



MHS students, left to right, Ashley Caracheo, BJ Bresley, Leonard Oregon and Jose Hermosillo pitch in to clean up the butterfly garden/wildlife habitat area at the high school. (Photo contributed)

## Back to Nature

Students give new life to abandoned butterfly garden on MHS campus

By **BONNIE MORRIS**  
Editor

MENDOTA – An abandoned, overgrown butterfly garden area at Mendota High School has received new life thanks to a Service Learning Project started by social studies teachers, Jason Artman and Aaron Sester. Artman, who has received in-depth training as an Illinois Civics Instructional Coach, and Sester, who has also had extra training in civics education, joined forces to offer service learning in their classrooms. Funding for the project came from an Illinois Department of Natural Resources

grant that Sester applied for and received. The grant is intended to benefit education while also offering students the ability to work together for the common good of the community.

To get started, Sester's geography students first did research on the environment, both locally and globally, and then had to decide on some type of environmental improvement they could actually accomplish. Working in groups, they investigated their Ecological Footprint, which measures the impact a person has on their environment based on their lifestyle,

and Earth Overshoot Day, which calculates the calendar date when our resource consumption exceeds the Earth's capacity to regenerate resources for that year.

The students determined that the Ecological Footprint of their class, on average, was 4.1 Earths. That means if everyone on Earth lived the way their class does, it would take 4.1 Earths to sustain humanity. As for Earth Overshoot Day, they learned that in 2021, it was reached on Aug. 22 and that the date has been moving in the wrong direction.

Sester said the service

learning project was part of an endangered species unit in his geography class and was completely student-led. Students created the list of criteria they would follow and then began collecting data. "They went all around campus and came up with things we could do to improve the environment," he explained.

Since MHS is situated on a large campus in a rural setting, students decided to see if the property would be considered a "Certified Wild-

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## Illinois announces first \$24 million in 'Back to Business' grants

Applications remain open through Oct. 13

By **PETER HANCOCK**  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker's administration on Sept. 30 announced the awarding of the first \$24 million in "Back to Business" grants, a program funded with federal relief aid to help businesses recover and reopen from the pandemic.

The announcement took place at a Mexican restaurant in the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago, Mi Tierra en la Villita, which was awarded a \$150,000 grant.

"This is a tremendous blessing. Like many businesses in our community, we have faced hard times during the pandemic," said Priscilla Fuentes, whose father owns the restaurant. "My dad, Ezequiel Fuentes, had cut into his personal savings when the pandemic first hit. At times, we barely broke even. But we always felt committed to delivering the food and service our community counts on."

The Back to Business, or B2B grant program, administered through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, will provide a total of \$250 million in aid to small businesses that have experienced losses during the pandemic. The funds come

from the federal American Rescue Plan Act and can be used for such things as re-hiring staff and paying other operating expenses.

Grant amounts can range from \$5,000 to \$150,000, depending on the amount of losses a business experienced. Preference is given to businesses with \$5 million or less in annual revenue as well as those that did not receive funding under the previous Business Interruption Grant, or BIG program.

"After the success of last year's Business Interruption Grants, which provided \$290 million in relief to over 9,000 small businesses across our state, it was clear that these investments have had a big impact," Pritzker said.

Applications for the remaining funds will remain open through Oct. 13. More information about the program and a link to an online application form can be found on the DCEO website.

Of the grants announced Sept. 30, 81 percent went to businesses that applied to the BIG program but did not receive funding; 71 percent went to businesses in disproportionately impacted areas

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## Report details community colleges' impact on economy and earnings

By **JERRY NOWICKI**  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois community colleges have a multi-billion dollar impact on the state's economy and will be "integral in making a recovery from the pandemic an equitable one," according to a new report from the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies.

The Illinois Community Colleges' Economic Impacts and Student Employment Outcomes report said the indirect economic output tied to community colleges in 2020 was \$3.5 billion. Directly, the state's 48 community colleges employed 32,867 individuals in 2020 at a total combined salary of \$1.3 billion.

Lazaro Lopez, chair of the Illinois Community College Board, said at a news conference unveiling the study that it proves what an economic force the state's community college system is.

"As the largest workforce training provider in Illinois, community colleges create an educated and skilled



Brian Richard, of the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies, speaks at a news conference at the Illinois State Capitol. He is the author of a report showing the economic impact of community colleges. (Capitol News Illinois photo by Jerry Nowicki)

workforce that addresses current and future needs of many critical industries throughout our state," he said. "And through this work, community colleges provide a substantial economic benefit for the state and local communities where they reside."

An investment in a completed associate degree is worth \$238,000, according to the report, meaning someone completing a degree can expect to earn that much more

over 40 years than if they did not.

"The internal rate of return on their investment is 26.8 percent," according to the study. "In other words, if a student put \$33,368 in an investment that returned 40 annual payments equivalent to the earnings gains from an associate degree, they would earn interest at a rate of 26.9 percent."

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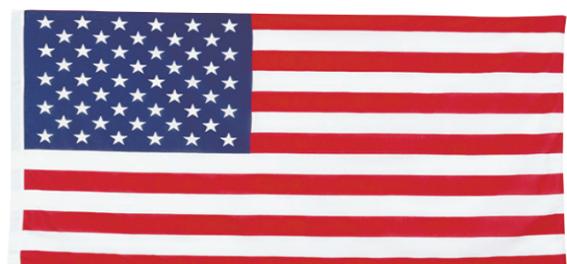


### Homecoming Parade

The 2021 Mendota High School Homecoming King and Queen, Omar Gonzalez and KayLee Barkman, ride in the parade through downtown Mendota on Oct. 1. The King, Queen and Attendants were announced at a school assembly on Sept. 27 to kick off the Homecoming Week festivities, and then the week culminated with the Homecoming Dance on Oct. 2 in the back parking lot of the high school. (Reporter photo)



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# LOCAL AND AREA

## PLANO MOLDING CO. MENDOTA, ILLINOIS



**Chamber welcomes Plano Molding Co.**  
Plano Molding Co. in Mendota was welcomed as a member of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce by Chamber Board members and Ambassadors. Front row, left to right, are Tina McPheeters, Chamber Board; Jason Zejnilhodzic, Plano Molding operations manager; Kelly Lewis, Plano Molding plant manager; Shelby Weide, Chamber President/CEO; and Christin Atherton, Chamber Ambassador; back row, Kim Kennedy, Chamber Ambassador; Jesse Arellano, Chamber Board; Emily McConville, Mendota City Clerk; Jeff Mauck, Chamber Board; Steve Donnell, Chamber Board; and Erin Lauer, Chamber Ambassador. (Reporter photo)

## Bluegrass jam sessions return to Triumph

TRIUMPH—The 2021-22 season of open microphone Bluegrass, Country and Gospel music jam sessions will commence on Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Ophir Community Building in Triumph. All acoustic music begins at 6 p.m. and continues until 10 p.m. Performers change every 15 minutes to allow for many different styles of entertainment.

The Northern Illinois Bluegrass Association (NIBA) and Tom Gerber, in conjunction with the Ophir Community Building (OCB) Board of Managers, will begin season 20. The jams will be held in Triumph on the second Saturday of each month, October through

May, provided government regulations regarding COVID-19 do not change.

The OCB has been completely redecorated over the past year. Some generous donations have allowed the OCB Board to install new stage curtains and do some extensive painting on both floors. Come see these changes, jam or just listen to the music.

No alcohol or smoking is allowed. Masks and social distancing are requested but not required. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Donations are accepted for the refreshments and all proceeds are used for

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## IV Beekeepers to meet Oct. 8 in Ottawa

LA SALLE - The Illinois Valley Beekeepers Association will hold their next meeting on Friday, Oct. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension Center in Ottawa. Please note the home location of the meeting.



Anyone who is interested in beekeeping and would like to learn more, please attend this IVBA meeting.

Meetings are free and open to the public.

## Blackstone School Report

*Stacy Kelly, Principal*

Picture Day was held on Sept. 28. Inter-State Studios was at Blackstone to photograph all students and staff. If parents ordered pictures, we expect to receive them in the next few weeks. All students and staff were photographed even if they didn't order so they could be included in class pictures and the District #289 Elementary Yearbook.

At Blackstone School, we have a kindness program and our motto is "Kindness Begins With Me." We are constantly talking to our students about being kind kids. That means being kind to their teachers and also to their families. At the end of every month, each classroom teacher will pick one student who has gone above and beyond to show kindness to others. All of our September winners were just announced. Congratulations to Analysis Neilsen, Bryson Sondgeroth, Rebecca Hillaker, Ruben Calamaco, Jackson Perryman, Mateo Gonzalez, Kaidyn Swope, Ariana Arteaga, Gulianna Salinas, Miah Gober, Kayleane Barrett-Galloway and Jamiyah Bragg. Keep being KIND KIDS!

Trojan spirit was in our school on Friday, Oct. 1. The school was a sea of purple and gold spiritwear to support the Mendota High School Trojans. Thank you to our students and staff for participating in this school spirit day.

The students nominated for the Principal Award this past week were Analysis Neilsen, Elle Zinke, Hayden Wheeler, Tanya Munoz, Shayne Full, Eva Eslinger, Cason Jordan and Carly Smith. The winners were Paola Arteaga, Ed Kofoid, Kevin Hermosillo and Charleigh Pedersen. Congratulations to all of you.

We held our first Principal Award Pizza Lunch on Oct. 1. The students invited to attend the lunch were Koreeann Riniker, Jonah Randolph, Lauren Wujek, Kimber Escatel, Jaxon Stamberger, Aubrianna Muro, Paola Arteaga, Ed Kofoid, Raelynn Albers, Julian Rojas, Maggie Bloomfield, Abel Olivas, Syomara Gonzalez, Max Perez, Kevin Hermosillo and Charleigh Pedersen.

A long weekend is coming up for students. Mark your calendars for no school on Friday, Oct. 8 for a teacher institute and Monday, Oct. 11 for Columbus Day.



## Blackstone Principal Award Pizza Lunch

Blackstone School recently held their Principal Award pizza lunch for the month of September. Students chosen for September were, front row left to right, Aubrianna Muro, Jaxon Stamberger, Jonah Randolph, Paola Arteaga and Koreeann Riniker; middle row, Kimber Escatel, Lauren Wujek, Ed Kofoid, Julian Rojas and Maggie Bloomfield; back row, Abel Olivas, Raelynn Albers, Syomara Gonzalez, Kevin Hermosillo, Max Perez and Charleigh Pedersen. Students were honored by having a pizza lunch with their principal, Stacy Kelly. (Photo contributed)

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## Festival 56 to present vocal trio 'The Manhattan Dolls'

PRINCETON - Festival 56 will present three-part female vocal trio The Manhattan Dolls for two shows, "Sentimental Journey" on Oct. 22 and "Rockin' with The Dolls" on Oct. 23.

"Sentimental Journey" is a heartfelt performance featuring music from the 30s and 40s in the close-harmony style of the Andrews Sisters. Travel back to the World War II era with songs like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "In the Mood," the Dolls' famous "Military Salute" and other patriotic favorites. The show will take place at the Grace Theater in Princeton on Friday, Oct. 22 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Prefer music of a different era? Check out The Manhattan Dolls "Rockin' with The Dolls" featuring music of the 50s and 60s on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grace



The Manhattan Dolls "Sentimental Journey" includes, left to right, Heather Stricker, Vanessa Helms and Chelsea Hicks. (Photo contributed)

Theater. Tickets for both concerts may be purchased online at festival56.com or call the box office at (815) 879-5656 (opening soon). Please check their Facebook page for hours.

The Manhattan Dolls are an international touring trio founded by and featuring Festival 56's very own Heather Stricker, who played Victoria in "The Business of Passion" (2005) and Princess Winifred in "Once Upon a Mattress" (2007).

The cast of The Manhattan Dolls "Sentimental Journey" includes Heather Stricker, Vanessa Helms and Chelsea Hicks. This production is sponsored by The Flats at Elm Place and is partially supported by a grant from The Illinois Arts Council Agency and The National Endowment for the Arts.

## Sign up online for electronics recycling

◆ LaSalle Co. event takes place Oct. 23

OTTAWA - LaSalle County will hold a free electronics recycling event on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 8 a.m. to noon. The event will be held at the LaSalle County Government Center, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa.

Pre-registration is required at <https://lasalle-county.as.me/> (preferred method) or phone (815) 630-4308 weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-noon.

This event is limited to LaSalle County residents only and is not open to businesses. There is a limit of two televisions per vehicle. Oversized loads may be refused.

### ACCEPTED items include:

Televisions and Monitors (all types), Computers and parts (laptop, tablet, eReaders), DVD/VHS Players, Computer Servers, Cable and Satellite Receivers, Cameras, Cash Registers and Credit Card Readers, Cell Phones and Accessories, Chargers, Circuit Boards, Copiers/Printers/Scanners/Fax/Typewriters, External Drives, Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metals, Ink and Toner Cartridges,



Mice and Keyboards, Microwaves, MP3/iPods/etc., Networking Equipment (modems, switches, routers, hubs), Phones and Telecom equipment, Projectors, Rechargeable Batteries (Lithium Ion, Ni-Cd, Lead Acid, Ni-Mh), Stereos/Radios/Speakers, Uninterrupted Power Supplies, Video Game Consoles, Wire, Cables and Christmas Lights.

### NOT ACCEPTED items include:

Loose alkaline batteries (unless inside electronic device), liquid containing items, Freon containing items (A/C units, dehumidifiers), refrigerators, freezers, thermostats, light bulbs.

For questions, not regarding registration, contact the LaSalle County Environmental Services and Land Use Department at (815) 434-8666.

## Nutrient pollution continues to rise throughout Illinois

CHAMPAIGN - The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency released its third biennial Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) 2021 Biennial Report in September.

Despite years of efforts on the part of dozens of state agencies and stakeholders and hundreds of millions of dollars spent, the situation is getting worse. Since the 1980-1996 baseline period, nitrate and phosphorus levels in Illinois water have increased by 13 percent and 35 percent respectively.

The NLRs report monitors the state's progress towards reducing nutrient pollution entering our lakes and streams and reducing the size of the Gulf of Mexico dead zone. Excessive levels of the nutrients nitrogen and phosphorus can cause excessive algae growth, low levels of oxygen in water, endanger aquatic life, and contribute to unhealthy drinking water.

While modest increases in conservation activities by the agricultural sector were reported, it is clear that Illinois is struggling to get enough

conservation farming practices on the ground to stem the flow of nutrients from the soil. Illinois needs a strategy that shows how the state will get landscape changes and farming practices needed on the ground, not just the math for how many acres of each practice that are needed.

The report also emphasized that climate change has increased levels of nitrate and phosphorus entering our water under current farming systems. Climate scientists predict this trend of more high intensity storms in spring and fall will continue. A significant increase in conservation farming practices on the land is needed to make any progress toward reaching NLRs goal reductions.

"Our major wastewater treatment districts have made significant improvements to their facilities to reduce the nitrogen and phosphorus leaving them; however, those gains are washed away by misapplied fertilizers and leaving the soil unprotected in agriculture," said Prairie

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## Promoting fire safety

The Mendota Fire Department is teaming up with State Farm and the National Fire Protection Agency® (NFPA®) to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," which is Oct. 3-9. This month, more than 375 State Farm agents in Illinois are delivering fire prevention kits to their local fire department to help more neighbors. State Farm Agent Kurt Bruno, left, and Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser encourage all residents to embrace the 2021 theme. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org). (Photo contributed)

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## CARL'S QUIZ

In the Midwest, is it better to plant trees in the spring or the fall?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Australia is the only continent without an active volcano.

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

## Mendota Weather Oct. 6, 2021

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Forecast	Regional Cities																																																		
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Last Week's Local Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	88	63	70/46	0.00"
Tuesday	83	56	69/45	0.00"
Wednesday	88R	55	69/45	0.00"
Thursday	88R	58	68/44	0.00"
Friday	86	59	68/44	0.00"
Saturday	79	68	68/44	0.00"
Sunday	74	66	67/43	0.13"

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week					
Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 10/6	6:58 a.m.	6:29 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	6:57 p.m.	Full 10/20
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	6:27 p.m.	8:15 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	
Thursday	7:01 a.m.	6:26 p.m.	9:32 a.m.	7:56 p.m.	
Friday	7:02 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	10:51 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	
Saturday	7:03 a.m.	6:22 p.m.	12:08 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	
Sunday	7:04 a.m.	6:21 p.m.	1:19 p.m.	10:14 p.m.	Last 10/28
Monday	7:05 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	2:22 p.m.	11:18 p.m.	
Tuesday					

## National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 76 in Baltimore, Md. The Southeast will experience partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 88 in Port St. Lucie, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 90 in Rio Grande City, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 81 in Forsyth, Mont. The Southwest will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 90 in Yuma, Ariz.

## Weather Trivia

What are fluffy, low, cauliflower clouds called?

Answers: Cumulus clouds

Oct. 6, 1985 - A tropical wave, later to become Tropical Storm Isabel, struck Puerto Rico. As much as 24 inches of rain fell in 24 hours. Severe flooding and numerous landslides resulting from the rain claimed the lives of about 180 people.

Oct. 7, 1989 - Morning thunderstorms in central Texas drenched San Antonio with 3.1 inches of rain in six hours, causing local flooding in northeastern sections of the city. Temperatures dipped below the freezing mark from the northern Rockies to the Upper Mississippi Valley.



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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Joan E. Ecklund

LA MOILLE - Joan Elizabeth Ecklund, 91, of LaMoille, passed away Sept. 27, 2021 at The Center at Northridge in Westminster, Colo. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14 at Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Burial will follow at Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the services. Pallbearers will be Brian Ecklund, Scott Ecklund, Michael Ecklund, Cory Miller, Dominic Adducci and David Schwingle.

Joan was born Feb. 22, 1930 to Howard and Ivy (Fischer) Bauer and grew up on a farm east of LaMoille. She married Daryl Ecklund on Feb. 20, 1948 and they had 61 wonderful years together until his passing in 2009.

Survivors include three children, Christine Wright, Gordon (Normaine) Ecklund and Jon (Claire) Ecklund; five grandchildren, Michael (Sue) Ecklund, Brian (Amy) Ecklund, Scott Ecklund, Erika (Cory) Miller and Allie (Dominic) Adducci; and nine great-grandchildren, Brandon Ecklund, Sydney Ecklund, Olivia Ecklund, Sophia Ecklund, Brannon Barnhill, Chance Miller, Trysten Miller, Lucy Adducci and Colton Adducci.

She was preceded in death by her husband and three siblings, Richard Bauer, Robert Bauer and Mildred Truckenbrod.

The Biennial Farm was something she and her family took great pride in. She attended IVCC later in life after raising her children and graduated Summa Cum Laude, which was an honor she held dear. She began her nursing career at Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton as an ICU nurse and worked there until her retirement in 1992. After retirement, she and Daryl traveled to all but seven states. She also became enthusiastically driven to seek out her family genealogy and took a trip to Germany to further understand her ancestry. She later became a regular volunteer at the Bureau County Genealogy Society.

In lieu of flowers, please offer contributions to the LaMoille Ambulance Service or to the Bureau County Genealogy Society. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



## Mary Kay Evans

MENDOTA - Mary Kay Evans, 79, of Mendota, passed away Sept. 30, 2021 at her home.

Graveside services were held at noon on Oct. 6 at Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille with Rev. Larry Sheaves officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

Mary was born July 4, 1942 in Mendota to Ralph and Mary Jane (Hampton) Swope. She married Earl Eugene Evans on Aug. 9, 2016. He preceded her in death in 2018.

Survivors include one son, Timothy Eugene Evans of Coram, Mont.; six daughters, Kimberly (Scott Tallent) Chapman of Mendota, Denise (Edward) Culver of House Springs, Mo., Wanda Winters of Kevin, Mont., Candy (Greg Chandler) Evans of Coram, Mont., Tora (Tony) Powell of Hungry Horse, Mont. and Lavina Evans of Coram, Mont.; one brother, Larry Swope of Mendota; two sisters, Linda Brumley of Mendota and Janet Hough of Sun City, Ariz.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Terry Chapman and Jeffrey Chapman; one daughter, Tona Evans; one sister, Barbara O'Connor; and two brothers, James Swope and Donald Swope.

Mary was a devout Christian. She worked for Glacier National Park for 15 years cleaning hotels with friends and family. She enjoyed listening to music and learning new things from reading. She loved to cook and her specialties were baked beans, apple crisp and potato salad. Her greatest love was her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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



## Nancy V. Robinson

GLENVIEW - Nancy V. (Ferguson) Robinson, 78, of Glenview passed away Sept. 28, 2021 at her home with her son, Eric Robinson and daughter-in-law, Jennifer Harder at her side.

Nancy's life will be celebrated at a visitation from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 8 at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 Cicero Ave., Chicago and during a memorial service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Edgebrook Lutheran Church, 5252 W. Devon Ave., Chicago. She will be buried in Mendota at the Mauer family plot in Restland Cemetery alongside her brother, parents and grandparents.

Nancy was born Jan. 11, 1943 in Chicago to Margaret and Burton Ferguson. She is the granddaughter of Henry and Bertha Mauer and of the Ferguson-McNett family, all of Mendota. She married Dennis Robinson of Buffalo, N.Y. in 1965 and was divorced in 1975.

Survivors include her son, Eric N. Robinson and daughter-in-law, Jennifer L. Harder of Sacramento, Calif.; two grandchildren, Henry Robinson of Sacramento and Leigh Robinson of Los Angeles; two nieces, Krista Ferguson and Lori (Richard) Nitzsche; and Lori's children, Rachel, Conlan and Ethan.

She was preceded in death by one brother, James Ferguson and her parents.

Nancy was a devoted mother who dedicated her life to rearing her son and to 32 years of public school teaching in East Main Township District 63. She grew up at 6557 N. Tahoma Ave. in the Edgebrook neighborhood on Chicago's North Side. After graduating in 1961 from Wayland Academy High School in Beaver Dam, Wis., she attended Western Michigan University, earned a B.A. in 1965 from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and later earned a Master's degree from National College of Education in Evanston. Meanwhile, she started teaching at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in 1969 and taught fourth grade at Washington Elementary School in Glenview for most of her career, before retiring in 2001. Nancy shared her enthusiasm for life-long learning, travel, sports and outdoor adventures with her family, students and many beloved friends. She traveled the world, hiked and camped the Rocky Mountains, skied Sierra Nevada powder at the age of 70, played tennis and golf, biked Chicago's lakefront and the Botanical Gardens with her friends, enjoyed the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, opera, ballet and theater productions large and small. Nancy's zeal for life was fierce, particularly as she battled with Parkinson's disease over the last three years.

For funeral information, phone (773) 736-3833 or visit Nancy's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com).

## Fall Mass times announced

DALZELL - The fall and winter Mass schedule for St. Thomas More Church, Dalzell will begin on Friday, Oct. 8. Weekday Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays will

be at 8 a.m. The Adoration Room hours will be Monday-Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

For any questions, please contact the church office at (815) 894-2006.



## Bureau Co. Genealogical Society plans open house

PRINCETON - The Bureau County Genealogical Society will hold an open house on Saturday, Oct. 16 to recognize its 31st birthday after being unable to celebrate last year. The event will be held at the Society library, 629 S. Main St., Princeton.

The public is cordially invited to come anytime between 10 a.m. and noon. BCGS would like to acquaint visitors and members with their research materials and online genealogical resources.

Those curious about researching their ancestors will be offered a free packet containing ancestor charts, recommended websites, and helpful information for beginners. BCGS staff will demonstrate helpful sites and

how to use the charts.

In addition, three door prizes will be awarded by a drawing. Winners need not be present at the time of the drawing. The three prizes consist of a one-hour introduction to Ancestry.com, a BCGS membership for one year, and one hour of BCGS genealogy consultation. A person does not need to have Bureau County ancestors in order to take part in the morning's activities or benefit from the door prizes.

Light refreshments will be served throughout the morning. For further information please stop by the Society library or call (815) 879-3133 during the hours of operation 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

## Jam

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maintenance and repair of the Ophir Community Building.

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## Traci Ann Given

MENDOTA - Traci Ann Given, 49, of Mendota, passed away unexpectedly, Oct. 2, 2021 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 8 at Victory Baptist Church, Mendota with Rev. Steven Breedlove officiating. Burial will be at Troy Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 9:30 a.m. until services at the church. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling the arrangements.

Traci was born Dec. 16, 1971 in Morrison to Ronald and Beverly (Warnock) Given.

Survivors include by one daughter, Colleen (Kert) Glenzinski of Morton; two sons, Dylan Given and Cameron Given, both of Mendota; two sisters, Candice Given and Trina Given, both of Troy Grove; two grandchildren, Gavin and Grace Glenzinski; and special friend LeRoy Schrader.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Traci was a 1990 graduate of Mendota High School. She worked as a CNA at Manor Court in Peru for 15 years. She was a member of Victory Baptist Church. She was a loving mother and enjoyed cooking, shopping, playing games, bowling and camping at Woodhaven Lakes.

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



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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Nature

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life Habitat” using standards set by the National Wildlife Federation. To be certified as such, the campus would have to meet certain criteria on Food (native plants), Water (for animals to drink, bathe and live in), Cover (shelter from extreme weather), and Young (a sheltered place to raise offspring).

Using these standards, the students learned that the MHS campus was “average” for the Food category, “good” on Cover (wooded areas, brushes, log pile, etc.), “lacking” on Water, and “somewhat lacking” on Young. They learned that habitat loss is causing many animals to become endangered and some to become extinct and why that is important. The class then researched the plant species that could be added to improve the environment on campus by attracting butterflies, bees and birds.

“Their numbers are dwindling and they are a vital part of survival on our planet,” Sester noted.

In addition, the students learned about four federal laws that have been enacted over time to protect the environment – National Park Service Act (1916), Water Quality Act (1965), Endangered Species Act (1973) and Great Lakes Fishery Act (1956). Once all of their research was compiled, the 5th-hour geography students also created a detailed presentation on their findings.

Students next had to decide on a project they could do locally to help improve the environment. In an interview with Illinois Civics.org, Artman explained that at first, students only considered large-scale things that seemed too difficult such as becoming vegan, giving up driving to school, and other ideas that were impractical for most students to accomplish. But through their research and exploration of their campus, the students were able to identify a project they could start on right away to make a difference, even if only on a relatively small level.

“We are not stopping global warming, reducing greenhouse gasses, or even eliminating all litter,” Artman said. “We’re exploring how we can take a small



Adding native plants to the butterfly garden/wildlife habitat area at MHS are, left to right, Marco Coronel, Michael Baker and Arman Miranda. (Photos contributed)

action that can contribute to a greater good.”

During their research, the students became interested in an area on campus that had been started as a butterfly garden years ago but over time was abandoned. Artman said the students wanted to find out what was there, why it was there, and how they could revitalize it to positively impact the school and community while addressing an environmental concern. The students created a survey that would help them answer their questions about the plot and find ways to make it beneficial to the environment. They gave the survey to administrators, science teachers and the agriculture teacher in order to learn more and to get some ideas of how the prairie plot could be part of a teacher’s curriculum.

With their questions answered and a plan in place, the appropriate plants were ordered for the butterfly garden and students were able to begin cleaning up the area last spring.

“The plants were the final step but it was a waiting game because there was a supply issue with getting some of the plants we ordered,” Sester explained. “With help from Ekana, we made some substitutions and ended up planting at the very end of the school year.”

Sester kept the new plants watered every day for the first several weeks of summer break but was concerned because he was not able to continue their care in July. “I

was worried about them but they came through fine and I found out they didn’t need to be watered every day,” he laughed.

With school now back in session, students have been able to resume care of the area with weeding and laying mulch. Sester has also heard from other teachers and community members who have offered to become involved.

“I’ve gotten great help from Mr. Meyer in the ag department and other teachers offering to be a part of the project, and Dave and Amy Brewer from the Mendota Gardeners Club have also been a big help,” he said.

The project has also had the support of the administration. MHS Principal Denise Aughenbaugh said the project is a great learning opportunity for students to be exposed to natural habitats they might otherwise never experience.

“I know we consider ourselves a rural school district, but we still have students who do not have their own yard or have the opportunity to plant and garden,” she said. “We are confident both current and future students will benefit from this project.”

Looking to the future, Sester hopes to incorporate the butterfly garden as a unit in his geography classes every semester. “I would love to keep it going,” he said. “Students can take care of the garden, identify species and hopefully, it can also be utilized schoolwide by science classes, ag, and other parts of the curriculum. My ultimate goal would be to have beehives that could also be used for science classes and across the curriculum. I don’t know if the funding will be there to expand on what we’ve done, but we can at least continue with the upkeep of the area we already have and put in the time.”

Sester said he is encouraged by the success of this project and its effect on his students. “We have a beautiful, large campus but we are so used to it, sometimes you take what you have for granted,” he said. “The kids thought this was something they could do and I told them they would also be leaving a lasting legacy for the community even when they’re no longer at MHS.”



Emma Schultz, left, and Madelyn Becker enjoy some time outdoors while working on the butterfly garden/wildlife habitat area at MHS.

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That’s factoring in an assumed cost of \$31,883 for the degree, including tuition and other expenses as well as “opportunity” cost, which includes time spent at school instead of work.

Brian Richard, one of the study’s authors from NIU’s Center for Governmental Studies, said the report is based on actual earnings of graduates, rather than just national averages.

“Something unique about this is we attached, connected, actual students’ records with actual wage records, so the numbers in this study reflect the reality of what those students experienced in the workforce, not just some estimates based on national averages and things,” he said at the news conference. “The numbers reflect the true experience of those students that have graduated over the past 10 years or so.”

A degree or even a short-term, narrow certificate can lead to higher wages and more likely long-term employment, said Brian Durham, executive director of the ICCB.

“More than 84 percent of graduates with a long-term certificate or an (associate of applied science degree) are employed in jobs in their chosen career field within a year of graduation,” he said. “And five years after graduation, graduates with an associate’s degree who then transfer to a four-year institution have employment rates of 85 percent.”

For those that earn short-term certificates, Durham

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–Brian Durham, Illinois Community College Board

said electrical and power transmission installers can earn close to \$70,000, while those going into the field of fire protection can earn more than \$54,000. Heating and air conditioning jobs can pay more than \$48,000, while various other programs can lead to salaries for \$36,000 to almost \$44,000, depending on the program.

Attendees also praised the state’s Workforce Equity Initiative, an annual investment of \$18.7 million from the ICCB which “allows colleges to remove barriers to student success, which may include free tuition, childcare, transportation, and educational supplies” for minority populations in at-risk communities, according to its website.

LaCrea Lott, a student at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield through the WEI program, said it has given her “the opportunity to advance to higher heights within the medical career, whereas before, it seemed impossible to do.”

“WEI has helped me to intensify my education and training to the next level,” Lott said. “With the supports of the program, like free tuition, providing the technical support during the pandemic and the flexible class schedule, I was able to successfully complete my medical assistant credential.”

The WEI program and community colleges in general could be an important tool in recovering from the pandemic, according to the study, because minority workers saw a disproportionate unemployment toll amid business closures, and community colleges serve “a substantial portion of African American and Latinx students.”

Durham said community colleges faced challenges in the early days of the pandemic, as much of the training they provide is hands-on. While that led to “some enrollment downturns” at the height of economic shutdowns, he said, enrollment seems to have rebounded a bit, although official numbers for the year are not released yet.

According to the report, as the long-term economic changes caused by the pandemic become more apparent, “community colleges and other parts of the workforce development system can help retrain those that have permanently lost their jobs.”

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or low-income zip codes that experienced high rates of COVID-19; 66 percent went to hard-hit industries such as restaurants and taverns, hotels, arts organizations and salons; and just over half went to minority-owned businesses.

To encourage more businesses to apply, Sylvia Garcia, acting director of DCEO, said the agency has recruited a network of “navigators” to help steer businesses through the application process.

“We have teamed up with community groups like Little Village Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and over 100 other community partners to make sure that we’re going door-to-door providing one-on-one technical assistance and really getting the support to anyone who needs it to apply for this program,” she said.

She said the community navigators are “instrumental to our equity efforts and connecting with the people who need it most—people of color, rural communities and others that are hard to reach – and making sure this relief goes to those that were hardest hit and those that need the help the most.”

## ANNUAL N.I.C.E. WALK BIG SUCCESS

The 19th Annual Walk for N.I.C.E. (Neighbors in Christ Ecumenical) Food and Clothing Center in Lee, Il. was held on Sat., Sept. 18th.

Again this year, N.I.C.E. partnered with the Shabbona Pathway group and UNC (United Neighborhood Center) Annual Health Fair. It was a great day in Shabbona. We want to thank the partner groups and all the people who participated in the event.

We sincerely thank the Shabbona Fire Department Emergency team, the DeKalb County Sheriff’s Dept., and their auxiliary for their support and assistance that day.

Also, we sincerely thank the following local businesses who were major sponsors for the walk: Bayer, Waterman Plant; Beaver Den, Paw Paw; Country Financial, Steve Klopfenstein, Shabbona; Country Financial, Joan Walker, Paw Paw; First State Bank, Shabbona and Waterman; First Midwest Bank; Flanagan State Bank, Paw Paw; First State Bank, West Brooklyn; Helena; Lockbox Storage, Hinckley and Waterman; Pioneer State Bank, Earlville and Paw Paw; Resource Bank, Leland and Shabbona; Super Wash, Hinckley; Waterman Bank, West Brooklyn Farmer’s Co-Op, Wrigley’s Garage, Lee; and Screwball T-Shirts, Pete Robinson, Waterman.

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## Glorification of statues

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – Politicians are peculiar creatures. They name parks, highways, airports and just about anything else that's paid for by us after themselves.

And if a politician rises high enough, a statue will be erected in the person's honor.

Statues are designed to be permanent. But politicians' reputations are much more fluid.

Six years ago, then-Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan was pushing to erect a statue on the Illinois Capitol grounds of former U.S. Speaker of the House Denny Hastert.

Hastert said, "Thanks, but no thanks."

Unforeseen modesty on the part of a retired pol? Nope. At the point Hastert declined the honor, he knew he was under investigation by the feds for sexually abusing students when he was a high school coach and funneling hush money to one of them to keep the allegations quiet.

He eventually pleaded guilty to a financial crime and was sentenced to 15 months in prison.

In fairness to Madigan, he had no idea of any problems when he recommended the honor. But if you think that political pratfall will discourage other Illinois lawmakers from recommending politicians for statues, think again.

Today, there is a proposal pending to place a Ronald Reagan statue on the grounds of the Illinois Capitol. Is he worthy? Well, more worthy than some, but less so than others.

Back in 1984, I voted for Reagan. But I don't want one cent of taxpayer dollars to go toward honoring him or any other politician. Isn't having been elected to public office distinction enough? Statues have little to do with history and much to do with glorification.

Yesterday's heroes may be tomorrow's scoundrels.

For example, 103 years ago a statue of Stephen Douglas was erected on the Illinois Capitol lawn. He was a U.S. Senator and the archrival of Abraham Lincoln. More recently critics pointed out he was a slaveowner and a political impediment to emancipation. So, last year, his statue was removed.

We have had so much trouble with statehouse statues, one can't help but wonder if the Land of Lincoln has an edifice complex.

The political class exists for its own benefit, and they like to venerate one another.

Interestingly enough, personal dishonesty or political graft has never been sufficient cause for a politician's image to be removed from the Illinois Capitol.

On the statehouse's second floor, you'll find portraits of Otto Kerner, Dan Walker and George Ryan. All served as governor and all ended up in prison.

After impeaching Gov. Rod Blagojevich, lawmakers passed legislation forbidding public funding of portraits of governors removed from office. They really hated that Blago. It's the only time I can think of such action being taken.

In fact, when the lawmakers passed that resolution, there was so much vitriol during the debate that I couldn't help but think of a scene from Cecil B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments" when pharaoh said, "Let the name of Moses be stricken from every book and tablet. Stricken from every pylon and obelisk of Egypt. Let the name of Moses be unheard and unspoken, erased from the memory of man, for all time."

But obviously they didn't learn their lesson because there are plenty of other paintings and statues honoring political scoundrels in that building.

One of my favorites was a painting of former Illinois Secretary of State and Speaker of the House Paul Powell. Powell's motto supposedly was, "There's only one thing worse than a defeated politician, and that's a broke one."

When Powell died in 1970, more than \$800,000 was found stuffed in shoeboxes in the closet of his Springfield hotel room. That would be about \$5.6 million in today's money.

And Paul Powell never drew a salary greater than \$30,000.

Powell's portrait used to hang in the visitor's gallery of the Illinois House. Whenever I'd walk by it, I liked to give the picture frame a nudge. Like so many Illinois politicians, he deserves to be remembered the way he was — crooked.

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## AGRICULTURAL QUIZ:

Q. WHAT'S THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO GATHER NUTS?



A. HOLD A SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

## NOA meal site changes – 1987

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Oct. 2, 2002.)

By Jessica Nashold

After using the former Kanteen building for NOA meals since the beginning, a change was announced. The Mendota site for NOA meals was one of 17 to be closed Oct. 31, 1987. NOA meals would be served in the Hi-Rise at 701 Meadowview Drive. The meals would be prepared by NOA at Illinois Valley Community College and delivered to the Hi-Rise instead of the Community Center.

Price – \$1.50 per person.

Homecoming Week at MHS featured a number of special events. Tuesday – royalty crowned; Wednesday – nerd and weird hairdo day; Thursday – girls' hush day, varsity show in gym; Friday – homecoming parade at 3 p.m., games and reception; Saturday – Homecoming dance.

Chere Motter was retained as interim manager of Mendota Civic Center, at \$7 per hour, until Dec. 1, 1987. On Dec. 1, she became full-time manager at \$10,000 per year. The appointment of manager would be made on May 1, each year thereafter. Before accepting the managerial post, Motter resigned her seat on the operating board of the Civic Center.

Employees of Mayrath voted Oct. 2, 1987, by a margin of 40-24, in favor of representation by United Auto Workers. Mayrath, located near Compton, manufactured farm implements, principally grain augers. It was predicted that if union demands proved "excessive," Mayrath would consider closing or moving the plant.

Oct. 14 – 50 Mayrath workers laid off.

To help raise funds for the youth area in the Mendota Civic Center, Alexander Lumber Co. donated its Pink Panther Playhouse, to be raffled in November.

Tickets were 50 cents each and the winner would be announced during the Christmas Walk in downtown Mendota.

## Backtracks & Sidetracks

Members of the Graves Public Library board voted to take an in-depth look at changes, which becoming a district library would involve. The board approved a 20-cent per mile reimbursement for travel by board members on board business. Visits to district boards in LaMoille, Walnut and Seneca were authorized. One major change would be election of board members by voters instead of appointment by the mayor.

Interest in unionizing city employees in Mendota was reported in early October 1987. Although Mendota lacked the 35 full-time employees to qualify for unionization, a recent ruling in Rockford indicated that part-time employees could be included in the number.

City attorney Mike Guilfoyle felt it would be "a waste of money" to contest this ruling. The city departments involved were streets, parks, water and sewer. Ald. Marty Masear, chairman of the water and sewer, and Ald. Don Jones, chairman of streets and parks, didn't understand why the workers wanted a union, but both said they would be able to "operate within the guidelines" if the decision was made to unionize.

1987 Awards: DAR – Meredith Jones; SAR – Jeff O'Sadnick

Following the death of his wife, Maxine, William Holliston made arrangements to live in Mendota Lutheran Home. His household goods and equipment for several small businesses were sold at auction on Oct. 18, 1987, at 1100 First Ave. Auctioneers were Murray Reeser and Wade Wehmeyer. Holliston, who had been a long-time clerk at the window of the Mendota post office, was well-known throughout the community.

Grand opening of The Chalet on Route 52 north of Mendota was Oct. 9-10, 1987. Attention was directed to the Chalet R-Cade, next door, where many games were played.

On Oct. 7, 1987, it was reported that the soybean harvest in this area was "half over."

During National Newspaper Week, it was recalled that in 1954, The Mendota Reporter took first place in national competition for newspapers with over 2,000 circulation. Their entry was the 14-section Centennial Edition, published Aug. 6, 1953.

The Reporter had also garnered a long list of Illinois Press Association and Northern Illinois Newspaper Association awards for advertising, photography, typography and sports coverage.

In a contest for the oldest paper used as a shelf liner, Nate Eich brought in the winner. It was a Sun-Bulletin dated July 9, 1914.

The Mendota Golf Auxiliary met Sept. 30, 1987. The presidential gavel passed from Dorothy Rhett to Nancy Widmer. Winners were announced. Class A – Lois Dinges, low gross, Pat Despain, low putt; Class B – Mary Reeser, low gross, Gertrude Hines and Helen Wrightfield, low putts.

Jeffrey Hutchinson, former Mendota resident, opened Oct. 5, 1987 in the Goodman Theatre, Chicago. He played a stuttering stand-up comic in "Red Noses," a play set in France, in the time of the Bubonic Plague.

Mendota Community Hospital announced installation of equipment to release drugs for pain relief following major surgery. It is called PCA – patient-controlled analgesic.

Dee Walburn, founder of Friends of the Library, in Mendota, presented a program on his award-winning seed collection at the October meeting of FOL.

## The age of progressive misinformation

By Rich Lowry

How does a stupid and ridiculous lie come to be embraced and promulgated by top officials of the United States government?

Well, as it turns out, it's easy.

You start with an easily misinterpreted news photo that seemingly confirms the assumptions of progressive opponents of immigration enforcement that the agents policing our Southern border are cruel racists.

Then, you work up a Twitter mob saying that the photo has captured a tableau of hideous abuse.

You add open-borders advocacy organizations and civil rights groups denouncing the supposed misconduct in the harshest possible terms.

You throw on top a vice president and White House press secretary who have no regard for the truth and are happy to push any narrative convenient to them.

Finally, as the piece de resistance, you deploy a president of the United States who is too cynical or doddering to bother with the facts and is usually following the crowd rather than leading it and get him to make a statement endorsing the ludicrous fictions about the misleading photo.

This was the path to President Joe Biden condemning border patrol agents on horseback for having "strapped" Haiti migrants at Del Rio, Texas, and declaring that they "will pay" for their "horrible" and "outrageous" behavior.

Never mind that there was no strapping, that the border agents did nothing wrong besides trying to enforce a border crossing while working for an administration fundamentally uninterested in the task, and that there is an ongoing investigation of the agents -- itself a travesty -- that Biden was pre-judging.

Sawyer Hackett, an apparatchik running Julian Castro's PAC, was an early proponent of the whipping lie on Twitter. He tweeted the picture showing a border agent on horseback grabbing at the shirt of a migrant -- his reins flying in the air -- and said agents were "rounding up Haitian refugees with whips," and this represented "unfathomable cruelty."

It was, to the contrary, entirely fathomable and not the least bit cruel. The agents were, in a common, long-standing practice, using horses because of the difficulty of the terrain

and attempting to block migrants from entering the country illegally. They didn't have whips and were twirling reins to control their horses. Within hours of the photo creating a stir, these facts were readily ascertainable.

Even Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas defended the agents before getting the memo from his superiors that they had become hated figures to be used as punching bags.

Days later, media stories still made reference to the non-existent whips supposedly wielded by the agents.

Advocacy groups simply willed the whip story to be true, and for a swath of America -- basically anyone foolish enough to take what Harris and Biden say at face value -- they have succeeded.

Despite the haze of misinformation, the fact-checkers didn't descend en masse. No Twitter accounts were suspended. All the people who pride themselves on purportedly defending American democracy from falsehoods and propaganda spreading on social media (and there's unquestionably a lot of it) stood aside or joined the pile-on.

Press outfits went out of their way to label falsehoods promulgated by President Trump as such, indeed gave every indication that they relished doing it.

In contrast, The New York Times story about Biden castigating the agents didn't suggest that he might be wrong. In fact, the original version of the article reinforced his smear by referring to "the images of agents on horseback chasing, and in some cases using the reins of their horses to strike at running migrants." The paper had to run a correction.

It's long been the case on college campuses that woke narratives have the power to trample facts and fairness. This phenomenon has escaped the confines of academe and now plays out at the highest echelons of American political power. Neither hacks on Twitter nor the president of the United States cared what really happened at Del Rio, not when the lie was more seductive and useful.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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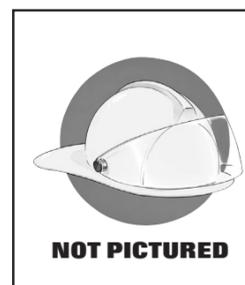
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Front row left to right, Matt Wujek, David Trumper, Brian Bice, Henry Kibilka, Jason Mahaffey and Mike Wujek; back row, Mitch Melau, Paul Kenny, Jeremy Eich, Mike Mathieu, Shane Bice and Matt Avery. Not pictured are Phil Brester, Galen Eich, Jacob Green, Mike Hince and Allen McCormick.

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## Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety

Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by checking the user guide or search the brand and model online.

### What is your alarm telling you?

#### SMOKE ALARMS

- A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call **9-1-1**, and stay out.
- A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

#### CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call **9-1-1** and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it’s time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

#### Some tips:

- ✓ Install a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the smoke and CO alarms. Use of a low frequency alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.
- ✓ Sleep with your mobility device, glasses, and phone close to your bed.
- ✓ Keep pathways like hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.

**Hear a Beep, Get On Your Feet!**

Get out and stay out! Call 9-1-1 from outside.



**Hear a Chirp, Make a Change!**

A chirping alarm needs attention. Replace the batteries or the entire unit if it's over 10 years old. If you don't remember how old the unit is, replace it!

## Fire Departments remind residents to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™”

MENDOTA—The Mendota Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week™ campaign, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™.” This year’s campaign, October 3-9, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

“What do the sounds mean? Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family,” said Lorraine Carli, vice-president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA.

The Mendota Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme.

“It’s important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes noise—a beeping sound or a chirping sound—you must take action!” said Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser. “Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer’s instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online.”

Mendota Fire Department wants to share safety tips to help you “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”

- A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.

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- Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).



**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™**



# LOCAL AND AREA

## Mendota's leaf vacuum program starts Oct. 18

### Council accepts bids for property

MENDOTA – Leaves are starting to fall and the city of Mendota is gearing up for its annual leaf vacuum program, it was announced at the Oct. 4 regular meeting of the Mendota City Council.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick reported that the leaf vacuum program will begin on Monday, Oct. 18. The schedule for leaf pickup is as follows: Monday – First Ward; Tuesday – Second Ward; Wednesday – Third Ward; Thursday – Fourth Ward; Friday – catch-up day. Leaves should be placed at the curb, not in the street, and must not contain sticks and branches.

Alderman Jay Miller presented two items for the council's consideration. A request from The Chalet for the addition of six video gaming machines was approved by a 5-2 vote with one alderman absent.

Also, the council ap-

proved the issuance of a one-day liquor license for Main Street Station for a beer garden at the Re-Imagine Mendota Fall Festival to be held from 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 in the 700 block of Illinois Avenue.

Mayor David Boelk opened bids for several municipally-owned lots in the city. The council accepted the bid of \$2,000 from Sylvia Varela for the lot at 1402 Lincoln Ave. and accepted the bid of \$9,001.12 from Marilyn Hensley for the lot at 905 Sixth Ave. A bid of \$25,000 from First Federal Savings Bank for property at 1209/1211 Washington St. was not accepted. The bids will become finalized subject to payment and passage of an ordinance by the city council.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Oct. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

## IVCC News Briefs

### 8-week classes start October 13

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's second 8-week classes begin Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Seats are available in Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) courses, Truck Driver Training, Basic Forklift Operation, Elementary or Intermediate Spanish, Mathematics for Young Children, Electrical Safety, Wellness, Personal and Community Health, Computer Networking and Cybersecurity.

Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski said, "Eight-week classes are a great option for all types of students. With the 8-week format, you can take more classes during a regular semester and get closer to your degree or certificate quicker."

Register online at [www/ivcc.edu/register](http://www.ivcc.edu/register) or call (815) 224-0447.

### CNA courses set for Oct. 13

OGLESBY – Second 8-week Certified Nursing Assistant classes begin Oct.

13 at Illinois Valley Community College. Two sections each of the course are offered Monday through Thursday on main campus and at Ottawa Center, 321 W. Main St.

CNA completion allows students to take the state exam for certification. Certification is required for admission to IVCC's nursing program and leads to immediate employment at hospitals, medical offices and care facilities.

In addition, CNA Refresher, for CNAs who have not provided nursing assistant services for 24 consecutive months, is offered Oct. 27 to Nov. 15.

Enroll at [www.ivcc.edu/register](http://www.ivcc.edu/register), call (815) 224-0447 or register in-person on main campus or Ottawa Center.

### Nursing info session scheduled

OGLESBY – An Illinois Valley Community College nursing admission information session will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 in Room CTC123 at the main campus.

Sponsored by the nursing department, counseling

center and admissions and records, the session will cover admission requirements and courses students should take before applying to either the associate degree (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) programs.

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

IVCC is following all state and local guidelines with regard to the pandemic. Mask usage and other mitigations are expected of all participants.

### Dance group to perform Oct. 13

OGLESBY – The culminating event for Illinois Valley Community College's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration is the Mexican Folkloric Dance group "De Colores" at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13 in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

Adult Education Director Sara Escatel said, "De Colores has been part of our

Hispanic Heritage Month celebration the past five years. They are an excellent dance group from Mendota that has inspired kids and adults from the area to share their customs and culture through Folkloric dance and music to further instill an appreciation for Mexican heritage."

Sponsored by the Hispanic Leadership Team, Diversity Team and the Hispanic Partnership Council, the event is free and food and refreshments will be provided. Contact Sara Escatel at (815) 224-0355.

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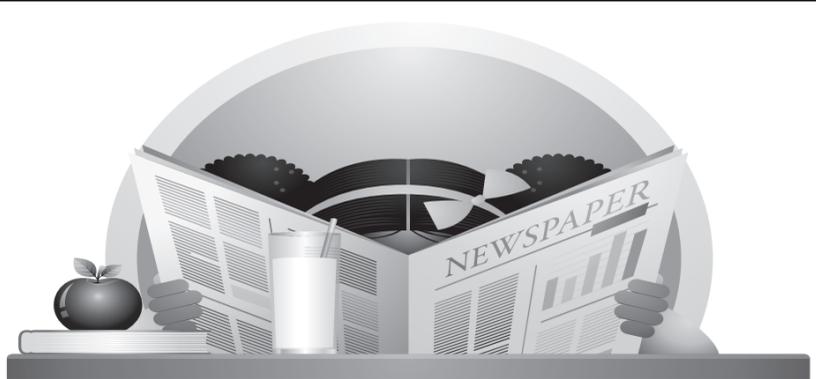
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Remember when getting a "Gold Star" meant you'd done a "Great Job"? **IT STILL DOES!**

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The MENDOTA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE MENDOTA REPORTER in a joint project, are seeking nominations from the customers of the retail, service and professional businesses in the community for that outstanding employee in Mendota!

This is your opportunity to recognize that kind, courteous, competent and efficient employee who cashes your check, fills your order, answers the phone, brings your food or processes your paperwork every day.

Nominations must come from the general public - The Customer - for this "Gold Star Employee."

The winner will be determined by the board of directors of the Mendota Area Chamber from those nominations received, and their decision will be final. Winner will be announced at the Mendota Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on Friday, Nov. 5, 2021.

For questions, email Shelby Weide at [sweide@mendotachamber.com](mailto:sweide@mendotachamber.com). (Store owners are not eligible.)

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Nomination forms must be returned to the Mendota Area Chamber Office, Box 620, Mendota, IL by Monday, October 18, 2021. You may also drop them in the water bill slot on Illinois Ave., or bring them into the office during the hours from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Past Gold Star Award Winners may be nominated, but are ineligible to win again.



# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

★ **October 3-9, 2021** ★

## Now Is the Time to Join 4-H!

More than 60 million youth have belonged to 4-H during the organization's 119-year history. Clubs are accepting new members this month to grow that number even higher.

4-Hers in the state will join the 7 million other youth currently in 4-H worldwide to celebrate National 4-H Week Oct. 3-9, 2021. 4-H youth development programs provide hands-on learning activities for youth in Illinois and through-out the country. 4-H youth programs focus on leadership, citizenship and life skills. Every county in Illinois has a 4-H program which is operated through University of Illinois Extension. 4-H club membership is open to youth aged 8 to 18.

There are several ways to participate in 4-H. Youth may join 4-H community clubs, coordinated by local adult volunteers who receive special training. Each club decides how often it meets, the location of its meetings and the activities held during the meeting. Members may select from over 100 different project areas to study while they build leadership, teamwork, cooperation, decision-making and communication skills.

Youth may instead choose to focus on a specific project area and join a club specifically related to that one project. Robotics, photography, gardening, visual arts, and nutrition, are just a few of the popular topics for special interest clubs.

One may also participate in 4-H short term projects during school or at after school youth organizations. Some of these popular groups teach youth about caring for the environment, preparing for a career, making healthy choices or other priority issues which build a person's life skills.

To learn more about 4-H, look online at [www.4-H.Illinois.edu](http://www.4-H.Illinois.edu).

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# SPORTS

## 36 years of fun for retiring MHS tennis coach Corrigan

By Reporter staff

MENDOTA – Long-time Mendota High School tennis coach Tom Corrigan is hanging up his racket after more than 35 years coaching in the girls' and boys' programs. Corrigan was honored with a plaque, cake and gifts at the final girls' dual match of the home season on Sept. 30.

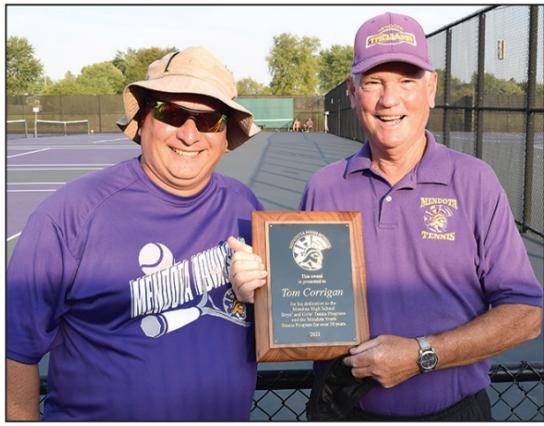
Corrigan began in the MHS program in 1985 and teamed up with many other tennis coaches along the way, including Mike Kilmartin and Paul Kimrey. Current MHS coach Shawn LeRette and Corrigan were on the coaching staff together for 17 years.

“(The players) are the reason I’m here,” he said. “I’ve enjoyed every year and never have had any problems with the kids.”

Corrigan said some of his fondest memories are the three sectional championships Mendota won during his time on the coaching staff—two by the boys (2014, 2015) and one by the girls (2014).

“It was a great experience to win those sectionals,” Corrigan said.

Corrigan, who is on the staff at Merritt Funeral Home, said the decision to



Tom Corrigan, right, is congratulated by MHS tennis coach Shawn LeRette upon Corrigan's retirement from the coaching staff after more than 35 years. (Reporter photo)

finally give up coaching tennis at MHS came down to choices, as doing both tasks can sometimes be a grind.

“It was time for me to make a choice, and it was a really tough choice,” he noted. “But I’ve enjoyed every minute of this.”

“I wasn’t expecting any of this,” said Corrigan, in regard to the gifts and well-wishes he received. “I was just expecting to fade into the background. ‘I’ve had a great time and am ending on a great note.’”

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## Two Mendota golfers qualify for sectional

OTTAWA—Two Mendota Trojan golfers were able to extend their season after participating in the Ottawa Class 2A Regional Golf Tournament on Sept. 29 at Deer Park Country Club in Oglesby.

Both Mendota golfers finished among the top 10 best scoring players who were not on a qualifying team. MHS’s Ethan Hanaman had the low score among those top 10 players and was sixth overall with a 76. Teammate Owen Aughenbaugh also made it out of the regional round by shooting an 85 and finishing in sixth place among the 10 players not on a qualifying team.

The overall meet medalist was Drake Kaufman of Ottawa with a 71. He led the Pirates to the regional team title with a score of 299. Ottawa, LaSalle-Peru (315) and Dixon (318) all advanced their team to the sectional round. The rest of the team standings were Stillman Valley (332), Mendota (342), Streator (345), Freeport (349), Sterling (358) and Rock Falls (429).

Four Trojan golfers saw their season come to an end. They were Drake Dennis (90), Logan Brandner (91), Dominik Stamberger (92) and Clay Buffington (93).



Mendota golfers Owen Aughenbaugh, left, and Ethan Hanaman advanced out of the Ottawa Regional to the Sycamore Sectional. (Photo contributed)

## Hanaman, Aughenbaugh fall short of state golf bid

DeKALB – Mendota saw its golf season come to a close in the Sycamore Class 2A Sectional on Oct. 4 at Kishwaukee Country Club in DeKalb.

Ethan Hanaman finished the 18-hole round with an 83, while teammate Owen Aughenbaugh carded an 89. The cut-off for advancement to the state tournament was a 79.

“I’m very proud of the effort from my two guys today,” said MHS coach David Ross. “They played a tough course with a very talented field and put up very respectable numbers. Congratulations on making it this far and congrats to Ethan on a great career.”

Cooper Watt of Rockford Boylan was the individual medalist with a 71.

The top three teams in the sectional, all of which will advance to the state tournament, were Crystal Lake Central (307), Ottawa (314) and Rockford Boylan (319).



Mendota's Uzi Angulo tries to break loose from a Sherrard defender on Oct. 1 at the MHS field. Angulo ran for 147 yards in the Trojans' 60-0 rout. (Reporter photo)

## Trojans sock Sherrard in Homecoming rout

MENDOTA – A school always wants to make its Homecoming football game a memorable one, and the Mendota Trojans sure did in 2021.

The Trojans had another huge offensive explosion and the defense slammed the door on Sherrard on every one of its offensive possessions, and the result was a convincing 60-0 thrashing of the Tigers on Homecoming night at the MHS field on Oct. 1.

The win ran Mendota's record to 5-1 overall and put it in position to make the playoffs for the first time since 2014. One win in any of their final three games will more than likely put the Trojans in the post season.

Mendota ran 56 offensive plays from scrimmage and generated 476 yards, with 454 of those yards coming on the ground. The Trojans had two backs top the century mark in rushing—Uzi Angulo with 147 yards on 16 carries

**Next for the Trojans**  
**Opponent:** Friday, Oct. 8 at Kewanee. Kick-off at 7 p.m.  
**Last year:** Did not play.  
**Last week:** Kewanee remained unbeaten (6-0, 4-0) with a narrow 24-22 verdict over Hall. The Boilers trailed 14-12 at the half, but went back in front on a TD run by Keyontiss Patterson in the third quarter. Brady Clark added a pair of field goals for Kewanee in the second half as it staved off Hall's upset bid.

and Anthony Childs with 121 yards in 10 attempts. Quarterback Ted Landgraf added 86 yards rushing. On the other side of the ball, Sherrard ran 40 offensive plays and the Trojan defense gave them just 77 yards.

Things started out on an ominous note for the visitors when after Mendota forced them to punt on the game's opening drive, the punt only traveled 14 yards, and the Trojans began their initial possession at the Sherrard 47-yard line. Mendota needed just six plays to cover that real estate, and Angulo culminated the short drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. A 31-yard scamper by Angulo put the Trojans in the red zone. Emilio Perez kicked the extra point for a quick 7-0 Mendota lead.

After another punt by Sherrard, the Trojans' next possession resulted in a 28-yard field goal by Perez to make it 10-0 with 1:56 left in the first period.

Just over a minute later, Mendota made it 18-0 when Ryne Strouss intercepted a Tiger pass and ran it back 34 yards for a touchdown. Landgraf connected with

John Gonzalez on the two-point conversion.

The Trojans tacked on two more touchdowns in the second quarter to take a 32-0 lead to intermission.

Childs had a 35-yard TD run to cap off a seven-play, 68-yard drive, followed by a Perez extra-point kick.

Then after Sherrard went three-and-out on its ensuing possession, the Trojans ran eight plays and covered 74 yards, the final 39 coming from Landgraf, who broke several tackles on his way to the end zone. Perez's PAT kick split the uprights.

Mendota received the second-half kickoff and it took just three minutes for it to score again and kick in the running clock for a 40-point margin. Childs scored on a 7-yard scamper and Landgraf ran for the two-pointer to make it 40-0.

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## Spikers split TRAC matches

The Mendota Spikers won two of five matches in the Reed-Custer Tournament on Sept. 25 at Braidwood.

Chicago DeLaSalle downed the Spikers 25-15, 25-18 in the opening match. Marah Setchell led Mendota with seven kills, Kya Delao had six assists and 10 digs, and Lauren Martin had 16 digs.



L. Martin

Mendota bounced back with a 25-14, 25-15 triumph over Elmwood Park. Meredith McConville collected six kills, Delao provided nine assists, and Lauren Martin and Elly Buettner had 15 and 12 digs, respectively.

Cissna Park needed three sets to down the Spikers 25-20, 23-25, 15-12. Reanna Brant topped the team with eight kills, Lauren Martin picked up 15 digs and Delao recorded 13 assists. Also, Buettner had three aces at the service line and Setchell put up three blocks.

Putnam County and Mendota also went the three-set limit and the Lady Panthers prevailed 18-25, 25-21, 15-9. Bailey Baird paced the Spikers with seven kills, while Delao had 18 assists and Lauren Martin totaled

20 digs.

Mendota claimed a 15-25, 25-9, 15-10 verdict over Reed-Custer in its final match of the day. Setchell and Brant led the way with eight kills apiece. Delao set up the offense with 15 assists, while Lauren Martin supplied 15 digs and three ace serves.

Hall needed three sets to down the Mendota Spikers, 25-14, 11-25, 25-21 in a Three Rivers Conference volleyball battle on Sept. 28 at Spring Valley.

Setchell led the net attack with 10 kills, while Baird and Brant added eight kills apiece. Lauren Martin topped the team with 26 digs, Delao led with 15 assists and Katie Jenner added 12 assists.

The Spikers got back on the winning track with a 25-15, 23-25, 25-17 decision over St. Bede in Three Rivers Conference action on Sept. 30 at the MHS gym.

Setchell and Brant sparked the offensive attack with 11 kills apiece. They were set up by Jenner (18 assists) and Delao (16 assists). Buettner delivered three ace serves, while Lauren Martin provided 23 digs and Paige Manning helped out with 14 digs.

Mendota improved to 15-8 overall and 6-3 in league matches.

## Trojans ready for regional

SERENA – The Mendota soccer team will begin its post-season tournament action in the Serena Class 1A Regional. The Trojans are the top seed in their sub-sectional.

The tournament will kick off with two games – Yorkville Christian at Newark and Sandwich at DePue. The winner of the Yorkville Christian-Newark contest will advance to battle Mendota at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, while the Sandwich-DePue winner will face Serena on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

The survivors of the semifinal-round games will play for the regional championship on Friday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m.

The Serena Regional champion will advance to the Chillicothe IVC Sectional to face the winner of the Peoria Christian Regional at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19. The other two sectional qualifiers will come from the Quincy Notre Dame and Rock Island Alleman regionals and will play at 7 p.m.

The winners of the Oct. 19 contests will move on to the sectional championship on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.

- Serena Class 1A Soccer Regional**  
**Date TBA**  
 1 – (11) Yorkville (Y. Christian) at (6) Newark [Coop] **Friday, Oct. 8**  
 2 – (12) Sandwich at (5) DePue [Coop] – 4:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 12**  
 3 – (1) Mendota vs. Winner Match 1 – 4 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 13**  
 4 – (4) Serena vs. Winner Match 2 – 4 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 15**  
 5 – Winner Match 3 vs. Winner Match 4 – 4 p.m.

# HUNTING & FISHING

## IRAP accepting applications for 2021 waterfowl & upland game hunting opportunities

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced it is now accepting applications for 2021 Waterfowl and Upland Game hunting opportunities this fall on private land through the Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP).

The IDNR has leased nearly 1,200 acres of private land specifically for waterfowl and upland game hunting. Hunters have the choice of nine public access waterfowl sites in three counties and seven public access upland game hunting sites in five counties. Sites will accommodate up to four hunters each and are available at no cost to the participants.

Applications for IRAP Waterfowl opportunities are due four weeks prior to the hunting period selected by applicants. Waterfowl hunters will have access to the sites for five consecutive days during one of the twelve 2021 IRAP fall hunting periods: Nov. 1-5; Nov. 6-10; Nov. 11-15; Nov. 16-20; Nov. 21-25; Nov. 26-30; Dec. 1-5; Dec. 6-10; Dec. 11-15; Dec. 16-20; Dec. 21-25; Dec. 26-30.

Applications for IRAP Upland Game opportunities are due at 5 p.m. on Nov. 1, 2021. Hunters will have two consecutive days of access on one of the following weekends: Dec. 11-12; Dec. 18-19; Dec. 25-26.

If hunting as a group (up to four), each person in the group must apply and list other hunters in the group. Youth hunters (age 17 and under) must be accompanied by a non-hunting supervisor (parent or designee of parent). Both youth and their supervisors must complete an IRAP application online. A lottery drawing may be held when more applications are received than there are sites available.

All hunters must have completed an IDNR-approved Hunter Education Course (if born in 1980 or after), and must have acquired an Illinois hunting license and HIP certification as well as a habitat stamp for upland game hunting or a state waterfowl stamp and a federal waterfowl stamp for waterfowl hunting. Successful applicants will be notified by mail approximately three weeks prior to their assigned hunting period, upon which they will receive a map, driving directions and an IRAP site permit allowing them to hunt on their assigned, privately-owned waterfowl or upland game hunting site.

Applications for Fall 2021 IRAP Waterfowl hunting sites can be found online at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/IRAP/Pages/Waterfowl-Hunting.aspx>

Applications for Fall 2021 IRAP Upland Game hunting sites can be found online at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/IRAP/Pages/Upland-GameHunting.aspx>

The IRAP program is funded through a grant from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Voluntary Public Access Habitat Incentive Program. To date, IRAP has leased more than 26,100 acres in 50 counties to provide for various public access opportunities such as turkey, archery deer, youth firearm deer, small game, waterfowl and upland bird hunting, as well as pond and riverbank fishing. Hunters are placed on a specific site via lottery drawing, with preference given to youth hunters, first-time hunters and veterans.

For more information, visit the IRAP webpage or e-mail [DNR.IRAP@Illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.IRAP@Illinois.gov).

## Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season opens Oct. 16

SPRINGFIELD – The 2021 Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season will open Saturday, Oct. 16 at 59 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at select trout sites – the Fall Catch-and-Release Fishing Season – opened Oct. 2. No trout may be kept during the catch and release fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning Oct. 16.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program is funded by those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the fall season. An additional 80,000 trout are stocked for the spring season which begins each April.

For the 2021 fall trout season, no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites until the season opens at 5 a.m. Oct. 16. During the season, the daily catch limit is five trout.

The fall trout season



offers opportunities for families to get outdoors and enjoy fishing. Resources are available for Taking Kids Fishing at [https://www.ifishillinois.org/Kids\\_Fishing/kidsfishing.html](https://www.ifishillinois.org/Kids_Fishing/kidsfishing.html).

All anglers – including those who intend to release fish caught before Oct. 16 – must have an Illinois fishing license and Inland Trout Stamp which are available at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops,

sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. Check the IDNR website for locations at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/agentlocator>

Fishing licenses and trout stamps can be purchased by using a credit card online via the IDNR website at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/>

Participants in the Fall Trout Fishing Season are reminded to follow current guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public

Health regarding face masks and social distancing.

For information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.

For more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, check the website at [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org).

Area locations scheduled to be open for the fall trout season include:

- Bureau County - Hennepin Canal Parkway
- Kendall County - Big Lake, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area (SFWA)

- LaSalle County - Illinois and Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle

- Ogle County - Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park \*\*

- Whiteside County - Centennial Park Pond, Rock Falls, Coloma Park District (\*\* Denotes sites open for Catch-and-Release Early Fall Season fishing)

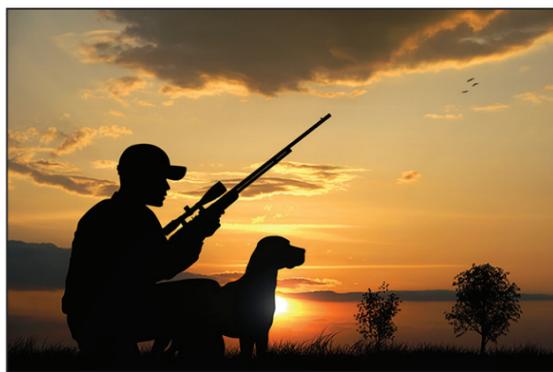
## Simple safety protocols that can protect hunters

Hunting is big business in North America. Millions of people hunt in the United States, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation reports that sportsmen and women contribute nearly \$9.4 million to the economy every day.

With millions of hunters taking to forests and fields every year, seasoned hunters and novices alike can benefit from revisiting some safety procedures before their first outing this season.

### Weather

Weather should be a consideration whenever people spend a significant amount of time outdoors. Hunters typically leave before dawn and arrive home after dusk. Hypothermia is a very real risk for hunters who may be out in snow or wet conditions. It's possible to get hypothermia by overdressing as well. Sweating and then being exposed to dropping temperatures puts people at risk for hypothermia. Hunters should dress in layers with



moisture-wicking materials and a water-repellant outer layer. In addition, check the weather forecast before heading out as a last second precautionary measure.

### Firearm safety

Firearm safety is a critical component of safe hunting. Hunters use rifles, shotguns and other firearms. Each gun is different, so hunters need to familiarize themselves with new firearms before using them. The following are some additional firearm safety tips, courtesy of State Farm Insurance and Southern Land Exchange.

- Always treat a firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Only point at what you plan to shoot.
- Clearly identify your target and what is beyond it.
- Fire within the zone-of-fire, which is the 45-degree area directly in front of each hunter.
- Firearm chambers should be emptied when guns are not in use.
- Use appropriate ammunition.
- Never modify or alter the gun.

- Never cross a fence, jump a ditch or climb a tree with a loaded gun.

- Never rely on a gun's safety.

### Additional safety tips

Hunters should always let others know where they will be when leaving in the morning. If something should happen, people back home can alert authorities if something goes awry. Always check equipment and maintain it properly. Equipment should include gear colored in hunter's orange. That extends to dogs if they are accompanying hunters on a trip. This makes hunters more visible to other hunters. Also, carry a first aid kit, a charged mobile phone or a satellite phone to maintain contact with others in case of emergencies.

These are just some of the safety protocols that should be followed when hunting. Non-hunters should exercise caution during hunting seasons, particularly when entering forests and areas that hunters frequent.

## The basics of hunting seasons

Hunting has been around a long time. According to Britannica, hunting as many know it today began in ancient Greece. Various game was hunted to provide food, fuel and materials to make clothing and blankets. In the Middle Ages, hunting was the privilege of nobility and linked to land ownership. Hunting is now strictly regulated in many countries and is typically used as a way to control wildlife populations that would otherwise overrun certain areas.

Hunting limits and clearly

defined hunting seasons are often spelled out in detail in local hunting laws. Wildlife commissions across states, provinces and territories set up strict time periods that govern which game can be hunted. Legislation also dictates size limits and the amount of game that can be killed. Seasons vary depending on where hunters live.

Many hunters eagerly await "opening day" so they can start their hunting right away. The season is "closed" when hunters are no longer allowed to go after that game. Food shortages, extreme temperatures and low population numbers may affect season duration. Archery seasons tend to begin before firearm seasons in many states. Hunting outside of seasons is known as poaching and is punishable by law.

Turkey is typically hunted in the spring or fall. Migratory waterfowl hunting tends to open in late September and early October. The seasons to hunt deer, and their close cousins like caribou, moose and reindeer, open in late September and early October, continuing into November for firearms hunting.

Hunters will be required to obtain a hunting license. At the time of licensure, hunters also may be given tags for their game animals. A tag is a physical permit the hunter carries with him or her that must be attached to an animal immediately after it is felled. The tag will need to be completed with the date and time of harvest and the location.

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# SPORTS

## Mendota harrier Kelson takes 9th place in TRAC meet to earn all-conference honors

Mendota's cross country runners participated in their first Three Rivers Conference Championship Meet on Sept. 28 at Walnut.

In the boys' race, Mendota freshman Anthony Kelson finished in ninth place overall with a time of 17:43.4 to earn all-conference honors. The top 15 runners are designated to be all-conference performers. Next in for the Trojans was Alex Hermosillo in 21st place with a time of 18:48, followed by Dagen Setchell (33rd, 19:37.7), Andrew Stamberger (34th, 19:38.3) and Travis Mumm (91st, 25:19.9).

Tommy Murray of Riverdale was the first individual runner to finish with a time of 16:10.1.

Riverdale also claimed the team championship with 19 points. Sterling Newman was next with 62 points, followed by Erie-Prophetstown (105), Sherrard (143) and Mendota (158). Rounding out the team standings were Kewanee (166), Bureau Valley (177), Orion (194), Monmouth-Roseville (194), Princeton (209) and Rockridge (290).

Mendota had one runner compete in the girls' race. Aliza Salinas-Cervantes finished in 25th place with a time of 24:41.8.

The top spot went to Olivia Thomsen of Orion in 19:45.

Sherrard was the team champion with 43 points. Erie-Prophetstown took second with 53 points, followed by Princeton (73), St. Bede (91), Rockridge (102) and Bureau Valley (129).

MHS runners competed in the LaSalle County Meet held Oct. 2 at Streator's Eastwood Golf Course.

The girls' race was won by Evelyn O'Connor of



Mendota cross country runners Anthony Kelson, left, and Alex Hermosillo traverse the course during the Three Rivers Conference Meet on Sept. 28 at Walnut. (Photo contributed)

Seneca in a time of 19:08 on the 3-mile course. Her teammate, Ashley Alsvig, placed second in 19:38, while third went to Grace Carroll of Ottawa (20:15).

Mendota's lone competitor, Salinas-Cervantes, was 21st in a time of 23:42. Ottawa had 33 points and edged Seneca (34) for the team title. L-P (82) was third, followed by Marquette (112) and Streator (124). Mendota did not field a team score.

In the boys' race, L-P's Ryan Hartman was tops in the county, running the course in 16:29. He was followed by

Seneca's Austin Aldridge (16:43) and Streator's Kody Danko (16:50).

Mendota harriers earning recognition on the All-County Team were Kelson (6th, 17:40) and Hermosillo (7th, 17:51). Additional Mendota finishes belonged to Stamberger (12th, 19:06), Setchell (13th, 19:10) and Mumm (39th, 23:34).

L-P captured the team crown with 46 points. Seneca (50) placed second, Mendota earned third with 67 points, Streator (82) was fourth and Ottawa (88) was fifth. Marquette did not field a full team.

## Kickers improve to 18-0

The Mendota seniors went out in style during the final soccer game on their home field as they dumped Dixon, 7-0, on Sept. 28.

Senior Yahir Diaz led the attack with four goals, while classmate Jose Ruiz added one goal. Also finding the net for the Trojans were

Edgar Arteaga and Ricky Orozco. Assists went to Edgar Arteaga (two), Rafael Romero (one) and senior Luis Garcia (one).

Senior goalkeeper Manny Trejo had five saves.

In the contest, the Trojans set a school record for total goals in a season as they ran their tally to 113.

Mendota improved its unblemished record to 18-0 with a 6-1 triumph at Kewanee on Sept. 30.

Jasiel Watson spearheaded the offense with three goals, while Diaz, Orozco and Isaac Guzman had one goal apiece. Diaz also provided four assists to run his season total to 17. His goal also gave him 38 on the year.

## Netters fall twice

MENDOTA – The Rochelle girls' tennis team picked up a 4-1 win over Mendota on Sept. 27 at the MHS courts.

The lone win for the Lady Trojans came from Alex Stremlau at No. 1 singles, 6-2, 6-0.

**Sept. 27**  
**Rochelle 4, Mendota 1**  
**Singles:** No. 1 – Alex Stremlau (M) def. Hicks (R), 6-2, 6-0; No. 2 – Ost (R) def. Talya Schwaegerman (M), 6-3, 6-0

**Doubles:** No. 1 – Young-Dickey (R) def. KayLee Barkman-Jackie Cortez (M), 6-3, 6-2; No. 2 – Lundquist-Thompson (R) def. Lizzy Bresley-Zoe Finley (M), 6-2, 5-7 (10-6); No. 3 – Knight-Tarvestad (R) def. Isabelle Escatel-Karli Miars (M), 6-2, 6-1

Morris defeated the Lady Trojans, 4-1, on Sept. 30 at the MHS courts.

Stremlau picked up a 6-1, 6-1 victory over her opponent at No. 1 singles to claim Mendota's win.

**Sept. 30**  
**Morris 4, Mendota 1**  
**Singles:** No. 1 – Stremlau (M) def. Narwick (Mo), 6-1, 6-1; No. 2 – Wright (Mo) def. Escatel (M), 6-2, 6-1

**Doubles:** No. 1 – Kenney-Zarbock (Mo) def. Barkman-Cortez (M), 6-1, 6-0; No. 2 – Walker-Moore (Mo) def. Bresley-Alexis Finley (M), 7-5, 2-6 (10-2); No. 3 – Henson-Villareal (Mo) def. Makayla Lara-Schwaegerman (M), 6-2, 6-3

## Mendota girls in Ottawa Sectional

OTTAWA – The Mendota Lady Trojans have been assigned to the Ottawa Class IA Girls' Sectional Tennis Tournament to be played Friday, Oct. 15 and Saturday, Oct. 16.

Other teams in the tournament include Coal City, Kankakee Bishop McNamara, Kankakee Sr., LaSalle-Peru, Morris, Ottawa, St. Bede, Pontiac and Streator.

The first four places in both singles and doubles advance from each sectional tournament to the state final tournament. The IHSA state tournament is scheduled for Oct. 21-23. Buffalo Grove is the host school and matches will be played on courts in and around Buffalo Grove High School.

## Football

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After another Sherrard punt, Mendota got the ball at its own 48, and it didn't take long for Childs to score his third TD of the night when he rambled 37 yards to paydirt with just under two minutes left in the third quarter. Perez booted the PAT kick.

Mendota added one more score before the quarter ended when Isaac Smith got

the team's second pick-six of the game, this one a 40-yard return for a touchdown with six seconds to go in the quarter. Perez's extra-point kick was good.

The final touchdown of the game for Mendota came when Jose Rocha moved from lineman to running back and he went virtually untouched for a 20-yard touchdown run with 4:33 left in the game.

### • Trojan Yardstick •

#### MENDOTA 60, SHERRARD

Sherrard	0	0	0	0	-	0
Mendota	18	14	22	6	-	60

#### SCORING SUMMARY

- ME - Angulo 1 run (Perez kick), 8:32 1Q
- ME - Perez 28 field goal, 1:56 1Q
- ME - Strouss 34 interception return (Gonzalez pass from Landgraf), 0:48 1Q
- ME - Childs 35 run (Perez kick), 6:55 2Q
- ME - Landgraf 39 run (Perez kick), 2:21 2Q
- ME - Childs 7 run (Landgraf run), 9:01 3Q
- ME - Childs 37 run (Perez kick), 1:51 3Q
- ME - Smith 40 interception return (Perez kick), 0:06 3Q
- ME - Rocha 20 run (run failed), 4:33 4Q

	ME	SH
First Downs	25	5
Rushes-Yards	45-452	17-24
Passing Yards	24	53
Passes	2-11-0	9-23-2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Punts-Avg	0-0	5-31
Penalties-Yards	6-65	5-30

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

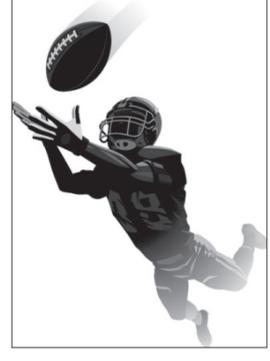
**Rushing** – MENDOTA: Angulo 16-147, Childs 10-121, Landgraf 11-86, Gonzalez 2-39, Belmonte 3-26, Rocha 1-20, Magallanes 1-8, Perez 1-5; SHERRARD: Timmerman 12-24, Dochterman 2-4, Anderson 3-(minus 4).  
**Passing** – MENDOTA: Landgraf 2-11-0-24; SHERRARD: Anderson 9-23-2-53.  
**Receiving** – MENDOTA: Smith 1-19, Perez 1-5; SHERRARD: Dochterman 3-16, Timmerman 3-15, Gross 2-14, Nelson 1-8.

## YMCA plans 'Meet the Trojans' day on October 9

MENDOTA – The Mendota Area YMCA is hosting "Meet the Trojans" on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. as part of the Y's Youth Flag Football League End Party. The event is open to the public and will take place at the youth soccer fields at Lake Mendota.

The MHS Trojan football team and MHS cheerleaders will be on hand for Mendota area youth to meet in person. The Trojans will also play games of flag football with the Mendota YMCA youth flag football teams.

As Subway is the official sponsor of NFL Flag Football, which the Mendota YMCA partners with for the youth football league, the Mendota Subway at 1602 13th Ave. will be providing sandwiches and cookies. There will also be 50/50 drawings, a raffle for YMCA merchandise and a pop-up YMCA merchandise shop. The shop will be cash only on site, but additional merchandise may be ordered through the Mendota Area YMCA.



#### Three Rivers East Division Football Standings

	TR	QA
Kewanee	4-0	6-0
Princeton	3-1	5-1
Mendota	2-1	5-1
St. Bede	2-1	5-1
Sterling Newman	1-2	3-3
Hall	0-3	1-5
Bureau Valley	0-4	2-4

**Friday, Oct. 1**  
Mendota 60, Sherrard 0  
Kewanee 24, Hall 22  
St. Bede 13, Bureau Valley 7  
Princeton 41, Sterling New. 0

**Friday, Oct. 8**  
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Erie-P. at Bureau Valley  
Princeton at St. Bede  
Hall at Sterling Newman

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## BOWLING

### Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Sept. 20 – 1. Bad Kats 4-1; 2. Ramer Inc. 4-1; 3. Sports-N-Stuff 4-1; 4. Leagal Beagles 1-4; 5. Mendota Agri-Products 1-4; 6. CM Farm 1-4

High team game (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 722, Ramer Inc. 685, Sports-N-Stuff 664

High team game (hdcp) – Bad Kats 951, Ramer Inc. 947, Leagal Beagles 897

High team series (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 2090, Sports-N-Stuff 1904, Ramer Inc. 1857

High team series (hdcp) – Bad Kats 2694, Ramer Inc. 2643, Leagal Beagles 2622

Men's high game (scratch) – Matt Ramer 234, Jose Sarabia 220, Mike Smith 212

Men's high game (hdcp) – Tony Yost 267, Matt Ramer 260, Jose Sarabia 258

Men's high series (scratch) – Jose Sarabia 612, Matt Ramer 582, Mike Smith 557

Men's high series (hdcp) – Jose Sarabia 726, Tony Yost, Mike Smith, Aaron Holocker, Paul Ramer 662

Women's high game (scratch) – Dria Kuntz 210, Kassidi Guerrero 189, Dessa Collings 179

Women's high game (hdcp) – Dria Kuntz 270, Dessa Collings 268, Audrey Holcker 256

Women's high series (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 522, Dria Kuntz 481, Hannah Westphal 473

Women's high series (hdcp) – Sarah Westphal 691, Hannah Westphal 680, Debbie Berger 672

### Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Sept. 27 – 1. Sports-N-Stuff 8-2; 2. CM Farm 6-4; 3. Bad Kats 5-5; 4. Leagal Beagles 4-6; 5. Ramer Inc. 4-6; 6. Mendota Agri-Products 3-7

High team game (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 759, Sports-N-Stuff 713, CM Farm 686

High team game (hdcp) – Sports-N-Stuff 960, CM Farm 958, Leagal Beagles 947

High team series (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 2162, Sports-N-Stuff 2005, Leagal Beagles 1878

High team series (hdcp) – Sports-N-Stuff 2746, Leagal Beagles 2715, Mendota Agri-Products 2711

Men's high game (scratch) – Ron Westphal 262, Sonny Sterchi Jr. 243, Mike Smith 227

Men's high game (hdcp) – Ron Westphal 301, Sonny Sterchi Jr. 295, Ed Roulston 277

Men's high series (scratch) – Ron Westphal 656, Mike Smith 618, Sonny Sterchi Jr. 610

Men's high series (hdcp) – Ron Westphal 773, Sonny Sterchi Jr. 766, Mike Smith 723

Women's high game (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 225, Jessica Robinson 180, Hannah Westphal 179

Women's high game (hdcp) – Kassidi Guerrero 271, Jessica Robinson 263, Kim Smith 260

Women's high series (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 626, Jessica Robinson 518, Hannah Westphal 503

Women's high series (hdcp) – Jessica Robinson 767, Kassidi Guerrero 764, Kim Smith 720

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### Date TBA

1 - (11) Yorkville (Y. Christian) at (6) Newark [Coop]

### Wednesday, Oct. 13

4 - (4) Serena vs. Winner Match 2 - 4 p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 8

2 - (12) Sandwich at (5) DePue [Coop] - 4:30 p.m.

### Friday, Oct. 15

5 - Winner Match 3 vs. Winner Match 4 - 4 p.m. (championship)

### Tuesday, Oct. 12

3 - (1) Mendota vs. Winner Match 1 - 4 p.m.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Benedict Cumberbatch lost his 2014 Oscar bid (for "The Imitation Game") to "The Theory of Everything" star Eddie Redmayne. If the four-minute standing ovation at the Venice Film Festival for "The Power of the Dog" (due Nov. 17) is any indication, he'll be in the running for an Oscar again. The film is based on a novel about a 1920s Montana rancher who is angered when his brother brings home a new wife and her son.



Cumberbatch

Cumberbatch has more movies lined up. "The Electrical Life of Louis Wain," about an eccentric British artist famous for his distinctive paintings of cats, arrives in theaters Oct. 22 and on Amazon Prime Nov. 5. He'll again be Doctor Strange in "Spider-Man: No Way Home" (dropping Dec. 17) and in "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," due in March 2022.

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Also getting Oscar buzz is "Game of Thrones" star Peter Dinklage, a four-time Emmy Award winner. His acting and singing in the title role of the musical "Cyrano" (as in de Bergerac), arriving Dec. 21, set judges and audiences at the Telluride Film Festival on their ears. Dinklage's Roxanne is Haley Bennett of "Hillbilly Elegy."

Oscar-winning director Taylor Hackford plans to reinvent film noir with "Sniff," starring Helen Mirren (his wife), Morgan Freeman and Al Pacino, as well as Danny DeVito, which has Freeman and DeVito investigating two murders in a luxury retirement community. Mirren also has the war drama "White Bird: A Wonder Story," with Gillian Anderson (out September 2022), and the sequel "Shazam! Fury of the Gods," coming June 2023.

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In 1970, while visiting The St. Regis Hotel in New York City, I was stunned seeing a bevy of beautiful women hanging around the front of the building. Pandemonium hit when the object of their affections arrived. He was French movie star Jean-Paul Belmondo, there

publicizing his film "Borsalino," with Alain Delon. He handled the ladies with charm and grace like a true superstar.

Belmondo starred in such classic films as the crime drama "Breathless" (1960), with Jean Seberg, and "That Man from Rio" (1964), and was compared to James Dean, Marlon Brando and Humphrey Bogart.

When Belmondo passed away on Sept. 6, French television stations altered their schedules to screen his films, drawing more than 6.5 million viewers. The French newspaper The Guardian hailed him as an integral part of the history of French cinema and France herself. French President Emmanuel Macron called him "a national hero." Belmondo resisted "going Hollywood" and was content working exclusively in Europe. He was married twice, partnered with four women, including Ursula Andress, and sired four children. When he left us at age 88, you can be sure the ladies were lined up at the gates of heaven to get a glimpse of him.

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## Couch Theater

"Muppets Haunted Mansion" (TV-PG) -- If you grew up watching "The Great Muppet Caper" and "The Muppets Take Manhattan," your childhood was awesome. The Muppets have always had a sweetness and humor that is timeless and appeals to all ages. So absolutely everyone should be excited for this hilarious and harrowing new holiday-themed movie. The plot is simple: World famous daredevil artist Gonzo takes on the challenge to spend one night at Disney's Haunted Mansion. Rumor has it that the film is packed with "easter eggs" for Disney fans, and items from haunted mansions at all four Disney parks are featured. And, as with previous Muppet movies, original songs abound! A slew of big names make appearances, including Danny Trejo, Craig Robinson, Ed Asner, John Stamos and Taraji P. Henson. (Disney+)

son 1" -- When I've watched countless competitive baking shows, whether a great sugar challenge or a super-stuffed cupcake-tower tournament, one thing has always been missing from the equation: structural engineers. Clearly someone at the Netflix new programs table heard my lament. Their new sweets-competition show pairs professional bakers and professional engineers to create delicious treats that go higher, spin faster and dazzle judges more than ever. The stakes are high, too, as participants have a \$100,000 grand prize motivating their efforts. Nine teams push the limits of creativity and ingenuity over six episodes. (Netflix)

"The Many Saints of Newark" (R) -- In what is arguably the most anticipated prequel of the decade, we finally learn how Tony Soprano became a player in the Cosa Nostra. The much-ballyhooed casting of Michael Gandolfini in the role made infamous by his late

father, James Gandolfini, has already been highly praised. His physical resemblance and mannerisms are eerily similar to his dad, and any inconsistencies in personality can be chalked up to the character being 30 years younger.

But fair warning, you can't come to this film green. Knowledge of "The Sopranos" series is necessary to make sense of characters and relationships. It might even be good idea to binge a few episodes as a crash refresher. (HBO Max)

"Megan Leavey" (PG-13) -- Everyone loves dogs. Most people appreciate the skill, patience and dedication it takes to train a dog in military service. So a movie based on a true story about Megan Leavey, the woman who did just that, should be fairly engaging. The problem with this movie is the casting. Kate Mara just isn't believable as a Marine, even one with a giant heart for canines. (Prime Video)

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Where have I seen the lead actor in the new NBC show "Ordinary Joe"? Did he used to be on "ER"?

-- J.G.

A: James Wolk has been acting in Hollywood for about 15



J. Wolk

years. A lot of hope was riding on him as the next big thing when he played a con man in the Fox drama "Lone Star," but it was canceled after just two episodes. He's since rebounded nicely with recurring roles like Bob Benson on "Mad Men," Jeff Clayton on "Goliath," Joe Keene on "Watchmen" and three versions of the title character in "Ordinary Joe." He really gets to stretch his wings with this one as Joe becomes a police officer, a nurse and a singer in three separate timelines.

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Q: What is status of the off-the-grid family show "Alaskan Bush People"? I'm sorry the father passed away. I've been a big fan of this show since the first episode, but I'm tired of the reruns. I hope it returns with current episodes. -- B.H.B.

A: An all-new season of

the reality show "Alaskan Bush People" resumed Sept. 19 on the Discovery channel and Discovery+ streaming service. After a devastating wildfire that swept through the ranch, the Brown family has to pick up the pieces. Then, more tragedy strikes when their patriarch, Billy Brown, dies unexpectedly at only 68 years old.

According to Discovery.com, after the fire, the Browns return to their homestead to "assess the damage and decide if the dream they've been building in Washington [state] is worth carrying on," and that some of them "long for life back in Alaska."

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Q: My wife and I are huge Jesse Stone movie fans, and even more so, fans of Officer "Suitcase," played by actor Kohl Sudduth. Can you share what you know about Mr. Sudduth and if he has done other movies or shows? I was a police officer for 38 years and told my wife that me and "Suitcase" would have been great partners on patrol. -- Paul

A: Officer Luther "Suitcase" Simpson was created by author Robert B. Parker in his Jesse Stone series of novels that were subsequently adapted into movies on CBS and Hallmark. In

"Night Passage," one of the early Jesse Stone films, Stone (Tom Selleck) called Simpson "Suitcase" after the 1940s baseball player Harry "Suitcase" Simpson. Stone had no particular reason for assigning the officer the nickname other than it seemed to fit him.

As for actor Kohl Sudduth, he started out with small roles in motion pictures like "Illuminata" and "Rounders," with Matt Damon, and TV's "Sex and the City," but his big break came with a supporting role opposite Eddie Murphy in the movie "Bowfinger," where he played an aspiring actor. He also was a regular on the WB network show "Grosse Pointe," which ran from 2000 to 2001, and he even guest starred on Selleck's current TV hit, "Blue Bloods."

There have been nine Jesse Stone telefilms, and in looking through Tom Selleck's filmography on IMDb.com, it appears there's another one in the pre-production stages. Hopefully this will include Officer "Suitcase," so keep an eye out for a new Jesse Stone movie in the coming years.

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

## • Trivia Test •

- TELEVISION: Which actor portrayed Kevin Arnold in the 1980s-90s sitcom "The Wonder Years"?
- MEDICAL: What is a more common name for rhinorrhea?
- MUSIC: How many members are in the pop group ABBA?
- MOVIES: Who directed "The Godfather" trilogy?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the native country of the kiwi bird?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which American singer/songwriter was born with the name Peter Gene Hernandez?
- SCIENCE: What does a petrologist study?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Cape of Good Hope lies at the tip of which continent?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition known as cynophobia?
- LITERATURE: The novels "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" are both set in which U.S. state?

Answers

- Fred Savage
- Runny nose
- Four
- Francis Ford Coppola
- New Zealand
- Bruno Mars
- Rocks
- Africa
- Fear of dogs
- Missouri

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## King Crossword

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ACROSS

- Sparkle
- Word of denial
- Early hrs.
- Carta
- Japanese sash
- Like sashimi
- Surrounded by
- Italian city where Marconi was born
- Mexican entree
- Optimistic
- Honey holder
- Jurist Fortas
- De Mille of dance
- Nepal's continent
- Bakery lure
- Italian port city
- Italian city of canals
- Soft leather
- Pack cargo
- Grinding tooth
- Genetic letters
- Storm center
- Oil cartel
- Pippa, to Kate Middleton
- Italian city on the Adriatic
- October birthstones
- Crone
- de deux
- "Be" (The Beatles)
- "Quiet!"
- Illustrations
- Yorkshire city
- October birthstones
- More altruistic
- Bassoon's kin
- Up to
- Inert gas
- Parson's home
- Convines
- Church keyboards
- Humiliate
- Painter
- Vermeer
- Smile part
- Soul, to Sartre
- Lorraine
- Pizza cookers
- Where Lux. is
- State repeatedly
- Coquettish
- Ram's mate
- Most desert-like
- Fluttery insects
- Media mogul
- Winfrey
- Janet of "Psycho"
- Coral reef
- Flag feature
- Duel tool
- Hot tub
- Cover
- Rds.

DOWN

- "Today" rival, briefly
- Felon's flight
- Self-indulgent "journey"
- "Karenina"
- Igneous rock

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

- Koi fish have been known to live up to 226 years.
- Singapore has a mandatory organ donation scheme for people over 21. Anyone choosing to opt-out of it is given lower priority to receive a transplant if they ever find themselves in need of one.
- In Chinese, the KFC slogan "finger lickin' good" translates to "eat your fingers off" in its literal interpretation.
- Dueling is still legal in Paraguay, as long as both parties are blood donors.
- The Boston University Bridge is the only spot in America where a boat can sail under a train moving under a car driving under an airplane.
- In 2018, a 30-year-old woman in Canada was shot in her left breast. Her silicone breast implant deflected the bullet away from her vital organs and left her with only some broken ribs ... and a damaged implant.
- Eighty-five percent of American shoppers go to their right when entering a store.
- In 2020, George Hood, a 62-year-old ex-Marine, set the world record for the longest abdominal plank, holding the position for 8 hours, 15 minutes and 15 seconds.
- Early astronomer John Herschel reported seeing winged people inhabiting the moon through his telescope.
- Prior to 1900, prizefights lasted 100 rounds.
- Three British friends set the world record for completing the longest-ever journey by taxi -- a grand total of 43,319.5 miles in their 20-year-old black cab named "Hannah."
- The trip took them across four continents and 50 countries and generated a fare equivalent to \$108,269.73.
- According to Western University, 88% of divorced people use Facebook to keep tabs on exes, and a third post pictures to make the ex jealous.

Thought for the Day: "If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere." -- Frank A. Clark

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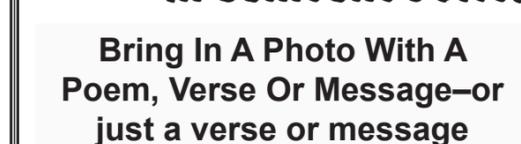
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### Carol Ann Smith, RN

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Three keys to spiritual growth

The Bible is more than a book about theology or a story about eternal life when we die. It also offers us the wisdom we need to live a victorious, peace-filled, joyful life on earth.

Jesus says in John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (NIV). This verse is not only talking about enjoying life when we go on vacation or when something delightful happens; it's also talking about the fact that God offers us the ability to relish ordinary,

everyday life.

If the only time we can enjoy ourselves is when something exciting happens, we will miss out on the joyful, abundant life Jesus died to give us. But if we learn to live according to God's Word, which requires study and obedience, we can savor each day.

One reason Paul's epistle to the Colossians is so important for us to study is that it is all about Jesus. The theme is the headship of Christ, and the primary lesson of the four chapters is to put Jesus first all the time, above and before

everything else.

Colossians 1:28-29 says, "He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me."

Paul concludes Colossians 1 by declaring that Christ is the one he proclaims—not himself, not anyone else, but Christ. He teaches wisely, with one goal in mind: to "present everyone fully mature in Christ." This should be the goal of anyone who teaches and preaches the Word of God, and also everyone who has a personal relationship with Jesus.

There are many ways to grow in Christ, but I want to focus on just three of them here. All of them relate to the way you spend your time with God, time in God's Word, and time with the right people.

### Time with God

There is nothing better than one-on-one time with God. During this time, you can read, study, pray, and talk with God, or simply sit in His presence and rest in Him. I once heard that people can be as close to God as they want to be; it all depends on how much time they are willing to put into their personal relationship with Him.



Spending time with God is not a religious obligation; it is a rare and wonderful privilege.

### Time in God's Word

I encourage you to invest a lot of time studying and meditating on God's Word.

Investing time in God's Word as part of your everyday life is one of the best things you can do for your spiritual growth. In fact, it's an absolute necessity. The Word will guide you, encourage you, give you wisdom, and give you the confidence you need to face each day.

Spending time in God's Word does not always mean reading the Bible. You can also read books that help explain the Bible or that offer teaching on a particular subject about which you are interested in learning more. You can also listen to podcasts, watch good sermons on television, or learn from various kinds of social media outlets.

### Time with the Right People

If you really want to grow spiritually, you

will need to spend time with people who can help you, people who are also hungry for the things of God. Make a priority of being around people who will build you up in your faith, not people who will try to pull you away from it. Think and pray about the types of people you need in your life as you walk with God, and ask God to bring them across your path and help you build godly relationships with them.

If you have friends who are tearing you down and bringing too much temptation into your life, you may find it necessary to separate from them for your own good.

I want to encourage you to consider practical ways you can begin spending more time with God in prayer, in His Word, and with people who encourage you to become as close to God as you can possibly be. These three keys will make all the difference in your ability to enjoy your life

every single day!

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By Max Ehrmann

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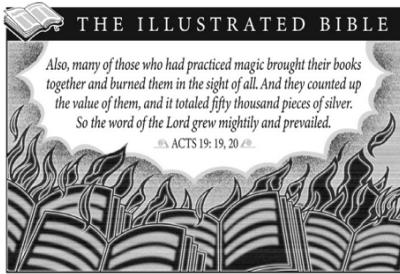
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1. Is the book of Colossae in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. What city was second of the seven churches mentioned by John in Revelation? Derbe, Gomorrah, Beersheba, Smyrna
3. From Acts 8, what magician came to be baptized by Philip? Balaam, Endor, Simon, Laban
4. What prophet came from among the shepherds of Tekoa? Joel, Hosea, Daniel, Amos
5. Which Biblical name means "God with us"? Nicodemus, Emmanuel, Elijah, Jacob
6. What Psalm is the shortest of all? 1st, 3rd, 117th, 123rd

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Smyrna;  
3) Simon; 4) Amos; 5) Emmanuel;  
6) 117th

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**PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS**

IN THE )  
MATTER )Case  
OF THE )No.  
ESTATE )21 P  
OF )186  
ROBERT J. )  
MORTIMER, )  
Deceased. )

**CLAIMS NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of Robert J. Mortimer of Tujunga, California. Letters of Office were issued on September 14, 2021 to Theresa Bivona and John M. Erhardt, 1104 Oak Court, Mendota, IL 61342, whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350 or with the representative, or both, on or before April 11, 2022. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in that Notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Bureau County Courthouse, 700 S. Main Street, Princeton, IL 61356 or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: September 16, 2021 Dawn Reglin Bureau County Circuit Clerk Princeton, IL 61356 No. 0906 (Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 2021)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BUREAU COUNTY, PRINCETON, IL PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NO. 2021-P-69 JOSEPH WAWRZYNIAK, DECEASED. CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Joseph Wawrzyniak, of Princeton, Illinois. Letters of Administration were issued on September 13, 2021, to Kimberly Paulson of Inyokern, CA, as **INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR**, whose Attorneys of record are **SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354**. Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Bureau County Courthouse, 700 S. Main Street, Princeton, IL 61356, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Copies of a claim filed

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When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

# REAL ESTATE SHOWCASE

## FEATURE HOME



**247 Knox Road, Mendota \$349,500**

Have you always wanted a cabin in the woods to remind you of the Northwoods? Then this beautiful log home is for you. The owner hand picked and built this log home using trees from WI for his dream home. Pride of ownership shines throughout. Features include 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath, double sided stone fireplace, spiral staircase to loft room with pool table for enjoying family time. Loft over looks the dining, kitchen and living room. Sit outside by the fire pit and listen to nature or relax in the hot tub. Also, included is a tree house perfect for children to play in or for hunting deer.

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**703 Washington Street MENDOTA**

NEW LISTING  
Antique retail space!!  
Diamond in the rough waiting for an entrepreneur!!!

2-BDR, 1 BATH WITH FULL BASEMENT AND GARAGE.....  
**PENDING.....\$72,000**

GREAT FIXER-UPPER, SOME UPDATES COMPLETED.....  
**NEW.....\$79,900**

3-BDR, 1.5 STORY HOME ON NICE CORNER LOT.....  
**SOLD.....\$85,000**

NICE 3 BDR. RANCH W/ ATTACHED GARAGE.....  
**SOLD.....\$110,000**

1800 SQ. FT. LIVING AREA, 3-BDR, 2-CAR GARAGE.....  
**PENDING.....\$129,000**

4-BDR, 2-STORY LOCATED IN SUBLETTE.....  
**SOLD.....\$147,000**

WESTSIDE, 1800 SQ FT RANCH ON CORNER LOT.....  
**SOLD.....\$149,900**

CHARM & BEAUTY THROUGHOUT 3-BDR BRICK.....  
**REDUCED.....\$165,000**

SPLIT-LEVEL, GREAT CONDITION ON EDGE OF TOWN.....  
**SOLD.....\$179,900**

4-BDR BI-LEVEL IN NORTHBROOK SUBD.....  
**SOLD.....\$179,900**

UNIQUE 2-STORY CUSTOM BUILD HOME ON 3-LOTS.....  
**SOLD.....CALL!**

**LOTS/FARM LAND**

5 ACRE BUILDING LOT IN COUNTRY SUBDIVISION.....  
**CALL!**

1.65 BUILDING LOT NEAR MHS.....  
**CALL!**

**INCOME PROPERTY**

YOU NAME IT! 6000+SQ FT. BUILDING! HUGE POSSIBILITIES!  
.....**SOLD.....CALL!**

BUILDING AND CONTENTS! FORMER ICE CREAM SHOP.....**REDUCED.....CALL!**

STEEL SPAN BLDG W/ ATTACHED POLE BUILDING.....  
**PENDING.....CALL!**

2-2 BDR UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING IN GREAT SHAPE.....**CALL!**

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**582 US Route 52, Sublette \$349,900**

Unique home with lots of spacious room to enjoy! Features include: 3.47 acre's of gorgeous land, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, loft area for entertaining, family room in basement and bath room attached garage, large living room with a fireplace, deck out front, and outbuilding for more storage. Lots of storage space throughout and work shop off garage.

**974 US Route 52, Amboy \$169,900**

Beautiful Amboy home with large lot! You definitely need to see inside. It is bigger than it looks. Has lots of updates including a new back patio in 2017. Ask agent for a full list of updates. Home features 3 beds and 3 baths. Includes all the appliances you need, even a washer & dryer as well as a dishwasher. The 2.5 car garage that is heated is an extra bonus, giving you the opportunity to comfortably use it year round.

**209 Jefferson St., Amboy \$119,000**

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

**1854 Richardson Rd., Amboy \$69,900**

This location is calling your name! Imagine all the possibilities this property offers. Build your dream home on this property. The opportunities are endless. Call today for a showing.

**00 Sleepy Hollow Road, Amboy \$59,900**

Build your dream home on this beautiful, wooded 5 Ac parcel Surrounded by pine trees. Call for a personal showing today.

**2517 Woods St. West Brooklyn, IL \$129,900**

Lovely Dutch Colonial 2 story home with hardwood floors on the first floor with nice woodwork. The foyer leads to a gorgeous open staircase that takes you to 3 large bedrooms. 1st floor master bedroom, Bright airy and clean home with lots of storage. Detached Big 18x30 garage. Full basement. CALL

**102 Broad Street LAMOILLE**

3 BDR, 1.5 BA, heated 4plus car garage, large corner lot!! Woodburning fireplace, built in bookshelves, large laundry room, dining room!!

**604 Park Avenue LAMOILLE**

3 BDR, 1BA totally REFRESHED HOME!!! All you need to do is move in!! Lovely brick paver walkway to the front door, large deck in back with small shed. Beautiful flooring, all appliances stay!! Park Avenue address- small town living!!

**1509 Guiles Avenue MENDOTA**

2 BDR, 1 BA, cathedral style ceiling kitchen! Open, bright and airy, with large room upstairs with tons of outlets for your gaming room, or work at home office!! Enjoy the front porch on a rainy day!! Go in the back yard and feel like you are in a park!! Freshly painted and new floors!! Updated windows!!

**1507 Lincoln Avenue MENDOTA**

Come See Me! You don't want to miss me!! Huge lot, 3-4 BDRs, 3.5 BAs, Main Floor laundry, Walk up Attic, Big Front Porch, Appliances Stay, Skylights in the kitchen, 2 car Garage plus Heated Workshop, Master Ensuite with fireplace, built in bookshelves, large laundry room, dining room!!

**12 Penkins Rd., LaMoille \$350,000**

MLS# 11219094 - 13 yr old brick ranch with 2 car attached garage. 3 bedrooms and full bath on main level with master bath. First floor laundry. Basement finished with family room with gas fireplace. 1 bedroom with egress window, bonus room and full bath. Main level living room with gas fireplace, Galley kitchen, dining area with sliding door. 2 outbuildings, extra 2 car garage. 3 Grain bins. 3.8 acres. Immaculate home, move in ready. Call for all the amenities.

**1012 Wisconsin Ave., Mendota \$89,000**

2-3 bedroom 1 1/2 story home on corner lot. Nice neighborhood. Spacious 1 + garage. Large bedroom upstairs. Updated bathroom on main floor. Call for a showing. Good investment property.