



Naitzy Garcia, center, was chosen the Queen of the 76th annual Sweet Corn Festival during the pageant on Aug. 11. Kendall Biers, left, and Karsyn Klatt were named attendants. (Reporter photo)

## ‘Absolutely amazing’

### Smooth sailing for 76th Sweet Corn Festival

By BRANDON LaCHANCE  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Sam Setchell knew when she took the job that the second weekend in August would be the busiest and pack the most duties and responsibilities.

She headed into the 76th Annual Mendota Sweet Corn Festival with optimism and a game plan.

It paid off. “I think my first Sweet Corn Festival (as chamber president/CEO) was amazing; absolutely amazing. I couldn’t have asked for a better weekend,” Setchell said. “We had some showers on Thursday, but for the most part, weather-wise, the sunshine, the temperature, the atmosphere, everyone was in a fantastic mood for our 76th year.”

Although Setchell is from Mendota, there were a few SCF firsts for her during Aug. 10-13.

“It was my first year shucking corn. As cheesy as it sounds, it was really inspiring to see a 100-plus people, not only Chamber Board members and Chamber Ambassadors, but past board and Chamber members and random members of our community wanting to come out,” Setchell said. “We got all of the corn shucked and we got it done in a fun and timely manner. I’m looking forward to corn shucking

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–Sam Setchell

next year and I never thought I’d say those words.

“I’d never been to the food contest. It was a lot of fun seeing all of the different recipes and things that people came up with. During the Special Afternoon that we did on Thursday for individuals with special needs, I was able to be in the registration tent and see all of the amazing families. We had over 50 families that were able to come to the festival and ride the rides.

“It was a thrill to see the smiles on everyone’s faces and see their excitement to have that special time. It was definitely heartwarming.”

Not only were there volunteers shucking corn, but it was all hands-on deck from many sets of hands all weekend.

Setchell thanked many volunteers during the festival and is still letting people know their contributions are appreciated.

“Seeing a lot of the young people like the Mendota High School football team, the MHS volleyball team, and the Matadors, I’m sure there

were plenty of other groups that were volunteering in areas that I wasn’t at to witness, but seeing a lot of the elementary, middle school, and high school members of our community lending a hand whether it was five minutes or five hours, that was fantastic,” Setchell said. “It really does show that we’re the world’s greatest little city no matter what age you are.”

There were moments that were overwhelming, but support and encouragement powered Setchell through.

Between Natalie Hanaman, Becky Biers, and Mari Biers taking care of office responsibilities while Setchell was on the carnival streets, community volunteers, the chamber board members, ambassadors, and the City of Mendota, all came together to overshadow any nerves or issues.

“It’s funny because growing up here, I was always amazed that the Monday after you would never know that we had a massive festival the

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## Gov. Pritzker vetoes bill that would have allowed new nuclear construction

By ANDREW ADAMS  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Gov. JB Pritzker on Aug. 11 vetoed a bill that would have lifted a 1980s moratorium on the construction of new nuclear reactors.

The measure passed in May with three-fifths majorities in both legislative chambers, meaning that if all of the members that voted for it also support an override of the governor’s veto, it still could become law. Its Senate sponsor, state Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, said she has already filed paperwork to bring the bill up in the legislature’s fall veto session scheduled for late October and early November.

The governor said in a message to lawmakers explaining his veto that he did it “at the request of the leadership team of the Speaker of the House and advocates.”

While Pritzker said he saw “real potential” in small modular reactors, or SMRs – a type of “advanced” nuclear reactor that proponents tout as a path forward for the industry – he also said he doesn’t think the legislation goes far enough in regulating the nascent technology.

“This bill provides no regulatory protections for the health and safety of Illinois residents who would live

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## Report: More Illinois schools are fully funded than ever before

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) issued the fiscal year 2024 Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) allocations, announcing an unprecedented number of fully funded districts. There are also zero districts under the 60% funding adequacy benchmark for the first time in Illinois history.

FY 2024 marks a historic number of fully funded districts. Only 146 districts were at or above 100% funding adequacy in the first year of EBF in FY 2018; that number has increased by 59% with 232 districts now fully funded in FY 2024. An additional 94 districts have met the 90% funding threshold.

“Equity is how we move the needle forward in Illinois, and equity has always been at the center of the Evidence-Based Funding formula. I was proud to be at the forefront of the fight to implement EBF and am thrilled to see the compounding positive impact this approach continues to make in districts in every corner of the state,” said

**“We are making sure a student’s ZIP code does not determine their access to a well-rounded, quality education and that every child has the supports they deserve.”**

–Dr. Tony Sanders, State Superintendent

State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders. “Thank you to Governor Pritzker and the General Assembly for their commitment year-over-year to steady increases in equitable education funding. We are making sure a student’s ZIP code does not determine their access to a well-rounded, quality education and that every child has the supports they deserve.”

EBF sends more resources to Illinois’ most under-resourced students. The formula compares the funding a district currently has to the amount it needs to provide a safe, rigorous, and well-rounded learning



environment for its unique student population. This ratio, called a district’s Percentage of Adequacy, quantifies in universal and equitable terms a district’s financial need and has allowed ISBE to distribute both EBF and other state grants more equitably to the districts in the greatest need.

Seven years of investments in EBF have raised the funding floor. The lowest Percentage of Adequacy for any district in the state in FY 2018 was 46%, which meant that district had less than half of the funds it needed to serve its students. Today, the lowest Percentage

of Adequacy is 62%. The number of district’s severely underfunded — at or below 60% — has dropped from 168 in FY 2018 to now zero.

The General Assembly has appropriated an additional \$350 million for EBF in FY 2024. Every district will receive at least the funding it received last year through the formula’s hold harmless provision, called the Base Funding Minimum. The formula will distribute an additional \$300 million equitably based on each district’s Percentage of Adequacy through the

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# LOCAL AND AREA



Naitzy Garcia couldn't have planned the end of her summer before attending Rock Valley College any better. Garcia, a 2023 Mendota High School graduate, was crowned as this year's Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Queen on Friday, Aug. 11 to become the first ever Hispanic contestant to wear the queen tiara. She was also named Miss Congeniality. One of Garcia's duties as the new queen was to crown the Mini King and Queen on Saturday, Aug. 12. (Reporter photos by Kip Cheek and Brandon LaChance)

## Naitzy Garcia named 2023 Sweet Corn Festival Queen Becomes first Hispanic contestant to wear SCF tiara

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – History was made at the 2023 Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Queen Pageant.

Naitzy Garcia was named Miss Congeniality and was crowned queen to become the first Hispanic pageant contestant to take home the tiara.

"It's really exciting. It's a great feeling to be the first Hispanic girl to win," Garcia said. "It's amazing. I literally made history and didn't even know it. The pageant was a lot of fun. It was exciting

overall because I like to put myself out there. It was such a great reward to get back.

"It was a special way to end my time in Mendota since I'm going to move away. To be able to do it with all of my friends because they were involved was an even better experience. It's an honor; it really is."

Garcia, born and raised in Mendota, graduated from Mendota High School this May.

As a Trojan, Garcia played volleyball, basketball, and soccer for four

years, was a member of Student Council for three years, Spanish Club for three years, Interact Club as a senior, helped every year during freshman orientation, and was named last year's Cinco de Mayo Queen.

Now she is off to play National Junior College Athletic Association Division II soccer at Rock Valley College in Rockford.

She plans on studying law with a specialization in immigration at Rock Valley before transferring to Western Illinois Uni-

versity to study criminal justice and enter law school.

But before she takes off for her next adventure, she wanted to experience the pageant.

"The Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Pageant has always been a main highlight of this weekend," Garcia said. "Even when I was younger, we would always say, 'I can't wait for Sweet Corn Fest. I can't wait to do this, this, and this.' I would literally always plan the weekend with my friends.

"As I've grown up,

I've appreciated more and more of how it brings people together. I have friends from 40-minutes away that drive here just to see the pageant. It's also awesome to see all of the people in the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce office and other organizations help with the pageant. They make this a great experience for people of all ages."

Not only did she end her last summer before college being crowned queen and being sashed as Miss Congeniality, but she got to enjoy her

favorite moments of the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival.

"I'm really family orientated, so my favorite part of the Sweet Corn Festival is coming out with my family," Garcia said. "We basically follow my little brother, Julian, around on the rides. It's a nice weekend where we're doing something together without having to go far.

"Also, the parade has always been one of my favorite parts of the Sweet Corn Festival."

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**Henry's Children and Other Stories**  
Sisters Deanna Falchhook, left, and Denise D'Angelo Jones tell stories about their family who migrated to Mendota in the 1800s on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at the Graves-Hume Public Library during their program on their book, *Henry's Children and Other Stories*. The book is co-written by many family members as it stems from diaries written by their great aunts, Hilda Dorathea Zapf and Claire Zapf Segall. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance).

## Mendota Area Senior Services celebrates National Senior Citizen Day Aug. 21 with donation-free rides, ice cream, more

MENDOTA – Mendota Area Senior Services is celebrating LaSalle County senior citizens on August 21 for National Senior Citizen Day.

MASS will offer all seniors, 60-over, donation-free rides. There will also be ice cream, coffee, and lemonade served at 1 p.m. at the Mendota Civic Center.

Please call in advance for rides at 815-529-7700.

“MASS has been well supported by our senior citizens and community as a whole for the last 45 years,” said MASS Transportation Coordinator Gary Stevens. “This day is a small token of our appreciation. We look forward to serving the seniors of Mendota as well as all of LaSalle County for another 45 years.”

## Fourth Annual Duffer Open to play Mendota greens Aug. 26

MENDOTA–The fourth annual Duffer Open will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Mendota Golf Club, hosted by the CSL Foundation.

The CSL Foundation has been set up in the memory of Christina Sue Lilja, who passed away from breast cancer in August 2019. Lilja started working for the American Farm Bureau in 1985 soon after she graduated from Illinois State University. Through the years of working at AFB, Lilja poured her heart and soul into helping others both professionally and personally. Her true passion came to light when she became the executive director of American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture where she helped lead the charge in building awareness, understanding and a positive public perspective of agriculture through education.

Now in existence for four years, the CSL Foundation continues to strive to expand its goals in fundraising for the Christina Sue Lilja Resource Grants. Since 2020, the CSL Foundation has given over 250 grants to educators.

The theme for this year's golf outing is ‘Come Waste Away in Margaritaville.’ Participants are invited to wear Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts, and they will get a chance to win fun prizes.

Lunch will be provided for all golfers. After the



golf outing, there will be a dinner, auction and live music at the Mendota Elks Lodge. Cash donations are being accepted as well as in-kind goods and services for the silent/live auction. Donations can be mailed to CSL Foundation, 1702 Sunset Drive, Mendota, IL 61342.

For sponsor, golfer and non-golfer packages, go online to [Dufferopen.com](http://Dufferopen.com). For questions or more information, call Debbie at 815-326-5645, send an email to [cslfoundationinfo@gmail.com](mailto:cslfoundationinfo@gmail.com), go online to [www.cslfoundation.net](http://www.cslfoundation.net) or visit their Facebook page at [csl foundation](https://www.facebook.com/csl.foundation).

## Kishwaukee offering seven training programs this Fall

MALTA–The Kishwaukee College Continuing Education department will offer seven short-term training programs during the Fall 2023 semester. Kish short-term programs provide students with the skills and training needed to meet local workforce demands. The programs range from 11-20 weeks, allowing students to immediately start a career or build upon their skills with additional training.

Fall 2023 classes will be offered in online, in-person and hybrid formats. Participants will need access to a computer and the internet to participate in programs with an online component. Some programs include an externship/clinical.

The short-term training programs offered in Fall 2023 are:

- Appliance Repair Technician: Sept. 11-Dec. 6 (In-Person): Appliance repair technicians are skilled professionals trained to assist clients with household appliance installation, troubleshooting and repairs. In-person instruction will take place from 5:30-9 pm on Mondays at Kishwaukee College and 5:30-9 pm on Wednesdays at Knodle's Appliance Repair Services, Inc.
- Dental Assistant: Aug. 28-Nov. 18 (Online Lecture/In-Person Practice):

Dental assistants are health care professionals who work closely with dentists and dental hygienists to provide quality preventive and corrective dental care and administrative support in dental offices. In-person practice will be conducted from 6-9 pm on three Tuesdays in a local dental office.

- Pharmacy Technician: Aug. 28-Dec. 9 (Online): Pharmacy technicians assist pharmacists with dispensing prescription medication while performing various other duties in a pharmacy setting. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding is available to those who qualify.
- Phlebotomy Technician: Aug. 28-Nov. 18 (In-Person): Phlebotomists are skilled health care professionals trained to collect, transport, handle, and process blood and other specimens for laboratory analysis using venipuncture and micro-collection techniques. Instruction and in-person practice will be conducted from 6-8:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kishwaukee College. A clinical experience will be offered in a local hospital from Oct. 31-Nov. 18.
- Real Estate Broker Pre-License: Sept. 5-Nov. 16 (Online): Real estate brokers perform many duties in real es-

tate transactions, including marketing homes, establishing escrow accounts, and working to ensure transactions are fair and legal. Online instruction takes place 6-9 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Sterile Processing Technician: Aug. 28-Dec. 2 (Online): Sterile processing technicians support all patient care services in a health care facility. Technicians are responsible for decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed in patient care, especially during surgery.
- Veterinary Assistant: July 23-Dec. 22 (Online Lecture/In-Person Practice): Veterinary assistants are critical members of a veterinary staff trained to assist veterinarians and veterinary technicians with medical procedures on sick and injured animals. Online/live lectures will take place 6:30-9 pm on Tuesdays, and in-person labs will be conducted from 5-8 pm on Thursdays at Ashton Animal Clinic in Ashton. A clinical experience will be offered at a local animal hospital from Nov. 20-Dec. 22.

To learn more or register for Kishwaukee College Short-Term programs, visit [kish.edu/shortterm](http://kish.edu/shortterm).



## Roberts Armory World War II Museum opening Saturday, Aug. 19

ROCHELLE–The Roberts Armory World War II Museum will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, as part of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival in Rochelle.

The museum displays artifacts from WWII, specializing in the history of the 70th Tank Battalion, 10th Mountain Division of WWII as well as local veterans from WWII. The museum is only open three times a year. There is no admission charge.

To find the museum, go to the intersection of Route 251 and Intermodal drive in Rochelle. (An Army truck is at this intersection.) Just follow the signs, about 3 miles to the museum.

More information is available at <http://www.robertsarmory.com>.

## Participants Needed!

Researchers from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory are seeking participants living in *Grundy, Kendall, Will, or LaSalle County* for a 2.5-hour focus group. You will receive a **\$75 Visa gift card**, and food will be served. We will discuss perceptions of the Dresden nuclear power plant and on-site nuclear waste storage. You need not be familiar with nuclear energy to participate. This research does not relate to any changes in nuclear facilities in your area. Focus groups will be held **Aug 21 & 22 from 5:30-8pm** at the *Holiday Inn in Morris* and **Aug 23 & 24 from 1-3:30pm** at the *Morris Public Library*. You must be 18 or older and register in advance to attend.

You can register using the QR code, or by emailing [STAKEHOLDER.RESEARCH@PNNL.GOV](mailto:STAKEHOLDER.RESEARCH@PNNL.GOV) or calling **509-375-6462**.

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## Lorna R. Zapf

EL PASO, Texas — Lorna R. (Bentley) Zapf, 87, of El Paso, Texas, passed away on Aug. 7, 2023.

A private family memorial service is planned for a later date.

Lorna was born in LaMoille on Nov. 15, 1935, to Lloyd and Eudora Bentley. After Lorna graduated from LaMoille High School in 1953, she married Dieter H. Zapf.

Lorna is survived by four sons, Karl Zapf of El Paso, Texas, David (Ruth) Zapf of Joplin, Mo., Stan (Linda) Zapf of Spring, Texas, and Jim (Kellie) Zapf of Denver, Colo. Lorna and Dieter also had the privilege of raising Shawntay Ballard from birth, whom they considered as their granddaughter. She is survived by a total of 57 descendants counting children, spouses, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Lorna was preceded in death by her parents and her husband after 65 years of marriage.

After she and her husband returned home from their honeymoon, in Lorna's words, "with only a quarter to our names, but happy," the couple made their home in Mendota, where Lorna was a homemaker and Dieter owned a construction company. Later, they moved to the Perkins Grove area in LaMoille Township and then to El Paso, Texas, where they made their home for the rest of their lives.

Lorna was loving and compassionate, having taken into her home numerous foster children. She loved studying the Bible, leaving behind a legacy of devotion to Jesus Christ. One of her greatest joys was teaching the Bible to all the children who came under her care.

Instead of flowers, donations may be made to the Rescue Mission of El Paso (<https://rmelp.org>), one of the many charities Lorna supported.

## Harold H. Meisel

MENDOTA — Harold H. Meisel, 98, of Mendota, passed away Aug. 12, 2023, at Allure of Mendota.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, at 11 a.m., at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Vicar Anthony Windau officiating. Burial will be in Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 a.m. until time of services.

Harold was born July 3, 1925, in Mendota to Charles and Agnes (Bauer) Meisel. The family lived in Westfield Township until 1939. He married Darlene Rod on July 6, 1946, in Mendota. They made their home on the farm in Dimmick Township until he retired and moved to Mendota in 1995.

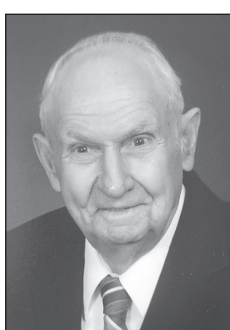
He is survived by his wife Darlene of Mendota; three children, Janet (Rick) Close of Dalzell, Kevin (Joann) Meisel of Mendota and Darryl (Sandy) Meisel of Ottawa; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Harold attended LaMoille School. After his education, he took up farming on his father's farm.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota and former member of Dimmick School Board and Dimmick Township Board. He volunteered for Mendota Area Senior Services, St. John's Lutheran Church and Meals on Wheels. In 2002, he and Darlene were nominated by Mendota Area Senior Services and were accepted into the Gallery of Ageless Achievers.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church or Mendota Area Senior Services. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



## Illinois Department of Public Health urges public to watch out for rabid bats, other infected animals

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding the public to be aware of the potential for exposure to rabies from infected animals. Bats are the most common source of potential infection in Illinois, and exposures from bats tend to be more frequent during the summer months, especially July and August. The disease can also be found in other wild animals, including raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes.

So far this year, 27 rabid bats have been found in 14 Illinois counties. There have been five rabid bats each in Kankakee and Lake counties, four in Cook County, and three in McHenry County. Rabies has also been found in bats in Bureau, Clark, DeKalb, Macon, McLean, Peoria, Rock Island, Sangamon, Wayne, and Will counties.

"Rabies is a fatal but preventable disease," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "It is important that Illinois residents know how to prevent rabies exposure to protect themselves and their loved ones. Rabies can be prevented in a number of ways including vaccinating pets, being cautious around wildlife, and seeking medical care immediately after a potential exposure. If exposed, please seek medical attention immediately."

Rabies is a deadly virus that affects the brain and nervous system. People can get rabies from being bitten by an infected animal. Rabies can also be contracted when saliva from a rabid animal comes into contact with a person's eyes, nose, mouth, or an open wound. If someone wakes up to find a bat in the room, that is also considered an exposure even if they cannot identify a bite.

A bat's teeth are small, so someone who has been bitten by a bat may not

know it, or may be unable to communicate it (for example, very small children). That's why it's important that if you discover a bat in your home, you should avoid killing or releasing it; instead, immediately consult with your local animal control or your local health department to determine appropriate next steps. If you have been exposed to rabies, preventive treatment, known as PEP, is necessary. But if the bat or wild animal can be safely captured and tested, and the test comes back negative, no preventive medication is required.

If you have been bitten by any wild animal, seek immediate medical attention. Animal bites may also become infected with bacteria. Rabies preventive treatment, if needed, must begin within a few days of the exposure.

A bat that is active during the day, found on the ground, or is unable to fly is more likely than others to be rabid. Such bats are often easily approached but should never be handled.

"It's also recommended to take steps to protect your pets against exposure to rabies," said Dr. Mark Ernst, Illinois State Veterinarian. "Illinois law requires that all dogs and cats 16 weeks of age and older be vaccinated for rabies and registered with their county. If an animal bites a person or your pet is bitten by another animal, the local animal control must be contacted for quarantine information."

Please visit the Illinois Department of Agriculture website at: <https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/other-species> for more information.

The following tips can help prevent the spread of rabies:

- Do not touch, feed, or unintentionally attract wild animals with open

garbage cans or litter.

- Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home. Do not try to nurse sick wild animals to health. Call animal control or an animal rescue agency for assistance.

- Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly. "Love your own, leave other animals alone" is a good principle for children to learn to reduce the risk of exposures to rabid animals.

- Maintain homes and other buildings so bats cannot get inside. If a bat is in your home, do not release the bat outdoors until after speaking with animal control or public health officials.

- After consulting with animal control or public health officials, the bat may need to be captured for rabies testing to determine if you need preventive treatment or if your pet may have been exposed.

Steps you can take to capture the bat if animal control is not available:

- When the bat lands, approach it slowly, while wearing thick gloves, and place a box or coffee can over it.

- Slide a piece of cardboard under the container to trap the bat inside.

- Tape the cardboard to the container securely, and punch small holes in the cardboard, allowing the bat to breathe and call animal control.

- Do not come into physical contact with a bat.

- If the bat is dead, put it in a plastic container and keep it cool while waiting for animal control to pick it up.

You can find more information about rabies and how to prevent exposure at the Illinois Department of Public Health website: Rabies ([illinois.gov](http://illinois.gov)).

## Motorists should be alert for children riding bikes to school

MENDOTA — The Mendota Police Department urges motorists to pay attention, be alert for bikes and share the road. MPD urges bicyclists to be predictable and observe traffic laws. Your actions affect public opinion.

### Illinois Bicycle Laws

Traffic laws apply to persons riding bicycles. Bicyclists riding on a highway are granted all of the rights and are subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, with few exceptions.

Lane Positioning — When riding on roadways and bicycle paths at less than normal traffic speed, ride

as close as practicable and safe to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except, when overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or, when preparing for a left turn, or, when reasonably necessary to avoid fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, motorized pedal cycles, pedestrians, animals and surface hazards.

Lights on Bicycles — For night riding, a front lamp with a white light visible from at least 500 feet to the front and a red reflector on the rear visible from 100 feet to

600 feet are required. A rear light visible from 500 feet may be used in addition to the red reflector.

Two or More on a Bike — Bicycles shall not be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, except that an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his person in a backpack device or sling.

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# LOCAL AND AREA



Workers make sure the sweet corn keeps flowing on Sunday afternoon of the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival. (Reporter photo)

## Festival

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few days before,” Setchell said. “Now, seeing it firsthand, the City of Mendota and everyone who had a hand in the cleanup, incredible. It’s insane, especially walking the streets during the festival and seeing how everything goes, and then Monday morning it’s back to business.

“I did not see a single cob of corn when I walked from my car to the office. That makes me very happy. They did a fantastic job cleaning up.”

The Ferris Wheel was not the only wheel spinning during the SCF as festival-goer numbers increased once again since COVID-19. Naitzy Garcia (a 2023 MHS graduate) was named the Sweet Corn Queen and Miss Congeniality, new vendors added variety, and Mendota native Sue Aughenbaugh

won the 50/50 drawing, which reached \$30,418 for a \$15,209 take-home prize.

“We are seeing our numbers rise since the pandemic. It’s definitely in an upward turn. We’re hoping every year will be more and more so we can get back to and even greater than pre-COVID-19,” Setchell said. “It was so amazing that Naitzy Garcia won the Sweet Corn Pageant. We were so happy to see her win not only the Sweet Corn Festival Queen but also Miss Congeniality as well. In my opinion, Miss Congeniality is one of the greatest achievements that you can win in our pageant because you’re voted on by your peers; the girls that you go to school with and see every day. That definitely tells you what kind of person she is.

“We saw a lot of new vendors this year and I was really excited to see some

more variety. It felt like there was a little bit of something for everyone when it comes to food. We also saw a big jump in the numbers over the weekend. I definitely want to say thank you to Main Street Station because that is where the winning ticket was purchased. A big thank you to all of the local businesses that sold tickets for us. We love seeing that pot grow every single year.

“Sue was very excited when we gave her the call. With her being in town, she got quite a few calls before I was able to reach her, but she made it downtown and we had her photo taken. It couldn’t have gone to a nicer lady.”

Setchell added thank you’s to the three consolation winners of \$500 each, other people who bought tickets and last year’s 50/50 winner, Jennifer Escatel for selling tickets.

## Schools

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Tier Funding portion of the formula. Districts with the highest property tax rates will also be eligible for nearly \$50 million in Property Tax Relief Grants.

Thanks to steady increases in EBF, education funding has increased from \$5.9 billion in FY 2017 to

\$8.28 billion in FY 2024.

State law requires districts annually to complete an EBF Spending Plan, indicating how it plans to use its Tier Funding and its funds earmarked for English learners, special education students, and low-income students. These plans will be public as part of the school district budget

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New and returning GED students are asked to contact Cindy Lock at 815.224.0358 for further information and registration. ESL students may contact Sara Escatel, para ayuda en español, al 815.224.0355

More information is available at [ivcc.edu/adulteducation](http://ivcc.edu/adulteducation). The Adult Education office is located in the IVCC Peter Miller Community Technology Center (CTC Room 220), 815 N. Orlando Smith Road, Oglesby.

## Veto

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and work around these new reactors,” Pritzker wrote. “My hope is that future legislation in Illinois regarding SMRs would address this regulation gap.”

The governor also cited an “overly broad definition of advanced reactor” in the bill that he said could “open the door to proliferation” of large-scale nuclear power plants, like the reactors at the state’s six existing generating stations.

Pritzker said these traditional reactors are “so costly to build that they will cause exorbitant ratepayer-funded bailouts.”

The bill would have allowed for the construction of reactors that meet the federal government’s definition of “advanced reactor,” which require that fission reactors have “significant improvements” to things such as safety features and waste yields.

Rezin, in a phone interview with Capitol News Illinois, said Pritzker’s characterization of the bill allowing construction of traditional reactors is “just not true.”

“This is a pattern of a governor that is bending to special interests,” Rezin said.

Rezin also noted the limitation in the bill to only apply to advanced reactors came out of bipartisan negotiations.

“Advanced nuclear reactors would help supplement the flaws that wind and solar unfortunately have by providing reliable power 24/7, because wind and solar alone don’t have the infrastructure or technology to provide our state with the reliable, affordable and efficient energy it needs,” Rezin said in a news release.

Rezin’s claims about advanced nuclear reactors are contentious, particularly among some environmental advocates that have been leading voices in the push for carbon-free energy in Illinois.

Last week, a pair of influential advocacy groups sent a letter to Pritzker asking him to veto the bill. The Sierra Club Illinois Chapter and the Illinois Environmental Council’s joint letter outlined several concerns, including waste disposal, costs and a lack of up-to-date regulation.

“Nuclear power comes with significant safety risks and results in highly hazardous wastes that threaten our drinking water, with no safe, permanent waste solution in sight,” IEC Executive Director Jen Walling said. “Rather than abandon all safeguards, Gov. Pritzker recognized that such substantial risks merit the highest protective guardrails our state can offer.”

Waste was the central concern of the original moratorium, which will end when the head of the state’s Environmental Protection Agency finds the federal government has “identified and approved” a method for the disposal of high-level nuclear waste, a responsibility the federal government has failed to successfully act on.

Currently, nuclear waste is stored on-site at the plant that produced it. But in the 1970s and 80s, a facility outside of Morris, became home to waste from California, Minnesota, Nebraska and Connecticut, making Grundy County the nation’s only de facto high-level storage site.

Rezin defended her proposal on the subject of waste as well, pointing out in an interview that companies building nuclear reactors must submit plans for waste management when they apply for permits.

“This is a very heavily regulated industry by the federal government,” Rezin said.

Beyond waste, environmental advocates also say

that focusing on nuclear power diverts attention and resources away from the development of wind, solar and battery storage technology.

“SB76 would have opened the door to increased risk, negative environmental impacts, and higher costs for consumers while jeopardizing our progress toward Illinois’ clean energy future,” Sierra Club Illinois Director Jack Darin said.

The nuclear moratorium does not affect research reactors, like the one under development at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

In addition to this bill, the governor also vetoed a measure that would have required the state to implement a contract to provide religious dietary options in schools, which Pritzker rejected because food service contracts are a district-level responsibility. Pritzker also used his amendatory veto powers to modify two bills that have to do with property taxes and government procurement.

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‘How do you live without trees?’

I’ve never thought Illinois didn’t have trees until my cousin asked, “How do you live without trees in Illinois?” The question blew my mind.

**Never the Last Chance**

By Brandon LaChance



I mean, we’re all breathing, every windstorm ruins someone’s day because an Oak fell on their car or through a house window, and during the summer you can hear multiple weed whackers on the same corner in every Illinois community as they clean up what lawnmowers can’t reach around trees, fences, and flowers.

My initial thought was, ‘How do you live with being so crazy?’

But then I looked at my surroundings.

I was speaking to my cousin in her home state of West Virginia during a giant family vacation in June. As we were speaking, the backdrop was trees.

Not just one.

Not a bushel.

Not a gathering.

A family of trees bigger than our family surrounded her community where the driveway entered and circled around 8-10 houses. One way in and one way out. Behind the houses on each side were trees.

Around, on top, surrounding... everywhere.

And it wasn’t like we were in the boondocks, which I originally thought that’s where I’d be when I blocked off a week in my planner, but we were in Morgantown.

Morgantown has a population of 29,219 (2021 from Wikipedia) and is the home of West Virginia University.

In other words, not small, not desolate, not hick-woods, not a shack in the middle of nowhere, which seemed to be everywhere else in West Virginia. Haha, I can say that since I am comfortably at my desk in Illinois, although, I may pay for it next time I see the family.

Then I started looking through the city as we made a grocery store run, picked up fireworks, and stopped for ice cream. There were Snyder’s Grove Parks, Mathiessen State Parks, and Buffalo Rocks in the middle of the city.

Not in an isolated patch like we see in Illinois.

Then I thought about my cousin’s question again, ‘How do you live without trees?’

I started scratching my head (definitely figuratively, good chance of literally) as it began to develop as a real question instead of sarcasm or as a joke like it had originally struck against my forehead.

On the way home, I looked at Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana and (definitely figuratively) counted trees in groupings.

If each state was a gang and the membership size of the gang was based on how many trees were in each state, Illinois is getting beat up or would need to call in other states for backup.

I remember hearing the saying, ‘For every tree that’s cut down, blown down, or removed, a tree seed should be planted.’

Was that ever really a thing?

Did we simply stop going to the tree seed store?

Did the tree seed store close down in the recession or once Amazon started slinging seeds?

My mind worked fast offering educated, comedic, and purely flighty bald (I was never blonde and don’t have hair, so we go with bald) questions.

In the end, I didn’t come up with an answer. And I never heard the rest of the family come up with a solution either.

There has to be a state with even less trees than Illinois, right? There are people alive and living well on each of the 50 states. I just google, North Dakota is the least as three percent of the state is covered by trees, Nebraska is at four percent, and South Dakota is at five percent.

Upon more research, forests cover 79 percent (12.2 million acres) of West Virginia.

When you CTRL + F and type in Illinois on 8billion-trees.com, a website with stats on trees and what kind of trees are in what state, there is only one finding, White Oak is the most common tree in Illinois.

There are zero stats. Why? I’m guessing because we don’t have any trees.

I’m entirely grateful we’ve been able to live in Illinois for so long without oxygen from trees, but maybe it’s time to get back to growing new trees and making sure oxygen stays in our state.

So right after you’re done reading this, visit the tree seed store or order a couple packs of tree seeds online.

Either way, let’s make it happen Illinoisans.



## The YMCA comes to Mendota – 1896

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Aug. 14, 1996.)

**By Jessica Nashold**

A hundred years ago, Mendota was whipping up enthusiasm for a “permanent organization” of the Young Men’s Christian Association here. The first steps were taken in August 1896. The constitution and bylaws of the state YMCA were read and adopted. A board was elected with three degrees of tenure.

Board members to serve one year were J.H. Dix, E.J. Staten, C.J. Franks and Fulton Gifford. Two-year members were G.V. Clum, Samuel Nauman, T.G. Herbert and Albert Otterbach. Elected to serve three years were Dr. E.P. Cook, C.L. Hawley, George S. Denison and H.H. Henry.

The board met at once and elected officers – C.T. Franks, president; George Denison, vice president; Harry H. Henry, recording secretary; and Fulton Gifford, treasurer. There was a membership of 160.

The first item on the YMCA agenda was to decide on suitable quarters and have them “fitted up.”

The Sun immediately suggested that a few public spirited Mendotans put up a new building for the Y.

**For less than \$3,000, a magnificent club house could be built.**

Members were prepared to pay \$150 to \$200 per year for rent. There was also the sum of \$2,000 still drawing interest in a disbanded Universalist church account, which might be made available to a YMCA. It was thought a stock company might be formed “for stability.”

However, none of these suggestions got off the ground. The YMCA’s first rooms were above the Dix clothing store in a building owned by Fred Cavell, one door east of his meat market. This was on the south side of Washington Street.

There was a reading room, a game room and also gymnasium equipment. The formal opening was on Oct. 25, 1896. For the first few years the Y sponsored athletic events and was a popular gathering place, but gradually membership dwindled. Headquarters were moved to rooms above the Herbert meat market on the north side of Washington Street in 1906 and in November 1907, the Mendota YMCA disbanded.

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### Backtracks & Sidetracks

At the fair in 1896, races were a major attraction. A new pacing record for the Mendota track was set when Sir Edwin Arnold, with a time of 2:13.5 bested Dyersburg’s record at the Mendota track of 2:14.25 the previous year. Owners of these two horses were rival businessmen in Paducah, Ky.

Many of the races were “close and exciting” – in one heat, so much so that –

**The audience disagreed with the judges and howled their disapproval when the decision was announced.**

Receipts at the 1896 fair were \$4,500 of which \$3,300 was paid out in purses for the races. After other expenses, a net of \$300 to \$400 was anticipated.

**Certainly a very good showing for a hard times year.**

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Speaking of hard times, corn was bringing only 19 cents a bushel in Mendota, and –

**But for the fact that two dealers are having their commission waived in Chicago, it would bring less.**

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The Advent Christian Association was holding its annual camp meeting on the Adventist college campus in Mendota in August 1896. People living near the camp grounds were urged to cut the weeds in the vicinity.

**There is nothing will leave so bad an impression on visitors as to have the streets run over with weeds.**

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A heat wave in Mendota and elsewhere was described as the most severe in 20 years. In Chicago, figures were published showing 658 deaths in the period from Aug. 2-9, 1896.

**Many dropped dead on the street, or were found dead in their beds.**

In trying to escape the heat at night, “more than the usual number rolled from roof tops or fell from balconies and fire escapes.”

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Mendota’s sewer system was under construction and contractors Mahoney & Stenger advertised that 100 men were needed on the job. No salary was quoted.

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The firm of Schaller & Goebel was starting work on expansion of its building at the corner of Washington Street and Eighth Avenue. A second story was being added and provision was being made for “a commodious repertory” in front where “there fine work can be shown to advantage.”

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Republicans met at city hall to organize a Republican Club. George Tower was president, J.G. Reul and Dr. M. Wilson, vice presidents; Theodore Fischer, secretary; and R.N. Crawford, treasurer.

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A former Mendotan, Miss Lottie Hicks, an employee of the Chicago post office, won third prize in a contest for “most popular working girl.” It was conducted by the Chicago Chronicle. The prize was a trip to Denver and other Colorado resorts.

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A sneak thief stole several boxes of cigars from P.J. Hart’s cigar store, and peddled them at the circus grounds at “3 for 5 cents.”

**There were no revenue stamps on the boxes, so the case became a government one.**

A U.S. Marshal arrested the man and took him to Chicago. He was also found to have a “kit of burglar tools.”

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George H. Madden’s “little boy Ralph” (a future Mendota mayor) was injured while attempting to jump on a merry-go-round.

**He was severely bruised, but no bones were broken.**

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It was noted that when the Chicago sanitary canal was put in operation, Marseilles would be in an enviable position.

**No town in the state is so situated as to command the water power that will be possible there.**

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## The fear factor of Donald Trump

**By Rich Lowry**

Donald Trump has gotten indicted yet again, and, as usual, most of the other Republican candidates have been sympathetic, if not outright deferential, to him.

It’s another episode that raises the question: Can someone who is afraid of Trump defeat him?

Of all the advantages that Trump has in the competition for the 2024 Republican nomination -- immediate past president, ability to generate enormous media attention, etc. -- perhaps foremost among them is the fact that the other Republican candidates are afraid.

It’s hard to think of anyone who has ever won a major-party nomination while showing fear, especially of someone else in the field.

A successful candidate might be careful around certain issues or constituencies, or back off of an unpopular position. But being clearly scared by an opponent is something else, entirely. George W. Bush and John McCain might have hated or disdained each other in 2000, same with McCain and Mitt Romney in 2008, or Romney and Newt Gingrich in 2012. But no one was ever clearly, demonstrably afraid.

Until now.

When asked about Trump, most of the candidates might not actually lick their lips, or swallow hard or begin to blink faster, but you wouldn’t be surprised if they did. Generally, they’ll evade questions, reject the premise or revert to an answer that has been as carefully crafted as an official statement by one of the parties negotiating the Paris Peace Accords.

You can almost see them thinking:

Maybe he’ll leave me alone.

Maybe he’ll make me his veep.

Maybe there will be a better time to attack him later.

If they can help it, his opponents will never say Trump’s name -- he’s the most unnamed major politician in American history. Mike Pence has tended to call him “my former running mate.”

This means that Donald Trump’s political dominance of the rest of the field extends to a kind of personal and psychological dominance.

A key aspect of the Trump phenomenon from the beginning has been how he’s brought the subrational element of politics that’s always been there, but usually relatively submerged, to the fore -- more Frans de Waal, author of “Chimpanzee Politics,” than Richard Hofstadter; more Dana White than Lee Atwater.

This raises the possibility that not taking Trump head-on means more than simply missing the opportunity to make the case against him. It also means implicitly acknowledging his status as the Big Man of Republican politics, and the rival’s status as a subordinate player in the world Trump created and rules.

The only one who’s really not playing this game is Chris Christie, who gives as good as he gets and also needles Trump and initiates fights against him. If Christie can achieve a break-out in New Hampshire, it will be based, in part, on winning points on strength and courage while doing and saying what no one else dares. (Also-rans Will Hurd and Asa Hutchinson criticize Trump, too, but more politely and conventionally.)

All that said, the other candidates are reacting to a genuine conundrum -- Republican voters might be open to an alternative to Trump in theory, but they don’t want anyone to criticize him. How to square that circle is the biggest challenge for the rest of the field, at least those members of it genuinely running to win.

To be fair, Governor Ron DeSantis, as Trump’s main target, has been willing to push back as necessary, and he makes a constant, implicit critique of Trump’s electoral prospects and governing abilities. But the Florida governor is always careful to stay on the right side of the line, biding his time for later or hoping that his message catches on without having to grasp the nettle. This isn’t unreasonable, but, again, it exposes a disparity -- he has a strategy, while Trump has a sledgehammer.

So long as everyone believes that Trump has one and they don’t -- and acts accordingly -- the fear factor will continue to work in Trump’s favor.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*  
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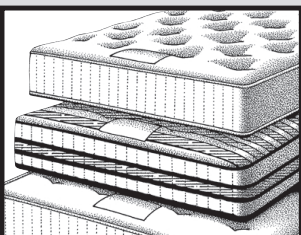
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# SOCIAL NEWS



Betty Lou Bohn

## B. Bohn to mark 100th birthday with Aug. 26 event

MENDOTA – Betty Lou (Chaon) Bohn of Mendota will celebrate her 100th birthday on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, with family and friends.

A reception for Bohn will be held at Stonecroft Village, 1700 Burlington St., Mendota, from noon to 4 p.m. on Aug. 26. Friends are encouraged to attend for cake. Your presence is the only gift requested.

Bohn was born on the farm on Aug. 25, 1923, in West Brooklyn, the daughter of Adolph and Maude (Montavon) Chaon.

She married Cal Bohn (deceased in 2007) in 1944, where they lived in West Brooklyn. She is a member of Holy Cross Church in Mendota. She enjoys visiting with family and friends, playing dominoes, Rummikub and shopping. She also loves visitors.

Bohn is the mother of three children, Rick (Ginny) Bohn of Williams Bay, Wis., Dr. Kathy (Dr. Tom Nielsen) Bohn of Bloomington, and Randy (Val) Bohn of Nashville, Ark. She has six grandchildren, Dan Bohn, Amy Bohn, Mike Bohn, Nicole Reid, Pam Bohn and Dr. Beth Nielsen, and 10 great-grandchildren, Adam and Casey Bohn, Abigail Reid, Maddi Reid, Josh Reid, Jason Reid, Braelynn Reid, Chloe Wheeler, Ricky Wheeler and Lexi Wheeler.



Marilyn Neff

## Card shower planned for Neff's 90th

MENDOTA – Marilyn Neff will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Sunday, Aug. 27.

A card shower is planned in her honor. Cards may be sent to:

Marilyn Neff, c/o Allure of Mendota, 1201 First Ave., Mendota, IL 61342.

## State Rep. Fritts named to Class of '23 Edgar Fellows

DIXON - State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) recently completed the 2023 Edgar Fellows Program Executive Leadership Training Event at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

"I am truly honored to join the 2023 class of Edgar Fellows," said Fritts. "Government is a team sport that requires constant collaboration and compromise with legislators on both sides of the aisle. Jim Edgar exemplified those ideals through his work as Illinois Governor and has built this incredible program to ensure the next generation of leaders continue to promote bipartisan cooperation."

The Edgar Fellows Program was founded in 2012 by former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar with the purpose of promoting bipartisan public policy in all levels of Illinois government. Rep. Fritts is one of forty government leaders chosen to participate in this highly selective program.

Fritts continued, "The program offers informational seminars and discussions hosted by industry leaders and allows legislators from across the state to come together and discuss how we can address the problems our constituents are facing. I am thankful for this opportunity to learn and grow as a legislator in order to best serve the people of my district."



Rep. Fritts

## LaSalle Library hosting radio fan

LaSALLE – The LaSalle Public Library will virtually host radio enthusiast and author, Steve Darnall, for a presentation about Chicago and the Golden Age of Radio, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Chicago was a major radio epicenter during the medium's early years. In this presentation, Darnall will explore the Windy City's many groundbreaking contributions to the radio, including soap operas, juvenile adventure serials, early

morning radio shows, and local legends that became national sensations.

Darnall's love of the golden age of radio began at age 12, when his father introduced him to the Those Were the Days broadcast hosted by Chuck Schaden.

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## N. Shelor ties for 2nd place in prestigious World Golf Tourney

PINEHURST, N.C. – Nora Shelor of Rogers, Ark., and Goodyear, Ariz., tied for second place in the US Kids' World Golf Tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., which culminated on Aug. 5. The tournament requires three consecutive days of nine-hole play.

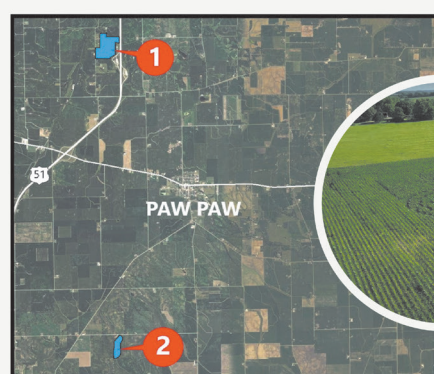
The youngsters, coming from all over the world, are placed in age groups and Shelor played in the 9-year-old group. This is her third year to win the opportunity to play in the tournament. Her first and second year she placed fourth. She started golf lessons at the age of 6. Her family consists of many fond golfers.

The day before the start of the tournament, on a practice round, Shelor scored her second hole-in-one. The hole was a par 4, 190 yards. Needless to say, she was thrilled. That event was witnessed by a couple sitting on their outside deck right off the golf course. They were shouting their "congratulations."

Shelor is the daughter of Casey and Andrew Shelor, the granddaughter of Jill and Kent Shelor and the great-granddaughter of Linda and Emerson Byrd of Mendota, and the late Lyle Shelor.



Nora Shelor, center, with her parents, Andrew and Casey Shelor, shows her trophy for tying for second place in the US Kids' World Golf Tournament in Pinehurst, N.C. (Photo contributed)



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### City Ordinance

**Animals-Pet Waste Ordinance**

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- Requirement for disposal. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.
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- Violations and penalties. Any person(s) who is found to have violated the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$25 and no more than \$75.

### Mendota man enters not guilty plea; trial date set

MENDOTA – A trial date has been set for a Mendota man who entered not guilty pleas to his charges during an appearance in LaSalle County Circuit Court on Aug. 11.

Brett W. Merritt, 54, of 803 14th Ave., will go to trial on Monday, Oct. 16 after being charged with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, a Class 2 felony, and two counts of child pornography, a Class 3 felony.

The aggravated criminal sexual abuse charges, brought about on Aug. 1, are for alleged contact with a teenager between 13 and 17 years of age at the time of the offenses. The two offenses were alleged to have occurred in 2017 and 2018, but the criminal information filed in LaSalle County Circuit Court states that Merritt is subject to an extended statute of limitations because of the alleged victim's age and the alleged nature of the contact.

The initial charge against Merritt that occurred on July 11 was for the offense of possession of child pornography, following the execution of two LaSalle County search warrants in Mendota, one being the home of Merritt and the other being his place of business at 800 Monroe St. His arrest by Mendota Police followed a six-month investigation into multiple and various crimes.

Before the trial begins, Chief Judge H. Chris Ryan Jr. ordered Merritt to appear in court for a motions hearing on Thursday, Oct. 5.

The aggravated criminal sexual abuse charge carries a possible prison sentence of three to seven years and the child pornography charge carries a two- to five-year sentence.

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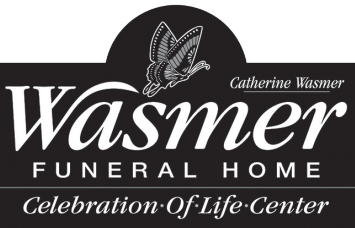
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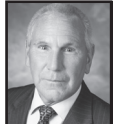
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Your ability to get along with people greatly impacts the quality of your life. That's why it's important to know how to relate to all kinds of people—not just the ones who are like you.

Personally, I have had to learn how to work with all kinds of people because I literally have hundreds of people working for me. When you are in that situation, you learn that you have to talk to some differently than others. You have to understand them in different ways. You can't expect the exact same thing out of every single person.

I've also learned that people respond to correction or constructive criticism in different ways. Some need a little more attention than others. Some

need you to pat them on the back at least twice a month or else they feel rejected...while others are fine if you don't pay any attention to them.

Here's a common reason why our relationships get messed up: We all have a tendency to try to give other people what we need, instead of giving them what they need.

### What "Makes Them Tick"?

One of the biggest mistakes we make in relationships is not studying people to discover their individual needs. If you will closely observe people, they'll let you know what "makes them tick."

Many people are stuck in self-centered mind-sets. For example, some opinionated people don't understand that everybody doesn't want their opinion.

Maybe someone who thinks they're always right doesn't "get it" that somebody else would like to be right once in a while. Maybe somebody who is a big talker doesn't understand that other people would like to talk occasionally.

To have better relationships, start thinking more about others and noticing their needs. For instance, if I want to be a good wife and a blessing to my husband, Dave, then it requires me to pay attention to what he likes. I need to stop and listen when he talks about his dreams, preferences, and



things he likes to do.

And then—and this is the important part—I need to follow through with what I find out!

### Taking Practical Steps

This is where your love walk comes into play. Are you including others in your daily thoughts and actions? As I mentioned, walking in love includes drawing out information about others...not just getting people in a corner and talking their head off. Because real relationships work both ways—there's give and take for each person involved.

I am so hungry to see people who are enthusiastic about walking in love—people who want to do what Jesus did. Acts 10:38 (AMP) says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with great power; and He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him."

It's really simple when you think about it. Here's a personal example: "Doing good" for my husband can be something as simple as talking to him about golf—a game he loves!—and truly

listening while he's sharing his thoughts with me.

There are so many ways we can do good. A common one is our attitude and behavior when we are out in public. How do you treat the server when you eat at a restaurant or the clerk who is checking you out at the grocery store? Are you rude? Or do you take the time to consider how demanding their job is?

Instead of complaining, give them a kind word. Take interest in them, and when you're being waited on, give the person a generous tip.

That's what people who walk in love do, because they know that's God's way.

We have to be intentional about focusing on others and doing what we can to meet their needs or make their lives better. When we do, the blessings of God will chase us down and overtake us.

God wants to help you be enthusiastic about loving other people every single day of your life as you do kind and caring things for them. The truth is if you will simply take the time to start studying other people, notice what their needs are, and then put

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## NEW LISTING

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MLS# 11855500  
\$102,00.00

3 bedroom ranch with detached 1 car garage. Alley access. partially finished basement with 3/4 bath. Some hardwood floors, 1st floor full bath. Home sold "AS IS". It has been a rental since 2016. Call McConville Realty for a showing.



4443 E.1309th Rd., Earlville, IL  
\$299,000.00

MLS# 11815067 - Lovely area to live in! This ranch home is looking for new owners. Large living room that has a lovely massive fireplace. 3 bedroom with a shared bath for the bedrooms. A mudroom off the attached garage with a convenient 1/2 bath just inside. 2 attached garage and a 24 x 21 shed off the side for all of your toys. Could be a mancave or she shed. Full basement that has been finished. Although home needs some TLC you can re-decorate to your specs. Call McConville Realty for a showing.



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\$135,000

Loads of opportunity here! Currently used as a sewing center/consignment shop (consigners would stay) Very spacious with 2 half baths and a kitchen. Call McConville Realty for all the amenities.

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## PENDING IN PERU

NEW NEW NEW...this lovely home has been updated from floor to ceiling. Hardwood floors, light fixtures, ceiling fans, kitchen, bathroom, ALL the blinds stay, new "heat and glow" gas fireplace from Maze Lumber (starts with a push of the remote button) water heater, stove, fridge and microwave, wiring, windows, siding, landscaping, maintenance free front and side porches, exterior doors, screens, new Illinois Valley Fencing added in 2022, fire pit, log seats, two Adirondack chairs, raised garden beds, two new trees in the front yard. Basement pool table can stay if desired. Home also has a block shower in the basement along with a finished rec area and the laundry area. home is absolutely the one you don't want to miss.

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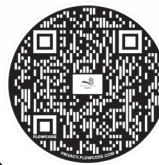
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