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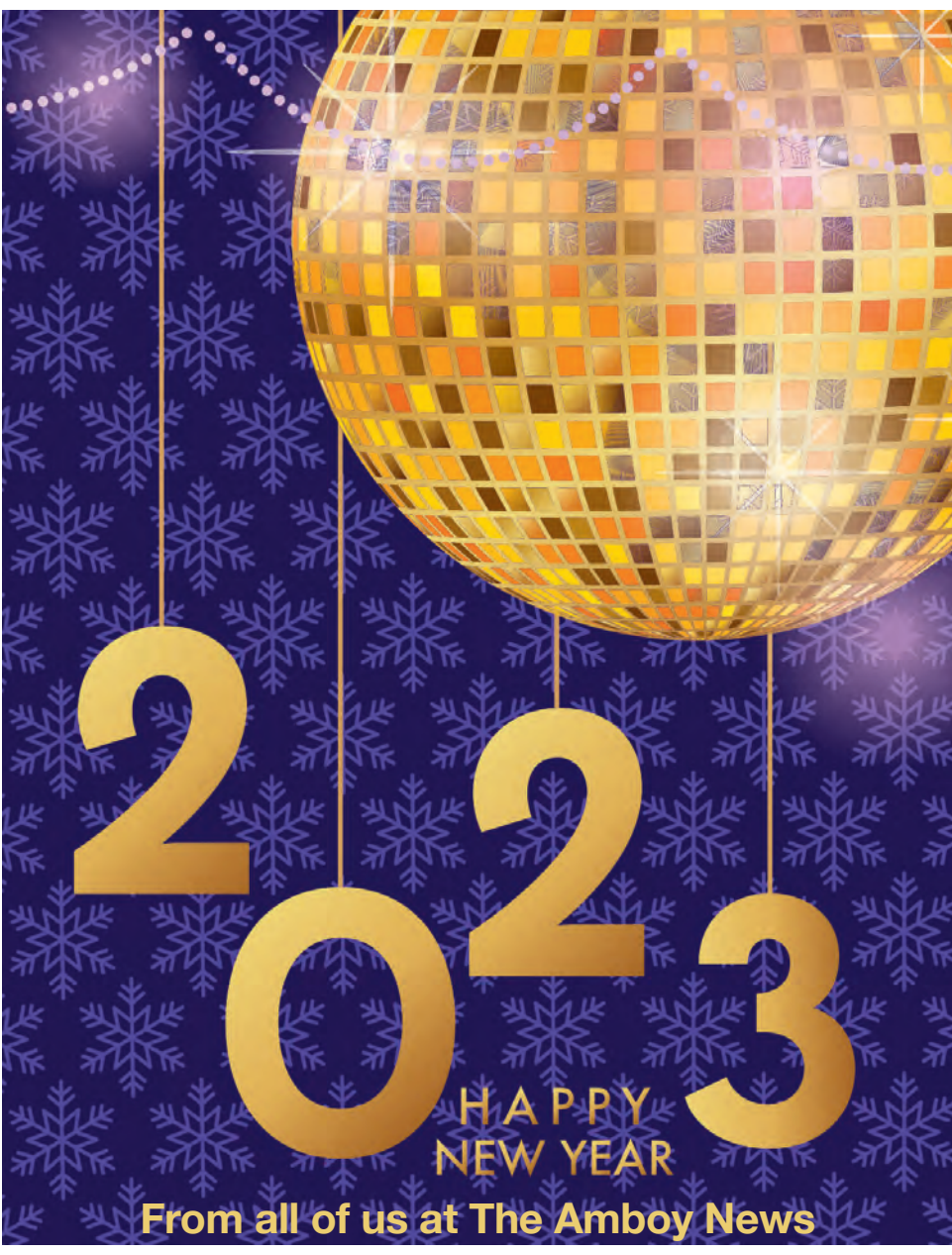
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## Local volunteers receive awards from Illinois Ag In The Classroom

**CHICAGO** – During Illinois Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting in Chicago in early December, volunteers from across the state were celebrated for their efforts and accomplishments with the Ag in the Classroom program. The Sauk Valley area had three receive recognition for their dedication to Ag in the Classroom.

Recipients were recognized as Illinois Ag in the Classroom Volunteers of the year including the Mitchell Family from Tampico and the Ashton Franklin Center FFA Chapter from Ashton.

Volunteering with the Whiteside County Ag in the Classroom program, it's a family effort for the Mitchell Family to share their experiences with their melon farm outside of Tampico. Like an ever expanding melon vine, the family, including Jeanne Mitchell, Whitney Mitchell-DeWitte, Greg Mitchell and Jean Mitchell, plants the seeds of knowledge regarding their specialty area in agriculture by sharing their passion with students. Family members present to accept the award



*Illinois Farm Bureau president, Richard Guebert, Jr., presents Natalie Pratt with her award in Chicago during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in recognition for her efforts to assist Illinois Ag in the Classroom with virtual lessons in 2020-2021.*

Photo submitted

were Jeanne Mitchell, Doug Mitchell, Brandon DeWitte and Whitney DeWitte.

In a unique recognition, not a single person, but the entire Ashton Franklin Cen-

ter (AFC) FFA Chapter was honored for their 15 years of dedication to the Lee County Ag in the Classroom program.

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## Pritzker signs changes to SAFE-T Act's cash bail provisions

By JERRY NOWICKI

Capitol News Illinois

**SPRINGFIELD** – Gov. JB Pritzker on Dec. 6 signed a follow-up measure to the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform, the third such amendment since the law's initial passage in January 2021.

The changes approved by lawmakers last week in the fall veto session center on the law's provisions, which will end the use of cash bail beginning in January.

The cash bail system, which in most cases allows offenders to post a dollar amount to be released from custody pretrial, will be replaced

by one in which a judge weighs the individual's risk to the community and potential for fleeing prosecution in determining whether pretrial release will be revoked.

Its opponents have argued that the list of circumstances in which pretrial detention is specifically allowed is too limiting for judges.

Advocates, however, say that a presumption of pretrial release included in the law for lesser, nonviolent offenses will allow the courts to give more thorough hearings to those whose freedom is on the line prior to conviction.

"I'm pleased that the General Assembly has

passed clarifications that uphold the principle we fought to protect: to bring an end to a system where wealthy violent offenders can buy their way out of jail, while less fortunate nonviolent offenders wait in jail for trial," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement. "Advocates and lawmakers came together and put in hours of work to strengthen and clarify this law, uphold our commitment to equity, and keep people safe."

In many cases, the changes were more substantial than "clarifications," as the measure, contained in House Bill 1095, expanded the list of offenses in which a judge can deny

pretrial release. The change made it so all forcible felonies can lead to pretrial detention regardless of whether the defendant would be eligible for probation if a judge deems them a danger to the community.

It also specified that the changes take effect for those charged after Dec. 31, 2022, but those on the old bail system can petition the court to be placed into the new cash-free system on staggered timelines depending on the severity of their charges.

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### DONATING TO FOOD BANK

*The Amboy Lions Club recently donated \$500 to the St. Patrick Church Food Pantry. Pictured are Amboy Lion Jim Travi, Barb Harrison, Amboy Lion Dave Kemp. The Lions donation to the food pantry is an annual event.*

Courtesy photo

## Sheriff's office takes suspect into custody

**LEE COUNTY** — On Tuesday, Dec. 20, Jake Verkruysse was taken into custody in rural Henry County, by the Henry County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police. Verkruysse was taken into custody without incident and taken to the Henry County Jail. Verkruysse was later transferred to the Lee County Jail where he is being held on a warrant for escape.

Verkruysse was arrested on Dec. 15, for an arrest warrant charging the offenses of Home Invasion (a Class X Felony), Mob Action (a Class 4 Felony), and Criminal Damage to Property Under \$500 (a Class A Misdemeanor). Verkruysse was later released on the evening of Dec. 16, on a recognizance bond due to ongoing medical conditions. As a condition of his release, Verkruysse was fitted with a GPS monitoring device and was to be confined to his residence in Erie. During the early morning hours of Dec. 17, Verkruysse removed the GPS monitoring system that was a condition of his release.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office investigation in locating Verkruysse was assisted by the Illinois Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC), the Whiteside County Sheriff's Office, the Henry County Sheriff's Office, the Illinois State Police, the Lee County States Attorney's Office, the Erie Police Department, and the Prophetstown Police Department.

## A Look Back At Amboy's Heroes Who Served During World War II

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

### 2Lt. Lesslie Herman Sanders

#### Silver Star Award

A visitor to the Ashton Cemetery in Lee County can find the gravestone of Lesslie H. Sanders. Engraved on that stone are his name, the dates of his brief life, and the words "Rainbow Division," - nothing more. But his courage and selfless action during the



final hours of his life shows the humility reflected on that granite memorial.

Born March 6, 1922 Lesslie was raised in Ashton where his father owned an electrical shop. After graduating from Ashton High School, he completed three years at the University of Illinois in Urbana before enlisting in the army. Following officers training at Fort Benning, he was sent



overseas in December of 1944 assigned to the 222nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Infantry Division with the rank of Second Lieutenant.

The 42nd Infantry Division was named the "rainbow division" because it was drawn from the National Guards of 26 states and the District of Columbia, reflecting a cross section of American territory as a rainbow reflects the spectrum of color. From Marsille, France, Lt. Sanders and the 42nd Division advanced north to

Alsace, closing in on Strasbourg, crossing the Rhine River in Germany by March of 1945. Fighting intensifying as Allied soldiers drove toward Berlin during April when Lt. Lesslie H. Sanders was wounded in battle. The details of his gallantry are revealed in his Silver Star Award:

"The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (posthumously) to Second

Lieutenant (infantry) Lesslie H. Sanders (ASN: 0-551446), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Company F, 222nd Infantry Regiment, 42nd Infantry Division, in action on 27 April 1945, near Schonletten, Germany. While Lieutenant Sanders was leading his weapons platoon along a road near Schonletten, Germany, a concealed enemy force opened fire with machine guns, small arms, and Panzerfausts.

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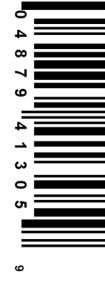
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# LOCAL NEWS

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The AFC FFA Chapter has been instrumental in supporting the annual Lee County Ag Expo as volunteers and presenters as well as hosting a Touch a Tractor event and other programs with the elementary students in their district.

Rounding off the local recognitions by Illinois Ag in the Classroom was Natalie Pratt from Dixon. While COVID 19 protocols dictated that schools were remote learning, Illinois Ag in the Classroom transitioned its lessons online as well, partnering with students, including local Amboy High School

student, Natalie Pratt, to host virtual farm tours and lessons. Pratt featured a series titled "Natalie's Awesome Agriculture" from 2020-2021 and was recognized for her efforts to bring agriculture lessons and facts through social media.

Ag in the Classroom provides free fun and educational resources to teachers and students throughout Illinois by partnering with local Ag in the Classroom programs throughout the state, including Lee and Whiteside Counties. For more information about Illinois Ag in the Classroom, visit [aginthe classroom.org](http://aginthe classroom.org).

## RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE!



Front: Rose and Larry Leffelman  
Back: Mary Reglin, Julie Burkardt, Lexi Willey, Chris Klein, Riley Klein, Karli Althaus, Lisa Quest

As the year ends, we at Leffelman & Associates have a tradition of reflecting on the past year in our Christmas Card to you. Looking back at our reflections from past years, things have changed a lot! For example, on our 2019 card, we began it with this sentence, "As the US prepares to enter its 125th month of economic expansion - the longest in history - and the American stock markets remain near all-time highs, the Midwest is fighting the elements." Wow! Things look quite different than what they did 3 years ago! Our farmers have had one of the best crop years ever, but our economy is not so good, to put it mildly. To quote Anne Murray's song, "We sure could use a little good news today!" As we've said before, we feel blessed to be in our little corner of the world where we all come together to support each other. Please continue to support local businesses so we can keep our little corner of the world alive and flourishing. Our product is financial security, and we are here to protect our customers. So, this Christmas Card goes out to you with heartfelt prayers from all of us, that you and your families will have a warm and wonderful Christmas and a new year filled with health and happiness.

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Members of Ashton Franklin Center FFA Chapter traveled to Chicago to accept the award of Illinois Ag in the Classroom Volunteer of the Year. Chapter members present to accept the award were (L-R) Zane Murphy, Kelly Viall (Advisor) and Kate Viall.

Photo submitted

## Nicor Gas offers tips to help keep you warm and stay safe during winter weather

**NAPERVILLE** – As temperatures drop and winter storm advisories are issued, Nicor Gas is providing winter weather tips to stay warm and safe and save on winter heating costs.

"When weather conditions worsen, our most important work begins," said Wendell Dallas, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. "Through subzero temperatures and blowing snow, our crews are out safely working in these harsh elements to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas that is more than a creature comfort, it is life sustaining."

Extreme weather operations are not new for Nicor Gas. During periods of arctic cold fronts and polar vortexes, Nicor Gas employees work around-the-clock to monitor pipelines and ensure the safe performance and reliability of the natural gas infrastructure.

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To ensure the safe, proper operation of natural gas appliances, such as a furnace or water heater, and to prevent the potentially hazardous buildup of carbon monoxide within your home or business, ensure that outdoor vent openings and air intakes are not obstructed by snow or ice. Never use natural

gas appliances, such as ovens or the burners on a stove, to heat your homes or businesses.

Exercise caution when removing snow or ice from a natural gas meter assembly. Use your hands or a broom, not a shovel, to brush away snow or ice from your meter; never kick or hit your gas meter or its piping with a hammer or any hard object to break away built-up snow or ice. For more information and safety tips, visit [nicorgas.com/safety](http://nicorgas.com/safety).

Energy efficiency tools and resources provide customers more control over their energy use and bill. Some of those efficiencies can start in the home – little changes can add up to big savings with these weatherization tips:

- Regularly replace air and furnace filters; most filters should be cleaned or replaced every 60-90 days. A clean filter will allow the system to run more efficiently.

- Open window coverings during the day to allow sunlight to heat your home naturally, and close curtains at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.

- Keep furniture, drapes, stuffed animals and other objects away from heating sources.

- Adjust timer controls and programmable thermostats. Some older thermostats may not have an internal clock and need to be adjusted manually.

See GAS page A3

# Be the Life of the Party.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports that New Year's Day is one of the worst days of the year for fatal crashes involving drunk drivers. Don't let the good times cloud your good judgement. As you make your New Year's Eve party plans this year, be sure to include plans for safe and sober transportation. Here are some suggestions to help you plan ahead for a responsible ride home.

- Decide in advance on a designated driver.
- Save the number for a taxi service in your phone.
- Download a ride service app to your phone.
- Attend a party at a hotel or location where you can make overnight arrangements.
- Host or attend an alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration.
- Make plans to have a friend, relative or car service pick you up from the celebration.

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## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## Aerobics

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## Afterschool program

You must call 815-857-4800 to be put on. If you are not registered, please do not send your child without speaking with us.

## Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that assist Teen Turf in its endeavor of helping people:

Pine View Campground for the treats; Tom and Cheryl Nauman for the monetary donation; Jeff Parker family for monetary donation; The family of Connie Bonnell for the food; Donna Wellman for the cookies, cards, and prize money for bingo; all those that bring cans and Larry Piper for doing them; Judy Carls for the candy; Steve and Karen Becker for the monetary donation; Tasha and Tim O'Malley for the toys; David and Colleen Anderson for the monetary donation; Matt Schingle for bringing us a check for AgView FS for the monetary donation; Walton Fest for the creative cookie session for the kids during early out; Lora Thomas for the monetary donation; William Klein for the monetary donation and Superior Beverage Co. for the monetary donation in memory of Connie Bonnell.

## Needs

Plastic shelving for our new garage to store items and clearance/gently used Christmas gift bags for next year.

## Final Word

Heavenly Father, thank You for making all things new! As another new year begins, help us live each day for You. May we continually have a new song in our heart to sing to You, no matter what comes our way. We trust in You because we know that Your mercies are new every morning, and nothing ahead of us will take You by surprise. In Jesus' Name, Amen

## SVCF recognizes new and outgoing board members

DIXON — The Sauk Valley Community College Foundation (SVCF) would like to honor the service of our foundation board of directors including those that have served in the past and new directors. Directors on the SVCF board are committed to improving access to education throughout the Sauk Valley by engaging in a variety of philanthropic efforts.

The board is composed of individuals throughout the college district. Joining the board will be Michael Clark, Philip Atilano, Suzanne Ravlin and Michael Briscoe. They will join Bill Wescott, Lauren Bishop, Bob Sondgeroth, Dave Abele, John Thompson, Dr. Marcia Jones, Aaron Young, Dr. Kelly Mandrell, Laura Oquendo and Lisa Wiersema who serves as the SVCC Board of Trustees liaison. These individuals will be instrumental in not only continuing to advocate for gifts, which enable student scholarships and student emergency funds, but also gifts to the SVCC Impact Program.

Bill Wescott, President of the SVCF Board, said, "We are excited to welcome these new board members and utilize their expertise and talents to continue to advance the work our foundation is doing in our region."

Wescott went on to say, "We are also grateful for the time which Rebekah Emery spent on the board and the executive committee. Becky served as the organization's treasurer and provided invaluable support. We appreciate her sharing her time during her six years on the Board."

For more information, please contact the Sauk Valley College Foundation at 815-835-6316.

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Though hit by fragments of a panzerfaust he responded to a call from one of his men and, although mortally wounded, he crawled twenty yards under intense automatic weapons fire to render first aid. By his undaunted courage and gallant action Lieutenant Sanders saved a soldier's life and brought great credit upon himself and the military service."

Two days after being wounded in battle, Lt. Sanders' rainbow division joined in the liberation of the Dachau death camp near Munich where some 30,000 starving prisoners were discovered. On May 5th, just three days before Germany's unconditional surrender and the end of the European war, Lt. Sanders died of his wounds.

The remains of this young hero were finally returned home to Ashton on Nov. 2, 1948, his funeral at the Methodist Church on the following day. While his gravestone may not reflect

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at [www.lchd.com](http://www.lchd.com) for a list of services available.

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DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 - 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 28, Dixon Hope Bible Fellowship, 732 Brinton Ave., Dixon. Call the

Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

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Members of House and Senate working groups worked for months on the changes with state's attorney and law enforcement groups, but Republicans said during floor debate that they were not included in the process.

Many concerns cited by opponents in the recent election season were addressed, however.

For example, the follow-up bill specifies that police maintain the authority to arrest trespassers.

While it maintains language instructing officers to issue a citation in lieu of custodial arrest for cases below Class A misdemeanors, it also specifies that police maintain discretion to make an arrest if the person is a threat to the community or they continue to break the law.

"We understand that public safety is not a static issue," House Deputy Majority Leader Jehan Gordon-Booth, D-Peoria, said in a statement. "This legislation strengthens the underlying SAFE-T Act with valuable feedback from survivors, law enforcement, prosecutors and other public safety advocates. If we want to make our communities safer, we have to work together. This update is a step in the right direction."

The measure clarifies judicial authority to revoke pretrial release if the defendant violates electronic monitoring conditions and specifically states penalties may be imposed for intentional tampering with monitoring devices.

The SAFE-T Act specifies that defendants have a right to a public defender from their first appearance in court, a change that is expected to increase justice system workloads. The measure creates a grant program to aid public defenders with increased caseloads, but allocation of funding for the program would be up to future General Assemblies.

Asked at an unrelated news conference Wednesday how he would gauge the effectiveness of the bill once it takes effect, Pritzker said he'd be looking to the Illinois Supreme Court and state's attorneys to outline unforeseen challenges.

## GAS

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his undaunted courage, it testifies to the humility of so many soldiers who sacrificed that others might live in freedom.

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"As with all laws, we're always going to be looking to see what's working really well and what things are maybe less so and who it is that's coming forward and saying, 'this is problematic,'" he said. "The most important thing is we're trying to make our neighborhoods and our communities safer all across the state of Illinois. This law and these amendments are designed to do just that."

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Keith R. Miller

July 17, 1956 - Dec. 25, 2022

**HARMON** — Keith R. Miller, 66, of Harmon, died on Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

He was born on July 17, 1956 in Rochelle, the son of Robert and Margaret (Pierce) Miller. Keith was a highway maintainer at the Illinois Tollway Authority for over 29 years. He also worked part time for Ryan Farms, and Bayer Crop Science in his retirement. He was a member of the Dixon Elks Club.

Keith married Lynn Dempsey on Aug. 27, 1987 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

He enjoyed farming, gardening, trips to casinos, and his annual trip to Mexico. Keith enjoyed his grandchildren to no end.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and father in law, John "Jack" Dempsey.

Keith is survived by his

wife Lynn; children, Kris (Crystal) Horton, of Dixon, Stephanie (Judd) Munroe, of Franklin Grove, Jennifer (Justin Humphrey) Magnafici, of Dixon, Keith Robert Miller, of Amboy; nine grandchildren, Tristan Munroe, Mason Munroe, Sage Magnafici, Griffin Magnafici, Paisley Magnafici, Brycen Miller, Collins Miller, Zachary Humphrey, and K' Marion Horton. He is also survived by his siblings, Kenneth (Jan) Miller of Wisconsin, Kathy Hoffman, of Oregon, Kevin (Lori) Miller, of Rochelle; several nieces and nephews; and mother in law, Sharon Dempsey, of Dixon.

Cremation rites have been accorded with a celebration of life at a later date. A memorial has been established to his grandchildren.

Arrangements by the



Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Online Condolences can be left at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

### Donny Lee Pollard

Aug. 28, 1952 - Dec. 20, 2022

**AMBOY** — Donny Lee Pollard, 70, of Amboy, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022 at his home in Amboy.

He was born on Aug. 28, 1952, in Caraway, Ark., the son of Willis and Patricia (Sanders) Pollard. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and National Guard. Donny worked for Crest Foods and then for Raynor Garage Doors in Dixon for over 40 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the American Legion, Depot Days Committee, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy.

Donny married Sharon VanNatta Ketchum on Aug. 24, 1985, in Amboy.

He is preceded in death

by his parents, infant son, Willis and one brother, Henry Pollard.

Donny is survived by his wife, Sharon; children, Eddie (Becky) Pollard, of Amboy, and Donna (Neil) Barschefski, of Arkansas; stepchildren, Scott Ferguson, of Amboy, and Tina Ferguson, of Amboy; grandchildren, Trent, Tyler, Cody, Ashley, Dustin, Dylan, Makayla, Emily, Morgan, Alexis, Andrew, Coleson and Mackenzie; and many great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother, Ronnie (Jean) Pollard, of Oklahoma; two sisters, Connie (Bill) Robinson of Oklahoma, and Bonnie (Donny) Milbry, of Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been



accorded and there will be no services at this time.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Online condolences can be left at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

### Bernard E. Keen

Jan. 21, 1934 - Dec. 19, 2022

**AMBOY** — Bernard E. Keen, 88, of Amboy, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 19, 2022, at Javon Bea Hospital, after a short illness. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend.

Bernard was born Jan. 21, 1934, in Keenes, the son of Clarence E. and Helen Jane (Austin) Keen. He married Joan D. Draper on Feb. 12, 1961, in Corinth, Miss. As a young man, Bernard enlisted in the Army and served his country during the Korean War. He worked as a transport operator for over 30 years prior to his retirement in 1997. Bernard had a very strong faith and was a member of Northside Baptist Church, in Dixon. He led by example and was the spiritual leader of his family. Bernard's work ethic and desire to take care of his family was of utmost importance. He was an avid reader and a very intelligent man who provided guidance to those he loved. Bernard was an excellent carpenter and was always there to help anyone. He was a kind and loving man with a wonderful sense of humor. Bernard loved his wife and family,

and worked diligently to ensure that they had everything that they needed. He was someone to look up to, admire, and respect. Bernard was loved by all and will be dearly missed.

Bernard is survived by two daughters, Deborah Keen, of Ohio, IL, and Pamela (Brian) Krone, of Sterling; three sons, Dave (Kate) Thomason, of Montrose, Jeffrey Keen, of Ferndale, Wash., and Edward Keen of Dixon; one sister, Vivian Carlough, of LaBelle, Fla.; one brother, Billy (Cena) Keen, of Alabama; one sister-in-law, Kay Austin, of Channahon; nine grandchildren, Pat (Emily) Esker, Eric (Micki) Esker, Teesha Keen, Danielle (Kevin) Tschirhart, Kathleen Hille, Samantha (Jamie) Harris, Stephanie (Bruce) Haarmann, Chad Keen, and Logan Keen; and 16 great-grandchildren, Tristin (Desire), Mitchell, Morgan, Chloe, Lauren, Ayden, Dominic, Jaxson, Cooper, Nessa, Anna, Brody, Wade, Lincoln, Elias, and Liam.

Bernard was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Joan D. Keen on Nov. 5, 2022; his mother and father; one brother, Verl



Keen; and two sisters, Joann Abel and Doris Hattenbach.

Visitation was held from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon, immediately followed by a Memorial Service, with Pastor Daniel Bentz, officiating. Burial followed at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A luncheon followed the service at Northside Baptist Church.

A memorial has been established.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

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## Expanded bereavement leave rights take effect Jan. 1

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Family Bereavement Leave Act will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023, expanding unpaid leave rights for employees across the State. As the New Year approaches, employers should be aware of the new requirements under the Act.

The Family Bereavement Leave Act (FBLA) is an amendment to the Child Bereavement Leave Act (CBLA) that expands leave time requirements to cover pregnancy loss, failed adoptions or surrogacy agreements, unsuccessful reproductive procedures, and other diagnoses or events negatively impacting pregnancy or fertility. The FBLA also requires employers to provide leave time after the loss of family members previously not covered by the CBLA, including spouses, domestic partners, siblings, grandparents, and stepparents.

Employees may take up to two weeks, or 10 working days, of unpaid leave time for any of the events covered by the FBLA to grieve, to attend a funeral, or to make arrangements necessitated by the death of the family member.

Employers may require reasonable documentation to certify that an employee requesting FBLA leave experienced an event covered by the Act, but employees are not required to identify the specific event that qualifies them for the leave. Reasonable documentation includes death certificates, published obituaries, and documentation from an adoption or surrogacy organization. A Bereavement Leave form is available on the Department's website that may be used as reasonable documentation.

"Workers who experience the death of a loved one or other kinds of loss such as a miscarriage or a failed adoption should be able to grieve without the fear of losing their job," said Illinois Department of Labor Acting Director Jane Flanagan. "The Family Bereavement Leave Act ensures that those workers will be afforded time off from work to process that grief."

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SOCIAL NEWS



Local nature and history

By Jim "Mazie" Long



"We learned to be patient observers like the owl. We learned cleverness from the crow and courage from the jay. But above all of them ranked the chickadee, because of its indomitable spirit." -- Tom Brown, Jr., American Naturalist. Image source: Library of Congress, circa 1899 by George F. Muendel.

A Winter Walk Along paths taken and not taken, our winter birds share the way

Everyone should take a quiet walk in the woods in winter. Near the edges you will see tree sparrows and juncos. A blue jay is sure to flash by. A downy woodpecker may be tapping on the stem of a ragweed. And every woods



Jim "Mazie" Long

in a tree where they would spend the night. They were going in the opposite direction that I wanted to go. They were going south to the woods and I was going north to my home in the city. I could not go along with them and they could not come along with

has a red-bellied woodpecker. Red-headed woodpeckers are here one day and gone the next, constantly moving to another woods. In some winters they are abundant, and in others they are completely absent. The red-tailed hawk may be seen soaring overhead, and he may call as he does in the spring mating season. The white-breasted nuthatches are usually there, their "yank-yank-yank" calls will echo through the stillness. Even louder is the "peter-peter-peter" call of the tufted titmouse. During a winter walk, you will never encounter a happier group than a flock of chickadees. Even if it is snowing and the weather is cold, the chickadees are happy and carefree as they search for larvae and the eggs of insects. Their musical chatter -- "dee-dee-dee" -- will tempt you to follow along with them. They will not mind your company. I can remember following a flock of chickadees through a creek bottom as they worked their way to a cavity

me. We had to part, but it was a pleasant experience to follow a flock of chickadees on a cold winter day. Editor's Note: James Brady Long was born in Amboy on June 12, 1926. Known by many as "Mazie", he grew up in Amboy, served in the army during World War II, then studied forestry at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. His studies in botany and forest protection continued as he ventured into farming here. A beloved story-teller, his farm became a place of learning and adventure for relatives and friends. In his later years, he contributed a series of local nature articles to The Amboy News. Upon his death in 2000, his many hand-written drafts were gathered and initially curated by Brenda Boyle. The present, renewed series draws from those drafts, both unpublished and previously published. Related Resources: Our winter birds: http://bit.ly/3VntgAJ

THE PASTOR'S PEN

KNOWING THE END FROM THE BEGINNING

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH "I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times thing that are not yet done..." Isaiah 46:9b-10a I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas. At the submitting of this column the weather forecast is looking like it could play a factor in traveling plans for the holiday weekend. Though the meteorologists are doing their best to prepare us for what is coming, ultimately there are too many variables to factor in for them to forecast exactly what we are in for (wind, windchills, snow fall amounts, road closures, etc.). You who are reading this however know what we got because it already happened. It is no longer a mystery. But it was never a mystery to God. He knew exactly what the weather was going to be before it ever happened. This is one of the amazing things I have truly come to appreciate about God. He knows, 'the end from the beginning' He knows the future before it begins. This miraculous fact is celebrated every Christmas because He inspired the human authors of the Old Testament to prophecy the things pertaining to the

birth of Jesus hundreds of years before they ever happened. There was no guesswork on His part as He miraculously "declared" numerous circumstances of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And He got every single one of them exactly right. As we study the Scriptures we see that God, in His omniscience, also foretold the lives of other people in the Bible such as Jacob, Jeremiah, and Cyrus... just to name a few. The truth is, God knows all about every one of us before we were even born (Psalm 139). All of the intricate and intimate details. He also knows what this New Year holds for each one of us. One of the enjoyable traditions we usher the New Year in with began with our children about 20 years ago. On New Year's Day we would reflect upon the passing year and remember the special blessings God had instore for us from the previous year. Things like places we visited or unexpected surprises that happened. Perhaps the most enjoyable memories of all were remembering the new people we met. Some of these people had already become good friends during the year, who we had made special memories with. Even though a year

earlier we had no idea who they even were. But God did. Reflecting upon these people provided a meaningful experience of praising God and thanking Him for the unexpected and unplanned blessings He had waiting for us. This intentional act of remembering them became a very meaningful moment. And remembering these also did something else. They caused us to look forward to the future with excitement and anticipation wondering what other surprises God had waiting for us in the coming year! Maybe it will be a new friend or acquaintance that we may have for the rest of our lives? Of course, there is no way for us to really know this or try to plan it ahead of time. But God knows. He always knows. And even though not all of the circumstances of life are enjoyable or ones we want to remember, we have a God who truly loves us and promised to accompany us along life's journey giving us peace and strength. And He also has good things planned for us to experience. I hope you are encouraged to trust Him and anticipate the surprises He has planned and waiting for you in the year ahead. Happy New Year.

The Book Nook By: Tatjana Kazan

A RACEHORSE FOR THE AGES

In the Afterword to her recent novel, "Horse," about the greatest racehorse in American history, Geraldine Brooks explains that in the decade before the Civil War, "this thriving [horseracing] industry was built on the labor and skill of Black horsemen, many of whom were, or had been, enslaved...it became clear to me that this novel could not merely be about a racehorse, it would also need to be about race." As often happens, the question is whether a white author, in this instance, a 66-year-old white Australian woman, can bring it off. In my opinion, her story of Lexington, the record-breaking Kentucky thoroughbred, is a vibrant account of a fabulous racehorse, whereas the parts having to do with slavery and present-day racism are flat and uninspired. The novel is structured around two young Black male protagonists. Jarret is the enslaved groom of Lexington in the antebellum South, who, after the Civil War, becomes a renowned horse trainer in Canada. Theo is an art history graduate student living in Washington D.C. in 2019. The son of distinguished diplomats (his mother is Nigerian, his father American), he is

a Londoner and former star polo player who left the sport after enduring vicious, unremitting racist harassment. Handsome, gifted, and educated (Jarret learns to read), Theo and Jarret are often described as socially exemplary. Animals love them: the intimate connection between Jarret and Lexington is one of the pleasures of the novel; Theo and his shelter dog are inseparable. But the women in the two men's lives are curiously flawed. Whereas Jarret and Theo are meticulous in all they do and have "impeccable manners," the women, both white, are often sloppy, unkempt, emotionally brittle, and unwittingly racist. I found an episode in which Jarret is forced to work in the cotton fields rather questionable. Jarret is whipped and mistreated, along with the two hundred slaves disfigured by unrelenting labor and housed in crammed, foul-smelling shacks. "He felt a new understanding for the folk who bore it, and an admiration for those brave enough to risk everything to run away from such a life. An empathy grew in him. He began to watch people with the sensitive attention he'd only ever accorded his horses... Even as his world contracted and pressed in upon him, in equal measure his heart expanded." When Jarret is reunited with Lexington and they leave that plantation, "he wasn't sorry to have seen what he'd seen, and learned what he learned. Not just the book learning. He felt larger in spirit. There was a space in his soul for the suffering of people. He resolved to take account of their lives, the heavy burdens they carried." Is this not a white delusion that unspeakable cruelty will elicit tender emotions, even gratitude, in the victim?

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# LOCAL NEWS

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**SPRINGFIELD** – With cold weather settling in and the first major winter storm of the season potentially on its way, the Illinois Department of Transportation is reminding the public to visit and bookmark GettingAroundIllinois.com for continually updated information on road conditions. Weather can change quickly in Illinois, so whether you're driving a short distance or taking a longer trip, GettingAroundIllinois.com is an essential resource to keep you updated 24/7/365 on road conditions throughout the state all winter long.

"Our No. 1 priority is making sure roads are safe for the motoring public, but you should always prepare yourself before taking any trips," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "Completely clearing roads during and after a weather event can take some time and depends on a variety of factors. We will get the job done, but ask the public to please remain patient during winter weather and always check GettingAroundIllinois.com before driving anywhere for the most updated road conditions."

GettingAroundIllinois.com is available on your computer and optimized for smartphones. The site includes the ability to identify and zoom in on a location, travel route or destination on a state map. Road conditions are recorded by plow drivers out in the field and relayed to GettingAroundIllinois.com through a cloud-based system to provide a general overview on IDOT-maintained highways.

The road conditions map averages more than 2.5 million pageviews during snow-and-ice season, featuring a color scheme of pinks and blues to differentiate from the red, yellow and green of traffic congestion reporting, as well as to increase accessibility for those who have difficulty distinguishing colors. Like others in the transportation industry, IDOT has seen the demand grow for workers with commercial driver's licenses. The department has positions open for temporary and permanent highway maintainers for snow removal this winter. For more information, visit [idot.illinois.gov](http://idot.illinois.gov).

## SVCC growing agricultural science teachers

**DIXON** — Beginning Jan. 17, 2023, Sauk Valley Community College will be offering a virtual Agriculture Education class for high school students interested in becoming an Ag Science teacher.

SVCC is offering a new class for high school students interested in Ag education. The class will begin Jan. 17, and will be taught virtually. Up to seven students will receive a tuition waiver based on their application. Paid internship opportunities are available to students enrolled in this program.

To enroll, students can talk with their high school guidance counselor or visit [svcc.edu/ag](http://svcc.edu/ag).

## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

### 100 Years Ago Dec. 22, 1922

Mail orders are being received at the Dixon Theater for "The Bat," featuring the original Chicago cast, to be presented on December 28.

Coming to the Shadow Theater in Amboy on Christmas Day, "The Old Homestead," one of the best feature pictures of the year.

### 75 Years Ago Dec. 27, 1947

Harold Hanson announced the opening of his new neighborhood grocery store at the corner of Provost and Blackstone. He will carry a full line of groceries, fruits, and vegetables.

Thieves, who gained entry through a rear door, robbed the home of Attorney and Mrs. E.M. Sullivan on North Mason in this city early Monday morning. Stolen were an armchair radio, an electric toaster, an electric lock and a purse containing a sum of money.

### 50 Years Ago Dec. 28, 1972

Billy and Jeff Gerdes' letters to Santa arrived too late to be published in The Amboy News before Christmas. (We hope

## Illinois firearm deer season preliminary harvest totals 76,854

**SPRINGFIELD** – Hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 76,854 deer during the seven-day 2022 Illinois Firearm Deer Season that concluded Dec. 4, according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

Comparatively, hunters harvested a final total of 70,411 deer during the firearm season in 2021.

The preliminary harvest for the second segment of the 2022 firearm season Dec. 1-4 was 24,500, compared with 21,477 during the second season in 2021. The preliminary harvest for the first segment of this year's firearm season Nov. 18-20 was 52,354 deer.

Remaining 2022-23 deer season hunting opportunities in Illinois include:

- Late-winter antlerless-only deer season and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) deer season, in designated counties only, Dec. 29, 2022, through Jan. 1, 2023, and Jan. 13-15, 2023.
- Archery deer season continues through Jan. 15, 2023.

they got what they wanted!) they better mail early next year!

### 25 Years Ago Dec. 25, 1997

At Thursday's meeting of the Amboy Board of Education, Central School Principal Dennis Weidman announced that a "Pre-Kindergarten at Risk of Academic Failure" grant had been approved by the State Board of Education. The \$75,164 program is fully funded by the State Board of Education and will be held at the Ellice Dinges Center in Sublette. The program is scheduled in half-day segments and will serve a maximum of 40 students.

The Lee County Soil & Water Conservation District was honored as one of only 57 districts from nearly 3,000 nationwide to be named a Grand Award District in the 50th Annual Conservation Award Program.


The 7th grade Vikings had an exciting week, recording two victories, one in a four-overtime thriller with Franklin Grove. Down three points at halftime, Amboy rallied back in the second half.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Amber Waves

IT'S FINALLY SNOWING. WELL, SINCE I CAN'T FIND THE SHOVEL I COULD GO SLEDDING...

OR BUILD A SNOWMAN? OOH, I COULD START WITH MAKING SNOW ANGELS!

WELL ... I FOUND THE SHOVEL ...OUCH!

by Dave T. Phipps

## Out on a Limb

WITH PHONE BOOTHS NO LONGER AROUND, CLARK KENT NOW USES PHOTO BOOTHS TO CHANGE HIS IDENTITY

by Gary Kopervas

## R.F.D.

MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS TO GET STRAIGHT A'S ON MY REPORT CARD.

I RESOLVE TO BE NEATER AND GET MORE ORGANIZED.

I RESOLVE NOT TO MAKE FUN OF THOSE WHO FAIL TO KEEP THEIR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

by Mike Marland

## The Spats

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR GLASSES?

I DIPPED THEM IN KETCHUP.

WHY?

SO I CAN HAVE PERFECT "HEINZSIGHT."

by Jeff Pickering

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS **POPEYE** BY RANDY MUKOLAND

STOCKING FILLED AND GIFTS UNDER THE TREE. IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING!

SANTA'S REALLY GOTTEN LAX ON WHAT IT TAKES TO GET ON THE "GOOD" LIST.

SHOULD WE WAIT FOR PAPPY TO ARRIVE BEFORE WE OPEN GIFTS?

NOW, HE DON'TSK WAKES FORE NOON. LET'SK JUSK--

HO HO HO!

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY HANUKKAH!

JOYFUL KWANZAA!

WHAT'S GOIN' ON N-- OH... PAPPY.

RENEE! ME LOVELY EX-WIFE!

YE AINTSK GOTTA MAKE HOLIDAY DINNER THIS YEAR! I TOOK CARE OF IT FER YE!

THANK YOU?

OKAY, KIDS! PAPPY'S GOIN' TMAKE SOME COCOA FER YE!

AND THEN WE'LL OPEN THEM GIFFS. SANTY BRUNG YE!

WOW, PAPPY! DID THREE GHOSTSK VISK VA TO WARN YA NOT TLOSE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT?

THEN THEY THREATENED T RELEASE ME SEARCH HISTORY.

ARF! ARF! GOOD ONE, PAPPY!

I'LL BE GOOD.

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

UNBELIEVABLE. MY WIFE IS WINNING IN FANTASY FOOTBALL. SHE PICKED HER PLAYERS BY THEIR ASTROLOGICAL SIGN.

by Dave T. Phipps

## OLIVE

YOU KIDS HAVE NO CLUE HOW HAPPY YOU'VE MADE THIS OLD MAN.

POPEYE. HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME.

YOU KNOW I'M AN UGLY CREEP. THIS IS SO PRECIOUS.

ARF! ARF! COMERE FER A FAMILY HUG!

## 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!

Athletic **EIGAL**

Portion **HEARS**

Frail **RENTED**

Turned **WEAKS**

TODAY'S WORD

"It all started when she found an empty \_\_\_\_\_ in the closet this morning!"

December 26, 2022 Posting Date

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Dallas cager, for short
- 4 Reindeer herder
- 8 Persian leader
- 12 Hit CBS series
- 13 Vicinity
- 14 Roof overhang
- 15 Like some salad dressings
- 17 Frat letters
- 18 Duo
- 19 Sikhs' headwear
- 21 Enjoy, as fine food
- 24 Luau bowlful
- 25 Guitar's kin
- 26 Yule quaff
- 28 Desert flora
- 32 Simple
- 34 Drench
- 36 Lunch hour
- 37 Pesto herb
- 39 Super Bowl VIP
- 41 P followers
- 42 Joke
- 44 Learned one
- 46 Sans
- 50 Lucy of "Elementary"
- 51 Coup d' --
- 52 "Deathtrap" playwright
- 56 Impetuous
- 57 Toy block name

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59					60				61	

- 58 Here, to Henri
- 59 BPOE members
- 60 Beloved
- 61 Fanatic
- 9 "Funny!"
- 10 Bard's river
- 11 Big name in oil
- 16 Farm female
- 20 Sinbad's bird
- 21 -- luck (accidental success)
- 22 Furniture brand
- 23 At once
- 27 Jewel
- 29 French chicken dish
- 30 Undecided
- 31 "Meet Me -- Louis"
- 33 Pizza slices,
- often
- 35 Sports bar sets
- 38 Asian language
- 40 Wan quality
- 43 Screen Actors --
- 45 Compete
- 46 Existed
- 47 Slanted type (Abbr.)
- 48 Chore
- 49 Sloth's home
- 53 Khan title
- 54 Post-op area
- 55 Little louse

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the next-door neighbor on TV's sitcom "Home Improvement"?
- LITERATURE: Which war was the setting for Anthony Doerr's novel "All the Light We Cannot See"?
- MUSIC: Who wrote the song "All Along the Watchtower," performed by Jimi Hendrix?
- GEOGRAPHY: When is Earth Day celebrated each year?
- HISTORY: Which two city-states fought the Peloponnesian War?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is a common name for the disorder called sphe-nopalatine ganglioneuralgia?
- ASTRONOMY: Where is the Oort Cloud in space?
- GEOMETRY: How many sides does a nonagon have?
- FOOD & DRINK: What's another name for egg white?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How large is the Times Square ball that drops at midnight on New Year's Eve?

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Poster is missing. 2. Fence is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Skateboard is missing. 5. Pocket is moved. 6. Curtains are missing.

## HANGER

Today's Word

- 1. Agile; 2. Share;
- 3. Tender; 4. Askew

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Sell your household items for free.

Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words  
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03-04-27-326-006	ROOS, DANNY EUGENE	2020-00041	907 N FIRST ST
03-04-27-326-007	ROOS, DANNY EUGENE	2020-00042	602 EVANS
06-09-01-151-003	AJ HOMES LLC	2020-00064	117 S STATE ST
07-02-31-455-010	HACKBARTH, TODD K	2020-00093	30X WILLETT AVE
07-08-05-177-034	PIP WEST LLC	2020-00126	623 W THIRD ST
07-08-05-177-034	REALTAX DEVELOPERS LTD. □ RA: NICOLE HATCH	2020-00126	623 W THIRD ST
07-08-05-285-009	MALMBERG, LOGAN	2020-00134	216 E SIXTH ST
13-21-01-304-028	SERRANO, ROSENDO	2020-00191	BRADFORD DRIVE (17-62)
13-21-01-304-028	SERRANO, CHRISTINA	2020-00191	BRADFORD DRIVE (17-62)
13-21-01-304-031	CATAYONG, RACHELLE C.	2020-00194	W WOODHAVEN DR (17-59)
13-21-01-304-031	CATAYONG, RACHELLE C	2020-00194	W WOODHAVEN DR (17-59)
13-21-01-304-031	CONSUMERS ILLINOIS WATER COMPANY	2020-00194	W WOODHAVEN DR (17-59)
13-21-01-307-007	BUINO, CHRISTOPHER S SR	2020-00197	ROYAL OAK DRIVE (16-33)
13-21-01-307-007	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. □ SEC: CHRISTOPHER P LUNING	2020-00197	ROYAL OAK DRIVE (16-33)
13-21-01-378-012	GUERRERO, AUGUST J	2020-00206	WESTWOOD TRAIL (6-30)
13-21-01-378-012	GUERRERO, ATHENA P	2020-00206	WESTWOOD TRAIL (6-30)
13-21-01-378-038	RIVERA, RICHARD	2020-00209	W WOODHAVEN DRIVE (6-51)
13-21-01-378-038	RIVERA, ELSA	2020-00209	W WOODHAVEN DRIVE (6-51)
13-21-01-451-021	TURNER KATINA	2020-00214	E WOODHAVEN DR (12-3)
13-21-01-451-021	TURNER DEREK	2020-00214	E WOODHAVEN DR (12-3)
13-21-01-455-008	HUOTARI, ANDREW	2020-00216	ELMRIDGE CIRCLE (1-48)
13-21-01-455-008	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. □ RA: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM	2020-00216	ELMRIDGE CIRCLE (1-48)
13-21-01-455-008	MANSFIELD, EDWARD C	2020-00216	ELMRIDGE CIRCLE (1-48)
13-21-01-455-008	MANSFIELD, CAROL	2020-00216	ELMRIDGE CIRCLE (1-48)
13-21-02-328-012	STOUT, LISA M AKA LISA BROWN	2020-00220	MULBERRY CIRCLE (27-164)
13-21-02-405-035	CARREON, CONNOR	2020-00233	CHESTNUT TRAIL (26-247)
13-21-02-405-035	ARMIRA DZEMALI	2020-00233	CHESTNUT TRAIL (26-247)
13-21-11-129-011	MORRIS III, THOMAS L	2020-00252	WARBLER LN (29-176)
13-21-11-129-012	MORRIS III, THOMAS L	2020-00253	WARBLER LN (29-175)
13-21-11-129-012	MORRIS, ROCHARDA	2020-00253	WARBLER LN (29-175)
13-21-11-180-017	CORDOBA, RAMIRO	2020-00257	BENT TWIG TRAIL (29-389)
13-21-11-204-007	CARABALLO, JESSICA	2020-00260	CANTERBURY TRAIL (24-168)
13-21-11-251-008	LIN, KENNY Z	2020-00266	W WOODHAVEN DR (24-252)
13-21-11-251-008	LIN, ROSEBELLE T	2020-00266	W WOODHAVEN DR (24-252)
13-21-11-251-009	LIN, KENNY Z	2020-00267	W WOODHAVEN DR (24-253)
13-21-11-251-009	LIN, ROSEBELLE T	2020-00267	W WOODHAVEN DR (24-253)
13-21-11-256-007	CUEVAS, BEATRIZ	2020-00270	TAMARISK TRAIL (25-69)
13-21-11-278-026	ANDRADE, MIGUEL	2020-00271	BASSWOOD LANE (23-82)
13-21-11-330-023	VAZQUEZ, ELSIE	2020-00277	THRUSH LN (28-21)
13-21-11-408-009	ALMA MANZANO AKA ALMA QUINTALLA	2020-00282	W WOODHAVEN DR (25-145)
13-21-11-428-008	REYES, ANTONIO	2020-00284	ELDER CT (22-65)
13-21-11-428-008	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. □ RA: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM	2020-00284	ELDER CT (22-65)
13-21-11-428-008	REYES, CAROLINA	2020-00289	ELDER CT (22-65)
13-21-11-432-004	PANIAGUA, VINCENT	2020-00289	CEDAR CT (22-29)
13-21-11-432-004	QUINTANILLA, VIVIAN ARAIZA	2020-00289	CEDAR CT (22-29)
13-21-11-432-004	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. □ SEC: CHRISTOPHER P LUNING	2020-00289	CEDAR CT (22-29)
13-21-11-433-015	INFANTE, CARLOS A	2020-00290	W WOODHAVEN DR (22-48)
13-21-12-177-025	GUZMAN, JUAN A	2020-00302	E WOODHAVEN DRIVE (5-486)
13-21-12-177-025	GUZMAN, VERONICA AKA VERONICA FIGUEROA	2020-00302	E WOODHAVEN DRIVE (5-486)
13-21-12-227-001	WRIGHT, JEAN	2020-00309	ARBOR TRAIL (2-46)
13-21-12-227-001	WRIGHT, MICHELINA	2020-00309	ARBOR TRAIL (2-46)
13-21-12-256-065	JUREWICZ, CHRISTOPHER J	2020-00319	BEECHWOOD TRAIL (3-18)
13-21-12-276-054	MONTANEZ, VERONICA ELENA	2020-00326	MILL RIDGE CIRCLE (3-55)
13-21-12-276-054	JOSE MORALES	2020-00326	MILL RIDGE CIRCLE (3-55)
13-21-12-276-054	CONSUMERS ILLINOIS WATER COMPANY □ RA: JAMES MAURER	2020-00326	MILL RIDGE CIRCLE (3-55)
13-21-12-276-054	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. □ RA: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM	2020-00326	MILL RIDGE CIRCLE (3-55)
13-21-12-328-014	BYRD, LARRY	2020-00336	CRANHURST TRAIL (5-56)
13-21-12-328-046	RATHBURN, DANNY L	2020-00339	W WOODHAVEN DR (13-97)
13-21-12-331-003	LOPEZ, JACQUELINE AKA JACQUELINE DIAZ	2020-00344	ATHERTON CT (5-324)
13-21-12-331-003	MENA, ISIDRA	2020-00344	ATHERTON CT (5-324)
13-21-12-331-005	AZARCON CARDOSO, JOANN	2020-00345	ATHERTON CT (5-326)
13-21-12-331-005	AZARCON, JOHN	2020-00345	ATHERTON CT (5-326)
13-21-12-331-005	AZARCON, JAMES JOSEPH	2020-00345	ATHERTON CT (5-326)
13-21-12-353-020	GARCIA, DANIEL	2020-00347	BEAVERRUN TRAIL (20-44)
13-21-12-353-020	GARCIA, ALEJANDRA	2020-00347	BEAVERRUN TRAIL (20-44)
13-21-12-353-020	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. □ SEC: CHRISTOPHER P LUNING	2020-00347	BEAVERRUN TRAIL (20-44)
13-21-12-405-015	SOTO, NICHOLAS	2020-00359	HILL TOP CIRCLE (3-126)
13-21-12-408-004	ARROYO, ALFREDO	2020-00363	E WOODHAVEN DR (8-38)
13-21-12-408-004	ARROYO, ARACELI	2020-00363	E WOODHAVEN DR (8-38)
13-21-12-428-021	GONZALEZ, BLANCA	2020-00366	SQUIRE CIRCLE (4-177)
13-21-12-428-021	JESUS LAMADRID	2020-00366	SQUIRE CIRCLE (4-177)
13-21-12-428-021	CONSUMERS ILLINOIS WATER COMPANY □ RA: JAMES MAURER	2020-00366	SQUIRE CIRCLE (4-177)
13-21-12-428-049	INCLAN, RAUL	2020-00368	CANTERBURY CIRCLE (4-121)
13-21-12-428-049	INCLAN, ANA MARIA	2020-00368	CANTERBURY CIRCLE (4-121)
13-21-12-428-056	RASPOLICH, RON	2020-00369	CANTERBURY TRAIL (4-128)
13-21-12-477-014	SALGADO, EDUARDO	2020-00382	E WOODHAVEN DR (9-42)
15-07-15-254-034	SPORLUCK, CHARLES A	2020-00396	1563 CHICAGO ST
19-22-07-107-048	CUNIFF, MICHAEL E	2020-00439	MILLRIDGE TRAIL (11-198)
19-22-07-107-048	KOENIG-WEBSTER, LISA A.	2020-00439	MILLRIDGE TRAIL (11-198)
19-22-07-108-018	PRILL, BRADLEY	2020-00440	DRIFTWOOD CIRCLE (11-169)
19-22-07-108-018	PRILL, DENNIS	2020-00440	DRIFTWOOD CIRCLE (11-169)
19-22-07-126-020	SOLANO-FARIAS, EDGAR	2020-00444	LARCHMONT TRAIL (11-89)
19-22-07-126-041	GALARZA, LEROY M	2020-00445	LARCHMONT TRAIL (11-68)
19-22-07-126-041	GALARZA, CARMEN	2020-00445	LARCHMONT TRAIL (11-68)
19-22-07-126-041	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. □ SEC: CHRISTOPHER P LUNING	2020-00445	LARCHMONT TRAIL (11-68)
19-22-07-302-009	GONZALEZ, NADIA	2020-00455	BELSHYRE CRICLE (7-100)
19-22-07-302-009	GONZALEZ, ROBERTO	2020-00455	BELSHYRE CRICLE (7-100)
19-22-07-302-009	CONSUMERS ILLINOIS WATER COMPANY □ RA: JAMES MAURER	2020-00455	BELSHYRE CRICLE (7-100)
19-22-07-330-008	ORNELAS, EDUARDO	2020-00463	E WOODHAVEN DRIVE (9-188)
19-22-07-330-008	QUINTANA, ROSALINDA	2020-00463	E WOODHAVEN DRIVE (9-188)
19-22-07-330-008	AQUA ILLINOIS, INC. □ SEC: CHRISTOPHER P LUNING	2020-00463	E WOODHAVEN DRIVE (9-188)
19-22-07-351-022	WIDD, PHIL	2020-00464	HICKORY TRAIL (9-91)
19-22-07-351-022	WIDD, TINA	2020-00464	HICKORY TRAIL (9-91)
19-22-07-351-022	BARREIRO, DAN	2020-00464	HICKORY TRAIL (9-91)
19-22-07-351-054	CHAVEZ, HORACIO J	2020-00465	PARKER CIRCLE (9-136)
19-22-07-351-055	CHAVEZ, HORACIO J	2020-00466	PARKER CIRCLE (9-135)

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVE SAID PARCELS WERE SOLD ON OCTOBER 28, 2020, FOR GENERAL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2019 AND PRIOR YEARS, AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES MAY 31, 2023. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEEDS HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVE SAID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE NAMED PARCELS BY LEE COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON JUNE 21, 2023 AT 9:00 AM [VIA ZOOM], SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX DEED ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVE SAID PARCEL NOT REDEEMED ON OR BEFORE MAY 31, 2023, /S/ LEE COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK  
ADDRESS: 112 E 2ND STREET, DIXON, IL 61021  
TELEPHONE: (815) 288-3309

No. 1209 (Dec. 28, 2022, Jan. 4 and Jan. 11, 2022)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
State of Illinois  
Department of  
Agriculture  
Notice is hereby given that the Class I Grain Warehouse license of Mullins Grain Company, 217 North Shabbona Road, Shabbona, IL 60550, 2386 Suydam Road, Earlville, IL 60518 and 121 E. Kirke Gate, Lee, IL 60530 has been voluntarily surrendered. Therefore, all depositors of grain who had stored grain under warehouse receipts or grain bank which has not been settled for or removed from storage as of October 4, 2022, should notify the Department of Agriculture in writing at the Bureau of Warehouses, State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9281. However, the above-named company's Grain Dealer license is still in effect, so the entity may still legally purchase grain from the producers. Jerry Costello II  
Director  
Illinois Department of Agriculture

Legal No. 1207 (12/14, 12/21, 12/28 2022)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 272**  
**COUNTY OF LEE**  
**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Amboy Junior High School, 240 N. Metcalf Avenue, Amboy, IL 61310 to discuss the intention of the Board of Education of Amboy Community Unit School

District No. 272, Lee County, Illinois, to transfer One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred (\$124,400) from the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 5-1006.7 of the School Code (55 ILCS 5/5-1006.7) and Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) from the Transportation Fund to the Operation and Maintenance Fund pursuant to Section 17-2A of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/17-2A).  
Elsa Payne, Secretary  
No. 1208 (Dec. 28, 2022)

## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

## 105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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## 113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

## 119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 121 LOST AND FOUND

Lost. 7 Month Old, Female Cat. Gray with a Brown Belly & White Spots on Each Side. Last Seen Wearing a Pink Harness. Lost around Rochelle Gardens on Caron Road. Call 815-503-3654. \$100 Reward

## 601 VEHICLES FOR SALE

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2018 Chevy K-1500 Crew, 4x4 High Country, Loaded, 67K Miles, Black.....\$41,900	2017 Chevrolet 1500 Crew LT, 4x4, 67K Miles, Graphite.....\$32,900
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**Fax:**  
815-857-2517  
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[tgreenfield@amboynews.com](mailto:tgreenfield@amboynews.com)  
**Address:**  
245 E. Main Street, Amboy  
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P.O. Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310

## DEADLINES:

Mondays at 10 a.m.  
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All classified marketplace line ads will appear in the following 7 print publications and on 5 high-traffic newspaper websites:  
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## DISCLAIMER:

If your advertisement appears incorrectly, notify us immediately. We will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion, and will only credit customer for one insertion.

### An Advertising Proverb

When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."



## LOCAL NEWS



Amboy's Austin Heath, wrestling at 152 pounds, grapples against a Riverdale Rams opponent on Dec. 21 in Amboy. The Clippers took on Riverdale and Kewanee at the home meet.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz



Clipper Kole Beckham, wrestling at 220 pounds, puts in the cradle move against his Kewanee opponent during Amboy's home meet against Riverdale and Kewanee on Dec. 21.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz

## Serenity to host 'Understanding Your Grief' support group

OREGON — Serenity Hospice will facilitate a free, six-week grief support group that will meet weekly on Mondays (10-11:30 a.m.) from Jan. 9 to Feb. 13.

Based on the book "Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, these groups are designed to assist individuals along their grief journeys by con-

necting them with a supportive community and providing helpful resources.

The group will be facilitated at Serenity Hospice and Home, 1658 South Illinois Route 2, Oregon. Individuals who would like to attend should register by calling Denise Watts or Cathy Warren of the Serenity Bereavement Team at 815-732-2499. Participation is open to the public.

### Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Dec. 22 to Jan. 4 –  
No School

Thursday, Jan. 5  
AHS Boys Basketball (H)  
Fulton-5:30 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 3

AHS Boys Basketball @  
Eastland-5:30 pm  
AHS Girls Basketball (H)  
Somonauk-5:30 pm  
AHS Wrestling @ Genoa  
Kingston w/Sandwich  
-5:30 pm

Friday, Jan. 6  
AHS Boys Basketball @  
Earlville-5:30 pm

Saturday, Jan. 7

AHS JV Wrestling (H)  
Tournament-9 am  
HS Varsity Girls Basketball  
@ Eastland Shootout-TBA

Wednesday, Jan. 4

AHS Girls Basketball @  
Polo-6 pm

Due to vacation, the Amboy News will have an early deadline for the issue of **Wednesday, Jan. 11**. The deadline will be on **Friday, Jan. 6, at 10 a.m.** The Amboy News office will be closed the morning of **Tuesday, Jan. 10** and will reopen at **noon on Tuesday, Jan. 10**.

Our normal office hours will continue for the remainder of that week:

Closed  
Wednesday  
& Thursday  
and open  
Friday,  
8 a.m. -  
noon.



Clipper Landon Blanton, who wrestles at 113 pounds, stretches to keep in bounds during his match against a Riverdale wrestler in Amboy on Dec. 21. Blanton pinned his opponent in the first period.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz

## ICC offers consumers winter energy savings tips

SPRINGFIELD — The war on Ukraine and supply chain constraints are key drivers of rising energy costs globally and here in Illinois. To keep your home warm this winter and save money by reducing energy costs, the Illinois Commerce Commission is offering a few tips to help homeowners prepare for freezing temperatures.

- Install smart thermostats that automatically adjust heating and cooling temperature settings.

- Check with your utility company about enrolling in time-based electricity rates programs to reduce energy usage during peak hours or to learn about energy efficiency services they may offer.

- Set your thermostat at 68 degrees while you are awake and home, lower at night and when you are away.

- Water heating accounts for 14-18% of homeowner's utility bill. Turn down your water heater to 120 degrees to save money.

- Cover the inside of drafty windows with heavy plastic and seal tightly to the frame to avoid air infiltration. Check exterior door and window

frames for leaks, use caulk or weather stripping to seal. Use insulated curtains, shades, or other energy-efficient window treatments.

- Schedule a maintenance service call for your heating system. Be sure to change filters on furnace and heat pumps at least once a month.

For wood and pellet-burning heaters, clean the flue vent regularly, and clean the interior of appliances with a wire brush.

- On sunny days, allow natural light to filter in south-facing windows to help warm your home. Reverse the direction of ceiling fan blades to circulate warm air.

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## PRODUCE & WEEKLY SPECIALS

<b>Bolthous Sweet Petite Carrots</b> 12 oz  <b>\$1.89/ea.</b>	<b>Jumbo Lemons</b>  <b>\$0.79/ea.</b>	<b>Red or Green Seedless Grapes</b>  <b>\$2.99/lb.</b>	<b>Cantaloupe</b>  <b>\$3.49/ea.</b>
<b>Baby Bella Whole or Sliced Mushrooms</b> 8 oz.  <b>\$2.49/ea.</b>	<b>Garden Cut Veggie Tray</b> 28 oz  <b>\$11.99/ea.</b>	<b>Dole Coleslaw</b> 14 oz  <b>\$1.49/ea.</b>	<b>Grape Tomatoes</b> Pint  <b>\$1.99/ea.</b>

## HOT BUYS

<b>AMBOY DELI</b> <b>Seabest Lobster Tails</b> 2 Pack  <b>\$19.99/ea.</b> Reg. Price \$24.99/ea.	<b>AMBOY DELI</b> <b>Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap</b>  <b>\$7.99</b>	<b>AMBOY DELI</b> <b>Pepsi Products</b> 24 Pack Cans  <b>\$8.99/ea.</b> Reg. Price \$10.99/ea.
<b>AMBOY DELI</b> <b>Doritos Chips</b> 6-10.75 oz Excludes Party/Family  <b>\$3.99/lb.</b> Reg. Price \$5.59/ea.	<b>AMBOY DELI</b> <b>Plain Chicken Breast</b>  <b>\$1.99/lb.</b> Reg. Price \$4.99/lb.	<b>AMBOY DELI</b> <b>Ground Beef</b>  <b>\$3.99/lb.</b> Reg. Price \$4.99/lb.

## WEEKLY SPECIALS

<div><div>Florida Natural Orange Juice</div><div>52 oz</div><div></div><div><div>\$3.29 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.</div></div></div>	<div><div>El Monterey Taquitos</div><div>21-22 oz</div><div></div><div><div>\$7.99 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$8.99 ea.</div></div></div>	<div><div>Pringles</div><div>4-6 oz</div><div></div><div><div>\$1.99 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$2.49 ea.</div></div></div>	
<div><div>Ragu Pasta Sauce</div><div>24 oz Assorted</div><div></div><div><div>\$2.79 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$3.39 ea.</div></div></div>	<div><div>Hormel Chili Beans</div><div>15 oz.</div><div></div><div><div>\$2.49 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.</div></div></div>	<div><div>Crav'n Potato Chips</div><div>7-8.5 oz.</div><div></div><div><div>\$1.49 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$1.79 ea.</div></div></div>	<div><div>Food Club Potatoes</div><div>24-32 oz Assorted</div><div></div><div><div>\$2.99 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$3.39-3.99 ea.</div></div></div>
<div><div>Healthy Choice Entrees</div><div>9-10 oz</div><div></div><div><div>\$3.69 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$4.19 ea.</div></div></div>	<div><div>Bisquick Baking Mix</div><div>40 oz</div><div></div><div><div>\$3.99 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$5.19 ea.</div></div></div>	<div><div>Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing</div><div>20-24 oz</div><div></div><div><div>\$4.99 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$5.79 ea.</div></div></div>	<div><div>Hellman's Mayo</div><div>30 oz</div><div></div><div><div>\$5.99 ea.</div><div>Reg. Price \$8.99 ea.</div></div></div>