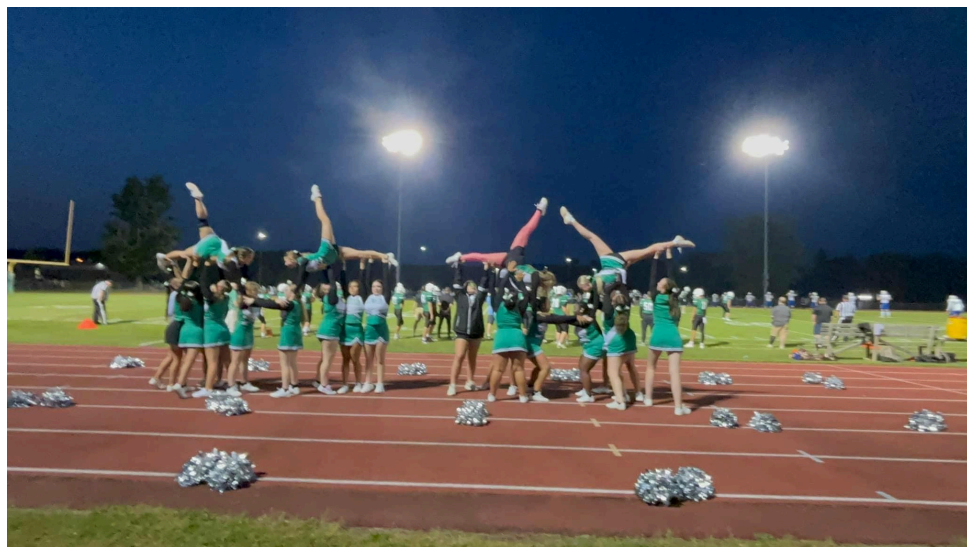
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Winter sports sign-ups
Scan the code to sign up
for the following:

- Boys/Girls Volleyball (Varsity, JV, Modified)
- Boys/Girls Basketball (Varsity, JV, and Modified)
- Varsity Bowling
- Varsity Wrestling
- Boys/Girls Indoor Track





Breaking Boundaries: Herk Foot Flip Flips the Script with Girls on the Field and Boys on the Sidelines

Its official, we are having a Herk Foot Flip game on October 20th at 4pm. It will be at Herkimer Elementary School! We encourage anyone and everyone to either participate or go to watch and support! A Herk Foot Flip game is the same idea as a powderpuff game but with a name swap. Want to know how to play Herk Foot Flip?

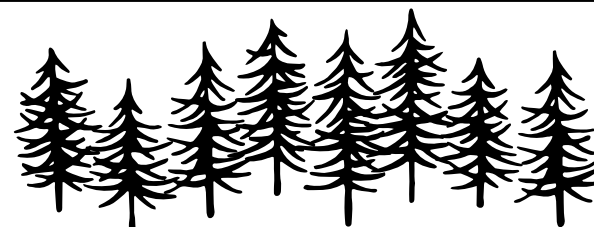
All girls in grades 9-12 will be playing on different football teams and all boys in grades 9-12 will either be a helper on the side or participate on the cheer team. If you have any questions about how to sign up go to Angali Saugh and she can answer any questions!

Written by Victoria Brinkerhoff



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Looking for a Club to Join?



Art Club (McCutcheon) - A perfect afterschool activity to bring out your creativity. Every 2nd and 4th thursday of the month.

High School eSports (Mathy) - Get your game on afterschool every Thursday.

Highschool Yearbook (Bello and Sommer) - Stay involved in the creation of your yearbook.

Jazz Ensemble (Gordon) - Get your groove on afterschool on Thursdays!

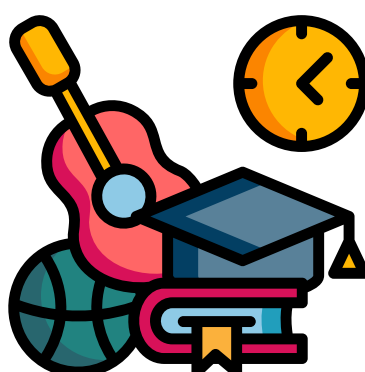
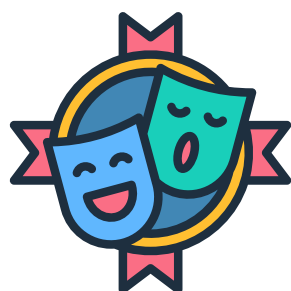
FFA (Baker)- Prepare yourself for science, business and agraculture, on the first and third Tuesday of the month after school.

Model UN (Sheldon) - Learn about how the UN works, and attend a mock conference.

Outdoors Club (Rich) - Connect with your inner nature, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month after school

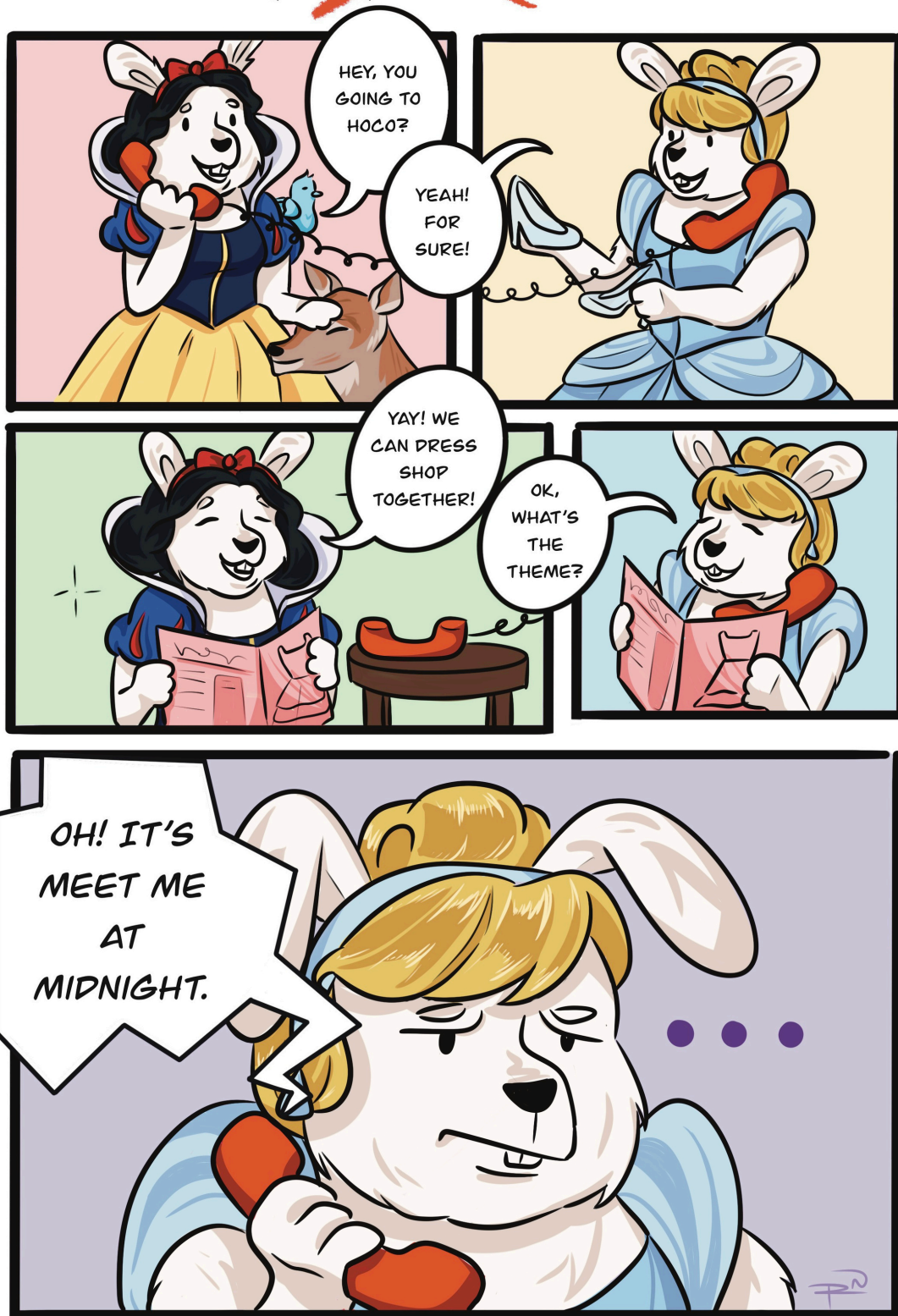
Middle School Yearbook (McGraw) - Weekly on Wednesdays after school

Newspaper Club (Buckley) - Help decide what goes in the school newspaper! Write articles, opinion pieces, take photos, create fun games, and more! Weekly meetings on Wednesdays.



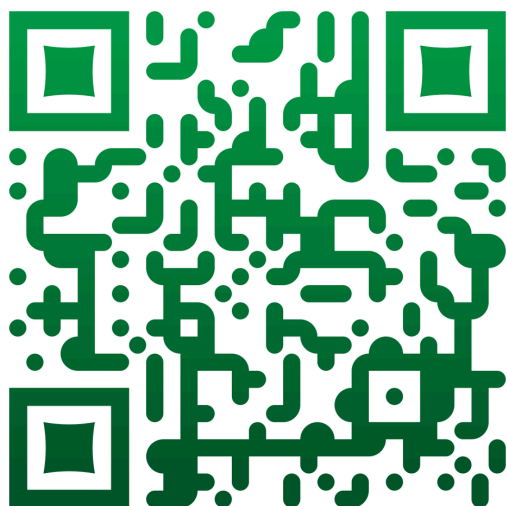
STUDENT SUBMISSIONS

~~Cinderella~~ Rabbit



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Want to see your
submissions in the next
edition of the Magic Ink
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SCAN ME

Love's Embrace by Jenna Papke

A hug so warm and calming, love's tender
touch

Enwraps the soul in solace, soft and kind
In arms entwined, hearts beat in rhythmic
clutch

A sanctuary where troubled thoughts unwind

Eyes so bright and refined, love's gentle gaze
Reflecting depths of passion unconfined
In them, a world of tenderness ablaze
A language spoken by the heart, entwined

A smile so perfect and graceful, love's pure
art

Radiates joy and lights the darkest night
A beacon of warmth that mends the broken
heart

In love's embrace, all is gentle, pure, and
right

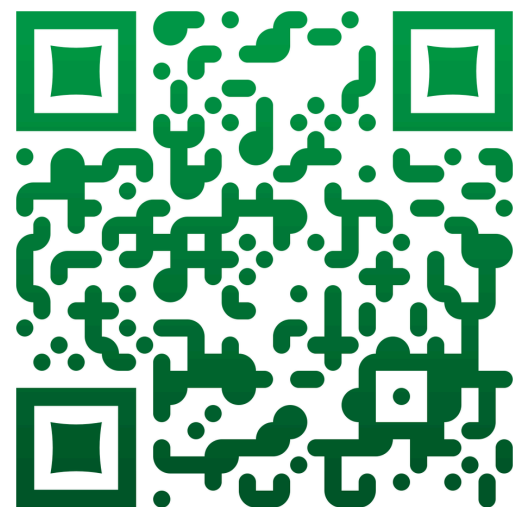
Joke of the week

"I'm a sailor who is trying to learn
the alphabet..."

I always get lost at 'C.'

(Submitted by Mikayla Wameling)

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The Last Letter by Jayden Doxstader

The autumn leaves danced through the crisp air, painting the world in hues of gold and amber. In a small town where the days drifted lazily, Evelyn and Daniel shared a love that felt as eternal as the shifting seasons. They had known each other since childhood, their bond deepening through laughter, dreams, and the shared secrets of adolescence. As they grew, so did their love, blossoming into something fierce and profound.

One chilly evening, the warm glow of the setting sun filtered through the window of their favorite café, where they often spent hours wrapped in each other's company. But that night was different; a heaviness hung over Evelyn, an unshakeable weight that pressed against her chest. She had just received the call from the doctor—a diagnosis that shattered her world into a million fragmented pieces. Cancer.

Evelyn sat across from Daniel, her hands trembling around the cup of steaming tea. He spoke animatedly, recounting a story about a mischievous dog he had seen earlier that day, but all she could focus on was the silence that loomed between them, a chasm she could not bridge. She watched him, his bright blue eyes sparkling with joy, and felt an overwhelming surge of love mingled with despair.

As the weeks passed, the cold grasp of reality tightened its hold. Evelyn could feel her strength waning, her laughter fading like the dying light of the day. She spent hours in the quiet of her room, researching her condition, seeking answers, but each page felt like a reminder of what was to come.

In her solitude, a painful truth emerged: she couldn't let Daniel see her in pain. He had always been her rock, the one who made her feel invincible, and she didn't want to burden him with the weight of her illness. One night, as the moonlight spilled across her bed, she made a decision. She would write him one last letter—a letter that would capture her love, her memories, and the wishes she held for him after she was gone.

The words poured from her heart like a river. She wrote about their first kiss under the old oak tree, how the world faded away when they danced in the rain, and the way he always knew how to make her laugh even on the darkest days. Each sentence was infused with the essence of her love, a love she wanted him to carry with him long after she was gone.

She wrote of the beauty in life, the importance of cherishing every moment, and the adventures she hoped he would embark on. "Please don't let my absence be a shadow over your future," she wrote. "Live boldly, laugh deeply, and love fiercely. You deserve all of that and more."

Days turned into weeks, and with each passing moment, Evelyn's health declined. Yet, she found solace in the letter, clutching it close to her heart. It became her lifeline, a reminder of the life they had built together. Finally, when the time felt right, she sealed it in an envelope with shaky hands, knowing it would be her last gift to him.

When Daniel found her the next morning, a serene smile graced her lips. She looked peaceful, almost ethereal, as if she had slipped away to a place where pain no longer existed. With tears streaming down his face, he found the letter resting on her bedside table.

Sinking into the chair beside her, he opened the envelope, heart pounding. As he read her words, each sentence resonated with a bittersweet melody. She had written him a farewell filled with love and encouragement, reminding him of their laughter, their dreams, and the light she saw in him.

"I will always be with you," the letter concluded, "in every sunset, every song, and every heartbeat. Love me, even when I'm gone."

As the sun dipped below the horizon, Daniel held the letter close to his chest, a tangible piece of her spirit. He vowed to honor her wishes, to live for both of them. In that moment of grief, he understood that love, once shared, could never truly fade. It became a part of him, a guiding light that would illuminate his path forward.

With the last rays of sunlight casting a warm glow on the world outside, Daniel whispered into the stillness, "I will always love you, Evelyn. Forever." And in his heart, he knew she would remain, timeless as the seasons that continued to change.