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# Amboy Police Officer credited with saving baby's life

BY GEORGE HOWE Amboy News Reporter **AMBOY** — At the most recent Amboy City Council meeting held on July 18 at the Amboy Community Center the mood was joyous as Amboy Police Officer Tom Lehman was recognized for his quick thinking and was credited for saving the life of three month old, Harper Howell, who along with her parent's Reece and Brandi were in attendance.

When Lehman arrived on scene little Harper was having difficulty breathing and Lehman's training kicked in.

"That first big baby scream was just fabulous," Lehman shared with ev-

Amboy Police Chief Paul Smith stated that the doctors at the hospital said that the baby probably wouldn't have survived without the efforts of Officer Lehman.

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Mayor John Schamberger and Police Chief Paul Smith congratulate officer Tom Lehman for outstanding work with saving a baby's life. George Howe/Amboy News



Officer Tom Lehman poses with 3 month old Harper Howell and her parent's Reece and Brandi.

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**Amboy News File Photo** 

# **Gates are open**

## **Lee County 4-H Fair and Junior Show returns**

**BRANDON LACHANCE** 

Amboy News Reporter

LEE COUNTY – It's the end of July in Lee County

This means one thing, it's time for the Lee County 4-H Fair and Junior Show.

Katie Pratt, the secretary of the Lee County Fair Association, is excited for the 4-H members to show what they've been working on.

"It's a great throwback to the old-fashioned county fairs," said Pratt, who has held her position for 20 years and is a member of the volunteer board of directors that manage the Lee County 4-H Center and Fair Grounds. "We have about 250 youth that come and display their talents whether it be showing livestock, small animals, or general projects in visual arts, robotics, gardening, flower arranging, or community service and citizenship. I mean the list goes on and on.

'It's an awesome place to gather to see friends and neighbors that you may not see throughout the year, but you may see them at the fair. We're pretty proud of our little fair. It's a place where you going to get something that you probably won't see at other fairs.'

The fair runs from Thursday, July 28 to Sunday, July 31 at the Lee County 4-H Fairgrounds located at 1196 Franklin Rd., just north of Amboy.

Gates open at noon on Thursday as judging for general projects and livestock start immediately. The Starlight Dance Studio out of Amboy will perform, Bingo will be played, the Garden Tractor, Tractor and Truck Pull will roar, and a game of tug of war will happen at 7 p.m. in the show barn.

Friday's fun begins with a pancake breakfast hosted by Teen Turf Youth Center (which also runs Saturday and Sunday).

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# College and Career Fair offers Amboy students a chance to learn about different options available

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

**AMBOY** – Not everyone knows what they want for lunch.

Some people can't decide their favorite color, their favorite vacation spot, what movie they want to watch on a Thursday night, or what sport to watch when professional baseball, basketball, and football are all being played at the same time.

And not everyone knows what they want to do next in life after high school is over.

Amboy High School may have some answers for junior high and high school students at 8 a.m.-11:20 a.m., on Sept 26 when it hosts its second annual College and Career Fair.

'We want our students to be able to see different jobs that are out there in our area because a lot of them only know the jobs that their close family members have," said Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart. "They might not be interested in being an accountant or a lawyer. Maybe mom and

dad have always worked minimum wage jobs and they don't want to work a minimum wage job, but they don't know what is available.

"Some of our goals are to show them what is available in our area, so they don't have to leave. We know people are not sticking around northwestern Illinois and we'd like to keep them here. We want to show kids that there is something else out there besides colleges – I do want to bring in colleges for the college bound kids because I want them to know there are other options besides Sauk Valley Community College and Northern Illinois University – but for the other kids, I want them to know there are tech schools.

"I want them to know that they can go into the work force and make a good amount of money. I just want them to know their options and to be able to talk to people in those career fields."

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

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

# John H. Bothe, **79th Fighter**

John H. Bothe was born in Nachusa Township, Lee County, on May 19, 1923. His parents were Clarence



the Franklin Grove area. John had three brothers (Leslie, Howard, and Leo), and two sisters (Charlotte and Marilyn). It is likely that during his grammar school years,

he would have attended one of the eight one-room school houses located in Nachusa township. Like all farm children of that time, walking to school every day was part of growing up. In 1940, John graduated from Amboy High School in Amboy, Illinois. The following year, he enrolled at the University of Illinois in Urbana to pursue a degree in agriculture.

Larger forces in the world intervened with John's plan when Japanese planes attacked American Navy Ships at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The following year, John enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, and was stationed at Maxwell Field

in Alabama and subsequently

received his commission as a fighter pilot at Mariana, Florida on December 5, 1942. He was attached to the 79th Fighter Group, 86th Fighter Squadron, and was stationed at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia before being sent overseas. On May 12, 1944, in

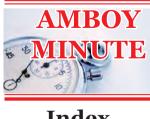
Newport News, John married Marjorie Finkle, daughter of Robert and Edna Finkle of Polo. Shortly after the wedding, John's Fighter Group would ship off to an American Airfield on the Island of Corsica, off the coast of Italy. The couple would eventually give birth to one daughter, Terry Lynn, born in January of 1945

The 79th Fighter Group

was activated on Feb. 9, 1942 as part of the 81st Pursuit Group, although it wasn't until later that year it was redesigned as the 79th Fighter Group with three squadrons: the 85th, 86th, and 87th. After successful operations in Italy, the 79th moved to Corsica, from where its first missions to France were flown.

On June 26, 1944, Lt. Bothe was assigned to fly a mission out of this airbase. After an encounter with enemy aircraft, John was killed in action. During the following weeks, John's wife, Marjorie, received a letter from Sgt. E. Reynolds, describing the details of John's death.

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# Lee County Sheriff's Office releases Fourth of July enforcement numbers

**LEE COUNTY**—The Lee County Sheriff's Office made no impaired driving arrests and issued one seat belt citation during the recent Fourth of July "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" safety campaigns. Sheriff's deputies also issued the following;

- Four Speeding citations
- One Distracted Driving citation
- One Stop Sign Violation citation
- One Uninsured Motorist citation - One UnLicensed Driver citation
- Three Citations for other Moving Vio-
- One Wanted Person Arrest
- Eight Warnings for other Traffic Vio-

The Lee County Sheriff's Office joined forces with more than 200 other state and local law enforcement agencies to get drunk and drugged drivers off our roads, encourage seat belt use, and enforce speeding and other traffic laws. The effort featured high-visibility enforcement combined with a variety of outreach activities, including the Illinois Department of Transportation's new media campaign: "It's Not a Game."

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"In these times police officers put up with a lot of negativity and lack of support, tonight we thank Officer Lehman for an outstanding job," said Smith.

"We will be forever grateful to Officer Lehman for what he did for Harper and all of us," said Harper's dad, Reece.

In business news, Alderman Dave Shaw who is on the Depot Commission requested from the council where the new gazebo will be located. No decision will be made until after Depot Days. He also mentioned that volunteers are needed to work at the museum, freight and school houses

for the four day event. Amboy Mayor John Schamberger voiced that he enjoys reading the new Depot newsletter that has some interesting facts.

Alderman Jake Leffelman put in a request on behalf of the library for a new trash can. The current one seems to be always overflowing and a different type with a flap will make it easier to see when it's full and pickup made easier.

Alderman Shaw informed the council that the alternate well is up and operational for heavy summer use.

In new business, the council approved the hiring of Fehr Graham out of Freeport, for

the services of grant writing for the Water/ Sewer depart-

A four page breakdown of the 2022-23 appropriations were handed out and ratified by the council.

Building Inspector Don Clayton reported one new garage, deck, and porch permit requests. There was a question in regards to 'One

Way' signage for Metcalf St. before school begins with that to take place in the next week.

Now that there is a fresh new blacktop road area in the Sports Park, a discussion was started about the need for speed bumps. No official vote was taken but two to three were recommended.

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Upon taking off from the airfield, his plane headed off toward Italy to confront enemy air forces. He was flying a new P-17 and the landing gear failed to function. In bailing out, John became entangled in the plane's propeller and he was killed instantly.

In December, 1948, Lt. Bothe's remains were repatriated to the United States, and his funeral was held in Dixon, with burial at DeWolf

Cemetery along U.S. Rt. 52. John Bothe will be remembered forever for his bravery and the ultimate sacrifice he made in defense of freedom and human dignity. Citations:

Purple Heart World War II Victory

Army Good Conduct Medal

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Dixon Evening Telegraph, August 11, 1944

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# **TEEN TURF**

#### **Summer Splash Program**

This is our last and final week with the older kids. We are finishing up roadside clean up and some other community tasks. We are playing games and enjoying our last time together before school starts. Next week they are getting ready for the 4-H fair and their earned trip to Hurricane Harbor and Golden Corral.

#### 4-H Breakfast

This week we will be serving pancakes and sausage or biscuits and gravy for \$9 on Friday 7-10:30 a.m., Saturday from 7-10:30 a.m., and Sunday 8-11 a.m., at the Lee County Fair Grounds patio. Our board members, volunteers, and children will be happy to serve you.

#### Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that help us: Pete Rood for the ice pops and Connie Pettinger for delivering them; Doris Latta for the cookies; Shirley Harrison and Family for the donation in memory of Cecil Harrison; Early and Vicky Kessel for the bike; Gina and Andy McCoy for the beverages; Kathy Kessel for the cookies; Deb and Art Albee for the various items; and Sandy Draper for the item for a family in need.

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#### **Final Word**

Glorious Father, you are most worthy of praise. Because we know and trust you, we can give thanks in all circumstances. We ask now that you renew our minds regarding our lives. We confess that we sometimes grumble and are negative. We repent and desire to change our ways. Help us be intentional about communicating a positive attitude. Like your word tells us, a joyful heart is good medicine. May our joyful attitudes be healing to us. Empower us to operate in the Spirit at work, so that we are uplifting to everyone around us. Amen

# **Antique Equipment Association show** planned for Aug. 6-7

FRANKLIN GROVE - The Living history Antique Equipment Association Show will celebrate 42 years on Aug. 6 and 7. This year, Bill Wragg, one of our charter members from Polo, is our featured honoree. We have also added this year Minneapolis Moline tractors and equipment as a featured item.

There will be displays, demonstrations, a parade on grounds, a raffle, a 50/50 drawing and more.

This year on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. there will be a tractor parade going from the tractor grounds through Franklin Grove to the Franklin Grove Living and Rehab Center and The Meadows of Franklin Grove parking area and back to the grounds. For kids 12 and under, we have the annual straw scramble,

at 11 a.m. each day, where kids sieve thru straw/shavings for coins and at 11:30 a.m. each day we will dig potatoes, kids can pick up potatoes from the potato patch. There is also a petting zoo, a corn box to play in, an in-

flatable for just plain fun, and an area where kids can drive a tractor with the assistance of a club member. Please join us for a fun filled weekend for you and your

family. Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

Food is on the grounds by the association. Please call Paul Erisman for more info. 815-535-1688

# 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- The Amboy Farmers Market is held on Fridays from 8 a.m. – noon, in the Amboy Depot Museum parking lot shelter.

AMBOY- Come one come all to the Lee County 4-H Fair, July 28-31, Lee Fairgrounds, Amboy. See what our 4-H youth have been busy creating and working on all year long. Scheduled times can be viewed at go.illinois.edu/CLW4-HFairs For more information contact Martha at 815-632-3611.

AMBOY-The Amboy Summer Concert Series welcomes Jazz In Progress on Saturday, July 30, at 7 p.m., at the Downtown Band Shelter, Main Street. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert. Jazz In Progress performs Dixieland jazz.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The Village of Sublette will be hosting their annual One Day Tractor Drive on Wednesday, Aug. 3. The drive will leave the Ellice Dinges Center at 8 a.m.

AMBOY-The Southern Gospel trio, The Wanda Mountain Boys from Herculaneum, Mo., will present a concert in the park on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m., at the Shaw Shelter in Amboy City Park. This free concert is sponsored by the East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd., in Amboy. A free-will offering will be taken for the

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group to cover their travel and ministry expenses. All are welcome to attend. A Dessert Buffet will follow the concert. Please bring your own lawn chair. For more information, please contact Pastor Rick Wulf at 815-440-5321.

STERLING-Join Whiteside County Master Gardeners and discover the secret to succulents. Learn the basics on soil, water and containers and the different ways you can propagate succulents. This program will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. - noon at the Community Room in the Sterling Public Library, 102 W 3rd St. Participation is limited, you must be registered to attend. Register online at: go.illinois. edu/WhitesideSucculent or by calling 815-632-3611.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8 at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave., on Monday, Aug. 8.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Aug. 8. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the East Grove Township Hall.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the township maintenance building.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m., at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

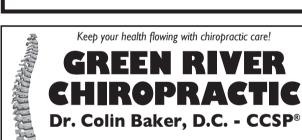
LEE COUNTY- The Four Seasons Gardening Webinar Series is one of the most popular horticulture programs offered by the Illinois Extension Horticulture Team. This webinar will be offered at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 16. Each season, the team hosts live webinars delivered via Zoom.





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# technology to impersonate celebrities, politicians, business leaders phrasing, or background sounds that don't match the speaker's

• Be careful what you post online. The only way a scammer

can make a deepfake video of you is if they have access to

a selection of photos and videos featuring your face. Stay

alert to the possibility of impersonation. Make certain your

family knows about deepfakes, and use caution when posting

identity. Be skeptical when a person or company contacts you

if you can't validate who they really are. Never make finan-

cial decisions based on viral videos on social media. Before

investing in something or donating to a charity, do plenty of

research to ensure you do so through a legitimate channel.

technology progresses, you'll need to confirm the identity

of who you are speaking with – even if you think you know

and trust them. You might not send money to a stranger

who calls you out of the blue, but if scammers start using

deepfakes to impersonate your loved ones, falling victim

could be easier. Pay attention if a friend or family member

makes an out-of-character request and be sure to confirm

their identity before sending money or giving up sensitive

personal information. Scammers would love to get their hands

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For more information If you spot a deepfake scam on social media or anywhere

• Don't "act immediately." Most scams involve an element

on your cash by impersonating someone you trust.

receive a gift, money, or an investment opportunity.

• Make sure you know who you are talking to. As deep fake

• Don't believe everything you see online. Scammers count on you to take them at their word without verifying their

location. These are all signs of fake audio.

**ROCKFORD** – New technology makes it nearly impossible to tell fake video or audio clips from real ones. The Deepfake technology creates fake videos and photos and can even edit verbal messages. As the software used to create these "deepfakes" becomes more widespread, scammers will use it to their advantage to steal money and sensitive information.

Fake ads and endorsements are common on the internet, but now scammers with the proper technology can create an altered message making a video endorsement look real.

"Seeing is no longer believing when it comes to what you may be viewing or hearing on the internet," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. "For impostor scams, the old rule was never to believe an endorsement unless you see the celebrity's lips moving. Now that's no longer a certainty, and consumers should elevate their awareness to be skeptical of this type of high-tech scam. As the technology improves and becomes easier to use, we'll likely see scammers using deepfakes to target individuals and small businesses, too.

## What is a deepfake?

Deepfake technology takes video clips and photos of a person and uses the imagery to create new videos and audio clips. Deepfakes use artificial intelligence to create a seemingly real video or audio clip that mimics a person's face, voice, or both. This synthetic content is often used to spread misinformation by impersonating politicians and celebrities on social media.

# How the scam works

You come across a video of Elon Musk while scrolling through social media. Or perhaps a trusted friend sent you the video. Elon Musk talks about ways to invest in cryptocurrency and how you can make a large amount of money in no time. This sounds like a get-rich-quick scheme, but the video looks so real! Musk is a famous business leader, so his

advice must be credible, right? Think again. The video is fake. Scammers used deepfake technology to create it from existing footage of Musk. If you

follow the links and "invest," you'll lose everything. BBB Tips to protect yourself from deepfake scams

• Know that celebrities are often impersonated. Politicians, actors, business leaders, and other celebrities are often "recreated" in deepfakes. That's because plenty of public video clips and photos of them are available. Don't assume a celebrity video is legitimate unless you can verify it came from an official source.

• Take a closer look at that video. Poor-quality deepfakes are easy to identify. Look for isolated blurry spots in the video, double edges to the face, changes in video quality during the video, unnatural blinking or no blinking, and changes in the background or lighting. If you notice any of these telltale

• Listen closely to the audio. Fake audio might include choppy sentences, unnatural or out-of-place inflection, odd

signs, you're probably looking at a deepfake video.

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The College and Career Fair offers more opportunities such as learning how to speak to employer representatives without being nervous and asking questions fitting the needs

Plus, a student can ask a teacher about roofing, welding, engineering, journalism, or any other career field, but they couldn't tell you the day-to-day responsibilities or the lifestyle from a first-hand point of view like the speakers at the fair can.

"This fair helps us develop their schedules in the future. Yes, it's in September, so we're not going to change their current schedule for the fall if they decide all of a sudden that they want to be a welder. But I can change their second semester schedule," Crownhart said. "It helps them figure out if they want to work with their hands all day. Or do they want to be around people all day? Do they want to go to college? Then we can talk about grades and what type of classes they're going to need to take to have a leg up when they graduate.

"Nothing says they're going to find their job as a sophomore and they're going to stick with it, but some of it is being able to cross of possibilities also. I have zero interest working with animals, so I won't take a veterinarian science class. But I'm interested in the human body and anatomy, so maybe I'll take that instead. Just because I like the agriculture shop and I like the idea of being in Future Farmers of America, it doesn't mean that I have to take an animal class if I really dislike animals."

The opportunity to find out college and career information will be set up like a fair as every college, business, military branch – the Air Force is scheduled to be there – or other organization will have a booth.

The kids will walk around and talk to people with a sheet to fill out with to prove that they did what they were supposed to do in order to get credit.

They may have questions they need to answer, or it may be a scavenger hunt where the kids are looking for certain careers.

The exact format hasn't been selected yet, but Amy Garriott of Allied-Locke Industries, Inc. in Dixon and Rhonda DeWitte of Astec Industries in Sterling are excited to present students with opportunities at their companies.

Garriott has been the hiring specialist for Allied-Locke for the last year and is looking forward to Amboy students gravitating toward the manufacturer.

"We did go to it last year and I was super excited to see that they were having it again because it gives us a great chance for us to reach out to the middle school and high school kids," Garriott said. "We're always excited to bring Amboy graduates onboard with us. The president of our company, Jeff Shoemaker, is an Amboy grad and we have quite a few Amboy grads on staff.

"It's very important for us to use this career fair because people don't realize what positions we have in addition to having manufacturing jobs, we have office, customer service, engineering, accounting, and human resource jobs.

"We also need skilled people like welders and machine operators, but we also have entry level positions where we will train you and you don't need any experience. The high school kids don't realize there are a wide variety of jobs that you can come in and make a really great wage straight out of high school."

DeWitte and Astec Industries are just as eager to speak to the Clippers.

The company has adapted to society's changes in recent years to try to engage and connect with young possible employees.

"We try to explain what we do because a lot of people don't know what we make here. We used to be Astec Mobile Screens, Inc. but we went through a rebranding and now we're Astec Industries. We make screening equipment for the aggregate and mining industry. There is very large pieces of equipment as we are not a small assembly place, by any means

"We like to get our name out there and let people know what we do. At the same time, we're trying to become the employer of choice in the area as so many are since we're all fighting for the same employees. We've increased some of

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our wages. We have different shift premiums, where if you work a night shift, you'll make more per hour. We have our benefits effective on day one, which came into effect about a year ago to entice people.'

The College and Career Fair is Sept. 26, but you can register to attend now at www.amboy.net.

# **FAIR** continued from page A1 –

The judges return for the swine show and the dairy show before the Midway opens at 1 p.m. to open the petting zoo, pony rides, and ax throwing. The County Fair Speedway will introduce remote control race cars for people to race as the fair provides the cars.

Friday also includes a magic show at 4 p.m., Lee County Homemakers will sell pies from 4-7 p.m., the Illini State Pullers Tractor & Truck Pull is at 6:30 p.m., and the kid favorite Pin Dodgeball, where the goal is to hit bowling pins instead of opponents, will be in the show barn at 7 p.m. "We're very proud of our

4-Hers. The Junior Show also encompasses youth that comes from surrounding counties," Pratt said. "We have people show their projects from counties such as Winnebago, Stevenson, Whiteside, Carol, Bureau, La Salle, DeKalb, and Ogle. We have families that come from all over to show in our livestock shows.'

Saturday will be the first day of the horse show, plus the beef show, the Midway opens at 1 p.m. bringing back pony rides, petting zoo, and ax throwing. Free face painting is available on Saturday (as well as Sunday), the Bubble Show is at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and the Broken Horn Rodeo will be in the grandstand at 7 p.m.

The horse show will conclude on Sunday as well as the Marketplace Vendor Fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Big Wheel Races, and the Midway opens at 11 a.m.

The grandstands will have a new fair attraction at 1 p.m. with donkey races.

Every year the Lee Countv 4-H Fair and Junior Show features something new or attracts a different, bigger crowd.

For the Pratt family and many others in Lee County and the surrounding area, the event is great, clean family fun they cherish every year.

"It's a family affair for us. My great-grandfather, George King, was on the founding board of directors for the 4-H Center and Fairgrounds," Pratt said. "My grandfather, Ray Dallam, is on a memorial plaque at our front gate. My father, Gail Dallam, sat on the fair board while I was a 4-H member. When I came home from college, there was an open spot and here I am today.

"My mom (Jan Dallam) was the quintessential 4-H mom. She was a big volunteer. My brother, my sister, their spouses, my nieces, and my nephews all volunteer and get involved. My husband (Andy Pratt) is the treasurer of the fair board. "Other kids were doing

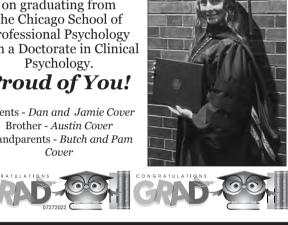
sports camps every summer,

while my family was preparing our projects and animals for the 4-H fair. It was a lot of fun for us and we want to provide the same for our children and the children of every person who enjoys 4-H The state mandated Bird

Flu bird ban was extended 40 days in the beginning of July. This means no birds can be at the fair, but 4-H members wishing to show their birds can still do so with photographs.

They will be judged the same as they normally would, just via photos instead











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# SOCIAL NEWS



#### THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE

BY PASTOR JACK M. BRIGGS First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center

Te refer to someone who has grown older as "no spring chicken." So, what does that make them? An autumn or winter chicken? Inquiring minds want to know, and apparently their numbers are on the rise. Worldwide, the number of people age 60 and over has doubled since 1980. By 2050, the number of folks age 80 is expected to quadruple to 395 million. Finally, within the next 5 years, the number of adults aged 65 and over will outnumber children age

And yet our culture tends to favor youth, with people going to great lengths to try to at least maintain the appearance of youth. Could be a touch of vanity, I suppose. But I suspect it has more to do with how our culture, generally speaking, views our elders. Many cultures revere those who are older and respect them for the contributions they have made, and for the wisdom that they have to share. Think of Eastern or

We could learn a thing or two from their example.

Fortunately, there is another ready resource that offers some excellent guidance. That all-time bestseller - The Bible - has a lot to say about how we are to treat those who have lived long lives. And we would do well to listen and learn.

The biblical view of old age is not as a badthing, but as a blessing. "A gray head is a crown of glory;" (Proverbs 16:31) We read elsewhere many people that were said to have died at a ripe old age. Take David, for instance, who"...died at a good old age, full of days, riches and honor" (I Chronicles 29:26,28)

Adopting a biblical understanding of aging is the right, and righteous, thing to do. A long life is a blessing, and with it comes a responsibility to the generation that follows. In turn, the next generation is to respect their elders, including caring for those older persons who may need some help, or are no longer able to care for themselves. We have a responsibility to respect and care for those who are growing older, "to rise in the presence of the elderly

and honor them (Leviticus: 19:32). So, if God holds the aged in high regard, I reckon that so should we.

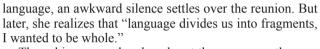
There is likely someone in each of our lives who has some stories to share, some wisdom to pass along. Maybe he or she is an aging parent or grandparent or that older lady or gentleman down

Maybe it is someone in the twilight of life we haven't met yet who sits looking out the window, counting the days, and watching the world pass by.

It really doesn't matter who they are or where they live, but there are plenty of opportunities to reach out to a senior, with very little cost involved. All that is required is an ear to listen, a heart to love, and a hand to hold, and a little bit of time to share.

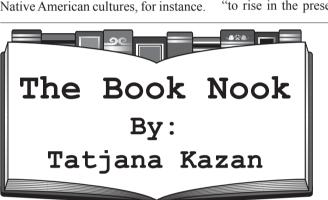
We are so blessed to have those who have been around long enough to gain the wisdom that only comes with age. May we set the example in this world by treating the older people in our lives with the respect and dignity that they truly deserve. Believe me, they have earned it.

Thanks be to God.



narrator despises David almost as much as she hates Americans, the great despoilers. She says of David, "Secondhand American was spreading over him in patches, like mange or lichen." To her, Americans are Satan: "They got drunk and chased loons in their powerboats for fun, backtracking on the loon as it dived, not giving it a chance to fly, until it drowned or got chopped up in the propeller blades. Senseless killing, it was a game; after the war they'd been bored.'

ever hurt anyone."



#### THE PILGRIM

'n the late 1960's Margaret Atwood traveled throughout Canada giving readings and lugging cardboard boxes of her books to sell afterward since there usually wasn't a bookstore to house them. Then in 1972 she made her name with a book called "Survival: A Thematic Guide to Canadian Literature." She also published a novel "Surfacing," which garnered a long, thoughtful review in the New York Times.

"Surfacing" is about the pilgrimage of a wounded young woman to self-awareness in a remote Canadian wilderness. She is the unnamed and rather unreliable narrator. She travels with Joe, her boyfriend, and a truly obnoxious married couple, David and Anna, to northern Quebec to a cabin by a lake where she had lived with her family as a child. She is searching for her father who has disappeared into the wilderness. On arrival in the village, she visits Madame who does not speak English. As she doesn't speak Madame's

The cabin seems abandoned, yet there are countless reminders of the narrator's childhood. Though her mother died

years ago, her leather jacket is still hanging up. She finds maps marked with x's, and decides her father has left clues for her to find him. Soon the relationship between the friends begins to fray. From long experience, she knows that "being socially retarded is like being mentally retarded, it arouses in others disgust and pity and the desire to torment and reform." Joe and David are filmmakers of the pretentious variety. Our

She begins to excavate and subdue her lacerating memories as when she recalls while diving the torment of an abortion:

"It was blurred but it had eyes, they were open, it was something I knew about, a dead thing, it was dead." Moreover, she realizes that her father's "job was wrong, he was really a surveyor, he learned the trees, naming and counting them so the others could level and excavate." She promises herself, "This above all, to refuse to be a victim. Unless I can do that I can do nothing. I have to recant, give up the old belief that I am powerless and because of it nothing I can do will

# Clint Black to take stage at Coronado Performing Arts Center

ROCKFORD - Grammy-winning Country superstar Clint Black is hitting the road with the Mrs. Lisa Hartman Black and are making a stop at Coronado Performing Arts Center on Dec. 18. Tickets start at \$41.50 plus applicable fees and go on-sale Friday, July 29, at 10 a.m. and are available on

at the BMO Harris Bank Center box office, and by phone at 815-968-5222. Clint and Lisa Experience pre-show packages also available online at Ticketmater.com.

## **About Clint Black:**

It has been three decades since the release of Clint Black's groundbreaking debut album, Killin' Time.

cemented the Country music icon as one of the truest traditionalists in the game and his widespread influence can still be felt in the works of artists today. Now, the seemingly unstoppable legend is heading out on tour with Lisa

Hartman Black. Having earned 22 #1 career singles, nearly two dozen gold and platinum

awards (U.S. and Canada), a Grammy Award, numerous CMA, ACM and American Music Awards, Clint Black has had one of the most storied careers in modern music. The Houston raised musician has certainly come a long way from the Texas nightclub circuit where he first began.

In his latest effort, Out of Sane, Clint Black continues to hold firm in making great music that doesn't fit a mold or conform to current popularity.

Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or at the BMO Harris Bank Center.



large leaves are in whorls of four or five on a stout stem that is speckled with purple spots. They can be found on many roadsides that are not mowed. The purple flowers are small but there is a large cluster on the top of the plant.

#### **Butterflies love pye**

If you visit these plants in late August, you will find the flowers covered with our largest and most beautiful butterflies. Migrating Monarchs love to visit them. So do the big, black-and-yellow Tiger-swallowtails. The smaller Whites and Sulphurs will also be fluttering around.

We have another species of Joe-pye weed that is only found in our more fertile woods. It is similar, with a green stem and paler flowers.

If modern science has not bit.ly/3HQFgFt



The Joe-pye weed conjures up butterflies and stories of early herbal medicine.

The Joepye weed begins to bloom in August. I have always wanted to know more about this plant. The story goes that the plant was named after a famous medicine man who developed and sold a marvelous tonic



had a legitimate reason for being so popular. After all, the Monarch butterflies feed on Joe-pye weed nectar and then flutter all the way to Mexico to spend the winter. Editor's Note: James Brady Long was born in

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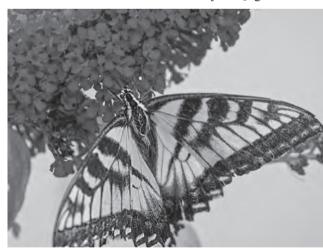
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Amboy on June 12, 1926. Known by many as "Mazie," he grew up in Amboy, served in the army during World War II, then studied forestry at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. His studies in botany and forest protection continued as he ventured 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 Ambov News. Upon his death in 2000, his many hand-written drafts were gathered and initially curated by Brenda Boyle. The present, renewed series draws from those drafts, both unpublished and previously published.

> Related Resources: Joe-pye in Illinois: bit.ly/3OBEpuG bit.ly/3HKSKmj Who was Joe Pye:



Monarchs are among the many butterflies attracted to the nectar of the Joe-pye weed, which begins to bloom this time of year. According to early 19th century lore, the plant was popularized by an herbal medicine man.

#### Ticketmaster.com, in person The genre altering record First State Bank Toraason, executive vice-president, to retire

**MENDOTA** – After 46 years in the financial services industry, First State Bank wishes to announce the retirement of Goodwin (Goody) Toraason, EVP/Sr. Lending Officer.

Throughout his tenure, the bank has grown from four branches to 19 through several acquisitions and new market growth. Toraason started his banking career in 1976 with the last 28 years with First State Bank. He has led and developed the Loan Department, served on the Executive team as well as the Board of Directors.

Toraason has been heavily involved in his community over the years. He was Charter President of the Illinois Valley Sunrise Rotary, served on the YMCA Board, was the President of the IV Chamber of Commerce, a board member for St. Bede Academy, and was a Peru Catholic basketball coach for many years. Goody is looking forward to spending more time with his grandchildren, visiting family, traveling, golfing, walking and fishing.

As Goody embarks on

retirement, First State Bank salutes him for an outstanding career in the financial services industry.

"I want to thank Goody for his tremendous contributions to the success and growth First State Bank has achieved during his time here. His retirement is well deserved," said Tim McConville, President/CEO.

Toraason's last day with First State Bank will be Friday, July 29. Please join us in wishing him well.

First State Bank is a \$1.4 Billion community bank committed to providing value-added offerings, backed by exceptional service to the local communities it serves. It does so by providing a combination of cutting edge banking products and conveniences and also employing



**Toraason** 

local professionals who take the time to get to know each customer's banking needs on an individual basis. First State Bank has 19 locations throughout North Central Illinois. For more information, visit First State Bank's website at firststatebank.biz.

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# Saturday, August 6th at 6:00 PM **Shaw Shelter in Amboy City Park**







The Southern Gospel trio, The Wanda Mountain Boys from Herculaneum, Mo., will present a concert in the park on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m., at the Shaw Shelter, in Amboy City Park. This free concert is sponsored by the East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd., in Amboy. A free-will offering will be taken for the group to cover their travel and ministry expenses. All are welcome to attend. A Dessert Buffet will follow the concert. Please bring your own lawn chair. For more information, please contact Pastor Rick Wulf at (815) 440-5321.

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# Always leave them with hope

any years ago, I was in the audience when the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Lthe legendary civil rights activist and election mobilizer, gave a speech. He often used the catchphrase, "Keep hope alive." when he spoke, and he did so that time. The audience picked it up as a chant. "Keep hope alive." they called. "Keep hope alive." It was a memorable bit of political showmanship.

A few years later, I gave a speech at a small college in Iowa. I used it to analyze all the challenges our country faced, domestic and foreign, and finished thinking I'd done a pretty good job of laying out our problems. Afterward, a young student came up to me. "That was a marvelous speech, Congressman," she said. "I've just got one question: Is there any hope?"

I realized then that, far from rising to the occasion, I'd failed. Jesse Jackson was right: You always have to leave your listeners with hope, and I had not done that.

This is very hard to pull off, of course—possibly harder now than it was then. We face a long list of seemingly intractable problems, from climate change to mass shootings to threats to our democratic processes to overseas rivals willing to test us at every turn. It's easy to get discouraged and to believe that we

cannot solve or manage those problems—and **Guest Column** then to give in to despair. But Jackson and that student were right. We constantly need reminding By Lee Hamilton that we can change things for the better.

The reason, actually, is straightforward. The backbone of our system of representative democracy is its faith in ordinary Americans to step up to their responsibility as citizens to improve their corner of the world—by their own direct actions as well as by making discriminating judgments about politicians and policies. If you rob people of hope, then you rob them of a reason to be involved.

In decades of talking to people all over the country, I've been repeatedly impressed by the strength of citizens' desire to improve their communities. This often reflected itself in specific projects—a bridge or a road or renovations to a local

school—but it also applied to supporting quality leaders who could get things done for their communities. To be sure, people were often wary of politics: they thought

it was filled with messiness and noise. But at the end of the day, they saw the need for deal-making, compromise, and negotiation. I think this is still true for the majority of Americans, though an alarming number these days want to elect political

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leaders who will brook no compromise—and, indeed, seem to take an almost punitive approach to fellow citizens and politicians who disagree with them. They want to extinguish hope.

Still, I believe that most Americans are solidly pragmatic. They recognize the complexities of the challenges we face, see the limitations on what can be accomplished at any given moment, and believe that even in the face of division there's much that unites us, especially the urge to improve our own lives and those of our neighbors and fellow community members. They're very aware of differences of opinion and operate out of a basic sense of decency and fairness—they want the process to reflect fairly where people stand. I think that, without articulating it, they understand instinctively that keeping the process fair is crucial to keeping hope alive.

I've worked in this system a long time, and I believe it can do just that—if it's allowed to work, and if citizens are allowed to fulfill the basic responsibility of being involved. That's why the hope of changing things for the better is so crucial. We may face serious, difficult problems, but if we allow ourselves to become discouraged—or even worse, to be discouraged from tackling them—then progress really will be impossible.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

# ON THIS

# **100 YEARS AGO July 28, 1922**

About 25 people were injured but none seriously when the grandstand at the Mendota fairground collapsed during a baseball game. There were between 400 and 500 spectators entangled in the wreckage.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Township High School. Part of the floors are being laid and the plasterers will soon be busy. It is hoped the building will be ready when school opens September 5. Good progress is also being made on St. Anne's parochial school.

#### **75 YEARS AGO July 24, 1947** For the best selection of cotton

dresses, try Eichler Bros. July Sale. Come early for the best selection for house wear, afternoon and street, and sports wear dresses priced \$1.98, \$2.98 and \$3.99

William R. Welty was elected commander of Poths-Lavelle Post No. 453; senior vice commander was Max Jones, junior vice commander Paul Hart, finance officer Roy Long, chaplain Cletus Lauer, L.J. Vaessen was sergeant-atarms and O.N. Eckburg was historian.

# **50 YEARS AGO July 27. 1972**

Shaw's Gamble Store advertised 1973 model Mud Bugs and Trail Bikes.

Fire of undetermined origin did extensive damage to the three-bedroom home of Mr. and Mrs. George Kaleel, which is under construction on El Vista

The average family income in Lee County was \$9,636, compared with

#### **25 YEARS AGO July 24, 1997**

The regular meeting Monday night of the Amboy City Council was filled with community involvement and discussion. Much of the discussion centered around pending litigation of construction currently underway by Jeff Cardot at property located at 213 S. Commercial St. According to reports, Cardot, has installed the foundation for a three-family triplex, although the property is currently zoned for only single-family or duplex homes.

The Depot Tap team finished its season with a 9-0-1 record by defeating the Spanky and Our Gang Squad 11-9 in the season's finale. The two teams had met earlier in the year and played to a tie.

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# Better politics, smarter government: CAT's Illinois departure erodes public trust

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BY JOHN T. SHAW ike many Illinois-

ans, I was saddened to learn that Caterpillar Tractor Company is moving its world headquarters from our state to Texas. CAT has been an important company in Illinois. It has been especially vital to my hometown of Peoria, where its world headquarters were located for nearly nine decades. My dad was a civil engineer who spent his entire career at CAT and working there allowed my parents to put six kids through college. I have always been grateful to the company and admired its deep commitment to Peoria. It was the pillar of the community and appeared to relish that role.

But it's not for solely personal reasons that I find CAT's decision to leave Illinois troubling.

First, when a company moves its global headquarters, its active commitments shift, which has a profound effect on the community left behind. People's lives are changed, and communities are altered forever. This is especially true for Peoria, which built its economic and cultural life around CAT. Peoria is welcoming new firms and industries, but the path ahead is daunting. The city will never be the same.

Second, I have been troubled by some of the reaction to CAT's decision. I have read several articles that have been full of recriminations and finger pointing. Several analysts have seized on CAT's decision to reprise familiar arguments about Illinois' unfriendly business climate. While we must do more to address our state budget and improve our worker's compensation system, Illinois

new firms and remains the global home for dozens of major companies. I see no credible evidence that Illinois' overall business climate was a major factor in CAT's decision.

continues to attract scores of

Third, I am especially disappointed in public comments made by CAT's senior executives over recent years that have been confusing and contradictory, edging toward disingenuous. In February 2015, CAT

CEO Doug Oberhelman announced plans for a magnificent new global headquarters in Peoria. He brandished a video with a striking architectural rendering of a gleaming new complex with three towers and offices for more than 3,000 employees on 30 riverfront acres. "We're here in Peoria to stay. Our long-term future is here," Mr. Oberhelman declared at a public event attended by cheering business, civic, and political leaders, including then-Gov. Bruce Rauner. "Caterpillar will stay in Peoria. I repeat, we will stay in Peoria," CAT's leader

pledged. Less than two years later, CAT issued a press release saying it would "locate a limited group of senior executives and support functions in the Chicago area later this year." The company "reaffirmed the ongoing importance of its

presence in Peoria and Central Illinois." When the statement was fully unpacked, it was clear that CAT was moving its global headquarters to suburban Chicago. "Locating our headquarters closer to a global transportation hub, such as Chicago, means we can meet with global customers, dealers, and employees more easily and frequently," said Jim Umpleby, CAT's new CEO. He added: "We value our deep roots in Central Illinois and Peoria will continue to be our hometown."

Then on June 14, 2022, Mr. Umpleby announced that CAT was leaving Deerfield for Irving, Texas. "We believe it's in the interests of the company to make this move, which supports Caterpillar's strategy for profitable growth as we help our customers build a better. more sustainable world," he said opaquely.

Pressed for a fuller explanation, a CAT spokeswoman said the Texas location "will give us the ability to attract new talent and provide additional career opportunities for our current employees to aid in retention." How would this help CAT retain its workers? Is CAT moving to Texas so that its workers will find "additional career opportunities" with other firms in that state?

CAT has every right to locate its global headquarters where it wishes, and I appreciate that circumstances change. CAT still has more than 17,000 employees in Illinois and about 12,000 in the Peoria area.

I believe that CAT has a responsibility, as a good corporate citizen, to explain honestly and clearly why it is making its decisions. That does not seem too much to ask of a firm that referred to itself as a "great American company" in a U.S. Senate hearing. It is deeply disappointing that CAT has failed to honor commitments and offers empty rhetoric instead. This behavior is unworthy of a "great American company" and is unfair to the people of Illinois.

The Pew Research Center periodically publishes a study that measures Americans' declining distrust in various institutions. Not surprisingly, the least trusted group is our elected officials. The next least trusted group is America's business executives.

Unfortunately, the current leadership of CAT has given us additional reasons not to trust the words of corporate America.

John Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Shaw's monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government.

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# Pritzker administration announces 988 suicide prevention lifeline to strengthen mental health support across Illinois

CHICAGO – Governor JB Pritzker announced today that the Illinois Department of Human Services' (IDHS) Division of Mental Health, in coordination with the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is expanding Illinois' mental health safety net by rolling out 988, a new, nationwide suicide prevention and mental health crisis line. The code will be available nationally beginning July 16, 2022.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which has existed since 2005, is now available nationwide via a three-digit dialing code – 988 – making it easier for those in crisis to get the help they need. Converting to this easy-to-remember number offers the public increased access to potentially lifesaving, trained crisis counselors. State and federal funding have made it possible to increase staffing at Illinois' six existing 988 call centers to ensure that calls are answered in-state.

"Thanks to the many incredible counselors answering the call to serve those in crisis, the expanded 988 Lifeline number will help save many lives," said Governor JB Pritzker. "To any Illinois resident who might be struggling, know that you are not alone. We are here to support you. You can receive help by dialing or texting 988.

The 988 call and text line is a crucial first step toward ensuring SAMSHA's three-part aspiration for our country: that over time, all Americans experiencing mental health crises have someone to call, someone to respond, and somewhere to go.

The new code is a first step toward transforming crisis care in America, a universal entry point to needed crisis services in line with access to other emergency medical

"The Governor was clear that we needed a stronger effort to support mental health in Illinois," said Illinois Department of Human Services Secretary Grace B. Hou. "The launch of 988 will help people across the state prevent mental health crises from escalating into emergencies."

Suicide is the third leading cause of death for young adults ages 15-34 in Illinois and fourth leading cause of death for those ages 35-44. Overall, suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the state.

"The pandemic has had an impact on stress

levels and mental health across the board," said Dr. David Albert, Director, Division of Mental Health, IDHS. "This is an effort to increase access to vital crisis services, improve the efficacy of suicide prevention efforts, and overcome the stigma around getting help. This will bolster the crisis care continuum in Illinois, better connecting people in crisis with call takers trained in suicide prevention, crisis de-escalation and stabilization."

'The past two plus years have been an overwhelming time for many Illinoisans, and some feel like they are struggling alone," said Illinois State Senator Laura Fine. "988 is an expanded resource to assist people experiencing mental health issues. I encourage anyone feeling anxious or depressed to dial 988 for local support. A caring voice or a listening ear can make all the difference during times of stress."

"If you want to help someone experiencing a crisis- you can call or text 988 for free and confidential support," said Illinois State Representative Fran Hurley. "Across Illinois, too many lives have been lost to suicide. 988 provides lifesaving support to individuals experiencing mental health crises and I'm proud to have co-sponsored the legislation that helped make this resource available for residents in urgent need."

This is good government doing the right thing for our citizens," said Illinois State Representative Deb Conroy. "988 is an important step for Illinois to improve the accessibility of

mental health help for the people of Illinois." In addition to funding from the federal government, Governor Pritzker committed nearly \$15 million to bolster Illinois' statewide 988 Crisis Response Call Center. State investment in the Division of Mental Health, which is one aspect of the state's mental health services, has significantly increased during the Pritzker administration, totaling up to \$830.3 million in the current FY23 budget. This is nearly a quarter billion-dollar difference from the previous administration.

People in mental health crisis or emotional distress can call or text 988 to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Those who are not in crisis but who are seeking treatment options for mental health conditions can visit 988hotline.illinois. gov or call 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

# White extending Driver's License and ID Card expiration dates until Dec. 1, 2022

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses, ID cards and learner's permits are being extended until Dec. 1, 2022.

The previous extension was set to end on July 31, 2022. As a result, expired driver's licenses, ID cards and learner's permits will remain valid until Dec. 1, 2022, so customers do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits.

White's office expanded online renewals for expired driver's licenses and ID cards and continues to mail letters to eligible customers. The letter provides driver's license and ID card holders with a unique PIN needed to renew online instead of visiting a facility and waiting in line. Customers may call 217-785-1424 to confirm their eligibility for online renewal or to obtain their PIN. They may also visit https://apps.ilsos. gov/renewaldlid/eligible.jsp to look up their eligibility status.

Customers who must visit a facility include first-time driver's license or ID card applicants, first-time REAL ID applicants and drivers ages 75 and older who are required by state law to visit a facility when renewing their license.

White continues to encourage peo-

ple to conduct other business online at

In addition to driver's license and ID card renewals for those who qualify, online services include obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, ordering a driver record and purchasing license plate stickers.

White noted his office is also extending the expiration dates of Restricted Driving Permits (RDPs) to Dec. 1, 2022 for those that expired on or after Dec. 1, 2021 through Dec. 1, 2022.

As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May

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Informational sessions:

Monday, Aug. 8, 2022 at 5 p.m.

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61021 Lee County will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2022, in the Old Lee Courthouse, County Third Floor Boardroom. 112 E Second Street, Dixon, Illinois, for the purpose of hearing written and oral comments concerning the use of funds providing social services for senior citizens. This meeting can be attended via Zoom conferencing. video The Zoom meeting information will be posted to the Lee County web-All interested citizens.

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**ENTERPRISE ZONE** Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm, Monday August 1st, in the Council Room of the City of Amboy, 280 W Wasson Road, Amboy

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ACT (20 ILCS 655). Anyone comment on the amendment proposed Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone may appear at the above specified time and location and may submit state comments for the record. Written comments may also be directed to: Andy Shaw; Administrator; Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone; 309 First Avenue; Rock Falls, IL 61071.

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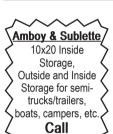
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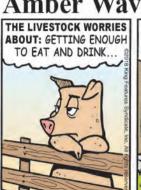


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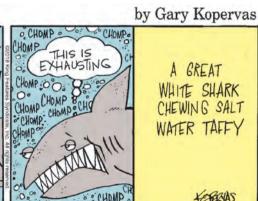
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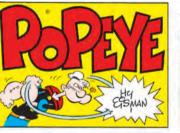
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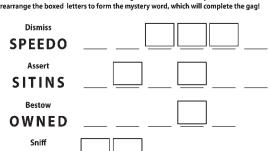


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- 17 Oodles
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- acronym 29 Stein or Stiller
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- 31 Swiss capital 32 Staff
- 33 Oven
- 35 "Explain, please"
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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

#### by Linda Thistle

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4. LITERATURE: How long did it take Tolstoy to write his epic novel "War and Peace"

5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where were the first modern Olympic Winter Games held in 1924? 6. SCIENCE: What colors are mosqui-

tos attracted to?

7. GAMES: How many pieces are in a double-six set of dominoes?

8. U.S. STATES: What is the nickname of the state of Maryland?

9. MOVIES: Which 1978 movie is associated with the cry "toga!"?

10. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the disease varicella?

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10. Chickenpox 9. "Animal House" 8. Old Line State 82.7 6. Dark colors 5. Chamonix, France 4. Six years 3. The Munster Koach 2. Billy the Kid

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CryptoQuip

# Illinois acreage shift toward soybeans would be first in nearly 40 years

BY DANIEL GRANT

FarmWeek

Ilinois appears well positioned to maintain its recent run as the top soybean producing state in the nation. While soybean plantings fell more than 2 million acres short of expectations in USDA's June 30 acreage report nationwide, the Ag Department raised soybean plantings by 200,000 acres in Illinois compared to the March estimate.

The current projections place Illinois plantings at 11.2 million acres of soybeans, up 600,000 from last year when it produced 672.6 million bushels – the most of any state in the nation. USDA estimates Illinois farmers planted 10.7 million acres of corn this season, down 300,000 from last year.

"If realized, it would be the first time since 1983 that soybean acres would be greater than corn acres in Illinois," said Illinois state statistician Mark Schleusener.

It not only would buck a longtime state trend, but the acreage shift in Illinois was the opposite of the national trend. The U.S. soybean planting estimate declined 2.6 million acres from March to June to just 88.3 million acres.

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The national corn acreage estimate increased 400,000 acres to 89.9 million last month. University of Illinois Extension ag economists Scott Irwin

and Joe Janzen discussed the shift during a recent webinar hosted by farmdoc. "With soybeans we had some delayed planting and less-

than-ideal conditions this spring," Irwin said. "When push came to shove, farmers in the U.S. faded toward corn and away from soybeans. "Illinois stood out as increasing soybean acres (from the

March intentions to the June planted acreage reports) as did Kentucky." Overall, the total of U.S. principal crop acreage decreased

from 317.4 million in March to 316.3 million in June, which helps explain the soybean acreage decline outside of Illinois.

'It's not that the acreage pie shrunk. We moved a bit more

than 1 million acres from principal crops into prevented plant," Irwin said. "That's primarily in North Dakota and to a lesser

extent South Dakota and Minnesota." Estimates suggest prevented plant acreage could grow from 4.2 million acres last year to 5.3 million nationwide this season. However, the first official data on prevented plant

Meanwhile, after a spring buildup, crop prices continued a downward trend following the June 30 report and the Independence Day holiday.

"We've seen some of the high price action drop off," Janzen said.

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# State Police broaden use of 'clear and present danger' reports

By PETER HANCOCK Capitol News Illinois

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SPRINGFIELD-The Illinois State Police announced Monday they will start using a broader definition of what constitutes a "clear and present danger" when reviewing a person's Firearm Owners Identification card.

That's a factor ISP considers when deciding whether to grant someone a FOID card or to revoke or suspend a card that has already been issued.

The change is meant to address gaps in the process that were identified in the wake of the July 4 mass shooting in Highland Park. The alleged shooter in that case had been the subject of a clear and present danger investigation, but under standards used at that time, ISP determined there was insufficient evidence to support such a determination.

"These changes will immediately allow ISP to see a fuller picture of an applicant's history and keep the people of Illinois safe from those who should not be in possession of firearms," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement.

Under current law, known as the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, ISP can deny a FOID card application or suspend or revoke an existing card for any person deemed to be a clear and present danger of harming themselves or someone else.

Under that statute, a physician, clinical psychologist or other qualified examiner can classify someone as a clear and present danger if he or she "communicates a serious threat of physical violence against a reasonably identifiable victim or poses a clear

and imminent risk of serious physical injury to himself, herself, or another person." A person can also be clas-

sified as a clear and present danger if they demonstrate "threatening physical or verbal behavior such as violent, suicidal, or assaultive threats, actions or other behavior, as determined by a physician, clinical psychologist, qualified examiner, school administrator, or law enforcement official.'

That law requires physicians, clinical psychologists, law enforcement officers and school administrators to promptly report any such behavior to ISP.

In 2013, however, ISP filed administrative rules that provide a stricter, more limiting definition. Those rules defined a clear and present danger as someone who poses "an actual, impending, or imminent threat of substantial bodily harm to themselves or another person that is articulable and significant or who will be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety or contrary to the public interest if they were granted access to a weapon."

ISP said the new rules announced Monday will revert to the original, statutory definition, allowing them to consider a broader range of information when determining whether someone poses a clear and present danger.

The 2013 rule also prohibited ISP from maintaining report records of people who are not determined to be a clear and present danger. The new rules would require ISP to maintain those records.

ISP adopted the new definitions through what are known General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative

Rules, or JCAR, whose next scheduled meeting is Aug. 17.

ISP said it also plans to submit the changes to JCAR in the form of permanent rules through the regular rule making process as well.

ISP took the rulemaking action in response to the July 4 shooting in Highland Park after authorities announced the local police department had several interactions with the alleged Highland Park gunman that predated his application for a FOID card. ISP did not judge any of those interactions as disqualifying for firearm ownership under the previous administrative rules.

In September 2019, according to ISP, the Highland Park Police Department filed a clear and present danger report regarding the man who is now the suspect in the July 4 mass shooting, Robert Crimo III. The report indicated Crimo had made threats to his family.

When police went to Crimo's house, both he and his mother denied there had been any threat of violence and Crimo told police he did not feel like hurting himself or others. The reviewing officer concluded there was insufficient evidence, under the standards in place, to support a clear and present danger determination.

At the time of that incident, Crimo had not applied for a FOID card. Roughly three months later, however, he did apply for a FOID card and, because he was only 19 at the time, his father sponsored his application. When his application was reviewed in January 2020, according to ISP, there was insufficient information to deny his application on the basis that he posed a clear and present danger.

Last week, state Rep. Mark Batinick, R-Plainfield, filed legislation that would hold parents criminally liable for damages caused by their minor children whenever the parent consents to their child getting a FOID card.



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as "emergency rules." That's allowed under state law when an agency determines it needs to take swift action to protect public interest, safety or welfare. But those rules are

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# July 27-31, 2022



# WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

3-8 p.m. Livestock may enter fairgrounds
5-9 p.m. Rabbit Department Check-in – Rabbit Barn
6-7 p.m. Horse Department Check-in – Fair Office
7-8 p.m. Vet available to stamp health papers — Fair Office
10 p.m. All rabbits need to be in place

# **THURSDAY, JULY 28**

8-11 a.m. Non-livestock project check in 9-11 a.m. Swine Weigh-In 10-12 p.m. 4-H Amazing Race starts

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Vet available to stamp health papers—Fair Office 11 a.m. All Livestock must be in place

Noon Gate opens to public; Jr. Show Crops Judging – Commercial Building; 4-H
Healthy Living & Nutrition Judging – Commercial Building; Rabbit Judging –

Rabbit Barn

12:30 p.m. 4-H Crops Judging – Commercial Building; 4-H Floriculture / Horticulture

Judging – Commercial Building 2 p.m. Goat Judging — Show Barn 2:30 p.m. Cat Judging — Auditorium

4 & 4:30 p.m. Learn to Dance w/ Starlight Dance Studio – Entertainment Tent

4 p.m. Pony Rides & Petting Zoo & Midway Open – Midway

4:30 p.m. Bingo – Vendor Tent

5 p.m. Italian Beef Dinner by Lee Co. Young Farmers—Patio 5:30 p.m. Starlight Dance Studio – Entertainment Tent 6 p.m. Garden Tractor/Tractor/Truck Pull—Track

7 p.m. Rope Pull – Show Barn

# FRIDAY, JULY 29

7 a.m. Gate Opens to Public

7-10:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast by Teen Turf—Patio 9 a.m. Swine Judging—Show Barn; 4-H Creativ

a.m. 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—Auditorium

10 a.m. 4-H Creative STEM (Clothing & Interior Design) Judging – Auditorium; 4-H Animal Science Judging - Auditorium

Kids' Korner—Entertainment Tent

12 – 8 p.m. Axe Throwing – Midway

11 a.m.

5-7 p.m.

1 p.m. Midway open; Poultry Judging—Poultry Barn
2 p.m. Poirty Judging—Show Barn Kide' Korner, Fr

2 p.m. Dairy Judging—Show Barn; Kids' Korner—Entertainment Tent; Magic by

Cory strolling show – Midway; Pony Rides Open – Midway Pork Chop Dinner by Lee Co. Pork Producers—Patio

4 p.m. Magic by Cory Show – Entertainment Tent
4-7 p.m. Pie Sale by Lee Co. HEA – Auditorium

Awards Ceremony and Ambassador Annous

5 p.m. Awards Ceremony and Ambassador Announcement—Auditorium 6 p.m. Quality Meats & Baked Goods Auction—Auditorium

6 p.m. Quality Meats & Baked Goods 6:30 p.m. Tractor/Truck Pull—Track 8 p.m. Pin Dodge Ball – Show Barn

# **SATURDY, JULY 30**

7 a.m. Gate opens to public

7-10:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast by Teen Turf—Patio
8 a.m. Sheep Judging – Show Barn; Jr. Show Mechanical Sciences Judging –

Auditorium; Horse Performance & Halter Judging—Arena

9 a.m. Jr. Show Visual Arts Judging—Commercial Building; 4-H Environmental Sciences Judging – Commercial Building; 4-H Global Civic Engagement, Career, & Leadership Judging – Auditorium; 4-H STEM: Mechanical Sciences

Judging – Commercial Building; 4-H Woodworking Judging – Commercial

Building

9:30 a.m. Beef Show—Show Barn
10 a m. Farm Scene Contest One

10 a.m. Farm Scene Contest Open—Commercial Building; Cloverbud Judging —

Auditorium Kids' Korne

11 a.m. Kids' Korner—Entertainment Tent 12 - 4 p.m. Whimsy Pixie Paint – Entertainment Tent 12 - 8 p.m. Axe Throwing – Midway

12 p.m. Petting Zoo & Pony Rides – Midway 1 p.m. Midway (rides and games) open

2 p.m. Kids' Korner—Entertainment Tent (mud pies)
3:30 p.m. Ben's Bubble Show – Auditorium

4:30 p.m. Ben's Bubble Show – Auditorium
5 p.m. Awards Ceremony & Cloverbud Graduation—Auditorium

6 p.m. Master Showmanship Contest – Show Barn 7 p.m. Broken Horn Rodeo – Track

# **SUNDAY, JULY 31**

7 a.m. Gate opens 8-11 a.m. Pancake Bro

8-11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast by Teen Turf—Patio
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Horse Novelty Classes — Arena; Shooting Sports w/ Rock River Chapter of

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10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Marketplace Vendor Fair

11 a.m. Midway open; Pedal Pull—Show Barn

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Whimsey Pixie Paint
1 p.m. Donkey Races – Grandstand

1 p.m. Donkey Races – Grandstand
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