

## Nichols excited for new role as Amboy superintendent

BY BONNIE MORRIS  
Editor

**AMBOY** - When Joshua Nichols took over as principal at Amboy High School five years ago, he looked forward to the challenge of taking his career in a new direction. Now, as he takes on the position of superintendent at Amboy CUSD 272, Nichols is equally excited for the opportunity to move to the next level in administration.

Describing himself as a “teacher at heart,” Nichols started his post-secondary education at Rock Valley Community College with the goal of becoming a history teacher. He then transferred to Northern Illinois University to complete his teaching degree in history along with endorsements in English and political science.

Nichols’ first teaching job was at Ashton-Franklin Center, where he taught for five years. This was followed by five years teaching at Amboy Junior High. During those 10 years in the classroom, he taught 6th-12th grade English, social studies, government and lots of history classes.

“I really liked being a history teacher,” he reminisced. “That was a great gig.”

While at AJHS, Nichols was offered the position of dean of students. He admitted that the job of dean was very demanding, mainly because of the age range of junior high students.

“Decisions have to be made quickly in junior high - the kids were great and it was a blast - but there are a lot of emotions at that age,” he explained.

After spending half a year as dean, Nichols accepted a position as assistant principal at Sterling High School for one year. While there, he dealt with truancy and discipline, which turned out to be another important learning experience for him.

“You get an entirely different appreciation of what a kid’s going through when you go and visit their house,” he said of his work with truancy. “When you see the lives some of these kids are living through, it’s shocking . . . school is the only stable place they really have.”

Nichols pointed out that while the major-

ity of students have great home lives, some kids are truly in need and at times, the need is more than the school can provide.

“That really opened my eyes when I was doing home visits in Sterling,” he acknowledged. “It’s a bigger town but we have a lot of those same needs and suffering here and I’ve seen that steadily increase even from when I taught. Schools are having to provide more and more services.”

When the job of AHS principal opened in 2013, Nichols applied and was chosen for the position. Even though he was no longer in the classroom, he truly enjoyed his time as principal and being able to watch whole groups of students as they progressed through their four years of high school.

“Some kids struggle from the minute they get here until graduation but it’s one of the best things to see when they finally get their diploma,” he said.



Joshua Nichols

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## Amboy Fire to host 2nd Annual Community Appreciation Event

**AMBOY** — The Amboy Fire Protection District would like to welcome the public to its 2nd Annual Community Appreciation Event from 4 – 11 p.m., on Saturday, July 14.

Last year the fire district celebrated 145 years of service but this year the district just wanted to show its appreciation

to the awesome community and surrounding communities.

Join the fire protection district for fun, fair-style games in the afternoon with your children and then enjoy an adult-only night with live music, adult refreshments, and a photo-booth.

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## Board approves purchase of new village computer

BY TONJA GREENFIELD  
General Manager

**SUBLETTE** — The Village of Sublette Board approved the purchase of a new computer for the village during its regular monthly meeting on Monday night.

Sublette Village Clerk Brenda Vaessen told the board that the village’s computer was

running very slow and that she often had trouble even logging onto the machine.

She said she contacted William and Mary Computer Center in Rock Falls to get estimates on how much it would cost to fix the machine and also quotes on replacing the machine.

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## Falco and the 45s to perform on the Main Stage during Depot Days

**AMBOY** – The Amboy Depot Days Main Stage will be rocking with rock and roll music of yesteryear as Falco and the 45s perform from 7:30-9:30 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 24 during Amboy Depot Days.

Shake, rattle, and rock as Falco and the 45s entertains with music from the good old days of early rock and roll when the jukebox played the hits of Elvis, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, The Ventures, Bill Haley and the Comets, Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, and the many others.

Falco and the 45s recreate the dance excitement of those days of rock and roll at the drive-in. The 45s present an exciting show of favorite songs that will get your audience dancing and singing to the songs that everybody knows. The band loves the music of the fabulous 50s and faithfully recreates many of the sounds of those happy days.

### Band Members

Nick Falco, Lead Vocals and

Keyboards; Nick is a singer and educator in the Chicagoland area. Nick is also a co-founding member of the vocal group An Octave Above, which performs and gives educational clinics both locally and abroad.

As a professional member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus, Nick has had the distinction of performing under the batons of some of the world’s most renowned conductors, and alongside some of the finest vocalists and instrumentalists in Classical music.

With the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Nick has toured several times to New York’s Carnegie Hall, and had the honor to sing on CSO radio broadcasts, internet streams, PBS television specials, and Grammy Award winning albums.

In April 2014, Nick was a featured soloist in the CSO’s Beyond the Score concert series focused on Charles Ives’ 2nd Symphony. Nick’s arrangements for “An Octave Above,” can be heard on two of their

albums. In 2007, Nick was awarded for his arrangement of “Tico Tico” at the Harmony Sweepstakes Chicagoland regional a cappella festival. He is also a past member of The Chicago Symphony Singers, and The Grant Park Symphony Chorus. In 2006 Nick fronted the 1950s Birth of Rock ‘n’ Roll tribute band, The Crown Vics, and he also performs as a featured soloist in concert with the Anthony Kawalkowski Orchestra and occasionally with the local band Yazz Jazz.

Matt Casaletto, Guitar: Matt’s love for Rock ‘n Roll started when his parents took him to see Kiss in 1996. Soon after, his dad showed him how to play the riff to “Smoke on the Water,” and he played that over and over for almost 10 years before he decided he actually wanted to learn how to play the guitar.

Around this time, he discovered a love for roots Rock ‘n’ Roll and R&B when he found out that some of his favorite



Falco and the 45s

heavy metal tunes, like “Good Rockin’ Tonight,” by Montrose, were covers of even older songs by artists such as Roy Brown.

Chris Keyes, Bass: After 35 years as a band director provid-

ing educational opportunities for his students to realize their vision to perform in musical ensembles, Chris has come full circle.

He started in garage bands

playing 50s/60s music on guitar but when the bass position opened up, he jumped on it.

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Looking back, Nichols admitted that his time as principal at AHS was a lot of fun largely because the students and staff were all great to work with.

“I really like Amboy High School and that’s in the back of my mind as I take over as superintendent,” he admitted. “But every step is like a new door that you go through and you’re always going to miss something. Some days I wish I

could just teach history or social studies but I don’t get to do that any more.”

Over the years, Nichols said he was encouraged by board members as well as former superintendent Dr. Jeff Thake to continue his education.

So, after getting his Master’s, he began a doctoral program and now only needs to finish his dissertation. Before taking the job of superintendent, he

had planned to work on it this summer but the dissertation had to go on the back burner for the time being.

“I had to get hustling,” he laughed. “Every position is different - you build upon what you had before but it’s different.”

Nichols believes his 10 years as a teacher will be a valuable asset for him as superintendent because he knows how it feels to be in the classroom every day

and to deal with a student who is causing difficulties. Another asset was being able to serve as assistant superintendent for the past year under the guidance of Dr. Thake. Although Nichols thought he would eventually take on the role of superintendent, he did not expect it to happen quite so soon.

“I had different plans,” he laughed. “My [principal’s] office was all ready to go for the coming school year.”

In his new job, Nichols said one of his first tasks is finding a new principal for the high school and also getting the district’s budget prepared.

“And we have a building that we’re having issues with,” he said in reference to Amboy Junior High. “You have to hit the ground running.”

As superintendent, Nichols is excited about all the new challenges he will face and feels well prepared to take this next step. While learning the intricacies of preparing a budget was a new experience, he feels confident in his abilities, whether with finances or with building issues. “I grew up with contractors and construction workers in my family - I don’t know everything but I am somewhat knowledgeable,” he said.

Although he still misses working directly with students in the classroom, Nichols believes he will now be able to help all of the district’s students. He expects most of the new programs that were put in place over the past few years to remain.

“I will have different phi-

losophies from Dr. Thake,” he explained. “We’ve implemented a lot and what the teachers have done with personalized learning, project based learning, and implementing technology, we need to give them support and opportunities to take a risk.”

Nichols believes the hardest thing for staff and students is being willing to take a risk and learn from it.

“You have to take a shot,” he emphasized. “Being able to risk and fail and learn from that failure is huge, a massive part of life.”

Nichols admitted that when Dr. Thake first brought up personalized learning and the other initiatives, he was skeptical because he ran a “very regimented” class. Despite his discomfort, Nichols said he was willing to do the best he could to comply.

“But now we can see what the teachers did with it . . . when you have the kids talking knowledgeably about the new programs that’s a very powerful statement of its success,” he said, referring to various presentations given by students at board meetings. “I don’t want to get in the way of that but rather to look at how we can improve and build upon that.”

In addition to his regular duties as superintendent, one of the most immediate issues for Nichols will be the junior high building.

“It is the board’s decision but something has to be done with that building,” he emphasized. “You can’t have students and teachers wearing winter coats


in the classroom and have the windows leaking. You don’t learn when you’re freezing, you don’t learn when you’re sweating, you don’t learn when your classroom is shut down and you’re moved to a different room because a pipe broke overhead and the ceiling came down.

“I spent five years teaching there and it will always be a special place to me - I understand that feeling - but there are significant investments that need to be made or we have to put that money into a newer building,” he added. “But something has to be done. Thankfully, I have the board to help me and they make the final decision. I give them the options and my recommendation, and they tell me what they want me to do.”

Overall, Nichols believes the Amboy School District is in a very good place. The overarching goal of education, he says, is to produce students who are happy and able to find employment, whether through vocational training or pursuing college degrees.

“I used to always joke with my freshmen and say, ‘I like you but you have to leave in four years,’” he laughed.

With the start of a new school year just over a month away, Nichols is very optimistic about the future. “I’ve been given a great deal of responsibility and opportunity and I’m very excited about that,” he said. “I appreciate having the chance to continue the great work that’s already happening in Amboy schools.”



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Here are the events from 4-7 p.m.:

- Bouncy house
- Obstacle courses
- Dress up like a firefighter
- Firetruck rides
- REACT Helicopter – from 4- 5 p.m.

- Face painting
- Inflatable fire truck

- Photo-booth
  - Gladiator jousting
  - Fire prevention program
  - Food and refreshments
  - and explore the fire station
- The kids events are free  
From 7- 11 p.m., begins the 21 and older events with ID entry mandatory:
- Music by Midwest Duel-

- ing Pianos
- \$15/ per person or \$25 for a couple
  - 2018 fundraiser donors will get in free
  - Money collected at the door - no preregistrations
  - Photo-booth
  - Adult refreshments

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# Saturday, July 14, 2018

## 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.

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#### 4 pm - 7 pm

Bouncy house  
Obstacle course  
Dress-up like a firefighter  
Fire truck rides  
REACT Helicopter (4 pm - 5 pm)  
Face painting  
Inflatable fire truck  
Photo booth  
Gladiator jousting  
Fire prevention program  
Food and refreshments  
Explore the fire station

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#### 7 pm - 11 pm

(21+ ID entry mandatory)  
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## UP COMING EVENTS

Summer Splash Pre-K to Fourth through July  
Clean and Green Fifth grade and up 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Feed My Starving Children Thursday, July 12  
4-H Fair Pancake breakfast July 27, 28, and 29

## PRAYERS NEEDED

We just lost another Teen Turf family member. Scott Huffman's mom passed away. Please pray for their families during this difficult time.

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

On Thursday, July 12 a large group of summer helpers will be going to Aurora to pack meals for those in need. We will be leaving Teen Turf at 7:30 a.m. Our youth are not only helping in Amboy but they are helping people all over the world.

## 4-H FAIR

Teen Turf will be hosting the Pancake and Sausage breakfast during the 4-H Fair. We will be serving breakfast Friday, July 27, Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29. We need help so please call 815-857-4800. Helpers will serve the meals, make the pancake batter, and supervise and teach the youth how to serve.

## SUMMER SPLASH CAMP

It's not too late to join the fun.

This program is for Pre-K and Kindergarten kids up to fourth grade. The program is from 1- 3 p.m.

This program goes through July.

Pre K and Kindergarten are Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m.

First and Second graders come on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

Third and Fourth graders come on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

The University of Illinois will be doing STEAM on Wednesdays just like last year.

Please make sure your child comes with their swim wear on under their clothes. They also need to have sun screen and bug spray on when they get here.

If the above dates don't work for your family please call 815-857-4800 and we will work it out.

Also, your child does not have to come every day. Just sign them up for when they can come. Hope to see you this summer.

This great summer program is funded by the United Way of Lee County.

## CLEAN & GREEN TEAM

This is for anyone fifth grade and older. Call to get your youth signed up. The kids that are registered have been given forms and calendars of times and dates. They have helped with the community garden; park, road side and community clean up. They bagged food for the food pantries at the 4-H Center with the University of Illinois Extension. They weeded at the Depot Museum. They laid mulch at the Amboy Community Building and at the Amboy City Park. At 11:30 a.m. they come back to Teen Turf and are fed lunch and become camp counselors for our Summer Splash Program. The youth that earn enough points by helping out are then taken swimming. At the end of summer those with enough points go to Magic Waters all day and then to the Hometown Buffet for supper. This summer program gets our youth away from their electronic devices is a great way for our youth to grow and become school and community leaders.

## SUMMER MUSIC DOWNTOWN

Teen Turf will be selling popcorn and drinks during the Summer Concert Series. July 28, Jim Henkel with a Special Guest; Aug. 11, Barbershop Spontaneous Combustion.

## HIGH FIVES

Big thanks to everyone that donates: to the people who drop off items and never leave their names. Our community is what makes Teen Turf work. It is the whole community that has made Teen Turf stay alive and able to help so many. To Donna Wellman with her weekly sweet treats that she hands out. The Lions Club for the fruit and food. Willy Schanenberg for checking out our a/c unit. Pete and Jackie Ayling for the glass chess set. Larry Greer for the case of cups. AJ Oester (one of our campers) for her monetary donation. Linda and Bill Oester for the toys and prizes. The recycle program helps maintain our van and also helps our environment.

## TAX FREE DONATIONS

There is an account set up at First Federal Savings and Loan, First National Bank of Amboy, and Pioneer State Bank (former Farmers State Bank of Sublette) if you would like to donate to our programs. All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501©3. Teen Turf has been in existence for over 20 years. Since we do not receive any state or federal money we survive on the generosity of the community. United Way has been a huge supporter for 15 years. If you are able to help us out please send your donations to Teen Turf P. O. Box 321 Amboy, Illinois 61310.

## RECYCLED CANS

Yes, we are still recycling cans. Just put your bags behind the fence on the red trailer. The white wire rack is for plastic and paper recycle items. Be sure that all the materials are tied and secured in bags or boxes. High Fives to everyone that donates cans and to Pete Rood for elevating them almost daily. It helps our environment and our van upkeep. If you have cans that need to be picked up just call 815-857-4800.

## LOST & FOUND

Please call 815-857-4800 if you are missing anything. Any of the coats, hats, and gloves will be donated next month.

# Amboy Police

## DUI

On July 1, at 4:15 p.m., Kathleen A. Orrick, 67, of Orange City, Iowa, was arrested for driving under the influence and failure to use turn signal. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.

## Ordinance violation

On July 2, at 7:17 p.m., Cynthia A. Toler, 56, of Amboy, was issued an ordinance violation for disorderly conduct.

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**ROCK FALLS**-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, due to the 4th of July Holiday. The third Wednesday of the month drive, July 18, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**AMBOY**-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

**AMBOY**-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 12. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, July 13, 17, 19, 20 and 25. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Adult Vaccines.

**AMBOY**-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 16, at

the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Fire Protection District will hold their Community Appreciation Event from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave. An event for those 21 and older will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. See their ad on page A2 of today's issue for a schedule of events.

**AMBOY**- The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens from 10 until 11 a.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road, on Wednesday, July 18. Call ahead to the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to RSVP.

**SUBLETTE**-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on Wednesday, July 18. Call ahead to the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to RSVP.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy American Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual picnic at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, at the Amboy Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. All American Legion and Auxiliary members are invited to attend. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Meat and lemonade will be provided.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education

## ABCs of school nutrition professional standards training in Amboy

**AMBOY** — University of Illinois Extension and the Illinois State Board of Education entered into a grant partnership to provide required USDA professional standards trainings to Illinois school foodservice staff, called the ABCs of School Nutrition.

University of Illinois Extension is offering a school food service professional standards training from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., on Tuesday, July 30, at Amboy High School. Amboy High School is located at 11 E. Hawley St., Amboy.

This training will provide six hours of USDA Professional Standards continuing education credit for the 2018-2019 school year. Training topics include food handler training for schools, food production records, food portioning and combining multiple servings, enhance taste, promote and encourage food, and diagnosing the lunchroom.

There is no charge for this training; however, preregistration is required by Wednesday, July 25. To learn more about the training or to register, visit online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/clw/> or call the Whiteside County Extension office at 815-632-3611.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Whiteside County Extension office.

## Amboy American Legion Auxiliary to host annual picnic

**AMBOY** — The Amboy American Legion Auxiliary annual picnic will be held at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, July 18, at the Amboy Community Building.

Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Meat and lemonade will be provided. All American Legion members and Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

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will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, at Amboy High School.

**COMPTON**-The 2nd Annual Compton Summer Fest will be held on Friday, July 20, and Saturday, July 21, at Compton Park. Visit the Compton Community Club's Facebook page for a complete schedule of events.

**AMBOY**-The Pankhurst Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 23, at the Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 23, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Suite #100, will offer

School Physicals, by appointment, on Tuesday, July 24, between 1 and 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 26, between 8 and 11:30 a.m. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment. Walk-in Immunization Clinics will be held Tuesday, July 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday, July 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 815-284-3371 for back-to-school vaccines requirements.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Suite #100, will offer Glucose & Cholesterol Screenings on Thursday, July 26. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment.

**AMBOY**-The Lee County 4-H Fair and Jr. Show will be held from Thursday, July 26, through Sunday, July 29, at the Fairgrounds at 1196 Franklin Rd. (corner of US RT 30).

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**Thursday** – Italian sausage w/pepper on bun, red potato wedges, Italian blend veggies, diced peaches  
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**July 20-21: 2nd Annual Compton Summer**  
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**July 26-29: Lee County 4-H Fair**  
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**July 28: Amboy Summer Concert Series**  
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### Susanne L. Ohlendorf

Aug. 5, 1958 - July 2, 2018

**MENDOTA** - Susanne L. Ohlendorf, 59, of Mendota passed away with her loving children by her side on July 2, 2018 at Kindred Hospital Sycamore.

Services and burial were private. Local arrangements were handled by the Schwarz Funeral home in Mendota.

Sue was born Aug. 5, 1958 in Dixon to Frank and DeLores (Noble) Haley Sr.

Survivors include two sons,

Rob (Carolynn) Ohlendorf and Anthony (Molly) Ohlendorf, both of Mendota; one daughter, Alicia (Brian) Robbins, of La-Salle; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her mother, DeLores Doden, of Mendota; and one brother, Dave (JoAnn) Haley, of Durand.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Haley Sr.; her stepfather, Robert Doden; one sister, Janice Schaefer; and one brother, Frank Haley Jr.

Sue graduated from Amboy High School in 1976 and from Midwest Technical College of Peoria in 1977. She was self-employed as a bookkeeper at Bookkeeping Plus in Mendota. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Mendota, where she taught Sunday School, and the Mendota Women of the Moose.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

### Alice Stiles

July 7, 2018

**DIXON** — Alice Stiles, 91, of Dixon, died Saturday, July 7, 2018, at St. Anthony's Medical

Center, Rockford.

Arrangements are being completed by Preston-Schilling

Funeral Home, Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to [www.prestonschilling.com](http://www.prestonschilling.com).

### Marie Huffman

July 7, 2018

**DIXON** — Marie Huffman, 79, of Dixon, died Saturday, July 7, 2018, at Serenity Hospice and

Home, Oregon.

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### Vernon Dean

July 8, 2018

**FRANKLIN GROVE** — Vernon Dean, 90, of Franklin Grove, died Sunday, July 8, 2018, at Serenity Hospice and

Home, Oregon.

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Vaessen said the cost to update the machine to Windows 10 was \$150 for the software plus \$150 for the labor. She told the board that William and Mary Computer Center told her she was better off investing that \$300 into a new computer.

A few of the board members tried to remember how old the current computer was. Vaessen said she looked back in the village's checkbook to see if she could find when the computer was purchased but she was able to locate that information.

Vaessen told the board the cost of the new computer would be \$946.50 and that would include the computer set up by the computer store, a new cable to connect to the village's current monitor, and Office.

The board approved a motion unanimously to purchase a new computer for the village not to exceed \$1,000.

In other board business:

- The board will be opening bids for the three-year maintenance contract on July 31. Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel said she had received interest in the contract.

- The board will be opening bids on Aug. 7, from licensed design/build firms for the design and construction of a 3,800 square foot pre-engineered all steel building for a vehicle storage building located on North Front Street, near the Village water tower in Sublette. Sublette Village President Michael Vaessen said he hadn't received any bids yet.

- Michael Vaessen reported to the board that the trees at the Mini Park won't be done until the fall.

- Don Dinges reported that he is 99 percent sure a one-day tractor ride is a go for Aug. 1. He also told the board that work is being done for rescheduling the cruise night. He said they are looking at a Friday night around the beginning of August. Dinges also told the board he is contacting the US Air Force Band to see if they would perform a concert in Sublette as part of Sublette being part of the state of Illinois' Bicentennial celebration.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be at 7 p.m., on Monday, Aug. 13, in the Ellice Dinges Center.



### NEW MUSEUM COMMISSION

*The Amboy Depot Museum Commission has welcomed new members. Pictured above the current Depot Museum Commission. Front row, left to right, Jack Dempsey, Linda Disney and Ed Clayton. Back row, left to right, Don Stebbins, Leroy Dukes, Peggy Horstman and Dan Ethridge. The Depot Museum Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month.*

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## BAND continued from page A1

Since that time, he has played in rock bands, show bands, wedding bands, blues bands and jazz ensembles on both electric and acoustic bass. In a completely opposite direction, Chris conducts and performs on French horn in concert bands, orchestras and chamber ensembles.

He loves performing the variety of music that this versa-

tility presents. As a member of Falco and the 45s, he returns to his roots performing the music that started his musical journey.

Little Freddie, Drums: Little Freddie began playing snare drum in the sixth grade when he joined the concert band at his school. It didn't take long before he found himself playing for the school's marching band,

pep band and jazz band.

At age 15, Fred bought his first professional kit; after he played his first gig he was hooked. Although Fred is a versatile drummer, his experience lies mostly in playing jazz music.

Today Fred is still playing music and continues to march to the beat of his own drum.

## Concert planned at Mt. Morris Band Shell

**MT. MORRIS** — Friday, July 13 marks the return of Anderlik, Otto and Church to the Mt. Morris Band Shell, when they'll play a free two hour concert starting at 7 p.m.

Three of the top bluegrass musicians in the Chicago area, Rob Anderlik, Pat Otto and Mike Church first met at late night jam session and felt a deep musical connection from the moment they played together.

Concessions for the evening will be provided by the Mt. Morris Public Library starting at 6 p.m., who will be serving Ital-

ian sausage, all beef hot dogs, chips, pop, water, homemade apple dumplings and ice cream.

The whole evening kicks off with the Mt. Morris Community Farmer's Market, located at the corner of IL Route 64 and Wesley Ave., from 4 -7 p.m. every Friday through October. Come join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of IL Route 64 on Wesley Ave. In the event of rain, the whole show is moved to the Mt. Morris Moose at 101 Moose Drive, starting at the same times.

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<p><b>St. Mary Church</b>  <b>Rev. Timothy Draper</b>  <b>912 Walton Rd., Walton</b>  <b>815-857-2670</b>            Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Grace Fellowship Church – Amboy</b>  <b>Pastor Brian McWethy</b>  <b>37 S. East Avenue, (Farm Bureau Bldg.)</b>  <b>815-857-3900</b>            Sunday Worship Service 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a.m.  <a href="http://www.graceisforyou.com">www.graceisforyou.com</a></p>	<p><b>St. James Evangelical Congregational Church</b>  <b>Robert Dunbar., Pastor</b>  <b>US Route 52 &amp; Red Brick Rd., Dixon</b>  <b>815-288-2447</b>            Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship            9:45 a.m. Sunday School            Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church</b>  <b>Rev. Randy Fronek</b>  <b>Locust Street, Sublette</b>  <b>Phone 815-849-5412</b>            Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m.            Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m.            Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.            Thursday - 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center</b>  <b>Pastor Jack M. Briggs</b>  <b>1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center</b>  <b><a href="http://www.LeeCenter-UCC.org">www.LeeCenter-UCC.org</a></b>  <b>Phone 815-732-7032</b>            Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>East Grove Union Church</b>  <b>Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321</b>  <b>449 Reuter Road, Amboy</b>  <b>Phone 815-376-6661</b>            1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd.            Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service            Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4            10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult            6:00 p.m. Evening Service            Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer &amp; Bible Study            First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m.            First Sunday Family Film Night            Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m.            "Fun &amp; Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!"            Come as you are and join us on the journey!</p>	<p><b>St. Mary's Church</b>  <b>Rev. Randy Fronek</b>  <b>West Brooklyn</b>            Tuesday &amp; Thursday - 7:30 a.m.            Saturday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Refuge Church</b>  <b>Pastor John Kalebaugh</b>  <b>Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52</b>  <b>Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930</b>            10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows</p>
<p><b>St. Flannen Church</b>  <b>Rev. Timothy Draper</b>  <b>213 S Second St., Harmon</b>  <b>815-857-2670</b>            Mass: Sunday, 7:30 am</p>		<p><b>St. Patrick Church</b>  <b>Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown</b>            Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Harmon United Methodist Church</b>  <b>Pastor Leanne Keate</b>  <b>202 N. Grove, Harmon</b>  <b>Phone 359-7302</b>            Worship - 8:30 a.m.</p>

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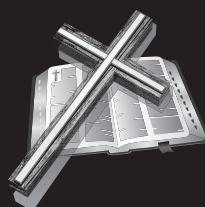
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# THE PASTOR'S PEN

*Seek God with all your heart*

**BY PASTOR RICK WULF**  
*East Grove Union Church*

Last week we as a nation, celebrated the 242nd birthday of America. I trust that you were able to enjoy that time and that you also took the opportunity to think about the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans and perhaps may even take for granted at times.

We truly have been blessed by God in this once great nation. We really should not be surprised at so many people trying to get into America. Compared to so many other countries around the world we do have so much here I believe that God has blessed our nation because of the faith of our Founding Fathers and of the faith that has been passed down through the generations of American Christians. Sadly, our society has changed and the values that were once held by most, no longer is there and our freedoms are slowly eroding.

The freedoms that we pos-

sess as Christians are of even more importance than any political freedoms that we possess as Americans. The Bible, especially in Romans 6, very clearly declares our freedom over sin and death. The Apostle Paul declared in Romans 6: 1-9, “What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means. We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should

no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.”

As Christians we are very much aware of our fallen nature. We do mess up, but we have the assurance of being under God’s mercy and grace. We know that God in His love and mercy doesn’t hold our past against us.

This gives us such great hope and peace. And the neat truth about these spiritual freedoms, they are eternal. God will not go back on His promises, and because they are His promises, nobody can take them away from us.

I trust that you know God’s freedoms. Seek God with all your heart, and please Him in all that you do.

## The Book Nook

By :

## Tatjana Kazan

### The Collector

In the 1965 movie “The Collector,” a handsome young butterfly collector captures a beautiful, red-headed woman and treats her as if she is one of his specimens. But this butterfly fights back to the death. No such realism prevails in Dot Hutchison’s “The Butterfly Garden,” where 21 girls know that when they reach the age of 21, they will be embalmed alive and displayed in glass cases, but who nevertheless do not fight back against a middle-aged man called the Gardener who provides them with scissors and sculpting tools for their art projects.

But when we consider the more recent Ariel Castro case where three women were held captive and brutalized in a Cleveland house for 10 years, perhaps the passivity of the butterfly girls is not altogether implausible. The story of these butterflies is told within the restrained framework of an FBI interrogation of Maya, one of the

rescued girls. Her tale is replete with kidnappings, torture, brutal rapes, pedophilia, exquisitely agonizing murders, and child molestation.

The Gardener and his vicious son, Avery, abduct a girl no younger than 15, whereupon the Gardener tattoos an elaborate pair of butterfly wings on her back and gives her a new name. He treats the girls, who are predominantly red-headed, as any collector of butterflies would, lovingly, fatherly, until he sexually brutalizes them.

However, if the girl is injured or cannot adjust to life in captivity, he kills her. Those whose wings remain intact but who have reached the mandatory age of 21, he injects with formaldehyde and, as with real butterfly wings, casts them in resin and displays them in glass cases lining the hallway. He has collected his human specimens for 30 years.

The Gardener is a very rich man who built an elaborate

garden house hidden within a larger garden house. The garden has a waterfall and pool, where the girls are allowed to spend their days.

The Gardener’s young son, Desmond, a sensitive music major, comes upon the butterfly garden and is soon inducted into his father’s perverse pleasures. He is not a pitiless rapist like his brother Avery, instead, he and Maya become tender lovers. Desmond does not go to the police because, he tells Maya, his mother would be terribly upset by the revelation.

How the girls were rescued is described rather perfunctorily, with an added twist at the end that adds nothing to the story.

It reads as if Hutchison meant to develop this plot twist, but since it didn’t quite fit, tacked it on as a surprise ending. “The Butterfly Garden” is the first book of a Trilogy called “The Collector” in which the FBI agents who interrogated Maya are the protagonists.

## Comfort Zone Camp helps grieving families, children

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Comfort Zone Family Grief Camp will be held from 5:30 - 8:15 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at the First Presbyterian Church, 410 Second Ave., Sterling, and is hosted by Rock River Hospice and Home (RRHH). A light meal will be provided.

Camp registrations are due by July 30 and can be made by calling Cynthia at (815) 625-3858.

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*The Chosen Ones*

## The Chosen Ones to perform free concert on Aug. 11

**AMBOY** — Gospel Music recording artists, The Chosen Ones, will be appearing at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 11.

The concert will be held at the Shaw Shelter in the Amboy City Park. The Chosen Ones feature three generations of smooth family harmony, blending traditional and progressive Southern Gospel with light Contemporary Christian Music. Their unique approach to Gospel Music appeals to a diverse audience.

The Chosen Ones are celebrating more than 40 years in Gospel Music, having begun their ministry in 1974. They have sung throughout the United States and abroad, performing over 150 personal appearances annually.

They have released over 30 recordings, which have included four national radio releases. Their latest recording, “There’s a Purpose,” was released in June 2014. To learn more about their ministry you can visit [www.thechosenones.org](http://www.thechosenones.org). It is the

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desire of The Chosen Ones, to present more than just a concert, but a worship experience. They use the medium of Christian Music to present the Gospel Truth and encourage the church. Make plans to attend this exciting event and experience The Chosen Ones in concert.

This concert is presented by

the East Grove Union Church of rural Amboy. For more information about this event, please contact Pastor Rick Wulf at 815-440-5321 or 815-376-6661.

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# Opinion

## More than 75 years later, Illinois' fireworks ban still law of the land

They can't have a first-rate Fourth without a little noise and nonsense."

That's what long-gone Chicago newspaper The Inter Ocean editorialized on July 4, 1877, writing about its paperboys and the city's ban on fireworks.

"They envy the country boys who have no ... city ordinance to prohibit them from having a jolly time."

Back then, Illinois allowed people to buy fireworks, but Chicago didn't. Now fireworks are banned statewide – even for "country boys."

Why?

This Independence Day, families across the state were surrounded by rockets and roman candles. Most were illegal. Illinois is among only four states in the nation to prohibit the purchase and use of all, or nearly all, consumer fireworks. The other 90 percent of Americans live under state governments that aren't Scrooges.

Illinois lawmakers were actively considering a statewide fireworks ban as early as the 1930s. Chicago Democratic state Sen. Edward O'Grady introduced a bill in 1933 that would have made Illinois the first state to ban the manufacture, use and sale of fireworks. It failed to pass.

Neighboring Iowa became the first state in the nation to ban fireworks in 1938, and Illinois followed suit in 1942, when its own ban went into effect.

### Guest Column

By Austin Berg



State Rep. William G. Thon, a Chicago Republican, authored that ban. Despite serving nearly 40 years in the House and dying in office, the Associated Press wire announcing his death in 1953 cited the fireworks ban as Thon's signature legislative accomplishment.

While it's been modernized over the years, Illinois is still stuck with Thon's law. But Iowans finally got rid of theirs last year, making Independence Day 2017 the first time in generations that Illinois was completely surrounded by states where residents were free to enjoy a variety of consumer fireworks.

And that makes Illinois' bizarre anachronism all the more frustrating. Talk to any border-town fireworks purveyor – from Kris Zambo of Dynamite Fireworks in Northwest Indiana to Deanna Delimat of Black Bull Fireworks in Southeast Wisconsin – and they'll be happy to tell you a bulk of their business comes from disgruntled Illinoisans.

It's easy to point to forgone summer jobs and economic activity as reasons to overturn the ban. And it's true neighboring states have reaped millions of dollars in tax revenue due to Illinois' backwards law.

But the most important reason to repeal the ban is that Illinois, the Land of Lincoln and first state to ratify the 13th Amendment, isn't a nanny. Celebrating independence shouldn't come with a fine or jail time.

## On This Day in History

### 100 Year Ago July 12, 1918

Have you renewed your subscription? Please keep in mind that July 31 is the last day that you can obtain The Amboy News at the old price of \$1.50 per year. After that date the price will be \$2.

Old false teeth wanted – Maser's Teeth Specialty, Philadelphia, Penn.

Residents of Chicago are being urged to save their garbage, from which glycerin may be extracted for the manufacture of explosives. Much of the garbage is now being burned.

### 75 Years Ago July 8, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. John Woods and Mrs. Margaret Bullard and two children enjoyed the fireworks at Lake Mendota Sunday evening.

The front interior and exterior of the Amboy A & P store were repainted by Joe Hammond during the holiday weekend.

Aurelia Rebekah Lodge No. 161 of Am-

boy held a regular meeting Friday evening. A class of ten new members was initiated into the Order at this time.

### 50 Years Ago July 11, 1968

The celebration in Sublette will begin with the Pony Express delivery the Souvenir Edition of the Dixon Evening Telegraph from Dixon to Sublette. There will be 100 horses taking part in the Pony Express. Four saddle clubs will work as teams competing to see which team will arrive first with a pouch of papers at the Sublette Post Office.

The Amboy New is being mailed to more than 1,100 additional homes this week so that taxpayers may read the personal, property assessment lists and changes in real estate assessments which are published in this issue.

Sublette's Sesquicentennial Parade next Sunday afternoon will feature a number of antique autos, among them the car owned by Kenneth B. Butler of Mendota. It is a 1932 Chrysler Custom Imperial LeBaron phaeton. It is painted buckskin tan with

wheels and body accents of ivory and is a very rare model.

### 25 Years Ago July 15, 1993

Amboy City Council put some teeth into its junk car and sump pump ordinance Tuesday. The three hour meeting also saw action on a new garbage collection fee, a parking plan at the Post office and a grant for repairs to the Depot Museum.

A tornado struck the downtown area of Ashton at 1 p.m. on July 8. It touched down first close to the high school (the school was not damaged) and continued in a northeasterly direction through town. The tornado left a path of structural damage, but no one was injured.

Pankhurst Memorial Library has purchased a microfilm viewer with money donated to the library for the estate of Frances MacKinnon. This machine will allow patrons to view local papers and other related materials on microfilm.

## How men and women think differently

I have a favorite pair of jeans I refuse to give up, and which, over the last few years, my wife has attempted to eradicate on six different occasions. She hates these jeans because, according to her, they are "ripped, frayed and embarrassing." Particularly when I forget to change them before going out somewhere in public, such as our front yard. Her attempts to get rid of my jeans have escalated from them being "lost," to an incident last week in which she claimed my jeans "spontaneously combusted," forcing her to put out the flames with the nearest extinguishing device: A meat cleaver.

She later apologized for hacking my jeans, telling me she reacted instinctively to a dangerous situation. I told her I understood, and that, instinctively, I planned to continue wearing my newly perforated jeans, at least until the remaining threads give way to the force of gravity and I am suddenly de-pantsed.

Probably while raking the yard.

There was a time when my wife actually liked seeing me in these jeans.

Whenever I wore them I'd get...The Look – an eyebrow raise and quick scan of inventory suggesting the merchandise might be leaving the shelf before I could announce my blue light special. Now when I put them on all I get is a roll of the eyes suggesting I hold a clearance sale to reduce some of my inventory.

Does that mean I'll stop wearing them?

Of course not.

That's because I'm a man. And as a man, looking good isn't nearly as important as proving I can still fit into the jeans I wore eight years ago, even if getting them on requires a case of cooking spray and an electric winch attached to the bumper of a Chevy 4x4. It doesn't matter that the waist is

### Guest Column

By Ned Hickson



so tight my spleen is temporarily relocated behind my ears. Or that the contents of my pockets look like they've been vacuum packed.

"Is that a 1964 penny?"

"Yeah."

"How long until the impression on your leg goes away?"

"Depends. One time I had

a Susan B. Anthony dollar that lasted a month."

"I hear you. I've still got a bruise from my car key – see?"

"Plymouth Voyager?"

"Wow, you're good."

This illustrates a fundamental difference between how men and women think. Women by their very nature are theoretical thinkers. For example, just because fitting into the same jeans they wore in their early 30s is now like trying to stuff eight pounds of hamburger into an espresso cup, then, "theoretically," those jeans no longer fit. (Naturally, there are women who are exceptions to this rule, as anyone who watches daytime talk shows can tell you.)

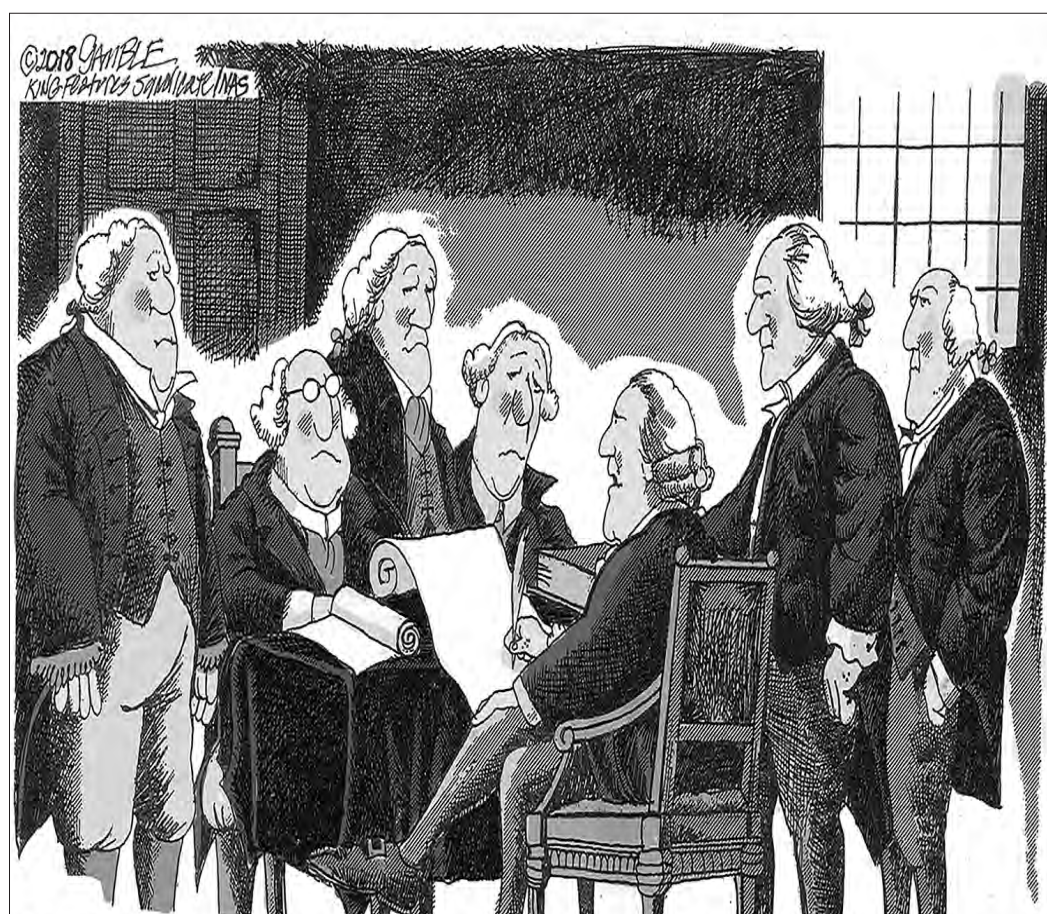
Men, on the other hand, think in terms of practicality, i.e., if we can practically button our

jeans without losing all feeling in our legs, then they obviously still fit. It doesn't matter that our mid-section is hanging over our belt like an overproofed dinner roll. What matters is that we are in our jeans, and therefore "practically" in the same physical shape we were during our early 30s. Assuming, of course, that we were shaped like an inverted milk jug.

So, yes, I will continue to wear my "ripped, frayed, embarrassing" and now recently cleaved jeans. In fact, I may even wear them when I get home tonight.

Unless my wife has hidden the cooking spray again.

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"Unfortunately we can't ban the members of Congress or the President from tweeting because 'tweets' haven't been invented yet!!"

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances ~ The First Amendment

That doesn't stop a vocal minority from defending the ban, however. Their main argument is simple: Safety.

While nobody wants to see a loved one harmed, those worries are misplaced. Nationwide, tipped-over furniture and children's toys each caused more emergency-room visits than fireworks in 2017, according to a report by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The report concluded, "there is not a statistically significant trend in estimated emergency department-treated, fireworks-related injuries from 2002 to 2017," despite more and more states legalizing fireworks over that time.

In fact, one of the best arguments in favor of legalization is safety. Bad sellers can be held to account and consumers can get quality advice on the products they're using.

A secondary argument in favor of the ban usually involves dogs, babies or veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. But these groups suffer equally whether the noise is coming from a firework purchased in Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Michigan or Illinois.

All else equal, it's better if that money's spent here. And the law against using fireworks is practically unenforceable as-is, doing little to protect sensitive people and animals.

Next year, state lawmakers should explore making rockets' red glare a legal pastime instead of a liability.

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# Educational Briefs

## UW-Madison announces its Spring Dean's List

MADISON, Wis. — Maggie Bushman, of Dixon, has been named to the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2017-2018 academic year. Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

## Local students named to the Dean's List at Aurora University

AURORA — Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the spring 2018 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors ( \* ) have earned a perfect 4.0. Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, fully accredited higher education institution offering students a quality education while maintaining one of the lowest private tuition rates in Illinois. The university serves more than 3,900 undergraduate and 1,900 graduate students across a wide variety of majors and programs. AU leadership, faculty and staff are committed to the success of students, offer-

ing academic support programs, hands-on learning activities, internships, and community partnership opportunities that prepare students to be successful beyond AU.

- Dixon**  
Jennifer Popovich, Nursing  
Brittney Sondgeroth\*, Business Admin, BS  
Kaitlyn Spencer\*, Bachelor of Soc Work
- Lee**  
Andrew Headley\*, Finance, BS, Criminal Justice
- Paw Paw**  
Mitchell Lave\*, Parks & Recreation Leader

## Thake named to Knox College Dean's List

GALESBURG — Logan Thake, of Amboy, has been named to the Knox College Dean's List of distinguished students for the 2018 Spring Term. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have earned at least 2.5 credits in the term, with a grade point average of 3.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale). Founded in 1837, Knox College is a national liberal arts college in Galesburg, Illinois. Knox enrolls students from nearly every state and more than 50 countries and is one of the 40 Colleges That Change Lives. Knox's "Old Main" is a National Historic Landmark and the only building remaining from the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas debates.

## University of Dubuque announces its Dean's List

DUBUQUE, Iowa — The University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the Spring Semester 2018

Academic Dean's List. Locally, Olivia Walter, of Dixon, was named to the list. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for that semester. The University of Dubuque is a private university affiliated with Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offering undergraduate programs in 31 areas of study; graduate programs in communication, business administration, and physician assistant studies; and theological studies. Founded in 1852, UD is home to over 2,300 students. Visit [www.dbq.edu](http://www.dbq.edu).

## St. Ambrose University's students on Spring Dean's List

DAVENPORT, Iowa — The following full-time students, who achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have been named to the St. Ambrose University Dean's List for the Spring term.

**Amboy**  
Megan Grady and Delaney Powers

**Dixon**  
Devin Attig, Kaitlyn Bin-

kley, Victor Francque, Kiana Gibson, Mary Jensen, Kirsten Pitman, Joseph Rhodes and Ian South

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## Wildman named to Dean's List

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Whitney T. Wildman, of Dixon, a senior in the college of Liberal Arts, has been named to the 2018 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

## UW-Platteville announces Dean's List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's

List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in their respective colleges in the spring 2018 semester. The College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50. For more information on the university, located in Southwest Wisconsin, visit [uwplatt.edu](http://uwplatt.edu). Students from this area on the Dean's List include:

**Amboy**  
Julia Daszkievicz, Chemistry

**Dixon**  
Eric Rasmussen, Broad Field Science

## Ely named to Dean's List at UW-Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Madeline Ely, of Amboy, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Spring 2018 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.5 GPA or higher. UWM is the second largest university in the

State of Wisconsin, with more than 25,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

## KC announces Spring 2018 Part-Time Student Honors List

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is pleased to announce its Part-Time Student Honors List for Spring 2018. Over half the students at Kishwaukee College attend school part time and many of these students have responsibilities that extend far beyond the classroom, including work and family obligations. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have completed a minimum of 6 (but less than 12) semester hours of college-level courses at Kish with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The following students have been named to the Kishwaukee College Spring 2018 Part-Time Student Honors List:

**Paw Paw**  
Julia Bonnie Hoelzer, Gabriel K.C. Johnston, Joshua M. Mateja, and Haley Grace Oros

**Sublette**  
Joyce A. Papiech

## CAMP continued from page A5

Children grieve differently from adults, and that grieving has no set timeframe. A common misconception is that bereavement camps are full of tears and sadness. Not true. Camp is full of fun, good times, and friendship. Most kids don't know they're not alone until they come to camp. "We want each child who attends our camp to leave with a sense of hope, that they are not alone in their grief, and hope that they will continue to seek help in their

journey towards healing," said Cynthia Stringer, Rock River Hospice & Home grief counselor and camp coordinator. "This year we have modified the camp experience to make it more of a family event by including parents. The adults will have a separate break-out session which will offer them tips and ideas to help their children through the grieving process." Stringer said. The service is available to all children between six and 13 years of age who have

experienced a loss and need support. A mixture of fun activities, allows children to express feelings and concerns, identify supportive people, and find appropriate ways to use memories for healing and growth; with the theme of offering true HOPE for their future. Since loss knows no bounds, the camp is provided free of charge to all and is sponsored and facilitated by Rock River Hospice and Home, an agency of United Way of Whiteside and Lee County.

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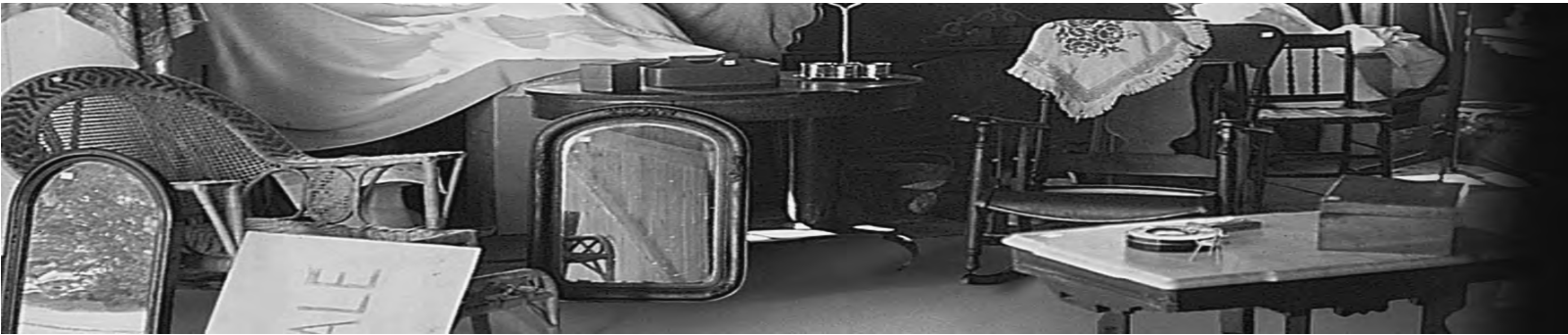
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the purpose of con-  
sidering the Annual  
Budget and Appropri-  
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public hearing will be  
followed by a regular  
meeting of the Board  
of Trustees with an  
agenda item in regard  
to the adoption of said  
ordinance.

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is available for public  
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be given an opportu-  
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District, Lee County,  
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Don Dinges, Secre-  
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( business under and )  
( by virtue of the Illinois )  
( Savings Bank Act )  
( Plaintiff, )  
( vs. )  
( FIRST STATE BANK )  
( as trustee of )  
( Trust #286 )  
( Dated July 28, 2004, )  
( JOSEPH J. BORES, )  
( a/k/a Joey )  
( BORES, ILLINOIS )  
( HOUSING )  
( DEVELOPMENT )  
( AUTHORITY, )  
( LUTES H20 WELL )  
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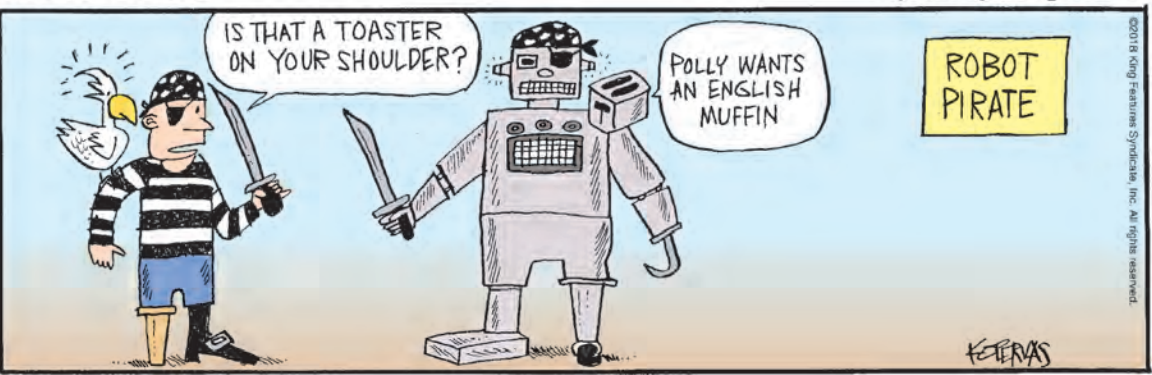


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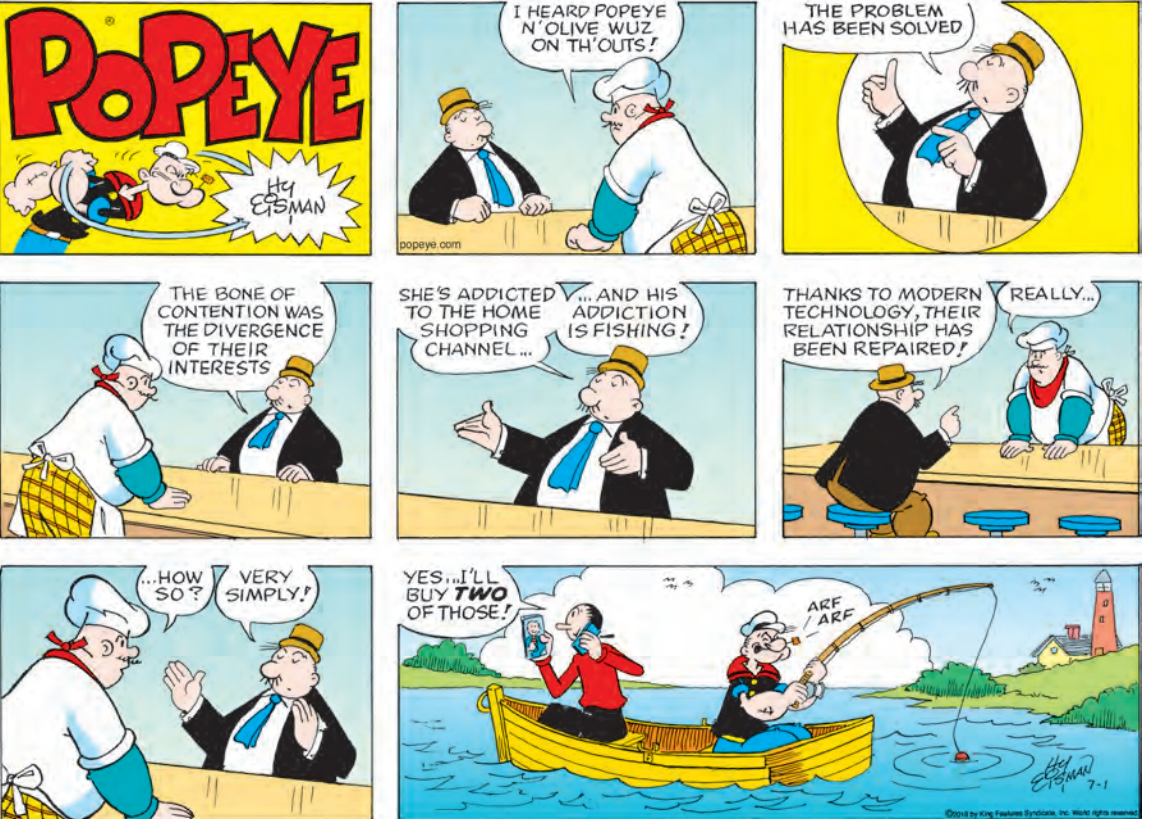


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ACROSS

- 1 Departed  
5 "Gosh!"  
8 Capri or Wight  
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13 Scepter  
14 Mast  
15 Punishing, in a way  
17 Erstwhile acorns  
18 Fares, at times  
19 British P.M., 1945-51  
21 "— the season ..."  
22 Crucifix  
23 Lived  
26 AAA job  
28 Grand tales  
31 Rose fruit  
33 Unruly bunch  
35 Within (Pref.)  
36 Give a speech  
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45 Film festival city  
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- 9 Big name in sporting goods  
10 Victoria, for one  
11 Gaelic  
16 Make booties  
20 Sock part  
23 Personal question?  
24 Atmosphere  
25 Generating  
27 "Holy mackerel!"  
29 B-F link  
30 Drunkard  
32 Stunt double,  
e.g.  
34 Rapid out-pouring  
37 — out a living  
39 Space  
42 German city  
44 Domesticates  
45 Lot wares  
46 Antioxidant berry  
48 "Thank You" singer  
49 Race place  
50 Hollywood clashers  
53 Opposite of "post-"

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Who is the current host of the "Family Feud" game show?
- ART: What is the only work of Michelangelo's that bears his signature?
- INVENTIONS: Who developed and patented the electric telegraph in the United States in 1837?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of South Dakota?
- LANGUAGE: What letters end a gerund in the English language?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the common term for bovine spongiform encephalopathy?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many vice presidents served with President Franklin D. Roosevelt during his four terms?
- U.S. STATES: Which state was once an independent sovereign nation?
- ASTRONOMY: How old is the sun in our solar system?
- GAMES: How many chance spaces are on a Monopoly board?

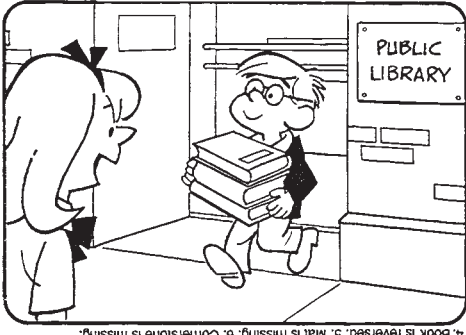
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Today's Word

1. Gleam; 2. Agile;  
3. Ignore; 4. Adjoin

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Answer

Upon buying some yummy cakes and cookies, my daughter proceeded to bring home the bakin' answer.

Answer

Answer



# Clippers to host four home games during football season

**AMBOY** – The Amboy-LaMoille Clippers will have four home football games during the 2018 season. The Clippers begin their second season in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference. A-L is a member of the Northwest Division of the NUIC.

Amboy-LaMoille will open the season with a NUIC crossover game at Milledgeville on Friday, Aug. 24. Milledgeville is also a member of the NUIC, but is in the Upstate side of the conference.

The Clippers will play their first home game on Friday, Aug. 31 when they entertain Lanark (Eastland)-Pearl City on the AHS field. Other home games in 2018 will be against East Dubuque, Lena-Winslow and Forreston.

**The complete 2018 football schedule is as follows:**

Aug. 24 – at Milledgeville – 7 p.m.  
 Aug. 31 – Lanark (Eastland)-Pearl City – 7:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 7 – at Savanna (West Carroll) – 7:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 14 – at Pecatonica – 7 p.m.  
 Sept. 21 – East Dubuque – 7:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 28 – Lena-Winslow – 7:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 5 – at Dakota – 7 p.m.  
 Oct. 12 – at Galena – 7:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 19 – Forreston – 7:30 p.m.

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# How to prevent sports injuries in young athletes

Sports are a great tool to teach young people various lessons. Sports can instill a sense of teamwork and responsibility in youngsters while promoting a physically active lifestyle that can benefit kids into adulthood.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that roughly 30 million children participate in youth sports in the United States each year. Unfortunately, many of those young athletes suffer injuries while participating in sports. Injuries might be seen as an almost inevitable byproduct of participating in sports, but the CDC notes that more than half of all sports injuries in children are preventable. Parents and children can work together to prevent injuries.

- Speak with your young athlete about pain. Johns Hopkins Medicine recommends parents discuss pain with their young athletes, encouraging them to speak up and

seek help if they feel pain or if any part of their bodies does not feel right after playing sports.

- Emphasize safety during practice. It’s easy to overlook sports practices when considering sports-related injuries, but Safe Kids USA notes that 62 percent of organized sports-related injuries occur during practice. In spite of that, Safe Kids reports that one-third of parents do not have their children take the same safety precautions during practice that they would during a game. Parents and coaches can emphasize to children that sports safety should be a priority during both practice and games.

- Get a sports physical. Preseason physicals are typically required for scholastic athletes, but that might not be so for recreational athletes. Even if leagues don’t require sports physicals, Johns Hopkins advises parents to schedule such exams

anyway. Such examinations can determine if kids are fit to play and may uncover injuries or conditions that may make kids vulnerable to injury.

- Encourage adequate rest. Johns Hopkins notes that the most common injuries among young athletes are overuse injuries that involve soft tissue. These injuries affect bone, muscle, ligaments, and/or tendons. Overuse injuries can lead to stress fractures characterized by a lack of swelling and feelings of pain and tenderness during movement. Encourage rest between practices, games and events, and make sure to schedule an offseason for young athletes so their bodies have time to recuperate before the next season.

Young athletes’ injuries are often preventable, especially when parents and children work together and communicate about any aches or pains kids might be feeling.

# Entries accepted for Woodhull Family Fun Fest

**WOODHULL** — Entries are now being accepted for the 5th Annual Woodhull Family Fun Fest 5K set for Saturday, July 21.

The 3.1 Mile run begins at AlWood High School; 301 E. Fifth Avenue, Woodhull at 8 a.m. Early registration fee is \$20 if received by July 13 and includes a performance t-shirt. After July 13 registration fee increases to \$25 through the morning of the race; shirt sizes on race day are not guaranteed.

Entry forms are available online on race

calendars at [www.cornbelt.org](http://www.cornbelt.org) and [www.starvedrockrunners.org](http://www.starvedrockrunners.org) or call Lindsey Brown at 309-334-2934 or email [lbrown@jtmconcepts.com](mailto:lbrown@jtmconcepts.com).

Race day registration and packet pick-up will begin at 6:45 a.m. and conclude at 7:45 a.m. sharp.

Walkers are welcomed and are eligible for age group awards. Results, fruit, drinks, and snacks will be available after the race.

Free Family Fun Run (1/4-mile loop)

for the little ones w/ free t-shirt and ribbon for the kids. Fun Run set to start at approximately 9:30 a.m. after 5K Trophy Presentations are completed.

The race kicks off a day of free events for kids in the park celebrating summer fun (this year including a sanctioned Strong Man Competition) including a pork chop lunch and ice cream social, topped off by supper on Main Street and a Free Admission Street Dance.

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### Washington Cherries

**\$2<sup>49</sup>**  
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**\$2<sup>99</sup>**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$3.89-\$4.29 ea.



### Shullsburg Shredded Cheese

Assorted 8 oz

**\$1<sup>99</sup>**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.



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Assorted 48 oz

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## WEEKLY SPECIALS

### Open Bit BBQ Sauce

Assorted 18 oz

**99¢**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.



### Shurfine Marshmallows

16 oz

**89¢**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.



### Gatorade

Assorted 32 oz  
1.25 oz

**99¢**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.



### Classico Pasta Sauce

15 oz

**\$1<sup>89</sup>**  
ea.  
Reg. Price \$3.09 ea.



### International Delight Coffee Creamer

Assorted 16 oz

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ea.  
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6 pack bottles 16.9 oz

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