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HISTORY

Today is Saturday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2025. There are 116 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz (CHAWL'-gawsh) at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. (McKinley died eight days later and was succeeded by his vice president, Theodore Roosevelt.)

On this date:

- In 1995, Baltimore Oriole Cal Ripken Jr. played in his 2,131st consecutive game, breaking Lou Gehrig's 56 year-old MLB record; Ripken's streak would ultimately reach a still-record 2,632 games.
- In 1997, a public funeral was held for Princess Diana at Westminster Abbey in London, six days after her death in a car crash in Paris.



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Village Clerk Brittny Gipson (left) and Village President Brad Hardiek (right) explain how the board can choose to implement a 1% grocery tax or not that could begin as soon as Jan. 1, 2026.

Dieterich officials discuss 1% grocery tax

Mausoleum repairs also pondered

MARIE ADAMICK
DAILY NEWS

The Dieterich Village Board discussed on Tuesday possibly implementing a 1% grocery tax, as the state recently gave non-home rule communities the option to implement it on their own.

In order for the village board to have a seamless transition from the state collecting the 1% to the village collecting it, it needs to send in a resolution that's post-marked by Oct. 1. The board does not need a referendum, and it can pause or resume the tax at any time.

The 1% grocery tax is added on to unprepared food, such as candy and frozen pizzas.

According to Illinois Policy's website, Dieterich accumulates about \$15,000 from the 1% grocery tax, but the Illinois Department of Revenue estimates the funds to be



The mausoleum in Dieterich Cemetery might get repairs to the front wall and the white doors that are coming apart.

around \$50,000. However, Village Clerk Brittny Gipson said the Illinois Department of Revenue does not have an accurate way to estimate the funds the village receives.

Most residents get their groceries in Effingham, officials noted.

"Effingham is in a very unique position where most of that sales tax revenue is coming from residents outside of their area," said Gipson. "You can't get fresh meat

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Henry Siemer named president of Siemer Milling Company

DAILY NEWS

Teutopolis – Henry R. Siemer, 36, was elected president of Siemer Milling Company of Teutopolis by the board of directors, effective Aug. 22, according to a press release.

He was previously vice president and secretary/treasurer, and has been employed at the company for 13 years.

Henry Siemer takes over from his father, Richard C. "Rick" Siemer, who served as president for 39 years and has been with the company for 50 years. Rick Siemer has been elected executive chairman by the board.

Henry Siemer is a graduate of McKendree University in Lebanon and is part of the sixth generation of family leadership at Siemer.

"Henry brings a clear understanding of both the company's values and the evolving situation of the flour milling industry," said the company press release. "He is committed to successfully building on the strong foundation established over the 143 year history of the company."

"From my father, I've learned that true leadership rests on four essential pillars of support," Henry Siemer said in the release. "First, our employees – the skilled, hardworking individuals who take ownership of their work and drive our success.

"Second, our community, whom we serve with the same dedication as our customers.

"Third, our family, the future generations for whom we strive to leave a better world. And fourth, faith, which brings profound fulfillment and guides our path."

"Rick Siemer's five-decade journey represents an impressive story of dedication in American agriculture,"

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Henry Siemer



Rick Siemer

States move to protect vaccines

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Now that Florida is taking steps to be the first state to get rid of school vaccine mandates, some states are looking at following its lead while others are promising to protect vaccines for children and adults.

The state health department in Illinois said it plans to issue specific guidance by the end of September that will help health care providers and residents make informed decisions about vaccinations. The state's health director said they will consult with medical experts.

Florida's announcement on Wednesday along with U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy's attempts to advance anti-vaccine policies have widened the debate over vaccine mandates – long a centerpiece of fighting infectious diseases.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said that roughly 4 million deaths are prevented annually worldwide by childhood vaccinations.

While most Americans say kids should

be vaccinated to attend school, adults nationwide are now less likely to think those immunizations are important. At the same time, routine childhood vaccine rates are falling.

Here is a rundown of what some states are saying about vaccine mandates:

MASSACHUSETTS MOVES TO PROTECT ACCESS TO VACCINES

The state's Democratic governor issued a bulletin Thursday saying that Massachusetts insurance carriers will be required to cover vaccinations recommended by the state's department of public health regardless of whether those vaccines are endorsed by the federal government. Gov. Maura Healey said she wants to make sure the state's residents can afford the vaccines they want. Vaccinations that Massachusetts insurers would be required to cover include routine shots for children, like measles, chickenpox and Hepatitis B.

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Co-owner Eric Abramowitz at Eric's Rx Shoppe unpacks a shipment of COVID-19 vaccines at the store in Horsham, Pa., Tuesday.

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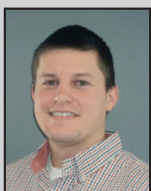
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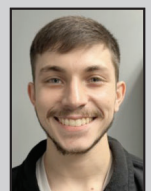
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