

## Lee County COVID-19 Update: Sept. 26, 2020

**LEE COUNTY** — The Lee County Health Department is asking anyone who patronized the Sublette Saloon on Sept. 19 or Sept. 20 to contact the health department at 815-441-1372 due to potential exposure.

The Lee County Health Department is also working on cases from a wedding in Amboy the weekend of Sept. 18. They would like to remind residents that attending large gatherings without social distancing and face coverings is not a good idea; nor is being in a bar without distancing and masking.

### Positive Tests

On Sept. 23, the Lee County Health Department announced 13 cases in Jack Mabley residents. All positive residents are from one house and there are currently no positive or pending employees.

Between Sept. 21 and Sept. 26, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 29 new cases have been reported and here are the ages that were announced: 1 in his or her 20s, 3 in his or her 30s, 1 in his or her 40s, 3 in his or her 50s, 1 in his or her 60s, and 1 in his or her 80s.

This brings the total number of cases to 359 as of Sept.

26. Of the 359 cases, 281 have recovered. Currently, there are 2 residents hospitalized due to COVID-19.

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 positive 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 and the more cases Lee County has 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>

### What to do if you think you have or have been exposed to COVID-19

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.

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## Health Departments caution residents to act now to prevent warning for COVID-19

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS** — The Northern Illinois Rockford Region (Region 1) is close to being in warning level for coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The positivity rate for Region 1 has been steadily increasing.

As of Sept. 20, Region 1 positivity rate is 7.5%

A positivity rate of 8% for three consecutive days results in a warning level for COVID-19

If Region 1 goes into warning level, the Governor's Office will mandate additional prevention strategies in the region to protect the public health. Examples include:

Early closures and limited hours for bars, restaurants, gaming facilities, and casinos

Further restrictions on indoor services and dining

Reducing the number of guests for social gatherings

The Local Health Departments (LHDs) want our communities to move forward toward recovery and not have to return to stricter measures to prevent further rise in community spread of COVID-19 that is driving the increase in positivity rate. The LHDs cannot do this on our own. Each of us has a role in limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

The LHDs ask the community to take these three additional steps to prevent Region 1 from going into warning:

GET A COVID-19 TEST. Testing is available at no cost for anyone in the community. You may not have symptoms, but you may be spreading COVID-19. For testing locations, contact your local health department or go to: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing>

See **WARNING** page A4

## City of Amboy to set Trick or Treating hours next month

**BY TONJA GREENFIELD**  
General Manager

**AMBOY** — The Amboy City Council will set Trick or Treating hours during its October meeting.

The city council members met on Monday, Sept. 21, at the Amboy Community Building.

Amboy Alderman Brandon Klein asked if the city was going to set Trick or Treating hours. Amboy Mayor John Schamberger said residents should use

their best judgement for Trick or Treating and that the city would reach out to the health department and ask for guidelines, and set hours at the next meeting.

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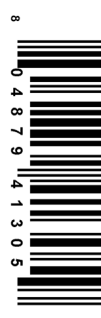
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## Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR names Demmer Friend of Agriculture

**BLOOMINGTON** — Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) ACTIVATOR today announced that it has designated State Representative Tom Demmer of the 90th House District as a Friend of Agriculture.

"The ACTIVATOR Trustees voted to designate Tom Demmer as a Friend of Agriculture because of his strong support of issues important for farmers," said Don Meyer, Lee County Farm Bureau president. "He has done an outstanding job representing the farmers of the district, is a true Friend of Agriculture and we are happy that Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR has endorsed him."

IFB ACTIVATOR designates legislators as a Friend of Agriculture and endorses them because they demonstrate an understanding of the important role agriculture plays in Illinois. Those designated a Friend of Agriculture have shown they support the farmers of their district and the issues important to them.

ACTIVATOR, Illinois Farm Bureau's Political Involvement Fund, is a voluntary, non-profit, segregated fund promoting the economic and social well-being of farmers which seeks to help elect pro-farm candidates no matter their party affiliation. ACTIVATOR trustees are local Farm Bureau leaders representing each county in the Illinois General Assembly Legislative District.



*Pictured, left to right, Don Meyer, Emily Pratt, Rep. Tom Demmer, Leonard Sheaffer.*

Photo submitted

## 4-Hers receive recognition for 4-H Fair achievements

**AMBOY** - This summer was unlike any our 4-H'ers have ever seen. Well, unlike any of us have ever seen. But, the kids persevered and adapted to the changes that had to be made for them to show off the hard work they put in learning about the topics that spark them. With just about a month to make changes in their projects, 4-H'ers in Lee County prepped to show their projects on our virtual platform, fairentry.com. Youth uploaded pictures or videos of their projects and wrote a short report about what they created or showed.

"The youth that participated in this unconventional fair did phenomenal," says Kathy Book, Lee County 4-H Program Coordinator. "It was heartwarming to see so many kids pull their projects together to show the county what they are learning even though we couldn't get together at the fairgrounds."

Since the conventional fair didn't take place, the traditional 4-H Awards Ceremony each night of the fair wasn't able to happen. Our Lee County 4-H Ambassadors, Ava Prior, Kayla McCormick, and Catherine Bloemker, came together to help Kathy plan a Drive Thru 4-H Fair Awards Ceremony at the Lee County 4-H Center.

All 4-H'ers who partici-

pated in the virtual fair were invited to drive through the fairgrounds to pick up their ribbons and trophies. They then were able to take pictures of themselves and their ribbons in our 4-H Fair

Winners Circle. 4-H'ers and parents alike were grateful for the opportunity to be on the fairgrounds for this event.

As one of our 4-H Ambassadors, Catherine says, "It really gave us a taste of

normalcy in this strange summer."

The University of Illinois Extension 4-H program gives a huge congratulations to everyone who participated in this summer's Virtual 4-H

Fair. Results from the 2020 4-H Fair are available to see at this link: <https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/13994>

For more information, contact Kathy Book at 815-857-3525.



*Tanner, Karagen, and Cooper Welch of the Maytown Comets show off their 4-H woodworking and visual arts projects with their ribbons at the Winner's Circle during the 4-H Fair Drive Thru Awards Ceremony.*

Photo submitted



*Above, Lee County 4-H Ambassadors Ava Prior and Catherine Bloemker ready to hand out trophies and ribbons.*

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*Pictured right, Kelton Schwamberger of the Amboy Young Seekers shows off his Best of Show ribbon and trophy for his Vet Science project.*

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## LOCAL NEWS

## 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](http://www.lchd.com) for a list of services available.

**LASALLE**- Dani Brzozowski, the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Illinois 16th district, kicked off a robust socially-distanced Park Tour series last month. Upcoming event dates, times, and locations are below. Masks and social distancing are required of attendees. More events are scheduled in October, and available via the campaign Facebook page.

Oct. 4, 11 a.m. - Mulford Crest Park, Rockford

Oct. 4, 1:30 p.m. - Alpine Park, Rockford

Oct. 4, 4 p.m. - Hononegah Forest Reserve, Rockton

Oct. 5, 5 p.m. - North Park, Gibson City

**AMBOY**-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5, at the Community Center.

**AMBOY**-The kickoff meeting of the new ACO year will be held at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Maria's. New officers will be elected and dues will be due.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the YMCA, 110 N. Galena Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**AMBOY**-The U of I Extension will present the online program "Mushrooms of Illinois" with Dr. Andrew Miller from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/mushroom](http://go.illinois.edu/mushroom). For more information contact Mary Nelson at [mnelsn@illinois.edu](mailto:mnelsn@illinois.edu).

**STERLING**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at Sterling Bethel Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**AMBOY**-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

**AMBOY**-Teen Turf will hold a Drive-Thru Fish Fry on Friday, Oct. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m. Pick-up only at the Boehle Youth Center, 235 W. Main St. Call Eileen at 815-440-8195 or see a board member for advance \$9 tickets. Tickets will be \$10 the day of the event.

**AMBOY**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Amboy Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**GRAND DETOUR**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 12, at Faith Assembly of Grand Detour, 7881 S. Green St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

## U OF I EXTENSION NEWS

## Carroll - Lee - Whiteside County Youth to Celebrate National 4-H Week: Oct. 4-10

Every year, National 4-H Week sees millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni come together to celebrate the many positive youth development opportunities offered by 4-H. The theme for this year's National 4-H Week, Opportunity4All, is a campaign that was created by National 4-H Council to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America.

With so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the country. In 4-H, we believe every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed. We believe every child should have the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

Carroll - Lee - Whiteside 4-H will observe National 4-H Week this year by highlighting some of the inspirational 4-H youth in our community who are working tirelessly to support each other and their communities.

"We believe youth perspectives are so important and a solution to eliminating the opportunity gap, because young people come with new ideas and new ways of seeing the world," explains Jennifer Sirangelo, President and CEO of National 4-H Council. By encouraging diverse voices and innovative actions, 4-H believes that solutions can be found to address the educational, economic and health issues that have created the opportunity gap.

Youth in Carroll - Lee - Whiteside are working hard to promote 4-H with displays throughout the county. Find them throughout the counties at local businesses, around town, or online. Also, watch for "Join 4-H" signs! These are a part of our local 4-H Scavenger hunt, giving youth a chance to learn about their county.

"Youth in our area hold a special place in my heart. It is amazing to see the impact they make in their communities and how each member grows so much from their experiences in 4-H," said Kathy Book, 4-H Program Coordinator. "We look forward to our 4-H Juntos and Your Thoughts matter

## Amboy Police

## Domestic Battery

On Sept. 23, at 7 p.m., Steven T. McClain, 23, of Amboy, was arrested for domestic battery. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

## Lee County Warrant

On Sept. 23 at 8:30 p.m., Joseph A. Mulryan, 48, of Amboy, was arrested on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

## Driving Under the Influence

On Sept. 23, at 8:15 p.m., Julie A. Gray, 58, of Amboy, was arrested for driving under the influence, improper lane usage and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.

## Violation of Sex Offender Registration Act

On Sept. 24, at 5 p.m., Todd A. Kornoski, 45, of Amboy, was arrested for violation of sex offender registration act. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

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**VOTE BY MAIL**~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, October 29, 2020 and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

**EARLY VOTING**~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

**MASKS MUST BE WORN WITHIN THE COURTHOUSE**

**PLEASE NOTE: Lee County Courthouse will be closed October 12, 2020.**

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

**Website:** [www.leecountyil.com](http://www.leecountyil.com)  
**Email:** [election@countyoflee.org](mailto:election@countyoflee.org)  
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AFPD was recently awarded another grant in the amount of \$120,762. The RURAL EMS TRAINING GRANT is handled by The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. This grant provides funding for emergency medical services in rural areas - AFPD is 1 of 27 rural agencies in this program. The grant will be used for:

- Recruitment and training for new and current EMS personnel
- Development of new ways to educate EMS providers using advanced technology and virtual learning
- Acquire OSHA approved EMS personal protective equipment
- Complete specific training on mental and substance abuse disorders and the appropriate care of patients with said disorders
- Purchase and train EMS personnel on the use of the opioid overdose antidote, naloxone, to utilize in case of opioid overdose emergency situations

**We are looking for local individuals to recruit and train using this grant! Contact us to today at [ashley@amboyfire.com](mailto:ashley@amboyfire.com) to get on board!**

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Chester E. Kilbey, Jr. Aug. 13, 1927 - Sept. 23, 2020

**SUBLETTE** — Chester E. "Bud" Kilbey Jr., 93, of Woodhaven Lakes, Sublette, died at the home of his daughter on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020.

He was born Aug. 13, 1927 in Lake Forest, the son of Chester Kilbey and Myrtle (Rickgauer) VanOrder. Chester worked as a Design Draftsman for Keystone Steel and Wire in Bartonville, for 25 years prior to his retirement. At the age of 17, he joined the Navy and served in both World War II and in Korea. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Amboy.

Chester married Lorraine Strand on May 24, 1952 in Yuma, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his

wife; three children, Kathleen (Ron) Sheaffer, of Chillicothe, Steven (Dianne) Kilbey, of Paducah, Ky., and Craig (Myra) Kilbey of Chillicothe; six grandchildren, Matthew, Adam (Colleen) Karilyn, and Cassandra Sheaffer, McKenzie Schlottman, and Corey Crutcher; one brother, Alfred Kilbey, of Chillicothe; two sisters, Joanne Chapel, of Beloit, Wis., and Florence Schatz of Omro, Wis.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Amboy starting at 10 a.m. Burial with military honors will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020 from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy,



and also Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Amboy from 9 to 10 a.m. A memorial has been established to the First Baptist Church in Amboy.

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

Condolences can be sent online at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

## IDPH emphasizes importance of getting a flu shot amid ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

**SPRINGFIELD**—Every year the flu sickens millions of Americans, hospitalizes hundreds of thousands, and kills tens of thousands. This season, in addition to flu, we are battling COVID-19. We have already seen almost 7 million Americans confirmed with COVID-19, hundreds of thousands hospitalized, and more than 200,000 deaths.

"This season more than ever, it is critical that Illinoisans get our flu shots," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Flu and COVID-19 each can cause serious respiratory illness and co-infection could possibly lead to more severe illnesses, hospitalization, and even death. While a vaccine

for COVID-19 is still in development, a vaccine for flu already exists and is your best protection against flu. The choice is yours, but I urge you to not risk co-infection of two potentially deadly viruses. Please try and protect yourself and the people around you by getting the flu vaccine, which has been proven over the years to be safe and effective."

Everyone six months of age and older should get the seasonal flu vaccine. The vaccine is available in either a flu shot, or in a nasal spray. Talk with a health care provider about what type is most appropriate for you. More information on the types of flu vaccine can be found on the CDC website.

In addition to getting your flu vaccine, IDPH recommends following the 3 W's for both COVID-19 and influenza.

- Wash your hands
- Watch your distance
- Wear your mask

Viruses spread when people who are infected cough, sneeze, or talk. Flu usually comes on suddenly. Many

of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are the same, such as fever and cough, but there are some differences. If you have symptoms of either flu or COVID-19, self-isolate and contact a health care provider. They can talk with you about testing and other measures you should be taking.

Influenza antiviral drugs can be a second line of defense for people who get sick with the flu.

Many studies have found that in addition to lessening the duration and severity of symptoms, antiviral drugs can prevent flu complications.

To find a location to get a flu shot in your community, check with your health care provider or local health department. You can also use the online Vaccine Finder. More information about influenza can be found on the IDPH website at [www.dph.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov).

More information about COVID-19 can be found at [www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19), including where you can get tested.

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**LIMIT CONTACTS.** Identify a close group of contacts with whom you mingle and keep to that limited group. If your children are in school, keep the playdates to those that are in their class.

**LEAVE.** Be intentional about your action and activities. Leave a place where guidelines are not being followed, people are not masking or social distancing, or the gathering is too large.

The LHDs continue to remind the community that following these steps is needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

**WEAR A FACE MASK:** Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth covering

**WATCH YOUR DISTANCE:** Keep at least 6 feet apart from others

**WASH YOUR HANDS:** Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for

20 seconds

Together, we can avoid going into warning and additional mandated restrictions. For more information Illinois regional metrics go to: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics?regionID=1>

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931

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And now the following people can be tested with or without symptoms.

- Work in health care facility
- Work in correctional facilities, such as jails or prisons
- Serve as first responders, such as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, or firefighters
- Support critical infrastructure, such as workers in grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities,

factories, childcare and sanitation.

Call the KSB Hotline Monday-Friday, 9-5 at 285-7777 to determine eligibility for testing.

Residents can go to the following websites for additional information:

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>

- <http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

- For businesses: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

- Facebook: Lee County IL Health Department

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### In other board news:

• The board approved a bid from Visu Sewer in the amount of \$71,169.75 to line the sewer lines on N. Jefferson St. Alderman Dave Shaw asked if there would be any interruption in service and Amboy City Clerk Melissa Eisenberg said she didn't remember any interruptions when the city did another similar project.

• Schamberger gave a shout out to the Amboy Lions Club who purchased 200 gift cards from local businesses as prizes in their annual Draw Down. Schamberger said this put a lot of money back into local businesses. He also gave props to the Maintenance crew for making improvements to the city.

• The board approved the resignation of Jessica Wittenauer from the Library Board and approved Linda Grady to the Library Board.

The next Amboy City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 19, in the Amboy Community Building.

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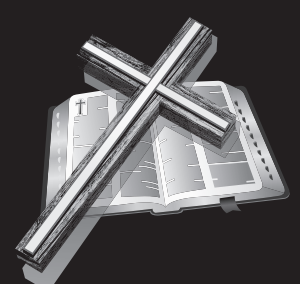
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## The Book Nook

By:  
Tatjana Kazan

### An English Rose

As the national flower of England, the rose has a long tradition within English culture and its symbolisms. An English rose is also applied to an attractive woman or girl of traditional fair complexion. Princess Diana was considered the quintessential English rose. In Iris Murdoch's "An Unofficial Rose," the meaning is not so straightforward. The title is taken from a Rupert Brooke poem in which the poet sits in a room in Berlin, homesick for England: "Here tulips bloom as they are told;/ Unkempt about those hedges blows/ An English unofficial rose;/ And there the unregulated sun /Slopes down to rest when day is done,/ And wakes a vague unpunctual star."

In the novel, that unkempt unofficial rose applies in various ways to the main female characters, whereas in the male characters, egotism takes pride of place. The story opens with a funeral, as described by Hugh Peronett, an old retired civil servant. His wife Fanny has died after a long illness. Hugh is not particularly bereaved: "Poof Fanny had had no secrets. She had been a woman without mystery. There had been no darkness in her." He means to rekindle as quickly as possible his long ago affair with the enigmatic, provocative mystery writer Emma Sands.

Hugh's son Randall, an artist who has tired of cultivating roses, has equally grown tired of his wife Ann, an English rose of impeccable character. He tells his father, "Yes, yes, form, structure, will, something to encounter, something to make me be. Form, as this rose has it. That's what Ann hasn't got. She's as messy and flabby and open as a bloody dog rose. That's what gets me down. That's what destroys all my imagination, all the bloody footholds."

Randall is obsessed with Lindsay Rimmer, the young secretary and companion of Emma Sands. "With him she was honest, she was open, and what was best of all about her, ... she was divinely indifferent to ordinary morality, she was, he felt, free. She was his angel of unrighteousness, so he often told her, and through her he enjoyed a most exhilarating holiday from morals."

Randall, having run away with Lindsay, asks Ann for a divorce. But she, despite having fallen in love with a handsome, devoted British officer, remains true to Randall. "The particular quality of her long battle with Randall had seemed progressively to empty the certainties by which she lived, as if the real world were being quietly taken away, grain by grain, and stored in some place of which she had no knowledge. This did not make her doubt the certainties." The novel is a fine and often comical presentation of human folly where freedom and its illusions are prized no higher than Ann's resigned, but dogged belief in the certainties.

## Kish hosting virtual FAFSA Informational Session Oct. 15

**MALTA** — The Kishwaukee College Financial Aid Office will be hosting a free virtual workshop to demonstrate to local students how to file the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Oct. 15, from 6–7 p.m., via Zoom. Interested students and their parents will also have the opportunity to set up a 30-minute virtual appointment with a Kish Financial Aid Team member to complete the FAFSA beginning Oct. 16.

The FAFSA is the building block for all financial aid packaging for college students across the U.S. Filing the FAFSA is the first step in determining what federal or state financial aid a student is eligible for, including grants and loans. The 2021-2022 FAFSA application period opens Oct. 1 and will be used in determining financial aid for the academic year beginning Fall 2021.

The FAFSA virtual Information Session allows area students and their parents an opportunity to learn how to complete a FAFSA and ask questions. Any area student and parent(s) is welcome to attend the FAFSA virtual Informational Session or set up a one on one virtual appointment.

In preparation for a one to one virtual appointment, people filing FAFSA for the first time should visit <http://fsaid.ed.gov/> to create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID), which will be required to submit the FAFSA electronically. For dependent students at least one parent will also need to complete the FSA ID. Students and parents should have on hand their 2019 tax return and income information, their social security numbers and driver's license/state ID or alien registration card.

To register for the upcoming FAFSA virtual Informational Session or to schedule a one-on-one virtual appointment, contact Kish's Financial Aid Office at [finaid@kish.edu](mailto:finaid@kish.edu).

Email news items to

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# SOCIAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

### Fish Fry

We are having a Drive-Thru Fish on Friday, Oct. 9, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will be a pick up only at the Boehle Youth Center (Teen Turf building) 235 W. Main in Amboy. Dinner includes Fish, Coleslaw Bread, Potato Salad, and Dessert. Cost of dinner is \$9 in advance. Please see Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195 and Board members for tickets: Deb Albee, Barb Harrison, Pam Thomas, Mark Grossman, Trese McNinch, Cindy Phillips, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Kimberly Watley. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 on the day of event. You can also see those kids you know that come to the homework club. They are selling tickets in order to attend a Pizza Party at a future date.

## Movies in the Park planned for October

**DIXON** — Franklin Creek Conservation Association has partnered up with the Dixon Park District's Ruth Edwards Nature Center to put on four movies in the Parks in September and October. Bring your family, friends, some chairs and blankets, to enjoy a movie outdoors. Space is limited to the first 50 people due to Covid-19 guidelines, so please RSVP on Facebook. Covid-19 guidelines must be followed at all times.

All participants must follow Covid-19 regulations at all times. If you forget to bring a mask one will be provided for you at the event. Please see the schedule of events below. Admission is Free to all Movies, and all movies will start approximately at dusk.

ABug's Life will be shown on Friday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at Lowell Park in Dixon 2114 Lowell Park Road, Dixon.

The Lion King will be shown on Friday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. at The Grist Mill in Franklin Grove 1893 Twist Road, Franklin Grove.

## ACO to hold meeting

**AMBOY** — The kickoff meeting of the new ACO year will be held at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Maria's. New officers will be elected and dues will be due.

Recycle!  
Recycle!  
Recycle!

### 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

### Thank You's

Thank you to all the kids and board members who have sold advance fish fry tickets. Thank you to Jensen Lewis for the formula, Kim and John Watley for the cookies, Kathy Gardner for the face shields, Rene Murphy for the donation, Amboy Fire Department for the donation of masks and hand sanitizer, Sarah and Chris Hummel for the school supplies donation. Thank you to Hands of Hope from Joliet and Mike Sweeny for delivering the milk. As always, thank you to our after school helpers: Donna, Fran, Shannon, Kathy, Ed, Kimber, Maddy, Kaylee, Brooklyn, and Maggie. We could not do this without their help. Also thank you to Pete and Larry for doing cans. Also, all those donate cans as well.

### If You are in Need

If you or someone else you know needs anything, for example, food, toiletries, or medicine, please don't hesitate to contact Eileen

Piper at 815-440-8195. She can arrange for someone to pick and drop off those items in a safe and timely manner. We also have extra meat, milk, eggs, and bread if you need them.

### A Note to say hello or Happy Birthday in October

If you know any person, young or old who is in need of a Hello or a Happy Birthday. Please reach out to us via Facebook Messaging

or please call Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195. We have given out over 100+ cards.

### Final Word

Jesus, thank You for staying the course down to the last minute, even when it took all that You had to give. We want to follow Your example as we lead like You and complete the assignments God has given us. May we stay the course by the power of the Spirit, bringing honor to the Father in Your name. Amen!

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# Opinion

## Newspapers shouldn't endorse candidates

A friend who is an old newspaperman contacted me the other day and wanted to know what I thought of the local newspaper no longer endorsing political candidates.

My response: it's about time. Back in 2016, 243 daily newspapers endorsed Hillary Clinton compared to 20 that endorsed Donald Trump.

Media journalist Jim Rutenberg wrote in October 2016 that endorsements in the presidential election were distinguished by "blunt condemnation" of Trump combined with a "save the Republic" tone.

Despite that, we all know who won the presidency.

That says to me that most folks don't care what their local newspaper has to say about who to vote for.

The other thing is most readers – and many politicians – don't understand the role of endorsements. What appears on the editorial page shouldn't influence day-to-day news coverage. And in ethical, well-run newsrooms, it doesn't.

An endorsement is the institutional voice of the newspaper saying who it supports. It's not a statement that they will

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



bias their news coverage to help a particular candidate.

Unfortunately, not everyone understands or believes this.

I remember covering a U.S. Senate race when I worked for the Las Vegas Sun. Sen. John Ensign wouldn't talk to me because the newspaper had endorsed his opponent.

Try as I might, I couldn't convince him that I had no agenda other than to be fair. I knew he wasn't offended by something I wrote because I had just moved to Nevada from the Midwest.

Still, he wanted nothing to do with anyone from the Sun.

It's time for candidate endorsements to go by the wayside.

This isn't an original thought. Decades ago, Al Neuharth, the founder of USA Today, prohibited candidate endorsements because he believed

it tainted news coverage and was elitist for a newspaper to tell readers how to vote.

Elitist journalists? Surely, he jested.

It's much better for newspapers to find out where candidates for various offices stand on the issues and let readers decide for themselves.

That said there was entertainment value in candidates marching into newsrooms vying for endorsements.

I remember a Davenport, Iowa, City Council candidate saying he would reduce the city workforce through "nutrition." I guess he planned to starve them to death.

Or there was the time a certain state senator was asked about his riverboat gambling stock holdings and his companion stood up and challenged the editorial board: "You want to settle this down in the parking lot, right now?"

Charles Wheeler III, a longtime statehouse reporter and retired journalism professor at the University of Illinois-Springfield, says he is hard pressed to think of any statewide race in the last 50 years where a newspaper endorsement made the difference.

"In 1964, there wasn't agreement on legislative districts so the entire Illinois House ran at-large," he said. "Of course, that was the year (Barry) Goldwater led the Republican ticket. The only House Republicans who won that year were the ones endorsed by the Chicago newspapers."

Wheeler said that is the last race he can remember endorsements playing such a significant role.

And he too struggled to get politicians to believe there isn't a connection between endorsements and news coverage.

"I'd just tell them if you own a newspaper, you can endorse anyone you want on the editorial page. But reporters don't have anything to do with that. We're just here to report the news."

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. He can be reached by email at [ScottReeder1965@gmail.com](mailto:ScottReeder1965@gmail.com).

## Letters to the Editor

### Supports Wiggins for State Representative

**Dear Editor,**  
Seth Wiggins is running for State Representative in the 90th Illinois House District in the Tuesday, Nov. 3rd election. I am honored to be endorsing his candidacy.

Seth, as one of my junior high students, was a champion for all and a friend to his fellow students. He was a focused and eager student committed to the ideals of fairness and

duty. I have followed his career in the military and his law practice which demonstrates he continues to be committed to these ideals of fairness and duty. When elected, Seth will represent all citizens of the 90th District.

Seth is "Ready to Serve IL 90!"

Susan Kerr  
Dixon



## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago Oct. 1, 1920

L.L. Brink went to Chicago Sunday and returned Monday evening driving a Silent Knight Coupe.

Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Smith and daughter Ruby and Miss Mabel Entorf motored to Streator Saturday afternoon and remained until Tuesday at the Lloyd Palmer home.

Ruby Virgil is having a vacation from her duties in the Amboy Flower Shop this week.

Mrs. John Hook, Mrs. Gewecke and daughter Esther and Mrs. Kathleen Eingspahr motored to Dixon Tuesday and shopped.

At the sale pavilion in Dixon on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, Henry W. Hey, proprietor of Hill Den Farm, will present another fine offering of his thoroughbred Poland Chinas.

The cement foundation has been laid for the new Catholic parochial school at the corner of Jones and Provost Streets.

### 75 Years Ago Sept. 27, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eccles of Maytown were guest of honor at a family gathering Sunday, Sept. 16, at Green River Park in Amboy, in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

After a summer's vacation, members of the Birthday Club met at the home of Mrs. Harry Turnquist Tuesday afternoon to cel-

brate the birthday of Mrs. John McGowan. Members of the club are Mrs. B.L. Hewitt, Mrs. R.G. Nowe, Mrs. J.R. Weber, Mrs. E.J. Aschenbrenner, Mrs. John J. Wagner, Mrs. L.S. Griffith, Mrs. Turnquist and Mrs. McGowan.

### 50 Years Ago Oct. 1, 1970

Sublette's 1970 Miss Flame, Amy Palmer, participated in the Miss Flame Parade, Friday evening in Dixon. Fireman Jim Dinges drove the Fire Truck she rode in the parade. Others who accompanied her to Dixon were Mr. and Mrs. John Rapp and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garland.

Letters of Commendation honoring them for their high performance on the 1970 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test have been

awarded to two students at Amboy High School, Counselor Mel Swanlund has announced. Those named commended students are Margaret S. Shapiro and Robert P. Smith.

Aurelia Rebekah Lodge and Green River IOOF Lodge of Amboy have purchased the Lutheran Church building at the corner of Mason Avenue and Provost Street. The building is now in the process of being remodeled for occupancy by the two lodges.

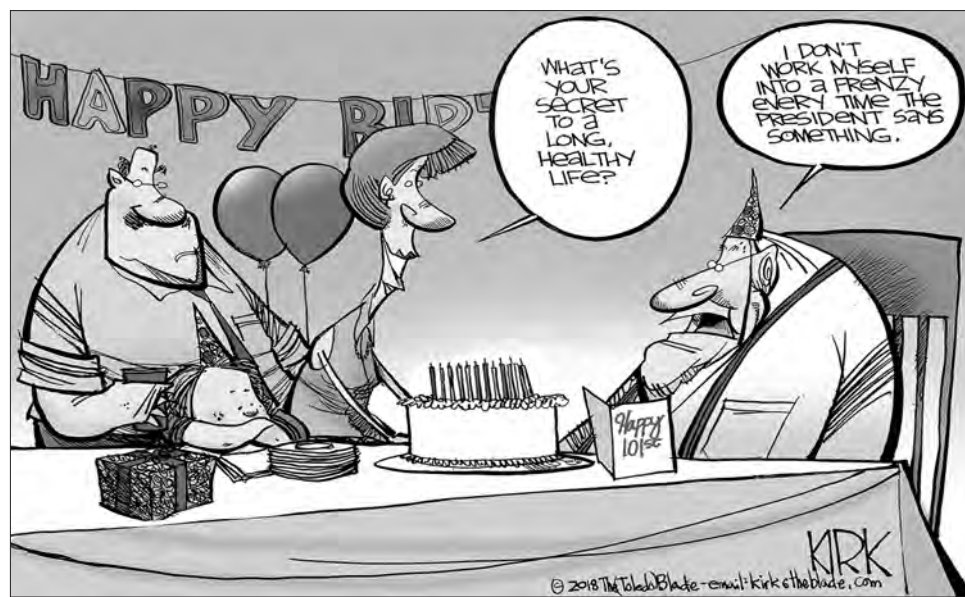
### 25 Years Ago Oct. 5, 1995

Thomas Powers and Rachael Jones presided over last weekend's Homecoming as King and Queen. Thomas is the son of Dean Powers and Rachael is the daughter of Butch and Mary Jones.

Dr. Jerome Hochstatter of

Amboy was recently elected president of the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS), a professional association with over 6,000 members. He was installed into office at the ISDS Annual Session held recently in Oak Brook.

The Class Challenge produced two donations for the Amboy School District 272 Education Foundation. During halftime ceremonies at last Friday's Homecoming football game, Sylvan Leffelman, Foundation President, accepted a check for \$100 from the class of 1970, represented by Will McCoy and Paul Henkel. Janet Lynch presented a donation of \$1,080 from the class of 1974. Mrs. Lynch, whose class presented a check for \$535 last year, noted that it was quite easy to raise the funds by contacting class members. A few weeks ago, Chris Conway donated \$600 from the class of 1989.



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## LOCAL NEWS

## IHSA Board expands golf and cross country state series to include culminating sectional tournaments

**BLOOMINGTON** – The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors announced on Sept. 23 that they have voted to expand the IHSA State Series in two fall sports, adding a second round of postseason play in boys and girls golf and boys and girls cross country. There will be no additional fee to compete in the sectional round. The vote took place during a special meeting that was called to specifically address sectionals for the two sports.

Both sports were each initially scheduled to culminate their respective seasons after IHSA regional meets, but will now conclude their respective seasons after the sectional round. In golf, the top two teams and top four individuals in each regional will advance to sectional play. Cross country will advance five teams from each

regional to sectionals, with no changes in the individual qualifier field. IHSA staff attempted to maintain COVID regions and keep participant levels as low as possible when making assignments, but in some cases, generally those involving schools on or near a COVID border, schools were assigned to a tournament outside of their COVID region.

“Given the timing, our greatest challenge will be

finding hosts, especially in cross country,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “We have been granted exemptions to compete outside the COVID Regions in instances, for example, where assigning schools on or near a region border creates better balance in the number of participants at a site. Based on the feedback we have received, we expect some schools will choose not to participate beyond

regionals. We respect those decisions, but still want to provide as many opportunities as possible.”

The Board also created an exemption to the season limitation rule to allow for participation in the cross country sectionals, while

temporarily modifying Terms & Conditions for both sports to allow greater flexibility in scheduling the respective meets. Golf sectionals are slated for the week of Oct. 12-17, while cross country sectionals are expected to unfold Oct. 29-31. Host sites

and meet dates will be announced on IHSA.org soon.


There were no changes made to the postseason structure for IHSA girls’ tennis and girls’ swimming & diving, which both begin postseason competition at the sectional level.

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#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX – REVENUE

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(a) ~~The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations.~~ In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.

(b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

##### EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

##### ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires and this amendment will set things right for middle-class and working people. Currently, it is unfair that billionaires pay the same tax rate as regular people.

Voting "yes" on the amendment means that the State will enact a new tax structure where only those making above \$250,000 a year will see their taxes go up. This amendment is simply upgrading Illinois' old tax system to a graduated system which is how the federal government and the majority of other states do it.

##### This Amendment Would Make Illinois' Tax System Fair.

Approval of this amendment would enact a fair system that allows the state to tax wealthy people at higher rates and lower income people at lower rates, replacing Illinois' current unfair tax system, in which wealthy people pay the exact same tax rate as lower and middle income people.

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires, and approval of this amendment will set things right for the middle class and working people.

This amendment will help small business owners by creating a stable economic environment for their businesses to thrive.

While others try to mislead you, under the current tax system in Illinois, policymakers already have the authority to set any tax rate and to change tax rates at their will. The current system forces policymakers to charge the same tax rate to everyone, regardless of how much money they make. If this amendment passes, the State will have the ability to tax higher income earners at a different rate. In fact, upon passage of this Amendment, a new tax structure will go into effect where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less, while only those making more than \$250,000 a year will see a tax increase.

This amendment does not tax retirement income.

##### The Federal Government and Most States Use the Graduated Tax System Proposed in this Amendment, Not the Unfair System Currently Used in Illinois.

Illinois is among a minority of states that do not utilize graduated tax rates because the Illinois Constitution requires a "flat tax" that penalizes middle-class and working people and benefits higher income individuals.

A majority of states and the federal government already use the kind of graduated income tax system proposed in this amendment to ensure that wealthy people pay their fair share of taxes.

Nearby states including Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin are among the majority of states that have graduated tax systems.

##### Illinois' Current Income Tax System Relies on Taxes from Middle and Lower Income Earners, While a Graduated System Would Lower that Burden and Fund Critical Programs such as Education and Human Services.

While some states have fair tax rates in which the highest income earners pay the highest tax rate, Illinois' "flat tax" rate continues to rely unfairly on taxes from middle and lower income earners.

Under Illinois' "flat tax" structure, a nurse making \$50,000 per year pays the same tax rate as an executive making \$4 million per year. A graduated tax rate would have the executive pay more.

Because of the way our current tax system is set up, the bottom fifth of Illinois taxpayers (those making below \$21,800) contribute 14.4% of their income to state and local taxes, compared to 7.4% for the top 1 percent of Illinois taxpayers.

If this Amendment passes, the State has already enacted a new graduated tax structure where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less.

Under the new tax structure, only the top 3% of Illinois income earners would pay more in income taxes. Everyone who makes \$250,000 or less a year would pay the same or less.

Over 95% of small businesses earn \$250,000 or less a year in profits, and their owners will not see a tax increase under the new tax structure.

This change will generate additional revenue each year that can help address Illinois' budget deficit and fund critical programs, including the State's education system, public safety, and social services like mental health and substance abuse treatment and domestic violence shelters.

##### After the COVID-19 Pandemic, We Need to Do All We Can to Help the Economy and Middle-Class and Working People.

Working people and essential workers like nurses, first responders, and grocery store clerks should not pay the same tax rate as the wealthy. Nurses making \$50,000 a year should not pay the same tax rate as an executive making \$4,000,000 a year.

Having wealthy people pay more would reduce the burden on working families. This is money that middle and lower income people need for housing, groceries, medicine, and essentials.

When the wealthiest people pay more, middle and lower income earners can pay less while the State funds critical services that our essential workers rely on.

##### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1) The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.

2) Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.

3) In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.

The proposed amendment would give the Legislature unlimited new authority to increase income tax rates on any group of taxpayers at will, including low-income and middle-income families and small business owners. There would be no limit on the number of tax brackets that could be created and no limit on how high tax rates could be increased on individual taxpayers. In addition, this proposed change will pave the way for a tax on retirement income.

Nothing in the amendment requires the Legislature to do anything to control spending. Nor does it require funds to be spent on essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety. It would simply give the Legislature a blank check to spend billions of dollars however they want, with no accountability.

Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.

Illinois already has some of the highest property taxes and sales taxes in the nation. And the Legislature has increased Illinois income tax rates twice in the past decade to try to deal with the out-of-control spending in Springfield.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, our state had a huge and growing multi-billion-dollar budget deficit, and the unfunded pension liability skyrocketed to over \$137 billion. That's because the Legislature has continued to increase state spending instead of eliminating government waste, corruption, and abuse.

Because they refuse to control spending or pass major reforms, the Legislature will just continue to raise taxes on everyone in Illinois, and middle-class families will be their next target.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused layoffs, unemployment, bankruptcies, and closures. As small businesses and local employers struggle to rebuild, this is the worst possible time to impose huge new tax increases. Even before the COVID-19 crisis, many residents and businesses were leaving the state because of the high tax burden. If the Amendment passes, it would be the last straw for thousands of small businesses, causing more jobs to leave the state, and making Illinois lose out on investments to rebuild our economy. This would mean fewer jobs and less opportunity for Illinois families.

YES	For the proposed amendment of
NO	Section 3 of Article IX of the
	Illinois Constitution.

#### FORM OF BALLOT

##### Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois

Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or in person. An application is available from your local election authority or at: <https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx>. To register to vote or check your registration status, visit: <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.



Jesse White

#### CAPITOL BUILDING SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois,  
Done in the City of Springfield, this first day of June, 2020

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### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

#### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 3 A.D. 2020 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lee County, Illinois, setting forth, the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Northwest Illinois located at 1043 Brewster Road, Amboy, IL 61310. Dated this 3 day of September A.D. 2020. Cathy Myers, County Clerk by L Miller, Deputy No. 0903 Sept. 16, 23, 30, 2020

#### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 15 A.D. 2020 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lee County, Illinois, setting forth, the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as S & D Construction located at 1433 Chicago Ave, Dixon, IL 61021. Dated this 15th day of September A.D. 2020. Cathy Myers, County Clerk by G Knack, Deputy No. 0906 Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 2020

### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

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### 103 AUCTIONS

**AUCTION**  
**FIREARMS**  
CONSIGNMENT AUCTION  
Firearms, Military, Knives,  
Currency, Uniforms,  
Collectibles, MORE!  
October 11th 9am  
Edwardsville Moose Lodge  
7371 Marine Road  
Edwardsville, IL  
LIVE WEBCAST AUCTION!  
www.legacysells4u.com

### 105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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### 113 FINANCIAL

**NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers** Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

### 119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

**JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round.** Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

### 201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

**NO INDIVIDUAL,** unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in it's care.

### 203 HELP WANTED

**CDL DRIVER and Farm Help Wanted For Fall Harvest.** 10 Miles South of Rochelle. 815-716-6681. (10-11-20)

**LOCAL COMPANY** Looking for DRIVERS, Local, Regional & OTR Call 815-973-9366 for Information. (10-04-20)

**NEWSPAPER CARRIERS** Wanted. (Rochelle) Several Routes Open. Call 815-561-2112 For More Information.

### 203 HELP WANTED

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815-396-2248

### 301 ANTIQUES

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### 305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

**ROCHELLE:** 311 N Main St. Saturday October 3rd, 8am-3pm. Rain or Shine. Sponsored by Women of the Moose. Proceeds to be Donated to Hope. (09-30-20)

### 307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

**FOR SALE - 4-Drawer Dresser \$60, 2-Drawer Nightstand \$25, Glass Top End Tables \$25, End Table \$15, & 2-Basin Wash Tubs \$50.** Call 815-677-5093. (09-27-20)

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815-761-3968. (10-14-20)

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**Call**  
**815-857-2252**  
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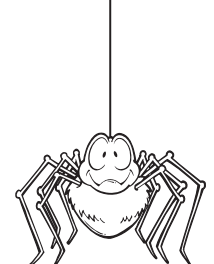
### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

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

**ESTATE OF**  
Herbert RW Bialas  
deceased  
Case No. 2020-P-60  
**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of Herbert RW Bialas of West Brooklyn, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued of September 1, 2020 to Michael H. Bialas of 970 Carnahan Rd., West Brooklyn, IL 61378 and Julie K. Bodmer of 33531 2400 N. Avenue, P O. Box 227, LaMoille, IL 61330 as In-dependent Co-Executors whose attorney is Guilfoyle &

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mmays@amboynews.com  
**Address:**  
245 E. Main Street, Amboy  
**Mail:**  
P.O. Box 162,  
Amboy, IL 61310

### DEADLINES:

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All classified marketplace line ads will appear in the following 7 print publications and on 5 high-traffic newspaper websites:  
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**Call for pricing that starts at \$32.99 for private party ads and \$44.60 for commercial business ads and \$7.50 for garage sale ads.**

### DISCLAIMER:

If your advertisement appears incorrectly, notify us immediately. We will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion, and will only credit customer for one insertion.

### 601 VEHICLES FOR SALE

### 2019 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LTZ

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8K Miles, Red .....\$23,500

2019 GMC Terrain AWD SLT  
19K Mi, Silver .....\$26,900

2019 Buick Encore FWD  
White .....\$20,900

2018 Equinox Premier AWD  
2.0 Ltr, New Tires, One  
Owner, Maroon .....\$22,500

2018 Chevy Equinox LT AWD  
20K Miles, Pepperdust ..\$22,900

2018 Chevy Malibu LT 15K  
Miles, Maroon .....\$19,500

2018 Chevy Malibu LT  
Leather, Nav., 44K Miles  
Silver.....\$18,900

2017 Chevy 1500 Double Cab  
LTZ, 4x4, Blue .....\$34,500

2017 Buick Envision Preferred  
AWD, 21K Miles,  
Black .....\$24,900

2017 Chevy Cruze LT  
Sunroof, 15K Mi, Red ..\$17,900

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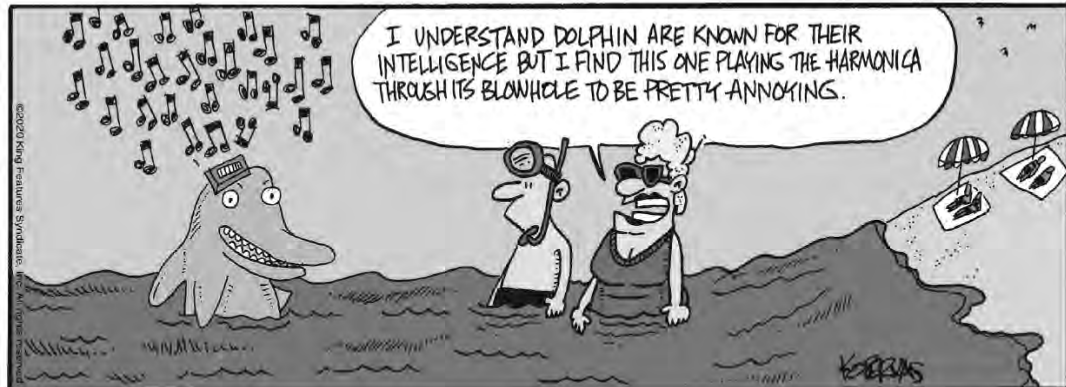
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by Dave T. Phipps



# Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



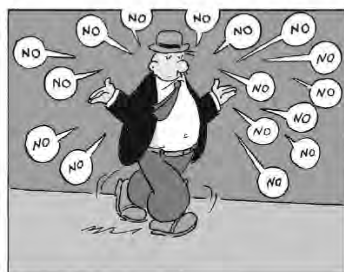
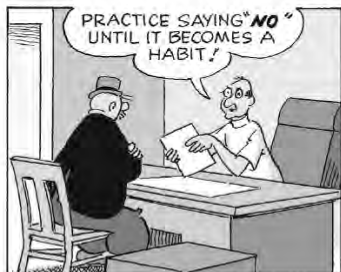
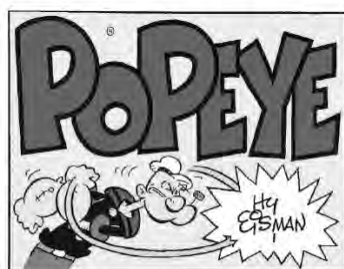
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# The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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# LAFF-A-DAY



"If you couldn't afford the operation, why did you have it?"

# SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Essential

PASTEL

Fortress

OBTAINS

Breach

SLEEP

Cover

PARED

TODAY'S WORD

# King Crossword

Posting Date September 28, 2020

## ACROSS

- Former freshmen
- Squid squirt
- Doctrine
- Construction piece
- Cattle call
- IRS employee
- 1492 ship
- SAT takers' equipment
- Pet rodent, often
- Warmth
- Second person
- More, to Manuel
- Portion of a repair bill
- Great Lake
- Amulet
- "Where the Wild Things Are" author
- "Nighthawks" painter
- Edition
- Genesis maker
- Sings like Ella
- Apprehend
- Promptly
- Sea eagle
- Downy ducks
- Necklace ornament
- "Psycho" star

## DOWN

- Taste the tea
- Japanese sash
- Gotham City super-villain
- Detest
- Unctuous flat-tery
- Mischievous
- Yule refrain
- "-Tiki"
- Less friendly
- Pie-in-the-face sound
- Sail supports
- Winners
- Supports
- "Certainly"
- Mined find
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- Rewrote, maybe
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- Fool
- Musingly

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- Commotion
- Tall tale
- Rod of tennis lore
- Actress Myrna
- Toss in
- Tools for duels
- Mischievous
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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- Moderate
- Challenging
- HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bear has been added. 2. Window is wider. 3. Pants are longer. 4. Flowers have been added. 5. Bushes have been added. 6. Tree has additional limb.

# CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: J equals D

CX PRRLHPCM EMPT PVXSC P RXY  
FPTLMGC, VSRV ZTXYMTG ZPLM P  
GCPCM-XE-CFM-XIHXI PJJTMGG.

## PAROLE

Today's Word

- Staple
- Baston
- Lapse
- Drape

## SCRAMBLERS

Solution

# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: In which mountain range is Mount Everest located?
- AD SLOGANS: "What can brown do for you?" is a slogan for which company?
- GOVERNMENT: What is the subject matter of the 12th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
- MUSIC: In what year was Live Aid held, a relief concert to benefit the Ethiopian famine?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What is a fear of flying called?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of porcupines called?
- LANGUAGE: What kind of sentence is the following: "The five boxing wizards jump quickly"?
- GAMES: What is the most frequently landed-upon property in the Monopoly game?
- FOOD & DRINK: In which two U.S. states are coffee beans grown commercially?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which modern author wrote, "Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple"?

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- The Himalayas
- United Parcel Service (UPS)
- Election of the president and vice president
- 1985
- Avophobia or aerophobia
- A prickle of porcupines
- A pangram, in which every letter of the alphabet is used.
- Illinois Avenue
- Hawaii and California
- J.K. Rowling

S	O	P	H	S	I	N	K	I	S	M
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Solution time: 27 mins.

## Answers

### King Crossword

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## Answer

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# SPORTS

## Clipper Highlights: #69 Greg King

This week I am very honored and proud to announce our Clipper Highlight is #69 Greg King.

Greg was a 1981 graduate of Amboy High School. Greg was a key member of the Clippers' first state title appearance in 1979 and a leader on the 1980 Clipper State Runner-Up team.

It could be argued, that Greg's class could be deemed as the most successful in Clipper history from their on the field display and astounding varsity record of 24-2.

Going into Greg's senior season, the buzz and electricity in Amboy was as great as it's ever been to that time. An entire blue collar, hard working, and never quit community was focused on one thing, Clipper Football. Coming off of a runner up season in 79, the Clippers were highly ranked and again, loaded with talent.

Greg would not only start his second year at center, but would help call the offensive plays and help lead the defense from the defensive line.

Greg's senior season, the Clippers finished 12-1 losing only to Danville Schlarman in the '80 State Championship. Greg was an All State Center, All Conference, All Area, All Western Illinois and played in the Shrine game. It isn't the accolades that stick out to Greg, instead it's the hard work, the competition, the pride that makes you compete harder and harder, but above all it's the belief in the team. I had the privilege of speaking with Greg prior to this article and he shared that in order to win you have to believe in what you are and what you are doing. The 1980 season every member on the Clipper roster had the mentality that no challenge was too big. Greg displayed that mentality every Friday night, offensively, defensively, being double teamed, or moving two men four yards off the line of scrimmage to get next level and block a linebacker. In true Amboy Clipper fashion, it didn't come easy for Greg,

it was all earned. However, for Greg, the meaning of Amboy Football is sharing some of the greatest gridiron moments with his great friends and getting to relive those memories to this day when they are all together. Always the team, always taking care of his guys, a true offensive lineman.

After high school, Greg went on to play at Augustana College. Greg was a vital role in the Vikings' success throughout his four years. Greg's senior season, not only was he an All-American offensive lineman but was named the MVP of the entire CCIW conference. As an offensive lineman, it is almost an impossible feat. Again, in speaking with Greg he downplayed his individual accolades and stated, "I've been very fortunate to be a part of a lot of great teams and coaches, as a Clipper and a Viking."

Friend and former teammate, Dean Powers stated, "Greg was tough as hell, a great leader, and demanded execution to perfection on each play."

Powers recalled a story speaking to Greg's leadership prior to their senior season, "I (Powers) was debating on if I was going to play football my senior year, to prepare for college basketball, and when Greg heard that, he held me against the wall and told me he was playing basketball for me and he wouldn't let me not play football for him."

Safe to say it was hardly debatable for Powers moving forward. Former teammate, Kirk Walter, not only validated Greg's leadership but stated, "he was so dedicated to his team and that made him one of the best teammates."

Greg's cleats have been hung up for awhile now but his success with the game continues long after his playing years. Greg was the head coach at Sterling High School for ten seasons. Greg recorded five conference championships and numerous playoff births/wins. Two years ago Greg was inducted into the

### Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



IHSFCA Hall of Fame. Greg is currently an assistant at Sterling HS and still coaches the offensive line. Greg stated there are still many things, on and off the field, he teaches his players that he was taught by Coach Jones and Coach Wyzgowski.

Greg added, "much like Amboy, the Sterling community loves its Golden Warrior Football and is behind each team 100%."

There's no doubt in my mind that Greg inspired the Golden Warrior program into adopting the mentality that he and his teammates helped

build as Clippers.

This game, these triumphs, the unexpected and thrilling victories, the agonizing defeats, the awards and highlights all are a part of a much smaller tale from hearing Greg's Clipper and gridiron journey. Greg is testament to the games' applicability to life. Not only did Greg move two or sometimes three men so George, Eddie, or another Clipper back could break a long run, but he has moved hundreds of young men in their football journeys. Moreover, he has prepared them for life. He taught them success isn't measured by a score, it's earned by hard work, competition, and a belief in what you want to achieve. Being a great husband, father, and person was the message Greg has shared and continues to share with his players. It's just an added bonus to learn the game of football.

Greg makes me so proud to be an Amboy Clipper and is an example for some of us that even though the colors we wear on Friday nights may have changed, we still all bleed Clipper red.

So, to #69, a true Offensive Lineman, IHSFCA Hall



#69 Greg King

of Fame Coach, Greg King, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Thank you for your devout love of the game. Most of all Thank you for passing down the "will to win" attitude, on the field and in life, to all of us Clippers that followed and all of the Golden Warrior teams you've coached. Best of luck to you this upcoming season but I know on Friday nights you'll be saying what all of us in this entire group are saying, "Once a Clipper, Always a Clipper"! 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.

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## SPORTS

## Clippers runners compete against Oregon, Winnebago

**OREGON** – The Amboy High School cross country teams competed against Oregon and Winnebago on Sept. 22 at Oregon.

The Clipper boys captured the team title win with 35 points. Oregon was next with 44 points and Winnebago tallied 45.

Amboy had the top two runners in the race and four of the top eight. Brock Loftus led the charge with an overall winning time of 18:05. Coming in a close second was teammate Ian Eller in 18:19. The next two AHS competitors through the chute were Wyatt Lundquist (6<sup>th</sup> place, 20:23) and Andruw Jones (8<sup>th</sup> place, 20:28). Rounding out the Clipper team were Garrett Pertell (21<sup>st</sup> place, 22:55) and Calvin Deering (24<sup>th</sup> place, 24:18).

“Another 1A meet and another win for the boys,” said Amboy coach Mike Robinson. “We are 5-0 against 1A teams this year.

“It wasn’t without challenges. Wyatt and Andruw both held off someone in the last couple meters to come in sixth and eighth, respectively. Without that it could have been a different story.”

The girls finished third in the triangular with 69 points. The state’s top-ranked Winnebago squad took first with 15 points and Oregon scored 55. Winnebago had the top six runners in the race.

Lauren Althaus was first in among Lady Clipper competitors in seventh place with a time of 22:44. Next was Elly Jones in 13<sup>th</sup> with a time of 23:55, followed by Madelyn McLaughlin in 19<sup>th</sup> with a time of 25:40. Also running for AHS were Brooklyn Whelchel (24<sup>th</sup> place, 28:03), Brittney Mundell (25<sup>th</sup> place, 28:04) and Bailey Crouch (28<sup>th</sup> place, 28:32).

“The girls were challenged to go out and run their own races and they did just that,” stated Robinson. “We had a little fun around the

two-mile mark and got some quick smiles and laughs, and then back to work. I was glad to see the girls work hard.”

*Pictured right, Amboy’s Brock Loftus won the meet in Oregon on Sept. 22, with a time of 18:05.*

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus



*Amboy’s Ian Eller finished in second place at the meet in Oregon on Sept. 22, with a time of 18:19.*

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus



*Amboy’s Wyatt Lundquist finished in sixth place in Oregon on Sept. 22 with a time of 20:23.*

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus



*Lauren Althaus was first in among Lady Clipper competitors in seventh place with a time of 22:44 at the Oregon meet on Sept. 22.*

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Andrea Buhrow

## Cross Country

Andruw Jones  
Brooklyn Whelchel



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