



## ‘A Mendota Christmas’ to include numerous activities on Dec. 4th

### ❑ Santa Claus to arrive in town at noon

MENDOTA – The holidays are quickly approaching and Mendota will be getting into the spirit of the season when it hosts “A Mendota Christmas” on Saturday, Dec. 4 in downtown Mendota. The event is sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce.

Numerous activities will be held during the day, including:

- Holiday Craft & Vendor Show – Featuring craft and vendors for all of your holiday gift-giving needs, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Mendota Elks Lodge.
- Free Hot Chocolate & Hot Dogs – The Mendota Lions Club will be providing treats on Illinois Avenue from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Cows Coffee – Selling hot beverages on Illinois Avenue from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- De Colores – Dance group performing at 10:30 a.m. on Illinois Avenue.
- Taco Guzman – Selling tacos from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides – At the corner of Indiana Avenue and Washington Street from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Boy Scout Wreath Sales – The Boy Scouts will be selling holiday wreaths from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Santa Claus – Jolly Old Saint Nick will make an appearance on Illinois Avenue from noon-3 p.m. Children are encouraged to write letters and put them in Santa’s mailbox. Santa will be in his house. Social distancing will be practiced.

• Free Book Giveaway – Books will be given away to children who visit with Santa as a way to promote literacy in Mendota, from noon-3 p.m.

- Reindeer – Visit with Santa’s reindeer from noon-2 p.m.
- Touch-a-Truck – Children of all ages are invited to see and explore vehicles – police cars, fire trucks, tractors and more.

Other businesses and organizations participating in the festivities include Mendota BPW (cookie kits), Expressions Salon (design-a-ornament), Mendota YMCA (Christmas limbo), HCC (crayon & coloring sheets), Mendota Bible Church (candy canes), Victory Baptist Church (Santa Bingo), First Presbyterian Church (BBQ sandwiches), Sports-N-Stuff, Community Health Partnership, Mendota Rotary Club and Holy Cross.

Also, stop by the information booth for your Build-A-Gingerbread Man activity. To complete the Gingerbread man, you will need to visit the above locations.

## ‘Raise the Depot’ fundraiser in full swing

### ❑ Donations being sought to fund Mendota public art installation project

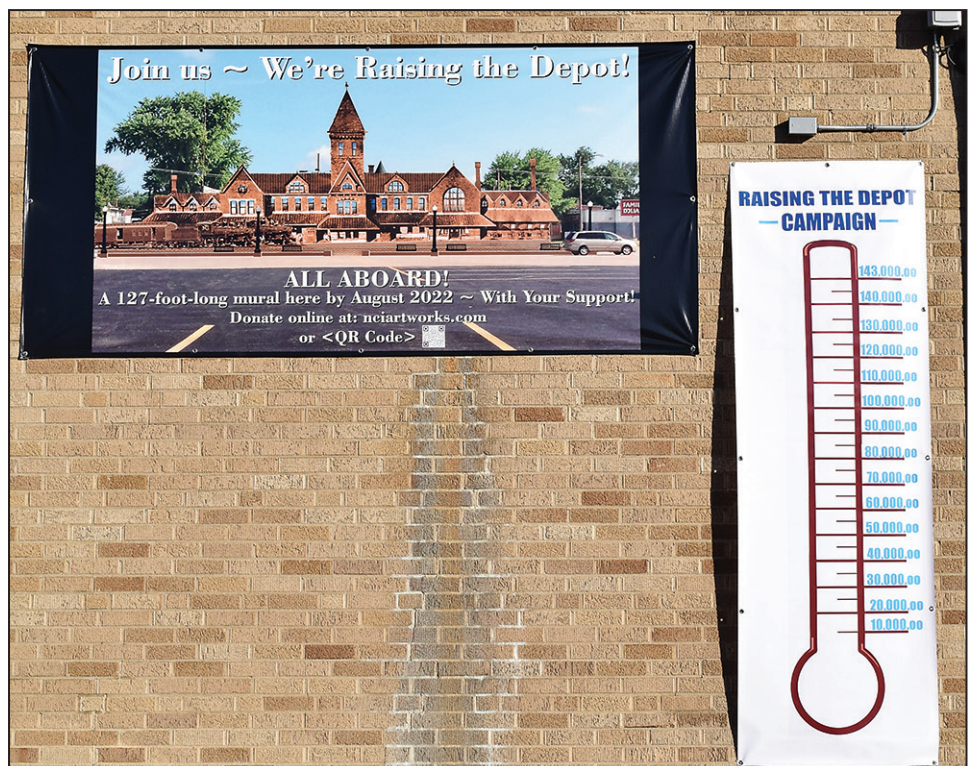
MENDOTA – The fundraising campaign for the “Raise the Depot” art installation project is in full swing in Mendota.

“Raise the Depot” is a public art installation for the Silo Pathways Countryside Public Art Tour. A three-dimensional, 127-foot wide by 50-feet tall mural depicting the historic Union Depot Train Station as it was in downtown Mendota in the 1900s is being proposed and commissioned by Gabe and Michelle Wade in appreciation of the station’s historic significance and stunning turn-of-the-century architecture. The mural will be placed on the south side of the Triple Service Inc. building at the corner of Illinois Avenue and Monroe Street in downtown Mendota.

Michelle Wade said the goal is to raise \$143,000 needed to complete the entire project. She said the first hurdle to clear is securing \$75,000 by the end of December. Currently, the campaign figure is at \$28,120, and Wade said she has several commitments for large donations, so she is confident the \$75,000 goal will be met by the end of the year.

“I’m very confident we’ll hit our mark based on conversations I’ve had with people and commitments that have been made,” said Wade. “Once we hit that \$75,000 mark, we can start the process of painting. At that point, we know we will be on target for installation by August 2022.”

Wade said the fundraising campaign was kicked off around this year’s Sweet Corn Festival. She said it



Funding is being sought for a three-dimensional, 127-foot wide by 50-feet tall mural depicting the historic Union Depot Train Station as it was in downtown Mendota in the 1900s. (Reporter photo)

has been challenging to get the message to the masses and that the goal is lofty, but the campaign is picking up steam.

“These are goals and targets that we have set, and I’m certain this project will happen,” she said. “It’s easiest for the painting to be done over the winter and get it ready for installation next August. I’m anxious to get this done.”

The mural designer/artist is Ray Paseka and the creation of the art piece will be done right here in Mendota. It will be made up of pre-painted aluminum sheeting (4x10 foot each) mounted to a steel support

grid. The structure will have a layered, dimensional effect with the station tower featuring a three-dimensional, train-shaped weather wave at its peak, rising above the main structure. Both the locomotive and train track will stand away from the support grid and windows within the structure will have translucent inlays to allow for diffused lighting. Construction methods will preserve the mural for decades.

Wade added that there will be a 10-foot space between the mural and the First State Bank parking lot so there will be room for people to admire the structure and take photographs if they wish.

“The cost of the project is more than just the mural, it’s the space and the lighting that we want to do that will make this area come alive,” Wade said. “There is a lot of other work than just the mural. The \$143,000 is the whole package.”

NCI ARTworks developed Silo Pathways in 2017 as a curated outdoor art gallery through LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam counties. The Union Depot mural will be the second public art project in Mendota for the Silo Pathways Countryside Public Art Tour. “Mendota Gold”

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## Gov. Pritzker signs electric vehicle manufacturing incentives into law

By JERRY NOWICKI  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker recently signed into law a tax incentives package that state lawmakers hope will help Illinois become a manufacturing hub for the budding electric vehicle industry.

The Reimagining Electric Vehicles in Illinois, or REV Act, passed the General Assembly with near-unanimous bipartisan support during the recently concluded fall session. It provides tax credits for income tax withheld for EV manufacturers and costs to train new or retained employees.

It also applies to the manufacturers of EV parts, such as batteries. It’s an effort to lure new manufacturers to Illinois while incentivizing existing manufacturers to invest in their Illinois facilities and workers.



Gov. JB Pritzker speaks after he signed the Reimagining Electric Vehicles in Illinois Act into law recently in Belvidere. (Credit: Blueroomstream.com)

“With this bill, we intend to attract more EV manufacturers, charging station manufacturers and automotive parts manufacturers, more than ever before, and it will help Illinois become one of the leading EV hubs in the entire nation,” Pritzker said

during a signing ceremony at the Rock Valley College Advanced Technology Center in Belvidere.

The tax credits created by the new law range from

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## Cost of Thanksgiving dinner increases

BY TAMMIE SLOUP  
FarmWeek

Thanksgiving dinner is expected to cost 14% more this year, with higher turkey prices pulling up that percentage.

American Farm Bureau Federation’s 36th annual survey indicates the average cost of this year’s feast for 10 is still affordable at \$53.31—or less than \$6 per person. This is a \$6.41 or 14% increase from last year’s average of \$46.90.

The centerpiece on most Thanksgiving tables—the turkey—costs more than last year, at \$23.99 for a 16-pound bird. That’s roughly \$1.50 per pound, up 24% from last year, but there are several mitigating factors.

Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers checked prices Oct. 26 to Nov. 8, about



two weeks before most grocery store chains began featuring whole frozen turkeys at sharply lower prices. So consumers shopping now for turkeys likely can find better prices.

All the items surveyed saw price jumps from last year—except stuffing—which trends with rising inflation for all goods. Taking turkey out of the basket of foods reveals a 6.6% price increase compared to last year, which tracks closely with the Consumer Price Index for food and general inflation across the economy.

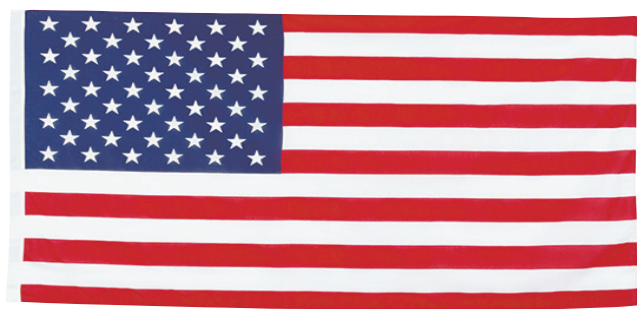
“Several factors contributed to the increase in average

cost of this year’s Thanksgiving dinner,” AFBF Senior Economist Veronica Nigh said. “These include dramatic disruptions to the U.S. economy and supply chains over the last 20 months; inflationary pressure throughout the economy; difficulty in predicting demand during the COVID-19 pandemic and high global demand for food, particularly meat,” she said. Further, “The trend of consumers cooking and eating at home more often due to the pandemic led to increased supermarket demand and higher retail food prices in 2020 and 2021, compared to pre-pandemic prices in 2019.”

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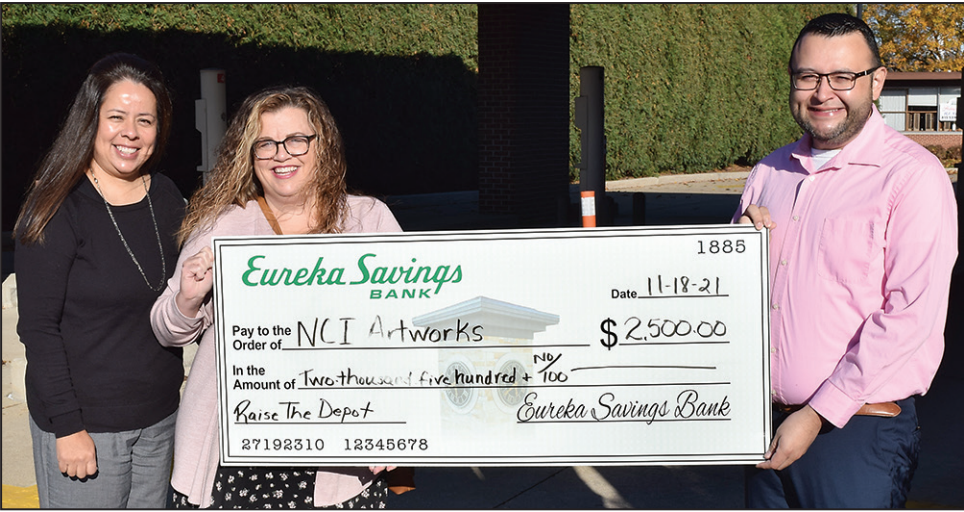


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# LOCAL AND AREA



## “Raise the Depot” donation

Anna Arteaga, left, and Jesse Arellano, right, of Eureka Savings Bank in Mendota, present a check for \$2,500 from the bank to Michelle Wade, who is spearheading the fundraising effort for the “Raise the Depot” project in Mendota. “Raise the Depot” is a public art installation for the Silo Pathways Countryside Public Art Tour, which is developed by NCI ARTworks. The “Raise the Depot” project is a three-dimensional, 127-foot wide by 50-feet tall mural depicting the historic Union Depot Train Station as it was in downtown Mendota in the 1900s. The mural will be placed on the south side of the Triple Service Inc. building at the corner of Illinois Avenue and Monroe Street in downtown Mendota. (Reporter photo)

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## Blackstone School Report

*Stacy Kelly, Principal*

As part of World Kindness Day, we have been collecting food for the Mendota Food Pantry this past week. We have received so much food and we are so grateful for the kindness of our students, their families and our staff. Our community will greatly benefit from your kindness. Thank you!

The students nominated for the Principal Award this past week included Penelope Gruimuk, Aisaiah Arteaga, Delaila Casas, Matthew Krisch, Scarlett Burrell, Julian Montes, Delilah Hermosillo and Delilah Wallace. The winners were Jace Ganther, Meredith McNutt, Devlin Ward and Jaxson Holley. Congratulations to all of you.

The first trimester ended on Nov. 19. Teachers are currently preparing grades. Report cards will go home with all students on Monday, Nov. 29.

The students in Mrs. Wixom, Mrs. Mi-

kolasek, Mrs. Higdon, Mrs. Lamps, Miss Akre, Mrs. Kramer, Miss Willhelm, Mrs. O'Sadnick and Mrs. Tillman's classes all earned their 20th Paw Pride certificate for trimester 1. That means all of our students will get their behavior reward of an extra recess with me to celebrate. We will be working towards a different reward for the second trimester.

Thanksgiving break will be Nov. 24-26. Students will return to school on Nov. 29. I am so thankful for all of our staff, students and their families at Blackstone. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday!

For our families that participated in the fall Club Choice fundraiser, don't forget that the pick up will be on Tuesday, Nov. 30. All orders can be picked up at Northbrook School from 3-6 p.m. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser. Blackstone is trying to raise money for more playground equipment.

## Jumping for Jackson

Anytime Fitness of Mendota recently held a “Jumping For Jackson” fundraiser for Mendota High School student Jackson Carr, who was diagnosed with Leukemia several months ago. Mendota High School collaborated with Kelly Champlin from Anytime Fitness in Mendota to do the fundraiser at MHS. Anytime Fitness also did it at their place of business. The students raised \$2,000 for the family and performed jumping jacks or jumped rope for 40 minutes during their weight room class. MHS students Jamie Dooley, Reanna Brant and Kody Chase collected the most donations. Left to right, are Gary Barrera of MHS, Brant and Champlin. (Photo contributed)



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# LOCAL AND AREA

## BIRTHDAYS

### D. Bergmark 90th birthday

MENDOTA—Dick Bergmark of Mendota will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Help the Bergmark family shower him with cards on this special occasion. Cards can be sent to: Dick Bergmark, 1203 S. Park Ave., Mendota, IL 61342.

The family appreciates everyone who helps make this birthday extra special.



Bergmark

### A. Archer 80th birthday



Archer

MENDOTA — Arlene (Bialas) Archer will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 7. The Pearl Harbor baby was born on Dec. 7, 1941.

In honor of her 80th birthday, the family is having a card shower. For those who wish to recognize Archer on her birthday, please send cards to her in care of Heritage Health, 1201 First Ave., Mendota, IL 61342.

### 4-H to hold officer training for youth

OGLESBY - University of Illinois Extension - Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall & Putnam Counties is hosting their annual 4-H officer training on Saturday, Dec. 4 at IVCC in rooms CTC 124 and 125 from 9 a.m.-noon. All youth interested in becoming an officer in their 4-H community club are encouraged to attend and learn more about the officer positions and leadership roles.

Officer roles include, but are not limited to, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and recreation leader. For those already elected as officers, it is important that they attend to learn their officer role and to help their club and 4-H leader run meetings in an efficient and smooth manner.

There will be a lot of fun, hands-on activities and games planned to help youth develop and learn leadership skills.

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## CARL'S QUIZ

Where did the phrase  
'pull out all the stops' originate?

The answer to last week's quiz is: "Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble" was written by William Shakespeare (1564-1616) from his play, "Macbeth."

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

## Elks memorial service scheduled

MENDOTA — Relatives and friends of Elks members listed below are invited to attend the traditional Memorial Service honoring the departed members who have passed since the 2019 Memorial Service. The service will take place on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. with refreshments following.

Those to be honored include Roger D. Anderson, James B. Armstrong, Life Member (LM); Paul L. Betz; Ronald Boltz (LM); James F. Brown (LM); Michael R. Burkart; Albert Butler Jr. (LM); Dean M. Cannon; Cecil C. Corcoran; Kevin Corcoran; Jaci D. Cummings; George M. Durbin; Stanley F. Erwin, Past Exalted Ruler (PER, LM); Stuart Faber; Dale H. Frey; James H. Hessenberger (LM); David L. Hof (LM); James B. Jamison; Dennis J. Jones; LaVern N. Klinefelter; Gerald E. Knowlton; Robert J. Krenz (LM); Kenneth G. Kurth; Delwin Lamps (LM); Robert A. Martin (LM); George T. McMahon; Robert E. Meinhardt (LM); Marjorie J. Nance (PER); Stacy L. Olesen; Lynn Peterson; John Pierson; Dennis Piller (LM); David G. Pohl (LM); Terry Politsch; Kenneth Purvis (LM); Rodney Quinlan; Henry L. Robinson; Sherman Shaw; Richard L. Shotliff; Thomas J. Smith; Robert W. Sondgeroth; Anthony Taylor; and Dennis Weiler.

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Palmer Chiropractic dean's list

DAVENPORT, Iowa - Madeline Eager of Mendota has been named to the summer 2021 trimester dean's list at Palmer College of Chiropractic's main campus in Davenport, Iowa.

Palmer College of Chiropractic has campuses in Davenport, San Jose, Calif. and Port Orange, Fla.



The MHS team includes, left to right, business teacher Shawn LeRette, and students Ethan Hanaman, Parker Guelde, Allison Stewart and Giselle Gomez. (Photo contributed)

## Mendota H.S. team scores a win in Junior Achievement Business Titan competition

MENDOTA - A team of Mendota High School students, Giselle Gomez, Allison Stewart, Parker Guelde and Ethan Hanaman, competed in the Junior Achievement Business Titan competition on Nov. 16. The MHS team won that competition, beating teams

from LaSalle-Peru (two teams), Annawan, Kewanee (two teams) and Geneseo.

The MHS team will now move on to compete in Davenport, Iowa on Dec. 8. They will go up against teams from Illinois and Iowa for scholarship monies.

## Apply now for IVSO's Young Performers Concerto Competition

MENDOTA - The Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra will hold their Young Performers Concerto Competition on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The competition is open to students in grades 6 through 12 who live or study in the Illinois Valley Community College district or as far east as Morris on Interstate 80.

Winners of the competition will have the opportunity to perform solo with the

orchestra at the March 13 series concert, which will take place at LaSalle-Peru High School's Matthiessen Memorial Auditorium. Students who are runners up and receive Honorable Mention will be recognized at an IVSO Honors Recital on Feb. 4 at the Fine Arts Factory in the Westclox Building.

Application forms are available online at [ivso.org](http://ivso.org). The deadline to apply is Dec. 1.

## Life Line Screening in Mendota, Dec. 7

MENDOTA — Residents living in and around the Mendota area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Mendota Moose Lodge 714, located at 211 E. 12th St., Mendota will host this community event on

Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
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- Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis

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## Mendota Weather

Nov. 24, 2021

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 53 Low: 33

**Thursday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 37 Low: 19

**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 33 Low: 25

**Saturday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 42 Low: 26

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 41 Low: 27

**Monday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 42 Low: 25

**Tuesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 41 Low: 27

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 53°, humidity of 61%. South wind 13 to 21 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 65° set in 1966. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 40% chance of scattered rain, overnight low of 33°. West wind 11 to 14 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 26°. The record low for Wednesday night is -2° set in 1970.

### Regional Cities

City	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	52/35	mc	47/19	ra
Champaign	53/41	mc	49/21	ra
Chicago	52/37	mc	48/23	ra
Freeport	53/27	mc	49/16	pc
Joliet	52/36	mc	47/20	ra
Moline	56/30	mc	51/19	pc
Peoria	56/36	mc	53/21	ra
Rockford	53/31	mc	48/16	pc
Springfield	57/38	mc	53/21	ra

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	37	31	46/28	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	60	31	46/28	0.00"	0.68"
Wednesday	61	39	45/27	0.00"	-0.68"
Thursday	35	29	44/27	0.00"	
Friday	40	23	44/27	0.00"	
Saturday	54	36	43/26	0.00"	
Sunday	56	27	43/26	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First
11/27	Wednesday	6:56 a.m.	4:29 p.m.	8:45 p.m.	11:31 a.m.	12/10
	Thursday	6:57 a.m.	4:29 p.m.	9:49 p.m.	12:07 p.m.	
	Friday	6:58 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	10:54 p.m.	12:38 p.m.	
	Saturday	6:59 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	Prev Day	1:06 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:00 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	12:02 a.m.	1:31 p.m.	
	Monday	7:01 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	1:10 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	Full 12/18
	Tuesday	7:02 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	2:21 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	

### Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

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### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 52 in Quincy, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 74 in Gifford, Fla. The central United States will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 81 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow, highest temperature of 54 in Toledo, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 74 in Palm Springs, Calif.

### Weather Trivia

How many inches of dry snow equal one inch of rain?

Answer: You would need to melt 20 to 40 inches of snow to get one inch of rain.

### Weather History

Nov. 24, 1863 - The Civil War's "battle above the clouds" was fought on Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga. Pre-frontal clouds obscured the upper battlefield. These weather conditions contributed to a victory for Union forces.

Nov. 25, 1970 - The temperature at Tallahassee, Fla. dipped to 13 degrees, following a high of 40 degrees on the previous day. The mercury reached 67 degrees on Nov. 26, and highs were in the 70s the rest of the month.

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Catherine M. Taylor

MENDOTA - Catherine M. Taylor, 99, of Mendota passed away Nov. 19, 2021 at Heritage Health Mendota.

Visitation was from 4-6 p.m. on Nov. 22 with a 3:30 p.m. rosary at the Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota. Mass of Christian burial was at 1 p.m. on Nov. 23 at Holy Cross Church with Rev. Peter Pilon officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery. Wasmer Funeral Home was privileged to assist the family.

Catherine was born Sept. 30, 1922 in Mendota to Martin and Elizabeth (Kratz) Spitz. She married Arthur John Henkel at Holy Cross on Feb. 5, 1941; he preceded her in death on Feb. 27, 1955. She married William Grubb at Holy Cross on May 24, 1958; he preceded her in death on April 18, 1961. She then married Robert "Paul" Taylor on May 12, 1962 at Holy Cross, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 3, 2016.

Survivors include four daughters, Doris Decker of Des Moines, Iowa, Lois (Richard) Schwemlein of Mendota, Shirley (Don) Dallmier of Arcola, and Cathy Hall of Des Moines, Iowa; two sisters, Carlene Schuhler of Sublette and Rita (David) Jones of Mendota; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; one daughter, Susan Taylor; one grandson, Taylor Hall; one great-granddaughter; four brothers, Al Spitz, Leo Spitz, Martin Spitz and Delbert Spitz; and three sisters, Estelle Fonner, Delores Brandt and Florence "Toots" Kuebel.

During her work career, Catherine was a housekeeper for many local homes. She found time to volunteer with the American Red Cross and the Catholic War Veterans in LaSalle, was active in many card clubs, and was in charge of the funeral dinners at Holy Cross where she was a devout member.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Cross School or donor's choice. Condolences may be directed to wasmerfuneralhome.com.

## 'Back Home for the Holidays' Holiday Revue at Stage 212

LA SALLE - There's no place like home for the holidays and Stage 212 is thrilled to be back. "Back Home for the Holidays: A Stage 212 Holiday Revue" will bring many Stage 212 alums to the stage for a celebration of holiday spirit, where the audience can expect to hear dozens of the season's favorites.

Featured in the cast are Abby Bertrand, Ashley Hurst, Becky Christopherson, Bob Philip, Christin Mitchell, Doug Bartelt, Jake Jakielski, Jennifer Walk, Joel Stevenor, Joey Santos, Kevin Alleman, Macy Anderson, Megan Cullinan, Nora Mairer, Reid Tomasson, Sydnee Wright, Tony Christopherson and Nick Hancock.

Production staff includes directors Abby Bertrand and Christin Mitchell, music

director Megan Cullinan, producer Zoe Peshel, production assistant Sydnee Wright, stage manager Perla Escatel, assistant stage manager Ella Johns, sound coordinator/operator Andrew Paden, lighting coordinator/operator Yvette Lucas and spotlight operators Max Wertz and Zoe Piano.

Shows will be Dec. 10-12 at Stage 212, 700 First St., LaSalle. Friday-Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday matinees 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the box office Monday 4-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-noon; call (815) 224-3025 during those hours; or online by at stage212.org.

Masks will be required indoors for all performances and IDPH guidelines will be followed by Stage 212.

## David G. Ultch

MENDOTA - David Gene Ultch, 75, of Mendota, passed away Nov. 15, 2021 at his home.

There will be no services. Cremation rites were accorded. Burial will be private.

David was born Jan. 22, 1946 in Mendota to Donald and Marguerite (Meisel) Ultch.

Survivors include three daughters, Emily McTigue, Amy Ultch and Annelies Salsman; four grandchildren, Cameron Koetz, Olivia and Gabrielle Salsman and Eleyna McTigue; and one brother, Doug Ultch of Mendota.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

David was a 1964 graduate and valedictorian of Mendota High School. He was known as an intelligent, artistic and quiet man, who will be dearly missed.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).

## Jeffrey L. Simpson

PAW PAW - Jeffrey L. Simpson, 59, of Paw Paw passed away suddenly on Nov. 16, 2021 at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Celebration of Life visitation was from noon-2 p.m. on Nov. 21 at the Torman Funeral Home Paw Paw followed by a service from 2-2:30 p.m. officiated by Rev. David Jungnickel at the funeral home. Wasmer Funeral Home was privileged to assist the family.

Jeff was born Dec. 8, 1961 to Roger E. and Geneva C.(Gibson) Simpson.

Survivors include one brother, Jon (Carol) Simpson of Paw Paw; one sister, Trudy (Larry) McCarty of LaMoille; nieces and nephews, Jaclyn Simpson, Chris Simpson, Laura Simpson and Megan (Tim) Simpson; and great-nieces and nephews, Austin Wright, Summer McCarty, Tim Thompson, Blake Walters, Lola Thompson and Ryder Simpson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Jeff was a National Honor Society member at Paw Paw High School, graduating in 1980. He worked as a farm hand for Boston Farms for 35 years. His passion was tractor pulling. He and his brother, Jon co-founded of Simpson Pulling and he belonged to Illinois State Pullers for 43 years. Jeff gave in death as he gave in life; he was an organ and tissue donor. His final act of kindness was to give the gift of life through organ and tissue donation.

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## 4H

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which are not just important in 4-H but also in life. Plus, it is always fun to meet kids from other clubs, enjoy refreshments and win prizes. They hope to see all 4-H clubs across Bureau, La-

Salle and Marshall-Putnam counties represented at the training in December.

Register online at <https://forms.gle/1iZBYmgudm-J4EaWh9> by Dec. 1. Masks are required at the training and social distancing will be practiced.

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## Beverly J. Serr

WACO, Texas - Beverly Jean Serr, 86, of Waco, Texas, formerly of LaMoille, got her wish for Jesus to come and get her on Nov. 17, 2021 at Ascension Providence Health Center in Texas.

A memorial service is planned over the Christmas holidays at St. John's Lutheran Church in Boerne, Texas with Pastor Mariola Bergquist officiating. An interment of ashes will be held at a later time at Clarion Lutheran Cemetery, LaMoille.

Beverly was born Dec. 25, 1934, a Christmas gift from God to Harold and Laura (Schlesinger) Wenzel. She was joined later by her only sibling, her sister Shirley. She married Earnest L. Serr on June 10, 1956.

Survivors include her husband, Earnest; her son, Brian and daughter-in-law, Kathy; three beloved granddaughters, Grace, Olivia, and Sophia; her sister, Shirley and brother-in-law, Kerry Harlacher; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Beverly and Shirley grew up together on a farm in Dimmick Township. As the older sister, Beverly became the one most accustomed to helping her dad with the farm chores, surely one of the early experiences that produced her love of work and her self-confidence. She attended LaSalle-Peru High School, where she excelled as a student and played on the girls' basketball team. After high school, she became the first person in her family line to attend college, enrolling at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, where she earned good grades and made many friends. One of those friends, Earnest Serr, a student at Capital's Trinity Lutheran Seminary, became the love of her life. After marrying in 1956, they moved to Cullom, the first church in their ministry. They welcomed their first and only child, Brian, on Dec. 16, 1958. They later moved to Schapville ("population: 49 people, 52 dogs," proclaimed a sign at the edge of the one-gravel-road town), and then close to Mendota, where the young family lived across the rural blacktop road from the Clarion Lutheran Church and Cemetery. Within a few years, Beverly became the kindergarten teacher in LaMoille, a position she poured herself into for over 25 years, becoming a beloved and respected member of both the Clarion and LaMoille communities.

Beverly took all her endeavors seriously, whether parenting, teaching or serving within her husband's various churches or pursuing hobbies such as sewing and quilting, baking Christmas cookies or doing housework. There was a way to do things – the right way – and she was confident that she had the formula. That confidence sometimes bumped up against the confidence of her husband and her son, both of whom were often under the mistaken impression that they knew better. But though the family could argue beyond the point of exhaustion, there was never a day – not a single day – where the three missed an opportunity to apologize (if necessary) and to say sincerely, "Good night; I love you" before bedtime.

Beverly and Ernie enjoyed traveling, taking numerous trips in the U.S. and Europe, instilling in their son an insatiable love of travel. They made friends quickly wherever they went and the same was true when they moved to Texas in 1999, following their retirement. That move was motivated by their desire to live closer to Brian and his wife, Kathy, who both work at Baylor University Law School, and especially by their desire to be a part of their granddaughters' lives. Grace, Olivia, and Sophia grew up with their Grandpa and Grandma Serr an ever-present fixture in their lives. Beverly and Ernie had a home built near Boerne and were active members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Boerne, where they made many new friends. In 2019, they moved to Waco and again made many new friends at The Delaney senior living facility. Beverly supported many charitable causes, especially those focusing on the needs of children.

If you would like to make a donation in her honor, the family encourages directing it to your favorite charity focusing on children.

The family invites you to share a message or memory on their "Tribute Wall" at [www.WHBfamily.com](http://www.WHBfamily.com).



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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Depot

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is located on the southern silo at the Northern Partners Cooperative.

NCI ARTworks plans to curate 15 works of art in the first phase of the Silo Pathways Countryside Public Art Tour. NCI ARTworks is a regional arts organization dedicated to supporting and expanding the arts community through artistic collaboration, educational outreach and art space development in the 2,000-square mile area of LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam counties, and five contiguous counties (approximately 150,000 residents). NCI ARTworks is a 501(c)(3) non-profit in Illinois and recognized by the IRS.

For more information, visit [www.nciartworks.com](http://www.nciartworks.com)

Anyone wishing to donate to the project may contact Gabe or Michelle Wade at 815-539-3828 or 815-343-3615. Donors may also contact Chris Coughlin, chair, Silo Pathways Legacy Project through NCI ARTworks, at 815-228-1253 or [ccoughlin@nciartworks.com](mailto:ccoughlin@nciartworks.com)

## Dinner

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Illinois Farm Bureau members participated as shoppers for the survey. In Illinois, prices are slightly higher than the national average, with the cost of a Thanksgiving feast for 10 coming in at \$58.15, a \$4.84 or 8% increase from the national average.

“As the element of inflation comes into play, consumers can still rest assured that there are bargains to be found in their local grocery stores,” Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. said. “The food supply is strong, steady and plentiful as Illinois farmers work tirelessly year-round to produce affordable products.”

The shopping list for Farm Bureau’s informal survey includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient to serve a family of 10 with plenty for leftovers.

In recognition of changes in Thanksgiving dinner traditions, the Farm Bureau price survey also includes ham, Russet potatoes and frozen green beans in an expanded holiday menu. Adding these foods to the classic Thanksgiving menu increased the overall cost by \$15.41, to \$68.72. This updated basket of foods also increased in price (up 14%) compared to 2020.

Grocers have a large impact on food prices, which vary by region. Yet despite fluctuating costs for consumers, the farmer’s share of the food dollar remains a steady 8%.

“Farmers have produced the food, but the food supply chain has faced its share of challenges within the past couple years, and it is always adjusting to the needs of U.S. consumers,” Guebert said. “It’s important to remember that it takes a lot of hands and a lot of miles to bring the traditional Thanksgiving spread from the farm to the grocery store.”

This year’s national average cost was calculated using 218 surveys completed with pricing data from all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers checked prices in person and online using grocery store apps and websites. They looked for the best possible prices without taking advantage of special promotional coupons or purchase deals.

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## Law

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75 percent to 100 percent of income tax withheld for creating new jobs or 25 percent to 50 percent for retained employees, depending on factors such as company location and number of employees hired. A 10 percent credit for training expenses would also be available.

Tax credits for construction wages and building materials are also included in the bill.

The added incentives complement Illinois’ other advantages when it comes to manufacturing, Pritzker said, but they are needed to make Illinois competitive with other states from a financial perspective.

Bill sponsor state Sen. Steve Stadelman, D-Rockford, said that’s particularly true in Belvidere near his district, where the Stellantis manufacturing company, which produces Jeeps at the location, is reportedly considering retooling its facility to manufacture electric vehicles.

The state has also been looking to lure a joint battery manufacturing venture announced by Stellantis and tech giant Samsung.

“I don’t think Stellantis would have conversations with the governor and the governor’s staff and lawmakers if they weren’t serious about considering the retooling of this plant here locally,” Stadelman said. “They would not be in conversations if they would not be considering Belvidere to invest in this area. So that’s why I think this package is so important.”

The other advantages to choosing Illinois, according to Pritzker, are a centralized location in the U.S., strong infrastructure, the second-largest crop of computer science engineer graduates in the nation and a pair of major national laboratories.

Those assets helped lure the electric vehicle manufacturer Rivian Automotive to a closed Mitsubishi plant in the Bloomington-Normal area in 2017. Its vice president of public policy, Jim Chen, said the bill will be a major support for the company that already employs more than 3,000 Illinoisans in its 3.5 million square feet of manufacturing space.

“Today’s bill signing represents the next step in promoting Illinois as the Silicon Valley of EVs, as we work together to attract new investment from suppliers and other supporting players in this industry,” he said.

For Pritzker, the bill represents an opportunity to fulfill carbon reduction goals while bringing much needed economic opportunity to the state.

“The Reimagining Electric Vehicles Act is about acknowledging that there doesn’t need to be a trade-off between a cleaner environment and more jobs,” Pritzker said. “We can do both. And today we take a giant leap forward in that quest.”

Republicans were broadly supportive of the tax incentives package. But during floor debate, they peppered the bill’s Democratic sponsors with questions as to why the governor froze a similar tax incentives package known as the Blue Collar Jobs Act as part of his budget proposal for the current year, grouping it with other policies he referred to as “corporate tax loopholes.”

Rep. Dan Brady, a Bloomington Republican who represents the area where Rivian is located, emphasized the importance of the bill’s focus on the manufacturing of EV parts, not just complete vehicles.

“This incentive plan targets companies who will supply our existing manufacturers,” he said. “This proposal will help make

Illinois more competitive to attract companies who will not only be here to supply, but provide jobs – sorely needed jobs.”

The measure also has support from the state’s manufacturing industry. Mark Denzler, CEO and president of the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association, a trade group representing the industry, said the bill will allow Illinois to “keep and grow good-paying manufacturing jobs in an exciting and flourishing industry.”

“This law builds on our state’s proud history of auto manufacturing and positions Illinois to become a national leader in electric vehicle and battery production,” he said in a statement.

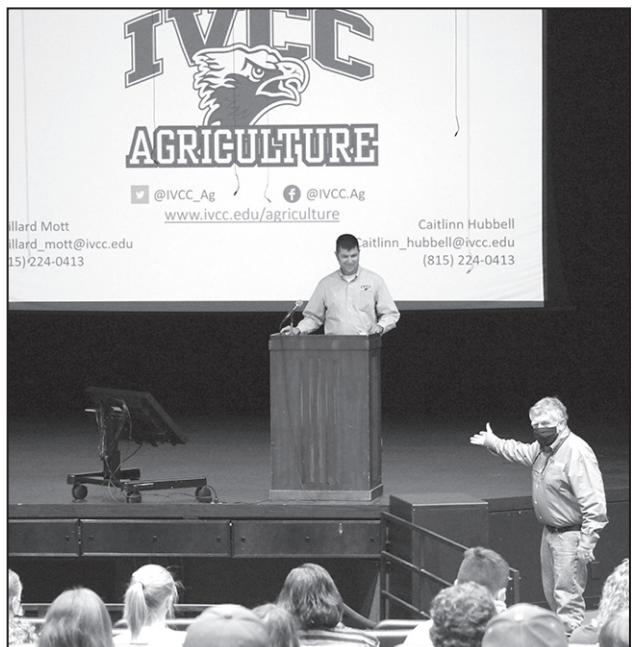
Pritzker’s administration has been working to sell the idea of Illinois as an EV hub on the global stage.

He and top staff traveled to London then Glasgow, Scotland, in early November to meet with business leaders and attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference. House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch and Senate President Don Harmon joined Pritzker on the London wing of the trip.

Deputy Gov. Christian Mitchell said in a phone call with Capitol News Illinois the Illinois delegation met with an estimated 40 business leaders, and plans to follow up aggressively in the coming weeks in an effort to bring company representatives to the state.

“There’s a lot of interest in Illinois, as a place to really invest in green technology, as having hung up the welcome sign to say that we’re open for business,” he said.

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Daryle Wragge, standing, University of Illinois Extension agriculture program coordinator, talks about the quality of IVCC’s ag program and how successful the Extension’s partnership with IVCC has been. IVCC ag program co-coordinator and instructor Willard Mott is at the podium. Over 35 participants from Earlville High School, Marquette Academy and Princeton High School attended Illinois Valley Community College Ag’s Open House Friday, Oct. 15. (Photo contributed)

## Ag Open House gives opportunities available in IVCC’s ag program

OGLESBY – Program co-coordinators Willard Mott and Caitlinn Hubbell along with current IVCC Ag students Madeline-Rose Mudge and Matthew Rich of LaSalle, Taylor Irvin of Streator and Aaron Schmidt of Mendota discussed opportunities within the ag program, potential careers in ag and more during the Ag Open House on Oct. 15.

Representatives from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University and Western Illi-

nois University gave general overviews of their respective ag programs and participants had an opportunity to talk with them one-on-one.

Current ag students guided tours of the campus and Mott and Hubbell answered questions.

“We’re pleased with the turnout and were happy to welcome these students to campus,” said Mott.

Hubbell added, “It was good to see them make connections not only with us, but with transfer universities to help them decide their future educational path.”

## City Ordinance

### Animals-Pet Waste Ordinance

• The purpose of this section is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the City of Mendota so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

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## IVCC plans nursing info session for Dec. 1

OGLESBY – An Illinois Valley Community College nursing admission information session will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1 via Zoom.

Sponsored by the nursing department, counseling center and admissions and records, the session will cover admission requirements and courses students should

take before applying to either the associate degree (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) programs.

Students should register for the session through the web form at <https://www.ivcc.edu/admissions/nursingadmissions.php>. Zoom information will then be shared with the student.

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## Listen and learn

**By Scott Reeder**

SPRINGFIELD – Just when it looked like things couldn’t get any worse for Democrats in rural areas, Virginia voters proved them wrong.

This month, the Republican gubernatorial candidate captured more than 70 percent of the vote in 45 rural Virginia counties, compared to just four counties any of the GOP’s candidates carried by at least that margin in 2008.

But this isn’t just a Virginia story – it’s one playing out in Illinois and just about any other state, said Robin Johnson, a Monmouth-Ill.-based political consultant who advises Democrats on how to appeal to rural voters.

In Illinois and elsewhere, Democrats are focusing their energy on vote-rich cities and increasingly ignoring white, rural communities, he said.

“During the last four years, for a lot of Midwest Democrats at the state legislative level, they’ve had to go campaign and not use their party label because the brand is so toxic,” Johnson said. “They feel they’ve got a chance with these rural voters, if they can get to them before they ask what party they’re in. The Democratic Party has just not invested enough effort in rural areas and a lot of their actions come off as being elitist and condescending to rural voters.”

Years ago, I watched some volunteers from east and west coast universities working on an Illinois congressional campaign ridicule working-class Democrats as they left a rally at the Illinois State Fair. Their work boots, trucker caps and overalls didn’t fit with their image of the party.

When I covered the Illinois General Assembly full time, Chicago Democrats would derisively refer to the late state Rep. Joel Brunsvold, a Democrat from the Quad-Cities, as “Guns-vold” because he supported gun-owner rights. The idea of a fellow Democrat having a differing view of gun control was an anathema to them.

Or there was former Sen. Gary Forby, a Democrat from deep southern Illinois. He dug septic tanks for a living. His voice was pure working-class and his commitment to the party was every bit as real as that of his Chicago counterparts – who ridiculed his accent every time he rose to speak on a bill.

Former Gov. Jim Edgar, a Republican, told me he sees parallels between how some Democrats view rural voters and how some Republicans view Black voters.

Party insiders often want campaigns to focus on getting out votes from their base rather than putting additional resources toward persuading voters in communities where they have not been as popular, he said. Edgar said he disagreed with this view and campaigned extensively in Chicago’s African American neighborhoods.

“Democrats apparently need to go back to the drawing board when it comes to rural America. And it’s not just Virginia you saw in this last election, in about every state, Donald Trump did very well in rural areas,” he said.

U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, is one of the few Democrats in Congress representing a district carried twice by Trump. So, what’s her secret?

“I don’t think it is a magic formula. It’s showing up. It’s using your two ears and one mouth proportionately,” she told me.

I’ve been friends with Bustos for more than 30 years. We spent a decade together as reporters for the Quad-City Times.

When we spoke earlier this month, she added, “Scott, you know Tractor Supply, but you probably don’t know Trader Joes very well because (rural areas) don’t have any Trader Joes. We need to go into Tractor Supply and listen to folks rather than Democrats just going into Trader Joes.”

That’s the sort of retail politics that is effective whether someone represents an urban or rural area. This growing alienation between the Democratic Party and small-town residents should be of concern to all voters living outside of metropolitan areas, no matter our political affiliation.

Why? Well, for starters, neither party has all the answers and it’s only through collaboration that we can move forward. Also, when a block of voters identifies too strongly with one political party, expect it to be taken for granted by one and ignored by the other.

I’d much rather have candidates competing for our votes. After all, all voters are worthy of having their concerns heard and responded to.

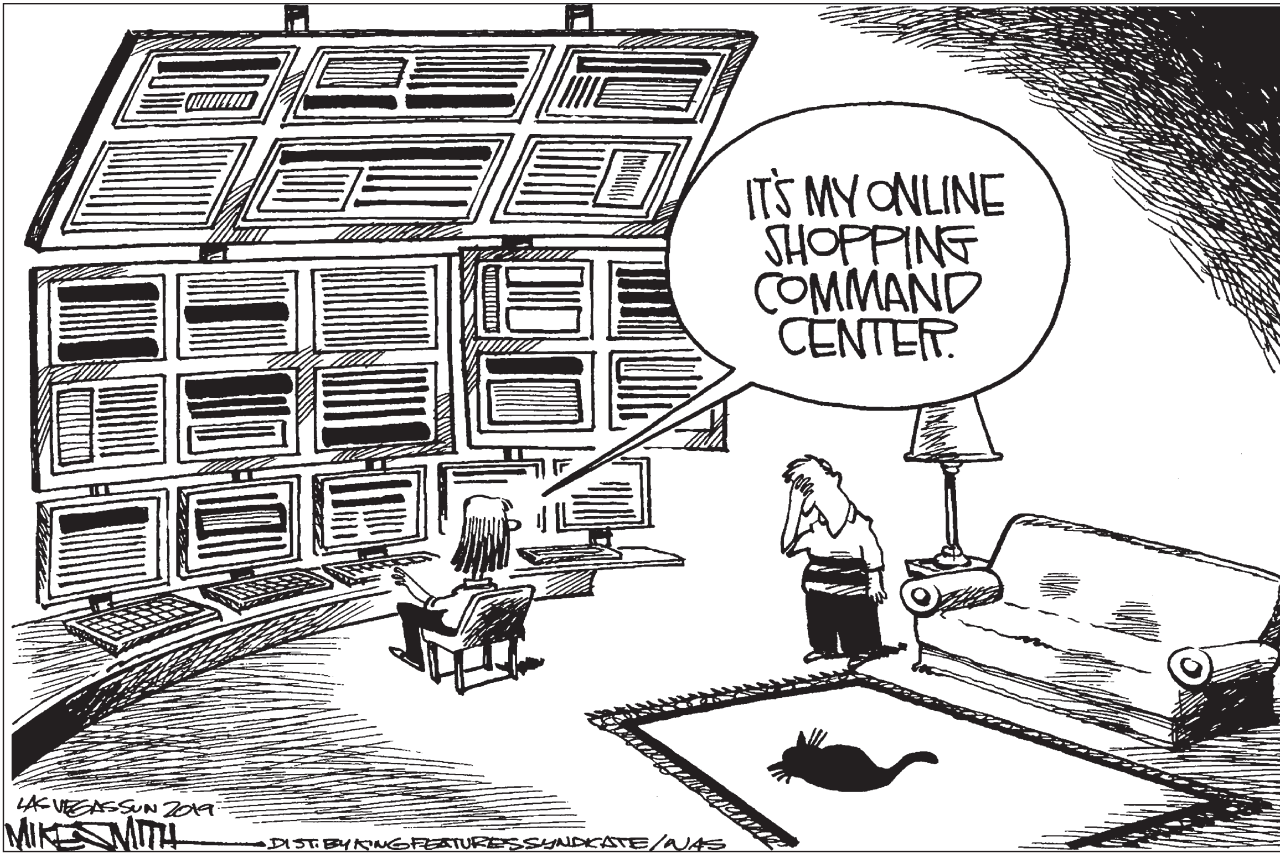
I’m a product of rural Illinois. I grew up on a hog farm south of Galesburg. Our neighbors and friends were Republicans and Democrats. But most everyone we knew – no matter which party they identified with – was centerist.

I don’t believe that rural voters’ views on core issues have changed that much over the last several decades. But the political parties have changed with fewer and fewer moderates holding office.

Bustos, who is leaving Congress at the end of this term, suggested the best way for her party to win back its appeal with rural voters is straightforward: “We need to listen and take what we learn back to Washington, D.C., do something with it and get results.”

It’s hard to argue with that. After all, isn’t that how democracy is supposed to work?

*(Scott Reeder, a staff writer at Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.)*



## Early move toward new library – 1988

*(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Nov. 25, 1998.)*

**By Jessica Nashold**

Ten years ago, the Graves Public Library District Board entered a request with the Mendota Public Properties Commission for land on the old Illinois Central right-of-way, north of Meriden Street. A new library with adequate parking would require 17,900 square feet. The old library was taking up 3,900 square feet.

Initially, Bill Widmer expressed opposition to any building on the right-of-way. He argued that with the Lake Mendota park “covered with ball diamonds” and Blackstone Park “80 percent blacktopped,” Mendota should save the Illinois Central right-of-way as a “green area.” He later withdrew his objection to possible use as a library site, but remained opposed to any business or low-cost housing construction north of a library.

If the property were to be sold to the library district for \$1, it would be stipulated that construction of a library must begin “no later than two years or within a reasonable time” after the sale. Some weight was given to a suggestion that the library grounds might include a small park as well as parking space.

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The Lutheran Home Corporation presented a proposal to the council for a 25-building, 70-unit senior citizen independent living complex at the northwest corner of Brownie Lane and Meriden Street. The proposal was the result of a three-year study, but when questions were raised, particularly with regard to how taxes would be handled, some felt information was not sufficient to either recommend or deny the request. In the end, the proposal passed “with many contingencies attached.”

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Super 8 Motel at the northwest corner of U.S. 1-39 and U.S. Route 34 was preparing to open Dec. 4, 1988. Temporary arrangements were being made to supply electric service to the well at a cost of \$1,500. Manager Dipak Patel was attending to finishing touches on the rooms in late November.

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Illinois Governor James Thompson cleared the way for return of casino night fundraisers for non-profit organizations on Nov. 17, 1988. He deleted a clause in the 1986 bill, which had allowed the legalization of games for charity

### Backtracks & Sidetracks

to expire on Sept. 1. The games were once more legal.

**Sponsoring organizations must be designated as not-for-profit by the Illinois Revenue Service.**

They had to obtain annual licenses for events and companies supplying casino equipment needed to obtain licenses as well.

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Herb Goslin proposed that a yogurt/soda fountain/health mart be constructed at the southwest corner of Route 251 and Meriden Street. Goslin would then move his drug store to that location, as he was unable to expand in downtown Mendota.

When reservations were expressed about approving the departure of a downtown business to the outskirts, Chamber director Shirlean Hackman was reassuring –

**Goslin owns the building and will try hard to put a business in there.**

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The Nov. 23, 1988 issue of The Mendota Reporter carried a list of 65 fines levied for speeding and other traffic violations. It is not indicated what period of time was covered on the list.

**A majority of fines were \$50, three were \$70 and one was \$100.**

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Ten years ago in his “Bear Watch-88,” John Billhorn recorded a Bear win of 27-15 over Tampa Bay on Nov. 20, in 87-degree heat. Jim McMahon was recovering from a sprained knee and had been replaced by Mike Tomczak, whose record was 14-2 as a starter, “best in the league.” A week later, the Bears surprised Green Bay with a decisive 16-0 win, but in this game Tomczak suffered a separated shoulder. McMahon with his knee problem was still uncertain and it was speculated quarterback Jim Harbaugh, who had not yet started a game, might have that opportunity.

Coach Mike Ditka was in “cardiac rehabilitation” at this time and when asked for a prediction, he kept it brief –

**If we’re good enough, we’ll win. If we’re not good enough, we won’t win.**

## Joe Biden’s incredible shrinking presidency

**By Rich Lowry**

Joe Biden was never exactly a colossus bestriding the Earth, but he’s been getting smaller by the day.

A Washington Post poll over the weekend suggested that his presidency is, for now, a smoking political crater. It had him at a 41% approval rating, despite the passage of his long-sought infrastructure bill that was supposed to buoy him and his party.

Even more striking, the survey found that Republicans lead Democrats on the generic congressional ballot by 10 points, 51% to 41%, an unprecedentedly strong showing for the GOP that forecasts an earthquake, tsunami, and maybe a few more natural disasters for Democrats come next fall.

And who can be surprised? Biden is stumbling, out of touch, and weak. Two of his major initiatives, at the border and in Afghanistan, created completely avoidable catastrophes. He has given no sense of being in control of events or even his own party. He is an accidental president who is running smack into his own inadequacies and absurd pretensions.

No one in Washington over the last four decades ever said that Joe Biden was just the man with the foresight, wisdom and deft political touch to lead the free world.

No, he was an average senatorial bloviator whose first two presidential campaigns flamed out in embarrassing fashion, before he hit the jackpot when Barack Obama chose him as his running mate in 2008.

Showing the advantage of hanging around for a very long time, Biden won both the 2020 Democratic nomination and the presidency by default. In the primaries, the former vice president looked good in comparison to Bernie Sanders, and he ran in the general on not being Donald Trump.

Now, Biden is allied with Bernie Sanders, who helped write the first version of his Build Back Better plan, and Donald

Trump no longer looms as large as Biden’s foil.

The best case for Biden’s presidency was that he could be a kind of consensus caretaker -- restoring a sense of normality and maintaining a low profile while riding in the slipstream of improving economic conditions and a diminishing pandemic.

Instead, he’s been carried along by the left-wing tide of his party and repeatedly engaged in unconstitutional executive overreach. On top of it all, he’s brought his own brand of incompetence, exemplified by the botched pull-out from Afghanistan.

His foremost mistake was overestimating an attenuated electoral mandate for pedestrian governance as a permission slip for passing nearly the entirety of the progressive agenda in the space of less than a year.

Not only has there been sticker shock over the price tag of the Biden agenda, but it has little connection to things people truly care about. The infrastructure bill polls well, but no one goes about their daily lives worried about the alleged crisis of crumbling bridges and tunnels.

Meanwhile, the Build Back Better bill started as a \$3.5 trillion grab bag of everything that progressives want but couldn’t get in the infrastructure bill. Passing as much spending as you possibly can before you lose Congress a year from now, which is essentially the rationale behind Build Back Better, is not a compelling reason for a historic spate of federal spending.

Only now is the White House trying to argue that the infrastructure bill and Build Back Better will address real public concerns, namely the supply chain disruptions and the inflation that is outpacing wage growth. This is clearly a tendentious, after-the-fact argument.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Burn pit to close for season Nov. 29

MENDOTA – The city of Mendota incinerator (burn pit) is scheduled to close for the season on Nov. 29. Incinerator (burn pit) hours for the city of Mendota are as follows:

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MENDOTA – During winter weather conditions, the Mendota Police Department reminds residents to obey the following ordinances:

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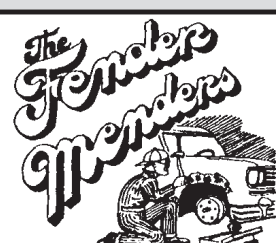
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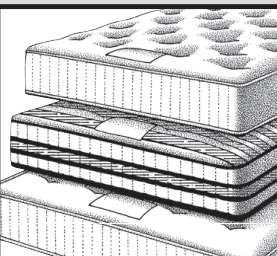
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** What is the TV show from a few decades ago that had supernatural elements and was set in a small Southern town? It only lasted one season. I feel like it would do really well if it had come out today instead. -- *C.W.*



Gary Cole

**A:** My first guess would have been "Midnight, Texas," but that premiered on NBC in 2017. It starred Francois Arnaud ("The Moodys") and was based on a series of books by Charlaine Harris of "True Blood" fame. However, back in 1995, there was a show called "American Gothic" that better fits your timeline. It starred Gary Cole as a demonic sheriff of a small South Carolina town and Sarah Paulson as a ghost. Lucas Black played her younger brother. The series was created by Shaun Cassidy (yes, that Shaun Cassidy of the "Hardy Boys") and was a hit with critics, but it was canceled by NBC after just one season. Incidentally, Cassidy has gone on to be quite a successful producer, having consulted on the current

hit medical drama "New Amsterdam" as well as the long-running police drama "Blue Bloods." "American Gothic" was Paulson's first major television role, but she's now known for being producer Ryan Murphy's muse in his "American Horror Story" and "American Crime Story" franchises. Cole, who recently joined the cast of "NCIS," taking over for the legendary Gibbs (Mark Harmon), told Entertainment Weekly magazine that Sheriff Buck is the role he'd most like to revisit. \*\*\*

**Q:** When is "This Is Us" coming back with new episodes? I heard this will be its last season. Say it isn't so! -- *R.B.*

**A:** "This Is Us," the show everyone loves to cry to, returns for its final episodes beginning Jan. 4. It gets a head start before the 2022 Winter Olympics airs on NBC in February. The last new episode of "This Is Us" was in May, where it jumped four years ahead with a shocking wedding. Season six will consist of 18 episodes. According to the Hollywood Reporter, the show's creator, Dan Fogelman, has promised that there will be "no looming ques-

tions when we get through the end of next season. Everything will be resolved." Justin Hartley, who plays Kevin on "This Is Us," has already landed a pilot for a new series, "The Never Game" on CBS. It's still in development, but it's based on the novel of the same name by Jeffrey Deaver, so it looks promising. \*\*\*

**Q:** I was so sad to see the character of Dean written out of "Station 19" recently. Why would they get rid of him? -- *D.C.*

**A:** According to Deadline, Okieriete "Oak" Onaodowan approached producers about leaving the show as Dean Miller at the end of season four, but the parting was amicable. He simply wants to stretch his wings after five years of playing a firefighter on the Seattle-based drama. Prior to "Station 19," Onaodowan played the dual roles of James Madison and Hercules Mulligan in the Broadway hit "Hamilton."

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD --** Ryan Gosling began his career on "The Mickey Mouse Club," but we'd never have expected him to play "Ken" to the sexy Margot Robbie's "Barbie." Now that Disney owns Mattel, he'll be back in the "club." His last film, "First Man" (2018), barely broke even, but he's since filmed Netflix's most-costly film ever, the action thriller (with a \$200 million price tag) "Gray Man," co-starring Chris Evans, Ana De Armas and Billy Bob Thornton. Will Ken's missing equipment be restored for the Disney movie, or will Barbie dump him again? \*\*\*



M. Robbie

Margot Robbie is still one of the busiest actresses in films. She stars in the still-untitled David O. Russell film with a magnificent cast, including Christian Bale, Rami Malek, Robert De Niro, John David Washington, Zoe Saldana, Mike

Meyers, Michael Shannon and Chris Rock. She also toplines "Babylon," as silent-film legend Clara Bow, co-starring Brad Pitt, Toby Maguire and Jean Smart (due Christmas 2022), and she's in the all-star ensemble of Wes Anderson's latest, "Asteroid City," with Tilda Swinton, Bill Murray, Adrien Brody, Tom Hanks, Scarlett Johansson, Bryan Cranston and Jeff Goldblum. Anderson's recent release, "The French Dispatch" (made two years ago and pulled from theaters), got positive reviews from 74% of respondents on Rotten Tomatoes. \*\*\*

The current release of "Dune" was successful enough to get the green light to start pre-production on the sequel, "Dune: Part Two." The original David Lynch "Dune" (1984) tried to tell the entire story in one film, but making it a huge two-part screen epic seems to have worked for this one. It grossed \$41 million in its first weekend and pulled in nearly 2 million viewers on HBO Max at the same time. \*\*\*

Sure as shooting, the upcoming film "My Son Hunter" won't be favorable to either President Joe Biden or his son Hunter. Robert Davi -- who acted in "Showgirls" (1995) and "Predator 2" (1990), to name two of his more than 100 films -- has cast John James (Jeff Colby on "Dynasty") to play President Biden, while British actor Laurence Fox (son of James Fox) plays his son Hunter. The film purports to be about sex, power, drugs, money and alcohol, based on claims the anti-Biden media has been pushing since before the election.

They raised the money to make the film from a GoFundMe campaign, since it was unlikely any legitimate film studio or production company would make it. Even more suspicious is that they're shooting the film in Serbia. Seems logical when you remember Serbia was up to its eyeballs in the non-existent scandal they were only too happy to perpetuate. Is this film destined to be R-rated for, uh, political reasons? (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Couch Theater

"Cusp" -- "There is no normal in teenage years," laments a 16-year-old girl in this Showtime Original documentary. It's raw and honest look at the very real, very adult situations and decisions three small-town Texas teen girls face as they simply try to grow up at their own pace while surrounded by toxic masculinity. A Sundance Film Festival award winner, "Cusp" is a timely film that addresses the difference in perceived versus actual maturity of young women, and the pressures, fears and consequences that result. (Premieres Nov. 26 on Showtime)

"Madagascar: A Little Wild Holiday Goose Chase" -- The DreamWorks-produced animated gang is back for some adventure and merriment in this TV holiday special. Led by Melman the giraffe, the animal friends set off on a mission to help their new goose friend, Hank, reunite with his family. But it's New York City, where nothing is simple and there

are lots of distractions. Will young Alex the lion, Marty the zebra and Gloria the hippo be able to find Hank's worried flock in time for Christmas? (Premieres Nov. 26 on Peacock)

"Love Hard" -- A better title might have been "How to Lose a Guy Who's Just Not That Into Love." Actually, You Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," because the creators basically took plotlines, dialogue, jokes and characters from previous movies and series, and strung them together like a strand of popcorn Christmas tree garland. Even the title is a rip-off. It's a story of internet dating, catfishing, lying, posturing, jealousy and family, all with a wintry holiday theme. The characters are dreadfully self-unaware, and the movie is wholly predictable and formulaic, and yet it hit Netflix's No. 1 trending spot. I'm not saying don't watch it, just don't expect any originality. (Netflix)

"Ride the Eagle" -- Ever since "Brewster's Millions," I

have loved movies involving inheritances-with-a-catch. We all dream of a windfall from a rich relative, but isn't it more exciting when there's a creative task to complete before receiving the handsome reward? Susan Sarandon's character, Honey, believed this, so she videotaped her final farewell to her son, Leif (played by Jake Johnson, who also wrote the script). Honey bequeaths her mountain cabin to Leif, but there's a catch. She realized she hadn't taught him enough important lessons while he was growing up, so she created some tasks and adventures intended to make up for that. While completing them, Leif meets Honey's love-interest, Carl, played by J.K. Simmons, who expectedly throws in a few truth zingers about Honey. It's a sweet, funny, and only occasionally sad story, but in a heartwarming way. (Prime Video)

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

\* After the battle of Waterloo in 1815, scavengers removed the teeth from tens of thousands of dead soldiers for use in dentures. The so-called Waterloo teeth were in such demand because they came from relatively healthy young men.

\* In 2003, there were 86 days of below-freezing weather in Hell, Michigan.

\* The U.S. Navy sustainably manages over 50,000 acres of forest in Indiana with white oak trees more than a century old, to replace like for like on the 220-year-old wooden frigate USS Constitution.

\* Heavy metal band Black Sabbath's original name was The Polka Tulk Blues Band, after the brand name of a talcum powder used by Ozzy Osbourne's mother.

\* Jellyfish are considered biologically immortal. They don't age and will never die unless they are killed.

\* The party game of Twister was originally called Pretzel, but Milton Bradley changed the name in 1965 due to trademark issues.

\* Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia is the fear of long words and is thought to develop from the fear of pronouncing long words incorrectly. (Hey, we get it -- we tried.)

\* The opposite sides of dice always add up to seven.

\* "Deaf flights" were prescribed by doctors to cure hearing loss in the 1920s and '30s. Stunt pilots would take unsuspecting passengers up in planes and terrify them with loops, barrel rolls and dives.

\* J.R.R. Tolkien was nominated by fellow author C.S. Lewis for the 1961 Nobel Prize in Literature, but was overlooked because the jury said the quality of his storytelling wasn't good.

\* Philadelphia cream cheese was actually created in New York.

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## Trivia Test

1. LITERATURE: Which author coined the phrase "green-eyed monster"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries have nations within their borders?
3. ACRONYMS: What does RPM stand for?
4. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition called "nomophobia"?
5. TELEVISION: What is the address of the home on "The Munsters" (1964-66)?
6. MATH: How many combinations of U.S. coins would add up to \$1?
7. MUSIC: What was the woman's name in the Lynyrd Skynyrd song "Gimme Three Steps"?
8. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces are in 3/4 of a cup?
9. MOVIES: Which 1959

movie had the subtitle "A Tale of the Christ"?

10. AD SLOGANS: Which company had the advertising slogan, "Let's go places"?

Answers

1. William Shakespeare
2. Two countries: The Vatican in Italy, San Marino also in Italy and Lesotho in South Africa
3. Revolutions per minute
4. A fear of being without your mobile phone
5. 1313 Mockingbird Lane
6. 293
7. Linda Lu
8. Six
9. "Ben-Hur"
10. Toyota

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## King Crossword

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12 Graf  
13 Sounded content  
14 Warm, as left-overs  
15 Not certain  
16 Cruise stop  
17 Farm unit  
19 Garden of Food Network  
20 Austen novel  
22 Perched  
24 Recede  
27 Force  
29 Pleasing  
32 Symbolic first step toward getting hired  
35 Cab  
36 British noble  
37 Eggy quaff  
38 Existed  
40 Squabble  
42 Past  
44 Furnace fuel  
46 Volcanic flow  
50 Cheered (for)  
52 Ogled  
54 Topical anti-septic  
55 Builds  
56 Strong points  
57 "Midnight Cowboy" role

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2 Actress Patricia  
3 Private pupil  
4 Sch. URL ender  
5 "Feel-good" brain chemical  
6 Incite  
7 Jukebox picks  
8 Hosp. areas  
9 Fulfillment  
10 Office plant  
11 Notion  
12 Greek consonant  
18 Bach's "Coffee —"  
21 1501, in Roman numerals  
23 Moreover  
24 Newt  
25 Large snake  
26 Ornamental garden trees  
28 Best-selling Michael Jackson album  
30 Bill's partner  
31 Work unit  
33 Spanish aunt  
34 Sprite  
39 Potpourri output  
41 Swift  
42 Met melody  
43 Sticky substances  
45 Praiseful pieces  
47 Curved lines  
48 Presidential power  
49 TV spots  
51 Dead heat  
53 Epoch

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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# THE FARMER'S REPORT

## Sign up for Wetland Reserve Easements for 2022

CHAMPAIGN — Ivan Dozier, State Conservationist, announced the application period for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Wetland Reserve Easements. (ACEP-WRE). The purpose of the Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) program is to help landowners enhance and protect habitat for wetland wildlife on their lands, reduce impacts from flooding, recharge groundwater, provide outdoor recreation, and increase habitat for migratory waterfowl.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wants landowners and farmers to know that "The first application cut-off date for fiscal year 2022 has been established," Dozier explains. "We accept applications for Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) year round. Applications NRCS receives that meet program eligibility by Dec. 10, 2021 will be considered for funding in its 2022 program."

According to Dozier, land eligible for WRE includes farmed or converted wetlands that have been previously altered for agricultural production that can be successfully and cost-effectively restored. NRCS prioritizes applications based on the easement's potential for improving water quality and protecting and enhancing habitat for migratory birds

and other wildlife. To enroll land through this program, NRCS enters into purchase agreements with eligible private landowners and then they work together to develop and implement a wetland reserve plan to guide the restoration easement process. This plan restores, enhances, and protects the wetland's functions and values.

Applications for ACEP-WRE are continuous and can be submitted at any time. For FY 2022, Illinois NRCS has received \$3.8 million in funding and will make funding decisions for eligible applicant interested in ACEP-WRE.

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance directly to private landowners to restore, protect and enhance wetlands through the purchase of these easements, and eligible landowners can choose to enroll in either a permanent easement or a 30-year easement. To apply for a wetland easement through ACEP - WRE, visit NRCS at your local USDA Service Center. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, producers should call to set up appointments with local NRCS office staff. Visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov) to learn more.

Find more information about ACEP and other NRCS conservation programs in Illinois online at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/il/programs/>.

## College ag enrollments holding ground in Illinois

By KAY SHIPMAN  
FarmWeek

Agriculture study remains fruitful as students return in person to the four state universities with agricultural programs. With COVID mitigation guidelines in place, classroom space is at a premium on a couple of campuses.

This fall, agriculture programs continue within the same structures at Illinois State University, the University of Illinois and Western Illinois University. In Carbondale, agriculture is part of a restructured College of Agricultural, Life and Physical Sciences (CALPS) at Southern Illinois University.

Agriculture student enrollment held steady on Western Illinois University's Macomb campus, said Andy Baker, the School of Agriculture director. Baker noted the freshman student enrollment grew to 74, but the school saw a decline in students transferring from community colleges or other institutions.

Campuswide, WIU maintained a stable enrollment of new students, including freshmen, transfer and graduate students, of 2,346. The total enrollment of 7,455 is nearly level with fall 2020 numbers.

"Our enrollment is stable, the kids are back in and I'm in. We're having labs the way we want to have labs," Baker said. "If the students have a chance to come in person, daily (class) attendance is up."

In Normal, Illinois State University saw a slight decline in agriculture undergraduate students and an increase in ag graduate students, said Fanson Kidwaro, agriculture department chair.

In fact, ISU received a record number of applicants for agriculture graduate degrees. "We had 57 applicants (to grad school). We usually get 10 to 15," Kidwaro said.



Seventeen were admitted to the grad program.

At ISU, the three animal-related programs in pre-veterinary, animal science and animal industry continue to be strong, Kidwaro said, and agriculture business enrollment remains steady.

Campuswide, ISU experienced a 2% decrease in fall enrollment compared to 2020. The decline was attributed to several factors, including travel difficulties for international students and COVID-related impacts.

At the U of I, the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) saw increased enrollment in several student categories. A total of 2,820, undergraduates enrolled compared to 2,778 last fall. ACES registered more freshmen, 510, up from 478; more transfer students, 170, up from 162; and more graduate students, 757, up from 743.

A record number of freshmen, 8,303, are on the Urbana-Champaign campus, bringing total student enrollment to 56,299, the most in university history.

"Faculty and staff in ACES just keep saying how wonderful it is to have our students back. The whole place feels different than the last 18 months in all the best ways," said Anna Ball, ACES associate dean of academic programs. "We've partnered closely with campus to keep students as safe as possible so

they can focus on learning, growing, and enjoying their college experience."

In Carbondale, Southern Illinois University agriculture programs saw a slight decrease overall with an undergraduate enrollment of 466 but an increase in graduate students with 87 enrolled. The ag program total enrollment is 553 students.

"We have some encouraging numbers this fall. Animal sciences and forestry numbers are particularly strong within our agricultural fields," said Eric Brevik, CALPS dean. "It is wonderful to be able to meet with prospective students in person again. Events like the Farm Progress Show really allow us to reach out and recruit."

Overall, fall CALPS enrollment was not available. However, SIU Carbondale registered a 4.5% increase in freshmen, the largest in the past five years. Overall, the campus enrollment of 11,266 is considered relatively flat with a 0.9% decline.

Each of the universities is addressing COVID mitigation guidelines on their respective campuses.

In Macomb and Normal, finding classrooms to accommodate students has been an added challenge given WIU and ISU requirements to space students apart, according to Baker and Kidwaro.

"It was a big chess match," Baker said of professors seeking rooms across campus. One of the ag department's classrooms that can seat 42 students is "heavily scheduled" by other programs, and an ag computer lab was converted into a classroom.

Kidwaro explained ISU ag professors and students are meeting in buildings not traditionally used by ag students. ISU's system to track available classrooms that are large enough has helped, he said.

## Illinois teams become advocates for food access

SPRINGFIELD — What does it mean to be hungry? Illinois 4-H teens are challenging experts in the fields of food access, food security, and food justice to learn how to advocate for others in their communities.

Earlier this year, 105 youth at the Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit worked with University of Illinois researchers, non-profit professionals, food advocates, and civic leaders in workshops designed to empower young people to strengthen their leadership and work to create food security in their communities. The day-long Summit provided both educational workshops and networking opportunities.

"We hope youth walked away from this conference with an expanded vision of what is possible in the world of food systems both academically and professionally," said Mark Becker, University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development specialist in food systems. "We hope the Summit sparked ideas and empowered youth to act in their communities."

Presenters and attendees came from across the country, as well as Puerto Rico and Brazil.

"It was very rewarding to see the youth working and taking action," said Flavio Rocha, Portuguese/English teacher at Campus Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, and summit presenter. "They are so young and already worried about their communities, which was very inspiring."

This yearly event is part of ongoing food advocacy work done through Illinois 4-H.

## Submit Illinois CSP applications by Jan. 7

CHAMPAIGN — State Conservationist, Ivan Dozier announced the submission deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications to be considered for funding in fiscal year (FY) 2022 is Jan. 7, 2022. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to invest up to \$8.64 million for new CSP contracts in fiscal year 2022 in Illinois.

CSP is a financial assistance conservation program which helps agricultural and forestland producers take the conservation activities on their farm to the next level.

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by Jan. 7, 2022, to ensure their applica-

tions are considered for 2022.

CSP provides many benefits, including increased crop yields, decreased input costs, wildlife habitat improvements, and increased resilience to weather extremes. CSP is for working lands including cropland, pastureland, and nonindustrial private forest land. CSP assists agricultural and forestland producers build on existing conservation efforts while strengthening their entire operation.

Producers interested in EQIP should submit a signed application (NRCS-CPA-1200 form) to the local NRCS field office or through the Farmers.gov website using their account. A blank NRCS-CPA-1200 application form may be obtained from the local office or on

the Illinois NRCS website. Producers wishing to use Farmers.gov, can sign in or create an account by clicking on "Sign up" in the upper right of the website.

CSP applications submitted by Jan. 7, 2022 will be evaluated by the local NRCS field office staff. NRCS staff will work with applicants to assess their land and resource concerns, answer ranking questions, and determine program eligibility. If an application is ranked high enough to be funded, NRCS staff will work with the applicant to develop a contract.

For additional information about CSP, contact your local USDA service center or visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/il/programs/financial/csp/>.

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# THE FARMER'S REPORT



Rural areas can seek assistance from USDA Rural Development when floods or other disasters strike. A newly released resource guide groups 40-some programs and eligibility into assistance categories. (FarmWeek file photo)

## Rural Development wants rural areas to be disaster-ready

By KAY SHIPMAN  
FarmWeek

When a tornado, flood or other disaster strikes, rural officials might not know Rural Development can help. Molly Hammond, acting state director for Illinois Rural Development, points out they don't have to wait for a disaster. In fact, it's better if they don't.

"There's programs to prepare. They can find ways to prepare for disaster, like an early warning siren, if they need a new one," Hammond told FarmWeek.

A recently released USDA resource guide compiles Rural Development programs and assistance in one place. "This guide is there to help them know what to look for," Hammond said of the Disaster Resiliency and Recovery Resources guide.

The guide outlines 40-some Rural Development programs and services for rural residents, businesses and communities to support disaster planning and recovery.

Hammond explained the guide's information grid gives an at-a-glance way to learn who is eligible to apply for different programs that are grouped by categories of assistance. Those categories are: economic development planning and housing, education and training, infrastructure and equipment, and industry and entrepreneurship support and business development.

The guide "breaks down categories to help applicants narrow it down," she added.

Applicants are not limited to local units of governments, but include nonprofit organizations and cooperatives, such as electric and agriculture cooperatives; hospitals, libraries, faith-based organizations, community colleges, universities and eligible education institutions.

The resource guide also features examples of how USDA programs were used to support recovery efforts. Hammond said Illinois received \$1.7 million in assistance when 27 counties were designated federal disaster areas in 2019. Another time, five communities received \$618,000 for help with community water systems after a disaster.

Beyond Rural Development, the guide summarizes technical assistance available from federal agency partners, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that work with USDA to support rural communities in disaster planning and recovery. Hammond said work on the new national resource guide stemmed from former state Rural Development Director Colleen Callahan's time in Washington, D.C., working on the 2012 drought. At that time, officials developed a national recovery website to compile federal assistance and information and align resources.

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Cover crop acres increased substantially in 2019-2020, according to the latest biennial Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy report. The strategy recommends cover crops as a way to reduce losses of nitrogen and phosphorus. (Illinois Farm Bureau file photo)

## Nutrient report shows movement, challenges

By KAY SHIPMAN  
FarmWeek

Illinois moved forward with continued work and substantial investments in a statewide strategy to decrease nitrogen and phosphorus moving into rivers, lakes and streams. The third biennial report of the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS) also attributed challenges for reducing progress on some fronts.

The NLRS offers a menu of voluntary actions to lower nitrogen and phosphorus coming from urban runoff, diffuse nonpoint sources that are predominantly agricultural and specific point sources that are mainly municipal wastewater treatment and industry.

Overall, Illinois seeks to lower all nitrogen and phosphorus moving into water by 45% compared to average 1980-96 levels. Interim goals include a 15% nitrogen reduction and a 25% phosphorus reduction by 2025.

A substantial expansion of cover crop acres, a 135% increase from 2011, illustrated farmers' adoption of recommended practices, said Illinois Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II. Costello noted

the Illinois Department of Agriculture's (IDOA) cover crop initiative is helping to seed more cover crop acres and raising awareness of practices to reduce nutrient losses.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Director John Kim called new efforts by each sector "noteworthy given the increase in precipitation events experienced in Illinois and other states within the Mississippi River basin."

Unprecedented heavy precipitation proved a major challenge for nitrogen and phosphorus reduction efforts from 2019 to 2020. The report's five-year rolling average showed a 25% increase in precipitation compared to the 1980-96 baseline. Higher nutrient loads are expected to occur in wetter years compared to drier ones. Based on 2015-19 data, the statewide average estimated a 13% increase in nitrogen losses and a 35% increase in phosphorus losses, according to the report.

A range of compiled information is available in the 238-page report with multiple appendices, including a 624-page agri-

culture appendix, 109-page point source appendix and 53-page stormwater appendix. Additional appendices are an IEPA watershed plan, Natural Resources Conservation Service appendix, Farm Service Agency appendix and Illinois Farm Bureau appendix. To read the report and appendices, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4c-6fyeyu>.

Trevor Sample, IEPA's NLRS coordinator, attributed some of the phosphorus increase to point sources, while some may be coming from "legacy phosphorus in streambeds that was stirred up" and some may come from streambank erosion.

Even with increased precipitation, "we need to do as much as we can in the future," Sample continued. "We want farmers to keep nutrients on their fields. They paid good money for that and want to try to keep it."

The pandemic challenged education efforts by agencies, point sources and partners in agriculture and conservation, but some activities resulted in record turnout albeit virtually. "It showed people were still engaged" despite the situation, Sample noted.

Looking ahead, Michael Woods, manager of IDOA's natural resources division, said, "Climate is probably one of our biggest issues."

The state continues to identify best management practices, and recently added saturated buffers and terraces to the NLRS menu. Those practices' nutrient-reduction contributions will be monitored and accounted for in upcoming reports.

Going forward, agriculture may need to engage landowners, bank farm managers and crop insurance agents among others to increase and expand recommended NLRS practices, according to Woods. He included students from elementary grades through college as agriculture's future.

The interim's goal of "2025 is here and 2050 is around the corner. The next generation needs to be engaged," Woods said.

The next biennial NLRS report will be published in 2023.

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### NOTICE

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David Costello,  
Secretary

### GARAGE SALE/ NOTICE DEADLINES

• Thursday 5 p.m. to appear in Monday's Money Saver.  
• Monday 10 a.m. to appear in Wednesday's Reporter.

### NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Edward Torres, 31, of Chicago, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Sixth Street and Sixth Avenue at 10:33 a.m. Nov. 16. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO REAL PROPERTY

Charles C. Smith, 38, of Chicago, was charged with criminal trespass to real property after police officers responded to a service call of an unwanted subject who was refusing to leave 1000 Washington St. at 4:01 p.m. Nov. 16. The subject was re-

leased with a LaSalle County court date.

### DOMESTIC BATTERY, RESISTING OFFICER

Anil D. Bhate, 41, of 1708 Hillcrest Court, Mendota, was charged with domestic battery, resisting a peace officer and interfering with a report of domestic violence after police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call of a physical domestic dispute occurring in the 1700 block of Hillcrest Court at 2:15 a.m. Nov. 17. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear for a bond hearing.

### WARRANT ARREST

Amber K. Mosier, 38, of

2601 E. 12th St., Mendota, was arrested at 10:12 p.m. Nov. 18 on two valid DuPage County arrest warrants for failure to appear/dangerous drugs/driving while license suspended and failure to appear/fraud/ID theft. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to be extradited to DuPage County.

### DOMESTIC BATTERY

Emmanuel Romero Samano, 23, of 700 Meadowview Drive, Mendota, was charged with domestic battery and interference with the report of domestic violence after police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call of a physical domestic in

progress at 700 Meadowview Drive at 5 a.m. Nov. 19. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear for a bond hearing.

### DUI, OTHER CHARGES

Michael R. Furar, 28, of 1113 Indiana Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs or intoxicating compounds, no taillights when required, battery (X2) and resisting a peace officer after a traffic stop at Indiana Avenue and Springfield Street at 3:29 a.m. Nov. 20. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

## WEEKLY RECORD

### LaSalle County (marriage licenses)

Richard L. Fanaro Jr. and Sarah M. Konrad, both of Mendota; issued Nov. 5, 2021.

Blake A. Wilson and Alexis M. Draves, both of Mendota; issued Nov. 8, 2021.

Kirby T. Sudaj of Oglesby and Madison R. McConville of Mendota; issued Nov. 8, 2021.

Nicholas J. Crotty and Larissa A. Garcia, both of Mendota; issued Nov. 15, 2021.

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# SPORTS

## Seven Trojans selected for football all-conference honors

MENDOTA – The Three Rivers Conference football coaches have selected all-conference team members for the 2021 season.

Mendota senior Christian Tellez was the lone Trojan to be chosen to the first team. He made the squad from the linebacker position.

Three Trojans were selected to the second team. Senior Uzi Angulo was named as a running back and a defensive lineman. Senior Andy Rivera was chosen as a guard and senior Emilio Perez made the second team as a defensive back.

Mendota had five players named to the honorable mention squad. Tellez and Perez were chosen as offensive ends, seniors Omar Gonzalez and John Gonzalez were selected as linebackers, and junior Isaac Smith made the list as a defensive back.

### FIRST TEAM

#### (Offense)

Center – Noah Tiska, Sr., Kewanee; Guard – Skylar Summy, Sr., Kewanee; \*Drew Harp, Sr., Princeton; Tackle – \*James Conner, Sr., Kewanee; J.J. Wicaryus, Sr., Princeton; End – Jordan Johnson, Sr., Kewanee; Ben-

nett Sierens, Sr., Princeton; Flex – Tyreke Fortney, Sr., St. Bede; Quarterback – Teegan Davis, Jr., Princeton; Will Bruno, Sr., Kewanee; Running Back – Mac Resetch, Jr., Hall; \*Keyontiss Patterson, Sr., Kewanee; Marcus Williams, Sr., Sterling Newman

#### (Defense)

Lineman – James Conner, Sr., Kewanee; Conner Hood, Sr., Kewanee; Payne Miller, So., Princeton; J.J. Wicaryus, Sr., Princeton; Linebacker – Josh Nimrick, Sr., Kewanee; Christian Tellez, Sr., Mendota; \*Drew Harp, Sr., Princeton; Ethan Van Landuit, Sr.,

Sterling Newman; Defensive Back – Mac Resetch, Jr., Hall; Niko Powe, Sr., Kewanee; Bennett Sierens, Sr., Princeton; Teegan Davis, Jr., Princeton; Punter – Will Bruno, Sr., Kewanee; Jacob Donald, Sr., Sterling Newman; Kicker – Jacob Donald, Sr., Sterling Newman; Return Specialist – Keyontiss Patterson, Sr., Kewanee

(\* indicates unanimous selection)

### SECOND TEAM

#### (Offense)

Center – Brady Piacenti, Jr., Princeton; Guard – Conner Hood, Sr., Kewanee; Andy

Rivera, Sr., Mendota; Jayce Ladzinski, Sr., St. Bede; Elliot Noble, Sr., Sterling Newman; Tackle – Rylan Heersink, Sr., St. Bede; Garrett Williams, Sr., Sterling Newman; End – Niko Powe, Sr., Kewanee; Owen McBride, Sr., Sterling Newman; Flex – Matt Lucas, Sr., Princeton; Quarterback – John Brady, Sr., St. Bede; Running Back – Jaden Michlig, Sr., Bureau Valley; Uzi Angulo, Sr., Mendota; Augie Christiansen, Jr., Princeton

#### (Defense)

Lineman – Carter Haney, Sr., Bureau Valley; Jaxon Hicks, Jr., Kewanee; Uzi Angulo, Sr., Mendota; Rylan Heersink, Sr., St. Bede; Linebacker – Jaden Michlig, Sr., Bureau Valley; Dominic Guerrini, Sr., Hall; Augie Christiansen, Jr., Princeton; Jayce Ladzinski, Sr., St. Bede; Defensive Back – Jordan Johnson, Sr., Kewanee; Emilio Perez, Sr., Mendota; Ryan Brady, Jr., St. Bede; Owen McBride, Sr., Sterling Newman

### HONORABLE MENTION

#### (Offense)

Center – Marshall Schmellinger, Sr., Hall; Chris Accardi, So., Sterling Newman; Guard – Carter Haney, Sr., Bureau Valley; Matt Peacock, Sr., Princeton; Tackle – Ayize Martin, Jr., Bureau Valley; Jon Dybeck, So., Bureau Valley; Jacob Aley, Sr., Princeton; Hayden Witt, Jr., Sterling Newman; End – Brock Foster, Sr., Bureau

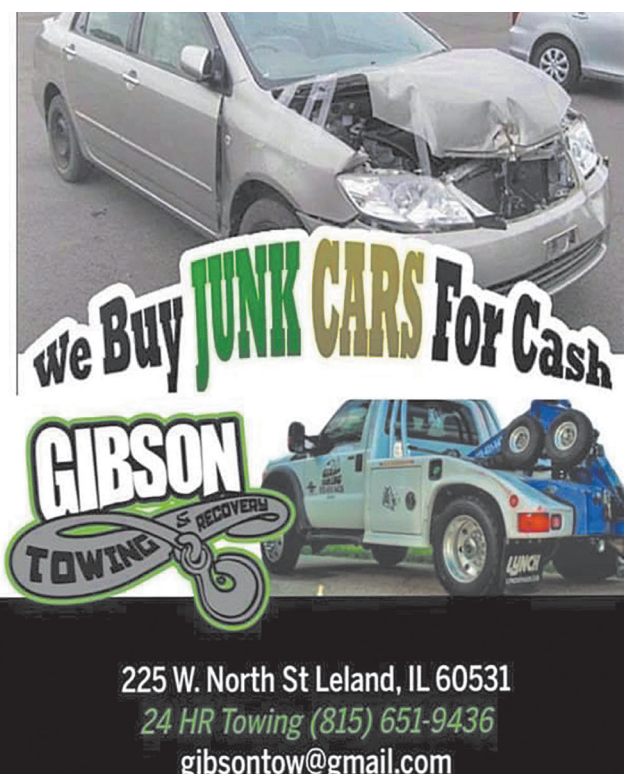
Valley; Christian Tellez, Sr., Mendota; Emilio Perez, Sr., Mendota; Anton Cain, Sr., St. Bede; Flex – Nevin Bolin, Sr., Bureau Valley; Running Back – Levi Hardy, Sr., Bureau Valley; Dominic Guerrini, Sr., Hall; Ethan Van Landuit, Sr., Sterling Newman

#### (Defense)

Lineman – Ayize Martin, Jr., Bureau Valley; Rylan Kerper, Sr., Hall; Skylar Summy, Sr., Kewanee; Bennett Williams, So., Princeton; Ryan Migliorini, Jr., St. Bede; Elliot Noble, Sr., Sterling Newman; Linebacker – Levi Hardy, Sr., Bureau Valley; Connor Scott, So., Bureau Valley; Omar Gonzalez, Sr., Mendota; John Gonzalez, Sr., Mendota; Danny Cihocki, Jr., Princeton; Anton Cain, Sr., St. Bede; Brennan Cook, Sr., Sterling Newman; JJ Castles, Jr., Sterling Newman; Defensive Back – Brock Foster, Sr., Bureau Valley; Aiden Jones, Sr., Hall; Cam Conley, Sr., Kewanee; Brady Clark, So., Kewanee; Isaac Smith, Jr., Mendota; Logan Glancy, Sr., Princeton; Nolan Britt, Jr., Sterling Newman; Cody Donna, Sr., Sterling Newman

**Final varsity standings:** Kewanee 5-1; Princeton 5-1; St. Bede 4-2; Sterling Newman 4-2; Mendota 2-4; Bureau Valley 1-5; Hall 0-6

**Final F-S standings:** Sterling Newman 5-0; Princeton 4-1; Kewanee 3-2; Hall 2-2; Bureau Valley 2-3; Mendota 1-3; St. Bede 0-5



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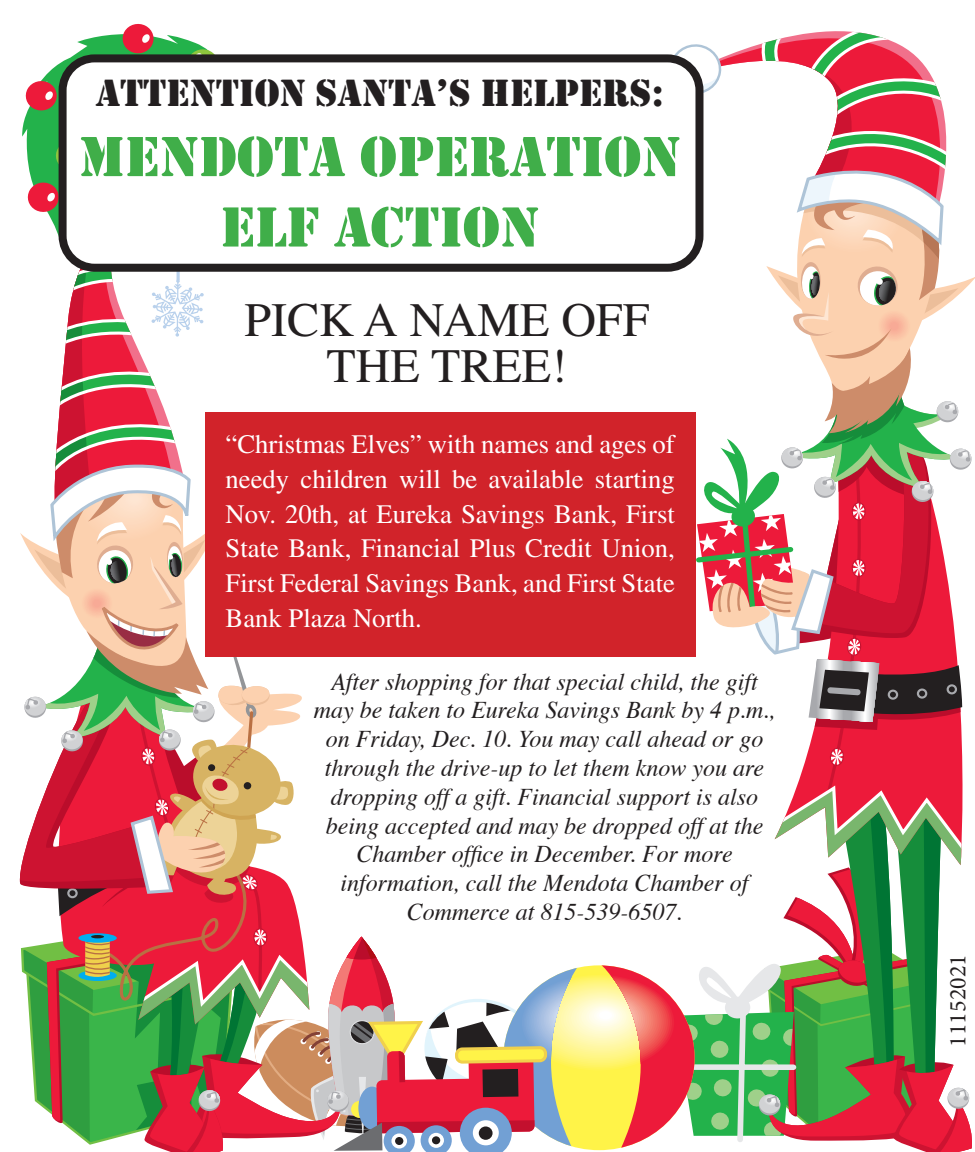
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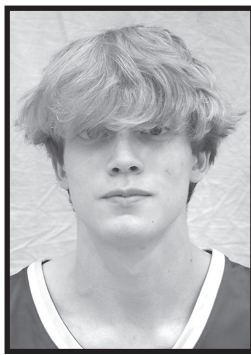
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Nov. 26-27 – at Seneca Soph Tourney  
Nov. 30 – Earlville – 5:30  
Dec. 3 – at St. Bede – 5:30  
Dec. 4-11 – at Hall Colmone Classic (V&S)  
Dec. 14 – Stillman Valley – 5:30  
Dec. 17 – Bureau Valley – 5:30  
Dec. 22 – at Riverdale – 5:30  
Dec. 27-30 – at Plano Classic (V&S)  
Jan. 4 – Hall – 5:30  
Jan. 7 – Princeton – 5:30  
Jan. 8 – Rochelle – 1:30  
Jan. 11 – at Sterling Newman – 5:30  
Jan. 14 – at Rock Falls – 5:30  
Jan. 15 – at Putnam County – 5:30  
Jan. 18 – at Bureau Valley – 5:30  
Jan. 21 – at Kewanee – 5:30  
Jan. 25 – at Hall  
Jan. 28 – St. Bede – 5:30  
Jan. 29 – North Boone – 1:00  
Feb. 1 – Sterling Newman – 5:30  
Feb. 4 – at Princeton – 5:30  
Feb. 8 – Kewanee – 5:30



## Varsity Girls' Basketball

Nov. 17-20 – at Oregon Tourney  
Nov. 23 – Ottawa Marquette – 5:30  
Nov. 29 – at Bureau Valley – 5:30  
Dec. 2 – St. Bede – 5:30  
Dec. 4 – Putnam County – 1:30  
Dec. 6 – Hall – 5:30  
Dec. 9 – at Princeton – 5:30  
Dec. 11 – Streator – 11:45  
Dec. 14 – at Earlville – 5:30  
Dec. 18, 20 – at Ottawa Soph Tourney  
Dec. 22 – Riverdale – 7:00  
Dec. 27-30 – at Amboy Christmas Tourney  
Jan. 3 – Sterling Newman – 5:30  
Jan. 8 – Sterling – 5:30  
Jan. 10 – Bureau Valley – 5:30  
Jan. 12 – Kewanee – 5:30  
Jan. 13 – at Newark – 5:30  
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# SPORTS

## Lady Trojans go 1-3 in Oregon Tourney

OREGON—The Mendota Lady Trojans began the 2021-22 basketball season with a narrow 41-40 loss to Ashton-Franklin Center in the Oregon Tipoff Tournament on Nov. 17.

The Lady Trojans trailed 8-5 after the opening stanza and then put up just five points in the second period compared to 14 for AFC to fall behind 22-10 at halftime.

The second half was a different story for Mendota as it heated up in the third quarter and outscored the Lady Raiders, 17-7, to climb to within two points heading to the fourth. But the Lady Trojans couldn't complete the comeback as it missed on many good scoring opportunities in the final frame.

One area that was costly to Mendota was at the free throw line, where it converted on just 13 of 25 chances.

"We have to finish scoring chances and shoot better at the line, but I'm extremely proud of our effort in the second half," said Mendota coach John Hansen. "This is definitely one we'll look back on as a 'should've been' game."

Reanna Brant paced the Lady Trojans with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Thirteen of her tallies came in the second half. Katie Jenner added 10 points and six rebounds, while Paige Manning had six caroms, three assists and two steals.

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Mendota dropped a 40-12 decision to former Big Northern foe Genoa-Kingston in the second round of the tournament on Nov. 18.

Genoa-Kingston owned a 14-6 advantage at the end

of one, and then it scored another 14 points in the second period and held Mendota to just a basket to take a 28-8 halftime lead.

Isabella Tolentino and Naitzy Garcia had four points apiece for Mendota, while Garcia led with six rebounds and Jenner had three steals.

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West Carroll rode a strong first half to a 42-22 verdict over Mendota in Nov. 20 action at the tournament.

The Thunder zoomed out to an 18-2 lead after the first quarter and Mendota never could catch up. The Lady Trojans managed only one point in the second period and trailed 29-3 at the half.

"We executed way better in the second half and looked like a basketball team," said Hansen. "I love our effort, we just need to execute a whole lot better. The desire to get better is there."

Garcia topped the team with eight points and eight rebounds. Emily Stewart

chipped in with seven markers, while Brant handled seven rebounds and Aliza Salinas grabbed five caroms.

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Mendota got in the win column in the tournament when it took a forfeit victory over Milledgeville.

GENOA-K. 40, MENDOTA 12 Genoa-Kingston (40)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Rhoads	1	1-2	0	3
Gilbert	6	0-0	1	13
Jerbi	2	0-0	0	5
Walters	2	1-4	2	7
Poegel	4	0-0	1	8
Tetzloff	1	0-0	0	2
Boyleen	1	0-0	1	2
Totals	17	2-6	5	40

Mendota (12)				
	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Jenner	1	0-0	0	2
F. Delao	0	0-0	1	0
Tolentino	2	0-2	2	4
Manning	0	0-0	3	0
Wasmer	0	0-0	4	0
Brant	1	0-0	5	2
Garcia	2	0-0	6	4
Totals	6	0-2	21	12

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Genoa-K.	14	28	35	40
Mendota	6	8	8	12
Three-point goals: Genoa-Kingston - Gilbert 1, Jerbi 1, Walters 2				

WEST CARROLL 42, MENDOTA 22 West Carroll (42)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Sicites	1	0-0	1	3
Hill	3	5-6	3	11
Morhuoo	5	2-2	3	15
Rordedser	1	0-0	3	3
McGonvus	1	0-0	2	3
Asay	2	1-2	3	5
Collins	1	0-0	1	2
Myers	0	0-0	3	0
Totals	14	8-10	24	42

Mendota (22)				
	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Jenner	0	0-1	1	0
Zinke	0	0-0	2	0
F. Delao	0	0-0	2	0
K. Delao	0	0-0	1	0
Stewart	3	0-3	1	7
Salinas	0	0-0	5	0
Tolentino	1	1-2	0	3
Manning	1	0-0	2	2
Brant	1	0-0	7	2
Garcia	2	4-7	8	8
Totals	6	0-2	21	12

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
West Carroll	18	29	33	42
Mendota	2	3	12	22
Three-point goals: Mendota - Stewart 1; West Carroll - Sicites 1, Morhuoo 3, Rordedser 1, McGonvus 1				

## Little 10 Conference selects top volleyball players for '21 season

EARLVILLE—The Little Ten Conference volleyball coaches have recognized players as all-conference selections for the 2021 season.

• **Newark:** Conference Co-Champs, Conference Tournament champs, IHSA Class 1A Regional Champs, IHSA Class 1A Sectional Champs – \*\*Megan Williams (Sr...OH)—367 kills, 38 blocks, 87% serving with 33 aces; Four-Time Unanimous Selection; \*\*Lauren Ulrich (So...S)—757 assists, 168 digs, 29 blocks, 29 kills, 91% serving with 38 aces; KJ Friestad (Sr...MB)—137 kills, 60 blocks, 90% serving with 41 aces; Repeat Selection; Taylor Kruser (Jr...L)—301 digs, 86% serving with 18 aces; Grace Thrall (Jr...RS)—126 kills, 24 blocks, 90% serving

• **Earlville:** Conference Co-Champs, Conference Tournament Runner-Up

– \*\*Brynn Guelde (Sr...OH)—224 kills, 92% serving with 47 aces; Repeat Unanimous Selection; \*\*Emma Benson (Sr...S)—572 assists, 90.5% serving with 71 aces; Repeat Selection

• **Indian Creek:** Conference 3rd Place, Conference Tournament 3rd Place – \*\*Audrey Witte (Jr...OH)—194 kills, 233 digs; Three-Time Unanimous Selection; Kaitlyn Frazier (Jr...L/DS)—319 digs, 94% serving with 54 aces; Repeat Selection

• **Serena:** \*\*Paige Sexton (Jr...OH)—241 kills, 65 blocks; Third Time All-Conference, Twice Unanimous; Katie Baker (Sr...S/RS)—220 assists, 116 kills; Twice All-Conference

• **Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy:** Alice Li (Sr...S)—507 assists; Joyce Li (Sr...OH)—184 kills  
(\*\* Indicates unanimous selection)

## BOWLING

### Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Nov. 15  
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High team game (scratch)  
– Mendota Agri-Products 782, Leagal Beagles 747, Sports-N-Stuff 653

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– Mendota Agri-Products 996, Leagal Beagles 990, Sports-N-Stuff 917

High team series (scratch)

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**A**



**B**



Answers: 1. Spoon missing 2. Leaf on table  
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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Winning the battle against worry

Do you spend time worrying about things in life that are beyond your control? Are you constantly trying to figure situations out? If that's you, I want to let you know that you can rest in God and trust Him to fight your battles for you.

It took years for me to learn that worry is useless. All it did was aggravate me and it didn't change a thing. Worrying is like sitting in a rocking chair and rocking all day—it keeps you busy, but you get absolutely nowhere. At the end of the day, you're still sitting right where you were when you started.

God didn't create us to live worried and stressed-

out. The truth is there is no need to worry because we can trust God completely.

### ***Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing!***

The Bible says that we shouldn't worry about tomorrow or what we're going to eat or drink or wear because tomorrow will have sufficient problems of its own (see Matthew 6:25-26). And God gives us the grace we need every day to handle whatever that day brings.

We need to learn how to trust God one day at a time. Instead of trying to figure out tomorrow, we just need to thank God for today.

In 1 Peter 5:6, the Bible talks about hum-

bling ourselves under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt us in due time. And the very next verse says, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (NIV). God wants to take care of us.

It amazes me that many times we believe that if we think about our problems long enough, we can actually figure them out. We would be so much better off if we would just wait on God to show us what we need to know about the situation.

### ***The Strategy of Trusting God***

I want to encourage you to get comfortable with not knowing. Part of trusting God is having unanswered questions. Many people have questions they want answers to, but when they get those answers, they don't feel the need to trust God anymore. You might not have the answers to your questions right now, but what you do have is the ability to trust God.

Proverbs 3:5 (NIV) says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Trusting God is the greatest privilege that we have. No matter what kind of problem you have in your life, you get to trust the Lord. He doesn't want you to live in fear. He loves you so much, and He is on your side, working in your situation!

Second Corinthians 10:4-5 talks about one of the greatest weapons God has given us, and



that is His Word. When you get overwhelmed by worry in your mind, take the problem and start attacking it with scriptures.

When you speak the Word of God out loud, you're demolishing "arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God..." (NIV). Take time to learn what the Word says so you can recognize the lies of Satan and overcome his attacks.

### ***Faith That Trusts and Conquers All***

God operates through our faith, whereas worry prevents Him from working. When I need a breakthrough and I'm trying to figure everything out, I just say, "God, I thank You that You're working right now. I don't see any progress or feel anything happening, but I've prayed. And the minute I prayed, I believe You started working, and I am going to see the victory."

In 2 Chronicles 20, King Jehoshaphat faced many enemies coming at him all at once. At first, the Bible says he felt fear, but then he "set himself [determinedly, as his vital need] to seek the Lord" (verse 3). Jehoshaphat had a big problem, but

he didn't sit down and worry. Instead, he set himself to seek the Lord and hear what God had to say.

Then in verse 15, God sent a prophet who told Jehoshaphat to "be not afraid or dismayed at this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's" (AMP). Well, that is good news! You can win the war with worry because God wants to fight for you!

In verse 17, he says, "You need not fight in this battle; take your positions, stand and witness the salvation of the Lord who is with you." So the position Jehoshaphat took was to get down on his knees and worship God. And he stayed there, worshipping God until he got a breakthrough.

Then, in verse 22, when all the people began to sing and praise the Lord, their enemies got so confused that they killed each other! If you want to confuse the enemy when problems are coming at you, instead of worrying, put your focus on God—worship, sing, and give praise and thanks to Him. Trade your worry for worship, and watch God begin

to work. Don't ever say again, "I'm just a worrier." Your new confession is, "I do not worry. I trust God!"

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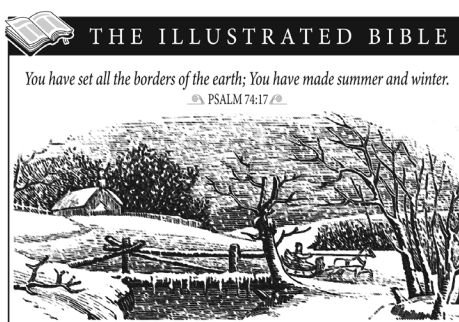
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1. Is the book of Habakkuk in  
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Testament or neither?

2. Which book's chapter 3,  
verse 14 (KJV) mentions "the  
beginning of the creation of  
God"? No book does, Isaiah,  
Ezekiel, Revelation

3. From Mark 9, Hell is a place  
where "what" dieth not, and  
the fire is not quenched?

Worm, Body, Soul, Greed

4. Who's the only woman in the  
Bible with her age mentioned  
(at death)?

Eve, Ruth, Leah, Sarah

5. On what day of creation did  
God divide land and water?

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th

6. What did Methuselah become  
at 187 years old?

Saved, Invalid, Father, Martyr



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Revelation;  
3) Worm; 4) Sarah (Genesis 23:1-2);  
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both, within 6 months  
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