

Charges given for December hit and run

DIXON—The Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Lee County State's Attorney's Office announce the following charges that stem from the investigation of a fatal hit-and-run traffic accident that occurred near the intersection of Sterling Road and Walton Road at approximately 9:29 p.m. on December 4th. Kristin Kisich, age 42, of Custer Park, Illinois is being charged with the following offenses:

Failure to Report and Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Death, a Class 1 Felony

Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Death, a Class 4 Felony

From the investigation, 40-year-old Patrick J. Yocum from Rock Falls was walking near the area and was struck by a vehicle. Yocum was located by a passerby in the middle of the roadway. He was transported to KSB Hospital by

the Amboy Fire Department and was later pronounced deceased. Evidence left at the scene revealed that the offending vehicle had significant front-end damage to the grill, hood, and windshield of the vehicle. The offending vehicle was identified as a Jeep Cherokee with the model years being from 2014 to 2018. A media release with the offending vehicle information was disseminated the following day on December 5th. Over the afternoon of December 5th, Ms. Kisich contacted the Lee County Sheriff's Office and reported that she may be responsible for the incident. Her vehicle, a 2014 Jeep Cherokee, was located at a residence in Dixon. It was subsequently impounded as part of the investigation. Detectives interviewed Ms. Kisich and obtained a statement. Further investigation was conducted that culminated in the charges listed.



The featured tractor during the 42nd Annual Sublette Antique Tractor & Toy Show from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17 is John Deere. Although all old and new John Deere tractors and equipment are welcomed, the John Deere 4020, left, is specially featured since 2024 is the 60th year of the tractor.



Photos contributed

Sublette Antique Tractor & Toy Show is just around the corner

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Amboy News Editor

SUBLETTE – If spring can't get here fast enough, neither can the 42nd Annual Sublette Antique Tractor & Toy Show.

This year's event is going to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17 in five different buildings in Sublette.

As always there is a featured tractor, and it is John Deere this time around.

"Our feature changes from year to year between eight different brands of tractors from old to

new. Some companies are no longer around but there are still the antique tractors in this area," said Maurice Zimmerlein, who is called the president of the show's committee, but he'll tell you he's just a member who runs the meetings because everyone has a job to do. "John Deere has always been big in this area. They have such a big dealer network, and a lot of local farmers are either CASE IH or John Deere. I prefer the John Deere because that is what I grew up on."

"All models of John Deere equipment are welcome to show-

case. We would like to feature the Model 4020 tractor because it is the 60th year of the tractor. We're looking for those specifically. I know there are a lot of those in this area and we're trying to dig them out to get them to the show."

Although John Deere tractors are likely to come from anywhere, Zimmerlein and the committee are aware and thankful many exhibits will be provided locally as families have brought as many as 10-15 tractors and Prairie State Tractor in Mendota will bring brand new John Deere tractors.

See Sublette page A7



The Amboy Fire District offers free training to its members. Different training sessions are held at the Amboy fire station and the training grounds across the street.

Amboy News file photo

'If it isn't you, who's it going to be?'

Recruitment Night is February 24 to showcase benefits of becoming a member of the Amboy Fire District

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – It is well known, staffing at fire departments is dangerously low. Not just in Amboy, or Illinois, but nationwide.

The Amboy Fire District wants to show you the benefits of joining the local fire and emergency services department with Recruitment Night at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb 24 at the Amboy fire station located at 24 N East, Ave.

"Having local responders is critical. They are helping us buy seconds back. What happens with every fire, it's on a timer, and it eats away seconds," said Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant Sr. "The only thing to do on the Amboy Fire Department side is buy back seconds. That means having more robust responders that can assist with the firefighting operations, the EMS calls and the car accidents. We're trying to improve the quality of life for Amboy citizens. The way I look at it is, if it's not you, who is it going to be?"

"The benefits of volunteering for your local department are your self worth and

you're giving back to your local community. You're providing services that if you're not doing them, who is going to?"

"We do pay for going on calls and training. We pay the cost of the training and we pay the equipment cost. There is a lot of tradition at the Amboy Fire District."

Citizens can join the department as young as high school age, which are cadets, and regular members are ages 18-to-65.

The Amboy Fire District recently consolidated with Harmon and also offers services to West Brooklyn and Ohio.

The department averages 1 ½ calls per day and 500 calls per year, which has doubled in the last two decades.

"We've been blessed in the last couple of months. We've had some new applicants and new members," Bryant Sr. said. "We're continuing to grow. We're looking for people because we need members now more than ever."

"At the end of the day, it's a blessing for all of the accolades people receive for just being a member of an organization with a lot of tradition."

A Tribute to the fallen of World War I

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

SGT. Edward "Eddie" Bott

311th Infantry Regiment, 78th Division

Military records show Eddie Bott, 21, enlisting in the army at Ft. Logan near Denver in 1911, with a discharge in 1914, prior to the beginning of the world war. Born on May 24, 1889 to his German-born parents Frederick and Amelia Bott, Eddie lived on College Avenue in Dixon during his youth, attending school there and eventually finding work as a laborer in town.



After America declared war on Germany in April 1917, Eddi returned to active duty and served with the army at El Paso Texas, where he was wounded in a night attack along the Mexican border. He served as an orderly to General Pershing for a time before his assignment in New Mexico. Eventually he was transferred to Fort Dix, New Jersey promoted to Sergeant with the Headquarters Company of the 311th Infantry, 78th Division, nicknamed the "lightning division".



On May 19, 1918, he departed Brooklyn, N.Y. for France on the transport ship Nestor, listed as a Color Sergeant, most likely in command of an infantry platoon. During June of 1918, Bott's 78th Division participated first in the St. Mihiel offensive and was brought up to the line in September for the largest operation of the American Expeditionary Force, the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Facing miles-long stretch of machine gun nests, poison gas, and artillery barrages, four French Divisions and Five American Divisions including the 78th managed to push German forces 16 miles back behind their defensive line before the

Nov. 11 Armistice. SGT. Bott's Division suffered thousands of deaths during this final offensive.

Even as the guns of war were silenced on Nov. 11, the war was not officially ended, and American soldiers would remain in Europe as the Treaty of Versailles was negotiated among the allies in early 1919. It is difficult to imagine the relief his mother must have felt in December when she received a letter from Eddie in which he wrote that he expected to be home in Dixon by February.

Life took a turn for the Bott Family when, on Jan. 22, 1919, SGT. Eddie Bott died at Base Hospital #103 near the embarkation point for his return home.

Although he fought with courage and gallantry to survive some of the worst fighting yet known to mankind, it was the silent invisible enemy that took his life in a hospital ward – the Flu Pandemic of 1918.

SGT. Edward Bott was buried at the American Cemetery near Dijon, France. A memorial to his sacrifice stands in the Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon where a grateful community can say his name and remember him forever.

NOTE: If you know of other Lee County Soldiers who died in service during World War I, we urge you to share that information to demps60@gmail.com so that those soldiers may be honored and remembered.

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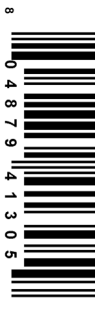
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LOCAL NEWS



Depot Days gives to AJHS

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, left, presents a check for \$1,000 to Amie Wiseman of the Amboy Junior High School Media Center. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$48,000 to local organizations this year. Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



First Baptist receives \$2,000

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, left, presents a check for \$2,000 to Pastor Rocky and Carol Fritz of the First Baptist Church Food Pantry. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$48,000 to local organizations this year.

Maytown Comets exchange ornaments

MAYTOWN – The Maytown Comets 4-H Club held its monthly meeting at the Maytown Hall Thursday, Jan. 18th. During the meeting, the club discussed old and new business. Following the meeting there was an ornament exchange. There were lots of pretty and fun ornaments. If you have a child that is interested in joining 4-H, the next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Maytown Catholic Hall. Before the Maytown Comets meeting, the Cloverbuds will hold its meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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Addison Shaw named Amboy High School's February Student of the Month

AMBOY – Addison Shaw, daughter of Jay and Beth Shaw, has been named the Amboy Student of the Month for February.

GPA: 3.8

Memberships and Involvement: Leo's club director, National Honor Society member, National Honor Society tutor, Sauk Valley Community College 2023-2024 Academy student, Sauk Valley Community College Science Club secretary, Whiteside County Civil Air Patrol Sergeant Airman, four-year employee at Woodhaven Lake's Nature Center, nearly 95 hours of total community service during high school

Awards and Honors: High honors honor roll, varsity letters in softball and volleyball, volleyball four-year plaque, two-time William and Betty Kidd Scholarship recipient, Whiteside County Civil Air Patrol Sergeant Airman promotion, Amboy Daughters of the American Revolution winner, Sauk Valley Community College

Academy pin

Best Memories of AHS: Amboy High School holds many great memories! It is funny to look back and remember freshman year when I was terrified to be in high school. Now, senior year, I am terrified to *not* be in high school! It is amazing to see how much everybody has changed, grown, and matured. My best memory of AHS is senior homecoming, it was the best one of all. I cannot wait to see what the rest of this academic year brings and to finally move that tassel!

Future Plans: I plan to major in criminal justice, minor in forestry, and obtain a conservation law enforcement certificate at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. I hope to join the United States Air National Guard and finish a six-year contract in the Guard locally as a conservation officer. From there, I aspire to become a law enforcement park ranger for the National Park Service!

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Valentine's Auction

We are currently having a Valentine's auction on Airauctioneer.com to raise funds for our free year-round programs. It started yesterday, Tuesday, Feb. 6 at Noon and ends tomorrow Thursday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. and is on airauctioneer.com. Some of the items that will be auctioned off: Ice Hogs tickets, Valentine's basket, cream puffs, fudge, and chocolate chocolate chip cookies. Winning bidders will be able to pick up items on Feb. 9 or 10. We accept Venmo (@Teenturf-235), cash, and check.

Mardis Gras/Valentine's Dance

We will be having another double-themed dance on Friday, Feb. 9 from 7-9 p.m. Cost to get in is \$5 and there will be a balloon drop, games, food, and fun. Chaperones are always welcome, and your child/children get in free.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Those who donate cans; Kelly Foster monetary donation; Joe and Diane Stewart for monetary donation; Amboy Lion's Club and Lee Center church for the desserts and chili and thank you Jim Travi for bringing it; Sharyl Iwanski for the monetary donation; Tom and Anna Mainhart for the chips; Sandy Peterson for the chips; Donna Wellman for her monetary donation for the dance; Shady Oaks Country Club for the drinks and snacks; Mark and Veronica Grossman for the various items; Frank and Karen Stenzel for the shirt and erasers and Madison Thomas for the books.

Drive-Thru Fish Fry

Save the date, March 15th. More info to follow.

Needs

Fruit roll-ups

Final Note

God of Blessings, we know that if we give it will be given to us, so we pray that we give to those freely. We thank You because we know that a good measure, pressure down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into our laps. We don't have to chase Your blessings, for You give to Your people liberally without reproach. We pray that we show this same regard when we do good to others, because the same standard that we use will be measured to us in return, Amen.

Teen Turf's Valentine's Auction

AMBOY – Teen Turf is having a Valentine's auction on Airauctioneer.com (Teen Turf Valentine's Day Auction 2024) to raise funds for its free year-round programs.

The auction starts at noon on Tuesday, February 6 and ends at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 8 on airauctioneer.com.

Some of the items that will be auctioned off are Ice Hogs tickets, Valentine's basket, cream puffs, fudge, and chocolate chocolate chip cookies.

Winning bidders will be able to pick up items on February 9-10.

Teen Turf accept Venmo (@Teenturf-235), cash, and check.



Salado named WACC Student of the Month

AMBOY — Angeles Salado, a senior from Amboy High School, was recently named November Student of the Month for outstanding effort and performance in Auto Tech II class at Whiteside Area Career Center in Sterling. She is the daughter of Oscar and Sayra Salgado.



Vazquez named WACC Student of the Month

AMBOY — Eliseo Vazquez, a senior from Amboy High School, was recently named November Student of the Month for outstanding effort and performance in Auto Tech II class at Whiteside Area Career Center in Sterling. He is the son of Guillermo Vazquez and Rosa Tapia.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

AMBOY-You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program. The program has moved from The Amboy Sports Park to indoors at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US Highway 52, Amboy. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Chairs are provided for an approximate 30-minute workout. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.

DIXON- Kids & K-9's is a survey class that will introduce you to all facets of training including obedience, rally, agility, and showmanship. It is also designed to help your dog become a more integral part of your family. Open to youth ages eight to 18 beginning Saturday, Feb. 10 and running select Saturdays through August. The class will be held at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center, in Dixon. Beginners will take place at 11 a.m., with advanced classes following at 1 p.m. The fee will be free for 4-H members and \$20 for non-4-H members. Register online at go.illinois.edu/kidsk9.

STERLING- Join University of Illinois Extension Educator Kara Schweitzer each month as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory. We will be offering this program at the Edward Murphy Room at KSB Town Square, 101 W Second St., on Monday, Feb. 12, from 1 – 2:30 p.m. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6

Heidelberg University announces fall semester Dean's List

TIFFIN, Ohio – Heidelberg University has announced the names of 402 students who have earned academic recognition on the fall semester dean's list. Included on the list is Avery Shaw, a senior from Amboy.

According to Provost Dr. Bryan D. Smith, students must be enrolled full time and meet academic criteria set forth by the university to be named to the dean's list.

Founded in 1850, Heidelberg offers 32 majors, 26 minors and 13 pre-professional programs, awarding the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Music degrees, as well as master's degrees in counseling, business administration and athletic training. Heidelberg has been consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a top college in the Midwest, as a "best value" for providing a high-quality education at an affordable price and as a "top performer" on the Social Mobility list. For more information visit the website at www.heidelberg.edu.

p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Feb. 12. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

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Larry Glenn Hawes March 31, 1936 - Jan. 28, 2024

GLENDAL, Az. — Larry Glenn Hawes, a steadfast pillar of the community and beloved family man, passed away peacefully on Jan. 28, 2024, at Banner Thunderbird Medical Center in Glendale, Arizona. Born in Freeport, on March 31, 1936, to Glen and Margaret (Schmidt) Hawes, Larry lived a life marked by dedication, hard work, and a deep commitment to his family and faith.

After completing his education at Lena High School in 1954, Larry furthered his academic journey at Cornell College and Northern Illinois University before attending Southern Illinois Banking School. His academic endeavors laid the foundation for a distinguished career in banking, which began at the State Bank of Freeport. Larry's dedication and leadership skills led him to the First National Bank of Amboy, where he served with distinction as Bank President for 28 years, Chairman of the Board for 33 years and Board Member for 40 years. Under his guidance, the bank experienced significant growth, a testament to his visionary leadership and unwavering resolve.

Larry's professional achievements were matched only by his personal life. On June 30, 1962, he married the love of his life, Bette D'Inverno, in their hometown of Freeport. Together, they raised three sons, Jon, Paul, and Aaron, in a home filled with love, laughter, and faith. Larry was a role model to his sons, teaching them the value of integrity and the importance of setting and achieving goals. He is

survived by his devoted wife of 61 years, Bette; his sons, Jon (Theresa) of Glenview, Paul (Lisa) of The Woodlands, Texas, and Aaron (Devi) of Shelbyville; and his cherished grandchildren, Olivia, Aidan, and Ben of The Woodlands, Texas, Tom and Dan of Glenview, and Abbi of Shelbyville, who will forever hold his memory in their hearts.

Lifelong members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Larry and Bette found strength and community in their faith. Larry served on the church's Finance Committee, reflecting his commitment to stewardship and service. His involvement extended beyond the church to the Amboy Fire Department Board and the KSB Hospital Board, where he contributed his expertise and leadership for the betterment of the community.

Larry's interests painted the picture of a man who loved the simple pleasures in life. Whether it was his love of horses, a round of golf at Shady Oaks or a quiet afternoon fishing at the Pits, he found joy in the outdoors and the camaraderie of friends and fellow community members. Retirement to Sun City, Arizona, with Bette allowed them to continue enjoying their passion for golf and the warmth of the sun, far from the cold winters of Illinois.

The legacy Larry leaves behind is one of unwavering commitment to his family, his career, and his community. His life was a testament to the values he held dear: hard work, integrity, and faith. He will be remembered not only for



his achievements but also for the way he touched the lives of those around him with his strength, guidance, and love.

The Funeral Mass for Larry will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Amboy, with Monsignor Dan Hermes presiding over the service. Larry will be laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery in Freeport. Friends and loved ones are invited to pay their respects on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home 213 Crawford Ave., Dixon, IL 61021.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Larry's honor may be given to St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Amboy 32 N. Jones St., Amboy, IL 61310 or the Amboy Fire Department 25 N. E. Ave., Amboy, IL 61310.

Larry's memory will live on in the hearts of those he loved and the community he served. His was a life well-lived, full of purpose and love, and his spirit will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Sarah Hinrichs Jan. 28, 1932 - Feb. 1, 2024

DEKALB — Sarah Hinrichs, 92, of DeKalb, formerly of Amboy passed away on Feb. 1, 2024 at the home of her daughter in Dekalb.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1932 in Amboy, the daughter of William and Rachel (Mason) Hall. Sarah was a driver for the Amboy School District and a waitress at the Amboy Family Restaurant. She was a member of the Amboy Hospital Auxiliary.

Sarah married Eugene Hinrichs on July 6, 1953 in Mendota. He preceded her in death on Dec. 3, 2000.

She is also preceded in

death by her brother Jack Hall, and daughter Susan McCracken.

Sarah is survived by her children Kathy (Bernie) Kuebel, of Peru, Debra (Tom) Dickinson, of Amboy, Greg Hinrichs, of Avon Ind., Diane Rapp, of DeKalb, Deanne (Bill) Opsahl, of Durand, David (Stacy) Hinrichs, of Waterloo; 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial will follow at Prairie Repose Ceme-



tery in Amboy. Visitation will be from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., on Monday Feb. 5, 2024, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Kishwaukee College offers numerous scholarship opportunities

MALTA — Kishwaukee College offers several scholarship opportunities to help students cover the cost of their education. In 2023, Kish provided more than \$645,000 in scholarships to help students achieve academic success.

As Kish continues to streamline its scholarship offerings, there are recent application process changes to help ensure the College awards the most funding possible.

Chris and Katherine Boulos Scholarship — Application Period Feb. 1-March 1

The Chris and Katherine Boulos Scholarship is awarded to DeKalb or Sycamore high school graduates who will attend Kishwaukee College full-time. Previously, applications were submitted directly to Old National Bank. The application process is now part of the Kishwaukee College Foundation's general scholarship application, with Old National Bank managing the trust portfolio.

Foundation Scholarships — Application Period Feb. 1-March 1

The Kishwaukee College Foundation offers more than 80 different scholarship opportunities each semester. More than \$400,000 is awarded annually thanks to the generosity of community donors. Students submit a general application to apply for Foundation scholarships.

Academic Achievement and Dual Credit — Application with Enrollment

Academic Achievement and Dual Credit scholarships are now automatically awarded when a student applies to Kish and graduates within the 2023-2024 academic year. Academic Achievement Scholarships are for students with a GPA of 3.25 or higher who graduate from an in-district high school or reside within the Kish district and graduate from a private high school or are home-schooled. Dual Credit Scholarships are for students who have earned Kishwaukee College credits while in high school and plan to attend Kish full-time.

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook By: Tatjana Kazan

A Family Affair

French author Marguerite Duras (1914-1996) became world-famous with the publication in 1984 of "The Lover." It was translated into 43 languages, its English translation sold over a million copies, and it won the prestigious Prix Goncourt. Like most of

her novels, "The Lover" is a blend of memoir and fiction. Almost all of her novels have been translated into English, with the exception of her first novel, "The Impudent Ones" ("Les Impudents"). Duras did not include it for several years after its pub-

lication in 1943. In 2021 it was finally translated into English.

Though "The Impudent Ones" does not yet have Duras's famous pared-down style to its essentials, its descriptions of the French countryside are outstanding. It takes place in suburban Paris and in Lot-et-Garonne, a southwest province of France. Duras was born and raised near Saigon, but when she was eight, she spent two years in Lot-et-Garonne where her late father owned property. Later, she changed her name from Donnadieu to Duras, a hamlet in Lot-et-Garonne. The novel de-

picts themes which Duras will repeatedly explore in her subsequent novels: family conflicts, betrayals, scandals, seduction, and disrepute. The word "impudent" sums up the behavior of the novel's characters and the consequences of their defiance of convention.

Jacques, the eldest of the Grant-Taneran children, is a manipulative thug and his mother's favorite. The younger children, Henri and Maud, are also blindly devoted to him. To escape Jacques' shady creditors and the police, the family travels to Lot-et-Garonne, where they have a long neglected farm in Uder-

an. They lodge with their neighbors, the Pecresses, who are socially beneath the Tanerans. Mrs. Taneran is horrified when she realizes that Mrs. Pecresse hopes that 20-year-old Maud may be marriage material for her good-for-nothing son John. One night, George Durieux from Bordeaux gallops in on horseback. He owns property near Uderan and visits on holidays. He falls in love with Maud and she experiences romantic love for the first time.

The novel's perspective shifts to Maud, who gradually awakens as if from a dream. She spends her time walking alone in the

countryside, where one night she comes upon the corpse of a young woman. When, at Jacques' instigation – Maud now sees him for the monster he is – the family turns on her, she secretly goes to live with George. She loves sleeping with him, but she is reduced to sitting in the dark, hiding behind drawn curtains, while George is away. Jacques will cause the near financial ruin of the family and Maud will undergo further trials until a somewhat awkward ending. "The Impudent Ones" is worth reading, but it lacks the intensity and elegance of Duras's more mature novels.

Kishwaukee College Foundation program enhancements continue to serve as valuable resources

MALTA – The Kishwaukee College Foundation awarded \$75,377 in program enhancement funds to Kishwaukee College departments for the 2023-2024 academic year. The Foundation has a variety of program enhancement funds established by the generosity of donors for specific purposes. Funds support various needs, including educational support for instructors, new equipment, and testing services for students. The following program enhancement funds have been awarded this year:

Evelina Jose Cichy Fund

The fund was established to honor Evelina Cichy and her many years of service to Kishwaukee College. The fund helps pay for fees associated with the Illinois High School Diploma test.

John & Barbara Dant Memorial Fund

The fund provides financial support for the needs of the math and English departments. This year, funds support faculty professional development activities and outstanding student awards for English and math.

Jobe-Lewis Fund

Suzanne K. Lewis established this fund to honor her mother, Doris V. Lewis, who obtained a nursing degree. Suzanne wished to honor her mother by helping support others who chose the nursing field. This year, the fund will support farm rescue training, student achievement awards and program events for students.

Jenkins Presidential Endowment

The fund supports the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society to further enhance its activities.

Yvonne A. Johnson Endowment for Community Education

This fund is used for programmatic needs for the Fine Arts, Communications, Science, and Horticulture programs. This year, the fund supports the replacement and repair of kilns, an art display for students and events within the Art Department.

Leifheit Literacy Endowment

The Leifheit Literacy Endowment supports the adult and family literacy programs at Kishwaukee College. It provides students with testing supplies and support to obtain their Illinois High School Diploma.

Library Endowment Fund

This fund supports the operations of the Kishwaukee College Library. This year, the fund helped purchase informational posters and light therapy lamps for the study rooms.

Lifelong Learning Endowment

Honoring the retirement of Judy Krajewski, former

Dean of Community Education & Services, this fund was established to ensure a legacy of lifelong learning for future generations by increasing access to community education opportunities through scholarships in non-credit courses.

Matteson Horticulture Fund

The fund supports the programmatic needs of the Horticulture Department. This year, funds helped purchase an automated seeding machine.

Terry & Sherrie Martin Health & Science Endowment

The fund was born out of a deep commitment to education and strong faith in the values of Kishwaukee College. The endowment supports program enhancements for the Allied Health or Science programs. This year, the endowment helped provide equipment for the radiologic technology program, upgrades on microscopes and support for students with online lab kits.

Terry & Sherrie Martin PTK Endowment

The endowment supports the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Hallmark Award, a student scholarship. Terry Martin was a long-time advisor of the Kish's PTK chapter.

Robert L. "Smitty" Smith Assistantship

The assistantship fund was established to honor Robert L. Smith, a highly regarded faculty member in the science department during Kishwaukee College's early years from 1968 to 1975. The fund supports student assistantships in STEM departments. Students assist faculty in research projects and lab development. For more information on Program Enhancements, contact the Kishwaukee College Foundation at 815-825-9803 or visit kish.edu/foundation-funds.

From The Heart Calendar winners

January 2024 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Jan. 1 - Laurie Borowicz, Janesville, WI, \$1,000
Jan. 2 - Cindy Bonnell, Dixon, \$25
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Jan. 4 - Teresa Petry, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 5 - Nathan Thompson, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 6 - Audrey Summers, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 7 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50
Jan. 8 - Kishwaukee College Foundation, \$25
Jan. 9 - Katelyn Gabbard, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 10 - Focus House, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 11 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
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Jan. 15 - Karen Anderson, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 16 - Tina Graber, Palatine, \$25

Jan. 17 - Connie Manning, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 18 - Jordan Blume, Oregon, \$25
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Jan. 28 - Aubrey Headon, Rochelle, \$50
Jan. 29 - Mike Scott, Forreton, \$25
Jan. 30 - Joe Williams, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 31 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

Email news items to
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Local students named to the fall 2023 Dean's List at Aurora University

AURORA – Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 grade-point average or higher.

Compton

Brooke Heiman, Business Administration

Dixon

Meagan Anderson, Social Work

Janda Hicks, Social Work

Lee

Kaitlyn Frazier, Health Science

Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution located on a 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois. The university serves approximately 4,100 undergraduate students across more than 60 academic programs. More than 1,800 graduate students are enrolled at the institution as well. AU leadership, faculty, and staff are committed to the success of AU students, offering strong academic support programs and learning opportunities that prepare students to achieve their goals after graduation. Learn more at aurora.edu.



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VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, March 14, 2024, and are available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

PLEASE NOTE: Lee County Courthouse will be closed February 12, 2024 and February 19, 2024.

The votes cast during this time will not be counted until the polls close on Election Day. Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded.

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Opinion

Your shoes, your path, you're the one for the journey

Life is weird.
Ever changing from minute to minute, and without a doubt, day to day, week to week, month to month, and so on.
It's sometimes chill. Sometimes chaotic.
Maybe nice, maybe mean.
Could be fun. Could be boring.
Anxiety goes up, anxiety goes down.
Stress is at a zero, words are said or an action is done, and stress reaches 10.
Add the fact everyone is different – reactions happen in multiple ways and triggers or non-triggers have no flags, alerts, or warning labels – all walks of life are in their shoes, no one else's, and are on a path which zigs when others zags or turns right when others go left.
We're not talking about labels, brands, or colors when it comes to shoes, we're talking about the person connected to the feet in them and all the ingredients included in the making of the individual.
Although we live in a society which tries to tell us what is cool or not to wear, what is cool or not to say, what is cool or not to feel, or how we should think, the person in those shoes has the right to do all of these things the way they want and walk in the direction they choose.
There are speed bumps, in all shapes and sizes whether inanimate or animate.
There are influencers, we either listen to or ignore.
But again, those shoes do the walking, not the shoes

Column

By Brandon
LaChance



next to them, in front, behind, to the left, to the right.
However, sometimes it's hard to get past the speed bumps, hard to shut out the influencers, and hard to keep moving along the path.
Like shoestrings untie, emotions unwind.
They become unfiltered and no matter how much effort is put toward keeping them in touch, emotions and how they make us feel create an unbeaten path with more obstacles or take us on known trails with bigger, steeper, slicker objectives to get through.
Sometimes we don't have the information.
We don't have the means, the resources.
And the only thing we can think of is to give up.
Quit becomes the answer with the thought of not being enough in the foot notes. However, erasing the walkway doesn't get anyone anywhere.
Maybe it's a mountain.
Maybe it's stepping over a rock on a sidewalk.
What could be thought as a mountain to one is the rock to the other and vice versa.
But we all have them and can get past them.
No one puts on their shoes to begin life and never has something come up, an influencer, a speed bump, a doubt, or a stressor.
And all though they're linked to those key words, everyone's personal tag line is on their shoes with them

being the only one who can see what it is and is also the only one who is going through them.
There are elements which are similar.
Maybe done in different ways, but we all have the opportunity to tighten the shoestrings, we can all keep traveling our given path, we can break, pause, delay, maneuver, but we can stay to the path.
Our shoes are different sizes.
Headed in different directions.
But the one guaranteed, certain element is, we're all enough to keep going.
I'm not a psychiatrist or a counsellor and I don't have a doctorate.
But I am someone, like millions of others, who has had his path moved, buried, elevated, sideswiped, demolished, reconstructed and went through the same type of levels with emotions and feelings involved.
When I thought about throwing away my shoes, quitting, I had to think, who's going to walk where I'm supposed to go?
The answer for all of us is the same, no one, because no one is enough for what YOU'RE supposed to do or be where YOU'RE supposed to be.
Keep tightening your laces.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I appreciate Iowa for showing us who rural America wants in the White House come November. Donald Trump won 98 of the 99 counties, and the one he lost was by one vote.
The morning after the caucus Nikki Haley was on Fox and Friends, and stated

she wanted all investigations to stop and everybody to get together again. Is she saying she wants to forget the seven-plus years that the socialist Democrats have tried to rip President Trump and his family apart and destroy this county? Or forget the past three years they have put innocent people in prison, tried to destroy mothers going to

school board meetings and simply continue breaking our laws?
You still don't turn your back on a rattle snake because they still have their spots and can kill you. That is why we have to get to the bottom of all that has happened in the last seven years so it doesn't happen again.
There will always be some people that are like

rattlers, and they will always be dangerous. Nikki Haley would not be a good president.
We sure don't want this to happen again to our country because there might not be a Donald Trump around to make America great again.
From,
Bob Anderson, Amboy

Dear Editor:

It's the biggest game day of the year and all of us at G&M Distributors are eagerly counting down to kickoff. Whether you're tuning in for the touchdowns, the halftime show, or both, this beloved American tradition wouldn't be complete without a cold beer enjoyed with family and friends. From the neighborhood bar to the living room couch, Anheuser-Busch and G&M are honored to be part of your game day lineup.
If you're planning to cheer on your team with a few Bud Lights, make sure your playbook includes a way to get home safely at the end of the night. When it comes to keeping safe, we're all on the same team – and drunk driving is never the winning play.

For more than 35 years, Anheuser-Busch and its wholesaler partners have promoted responsible drinking initiatives and community-based programs to prevent impaired driving, underage drinking, and other harmful uses of alcohol. This year, G&M encourages everyone to Decide to Ride if drinking is part of your Super Bowl celebrations.
End the season strong by planning ahead for a safe ride home once the champions are named. No matter which team you're rooting for, it takes all of us to put an end to drunk driving. We thank you for your support and go team!
Sincerely,
Mary Adolphson
Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago Feb. 8, 1924

Eichler Brother storeroom, the one formerly occupied by Jenkin's Jewelry store, is now in readiness for the reception of the stock of goods which is due to arrive about this time. The room presents a very up-to-date appearance and when the goods are on the shelves, will be one of the finest Amboy has ever had.
All but a few roads in this section are completely blocked by high drifts as the result of the worst storms of the winter which raged here Monday afternoon and far in the night.
Radio fans had the unusual privilege of hearing Havana, Cuba, over the radio at Aschenbrenner's Pharmacy at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

75 Years Ago Feb. 10, 1949

Mayor M.G. Mihm, no nearing the end of his second term at the helm of Amboy's city government, will seek re-election at the polls on Tuesday.
Gordon A. Penhollow, radio technician, of Rock Falls, and Raymond T. White, electrician, of Sterling,

have purchased the Degner Radio Shop in this city, from Robert Degner, and took over the business on Feb. 7.
Miss Ann Mihm, senior at Amboy High School was one of seven outstanding seniors from Dixon and neighboring schools who received the Good Citizenship Award and were honored Saturday by the D.A.R. of Dixon.

50 Years Ago Feb. 7, 1974

After being selected as the 1974 Lee County Princess Soya, Miss Susan Pritchard of Lee County went on to win the 1974 Illinois Princess Soya crown.
Amboy, Erie, Riverdale, Savanna, and Sterling Newman High School went on record Jan. 30 to become members of a new conference, yet to be named. District #272 Unit Superintendent Dr. Donald Skidmore represented Amboy at the meeting held in Erie. Eight high schools were represented, the five above along with River Bend (Fulton), Prophetstown and Morrison.
Picking their "Player of the Week" from Northern Illinois in Tuesday's

edition, the Rockford Morning Star named Tim McCaffrey of Amboy High School.

25 Years Ago Feb. 4, 1989

Amboy High School's teacher's union and the Amboy School District #272 Board of Education agreed on a new three-year teacher's contract at a special board meeting. The board agreed to a flat rate raise for the first two years. Teachers will receive a \$1,650 raise for the first year and a \$1,400 raise in the second year. For the third year, the teachers will receive a 3.5 percent raise with the district paying one percent into the Teachers Retirement System.
News Media Corporation, the parent company of the Rochelle News-Leader, Ogle County Life and The Mendota Reporter has purchased the Ashton Gazette and the Amboy News, effective on Monday, Feb. 1, 1999.
Amboy Mayor Hank Gerdes was presented a plaque by Daryl Stiemstra and Don Lee of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recognizing Gerdes as IDOT's Contractor of the Year.

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LOCAL NEWS



Chili Luncheon & Basket Raffle

The Amboy Community Building could hardly contain the attendees of the Amboy Lions Club's and Lee Center Church's Chili Luncheon & Basket Raffle on Sunday, Jan. 28. The event included chili with all the fixings and crackers, carrots, Jell-O, cake, and drinks. Carryouts were available. Donations were accepted at the door and tickets cost \$1 each or \$5 for six for the Basket Raffle Ticket Fundraiser. Proceeds went to the Lee Center Church Building Maintenance Fund and the Amboy Lions Club Community Projects Fund.

Photo courtesy of Sandy Wittenauer

Sublette continued from page A1

At the show, the antique tractors will be outdoors, there will be a local semi-tractor display, farm toy layout displays, Firemen's Pancake Breakfast held by the Sublette Volunteer Fire Department from 7 a.m.-noon on Sunday, March 17, lunch stands by Sub-let Indians and Maytown Comets 4-H clubs, and a free shuttle service to each of the five buildings.

"The show takes a lot of preparation. We have six

committee members (Zimmerlein, John Stenzel, Anthony Morgan, Mark Henkel, Jeremy Zapf, and Evan Bickett) and a lot, a lot of volunteers who are putting this thing together. There are people who will come out of the woodwork a week before the show to help us set up. It works out really well.

"It's a community minded event."

For more information call 815-503-2607 or 815-866-8017.

Trivia Night to support Amboy FFA Alumni

AMBOY – The Third Annual Trivia Night hosted by the Amboy FFA Alumni comes to the Amboy Community Building on Saturday, March 2.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. Andrew Klein, the 2014-15 state FFA reporter and alumni of Amboy High School and FFA Chapter will serve as the night's moderator.

Eight rounds of questions will cover a variety of topics including food, animals, history, and pop culture. Prizes will be given for High Team Score, Low Team Score, Best Team Name and Best Dressed Team.

Pizza and finger food will be provided. A cash bar, dessert auction and other opportunities to support FFA will be available. Amboy FFA members will be helping at the event and accepting bribes for the correct answers.

Trivia Night benefits Amboy FFA Alumni and their efforts to support Amboy FFA members through scholarships, conferences, and conventions as well as attendance at colleges and trade schools. This year, the funds raised will help purchase new welders for the Amboy High School agriculture department.

Team registration for up to eight players is \$200.00. Online registration can be found at "Trivia Night Presented by Amboy FFA Alumni" on Facebook. Event Sponsors include \$150.00 to sponsor



one round of questions or \$400.00 to sponsor the event. For more information, call Katie Pratt, Amboy FFA Alumni secretary at (815) 285-3158.

For up-to-date details about the event like Amboy FFA Alumni & Supporters on Facebook.

The Amboy FFA Alumni contributes positively to current activities and programs supporting the development of premiere leadership, personal growth, and career success in Amboy FFA members through agriculture education.

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This Week's Student of the Week is:
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- Favorite Food – Pizza
- Favorite Book – Princess Books
- Favorite Game – Bluey Video Game
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- Favorite Song – How Far I'll Go Moana

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SPORTS

Amboy advances six to sectional wrestling mats

SANDWICH – Six Amboy wrestlers kept their season alive after the Clippers participated in the IHSA Class 1A Sandwich Regional Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 3.

Lucas Blanton topped the list for the Clippers with a first-place finish in the 175-pound weight class. Three Amboy grapplers – Landon Blanton at 120, Chase Montavon at 126 and Evan Flanagan at 215 – earned second-place honors, while Chase Huggins (113) and Caiden Heath (138) finished third. The top three wrestlers in each weight class qualify for the sectional round.

Lucas Blanton pinned both of his opponents in the first period to claim first-place honors.

Landon Blanton won by technical fall in his first-round match and then was decisioned in the championship bout.

“To say I’m proud of these boys as their coach would be an understatement,” said Clippers’ wrestling coach Brent Mon-



Amboy senior Lucas Blanton, center, stood atop of the rest at the Class 1A Sandwich Regional as he won the 175-pound bracket. Photo contributed

tavon. “They have worked their butts off all year for the postseason and they showed up. We have six out of eight advancing with one alternate. We placed fourth in team points and are now on our way to the Class 1A Byron Sectional.

“These boys can keep it going. Let’s go Clippers.”

Montavon also wrestled in two matches, gaining a decision win in the open-

ing round before getting pinned in the finals.

Flanagan went up against three foes on his way to a second-place finish. Flanagan handled his first two opponents by pin and then was pinned in the championship match.

Huggins won two of three matches, dropping his opening match via pin and then coming back to post two decision victories.

Heath had to go through four opponents to advance his way to the sectional. He got a pin win in his first match and then lost by technical fall. Heath bounced back with two straight pins to extend his season.

Ty Florschuetz (106) and Jose Lopez (144) also competed for the Clippers, but saw their season come to a close.

Amboy finished fourth in the team standings with 112 points. Sandwich won the regional title with 205.5 points.

The six sectional qualifiers will compete in the Byron Sectional on Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10.

Sandwich Regional - Feb. 3

Sandwich 205.5, Princeton 170, Marquette 119.5, Amboy 112, St. Bede 94, Mendota 57, Lisle 53, Aurora Central Catholic 34, Putnam County 26, Mooseheart 18, Somonauk 4

106 - Ty Florschuetz
Florschuetz pinned

Lara (Lis), 2:51; Swanson (Pri) pinned Florschuetz, 0:45; Florschuetz pinned Arteaga (Men), 3:16; Ross (San) pinned Florschuetz, 2:00

113 - Chase Huggins, 3rd place

Murphy (Moo) pinned Huggins, 0:50; Huggins dec. DuBois (Lis), 7-2; Huggins dec. Murphy (Moo), 14-6

120 - Landon Blanton, 2nd place

Blanton technical fall Cooke (Pri), 16-0; Ferari (Lis) dec. Blanton, 3-1

126 - Chase Montavon, 2nd place

Montavon dec. Briceno (Moo), 11-1; Thompson (Mar) pinned Montavon, 1:44

138 - Caiden Heath,

3rd place

Heath pinned Kleckner (Men), 3:41; Corder (San) technical fall Heath, 21-5; Heath pinned Vincelao (Lis), 2:25; Heath pinned Rizzo (SB), 5:53

144 - Jose Lopez

Evans (Men) dec. Lopez, 16-12; Coventry (SB) pinned Lopez, 1:08

175 - Lucas Blanton,

1st place

Blanton pinned Dose (Mar), 1:13; Blanton pinned Clevenger (San), 1:58

215 - Evan Flanagan,

2nd place

Flanagan pinned Amicon (Mar), 0:44; Flanagan pinned Murillo (San), 3:34; Morris (Pri) pinned Flanagan, 2:50

Lady Clippers to play at Marquette Regional

OTTAWA – The Amboy Lady Clippers have been assigned to the IHSA Class 1A Ottawa Marquette Regional Girls’ Basketball Tournament to be played Feb 10, 12, 16.

Amboy earned the third seed in Sub-Sectional B.

The tournament will open with a play-in game when Gardner-South Wilmington visits Marquette on Saturday, Feb. 10.

The winner of that game will take on second-seeded Peru St. Bede on Monday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. in the semifinal-round. In the nightcap on Feb. 12, the Lady Clippers will battle Putnam County at 7:30 p.m.

The two winners of the semifinal games will square off for the regional championship at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16.

The winner of the Marquette Regional will advance to the Gardner-South Wilmington Sectional to face the champion of the Crete (Illinois Lutheran) Regional at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20. The other sectional qualifiers will come from the Earlville and Elgin (Harvest Christian Academy) regionals. The sectional championship game will be played on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

Ottawa (Marquette) Class 1A

Girls’ Regional Bas-

ketball Tournament

Saturday, Feb. 10

1 – (7) Gardner (G.-South Wilmington) at (6) Ottawa (Marquette) – 5 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 12

2 – (2) Peru (St. Bede) vs. Winner Game 1 – 6 p.m.

3 – (3) Amboy [Coop] vs. (5) Granville (Putnam County) – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

4 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 – 7 p.m.

Amboy girls hoops win two of three

The Amboy girls basketball team has been on a roll as it gets ready for IHSA playoffs, which start with regional quarterfinals on February 10.

The Lady Clippers locked in two victories on January 31, 40-12 over Fulton, and February 2, 58-13 against Milledgeville, while suffering a close defeat, 32-27 against AFC on February 3.

Against Fulton, Senior Meave Larson recorded a double-double with 13 rebounds and 12 points and junior Addison Pertell scored 11 points, while tallying three rebounds, three assists, and three steals.

Amboy defeated Milledgeville behind double-digit scoring from Pertell (14), junior Tyrah Vaessen (12), and senior Elly Jones (11).

Larson notched her second double-double in three games with 10 points and 10 rebounds against AFC.

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AJHS 7th/8th Girls Basketball @
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Week of Feb. 7

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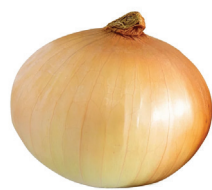
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\$5.99 ea.

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Coffee mate Coffee Creamer

28 to 32 oz



\$4.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.19/ea.

Dean's Dip

12 or 16 oz



\$2.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$3.49/ea.

Philadelphia Cream Cheese

8 oz brick



\$3.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.29 ea.

DiGiorno Pizza

27.5 to 31.5 oz
Selected Varieties



\$7.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$8.69 ea.

Totino's Pizza Rolls

24.26 or 24.8 oz



\$6.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$7.89 ea.

Hawaiian Punch Juice

128 oz



\$3.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.

Hellmann's Mayonnaise

30 oz



\$8.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$9.99 ea.

Betty Crocker Potatoes

4.5 to 5.1 oz



\$1.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.

Barilla Pasta

12 to 16 oz



\$1.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$2.09 ea.

Velveeta

32 oz



\$7.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$8.49/ea.

Pringles

4.9 to 5.57 oz
Selected Varieties



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Reg. Price \$2.89/ea.

Kellogg's Townhouse Crackers

13.8 oz Assorted



\$4.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.99 ea.