

## Mendota schools closing early due to rising COVID cases

Districts 280 & 289 to shut down December 17; two days added to end of year in both districts

MENDOTA – Due to rising numbers of COVID-positive individuals and quarantined close contacts, all Mendota students will begin their Winter Break a few days early. Mendota High School District 280 and Mendota Elementary District 289 will have Friday, Dec. 17 as their last day in 2021, meaning no school next week as originally planned.

Mendota High School will not be having final exams for the first semester, as they were scheduled for next week. Principal Denise Aughenbaugh will be sending out additional information to students and families.

Both Districts will have two days added to the end of their academic years, as a result of

this calendar change. Once these changes are formalized by their corresponding Boards of Education, amended calendars will be released.

These changes are being made as yet another intervention during the pandemic in an effort to keep our students, staff and community as healthy as possible. The Districts would again like to thank the community for their continued partnership in these difficult times. If you have any additional questions, please contact your child's school.

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No Habrá Clases la Próxima Semana Para Los Distritos de Escuelas Primarias y Secundaria de Mendota

Debido al creciente número de personas positivas para COVID y contactos cercanos en cuarentena, todos los estudiantes de Mendota comenzarán sus vacaciones de invierno unos días antes. Ambos distritos tendrán este viernes (17 de diciembre) como su último día en 2021, lo que significa que no habrá clases la próxima semana como se planeó originalmente.

La escuela secundaria no tendrá exámenes finales para el primer semestre, ya que estaban programados para la próxima semana. La directora Aughenbaugh enviará información adicional a los estudiantes y sus familias.

Ambos Distritos tendrán dos días agrega-

dos al final de sus años académicos, como resultado de este cambio de calendario. Una vez que estos cambios sean formalizados por sus respectivas Juntas Directivas de Educación, se darán a conocer los calendarios enmendados.

Estos cambios se están realizando como una intervención más durante la pandemia en un esfuerzo por mantener a nuestros estudiantes, personal y comunidad lo más saludables posible. Los Distritos quisieran nuevamente agradecer a la comunidad por su continua colaboración en estos tiempos difíciles. Si tiene alguna pregunta adicional, comuníquese con la escuela de su hijo.



Faith Anderson



Elly Buettner



Ted Landgraf



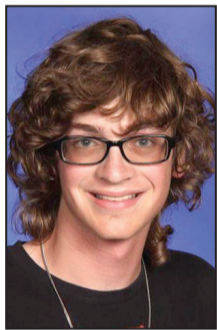
Paige Manning



Maya Martin



Meredith McConville



Liam McGann



Olivia Ross



Elizabeth Schillinger



Andrew Stamberger



Allison Stewart



Jacob Swope

## Mendota High School names 2022 Illinois State Scholars

12 seniors achieve high academic standards

MENDOTA – Mendota High School Principal Denise Aughenbaugh is pleased to announce that 12 students from the Mendota Township High School graduating class of 2022 have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state agency committed to helping to make college accessible and affordable for Illinois families, confers this prestigious recognition to top Illinois high school students annually. Illinois State Scholars represent approximately the top 10 percent of high school

seniors from high schools across the state. Illinois State Scholars are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester grade point average.

The following Mendota High School students have been named 2022-2023 Illinois State Scholars:

Faith Anderson, daughter of Michael and Kara Anderson of Mendota; Elly Buettner, daughter of Doug and Allison Buettner of Mendota; Ted Landgraf, son of Mitch and Tammy Landgraf of Mendota; Paige Manning, daughter of Steve and Valerie Manning of Mendota; Maya Martin,

daughter of Jason and Lisa Martin of Mendota; Meredith McConville, daughter of Emily McConville and Joe McConville of Mendota; Liam McGann, son of Patrick and Kim McGann of Earlville; Olivia Ross, daughter of Kirk and Kathy Ross of Mendota; Elizabeth Schillinger, daughter of Jeff Schillinger and the late Cathy Schillinger of Earlville; Andrew Stamberger, son of Jason and Rebecca Stamberger of LaMoille; Allison Stewart, daughter of Jason and Cheryl Stewart of Mendota; and Jacob Swope, son of Mark Swope and Rebecca Bond of West Brooklyn.

## Pritzker enacts milk requirements for kids' meals, other measures

By GREG BISHOP

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed four bills last week that range from requiring restaurants to include milk with kids' meals with calorie limits, to half-staff flag protocols.

Lawmakers passed several bills in October during what is traditionally fall veto session. On Dec. 10, Pritzker's office announced four of those bills are now law. Around a dozen bills remaining on his desk. At least one could face a veto.

Among the bills Pritzker signed last week is House Bill 3490, which says if a restaurant includes milk as a default beverage in a kid's meal, the drink must be dairy milk and contain no more than 130 calories per container or serving. The law takes effect immediately.

Another bill, House Bill 3372, aligns state procedures and occasions with federal law and practices pertaining



to when the U.S. flag is flown half-staff, effective June 1, 2022.

He also signed House Bill 106 his office said "creates emergency rulemaking authority for the Secretary of State to extend the expiration dates of driver's licenses, permits, and identification cards" and "makes changes to the Residential Sound Insulation Program."

He also signed Senate Bill 1040, which impacts payments to hospitals that reopen

previously closed facilities within certain parameters.

Among the measures remaining on the governor's desk is Senate Bill 2778, which would give school staff the ability to take days off as administrative days, rather than sick days, if it's COVID-related.

School administrators actively opposed the measure.

Peg Agnos, legislative director with South Cooperative Organization for Public Education, told a committee the measure will compound staffing shortages.

"We fear that one of the unintended consequences would be more closures and a reverting back to remote learning," Agnos said during a committee hearing in October.

It was said during debate the Pritzker administration opposed the bill. If he doesn't veto it before the end of January, the measure would become law.

Lawmakers return Jan. 4.

## U.S. traffic deaths hit 15-year high

30 percent of fatalities are alcohol-related crashes

By SCOT BERTRAM

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Traffic deaths in the U.S. reached a 15-year-high this year and advocates say the trend is moving in the wrong direction.

More than 20,000 people died in crashes during the first six months of 2021, a nearly 20% rise from the year prior. According to Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, impaired driving plays a big role in many of those incidents.

"What we're seeing in Illinois is similar to what's happening throughout the country in that approximately 30% of people who are being killed are in alcohol-related crashes," said Cathy Chase, president of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. "That's really a terrifying number when you consider most people know that it's not OK to drive while impaired, and yet people are still doing it."

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, with the holidays providing additional opportunities for

drivers to get behind the wheel while under the influence.

Chase says that, combined with bad habits picked up during the pandemic, are a dangerous combination.

"We know that fewer people were buckling up during that time period," Chase said. "It's a concern of ours is that some people may have gotten used to that behavior and that will continue. There's also a concern that when someone doesn't buckle themselves up, it's possible that they're not buckling up the child passengers properly."

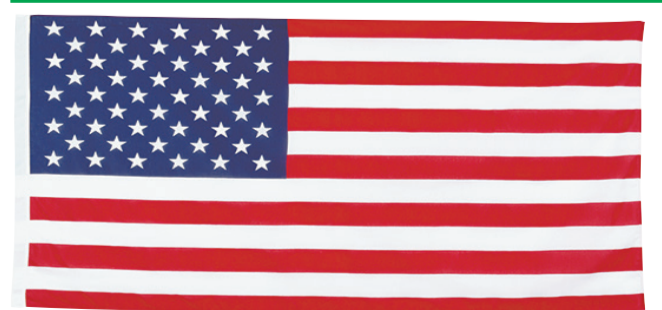
To address the problem, Advocates recommends that states require ignition interlock devices for all convicted drunk driving offenders. Laws to that effect have been enacted in 34 states, including Illinois.

"The problem is that someone has to be convicted of drunk driving [to receive a device], and we all know that there are just

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Voice of Democracy winner announced

MENDOTA - Mendota VFW Post 4079 is pleased to announce its winner for the 2021 Voice of Democracy audio-essay (speech) competition, Aliza Gisei Salinas-Cervantes, who is a senior at Mendota High School.

Salinas-Cervantes was presented with a certificate and a \$100 scholarship award. Her speech has been forwarded to District 9 for the next level of competition against all other post winners in the region.

All Mendota High School students were invited to participate in the competition. The Voice of Democracy theme this year was, "America: Where Do We Go From Here?" Voice of Democracy is acclaimed as a way for students to present their ideas, demonstrate their patriotism, and receive awards for their efforts.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>.



Aliza Gisei Salinas-Cervantes

## Public offered free COVID-19 testing at Mendota H.S.

◆ Testing dates set for Dec. 21 & 28

MENDOTA - Mendota High School is hosting free COVID-19 testing during the holiday break. Students, staff and the public can receive a free SHIELD saliva test from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, Dec. 28. Because of high demand, the original test dates and times were changed so hours could be extended.

MHS students and staff in the MHS SHIELD testing program need not register. Prior to testing, everyone else should register online at [Portal.shieldillinois.com](http://Portal.shieldillinois.com) and use Agency Code: df5brbrj. To be tested, enter the high school through the auditorium doors.

The high school encourages everyone to take this opportunity to protect loved ones over the holidays.

## Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Club Choice fundraiser this fall. The pick up was this past week. We appreciate your patience with the delay in delivery. Blackstone will be using the profit from this fundraiser to go towards purchasing more playground equipment for all of our students to enjoy. Congratulations to Evalyn Eslinger who was the top seller at Blackstone. Evalyn will receive a prize for her extraordinary efforts.

We had fall picture retake day with Inter-State Studios on Dec. 6. If you had your child get their pictures retaken or if you ordered them for the first time, you can expect the pictures to arrive after winter break.

The students nominated for the Principal Award this past week included Tabitha Rodriguez-Chism, Liam Falcon, Cian Gaspar, Joseph Thomas, Mike Vazquez, Malia Aska, Ashlynn Hash, Za'Riyah Rucker and Jaxon Brown. The winners were Ruben Calamaco, Angel Figueroa, Gulianna Salinas and Maddux Brown. Congratulations to all of you.

Mrs. Kieffer has been busy practicing holiday songs with our students. On Friday, she had the students perform during their music classes and she video recorded them. Mrs. Kieffer will be working on putting a video together to share this special event. The students did an amazing job and we can't wait to see the finished product. It will be shared with our parents and on the Blackstone webpage.

Winter break is coming up. Students will have an early dismissal on Dec. 20 and 21. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:20 p.m. and first grade at 1:30 p.m. We will serve lunches on those days. Winter break begins on Wednesday, Dec. 22. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 3.

## Lee Co. Farm Bureau Foundation scholarships offered

AMBOY - Applications for the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships are now available on the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation website, [www.lcfcfbfoundation.org](http://www.lcfcfbfoundation.org). Applicants must be Lee County Farm Bureau members or dependents of a Lee County Farm Bureau member in

good standing and be pursuing a major in an agricultural or agricultural-related field of study at an accredited college, university or community college for fall 2022.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships for area high school seniors will be in the amount of \$1,500. The number of

scholarships awarded will be determined based on number of qualified applicants and the availability of funds.

In addition, the Larry J. Green Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded to a high school senior, and the Gentry Family Agriculture

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## Donation to MASS

Rayanne Sester, left, executive director of Mendota Area Senior Services, accepts a check for \$230 from Jennifer Robinson, right, and Jamie Stanford, both of The Mendota Reporter. The donation was from proceeds received and a matching donation from The Reporter from its Fall Subscription Special held in October. (Reporter photo)



## OSF HealthCare hospitals receive top grades for patient safety

PEORIA - New Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades were recently announced by The Leapfrog Group, a national watchdog organization for patient safety. Hospitals are assigned A, B, C, D and F letter grades in order to provide a complete picture of patient safety.

This fall, three OSF HealthCare facilities achieved an 'A' grade. (The study only includes hospitals of a certain size and treating a minimum number of specific conditions; therefore, some OSF HealthCare facilities were excluded from the ratings.)

- OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa
- OSF HealthCare St. Mary's Medical Center in Galesburg
- OSF HealthCare Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Evergreen Park
- OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville
- OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford
- OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony's Health Center in Alton

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## LaSalle Co. Stockman's Assoc. presents awards at Annual Harvest Rewards Banquet

LA SALLE - A successful 17th Annual LaSalle County Stockman's Harvest Rewards Banquet was held at Seneca's Oak Ridge on Nov. 23. The evening's banquet honored LaSalle County's outstanding youth in agriculture.

Following a welcome by Chris Over, Ella Chapman offered the invocation. LaSalle County Stockman President Ken Bernard and Vice-President Sarah Lukach thanked those in attendance for coming to honor and recognize the youth of LaSalle County.

Win-A-Show-Animal essay contest winners were announced by Melissa Bernard. Each winner wrote a 250-word essay on "Why I Want to win a Show Animal." Each year, an animal from beef, swine and goat breeds is donated as the prize for the winning essay and those animals will be shown next July at the LaSalle County Junior Fair. This year's beef winner was Brayden Wilson, prize donated by Walter Brothers, Grand Ridge; the swine winner was Alexis Walkling, prize donated by the Corcoran Family, Ottawa; and the goat winner was Ruby Dittmer, prize donated by Inskeep Acres, Marseilles.

The Grand & Reserve Champion Market winners from the 2021 LaSalle County Junior Fair were recognized followed by a live



**Winners and donors in the "Win-A-Show Animal" contest were Darryl, Lisa and Katie Corcoran, swine donor, with winner Alexis Walkling; Leslie and Jason Inskeep, goat donors, with winner Ruby Dittmer; and beef donors, Dalton and Austin Walter, with Brayden Wilson. The winners will show their animals at the 2022 LaSalle County Junior & 4-H Fair. (Photo contributed)**

auction of their champion market animals. The winners who auctioned their animals were Beef Steer - Nolan Lukach; Barrow - Cassie Simons; Lamb - Jessica Reel; Goat - Tate Sundberg; Pen of Chickens - Brayden Wilson; and Dairy - Lauren McNelis.

Reserve Grand Champion Market Animal winners whose animals were auctioned included Beef Steer - John Tyson Lukach; Barrow - Ruby Dittmer; Lamb - Kylee Zoran; and Goat - Ruby Dittmer. Rate of Gain Steer was awarded to Dalton Walter.

The 2021 winners of the Grand Champion Breeding

Animals were recognized and honored: Heifer - Dalton Walter; Gilt Purebred and Gilt X-Bred - Carter Meyer; Ram - Kameron Hastings; Ewe - Jessica Reel; and Doe Goat - Ella Robson. Winners of Reserved Grand Champion Breeding Animals were recognized and honored: Heifer - Dalton Walter; Gilt Purebred - Cassie Simons; Gilt X-Bred - Ryder Baxter; Ewe - Gunnar Van Cleave; Ram - Ariana Ross; and Doe Goat - Landon Swain.

Showmanship winners from the 2021 LaSalle 4-H & Junior Fair were announced in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions of each

animal breed. In the Beef category, Junior Showman was Tenley Pyska; Beef Intermediate - Sophia Pyska; and Senior Beef - Dalton Walter. In Swine, Junior Showman - Garrett Billup; Intermediate - Karson Sundberg; and Senior - Carter Meyer. In the Goat category, Showmanship winners were Junior Showman - Mollie Thomson; Intermediate Showman - Hannah Mann; and Senior Showman - Matthew Rich. In Sheep Showmanship, winners were Junior Showman - Jessica Reel and Senior Showman - Nick Angus. Dairy Showmanship winners were Junior

- Hannah McNelis and Senior - Lauren McNelis. The 2021 LaSalle County Master Showmanship winner was Kylee Zoran.

In the Bred & Owned Sheep division, recognized in order of placement were Jessica Reel, Gunnar Van Cleave, Kameron Hastings, Nick Angus, Carter Mackey, Kara Killealea and Mollie Thomson.

LaSalle County Stock-

man awarded two \$1,000 scholarships, which were presented to Kylee Zoran and Nick Angus. The 2021 Stockman of the Year was presented to Larry Stillwell of Peru. Larry and his wife, Nancy, farm in the Tonica area.

The enthusiastic auctioneers for the evening were Adam Almburg, Ruben

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### Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Mendota Elementary Schools: Community Consolidated School District #289

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for County of LaSalle School District #289 for 2021 will be held on December 22, 2021 at 6:30pm at 1806 Guiles Ave, Mendota, IL 61342

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact K. Bradley Cox, Superintendent, 1806 Guiles Ave, Mendota, IL 61342, 815-539-7631.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$5,219,800.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$5,525,926. This represents a 5.86% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$1,007,584.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$1,013,000. This represents a 0.54% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$6,227,384. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$6,538,926. This represents a 5.00% increase over the previous year.

## CARL'S QUIZ

What Christmas song has appeared the most in movies (according to IMDb credits)?

The answer to last week's quiz is: "No one's walking out on this fun, old-fashioned family Christmas" is a line from "Christmas Vacation" (Clark Griswold).

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at [www.mendotareporter.com](http://www.mendotareporter.com)



### Rosemary

This herb has many uses and traditions. When trimmed into the shape of a tiny Christmas tree and set in a festive pot, it is very popular as a holiday table decoration, or to give as a gift. Legends say that as Joseph and Mary fled to Egypt with the infant Jesus, they sheltered next to this plant. When Mary was washing her linens and threw her blue cape on the bush to dry, its small white flowers turned to blue; thus it gained the name "rose of Mary," though the flowers are not roses but like those of mint, to which this herb is related. - Brenda Weaver  
Source: University of Vermont pss.uvm.edu

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## Mendota Weather

Dec. 15, 2021

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Chance Rain  
High: 67 Low: 40

**Thursday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 41 Low: 24

**Friday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 40 Low: 23

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 29 Low: 16

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 34 Low: 22

**Monday**  
Cloudy  
High: 33 Low: 20

**Tuesday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 28 Low: 16

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see cloudy skies with a 30% chance of rain, possible record high of 67°, humidity of 77%. South wind 15 to 24 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 58° set in 1971. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 60% chance of scattered rain, overnight low of 40°. South southwest wind 21 to 28 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 36°.

### Regional Cities

| City        | Wednesday Hi/Lo Wx | Thursday Hi/Lo Wx |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Aurora      | 66/42 ra           | 61/25 s           |
| Champaign   | 65/45 cl           | 62/27 t           |
| Chicago     | 64/44 ra           | 60/28 s           |
| Freeport    | 66/35 ra           | 62/22 s           |
| Joliet      | 66/43 ra           | 61/26 s           |
| Moline      | 70/33 mc           | 66/26 s           |
| Peoria      | 69/40 cl           | 65/28 s           |
| Rockford    | 67/38 ra           | 62/23 s           |
| Springfield | 70/43 mc           | 67/28 sh          |

### Last Week's Local Almanac

| Date      | Hi  | Lo | Normals | Precip | Rainfall             |
|-----------|-----|----|---------|--------|----------------------|
| Monday    | 33  | 13 | 35/19   | 0.00"  | 0.76"                |
| Tuesday   | 26  | 13 | 34/18   | 0.00"  | 0.50"                |
| Wednesday | 35  | 27 | 34/18   | 0.00"  | +0.26"               |
| Thursday  | 51  | 35 | 33/17   | 0.00"  |                      |
| Friday    | 60R | 31 | 33/17   | 0.76"  | Average temp 34.4°   |
| Saturday  | 42  | 32 | 32/17   | 0.00"  | Average normal 25.4° |
| Sunday    | 50  | 33 | 32/16   | 0.00"  | Departure +9.0°      |

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day       | Sunrise   | Sunset    | Moonrise  | Moonset   | Phase |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Wednesday | 7:16 a.m. | 4:27 p.m. | 2:22 p.m. | 3:53 a.m. | New   |
| Thursday  | 7:16 a.m. | 4:27 p.m. | 2:50 p.m. | 4:55 a.m. | 1/2   |
| Friday    | 7:17 a.m. | 4:27 p.m. | 3:22 p.m. | 5:57 a.m. |       |
| Saturday  | 7:18 a.m. | 4:28 p.m. | 4:01 p.m. | 6:57 a.m. |       |
| Sunday    | 7:18 a.m. | 4:28 p.m. | 4:47 p.m. | 7:54 a.m. | First |
| Monday    | 7:19 a.m. | 4:29 p.m. | 5:39 p.m. | 8:45 a.m. | 1/9   |
| Tuesday   | 7:19 a.m. | 4:29 p.m. | 6:38 p.m. | 9:30 a.m. |       |

### Local UV Index

UV Index  
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure  
[www.WhatsOurWeather.com](http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com)

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 67 in Belleville, Ill. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 81 in Tampa, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 83 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain and scattered snow, highest temperature of 49 in Toledo, Ore. The Southwest will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow, highest temperature of 72 in Jal, N.M.

### Weather Trivia

How thick is the South Polar ice cap?  
Answer: Estimates place its depth at 15,670 feet thick.

### Weather History

**Dec. 15, 1945** - A record December snowstorm buried Buffalo, N.Y. under 36.6 inches of snow, with unofficial totals south of the city ranging up to 70 inches. Travel was brought to a halt by the storm.

**Dec. 16, 1835** - New England experienced one of their coldest days of record. At noon on that bitterly cold Wednesday the mercury stood at four degrees below at Boston, 15 degrees below at Norfolk, Conn. and 17 degrees below at Hanover, N.H.

- Jeff Schimmer
- Dona Scharff
- Nick Organ
- Elias Preciado
- Julie Rhodes
- Erik Bodmer
- Chad Ensor
- Nicole Grinka
- Francine Nickel
- Scott Wise
- Christian Maldonado
- Chad Edwards
- Erin Lauer
- Scott Jackson
- John McGraw
- Jose Maldonado
- Matt Sondgeroth
- Rich Lampson
- Doug Klein
- Chase Stremkau
- Jason Kidd
- Glen Fagerman
- Carlos Moreno
- Damian Hampton
- Juan Maldonado

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Kenneth L. Stockley



EARLVILLE - Kenneth L. Stockley, 94, of Earlville passed away Dec. 10, 2021 at Heritage Health in Mendota.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, Dec. 18 at Earlville United Methodist Church, 313 Stilson St., Earlville with Pastor Sandy Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Precinct Cemetery, rural Earlville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the service at noon on Saturday at the church.

Ken was born June 3, 1927 in Sandwich to Wilbur and Frances (Whittaker) Stockley. He married Donna L. Porter on Aug. 10, 1952 in Knoxville, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Douglas L. Stockley of Earlville; one daughter, Debra Chatman of Yorkville; two grandchildren, Christine Chatman and Ryan (Jamie) Chatman; two great-grandchildren, Sidney and Oliver Chatman; one brother, Dale Stockley of Earlville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Stockley Kennedy; two brothers, James in infancy and Roger Stockley; and one son-in-law, Sidney Chatman.

Ken attended Dinsmore Country Grade School north of Earlville for eight years and graduated from Earlville Community High School in 1945. He was known by many for his love of flying. He recently told his grandchildren he wished he would have gotten his pilot's license when he was 14 instead of 16 years of age. He bought his first plane at age 16 and sold it a few years later to pay for college. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1951. He was a member of Earlville United Methodist Church and the Methodist Men's Club and served on the United Methodist Foundation. He served his country in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corp during the Korean War. He was a past president of the Earlville Lions Club, the Earlville School District #9 Board, served on the LaSalle County Board, the Earlville Library Board, and the Board of Review for LaSalle County. He was a member of the Mendota Elks Lodge and the LaSalle County Farm Bureau. He was also a Past Master of Freedom Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Consistory, Mohammed Temple Shrine in Peoria. His first job after college was working for the U of I Extension Service as a farm advisor, then he farmed in the Earlville area for 60 years. Most of all he loved spending time with his family.

Memorials may be directed to Earlville United Methodist Church. For more information or to sign the online guest book, please go to [www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com).



## Pamala Herdklotz

ROCKFORD - Pamala Herdklotz, 77, of Rockford, formerly of Triumph, passed away Dec. 3, 2021 with her husband at her bedside.

Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. on Dec. 11 at St. James Catholic Church in Rockford. Visitation was on Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Pamala was born Dec. 25, 1943 in LaHarpe to Raymond and Eula Dee (Bell) Iseminger. She married Thomas Herdklotz.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years; one son, Brent Herdklotz; one daughter, Kristin (Raymond) Torres; and two grandchildren, Hailey Torres and Anthony Torres, whom she loved with all her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Pamala grew up in Triumph and attended Mendota High School, graduating in 1962 as the valedictorian. She moved to Rockford and became a registered nurse at Swedish American Hospital graduating in 1965. She worked at Swedish American Hospital for 10 years as head nurse of surgery before she worked her dream job for 35 years at Lundholm Surgical Group as a private scrub nurse in surgery. She loved her work and all the people with whom she worked.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will go to Try Beta Foundation. Please send condolences to Sundberg Funeral Home, 215 N. Sixth St., Rockford, Illinois 61107 or [Sundbergfh.com](http://Sundbergfh.com).



## Awards

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Dittmer, Tom Diss, Dan Naughton and Joel Prestegard. Four talented ladies, Rosie Walter, Sarah Over, Anita Lukach, and Joann Naughton donated pies for the Pie Auction.

In addition to hosting a banquet to honor youth who showed livestock this past year, the LCSA strives to promote and support young people as they build an agriculture career and lifestyle. This could be through a cow herd, a hog enterprise, sheep or goat herd or any agriculture field. The banquet is one way to encourage and recognize LaSalle County youth in agriculture.

For the past 18 years, LCSA has also provided the platform to return over \$275,000 to the youth of LaSalle County through their programs such as the Animal Essay Contest, scholarships, sponsoring various classes at the FFA fair, LaSalle County 4-H & Junior Fair, Breeding Awards and the Live Market Animal Auction.

During the past year, LCSA has sponsored or donated to LaSalle County Junior Fair's Livestock Premiums and the Bred & Owned Class; IL Section 7 FFA Grand Champion Winners; LaSalle County Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom; LaSalle County Stockman's Scholarships; "Celebration of Lights" at Rotary Park, LaSalle; and the

Harvest Rewards Banquet Awards.

Upcoming Stockman's events for 2022 include LaSalle County Farm Bureau Ag in The Classroom; scholarships (applications due in June); sponsoring the Bred & Owned Class at the LaSalle County Junior Fair in July; sponsoring the IL Section 7 FFA Grand Champion & Reserve winners; Win-A-Show-Animal (essays applications due in October); and the 18th Annual Harvest Awards and Recognition Banquet, which will be held on Nov. 22, 2022, always held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

LCSA officers for 2021-22 are President Ken Bernard, Vice-President Sarah Lukach, Secretary Melissa Bernard, and Treasurer Lisa Corcoran. The 2021-2023 Board of Directors include Drew Beckman, Floyd Crane, Andy Goodbred, David Isermann, George A. Lukach, Chris Over and Darrin Walter.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at various locations throughout the county. Follow and LIKE them on Facebook at "LaSalle County Stockman's Association" for information or activities. The LCSA appreciates everyone throughout LaSalle County and the surrounding area for their continued support of their organization and they look forward to 2022 and many more successful years.

## Farm

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Scholarship of \$1,000 also goes to a high school senior.

Current undergraduate students are eligible to apply for a \$1,500 Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship, which will be awarded to one student.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation has also established a scholarship, ranging from \$500-\$1,000 to a student attending Sauk Valley Community College and participating in their new ag program.

Lastly, the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation offers a Veterinary Scholarship which will award up to \$2,500 to students enrolling in their 3rd or 4th year in veterinary school, concentrating in large animal studies.

Complete details on eligibility for consideration and criteria for awarding the scholarship are detailed in the scholarship application. To obtain an application visit the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation's website, [www.lcfbfoundation.org](http://www.lcfbfoundation.org), or if you have any questions, please contact the Farm Bureau office by phone at (815) 857-3531 or by e-mail at [leeafb@comcast.net](mailto:leeafb@comcast.net). Applications are due to the Lee County Farm Bureau office by no later than Feb. 15.

The mission of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is to fund and encourage ag related educational opportunities to the youth of Lee County through programs including scholarships, Books by the Bushel, and Ag in the Classroom.

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2021 LaSalle County Junior & 4-H Fair Showmanship winners for all breeds who were recognized include, front row, Jessica Reel, Sheep Junior division; Hannah Mann, Goat Intermediate Division; Mollie Thomson, Goat Junior division; Hannah McNelis, Dairy Junior Division; and Garrett Billup, Swine Junior Division; back row, Nick Angus, Sheep Senior Division; Dalton Walter, Beef Senior Division; Lauren McNelis, Dairy Senior Division; Sophia Pyszka, Beef Intermediate Division; and Tenley Pyszka, Beef Junior Division. (Photos contributed)



The Grand & Reserve Champion Market animals from the 2021 LaSalle County Junior & 4-H Fair were recognized and auctioned at the banquet. Owners include, front row, Tate Sundberg, Grand Champion Goat; Jessica Reel, Grand Champion Lamb; Ruby Dittmer, Reserve Grand Champion Barrow and Goat; John Lukach, Reserve Champion Steer; and Grand Champion Pen of Chickens, Brayden Wilson; back row, Lauren McNelis, Grand Champion Dairy; Kylee Zoran, Reserve Champion Lamb; Cassie Simons, Grand Champion Barrow; and Nolan Lukach, Grand Champion Steer.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Good pension news doesn't alleviate underlying financial pressures

**By JERRY NOWICKI**  
*Capitol News Illinois*  
 SPRINGFIELD — The state saw its unfunded pension liability decrease in fiscal year 2021 for the first time in four years, due in large part to investment returns exceeding 20 percent, according to a new report from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Measuring by the current-day values of the pension fund assets, unfunded liabilities — or the amount of debt the state pension funds owe that they can't afford to pay — dropped by nearly 10 percent, to \$130 billion in FY 2021 from \$144 billion in the previous fiscal year. That put the state's five pension funds at 46.5 percent funded, up from 39 percent the previous year.

It's the best funding ratio since 2008 and only the third decrease to unfunded liabilities in the last 15 years, the last occurring in FY 2017 at 0.5 percent, the other in FY 2011 at 2.9 percent. Otherwise, unfunded liabilities have risen annually from \$42.2 billion in 2007.

But the report also noted that not much has changed to alleviate the underlying financial pressures that have caused unfunded liabilities to triple since the financial crisis of 2007-2008, meaning the good financial news was more anomaly than trend.

The returns of 22.9-25.2 percent for FY 2021, which ended June 30, far exceeded the anticipated 6.5 percent to 7 percent returns, according to the report.

Aside from the good investment news, the report was substantially similar to countless other pension reports in recent years, particularly because it once again called on the state to revamp the much-maligned 1994 "Edgar Ramp" plan for paying down pension debt.

That's the name commonly used to refer to Public Act 88-0593, or the state's 50-year plan to bring its five pension funds to 90 percent funded by 2045.

The actual target for that ramp should be a 100 percent-funded pension system within the next 25 years or preferably sooner, according to a letter attached to the COGFA report from its actuary, Segal Consulting.

The letter also faulted the Edgar Ramp for "backloading" pension payments, providing for smaller contributions in the early years leading to the current reality, which sees 20 percent of the state's discretionary spending going to pension payments each year. It also highlighted other times the pension system was short-changed, including during the tenure of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Only after the target is increased to 100 percent, the report noted, would the state begin to see sustained reductions to its unfunded pension liabilities.

"(T)he funding plan under (Public Act) 88-0593 produces employer (State) contributions that are actuarially insufficient, meaning if all other actuarial assumptions are met, unfunded liabilities will still increase due to the State contributing an amount that is not sufficient to stop the growth in the unfunded liability," according to the report.

But increasing pension payments is easier said than done, Alexis Sturm, director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, said in a letter accompanying the report.

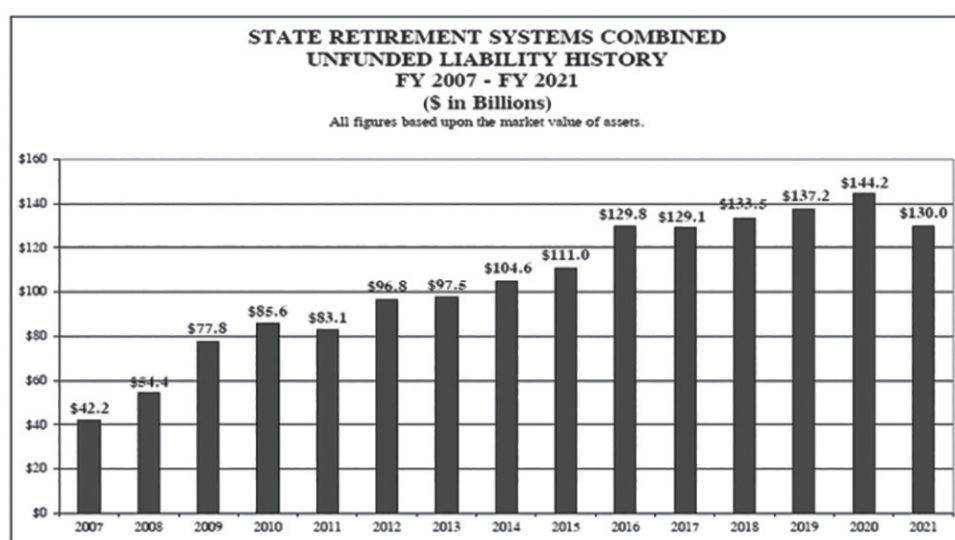
She was unavailable for comment, but her letter to COGFA's co-chairs said consideration of changes to the current 90 percent target "needs to be reviewed carefully within the context of the impact on the state's budget."

The \$8.6 billion pension payment in FY 2021 was 20 percent of the state's \$42.9 billion General Revenue Fund budget, and pensions are routinely the state's largest GRF expense outside of K-12 education. In fiscal year 2022, COGFA estimated the GRF payment at \$9.4 billion, or over 21 percent of the operating budget.

FY 2023's Edgar Ramp-mandated GRF payment is estimated at more than \$9.6 billion, or nearly \$10.8 billion including other state funds.

But, according to the report, if the state wants to contribute at a rate approved by actuaries, it will need to contribute nearly \$14.9 billion in FY 2023, which begins July 1, or 38 percent higher than what is provided for via the Edgar Ramp.

"An increase to the goal would result in higher payments, but eventually lead to a reduction in the unfunded liabilities in the systems," Sturm wrote. "Given the current fiscal pressures facing the state, this too is inadvisable to consider



A graphic from the latest Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability report on the state's pension system shows the pension funds' unfunded liabilities over time. (Credit: cgfa.ilga.gov)

until Illinois can eliminate the unpaid bill backlog, borrowings undertaken to pay off the debts remaining from the budget impasse and the COVID-driven recession and address the underlying structural deficit."

The backlog currently sits at about \$4.8 billion, according to the website maintained by Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza, who said in a public appearance last week that the oldest unpaid voucher was 21 days old.

Still, the 90 percent goal, Sturm said, is "reasonable and achievable," given the circumstances. Gov. JB Pritzker's administration has fully funded the pension system at Edgar Ramp levels in each of his first three years, although he briefly considered lowering the payment in his first year before quickly dropping the plan.

In their letter to COGFA's

director, leaders at the state's "big three" pension funds — the State Universities Retirement System, State Employees' Retirement System and Teachers' Retirement System — all also endorsed the 100 percent funding target and shorter ramps to full funding.

"Earlier funding, in addition to a targeted funding ratio of 100 percent, would make the retirement systems more secure and would substantially reduce financing costs due to interest accruing on the unfunded liability, the primary driver of the state contribution re-

quirements," the leaders of the pension systems wrote.

The report also noted that a pension buyout program initiated in 2018 and extended for three years by the General Assembly under Pritzker created a \$213 million reduction in unfunded liability for FY 2021.

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## Crashes

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not enough police officers and law enforcement efforts to catch all of the impaired drivers," Chase said.

The organization also is pushing technology to be added to new vehicles "because if people are going to drive dangerously the vehicle has to have the capability to protect the driver and everyone in the cars," Chase said.

Chase says features like automatic emergency braking, lane departure warning systems, and forward-collision warnings all could make a big difference. And she says the costs for those features, eventually, could be minimal.

"Just like everything else, when something is mandatory, by the economies of scale, the costs go down," Chase said. "We've seen that with every safety feature, most recently with rearview cameras. So we want to see those as standard equipment with minimum safety standards."

The organization also is pushing states to lower the legal blood alcohol level to .05%.

They argue doing so could reduce alcohol-related fatal crashes and injuries between 5% and 10%.

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## A justice's religious beliefs

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – As the U.S. Supreme Court ponders whether to overturn *Roe vs. Wade*, all eyes are on Justice Amy Coney Barrett -- and her religious beliefs.

Vanderbilt University Law Professor Suzanna Sherry said recently in *The Hill* newspaper that Barrett shouldn't ponder abortion cases because her Catholic faith prevents her from rendering an impartial judgement.

It's one of the dumbest arguments I've heard from a law professor in a long time.

Judges aren't interchangeable cogs in a machine called justice. Each views the law through the lens of their own life experiences, knowledge and philosophy.

Personally, I always admired the late U.S. Sen. Paul Simon approach.

The Lutheran minister's son rarely talked publicly about his personal faith, but he lived it.

I remember talking to him years ago when he mentioned having visited former Chicago Alderman Thomas Keane in a federal prison in Kentucky. Kean was there after being convicted of 17 counts of mail fraud and one count of conspiracy in secret land deals.

Newspapers criticized Simon for associating with a convicted felon. But Simon did it because he believed Jesus commanded his followers to visit those in prison.

The senator told me he met so many other former Illinois politicians during that penitentiary visit that it "felt like old home week."

His approach to faith was void of any sanctimony. But it certainly affected how he conducted himself as a senator. You could also see it in his own personal integrity and how he chose to treat others.

I pressed him once about whether those in public office must ever set religious positions aside to govern others. He said they do. He noted that if they didn't, a Catholic judge could never preside over a divorce case. (Catholic dogma does not allow for divorce.)

In the case of Barrett, law professors have pointed to a law journal article she wrote as a young lawyer about Catholic judges and the death penalty.

In the article Barrett noted that judges are "obliged by oath, professional commitment, and the demands of citizenship to enforce the death penalty," but they are also "obliged to adhere to their church's teaching on moral matters." They are therefore "morally precluded from enforcing the death penalty."

What's a Catholic judge to do, then? According to Barrett's article, the judge must recuse herself. She can neither enforce the death penalty and violate her religious conscience, nor fail to enforce it and violate her oath of office.

What does all this have to do with abortion? Barrett tells us in the same article that in the context of abortion the case for a Catholic judge's recusal is even stronger. Unlike the death penalty, the Catholic church's "prohibitions against abortion and euthanasia are absolute."

On the current abortion case before the court, Professor Sherry says Barrett should recuse herself "if she has any integrity at all."

The scribes and pharisees would be hard-pressed to produce the level of sanctimony of an outraged American law professor.

It's not particularly surprising that Barrett's views on recusal as a 49-year-old Supreme Court justice are different than when she was a young law clerk. It's also worth noting that when an appellate judge chooses not to vote she is still impacting the case by denying her vote to one side or the other. So, in effect, it's not really a neutral stand.

In our democracy, there is a constant balancing between the clauses of the Constitution that prohibit the establishment of religion and those that guarantee the free exercise of it.

Some religious conservatives have bought into the false notion that our founding fathers intended for the United States to be a Christian state. That's a myth. Some of our founders like Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Paine did not identify as Christians. In fact, Paine called Christianity a "fable." Thomas Jefferson used his razor to slice passages out of his Bible that he didn't agree with. That's hardly a conventional approach to scripture.

On the other hand, some secular liberals contend it was the intent of the drafters of the Constitution that matters of faith should in no way inform those governing the nation. This ignores the deep religious beliefs of men like Patrick Henry and Samuel Adams.

So, the tension between the religious and the secular dates back to the beginning of the republic and the Supreme Court itself.

John Jay, our nation's first chief justice, was president of the American Bible Society.

What did he say of the role of religion and the judiciary: "Real Christians will abstain from violating the rights of others." (Scott Reeder, a staff writer for the *Illinois Times*, can be reached at: [sreeder@illinoistimes.com](mailto:sreeder@illinoistimes.com).)

## Letters

### Contributors to memorial appreciated

Dear Editor:

Betty and I appreciate anyone who donated to the Veronica Blumhorst memorial, the city of Mendota for letting it be at Purple Park, and to both Wendy Losey Becker and Doug Truckenbrod for all the hard work

and planning the memorial.

This all shows that Mendota is a small town, but a great town to live in Mendota will always be in our heart.

**Paul and Betty Blumhorst**  
Yuma, Ariz.



## Annexing the Triangle – 1970

(The following is from *Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column* reprinted from Dec. 13, 1995.)

By Jessica Nashold

After a lengthy council meeting on Dec. 7, 1970, the Triangle was annexed to Mendota. North of the city limits and east of Lake Mendota, The Triangle included both businesses and residences. Three of the businesses had liquor licenses—Vic & Thelma's Tavern, Sam's Steak House and Lakeside Liquor.

In order to accommodate these three licenses, the city had to pass a new ordinance, increasing the number of allowable licenses within the city limits from eight to 11. This was done.

The city agreed to extend the sewer main where necessary, but property owners were required to take care of the cost of running pipe from property to main.

Licenses were \$300 for Class A, \$250 for Class B and \$200 for Class B2.

A meeting was called with the local snowmobile club to set up regulations governing operation of these popular vehicles.

Voting on a new state constitution was Dec. 15, 1970. There were a number of local objectors. An association of county officials urged rejection.

**There is no limitation on taxing and spending powers of the legislature.**

Nevertheless, the new Illinois constitution was approved. In Mendota, voters in seven precincts returned 721 'yes' and 566 'no' votes.

MTHS debaters scored seven wins and one loss in an invitational tournament in Kewanee involving 11 schools. The varsity team was comprised of Jeff Barker, Kirby Boner, Diana Troupis and Jim Troupis. The novice debaters, all freshmen, were Marsha Block, Mike Morgan, Debbie Seward and Nancy Lutz. Coach was Steve Warren. He commended Mendota service clubs for funding attendance by Mendota debaters at summer workshops. Said Warren –

### Backtracks & Sidetracks

The early season success of Trojan debaters is due in part to enthusiastic community support of the teams.

Betty J. Griswold was named Director of Nursing Service at Mendota Community Hospital. The announcement was made by Gene Williams, hospital administrator. Mrs. Griswold's duties would include overseeing in-patient, emergency, obstetrical and surgical nursing operations. She would also direct training programs for current personnel.

General Telephone of Illinois announced the appointment of Horace Potter as commercial manager of the Mendota-Sandwich area. He would take over the reins on Dec. 15, 1970, from Warren LaFlamme.

The Chamber of Commerce arranged for a part-time office secretary, Virginia Funfsinn. The Chamber office was located in the First State Bank building in 1970. Dan Dunlap was manager.

American Legion Post 540 purchased the Hume office building on Main Street. The lower floor was occupied by the offices of District 289 and Hart-Carter. The Legion planned to renovate the second floor for its meetings. It would be dedicated to the memory of James D. Hume. Legion ownership became effective Dec. 31, 1970.

The State Theatre was offering a double feature on Dec. 10, 1970: Steve McQueen in "Bullitt" and Clyde Beatty with Faye Dunaway in "Bonnie & Clyde."

The Trojans were rejoicing over a string of wins on the basketball court.

In one five-game sequence of wins, they had scored 477 points, or 95.4 per game. Among the high-point men were Jerry Pohl, Brian Phalen, Terry Jacobs and Doug Hamel. By Dec. 12, 1970, they had won eight straight games.

The Christmas tree used at the Conco Christmas party on Dec. 13, 1970, was taken to Library Park and equipped with lights by the Chamber of Commerce.

The party had been attended by numerous children and adults. Children under 13 years of age received gifts.

At a Bears-Packers game at Wrigley Field on Dec. 13, 1970, the Bears won, 36-11. Jack Concannon was quarterback.

The Trojan Tatter, which had used its new name for the first time with the Oct. 29, 1970 issue, was one of 10 high school papers to receive an award from Quill & Scroll Society because of National Newspaper Week activities. The Trojan Tattler had previously been known as the Hi-Light and later the Hi-Lite.

A Trojan Tattler survey of student opinion indicated that the drug problem was growing. Wrote one student –

**People come from all over the get drugs in Mendota.**

Another student expressed opinion that part of the problem might be the attitude of "straight kids" who regard the "less upright" as if they have a contagious disease.

Some student advice – **I wish the Trojan Tattler would print information about other people besides the so-called popular students.**

Dave Schroeder, speech instructor at MTHS, was honored as owner of the Heap of the Week. His 1958 four-door Chevy Del Ray (6 cylinders, 3-speed transmission) was pictured. After itemizing the vehicle's shortcomings, the writer suggested that Schroeder offer it for sale.

**A lot of students here would like to own a car like that.**

## The IOC as a craven handmaid of Beijing

By Rich Lowry

It should be a rule of thumb that the Olympic Games shouldn't be held in countries that operate concentration camps.

If this strikes you as a reasonable demand, you aren't suited to serve on the International Olympic Committee. The IOC has doggedly defended Beijing as the host of the 2022 Winter Olympics even as the Chinese Communist Party pursues its campaign of unrelenting barbarity against the Uyghurs.

The Biden administration just announced a so-called diplomatic boycott of the games, a gesture of disapproval that won't dent the propaganda coup the IOC is handing the most dangerous regime in the world.

The IOC is the World Health Organization of sports. When China disappeared female tennis star Peng Shuai for the offense of making an accusation of sexual assault against a former high government official, the IOC happily assisted in the regime's crisis PR, lest the shocking incident derail the games.

The president of the IOC, Thomas Bach, had a video call with Peng where she said all was well and Bach pretended to take her assurances at face value. Of course, Peng wasn't free to speak her mind, but part of Bach's job now is to look the other way at China's blatant abuses.

China has the great fortune to deal with international organizations -- except the Women's Tennis Association, which is suspending tournaments in China -- that lack all self-respect.

The IOC is following in the well-trod footsteps of corporations, financiers and sports leagues that start out wanting to do business with China and end up complicit in the regime's crimes by staying silent or explaining them away.

The difference is that the IOC claims to be acting in support of high ideals. Bach likes to quote the Olympic charter that says Olympism exists "to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity."

Placing sport at the service of China does the opposite on all counts. China's autocrat, Xi Jinping, has been open about the political importance of the Olympics, "Hosting an excellent 2022 Games is a major task of the Party and the country, and it is a solemn commitment to the international community." Here, the interests of the CCP and the IOC -- as well as the corporate sponsors of the games -- coincide.

The last time China hosted the Olympics, the Summer Games in 2008, it used the opening ceremony to stage a gigantic and memorable regime-enhancing spectacle. Beijing promised reforms to get awarded the games and then, true to form, engaged in yet more heavy-handed repression.

If the 2008 Beijing Games were ill-advised, next year's Winter Olympics are a complete travesty. The atrocities in Xinjiang province are a matter of public record and the quashing of Hong Kong proceeds apace. No one who crosses the regime is safe from imprisonment or worse. China openly menaces Taiwan with an invasion. Indeed, China could conceivably be in a shooting war with the United States within a year or two of using the presence of our athletes, among others, to enhance the rule of its dictator-for-life.

Bach insists that the IOC must always be politically neutral. As Michael Mazza of the American Enterprise Institute points out, though, the IOC banned apartheid-era South Africa from the games. There is no such thing as neutrality when dealing with an all-encompassing police state for which politics is a life-or-death matter. The games aren't being hosted by Switzerland or Norway -- nice, law-abiding countries with good ski slopes -- but a revanchist power that tramples on human dignity and is a clear and present danger to international peace.

The IOC could have taken an off-ramp from these games at any point. Instead, its attitude is going to be, "Enjoy the snowboarding, never mind the concentration camps."

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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Kurt Bruno State Farm Insurance in Mendota held a "Photos With Santa" event on Dec. 11 in which pictures taken with Santa Claus were offered in exchange for a new or used blanket to be donated to the PADS homeless shelter in Peru. A total of 43 blankets were collected to provide warmth to those who are in need, including donations from Isaiah Orozco, left, and Isaac Orozco, who got to have their picture taken with Santa. (Photo contributed)

## IVCC extends tuition payment deadline for spring to Jan. 12th

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College has extended its tuition payment deadline out more than a month to allow students and parents more time to prepare for the spring semester.

The deadline was extended from Dec. 8 to Jan. 12 – two days after the spring semester begins Monday, Jan. 10.

"As the gift-giving season approaches, students and parents face added financial pressure. By extending the deadline well past New Year's, they will have more time to cover tuition or set up a payment plan," said Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski.

Students enrolling in at least six credit hours are eligible for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) assistance:

- Those taking 12 or more hours will receive \$1,000; those in 6-to-11, \$500. HEERF payments will be made after April 7.

- High school students enrolled in IVCC dual credit and some dual enrollment courses will have tuition waived.

- Spring enrollees will receive a \$100 IVCC Bookstore gift card. (IVCC employees and high school dual credit students are not eligible for the gift cards.)

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The Mendota Reporter and Mendota Money Saver will have early deadlines due to Christmas and New Year.

For the Dec. 20th edition of the Money Saver, the advertising deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m.

For the Dec. 22nd edition of the Reporter, the advertising and editorial deadline is Thursday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m.

For the Dec. 27th edition of the Money Saver, the advertising deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 22 at noon.

For the Dec. 29th edition of the Reporter, the advertising and editorial deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 22 at noon.

For the Jan. 3rd edition of the Money Saver, the advertising deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 29 at noon.

The Mendota Reporter will close on Friday, Dec. 24 and reopen at 8 a.m., on Monday, Dec. 27, in observance of Christmas.

The Mendota Reporter will close on Friday, Dec. 31 and reopen at 8 a.m., on Monday, Jan. 3, in observance of New Year.

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## CARDS OF THANKS

A huge thank you to all the doctors, nurses, ER doctors, nurses, EMTs from Mendota, Spring Valley and Rockford, Physical Therapy-Reed who pushed me to get better, kitchen crew, cleaning crew—the lady who would take time to talk to me, Home Health crew, especially Ryan and Beth, and I hope I didn't miss anyone! To all who wished me well and visits and phone calls and cards and beautiful flowers—Mary and Allen and Jackie and Janis and families and my beautiful angel—Denise and Monica—all meant so very much! But especially to my wonderful family! I wouldn't be here without you! For everything you've done and continue

to do! Merrill for taking care of me, Matt, Maurine, Mason, Morgan, Mike and Amanda for all the worries and visits, Michelle, Tony, Ava and Addie for everything and the beautiful bathroom! I love you more than you'll ever know and to Sparky who thought I wasn't coming home and is stuck to my side now! God blessed me with a beautiful family and friends and I'm truly grateful! Love you all! God bless!

**Love,  
Cheryl Marquis**

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**Dick Bergmark**

## BLESSED EVENTS

**JAMESON A. LEONARD**  
Jacob and Page (Holland) Leonard of Mendota are parents of their first child, **Jameson Atlas**, born Nov. 19, 2021 at St. Margaret's Health in Peru. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces. Parental grandparents are Lambert and Karen (Bergmark) Leonard of Mendota and maternal grandparents are Todd and Nancy (Mc Dougall) Holland of Mendota. Great-grandparents are Dick and Ida Bergmark of Mendota and Gary and Judy Holland of Mendota.

## Snowmobiles and ATVs not allowed on MHS property

MENDOTA – Public notice from Mendota High School: Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are not allowed on any District 280 school property. Violators will be prosecuted.

## Meat sticker shock hits as labor shortage continues

By **ZETA CROSS**  
*The Center Square contributor*

SPRINGFIELD – Prices for prime cuts of meat are up by as much as 25% with farmers and consumers taking the hit.

Tom Eikman, owner of Eikman's Processing in Seward, Illinois, a small-sized, third-generation meat processor, said that a shortage of skilled meat handlers and rising costs are plaguing the industry.

"We need those individuals that can take a front quarter of a beef and can break that down into ribeyes and chuck roasts and ground beef. We've been constantly trying to find that labor source and striking out," Eikman said.

Eikman has a theory that many of the longtime guys who did the skilled meat processing jobs retired early because of the pandemic. Workers make \$18 an hour at Amazon. Some are not keen on standing on their feet in icy facilities, lifting 70-pound meat carcasses for less money.

The solution to the labor shortage problem in the meat industry is not simple, Eikman said. He hopes community colleges will teach meat science – not just to people seeking management level jobs. Frustrated employers are also looking to Mexico for blue collar

workers, hoping that the federal government will expand work visa opportunities.

Eikman said he expects high meat prices to continue into next year. Because of big time consolidation, most of the meat in Illinois stores comes from four giant meat processing conglomerates. Mid-sized meat processors who used to provide competition have all been absorbed by the big four.

Big Agriculture dictates the meat prices, Eikman explained. His processing plant could undercut them in the short term and sell steaks below their market rates. However, word would quickly get out and Eikman would run out of the inventory.

So his hands are tied. He has no choice but to fall in line and charge market rates, he argued.

If there were eight giant meat processing conglomerates rather than just four, the situation might be a little better for farmers and consumers, Eikman said. In Southern Illinois, Saline River Processors is setting up a large meat processing plant with the power to compete with the big four. The company hopes to be up and running in the fall of 2022.

"It's become more economical to buy half a beef and put it in the freezer at home," Eikman said. "Then the hard part: There is no labor to do it. So we are in a continual circle."



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9:00 p.m. at First, Lee  
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**Christmas Day**  
Saturday, December 25  
10:00 a.m. at Immanuel  
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and on earth  
peace to those  
on whom His  
favor rests."*

*A Light will shine on us this  
day, the Lord is born for us.*

**2021 Christmas and  
Holy Day Mass Schedule**

|   |                      |  |
|---|----------------------|--|
| <b>Friday, December 24</b>                  |                      |  |
| 4:00 pm                                     | St. Theresa          |  |
| 4:00 pm                                     | Holy Cross           |  |
| 5:30 pm                                     | Sts. Peter & Paul    |  |
| 5:45 pm                                     | Holy Cross           |  |
| 12:00 midnight                              | Holy Cross           |  |
| <b>Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day</b> |                      |  |
| 7:00 am                                     | Holy Cross           |  |
| 8:00 am                                     | St. Theresa          |  |
| 9:00 am                                     | Sts. Peter & Paul    |  |
| 10:00 am                                    | Holy Cross - Spanish |  |
| No Saturday Evening Mass                    |                      |  |
| <b>Friday, December 31</b>                  |                      |  |
| 4:00 pm                                     | St. Theresa          |  |
| 4:00 pm                                     | Holy Cross           |  |
| <b>Saturday, January 1</b>                  |                      |  |
| 7:00 am                                     | Holy Cross           |  |
| 8:00 am                                     | St. Theresa          |  |
| 9:00 am                                     | Sts. Peter & Paul    |  |
| 10:00 am                                    | Holy Cross - Spanish |  |
| No Saturday Evening Mass                    |                      |  |



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This entry blank must be received by Thursday, Dec. 30 at 4 p.m.. Mail or drop off your entry at: The Mendota Reporter, 703 Illinois Avenue, P.O. Box 300 Mendota, IL 61342. The winner will be the one who correctly identifies the most Santas. If more than one person has the most correct answers, the winner will be randomly drawn from those entries. Correct answers will appear in the Jan. 5, 2022 issue.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

**By Dana Jackson**

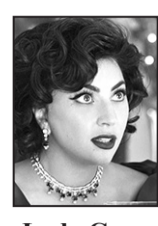
**Q:** Is NFL football reporter Jac Collinsworth related to longtime announcer Cris Collinsworth? He sure looks like him. Did he ever play football like his dad? -- **N.C.**

**A:** Yes, 26-year-old Jac Collinsworth has joined NBC Sports, the broadcast home of his father, Cris Collinsworth, who hosts "Sunday Night Football" with Al Michaels on NBC. You can see Jac on the sidelines Sunday nights, and while some might scream "nepotism," Jac seems like a natural talent who was hired on his own merits.

According to SportingNews.com, Jac has been working in front of and behind the camera since he was in eighth grade. He worked as a sports reporter while attending Notre Dame, but was never a college athlete like his father. Cris Collinsworth, who is now 62, played for the Florida Gators and then subsequently the Cincinnati Bengals.

Before joining NBC, Jac worked for ESPN as a host and features reporter. When Cris learned that NBC executive Sam Flood wanted to make his son an offer, he pleaded with them not to, saying that Jac was doing great making his own mark at

ESPN. Flood explained that the network needed to build their young talent pool and that Jac was "the best I've seen."



**Lady Gaga**

**Q:** I recently saw the movie "House of Gucci." I al-

ways wonder how accurate these biographical films really are and what the family must think of how they are portrayed. Did they have any input on the making of the movie? -- **R.V.**

**A:** According to USA Today, the Gucci family hasn't been involved in the Gucci fashion house since 1993, when Maurizio "sold his remaining stake to the Bahrain-based company Investcorp" and was later bought by the French group Kering.

In the movie "House of Gucci," Lady Gaga plays Patrizia Reggiani, who hired a hitman to murder her husband, Maurizio Gucci, played by Adam Driver. The Gucci family issued a statement recently saying that the film is "anything but accurate" and that they were not consulted at all before or during production. Director Ridley Scott defended his

film, stating that he tried to be "as respectful as possible by being as factual as possible."

The reviews have been mixed, with audiences enjoying the film more than critics, but both groups seem to agree that Lady Gaga's performance will likely result in another Oscar nomination for the talented singer/actress. \*\*\*

**Q:** Who was the little girl who played Annie in the recent live musical? She was incredible. Was she a new discovery? -- **E.E.**

**A:** Celina Smith earned the title role in NBC's "Annie Live!" through a nationwide search, but it wasn't her first professional acting role. At only 12 years old, she's already played a Young Nala in a national touring production of "The Lion King" and has been a regular on the Nickelodeon sitcom "Young Dylan."

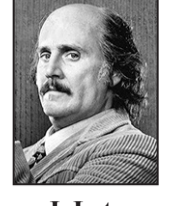
"Annie Live!" aired Dec. 2 on NBC and starred crooner Harry Connick Jr. as Daddy Warbucks, Taraji P. Henson ("Empire") as Miss Hannigan and Tituss Burgess ("Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt") as Rooster.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

## Hollywood

**By Tony Rizzo**

**HOLLYWOOD --** Jared Leto won an Oscar for "Dallas Buyer's Club" (2013)



and proved he'll go the distance for his characterizations. In "House of Gucci" (which opened Nov. 24), he's unrecognizable playing Paulo Gucci. On his first day (deep in character), he ran into Al Pacino (playing Aldo Gucci) and said "Dad." Pacino didn't recognize him, thought he was a weirdo and walked away. Later, Leto saw him again and said, "Father." Pacino was rushing away until another cast member whispered, "That's Jared." Pacino turned, arms stretched out, and said "son!"

Leto also has "Morbius" (in IMAX, due Jan. 28, with former "Doctor Who" and "The Crown's" Matt Smith. Morbius suffers from a rare disease and tries a dangerous cure that turns him into a vampire. What woman wouldn't want him nibbling on her neck? Sequels are

already in the works. Leto next stars for director Aron Aronofsky in "Adrift," about a fishing boat crew discovering a ghost yacht in open sea (coming Aug. 19). Leto pursued the rights for 10 years and brought it to Aronofsky and Jason Blum; now all three are producing.

Meanwhile, Lady Gaga is getting a Cher "Moonstruck" Oscar buzz for "House of Gucci." Critics are saying the film has a "Godfather" vibe and that Gaga is "incredible," as is Jared Leto. Director Ridley Scott, a three-time Oscar director nominee for "Thelma & Louise" (1991), "Gladiator" (2000) and "Black Hawk Down" (2001) and as a producer of "The Martian" (2015), has never won, though he did win an Emmy and was knighted in 2003. Scott is currently prepping yet another remake of "The Boston Strangler" (which starred Tony Curtis in 1968 and David Faustino of "Married With Children" in 2008). Keira Knightly plays the reporter who pursues the case, with co-stars Chris Cooper and Alessandro Nivola. Ridley Scott's recent

"The Last Duel," with Matt Damon, flopped. \*\*\*

Once there were 13 soaps on three networks, but today there are just four left. A recent growth in their audience has kept "The Young and the Restless" at No. 1. "General Hospital" is No. 2, followed by "The Bold and the Beautiful" and "Days of Our Lives." "Days" has received a two-year pickup from NBC, and thanks to the recent success of "Days of Our Lives: Beyond Salem" on Peacock, toplined by super couples Thao Penghlis and Leann Hunley, and Deidre Hall and Drake Hogestyn, Peacock greenlit "Days of Our Lives: A Very Salem Christmas" (due Dec. 16), toplined by Emmy-winner Chandler Massey (in a recent Hallmark film) and Eileen Davidson. I met Thao Penghlis on his first day at "Days of Our Lives," and now he's celebrating his 40th anniversary with the show. He's such a great actor, you'd never know he's from Australia ... "G'day mate!"

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## Couch Theater

**"1883" --** Sam Elliott's glorious mustache needed a new project, so it was cast in this prequel to the wildly popular "Yellowstone" series. A Paramount+ Original series, "1883" is the story of the Dutton family's own attempt at manifest destiny as they traverse the Great Plains with hopes of a better life in Montana. The road west was a journey of adventure and wonder, and of danger, death and despair. With its grand, expansive scenery and movie-quality score, this show has a real "Dances With Wolves" feel. The main cast also includes Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Billy Bob Thornton and Isabel May. (Paramount+)

**"Selling Tampa" --** Of all the cities in all the land, it is perplexing why the spinoff to the popular "Selling Sunset" series features The Lightning Capital of the World, the city with more strip clubs per capita than Publix supermarkets, the city with Florida's worst beaches ... Tampa. Surely other contenders for the franchise offered more stunning vistas with loftier price tags. But what this Southern cast

does offer is an all-female, all-Black real-estate agency, which is a nice change from the plastic blond bombshells lorded over by male owners of the LA cast. The eight episodes drop Dec. 15. (Netflix)

**"Ron's Gone Wrong" (PG) --** Kids in the 1980s fantasized that their Teddy Ruxpin bear could actually come alive and be a real friend. Disney has modernized this fantasy with an animated story about B-Bots, which are cute, tic-tac-shaped, digitally connected best friends for kids. All the cool kids have one, so main character Barney begs his dad for a B-Bot of his own. But something is amiss with his bot, Ron (voiced by Zach Galifianakis), who doesn't quite behave like the other bots. A series of hilarious personality malfunctions proves he requires very literal instruction on everything from proper language to personal safety. Amid the cute mishaps and hijinks is an underlying message about social media dependence and the danger of toxic relationships. (Disney+)

**"Finding Magic Mike" --** A bunch of guys from across

America who have lost their personal magic converge to learn the enchanting moves of Las Vegas's hottest stage show. In other words, dudes with dad bods want to be strippers. This competition reality show from executive producer Channing Tatum attempts to find a "real" Magic Mike, who will earn a wad of cash along with that title. (HBOMax)

**"My Dream Kitchen: Giada DeLaurentis" and "My Dream Kitchen: Carla Hall" --** Two separate episodes drop Dec. 18, combining a healthy portion of house renovation with a pinch of cooking talk. The two celebrity chefs each tackle constructing their dream kitchens in their personal homes, DeLaurentis in her LA-area mid-century house, and Hall in her longtime D.C. home that she shares with her husband (though they don't share the same kitchen vision). As per usual, unexpected delays and supply-chain snafus snarl each project, but the big reveals make everything worth the effort. (Discovery+)

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## Strange But True

**By Lucie Winborne**

\* In Germany, you are allowed to drive your car naked, but not get out of it naked.

\* A high-school principal once disciplined a student by making him sit in the basement while reading the U.S. Constitution. The punishment must have taken effect, because said student (who also memorized parts of the document) was Thurgood Marshall, who grew up to become the first Black Supreme Court justice.

\* Male orb-weaver spiders give back rubs to their mates so they don't get eaten.

\* "Mbuki-mvuki" is a Bantu word for the irresistible urge to strip off your clothes while dancing.

\* In 2002, Saddam Hussein's campaign theme song for re-election was Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You."

\* For a single day in August 1998 and another in October 2018, Topeka, Kansas, renamed itself "ToPikachu" to mark the release of different Pokemon games.

\* Pule, the world's rarest cheese, is made from donkey milk, something that was widely believed impossible since the liquid doesn't coagulate. However, Serbian cheesemaker Slobodan Simic discovered a solution and now sells his cheese for over \$500 per pound.

\* The Saturday falling closest to April 1 is International Tom Hanks Day.

\* MLB pitcher Turk Wendell, "baseball's favorite oddball," would not only brush his teeth every inning, but at the start of same, would turn and wave to the center fielder and wait for him to wave back before proceeding.

\* There are more English speakers in China than in the United States.

\* In 1994, a man was arrested for dressing as the Grim Reaper and standing and staring into the windows of a home for the elderly.

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## Trivia Test

1. SCIENCE: How long does it take for light to travel from the Sun to Earth?

2. TELEVISION: Which comedian used the catchphrase "one ringie dingie, two ringie dingies" in a TV character sketch?

3. MEASUREMENTS: How many centimeters are equivalent to 100 inches?

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to serve nonconsecutive terms?

5. LANGUAGE: How many languages are spoken in the world today?

6. GOVERNMENT: Which branch of U.S. government is responsible for making laws?

7. SPORTS: Which famous baseball pitcher's nickname is "The Chairman of the Board"?

8. FOOD & DRINK: What type of food do the Teenage Mutant Ninja

Turtles love?

9. GEOGRAPHY: Which ocean does Bermuda lie in?

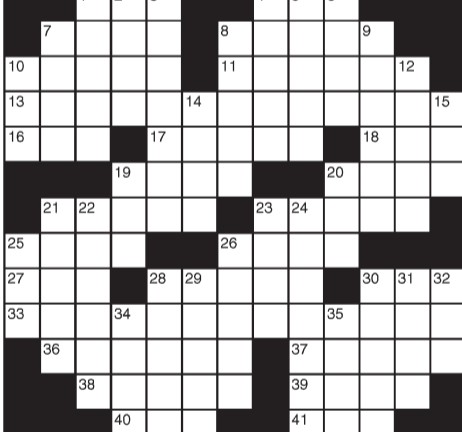
10. MATH: What is a prime number?

- Answers
- Eight minutes, 20 seconds
  - Lily Tomlin, as telephone operator Ernestine
  - 254
  - Grover Cleveland
  - More than 7,000
  - The legislative branch -- U.S. House and Senate
  - Whitey Ford
  - Pizza
  - Atlantic
  - A number that is only divisible by itself and 1

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## King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- PC port
  - Roast VIPs
  - cheese dressing
  - Some tides
  - Coffee-break hr.
  - Mistakes in print
  - Mitch Hedberg and Margaret Cho, for two
  - Standard
  - Cyber-commerce
  - To and —
  - Greet
  - "Roots" author Haley
  - Racing shell
  - Red-tag events
  - Poker variety
  - \$ dispensers
  - 1040 org.
  - Mideast peninsula
  - Mimic
  - "Don't slouch!"
  - Spud
  - Thin nails
  - Brick worker
  - Used car sites
  - Med. plan option
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  - Repress
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  - Farm units
  - Gas co., for one
  - Boston team, for short
  - Paul Newman film
  - Gore and Franken
  - Vegas area
  - Convention
  - Luminary
  - Good-natured
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  - Playwright
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  - 29 "Life — short ..."
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  - 32 UFO crew
  - 34 Hexagonal state
  - 35 Press agent?



- DOWN**
- Of an arm bone
  - Writer
  - Unfair treatment
  - "Thank you, Henri"
  - Yule tune
  - Pesky email
  - Alpha follower
  - Himalayan
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  - 12 Farm units
  - 14 Gas co., for one
  - 15 Boston team, for short
  - 19 Paul Newman film
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by Linda Thistle

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Answers

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# LOCAL AND AREA

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## Finding joy in your everyday life

John 10:10 has been one of my favorite scriptures for many years. It says: "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and

enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)" (AMPC). This verse clearly shows us that God wants us to enjoy our lives—in abundance, to the full, until we're overflowing with joy!

I remember when God gave me the revelation that it's His will for me to enjoy my life. It was life-changing because I used to be a miserable person who was emotionally unstable and couldn't be happy unless I got my way most of the time. Because of the abuse I had experienced throughout childhood, I was insecure, angry and didn't trust anyone. But once I started seriously studying God's Word, I came to realize that He didn't want me to live this way. I could be healed and whole in my mind and emotions, and I could learn how to really enjoy my everyday life.

Now, when I say God wanted me to enjoy my everyday life, I'm talking about doing ordinary life with calm delight and a smile on my face (see John 15:11). It's about not dreading the daily responsibilities you have to do whether you like it or not, things like cleaning the house, mowing the grass, going to work, and the list goes on and on. And it's not a "working for the weekend" mentality or

an attitude that says "I'll be happy when...I get to go on vacation" or "the kids are back in school" or "I get that promotion" and so on.

It seems today that most people believe they have to wait for their circumstances to change before they can enjoy life. But the truth is you can make the decision to enjoy your ordinary life and make it extraordinary, regardless of your circumstances.

### Doing Life with God

One of the ways you can take ordinary life and make it extraordinary is to learn to do every single thing you do with and for God. We make a mistake when we separate our sacred life from our secular life. We can be just as close to God in the grocery store as we are at church. And He wants us to do everything we need to do WITH Him.

It actually adds an edge of excitement when we let God be involved in everything we do. He's everywhere, all the time, and He's just as interested in the routine, mundane tasks of our lives as He is in the more "spiritual" things we do.

It's amazing to realize that God wants to have fellowship with us—He wants to spend each day with us. Don't just settle for seeking Him once a week at church or when you're in a desperate

situation. Decide that you are going to enjoy your everyday relationship with God!

### The Truth About Real Joy

The abundant life Christ offers goes deeper in our hearts than the way we feel about things. It's an amazing thing when we learn how to have the peace and joy only God can give in every area of our lives, instead of the type of enjoyment that's just based on emotional excitement.

The joy of the Lord is much greater than simply feeling happy. It brings peace and contentment to your soul, even when your circumstances are difficult and don't make any sense. Nehemiah 8:10 says, "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

This kind of joy makes the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday routine enjoyable. And since most of life is Monday through Friday, we need to enjoy it!

### The World Can't Give It to You

In John 15:11 (NIV), Jesus says, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." The Amplified translation says "that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing." In the ten verses leading up to this one, Jesus is talking about abiding in Him, because that's the key to living with His joy.

Abiding means "to live, dwell and remain in"; it's not just visiting once a week at church. It's having a personal relationship with Christ, being one with Him and doing life together. The truth is apart from Jesus, we can do nothing of real value, but with Him, we can bear much good fruit (John 15:5).

God wants to abide with you every day, all throughout the day. He doesn't just want you to seek Him when you go to church or when you're desperate. His desire is to have a personal relationship with you, so you can experience His presence in everything you do. That's when your everyday life is really enjoyable!

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## IVCC dental students hone their skills by offering clinics

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Dental Assisting Program will once again offer free/reduced-cost dental clinics for IVCC students, staff and the community.

Clinics are 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays, Jan. 28 through May 6 (excluding Feb. 25, March 4 and March 11) in the Dental Lab (B214).

Screening days for new patients only are Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 and include x-rays, a comprehensive exam, treatment plans and oral hygiene instruction. Recommended treatment will be scheduled.

Treatments are free for IVCC students and employees and qualifying patients are charged \$30. The May 7 clinic is for small restorations at \$25 per restoration.

The clinics do not provide any oral surgery, removable or fixed prosthetics (dentures/partial), orthodontic procedures or prescribe any medications.

IVCC Dental Assisting students have taken courses on Getting Ahead of the Next Stage of the COVID-19 Crisis as well as In-

terim Dental Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for the COVID 19 Response.

All IVCC faculty, staff, student and volunteering dentist will be following proper CDC guidelines, and wearing the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment.

Patients will be required to fill out a pre-screening form before entering the building, temperature checks at the door, and antimicrobial mouth rinses before treatment begins. Patients must present alone, unless they are a minor.

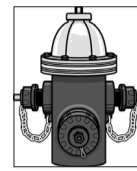
Dental assisting program coordinator Heather Seghi said, "Our students are excited to start their clinics to hone their skills. They need a required number of patients, so reliable patients are desired as there is not time for re-scheduling missed or canceled appointments.

"We do have outside resources for those unable to have the cleaning completed in our clinic, and we are very happy to help in any way we can to ensure they receive the best care," she added.

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| Cute Nails                                  | Nightengales Thrift Shop    | Sew Quiltable                   |  |
| CVS/pharmacy                                | Mauch Carpentry, Inc.       | Shell in Mendota                |  |
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# LOCAL AND AREA

## IVCC commits funds for agriculture classroom & lab building

### Board OKs dental lab reno, 2021 tax levy

OGLESBY – Commitment to an ag classroom building, dental lab renovations and new leadership for humanities and criminal justice were all part of Illinois Valley Community

College board action Dec. 9. The board committed to matching 20 percent of the \$4.4 million needed for the agriculture classroom and lab building, phase II of the ag complex.

The college is applying for a \$3.5 million U.S. Department of Economic Development Administration grant. If approved, IVCC's obligation would



be \$885,300. In other business, trustees approved the \$555,200 bid of Vissering Construction of Streator for the dental lab renovation. With dental hygiene being added in fall 2023, the program is moving from B-Building to the upper floor of G-Building, a space formerly occupied by Therapeutic Massage.

Trustees also approved:

- The hiring of Dr. Lirim Neziroski as Dean of Humanities, Fine Arts and Social Sciences effective Jan. 5. Neziroski is manager of online learning at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights. He earned a Ph.D. in English from the University of Georgia.
- The hiring of Jonathan Hubbell as criminal justice



IVCC agriculture classroom and lab building, Phase II of the ag complex.

instructor. Hubbell has four years' experience teaching criminal justice at the community college and university levels and worked over 10 years at McLean County Adult Court Services in Bloomington.

- The resignation of Caitlin Hubbell, ag instructor and co-program coordinator effective Dec. 16.
- The \$13.9 million 2021

tax levy that includes a 9.3 percent increase over last year's \$12.5 million levy. It is based on a nearly 9 percent increase in the district's equalized assessed valuation (EAV). The levy will keep the tax rate nearly flat for tax payers. The meeting began with a truth-in-taxation public hearing.

- Travel expenses of \$188 for trustee Jane Goetz for attending a state trustee meetings Nov. 12-13.
- Approval of closed session minutes from Nov. 18.

No action was taken on the agenda item relating to a 360-degree evaluation of IT services.

The board learned:

- Enrollment in IVCC's first "Winter Intersession" has been "very promising," said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran. The 18-day session running Dec. 21 through Jan. 7 includes online courses in chemistry, wellness, first aid, psychology, marriage and family and intercultural communications.

- Online, 12-week "Late Start" classes beginning Feb. 7 include math for liberal arts, English composition I and II, global environment, sociology, music

appreciation and human growth and development.

- IVCC is exploring a partnership with the Illinois Valley YMCA for a child-care center in the Peter Miller Community Technology Center. "I am optimistic we can have the center up and going in the spring semester to serve up to 18 children," said Corcoran.

- The Foundation's 2021 Annual Appeal had raised nearly \$30,000 from 92 donors as of Dec. 7.

- In just two years, online enrollments are up 86 percent and online credit hours 83 percent, said Dr. Patrice Hess, Director of Learning Resources. In a campus update on the college's online "footprint," Hess said online course sections are up 53 percent. "There is also more variety in our offerings such as virtual class meetings, flexible delivery classes and short-term classes," she said.

- Corcoran recognized Vice President for Academic Affairs Deborah Anderson at her last meeting. He credited Anderson, who is retiring after seven years, for the college's online course expansion. "It's fitting Dr. Hess handled tonight's campus update regarding our online footprint. That was always a priority for Dr. Anderson and thanks to Deb and Patrice, we've made great strides." Anderson will be replaced by Dr. Gary Roberts, Dean of Arts and Sciences at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Mich.

- Corcoran also praised Allied Universal security officer Jim Anderson who is retiring Dec. 20 after seven years at the information desk. "Jim's the type of person you want at the front door, a true gentleman," Corcoran said.

- A moment of silence was held at the beginning of the meeting for Sylvia (Jackson) Eaton, 92, of Ottawa, who died Nov. 21. She is the mother of secretary to the board Judy Day.

- The 2021-22 student activities budget is \$100,939 for 41 clubs, organizations and athletics.

- Kimber King transitioned from part-time to full-time COVID-19 coordinator.
- Part-time cybersecurity analyst Kimberly Reeland resigned Nov. 15 and part-time professional tutor James Greening retired Dec. 8 after 19 years.

- IVCC's first "Show and Enroll" registration event at Ottawa Center Dec. 8 attracted 15 students and generated more than 85 credit hours.

- The college will use HEERF dollars to prepare nearly 50 food boxes for students in need over semester break. There are five meals in each box.

- IVCC's compliance with the Governor's mandate regarding COVID-19 mitigations "has been nothing short of extraordinary," Corcoran said. "The plan has been to reach 100 percent compliance and it looks like we will be there by the end of the semester. As Deputy Governor for Education Martin Torres told a group of presidents this morning, mitigations are saving lives."



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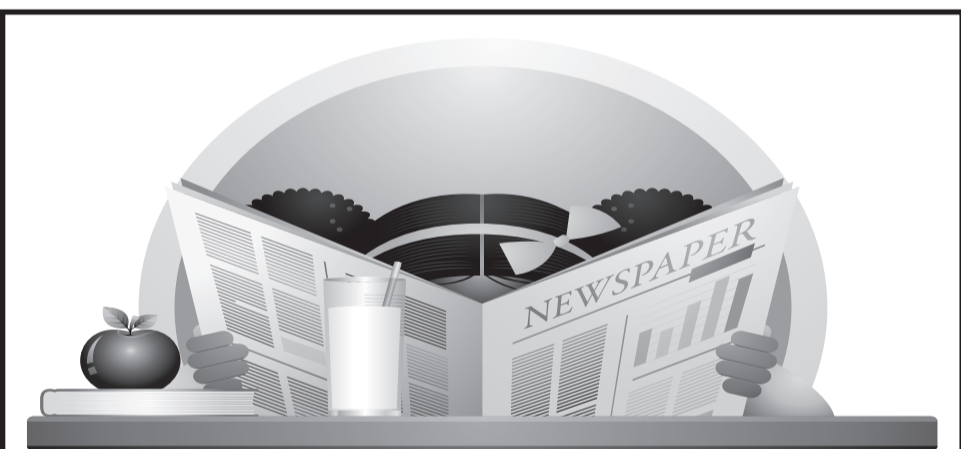
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**NO. 2021-P-261 FRANK MICHAEL KENT, DECEASED ) CLAIM NOTICE**

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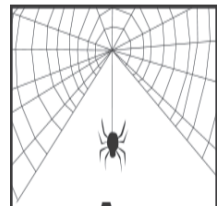
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**NEW LISTING**  
**1605 Lakeview Dr., Mendota**  
**\$199,900 MLS#11280737**  
 Lake neighborhood, corner lot, florida room. 3 spacious bedrooms with master bath and walk in closet. 2 1/2 baths. Basement needs some TLC but is finished. 1s floor laundry, only dryer stays. 2 car attached garage. Cement parking pad. Cement patio. Call for a showing.



**2846 IL. Route 30 Highway, Compton**  
**\$65,000**  
 Lots of potential for this one story home located on Route 30 North of Compton. Call for a showing. McConville Realty.

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- 2-Bdr, 1 Bath with Full Basement and Garage....**SOLD**.....\$72,000
- LaMoille, 4-Bdr, 2-Story w/Wrap Porch....**SOLD**.....\$75,000
- Cozy 2 Bedroom Home with 2+Car Garage .....\$78,000
- Lg 3-Bdr Home with Heated 2-Car Garage .....\$82,000
- Story-Half, 2-Bdrs, 2-Baths, Well Maintained....**PENDING**.....\$124,900
- 1800 Sq. Ft. Living Area, 3-Bdr, 2-Car Garage....**SOLD**.....\$129,000
- Country Living on 2.9 A. Home Plus Pole Shed....**SOLD**.....\$130,000
- Brick Cape Cod with Charm & Character....**SOLD**.....\$159,000
- Split-Level, Great Condition on Edge of Town....**SOLD**.....\$179,900
- Great Location! 2,000 Sq. Ft. Ranch, Open Floor Plan!....**SOLD**.....\$199,000
- Unique 2-Story Custom Build Home on 3-Lots....**SOLD**.....\$329,500

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**\$343,900**  
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**635 East Main St., Amboy**  
**\$185,900**  
 Beautiful Brick, two story Craftsman home on historic East Main Street in Amboy. Surrounded by lovely homes and nature on 2.3 acre on the edge of farm country. Screened in front porch. Plenty of natural light in every room. Gorgeous woodwork! Original chandeliers and wall sconces in huge living room with wood burning fireplace. French doors to living room and dining room for privacy. Spacious foyer with one oak stairway to 5 bedrooms on second floor. Original wavy glass in 4 over 4 windows, hardwood floors throughout. New bathroom on first floor with marble top vanity and subway tile shower. Laundry area on main floor with washer and dryer included. Full basement accessible from kitchen or rear door which could be a sixth bedroom or game room with second laundry hook up and lots of storage including a half bath. Two AC units, one for upstairs and one for main floor. Two car detached garage and huge fenced backyard. Must see this beauty before it is gone! Call today for a showing



**126 W Division St., Amboy**  
**\$169,000**  
 This beautiful ranch style home is all ready for you to move into! Located on a large corner lot. You will be amazed how much bigger it is once inside. Features include: 3 bedrooms, possible one in basement, 2 baths, dining room, kitchen with breakfast bar, stools and all appliances stay, oak hardwood floors, sunken great room with wood burner stove, office area, concrete drive, 2 car detached drive, shed, back fenced in yard for privacy, covered porch and a patio area for entertaining. Call today for a showing! CONTINGENT UPON SELLER FINDING HOME OF THEIR CHOICE!



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**27858 2600 East St., Van Orin**  
**\$64,900**  
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**209 Jefferson St., Amboy**  
**\$85,900**  
 Beautiful Two story Amboy home. Offers 4 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Spacious main floor with living, dining, kitchen, and laundry. Take a walk up the beautiful open staircase to the second story to find a bathroom along with all of the bedrooms as well as walk up to the 3 floor for more storage/attic. Furnace was replaced in past year! Outside you will find a large deck with stairs and a ramp as well as a 2 car garage with a shop that can be accessed from both the alley and the front.



**1605 Lincoln Avenue MENDOTA**  
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