

Rep. Fritts hosts second annual school supply drive

DIXON – Today, State Representative Brad Fritts (R-Dixon) announced that he will be hosting his second annual school supply drive for local students in need. The drive will be running from July 17th through July 31st.

“Right now, families across Illinois are struggling to afford basic necessities like school supplies due to the increasing cost of living,” said Rep. Fritts. “This is why I am hosting my second annual school supply drive for kids in need. Let’s come together as a community to help our students succeed!”

For more information about the School Supply Drive, including a list of requested supplies, visit RepFritts.com.

All supplies can be dropped off at one of the following participating locations:

- Amboy Food and Liquor – 242 E. Main Street, Amboy
- Clinton Township Public Library – 110 South Elm Street, Waterman
- County Financial – 351 Chicago Road, Paw Paw
- Dixon Main Street – 87 S. Hennepin Avenue, Dixon
- Extreme Image Salon – 207 W. Main Street, Morrison
- Franklin Grove Public Library – 112 S. Elm Street, Franklin Grove
- Mendota Chamber of Commerce – 800 Washington Street, Mendota
- Olivers Corner Market – 748 N. Brinton Avenue, Dixon
- Rep. Fritts’ District Office – 101 W. First Street, Suite 501, Dixon
- Rochelle Chamber of Commerce – 501 6th Avenue, Rochelle
- Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce – 211 Locust Street, Sterling
- Sauk Valley Community College – 173 IL 2, Dixon (Located inside West Mall and Dillon Mall).

The Lee County Fair & 4-H Show is finally here

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Illinois State Fair announces “It’s Show Time!”

SPRINGFIELD – It’s Showtime! The theme for the 2024 Illinois State Fair captures the spirit of the fair on many levels – livestock shows, Grandstand performances, circuses, rodeos, diving shows, ice skating performances and much more.

The theme also influences the Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade that caravans down Springfield streets and through the main gates, kicking off the 11-day showcase of Illinois agriculture, arts and crafts, food, carnival rides and entertainment. Fair gates open at 7 a.m. on Thursday, August 8 with a full day of events and entertainment,

including the annual parade which will step off at 5:30 p.m.

“The Illinois State Fair Twilight Parade is a Springfield tradition,” said Jerry Costello II, Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. “This year’s theme of ‘It’s Showtime!’ has so many meanings with the wide variety of activities available throughout the fair. We invite everyone to come out and find their favorite.”

“There’s so much to experience, and it all starts with the iconic Twilight Parade,” said Rebecca Clark, Illinois State Fair Manager. “Families are encour-

aged to line the streets inside the fairgrounds, grab their favorite fair food and witness this time-honored tradition. Every year, the Illinois State Fair gets bigger and better, and we cannot wait for you to experience it all.”

The Twilight Parade will start at 5:30 p.m. in Lincoln Park and travel onto Sangamon Avenue, entering through the Main Gate. From there, the parade will proceed down Main Street to Grandstand Avenue and turn left, marching past the Grandstand and exiting into Lot 21.

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Farmer’s Market coupon books available to low-income older adults

SPRINGFIELD – Farmers market season is in full swing, and older adults may be able to get help buying fresh, local produce.

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), administered jointly by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) and Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), offers income-eligible older adults access to up to \$50 worth of locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey from certified farmers.

“The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program helps low-income older adults supplement their diets with fresh, seasonal produce,” said IDoA Acting Director Mary Killough. “What’s great about this program, aside from the nutritional benefits, is that it also helps to support Illinois farmers and local food economies.”

Melanie Kluzek, IDHS Commodity and Special Nutrition Programs Administrator, added, “Nutrition insecurity impacts all ages, but especially seniors living on a fixed income. For those managing chronic health conditions like diabetes and heart disease, increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables can make a positive impact on their health.”

The SFMNP distributes free coupon books, each containing five \$10 SFMNP checks, to more than 28,000 low-income older Illinoisans annually. Historically, federal funding only allowed for agencies to issue \$25 in benefits per participant. IDHS applied for and received SFMNP American Rescue Plan Act grant funds, allowing them to issue the maximum benefit of \$50 per participant for the 2023 and 2024 SFMNP seasons.

Eligible participants must be at least 60 years old and have a household income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. For a single-person household, that amount is \$2,322 monthly. For a two-person senior household, the income threshold increases to \$3,151.

SFMNP checks can be used between July 10 and Oct. 31 at participating farmers markets and roadside stands in 37 Illinois counties. Participants can identify SFMNP vendors by looking for a yellow sign with black lettering indicating “farmers market nutrition program benefits accepted here.”

Checks will be distributed before the program start date on a first-come, first-served basis by 11 of Illinois’ 13 regional Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Along with their checks, participants receive a list of farmers markets and roadside stands where they can be exchanged for fresh fruits, vegetables, honey and herbs. Participants are also provided with nutrition education materials, which may include recipes and tips for using fresh produce.

Income-eligible older adults are encouraged to contact their local AAA for application instructions. Those living in Chicago should contact the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Kate Maehr, Executive Director and CEO of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, said, “At a time when food insecurity remains elevated throughout Chicago, we are grateful to support the Illinois Department on Aging and the Illinois Department of Human Services to help ensure that our older neighbors have access to fresh, healthy food.”

About IDoA: IDoA serves and advocates for older Illinoisans and their caregivers by administering quality and culturally appropriate programs that promote partnerships and encourage independence, dignity, and quality of life. For information about the Department’s programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, visit <https://ilaging.illinois.gov/> or contact the Senior HelpLine toll-free at 1-800-252-8966, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

A Tribute to the fallen of World War I

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

Leo Edmund Sherlock



Student Army Training Corps, DePaul University

Born in 1897, Leo was the son of Henry and Jennie Sherlock, farmers in Alto Township. At age 20, Leo registered for the military draft on September 12, 1918 and was sent to DePaul University in Chicago on October 3rd. While there he was stricken with the influenza virus which was sweeping across America that year, and died in a

Chicago Heights Hospital on October 11th.

One month later, the guns of the Great War were silenced, leaving only the sounds made by an ocean of grief washing over a world chastened by its own human failings.

NOTE: If you know of other Lee County Soldiers who died in service during World War I, we urge you to share that information to [demps60@gmail.com](mailto:demps60@gmail.com) so that those

soldiers may be honored and remembered.

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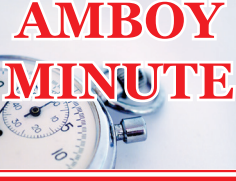
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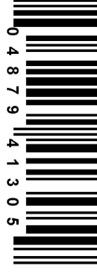
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## Walnut 5K Run/Walk for ALS breaks records

**WALNUT** – Co-directors of the 2024 Walnut 5K Run/Walk for ALS had a lot to praise about their event Saturday, July 6.

Kristie (Monier) Cady, Brad Monier, Hillary (Monier) Childs, and Jordan Monier reported the 2024 5K broke many records.

Registrations passed the 700 mark with 728, which bests the previous record of 541. There were runners/walkers from two countries, 17 states, and 115 cities including Luxembourg, Massachusetts, California, and all over Illinois and the Illinois Valley.

There were 646 finishers, which broke the previous record of 457.

Donations reached \$24,346.86 to make the total proceeds since 2011 reach

\$173,990.59.

If you made a donation online, your donation qualifies as a tax exemption with the following 501c3 EIN#: 86-1807727 (if you need another donation confirmation email, contact Walnut 5K). If you are a part of a business or know a business who may be interested in sponsoring, also contact Walnut 5K.

Walnut 5K can be reached at Facebook (Walnut 5K Run/Walk for ALS), Twitter (@Walnut5kALS), and Instagram (Walnut5k).

All proceeds are donated to ALS Therapy Development Institute (TDI). The ALS TDI is the world's foremost drug discovery lab focused solely on ALS. As a non-profit biotech, ALS TDI operates without regard to profit

or politics. Led by drug development experts and people with ALS, the Watertown, Massachusetts based lab is funded by a global network of supporters unified to end ALS. Their mission is to discover and develop effective treatment for ALS.

The co-directors thank the Walnut Fire Department and the Walnut Police Department for keeping everyone involved with the 2024 Walnut 5K safe and sound.

They also thank all supporters of the Walnut 5K Run/Walk for ALS. If you're a repeat, loyal contributor or 2024 was your first adventure, the co-directors value all help and participants.

The next Walnut 5K Run/Walk for ALS will be Saturday July 5, 2025.

## Sublette Farmer's Market

**SUBLETTE** – The village of Sublette is resuming its farmers' market this summer. Vendors with fruits, vegetables, baked goods or other items are invited to participate.

The market will be held on Tuesdays from 4-7 p.m. at the downtown vacant lot between LaFiesta Restaurant and Leffelman & Associates Insurance. The dates are July 30, Aug. 27 and Sept. 24. More dates may be added later.

There is no fee for vendor space. Just bring your table and set up. For more information, contact Don Dinges at 815-713-5675.

## Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association offering three 2025 scholarships

**DAVIS JUNCTION** – The Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association will award three \$500 scholarships this year. Two will be from the Ogle-Lee RTA, and one will be the Pamela J Farris Scholarship.

The requirement for the Ogle-Lee Scholarship is that you are enrolled as a junior or senior majoring in education at an accredited school and that your home is in Ogle or Lee County.

The Pamela J. Farris Scholarship requires that you be enrolled as a junior

or senior majoring in elementary or middle school education at Northern Illinois University. No county restrictions.

Applications are available online at ogleleertanline.weebly.com.

Applications are due by August 16, 2024, to Phil Bratta, 5631 Fair Oaks DR, Davis Junction, IL 61020. The scholarship winners will be announced on September 10, 2024. If you have questions, contact Phil Bratta at 815/520-5312.

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[blachance@mendotareporter.com](mailto:blachance@mendotareporter.com)

## Birthday card shower for Myrtle Hitchins' 98th

**PERU** – Myrtle Hitchins of Peru, formerly of rural Mendota and Bloomington, will be celebrating her 98th birthday on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

Myrtle Harriett Setchell was born July 30, 1926, in Mendota to her parents, Clifford and Ethel Setchell.

She married Joseph Wayne Hitchins of Mendota on April 2, 1949. They raised four children, Nancy Luke of Hoopeston; Stanley (Leslie) Hitchins of

Bloomington; Joseph (Debbie) Hitchins of Eureka; and Gary (Cathy) Hitchins of Peru. Myrtle has 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Please share a birthday wish with Myrtle while her family is celebrating her 98th birthday in 2024.

Her mailing address is:

Myrtle Hitchins  
Manor Court #105  
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## PC libraries offer free Ravinia Festival tickets July-September

**GRANVILLE** – The Putnam County Public Library District is delighted to announce that it will be partnering with the Ravinia Festival to offer free tickets to the community for the 2024 Words & Music Program.

The tickets grant free lawn admission to fifteen concerts from July through September. Additionally, the tickets grant free train fare on the Metra Union Pacific North Line to Ravinia.

The tickets are limited, and will be available first come, first serve. Please call the Granville Branch for more information on availability.

Tickets being offered are for the following concerts:

Thu, July 25 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available CSO + Marin Alsop with Augustin Hadelich Hadelich plays Mendelssohn; 2024 Taki Alsop Fellow Alena Hron conducts Walker

Fri, July 26 @ 7:30 PM – 2 tickets available CSO + Marin Alsop: The Planets and the Moons Symphony Breaking Barriers Festival

Thu, Aug 1 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available Karen Slack + Kevin Miller: African Queens Seven rulers and warriors celebrated by Black composers

Fri, Aug 2 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available CSO + Valentina Peleggi with Jorge Federico Osorio "Emperor" Concerto, Pines of Rome

Tue, Aug 6 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available Gustavo Dudamel + National Children's Symphony of Venezuela Works by South American composers, Shostakovich's Fifth

Sat, Aug 10 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available CSO + James Conlon with James Ehnes: All Mozart

Fifth Violin Concerto and the G-minor Symphonies

Thu, Aug 15 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available Apollo's Fire: Vivaldi's Four Seasons Rediscovered

Sun, Aug 18 @ 5:00 PM – 4 tickets available CSO + Jonathan Rush with Rachel Barton Pine White & Paganini Concertos, Symphonie Fantastique

Tue, Aug 20 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available Matthew Polenzani + Kevin Murphy

Tue, Aug 27 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available Third Coast Percussion + Sérgio & Clarice Assad

Tue, Sep 10 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available Music of the Baroque + Dame Jane Glover with Anthony McGill Mozart, Bach & Handel

Ravinia is an internationally renowned not-for-profit music festival that presents outstanding performances by the world's greatest artists. Words & Music Program tickets are only valid on date printed, may only be used on the evening of the performance, may not be exchanged, and cannot be sold.

The Granville Branch of the Putnam County Public Library is located at 214 S. McCoy Street, Granville. For more information on this opportunity, please call the Granville Branch at 815-339-2038.

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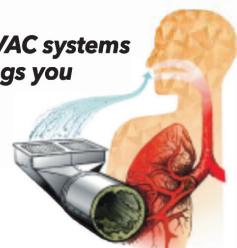
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## Fire Prevention Week 2024 Theme announced..

### Smoke alarms: Make them work for you

**SPRINGFIELD**—The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has announced this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week October 6-12: "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"

The goal of this year's campaign strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

"It's simple, working smoke alarms save lives. Due to synthetic materials used in modern construction, homes burn hotter and faster, while also emitting toxic smoke limiting the time you have to escape to less than 2-3 minutes. The early warning from smoke alarms could save your life," said Illinois State Fire Marshal James A. Rivera. "I encourage all departments across the state to make plans to host outreach events that help to promote fire safety in their communities during this week. Fire Prevention Week might still be a couple months away, but you should always test your smoke/CO alarms monthly and replace any broken or expired alarms in your home."

During 2023 in Illinois, the "Be Alarmed!" Smoke Alarm Installation Programs participating fire departments found 68% of pre-existing smoke alarms in homes that received new 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms or expired. Currently, there are 280 active Illinois

fire departments from 61 different counties participating in this program. To learn more about the "Be Alarmed!" program visit [www.ifsa.org/alarms](http://www.ifsa.org/alarms).

According to the NFPA, smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54 percent). Meanwhile, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in the United States. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters and other public safety educators provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Learn more about the upcoming Fire Prevention Week and other resources to help you plan your activities can be found by visiting [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).

## Aden Lamps Foundation to host golf outing Sept. 21

**SPRING VALLEY**—The Aden Lamps Foundation will host its annual fundraiser on September 21, 2024 at Spring Creek Golf Course in Spring Valley. The cost is \$75 if registered by September 14th, \$80 after that date. The cost includes 18 hole green fee with cart, cash prizes for winning teams, games of chance and skill, and a grilled lunch with 2 beverages.

The Aden Lamps Foundation helps spread awareness for SUID (Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths). The Foundation was started in 2014 by Aden's mother, Ashley Lamps, and since the inception, the foundation has been able to purchase 11,276 sleep sacks and 10,080 safe sleep board books, which are then donated to OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Morris Hospital, KSB in Dixon, CGH in Sterling, and other local organizations and daycares.

Every newborn receives one of the safe sleep packages, with a retail value of over \$25. The safe sleep package contains a reusable bag, a sleep sack (zip up wearable blanket), an infant board book, a onesie, and safe sleep information. The mission of the Aden Lamps Foundation is to educate local families on the dangers of an unsafe sleeping environment for infants. The sleep sacks are a safer alternative to having loose blankets in the crib. Aden Lamps, son of Andy and Ashley Lamps, died in 2013 of a SUID at the age of 4 ½ months.

For more information, contact Ashley Lamps at 815-712-7701 or [adenlampsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:adenlampsfoundation@gmail.com). Information can also be found at [www.facebook.com/adenlampsfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/adenlampsfoundation) or at [www.safesleepforaden.org](http://www.safesleepforaden.org).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**AMBOY**—Come see the amazing work 4-H members have completed this year. The public is welcome as youth will be displaying projects in more than 50 subject areas including visual arts, livestock, small animals, horticulture, wood-working, foods, and science.

**DIXON**—4-H Junior Gardener teaches children about the wonderful world of gardening through hands-on investigation of growing their own vegetables and flowers and learning to use the harvest. The 4-H Junior Gardener SPIN Club is meeting from 4-5:30 p.m. every Tuesday from May 21-July 30 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dixon. The club is for youth ages 8-18 and the cost is \$30 for non-4-H members and \$10 for 4-H members. For more information contact the Lee County Extension Office at 815-857-3525. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/leeco.jg](http://go.illinois.edu/leeco.jg).

**STERLING**—Join Family Life Educator Kara Schweitzer at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling for the Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention Program, with sessions held from 10-11 a.m. on July 23, 24, 30, 31, August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, and September 3, 10, and 11. This eight-week program focuses on improving muscular strength, flexibility, and fitness to prevent falls, with each session building on the previous one, making full program participation encouraged. For accommodations, contact Kara at [kara7@illinois.edu](mailto:kara7@illinois.edu). Register online at [go.illinois.edu/WhitesideTaiChi](http://go.illinois.edu/WhitesideTaiChi).

**AMBOY**—Come see the amazing work 4-H members have completed this year at the Lee County Fair & 4-H Show starting at 10 a.m. each day from July 25-28. The public is welcome. Youth will be displaying projects in more than 50 subject areas, including visual arts, livestock and small animals, horticulture, woodworking, foods and science.

**AMBOY**—The City of Amboy committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5 at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**AMBOY**—The Amboy Civic Organization currently meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at 4:30 p.m. at Maria's Pizza in Amboy, 110 E. Main Street. Please note, the A.C.O no longer gathers at 4 p.m. but instead will gather at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 6. Sharing dinner will provide a great opportunity for socializing and sharing community news.

**LEE CENTER**—The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, August 8.

**SUBLETTE**—The next Village of Sublette meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette

**EAST GROVE**—East Grove Township is holding its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 at the East Grove Township Hall.

**AMBOY**—The Board of Trustees of The Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the Amboy Township Building, located at 106 South Prospect St. in Amboy.

**PAW PAW**—The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Paw Paw will commence at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the Paw Paw Village Hall.

**AMBOY**—The Amboy City Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 19 at the Amboy Community Center, 290 W. Wasson Road. The council meets every third Monday each month.

**AMBOY**—You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US Highway 52, Amboy. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Chairs are provided for an approximate 30-minute workout. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.

**DIXON**—The next Lee County Board of Health meeting is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Lee County Health Department Family Planning, located at 309 S. Galena Ave. The meetings are held the second Tuesday in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

**AMBOY**—The Amboy/Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the Amboy Township building, located at 106 South Prospect Ave.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## IL Rural Health Association’s 35th Annual Educational Conference set for July 31-Aug. 1

**CHAMPAIGN** – The Illinois Rural Health Association (IRHA) will host its 35th Annual Educational Conference July 31st -August 1st at the I-Hotel in Champaign. The Conference is an opportunity for rural healthcare administrators and clinicians to advance their professional skills, while networking and learning best practices from their counterparts throughout the state. Online registration and a full conference brochure can be found at [www.ilruralhealth.org](http://www.ilruralhealth.org).

Attendees will have more than 17 educational workshops and panel discussions to choose from, over the two-day conference, all geared towards rural practice, including: Tackling Lyme Disease, Healthcare Security and Workplace Violence Prevention, Rural Mental Health Wellness, Increasing Access to Oral Medicine and much more. The keynote speaker will be Brock Slabach, COO of the National Rural Health Association providing his Federal Rural Health Update.

There will also be an Evening Net-

working Dinner Reception on the evening of Wednesday, July 31st at Ferren’s in Champaign, for all attendees to get to know each other better.

Limited exhibit space is still available starting at \$1,250 and includes 2 conference registrations.

Conference registration is \$225 for current IRHA members and \$275 for non-Members (which includes a 12-month membership) and the deadline is Friday July 19th .

**A B O U T** IRHA First organized in 1989, the Illinois Rural Health Association (IRHA) is a collaborative association comprised of over 500 members including hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, public health departments, practitioners, consumers and public officials, whose mission is to strengthen health systems for rural residents and communities through advocacy, education, networking and leadership.

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## New advisory council studies Medicaid financing models to expand equitable access to Sickie Cell and high-cost drug treatments

**SPRINGFIELD**–The newly formed Advisory Council on Financing and Access to Sickie Cell Disease Treatment and Other High-Cost Drugs and Treatment has begun its work to study options and make recommendations for developing payment models and financing structures for novel Sickie Cell Disease treatments, as well as other high-cost drugs and therapies that are not readily accessible to those who could benefit from them.

Earlier this year, Governor JB Pritzker signed Executive Order 2024-01 to form the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council was tasked with providing the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) input as they develop new financing arrangements to ensure equitable access to these innovative treatments, and ultimately improve health outcomes for Illinois residents.

The group’s first meeting was on June 25, and they will continue to meet through 2024, until delivering their recommendations to the Governor and the Illinois General Assembly by the end of the year.

“The pipeline for new and potentially transformative cell and gene therapies is expanding quickly, and Medicaid will be a major payor,” HFS Director Elizabeth Whitehorn said. “I am thrilled that the Advisory Council has begun its incredibly important work to develop solutions that will expand access to these new drugs and treatments, which often have costs that are insurmountable for most people who could benefit from them.”

Under the leadership of HFS, the Advisory Council will complete a comprehensive review of innovative approaches to establish sustainable publicly funded payment models and financing structures for high-cost drugs and treatments. To ensure equitable access, the Advisory Council will also focus on value-and-outcome-based models and engage with subject matter experts, providers, insurers, drug manufacturers, and Medicaid customers living with conditions for which these drugs and treatments exist.

The Advisory Council will make recommendations on financing models that could be implemented in Illinois, or nationally, with the support of the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and will identify state and federal policies and legal and regulatory changes necessary to implement the recommendations.

At the federal level, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is launching a new Cell and Gene Therapy Access model, which will negotiate and administer outcomes-based agreements with drug manufacturers on behalf of participating states, with savings tied to patient outcomes. States can join this access model beginning in January 2025, and the initial focus is on treatment for Sickie Cell Disease. Other cell and gene therapies may be added to the model in the future.

People living with Sickie Cell Disease often encounter barriers to accessing treatment to improve their quality of life, including limitations in geographic access to care, high cost of treatment, limited providers, and disproportionate effects on communities of color. In December, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved two gene therapies to treat Sickie Cell Disease. The cost of one-time gene therapy ranges from \$2 million to \$3 million, and the cost of managing the disease over a lifetime for the most severely-impacted individuals can range from \$4 million to \$6 million.

Sickle cell disease is a group of lifelong, inherited blood disorders that affect more than 5,000 Illinois residents. Sickle cell disease disproportionately affects people of color, particularly Black Americans. Sickle cell disease affects an estimated one in every 365 Black Americans and one in every 16,300 Latino Americans.

More than 40% of Illinoisans living with Sickle Cell Disease have healthcare coverage through the Medicaid program, and an estimated 49% of those customers have a severe form of the disease.


Despite the cause of sickle cell disease being known for nearly 70 years, racial discrimination within the healthcare system has resulted in a historic lack of resources dedicated to supporting research and treatment of the disease. As a result, a limited number of health care providers have expertise in comprehensively managing sickle cell disease, and individuals living with the disease often encounter geographic and cost barriers to accessing care, further exacerbating the existing inequities in the health care system that disproportionately affect people of color.

In addition to treatments for Sickle Cell Disease, the FDA has recently approved drugs to treat Duchenne muscular dystrophy, metabolic leukodystrophy, and Hemophilia A and Hemophilia B. The FDA is scheduled to review additional drugs this year.

The 20-member Advisory Council is made up of a range of individuals with diverse backgrounds and expertise. The Advisory Council members are:

Elizabeth Whitehorn, Advisory Council Chair, is the Director of HFS. Gov. JB Pritzker appointed Director Whitehorn to lead HFS in January 2024, following five years serving as First Assistant Deputy Governor for Health and Human Services. In this position, she played a leading role in the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including testing and vaccine efforts and the nation-leading rental assistance and childcare restoration grant programs. Director Whitehorn has worked closely on the administration’s healthcare initiatives, including legislation to authorize a state-based healthcare exchange, increased access to healthcare services, and expanded programs supporting reproductive healthcare, as well as efforts to strengthen the state’s children’s behavioral health and early childhood systems. Before joining the administration, Whitehorn served as a senior policy advisor on Governor Pritzker’s campaign, where she focused on healthcare, economic development and criminal justice policy proposals.

Alexandra Carpenter Carpenter’s daughter was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) type 2, in November 2020. SMA is a genetic condition where the body is missing the SMN gene, which causes muscle weakness and atrophy and affects the child’s ability to sit up, have head control, walk, as well as damaging the muscles involved with breathing and swallowing. Without treatment, this disease is typically fatal before an individual’s 2nd birthday. In 2019, the FDA approved a new gene therapy treatment for SMA.



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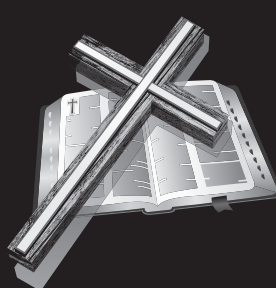
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Kish Early College Program students earn both high school diploma, college degree

**MALTA**—Three high school students walked across the stage to collect Associate in Science degrees during Kishwaukee College's Spring 2024 Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 18. For Emily Frazier and Theo Baird, it may have felt like déjà vu. The Indian Creek High School students received their high school diploma six days earlier. Calvin VanderSchee, a DeKalb High School student, received his Kish degree before earning his high school diploma just a week later.

The three students completed two years of college credits while in high school. Kish's new Early College Program helps other students do the same. The program allows high school juniors and seniors to work toward an associate degree by taking college courses at Kish or their high school.

"The Early College Program is an ambitious challenge for our district high school students. It is a great opportunity for students looking to get a head start on their college journey," said Colleen Tumminaro, Director of Dual Credit & K-12 Partnerships.

VanderSchee utilized Kish's Engineering, Math & Science Academy (EMSA) as he pursues a degree in mechanical engineering. He will transfer to Purdue University, where he plans to complete a bachelor's and master's degree.

"EMSA gave me college credit for courses that were not available at my high school. I also took dual enrollment courses to transfer to university. Community college tuition is substantially lower than university, so

dual enrollment saved me time and money," VanderSchee said.

Frazier will transfer to Aurora University to pursue a degree in biology before transferring to medical school to become a sports medicine doctor.

"I decided to pursue dual credit classes at a young age. Going into my freshman year of high school, I knew I wanted to go into the medical field. I was unsure of what, but I knew it would take a lot of school. Dual credit and dual enrollment allowed me to take some classes early, giving me a head start on my long journey of school," Frazier said.

With careful planning, Early College Program students can balance their high school and college schedules to achieve their educational goals. VanderSchee took classes on the Kish campus, at his high school and online. Frazier completed her college credits at her high school and online.

"We are so proud to support our dual credit students and help meet their college needs. An invaluable benefit of taking college-level courses while in high school is it helps students make the transition to higher education at their own pace," said Dr. Michelle Rothmeyer, Vice President of Student Services.

VanderSchee and Frazier said taking college courses in high school was challenging and rewarding and recommend the option to other motivated students.

"Even though the shift from a high school classroom to a college is hard, it was worth it. It taught me

independence, responsibility and a good work ethic. I also believe this shift is worth taking in high school because it is a more supportive environment due to the small class sizes and extremely helpful instructors," VanderSchee said.

"If you like to be challenged and know you have a lot of school ahead, take the opportunity. You won't regret it, and you are setting yourself up for success," Frazier said.

The Early College Program is the newest of several options high school students can utilize to start their college education at Kish. The College also provides dual credit, dual enrollment, career and technical education (CTE) courses, the Kishwaukee Education Consortium and more.

"The Kishwaukee College Early College Program offers many benefits to high school students. Data shows students are more likely to earn their post-secondary degree when they take college-level coursework while still in high school. The program helps students reduce the time it takes to earn their college degree after high school, so while their peers are still in college, these students are out working in their chosen profession. And one of the biggest advantages is the money saved in the process," said Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President of Kishwaukee College.

To learn more about Kish's Early College program, visit [kish.edu/earlycollege](http://kish.edu/earlycollege). To learn more about all Kish high school opportunities, visit [kish.edu/creditsinhs](http://kish.edu/creditsinhs).

## Illinois opens its 100th social equity cannabis dispensary; ribbon cutting ceremony in Champaign

**CHAMPAIGN** – The Pritzker Administration announced that Equity Ventures (LLC dba The Dispensary Champaign) became the 100th social equity cannabis dispensary to open its doors in Illinois. The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) issued a full adult use cannabis dispensary license to The Dispensary Champaign on June 6, 2024, who applied for and was selected in the Social Equity Criteria

Lottery (SECL) and met the lottery's criteria.

"From day one of legal cannabis sales in Illinois, my administration has been committed to making sure we don't sacrifice a fair, equitable opportunity to join the industry – while also undoing decades of wrongs in the failed War on Drugs – just for the economic gains," said Governor JB Pritzker. "More than three years later, we've consistently learned and made our industry more

accessible, while also seeing strong, consistent year-over-year revenue growth."

The Dispensary Champaign celebrated this major milestone with a ribbon cutting ceremony at their new storefront located at 1826 Glen Park Drive, Champaign, IL. The ceremony was attended by IDFPR Secretary Mario Treto, Jr., Cannabis Regulation Oversight Officer Erin Johnson, and other industry leaders.

"We are extremely proud

of The Dispensary Champaign and all of the other 99 social equity dispensaries that have opened in our state thus far," said Erin Johnson, Illinois' Cannabis Regulation Oversight Officer. "Illinois will continue to support all of its licensees as our market continues to mature."

"One hundred dispensaries owned by social equity applicants is a testament to the hard work by the Administration, lawmakers, and stakeholders in

ensuring we create a process that's accessible to everyone, no matter their gender, race, or where in Illinois they call home," said IDFPR Secretary Mario Treto, Jr. "This includes recognizing challenges and improving on them for the benefit of future applicants. I'm proud of the simplified application process we've created and look forward to utilizing it in welcoming even more professionals to the most equitable cannabis industry in the country."

"We're very excited to have been selected and to be part of the Illinois social equity program," said The Dispensary Champaign owner Jeff Soenksen. "We're grateful to IDFPR for their exceptional service and professionalism during the process to date. We're even more excited that we've completed the build out and state inspection for our dispensary so we can start serving the Champaign community."



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# STATE FAIR

## Shaboozey to headline the Illinois State Fair Grandstand Sunday, August 18

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois State Fair has announced that rising star and crossover artist Shaboozey will headline the Illinois State Fair Grandstand on Sunday, August 18.

The multi-faceted artist Shaboozey is carving his lane in the alternative country and hip-hop space. Born to parents of Nigerian descent and raised in the small town of Woodbridge, VA, Shaboozey grew up on an eclectic mix of music encompassing everything from classic hip-hop and R&B, to country and blues icons like Johnny Cash, Kenny Rogers, Garth Brooks, and Lead Belly, to master lyricists, such as Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen.

A true crossover artist, he began his epic 2024 run in March with two standout features on Beyoncé’s COWBOY CARTER—the only artist with multiple appearances on the album. His latest body of work, the critically acclaimed masterpiece Where

I’ve Been, Isn’t Where I’m Going, debuted in the top five of the Billboard 200 and was praised in The New York Times for “bring[ing] hip-hop grit to country.”

The album’s smash single “A Bar Song (Tipsy),” which is two-time RIAA-certified platinum and peaked at No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100, launched him to mainstream stardom and has become the song of the summer. With the meteoric rise of “A Bar Song (Tipsy),” Shaboozey and Beyoncé became the first Black artists to score back-to-back leaders in the Billboard Hot Country Songs’ 66-year history.

Tickets for this event, featuring Shaboozey, will be on sale Saturday, July 6 at 10 a.m. via Ticketmaster.

Tier 3 - \$20 / Tier 2 - \$25 / Tier 1 - \$30 / SRO Track - \$30 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$85

\*A \$30 Pre-Show Party ticket is offered as an additional upgrade for all paid concerts.

Tickets for all Grandstand shows are on sale via Ticketmaster. They include:

- August 9: Keith Urban with MacKenzie Porter
- August 10: Motley Crue with Phil X and The Drills
- August 11: Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit with Ashley McBryde
- August 13: Jordan Davis with Ashley Cooke
- August 14: Lil Wayne
- August 15: Jonas Brothers
- August 16: The Smashing Pumpkins with PVRIS
- August 17: Miranda Lambert with Gavin Adcock
- August 18: Shaboozey

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.

Mark your calendars for the 2024 Illinois State Fair, running from August 8th through August 18th in Springfield.

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This is also a big night for The Arena as the Illinois State Fair welcomes Monsters of Destruction for opening night action. It is recommended that fairgoers who are planning to attend Monsters of Destruction in The Arena should enter Gate 6 and utilize parking in the infield to avoid parade traffic. Guests are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy the festivities. The pit party starts at 5:30 p.m., and the main event starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at StateFair.Illinois.gov

Admission to the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 8 is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and free for children ages 12 and under. All carnival rides, includ-

ing those in Adventure Village, will be open at 12 p.m. On opening day of the Fair, all carnival rides are just \$3.00 all day.

Fairgoers are encouraged to take advantage of Thursday’s Double the Fun promotion. Fairgoers who pay to park on the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 8 can redeem their parking pass for free parking on a return trip to the Illinois State Fair on either Tuesday, August 13, Wednesday, August 14 or Thursday, August 15.

The 2024 Illinois State Fair runs from August 8 through August 18 in Springfield. Stay up to date with all the latest news and announcements by connecting with us via Facebook and Instagram.

## Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation looking for community servants

**SPRINGFIELD**—The Illinois State Fair Museum Foundation is seeking 10 individuals to spotlight each day of the Illinois State Fair as an Illinoisan of the Day.

The Illinoisan of the Day Program looks to honor individuals who exemplify the qualities and characteristics associated with Illinois- integrity, dependability, sense of community and strong ethics.

Illinoisan of the Day nominees should be involved in service activities, educational projects, and /or youth programs, and have an affiliation with state and/or county fairs in Illinois. In addition, nominees must have shown their true Illinois spirit through continued volunteerism and community service.

### Enjoy the Illinois State Fair

## Illinois State Fair announces TRAM service

**SPRINGFIELD** – The most requested ride at the Illinois State Fair is returning in 2024. The Illinois State Fair is bringing trams back to the State Fairgrounds. Two complimentary trams will operate on a dedicated route during the 11 days of the fair thanks to sponsorship from the IL Corn Growers Association.

“We are excited to bring back trams as a convenient way to move our guests around the Illinois State Fair,” said Jerry Costello II, Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. “The fairgrounds cover 366 acres, and we want to make the experience accessible with tram stops at popular spots around the grounds.”

The trams will run continuously throughout the day, on the schedule outlined below. Maps showing the tram routes will be displayed on the fairgrounds. Stops include the Campground/Arena entrance, 4-H Road at the 4-H Master Gardeners, entrance to Conservation World, Goat Barn at Grandstand Avenue, Horse Racing Office, South End of the Half-Mile Track near Gate 4, and the Hobbies Arts & Crafts building. Wheelchair and scooter rentals are also available on the fairgrounds at the Senior Center inside the Illinois Building and on

Grandstand Avenue near the Goat Barn.  
Hours of Operation:

Thursday, August 8	12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, August 9	12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday, August 10	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday, August 11	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Monday, August 12	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Tuesday, August 13	12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday, August 14	12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday, August 15	12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, August 16	12 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday, August 17	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sunday, August 18	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

“The Illinois State Fair highlights agriculture, and IL Corn is proud to power and support the return of the trams,” IL Corn Marketing Board Chairman Jon Rosenstiel said. “As people move about the fair, they can learn more about the role of corn, ethanol and agriculture, the state’s number one industry.”

The 2024 Illinois State Fair runs from August 8 through August 18 in Springfield. Stay up to date with all the latest news and announcements by connecting with us via Facebook and Instagram.

## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

### 100 years ago July 25, 1924

Amboy became the scene of much activity this week in the grading of the State Highway No. 2. Contractor H. K. Lehmer, who has finished the work of grading between Green River and Sublette, transferred his operation on Monday to the ungraded section lying between the foot of Adams Avenue and the North end of the new bridge over Green River.

Miss Naomi Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Fleming of West Main Street, and a 1924 graduate of Amboy Township High School, has received word that she has been awarded the county competitive scholarship at the University of Illinois.

A new restaurant was opened on Monday in the basement of the Fenten building. Messrs. J. Kavadas and N. Sklavenitis are restaurant men of long experience.

### 75 years ago July 28, 1949

William L. Wadleigh was elected commander of Poths-Lavelle Post No. 453, American Legion. Other officers chosen were Jack Carlson as senior vice commander,

John Elliott as junior vice commander, Roy Long as Chaplin, Jack Brink as finance officer, Ward Cunningham as historian, and Leonard Vaessen as sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eisenberg entertained guests from Switzerland last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter King, Donna and Norman Moore of Maytown had the honor of square dancing at the Fullerton Pavilion in Chicago. They won on the first half of the contest.

### 50 years ago July 25, 1974

Following last week’s front-page format of letters from Amboy citizens and officials writing letters about the Amboy Fire Protection District referendum about obtaining and running an ambulance, eight more letters were published. All of them supported the fire district having an ambulance.

Fantasy Flavors, Inc. has purchased the former Midwest Rug Mill building in Amboy and plans to establish a manufacturing facility for food products. These will be primarily ice cream flavorings including candies, syrups, fudges, etc.

Five Amboy District #272 wrestlers won trophies in the Sterling Park District Northwest Novice District Wrestling Tournament. They were Tim Braid, third place; Jeff Dewey, second place; Doug Ely, third place; Jon Hawes, first place; Brian Ely, third place.

### 25 years ago July 22, 1999

Approximately 1,500 people came to the Sandwich Fair Grounds on July 16 for a Republican rally fundraiser for the congressman from the 14<sup>th</sup> District, who just happens to be the Speaker of the House of Representatives. J. Dennis Hastert addressed the crowd, greeted the guests and enjoyed a picnic at his 12<sup>th</sup> annual Farmer’s Picnic fundraiser.

The City Council approved an appropriations ordinance for the fiscal year 1999-2000. The city’s appropriation fund stands at \$1,972,900 for the fiscal year compared to \$1,853,000 last year, said Amboy Mayor Hank Gerdes.

The marigolds are in full bloom for the 17<sup>th</sup> straight year and quite a beautiful contribution to the City of Amboy.

Star Wars Episode I and Southpark are playing at the Midway Drive-In between Dixon and Sterling.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY MARIE CLOUW, a/k/a DOROTHY MARIE BRUNETT CLOUW, Deceased.

No. 2024 PR 33

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of DOROTHY MARIE CLOUW, a/k/a, DOROTHY MARIE BRUNETT CLOUW, of 118 West 10th Street, Dixon, Illinois on February 12, 2024. Letters of Office were issued on June 27, 2024, by the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Lee County to the representatives and Independent Ad-

ministrators, Brenton J. Liston, a/k/a Brent J. Liston, 10796 W. Sterling Road, Polo, Illinois 61064.

The attorney for the representative of the estate is Robert J. Thompson, 119 West First Street, Ste. 200, P.O. Box 1016, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Lee County Services building, 309 South Gale-na Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021, or with the Representative at the address above within six (6) months from the first publication of this Claim Notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of specific notice to

**NOTICE**  
SUBLETTE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs

I, Daniel Stephenitch, Supervisor of Sublette Township, Lee County, Ill., being duly sworn, depose and say that, the statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024 Fiscal Year April 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

**TOWN FUND**

Beginning Balance on April 1, 2023

Revenues:	
Property Taxes	53,871.23
Replacement Tax	5,881.48
Interest Income	822.37
Insurance Refund	849.00
Misc. Income	
Total Revenue	61,424.08
Expenditures:	
Utilities	4,862.33
Administration/Wages	25,040.54
Audit	5,686.00
Insurance	3,570.00
Taxes	8,392.48
Publication	
Misc. Expenses	805.06
Total Expenditures	48,356.41
Ending Balance March 31, 2024	85,960.26

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

Beginning Balance April 1, 2023

Revenue: Interest Income/RE Tax

Expenditures

Ending Balance March 31, 2024

**SPECIAL BRIDGE**

Beginning Balance April 1, 2023

Revenue:

Property Taxes

Interest Income

C.D. Interest

Total Revenue

Ending Balance March 31, 2024

**EQUIPMENT & BUILDING**

Beginning Balance April 1, 2023

Revenue:

Property Taxes

Interest Income

Hauling Motor Fuel

Total Revenue

Ending Balance March 31, 2024

**COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Beginning balance April 1, 2023

Revenue:

Property Taxes

Rental Income

Interest Income

Misc.

Total Revenue

Expenditures:

Administration

Insurance

Utilities

Main. & Repair

Misc. Expenses

Total Expenditures

Ending Balance March 31, 2024

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Beginning Balance April 1, 2023

Revenue:

Property Taxes

Replacement Taxes

Interest Income

Insurance Refund

Misc. Income

Total Revenue

EXPENDITURES:

Wages

Hornung Tiling Company

Johnson Oil Company

Rennar Quarries

Quality Spot Repair

Vaessen Bros. Chevrolet

Walter Bros. Plumbing

Vaessen Implement Repair

Lee County Highway

Martin Equipment Company

Misc./Supplies Expense

TOIRMA

Bonnell Industries

Total Road & Bridge Expense:

Ending Balance March 31, 2024

Revenue:

Property Taxes

Replacement Taxes

Interest Income

Insurance Refund

Misc. Income

Total Revenue

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Total Road & Bridge Expense:

Ending Balance March 31, 2024

No. 0702  
(July 24, 2024)

known creditors, which-ever is later. Any claim not filed within that time period is barred.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and/or to the attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.

BY: Brenton J. Liston, a/k/a Brent J. Liston, Representative/Administrator

Robert J. Thompson

119 West First Street, Ste. 200

P.O. Box 1016

Dixon, IL 61021

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No. 0701

(July 17, 24 and 31, 2024)

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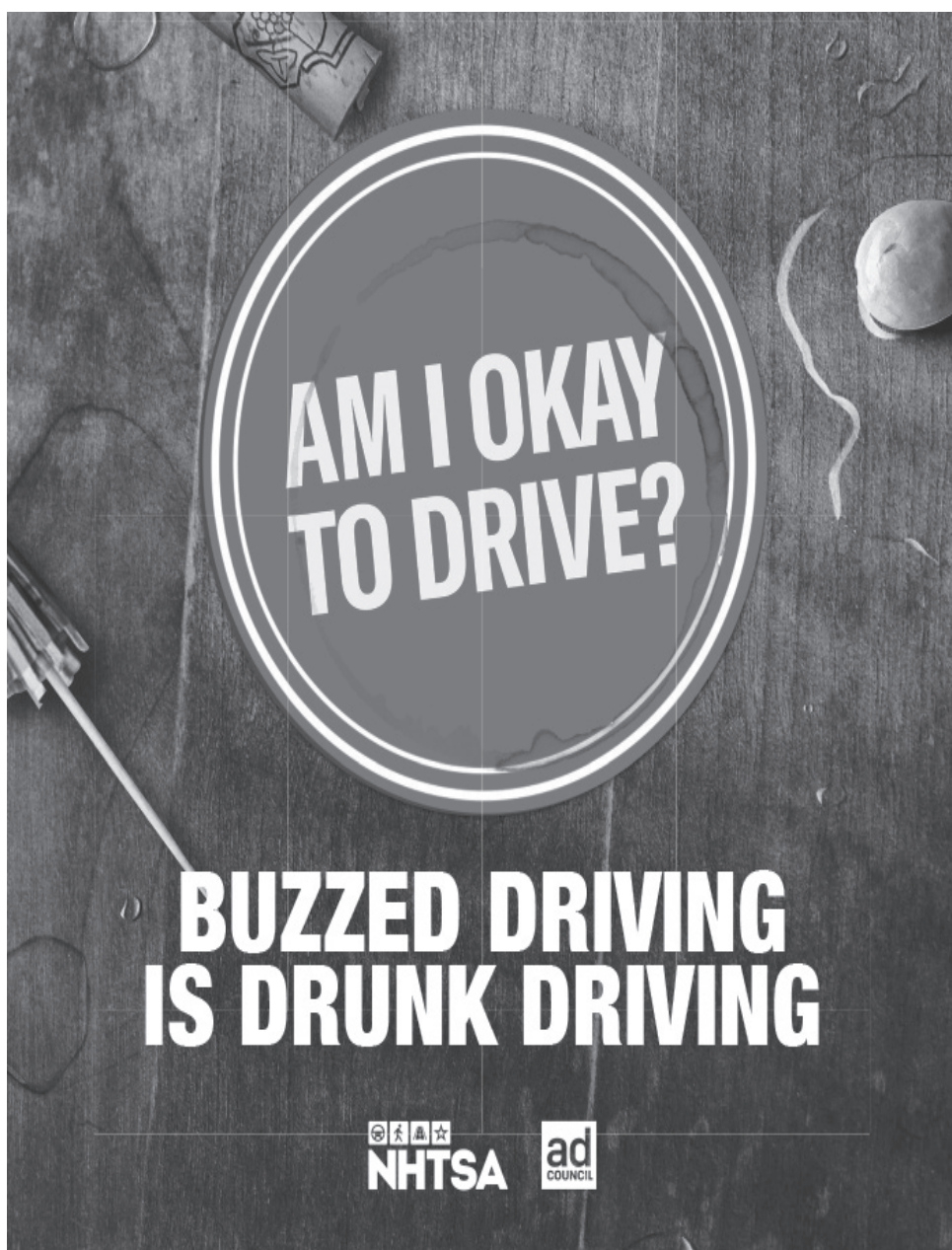
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# July 24-28, 2024

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

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|----------|--|
| 3-8 p.m. | Livestock may enter fairgrounds                    |
| 4-8 p.m. | Rabbit Department check-in – rabbit barn           |
| 5-7 p.m. | Open Show Project check-in – auditorium            |
| 6-7 p.m. | Horse Department check-in – fair office            |
| 7-8 p.m. | Vet available to stamp health papers – fair office |
| 10 p.m.  | All rabbits must be in place                       |



## THURSDAY, JULY 25

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|---------------|--|
| 8-11 a.m.     | Non-Livestock Project check-in                               |
|               | Open Show Project check-in – auditorium                      |
| 9-11 a.m.     | Swine weigh-in – swine barn                                  |
| 10 a.m.       | 4-H Rabbit judging – rabbit barn                             |
| 11 a.m.       | All livestock must be in place                               |
| 11 a.m.-noon  | Vet available to stamp health paper – fair office            |
| 11:30 a.m.    | Open Show judging begins                                     |
| Noon          | Gates open to public   |
|               | Junior Show Crops judging – commercial building              |
|               | 4-H Healthy Living & Nutrition judging - commercial building |
| 12:30 p.m.    | 4-H Crops judging – commercial building                      |
|               | 4-H Floriculture/Horticulture judging – commercial building  |
| 1 p.m.        | Junior Show Rabbit judging – rabbit barn                     |
| 2 p.m.        | Goat judging – show barn                                     |
| 2:30 p.m.     | Cat judging – auditorium                                     |
| 4 & 4:30 p.m. | Learn to Dance w/Starlight Dance Studio - entertainment tent |
| 4-9 p.m.      | Midway open  |
| 4:30 p.m.     | Bingo – vendor tent  |
| 5 p.m.        | Watermelons w/Wyffels Hybrids – patio                        |
| 5:30 p.m.     | Starlight Dance Studio – entertainment tent                  |
| 6 p.m.        | Tractor/Truck Pull w/Back Road Pullers, Inc. - track         |
| 7 p.m.        | Big Wheel races – show barn                                  |

## FRIDAY, JULY 26

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|----------------|---|
| 8 a.m.         | Gate open   |
| 9 a.m.         | Swing judging – show barn   |
|                | 4-H Creative Arts: Visual Arts judging – commercial building                |
|                | 4-H Creative Arts: Photography & Communication judging – auditorium         |
| 10 a.m.        | 4-H Creative STEM: Clothing & Interior Design judging – commercial building |
|                | 4-H Animal Science judging – auditorium                                     |
| 11 a.m.        | Kids' Corner – entertainment tent   |
| 11 a.m.-9 p.m. | Midway opens  |
| 1 p.m.         | Petting Zoo opens   |
| 2 p.m.         | Poultry judging – poultry barn  |
|                | Dairy judging – show barn   |
|                | Kids' Corner – entertainment tent   |
| 4 p.m.         | Pony Rides open – Midway  |
| 4-7 p.m.       | Pie Sale by Teen Turf – patio   |
| 4-8 p.m.       | Whoop Your Axe Throwing – Midway  |
| 5-7 p.m.       | Pork Chop Dinner by Lee Co. Pork Producers – patio                          |
| 5 p.m.         | Awards Ceremony and Ambassador Announcement – auditorium                    |
|                | Farm Scene Contest set-up – commercial building                             |
| 6 p.m.         | Quality Meats & Baked Goods Auction – auditorium                            |
| 6:30 p.m.      | Lee Co. Fair & Illini State Pullers Tractor/Truck Pull – track              |
| 8 p.m.         | Pin Dodge Ball – show barn  |

## SATURDAY, JULY 27

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|----------------|---|
| 7 a.m.         | Gate open   |
|                | Pancake Breakfast by Teen Turf – patio                                |
| 8 a.m.         | Horse Performance & Halter judging – arena                            |
|                | Junior Show Mechanical Sciences judging – commercial building         |
| 9 a.m.         | Sheep judging – show barn   |
|                | Junior Show Visual Arts judging – commercial building                 |
|                | Junior Show Woodworking – commercial building                         |
|                | 4-H Environmental Sciences judging – commercial building              |
|                | 4-H Global Civic Engagement, Career & Leadership judging – auditorium |
|                | 4-H STEM: Mechanical Sciences judging – commercial building           |
|                | 4-H Woodworking judging – commercial building                         |
| 10 a.m.        | Beef Show – show barn   |
|                | Farm Scene Contest open – commercial building                         |
|                | Cloverbud judging starts – auditorium                                 |
| 11 a.m.        | Kids' Corner – entertainment tent                                     |
| 11 a.m.-9 p.m. | Midway opens  |
| Noon-8 p.m.    | Whoop Your Axe Throwing – Midway                                      |
| 1 p.m.         | Petting Zoo opens – Midway  |
| 2 p.m.         | Kids' Corner: Making Mud Pies – entertainment tent                    |
| 3-6 p.m.       | Country Dance – show barn   |
| 4 p.m.         | Pony Rides open – Midway  |
|                | Magic by Cory – auditorium  |
| 5 p.m.         | Awards Ceremony & Cloverbud Graduation – auditorium                   |
|                | Watermelons w/Wyffels Hybrids – patio                                 |
| 5-7 p.m.       | Steak Sandwiches by Lee Co. Farm Bureau Young Leaders – foodstand     |
|                | Country Dance – entertainment tent                                    |
| 6 p.m.         | Master Showmanship contest – show barn                                |
| 7 p.m.         | Rodeo w/T&A Bucking Bulls – track                                     |

## SUNDAY, JULY 28

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|----------------|--|
| 7 a.m.         | Gate open  |
| 8 a.m.         | Horse Novelty classes – arena                        |
|                | Shooting Sports w/Rock River Chapter of NWTF         |
| 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Marketplace Vendor Fair                              |
| 10:30 a.m.     | Pedal Pull registration begins – show barn           |
| 11 a.m.        | Petting Zoo, Pony Rides & Midway open – Midway       |
|                | Pedal Pull begins – show barn                        |
| 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Whoop Your Axe Throwing – Midway                     |
| Noon           | Release time (Open Show only) – commercial building  |
| 1 p.m.         | Donkey Basketball – show barn                        |
| 2 p.m.         | Release time (Farm Scene only) – commercial building |
| 3 p.m.         | Release time (non-livestock 4-H & Jr.)               |
| 4 p.m.         | Release time (livestock & small animals 4-H & Jr.)   |

**\*\*County Fair Speedway & Barrel Train running daily.**



# SPORTS



## Amboy hosts successful summer volleyball camp

**AMBOY** – The Amboy High School Lady Clippers Volleyball program hosted a volleyball camp for young girls interested in volleyball the week of July 8.

The Lady Clippers had two sessions for three days. The first session was second through fifth grade and the second session was sixth-eighth grade. There were over 92 campers and high school players who participated. Campers were from Amboy, Ohio, Holy Cross, and Ashton-Franklin Center.

The girls worked on the fundamentals of volleyball including serving, passing, setting, hitting and the rotations. The girls also played games such as, Queen of Court, Hot Dog, Around the Bend, and the camp favorite Duck, Duck, Goose. The Amboy volleyball program sends a thank you to the high school players for helping and being wonderful “buddies” to the younger campers.

The high school assistants were Tyrah Vaessen, Emersyn Noble, Haleigh Stenzel, Gloria Parker, Jillian Anderson, Grace Althaus, Kiera Karlson, Ellie McLaugh-

lin, Peyton Payne, Brittlyn Whitman, Alyvia Whelchel, Jadyn Whelchel, Madison Althaus, Callen Christofferson, Lexi, Davis, Leighton Gulley, Morgan Kreiser, Lilly Leffelman, Alexa McKendry, Aubrey Wells. Addison Blaine, Amylia Bump, Madelyn Clarida, Faith Fenwick, Abigail Fox, Karona Gall, Kilah Helm, Caylee Hummel, Teagan Payne, Sydney Whelchel, and Tinley Whitney.

Thanks is also sent toward Coach Lindsey Kaleel, Coach Sean Shepard and Coach Medlin, and Kaleel’s Clothing and Printing for making the camp t-shirts for us. The campers in the first session: The second-grade campers were Adaline Montavon, Ryleigh Wolf, Emily Valdez, Dany Lahman, Lorelei White, Addyson Benson. The third-grade campers were: Savannah Benson, Ava Montavon, Harper Meusel, Audrey Hanson, Claire Considine, Paisley Payne, Raelynn Evans, Emmieline Roberts. The fourth-grade campers were Grayson Montavon, Everly Bryant, Olivia Henkel, Dilynn Whitney, Jasmine Mount, Kendall Hopper, Elly



The Amboy High School volleyball team held its annual summer camp the week of July 8. The campers were split into two sessions. Session 1, left, was for players between second-fifth grade. Session two, top right, was for athletes in sixth-eighth grade. Lady Clipper high school players, bottom left, helped the coaches with the campers and assisted the campers in becoming better players. Photo contributed

O’Malley, Ava Riley, Rosalie Bolin, Madison O’Connell, Liana Davies, Maddy Britton. The fifth-grade campers were Annalise Considine, Mila Burke, Emy Moore, McKenzie Warner, Emmerson Benson, Aubreyanne Kimball, Emery Williams, Selena Daffer, Rebecca May.

In the second session was: The sixth-grade campers were: Mackenna Alletto,

Emily Meyers, Cozy Schoenholz, Austyn Britton, Taylyr McNinch, Alice Klein, Kaiya Kaleel. The seventh-grade campers Kendyll Whitney, Alexis White, Amelia Kant, Molly Wilson, Annabelle Leffelman, Vanessa Gross. The eighth-grade campers included Quinnley Piper, Addy Krieser, Jasmine Rhodenbaugh, Mackenzie Alletto, Isabelle Klein

## New AT&T data breach might ring up trouble for all wireless users

**ROCKFORD** – The news a couple weeks ago of a major AT&T data breach and the update on Friday, July 12, 2024, that nearly all AT&T cell customers’ call and text records were exposed in a massive breach is another reminder to be on guard for cyber criminals and scammers.

In a statement, AT&T said the compromised data includes the telephone numbers of “nearly all” of its cellular customers and the customers of wireless providers that used its network between May 1, 2022, and October 31, 2022. The stolen logs also contain a record of every number AT&T customers called or texted – including customers of other wireless networks – the number of times they interacted and the call duration.

In an unrelated incident earlier this month, experts announced

that a file of 10 billion passwords had been loaded up to the dark web.

Dennis Horton, director of the Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau says, “Data breaches are scary; they expose customers’ personal information and leave them more vulnerable to fraud. With many recent data breach announcements from all types of industries, it’s become clear how common data breaches are, and how important it is to protect yourself and reduce identity theft risks. This is important whether you’re a customer of the affected companies or not.”

What is a data breach?

Companies store a large amount of their customers’ personal information in digital spaces. Thieves want access to that information, and they may target companies with malware or exploit weaknesses in digital

security measures. Once they steal the information, these bad actors sell it on the dark web or use it in their own fraud schemes.

What is the risk to consumers?

No two data breaches are the same, and each incident can expose unique information. Consumers affected by a breach may be at increased risk for identity theft. Thieves may use stolen information to fraudulently apply for credit, unemployment benefits and more. In some cases, consumers’ financial accounts may be accessible to thieves.

Companies collect more customer data than ever before. They save payment methods, passwords, addresses and other information. This allows people to save time, ensure bills are paid on time, and budget effectively. However, it also increases the

risk of identity theft. Consumers must take extra care to protect their personally identifiable information.

BBB recommends consumers take these steps to protect their data against or after a breach:

Check your credit report and financial statements often. Monitor your accounts for suspicious activity and notify account providers as quickly as possible. Check your credit report multiple times a year at no cost at [annualcreditreport.com](https://annualcreditreport.com)

You can also freeze your credit report and then unfreeze it if you are applying for credit.

Use strong passwords and change them regularly. Protect your accounts with complex and unique passwords. Using the same password for multiple accounts greatly increases your risk of loss.

Implement two-factor au-

thentication on accounts and devices. This adds another layer of security to your logins. Two-factor authentication sends a code to your phone or email to check the account owner is the one logging in.

Shop with businesses that protect customer information. Check for basic security measures. There should be an HTTPS in the address bar and a clear and detailed privacy policy. Then, look for and check the validity of trust seals like the BBB Accredited Business seal.

Protecting yourself online is critical, but hard copies of private documents can also be stolen. So, it’s important to dispose of your private papers safely.

Even the most careful consumers can fall victim to a data breach. Learn eight things to do after a breach and how to tell if your information was stolen.

## BBB advisory: navigating back-to-school deals amidst scammers’ paradise

**ROCKFORD** – Many consumers plan their back-to-school shopping around “retail holiday’s” Prime Days and Labor Day sales. As a proactive measure, that’s a great plan, especially if your goal is to outwit the scammers. However,

the Better Business Bureau warns parents still need to be cautious while spending their hard-earned dollars.

“It’s a short window that parents have between vacations, and jobs, and getting the needed shopping done to prepare their kids for

the new school year,” says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the BBB. “Scammers make it their business to follow those dates, so they are prepared for the opportunity to rip-off parents.”

Back-to-school and college spending is a pot of gold for scammers. The National Retail Federation (NRF) projects spending will reach more than \$81 billion this year. That figure is only slightly higher than last year.

Most spending will include clothing and accessories, shoes, school supplies, electronics and computer-related equipment.

“In Illinois, there is no reduced sales tax on school-related purchases,” notes Horton. “Beware of offers that claim to be able to provide that.”

BBB offers advice to help shoppers obtain the best deals and avoid getting ripped-off:

- Research big ticket items. Whether your children are learning in-person at school or online from home, technology has come to the forefront in recent years. When buying new equipment, check with your child’s school to learn about

any technical requirements.

- Before purchasing an expensive laptop, tablet, or other computer accessories, research the brands, warranty, customer reviews, and prices of various stores for the best deal. Be sure to look up the retailer’s reputation on BBB.org

- Finish your shopping early. Shop now to avoid paying higher prices or encountering a last-minute scam.

- Shop with familiar retailers. Laptops, tablets, or other tech accessories can be a significant investment. Shop with businesses you know and trust to ensure you’re getting a quality product and good customer service.



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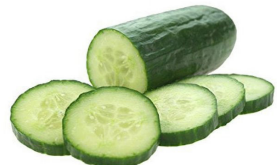




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