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COVID-19 VACCINE

Sublette Fire Protection District Captain Kim Vaessen receives her covid-19 vaccination Wednesday night at KSB Hospital in Dixon. Five department members received the vaccine.

Photos submitted

Only three new laws began on Jan. 1

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SPRINGFIELD — When a new year begins in Illinois, there typically are dozens if not hundreds of new laws going into effect.

Not this year. Like so many other things in 2020, the legislative spring session was stunted by COVID-19. Once the global pandemic reached Illinois in March, the General Assembly would meet for only four more days — wrapping up the odd session during masked and socially distanced gatherings at the Capitol and Bank of Springfield Center. The fall veto session was scrapped altogether.

As a result, only three new laws will take effect on Jan. 1, 2021. Here's a look at them, as well as the next increase in the minimum wage that will be applied Friday:

Insulin costs cap

Senate Bill 667 (Public Act 101-0625) amends the Illinois Insurance Code to cap out-of-pocket insulin costs at \$100 per month for all patients using a state regulated insurance plan, regardless of the amount of insulin or type of covered prescription insulin drug used to fill the insured patient's prescription.

Roughly 1.3 million adults in Illinois, or 12.5 percent of the population, have diabetes, according to the legislation.

SB 667 also provides that the Illinois Department of Insurance, along with the Department of Human Services and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, must create a public insulin pricing report that includes a summary of insulin pricing practices and public policy recommendations to control and prevent the overpricing of insulin prescriptions.

Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill, chief sponsor of the Senate bill, said in a statement that the legislation shows Illinoisans don't have to accept costly prescriptions as the status quo.

"We can change the fact that prescription medication costs more in the United States than any place in the world. This legislation passed because people spoke up and told their story. This historic legislation doesn't become law without them and their effort," Manar said in the statement.

Use of DNA in missing person cases

House Bill 2708 (Public Act 101-0266) amends the Missing Persons Identification Act to allow law enforcement agencies to obtain a DNA sample of a missing person or a DNA reference sample from family members' DNA, once a missing person report is made.

The law also provides that law enforcement cannot retain DNA samples from family members or the missing person after the person has been located.

It also adds the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, a national information clearinghouse for missing persons, to the list of laboratories that law enforcement agencies can work with when trying to find a missing person.

Sen. Tony Munoz, D-Chicago, who was one of the bill's sponsors, said in a news release that using the national system will hopefully help law enforcement find missing people sooner.

"Successfully finding a missing person requires law enforcement to move fast, and we want to make sure they have every tool available to do their job," Munoz said in the release.

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Lee County COVID-19 Update: Jan. 4, 2021

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department is saddened to report 1 additional death in the county after confirming COVID as the cause. Age breakdown is as follows: 1 male resident in his 90s. This brings the total number of deaths in Lee County to 49.

The health department also reported 9 cases were from congregate living facilities, all from the Dixon Correctional Center.

Between Dec. 25 - Jan. 4, 2021, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 117 new cases have been reported, including the case listed above, and here are

the ages that were announced: 1 under the age of 12, 10 in his or her teens, 15 in his or her 20s, 11 in his or her 30s, 14 in his or her 40s, 21 in his or her 50s, 22 in his or her 60s, 8 in his or her 70s, 5 in his or her 80s, and 1 on his or her 90s.

This brings the total number of cases to 2,562 as of Jan. 4. Of the 2,562 cases, 2,122 have recovered. They also reported as of Jan. 4, 12 residents have been hospitalized.

The Unified Command Team would like to remind our community that COVID-19 remains in our area and continues to be a real threat. Some people who have tested posi-

tive have had no symptoms or mild symptoms. Others have felt miserable or even been hospitalized. Although there are individuals considered at a higher risk for complications due to COVID-19, some otherwise healthy people have also become very sick. The more the virus spreads & the more cases we have locally, the risk of very ill or hospitalized individuals increases.

Please, for yourself and others, follow the state and federal recommendations. It's easy to remember as the 3 W's: Wash your hands; Watch your distance; and Wear your mask.

Also, we'd like to mention the process of contact tracing.

If your local health department tries to contact you, please answer or return their call. Some people may feel distrustful or afraid of the term "contact tracing." This is actually a strategy used for many years in public health to reduce the spread of infectious disease. Contact tracing is a critical piece of our mitigation efforts against COVID-19. More information can be found at this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/contact-tracing.html>

During the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals with symptoms SHOULD NOT GO to health care facilities

such as hospitals, clinics, and urgent care centers without CALLING FIRST. Instead, they can seek care by using one of the following options:

Testing:

Anyone with COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, chills, sudden loss of taste and or smell and fever) OR who have a risk factor, such as contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19, a compromised immune system or a serious chronic medical condition can get a test, even without a doctor's order.

Call the KSB Hotline Monday-Friday, 9-5 at 285-

7777 to determine eligibility for testing.

Go to KSB, LCHD, IDPH, or CDC websites. Lee County Health Department provides regular updates on its Facebook page.

- <https://www.ksbhospital.com/coronavirus-outbreak-covid-19/>
- <http://www.lchd.com>
- Facebook: Lee County IL Health Department

Local photographers encouraged to enter Rep. Demmer's Photo Contest; submissions due by Feb. 12

DIXON — Are you a nature lover, architecture fanatic, or simply enjoy taking pictures everywhere you go around northwest Illinois? If so, this contest is for you. Area residents are invited to submit a photo for entry in the "Rich History of the 90th District Photo Contest" offered by State Representative Tom Demmer (R-Dixon).

Contest participants should submit their photos of historical sites, buildings and landmarks that highlight the rich history of the district and the region. A map of the 90th District can be found at tomdemmer.com. Participants may submit as many entries as they would like before the deadline of 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12. Participants should include their name, phone number and location where the photo was taken with each entry. Entries should be emailed to photos@tomdemmer.com.

"Our photo contest is a way to celebrate our region's heritage and recognize the talents of local residents who have a passion for photography," Demmer said. "I am always impressed by the quality and creativity of the entries. The 90th District is filled with eye-catching beauty, and contest participants are always able to capture the heart of what makes our communities such a special place to live through the lenses of their cameras."

Winning photos will be placed on display in Springfield and at Demmer's Dixon office for the entire 102nd General Assembly (2021-2022), and the winning photographers will receive an official House of Representatives certificate of recognition. For questions or more information, please email the office at tom@tomdemmer.com or visit

tomdemmer.com.

The 90th District is located in the northwestern Illinois counties of Ogle, Lee, DeKalb and LaSalle. The District includes all or portions of the follow-

ing communities: Amboy, Ashton, Byron, Compton, Creston, Davis Junction, DeKalb, Dixon, Earlville, Franklin Grove, Grand Detour, Hillcrest, Lake Holiday, Lee, Leland, Lost Nation,

Malta, Mendota, Monroe Center, Nelson, Oregon, Paw Paw, Polo, Rochelle, Sandwich, Shabbona, Somonauk, Steward, Stillman Valley, Sublette, Waterman and West Brooklyn.

2020 Lee County tentative multiplier announced

SPRINGFIELD — Lee County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

State law requires property in Illinois to be assessed at one-third (1/3)

of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland and farm buildings assessed according to standards based on productivity.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the sales price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is

less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

Assessments in Lee County are at 33.51 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2020 taxes, payable in 2021.

Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The tentative factor is subject to change (1) if the County Board of Review takes actions which significantly affect the county assessments or (2) if local officials or others can present data showing that the Department of Revenue's estimates of the average level of assessments in the county should be adjusted. A public hearing on the tentative multiplier

will be held between 20 and 30 days after the tentative factor is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county.

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments may have increased.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.



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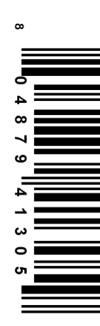
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LOCAL NEWS

Driver Services Facilities set to reopen statewide Jan. 5

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding the public that Driver Services facilities statewide are reopening on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Face masks are required, and social distancing and other safety measures will remain in place. White is reminding the public that driver's licenses and ID card expiration dates have been extended until June 1, 2021. As a result, people do not need to rush to visit a facility, especially during winter weather conditions. Additionally, White stressed that many transactions can be conducted online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com instead of waiting at a Driver Services facility. In an effort to reduce facility visits for in-person service, White has expanded online renewals for driver's licenses and ID cards. Not everyone qualifies, particularly those who are required to pass a written or road test. For qualifying drivers, individuals will receive a letter with a unique PIN approximately 90 days before the expiration date. The PIN is required to renew online. For more information on determining one's eligibility for online renewal, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and click on "Read more on how to renew your driver's license or ID card online" near the top of the main page.

New federal rule changes odometer disclosure requirements impacting automobile industry

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is alerting the automobile industry, along with private party vehicle sellers, of a new federal odometer disclosure rule that increases the amount of time odometer readings must be declared at the time of a vehicle sale. The new federal rule takes effect Jan. 1, 2021.

The new federal rule, which was issued by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is intended to help combat odometer fraud as the nation's fleet of vehicles ages. The average age of a vehicle in the United States is now almost 12 years, up from 7.6 years when the odometer rules were last changed in 1988.

Under this new federal rule, vehicles made in 2011 and newer will be subject to odometer disclosure for 20 years rather than the current 10 years. Under the old rule, a 2011 vehicle would have

become exempt from disclosure in 2021. Beginning Jan. 1, the odometer reading must be disclosed at the sale of a 2011 vehicle until 2031. For example, 2012 vehicles will become exempt in 2032, and so on.

The immediate impact is that 2011 vehicles will not become odometer exempt on Jan. 1, 2021, as they would have under the old rule. The new rule applies even if the existing title says "Exempt - Model year over 9 years old." This applies to automobile dealers and private party vehicle sellers.

Simple guidelines to help ensure compliance include:

- If the vehicle is a 2011 model or newer, the seller must enter the current mileage in the Odometer Reading section of the title upon sale of the vehicle.
- If the vehicle is a 2010 model or older, the seller may check the "Exempt" box on the title.

Due to the new federal rule, the Secretary of State Vehicle Services Department must reject paperwork for sales of vehicles 2011 or newer unless the odometer disclosure is completed. The Vehicle Services Department is unable to accept an Application for Duplicate Title and Bill of Sale or a non-secure Power of Attorney on these vehicles.

For used vehicle dealers and other businesses in the automobile industry, the new federal rule means they will be required to disclose the odometer reading on a greater number of vehicles.

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Keeping victims' addresses confidential
House Bill 2818 (Public Act 101-0270) amends the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act by including

survivors of sexual assault and stalking in the Illinois Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), which offers survivors protection from their abusers by allowing them to acquire and use a

substitute address instead of their real address.

HB 2818 allows survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking who fear for their safety to apply to the ACP through the Attorney

General's Office. The ACP forwards all first-class mail and provides survivors with a substitute address for public records and documents, such as driver's licenses and state-issued identification

cards.

The bill also changes the name of the law, from the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act to the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking Act.

In a written statement, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said ACP is an important added layer of protection and peace of mind for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

"I am committed to ensuring that survivors have access to the resources and support needed to aid their recoveries, and I encourage survivors to participate in this program that can help protect them from the individuals who perpetrated crimes against them," Raoul said in the statement.

Minimum wage increase

The minimum wage in Illinois will rise from \$10 per hour to \$11 per hour on Jan. 1.

The Illinois General Assembly passed increases to the minimum wage in 2019 with legislation that raises the minimum wage \$1 every year until it reaches \$15 per hour in 2025.

In 2020, wage earners saw their hourly wage increase from \$8.25 to \$9.25 on Jan. 1, and to \$10 on July 1.

"We want to make sure that workers earning minimum wage are aware that the \$1 increase should be reflected in their paychecks for any time they work after the first of the year," Michael Kleinik, director of the Illinois Department of Labor, said in a news release. "While we fully expect employers will pay the new wage, we also want workers to be aware of the change."

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

School Supplies

If anyone needs some school supplies, please contact us at 815-857-4800.

Thank Yous

We are blessed to have the following help us: An anonymous farmer who donated money; Pat and Bill Burke for the furniture; Johnson Tractor for the monetary donation; Monica Scorby for the monetary donation; Kathy Donahue for the monetary donation; Kathleen Donahue for the monetary donation; Nancy and Terry Leffelman for the donation in memory of Joanne Leffelman; Maureen and Tim Oester for the food and the monetary donation; David and Colleen Anderson for the monetary donation.

Teen Turf

We are now open; however it is not like any year before. Students had to pre-register before coming and we are limited on space due to Illinois State guidelines. Please do not send a child without speaking to Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195

Items Needed

If possible, we are in need of fresh fruit for our afterschool program: apples, bananas, grapes, and oranges

Final Word

Lord, please bless all our teachers and children as they make their way back to their classrooms after the break. Help them to feel excitement and joy in the promise of a new start. Give them everything they need to start their classes. Give them all they need for the rest of the year.



Granny Rose - Angel

Angel came to the shelter from Animal Control. Her owner could no longer care for her. She is an Akita/Husky mix that was so severely matted her fluffy coat had to be shaved off. Her reddish-brown and white coat has grown back! Angel is spayed, fully vaccinated, and weighs 67 pounds. Her prior lifestyle is unknown, but she does show a definite dislike for other dogs. Cats and other small pets would likely be seen as "prey". Angel is friendly with people and really goes nuts for treats. She is not always housebroke at the shelter-she just needs a personalized potty schedule! Angel was aloof but is now much more social with people. She is 10 years old. Angel hopes the next 10 years will be spent in a forever home with loving care and yummy treats! To see Angel, visit Granny Rose Animal Shelter, 613 River Lane, Dixon. Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday Closed. Call 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

Photo contributed



Granny Rose - Lucky

Lucky was rescued by a very kind person from outside an area lumberyard. No one knows how long she had been there trying to survive. She was filthy and very emaciated due to an uncommon intestinal infection. She probably would not have lasted much longer. Lucky is about 6 years old now and has not been adopted yet. She has a soft black and white coat that is clean, healthy and shiny. Lucky can be affectionate and enjoy petting...on her terms! She is an independent lady. If she wants to be left alone, she will walk away. Lucky is spayed and current on all her vaccinations. She will always have a sensitive stomach and eats a prescription diet—which she loves. Adopt Lucky and then you will be lucky to have such an adorable kitty. To see Lucky, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

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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.

MAY TOWNSHIP-The May Township meeting will be held at the township maintenance building at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

PAWPAW-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7, at Paw

Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan 8, at 7 p.m. at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd, on Monday, Jan 18. Call Jill Stoker at 815-

973-5614 or the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. at the YMCA, 110 N Galena Ave., on Friday, Jan. 22. Call Andrew McFarlane at 815-288-9622 or the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINIOS EXTENSION

The University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce our newest Master Gardener interns for Whiteside County. LuAnn Meyer and Paula Reid graduated from the Master Gardener program on Nov. 19. This year's fall class was held as a flipped classroom style. For 12 weeks, trainees were given a reading assignment and 2-4 videos to watch at their own pace before meeting online via zoom with the section instructor once a week.

Coursework covered botany, soils and fertility, woody ornamentals/pruning, organic gardening, vegetables, annuals & perennials, fruits, insect identification and control, turf management, disease diagnosis and control, U of I resources, and more!

Once training is completed, participants join the existing Master Gardener volunteers in their county and serve the community, fulfilling the Master Gardener mission "Helping others learn to grow." As volunteers, Master Gardeners make a difference in the community.

A new hybrid Master Gardener Training starts Feb. 16. Participants will study online each week and then attend a weekly live webinar session on Tuesday mornings from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. for 12 weeks. An orientation interview will be conducted with participants in advance of the class. Registration for the training is \$175 to cover the cost of the manual. If interested in taking the winter online class register online at: go.illinois.edu/CLWmgtraining or call the Whiteside County Extension office at 815-632-3611.

Gusse honored with LCFB Distinguished Service Award

AMBOY-The Lee County Farm Bureau (LCFB) is honored to recognize David Gusse, Dixon, with the Lee County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in recognition for his longtime service to the organization.

Gusse has been a lifelong supporter of Farm Bureau. He served on the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Young Farmers Committee, and eventually as the IFB Young Farmer Chairman. He has served on the LCFB Board of Directors and later as CFB President, has been a long-time volunteer, most recently serving on the 100th Anniversary Committee.

The Distinguished Service Award was established to honor and recognize an individual or couple who has shown exemplary leadership



David Gusse

and service to Farm Bureau, agriculture, and farmers in Lee County and beyond. Without the time, dedication, passion and vision from many hard-working volunteers, like Gusse, the Lee County Farm Bureau would not have lasted for more than one hundred years.

Healthcare provider CRP course offered

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center offers its Healthcare Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class on Thursday, Jan. 7, beginning at 5 p.m. There is a \$40 fee per person for the course, which must be pre-paid to reserve a spot in the class. Class size is limited due to social distancing restrictions.

The class will be held in the hospital's Conference Room C, and participants should enter through the Medical Office Building doors. You can register online at www.osfsaintpaul.org or contact Michelle Jones, 815-539-1654.



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OBITUARIES

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Charlotte A. Fitzpatrick Jan. 13, 1928 - Dec. 30, 2020

DIXON — Charlotte A. Fitzpatrick, 92, of Dixon, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020 at Rock River Hospice Home in Sterling.

She was born Jan. 13, 1928 in Sublette, the daughter of Leo and Helen (McGovern) Goy.

Charlotte worked as the Outreach Coordinator for the LCCOA at the Dixon Senior Center and sold Mary Kay Cosmetics. She was also a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon.

Charlotte married Bernard J. Fitzpatrick on April 12, 1947 at St. Mary Church in Walton.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 2, 1999; three sons, Mark Fitzpatrick, Paul Fitzpatrick, Allan Fitzpatrick; and one sister, Sister Marietta Goy.

Charlotte is survived by

her children, Nancy (Dave) Durnen, of Amboy, Gerald (Kathy) Fitzpatrick, of Sun Prairie Wis., and Joseph Fitzpatrick, of Dixon; brothers, James Goy, of Berwyn, Glen (Mary) Goy, of Hinsdale; and daughters in law, Rachael Fitzpatrick, and Betty Fitzpatrick, both of Ohio IL. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Tony (Heather) Fitzpatrick, Heather Lance, Lucas (Kelly) Fitzpatrick, Kelsey Fitzpatrick, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Jacob Fitzpatrick, Sean Fitzpatrick; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 9 - 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday Jan. 5, 2021 at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. A Mass of Christian burial was held after the visitation at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Burial followed



at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Face coverings required for the visitation and the services.

A memorial in Charlotte's memory can be made to Rock River Hospice Home in Sterling. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Donald "Donnie" Reinhold June 27, 1939 - Dec. 30, 2020

FRANKLIN GROVE — Donald "Donnie" Reinhold, 81, of Franklin Grove, died peacefully at his home Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020 surrounded by his wife and children.

He was born on June 27, 1939 in Dixon, the son of Clarence and Elizabeth (Bodmer) Reinhold. Don was a lifelong farmer of nearly 60 years and beloved member of his community. His interests included aviation, motorcycles, boating, and westerns. He could frequently be encountered enjoying his many hobbies and passions - most of which involved pushing his limits and demonstrating that with enough determination anything was possible. He served in the U.S. Army and was a dedicated member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, as well as the Lee County Farm Bureau, and the EAA. He was also an active

supporter of AFC athletics and the FFA, in addition to other organizations over the years.

Donald married Janice Kuffel on Oct. 8, 1960 in Walton.

He is preceded in death by both his parents, his brother, Robert Reinhold, and his sisters, Sandra Reinhold and Patricia Reinhold.

Donald is survived by his wife Janice; son, David Reinhold, of Reisterstown Md.; daughter, Amanda Reinhold, of Colorado Springs Colo.; and two grandchildren, Bryan and Kate Reinhold, both, of Baltimore, Md. He is also survived by his siblings, Judy Laws, of Rock Falls, Mary Harrawood, of Goose Creek S.C., and James (Janet) Reinhold, of North Augusta, S.C.

Visitation was held from 4 - 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A Mass of Christian Burial



will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. A burial with military honors to follow at Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial in Donald's memory can be made to the AFC FFA.

Arrangements made by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Eileen M. Albee

May 8, 1938 - Jan. 2, 2021

AMBOY — Eileen M. Albee, 82, of Amboy, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021 at Trinity Hospital in Rock Island.

She was born May 8, 1938 in Chicago, the daughter of Lawrence and Laverne (Miller) Miles.

Eileen was a waitress at the Northern Railroad and Illinois Central Railroad. She enjoyed doing crafts and flowers while having booths at local Art and Crafts fairs. Eileen was a member of the Mendota Elks Lodge and enjoyed bowling.

She married Arthur B. Albee Sr., on June 7, 1958 in Chicago. He preceded her in death June 2, 2015.

Eileen is survived by her children, Arthur (Deb) Albee Jr., of Amboy, Terry Ann Mull (Everett Bee), of Dixon, Michael (Lisa) Albee, of Dixon and Lawrence (Karen) Albee, of Amboy; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three sisters Joan Mares, of Phoenix, Ariz., Sharon Miles, of Oaklawn, and Gayle (Don) Gawlick, of Worth. Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral home. Funeral services will also be held at 2 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Cremation rites will follow.



A donation in Eileen's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society and American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

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along with the smell of baking which she also enjoyed doing saying "everything is better with butter." She also enjoyed Horseback and snowmobile riding, training horses with her husband, taking care of her flowers, and was also a strong prayer warrior.

Sharon is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Gene Lauts.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Jerry; her children, Dustin (Sarah) Drew, of Dixon, Julie (Jeff) Hussey, of Stillman Valley, Josie (David) Mosinski, of Fairfield, Iowa, and Jennie (Andy) Dewey, of Polo; nine grandchildren, Michael Dewey, Amanda Dewey, Drew Dewey, Jake (Maria) Dewey, Bryan Dewey, Mackenzie (Jared) Schleicher, Austin (Hana) Yuill, Easton Drew, Emory Drew; and five great-grandchildren, Kylie Dewey, Kaethen Dewey, Kenzli Dewey, Kolten Dewey, and Henry Schle-



icher. She is also survived by one sister, Lutitia Loomis of Lee Center, and several nieces and nephews that she dearly loved.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - noon, on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, at the Mihm Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A private Funeral Service will be held following the visitation at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with burial to follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy.

Arrangements made by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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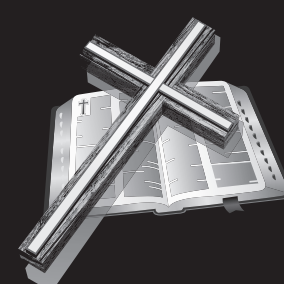
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SOCIAL NEWS

On This Day in History

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

Eel Mania

When a friend of mine whose judgment I highly respect urged me to read "The Book of Eels," I worried that interminable seclusion had finally gotten the better of her. Still, I looked it up. Its subtitle "Our Enduring Fascination with the Most Mysterious Creature in the Natural World" seemed a tad overblown, yet intriguing. It can be fun to read about something one knows absolutely nothing about. I decided to read it. It was terrific.

What makes Patrik Svensson's "The Book of Eels" one of the best books my friend has read is not only his lively take on scientific obsession but also his memoir of a childhood whose heart was the times he went eel fishing with his father.

In the 19th century, science seemed on the threshold of solving the great questions of the natural world, to the point where the famous German zoologist Max Schultze observed on his deathbed that he was leaving a world where "all the important questions... had now been settled." All "except the eel question." It is a question that goes back over 2,000 years to the Greek philosopher Aristotle. He was considered the first scientist, yet the secretive eel eluded him. He theorized that the eel emerged spontaneously from mud. For centuries thereafter, an eel answer was inevitably followed by a further eel question, even more mysterious, more intractable. Not until the twentieth century was the eel's breeding ground discovered — after an obsessive ten-year search.

The eel's mystery arises from its metamorphosis into four distinct beings during its lifetime: Life begins as a tiny larva in the Sargasso Sea, located slightly northwest of Cuba. The two-million square mile Sargasso with depths of 23,000 feet, teems with life in its vast seaweed fields. Shaped like willow leaves, these tiny eel larvae float thousands of miles in the Atlantic Ocean toward Europe. It enters European coasts and rivers as a shimmering glass eel, called an elver, a few inches long with visible insides.

The third transformation is into the yellow eel, which can move across dry land. It will live for decades in ponds and rivers, until it morphs into the silver eel, a long powerful creature that will travel the 5,000 miles back to the Sargasso Sea on its fat reserves alone. Its reproductive organs develop for the first time. It will mingle with its American siblings (Svensson wonders how they know which continent they belong to), it will spawn and perish. "The Sargasso Sea is the end of everything and its beginning." But here is the mystery: No one has ever found a mature eel in the Sargasso Sea.

Sadly, the European eel is on its way to extinction. Since no one has ever managed to breed eels in captivity, rescue is well-nigh impossible.

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100 Years Ago
Jan. 7, 1921

Miss Gertrude Emmons returned to Muskegon, Mich., Tuesday after a holiday visit at home.

The Misses Sarah Dishong, Olive Gooch and Noretta Callahan left Tuesday for Normal after the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Missman spent New Year's in Minneapolis with relatives.

Beginning Jan. 1, ministers are required to pay a two-thirds regular fare on railroads, instead of half fare as they did pay.

75 Years Ago
Jan. 8, 1946

Miss Betty Boone entertained members of her Sunday School class at a

New Year's Eve party. Those present to enjoy the evening were Donna Long, Dick Eckburg, Don Ollmann, Joan Elliott, Roger Boone and Joyce and Dick Wagner.

Miss Naomi Fleming of Chicago spent Christmas with her father, William Fleming.

Miss Mary Powers, freshman at St. Mary's of the Woods College, Ind., is spending her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Powers.

50 Years Ago
Jan. 7, 1971

Amboy High's varsity Clippers won the Hinckley-Big Rock Royals Holiday Basketball Tournament at Hinckley last week Wednesday evening by defeating Stillman Valley, 56-52.

Miss Sylvia Montavon, Amboy's city clerk, took up deep sea fishing during a

holiday visit to Florida. The 70-pound sailfish she caught measured seven feet, eight inches and was caught Dec. 28 off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Four school buses were purchased by the Amboy Community Unit School District No. 272 board of education meeting Tuesday evening in the first 1971 session at Central Grade School.

25 Years Ago
Jan. 4, 1986

Lisa Full of The Woodlands, Texas, and Terri Full, of Glendale, Wis., spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Full.

The Amboy Clippers enjoyed their trip to The Mark in Moline last Friday night. The varsity boys defeated Fulton 58-43 for a Three Rivers victory.

From The Heart Calendar winners

December 2020 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Dec. 1 - William Jandak, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 2 - Dallas Schuler, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 3 - Kasandra Elliott, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 4 - Rick McNaghie, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 5 - Kelley Doughty, Waukesha, Wisconsin, \$25
Dec. 6 - Charles or Christy Kessen, Rochelle, \$50
Dec. 7 - Jannell Effiong, Mahomet, \$25
Dec. 8 - Tonja Greenfield, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 9 - Brenda Mason, Dixon, \$25
Dec. 10 - Celia Castillo, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 11 - Tina Fletcher, Westville, Indiana, \$25
Dec. 12 - Daisy Russell, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 13 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$50
Dec. 14 - Laurie Borowicz, Sycamore, \$25
Dec. 15 - Adlai Schaefer, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 16 - Shelley Haws, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 17 - Sean Saweikis, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 18 - Melissa Folkers, Sterling, \$25
Dec. 19 - Judy Schermerhorn, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 20 - Debbie Vrana, Princeton, \$50
Dec. 21 - Cindy Harris, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 22 - Debbie Fergu-

son, DeKalb, \$25
Dec. 23 - Julie & Dave Christopherson, Chana, \$25
Dec. 24 - Debbie Vrana, Princeton, \$25
Dec. 25 - Linda Christell, Rochelle, \$1,000
Dec. 26 - Laurie Miller, Davis, \$25
Dec. 27 - Jennifer Herrera, Rochelle, \$50

Dec. 28 - Dennis Neal, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 29 - Jeff Glen, Rochelle, \$50
Dec. 30 - Verda Crum, Rochelle, \$25
Dec. 31 - Jason Bird, St. Charles, \$25
Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

A.C.O. looking for volunteers for blood drive

AMBOY — The Amboy Civic Organization is looking for volunteers to work two-hour shifts, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021 for the Red Cross Blood Drive. The drive will be at the Amboy Community Bldg. from noon until 6 p.m.

Volunteers will check-in donors and serve refreshments provided by the Red Cross.

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2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

January Jan. 1

- The state's minimum wage will increase by \$1 hourly, recreational marijuana will go on sale to those over 21 years of age, and some state taxes and licensing fees will increase when the calendar hits January.
- The Amboy Lions Club recently made a donation to the St. Patrick's Church Food Pantry.
- Starting Jan. 1, it will be legal for adults to possess and use recreational marijuana in Illinois, but new law includes limits on how much residents can have and where they can use it.
- The Amboy Lady Clippers completed their pre-holidays schedule with a perfect 11-0 record after blasting Byron, 67-27, on Dec. 16 at the AHS gym.

Obituaries

Donald R. Gascoigne - June 24, 1934 - Dec. 23, 2019

Jan. 8

- For the second consecutive year, Rosalie Koldan and Shirley Guay, owners of Amboy Arts & Antiques located at 231 E. Main Street, Amboy, started a collection for the PADS Women and Children's Homeless Shelter in Dixon, which ran from Thanksgiving weekend to the Amboy Christmas Walk on Dec. 14. Working with PADS Executive Director Terra Lorenzen a wish list was generated for cleaning supplies and personal care items. More than 300 items were donated by the community.
- The Amboy Lady Clippers outgunned four opponents by wide margins to capture first-place honors in the Amboy Holiday Tournament. The four wins upped Amboy's season record to 15-0.

Obituaries

Beverly Ruth Beams - April 29, 1932 - Dec. 30, 2019
Tiffany Marie Schrock - May 22, 1988 - Dec. 28, 2019
William Bruce Oberschelp - Aug. 8, 1940 - Dec. 30, 2019
Otis B. "O.B." Horner - March 21, 1935 - Jan. 1, 2020

Jan. 15

- Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded over \$1.2 million in FY 2020 School District Library Grant Program awards to 684 public school districts. More than 1.5 million Illinois students served by school library programs will benefit from the grants. Amboy Community Unit School District was awarded \$750.
- Three Sublette Village Board members reported hearing back from citizens with opinions against the village allowing the sale of cannabis in the village, but no action on the matter was taken.
- Alison O'Rourke, daughter of Curt and Renee O'Rourke, has been named the January Student of the Month for Amboy High School.
- The Amboy Lady Clippers had the biggest week of their season when they took their state ranking against two other state-ranked teams. The fourth-ranked Lady Clippers hosted conference foe and second-ranked Lanark Eastland on Jan. 7 at the AHS gym. The overflow crowd was thoroughly entertained as the two teams battled to the wire with Amboy coming out on top, 60-57. Amboy met another highly-ranked foe on Jan. 9 when it journeyed to Rock Falls to take on the Lady Rockets, who were ranked No. 10 in Class 2A. It was another heart-stopping game, but this time the Lady Clippers were on the short end of a 45-42 score.

Obituaries

Tamra L. Bierbom - Jan. 28, 1960 - Jan. 8, 2020

Jan. 22

- Sinnissippi Centers is in the process of opening a

recovery home for women and women with children in Amboy. Sinnissippi Centers President/CEO Patrick Phalen, along with employees, addressed the Amboy City Council on Monday night. The council met in regular session at 6 p.m. in the Amboy Community Center.

- Illinois farmers will get a much-needed lift from two international trade agreements approved by the federal government this week, but experts are uncertain if their situations will improve in the long term. After exchanging hundreds of billions of dollars of tariffs for more than a year, the U.S. and Chinese governments agreed to the first part of the trade deal on Wednesday.
- The Lee County Farm Bureau is honored to recognize the late Christy Lilja, Washington DC, with the Distinguished Service Award in recognition for longtime service to the American Farm Bureau (AFBF) and the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture.

Obituaries

Robert E. Olson - Dec. 17, 1937 - Jan. 14, 2020

Jan. 29

- A proposed scheduling change at Amboy High School and maintenance projects at Central and Amboy Junior High were among the items discussed at the District 272 Board of Education meeting on Jan. 23. The number of class periods at Amboy High School is expected to drop from eight to seven next year. Principal Janet Crownhart explained the reasoning behind the change and also discussed the effect fewer class periods would have for students.
- Thanks to the generosity of the donors, the A.C.O. sponsored American Red Cross Blood Drive exceeded its goal by collecting 85 units of blood which will benefit 255 people in need.
- The Amboy Lady Clippers and AFC Lady Basketball squads teamed up to win the battle against cancer on Jan. 17. The two teams came together to host a Pink Out Night during their JV and Varsity games. The girls held a quilt raffle, t-shirts sale, Chuck a Duck raffle and a silent auction. Together the teams raised \$1,500 during the night and contributed the proceeds to The Charity Stripe and will be donated locally.
- The Lee County board table two ordinances on the agenda until February regarding cannabis sales and taxing cannabis sales. The board voted several months ago not to tax the sale of cannabis stating that taxing it would be condoning it.
- Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker signed a bill into law Friday capping the out-of-pocket cost of prescription insulin for many people in Illinois. Senate Bill 667, sponsored by Sen. Andy Manar, a Bunker Hill Democrat, caps the cost at \$100 for a 30-day supply, a significant reduction for many diabetes patients currently paying hundreds of dollars per month for the life-saving medication. The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2021.
- The Amboy Lady Clippers added six more wins to their season total and climbed to the top of the Class 1A state basketball rankings with a 23-1 record.

Obituaries

Cynthia R. McCoy - Nov. 26, 1961 - Jan. 20, 2020

February Feb. 5

- Old homes have many stories to tell. Anyone who has lived in a home that is over 100 years old has surely wondered what hidden tales their historic dwelling would share if it could talk. But in many cases, those stories have been partially or completely lost over time. Such was the case for Bob and Betty Jones of Sublette.
- Friends from all over came to Sublette Saturday

afternoon for Sublette's 1st Super Bowl Shuffle. They all gathered at the starting line and with a camera shutter start, they took off for a mile walk/run around the Sublette Centennial park.

- Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 8277 recently donated \$1,000 to Kreider Services to help in supporting their programs.

- The state's Class 1A top-ranked Amboy Lady Clippers added three more wins to their season total to run their record to 26-1. The squad started out the week by traveling to Freeport Aquin and defeated the sixth-ranked team in Class 1A, 67-60, on Jan. 27.

Obituaries

Darlene I. Fischer - Aug. 5, 1923 - Jan. 27, 2020

Feb. 12

- The Village of Sublette approved a motion to change to a new billing software for its water bills. In January, Acting Village Mayor John Stenzel introduced the board to UBMax, an online utility management software, for water bills. He said with this software residents could look up their bills, review their history and pay their bills online. At Monday night's meeting, Stenzel reviewed the costs of the software with the board.

- Teen Turf's Annual Soup/Chili Supper on Feb. 1 was another successful event. There was chili and several soups (Potato, Split Pea, Chicken Noodle, Taco, and Turkey & Wild Rice) to enjoy. Homemade cornbread, desserts, and drinks completed the evening. The cost of the meal was by donation.

- Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 8277 recently donated \$1,000 to Ogle County Education Cooperative in Byron to help them in support of their many educational programs.

- On Feb. 4, Amboy Lady Clipper Abi Payne needed 14 points in the game to reach the 1,000-point mark in her career. Payne had 11 points at halftime. It didn't take long in the third quarter before she made a three-pointer to give her 1,000. During the next timeout, the announcement was made and Payne was presented with a poster. After the game, she was presented a basketball that included the writing: Abi Payne, 1000+ points, Feb. 4, 2020, Amboy Lady Clippers. Payne ended the contest with 18 points, seven assists and five steals.

- A retirement open house was held for Sublette Fire Chief Doug Erbes on Feb. 9 at LaFiesta. Erbes celebrated more than 31 years on the fire department serving Sublette, with 14 ½ of those years as chief.

- The Amboy Lady Clippers wrapped up the regular season with two more wins to run their record to 28-1 entering post-season play this week.

- The Illinois High School Football Coaches Association, in conjunction with their annual spring clinic, will induct a group of high school football coaches into their Hall of Fame. Among those in the Class of 2020 is Gary Jones of Amboy, who retired from the Clippers' head coaching position after the 2019 season.

Obituaries

Mary Ann Cardot - April 4, 1941 - Feb. 6, 2020

John William Lusz - Sept. 28, 1946 - Feb. 1, 2020

Feb. 19

- The Amboy Lady Clippers won their second straight Class 1A regional championship on Friday night defeating Fulton 41-30. The Lady Clippers will face Galena on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Pecatonica Sectional.

- Local Girl Scouts attended the Amboy City Council meeting on Monday night. The girls stood in front of the council while Amboy Mayor John Schamberger read a proclamation calling March 8-14 Girl Scout Week.

Obituaries

Donald S. Donoho III - Feb. 20, 1962 - Feb. 10, 2020

Feb. 26

- On Feb. 10, the Amboy Lions Club awarded a 50 year service pin to Lion Cecil Harrison. Additional service pins were also awarded that night to the following members: 10 year membership- Edie Pfeiffer; 15 year membership- Brad Goy, Ed Lilja, Buddy Morrissey, and Craig Walter; 20 year membership- Larry Eisenberg, Joel Hochstatter and 25 year membership- Carl Grossman.

- Illinois schools now have a new option for making up lost time when snow days start to pile up. Reporting at the Feb. 19 Amboy Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Joshua Nichols said schools can now have a plan for e-Learning Days, which can be used in lieu of emergency or "snow" days. This will allow the day to be counted as a day of student attendance.

- Should Amboy High School switch to 8-man football? That was the topic of an informative presentation held during the Feb. 19 Amboy School Board meeting. If Amboy changes to 8-man, it will not be until the 2021 varsity season. The first step would be to let the NUIC Conference know what Amboy's intentions are by the April meeting and then let the 18FA know by January 2021.

- It's always tough to beat a great team three times in a season. The Amboy Lady Clippers defeated last year's state runners-up in Class 1A, Lanark (Eastland), twice in the regular season. But the one Amboy wanted the most was dashed in the waning seconds as fourth-ranked Eastland got a three-pointer in the final seconds to stun the second-ranked Lady Clippers, 59-58, in the championship game of the Pecatonica Class 1A Sectional before a packed house on Feb. 20. Eastland advanced to the supersectional with a 31-3 record.

Obituaries

George J. Lape - Nov. 22, 1951 - Feb. 20, 2020

March March 4

- Amboy School High School presents "Phantom of the Country Opera" March 13, 14, and 15 at Amboy High School. "Phantom of the Country Opera" is comedic, country western adaptation of the infamous masked opera ghost and his muse originally portrayed in the Broadway production of "Phantom of the Opera."

- On Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m., the free showing of the documentary All The Queens Horses will be held at the Ellice Dinges Center. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

- Amboy High School held a career fair on Monday for the students. More than 30 different presenters spoke to the students about their profession.

- The Lee County Committee representing the Quad Cities Honor Flight has had a very busy winter. On Dec. 11, 2019, several committee members traveled to the Quad Cities to present a \$50,000 check to the Quad Cities Honor Flight Hub to help secure the Oct. 29, 2020, flight for Lee County area veterans. The total cost for the Honor Flight is approximately \$80,000.

- The Illinois Associated Press Class 1A and Class 2A All-State girls' basketball teams have been named as voted on by a statewide panel of sports writers and broadcasters and compiled by All-State chair Steve Tappa. The Class 1A second team was headed by Amboy High School junior Abi Payne. She was the top vote-getter on the second team and was 16 votes from making the first team. Payne's teammate and classmate, Mallory Powers,

was an honorable mention all-state selection.

Obituaries

Gladys Marie Willstead - July 14, 1931 - Feb. 25, 2020
John Jay Partington - July 11, 1935 - Feb. 23, 2020
Cody A. "Tree" Winters - Aug. 20, 1989 - Feb. 20, 2020
Cedric Berga Hiatt - Nov. 12, 1973 - Feb. 28, 2020
Janice A. Schusler - Nov. 21, 1937 - Feb. 28, 2020
Wayne Alan Wright - Aug. 9, 1945 - Feb. 23, 2020

March 11

- The Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show annual casual dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall. The dinner is open to the public.

- An effort in Illinois to prevent biannual clock changes — such as the one that happened Sunday moving time forward one hour — appears stalled. The state Senate passed a bill in November by Bunker Hill Democrat Andy Manar that calls for setting clocks ahead one hour to daylight saving time on Sunday and leaving Illinois permanently

on Central Daylight Time. But that bill remains in legislative limbo in the House, and even if Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker signs the initiative into law, it could not take effect unless approved by the federal government.

- The Village of Sublette board voted Monday night to prohibit the sale of recreational marijuana in the village limits. Sublette Village Attorney Dana Considine prepared an ordinance for the village prohibiting the sale of recreational marijuana. Considine told the board that they cannot prohibit the sale of medicinal marijuana. She also told the board that if future boards wanted to reverse the ordinance, they had the option to do so. The ordinance was approved 5-0.

Obituaries

Charles "Bill" W. Jones - Jan. 2, 1929 - March 2, 2020
Patricia C. Jones - April 24, 1939 - Feb. 25, 2020

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2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

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March 18

• As of Monday, March 16, there are 105 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in 15 counties across Illinois. Yesterday, Whiteside County announced their first confirmed case. While there are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lee County, it is safe to assume that there are unknown cases in our community.

• Amboy area schools, organizations, close and postpone events due to the threat of COVID-19.

• Due to the Coronavirus threat, the annual Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show was cancelled for 2020. Local officials and show promoters cancelled the show after much deliberation and a meeting with the Lee County Health Department.

• Amboy's two food pantries are two sources for residents who have been affected financially from the coronavirus.

• Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker took an unprecedented step Sunday to stem the spread of the coronavirus pandemic by ordering bars and restaurants in the state closed to the public starting on Tuesday, March 17, which is both St. Patrick's Day and Illinois' Primary Election Day.

• Ashley Althaus was selected as the District FFA Proficiency Winner in Agriculture Education. Althaus is a member of the Amboy FFA Chapter of the Illinois Association FFA.

Obituaries

Edith A. Widolf - Aug. 16, 1932 - March 8, 2020
Mathew J. Rood - May 20, 1996 - March 10, 2020

March 25

• The Amboy Board of Education held their regular meeting at Central School on March 18. Several items of business were discussed, including 8-man football, and principals' reports were given.

• The Lee County Unified Executive Leadership Team would like to thank you to our community for pulling together and following Governor Pritzker's "Stay at Home" executive order. Lee County Sheriff John Simonon and Dixon Police Chief Steve Howell both report that traffic and call volume are down significantly. This is key to slow the spread of COVID-19 and save lives. Reducing the devastation can be broken down into three steps: Stay home, stop the spread, save lives.

• Amboy School District Superintendent Joshua Nichols was pleased with the e-learning day held in the district on March 16. "It went very smoothly and that is a credit to teachers, staff, administration, parents and students," he said. "I was very impressed by everyone that day."

• The Amboy Lions hit the ground running to start the month of March. On March 6, the Club donated two more AED's (Heart Defibrillators) to area churches, First Congregational Church in Lee Center and Grace Fellowship in Sublette. Members from both churches met Friday, March 6 at the First Congregational Church for training on the use of the AED devices.

Obituaries

Donna J. Linder - April 20, 1945 - March 21, 2020
Albert M. Fredericks - Oct. 3, 1937 - March 16, 2020

April

April 1

• On Monday, March 30, the Northern Illinois Rockford Region reported a positive case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Ogle County and is saddened to report the 1st death of a resident in the region that tested positive for COVID-19.

• Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 8277 donated \$100 to our local Teen Turf here in Amboy to help them in the support of their programs.

• Due to the national pandemic, there is currently a shortage of medical personal protective equipment, specifically N95 masks. The Lee County Farm Bureau is participating in F.A.R.M. for Health, which is a movement that stands for Farmers and Ranchers Masks for Health. They are calling upon farmers, grain elevators, union laborers, construction companies, and anyone else in the industry where masks are used for PPE, to donate surplus unused masks as well as any other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including gowns, gloves, disinfectant wipes, and hand sanitizer.

• Lee County Sheriff John Simonon was sworn in as an Executive Board member at the recent Illinois Sheriff's Association Conference in Bloomington around the beginning of March. As an Executive Board member, Sheriff Simonon will work on legislative and training efforts, in support of all Sheriff's Office's in Illinois.

Obituaries

Paul F. DeArmitt - Aug. 17, 1940 - March 23, 2020

April 8

• Lee County has received two more positive cases of COVID-19 for a total of 4 cases. One person in their 50's and one in their 20's. Nineteen additional people were tested today at KSB Hospital.

• In continuing efforts by KSB Hospital to prepare for a potential COVID-19 surge in the area, 57 beds from Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation, Meadows of Franklin Grove, and Oregon Living and Rehabilitation were moved to KSB today thanks to the efforts of many in the surrounding communities. KSB Board Member, Ray Neisewander III, kindly donated a Raynor Garage Doors semi and driver to transport the beds, and the Amboy Fire Protection District, Paw Paw Fire Department - Illinois, Sublette Fire Department, Compton Volunteer Fire Department, West Brooklyn Fire Department, Dinges Fire Company, Johnson Tractor, and the Illinois State Police all pitched in to assist the KSB Plant Ops team in moving the beds.

• The Amboy Fire Protection District recently donated 300 N95 masks to KSB Hospital. KSB Hospital is grateful for their essential contribution in helping keep its healthcare workers safe.

• Eric McLaughlin of Top Notch Builders replaced the window above the Amboy Police Department last week. Amboy Mayor John Schamberger gave a shout out to McLaughlin on Facebook for donating their time and replacing the ancient window.

• Amboy Fire Protection District and Sublette Fire Protection District are joining the trend of fire departments making road side visits for a child's birthday. Do you have a child celebrating a birthday during these unprecedented times? Let the fire departments help bring some excitement on their special day. A fire truck will approach your residence with lights and sirens and park alongside the road to allow your family or child to take a photo in front of it.

Obituaries

Matthew H. Liston - Nov. 5, 1956 - April 1, 2020
Emelie I. King - Jan. 13, 1950 - April 1, 2020

April 15

• Since our last press release on Thursday afternoon, there are 1,173 new cases of COVID-19 in Illinois for a total of 22,025 across 87 counties. The state death toll has increased by 74 for a total of 794 deaths. Over the holiday weekend, KSB Hospital received 3 new positive test results for Lee County and today the health department received 1. Two of these residents are in their

60's, one in his or her 30's and one in his or her 20's. Lee County now has 13 confirmed cases. There are currently 20 test results pending and 12 people are in quarantine.

• The Amboy Lions Club and the Amboy Fire Protection District offered a special treat for the youth of Amboy on Saturday afternoon. Since the annual Cliff Walter Easter Egg Hunt was canceled due to the State of Illinois Stay in Place order in effect, Lions members and the fire department still found a way to bring a little Easter fun to the youth in Amboy. The Easter Bunny sat on the front of the Amboy Fire Engine and was paraded up and down the streets of Amboy.

Obituaries

Henry Walter Antosiak - Dec. 18, 1940 - April 13, 2020

April 22

• With the announcement of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker extending remote learning for schools in Illinois to go through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, Amboy Community Unity School District Superintendent Joshua Nichols released the following statement on Facebook,

"Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, and Community Members: I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through the end of the 2019-2020 school year."

• The number of positive COVID-19 cases in Lee County remains at 17. Today, the State of Illinois announced 1,151 new cases bringing the total to 31,508 across 95 of the 102 counties. The death toll is now at 1,349.

• To help the Amboy and Dixon community during this time of need, Sensient Flavors donated 150 Gallons of hand sanitizer to 11 local health organizations and emergency response personnel on Friday. With the need and demand for hand sanitizer skyrocketing during the COVID-19 outbreak, Sensient Flavors, which employs 165 residents of Amboy and the surrounding communities, utilized existing equipment and capabilities to begin producing hand sanitizer on April 2 to support other Sensient facilities, customers and the community.

• The Amboy City Council hosted its April meeting on Monday night. Amboy Mayor John Schamberger posted this message on Facebook about that meeting: "The Amboy City Council had a very productive meeting last night while maintaining our distance from one another. The Council approved waving the Liquor License fees that are due May 1. We feel this is a way we can take some burden off of the businesses that are currently mandated closed."

• The Village of Sublette conducted its April board meeting remotely. In light of the current COVID-19 public health emergency and the prohibition of public gathering of 10 or more, the Sublette Village Board chose to conduct the board meeting remotely on April 13. Attendees had the option of calling into the meeting or viewing the meeting through their computer. Acting Sublette Village President John Stenzel said those viewing could only see his computer monitor. Stenzel said at the start of the meeting, he put a picture of the American Flag up on his computer while the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

• The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to announce the recipients of their annual Books by the Bushel program to promote agriculture education. Faith Christian School, Grand Detour, St. Anne's School, Dixon, Tri-County Opportunities Council, Rock Falls,

and Steward Elementary School, Steward, were each named recipients of a bushel basket of 12 agriculture related children's books through the Books by the Bushel grant program.

Obituaries

Ronald D. King - Jan. 13, 1947 - April 14, 2020

April 29

• When faced with the challenge of a lengthy school closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Amboy community stepped up and the school district is grateful. Reporting at the April 23 board of education meeting held at the Amboy Junior High gym and remotely on Zoom, Superintendent Joshua Nichols expressed his gratitude to parents, teachers, support staff and students.

• The Amboy Welcome Signs got new mulch, courtesy of Timber Industries, and a spring cleaning thanks to some labor by Amboy Lions Club member Jim Travi. The signs at the north and south ends of town were a donation by the club and are maintained by them.

• Lee County has 2 more positive cases of COVID-19 for a total of 21. One of the new cases is a person in their 30's and one is in their 40's. 9 of the 21 individuals have recovered and been lifted off isolation. There were 1,980 new cases at the state level for a total of 45,883 across 96 counties statewide. The death toll has risen to 1,983.

• Gov. JB Pritzker said Thursday that Illinois' novel coronavirus data necessitated an extension of his stay-at-home order through the end of May. The current executive order will expire May 1, at which time an order with "some modifications" will take effect. Masks will be mandatory for all residents above the age of 2, who can "medically tolerate a face covering," when in a public place, the governor said.

• The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for their April meeting via a video conference call on Tuesday, April 21, where the Board of Directors announced its decision to cancel all IHSA spring state tournaments. The decision to cancel the spring state tournaments comes in conjunction with Friday's (April 17) announcement by Governor Pritzker and the Illinois State Board of Education that all Illinois high schools will complete the 2019-20 school term from home via e-learning.

• The scholarship winners from the Sublette Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show have been determined. The recipients are: Alison Schlesinger of Mendota, Mendota FFA scholarship given in memory of Dan Tastad; Margaret Vaessen of Sublette, Amboy FFA scholarship; Ashley Althaus of Sublette, Sub-Let Indians 4-H scholarship; and Ashleigh Collins of Earlville, Max Armstrong scholarship.

May

May 6

• The Coronavirus has negatively impacted all of our lives and lifestyles in so many ways. One of the many groups of people affected by the pandemic are the area students. Spring is a very busy and eventful time for all of our students. Their formal education has been disrupted. Lion Mark Grossman brought an idea to the Amboy Lions Club of a way to recognize area graduates. The Club contacted Beth Shaw of On3Photo.com to have yard signs created for Amboy eighth grade and high school graduates.

• On Monday, May 4, Lee County, reported 30 positive cases, 15 have recovered and there are zero deaths. The State of Illinois reported a total of 63,840 cases and 2,662 deaths.

Obituaries

Bobby Dale Wilson - June 30, 1930 - April 29, 2020

Steve J. Dempsey - May 8, 1954 - April 30, 2020

May 13

• Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Memorial Day services for Brooklyn American Legion Post 657 will be canceled. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the American Legion Auxiliary will not be hosting the sale of poppies over the Memorial Day weekend this year.

• An historic Sublette area home was destroyed by fire under suspicious circumstances on May 4. The home, located on Todd Road just west of U.S. 52, was owned by Thomas Ray and was one of the most historic homes in Sublette Township. The fire call was received at 1:37 a.m. May 4 with the Sublette and Amboy fire departments responding. Firefighters were on the scene for 2 ½ hours.

• Amboy High School varsity girls' head basketball coach Mike McCracken was recognized for the Lady Clippers' successful 2019-20 season by being chosen the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association "Coach of the Year" for Class 1A schools in District 11. McCracken guided the Amboy girls' team to a 31-2 overall record and a conference championship 10-0 mark in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference.

• The outbreak of COVID-19 cases at the Jack Mabley Center in Dixon has generated a harsh community response. The Lee County Unified Command Team wants our community to know that the men and women at the Jack Mabley center are heroes. These public servants are risking their health and potentially the health of their families to serve those with profound developmental disabilities.

• Ashley Althaus was selected as the State FFA Proficiency Winner in AG EDUCATION. Ashley is a member of the Amboy FFA Chapter of the Illinois Association FFA. Illinois FFA recognizes students in fifty different areas based on their work-based learning, also known as Supervised Agricultural Experiences or SAE.

• Gov. JB Pritzker on May 5 announced a five-step, regional plan to reopen Illinois after months of restrictions put in place to combat the novel coronavirus pandemic. The governor's Restore Illinois plan comprises of five phases that health regions — the 11 districts the Illinois Department of Public Health breaks the state into, grouped into four separate regions — can move through as data proves they are meeting certain thresholds.

Obituaries

Robert Henry Halsey - March 21, 1940 - May 4, 2020

May 20

• The Amboy American Legion won't be hosting an official Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25. Instead, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Amboy American Legion will do a small presentation in honor of Memorial Day.

• The National Weather Service reported that flash flooding and scattered strong thunderstorm winds occurred on the night of Thursday, May 14 into Friday, May 15. Rainfall amounts from this round of storms, along with rainfall earlier in the day on Thursday, brought some totals in excess of four inches in parts of the Chicago metro (including the official measurement at O'Hare International Airport), and also in/near Kankakee County. The heavy rain resulted in some impassible roads due to water.

• A new sport will be available to Amboy Junior High School students this fall. The Amboy Board of Education approved a two-year coop agreement with Paw Paw

for junior high soccer for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. Some board members expressed concern during the May 14 board of education meeting, saying they were reluctant to possibly interfere with the community-based AYSO. However, the new program will be a school sport with transportation provided, trained officials, certified coaches and added structure. The sport will be open to boys and girls in 6th-8th grade. Games and practices will be held in Paw Paw.

• Officials from Ogle and Lee Counties have submitted re-opening plans to Governor Pritzker's Office, thanks to assistance from State Representative Tom Demmer. The plan includes detailed criteria for local businesses that have been deemed 'non-essential' by the Governor's executive order to re-open. The group is anxiously awaiting a response.

• Beginning June 3, Unified Way of Lee County will provide free meals to all children and teens in Lee County, all summer long.

• On May 12, the Unified Executive Leadership team was saddened to report the first COVID-19 related death in a Lee County resident. This individual was a resident of Jack Mabley Center and had recently been hospitalized and receiving comfort care. The resident was in his or her late 50's and had underlying health conditions. The Unified Executive Leadership Team offers its sincere condolences to this individual's family, friends and the staff of Jack Mabley Center.

As of May 18, the total for Lee County is now 79, with 1 death.

Obituaries

Jason R. Wittenauer - March 26, 1975 - May 15, 2020

Duane (Moon) Zimmerly - June 30, 1974 - May 15, 2020

Carol V. Foglesong - Oct. 2, 1946 - May 15, 2020

May 27

• The Amboy American Legion presented a shortened Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park on Monday. Mike Hickey of the Amboy American Legion read two short pieces in honor of the occasion. Amboy American Legion Commander Jack Mead raises the American flag from half mast. Avery Shaw and Alison O'Rourke performed Taps.

• The Lee County Board has announced that due to the financial hardship created by the COVID-19 global pandemic, the first installment of real estate taxes due June 26th will be exempt from any late penalty if paid on or before July 26, 2020.

• Amboy CUSD #272 recently named Yvonne Vicks as Teacher of the Year and Gaylene Noble as Staff Member of the Year. This is the first year for the recognition program. In early May, community members, staff, parents and students were invited to nominate teachers and staff members for the honor by submitting a short essay online.

Obituaries

Vicki J. Bonnell - Feb. 5, 1953 - May 20, 2020

Dennis M. Chandler - June 2, 1953 - May 22, 2020

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Dated this 10th day of December A.D. 2020. Cathy Myers, County Clerk by Gerianne Knack No. 1203 Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the matter of the)
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Drainage District)
in the County of Lee,)
in the)
State of Illinois.)
No. 64-L-339

NOTICE OF DATE ON OR BEFORE WHICH OBJECTIONS TO ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT MUST BE FILED

Public Notice is hereby given that the commissioners of the Maple Grove Drainage District have filed in this court their annual financial report for the fiscal year October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Objections to said report must be filed in this Court at 309 South Galena Avenue, Dixon, Illinois, on or before January 18, 2021. Amy Johnson Clerk of the Circuit Court

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., at Central School, 30 E. Provost Street, Amboy, IL 61310 to discuss the intention of the Board of Education of Amboy Community Unit School District No. 272, Lee County, Illinois, to transfer One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Nine (\$124,309) from the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund pursuant to Section 5-1006.7 of the School Code (55 ILCS 5/5-1006.7).

Dated this 17th day of December, 2020. Katie Pratt, Board of Education Secretary No. 0102 Jan. 6, 2021

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Kish announces Spring 2021 Relief Scholarship

MALTA — Kishwaukee College will offer all full-time students a \$500 scholarship during the Spring 2021 semester to help offset financial hardships related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Board of Trustees approved the new scholarship at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday night.

“We have felt the impact of the COVID-19 virus at Kish and continue to hear that finances and being able to afford college are a key issue for our students. The Spring 2021 Relief Scholarship offers some financial assistance during a time of need for many,” said Dr. Laurie Borowicz, Kishwaukee College President.

The \$500 scholarship will help cover the cost of tuition and fees. There is no scholarship application required to apply. All students registered for 12 or more credit hours will receive the one-time scholarship if they are registered by Monday, Jan. 18, 2021.

Funds will be distributed during the first week of February. Full-time enrollment status will be verified before scholarships are awarded.

Kishwaukee College will be offering most courses online during the Spring 2021 semester for the protection and safety of students, faculty, staff and the community. Some select classes will take place in a hybrid format, which has a face-to-face component.

To learn more about the Spring 2021 Relief Scholarship, visit www.kish.edu/spring21relief.

Nicor Gas is keeping customers warm this winter heating season

NAPERVILLE — As temperatures dip below freezing across the Midwest, Nicor Gas is reminding customers that it's time to prepare their homes for winter to help conserve energy and save on energy bills.

Customers can request up to two free home weatherization kits from the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program. Kits include outlets and light switch foam gaskets to help prevent drafts from exterior walls, weatherstripping and rope caulk for windows and doors, as well as a self-adhesive door sweep to prevent cold air from leaking in underneath. Customers can also request a free energy assessment in addition to energy-saving products.

“Nicor Gas remains committed to helping our customers—especially those in historically underserved communities—better manage their energy use and save on winter heating bills,” said President and CEO John O. Hudson III.

Energy efficiency tools and resources give Nicor Gas customers more control over their energy consumption and bill. Little changes in the home can add

up to big savings with some of these weatherization tips:

Regularly replace air and furnace filters; most filters should be cleaned or replaced every 60-90 days. A clean filter will allow the system to run more efficiently.

Open window coverings during the day to allow sunlight to heat your home naturally, and close curtains at night to reduce the chill from cold windows.

Keep furniture, drapes, stuffed animals and other objects away from heating sources.

Adjust timer controls and programmable thermostats. Some older thermostats may not have an internal clock and need to be adjusted manually.

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves this winter with public and economic impacts that persist, Nicor Gas will continue to provide resources and bill pay assistance options for all customers.

“This year has been unpredictable to say the least. For many customers, this may be the first time they've ever had to consider how they will pay their bills or meet their family's basic needs,”

Hudson said. “So now more than ever we want our customers to know—we're here to support, and there are assistance programs available to them today.”

Approximately \$4 million remains available to Nicor Gas customers who may be affected by the ongoing pandemic and have past due balances. As part of the COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program, customers with accounts in arrears are eligible for a one-time grant of up to \$300 to help with payments. More than 20,000 customers experiencing financial hardship have received this payment assistance to date. The program will continue until funds are exhausted.

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LOCAL NEWS

Clipper Highlights: #54 Colby Fordham and #1 Matt Fuller

This week is a very special highlight for me. I get to highlight two of my best friends.

Not only are these two Clippers two of my best friends, both are deserving of this highlight for what they meant to the 2008 Clipper Team and what they did on the field.

After long discussion with these highlights and those asked to provide statements, it was determined that the graduating class of 2009 was the least football talented class between the graduating classes of 2005-2010.

We fell between classes with size, speed, great athleticism, and football IQ. Between All State Rushers and an All State Receiver. We sailed the ships' direction toward success despite a brutal Big Rivers schedule and difficult playoff draw. Much of that success was in large part due to the contributions of these two Clippers.

I'm so honored, taken back to a great time, and incredibly proud to announce our two Clipper Highlights; #54, Colby Fordham, and #1, Matt Fuller.

Colby was a 2009 graduate of Amboy High School, three sport Clipper athlete, and arguably one of the most naturally blessed athletes of the modern era.

Colby would have easily been called up to the Varsity ranks his sophomore season, 2006, if it hadn't been for a torn labrum. Colby tore his labrum his freshman season of baseball and was unable to play Clipper football as a sophomore.

Battling through ankle and lower extremity injuries in the 2007 Clipper campaign, Colby played a vital role in the offensive and defensive lines on the 3A Clipper Quarterfinal team. A caliber player like Colby added size, depth, and knowledge to an already loaded 2007 Clipper team.

Going into the 2008 season, Colby's senior season, he went through a massive growth spurt. As the most athletic and biggest Clipper on the team at 6'3" 215lbs, Colby was not going to let anything get in the way of Clipper tradition and pride, or, at the time, future All State Running Back, Cody

Richardson.

Colby paired up with Clipper great, Levi Kaleel, on the right side of the Offensive Line making for a scary good power run and triple option attack. There wasn't one opponent in the conference or the playoffs that would out want or out prepare Colby. As I watch our old films, his athleticism was second to none in terms of great Clipper linemen which is no surprise why he was a Unanimous 1st Team All Conference and All Area selection at both Offensive and Defensive lineman.

I asked several former Clipper teammates to provide a statement on their time with Colby as Clippers. They are as follows:

Matt Fuller shared, "Colby was a guy who led by example. Not extremely vocal but always did his job on the field. A student of the game who understands the sport as well as anyone I know. I think the greatest compliment I could pay him is the fact that you never had to worry about whether or not he was prepared or ready to go. You always knew he was going to do what he was supposed to do."

Taylor Payne shared, "Colby's size combined with his pure athletic ability was a force to be reckoned with. Qualities needed for strong side OT and Defensive End/Line. If he wasn't one of our biggest and needed linemen the kid could have been one hell of a Tight End."

Jeremy Wolf shared, "Fordham let his play do the talking for him, a model defensive end, he gave every team we faced, a problem to block. On the offensive end, he was our sure thing strong tackle. Always made his blocks and moved down field. Played damn near every minute of every game."

Pat McCaffrey shared, "Colby was a force to be reckoned with! Always seemed like he was making the block that sprung someone for a touchdown or on defense it seemed like he was always in the opposition's backfield."

All statements gathered were by those in the same graduating class as Colby. However, there isn't enough room on this page, for more

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



from our grade and others, that could share more about Colby's athleticism.

My most favorite memory of Colby was our senior season at Ottawa Marquette. Marquette fumbled near their own end zone, Colby read the play, saw the football, and scooped and scored. One of the best and most athletic plays I've seen from the defensive lineman position.

Amboy football was built by men like Colby. Men who work hard, love their families, and give all they have to the things they are most passionate about. It's been 12 years since our time on The Harbor but to this day Colby remembers the tradition, the brotherhood, and the lights.

So, to one of my best friends, #54, Colby "Big" Fordham, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for your lifelong friendship. From all of us in the Class of 2009, thank you for being among the biggest reasons we were able to keep the ship sailing forward. Sail on!

Matt was also a 2009 graduate of Amboy High School.

Unlike Colby, Matt did not learn of the tradition and history of Amboy football early on. Matt's Clipper journey began in Jr. Tackle. I remember because I was the one who threw Matt his first touchdown, which is a bond only few will know. Matt was our star all through Amboy Jr. Tackle and into High School.

Out of all the great Clipper skill position players, in our entire history, I would argue that Matt's hands were more sure than any of the best be-



#54 Colby Fordham and #1 Matt Fuller

fore, during, or after his time. Matt could catch anything, which made him our best possession wide receiver in his two Varsity seasons.

Matt's Junior season, 2007, he played both ways as a Cornerback and Wide Receiver. Complimenting, All Stater, Anthony Wells, Matt understood his role and often required our opponents to put their second best pass defender on him. Matt took the loss to Aurora Christian our Junior season personally and used it as fuel going into our Senior season.

I remember it like yesterday, summer 2008, I received a phone call from Matt before the season began. Matt informed me that we had been pre-season ranked 4th in 3A to begin the season in an independent poll. At that moment in time, I realized Amboy Clipper Football meant just as much to Matt as any player, on any team, of any decade. We ended the season in the second round of the 3A playoffs, earning an 8-3 record. No all conference or all area honors were earned by Matt but take him away from our 2008 Clipper Team and we might, generously, be 5-4.

Not the biggest, not the fastest, not the most athletic, but the one who cared the most by far. The one who wasn't going to let any opponent trash talk or intimidate even the quietest of Clippers. Matt was always there. Matt was definitely the guy you

loved to have as a teammate but hated playing against. In a conference like the Big Rivers, Matt was a necessity.

The same teammates for Colby Fordham were asked to provide a statement for Matt also. Here is what they shared.

Colby Fordham shared, "Matt was our enforcer, he always knew what to say, how to say it, and when to say it. No one questioned him."

Taylor Payne shared, "Matt, he was our vocal leader, he did a lot of talking, like an abundance of talking. Matt was smart on the field. He knew his limitations and made up for it with positioning himself at cornerback to be successful and at Wide Receiver the kid had very good hands, he always did from a young age. Great teammate who always had your back."

Pat McCaffrey shared, "Matt and Colby were great teammates! With Matt it didn't matter how big the game was he always showed up cool calm and collective and did his job to the best of his ability."

Jeremy Wolf shared, "Fuller was always the hype man, he could get anyone on the team fired up and ready to knock the crap out of someone. I remember at Morrison our senior year, he had us all so jacked even Coach Jones had to settle us down some. We won in triple overtime. He also always came up with the big clutch play when you needed him to, whether it was

a one handed interception (Ottawa Marquette) or a deep ball play, one things for sure, his hands weren't going to let you down. He never dropped anything."

For those that know him, love him or hate him, Matt Fuller was the passion and spark of the 2008 Clipper Team. He meant so much to our team and gave us a confidence that propelled us, a class of mediocre talent, to a 7-2 regular season record and 8-3 overall record.

So, to #1, Matt Fuller, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for your great hands as they sure made me look better than I was, on more than a few occasions. You've been my best friend for as long as I can remember and even though nothing can replace the times we have had as Clippers, our lives now give me just as much excitement and joy. 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.

Illinois Lottery Grandstand acts announced for 2021

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois State Fair is excited to announce seven confirmed Illinois Lottery Grandstand acts for 2021. This is the first time the Illinois State Fair has announced and gone on-sale with grandstand acts prior to the new year. This year's lineup has something for everyone. Fairgoers who purchase grandstand tickets will receive a full refund if COVID-19 prevents the Illinois State Fair from being held.

Veterans Day at the fair will feature an artist who is no stranger to performing for our troops. Toby Keith takes the stage on Sunday, Aug. 15. Keith has gone on 11 USO Tours and entertained nearly 256,000 troops in 18 countries. Craig Morgan will open for the two-time Academy of Country Music's Entertainer of the Year.

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, Chris Young will take the stage for Agriculture Day. The "Raised on Country" singer and songwriter will be accompanied by Ingrid Andress and Payton Smith.

Get out your Beanie Babies collection and tight roll your jeans. I Love the 90's Tour featuring Vanilla Ice, Naughty by Nature, Bone Thugs-N- Harmony, All 4 One, Tone Loc, Young MC and Rob Base will headline the grandstand on Governor's Day. Sounds of "Ice Ice Baby", "O.P.P.", "Crossroads", "I Swear", "Funky Cold Medina", "Bust a Move" and "It Takes Two" will take you back in time on Wednesday, Aug. 18.

Coming straight off her Female Artist of the Year nomination at the Academy of Country Music Awards, Kelsea Ballerini featuring Kylie Morgan will play the grandstand on Friday, Aug. 20.

Staind will rock the grandstand on opening night of the 2021 Illinois State Fair. Currently made up of Aaron Lewis, Mike Mushok, Johnny April and Sal Giancarelli, Staind will be performing hits like "It's Been a While" and "Something to Remind You" on Thursday, Aug. 12.

Saturday, Aug. 14 the sounds coming from the grandstand will change from harmonious melodies to roars of laughter when Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias brings his comedy to the Illinois State Fair. The star of I'm Not Fat...I'm Fluffy and Hot and Fluffy will entertain the whole family.

The grandstand will be rocking for two nights when Badflower and George Thorogood take the grandstand stage. Since their emergence in 2014, Badflower has shared the stage with the likes of Cage the Elephant, Soundgarden and Ghost. They will be on the grandstand stage Thursday, August 19. George Thorogood has been generating hit songs since 1975. The Good to be Bad Tour will bring along 38 Special to the party on Sunday, Aug. 22.

The Traveling Salvation Show will return in 2021, after entertaining crowds with the sounds of Neil Diamond in 1979. This up-tempo, rock-oriented tribute to the legendary singer will have you dancing and singing along to all of Diamond's classic hits. The free show will be Monday, Aug. 16.

"We are excited about this year's Illinois Lottery Grandstand lineup," said Illinois State Fair Manager Kevin Gordon. "Our goal is to have entertainment for everyone and this diverse lineup accomplishes that goal. We will have more to announce soon to give us even more to be excited for in 2021."

In addition to a fantastic grandstand lineup, fairgoers will now have the option of buying premium tickets in our new seating area called The Blue Ribbon Zone. The price of this ticket includes a seat at a high-top table with accompanying bar stool, finger foods served to ticketholders prior to the concert, and a designated waitstaff at your service throughout the show.

Tickets to all the announced Illinois Lottery Grandstand Stage concerts can be purchased starting Dec. 15 at Ticketmaster.com.

Thursday, Aug. 12: Staind with TBD

Tier 3 - \$30 / Tier 2 - \$35 / Tier 1 - \$40 / SRO Track - \$50 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$75

Friday, Aug. 13: TBD

Saturday, Aug. 14: Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias

Tier 3 - \$26 / Tier 2 - \$31 / Tier 1 - \$36 / Track Seats 1200 Avail. - \$46 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$71

Sunday, Aug. 15: Toby Keith with Craig Morgan

Tier 3 - \$39 / Tier 2 - \$44 / Tier 1 - \$49 / SRO Track - \$59 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$84

Monday, Aug. 16: The Traveling Salvation Show - A Tribute to Neil Diamond

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Tuesday, Aug. 17: Chris Young with Ingrid Andress and Payton Smith

Tier 3 - \$27 / Tier 2 - \$32 / Tier 1 - \$37 / SRO Track - \$47 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$72

Wednesday, August 18: I Love the 90's Tour

Tier 3 - \$14 / Tier 2 - \$19 / Tier 1 - \$24 / SRO Track - \$34 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$59

Thursday, Aug. 19: Bad Flower with TBD

General Admission Seating - \$15 / SRO Track - \$15 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$50

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Friday, Aug. 20: Kelsea Ballerini featuring Kylie Morgan with Chapel Hart

Tier 3 - \$25 / Tier 2 - \$30 / Tier 1 - \$35 / SRO Track - \$45 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$70

Saturday, Aug. 21: TBD

Sunday, Aug. 22: George Thorogood with 38 Special

Tier 3 - \$14 / Tier 2 - \$19 / Tier 1 - \$24 / SRO Track - \$34 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$59

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Illinois State Fair, Aug. 12 through 22, in Springfield.

Stay up to date with all the latest news and announcements from the Illinois State Fair by connecting with us via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Jumbo Pass

The countdown to the 2021 Illinois State Fair is formally underway with fair officials announcing the start of the holiday promotional campaign starring the Mega Pass. A new Jumbo Pass will give fairgoers access to everything the Mega Pass has to offer, but with the added bonus of unlimited rides on a fan favorite, the Giant Slide.

The Illinois State Fair will be offering a Holiday Special on both passes through Feb. 15. During this time the 2021 Mega Pass is just \$60, while the Jumbo Pass will be offered at \$70. Anyone who purchases a Mega or Jumbo Pass will receive a full refund if COVID prevents the Illinois State Fair from being held.

"You will see all new rides on our midway in 2021, adding more value to your Mega or Jumbo Pass," said Illinois State Fair Manager Kevin Gordon. "The Double Ferris Wheel (Skywheel) and Mega Drop (Supershot) make their way back to the Illinois State Fair along with numerous other spectacular rides including: The Eclipse, X Scream, Rockstar, Screamer, Catch N Air and Surfs Up, just to name a few of our new attractions."

Mega and Jumbo Passes will be available for purchase throughout the Fair. However, the price will increase to \$70 for the Mega Pass and \$80 for the Jumbo Pass on Feb. 16 and increase to \$80 and \$100 beginning Aug. 1.

Admission Bargain Books and Seasonal Infield Parking Passes are also available. For just \$45, the Admission Bargain Book provides eleven any-day admissions to the 2021 Illinois State Fair. The Seasonal Infield Parking Pass is only \$40. This allows you to park on the infield all eleven days of the fair.

More information regarding the 2021 Illinois State Fair will be released in the near future.

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Baby Bella Mushrooms

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\$1.89
container

Yellow Onions

3 lb bag



\$1.79
ea.

HOT BUYS

Beef Chuck Roast



\$4.99
lb.
Reg. Price \$6.99 lb..



Plain Boneless Chicken Breast



\$1.99
lb.
Reg. Price \$2.99 lb.



Smoked Pulled Pork



\$6.99
lb.
Reg. Price \$7.99 lb.



Tropicana Orange Juice

Assorted 52 oz

\$3.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$5.39 ea.



Cheez-It Crackers

Assorted 10-13 oz

\$2.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.99-4.29 ea.



Pillsbury Toaster Strudles

Assorted 11.7 oz

\$1.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.



WEEKLY SPECIALS

Food Club Frozen Vegetables

Assorted 12 oz

\$1.49
ea.
Reg. Price \$1.89 ea.



Progresso Soup

Assorted 18-19 oz

\$1.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.79-2.99 ea.



Chef Boyardee Pasta

14-15 oz

99¢
ea.
Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.



Food Club Oats

Assorted 18 oz

99¢
ea.
Reg. Price \$1.59 ea.



Food Club Syrups

24 oz Assorted

\$1.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.59 ea.



Betty Crocker Hamburger Helper

5-7 oz

\$1.49
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.09 ea.



Wishbone or Western Salad Dressings

Assorted 15 oz

\$2.69
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.19 ea.



Kellogg's Eggo Waffles or Pancakes

Assorted 8-16 oz

2/\$5
Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.



Stouffer's Entrees

Assorted 6-12.75 oz

\$2.49
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.19 ea.



International Delights Iced Coffee

64 oz

\$3.49
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.



Pillsbury Ready To Bake Cookie Dough

16-16.5 oz

2/\$5
Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.



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