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Officials warn about salmonella outbreak linked to Sunny **Crunch Salad**

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is working with local health departments, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to investigate a multistate outbreak of Salmonella Typhimurium linked to Bright-Farms brand Sunny Crunch salad produced in Rochelle, IL.

According to the CDC, eight people infected with the outbreak strain of Salmonella Typhimurium have been reported from two states. Illnesses started on dates ranging from June 10, 2021 to June 15, 2021. In Illinois, five cases matching the outbreak strain have been reported in Cook, DuPage, and McHenry counties.

Illinois cases have reported purchasing BrightFarms brand Sunny Crunch salad produced in Rochelle, in the north-eastern part of the state. However, IDPH is still working with federal officials to determine where the BrightFarms brand Sunny Crunch salad produced in Rochelle, was distributed in Illinois so people could potentially be exposed across the state.

Symptoms of illness caused by Salmonella may include headache, muscle aches, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal cramping, chills, fever, nausea, and dehydration. If you experience these symptoms 12 to 72 hours after eating BrightFarms brand Sunny Crunch salad produced in Rochelle, contact a health care provider and let them know you have recently eaten Sunny Crunch salad.

Anyone that has purchased BrightFarms brand Sunny Crunch salad produced in Rochelle, should not eat it and should throw it away, even if some of it was eaten and no one has gotten sick. Surfaces and containers that may have touched the contaminated products should be washed using hot and soapy water.

IDPH is working with local health departments to identify additional cases and to perform laboratory testing. Investigators are working to determine if additional products are contaminated.

For more information and updates, go to https://www.cdc. gov/salmonella/typhimurium-07-21/index.html.



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Lee County 4-H Fair and Junior Show to kick off on on Thursday

AMBOY — The 2021 Lee County 4-H Fair & Junior Show is July 22-25 at the Lee Co. 4-H Center & Fairgrounds on Route 30 just north of Amboy.

The four-day event features events for everyone including a full grandstand line-up of tractor/truck pulls, and Broken Horn Rodeo.

New in 2021, Extreme Rentals of Dixon will be at the fairgrounds with a variety of bounce houses and games, plus a Foam Pit.

In addition to daily judging and livestock shows, free activities are available on the grounds daily. Bingo, Magic Matt magic show, learn to dance with Starlight Dance Studio, Kids' Korner, Whimsy Pixie Paint, Friendly Farms Petting Zo and Pony Rides, ensure kids of all ages have a great time during the fair.

Back in the grandstand are tractor/ truck pulls and the Broken Horn Rodeo. Returning is the 4-H Fair Marketplace featuring local crafters, artisans, farmer's market vendors, and homebased business products. The Marketplace opens 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 25 and closes at 3 p.m.

A full fair schedule and more information about other great fair activities and events is posted at www. leecounty4hcenter.com or like "Lee Co. 4-H Fair & Jr. Show" on Facebook for the latest information.

New romance scam where everything is fake

ROCKFORD—You've probably heard about romance scams where con artists trick unsuspecting victims into falling in love and parting with their money. Lately, BBB Scam Tracker is getting reports of a new type of romance scam. In this con, it's the entire dating website that's a sham.

How the Scam Works You sign up for a dating service that seems legitimate. The site asks you to fill out a profile with your personal information. This includes your credit card number, which is used to pay for your membership. However, when you start browsing other users' profiles, you notice red flags. Other members who contact you have incomplete profiles that lack photos and other basic information. The site

may encourage you to connect with people who don't match your dating profile. For example, they may live in a different city or be outside your preferred age range. You may also notice that profiles frequently vanish from the site-even after you've chatted with them."

Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau says, "It turns out that these other daters aren't real. The site is filled with phony profiles make you think that the site has many members. Once you figure out the hoax, you try to cancel your membership. But the site just keeps billing you." In some cases, the scam dating site requires you to pay to contact other "daters." One victim reported joining a dating service where she

bought "coins" in order to chat with other members.

"I was bombarded with messages from nearly 200 different users in only a few days and without even fully filling out a personal profile," she told BBB Scam Tracker. "I paid for coins three times and was double charged each time. This site hires operators to steal photos, assume fake identities, and then bombards users with messages to entice them into buying coins to converse by lying and leading people on.³

· Make sure you understand how the website works. It's not entirely unusual to have to pay a monthly fee or small fees for individual connections to dating services but be sure the website is up front about how their payment system works. If they payment system isn't well documented or you find it confusing, choose another dating service instead.

• If it's too good to be true,

pay with your credit card, you can dispute any unauthorized charges or charges made for fake services. The same may not be true if you use your debit card or if you give a company your banking information, such as your account number and your bank's routing number.

• Never give money or personal information to a stranger. Some con artists will ask you for money so If you've spotted a scam (whether or not you've lost money), report it to BBB. org/ScamTracker. Your report can help others avoid falling victim to scams. Find more information about scams and how to avoid them at BBB.org/AvoidScams.

How to spot fake dating websites

• Do your research before you sign up. Do an internet search of the dating website's name along with the words "reviews" and "scams." Keep a close eye out for any negative reports or past users who suspect the website is fake.

don't believe it! For example, if you haven't even completed your personal profile and people are lining up to meet you, it's probably a scam. The same goes for individuals who make unrealistic claims about their love and devotion for you-especially if you just met online.

• Use your credit card to pay for online services and memberships. When you more and avoid falling victim.

they can buy a flight to come visit you or for some other "noble" reason. If someone you've never met in person starts asking you for information like credit card, bank, or government ID numbers, cut off contact immediately.

For More Information

Read the BBB Study on romance scams and these romance scam tips to learn





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Federal 3-judge panel to decide whether state redistricting plan is constitutional

BY PETER HANCOCK

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SPRINGFIELD - Lawyers for plaintiffs and the state told a panel of federal judges Wednesday the issues involved in two lawsuits challenging the state's legislative redistricting plan are "straightforward" and ought to be resolved in short order.

But the three-judge panel hearing the case appeared uncertain about how much time they actually have, given the deadlines that are spelled out in the Illinois Constitution and the fact that lawmakers this year pushed back the 2022 primary by three months, to June instead of March.

The two lawsuits-one by Republican legislative leaders and another by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, or MALDEF – both argue that the new state House and Senate district maps violate the U.S. Constitution because they were drawn using survey data rather than official U.S Census numbers, which have been delayed this year due to the pandemic and other factors.

Both suits name the Illinois State Board of Elections and its individual members as well as Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch and Senate President Don Harmon as defendants.

Those two cases have since been

consolidated and assigned to a threejudge panel, as is required under federal law whenever a suit challenges the constitutionality of a redistricting plan. Those include Judge Robert Dow Jr., of the Northern District of Illinois; Judge Jon E. DeGuilio, of the Northern District of Indiana, and Judge Michael B. Brennan of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

During a remote status conference Wednesday, Charles Harris, an attorney representing the Republican leaders, called it a "straightforward and simple case" that violates the "one person, one vote" principle under the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

He said courts have previously held that legislative districts must be "substantially equal" in population and that the data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, which is what Democratic leaders used to draw the new maps, should not be used for redistricting.

If the case goes to trial, which is yet to be determined, Harris said his team plans to call expert witnesses, including a former Census Bureau official who would testify about why ACS data is inappropriate, as well as a data expert who would demonstrate how the use of ACS data results in maps that are far outside the margins of what courts consider allowable deviations in population.

MALDEF attorney Francisco Fernandez-del Castillo said his team plans to present substantially similar arguments. But he said they will also argue that the standard for determining whether the maps meet constitutional requirements is to analyze them using data that the Census Bureau provides states for redistricting purposes.

That data from the 2020 census will not be available until mid-August. The only data currently available, he said, is from the 2010 census, and if that were used to analyze the new maps, they would not meet constitutional muster.

But attorney Michael Kasper, who represents Welch and Harmon, said he doesn't believe the case should go to trial because the plaintiffs lack standing to sue and because the case is not yet "ripe" for consideration.

He said that under previous U.S. Supreme Court decisions, plaintiffs can sue only if they can demonstrate that they live in a district where their vote has been diluted. He also argued that the question of whether district populations vary too widely can be answered only after the official census numbers are released in August.

Under the Illinois Constitution, lawmakers are given until June 30 in the year after a decennial census to approve new legislative maps. After that, the job is handed to an eight-member legislative commission, evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats.

If that panel cannot produce maps by Aug. 10, a ninth member, who could come from either party, is randomly drawn and added to the commission to give one party a single-vote advantage. That commission then has until Oct. 5 to approve new maps

The suit by Republican leaders asks the court to invoke that section of the constitution by ordering Welch and Harmon to appoint a bipartisan commission. In the alternative, they ask the court to appoint a special master to draft valid maps.

Kasper, however, argued that such an order would be an extreme remedy and that the question of whether to appoint a bipartisan commission is a matter of state law and the state constitution

After the hearing, the panel issued an order directing all parties to begin lining up their expert witnesses and setting a schedule of deadlines for filing briefs. The case is tentatively set for trial Sept. 27-29.

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LOCAL NEWS **Illinois Department of Public Health adopts CDC COVID-19 prevention school guidance**

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fully adopting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten (K)-12 Schools released recently.

Our goal is to protect the health of students, teachers, and staff so that in-person learning can resume as safely as possible," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "The CDC is right: vaccination is the best preventive strategy. As school board members,

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parents, teachers and superintendents plan for a return to in-person learning in the fall, we strongly encourage those who are not vaccinated to continue to mask. IDPH is proud to fully adopt school guidance issued by CDC, which is based on the latest scientific information about COVID-19."

The updated school guidance now aligns with guidance for fully vaccinated people, which allows activities to resume for fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask except where required by federal, state, and local rules and regulations.

Major elements of the updated guidance include: Masks should be worn

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indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated.

• CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as indoor masking.

· Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.

• Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, this guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies (masking, distancing, testing) to protect people who are not fully vaccinated.

Schools and communities should monitor community transmission of COVID-19, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and outbreaks to guide decisions about on the level of layered prevention strategies being implemented.

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala issued the following declaration mandating in-person learning with limited exceptions:

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learning for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-30 and 105 ILCS 5/34-18.66, remote instruction be made available for students who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine or who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, only while they are under quarantine consistent with guidance or requirements from a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"All our students deserve to return safely in-person to schools this fall," said Dr. Ayala. "With vaccination rates continually rising and unprecedented federal funding to support safe in-person learning, and mitigations such as contact tracing and increased ventilation in place in schools, we are fully confident in the safety of in-person learning this fall. We look forward to a great school year and to the energy of Illinois' young minds once again filling our school buildings."

The updated school guidance can be found at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/ covid19/community-guidance/school-guidance. This guidance is subject to change pursuant to changing public health conditions and updates from CDC.

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Upcoming Events

We will be having our annual Pancake Breakfast at the Lee County 4H fair this Friday, July 23, from 7-10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 24, from 7-10:30 a.m., and Sunday, July 25, from 8-11 a.m. We will be serving a choice of Pancakes and Sausage or Biscuits and Gravy with choice of beverage. Each breakfast cost \$8 and all proceeds go to fund our programs. Our Teen Turf kids, parents, and Board members will be cooking and serving those days. Please come out to support 4-H and Teen Turf.

School supplies give away-we are waiting for the new school lists to be released and then a time will be announced.

Summer Program

Our older kids are doing roadside cleanup, working in the garden, cleaning up weeds at specific sites, and prepping for the 4-H breakfast. We will be having our year end celebration sometime during the first week of August. The kids did an amazing job this year.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that help us: McCracken family for the flag and cards; Carolyn Leake for various items; Marykatherine Stenzel for the French pastries for France stations; Family of Agnus Eisenberg for the food; Sue Send for the freezer pops; Nichols family for the Bingo prizes; Brooke Barlow family for the hamburger buns; Donna Wellman for the homemade cookies; Leroy and Alice Dukes for the vegetables; Kathy Worton for the bowls; Jamie Zimmerly for the freeze pops; Fran Kessel for the food; Deb Albee for the brownies; Gabby Ketchum for the ice cream; Pat Riley and Extreme Rentals for the waterslide and treat bags on our last day of Splash Camp.

Needs

If possible, we need small prizes for Bingo and other games. Final Word

Lord, still our unrelenting need to be busy all the time, to occupy ourselves, to be always planning for tomorrow, to fill every minute with some activity, to seek distraction rather than quiet. Give us themes with age. Soothe the unacknowledged anger we feel from not achieving much of what we've wanted in life, the failure that we feel in the face of all that we've left untried and unfinished. Still in us the bitterness that comes from failure. Save us from the jealousy that comes unbidden as we begrudgingly accept the limits of our lives. Give us the grace to accept what circumstance and failure have dealt us.

Tri-County Financial Group, Inc. ranked top in the nation

MENDOTA – Tri-County Financial Group, Inc. (OTC-QX: TYFG), the parent company of First State Bank, ranked 132nd in the American Bankers Association list of the top 200 performing banks in the nation. First State Bank also ranked fourth in Illinois on the list of banks over \$1 billion and publicly traded. The nation's top performing banks accomplished this by boosting profits and minimizing loan losses despite fallout from the coronavirus pandemic. Timothy J. McConville, President and CEO of the Company, commented, "We are very proud of how our employees responded to the unprecedented pandemic situation. The bank administered the PPP program to help small businesses, performed loan modifications and worked with our mortgage customers."

Tri-County Financial Group, Inc., headquartered in Mendota, is the bank holding company for First State Bank, a 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 innovative banking products and conveniences and employing local professionals who take the time to get to know each customer's banking needs on an individual basis. For more information, visit First State Bank's website at www.firststatebank.biz.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AMBOY-The Amboy Farmer's Market will be held

from 8 a.m. until noon on

Friday, July 23, in the Depot

Museum parking lot. No

market during Depot Days.

Vendors are welcome. Call

Alice Dukes with questions

AMBOY-The Summer

Concert Series will continue

at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 24,

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bandstand. Bring a chair and

a friend and enjoy this free

DIXON-The American

Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30 to 5:30

p.m. on Tuesday, July 27,

at the Knights of Columbus

Hall, 506 W. Third. Call the

Red Cross at 800-733-2767

or visit RedCrossBlood.org

to make an appointment to

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concert.

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.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, at Hope Bible Fellowship, 732 Brinton Ave. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The Lee County 4-H Show will be held Thursday through Sunday, July 22-25, at the Lee

County 4-H Fairgrounds. See page A7 for schedule.

Drive-thru Job Fair to be held at Northland Mall in Sterling

STERLING - BEST, Inc. and Morrison Chamber of Commerce, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Drive-thru Job Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Northland Mall, 2900 East Lincolnway, Sterling. Participating businesses are asked to make 200 copies of fliers for their open job positions and drop them off at the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce at located at 211 Locust St., Sterling no later than Aug. 4.

Job seekers will be able to drive up and receive a packet of information on jobs in the area and other resource information from the safety of their own vehicles. Businesses and job seekers are encouraged to participate.

For more information, please contact Tammy Nehrkorn at (815) 625-9648, extension 104.

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Tractor/Truck Pull

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AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 26, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. This meeting is the Annual Scholarship Dinner.

AMBOY-The Summer Concert Series will continue at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, with Brother Sister Act at the downtown bandstand. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.



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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Tiffany Ellen Blake Memorial Service

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We will be outside, so please bring your own chair and alcoholic beverage if you choose to. We will be providing water and some food, but if you would like to bring a dish to pass as well, that would be greatly appreciated.

The DJ will be playing from 5 - 9 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone.



Nancy Alberta (Wright) Cook Nov. 11, 1932 - July 15, 2021

DIXON—NancyAlberta (Wright) Cook, 88, of Dixon and formerly of Amboy, passed away Thursday, July 15, 2021 at Heritage Square Health Center in Dixon after a long battle with dementia.

She was born Nov. 11, 1932 in Chicago the daughter of Lester and Bernice (Fanter) Wright. Nancy obtained her LPN license at Sauk Valley Community College while working at the Dixon State School for many years and finished her nursing career by doing private duty nursing in the Chicago suburbs.

Nancy enjoyed loading up the kids in the camper or van and heading out on numerous adventures, she especially enjoyed trips to Florida, digging up wild flowers and her weekly trip to the auction house.

Nancy married Donald Cook on May 10, 1952 in Corinth, Miss. He preceded her in death March 22, 2003. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one child in infancy; one daughter Sherri Carmona-Wilson; one son Michael Cook; sons in law Mike Daniels and Steven Saul; and brother in law Wayne Cook.

Nancy is survived by three sons, Tony, of Dixon, Les (Deb), of Amboy, Donny (Jennifer), of Cookville, Texas; two daughters, Pat (Jon "Stubby") Santos, of Dixon, Nadine Saul, of Inverness, Fla.; 17 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister, Diane (Robert) Morris, of North Carolina.

Special thanks to Heritage Square for many years of excellent care and to Vitas Hospice.

At Nancy's request no

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Email George at

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services will be held. Burial of cremains will be at a later date in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. A memorial has been established to Heritage Square.

Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh. com.

Pritzker has 'no plans' for added mitigations; 'local control' is focus of new school guidelines

BY JERRY NOWICKI

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SPRINGFIELD – The wide availability of COVID-19 vaccines has changed the state's approach for mitigating the virus' spread statewide and in schools.

For school districts, that means suggested rather than required guidance, with an emphasis on local control in imposing mitigations.

For the governor's office, that means there are "no plans" to reinstate some of the mitigation measures and economic shutdowns that were commonplace earlier in the pandemic.

"Restore Illinois mitigations that were enacted during the height of the pandemic allowed for safe and proven infection prevention measures since no vaccine was available," a spokesperson for the governor's office said in an email Friday, July 16. "Currently there is no plan to implement any additional mitigations now that there is an abundance of vaccine available and accessible across Illinois. We encourage all Illinoisans ages 12+ to get vaccinated as soon as possible."

Previously, if a region had a positivity rate of 8 percent or higher for three days, the governor's office and Illinois Department of Public Health had a menu of mitigations they could put in place, such as closure of indoor dinning and capacity restrictions at businesses. But, because of the vaccine's availability, those options aren't currently on the table, even as positivity rates rise in some areas and a more contagious variant of the virus spreads.

The state's guidance currently "recommends" face coverings in public indoor places for those who are unvaccinated, while masks are required on public transportation and in medical facilities.

The "recommended" masking guidance will be the same for schools after the state fully adopted U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance last week. Schools are also encouraged to maintain three feet of distance between each student.

"Pursuant to CDC guidance, Illinois school districts have local control over how they should work with local public health officials to determine the prevention strategies needed in their area by monitoring levels of community transmission and local vaccine coverage, and using screening testing to detect cases in K-12 schools," an Illinois State Board of Education spokesperson said in an email Thursday.

In accordance with other CDC guidelines, masks will still be required for all passengers on school buses, regardless of the school's mask policies.

Otherwise, districts are encouraged to take a "layered" mitigation approach, accompanying masking and distancing with "screening testing, cohorting, improved ventilation, handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes, staying home when sick with symptoms of infectious illness including COVID-19, and regular cleaning," according to the CDC.

The guidance also recommends that if school administrators remove any prevention strategies based on local conditions, they should do so "one at a time and monitor closely (with adequate testing through the school and/or community) for any increases in COVID-19 cases."

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen Ayala issued a declaration requiring resumption of in-person learning this school year, provided remote instruction is made available for students under quarantine.

Districts should also promote vaccination, which is "currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic," according to the guidance.

Currently, only one of three vaccines being administered in the U.S. is approved for use in children – the two-dose Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine which has been approved for those 12 and older.

According to IDPH, approximately 55 percent of Illinoisans 12 and older had been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as of Friday, while 71 percent have received at least one dose.

The vaccination pace in Illinois has slowed, however, as the state averaged 21,217 doses per day over the previous seven days as of Friday, down from an April peak of more than 130,000 on average. About half of the state's population was fully vaccinated as of Friday, but positivity rates were on the rise as well

The seven-day average case positivity rate was 1.9 percent Friday, tripling its 0.6 percent rate seen as recently as June 26.



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Harvest Fest Fun Saturday, Aug. 7 Beer Tent at the Big Rig Show, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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> 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, 9 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 Brian McWethy 500 W. Main Street, Sublette Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

East Grove Union Church Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321 449 Reuter Road, Amboy Phone 815-376-6661 1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd. Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. "Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!" 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. 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. James Evangelical Congregational Church Robert Dunbar., Pastor US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd.,Dixon 815-288-2447 Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.

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

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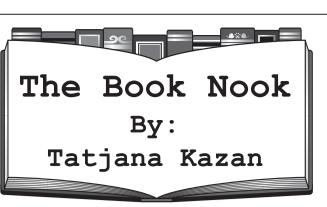
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Imagine The Worst

ight, Neon: Tales of Mystery and Suspense" is a recent collection of short stories by the incomparable Joyce Carol Oates. Women are the protagonists in six of the nine stories; they range from the mind of an elderly suburban woman with dementia to Susan Atkins, the Manson groupie who slaughtered Sharon Tate, at a parole hearing, where she secretly muses, "Well, yes—it is true, I stabbed her sixteen times. The beautiful 'movie star.' And it is true, each stab was a shriek of pure joy."

The prose is pitch-perfect, as are the characterizations, and endings with a twist: the reader's imagination must supply a story's violent culmination. Thus in "Detour" Abigail is driving home, looking forward to "that dreamy interlude, preparing a meal with care, for just herself and her husband." A mile from home, a DETOUR sign directs her onto an unfamiliar country road. Panic quickly overtakes her. The car veers off into a ditch. In a strange, terrifying landscape, mentally and physically disheveled, she sets out for a nearby, oddly familiar house where a white-haired man, calling her his darling wife, greets her. Convinced he is evil, she schemes to save herself.

At a Sotheby auction a Marilyn Monroe doll trains her 'thoughts' on a very rich potential buyer: "I am the most prized item on the bill – a Miss Golden Dreams 1949. That's to say the single, singular, one of her kind, three-dimensional living-breathing-plasma-infused PlastiPlutoniumLuxe Miss Golden Dreams 1949. Not mass-produced. Not 'replicated.' Just – me. (Re)created from the authentic DNA of – me." For a mere 25 million dollars he can add to his collection, even though several past owners somehow met untimely deaths.

"Vaping" is the story of a fifteen-year-old boy whose mother is dying of cancer. High on Juul e-cigarettes, he spends his time at the hospital, in an escalating fury at his father who had abandoned them long ago but now shows deep concern for his ex-wife. The boy fantasizes a Columbine-style massacre in which the hospital staff along with his father are mowed down with an AK-47. "Here's the deal: Mom lives, Dad lives. Mom dies, Dad dies. Think I can't do it? Watch me." And then the Dad shows up at the hospital.

"Night, Neon" is the story of Juliana, an ex-alcoholic who, after disastrous encounters with men, can take "solace in the knowledge that she is finally with a man, a companion, who adores her without needing to know her." Even though a man has been brutally attacking women in the area, she gives in to the "Blue neon at the shadow end of a block – Blue Moon Café. By day, neon is cheap, sleazy. But it's dusk now. Dingy blue neon in a café window...is a hook in the heart."

Educational Briefs

UW-Platteville announces Dean's List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in the spring 2021 semester.

Students from this area on the Dean's List include: **Amboy**

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Paw Paw

Julia Penman, Elementary Education

College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

UW-Platteville announces Chancellor's List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with perfect 4.0 gradepoint averages for the spring 2021 semester.

UW-Platteville, founded

in 1866 and located in Southwest Wisconsin, is home to more than 6,500 undergraduate and graduate students. In addition to the Platteville campus, the university has campuses in Richland Center and Baraboo.

Students from this area who earned the 4.0 gradepoint average include: Ashton

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Elementary Education **Paw Paw** Julia Christine Penman, Elementary Education

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STERLING — Despite weather sending Theatre in the Park indoors for two of the three performances, nearly 500 people got to enjoy "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" at Woodlawn Arts Academy earlier this month.

The production cast 15 adults from the Sauk Valley area. The production crew included Tori Duffin, director; Kevin O'Keefe, music director; and Shanae Sterba, choreographer. Kyle Morgan provided technical direction, and Ben Lightner was the scenic director.

"This show had its ups and downs fighting with the weather - opening night was barely 70 degrees - but the show itself was absolutely worth it," Duffin said. "As soon as the actors step foot on that stage (inside or out), they forget all the issues and focus on one thing: entertaining that audience. If even one person walked away laughing, smiling or wanting more, then they have done their job."

Theatre in the Park, presented by Savant Wealth Management, is an annual summer production of the Sauk Valley Theatre Alliance, whose members are Centennial Auditorium, Sauk Valley Community College and Woodlawn Arts Academy.

Woodlawn Arts Academy Academy is an agency of United Way of Whiteside and Lee Counties, and programs are partially funded by grants from the Illinois Arts Council Agency and The Chicago Community Trust. Visit WoodlawnArtsAcademy.com for details on events, programs and financial assistance.

PAC schedules auditions

PRINCETON - The Prairie Arts Council will hold auditions for an October production of "Passengers" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25, at the Prairie Arts Center theater, 24 Park Ave. East in Princeton. Anyone wishing to audition who is unable to attend on those days should contact director Joe Ennenbach at (815) 488-0633 to set up an alternate time.

Written by Sam Bobrick, "Passengers" will be presented Oct. 15-17. The cast of four actors, a man and woman in their mid to late 20s and a man and woman in their mid to late 40s, will portray a total of 17 characters in this collection of eight short plays set in a small Midwestern bus station. Each scene transitions seamlessly into the next and varies from comedic to poignant with everything tied together in the last scene.

For questions about auditions or to see a copy of the script, contact Ennenbach at (815) 488-0633.

People with an interest in theater, with or without previous experience, are encouraged to become involved in the show. Volunteers are always needed both on and off stage. Prairie Arts Council programming is funded in part by grants from the Illinois Arts Council and the Princeton Closet. "Passengers" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc.



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IFB President: Illinois food supply remains strong

The summer of 2021 includes a long Guest Column scenarios: Food. lifted and people take to the roads for summer vacations and family reunions.

While we missed many events in 2020, we also learned a lot in our 15 months of being cooped up.

Now is a good time to reflect. What did you learn throughout the pandemic? What did you miss, and what could you live without?

Had it not been for the pandemic, would families have rediscovered time to prepare a home-cooked dinner, sit together at the kitchen table and make conversation over a delicious meal?

Or open up family cookbooks and actually learn how to make grandma's famous cinnamon rolls and realize that it takes time to let the dough rise?

By Richard

Smith home.



The common denominator of each of these And it all starts with a farmer.

In the U.S., we never ran out of food. We may have tightened supplies on certain items, but by no means are we doing without. Farmers have continued to grow and restock the food supply chain.

A complex food supply chain worked day and night to keep the flow of goods moving as quickly as possible.

We continued to farm, keep people fed and clothed and helped those who couldn't feed themselves

Some people needed assistance accessing food because they lost their job or couldn't work, but we never experienced a food shortage. People stepped up to make sure food banks

and pantries were stocked. And we developed

a way to distribute food in a way that didn't involve contact.

You don't know what you've got until it is not accessible. We, as a society, have become accustomed to "if you want it, go get it and buy it." Almost 16 months later, there are some instances of car lots that don't have the inventory we expect. As consumers stocked up on meat, deep freezers became hard to come by.

Every week another story about inflation concerns or rising prices makes headlines. Beef and bacon prices, for instance, have reached new record retail highs.

The good news? Just as farmers grew and restocked the food supply chain during the pandemic, they will continue those efforts in the future.

Richard Guebert, Jr., is the Illinois Farm Bureau President. This op-ed was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association.

100 Years Ago July 22, 1921

Work will start in the near future on Lee Center's new school building. The new structure will be modern in every respect and will be equipped with all the latest facilities to house grade pupils. The present brick building will be used for high school work only.

C.E. Ives has purchased a new Gardner touring car from Wasson Bros of Franklin Grove.

Miss Winnifred McCracken has contracted to teach the school in the Crombie Lane district the coming year.

75 Years Ago July 25, 1946

William J. Fenten, a long prominent businessman and familiar figure on Main Street, this week retired from the meat business. Mr. Fenten has been in the business since he was 12 years old.

Central School has retained the same staff of teachers the coming school year, who served the past year. They are as follows: first grade, Mrs. R.A. Reinboth; second grade, Miss Agnes Prindaville; third grade, Mrs. J.M. Keay; fourth grade, Miss Marion Webster; upper grades, Mrs. Josephine McGee, Mrs. Margaret Knapp, Mrs. Harold Hanson and Mr. Reinboth, Music, J.E. Coe.

The well diggers have completed a new well at the Russell

Margulies

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50 Years Ago July 22, 1971

On This Day in History

New officers of the Amboy Lions Club have been installed as follows: President Earl Gascoigne, First Vice President Kenneth Robbins, Second Vice President Larry Hawes, Third Vice President Don Schamberger, Financial Secretary Stanley Gibson, Recording Secretary August Kunkel, Treasurer John Eisenberg, Tail Twister Warren Mynard, Lion Tamer Cecil Harrison, and Director Dale Brownlee.

Miss Luanne Florschuetz of Sublette has been employed by the Lawrence School at Springfield, as a fourth grade teacher. She will begin work on Aug. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Wilkey will observe their silver wedding anniversary on July 25 with an open house at the Lee County Farm Bureau Building.

25 Years Ago July 18, 1996

Amboy police officer Jeffrey Blake and Police Superintendent Paul Smith pose with the city's new Denver boots. The city purchased the devices primarily for use in immobilizing vehicles that are in violation of the city vehicle sticker ordinance.



Amboy residents are warned to be on the lookout for building repair con artists who have been operating within the city the past week.

Sublette Annual Centennial Park Board to host its Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament on July 20. Dance to follow.

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Veterinary	Associates, Inc.	8 a.m.	Goat judging (show barn)
Clinic	Tri-Country	9 a.m.	4-H Healthy Living & Nutrition judging (commercial
	_	building);	4-H Floriculture/Horticulture judging (tent); 4-H Crops
815-857-2215	Insurance	Noon	judging (commercial building) Gates open to public; Rabbit judging (rabbit barn);
	Services		(auditorium); 4-H Leadership judging (auditorium); Jr.
Trego	Sublette –		judging (commercial building); Jr. Show Woodworking
Veterinary	815-849-5219	-	ercial building); Jr. Show Mechanical Sciences judging
Service	LaMoille –		(commercial building)
815-858-3121	815-638-2171	2 p.m.	Sheep judging (show barn)
	Amboy –	4 p.m.	Learn to Dance with Starlight Dance Studio (tent)
Sublette	815-857-2125	4:30 p.m. 5 p.m.	Bingo (vendor tent) Italian Beef dinner (patio)
Mechanical		5:30 p.m.	Starlight Dance Studio (entertainment tent)
815-849-5223	Woodhaven	6 p.m.	Garden Tractor/Tractor/Truck Pull
015-045-5225		7 p.m.	Rope Pull (show barn)
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Sensient	815-849-5476		FRIDAY, JULY 23
Flavors, LLC		7 a.m.	Gates open to public
815-857-3691	Dimond Bros.	7-10:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast (patio)
	Insurance	8 a.m. 9 a.m.	Swine judging (show barn) Kids' Korner (AgLand); 4-H Environmental Sciences
Vaessen	815-857-3966		g (commercial building); 4-H Animal Sciences judging
Implement		5 0	(auditorium)
Repair, Inc.	Green River	1 p.m.	Magic Matt Show (midway);
815-849-9010	Chiropractic	2 n m	Poultry judging (poultry barn)
	815-857-2458	2 p.m. 3 p.m. I	Kids' Korner (AgLand) Dairy judging (show barn); Magic Matt Show (midway)
KSB Center for		5-7 p.m.	Pork Chop Dinner (patio)
Health Services	Green River	5:30 p.m.	Magic Matt Show (midway)
- Amboy Clinic	Oaks Resort	6 p.m.	Quality Meats & Baked Goods Auction (tent)
815-857-3044		6:30 p.m.	Tractor/Truck Pull
015-057-3044	815-857-2815	7 p.m.	Pin Dodge Ball (show barn)
Sublette	Pioneer		SATURDAY, JULY 24
Farmers	State Bank	7 a.m.	Gates open to public
Elevator Co.	Member FDIC	7-10:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast (patio)
815-849-5222	815-849-5242	8 a.m.	Beef Show (show barn)
015-049-5222	013-049-3242	9 a.m.	Horse Novelty Classes (arena); 4-H Cloverbud judging & graduation (tent)
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Carriage House		Noon-4 p.m.	Whimsy Pixie Paint open
Electric	815-535-6295	1 p.m.	Magic Matt Show (midway)
815-538-5598		2 p.m. 3 p.m.	Kids' Korner (AgLand) Master Showmanship Contest (show barn);
	City of Amboy	<i>5</i> p.m.	Magic Matt Show (midway)
Amboy News	815-857-3814	4 p.m.	Farm Scene Contest judging (commercial building)
815-857-2311		4:30-6:30 p.m.	
	Shady Oaks	5:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Magic Matt Show (midway) Broken Horn Rodeo; Magic Matt Show (midway)
Vaessen Bros.	Country Club	7 p.m.	Dioken Hom Kodeo, Magie Matt Show (midway)
Chevrolet	815-849-5424		SUNDAY, JULY 25
815-849-5252		7 a.m.	Gates open to public
	Amboy Food	8-11 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast (patio)
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State Farm	815-857-7020		Natural Wild Turkey Federation
Insurance		10 a.m3 p.m.	The Marketplace (vendor/craft fair)
815-857-2624	Amboy Dental	11 a.m.	Magic Matt Show (midway);
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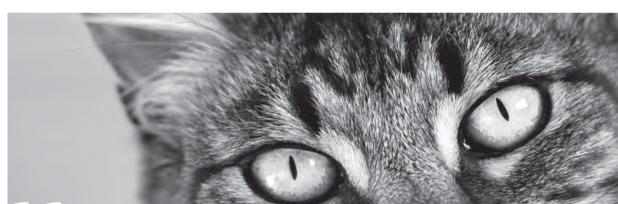
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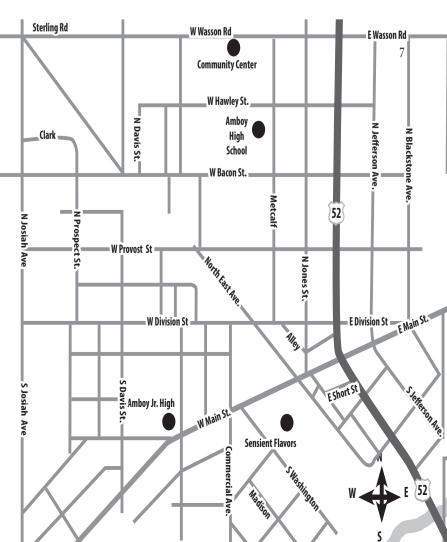






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LOCAL NEWS Illinois Supreme Court to 'triage' eviction cases

BY PETER HANCOCK Capitol News Illinois phancock@capitolnewsillinois.com

SPRINGFIELD – With the state-imposed moratorium on residential evictions set to expire Aug. 1, the Illinois Supreme Court announced a plan Thursday that provides an additional one-month "triage" period for tenants and landlords in certain cases to seek rental assistance.

Gov. JB Pritzker first issued an executive order prohibiting residential evictions in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. That order has since been revised and extended several times.

On Wednesday, he announced that he plans to issue a new executive order on July 23 that will allow new eviction cases to be filed beginning Aug. 1 against people who are currently covered by the moratorium. That includes people whose income is below certain thresholds and who are unable to make their full rent or mortgage payment due to a COVID-19 related hardship.

However, a prohibition on enforcement of eviction orders against those people will remain in place through Aug. 31.

In an order released Thursday, the Supreme Court said during that window, it will implement a triage period in which Illinois courts will focus on referring newly filed cases to state programs providing financial assistance to landlords and tenants.

The order states that in any eviction case filed against a person covered under the current executive order, a landlord must certify that the defendant has provided with a tenant declaration form available through the Illinois Housing Development Authority stating that they are eligible for protection from eviction. Landlords also must certify that they either haven't

received the form back from the tenant or that some other exemption in the executive order applies in their case.

Also during August, all trials and judgments involving qualifying individuals will be under a temporary stay. Courts will be allowed to hear motions for default judgment against people who fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, but "only after the defendant is given notice to appear at a separate hearing on a motion for default."

"These cases could not be enforced until the governor's moratorium completely expires, so this process will not delay the ultimate resolution of cases in the court system," Judge Eugene Doherty, chief judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit and vice-chair of the Supreme Court's COVID Task Force, said in a news release.

In May, Pritzker announced that \$1.5 billion would be made available through the Illinois Rental Payment Program, which provides up to \$25,000 to support households unable to pay their rent due to a COVID-19 related hardship. The program is funded with money the state received through the federal CoronavirusAid, Relief, and Economic Security, or CARES Act.

Applications for those grants are open through Sunday, July 18, and can be completed online at ILRPP. IHDA.org.

On Wednesday, Pritzker announced that another \$500 million will be made available in an additional round of applications that will open in the fall, bringing the total amount of rental assistance to \$2 billion.

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Swanson to host inperson veterans and seniors resources fairs

WOODHULL — State Representative Dan Swanson (R-Alpha) announced he will again be hosting Veterans' & Seniors' Resources Fairs in early August to help connect area residents with state, county, and local government agencies that may be of assistance to them.

"As a Veteran and Veteran advocate, myself, I know it can be a sometimes-daunting task to cut the red tape put in front of our returning heroes. Helping Veterans as well as our area seniors to be able to connect with a real, live person from important government and local agencies, face-to-face, is an important aspect to their getting the help and assistance they need," said Swanson.

The Veterans' & Seniors' Resources Fairs will take place Aug. 3-6.

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., Mercer County VFW, 106 SW Third Ave., Aledo

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Moose Lodge, 1339 N. Euclid Ave., Princeton

Thursday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 1556 E. Fremont St., Galesburg

Friday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Flemish American Club, 313 N. Burr Blvd., Kewanee

Admission to all four events is free and a light lunch will be provided. In addition to staff and booths representing local agencies and state agency staff, Rep. Dan Swanson's Constituent Service staff will be available for consultation during the events.

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SPORTS **Clipper Highlights: #70 Josh Brady**

his week we highlight one of our best from the trenches. I'm honored to announce our this Week's Clipper, #70, "The Sack Master," Josh Brady.

Josh was a 2003 graduate of Amboy High School and three year Varsity starter.

Josh's Sophomore season he was called up to the Varsity ranks to add to a great offensive line with Jeremy Kessel and Aaron Weidman. Josh was never intimidated by the Varsity game. In fact, Josh elevated his game to compete with the very best the Big Rivers had to offer. Although it was many years ago, I remember that team, I was fortunate enough to be there. I remember Josh blending in as an upperclassman, not just because he grew up with all of his teammates but because he matched his knowledge of football with his play on the field, far beyond the capacity of a 10th grader. To think back to that time, add Josh's speed, strength, and size to all the knowledge and experience he gained as a

Sophomore, it was a scary thought throughout the Big Rivers Conference, that Josh had not one but two more seasons left. "It was awesome to be a part of that season because that was our first playoff team since 1994," Josh shared. The Clippers won the Big Rivers Mississippi division of the Conference and beat EPC in the first round of the playoffs. The voyage ended at Stillman Valley, who would go on to win the State Championship that season.

Not only was Josh's Sophomore season special for him but also his older brother and teammate, Shane Brady. Shane shared, "Without a doubt, the highlight of my time as a Clipper was playing football with my brother, Josh Brady. I was a senior at the time and he was a sophomore starting on varsity. In addition to being my best friend he was a phenomenal teammate. You could always count on Josh to leave it all on the field. He was a fierce competitor and hit like a Mack truck

and Erie-Prophetstown also being contenders for the conference crown. Although the 2001 Clipper season did not end in a playoff berth, some of our greatest, toughest, and grittiest players of the modern era made up that team. Josh ended his Jr. season by earning Second Team All Conference Honors on both sides of the football.

Former teammate and Quarterback, Luke Payne shared the following of Josh's contributions and work ethic.

"Josh was a great athlete. He was naturally gifted at everything he did and was physically one of the toughest pound for pound guys I've played football with," Payne said. "Josh's style of play and work ethic are the epitome of Amboy Clipper Football. He was an old school, hard nosed, rough and tough football player.

"If you were going to battle Josh on the football field, you had better bring it because if you didn't, Josh would beat you down, there was no taking it easy," Payne continued. "My Senior year was a rebuilding year. Josh being a Junior that season he was able to immediately start. By gaining that experience along with his toughness and hard nosed work ethic he helped set the tone for successful Amboy Football his Senior year."

With two years of Varsity football behind him, Josh was now "the guy" to lead his Clipper team. There were so many great players and tough men on that 2002 team but three stand out in my mind. Josh Dewey, Eric Murphy, and Josh Brady. A 6-3 regular season record, with our first win over Newman since the late 1980's, and our Clippers were playoff bound again. We again assumed the underdog role as we went into heavily favored Toulon. The 8-1 Rebels came in highly touted, overrated, and arrogant. They felt their Sophomore Quarterback would put on a passing clinic as they believed themselves to be a superior football team. Their style of football was

Clipper **Highlights** By Spencer

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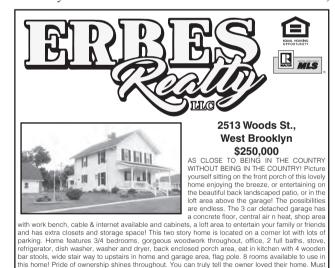


not accustomed to the hard nosed, physical, "hit you in the mouth" style of football that was played week in and week out in the Big Rivers. Overcoming the travel, the officiating, and the hostile environment our Clippers were victorious and would sail home to The Harbor in hopes to slay the top ranked Aledo Green Dragons. It was on that day I knew what heartache looked like.

I watched as some of the toughest men I knew, at the time, cry because their time as Clippers came to an end. The effect was felt from Senior to Freshman, as I watched my brother cry following the loss, as he knew first hand of the hard work that went into that seasons' success. Josh recorded an astonishing 16 sacks his Senior season. Earning him the following accomplishments and nickname, "The Sack Master." Josh ended his Senior season earning First Team All Conference honors on defense and Second Team All Conference honors on offense. Add a Second Team All Area selection on defense and team awards of most valuable offensive and defensive lineman and player of the year.

Wes Morrissey shared, "I always looked up to Josh because his motor never quit on the field. We would meet every weekday morning in the summer at Casey's to do the 'Amboy run.' A 2.5 mile run from Casey's to the Bimington bridge and back. When I would want to walk,

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Josh was right there, pushing me to keep going and when we got done, we each went to work. Josh and I have been lifelong friends since my Freshman year of High School. I played rugby at ISU, Josh went to SIU which held the largest rugby tourney in Midwest with several Big 10 schools, Notre Dame, and other Division I teams. I stayed at Josh's apartment every year. No matter how rough a night we had the night before, Josh was at all my rugby games. He saw me play more rugby games than anyone else, family included. I was without a water to start one of my days and Josh filled up an empty Everclear bottle with tap water and brought it to me. Needless to say, I got some crazy looks from my teammates and opponents that day, drinking tap water out of an Everclear bottle. That's just Josh's sense of humor but even more so an unwavering care for his friends. That's why I love him to this day."

Josh not only provided my brother a great role model to aspire to be for his Clipper teams, but took my brother under his wing for that entire year. I still vividly remember Josh's old, red, Ford pickup truck pulling into the driveway most mornings to pick up my brother and head to the High School.

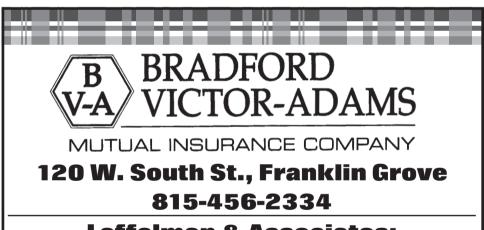
Josh shared his meaning of Clipper football, "To me being an Amboy Clipper meant more than just playing on the Amboy football team. By the time you put the Jersey on you already knew what you signed up for.... hard work, dedication, discipline, respect and the list goes on. We grew up playing junior tackle in middle school days, dreaming of the days playing in high school. You put your time in....all those two a days, all the weight training all the film. Those teammates from Friday night



#70 Josh Brady

is that no matter how high your level of success, you always gave everyone, even little guys like me, your kindness. I know that success continues to follow you to this day as you start and grow your family. All of life's best wishes for you my friend. Sail on!

Spencer Morrissey, is a former resident of Amboy and 2009 graduate of Amboy High School. In April 2020, he created a private Facebook group specifically for Amboy Clipper Football Alumni. To have played Amboy football for any period of time, 1 year or all 4 years, is the only membership requirement. The group features photos, stories, and memories of past Clippers and Clipper teams. The best feature of the group is every Friday, he highlights a former player.



were not just your teammates

they were your best buddies

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all about camaraderie. You

didn't just see one another

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row are brought up on the

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Master," Josh Brady, thank

you for your contributions to

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ethic, never quit mentality,

and unwavering friendship

has meant so much to not just

our program, but to so many

that you now call friends.

What makes me most proud

So, to #70, "The Sack

we were during our era."

Josh concluded, "Being

on the weekends."

Josh's Junior season, he would step into a new role, from Super Sophomore to experienced leader. With one, successful, year of Varsity football under his belt, Josh and the Clippers were ready to set sail. At what would arguably be, one of the greatest and toughest times in Big Rivers Conference history, the Clippers would fall short of their destination. With not much separation between their 3-6 record and a possible 6-3 record, the Clippers fought every grueling contest with all they had, leaving everything on the field. A time when every week was a playoff game because it wasn't just Newman, Morrison, and Fulton who posed a challenge, but St. Bede, Riverdale,



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