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Residents come out in large numbers to show support

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY-It wasn't business as usual at the Amboy City Council meeting held on July 17. The community center was near capacity with concerned citizens who came out in solidarity to let their voices be heard on their objections to the proposed cell phone tower to be erected and placed near Blackstone Street and El Vista properties.

The first resident that stepped up to the podium to speak was Jake McCoy. He said that he had reached out to the city council on a number of occasions with very little response. He went on to say that the tower has been in the works since last April and emphatically asked the council to write letters to Springfield, and the Lee County Board, who has the final say. Longtime resident Gary Wilhelm got up and expressed the lack of research over health concerns that the tower could bring and that "they" don't want it in their backyard.

Amboy City Attorney Matt Keegan patiently listened to the resident's frustrations and calmly attempted to explain the laws that are in place. He began by stating that the city of Amboy has zero jurisdictions for this project because it is outside of the city corporate limits. He continued saying that nothing has been formally submitted and once an application has been filed for a special use grant, the city can send an objection to the



county as a political matter but ultimately, the county has the control and can disregard it.

McCoy spoke up again and said that the citizens want something in writing before; because it's tough to stop the ball from rolling once it gets going.

Amboy Alderman Brandon Klein then spoke on behalf

of the council and said that a resolution would be on the next city council meeting agenda to formulate a letter of objection to the county, which brought a thunderous applause from all in attendance.

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Cash bail will end in Illinois as justices rule SAFE-T Act provisions constitutional

Partisan 5-2 ruling says state's constitution does not guarantee right to monetary bail

BY JERRY NOWICKI

Capitol News Illinois jnowicki@capitolnewsillinois.com SPRINGFIELD - A landmark criminal justice reform that eliminates cash bail in Illinois is constitutional, the state's Supreme Court ruled Tuesday, paving the way for the change to take effect Sept. 18.

The 5-2 decision – handed down on partisan lines – means that an individual's wealth will no longer play a role in whether they are incarcerated while awaiting trial. Judges can still order someone to be detained as they await trial, but the new system will instead be based on an offender's level of risk of reoffending or fleeing prosecution.

With the new law's implementation, Illinois will become the first state in the U.S. to fully eliminate cash bail - and all provisions of the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform will have taken full effect.

Short for Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today, the wide-ranging measure was an initiative of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus that passed in the wake of a nationwide reckoning with racism in the criminal justice system following the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer.

The act reformed police training, certification and use-of-force standards, expanded detainee rights, and gave the attorney general's office authority to investigate alleged civil rights violations by law enforcement. It also requires body cameras at all police departments by 2025. Some larger departments are already required to use body cameras under the law. The state Supreme Court had postponed the scheduled Jan. 1 implementation of pretrial detention provisions pending its ruling, which was issued Tuesday.

State Rep. Justin Slaughter, a Chicago Democrat who sponsored the 2021 measure in the House, said in a virtual news conference after Tuesday's court decision that the pretrial detention overhaul will addresses an "overly punitive criminal justice system" for impoverished Illinoisans – especially those in Black and brown communities.

It's a system, Slaughter said, that often forces innocent individuals to take plea deals – and to accept a criminal record – to obtain their freedom when they don't have money to post bail.

"So this is not about being tough or soft on crime," he said. "This is about being smart on crime, reworking our system, streamlining our system to address those higher-level, more violent, dangerous alleged offenses. It's not about having

someone unnecessarily sit in jail." Legal arguments

While opponents of the new law have argued it will strain smaller court systems and hinder judicial discretion to detain individuals, the lawsuit centered on the meaning of two mentions of "bail" in the Illinois Constitution and the interplay between branches of government.

The Supreme Court ruled on a set of consolidated cases filed against Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Gov. JB Pritzker and the state's Democratic legislative leaders by state's attorneys and sheriffs from over 60 counties.

The lawsuit specifically cited Article VIII of the state constitution, which states, "all persons" accused of crimes "shall be bailable by sufficient sureties." Any changes to the language, the lawsuit argued, would require a constitutional amendment to be approved by voters.

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Amboy, Sublette awarded ComEd Powering Safe Communities grants

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Amboy News Reporter AMBOY — Amboy and Sublette applied for a ComEd, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2023 Powering Safe Communities grant.

On July 11, it was announced both Amboy and Sublette, along with 19 other communities in Illinois, received \$169,500 in total to help accelerate

hicles (EV) and other clean energy technologies and to support public safety initiatives.

Village of Sublette Board President John Stenzel thought this grant would be a good way to monitor an ongoing issue in towns nationwide.

"I filled out the paperwork for two LED speed signs. We're putting them up in town so drivers know

down," Stenzel said. "Sublette, just like any other town, has its issues with people driving too fast. I think the LED signs will help people recognize that they need to slow down.

"I don't know which one we're going to get at this point, but there is one that I drive past regularly and the flashing lights are red and blue like it's a cop car. The one in Amboy has

Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant Sr. used the ComEd opportunity to add to the Amboy Fire Department's training and equipment toward EV fires and safety

Bryant Sr. applied for \$20,472, but won't know if that was what ComEd awarded the AFD until it is received.

"It's great to be included in this grant. The last one was probably four or five

project. The focus is on sustainability for electric vehicles. We twisted ours to EV fire safety," Bryant Sr. said. "The grant will be used for specialized EV training and equipment such as fire blankets, which smother an EV car when it's on fire, and a device that can be inserted where the plug goes in the car to deactivate the power

system. It shuts down the

car to make it safer when we're working on the car."

Amboy will also use the money on devices specifically used for EV battery fires. The machine is used on the battery itself whether it be on a car or outside of a car in storage.

This is the ninth year of the Powering Safe Communities Grant Program as ComEd and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus have given \$1.8 million to 178 communities since 2015.

Sheriff's office arrests two after reports of underage drinking party

LEE COUNTY — During the early morning hours on Sunday. July 23, the Lee County Sheriff's Office received information that there was an underage drinking party occurring in the area of Carter Road and Todd Road in southern Lee County.

Deputies responded to the

area and subsequently arrested 19-year-old Alejandro N. Rodriguez of Sterling, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Speeding (35+ MPH Over the Speed Limit), Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer, and Illegal Transportation of Alcohol.

A second subject, 20-year-old

Chanlor W. Pohl, of Sublette, was also arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Improper Lane Usage, and Improper Turn Signal.

Lee County Deputies also issued three ordinance violations to minors for Unlawful Consumption of Alcohol. All individuals were to an arrest.

given a notice to appear in court.

Citizens are reminded to call the Lee County Sheriff's Office at 815-284-6631 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CaughtU.

Callers can remain anonymous and receive rewards of up to \$1,000 if their information leads



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Red Cross offers safety tips for when temperatures soar

LEE COUNTY—High temperatures are expected throughout much of the Illinois region this week. It is important to take precautions to avoid heat exhaustion or heat stroke. The Red Cross offers steps you can take to help stay safe when the temperatures soar.

1. Hot cars can be deadly. Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120 degrees.

2. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol

3. Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

4. If you don't have air conditioning, seek relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day in places like schools, libraries, theaters, malls, etc.

5. Avoid extreme temperature changes.

6. Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.

7. Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.

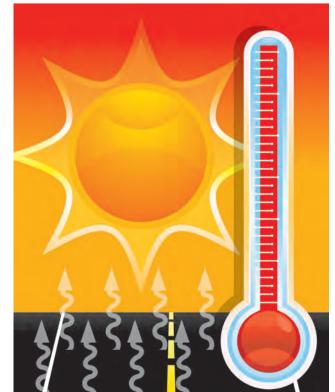
8. Postpone outdoor games and activities.

9. Take frequent breaks and use a buddy system when working outdoors.

10. Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water and shade.

Excessive heat can lead to sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If someone is experiencing heat cramps in the legs or abdomen, get them to a cooler place, have them rest, lightly stretch the affected muscle, and replenish their fluids with a half a glass (about 4 ounces) of cool water every 15 minutes.

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LOCAL NEWS **Dinges Fire Company celebrates 2,038 years of fire service experience**

AMBOY – Dinges of more than 2,000 years Fire Company is excited to announce it recently reached a huge milestone Fire currently has 118 team

of fire service experience amongst its team. Dinges





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All proceeds to benefit the students of Amboy, CUSD 272.

members with a combined 2,038 years of fire service and EMS experience. Additionally, over 95 percent of the Dinges Fire Company sales, service and admin are current or former firefighters.

Dinges Fire Company is headquartered in Amboy, Illinois, just 90 miles west of Chicago. Many of its team members are headquartered in Amboy, IL while several others are from other parts of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri.

"We take pride in our team members and are confident we have the most experience of any team in the nation," said Dinges Fire Company CEO Nick Dinges. "Our team not only sells high-quality fire service products to our nation's first responders, but we are extremely familiar with the actual use of these services in the field. Here at Dinges Fire Company,

we have been living up to our mission of "firefighters serving firefighters" for more than 20 years."

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Dinges Fire Company is the leading distributor of fire, rescue and EMS equipment in the Midwest with operations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska.

With more than 2,000 years of experience, Dinges Fire provides unmatched service and high-quality products to help protect our nation's first responders.

For more information on the Dinges Fire Company and its growth, visit www.DingesFire.com or follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook or Instagram.

ABOUT DINGES FIRE COMPANY

The Dinges Fire Company is the leading distributor of Fire, Rescue and EMS Equipment in the Midwest with over 110+ Team Members operating in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Our mission is to protect our Nation's First Responders with high-quality products while providing unmatched customer service after the sale through a staff of highly educated team members supported by great technology.

Dinges Fire Company was founded in 2001 and is headquartered in Amboy.





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LOCAL NEWS **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

TEEN TURF

Summer Camp

Yesterday was our last official day with our older kids. Last week some packed meals at Feed my starving children in Aurora. On Monday we went kayaking and went swimming. Some of the children who earned enough points won prizes and made the choice to either go to a water park or an indoor amusement center in August. This is always a fun trip with them.

4H Pie Sale

We will be holding a pie slice sale on Friday, July 28, at the Lee County Fairgrounds 4H Fair. We are in need of pies to sell. If you are interested in baking one or want to donate money to get some, please message us on Facebook or call us at 815-857-4800. Unfortunately due to other obligations, we will not be able to do the 4H breakfast this year.

School Supplies

If you are in need of school supplies, please call us at 815-857-4800 or message us on Facebook.

Barnyard Bingo

Teen Turf is going to have Barnyard Bingo Saturday, August 26 during Depot Days. How it works: a pen is set up with 100 squares marked out and people buy a square for \$10.00 with half the money going into the pot. The animal is let into the pen at 5 p.m. and whichever square the animal poops on first wins the pot of \$500. The other \$500 goes to Teen Turf to help the kids. The pen will be set up just east of the Sporting Goods store and across the street from Sensient Flavors on Main Street. The animal will make his debut at 5 p.m.

Eileen Piper, Pam Thomas, some volunteers, and Board members (Barb Harrison, Mark Grossman, Trese McNinch, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, and Kimberly Watley) have tickets.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community:

Mark and Cindy Streit, Charles McLaughlin, and Ronald & Marlene Egler for their donation in memory of Patricia Williams; Delilah and Amber Horner for the drinks and various items; Cindy Philips for the gloves; Wes and Kerry Shaw for the sugar and flour; Amboy Fire Department for the supplies and Brooklyn, Scott, and Tammy Strub for the school supplies and toys.

Needs

Final Note

Jesus, King of Kings, You say that the righteous man will live by faith. Mold us in Your image and fill our hearts with faith in You. Guide our actions so that we can live by faith and have a life in You, abundantly and eternally. Cleanse our thoughts of impurities, dear God. Keep our eyes fixed on You and You alone.

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Keegan added that once submitted, it will take the county some time to analyze it and submit it to the Amboy City Council which gives them ample time to put a letter together at the next month's scheduled meeting.

Plastic Forks

In other news, State Representative Brad Fritts got up, introduced himself and briefly discussed how things have been going for the freshman representative since his swearing in. One item that he mentioned was the Local Government Distributive Fund that provides funding to cities and towns throughout the state has been "sadly" reduced this year as a result of the ruling party

in Springfield finding other ways to allocate funds.

Next, Amboy Mayor John Schamberger said that after months of silence from Amereso for the Biogas project, the property is scheduled to close on July 24. After all of the legal zoning requirements are taken care of, Amereso hopes to break ground before winter. The continued next steps for wind turbines coming to the area were discussed. Windmills are treated differently as a result of special legislation that allows the city of Amboy to regulate a permitted zone for the windmills. Schamberger displayed a

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map of Amboy, highlighted in yellow of the actual city and surrounding area. The way the ordinance is currently drafted, it pushes the area to be a mile from the city limits. The city will have to decide what area and location is best suited in order to protect city residents.

W4HFairs

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.

DIXON-The Lee

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.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will not meet again until the third Monday in October.

AMBOY- Local 4-H participants "learn by doing," and the fair is their opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have gained throughout their time in 4-H. Lee County 4-H members will have their projects judged starting July 27 and can display them through July 30 at the Lee County Fairgrounds near Amboy. The community is encouraged to come out and support our local youth July 27-30. For specific times and dates, visit: go.illinois.edu/CL-

ers offers Saturday with a AMBOY- All Amboy Civic Organization members, and anyone interested in joining, are invited to gather Aug. 1 at Maria's Pizza. 110 E. Main St., Amboy. Optional diners will gather at 4 p.m. The ACO business meeting will follow dinner, at approximately 5 p.m. Optional Bunco party will follow meeting.

AMBOY- Lacking a

large landscape and love

homegrown fruits? Join

the extension for this

program on Container

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p.m., on Aug. 3, at the Lee

County Extension. Look

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fruit edition. Horticulture

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anyone interested in learn-

ing more about gardening,

growing food in a home

or community garden, or

looking for ideas for the

upcoming growing season.

Register for one or more of

the sessions at go.illinois.

AMBOY-The Amboy

Township meeting will

be held at 7 p.m. on

Wednesday, Aug. 9, at the

township building, 106 S.

LEE CENTER TWP-

The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7

p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10,

at the Township Building,

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sity of Illinois Extension

2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

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edu/LeeGrowingHort

Master Gardener Series. Explore gardening on the second Saturday of each month at the Whiteside Extension office, 12923 Lawrence Rd. Sterling, from 10 a.m. to noon. "How Many Different Flowers Grow "will be the topic for Aug. 12. Discover the Whiteside **County Master Gardeners**

Whiteside Master Garden-

demonstration Sun Garden and learn about all the plants in the garden. Registration is required and can be completed at go.illinois. edu/whitesidesaturdays

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 14, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.



The meeting was wrapped up with the approval of a liquor license for a new business in town Uncle B's Bar & Grill. Brian Ehlert was hired as a part-time Police Officer, and Delaney Wilhem was hired for part-time summer help.

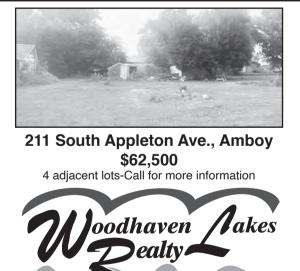
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Donald "Doc" Lemmer Aug. 1, 1929 - July 15, 2023

SUBLETTE — Donald 'Doc' Lemmer, 93, of Sublette, passed away July 15, 2023 at Allure Health in Mendota.

Doc was born Aug. 1, 1929, in Sublette, to Arthur and Lulu (Sieling) Lemmer. He grew up on a small farm in Maytown, Illinois with his many siblings. On Oct. 2, 1954, he married Dorothy Bonnell at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette.

He is survived by his five children, Karen Lemmer, of Sublette, Gary (Debbie) Lemmer, Robert (Amanda) Lemmer, Jeffrey Lemmer, of Sublette and Brenda Lemmer, of Sublette. He is also survived by his younger brother, Norman (Sharon) Lemmer, of Mendota. Throughout the years his family was enriched by his grandchildren, Amy, Jessica, Megan, Dustin, Morgan, Joshua, Andrea K., Jacob, Andrea B, Samantha, Mitchel, Alison and Jackson. He had 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Dorothy in 2019; his parents; his four sisters, Anna Wells, Gladys Eccles, Florence Vergin, and Mabel Kirby; and six of his brothers, Otto, Ralph, Louis, Delmar, Marlin and George.

Donald served in the United States Army and was stationed in Alaska during the Korean Conflict. He was employed by Del Monte in Mendota from 1956 until retirement in 1983. In 1969, he with the help of his brother, Delmar, and other relatives, built the family home in Sublette. He enjoyed the month of May when over the years he would take vacation to landscape and plant his garden. As a



youngster and throughout the years, he rode motorcycles. Other hobbies were building and flying radio control airplanes and working on computers.

Funeral services were held at the Merritt Funeral Home in Mendota on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Burial followed at Union Cemetery, LaMoille with military honors by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Visitation was held Friday, July 21, 2023 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Ruth A. Reinhold Dec. 2, 1929 - July 17, 2023

AMBOY — Ruth A. Reinhold, 93, of Amboy, passed away on Monday, July 17, 2023 at Rock River Hospice and Home in Sterling.

She was born on Dec. 2, 1929 in Amboy, the daughter of Henry and Grace (Eller) Ringenberg. Ruth worked for Raynor Garage Door in Dixon for over 12 years.

She married Cecil Reinhold on March 13, 1948 in Dixon. Cecil preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 1998.

Ruth is also preceded in death by her brothers, Robert Ringenberg, Elmer Ringenberg, Ernest Ringenberg, Ralph Ringenberg, Raymond Ringenberg; and sisters, Ethel Vickrey, Nellie Ringenberg, Grace Kalebaugh, Lillian Haley, and Rena Ringenberg.

She is survived by her daughter, Penny (Dennis) Nelson, of Dixon; son, William Reinhold, of Amboy; two grandsons, Aaron (Cristina) Nelson, of Chandler, Ariz. and Reuben (Amanda) Nelson, of West Dundee; and great-grandson, Alexander Nelson.

Cremation rites have been accorded with memorial service to be at 11 a.m., on Friday, Aug 4, 2023, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m., on Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial will of cremains will be at a later date at



Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy.

A memorial has been established to Rock River Hospice and Home.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Amboy News Obituary Policy

The Amboy News will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$40 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to tgreenfield@amboynews.com.

Harriet E. McGuire Kelchner June 20, 1939 - July 19, 2023

MENDOTA—Harriet E. McGuire Kelchner, a beautiful mother passed peacefully with beloved family at her bedside on July 19, 2023. She is the middle child of five children, born in Lee Center, Illinois, on June 20, 1939, growing up in Sublette and Amboy. She loved these towns with all her heart. She married Roger Kelchner May 31, 1958. They lived in Utica on Canal St. Starved Rock was her favorite place in the world. She loved going there and looking for rocks, and driftwood. She had gone there all her life.

Roger and Harriet had seven children. In 1960 she lost her first son James to pneumonia at three



her own. She was strong and resilient. She had 17 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She had a most precious love for her niece Victoria, granddaughter Christine, and great-granddaughter Jalea.

Harriet's best friend in the world was her brother Vernon. They loved each other so much.



ly for life and Amboy was her favorite yard sale spot at Chris Noble's house where she met her adopted granddaughter Mio who she loved. She had the best times there it will never be forgotten. She loved her animals, her dog Timber, and her cats. Her neighbors meant everything to her Juan and Martha, Wani, and Barb she loved each where she resided until her last days.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jamie; her son, Kelly; her daughter Veronica; her mom Ila McGuire Blevins; father Robert McGuire; her brother, Vernon McGuire; her brother, Bob McGuire; her brother, Bill McGuire; and her sister Nettie Mc-Guire.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah; sons Daniel, Andrew, and Roger; 17 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been accorded with a celebration of life at a later date. **HEAT** continued from page A1—

Heat Exhaustion

If someone is exhibiting signs of heat exhaustion (cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness and exhaustion), move them to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and spray the person with water or apply cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin. Fan the person. If they are conscious, give small amounts of cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Watch for changes in condition. If the person refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, call 911.

Heat Stroke

Heat stroke usually occurs by ignoring the signals of heat exhaustion. Heat stroke develops when the body systems are overwhelmed by heat and begin to stop functioning. Signs include hot, red skin which may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness; vomiting and high body temperature. Call 911 immediately if someone shows signs of heat stroke. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the person's body by immersing them up to their neck in cold water if possible. Otherwise, douse or spray the person with cold water, or cover the person with cold, wet towels or bags of ice.

Risk Factors

Heat is the leading weather-related killer in the U.S. More than 600 people in this country die every year from heat-related illnesses, according to the Centers

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months old, a terrible loss she suffered her entire life. When they divorced, in 1976, she went on to raise her children on

Her love was yard sales having them all over the county talking to people and meeting new friends. They would become famiand everyone dearly and they loved her back. She lived in Savanna, Illinois from 1979 to 2007 and then move to Mendota Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Some people are more at risk of developing a heat-related illness, including adults over 65, those with chronic medical conditions, people who work outside, infants and children, and athletes.

CHURCH DIRECTORY Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

St. Patrick Church Fr. John Gow 32 N Jones, Amboy 815-857-2315 • www.stpatrickamboy.org Masses: Monday - Thursday Daily Mass 8 am Saturday 4 pm • Sunday 7 am & 10:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday, 4-6 pm with Confessions and Mass at 6 pm

> St. Mary Church Fr. John Gow 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670 Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

St. Flannen Church Fr. John Gow 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 Mass: Sunday, 8:30 am

United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745 Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

> Grace Fellowship Church Amboy-Sublette Pastor Kyle Kelly 500 W. Main Street, Sublette Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

East Grove Union Church 449 Reuter Road, Amboy, IL Phone 815-440-5321 ½ Mile East of Route 26 at Union Rd Sun., 9:00 am, Morning Worship Youth Church, Ages 3 – Grade 4 10:15 am Sunday School, Age 3 – Adult Come as you are and join us on the journey! First Baptist Church Pastor Rocky Fritz 24 N. Mason Avenue Church Phone 857-2682 www.fbcamboy.com Sunday School for all ages - 9:30 a.m. Morning Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. King's Kids program from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday Reformers Unanimous addictions program from 7-9 p.m.

St. Mary's Church – West Brooklyn Rev. Randy Fronek Mass - Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday – 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Church - Maytown Rev. Randy Fronek Mass – Friday - 8 a.m. Sunday - 8 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor Barb Otten 960 U.S. Route 52 Phone 857-2225 Sun. Worship - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Rev. Randy Fronek Locust Street, Sublette Phone 815-849-5412 Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass -10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

Refuge Church Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows

Harmon United Methodist Church Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.

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SOCIAL NEWS





" B a r n Swallow" – a drawing by John James Audubon, circa 1827. Library of Congress.

Swallows of summer Some nest in dried mud. All grace our summer skies

The Purple Martin is the largest of our swallows. In the 1950s, there were Martin houses all over town and all of them had been occupied by numerous pairs of

Martins. Today, there are very few Martin houses and very few Martins.

Martin houses have been around since the Colonial days. The early history of Amboy mentions how some of the first settlers had "bird-castles" at their gates. A bird-castle could only have been a Martin house. Americans have been supplying Martins and wrens with houses for a long time. In the 1850s and '60s there were no English sparrows to compete with, so the bird-castles were occupied by Martins only. The Barn Swallow is our most abundant species. They will build their mud nests in any building that has free access. I always left the barn door open to attract the Barn Swallow. You will see far fewer insects on a farm that has Barn Swallows. It is a great attraction for children to watch the parent birds feed their young. After dark, they can be seen on their nests, brooding their young. They are very tolerant of sightseers. They will also build their nests on bridges over water. Another of our swallows is the Rough-winged Swallow. You can always see a few in summer flying gracefully along one of our streams. A single mud bank will usually have a few nests dug into it. They do not nest in colonies like the Bank Swallows do. One year, a local resident dug a long trench in a sandy field near a pond. The trench, when finished, was bordered by perfect, perpendicular

walls of sand. In the spring, a colony of Bank Swallows saw the sandy walls and immediately began digging holes for nesting. It was a large colony and they dugholes on both

seen Bank Swallows anywhere else in this area.

sides. I have not

Several local people have put up houses for bluebirds. One of the frequent nesters in unoccupied bluebird houses is the Tree Swallow. I am sure that no one objects. The Tree Swallow sometimes appears as blue as the bluebird, but they have a snow-white breast. The bluebird's is red. All of our swallows are early migrants. They are insect eaters like the warblers. But even when there is an abundance of insects, they cannot eat enough to tide them over when the nights grow long. They migrate early to avoid the long nights of fall. All but the Tree Swallow go to the tropics where the nights are short. Editor's Note: James Brady Long was born in Amboy on June 12, 1926. Known by many as "Mazie", he grew up in Amboy, served in the army during World War II, then studied forestry at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. His studies in botany and forest protection continued as he ventured into farming here. A beloved story-teller, his farm became a place of learning and adventure for relatives and friends. In his later years, he contributed a series of local nature articles to The Amboy News. Upon his death in 2000, his many hand-written drafts were gathered and initially curated by Brenda Boyle. The present, renewed series draws from those drafts, both unpublished and previously published.

The Book Nook By: Tatjana Kazan

RESCUE THE LITTLE CHILDREN

he subject of Isabel Allende's latest novel "The Wind Knows My Name" (2023) is difficult, complicated, and heartbreaking: Children who are caught in the unimaginably brutal machinery of ideological imperatives. Nazi Germany destroyed 1.6 million children in the name of racial purity. In only 250 pages, the novel ranges from 1938 to 2020 and includes half a dozen major characters, so that it unfolds in long, superficial and often tedious expositions. Only when Allende depicts her characters and places up close does the story come to life.

The book opens with a historical curtain raiser: "Kristallnacht" on November 9, 1938 in Vienna, when Nazi paramilitary gangs destroyed the city's synagogues, Jewish homes and businesses, and deported 6,000 Jewish men to the Dachau concentration camp. (By the way, Kristallnacht is an anti-Semitic joke about avenging crowds smashing the crystal of rich Jews.)

Rudolph Adler, a gentle Jewish doctor, is caught up in the riot and sent to Dachau. His wife and five-year-old son Samuel, a musical prodigy, are hidden by a kindhearted old neighbor, as rioters demolish the elegant Adler apartment. Despite her fears, Mrs. Adler puts Samuel on the Kindertransport to England, where a generous Quaker couple adopt him.

After the 1981 El Mozote massacre in El Salpolicy to separate them. (To date, about 1,000 children are still separated.) Frank Angileri, one of the firm's hot shot lawyers, finds Selena uncommonly attractive and promptly volunteers.

Their immediate task is to rescue Anita, a highly gifted seven-year-old blind girl, whose mother has disappeared. They fly to El Salvador to search for her, but find nothing. Back in San Francisco, they find Leticia, Anita's distant cousin. Leticia happens to be the housekeeper for an old music professor, Samuel Adler. Anita provisionally moves into the grand mansion where both Leticia and Samuel happily welcome her.

Aside from telling us rather than showing us, Allende makes a further mistake, in my opinion. The two children, Samuel and Anita, are highly gifted, intelligent beyond their years, and in Samuel's case, wealthy. A musical prodigy must be saved from the gas chamber at all cost; how could a little blind girl be sent back to El Salvador possibly to be killed? But all children deserve rescue.

> RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE!



Sandy Schamberger

Schamberger to celebrate 85th birthday

AMBOY — Sandy Schamberger will celebrate her 85th birthday on Aug. 6, 2023, with a family gathering.

Sandy was married to the late Donald H. Schamberger. She has six children, Cheryl Prendergast, Rick Schamberger, Randy Schamberger, Gaylene Noble, and deceased Bonnie Gorzny and Cynthia McCoy. She also has 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Cards can be sent to her at 403 East Main St., Amboy, IL 61310.

U OF I EXTENSION NEWS

Local 4-H youth ready to exhibit their knowledge, skills at Lee County 4-H Fair. 4-H judging will begin Thursday, July 27, and run through Saturday, July 29.

The judging will occur at the Lee County Fairgrounds, 1196 Franklin Rd, Amboy.

Below is the schedule for 4-H project judging:

July 27 Noon: Rabbits, Food & Nutrition 12:30 p.m.: Crops, Floriculture, Horticulture July 28 9 a.m.: Swine, Visual Arts, Photography, Com-

2:30 p.m.: Cats

munication 10 a.m.: Clothing, In-

terior Design, Animal Science

- 1 p.m.: Poultry
- 2 p.m.: Dairy July 29
- 8 a.m.: Horses

9 a.m.: Sheep, En-

vironmental Sciences, Civic Engagement, Career, Leadership, STEM, Woodworking

10 a.m.: Beef, Cloverbuds

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2 p.m.: Goats

Jim "Mazie' Long



vador where nearly 1,000 villagers were slaughtered by the army, little Leticia and her father flee north. Allende paints an inspired picture of Leticia on her father's back as he struggles to cross the Rio Grande. Next we meet Selena Duran whose life's mission is to save immigrant children. She is visiting a high-powered San Francisco law firm out to improve its image. It is December 2019 and COVID has arrived. Selena is asking for help in the overwhelming problem of reuniting children and their parents in the face of the TrumpAdministration





GATES OPEN TO PUBLIC 12 p.m. Thursday 7 a.m. Friday through Sunday		Ju	ly 26-30, 2023
Lee County 4-H Fa 3/4 mile east o Rt. 52 & 30 Ar	of Jct.	F	
This schedule brought t following:	to you by the		4-H FAIR & JUNIOR SHOW
Center & CGH	Sublette Farmers evator Co.		
815-625-0400 815	5-849-5222	WEDNESDAY 3-8 p.m. 4-9 p.m. 5-9 p.m.	X, JULY 26 Livestock may enter fairgrounds Open Show Project check in-Commercial Building Rabbit Department Check-in – Rabbit Barn
	Carriage	6-7 p.m. 7-8 p.m. 10 p.m.	Horse Department Check-in – Rabbit Ban Horse Department Check-in – Fair Office Vet available to stamp health papers—Fair Office All rabbits need to be in place – Rabbit Barn
	5-538-5598	THURSDAY, 8-11 a.m. 9-11 a.m.	JULY 27 Non-livestock project check in Swine Weigh-In
Am	nboy News	11 a.m. 11 a.m12 p.m.	All Livestock must be in place Vet available to stamp health papers—Fair Office
Mendota Hills 815 Campground	0-857-2311	12-7 p.m. Noon	Selfie Scavenger Hunt – visit Fair Office between 5 & 7 p.m. to claim prize Gate opens to public; Jr. Show Crops Judging – CommercialBuilding; 4-H Healthy Living & Nutrition Judging – Commercial Building; Rabbit Judging—Rabbit Barn
	55en Dius.	12:30 p.m. 2 p.m.	4-H Crops Judging – Commercial Building; 4-H Floriculture / Horticulture Judging – Commercial Building Goat Judging – Show Barn
	5-849-5252	2:30 p.m. 4 & 4:30 p.m. 4 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5 p.m.	Cat Judging — Auditorium Learn to Dance w/ Starlight Dance Studio –Entertainment Tent Pony Rides & Petting Zoo & Midway Open –Midway Bingo – Vendor Tent Watermelons w/Wyffels Hybrids—Patio
	oodhaven	5 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Starlight Dance Studio – Entertainment Tent Garden Tractor/Tractor/Truck Pull—Track Big Wheel Races – Show Barn
	5_940_5476	FRIDAY, JUL	Y 28
Alarm Oa	een River Iks Resort	7 a.m. 9 a.m. 10 a.m.	Gate Opens to Public Swine Judging—Show Barn; 4-H Creative Arts:Visual Arts Judging — Commercial Building; 4-H Creative Arts: Photography & Communication Judging—Auditorium; Jr. Show Woodworking Judging – Commercial Building 4-H Creative STEM (Clothing & Interior Design) Judging –
815-857-3483 815	5-857-2815	11 a.m.	Auditorium; 4-H Animal Science Judging - Auditorium Kids' Korner—Entertainment Tent Petty Zoo and Midway open
Veterinary 815	nboy Shell 5-857-2990 Iblette BP	1 p.m. 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 4-7 p.m. 4-8 p.m.	Poultry Judging—Poultry Barn Dairy Judging—Show Barn Kids' Korner— Entertainment Tent Pony Rides Open – Midway; Magic by Cory Show— Auditorium Pie Sale–Auditorium Whoop Your Axe Throwing– Midway

		4-8 p.m.	Whoop Your Axe Thr	owing– Midway
815-857-2215	815-849-9013	5-7 p.m.	Pork Chop Dinner by	Lee Co. Pork Producers—Patio
		5 p.m.	Awards Ceremony an	d Ambassador Announcement—Auditorium
		5 p.m.		Set Up– Commercial Building
_		6 p.m.		ed Goods Auction—Auditorium
Trego	Erbes Realty,	6:30 p.m.		ate Pullers Tractor/Truck Pull—Track
		8 p.m.	Pin Dodge Ball – Sho	ow Barn
Veterinary	LLC			
Service	815-535-6295	SATURDAY,	JULY 29	
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815-858-3121		8 a.m.	1 1	Halter Judging–Arena; Jr. Show Mechanical
			Sciences Judging-Au	
	City of Amboy	9 a.m.	Sheep Judging – Show	w Barn; Jr. Show Visual Arts Judging —
Cublette				;; 4-H Environmental Sciences Judging –
Sublette	815-857-3814			; 4-H Global Civic Engagement, Career,
Mechanical				g – Auditorium; 4-H STEM: Mechanical
Mechanica				ommercial Building; 4-H Woodworking Judging
815-849-5223	Amboy Dental	10 a.m.	- Commercial Buildin Beef Show - Show B	
		10 a.m. 10 a.m.		Dpen—Commercial Building; Cloverbud Judging
	Group	10 a.m.	– Auditorium	open—commercial bundling, cloveroud judging
Sanajant	815-857-2015	11 a.m.	Kids' Korner—Entert	ainment Tent
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Flavors, LLC		1 p.m.	Petting Zoo & Midwa	ay Opens – Midway
		2 p.m.		tainment Tent (mud pies)
815-857-3691	Leffelman &	4 p.m.	Pony Rides Open-Mi	•
		4 p.m.	Cincinnati Circus Sho	•
	Associates	5 p.m.		Cloverbud Graduation—Auditorium
Vaessen	815-857-2125	5-7 p.m.		Lee County Farm Bureau Young Leaders– Patio Contest – Show Barn
Vaessen	015-057-2125	6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Rodeo with T&A Buc	
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KSB Center		11 a.m.		des and Midway open– Midway; Pedal Pull–Show
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Amboy Clinic	815-973-1197	4 p.m.	Release Time (livesto	/
		-		g Daily - Check the Train Station for time!
815-857-3044		County Fair Speedway		
		Join us for the rad	ces:	
		Thursday: 3 &	z 5 p.m.	Saturday: 12, 2, 4, & 6 p.m.
		Friday: 12, 2,	4 & 6 p.m.	Sunday: 12 & 2 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago July 20,1923

A public demonstration of the new fire truck will be Monday evening at Graves' corner. All will have the opportunity to see it in operation. A major portion of the funds for the purchase of the new truck came from the Fire Dept. bazaar held in April.

Mary Wellman has been dispensing ice cream sodas and confectionery in the Haas Bakery while Mrs. Haas was on vacation.

The 1924 license plates will have a black background with yellow numbers.

75 Years Ago July 22, 1948

Howard Hageman purchased the Fred Leake Jr. cottage on S. Blackstone Avenue and his family will move there soon.

Marchesi Brothers of the city have opened their new State Theater in Freeport.

President proclaimed July 25-31 as "Farm Safe Week."

50 Years Ago July 26, 1973

Dixon State School was seeking to hire more than 100 additional direct patient care employees.

Dennis Eisenberg, vice chairman of Regional Illinois Education Association, attended a reception for State Senators David C. Shapiro and John B. Roe at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. Main speaker was California Governor Ronald Reagan, formely of Dixon. Eisenberg represented over 2,100 teachers from a five-county area (Lee, Whiteside, Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Carroll).

25 Years Ago July 23, 1998

Dog and cat breeders beware; you are no longer welcome within the city of Amboy. After months of wrangling and sometimes heated discussion, the City of Amboy took final action on its revised animal control ordinance at Monday night's City Council meeting.

At its recent annual meeting, the Lee County Soil & Water Conservation District honored two families for their farming practices designed to protect our soil and water. The Clarence Blaine Jr. family received the 1998 Conservation Farm Family Award, while Roger Weitzel is the 1998 Goodyear Conservation Farmer.

At its monthly Monday meeting, Mayor Hank Gerdes announced his intention to do away with the city's vehicle sticker tax and pet licensing fees. To make up for the \$30,000 or so in lost revenues generated by the two taxes, Gerdes said he plans to propose a utility tax that would affect all residents.



PASTOR'S PEN

BY PASTOR RICK WULF, The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends, Well, here we find ourselves at the end of another month. I trust that all is well with you as you are reading this article. I have talked about a lot of things over the many, many months that I have written articles for the Pastor's Pen section of the Amboy News. From the title of this article, you can probably guess what the subject will be about.

You probably have heard the expression, "That is the last straw" and maybe you have even used it yourself. The actual full idiom is: "the last straw that broke the camel's back." When I googled it, I found this: "Possibly from the proverb, recorded by Thomas Fuller in his "Gnomologia" (1732) as "Tis the last feather that breaks the horse's back." This comes from an Arab proverb about loading up a camel beyond its capacity to move," so it could be even older than that, who knows?

Again, Google says the meaning is, "The straw that broke the camel's back was one straw too many. With that piece added to the camel's back, the load became too heavy to bear. In other words, it is the last thing to happen that makes you give up on something."

Without going into personal details about what has been going on in the lives of Pastor Rick and Rose Wulf, I would like to share with you some insights that I have gained through it all. Probably for most of us our health concerns are near the top of our lists of the things that concern us. Of course, there are relationships, finances, jobs, politics, possessions and so much more that vie for our time, attention, and energy to deal with. I keep telling my wife, Rose, and myself that it is a good thing that we are not camels. We are Christians and our faith in God is what will get us through these

THE LAST STRAW

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tough life experiences and nothing else. Even though tempted to want to give up, God has strengthened our determination to keep moving forward in faith.

The Bible has many encouragements for us as His children, that He is with us. We are not alone in this struggle called "life." He reassures us that He has a purpose for all things that happen to us, the good and the not-so-good. In 1 Corinthians 10:13, the Apostle Paul reassures us with these words: "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

He goes with these words found in the Book of Romans, 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." I know that I have struggled many times with the question, "why does life have to be so 'hard?" When I remind myself that what I am going through, probably is not any harder than what many other people around the world are dealing with, that brings me back to reality. I also need to remember as I am going through these tough times, that these struggles are temporary. Even though they may seem to be "taking forever" to get through, they are just temporary. We do know from His Word, that as Christians, we have put our faith in our loving God and that sometimes that faith has to be tested by trials to prove it and make it stronger.

James gives us this encouragement in James 1:2-4: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." God's desire for us as His children is to be mature and complete.

This principle in life is clearly seen in the world of exercise. I believe it is called "strength training." Whether you use resistance bands, weights or some other means that cause your muscles to strain to be made stronger, it is in using proper technique and repetition to accomplish one's goals. I believe that God does allow our faith to be tested to make us stronger spiritually. Yes, that testing at times may seem severe and it probably is, but it is temporary, and it is for our good. Yes, I do have to remind myself that God is God, and I am not. He does know what is best for me. Jesus gave us these great assuring words of hope in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." His words are true and by faith we must claim them and apply them personally to our lives.

It is my prayer for you that no matter what you are going through today, that you will seek God with all your heart. Call out to Him. He has the help that you need. You just have to ask Him for it. When we put our full trust in Him and not in ourselves, anyone or anything else, then He will come to you in your need. I love the saying, "tomorrow is as bright as the promises of God." I have shared just a few of the many promises in His Word that can and will help you navigate through the "mine field" of life that you might be in or maybe in in the future. Our God is a good and faithful God. We just have to trust Him.

May God continue to bless and sustain you.







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101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

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LOCAL NEWS

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While a Kankakee County judge ruled with the state's attorneys and sheriffs late last year, Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis, writing for the majority, said the lower court misinterpreted the state constitution.

"The Illinois Constitution of 1970 does not mandate that monetary bail is the only means to ensure criminal defendants appear for trials or the only means to protect the public," she wrote.

She added that the "bailable by sufficient sureties" language in the current 1970 constitution mirrors the state's original 1818 constitution. Theis noted that when the 1818 version was written, the concept of monetary bail was "all but unknown."

Theis also noted the General Assembly first published "a comprehensive system concerning pretrial release" in 1963 and has since amended bail regulations "more than 20 times."

"If the legislature could reconsider bail over the course of so many years, it could do so again in 2021 without offending separation of powers principles," Theis wrote.

The high court's two Republican justices dissented

Justice David Overstreet, of the 5th District in southern Illinois, wrote that he believed the General Assembly's elimination of cash bail was "in direct violation" of the constitution.

He said that was particularly true in reference to Section 8.1 of the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, which notes that a crime victim and their family has a right for their safety to be considered "in denying or fixing the amount of bail, determining whether to release the defendant, and setting conditions of release after arrest and and present threat to the safety of any person or persons that would be posed by the defendant's release,' including crime victims and their family members," she wrote.

'Presumption' of pretrial release

The pretrial detention changes - often referred to as the Pretrial Fairness Act, or PFA – will create a "presumption" in favor of pretrial release, meaning "the state bears the burden of establishing a defendant's eligibility for pretrial detention," Theis wrote.

Advocates say the intent of that provision is to divert lower-level nonviolent offenders from pretrial incarceration while giving judges authority to detain individuals accused of more serious crimes if they are deemed dangerous or at risk of fleeing prosecution.

Another facet of the reform entitles defendants to a more intensive first appearance in court. During that appearance, defendants will now have a right to legal representation and prosecutors can detail their reasons for continued detention.

The new hearings replace standard bail hearings, which often last less than five minutes and end with a judge deciding the conditions of release, including how much money the defendant must post to be released.

The list of offenses for which a judge can impose pretrial detention drew controversy following the law's 2021 passage, culminating in intensely hyperbolic and often misleading rhetoric amid the 2022 general election campaign.

In December 2022, lawmakers passed an amended version of the pretrial detention overhaul that expanded the list of crimes for which judges can order pretrial detention, adding asked to make decisions about the liberty of people who are accused of serious crimes of violence. The PFA changes that," Hoffer said, referring to the pretrial detention overhaul.

While the new law directs law enforcement officers to cite and release anyone accused of a crime below a Class A misdemeanor, they would maintain discretion to make an arrest if the person is a threat or if making the arrest is necessary to prevent further lawbreaking.

Contentions continue

After the court's decision, Senate Republican Leader John Curran, of Downers Grove, issued a news release calling for a special session to clarify more parts of the bill in the 60 days before it takes effect. The proposed special session would need approval from Democratic legislative leaders or the governor, none of whom have publicly indicated support for the idea.

Curran said he'd support widening judicial authority to detain individuals accused of all felonies, including the crime of burglary.

December's amendment allows a judge to order detention for residential burglary or burglary "where there is use of force against another person." But simple burglary such as someone stealing change from a car or stealing from a business-is still not detainable based on an offender's risk of danger to the community.

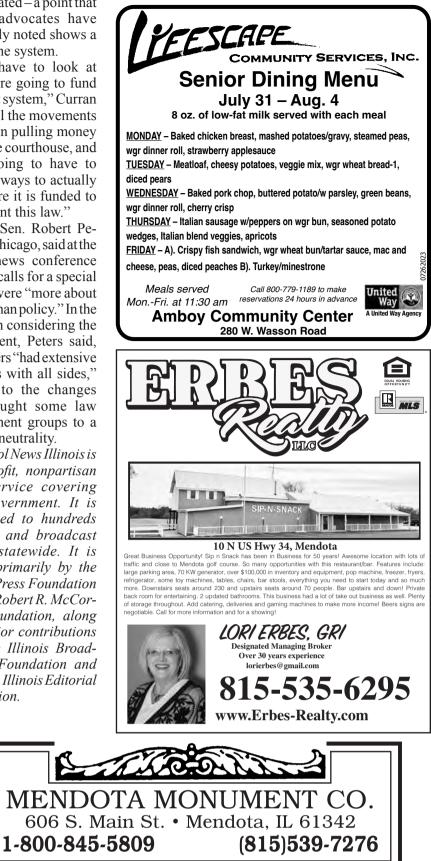
"There's no magic to the actual cash bail," Curran said in a phone interview. "But to handcuff judges in the system we replace cash bail with is equally going to lead to bad outcomes."

Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart was one of two state's attorneys in Illinois who backed the SAFE-T Act alongside Cook Counpayments when the system is eliminated – a point that reform advocates have repeatedly noted shows a flaw in the system.

"We have to look at how we're going to fund our court system," Curran said. "All the movements have been pulling money out of the courthouse, and we're going to have to look for ways to actually make sure it is funded to implement this law."

State Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, said at the virtual news conference that any calls for a special session were "more about politics than policy." In the fall when considering the amendment, Peters said, lawmakers "had extensive meetings with all sides," leading to the changes that brought some law enforcement groups to a point of neutrality.

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conviction.'

Overstreet argued that eliminating cash bail would "nullify" that right, claiming that in bypassing a constitutional amendment, lawmakers "impermissibly usurped the ultimate sovereign power in this state, i.e., the citizens."

"Therefore, this court has an absolute obligation to declare the pretrial release provisions of the Act to be invalid and unenforceable no matter how beneficial the abolishment of monetary bail may be," Overstreet wrote, joined by Justice Lisa Holder White.

Theis' majority opinion, however, said that the pretrial release provisions "expressly take crime victims into account."

"As we have already mentioned, those provisions require a court to consider the 'nature and hate crimes, felony animal torture, aggravated DUI causing bodily harm and other offenses if the defendant is deemed dangerous. More serious charges were eligible for detention in all versions of the bill.

Advocates for the bail reform have also noted that it gives judges greater authority to detain individuals accused of crimes such as domestic battery and violations of orders of protection prior to trial than does prior law.

Kaethe Morris Hoffer, the executive director of the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, spoke in favor of the reform at a virtual news conference Tuesday.

"I want to be clear – safety and interests and voices of people who have endured rape and violence in the sex trade have never been prioritized when the seriousness of the real criminal legal system is ty State's Attorney Kim Foxx. He said in a virtual news conference Tuesday that the new law will give judges authority to incarcerate even non-violent offenders if they violate the conditions of pretrial release.

"I think something that got lost in the lies and misinformation from last fall was that people couldn't be held at all, no matter what they did, after having been arrested for nonviolent offense," he said. "And that's simply not true."

While Foxx and Rinehart both noted they were preparing for months to implement the pretrial detention changes and have the resources to do so, Curran said he was worried about smaller counties being overburdened in implementing the law.

He noted that many smaller jurisdictions will lose revenue from cash bail

OSF Medical Group – Gastroenterology office to open in Ottawa

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THE FARMER'S REPORT

Roots of hybrid corn trace back to Illinois county

By DANIEL GRANT FarmWeek

Those who drive by the northeast side of Delavan on Springfield Road might notice a carved stone that serves as a historical marker.

But while the field where the marker sits looks quite common for the area, the events that took place there in the 1800s were quite remarkable and had a significant impact on production agriculture that are still felt today.

The Tazewell County farm is where Robert and James Reid just happened to mix two different types of corn that transformed the industry. The site is designated as the "birthplace of open-pollinated corn production," according to Matt Shipton, a descendent of the Reids and a seed industry representative.

The historical marker, erected in 1955, was established by the Tazewell County Farm Bureau and other local groups, the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Seed Dealers Association along with the University of Illinois and Michigan State University.

"It's just fascinating to think of Delavan's place in the middle of the Corn Belt," Shipton told FarmWeek.

Shipton recently discussed the history recorded at the site and his ancestors' role modernizing corn production during Kansas State University's Grain Export and Supply Chain Expedition. The tour was organized and led by Guy Allen, senior ag economist at K-State and a Delavan native.

Robert Reid (1813-1888) moved to Illinois from Ohio in the mid-1800s and brought some of his own corn. But it wasn't very good for processing and he had production issues, so he planted some local seeds known as "little yellow" Indian corn in the same field.

"He had missing hills (of corn), so he grabbed some local seed and filled in those missing hills," Shipton said. "And by happenstance those two pollinated at the same time and created the open-pollinated corn."

Then, for the next 60 to 70 years, Robert and James Reid (1844-1910) selected the best ears from this new line of corn, which kept improving its agronomic ability each subsequent season. "They selected the best plants and best ears as they continued that lineage of the open-pollinated line," Shipton said. The end result came to be known as Reid's Yellow Dent Corn. The open-pollinated variety not only dented, but it greatly outproduced most varieties of the late-1800s. 'Common corn yields for that time were around 25 to 35 bushels per acre," Shipton said. "But by 1877 it was documented James reached 125 bushels per acre." Scott Jeckel, a Delavan native currently farming the former Reid property, noted the field produced a yield



Delavan natives Guy Allen, left, Kansas State University ag economist, and Matt Shipton, second from left, a seed industry representative, discuss the significance of a historical marker at the farm where Reid's Yellow Dent Corn was developed in the 1800s. A presentation was held on the farm as part of K-State's Grain Export and Supply Chain Expedition, hosted by Allen, that brought grain buyers from South Korea through Illinois. (Photo by Daniel Grant)

near 250 bushels last year. But it took nearly 150 years to double the production from what Reid's Yellow Dent Corn achieved nearly a decade after the Civil War.

"We've constantly improved (crop potential)," Jeckel said. "But we're talking a five-times jump (with what the Reids accomplished in the late-1800s). It was enormous."

The Reids entered their corn in grain contests and it eventually became a sensation at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. Reid's Yellow Dent Corn took top honors at that event, officially known as The World's Columbian Exposition to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World in 1492.

James Reid subsequently began receiving numerous requests for his corn from around the world. It's said he fulfilled many of those requests by mailing Reid's Yellow Dent Corn seed

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-Matt Shipton

from the local post office in Delavan.

"By 1920 it was grown in every state and by 1930 an estimated 75% of corn grown in the U.S. could be traced back to Reid's Yellow Dent Corn," Shipton said. "Many reported it increased productivity in local areas where it was planted.

"But (James Reid) never became wealthy off the process," he noted. "It sounds like he was more willing to give the seed away to help others have additional yield on their farms."

Hybrid corn varieties were then introduced in the 1920s and overtook their

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open-pollinated predecessors, constituting nearly 100% of cultivation in the Corn Belt by the end of the 1930s

But the source of a number of inbred lines used as parents of many present-day corn hybrids still have roots to the accidental discovery of a lifetime, when the Reids inadvertently created their open-pollinated, yellow dent corn.

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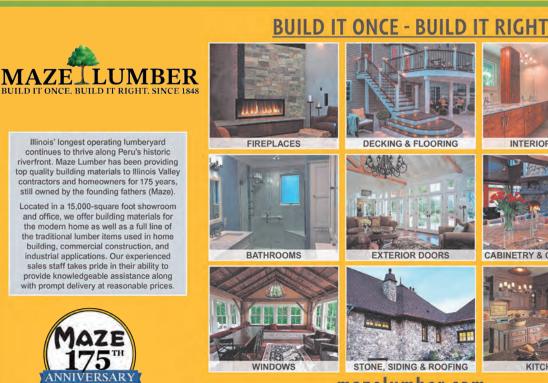
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