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## Sinnissippi Centers addresses concerns about new recovery home in Amboy

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

General Manager  
**AMBOY** — Sinnissippi Centers is in the process of opening a recovery home for women and women with children in Amboy.

Sinnissippi Centers President/CEO Patrick Phalen, along with employees, addressed the Amboy City Council on Monday night. The council met in regular session at 6 p.m. in the Amboy Community Center.

Phalen said this home would be a safe and sober place where the women can get treatment and stay sober. He said the home would be staffed 24 hours a day. Addressing safety concerns, Phalen said this home would not be some place where people would be coming or going at all hours.

Stephanie Englund of Sinnissippi Centers said that the residents would have a strict curfew of 8 p.m., with few exceptions. She talked about the recovery home for men in Dixon which was opened

in May 2018. She said that since that home opened, they haven't had a security incident. The recovery home in Dixon houses 10 men, and the program has seen five men graduate from the program. She said that the length of stay at the recovery home is usually 6-9 months, but could be longer if needed.

She said the overall purpose of the home is to become an active member of the community.

Phalen said Sinnissippi is looking at May/June to open the recovery home. He said it could take up to six months to get the home filled with 10 residents. He added that some of these women may also have children, so there could be more than 10 residents living in the home at any time.

An audience member who lives near the property said his concern is if he will be able to sell his house with a recovery home next door.

Englund said property values are a legit concern



Above, Sinnissippi Centers President/CEO Patrick Phalen addresses the crowd and Amboy City Council during the Amboy City Council meeting on Monday night.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

and something to investigate. She added that someone may want to purchase a home next to the recovery home and open a childcare center.

Another employee from Sinnissippi Centers said that the residents at the recovery home are no different than we are. She added that you will stand next to them in the check-out line of the grocery store or sit next to them in the pew at church.

"Our goal is to be the best neighbor you ever had," Phalen said.

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## Bernick to headline Women in Agriculture Conference

**ROCK ISLAND** - The Women in Agriculture Conference committee has announced Jeanne Bernick as the headliner for the 9th annual Women in Agriculture Conference. This year's conference will take place on Friday, March 27 in Rock Island.

Bernick is the co-author of a women's ag leadership book, "Ceres Rising: How Women are Leading Farm Business." Her presentation will focus on how women across the world and at home are impacting their communities and what we can learn from their inspirational stories.

The keynote will be followed by a variety of informative breakout sessions and a buffet lunch.

Closing out the conference will be Dr. Kim Kidwell. Kidwell is Dean and Robert A. Easter

Chair in the College of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) at the University of Illinois. She is a proud Alumna of ACES where she earned a bachelor's degree in both genetics, development and agriculture sciences.

She received her masters and Ph.D. in plant breeding and genetics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Kidwell will speak on "Women Changing Agriculture," which highlights how women have served as the heartbeat of agriculture throughout history.

Pre-registration for the event is open. More details can be found at [womeninagriculture-conference.com](http://womeninagriculture-conference.com). This Conference is sponsored by the several county farm bureaus in western Illinois and the Farm Bureau Women in Agriculture Conference Committee.

## Illinois farmers helped by latest U.S. trade deals, but many questions remain

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**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois farmers will get a much-needed lift from two international trade agreements approved by the federal government this week, but experts are uncertain if their situations will improve in the long term.

After exchanging hundreds of billions of dollars of tariffs for more than a year, the U.S. and Chinese governments agreed to the first part of the trade deal on Wednesday.

On Thursday, Congress passed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, better known as USMCA, sending it to President Donald Trump to sign.

The average Illinoisan will likely not be much affected by the deals, experts say. Instead, the largest beneficiaries will be corn and soybean

farmers who have been caught in President Trump's trade conflicts with China and Mexico since 2018.

A cautious step forward  
Illinois farmers have been especially hurt by China's retaliatory tariffs in the ongoing U.S.-China trade war, forcing the federal government to issue \$28 billion in aid nationwide.

Wednesday's trade agreement with China, however, is more of a ceasefire than a peace agreement, said Jonathan Coppess, director of the Gardner Agriculture Policy Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"Really what it does is kind of stop the damage that was initiated with this tariff conflict that the president started," he said.

The deal should play out in two phases. Phase One, which began Wednesday, requires China to purchase \$200 billion in U.S. goods

over the next two years, including \$32 billion of agricultural products.

Chief among them are soybeans and pork, in which Illinois ranks first and fourth, respectively, in U.S. production.

American soybean exports to China dropped 75 percent between 2017 and 2018, as China bought soybeans from other countries while exchanging tariffs with the U.S.

President Trump, however, said he will not lift America's \$360 billion of tariffs on Chinese goods until Phase Two is negotiated and implemented.

"We see this as a sign of brighter days to come," Illinois Soybean Growers President Doug Schroeder said in a statement. However, he added, "A long-awaited win for the soybean industry will come when the soybean tariffs are fully rescinded."

Unfortunately, that could be awhile, said Todd Hubbs, a professor

of agriculture economics at UIUC.

"It doesn't sound like Phase Two is going to get done anytime soon," Hubbs said, because U.S. leadership could change after November's presidential election.

"I don't think there's any desire on either side right now to ruin the deal, ... (but) I don't see it happening before the election," he said.

Carson Varner, a professor of international business at Illinois State University who also owns soybean land, says farmers like him are willing to suffer in only the short term.

"We'd much rather make our money selling soybeans" than receiving tariff aid, he said.

Varner is hopeful, though, that China and the U.S. can strike a deal. He predicts Phase Two will also allow Illinois to export more pork and agriculture equipment.

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## Equal Rights Amendment reaches support threshold; implementation likely stalled

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**SPRINGFIELD** — Two years after Illinois' Legislature approved new language for the U.S. Constitution codifying that rights cannot be denied due to gender, the Equal Rights Amendment gained enough state support to be ratified.

Its potential implementation is more complicated, though.

Virginia's General Assembly on Wednesday backed the addition of protections for women in the country's governing document. After both

chambers accept each other's initiative, the commonwealth will become the 38th to ratify the amendment, pushing it across the necessary legal threshold for passage.

But opponents argue that does not matter — when the Equal Rights Amendment was introduced and passed by Congress in 1972, the body set a seven-year deadline for state ratification. It was later pushed to 1982. By then, only 35 states formally supported the language, five of which — South Dakota, Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska and Tennessee — withdrew their backing for the

measure in the 1970s.

Proponents point out the Constitution does not provide states the ability to rescind their support, or enforce a deadline for ratification. They also assert Congress' placement of its cutoff is important.

Former Illinois state Rep. Steven Andersson, a Republican from Geneva and one of the amendment's sponsors two years ago, said the deadline is in the resolution introducing the amendment for state consideration, not in its actual text.

The Constitution's 27th Amendment — the last one officially passed —

provides a model of why the deadline is "ministerial," former Illinois state Rep. Lou Lang, a Skokie Democrat, said. He sponsored a bill in the House calling for Illinois' approval of the Equal Rights Amendment for about 25 years.

The 27th Amendment provides that Congress cannot cut or increase its salary during a term. It passed in 1992 but was first introduced in America's first Congress more than 200 years ago. Several states ratified it by the late 1790s before it effectively "died," Andersson said.

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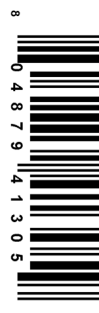
**The Amboy News will be closed on Friday, Jan. 24 and Friday, Jan. 31. We will re-open at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, and Monday, Feb. 3.**

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Amboy Junior High announces its second quarter honor roll

AMBOY — Amboy Junior High announces its second quarter honor roll.

**Eighth Grade Highest Honors**  
Emma Dinges, Elly Jones, Kaylee Scanland, Austin Shugars, and Kimber Zitelman

**Eighth Grade High Honors**  
Brennan Blaine, Elizabeth Clarida, Blerta Fekolli, Gabrielle Fuller Teagan Jergens, Gabriel Jones Hanna Jones, Maeve Larson, Landon Montavon, Alexa Morris, Addison Shaw, Madison Thomas, Skyler Ware, Landon Whelchel, and Madison Wittenauer

**Eighth Grade Honors**  
Keaten Altizer, Caleb Donna, Alex Fields, Rylyn Karrow, Alexis Ketchum, Lillian Land, Madison O'Malley, Aaliyah Pointer, and Eliseo Vazquez-Tapia

**Seventh Grade Highest Honors**  
Carson Barlow, Brysen Full, Jaden Haley, Addison Pertell, Caleb Shugars, Haleigh Stenzel, Sydney Thomas, and Alainie Wittenauer

**Seventh Grade High Honors**  
Jarrett Althaus, Lilliana Anderson, Cordia Asencio, Dominic Fonderoli, Quinton

Leffelman, Dillon Merriman, Emersyn Noble, Devyn Pasley, Hunter Rassmussen, and Tyrah Vaessen

**Seventh Grade Honors**  
Brody Christoffersen, Ava Cline, Elijah Garcia, Atticus Goff, Chloe Heath, William Jones, Joshua McKendry, Adrian Mimini, Gloria Parker, Natalie Pratt, Kayse Schaeffer, Brooklyn Strub, Karagen Welch, and Caleb Yanos

**Sixth Grade Highest Honors**  
Ellie McLaughlin and Bradley Schmidt

**Sixth Grade High Honors**  
Grace Althaus, Zhyler Hansen, Molly Hassler, Samantha Hummel, Kiera Karlson, Victor Lopez-Belmontes, Tucker McCoy, Micah Miller, Samantha Nauman, Stephanie Nave, Peyton Payne, Brayden Phalen, Mackenzie Sus, Eriannah Wade, Alyvia Whelchel, Jaden Whelchel, Britlyn Whitman, and Tristan Zellhoffer

**Sixth Grade Honors**  
Myla Davis, Gavin Eisenberg, Matthew Farrar, Nicholas Noble, Collin O'Malley, Ezra Parker, Ava Rhodenbaugh, Aubrey Schaeffer, Cooper Whitney, and Isabella Yanos

**Fifth Grade Highest Honors**

Callan Christoffersen, Aaron Costner, Jason Dickinson, Jake Dinges, James Eisenberg, Liam Ketchum, Jose Lopez, Henry Nichols, Trevor Stenzel, and Tanner Welch

**Fifth Grade High Honors**

Haylee Albee, Madison Althaus, Kylee Anderson, Brandon Campiran, Alexis Davis, Lainey Davis Lluvia De La Cruz, Lillian Drew, Ty Florschuetz, Bryar Full, Ryan Garcia, Carl Grennan, Leighton Gulley, Kaci Hall, Caiden Heath, Madisyn Heath, Andrew Hummel, Logan Ketchum, Morgan Kreiser, Hope Lauzon, Lillian Leffelman, Anthony Linder, Gage Mumm, Gavin Nichols, Isabella Rosentreter, Alyxandria Shepard, Braden Shoemaker, Joseph Van Loo, Chloe Vaupel, and Aubrey Wells

**Fifth Grade Honors**

Michael Ackert, Dakota Beach, Daymein Ellis, Janella Gallagher, Lane Goff, Caden Hermeyer, Alexa McKendry, Madison Neal, Liam Rieskamp, Jasmin Scott, Alexander Wittenauer, and Westin Wittenauer

## Educational Briefs

### Iowa State University announces fall 2019 Dean's List

AMES, Iowa — A total of 10,066 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2019 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

#### Dixon

Clay Wilson Jungerman, 4, Mechanical Engineering  
Olivia Frances Pultorak, 3, Kinesiology and Health  
Erika L. Smith, 4, Mechanical Engineering

#### Steward

Kayla Renee McCormick, 1, Pre-Business

### Farm Bureau Seeking Summer Intern

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau® Foundation is hiring an intern for the summer of 2020. The internship is open to college students studying agriculture, business, communications or a related field. A background in agriculture as well as public relations, communications and social media skills is encouraged, but not required.

The internship application is available online, [www.lcfcfbfoundation.org](http://www.lcfcfbfoundation.org), or contact our office, (815) 857-3531 or [leecfb@comcast.net](mailto:leecfb@comcast.net). The application deadline is Feb. 28, 2020.

## Lilja honored with LCFCB Distinguished Service award

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau is honored to recognize the late Christy Lilja, Washington DC, with the Distinguished Service Award in recognition for longtime service to the American Farm Bureau (AFBF) and the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

The Distinguished Service Award was established to honor and recognize an individual or couple who has shown exemplary leadership and service to Farm Bureau,

agriculture and farmers in Lee County and beyond.

Lilja started at AFBF in accounting in 1985 when AFBF was located in Park Ridge.

She relocated to Washington DC when AFBF moved there in 2003. She served as executive director of accounting and administration for a decade.

In 2018, she took on a new role as the Executive Director of the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.



Lilja

Lilja was recognized at the Lee County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Jan. 9.

## OSF Saint Paul Medical Center requesting public to limit visits due to seasonal flu activity

MENDOTA — To protect patients, family members and staff during this time of increased seasonal flu activity and other upper respiratory illnesses, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center is asking the public to limit visits as a precautionary measure.

These guidelines are based

on recommendations from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Effective Friday, Jan. 17, it is requested that:

Visitors should be at least 18 years of age and older. This will minimize exposure of patients to children, who are known to be high risk for transmission of viral

infections, and will protect children from contracting an illness while visiting the hospital.

Please do not visit hospitalized patients if you are not feeling well, particularly if you have had flu-like symptoms during the past seven days.

Symptoms include a fever

of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, cough, and/or sore throat.

Remember to cough and/or sneeze into your arm or shoulder or use a tissue. The spread of germs can be reduced by coughing into your clothing. Avoid covering your mouth with your hands, as the germs can easily be passed through direct contact with surfaces or people.

To assist in limiting the spread of disease, please wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand foam/gel when entering and leaving a patient's room or after coughing, sneezing or using a tissue.

For tips on staying healthy during flu season, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/actions-prevent-flu.htm>

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## Preschool & Early Childhood Screenings

### Amboy School District Free Preschool Screenings

For the 2020-2021 School Year

Thursday, February 6th, 8:30am-3:30pm

Thursday, April 16th, 8:30am-3:30pm

Children who will be between 3 & 5 years old during the 2020-2021 school year, that will NOT be Kindergarten eligible, may qualify to attend the district's Preschool Program. All children must be screened & qualify to attend.

**Screening by appointment only.**

**To schedule, please call: 815-857-3619**

**Free Developmental Screenings**

**for Young Children,**  
ages 4 months to 30 months.

Parents with children between the ages 4 months to 30 months, who are interested in a quick check of their child's development, are also encouraged to schedule a screening appointment on 2/6 or 4/16.

Parents as Teachers First Years staff will provide developmental screenings for this age group free of charge to Lee, Ogle, & Whiteside county residents. You may also call the Regional Office of Education at 815-625-1495 to set up a screening appointment at a later date in your home.

Preschool screenings are provided, free of charge, by the Amboy Preschool For All Program. Birth to 3 screenings are provided by Parents as Teachers First Years.



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# The Chocolate Rendezvous returns to Sauk Valley College

**DIXON** — Chocolate will flow, wine will pour, food will satisfy, and music will cascade! You are cordially invited to Sauk Valley Community College's Chocolate Rendezvous on Saturday, Feb. 15 on the SVCC campus. The evening will include decadent chocolates, spirits, wine pairings, heavy hors d'oeuvres and multiples floors of live entertainment.

In just three short years, the Rendezvous has become one of the premier events in the Sauk Valley area. Last year, more than 400 guests enjoyed an elegant Valentine's Day evening with dozens of delectable chocolates and desserts from many local vendors.

This year, guests will experience even more dessert decadence coupled with the return of Smoked On 3rd BBQ Bistro & Catering's mouthwatering heavy hors d'oeuvres. And if that's not enough to tempt you, how about premium adult beverages including wine and bourbon pairings.

Your Chocolate Rendezvous ticket includes all this and a complimentary shuttle service to the entrance of the Dillon Malls' red carpet.

Ticket sales will help support Sauk's Impact Program. The SVCC Impact Program will allow high school students in the Sauk district to start earning tuition for up to three years at SVCC.

This program is currently in the planning stages and by attending the Chocolate Rendezvous, guests will help make this potentially transformative new program possible.

Make it a great Valentine's Day weekend. Buy your tickets for the Feb. 15 Chocolate Rendezvous today at [svcc.edu/chocolate](http://svcc.edu/chocolate) or call 815-835-6329.

# Amboy Preschool For All program to hold upcoming screenings

**AMBOY** — The Amboy Preschool For All Program is hosting screenings for the 2020-2021 school year, to be held on Thursday, Feb. 6 and Thursday, April 16.

Preschool For All offers a no-cost, high quality learning opportunity for preschool aged children, and placement is determined by screening results and eligibility factors.

Families with children who will be 3 or 4 years old as of Sept. 1, 2020 are encouraged to call Amboy Central Elementary School at 815-857-3619 to schedule a free preschool screening appointment.

Parents As Teachers, First Years will also be on hand to provide free developmental screenings for children ages 0-3.



**BY EMILY GOFF**  
Head Librarian

New books for the month of January will be ready for check out any day. If there is a book that you would like to read, but it is already checked out, we will put your name on the wait list and give you a call when it is ready.

**New books in the Adult Library:**

"I Heard You Paint Houses," by Charles Brandt  
"The Country Guest-house," by Robyn Carr

"Forgotten," by P.C. Cast  
"Big Lies In a Small Town," by Diane Chamberlain  
"Practical Magic," by Alice Hoffman  
"The Family Upstairs," by Lisa Jewell  
"The Vanishing," by Jayne Ann Krentz  
"Lost," by James Paterson  
"The Conference of the Birds," by Ransom Riggs  
"Almost Just Friends," by Jill Shalvis  
"Moral Compass," by Danielle Steel  
"Lie To Me," by Kaitlin Ward  
"Treason," by Stuart Woods

**New DVD's:**

Addams Family  
Joker  
Zombieland: Double Tap

**New book in the Children's Library:**

"Almost Time," by Gary Schmidt

**DIXON**—The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, on Jan. 23, 28, 29 and 30. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Flu and other Adult Vaccines, free radon test kits, the application process for medical cannabis, Glucose and Cholesterol screenings, tick kits, or mammogram and Pap test programs.

**DIXON**—The Lee County Health Department, in conjunction with KSB Hospital, will have a Glucose & Cholesterol Screening on Thursday, Jan. 23. Fasting is required for 12 hours. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

**AMBOY**—The Amboy

CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23, at Central School Gym, 30 E. Provost.

**DIXON**—The Lee County Honor Flight will hold a Baked Potato and Soup Bar Fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Dixon VFW, 1560 Franklin Grove Rd. (RT 38). Proceeds will benefit the Oct. 29 Honor Flight Trip to Washington D.C. Applications for the trip will be available.

**DIXON**—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**ASHTON**—The American Red Cross will hold a

# SUBLETTE NEWS

**SUPER BOWL SHUFFLE  
FUN RUN FEB. 1**

Sublette 365 is sponsoring a "Super Bowl Shuffle" fun run on Saturday, Feb. 1. Sign-up is at 1 p.m. at the Ellice Dinges Center. The Super Bowl Shuffle is from 1-4 p.m.

Participants can run/walk a mile around Sublette Centennial Park. Then you can go inside and warm up with free hot dogs, hot chocolate, pop and water. There will also be a bonfire on the baseball diamond for those who want to eat and drink outside.

This is Sublette's first Super Bowl Shuffle so everyone is invited to come and have a good time on a boring Saturday before the big game. The food and drinks are compliments of HD Seed and Sublette 365, but freewill donations will be accepted.

Coat Enter stage Left," by Julie Falatko

"The Unteachables," by Gordon Korman  
"Where Is the Sun?," by Eric Carle

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Blood Drive from 1:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, at Ashton-Franklin Center High School, 611 Western. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

for more information.

**AMBOY**—The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**AMBOY**—The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.



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**MARCH 17, 2020 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**REGISTRATION**  
Cathy Myers, Lee County Clerk, states that voter registration is open in the Election Department of her office. Notice is hereby given that February 18, 2020 is the last day registrations or transfers can be accepted. Please contact the Election Department at 815-288-3309 for the names of Deputy Registrars in your area.

Anyone who has never registered in Lee County, has moved within the county, or has had a change of name since the last election must be registered and have the correct name and address if they wish to vote in this election. First time registrants shall (by March 17, 2020 General Primary Election) have resided in their precinct for 30 days and must be 18 years of age on or before the November 3, 2020 General Election.

**VOTE BY MAIL – AVAILABLE TO ANY PROPERLY REGISTERED VOTER – NO EXCUSE NECESSARY**  
Cathy Myers' office complies with the federal voting accessibility laws. All properly registered voters are eligible to vote by mail. Voters wishing to vote by mail may contact her office to request an application. Upon receipt of a signed application, a ballot will be mailed to the voter. The last day a ballot can be mailed is March 12, 2020 five days before this election.

**EARLY VOTING** – Will be conducted in the Election Department, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse beginning on February 6, 2020. Voting hours are: Monday through Friday, 8:15 AM until 4:15 PM and 9AM until noon on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

To comply with the federal voting accessibility law, election judges are allowed to deliver a ballot to any voter who is not able to get into the polling place. A request must be made to the Election Department prior to Election Day to make arrangements for two judges to deliver a ballot to a voter within 50 feet of the polling place. To reach the Election Department please call 815-288-3309 during normal business hours.

Once a ballot is cast, it cannot be rescinded. Excluding legal holidays, all above dates apply for the March 17, 2020 General Primary Election.

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Robert E. Olson

**Dec. 17, 1937 - Jan. 14, 2020**

**AMBOY**—Robert E. Olson, 82, of Amboy peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020, at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

He was born Dec. 17, 1937, in Amboy to Louise Cardot. Bob was raised by his loving mother and stepfather, Fred Olson, who later adopted Bob.

Bob was a life-long farmer and also owned and operated the Long Branch Saloon in Amboy with his wife, son and daughter-in-law.

Bob married Mary Lou Friel on Jan. 10, 1959 in Maytown.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; three children, Joyce (Rick) Schamberger, of Amboy, Jan (Don Phelps) Bonnell, of Amboy, and Bob (Wendy) Olson, of Harmon; 10 grandchildren, Nathan (Katie) Schamberger, John (Meghan) Schamberger, Catherine (Greg) Knecht, Jason Bonnell, James (Rebecca) Bonnell,

Jake (Stephanie) Bonnell, Ashley (Nick) Brokaw, Courtney (Tyler) Kennedy, Kristen (Chris) Ely, and Cole (Olivia Pilgrim) Olson; and 14 great-grandchildren. Bob is also survived by his sister-in-law, Dolly (Kenneth) Cardot and several nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his daughter, Lori Lynn Olson; son-in-law, Jeff Bonnell; great-grandson Baby Bonnell; parents, Fred Olson and Louise (Cardot) Olson; brothers, Henry Cardot, Jr., Gilbert Cardot, Kenneth Cardot and Forrest Cardot; and sister, Mary Rippentrop.

Bob is admired and remembered by both his friends and family for his work ethic, kindness, and sense of humor. In addition to his family, Bob leaves many lifelong friends and business acquaintances behind.

Visitation was held from 4-8 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020, at the Mihm-Jones



Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, with a 9:45 a.m. prayer service at Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Catholic Church in Walton with the Rev. Richard Kramer officiating. Burial followed at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown.

A memorial has been established to the Amboy Fire Department in honor of Bob's memory. Condolences may be sent online at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

## ASSIST training offered to parents of youth with autism spectrum disorder

**CHAMPAIGN** - A 12-week training program will be offered in Naperville for parents of youths and young adults with autism so they can help their children successfully transition to adulthood. The Advocating for Supports to Improve Service Transitions (ASSIST) program is open to parents of young people ages 16-26 who have an autism spectrum disorder.

Linda Tortorelli, director of The Autism Program at the University of Illinois, who helped design the curriculum and will lead the training, said the ASSIST program will include weekly two-hour group discussions covering a variety of topics.

Parents will learn about advocating for the community-based supports and services their child might need, including obtaining Social Security disability and Supplemental Security Income benefits. Parents will also receive information on long-term planning for their child's future through instruments such as special needs trusts, wills and guardianships.

"It's very different navigating adult services," said Tortorelli, who has a 30-year-old son with autism. "Once the child is out of school—and you don't have that 8 o'clock to 3 o'clock structure—you have to be ready for them to have an adult life and be thinking about what does a meaningful life look like for them. How do you put it all together and help your young adult achieve the life you're envisioning for them?"

Accessing community-based services for young adults with disabilities who have graduated or aged out of services provided through the school system often requires coordination with multiple agencies that are governed by differing laws, policies and eligibility criteria, said Meghan Burke, a professor of special education at U. of I. and principal investigator for the study's Illinois site.

Burke, who has a brother with a disability, said in Illinois, adult services for the most part are often eligibility-driven as opposed to the entitlement-driven services

provided through the school system, so it makes it a lot harder to access and navigate those services. "Our project aims to educate and empower parents of young adults with autism; to equip them with knowledge about various services, including what they provide and their eligibility criteria; and to teach parents how to advocate for their child to access those services," Burke explained. "Then parents should be better able to navigate these systems and access services, improving employment, postsecondary education and training, and independent living outcomes for their children."

The ASSIST program is part of a multisite research project on improving outcomes for youths and young adults with autism that is funded by a \$4.1 million National Institute of Mental Health grant.

Up to 60 parents of youths with autism can participate in the Naperville sessions, which will be held at Little Friends Inc., 1127 Thackery Lane. The group training sessions will be Mondays from 6-8 p.m., Feb. 24-May 18. Another group training will be offered in fall 2020.

Each meeting will begin with a video about the service to be discussed that night, followed by a local expert explaining how it works in Illinois.

The parents will be randomly assigned to either the group meetings or the waitlist control group. Parents in the control group will receive all of the written materials handed out at the group meetings and have the opportunity to attend the meetings later.

The researchers will track the young adults' and their parents' progress for up to 3 1/2 years through follow-up interviews and questionnaires. Families can receive up to \$425 for completing all parts of the study.

Families interested in participating should contact Molly Buren, a visiting project research coordinator at the U. of I., at (773) 290-9956 or [mburen2@illinois.edu](mailto:mburen2@illinois.edu).

Meghan Burke, professor of special education at the University of Illinois, is the principal investigator for the study's training site in Naperville.

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"Any sort of pre-planting or field preparation," Ford said, however, "that gets delayed if we have a wetter-than-normal March or early April."

### Climate connection

Scientists point to climate change, also referred to as global warming, as a main contributor to increased rainfall.

As humans emit greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, they become trapped in the atmosphere. The more carbon in the atmosphere, the more moisture it can hold, increasing precipitation.

"The connections there are pretty strong," Ford said of wetter planting seasons and climate change.

"In wet regions such as this, there's abundant water supply at the surface," he explained. "So as the atmosphere can take in more water, it does."

Scientists also expect heavy downpours to increase.

"If we get a large amount of precipitation in one single event, what that can do is inundate the soil very quickly and then cause a lot of runoff and flooding," Ford said.

### Impact on the bottom line

Decreases in crop production not only hurt farmers, but trickle down into other industries like corn elevators and trucking companies, says Mike Doherty, a senior economist at the Illinois Farm

Bureau.

"Most of our ag businesses off the farm, which are a big part of the downstate ag economy, they all have lower revenues as well," Doherty said.

A soggy spring could also spell danger for Illinois farmers vulnerable to further crop losses, he said.

"You have costs no matter how much of a crop you raise," Meier said, including rent, equipment and supplies.

Government aid and insurance payments helped lessen the impact of low crop production last year, but they do not fix the problem.

"There is a legitimate concern here," Doherty said, as to the ability of some farmers to

make debt payments on capital investments like machinery and land improvements.

"That percentage of farmers is going to be a higher percentage than it was last year at this time," he said. "We are poorly poised to deal with that."

### Adapting to a wetter future

"There are strategies that can be taken to adapt to a wetter spring," Ford said, including soil conservation, field treatments and improving drainage.

Meier said farmers may adapt by planting earlier, managing fields differently or using strains of crops that respond better to wet fields.

"You learn to start plan-

ning," he said, adding that proactiveness helped him through periods of drought in the 1980s.

Constantly adapting to worsening weather conditions, though, might not work in the long term, especially since crop production is what brings in a farm's income.

"Agriculture, especially here in the middle of the Grain Belt, is a volume business," Doherty said. "You cannot make money off bushels you don't grow or that you don't have."

Being at the mercy of Mother Nature, he said, will always be part of the job.

"This is the nature of farming. You can't control the weather."

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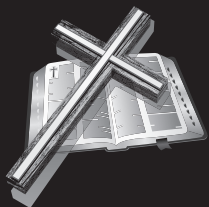
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# SOCIAL NEWS



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

*Life makes more sense when we see God's Word*

BY PASTOR RICK WULF

The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends,  
Well, here we are in the third week of the new year and the new decade, unless you are a purest and don't believe we will be in the new decade until 2021. You probably have seen a lot of use of the 20/20 vision concept this year. We know from the vision industry that 20/20 vision is considered excellent vision. It is that which should be desired. There are some things that we can do to correct our physical vision deficiencies, either with surgery or corrective lenses, and sometimes we can't, sadly.

I have challenged our Church Family to desire to have 20/20 spiritual vision year. When you look closely enough at Scripture, the words "eyes," "see," and "vision" are used quite often and having a good spiritual insight are really essential for true spiritual growth. The physical realm and spiritual realm have many parallels.

While we know as Christians that all things are possible with God, and that many times God chooses not to heal our physical needs and we have no control over that, when it comes to our spiritual experience, we do have control over our lives.

God's instructions for us as His

children on how He desires us to live as His children. Paul in Ephesians 1:15-23, "For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you."

Paul's instruction on how God desires us to live as His Children is very clear and challenging as well. Paul's creative

use of the phrase, "the eyes of your heart" was quite moving. When we desire to see God's Word and life experience from God's point of view, life many times makes more sense to us.

Yes, there is so much in this world that happens or doesn't happen to us that we may struggle with. When things seem to happen that don't make sense, we just have to put our faith in God into action. God, we trust, will make the way to help us to see and understand what God wants us to know.

Sometimes we do come to that place in our Christian experience to know "why" things happen, however, we may never know why "this side of Heaven." We do know that we as God's children that according to Romans 1:7, "The righteous will live by faith." The writer of the Book of Hebrews adds in Hebrews 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Faith sometimes is tough to exercise especially when our faith is being tested. Our hope in Jesus is that in the end, He will win, and we will be with Him.

May God continue to bless as you seek Him and may you be able to "see better" His will for your life, and may you desire to follow that will in this New Year.

## The Book Nook By: Tatjana Kazan

*Leaving Home*

Every so often a forgotten writer is resurrected years later by a famous writer or critic, and for a brief moment enjoys the attention of the reading public. Sylvia Townsend Warner, an English novelist and poet born in 1893, has been revived more than once. In the mid-1980's I came across a thick volume containing four of her novels. Among them, "The Corner That Held Them" about a group of nuns in Medieval England during the Black Death, became one of my most favorite novels.

Recently, most of Townsend Warner's work was again reissued, including her first novel "Lolly Willowes" (1926). It was the first book selected by the Book of the Month Club; their Book of the Year award is called the "Lolly." The story is deceptively simple: Laura Willowes, called Aunt Lolly, a spinster in her late 40's, after living with her brother Henry and his family for twenty years in London, decides to break free and settle in Great Mop, "a secluded hamlet in the heart of the Chilterns, situated in a hilly district with many beech-woods. The parish church has a fine Norman tower and a squint. The population is 227. And quite close by on a hill there is a ruined windmill ... and a farm called Scramble Through the Hedge."

Laura's brother Henry, a lawyer, is furious. The law, she thinks, "had changed his natural sturdy stupidity into a browbeating indifference to other people's point of view." She persists. Great Mop becomes her haven. "Life becomes simple if one does nothing about it." But within months, it was threatened by her favorite nephew Titus who decides to settle in Great Mop. He takes over her life. "When she was with him she came to heel and resumed her old employment of being Aunt Lolly. There was no way out."

Desperate to oust Titus - "she had thrown away twenty years of her life like a handful of old rags, but the wind had blown them back again, and dressed her in the old uniform" - she hits upon a solution: Witchcraft. "She, Laura Willowes, in England, in the year 1922, had entered into a compact with the Devil." Her Devil is a gentleman: "For Satan is not only a huntsman. His interest in mankind is that of a skillful and experienced naturalist." He sends minor irritations Titus's way, such as a swarm of wasps, and soon Lolly returns to being Laura.

During a chat with Satan, Laura explains herself: "It's to escape all that - to have a life of one's own, not an existence doled out to you by others, charitable refuse of their thoughts." How the dullness of such a life "settles down on one like a fine dust, and by and by the dust is age, settling down."

## Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

## Awards presented at regional survey of art reception in Dixon

DIXON — Awards were presented at the Regional Survey of Art Exhibition Awards Reception, Jan. 10. Judge Stuart Roddy recognized Kitto of Dixon with Best of Show for his oil on canvas "Play Pen Reef 4."

Additional awards include first Place to Jon Wildman of Dixon for his mixed media piece "Another Battle Won"; second Place for "Water Lilies" a digital photograph on canvas by Jeff Oesterheld

of Byron; third Place, "Hidden Timber Green House" by Karen Tucker of Grand Detour; and Honorable Mentions for "Denali's Dandelion" by Lucinda Winterfield of Dixon; "Winter" by Paula Kuehl of McHenry; and "Bougenvillas Blooming at San Juan" by Jan Harvey of Dixon.

The Regional Survey of Art Exhibition is the longest running and most popular juried exhibit at The Next

Picture Show.

The all media show features 86 individual pieces of original art by 32 artists from the Rock River Valley area. Mediums include acrylic, alcohol ink, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography, scanography, watercolor and wood.

The exhibit will be open for viewing through Feb. 29 at 113 West First Street, Dixon. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday, and by appointment.

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# Opinion

## Rough being the child of a politician

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It's got to be rough to be the child of a politician.

**Guest Column**

By Scott Reeder



I was thinking about that this past week after reading the obituary of former Illinois State Sen. Pat Welch.

Welch was a politician I covered for many years when I was a statehouse bureau chief for a chain of newspapers. For much of that time he was also a single dad raising a son who had an ornery streak a mile long.

It can't be easy to be raising a kid in an environment where everyone knows your family's business.

One oft told tale in LaSalle County was how Pat took his then-young son, Danny, to a political function where then-U.S. Sen. Alan Dixon was speaking. When the event was over, Welch and Dixon spoke quietly and a waist-high Danny kept tugging on his Dad's shirtsleeve asking to go home.

When his Dad kept putting him off, Danny walked behind Dixon, reached between the senator's legs, gripped his crotch and tugged hard.

Welch ended up taking his son home, and was left with a story to share.

It's not so bad when a parent tells the story, but when a child of a politician becomes the subject of vicious gossip the repercussions can be devastating.

For years, I would receive phone calls from Welch's political adversaries about his boy.

The malicious calls were an effort to hurt the senator by attacking his child.

I never printed any of the assertions. Why? Because the child isn't the one holding public office and none of us get to choose our parents. Besides that, it's got to be hell to be raised in a fishbowl where everyone knows your mistakes.

Former State Sen. Mike Jacobs of East Moline is the child and grandchild of state lawmakers and he knows that feeling well.

"You always know people are watching you," he said. "Sometimes I think politicians' kids think they have to live up to an impossible standard. It's tough."

Danny Welch didn't live up to that impossible standard. In 2007, his Dad returned to his Springfield home and found his 25-year-old son had committed suicide.

After learning of the suicide from the Sangamon County coroner, I declined to write about it. After all, the kid wasn't a

public figure and by that time Welch was no longer in office.

In case you are wondering why I am writing about it now, it's because Danny and both of his parents have died. It serves as a cautionary tale of why it's a good idea to afford youngsters of public figures their privacy and a little bit of kindness.

That's been my policy for more than 30 years. The only exception I make is if the parent somehow uses their elective office to get their child special treatment.

Jacobs noted that despite the challenges there are also blessings to growing up in a political family.

"I got to observe the give and take of politics at a young age. Whenever I would go out with my Dad, people would be buttonholing with concerns. I learned a lot. There are plenty of negatives, but I tell the children of elected officials to embrace the positives."

Recently, Ronald Reagan's daughter Patti Davis wrote in the Washington Post: "Unfortunately, for political sons and daughters, the fear of how you will be perceived as you go about your life, as you pursue your dreams and goals, underlies everything. It's a toxic way to live. You have to constantly second-guess yourself, as in, 'If I were anyone else, this would be a great opportunity, but it's probably just being offered because of who my father is, and even if it isn't, it could look that way.'"

No one should be forced to live that way.

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## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago Jan. 23, 1920

The Lutheran ladies planned a surprise for Mrs. Andrew Keple, Monday and carried it out to the fullest extent. About 35 of her friends rushed into her home on Blackstone Street at 11 o'clock with baskets of all kinds of good things to eat.

The influenza, which has been apparently out of existence since the epidemic of a year ago, has recently broken out afresh in this vicinity.

### 75 Years Ago Jan. 18, 1945

Nearly three tons of waste paper were collected by Amboy Legionnaires Sunday in the monthly drive, according to Ed Branigan, salvage chairman of the Poths-Lavelle Post, No. 453, American Legion.

The Birthday Club is one of several

card clubs in Amboy which is giving Defense Stamps for prizes.

Many farmers in the Sublette area have reported being bothered by foxes which are killing a great quantity of game and poultry, and the sportsmen of the community will stage an all day fox hunt on Sunday, Jan. 21.

### 50 Years Ago Jan. 22, 1970

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank of Sublette was held in the bank's Village Room on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 15. Don J. Dinges reported that the bank's total assets had grown by nearly one-half million dollars during the past year, to a new high of nearly \$3,900,000.

Mrs. Cecil C. (Catherine) Harrison of Amboy receives the Mrs. Farm Bureau Award from Roger Grinka, chairman of the Young Farmers Committee of the Lee County Farm Bureau. This award

is presented to the woman best exemplifying the ideals of the Farm Bureau.

### 25 Years Ago Jan. 26, 1995

Amboy Board of Education accepted "with regret" the resignation of long-time bookkeeper Shirley McLindsay at Monday's meeting. Superintendent Terry Salem praised Mrs. McLindsay's 26 years of service to the district calling her "forthright, honest, efficient and loyal to the district."

A full blizzard with winds of 30 miles per hour socked the Amboy area with about 10 inches of snow last Thursday. Another two-inch snowfall struck Sunday.

Dan Welty, owner of Jones-Berry Lumber Co. in Amboy, has been elected president of the Illinois Lumber and Material Dealers Association (ILMDA).

## Fixing the system is up to all of us

**Guest Column**

By Lee Hamilton



You know these words, but how often do you stop to think about them? "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity..."

They belong, of course, to the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution. That remarkable document is not just the blueprint for our political system. Its Preamble is also a profoundly aspirational call to arms. Because when you read it, it's hard not to ask yourself how we're doing — at establishing justice, promoting the general welfare, securing the blessings of liberty, and, in sum, creating a more perfect union.

It's especially hard to avoid asking this question now, when the warnings of democracy in retreat are all around us. For many, the creeping authoritarianism that has taken hold in any number of countries — Russia, China, Bolivia, Turkey, the Philippines, and Hungary, among others — seems alarmingly on the ascendant.

You can also look around and find developments that make you wonder whether the world's democracies have much cause for complacency. Worrisome environmental trends, population growth, climate change, the ills that go along with rising consumption — like mountains of trash and depletion of natural resources — all suggest a world unable to rein in its appetites.

Yet it's undeniable that we've come a long way in this country and in other democracies, expanding women's rights and the rights of minorities, ending child labor, banning nuclear testing, improving literacy, building strong economies.

The world's most vibrant economies and most nimble military forces remain mostly in the hands of democratic nations: the U.S., France, Great Britain, Germany, Japan, and Australia.

I don't believe that people around the world favor authoritarianism. They prefer a voice in government. But most of all, they want decent lives for themselves and their children. They are not so wedded to a democratic system that if they see no improvement in their lives, they'll reject authoritarianism. So democratic governments have to perform. They have to meet the expectations of their people and improve the quality of their citizens' lives.

In the U.S., many Americans, worried about the direction of their country,

wonder whether it is making progress toward the ideals of the Preamble. We seem to advance, fall back, and then move forward again, all in incremental steps.

What do we mean when we talk about "a more perfect Union"? I suppose we think of material progress. But more fundamentally, I hope, we think about the expansion of human freedom and progress toward the goals set out simply and eloquently in the Preamble. There's a sense that we're all in this American experience together: it brings us together and connects us with our past, present and future.

The American experiment in representative democracy is always a work in progress. The results are always in doubt. Lincoln's words at Gettysburg — "whether a nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure" — will probably resonate for as long as we're a nation.

We face immense systemic problems at the moment: racial discrimination, wage stagnation, staggering income inequality, political polarization, the pernicious effects of too much money washing around in the system, the degradation of civil discourse. It is not a given that we'll be able to resolve

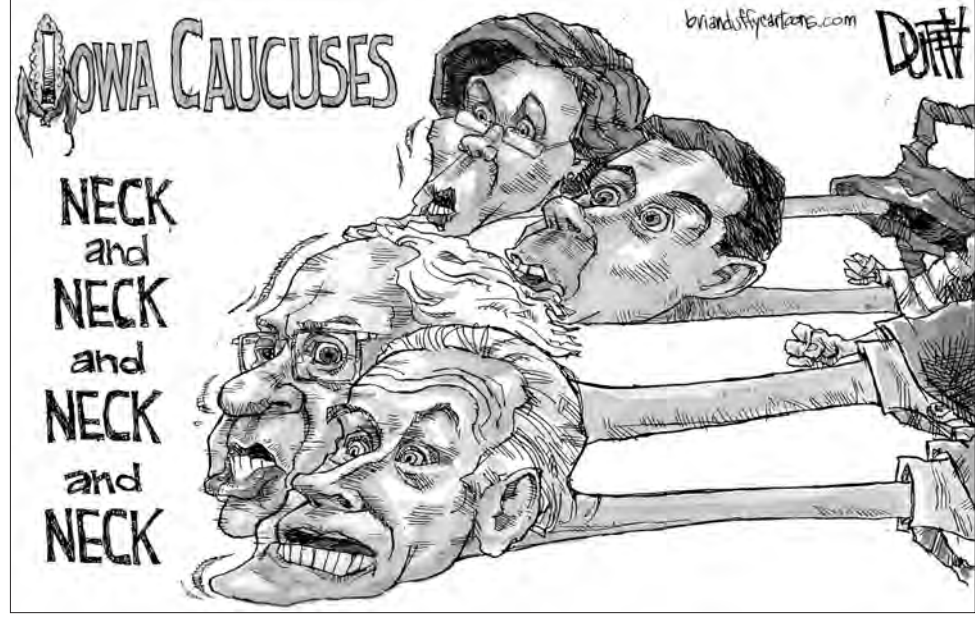
them, and we always have to be alert to the fact that our freedoms and rights can be eroded. Which means that to prevent this erosion we have to step up to the task of responsible citizenship.

This is a challenge for every generation. We've stepped up to it in the past, through world wars, the Civil War, economic recessions and depressions. As Americans we believe in a set of democratic ideals, basic rights, fundamental freedoms, and the notion that all people are created equal and all are entitled to dignity. These are ideas that give us cohesiveness and identify us.

But we cannot take our ability to deliver on them for granted.

Without a renewal of energy and commitment to the democratic values of the Constitution, without acting on the call issued by the Preamble, we could lose them.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Venomous viper  
4 Incense  
8 Pop  
12 Ball-bearing item  
13 Beelzebub's doings  
14 From square one  
15 Supreme Court Justice  
17 Calm before the storm  
18 Comedian  
19 Refuge  
20 Downright  
22 Road's shoulder

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- 24 Hard to find  
25 Almond confection  
29 "— Got a Secret"  
30 Left-hand page  
31 Ostrich's cousin  
32 Union  
34 Valhalla VIP  
35 Loathe  
36 Loses traction  
37 Drive away  
40 "Wozzeck" composer  
41 Summertime treats  
42 — Thatcher  
46 Command-
- ment starter  
47 Birthright barterer  
48 Historic period  
49 Huge amount of 50-Across  
50 See 49-Across  
51 Tarzan's creator's monogram
- 6 "— Abner"  
7 Right angle  
8 Sandwich sausage  
9 Burden  
10 Place to buy 8-Down  
11 Piercing tools  
16 Slightly  
19 Ricelike pasta  
20 — and proper  
21 Volcanic spillage  
22 Cleopatra's boat  
23 Gaelic  
25 Vegan's no-no  
26 Distinguished ancestry
- 27 In the thick of  
28 Sisters  
30 Test tube  
33 Variety of macaque  
34 Gumbo base  
36 Music transition  
37 Ceremony  
38 Canyon phenomenon  
39 Lowly worker  
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44 Mess up  
45 Bill

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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



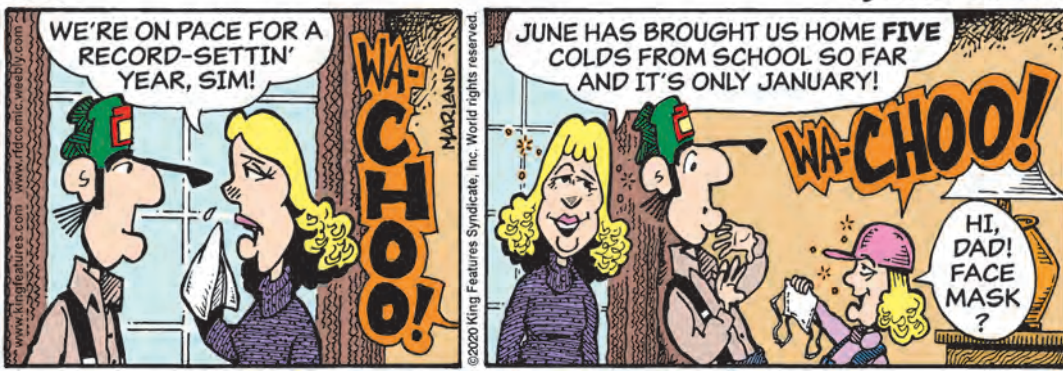
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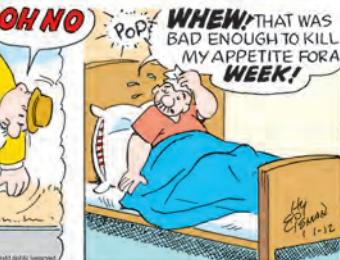
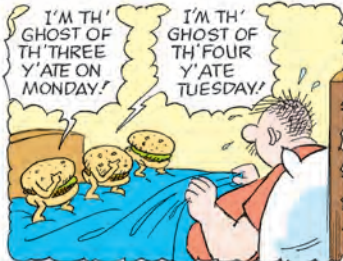
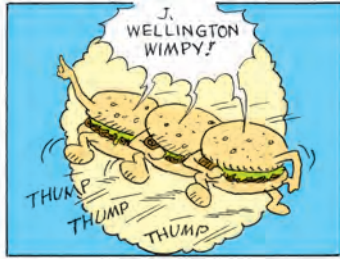
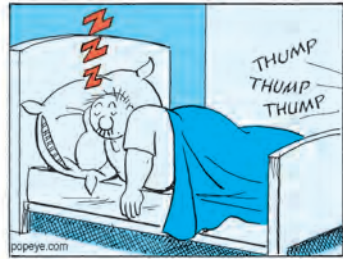
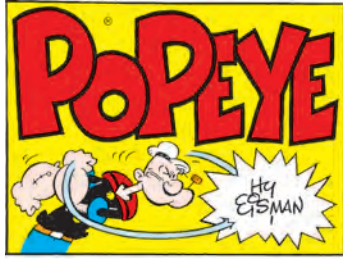
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## LAFF-A-DAY



## 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!

Mislead  
**DUELED**

Fit  
**BONGLE**

Vision  
**IMAGER**

Warden  
**RUGAD**

**TODAY'S WORD**

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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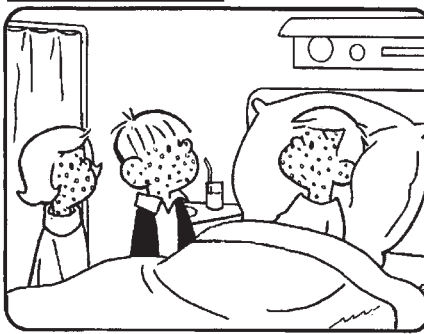
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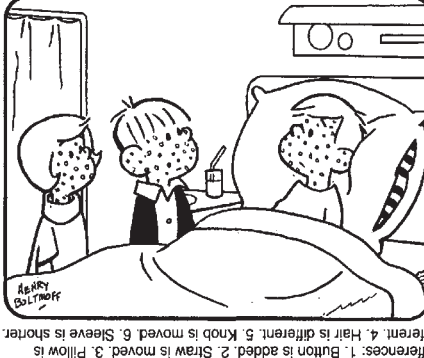
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTING



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Button is added. 2. Straw is moved. 3. Pillow is different. 4. Hair is different. 5. Knob is moved. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

## 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: K equals P

VD YNM CELQVOU IEBQVOF LHYKKFR  
DNOBHVVYOVOU, V VIEUVOF CF'R  
QVMF E LKVO RYBHYM.

## LUGGAGE

Today's Word

1. Delude; 2. Belong; 3. Mistrage; 4. Guard

## SCRAMBLERS

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which two states share no borders with any other U.S. state?
2. TELEVISION: What is Richie's last name in the 1970-80s series "Happy Days"?
3. FOOD & DRINK: What is whey?
4. GAMES: What are "bedposts" in bowling?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature is an ocelot?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: By how many Senate votes was President Andrew Johnson spared removal from office after he was impeached by the House?
7. LITERATURE: What is the end of the nursery rhyme that starts: "Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall/ Humpty Dumpty had a great fall ... "?
8. ASTRONOMY: Which is the largest planet in our solar system?
9. BIBLE: Who was John the Baptist's father?
10. MUSIC: How many Top 10 songs were released on Michael Jackson's "Thriller" album?

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## Trivia Test Answers

1. Hawaii and Alaska
2. Cunningham
3. The watery part of milk that remains after cheese curds have formed
4. A 7-10 split
5. A small, wild cat
6. One vote short of the necessary two-thirds majority to convict
7. "... All the king's horses and all the king's men/ Couldn't put Humpty together again."
8. Jupiter
9. Zechariah
10. Seven

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Solution time: 27 mins.

## Answers

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## Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

## CryptoQuip

If our washing machine stopped functioning, I imagine we'd hire a spin doctor.

## Answer



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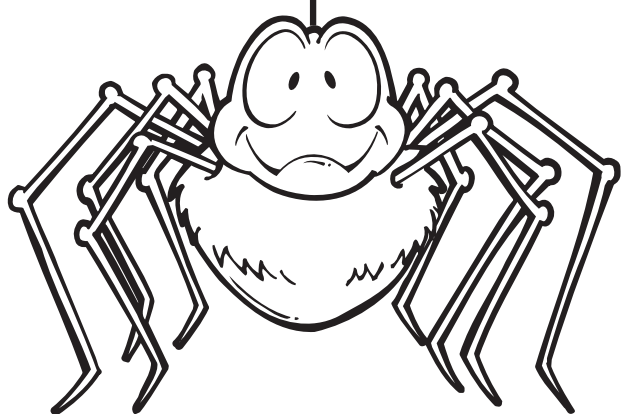


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Former Amboy City Alderman Daryl Stuckemeyer said that the recovery home got his son straightened out, and that he has since graduated from the recovery home and is doing much better.

Another audience member who lives near the property said she didn't know about it until she opened up the newspaper (Dixon Telegraph) and read about it.

Phalen said it wasn't their intention to announce it the way it happened. He said a reporter called and said they heard they bought a house for a recovery home.

Englund said that the recovery home has a no drug use policy, and that the residents have a real commitment to want to change their life.

Amboy City Alderman Brandon Klein asked how the res-

idents are coming and going, if they have personal vehicles?

Englund said not everyone who will reside in the home has a driver's license, and that if they do, they are not allowed to access private vehicles until they earn that privilege. She said that mostly, the resident will be using LOTS, Lee-Ogle Transportation System.

Klein said this home would be right in the middle of a residential area and with adding 20 new residents there will be a lot going on.

"It's going to be a change for that little niche," Klein said, adding that if he lived there, he would be a little uneasy at first. He said that he just doesn't want it to be an issue, and that people are concerned and he just hopes everything goes well.

Phalen said this would be one home in Amboy that he guarantees is drug and alcohol free.

## Land, Sea & Sky art exhibition held in Dixon

**DIXON** — The Next Picture Show is pleased to present our latest art exhibit at KSB Commerce Towers Land, Sea and Sky, featuring 35 pieces of original art by local and regional artists including works in alcohol ink, mixed media, oil, photography, and watercolor.

Artists displaying their art include

Keanna Alba, Nora Kate Balayti, Dorothea Bilder, David Bingaman, Terri Borrett, Graydon Cafarella, William Doering, Beverly Garcia, Jan Harvey, James Hey, Scott Ide, Barbara Lundeen, Karen Nelson, and Jayson Tuntland.

Land, Sea and Sky represents the 10th art exhibit at Commerce Towers

and is part of a series of art exhibitions at KSB Hospital designed to advance the use of art as part of the healing process.

The exhibit will be open for viewing during regular business hours, Jan. 7 – March 31, at KSB Commerce Towers, 213 East First Street, Dixon.

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In the 1990s, a college student from the University of Texas at Austin revived the effort, and the amendment was added to the country's governing document — an "outrageous length of time" after its debut, Lang said.

Attorneys general from three states — Alabama, South Dakota and Louisiana — filed a lawsuit in December to prevent the Equal Rights Amendment from being added to the Constitution even with Virginia's approval.

In response to the suit, the U.S. Department of Justice said in a memo that Congress' deadline is constitutionally allowed and therefore prevents the amendment's passage.

There are several legislative efforts to extend that limit, and the extension has the support of a number of Illinois' congressional delegation.

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, a Democrat from Illinois' 9th District, said she would work to advance the amendment at the

Congressional level.

"The Equal Rights Amendment is long overdue, and I will continue to work with my colleagues and advocates to push for its enactment following ratification in Virginia. I am an original co-sponsor of H.J. Resolution 38, which currently has 218 co-sponsors, that clarifies that this amendment should take effect," Schakowsky said in an email statement.

Andersson and Lang agree the question will go straight to federal courts to settle. Litigation is "ramping up as we speak," Andersson said.

"The people who are opposed to this will make up anything to prove their point. They've tried to say it's about gay rights — it isn't, and the U.S. Supreme Court has already affirmed those rights; they'll say it's about abortion — it has nothing to do with abortion," Lang said. "The real question is a constitutional one."

Illinois' Constitution already includes an equal rights section, ensuring "the equal protection of the

laws shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex by the state or its units of local governments and school districts."

No matter what happens with the federal proposal, Andersson added, the action taken by Virginia's General Assembly marked "a momentous, historic day." He drove 12 hours from Chicago to the Mother of Presidents, as the commonwealth is nicknamed, to be there.

Lang said encouraging Illinois' ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment was a "labor of love for [him] for a very long time."

"It should never have been as hard as it was to pass," he said. "This is an issue that is well overdue, and to treat women in America as second-class citizens in the year of 2020 would be beyond wrong — it would be immoral. In a very real way, I think Illinois kind of jump-started the process for Virginia."

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker said in a statement that he has been a lifelong ad-

vocate for women's rights.

"I'm overjoyed to see three-fourths of the United States ratify the Equal Rights Amendment," Pritzker said. "These 24 words cement women's equality into our Constitution and open a new chapter in American history where discrimination on the basis of sex is no longer tolerated. Our nation has a moral imperative to adopt this groundbreaking and common-sense statement as the 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution."

And a spokesperson for Attorney General Kwame Raoul, who voted in support of the Equal Rights Amendment as a senator two years ago, said the office is "evaluating all options to ensure that equal rights are not contingent upon a person's gender or sex."

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"(Trump) knows how to negotiate," Varner said. "I think he told the Chinese he's willing to walk away from a bad deal, and so I am optimistic that this thing is going to move forward."

USMCA helps corn farmers, hurts car buyers

Despite President Trump calling the USMCA "one of the biggest trade bills ever made," not much has actually changed from its beginnings as the Clinton-era North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Coppess said.

"We're not talking about major reform of the trade agreement," Coppess said. "If anything, the president has his trade agreement, so we can be assured at least for this time in office that maybe he won't threaten these trading partners again."

The agreement mostly reinforces trade the U.S. already does with Canada and Mexico, especially corn, of which Mexico is America's top buyer and Illinois is America's second-most producer.

"Every step toward USMCA passage is cause for celebration," Illinois Corn Growers Association President Bill Leigh said in a

statement.

The USMCA also increases U.S. dairy exports to Canada, but that will impact more dairy-heavy states like Wisconsin.

Both U.S. senators from Illinois, Democrats Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth, voted for the bill.

In statements, Durbin applauded its "bipartisan" support, while Duckworth said it "works for farmers and manufacturers and features enforceable labor standards to support American workers."

Duckworth added, however, the deal "is not perfect" because it does not tackle climate change. But Varner argues enforcing U.S. environmental standards on Mexico is demanding too much.

"Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good," he said.

One negative for regular Illinoisans is that the USMCA could increase the prices of new cars, because it ups the percentage of North American auto parts that vehicles must have to avoid tariffs.

Because companies often pass on increased production costs and losses from tariffs to consumers, the average American could see car prices

increase between \$470 and \$2,200, according to the Center for Automotive Research.

Varner argues, however, the USMCA's requirements regarding auto parts and higher wage standards are designed to spur investment in the U.S. and increase domestic manufacturing.

"I think it would cost a lot more if we abandon these deals," he said.

President Trump is expected to sign the USMCA next week. Mexico approved it last year, while Canada is expected to approve it later this year to officially make it binding.

Englund said the residents of this home are not there because they are homeless, but are there because they need another level of support in their sobriety.

**In other board news:**

The council approved Paul Smith as part-time Amboy Police Chief. Alderman Brett Dewey said Smith will be a part-time chief until the city can afford to hire a full-time chief.


Mayor John Schamberger said that Smith can work a total of 999 hours a year, which breaks out to about 20 hours a week. He added that Smith will help to get more structure back in the police department.

Dewey added that he is sure that Smith will be able to fill the gap, and that the city is still paying former police chief Jeff Blake for the time he earned.

The next Amboy City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 10, in the Amboy Community Building.

CLIPPER KIDDIEZ


This Week's Student of the Week is:  
**Teddy Klein**



**Student's Favorites:**  
Favorite Color – Dark Blue  
Favorite Animal – Penguin  
Favorite Food – Spinach With Ranch  
Favorite Book – There's No Such Thing As Monsters  
Favorite Game – Greedy Granny  
Favorite Song – God's Country


CLIPPER KIDDIEZ

This Week's Star Student of the Week is:  
**Oliver Leffelman**



**Student's Favorites:**  
Favorite Color – Red  
Favorite Animal – Lion  
Favorite Food – Cereal  
Favorite Book – 12 Days of Dinosaurs  
Favorite Game – Duck, Duck, Goose  
Favorite Song – Old Town Road


Amboy Community Unit School District #272	
Wed., Jan. 22	AHS Boys Basketball (H) Morrison - 5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 23	AJHS 7th Grade Girls Basketball (H) Faith Christian - 4:00 p.m. School Board Meeting - Central School - 7:00 p.m. AHS Girls Basketball @ Polo - 6:00 p.m. AHS Boys Basketball @ Forrester - 5:30 p.m. AHS Scholastic Bowl @ Durand - 9:00 a.m. AHS Girls Basketball @ Marquette (Ottawa) - 1:00 p.m. AHS Boys Basketball @ Oregon Blackhawk Center - 5:30 p.m. AJHS Girls Basketball (H) Polo - 4:00 p.m. AHS Scholastic Bowl (H) Polo - 4:00 p.m. AHS Wrestling @ Dakota w/Du-Pec - 5:30 p.m. AHS Girls Basketball @ Freeport Aquin - 6:00 p.m. AHS Boys Basketball (H) Milledgeville - 6:00 p.m. AJHS Girls Basketball @ Dixon Catholic - 8th-5:00/7th-6:00 p.m. AHS Varsity Girls Basketball (H) Milledgeville - 6:00 p.m. AJHS Girls Basketball @ Mt. Morris - 4:00 p.m. AHS Wrestling (H) Kewanee/Riverdale - 5:30 p.m. AHS Boys Basketball @ AFC - 6:00 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 24	
Sat., Jan. 25	
Mon., Jan. 27	
Tues., Jan. 28	
Wed., Jan. 29	
Thurs., Jan. 30	



**JR HIGH MENU**  
January 27 – 31

Low-fat chocolate, strawberry or unflavored white milk served at each meal.  
Choice of breakfast items from cart with juice and fruit.  
Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.  
Lunch option each day of the featured item or salad bar or yogurt with whole grain crackers or peanut butter & jelly or Grab&Go smoothie.

Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Cheese pizza calzone minis, broccoli, fresh cut veggies, pears, berry cup
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Breaded chicken filet on a bun, fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, strawberry cup, mixed fruit
Wednesday	- Pancakes & syrup or pick two from breakfast cart - Walking taco, cheese, salad, salsa, jalapenos, onion, tomato, beans, rice, applesauce cup
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Steak patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peas, fresh cut veggies, roll, apricots
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Pizza slice, corn, fresh cut veggies, bread/butter, juice cup, peaches



**CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU**  
January 27 – 31

Fat-free chocolate, strawberry or unflavored white milk are served at Breakfast and Lunch.  
Choice of five 100% real fruit juice cups are served at Breakfast.  
Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.

Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Cheese pizza calzone minis, broccoli, fresh cut veggies, pears, berry cup
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Breaded chicken filet on a bun, fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, strawberry cup, mixed fruit
Wednesday	- Pancakes & syrup or pick two from breakfast cart - Walking taco, cheese, salad, salsa, jalapenos, onion, tomato, beans, rice, applesauce cup
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Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Pizza slice, corn, fresh cut veggies, bread/butter, juice cup, peaches



**Senior Dining Menu**  
January 27 – 31  
8 oz. of low-fat milk served with each meal

Monday – Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, dinner roll, pineapple tidbits  
Tuesday – Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, stewed tomato/zucchini, dinner roll/butter, apricots  
Wednesday – Citrus baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, fruit cocktail  
Thursday – Italian sausage w/peppers on bun, red potato wedges, Italian blend veggies, diced peaches  
Friday – A) Crispy fish sandwich, wheat bun, macaroni & cheese, peas, pineapple tidbits B) Soup & Sandwich, minestrone & turkey

Meals served Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 am  
Reservations needed 10:00 am day before



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1 lb bag



**99¢**  
ea.

### Haas Avocados



**99¢**  
ea.

### Idaho Potatoes

3 lb bag



**99¢**  
ea.

### Red or Green Grapes



**\$2.49**  
lb.

### Shurfine Dressing

Assorted 16 oz



**\$1.39**  
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Reg. Price \$2.39 ea.

### Farmland Bacon

Assorted 12-16 oz



**\$4.79**  
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Reg. Price \$6.29 ea.

### Doritos Chips

9-10 oz Excludes Party Size



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Reg. Price \$3.29 ea.

### Progresso Soup

Assorted 18-19 oz



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### BBQ Butterfly Pork Chops



**\$3.99**  
lb.

Reg. Price \$4.29 lb.

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### Boneless Pork Shoulder Roast



**\$1.99**  
lb.

Reg. Price \$2.99 lb.

### 7-Up Products

12 Pack Cans



**\$3.99**  
ea.

Reg. Price \$5.99 ea.

### 7-Up Products

6 Pack Bottles



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Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.

### Kemp's Ice Cream

Assorted 128 oz



**\$5.99**  
ea.

Reg. Price \$7.29 ea.

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### Keebler Town House Crackers

13.8 oz



**\$2.99**  
ea.

Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.

### V-8 Splash Juice

Assorted 64 oz



**\$1.99**  
ea.

Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.

### JIF Peanut Butter

Assorted 16 oz



**\$1.99**  
ea.

Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.

### Florida Natural Orange Juice

52 oz



**\$2.99**  
ea.

Reg. Price \$3.79 ea.

### Pillsbury Grands Biscuits

Assorted 16.3 oz



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### Tina's Burritos

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Reg. Price \$1.59 ea.

### Chef Boyardee Pasta

14.5-15 oz



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Reg. Price \$1.59 ea.

### Creamette Pasta

Assorted 16 oz



**2/\$2**  
Reg. Price \$1.79 ea.

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Assorted 1.97-7.2 oz



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