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We wrote last week a little bit about the coming of the interstate highway system to Iroquois County in the 1960s in the form of I-57 which would connect the southern tip of the state with the Chicago metro area. The new highway was measured from the south with Gilman being located a mile marker #283.

The interstate system in the U.S. is now in its 65th year, conceived by President Dwight Eisenhower after he had viewed the German Autobahn system during World War II which was designed to move their troops as quickly as possible from one front to another. While the interstates could certainly be used for military purposes, the main goal in the U.S. was to connect 90 per cent of the cities with a population of 50,000 or more through a 41,000-mile network of limited access roads. (When we wrote a piece on the interstate system in 2006 there were 46,000 miles and it was called one of the top 100 events that helped shape America.)

At that time Illinois had 23 interstates where motorists logged 32 billion miles annually. There were two coast-to-coast interstates-80 and 90, and Illinois was the third highest state in terms of routes and mileage.

As a side note we had the chance to experience the German Autobahn during our two-year stint in the Army and found it very hard to relate the experience to those who have not actually driven it. We had bought a used Mercedes 190SL from a dentist at Fort Benning thinking we would take it over with us and have it restored, not knowing what it would cost, which was our first mistake. We drove it for two years and sold it before coming home but found we could drive it comfortably at 90-100 mph but you really have to be traveling at about 120 to stay in the passing lane and yes, we would hear about 100-car pileups.

We got a letter from a friend after we came back stateside that went something like this: "Remember those 100-car pileups we used to hear about? I was in one recently. It's a strange feeling to be standing outside your wrecked car, in the fog, on the shoulder of the autobahn and hearing the cars from a distance farther back continuing to run into each other but unable to see them because of the fog."

Even going 90-100 you would see lights from behind you moving fast and blinking angrily telling you they are not going to slow down and they intend to pass. The Germans did seem to monitor the speed limits more closely on the two-lane roads and we got a speeding ticket one day but all that was required was to give the polizei a small fine as he handed you the ticket.

## Public Health, IMH To Hold Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD), in partnership with Iroquois Memorial Hospital, will be hosting the following Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination clinic, available by appointment or walk-in, for Illinois residents age 12 and older on Thursday, July 8, 4-6 p.m.

To schedule your appointment, visit our website (<https://co.iroquois.il.us/offices/health-department>) or Facebook page for online registration, or call ICPHD at (815) 432-2483 to schedule over the phone.

Please note that individuals under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian present at the time of vaccination. At this time, there is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine. Written documentation from the individual's primary care physician will not be required.

The vaccination clinic will be held at Iroquois Memorial Hospital. Clients will be asked to enter through the main entrance located on the north side of the building and are required to bring a valid form of photo ID.

Individuals who are wheelchair bound or in need of additional assistance may enter through the Emergency Room entrance on the south side of the building. Please do not attend if you do not feel well the day of this clinic or are in isolation or quarantine.

Patients will need to wear a face covering, practice social distancing, and plan to allow at least 15 minutes for observation after the vaccination. Please wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for the injection.

If you are unable to attend this community-based clinic, please watch for future notification of upcoming clinics as more vaccine becomes available.

As more vaccine is allocated ICPHD will communicate availability, along with when, where, and how to receive the vaccine, via traditional and social media outlets as well as on the ICPHD website.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has compiled a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccination.



## Onarga Puts On A Good Welcome Back Parade

We thought Onarga had a nice parade to lead off the July 4 weekend after a one-year hiatus. This picture of a youngster riding in one of the Gilman fire trucks in the parade kind of caught us. The youngster may not understand what is going on but he sure knows that he's having a good time watching the spectacle. The grand marshal for the parade was Mike Tilstra, the town's former village president.

## The Iroquois County Fair Is Back

After going a year without the Iroquois County Fair because of a pandemic county residents will once again be able to enjoy entertainment of the type which is provided by a fair.

While there are two exhibits Monday-4-H visual arts and clothing—the real activity at the fairgrounds north of Crescent City will start on Tuesday when the livestock is moved in and the judging starts.

The evening's entertainment on Tuesday will be provided by the presentations of clubs and the queen pageant and fireworks.

### The Queen Candidates

Six area contestants will vie for the right to succeed Brianne Miller of Martinton who was named the 2019 Miss Iroquois County Fair Queen as the pageant starts at 8:00 p.m. in the grandstand. (Profiles of each of the candidates was in the June 30 issue of The Star.)

The contestants are:

•Leah Lemenager, 21, Clifton, is the daughter of Brett and Tara Lemenager of Clifton.

•Emma Morts, 20, Milford, is the daughter of Kendra Morts and Scott Morts.

•Cassie Peters, 20, Crescent City, is the daughter of Gary Peters and Julie Lange.

•Hailey Lucht, 20, Milford, is the daughter of Anthony and Danielle Lucht.

•Erin Anderson, 19, Rankin, is

the daughter of Todd and Sara Anderson.

•Kaitlyn Bell, 20, Crescent City, is the daughter of Wade and Laura Bell.

### Wednesday

The livestock judging goes into full swing as well as the 4-H and junior ag projects show. The junior and open class judging will be also held in the open judging building.

Wednesday is also family fun night with the talent show at 8:00.

### Thursday

Livestock judging continues and the 4-H obedience show is set for 3:00 while one of the hottest nights of the fair is the demo derby which is set for 7:30.

### Friday

The draft horses start the day at 8:00 followed by the master showman contest at 9 a.m. and the draft horse hitch at 11:00

The livestock sale is at 1:00 and the quilt show runs from 2:00-6:00.

The 4-H clothing style show is at 4:00 with the open class style show at 5:30.

The Latting Rodeo, one of the fair highlights, is set for 7:00 and a teen dance is set for the evening.

### Saturday

The Gaming Expo horse show is set for 7:30 while livestock judging and the tractor drive are at 8:00.

The presentation of tractors is at 1 p.m. followed by the costume goat show at 3:00 and the 4-H dog

agility show at 4:30.

The fair headliner, Jason Pritchett, is on the stage in the grandstand at 8:00 p.m.

### Sunday

The last day of the fair starts with the open pleasure horse show at 8:00 followed by an all-faith church service featuring the gospel music group, The Natural High.

The grill master cook-off contest starts at 11:00 a tractor pull will start at 12:30 p.m.

The costume lead sheep contest starts at 1:00.

The ITPA tractor pull will be held at 6:00.

### Ongoing Events

•Chainsaw carving at 11:00, 2:00 and 5:00 each day.

•Petting zoo.

•Kids zone

Check the [iroquoiscofair.com](http://iroquoiscofair.com) or Facebook for daily specials.

### Swyyear Amusements

Will be on the midway each day with various specials.

### Gate Admission is Free Sunday

Special carload price Thursday and Friday. Some events do require an entry fee, such as the Demo Derby, Queen Pageant & Fireworks, Talent Show, Rodeo, Jason Pritchett and Tractor Pull.

