

# Santa Claus is coming to town for ‘A Mendota Christmas’

Fun events planned Dec. 4 to get you in the holiday spirit

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:

- 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.



Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with the recent Mendota Sweet Corn Festival mini-queen, Ava Kelly, center, and mini-kings, Easton Longmire, left, and Jonah Randolph are anxious for the arrival of Saturday, Dec. 4 when “A Mendota Christmas” is held in downtown Mendota. Lots of holiday-related activities will take place during the day, including the return of Santa Claus to hear Christmas wishes from all of the children. (Reporter photo)

## New congressional maps signed into law

Gov.: Maps reflect Illinois’ diversity, preserve minority representation

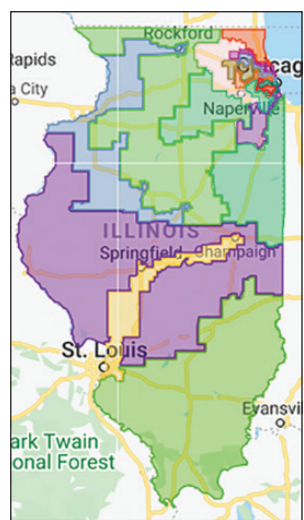
**By PETER HANCOCK**  
*Capitol News Illinois*  
SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker signed legislation last week redrawing the state’s congressional district maps, saying they reflect Illinois’ diversity and preserve minority representation.

“These maps align with the landmark Voting Rights Act and will ensure all communities are equitably represented in our congressional delegation,” Pritzker said in a statement.

Due to the state’s declining population, Illinois will have only 17 congressional seats after the 2022 elections, one fewer than it currently has.

Because most of the state’s population loss occurred in southern Illinois, the new maps combine what are currently the 12th and 15th Districts, held by Republican Reps. Mike Bost and Mary Miller, respectively, into a new 12th District that covers most of the southern one-third of the state.

Miller, however, has indicated she might run in the newly-drawn 15th District, which stretches from west-central Illinois eastward across the state, curling



**Gov. Pritzker has signed legislation redrawing the state’s congressional district maps. (Source: ilhousedems.com/redistricting)**

around the city of Champaign and stretching back west and south to an area just west of Collinsville.

It also creates a new 13th District stretching from the Metro East region across a narrow strip of land through Springfield and Decatur, to Champaign.

In the Chicago metropolitan area, the maps create a new largely-Latino 3rd District that currently has no incumbent while also putting Democratic Rep.

Marie Newman’s residence in the same district as fellow-Democratic Rep. Jesús “Chuy” García.

Newman, however, has indicated she intends to run in the new 6th District where she would face Democratic Rep. Sean Casten in a primary.

Elsewhere, the new maps link Rockford, the Quad Cities, Galesburg, Macomb and Bloomington into one large C-shaped district.

Analysts at the Princeton Gerrymandering Project gave the new maps an overall grade of F in the categories of partisan fairness, competitiveness and compactness. They estimate the maps create 14 likely Democratic districts and three likely Republican districts.

The Illinois delegation is currently split between 13 Democrats and five Republicans.

The political reform advocacy group CHANGE Illinois, which has advocated for an independent redistricting commission, also harshly criticized the new maps, saying it was designed to produce “predetermined

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## Illinois unemployment falls to 6%

Employers add 40,900 jobs to workforce in October

**By PETER HANCOCK**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois unemployment rate fell two-tenths of a percentage point in October to 6 percent as employers added 40,900 jobs during the month, the Illinois Department of Employment Security and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

According to the preliminary data, the industry sectors with the biggest job gains during the month were professional and business services, which added 17,700 jobs; leisure and hospitality, which added 8,400 jobs; and trade, transportation and utilities, which gained 7,700 jobs.

Those gains were partially offset by job losses in the information sector and educational and health services.

“Today’s data are positive markers indicating a continued recovery to our economy and labor market,” Deputy Gov. Andy Manar said in a statement. “IDES continues to work with employers and jobseekers to assist matching businesses with those looking to reenter the workforce or make career changes.”

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Sylvia Garcia said the numbers showed that Gov. JB Pritzker’s administration’s economic recovery policies during the pandemic have had positive results.

“Monthly labor reports continue to

prove that our administration’s investments to stimulate small businesses, deliver workforce development grants and jumpstart community and capital development projects across our state are paying dividends,” she said in a statement.

The October jobless rate in Illinois was 1.4 percentage points higher than the national rate, but it was 2.1 percentage points below where it was a year earlier.

Compared to a year ago, the number of nonfarm payroll jobs was up by 190,300, with gains showing up in nearly all major industries.

The leisure and hospitality sector, which was hit hardest by the pandemic, has added back 60,800 jobs while professional and business services have gained back 50,000 jobs. The trade, transportation and utilities sector has added

37,200.

Financial activities, which is still down by 5,200 jobs, was the only industry group that reported jobs losses over the year. Total nonfarm payrolls were up 3.4 percent over the year in Illinois and 4.1 percent in the nation.

Along with the October jobless figures, the Bureau of Labor Statistics made a significant downward adjustment to the September unemployment rate, lowering it to 6.2 percent from the preliminary esti-

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## Streets closed for ‘A Mendota Christmas’ event December 3 & 4

MENDOTA – A reminder to residents, for the safety of those present, that Indiana Avenue and Illinois Avenue from Washington Street to Jefferson Street and Jefferson Street from Main Street to Indiana Avenue will be closed at the end of the business day on Friday, Dec. 3 through Saturday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. for the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce’s “A Mendota Christmas” event.

The city and Chamber thank you for your cooperation.



# LOCAL AND AREA

## LCHD expands COVID booster doses to 18 and up

### ◆ Local pharmacies also offer COVID boosters

OTTAWA - On Nov. 19, the CDC expanded eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots for all individuals 18 years of age and older. LaSalle County Health Department (LCHD) is now offering booster doses on a weekly basis by appointment only. Please note: local pharmacies are also offering boosters.

Illinois Department of Public Health, following the FDA's decision to open COVID-19 booster shots to all, recommends anyone 18 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose six months after receiving their second Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or two months after the Johnson & Johnson.

To schedule an appointment at LCHD, visit [www.lasallecounty.org](http://www.lasallecounty.org) and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon to schedule an appointment.

**Vaccination Record Card**  
LCHD requires individu-

als to have their vaccination record card for their appointment. If you do not have it, visit IDPH Vax Verify at [https://idphportal.illinois.gov/s/?language=en\\_US](https://idphportal.illinois.gov/s/?language=en_US) to get a copy of your vaccination record.

### Appointment Day at LCHD

- If you do not feel well the day of your appointment, do not come to the vaccination clinic. Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time. An appointment is required to get vaccinated.

- LCHD is located at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa. COVID-19 booster vaccinations will be given in the Vaccination Trailer (look for the yellow sign) located next to the COVID Testing Trailer in the health department's parking lot.

- LCHD requires bringing a copy of your printed ticket or a screenshot of the ticket on your phone and your vaccination record card.

- Face covering required.
- All attendees must follow instructions and maintain social distance (6 feet apart) when waiting in line.
- If the patient is under the age of 18, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

- If you need assistance, please bring someone. Otherwise, only people receiving the vaccine should come to.
- Individuals should wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for injection.

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at (815) 433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at [www.lasallecounty.org](http://www.lasallecounty.org).

### Local Pharmacies

Vaccines are also available at several local pharmacies including CVS in Mendota ([cvs.com/immunization](http://cvs.com/immunization))

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## Blackstone Principal Award Pizza Lunch

Blackstone School recently held their Principal Award pizza lunch for the month of November. Students chosen for November were, front row left to right, Jace Ganther, Nancy Martinez, Amy Lopez, Sofia Garcia, Sadee Gonzalez and Michael Godina; back row, Meredith McNutt, Marshal Brown, Santiago Raya, Anyiah Williams, Emily Cervantes and Devlin Ward. Students were honored by having a pizza lunch with their principal, Stacy Kelly. (Photo contributed)

## Kish College instructor named as float judge for 133rd Rose Parade

MALTA - Janet Gallagher, AIFD and Associate Professor of Horticulture at Kishwaukee College, was announced as one of three float judges for the 133rd Rose Parade at the Pasadena Tournament of Roses.

The Rose Parade, along with the annual Rose Bowl football game, is part of the annual Tournament of Roses celebration on New Year's Day. This will be Gallagher's first year in attendance, and she said her selection as a judge came as a surprise.

In February 2020, a representative from the Tournament of Roses reached out to Gallagher to ask if she would be interested in being a judge for the Rose Parade. Gallagher said a committee does independent fact-finding to explore potential candidates for the judge positions.

"You can't apply. You aren't nominated. There is a search committee that researches and selects candidates," Gallagher said. "It's



Janet Gallagher, Associate Professor of Horticulture at Kishwaukee College, right, was selected as one of three float judges for the Rose Parade on New Year's Day. (Photo contributed)

humbling. How do they find an instructor from little Malta, Ill.?"

Gallagher's lengthy credentials in floral design helped her stand out. As an instructor at Kish, Gal-

lagher educates her students with real-world demonstrations of the floral industry. Through hands-on application, her students create unique floral arrangements that

often support local events like the annual Kishwaukee College Foundation Gala. Under her tutelage, Kish students have received national recognition through events like the American Institute of Floral Design (AIFD) National Symposium.

Along with being a horticulture instructor at Kish for 16 years, Gallagher has been actively involved in the floral industry for 34 years. In the private sector, she is the founder and CEO of Designs by Janet, a special events floral company. As a member of the AIFD for 18 years, she has served as both the National Education Chair and the National Student Chapter chair.

Floral displays created by Gallagher have appeared in various high-profile places and events throughout her career, from the Ellwood House in DeKalb to the White House in Washington, D.C. Gallagher said her selection as a judge for the Rose Parade reinforces the

extensive opportunities available to students pursuing horticulture as a career. "I am really honored to be selected. It shows how broad this industry is, and if you stay consistent and involved in your profession, it can really pay off," she said. "Our everyday work can seem ordinary. But if you do it well and go the extra mile, you can turn it into something extraordinary."

The 133rd Rose Parade will begin at 10 a.m. Central time on Saturday, Jan. 1 and be broadcast internationally. This year's parade theme of "Dream. Believe. Achieve." focuses on how education can open doors and change lives. Gallagher said her background in floral design and education made her a strong fit as a judge with this year's theme.

Gallagher joins J. Keith White, AIFD designer and instructor at the Houston School of Flowers, and John Piper, former Vice President

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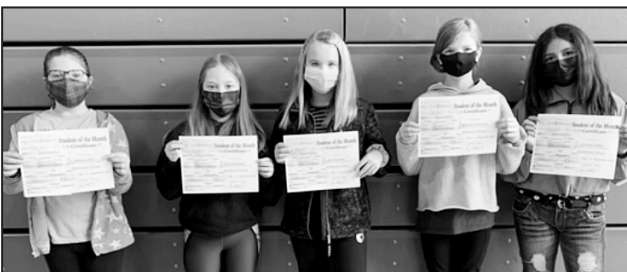
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## Northbrook Students of the Month September



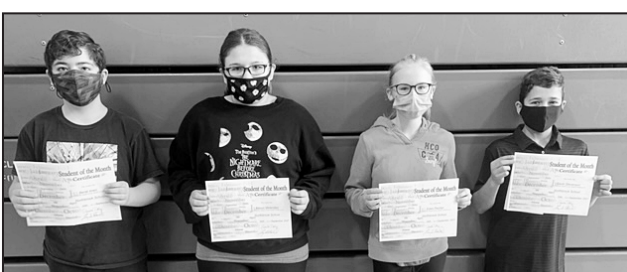
### 5th Grade

Northbrook School's fifth grade Students of the Month for September, left to right, are Abriana Klein, Ivory Rodriguez, Ava Mahaffey, Samantha Stremlau and Camila Vallejo.



### 6th Grade

Northbrook School's sixth grade Students of the Month for September, left to right, are Anthony Martinez-Morales, Thomas Corrigan, Tyson Barkman, Kyra Lindsay and Klaire Knaff.



### 7th Grade

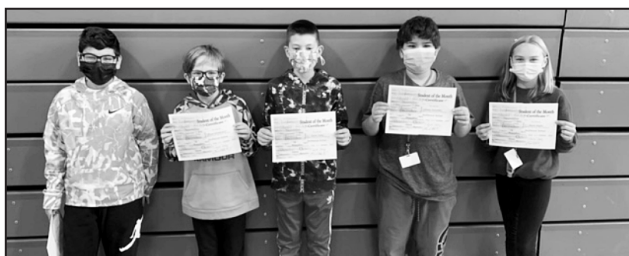
Northbrook School's seventh grade Students of the Month for September, left to right, are Berat Imeri, Alexis Melendez, Eden Pecher, Gavin Stevenson and Brooklyn Baxa (not pictured).



### 8th Grade

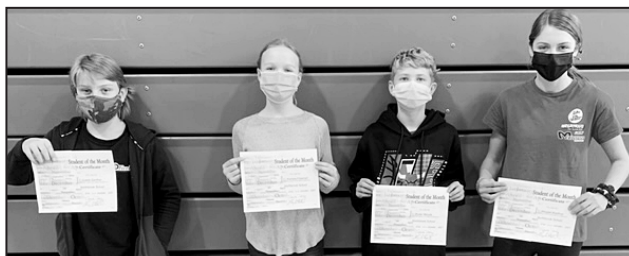
Northbrook School's eighth grade Students of the Month for September, left to right, are Litzy Celis, Talia White, Luis Nunez and John Aaron Biggs (not pictured). (Photos contributed)

## Northbrook Students of the Month - October



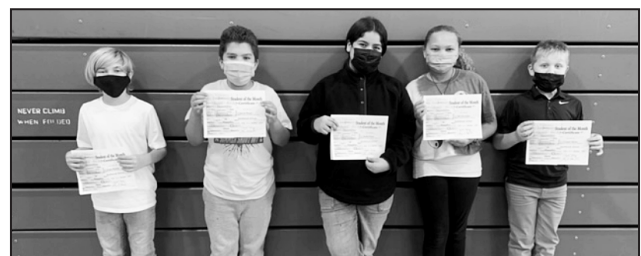
### 5th Grade

Northbrook School's fifth grade Students of the Month for October, left to right, are Isaac Espinoza, Pryar Christmann, Gavin Tolley, Felipe Gonzalez and Alexis Saylor.



### 7th Grade

Northbrook School's seventh grade Students of the Month for October, left to right, are Caleb Ganther, Karissa Freeman, Ryder Woods and Abygail Buettner.



### 6th Grade

Northbrook School's sixth grade Students of the Month for October, left to right, are Gage Braddy, David Reyes, Anahi Perez, Mia Barringer and Cooper Beetz.



### 8th Grade

Northbrook School's eighth grade Students of the Month for October, left to right, are Jayden Wehrs, Sebastian Carlos, Aubrey Land, Lucas Castillo and Sofia Gomez. (Photos contributed)

## Happy Christmas at Home: Celebrating the Holiday, UK Style

LA SALLE - The LaSalle Public Library will virtually host Claire Evans, culinary travel guide and former U.K. resident, on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. with her presentation, "Happy Christmas at Home: Celebrating the Holiday, UK Style."

In this virtual program, Evans will

take viewers for a cultural tour of Christmas in Great Britain. She will talk about the special foods and drinks served at the holiday table and provide authentic recipes to try at home. She will also discuss traditions and cultural quirks essential to a proper British holiday. After this program, viewers will

be fully prepared to eat, drink and be merry UK style.

The program is free, open to all and will be via Zoom. Register online at <https://bit.ly/329FIhl>. For more information, call the LaSalle Library at (815) 223-2341 or e-mail Rachael Blomquist at [rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us](mailto:rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us).

## Reddick Mansion to host Christmas Tours Dec. 3 & 10

OTTAWA - The Reddick Mansion Association's annual "Candlelight Tours" are returning on Friday, Dec. 3 and Friday, Dec. 10. Conducted like an open house, visitors may come anytime

between 6 and 8 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for students in grades K-12.

A dedicated group of volunteers have been busy decorating the "period rooms," which will be lit by flameless candles and decorated for a

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## Booster

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nizations/covid-19-vaccine), Hy-Vee in Peru ([hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent](http://hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent)), Walgreens in Peru ([walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19](http://walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19)), and Walmart in Peru ([corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine](http://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine)).

Scheduling and additional information for receiving the vaccine is available at each individual pharmacy's website.

## CARL'S QUIZ

How did the custom of the handshake begin?

The answer to last week's quiz is: "Pull out all the stops," which means to make every possible effort, likely comes from playing the pipe organ. By pulling out all stop knobs on a pipe organ, a powerful blast of sound is created and on many traditional organs, the volume would be intolerable.

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

## Mendota Weather

Dec. 1, 2021

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 51 Low: 41

**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 56 Low: 36

**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 53 Low: 29

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 41 Low: 28

**Sunday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 42 Low: 30

**Monday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 41 Low: 27

**Tuesday**  
Cloudy  
High: 46 Low: 34

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies, high temperature of 51°, humidity of 67%. South southwest wind 7 to 17 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 62° set in 1962. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night, overnight low of 41°. West southwest wind 11 to 14 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 34°. The record low for Wednesday night is 0° set in 1976.

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	37	20	42/25	0.00"
Tuesday	46	23	41/25	0.00"
Wednesday	57	39	41/24	0.00"
Thursday	39	19	40/24	0.00"
Friday	32	19	40/23	0.00"
Saturday	47	31	39/23	0.00"
Sunday	41	26	39/22	0.00"

### Regional Cities

City	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	49/41	mc	55/36	mc
Champaign	54/44	mc	59/40	pc
Chicago	49/42	mc	54/39	mc
Freeport	51/40	mc	54/34	pc
Joliet	50/41	mc	56/37	mc
Moline	54/44	mc	59/38	pc
Peoria	54/44	mc	59/41	pc
Rockford	50/40	mc	54/35	mc
Springfield	57/45	pc	63/44	s

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:03 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	3:35 a.m.	2:47 p.m.
Thursday	7:04 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	4:53 a.m.	3:19 p.m.
Friday	7:05 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	6:14 a.m.	3:57 p.m.
Saturday	7:06 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	7:35 a.m.	4:46 p.m.
Sunday	7:07 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	8:51 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
Monday	7:08 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	9:56 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
Tuesday	7:09 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	10:49 a.m.	8:09 p.m.

### National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 56 in Cairo, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 77 in Key Largo, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 79 in South Point, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 61 in Milton-Freewater, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 83 in Palm Springs, Calif.

### Weather History

**Dec. 1, 1989** - Heavy snow blanketed the mountains of New Mexico, with 12 inches reported at the Angel Fire Ski Basin. Strong northerly winds, ushering cold air into the north central United States, gusted to 55 mph at Devils Lake, N.D.

**Dec. 2, 1925** - A late season hurricane caused extensive damage across the Florida peninsula, then moved off the Georgia coast crossing Cape Hatteras as a tropical storm. The storm produced whole gales along the Middle Atlantic and Southern New England coast.

### Local UV Index



UV Index  
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure  
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### Weather Trivia

Which is denser, dry or humid air?



Answer: Dry air.

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Laurel A. Mitchell

MENDOTA - Laurel A. Mitchell, 72, of Mendota, passed away Nov. 26, 2021 at her home.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. There will be no service. Cremation rites will follow and private burial will be held at Dewey-Worsley Cemetery.

Laurel was born July 2, 1949 in Mendota to Everett "Sandy" and Ruth (Neff) Mitchell.

Survivors include her son, Beau (Abby) Fancher of Mendota; one grandson, Landon Fancher; a nephew, Tim (Mel) Schultz; two nieces, Terri (Jerry) Conner and Traci Piper; several great-nieces and nephews; her caregiver, Julie Hamel; the father of her son, Bill Fancher; and her dog Bailey.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Linda Schultz; and her brother-in-law, Raymond Schultz.

Laurel was a 1967 graduate of Mendota High School. She was employed as a nurse at Mendota Community Hospital for 11 years, at Mendota Lutheran Home and Heritage Health for 13 years and also worked for Dr. Jared Rogers and Dr. David Scholl's office for five years. She was in the ladies bowling league at the Mendota Elks Club. She loved dogs and spending time visiting with family and friends.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue or the family. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).

## Julienne B. Nichols

LA MOILLE - Julienne Beth Nichols, 56, of LaMoille, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Nov. 20, 2021.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 27 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Jeff Brace officiating. Burial was at Lutheran Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was for one hour prior to services.

Julienne was born March 6, 1965 in Venezuela to James and Rosie (Martin) Barker. She married Chris Nichols on Dec. 9, 1995 in Chicago.

Survivors include her husband, Chris of LaMoille; two sons, Ryan and David Nichols, both of LaMoille; two daughters, Megan and Emily Nichols, both of LaMoille; two brothers, Jordan and Jeremy Barker; and one sister, Jeanette (Phil) Lohr.

She was preceded in death by her father.

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

## Patricia J. Miranda

PAW PAW - Patricia "Pat" J. Miranda, 70, of Paw Paw, passed away Nov. 23, 2021 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

There will be no services at this time. Cremation rites have been accorded. Private burial will be at a later date.

Pat was born April 3, 1951 in Port Clinton, Ohio to Francis and Betty (Erickson) Blood.

Survivors include her daughter, Tara (Ryan) Young of Mendota; five sons, Brian Miranda of LaSalle, Dan Miranda of Centralia, Tony Miranda of Salem, Matt Miranda of Indianapolis and Jamie Miranda of Lexington, Ky.; one brother, Robert Ritter of the state of Ohio; two sisters, Peggy Case of Aberdeen, Md. and Sally Ritter of the state of Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and a grandson.

Pat was a waitress for several years at Ziggie's and Parkway restaurants in Mendota for several years. She also worked at Prairie Crossing Assisted Living in Shabbona. She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. She enjoyed going to yard and estate sales and looking for old records.

Memorials may be directed to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).

## Mayra F. Gonzalez

ROCHELLE - Mayra F. Gonzalez, 41, of Rochelle, formerly of Mendota, passed away Nov. 28, 2021 at Northwestern Kishwaukee Hospital DeKalb after an extended illness.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Mendota with Rev. Peter Pilon officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mayra was born Nov. 1, 1980 in Mexico to Jose and Estela (Aguirre) Lopez. She married Ricardo Gonzalez.

Survivors include her husband of Rochelle; three daughters, Alondra, Eliana and Adrisbet, all of Rochelle; one son, Ricardo Jr. of Rochelle; her parents of Mendota; two brothers, Danny (April) Lopez of Virginia and Julio Lopez of Rockford; two sisters, Jennifer (Jose) Cortez of Aurora and Corrina Lopez of Dallas, Texas; and her maternal grandmother, Ines Aguirre of California.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather and her paternal grandparents.

Mayra graduated from Mendota High School.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at [wasmerfuneralhome.com](http://wasmerfuneralhome.com).

## Secretary of State's office changes website address to ILSOS.gov

♦ A ".gov" web address is designed to help combat fraud

SPRINGFIELD - Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the Illinois Secretary of State's office has changed its official web address from "cyberdriveillinois.com" to "ILSOS.gov." The change is designed to help combat fraud. A ".gov" website address designates it as an official government website, which is exclusively provided to federal, state and local government entities.

"Changing the website address to ILSOS.gov will help combat fraud at a time when scams designed to defraud Illinoisans have been proliferating," said White. "Because the new address uses a .gov suffix, you can rest assured it belongs to a federal, state or local government agency - in this case the Illinois Secretary of State's office - which adds to your peace of mind when transacting business online with my office."

White noted that Illinoisans who type



cyberdriveillinois.com into the browser will be directed to ILSOS.gov.

In addition to the website address change, White's office unveiled a redesigned website that is designed to make it easier for the public to locate services quickly. The website prioritizes the most frequently used services, such as driver's license, ID card and license plate renewals. It also breaks down online services into a specific section to help customers who wish to conduct business online.

Popular features, such as Safe Driver Renewal, DL/State ID Card Renewal, Facility Finder, Pick-a-Plate, License Plates Renewal and Business Services filings remain prominently featured.

## Robert P. Kurtz

MENDOTA - Robert P. Kurtz, 83, of Mendota, passed away Nov. 20, 2021 at his home.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date and held at the Nazarene Church, Mendota.

Robert was born Jan. 23, 1938 in Waltham Township to Joseph and Jeannette (Hadley) Kurtz. He married Linda Kent on June 12, 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Mendota; one daughter, Megan Sonsoucie of Mendota; one son, Jeremiah (Rebecca) Nance of Florida; grandchildren, Brandon and Hayley Pickett, Summer Nance, Finn Sessler and Maria (James) Baxter; and a great-grandson, Bentley Baxter.

Robert served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. He worked for Charles Chips in Peoria and was a dockman for Consolidated Freightways for 30 years. After retirement, he was a security guard for Del Monte in Mendota. He enjoyed collecting old-fashioned diecast cars.

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

## Stage 212 announces productions for 2022 season

LA SALLE - Season tickets for Stage 212's 2022 season are now on sale.

This winter, take a trip down memory lane with Roger Bean's jukebox musical "The Marvelous Wonderettes," directed by Joey Santos. Next spring, humor will be propelled to new heights with "Unnecessary Farce," the laugh-out-loud comedy by Paul Slade Smith, directed by Joe Ennenbach.

The summer production will be an adventurous trip "Into the Woods" with the Tony Award-winning musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, directed by Kevin J. Alleman. In the fall, enjoy a fishing trip for big laughs when the Southern-fried Jones, Hope, Wooten comedy "Farce of Nature" takes the stage, directed by Zoë Peshel.

Season tickets are a nearly 15 percent savings over

buying individual tickets. In addition, season ticket holders may reserve individual seats before tickets go on sale to the public. Angels start at \$160 and their extra donation includes two season subscriptions, has top priority when ordering tickets for any of the season's shows and is acknowledged in each show program as a supporter of Stage 212.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the box office at (815) 224-3025 Monday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon, by e-mailing [stage212@att.net](mailto:stage212@att.net) or by visiting [stage212.org](http://stage212.org).

Stage 212 and has presented over 200 productions since 1968. Persons with an interest in theatre, with or without previous experience, are encouraged to become involved in its projects. Volunteers are always welcome for stage, set, and house crews.

## Tours

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Victorian Christmas. Visitors will be able to chat with docents in Victorian costumes and refreshments will be served.

No reservations are necessary for this event. Following CDC and state guidelines, masks should be worn while in the Mansion. Parking will be reserved on Lafayette Street and on Columbus Street for guests.

All money raised will be used for the preservation and renovation of the Reddick Mansion, located at 100 W. Lafayette St. The Mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, is open for tours and has rental space available for special events.

## Parade

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of the Macy's Parade Studio, on this year's list of float judges. The three judges will grant 24 float awards based on three categories: Float Design, Floral Presentation and Entertainment Value.

Kishwaukee College's horticulture program offers a variety of specialties, including floral design, greenhouse, landscape design, nursery, and cannabis and hemp cultivation. To learn more, visit [www.kish.edu/horticulture](http://www.kish.edu/horticulture).

## Youth 'Book Giveaway' at LaSalle Library

LA SALLE - The LaSalle Public Library will celebrate the holiday season with their "Gift of Reading - Holiday Gift Book Giveaway," which will take place outdoors on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. The giveaway is free and open to the public.

Youth will receive a gift book, a 3D printed snowman ornament and a pair of age-appropriate mittens or gloves generously donated by Johnson Oil Company.

The LaSalle Library is located at the corner of Third and Marquette streets in LaSalle. The event will take place in the book drop lane in front of the Third Street/Route 6 entrance. (The book drop lane will be closed to traffic from 2-6 p.m. for safety reasons). Giveaway items will be available while supplies last.

For more information, call the library at (815) 223-2341.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Maps

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winners and losers in nearly all 17 districts.”

“The map is undemocratic and leaves all voters without choices, undermining the very elections that are supposed to allow voters to hold officials accountable,” the organization said in a statement.

Pritzker, however, said the maps align with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits practices and procedures that discriminate on the basis of race, color or membership in a recognized language minority.

He said they also align with the Illinois Voting Rights Act, which requires redistricting plans to preserve clusters of minority voting groups that are large enough and cohesive enough to exert collective electoral power.

Pritzker’s signing of the congressional maps came less than two weeks before a three-judge federal court panel will hear oral arguments in three separate lawsuits challenging the new legislative maps that Democrats pushed through in August and Pritzker signed into law in September.

Plaintiffs in those suits include Republican leaders in the General Assembly; a group of Latino voters in the Chicago area represented by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, or MALDEF; and a group of civil rights organizations that include the East St. Louis Branch of the NAACP, the Illinois State Conference of the NAACP and the United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations, or UCCRO.

Those plaintiffs allege the new legislative maps reduce minority representation by breaking up Latino communities in the Chicago area and Black communities in the Metro East region.

Arguments in those cases are scheduled to begin Tuesday, Dec. 7.

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## Jobs

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mate of 6.8 percent. That was due to an adjustment BLS had made in January to the way it estimates the size of a state’s labor force in order to account for the impact of the pandemic.

IDES said in a news release that the adjustment inadvertently created “distortions” to statewide labor force estimates for Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin for January and all subsequent months through September 2021.

BLS said the distortions were only recently identified after Illinois and another state in the agency’s East North Central Division raised concerns about their monthly 2021 labor force estimates. The BLS has found that distortions to the Illinois labor force estimates are limited to January-September 2021.

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# Some IVCC students to receive relief funds in spring

OGLESBY — Students attending Illinois Valley Community College this spring semester could receive payments made possible by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), board members learned Nov. 18.

Students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours will receive \$1,000. Those taking 6-to-11 hours will receive \$500. Payments will be made to students enrolled as of April 7.

In addition, high school students enrolled in IVCC dual credit/dual enrollment courses this spring will have all tuition and the registration fee waived. Students who complete a Career and Technical Education dual credit course will qualify for a tuition waiver for three credit hours this summer or next fall.

With the exception of IVCC employees and high school students, any student who enrolls this spring will receive a \$100 IVCC bookstore gift card to use on books and supplies.

“We recognize the importance of supporting students throughout the pandemic and are committed to helping them achieve their academic and career goals,” said Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski.

In other business, the board adopted the tentative \$13.9 million 2021 tax levy, a 9.3 percent increase over last year’s \$12.5 million levy.

The levy is based on a nearly 9 percent increase in the district’s eight-county combined equalized assessed valuation (EAV), said Vice President for Business

Services and Finance Matt Seaton.

“This levy will keep the tax rate nearly flat for all district tax payers,” Seaton said.

With the EAV increasing more than 5 percent, the board will hold a truth-in-taxation hearing at its Dec. 9 meeting “to access all funds available to the district,” Seaton said.

Homeowners will see a slight increase in IVCC’s portion of their property tax bill due to a .0018 cent increase. The owner of a \$100,000 home, for example, will see a 57-cent increase.

The projected 2021 rate of .3588 is up slightly from the 2020 rate of .3557. A public notice will be published and a public hearing held prior to trustees moving for final approval Dec. 9.

IVCC levies taxes in all or parts of La Salle, Bureau, Putnam, Marshall, Lee, Livingston, Grundy and DeKalb counties.

In other action, trustees approved Protection, Health and Safety (PHS) projects totaling over \$2.7 million including:

- Energy upgrades and piping repairs in Building C boiler room for \$206,195;
- Repairs to parking lot 1 for \$53,130;
- Removal and resurfacing of lot 5 for \$718,200;
- Complete renovation of the band room (D201) for \$1.7 million to include elevator replacement, asbestos abatement and replacement of walls, ceilings, lighting and the raised floor.

Seaton said PHS projects could begin as early as this summer.

Trustees also approved:

- Moving the start of 2022 meetings up an hour to 5:30 p.m. in the board room, C307. Meetings are the second Thursday of each month on Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 18 (the third Thursday), Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.
- Purchase of CRM (Customer Relationship Management) software from Slate for \$50,000. CRM streamlines campus communications and interactions including the ability to send targeted, personalized messages to prospects and current students. First year CRM costs are covered by HEERF.

- Board policy changes regarding tuition waivers and reimbursements.
- Closed session minutes from Oct. 14.
- Negotiated retirement agreements with 29-year English instructor Randy Rambo and 27-year health and wellness instructor Tony Ruda.

Trustees learned:

- The IVCC Foundation will award a record \$400,000 in scholarships in fiscal 2022. In his campus update, Executive Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley said in fiscal 2021, Foundation assets increased nearly \$1.5 million to \$8.6 million.

- Tenure was granted to Emergency Medical Services program coordinator and instructor Nicholas Fish who began teaching full-time in spring 2019.
- Five sports are moving up from Division III. Baseball and men’s and women’s soccer will move to Division

II; men’s and women’s tennis moves to Division I. Women’s and men’s cross country will compete in Division II when those programs begin in fall 2022. The changes bring the sports into alignment with Arrowhead Conference schools and allow IVCC to use scholarships in recruiting.

“This will improve recruiting and increase roster size at a time when we need enrollments,” said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran. Corcoran noted women’s tennis, led by coach Julie Milota, recently finished third at the NJCAA Division III tournament in Georgia.

• Illinois’ Department of Agriculture Division of Cannabis Regulation has authorized IVCC to operate under the Community College Vocational Pilot Program License. IVCC is one of nine community colleges to receive the designation. The license strengthens IVCC’s program and will likely allow it to grow and process industrial hemp. A total of 23 students are enrolled in the college’s Introduction to Cannabis Production this fall. The course is part of the Basic Cannabis Production certificate program. An Advanced Cannabis Production certificate begins in January.

• Crystal Credi was hired as special populations transition specialist effective Jan. 1 and Ashton Linson as financial aid advisor.

• Carey Burns, administrative assistant in Community Relations, resigned

Oct. 27 after 19 years and Terumi Scully, administrative assistant in Project Success, resigned Oct. 29 after 10 years.

• Resignations were also received from Brandee Barroso, part-time information specialist at Ottawa Center; Elizabeth Small, part-time library technician; and Charles Walker, part-time truck driver training instructor.

• 35 prospects attended the recent “Explore IVCC” event with several applying for admission. About 40 faculty, staff and students worked the event, said Tom Quigley, director of admissions and transfer services. Spring semester begins Jan. 10.

• IVCC will introduce two new class delivery modes this spring: “IP-VCM” (In-Person/Virtual Class Meeting) requiring attendance; and “Flex-Attend,” an in-person or virtual class meeting where attendance and participation are flexible.

• The monthly “Spotlight on the Classroom” by English instructor Delores Robinson focused on student Harvey Vela’s participation in a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates. Vela, a student of IVCC biology instructor Lauri Carey, participated in a 12-week research project culminating in a poster presentation at the Illinois Summer Research Symposium entitled “The Effects of Forest Management Practices on Wild Bee Abundance and Functional Traits.”

## Illinois is 1 of 8 states that failed to balance past budgets

By KEVIN BESSLER

*The Center Square*

SPRINGFIELD — An analysis found that before the infusion of federal COVID dollars, Illinois was one of eight states where spending exceeded long-term revenue.

Pew Charitable Trusts looked into financial reports and found that Illinois failed to amass enough revenue to cover expenses between fiscal years 2005 and 2019, the final year before the pandemic and recession.

“The fiscal balance indicator gives us a big picture look at whether states have lived within their means over the long term,” said lead researcher Joanna Biernacka-Lievstro.

The research shows during the 15 years before the pandemic, Illinois took in enough to cover just 94% of its expenses, the second smallest percentage in the country behind New Jersey. Illinois also reported budget deficits in every one of those years.

The other six states that failed to collect enough revenue to cover expenses were Massachusetts, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, and Delaware.

Biernacka-Lievstro said

before the pandemic, Illinois was headed down a rocky road, as long-running imbalances can create an unsustainable fiscal situation, pushing off future taxpayers some past costs for operating government.

“A state that has a long-term deficit will eventually have to turn to a mix of tapping into their reserves, taking on more debt, or de-

ferring some payments on their long-term obligations like pensions,” she said.

The typical state’s revenue, composed primarily of tax dollars and federal funds, totaled 102.7% of its annual bills over the past 15 years.

The state with the largest surplus, Alaska, collected 135% of revenue to cover its expenses, followed by Wyoming and North Dakota.

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## What’s a check?

By Scott Reeder

I was digging around in a barn loft a while back collecting things that had been stored away for half a century.

When I pried open a suitcase, I found a stack of newspapers from November 1963, cataloging the details of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

I carried the suitcase down the ladder to show its contents to my young daughters. They looked at the headlines: Kennedy, Johnson, Oswald, Ruby, Tippit. They asked the appropriate questions, but then they saw a silver-colored tray stuffed among the pages.

One of my teenagers carefully examined the artifact and asked what it was. Her two sisters looked on equally perplexed. Then they looked at me with expectation.

I explained what they held in their hands was called an ashtray.

I couldn’t help but be amused. When I was growing up, a pack of Old Golds was always in my dad’s shirt pocket and an ash tray in most every room.

But, today, my daughters are never around anyone when they smoke. Springfield banned smoking in restaurants and other public places before they were born, and all of Illinois soon followed suit. So, the once ubiquitous ashtrays on every restaurant table are gone.

When I entered the newspaper business 33 years ago, I could always tell when one particular editor proofread my copy because there were singe marks from his cigar on the bottom of each page that he had marked up.

A few years later, workplace smokers were relegated to the outdoors. Today, smokers have become lonely distant figures puffing away near curbs – just off their employer’s property.

What was once a cultural touchstone has become an artifact of another era.

The conversation got me thinking about what other cultural talismans that will disappear in coming years. (If you are thinking newspapers, I’ll smack you upside the head.) Here’s my prediction: bank checks.

A couple of years ago, I had this conversation with a young man I had a business relationship with: “Just mail me a check.”

The twenty-something paused and finally said, “I don’t have any checks. And I don’t have any envelopes or stamps.”

This was no ordinary person. He’s an accomplished entrepreneur and a college graduate.

And he ran a business.

But he didn’t have a checkbook?

How on earth can someone operate a household, yet alone a business, without checks?

Many millennials simply pay with plastic. A debit or credit card more often than not will suffice. And they have apps like PayPal and Venmo on their phones that allow them to pay in ways without a pen.

My young friend ultimately dropped by his bank to have a half dozen checks printed. But before he filled one out, he watched a YouTube video showing him how.

When he shared that with me, I felt old. Really old.

For me, getting a checking account was a rite of passage. I grew up on a farm, and when I was 11 years old, I opened an account so I had a mode of paying for the feed and supplies for the calves I was raising.

I can remember my mother standing over me at the kitchen table as I worked to balance my checkbook. It was hard work — at least for an absent minded 11-year-old who kept forgetting to enter transactions into his check register.

Federal Reserve data shows that checks are becoming less popular with Americans. And in countries such as Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Finland and Netherlands, bank checks have essentially been eliminated.

If the trend continues, someday the written check will go the way of the telegram.

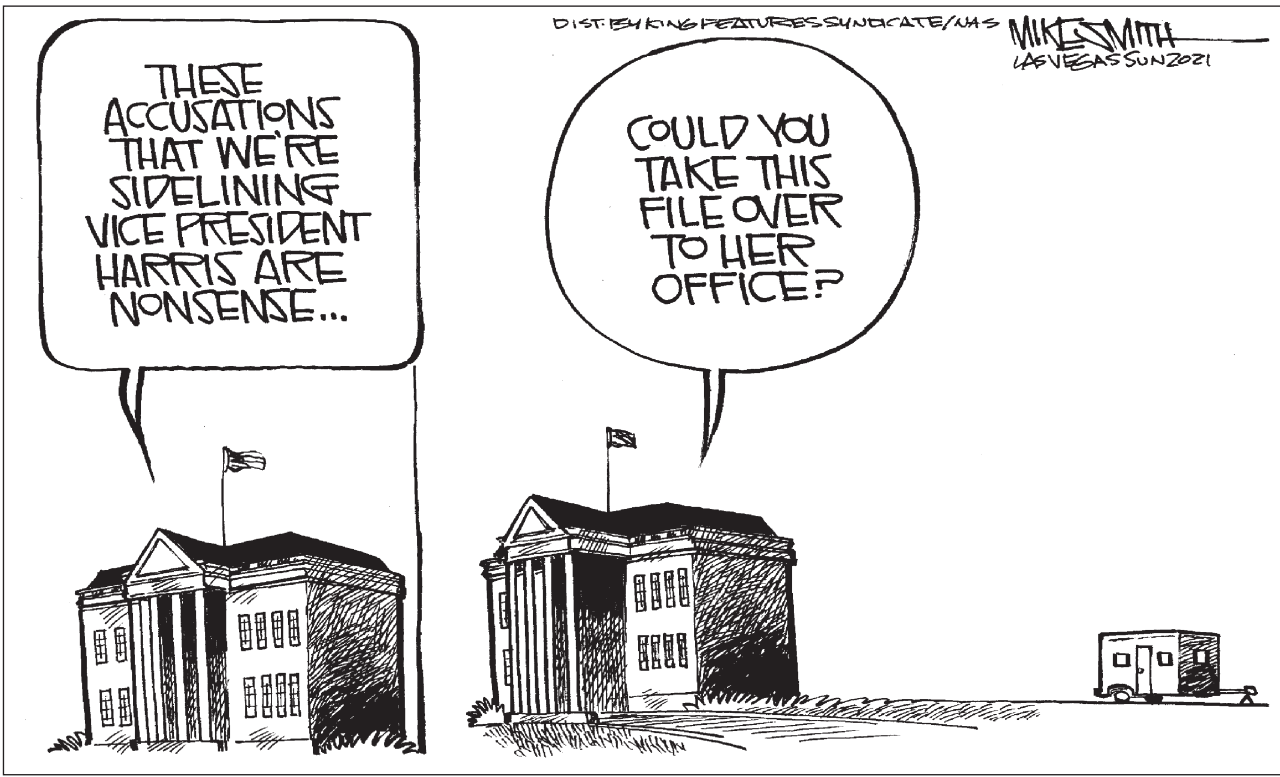
Still, there is something to be said for holding a check in your hands. I still remember my first paycheck as a journalist. I was a summer intern at the Galesburg Register-Mail when an editor walked by my desk, handed me a check and said, “Congratulations.”

I assure you, \$3.35 an hour never felt so good.

Future students will ponder these words in Martin Luther King’s, “I Have a Dream” speech: “America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked ‘insufficient funds.’”

Will those future young scholars marvel at the great man’s eloquence or ask: “What’s a check?”

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



## Sixth Regiment mustered out – 1898

*(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Dec. 2, 1998.)*

By Jessica Nashold

On Dec. 3, 1898, The Mendota Reporter relayed information that the Sixth Regiment had been mustered out and paid the previous week in Springfield. The men of The Sixth had served seven months.

**The boys are once more plain citizens.**

While still in Springfield, Captain Foster was presented by his men with a gold watch and chain and a Masonic charm. He also received a badge with four leaf clover design, the emblem of the Second Army to which the Sixth Regiment was attached.

The Reporter observed that while the experience of spending time in a semi-tropical climate would doubtless be of value to the veterans, even more valuable would be their appreciation of peace after engaging in warfare.

**Stern war is not what it is cracked up to be by the novelists.**

In Mendota, the Baptists invited “all who have been soldiers for the U.S. in the Cuban war, their relatives and friends” to a special service on Dec. 4, 1898, to remember those who lost their lives. Also –

**To aid in erection of a national monument in their memory.**

In national news, a commission from Cuba was in Washington discussing steps toward establishing “a free and stable government.” The Cubans were willing to see U.S. soldiers in Cuba during a transition period, but –

**We suggest they be placed under “smart restraint.”**

The delegation said this caution was not a reflection on the American army, just awareness of a sensitive situation.

From LaMoille came word that the flag staff erected for Company K had been consigned to “winter quarters.” A few of “the comrades” lowered the mast, tied it securely and removed the gilded ball, letter and weathervane from the top.

**In the spring she will rise again.**

The Mendota city council authorized Mayor E.S. Browne to appoint a special policeman. His assignment would be

### Backtracks & Sidetracks

“to keep drunkards out of the way of disturbing church-goers on Sunday, stop fighting in saloons on Sunday and get rid of prostitution.

The Reporter had an opinion about that, deeming the extra officer not necessary.

**The mayor and council can enforce all laws with present force.**

“If the present officers are derelict in performance of their duty, they can certainly be made to do what they are hired for.”

At the next council meeting, the mandate to appoint a special policeman was reconsidered and referred to the judiciary committee.

Dec. 1, 1898 was “sparrow day.” The amount paid for sparrow heads during 1897-98 exceeded \$1800. A LaSalle man killed 2,870 sparrows and received \$47.40 for the season. Presumably this was a LaSalle County project.

The grand opening of Eckart’s Hall on Dec. 8, 1898, featured the Wills orchestra, which introduced the new Cake Walk Quadrille. The spacious hard maple floor was 47 ½ feet by 57 ½ feet, with a platform for the musicians on the west end. Located on Illinois Street (now Illinois Avenue), John Eckart’s carriage business occupied the ground floor. In 1937, at which time it housed F.R. Bailey’s furniture store and the A&P grocery, the building was destroyed by fire. Joe and Ben Zolper purchased the ruins and constructed its replacement – 704-706 Illinois Ave.

It was front page news when O.D.F. Conkey celebrated his 77th birthday on Dec. 1, 1898. Twenty-four friends gathered at the Conkey home for the occasion. Dr. E.P. Cook was toastmaster and congratulated Mr. Conkey on his “vigor and health” at his advanced age. Other “bright toasts” were offered by the Rev. Allen, Presbyterian pastor, and veterinarian, Dr. Matthew Wilson.

In business news, it was told that the Hastings & Wylie drug store had been transferred to George D. Denison. • Pohl’s Hotel was offered for sale as part of Mr. Pohl’s estate. • G.J. Keller had purchase the former Clark photography gallery.

Unusual weather was experienced in November 1898. In early November, storms called “the severest in archives of the weather office” were followed by one day of Indian Summer, then a cold wave on Nov. 22.

**The sudden changes were among the most remarkable weather phenomena on several years.**

The Mendota city council heard Berry & Walch explain that weather had prevented completion of work on the filter bed. The firm was granted an extension of its deadline to the summer of 1899. A charge of \$189.78 for “work thus far” was honored.

J.H. Black’s offer of land to be used as a city dumping ground at rental of \$50 per year was accepted.

Illinois farmland was advancing in price. Sale of two 160-acre pieces in Eureka brought prices of \$98.75 and \$91 per acre, respectively.

Skating on Henning’s pond had been a popular pastime during a week of “beautiful moonlight nights.”

At Lake Senatchwine, a fishing crew with a single haul of “their big seine” brought in the following: 4,680 carp and buffalo (actual count), 1,000 bass, also croppies and sunfish. They filled 17 barrels with total weight of 80,000 pounds.

Elder Miles Grant of Boston began a series of lectures at the Advent Christian Church in Mendota on Dec. 5, 1898. He featured an impressive historical chart measuring 67 feet by 7 feet to illustrate his topics. Admission was free and “questions will be allowed.”

Ladies of the German Catholic Church conducted a bazaar in Washington Hall on Dec. 7-9, 1898, where crafts suitable for Christmas giving were on sale.

**Oysters and coffee will be served.**

## Harris v. Buttigieg would be the GOP’s dream primary

By Rich Lowry

The GOP has had plenty of reason for good cheer in recent months.

Nothing can compare, though, with the glad tidings of a potential showdown between Vice President Kamala Harris and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to be Biden’s successor in 2024 should he decide not to run for reelection.

Surely, there would be other serious candidates in that circumstance, but there is no doubt that Harris and Buttigieg would be high on the list of potential contenders, as various journalistic outfits have noted over the past week.

As it happens, they exemplify the contemporary Democratic Party’s electoral deficiencies, while bringing their own flagrant personal political weaknesses to the equation.

If this is really the choice Democrats would face should Biden decline to run, they better hope he defies age, bounces back to robust political health, and is prepared to serve again well into his 80s.

Harris flamed out in the 2020 Democratic nomination well before the Iowa caucuses, unable to settle on a message or political identity. Her staff was obsessed with the progressive hothouse of Twitter, which is a powerful device for creating a false sense of what real voters, even Democratic primary voters, care about.

As vice president, she’s basically picked up where her desultory campaign left off. In the latest USA Today/Suffolk University poll, Harris had a dismal 28% approval rating. It’s difficult to rate that low without getting indicted or suffering some other embarrassing scandal.

Her allies, of course, complain that she’s being treated unfairly because she’s a woman of color. This fixation on race and gender plays much better with the left-wing activist class than with the public. The simpler explanation for Harris’ woes is that she’s a below-average politician serving under an unpopular president.

Pete Buttigieg has had a happier tenure. With his surprising success in the 2020 Democratic primary, he bootstrapped himself into a Cabinet position and is now enjoying a windfall of resources thanks to the infrastructure bill.

He embodies, to a fault, the party’s growing strength among college-educated whites. He’s smooth, credentialed, hyper-articulate and a quick study who knows enough -- sometimes just enough -- to charm and impress journalists and other white-collar creative types.

If a management consultant were to design a progressive white Democrat in a bottle, the result would look a lot like Buttigieg, himself a former management consultant.

It’s become increasingly clear, though, that the Democratic Party’s new base among college-educated voters is a trap if it is pursued to the exclusion of an appeal to working-class voters. The party’s poor standing with non-college-educated voters has begun to show up in eroding support among Latinos, a constituency that was presumed to be a key pillar of the Obama-crafted “coalition of the ascendant.”

A successful post-Biden Democratic future is more likely to be found in the likes of New York Mayor-elect Eric Adams than Harris or Buttigieg.

He is an African American former cop with a hard-knocks upbringing that gives him working-class street cred. He knows that woke bromides aren’t the way to appeal to African American voters, who put him over the top in the Democratic primary. He’s a standard progressive in many respects, but he has proven immune to fashionable left-wing causes. He not only defused a hot-button cultural issue -- namely, crime -- he campaigned on it and made it a strength, an ability that most national Democrats have lost as the party has moved left since 2016.

It’s far too early to know how his City Hall tenure will actually turn out, but Adams has the qualities and approach that, in theory, could be fruitful for Democrats nationally.

Meanwhile, even if the GOP is on a roll at the moment, it shouldn’t get its hopes up. At the end of the day, a 2024 Democratic primary dominated by Harris and Buttigieg is probably too good to be true.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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John Hessenberger, 1406 Hillcrest Drive, ....815-539-9934

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Leo Hochstatter, 1102 S. Park Ave., .....630-841-1315

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Jay Miller, 702 First Ave., .....757-412-9374

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Vicki Johnson, 206 Ninth St., .....815-910-0816



# LOCAL AND AREA

## IVCC Wind Ensemble sets free concert Dec. 9

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Wind Ensemble offers a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9 in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

The performance will include the music of Robert Longfield, Eric Whitacre, Brian Balmages, Samuel Barber, Richard M. and Robert B. Sherman, and Leroy Anderson.

Selections include Lux Aurumque, Symphonic Episodes, selections from Walt Disney's Mary Poppins, and A Christmas Festival, amongst other selections.

Under the direction of conductor Phil Whaley, the ensemble includes IVCC students, local and regional music educators and community members dedicated to the promotion of quality wind and percussion music.

Audience members are required to wear a mask and maintain six feet of distance from other audience members who do not live in their household.

## Snowmobiles, ATVs are not allowed on Dist. 280 property

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




**LAND AUCTION**

**120.00 Acres, M/L - Lee County, IL**  
*Located Near Van Orin, IL*  
 118.47 FSA/Eff. Crop acres with 141.8 PI  
**Thursday, December 2, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.**  
**Virtual Live Auction-Online Only @**  
**www.Hertz.ag**

**Geneseo Office • 309-944-2184**  
**www.Hertz.ag**

## Farmland Auction

### 77 acres MOL unimproved farmland Section 14 Meriden Twp., LaSalle Co., IL

### Friday December 10th, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

Auction to be held in the basement of Pioneer State Bank 137 N. Main St., Earlville, IL and online.  
**Legal Description:** The S. ½ of the SW ¼ excluding approximate 3 acre building site in section 14, Meriden Twp., LaSalle Co., IL.  
**Directions to Property:** From I-39 take US Hwy 34 approximately 6 miles to E. 10th Rd. then north ¼ mile.  
**Taxes:** TBD buildings to be split off the farm current PIN- 02-14-301-000  
 Soils: The predominant soils are Sable silty clay loam, Muscatune-Buckhart silt loams, Muscatune silt loam and Osco silt loam. The farm has a Crop productivity index of 143.9  
**Closing:** Closing to take place on or before December 30th, 2021.

### Sellers: Bauer Family Farm

**Attorney: Attorney Mark Anderson Anderson Law**  
**McConville Realty & Auctioneering**  
**Joe McConville 815/910-5673 Marty McConville 815/200-2233**  
 For a complete list of terms, soil maps, aerial photos contact auctioneers or visit our website [www.mcconvillerealty.com](http://www.mcconvillerealty.com)

## ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION

### Charles "Gus" & Joyce Hanson, Owners, Serena IL

**AUCTION ENDS on THURSDAY December 16th 2021 @ 6:00 pm.**  
 (soft close),

Large toy collection that includes Farm tractors, implements & construction toys, brand names like Ertl, Nylint, Model Toys & others. Gus & Joyce were exhibitors at the Sandwich Fair for 38 years with a farm house and several farm out buildings with accessories for 38 years. The entire collection will be sold. Including the farm buildings. Gus was well known around the local area for repairing & refurbishing toys. Gus was featured in The Toy Farmer magazine for his collection which he has built scale model farm equipment that can't be found on anyone's toy shelf including a Cook Corn Sheller mounted on a IH flatbed truck & case Hay baler like the one your great grandfather used with extra Gus details. Nearly 90% of the toys in this catalog have been personally customized by Gus.

**AUCTION bidding opens MONDAY November 29th 2021, go2wegenerauctions.com** for catalog & registration, The AUCTION will END on THURSDAY December 16th 2021 @ 6:00 pm. (soft close), GET SIGNED UP NOW, CHECK THIS OUT!!!

SEE PHOTOS and get into this event @ [go2wegenerauctions.com](http://go2wegenerauctions.com).  
 Preview DATE: Wednesday December 15th 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM. CALL FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY ITEM & MORE PHOTO'S IF NECESSARY  
 Pick up days following the auction see web site for times & sign ups and instructions. Preview & pick up will be located @ the Hanson home 2265 US. 52 Serena IL 60549. for sign up see web site @ [go2wegenerauctions.com](http://go2wegenerauctions.com), if you are not able to pick up your items on the allotted days, please make other arrangements with the auctioneers prior to bidding on the sale.

#### AUCTIONEERS:

Chris Wegener, Sandwich IL. 815-451-2820 & Joel Prestegaard, 815-761-7426, Lee IL.

See photos & information @ [go2wegenerauction.com](http://go2wegenerauction.com)

## ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION

### JIM & BONNY WEINHEIMER, of Cortland IL, Owners & CAROLINE H KRECIC, TRUST of Somonauk IL.

The AUCTION will END on WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15TH 2021 @ 6:00 pm. (soft close)

**AUCTION WILL FEATURE ITEMS FROM TWO CONSIGNORS** Including From the Caroline Krecic Trust a 2012 Kia 4 door & 1995 Ford Ranger pickup, nice vehicles, ANTIQUE FURNITURE, CLOCKS, LAMPS, FRAMED PRINTS, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS & ANTIQUE FURNITURE, COLLECTIBLE SMALLS & GLASSWARE- MANY OTHER USEFUL ITEMS. Inc LIKE NEW ELCTRIC RECLINER SOFIA, & ANTIQUE LARGE WOOD WORKERS BENCH.

**AUCTION bidding BEGINNING November 25th 2021, go2wegenerauctions.com** for catalog & registration, GET SIGNED UP NOW, CHECK THIS OUT!!!

SEE PHOTOS and get into this event @ [go2wegenerauctions.com](http://go2wegenerauctions.com).  
 Preview DATE: Tuesday December 14 2021 from 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM. CALL FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY ITEM & MORE PHOTO'S IF NECESSARY

Pick up days following the auction see web site for times & sign ups and instructions. Pick up will be located @ 75 West Chestnut Cortland IL 60112, PLEASE use the sign up @ [go2wegenerauctions.com](http://go2wegenerauctions.com) for sign up see web site, if you are not able to pick up your items on the allotted days, please make other arrangements with the auctioneers prior to sale.

See auction Detail Tab by going to web site after you register into this auction for the terms & condition & rules on shipping preview & pickup dates & location. Please feel free to contact us if not able to get signed in on this sale or on how to use the sign up for pickup, preview or assistance. 13% buyer's premium charge on all items.

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## Community Calendar

### DECEMBER 2021

#### Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

#### CORN HOLE (BAGS) GAMES

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 10 AM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

#### Dec. 2, 9, 16, 30 EXERCISES

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 8 am  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
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#### Dec. 2 & 16 HEARING SCREENS

Sponsored by the Civic Center/Mendota Area Senior Services  
 9:30 AM - 1 PM  
 Mendota Civic Center  
 For more information call (815) 539-7700  
 Hearing and batteries available at MASS office.

#### Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 30 POKENO

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 12 Noon  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700  
 Open to the public.

#### Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 30 QUILT AND CRAFT CLUB

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 1 PM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 Bring your own craft items to and join others for conversation.  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

#### Dec. 3

#### COLOR ME CALM

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700  
 Supplies will be provided.

#### Dec. 3, 10 & 17 WORD GAMES

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 10 AM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700  
 All are welcome to join in the fun.

#### Dec. 3, 10 & 17 BINGO

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 1 pm  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
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#### Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27 EXERCISES

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 8 AM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
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#### Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27 CARD CLUB

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 12 PM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
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#### Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27 DOMINOES

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 1 PM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

#### Dec. 6

#### COMMUNITY BINGO

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 2 PM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
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 All are welcome to join in the fun.

#### Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28

#### GAMES & PUZZLES

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 10 AM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

#### Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 EUCHRE

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 12 Noon  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700  
 Cash prizes are awarded at the end!  
 Admission is \$3 per person.

#### Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 WII BOWLING

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 1 PM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

#### Dec. 14 & 28 BLOOD PRESSURE/ BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services  
 11 AM - 12 PM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

#### Dec. 16

#### CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Sponsored by the Civic Center/Mendota Area Senior Services  
 5:30 PM  
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700  
 Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting.

#### Dec. 18

#### BAKE SALE/MRS. SANTA'S COOKIE SALE

Sponsored by MASS and Mendota Chamber  
 9 AM to 12 PM  
 First State Bank - Main Office  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

#### Dec. 20

#### TOUR OF LIGHTS AT ROTARY PARK

4:30 PM  
 Meet in the Civic Center Parking Lot.  
 Please pre-register by calling (815) 539-7700.  
 \$5 admission charge  
 MASS will provide transportation to Rotary Park and back to the Civic Center.

#### Dec. 22

#### MOVIE "NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Library & MASS  
 3 PM  
 Graves-Hume Library  
 For more info call (815) 539-7700



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Carriage House Electric  
 Casey's General Store  
 Central Bank Illinois  
 Chamlin & Associates, Inc.  
 Chris Eller-The Retirement Specialist  
 Cindy's on 34  
 City of Mendota  
 Commonwealth Edison

## Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Troy Grove Township

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II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2021 were \$26841.98. The proposed corporate and special property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$66837.00 this represents a 149% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases

for 2021 was \$0. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase or decrease over the previous year.

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 Troy Grove Township Clerk

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## ANTIQUES

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**Stonecroft Village**  
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815-539-6507

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815-539-9311

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815-539-3444  
Member NCUA-ESI

**First Federal Savings Bank**  
1205 Washington St.  
815-539-6757  
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**First State Bank**  
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815-539-3437  
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815-539-6263

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815-539-9341

## GYM

**YMCA**  
Route 251 South • Mendota  
815-539-9343

## HARDWARE STORES

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815-538-6516  
IL Lic. #058-102682

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www.osfsaintpaul.org

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815-538-2550

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815-539-3811

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815-539-5673

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(815) 539-6635

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# LOCAL AND AREA



## Spirit of the season

Parishioners of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota as well as guests and friends sing a holiday song after the lighting of the Christmas tree in the courtyard of the church on Nov. 28. The spirit of the season can be seen all over Mendota as decorations adorn many houses, with the countdown to Christmas just over three weeks away. (Reporter photo)

## Officials urge Illinoisans to prepare for winter emergencies

By Zeta Cross

The Center Square contributor

SPRINGFIELD—If your car gets stuck in the snow or if the power goes out at home, do you have what you need to stay safe?

Now is a good time to think about how prepared you and your family are for winter, said Rebecca Clark, communications manager for the Illinois Department of Emergency Management.

"Being unprepared for winter weather is not only inconvenient, it can be dangerous," Clark said.

The Illinois Department of Emergency Management recommends that people put together two emergency supply kits — one for your home and one for the car.

Clark recommends assembling the kits gradually.

"When you are at the grocery store, maybe pick up some canned goods and batteries. Assemble what you need piece by piece by piece. Get an ice scraper for your car. A cell phone charger. Some trail mix or nuts," Clark said.

A leading national insurance company has found that nearly 1 million motorists every year wind up stranded in their cars for an hour or more. A shovel and some sand or kitty litter can help you get yourself out of a snowbank or a ditch. Sleeping bags or blankets, flashlights, water and some kind of food can keep you from getting really cold while you are waiting for help.

Drive more slowly and carefully in the winter months, The Department of Emergency Management said.

"Whether it is rain, ice or snow, in the winter we need to adjust our driving," Clark said.

It takes ten times longer to brake and stop on an icy road.

In your home, get your furnace serviced. Buy a 12-pack of filters and change the filter every month. If an ice storm knocks out the power, have flashlights, phone chargers, plenty of blankets, and non-perishable food.

Be aware of the risk of hypothermia. Babies that sleep in rooms that get too cold can get hypothermia, a serious medical condition where the body loses heat faster than it can produce heat. Hypothermia is also a risk for hunters, hikers, anyone who works outside for extended periods and kids who get wet and cold.

Hypothermia comes on gradually, sometimes causing disorientation or mental confusion that prevents the person from getting help. Learn CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation). In a case of severe hypothermia, many times CPR can revive an unconscious victim who appears to be dead.





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## Mendota Police Department offers safety tips for driving in the winter

MENDOTA—The Mendota Police Department would like to remind drivers of a few safety tips to keep everyone safe while driving in winter weather conditions.

Take the time to clean the snow and ice from all vehicle windows prior to driving on the road. Keep your speed down to assist in keeping control of your own

vehicle when driving on slick icy roads. If traveling long distances remember to pack a few emergency items to take along in the event your vehicle should go off the roadway, including a cell phone, blankets and water.

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The annual meeting of the St. Paul's Evangelical Cemetery Association on Old Chicago Road will be held at 1 p.m. on Dec. 6, 2021, at the Florence Buettner residence at 1665 William Way in Mendota. All people interested in upkeep of the cemetery are invited to attend.

David Costello,  
Secretary

### Keep vehicle locked

MENDOTA – Members of the Mendota Police Department would like to remind citizens of an important safety tip. Whether your vehicle is in your garage, driveway or parked on the street, always keep it locked.

Do not leave the keys in the ignition of your vehicle, even if you are only parking it for a short period of time. Do not leave purses, wallets or other valuables in your vehicle, as this attracts unwanted attention from a would-be thief.

## CARDS OF THANKS

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Rob Robb & family

## POLICE BLOTTER

### DOMESTIC BATTERY

Myron T. Lesley, 22, of 404 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to the 400 block of Fourth Avenue after a 9-1-1 call of a physical altercation. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge.

### DUI

Harrison D. Schimmer, 22, of Somonauk, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Monroe Street at 2:47 a.m. Nov. 25. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### WARRANT ARREST

James S. King, 50, of 603 10th Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 9:14 p.m. Nov. 25 on valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/battery. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

### DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Abby L. Quintana, 23, of

Peru, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Lincoln Avenue and 15th Street at 10:39 p.m. Nov. 25. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### WARRANT ARREST

Matthew M. Corcoran, 38, of Peru, was arrested at 9:22 p.m. Nov. 26 on a valid Lee County warrant for failure to appear/dangerous drugs, a valid Marshall County warrant for failure to appear/driving while revoked and a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/dangerous drugs. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

### DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

Randall Adams, 62, of 1802 First Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at 17th Street and First Avenue at 3:47 p.m. Nov. 27. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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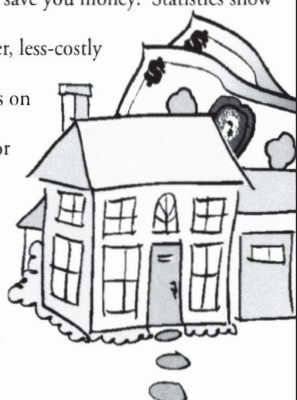
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# SPORTS

## Second firearm deer season set December 2-5 in Illinois

❑ Chronic wasting disease check stations will be open

SPRINGFIELD—The second weekend of the Illinois Firearm Deer Season will be Dec. 2-5.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reminds hunters in counties where chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been detected that Firearm Deer Check Stations will be open this year in CWD-testing counties. Check stations were not open in 2020 due to health and safety protocols in place at that time.

Check stations are used by the IDNR to monitor CWD in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Grundy, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, LaSalle, Livingston, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will, and Winnebago counties.

A list of check station locations for CWD testing can be found on the IDNR website Firearm Deer Hunting Information for CWD Counties page. The list this year includes a Carroll County check station at Mississippi Palisades State Park. Hunters harvesting deer in Kane County should take their deer to a check station in an adjacent county.

In those counties, hunter-harvested deer must be taken to a designated firearm deer check station by 8 p.m. on the day the deer is killed. All persons at the check stations will be required to follow guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health in place at the time of the hunt regarding use of face masks and social distancing.

Successful firearm deer hunters in all

other counties must report their harvest by 10 p.m. on the same calendar day the deer is taken by using the online check-in system at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/wildlife/harvest> or by phone at 866-452-4325.

Successful deer hunters in all other counties may have their deer tested for CWD. Hunters can visit participating vendors (taxidermists and meat processors) or drop deer heads at self-serve drop off sites. A list of locations is available on the IDNR website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/programs/CWD/Documents/CWDSamplingLocations.pdf>



## Marquette, Bureau Valley deal losses to Lady Trojan cagers

Offensive woes plagued the Mendota Lady Trojans in a 53-11 loss to Ottawa Marquette in the home opener on Nov. 23 at the MHS gym.

Mendota scored just one point in the first quarter and trailed 18-1. Marquette took a 32-5 lead to intermission.

“We’re playing hard and I’m proud of that, we’re just turning it over way too much and not executing good enough on offense,” said Mendota coach John Hansen. “Our defense was a lot better than the score.”

Five Mendota players had two points apiece—Katie Jenner, Gracie Zinke, Isabella Tolentino, Naitzy Garcia and Karly Reel. Jenner and Garcia each had five rebounds, while Paige Manning swiped three steals.

Mendota had its best game of the season when it opened Three Rivers Conference play against Bureau Valley, but the Lady Trojans still dropped a 44-38 overtime decision to the Storm on Nov. 29 at Manlius.

MHS fell behind 16-6 after the opening stanza, but fought back to within two (20-18) at halftime. The Lady Trojans were down by one (28-27) heading to the fourth quarter and they held a 36-33 lead with under 30 seconds to play before Bureau Valley tied it at the end of regulation. In overtime, Mendota managed only two points compared to eight for the Storm.

“Hands down, this is the best we’ve played,” said Hansen. “Ultimately, our

inexperience got the best of us. We battled all night, we just need to keep learning and grinding.”

Hansen added that the team needs to shoot better from the free throw line, as it converted just seven of 20 attempts.

Reanna Brant paced Mendota (1-5, 0-1) with 14 points and she also grabbed eight rebounds, while Jenner contributed 12 points. Manning topped the club with 10 rebounds and three steals. Reel handed out three assists.

### MARQUETTE 53, MENDOTA 11

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Jenner	1	0-0	5	2
Zinke	1	0-0	2	2
Salinas	0	0-0	3	0
Tolentino	1	0-0	2	2
Manning	0	1-3	4	1
Garcia	0	2-6	5	2
Reel	1	0-2	2	2
Wasmer	0	0-0	3	0
Totals	4	3-11	26	11

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Marquette	18	32	47	53
Mendota	1	5	9	11

Three-point goals: Marquette - Craig 2, McCallum 1, Eager 1.

### BUREAU V. 44, MENDOTA 38

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Jenner	4	3-10	3	12
Salinas	0	0-0	4	0
Tolentino	2	0-2	2	4
Manning	1	0-1	10	2
Brant	5	4-7	8	14
Reel	2	0-0	2	4
Garcia	1	0-0	1	2
Totals	15	7-20	30	38

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Salisbury	3	6-6	1	13
Nordstrom	2	1-2	2	5
Marquez	0	0-0	1	0
Ky. Stoller	5	0-2	4	14
Etheridge	0	0-0	2	0
Ka. Stoller	3	1-1	2	8
Balensiefen	0	0-0	1	0
Cady	0	0-0	4	0
Kerber	2	0-0	3	4
Totals	15	8-11	20	44

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Mendota	6	18	27	36	38
Bureau V.	16	20	28	36	44

Three-point goals: Mendota - Jenner 1; Bureau Valley - Salisbury 1, Ky. Stoller 4, Ka. Stoller 1



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# SPORTS

## Trojans drop pair in tourney; games canceled

SENECA—A big fourth-quarter comeback came up short for Mendota in a 46-40 loss to Seneca in the first round of the Seneca Turkey Tournament on Nov. 22.

The Trojans owned a 12-10 lead after the opening stanza, but Seneca outscored Mendota, 15-6, in the second period to take a 25-18 halftime lead. Seneca kept building on its advantage in the third frame and led 36-20 before Krew Bond knocked down his third three-pointer of the game to make it 36-23 heading to the fourth.

In the final session, the Trojans scored 14 of the first 17 points in the quarter to cut the deficit down to two with 1:20 left in the game, but they couldn't get any closer as Seneca held on for the win.

Bond paced the Mendota scoring attack with 19 points, while Izaiah Nanez

dropped in 12 tallies. Rafael Romero chipped in with seven points and led with 15 rebounds.

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Mendota dropped a 69-50 decision to Reed-Custer on Nov. 24.

Reed-Custer scored the first nine points of the game and the Trojans never recovered.

Bond led the scoring chart with 16 points, followed by Romero with 12 and Nanez with 10.

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Mendota did not participate in the tournament on Nov. 26 and Nov. 27 due to COVID-related issues.

Also, Mendota did not play Earlville on Nov. 30 and will not play at St. Bede on Dec. 3. Those games are being rescheduled.

SENECA 46, MENDOTA 40				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Guzman	1	0-0	0	2
Bond	7	2-2	3	19
Romero	3	1-2	4	7
Nanez	4	2-2	1	12
Orozco	0	0-0	1	0
R. Strouss	0	0-0	4	0
Totals	15	5-6	13	40

Seneca (46)				
	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Giertz	4	2-2	1	10
Pfiefer	6	3-4	1	18
Ellis	1	0-0	0	2
Quigley	2	0-0	0	6
Siegel	2	0-0	3	4
Provance	3	0-0	1	6
Totals	18	5-6	6	46

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	12	18	23	40
Seneca	10	25	36	46
Three-point goals: Mendota - Bond 3, Nanez 2; Seneca - Pfeifer 3, Quigley 2				

## Soph boys 2nd in tourney

SENECA—The Mendota sophomore boys' basketball team won two of three games and finished in second place in the Seneca Thanksgiving Tournament on Nov. 26-27.

The Trojans opened up the tournament with a 41-19 win over Herscher. Mendota went from a 9-7 lead after the first quarter to a 22-12 halftime advantage and kept increasing the margin in the second half.

Cale Strouss and Mason Koch led the way for the Trojans with seven points apiece, while Ryan Stevenson and Logan Dewey each had six markers.

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Mendota rallied in the fourth quarter to down Hall, 42-40, in a second-round contest. The Trojans trailed 30-24 at intermission and 34-

30 after three, but outscored Hall, 12-6, in the final frame to pull out the victory.

Strouss pumped in 17 points to pace the attack. Owen Aughenbaugh was next with seven points.

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The Trojans battled Somonauk in the championship game and the Bobcats came back in the fourth quarter to post a 45-40 triumph. The seesaw affair had Mendota leading 10-9 after one quarter and then falling behind 27-21 at the break. The Trojans forged back in front with a 14-2 third-quarter barrage, but Somonauk outscored Mendota, 16-5, in the fourth to claim the title.

Izaiah Nanez paced Mendota with 17 points, followed by Kaleb Kleckner with 10.

## Middle School Night planned at MHS

MENDOTA—The Mendota High School basketball program will be holding "Middle School Night" on Friday, Dec. 17, for the game against Bureau Valley. Anybody that plays for the Northbrook or Holy Cross seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball teams will get in free and be recognized at halftime of the varsity game.

Student-athletes should wear their jerseys or shooting shirts representing their school to the game. The sophomore contest starts at 5:30 p.m., with the varsity to follow at 7 p.m.

## BOWLING

### Thursday 4 Youth League

Standings as of Nov. 18 — 1. Team 6 11-5; 2. Team 1 10-6; 3. Team 5 9-7; 4. Team 2 7-9; 5. Team 4 7-9; 6. Team 3 4-12

Boys' high game (scratch) — Pryar Christmann 121, Parker Ramer 91, Gavin Stamberger 74  
Boys' high game (hdcp) — Parker Ramer 255, Pryar Christmann 248, Gavin Stamberger 228

Boys' high series (scratch) — Pryar Christmann 325, Parker Ramer 249, Jaxen Daley 185  
Boys' high series (hdcp) — Parker Ramer 741, Pryar Christmann 706, Lyncoln Daley 654

Girls' high game (scratch) — Delaney Tucker 110, Chloe Klein 91, Nadia Rodriguez 88

Girls' high game (hdcp) — Nadia Rodriguez 242, Delaney Tucker 222, Chloe Klein 218

Girls' high series (scratch) — Delaney Tucker 281, Nadia Rodriguez 238, Chloe Klein 184  
Girls' high series (hdcp) — Nadia Rodriguez 700, Delaney Tucker 617, Brooklyn Mauch 601

### Thursday 6 Youth League

Standings as of Nov. 18 — 1. Team 1 13-3; 2. Team 2 10-6; 3. Team 3 8-8; 4. Team 4 0-16

High team game (scratch) — Team 3 390, Team 2 325  
High team game (hdcp) — Team 3 823, Team 2 795

High team series (scratch) — Team 3 1117, Team 2 963  
High team series (hdcp) — Team 3 2416, Team 2 2373

Boys' high game (scratch) — Aaron Doyle 141, Oliver Turner 117, Kade Jackson 93

Boys' high game (hdcp) — Aaron Doyle 240, Oliver Turner 226, Kade Jackson 219

Boys' high series (scratch) — Oliver Turner 338, Aaron Doyle 329, Kade Jackson 224

Boys' high series (hdcp) — Oliver Turner 665, Aaron Doyle 626, Kade Jackson 602

Girls' high game (scratch) — Gracie Smith 99, Lexi Saylor 90,

Ashlynn Rickels 72

Girls' high game (hdcp) — Gracie Smith 228, Ashlynn Rickels 219, Lexi Saylor 194

Girls' high series (scratch) — Gracie Smith 273, Lexi Saylor 258, Ashlynn Rickels 175

Girls' high series (hdcp) — Gracie Smith 660, Ashlynn Rickels 616, Lexi Saylor 570

### Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Nov. 22 — 1. Sports-N-Stuff 38-12; 2. Leagal Beagles 26-24; 3. CM Farm 26-24; 4. Ramer Inc. 23-27; 5. Mendota Agri-Products 21-29; 6. Bad Kats 16-34

High team game (scratch) — Mendota Agri-Products 777, Ramer Inc. 760, Sports-N-Stuff 748

High team game (hdcp) — Ramer Inc. 1053, Sports-N-Stuff 981, Mendota Agri-Products 937

High team series (scratch) — Mendota Agri-Products 2180, Ramer Inc. 2035, Sports-N-Stuff 2038

High team series (hdcp) — Ramer Inc. 2914, Bad Kats 2729, Sports-N-Stuff 2727

Men's high game (scratch) — Matt Ramer 279, Luke Ross 242, Ron Westphal 214

Men's high game (hdcp) — Matt Ramer 317, Luke Ross 265, Aaron Holocker 242

Men's high series (scratch) — Matt Ramer 695, Luke Ross 645, Ron Westphal 613

Men's high series (hdcp) — Matt Ramer 809, Luke Ross 714, Carl Reistad 694

Women's high game (scratch) — Kim Smith 232, Kassidi Guerrero 211, Brenda Westphal 205

Women's high game (hdcp) — Kim Smith 299, Brenda Westphal 287, Debbie Berger 269

Women's high series (scratch) — Kassidi Guerrero 546, Hannah Westphal 506, Kim Smith & Dria Kuntz 495

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- While most stars are going back to work after two years of the pandemic, Ryan Reynolds plans to take the next year off. His newest film, the \$200 million "Red Notice," co-starring Dwayne Johnson and Gal Gadot, opened Nov. 12, while his August release, "Free Guy," earned \$331 million. Next up are Netflix's "The Adam Project," starring Jennifer Garner, Zoe Saldana, Mark Ruffalo and Catherine Keener, opening in 2022, and Apple TV's \$75 million film "Spirited," with Will Ferrell and Octavia Spencer. Both are in post-production.



Reynolds

We became aware of Ryan when he starred in the TV series "Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place" (1998-2001), then came his breakthrough film, the title role in "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" (2002). Five films later, playing George Lutz in "The

Amityville Horror" clinched his stardom. In 2011, "Green Lantern" flopped and nearly derailed his career, but it was "Deadpool" (2016), which he co-produced, and its sequel, "Deadpool 2," that each grossed \$785 million and made him very rich. Among the businesses he invested in was Portland-based Aviation Gin, which recently sold for \$610 million.

"That's a wrap for me with 'Spirited,'" Reynolds said. "Not sure I'd have been ready to say yes to a film this challenging, even three years ago. Singing, dancing and playing in the sandbox with Will Farrell made a whole lotta dreams come true, and this is my second film with the great Octavia Spencer. It's a perfect time for a sabbatical from movie making. I'm gonna miss every second working with this obscenely gifted group of artists."

He added, "My sabbatical could last two months to a year, but most likely it'll be a six-month break." Reynolds has been wed to Blake Lively since 2012, and they have three daughters, who he wants

to spend quality time with.

Gal Gadot is giving "Wonder Woman" a rest as she takes on playing the evil queen in Disney's live-action "Snow White" (long on a back burner). Rachel Zegler ("Maria" in Steven Spielberg's "West Side Story") plays Snow White. They join 21-year-old Halle Bailey, who will take on Ariel in "The Little Mermaid," and Tom Hanks, as Geppetto in "Pinocchio." Gadot also plans to produce and play "Cleopatra," the queen of the Nile, in a new remake.

Matt Damon and Robert Downey Jr. are joining forces with director Christopher Nolan in the \$100 million film "Oppenheimer," with Cillian Murphy as J. Robert Oppenheimer, father of the atomic bomb, and Emily Blunt as his wife. It's due July 2023. Blunt is producing a Western drama miniseries, "The English," for Amazon Prime in Spain with an English cast. Hope Nolan can keep "Oppenheimer" from being A-bomb!

## Couch Theater

"How to With John Wilson" (TV-MA) -- Director and producer John Wilson spends a lot of time walking around New York trying to find the answers to some of life's biggest questions. This observational docuseries returns for its second season and continues to enthrall with Wilson's deadpan sarcasm. His uncanny ability to start out with a ridiculously boring premise and somehow have it snowball into an utterly bizarre and totally different topic than anyone ever saw coming is fascinating. His lack of polished commentary is hilariously genuine. It's like watching a 40-year-old man present an eighth-grade school project he created on his dad's video camera. (HBOMax)

"Passing" (PG-13) -- Imagine running into a childhood friend after many years, realizing they are now living their life as a member of another race, and at that moment you are the only person who knows the truth. Based on a 1929 novel of the same name, "Passing" is the story of two black women in 1920s New

York City, one of whom is living as a wealthy white woman married to a racist white man who is blissfully ignorant of his wife's true self. When Clare realizes how much she misses her former black life in Harlem, she insinuates herself into Irene's family, friends, and home there. It's an emotionally charged film that relies on silence as much as dialogue, and very effectively so. Starring Tessa Thompson, Ruth Negga and Andre Holland. (Netflix)

"The Fight Before Christmas" (R) -- Nothing quite quashes the good cheer of merry gentlemen like a disagreement between neighbors over what constitutes "too many" Christmas lights in one's yard. OK, so it's not just lights, but also a 35-person choir, and a live camel or two. Jeremy Morris is an Idaho attorney who ticked off most of his town when he attempted to produce a giant Christmas show on his own property. When his homeowners' association said "no way" and neighbors threatened legal action, it became Morris's life's mission to deck the halls

and trees and shrubs grandly enough to be seen from space. What followed was an explosion of ego instead of peace on earth, goodwill toward men. (AppleTV+)

"The Housewife & the Shah Shocker" (NR) -- Bravo's "Housewives" franchise is always good for some drama; lucky for us, producers are quick to capitalize on the salacious legal entanglements in which some of the women find themselves. From the Salt Lake City team, Jen Shah was arrested by federal agents earlier this year -- on camera -- after being investigated in a money-laundering scheme. The castmates were just embarking on a group trip together when Jen received a phone call and quickly exited without explanation. The tip wasn't enough to escape agents, though. Jen was arrested along with her assistant, charged, pled not guilty, and awaits trial. This ABC News originals special will delve further into her alleged wrongdoings, the coordinated arrest and what her co-stars might have known about her "business." (Hulu)

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I saw an ad in a magazine for a Hallmark holiday movie with Candace Cameron Bure and John Brotherton. I didn't recognize his name, but he looks like a soap actor from "One Life to Live," a soap I watched for decades before it was canceled. Was he on that soap? -- S.W.



Brotherton

A: John Brotherton might not be a household name, but he's been accumulating credits since his first major role on, you guessed it, "One Life to Live." He played Jared Banks, a swindler and Buchanan heir imposter, on the ABC daytime drama for three years. He then did the usual round of prime-time guest-starring roles before being cast as Matt Harmon on "Fuller House," the Netflix reboot of "Full House," in which he had a romance with Bure's character, DJ.

Now, Brotherton and Bure are reunited in a new Hallmark original movie, "The Christmas Contest," in which they play exes who compete to win money for

their chosen charities. Be sure to visit HallmarkChannel.com/Christmas and click on "schedule" to watch previews of the many heartfelt films that Hallmark has to offer this season.

Q: Who are the new "Monday Night Football" hosts? It seems like every year they change. I miss the days of Howard Cosell. -- P.S.

A: "Monday Night Football" premiered on ABC on Sept. 21, 1970, with the New York Jets versus the Cleveland Browns. The first trio of hosts were Howard Cosell, Keith Jackson and Don Meredith. A year later, Frank Gifford replaced Jackson. From 1987 to 1997, Gifford, Al Michaels and Dan Dierdorf were a ratings success, but ever since then various combinations of personalities haven't been as memorable. The big Monday night game moved to ESPN in 2006.

The current hosts of "MNF" are in their second year together. Steve Levy is the play-by-play announcer and has a long career as a sports commentator, including for NHL games. Brian Griese and Louis Riddick round out the "MNF" booth and are both former NFL players themselves. Griese

was a back-up quarterback for the Denver Broncos when they won the Super Bowl in 1998. Riddick was safety and was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in 1991.

Q: Whatever happened to Jussie Smollett after he was accused of lying about the attack against him? Did he go to prison? -- Y.G.

A: Jussie Smollett had a very successful career in Hollywood, starring in the hit show "Empire," when he told police that he was the victim of a hate crime in Chicago. The tables quickly turned on him when Smollett himself was charged with 16 felony counts for allegedly falsifying a police report. The charges were eventually dropped by Cook County prosecutors only to be indicted again later by a special prosecutor. His trial is slated to begin in late November.

Even though his acting career appears to be over, Smollett is determined to move forward. He recently attended the screening of a film he directed called "B-Boy Blues."

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

## • Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: What percent of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere?
2. MOVIES: Which 1987 film contains the catchy line, "May the Schwartz be with you?"
3. LITERATURE: Author John Steinbeck contends that his dog ate the first draft of which of his novels?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of parrots called?
5. MUSIC: Who is considered the "Father of the Blues"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first sitting president to throw out the first pitch on baseball's opening day?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which fruit also is sometimes called a "love apple"?
8. TELEVISION: Where do the vampires live in "What We Do in

- the Shadows"?
  9. HISTORY: In what year did East Germany start to build the Berlin Wall?
  10. INVENTIONS: Which scientist invented the color wheel?
- Answers
1. 90%
  2. "Spaceballs"
  3. "Of Mice and Men"
  4. A pandemonium
  5. W.C. Handy
  6. William Howard Taft (1910)
  7. Tomato
  8. Staten Island, New York
  9. 1961
  10. Sir Isaac Newton

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1. Creche trio
5. The whole enchilada
8. Outlet letters
12. Teensy bit
13. Irish actor Stephen
14. Vivacity, in music
15. At the summit of
16. Her bed was too soft
18. Jungle trek
20. Make happy
21. Swindles
23. Workout site
24. Spaghetti topper
28. Whirled
31. Hosp. area
32. Small stream
34. "As I see it," to a texter
35. Lavish affection (on)
37. Lunar light
39. Family card game
41. Greek letters
42. Regard highly
45. Morals
49. Legume used in Asian cuisine
51. Acknowledge
52. Wax-coated cheese
53. Baton Rouge

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54. Country's McEntire
55. Actress Ward
56. Shril bark
57. "Hey!"

DOWN

1. "Serpico" author Peter
2. "— girl!"
3. Blunder
4. Influence
5. How lovers may stroll
6. Meadow
7. Genie's home
8. Monasteries
9. Slapstick mis-sile
10. "Buenos —!"
11. Apple center
17. H.S. math
19. Eldest Stark child on
- "Game of Thrones"
22. Sailing vessel
24. Central
25. Green prefix
26. Fall-related
27. Relax
29. Actress Thurman
30. — de plume
33. Make a scarf
36. Puzzle
38. It's equivalent to C, in some scores
40. Sphere
42. Iowa city
43. Ranch visitor
44. Slithery
46. Currier's partner
47. Corn castoffs
48. Smack a baseball
50. "— was saying ..."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

\* During the first Gulf War in 1991, every U.S. soldier was sent a frozen Snickers bar as a Thanksgiving treat.

\* Mario Puzo, author of "The Godfather" books who also helped adapt them to film, had no formal training and had never written a screenplay before. After winning two Oscars for the first two movies, he bought a book to help himself learn how to be a screenwriter.

\* Delaware and Colorado allow a marriage to be annulled if it was performed as a dare.

\* At the center of every snowflake is a pollen or dust particle on which an extremely cold water droplet has frozen to form an ice crystal.

\* "Passion purpura" is the medical term for a hickey.

\* Saccharin, the first artificial sweetener, was discovered by accident when chemist Dr. Constantine Fahlberg forgot to wash his hands after work and tasted something "unspeakably sweet" during dinner. He interrupted the meal to sample every beaker in his lab, which fortunately contained nothing poisonous.

\* The distress signal SOS does not actually stand for anything.

\* "Buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo buffalo Buffalo buffalo" is a grammatically correct sentence using buffalo as a proper noun, verb and noun. To put it more simply: "Buffalo bison that other Buffalo bison bully also bully Buffalo bison."

\* Donald Trump was the first president in 168 years not to have a pet in the White House.

\* It took Frank Lloyd Wright 15 years, 700 sketches and six sets of working drawings to create the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

Thought for the Day: "The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe, the less taste we shall have for destruction." -- Rachel Carson

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King Crossword

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers


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# LOCAL AND AREA

## The secret to your best life

One of the greatest lessons I've learned is that you can't be both selfish and happy. I know this is true through my own personal experience, but more importantly, the Bible has some things to say about the attitude we should have about "self."

For example, love

is not selfish. In the Amplified Bible, 1 Corinthians 13:5 says love "is not self-seeking." In 1 Corinthians 15:31, the apostle Paul said, "...I die daily [I face death and die to self]" (AMP), which basically means he was not self-seeking but instead focused on doing what God called

him to do with his life.

There are also scriptures that teach us the importance of having self-control. Galatians 5:23 lists self-control as a fruit of the Spirit, and 2 Timothy 1:7 says that in Christ, we have a spirit "of power and of love and...personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control]."

If you've lived very long, you realize that not being selfish requires self-control, because we're all born with a human nature that is selfish. Think about how babies act: they are only concerned with what they need and usually cry when they don't get their way.

Thankfully, when we experience new life in Christ, we die to sin (Romans 6:11). But even though we die to sin, sin does not die. That's why we have to continually make the decision over and over again to choose to do the right thing on purpose. And we have what it takes, in Christ, to do what's right—whether we feel like it or not.

### Discover Your True Destiny

As Christians, we're destined to be molded into the image of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29). Jesus is the greatest example of what it means to love others and not live a selfish life. First



John 3:16 (NIV) says, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

This scripture shows us that Jesus gave everything when He demonstrated His love for us. And we are to follow His example.

The truth is, loving others is not always easy, and it always costs us something: time, money, convenience, etc. But through our relationship with Christ, we can find the strength and ability to love others, even when it seems to cost more than we think we can give.

God is faithful to give us His love, grace and wisdom to reach out and be a blessing to others. And when we do, we end up receiving more joy and peace than we had before.

It's important to understand that God doesn't expect you to take this to such an extreme that you don't take care of yourself. We need to use wisdom so we can be healthy emotionally, mentally and physically while we're helping others. In following Jesus' example, remember to make your relationship with God your number one priority and do what He puts in your heart to do.

### Get the Right Mindset

The world is full of lonely, hurting people who are hungry for the love of God and the hope that is only found in Jesus. I want to encourage you to get rid of a "What about me?" mindset and instead pray, "God, show me someone who needs a blessing. Show me someone I can help."

We all have room to grow in our relationship with God, and learning how to reach out to others is a big part of that process. I used to be self-centered and focused on getting my way all the time. And I was miserable! But now I am happier than I've ever been because I don't spend all my time thinking about what I want, what I think and how I feel. The truth is, you can't be happy if the center of your life is you!

Imagine how different the world would be if everyone would just do one nice thing to help someone else every day. It can be so simple to put a smile on someone's face. Give a compliment, give something away, take the time to listen, open a door for someone, let someone go before you in line at the store...the list could go on and on.

Make it your business to regularly reach out

to people around you, encouraging them and meeting their needs as you are able to do it. Be determined each day to do at least one thing for someone else that makes their life better. Trust me: You'll discover that serving God by loving others is the most wonderful, exciting thing you can do!

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OF THE )No.  
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**CLAIMS NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of LOUISE A. SHERIDAN, of Ottawa, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on November 16, 2021 to MARY A. STERCHI, 406-A 5TH St., Mineral Point, WI 53565, as whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342.

Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Independent representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or if mailing or delivery of a Claim Notice from the Independent Executor is required, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before the above stated dates is barred.

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Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been efiled with the Clerk of Court. Dated this 17th day of November, 2021. David M. Kaleel Attorney for Executor 806 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342 815-539-5616 [kaleel5@frontier.com](mailto:kaleel5@frontier.com) Greg Vaccaro Circuit Clerk-LaSalle County Courthouse 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 1105 (Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8)


**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Pursuant to (Section 9-15 of the Property Tax Code) Illinois Revised Statutes, the 2022 township assessors meeting shall be held for the purpose of instructing said assessors in a manner as shall establish uniformity in the action of assessors and their deputy assessors. Such public meeting shall be at 1:30 P.M. on Friday, December 17, 2021 at the LaSalle County Jury Room 707 E. Etna Road Ottawa, IL No. 1201 (Dec. 1)

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		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
<b>Local Sources</b>	1000	3,968,862	913,186	364,373	696,023	256,570	30,562	126,261	313,271	24,423
<b>Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District</b>	2000	0	0		0	0				
<b>State Sources</b>	3000	1,590,084	300,000	0	283,655	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Federal Sources</b>	4000	578,463	20,421	0	0	3,287	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		6,137,409	1,233,607	364,373	979,678	259,857	30,562	126,261	313,271	24,423
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		5,938,977	605,997	590,650	990,857	267,960	508,959		266,747	15,640
<b>Other Sources/Uses of Funds</b>		0	(226,500)	226,500	2,320	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019</b>		2,760,487	985,901	114,780	509,370	502,215	1,087,355	2,952,241	350,533	280,224
<b>Other Changes in Fund Balances</b>		0	0	0	0	0	294,229	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020</b>		2,958,919	1,387,011	115,003	500,511	494,112	903,187	3,078,502	397,057	289,007

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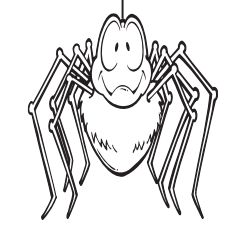
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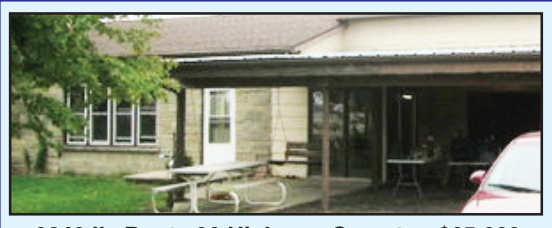
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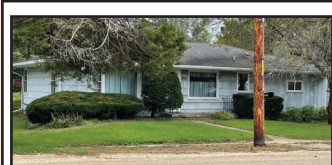
77 acres MOL unimproved farmland  
Section 14 Meriden Twp., LaSalle Co., IL  
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Auction to be held in the basement of Pioneer State Bank  
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Directions to Property: From I-39 take US Hwy 34 approximately 6 miles to E. 10th Rd. then north 1/4 mile.  
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Sellers: Bauer Family Farm  
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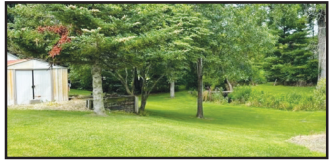
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