

# Masks mandated indoors in Illinois; vaccines required for some

State issues warning amid latest COVID-19 surge

By JERRY NOWICKI  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The statewide mask mandate indoors is back, and educators and health care professionals will be required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, Gov. JB Pritzker announced last week amid an ongoing surge in the pandemic that first arrived in Illinois in March 2020.

As of Aug. 30, people are required to wear masks indoors, Pritzker announced.

The vaccine requirement, which goes into effect Sept. 5, will apply to “all P-12 teachers and staff, all higher education personnel, all higher education students, and health care workers in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, nursing homes, urgent care facilities and physician’s offices,” Pritzker said.

“Effective Sept. 5, individuals working in these settings who are unable or unwilling to receive their first dose of vaccine will be required to get tested for COVID-19 at least once a week, and IDPH and (the Illinois State Board of Ed-

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—Gov. JB Pritzker

ucation) may require more frequent testing in certain situations, like in an outbreak,” he said.

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said the state is seeing 220 hospital admissions per day, a number on par with a surge in May. Pritzker said 98 percent of cases, 96 percent of hospitalizations and 95 percent of deaths since January have been among unvaccinated people.

While vaccines are the best defense, Ezike said, “wearing a mask continues to be one of the simplest, cheapest ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19.”

Intensive care bed availability in southern Illinois is at 3 percent, he said.

“That’s because the regions with the lowest vaccination rates are the regions where there are fewer hospitals, and lower hospital capacity,” Pritzker said. “And those hospitals are sometimes the least well equipped to handle cases as they become more acute.”

He added, “We are continuing to rely on experts at the (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and (Illinois Department of Public Health), but you don’t need to be an epidemiologist to understand what’s going on here. This is a pandemic of the unvaccinated.”

The current vaccination rates – nearly 53 percent of the state’s population is vaccinated – “are not enough to blunt the ferocity of the



Gov. JB Pritzker speaks during a news conference last week during which he announced a statewide indoor mask mandate effective Aug. 30. (Credit: blueroomstream.com)

delta variant,” which has led to hospitals “again fighting the battle that we had hoped would be behind us by now.”

Republicans, meanwhile, continue to call on the governor to further involve the General Assembly in his COVID-19 response.

House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, shared a letter he sent to Pritzker on Aug. 23, noting he got a call from the governor Wednesday night seeking input on a poten-

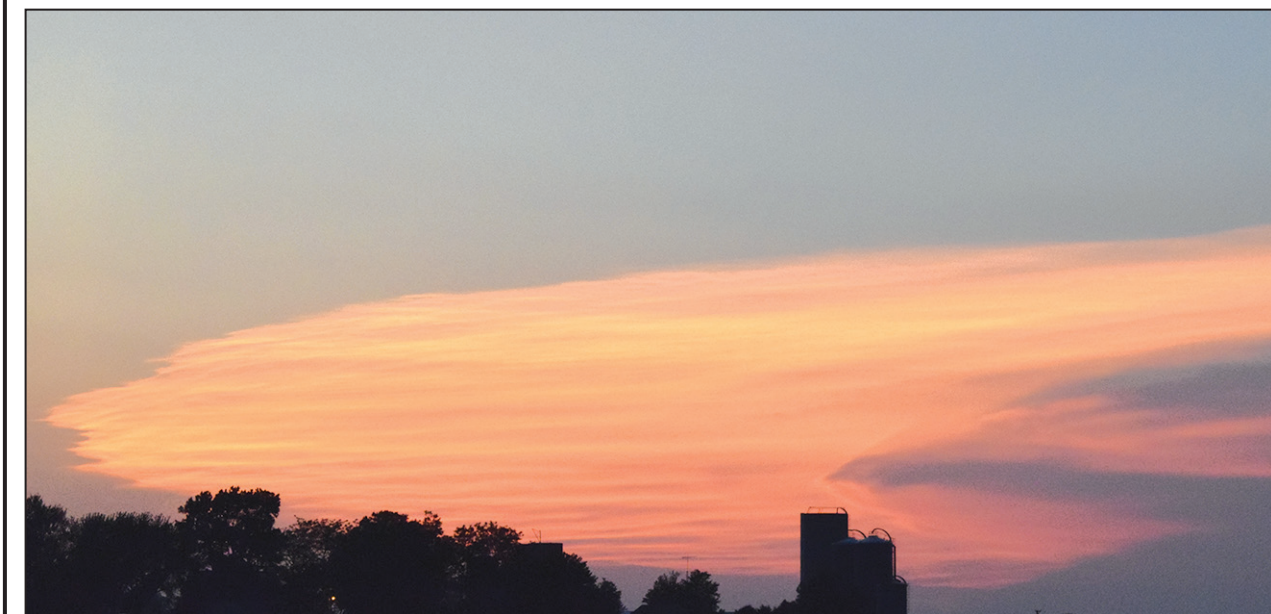
tial response amid the new COVID-19 wave.

But, according to the letter, which his office shared with members of the media, Durkin said he received a breaking news brief shortly after the phone call that outlined Pritzker’s planned announcement for the Thursday news conference.

“I will reiterate my plea on our call yesterday to please make your experts available to the General Assembly so that we can examine their

data and plans, review the results of your many previous mandates and together plot a course of action that will work,” Durkin said in the letter. “You have the authority to call for a special session of both chambers to address this very critical issue, and I am imploring you to do so immediately.”

Pritzker said he’s “always been available” to GOP leadership and rank-and-file members, and “when the legislature talks to me, I listen.”



## Beauty in the sky

An unusual cloud resembling a stealth bomber can be seen in the western sky during a recent warm late-summer evening near Mendota. Hot and muggy conditions have been persistent in the region in recent weeks, but with the turn of the calendar into September, more comfortable conditions will overspread the area. (Reporter photo)

# State eviction moratorium extended until Sept. 18

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SPRINGFIELD – While the U.S. Supreme Court vacated a federal eviction moratorium on Aug. 26, a recently-extended state stay on residential eviction enforcement remains in effect at least until Sept. 18.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention exceeded its authority in issuing the federal moratorium, and a future extension of the moratorium would have to come from Congress. But



the order does not affect a state’s ability to initiate such a moratorium, which is what Illinois has done.

Gov. JB Pritzker signed that extension Aug. 20, when he issued his latest 30-day disaster declaration, a practice he has done monthly since March 2020. The moratorium cannot exceed the length of the 30-day declaration, so

it is possible it gets extended again when it comes time for the governor to issue another 30-day declaration in September.

As it stands now, law enforcement agencies “are instructed to cease enforcement of orders of eviction for residential premises entered against a Covered Person, unless that person has been found to pose a direct threat to the health and safety of other tenants or an immediate and severe risk to property,” per the order.

Covered persons include

those who expect to earn less than \$99,000 individually or \$198,000 in a joint filing household, if they’ve experienced financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The tenant must also certify they are making “best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment” as “circumstances permit.”

Any covered person must submit a declaration form through the Illinois Hous-

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## Sublette woman, 62, found dead in Ottawa cornfield

By Reporter staff

OTTAWA – The body of Rhonda Politsch, 62, of Sublette was found in a cornfield near Ottawa on Saturday, Aug. 28, after being reported missing around 10 p.m. the night before.



R. Politsch

Ottawa Police were informed that a woman, later identified as Politsch, had her dog run away from her and into a cornfield earlier in the day in the area of Farm and Fleet in Ottawa.

Ottawa Police responded to the area, located Politsch’s vehicle unoccupied and immediately began their investigation and a search. The LaSalle County Sheriff’s Office was contacted and also responded to the scene along with the Utica Fire Department. The ground search continued into the early morning hours.

Additional help was provided by the Illinois Search and Rescue Council (ISAR) and the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS). The LaSalle County State’s Attorney’s Office offered

technical assistance, and the Illinois State Police provided aerial surveillance during the search. Help was also provided by multiple volunteer search groups that responded from across the state.

Police said Politsch was last seen at Farm and Fleet around 11 a.m. on Friday by members of the public, who assisted her in searching for her dog inside the cornfield. Police were notified that Politsch may be missing later that night, when an acquaintance was unable to get in touch with her after seeing a Facebook post about Politsch’s missing collie, Quinn.

Politsch was located deceased in the cornfield by a search team around 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. The missing dog was found on Monday and taken to a veterinary hospital for treatment.

The incident remains under investigation by the Ottawa Police Department and the LaSalle County Coroner’s Office. They expressed their appreciation to each agency, group and person that assisted in the search.

Politsch was a longtime employee of Pioneer State Bank in Sublette.



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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Life saved thanks to quick-thinking emergency department

EARLVILLE – Jan. 15, 2021 was a typical workday for 46-year-old Richard Scarber of Earlville, but as he was driving to the bank to cash his paycheck around 5 p.m., he developed a sudden severe headache.

“I felt this pop in my head,” Scarber said. “It was the worst headache I’ve ever had and my neck was stiff. I drove to OSF HealthCare Saint Paul in Mendota to figure out what was wrong.”

“Our team at OSF Saint Paul worked together seamlessly from the minute he stepped through our doors,” said Anna Figura, DO, emergency department physician. “The brain scans and images showed that Richard had bleeding into his brain, otherwise known as a subarachnoid hemorrhage caused by a burst aneurysm. The transfer process to a higher level of care was smooth as butter – just a few clicks on the computer and I was speaking with our talented OSF neuro-interventional team, and before we knew



Scarber

it the helicopter was at our doorstep to fly our patient away.”

The quick communication from OSF Saint Paul to OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Mission Partners led to Scarber’s helicopter transfer to Rockford. Dr. Ayman Gheith was prepped and waiting for him to arrive. Once in Rockford, Dr. Gheith explained to Scarber his options and he was immediately taken into surgery.

“We performed a trans-arterial coil embolization, which means we inserted a

catheter into the aneurysm and then the coils shut down the aneurysm,” explained Dr. Gheith, neurologist. “Richard spent the next seven days in the ICU with aggressive treatment and under constant monitoring. With aneurysms, it’s not just the procedure that solves it. Brain swelling (hydrocephalus) and artery narrowing (vasospasm) are potential complications, so aggressive treatment in the ICU after the procedure is key.

“Richard is very lucky. The Emergency Department staff at OSF Saint Paul did an incredible job,” Dr. Gheith continued. “About one-third of patients who have this type of aneurysm don’t even make it to the hospital. About one-third don’t leave the hospital and of that remaining one-third of patients, many have residual effects. Richard had minimal bleeding and was treated quickly.”

Dr. Gheith says aneurysms are rare – about 5 percent of the population has them and only about 2 per-

cent of them need treatment. Dr. Gheith recommends getting screened if any of your first degree relatives have had a brain aneurysm or if you have had multiple family members who have had aneurysms. The key to any neurological change or stroke-like symptoms is to act fast and seek immediate treatment.

“If you notice any sort of neurological change that is new, call 9-1-1,” said Dr. Gheith. “The faster you get care the better the outcome. When it comes to strokes, it’s the same thing, seek immediate care. We use the acronym BE FAST, which stands for balance, eyes, face, arm and speech.”

“Taking care of and being a part of this gentleman’s life was a pretty incredible experience,” Dr. Figura continued. “Having the availability of a small but very efficient critical care access hospital may not have only saved his life but left him completely neurologically intact as there was zero time wasted in his diagnosis and care.”

## Mendota FFA Alumni Draw Down, Sept. 18

MENDOTA - The Mendota FFA Alumni will hold a Draw Down from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Mendota Elks Lodge, 707 Indiana Ave., Mendota.



The event will include a 5-B’s Catering Pork Chops and Chicken dinner served from 6-8 p.m. There will also be games, prizes, music, beverages and an auction.

Tickets are \$50 per couple and are available at First State Bank or by contacting an FFA Alumni member. Every fifth ticket wins cash. This event is open to anyone aged 21 and over.

## Labor Day Mass scheduled

MAY TOWNSHIP - A Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6 at St. Michael’s Cemetery - Sandy Hill. The cemetery is located

off of Sublette Road, east of Rockford Road in May Township.

Please bring a lawn chair for seating. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Bonnell family reunion planned

AMBOY — Descendants of Seymour and Carrie Bonnell are planning a family reunion to be held at the Green River Saddle Club, Amboy on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 4-8 p.m.

Please bring a meat dish and dish to pass. Table service and coffee and lemonade will be provided.

The Clint and Helen Bonnell family will be the hosts for this year’s reunion.

## In remembrance of September 11, 2001: A virtual film presentation

LA SALLE - In remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001, the LaSalle Public Library will offer a virtual film presentation created by the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

The film presentation takes viewers into the Memorial and Museum in New York. It recounts the attacks, the heroism and the remembrance through artifacts, many that were once part of the Towers’ structures, and later, which were essential evidence in understanding the attacks and their aftermath. Other artifacts are more personal with stories that, despite two decades of

news coverage and books, may be new to many.

The film presentation was created as a special project of the Adult Education group of the Memorial and Museum, especially to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks and to provide an avenue for remembrance despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

The free presentation will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11 and is open to all. Register online at <https://bit.ly/2USVtpK>. For information, contact the LaSalle Library at (815) 223-2341 or e-mail Rachael Blomquist at [rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us](mailto:rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us).



OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department team members, Carole Reeder, RN, left, and Dr. Anna Figura. (Photo contributed)

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Manchester Univ. graduation

NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind. - Paige Collins of Earlville graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Master of Accountancy from Manchester University during commencement exercises on May 22.

Founded in 1889, Manchester University is an independent liberal arts university founded by the Church of the Brethren with campuses in North Manchester and Fort Wayne, Ind. Students of all faiths are welcome.

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## Additional LaSalle Co. bird tests positive for West Nile

OTTAWA — The LaSalle County Health Department has received confirmation that a crow from Streator tested positive for West Nile virus. The bird was collected and tested on Aug. 27.

Environmental Health staff was able to conduct the confirmatory test on the bird at the Health Department. To date this year, West Nile virus activity has been documented in Ottawa (mosquitoes) on Aug. 25, in Utica (crow) on Aug. 26, and the most recent in Streator.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex pipien mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, which has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 60 and individuals with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

Chris Pozzi, Director of Environmental Health, said the number of positive test results last week indicate that the amount of virus circulating has increased considerably. "In addition, the hot, dry conditions will enable the virus to continue to thrive. We are entering the peak risk period for West Nile infections and that risk won't subside until later in the fall when we begin to experience cooler weather," he said. "I encourage everyone to check the area around their homes

and empty any containers that may be holding water from the rain we received (last) week and to wear their insect repellent when enjoying time outdoors."

Monitoring for West Nile virus includes laboratory tests for mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, and robins, as well as testing humans with West Nile virus-like symptoms. People who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay or robin should contact the health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for testing.

There are some simple precautions people can take to Fight the Bite. Precautions include practicing the three "R's" — reduce, repel and report.

**REDUCE** — Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut. Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

**REPEL** — When outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a light colored, long-sleeved shirt, and apply an EPA-registered insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

**REPORT** — Report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The local

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## Extraordinary volunteers inducted into Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame

OGLESBY - This year's 4-H Hall of Fame winners from the Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit include Jill Frueh, Bureau County Open Door Community Club in Bureau County; Heather Arbet, Peru Pouncing Panthers Community Club in LaSalle County; and Lisa M. Palm, Wenona Highlighters Community Club in Marshall County.

Longtime 4-H volunteers and former staff members were recently honored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation for their selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program. 4-H relies on more than 15,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles, and these volunteers step up to empower and prepare youth for success.

In 2021, 71 individuals received the Foundation Hall of Fame Award, which were presented during a virtual ceremony on Aug. 17. Four of the honorees were named posthumously.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the statewide Hall of Fame in 2005 to honor and celebrate extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff. Those inducted have a track record of exemplary service to 4-H or outstanding career and community achievement and were nominated by either county University of Illinois Extension staff or by the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion.

"These volunteers are a model of 4-H values," said Angie Barnard, Illinois 4-H Foundation executive director. "All of our volunteers are valuable, but this award honors those that go above and beyond. These are volunteers that helped shape not only individuals but generations of 4-H members. The Illinois 4-H Foundation is extremely proud to be able to provide this honor to thank them for their service to this wonderful organization."

Illinois 4-H programs reach nearly 120,000 youth each year through 4-H clubs, camps, educational programs, workshops, and conferences held in communities, schools, parks, and homes across Illinois. Volunteers fill key leadership and mentoring roles throughout the state.

"Many volunteers have a tradition of 4-H in their family or were 4-H members themselves," Barnard said. "More and more though, adults brand new to the 4-H experience are seeing the value of the life skills development program and volunteering for the first time. 4-H



has volunteer opportunities that fit such a wide variety of time, skills and talents."

To volunteer in your community, request information from the local Extension office. In Bureau County, contact Danielle Gapinski at (815) 875-2878 or e-mail des85@illinois.edu. In LaSalle County, contact Toni Pienta at (815) 433-0707 or e-mail fusinatt@illinois.edu. For Marshall-Putnam, contact Anne Scheel at (309) 364-2356 or e-mail amscheel@illinois.edu.

"There is a place for everyone in 4-H, whether you have an hour or a lifetime to give," Barnard said.

The Foundation also provides avenues to support the work of Illinois 4-H by accepting financial gifts specifically directed to the program someone wishes to support. Barnard said gift planning services are available to those wishing to continue their 4-H legacy.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation raises private funds that are invested in Illinois 4-H programs to provide meaningful, positive development experiences for Illinois youth to develop leadership, citizenship and life skills. To learn more, visit 4hfoundation.illinois.edu.

## Extension offers 'Make & Take Apple Pie Filling' class

LASALLE - Spend the morning learning and having fun at a Make & Take Apple Pie Filling class presented by the University of Illinois Extension - Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam counties. The class will take place from 8:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Extension's Education Center & Community Teaching Kitchen in LaSalle.

Susan Glassman, Nutrition and Wellness Educator, will provide instruction on using a water-bath canner and canning



safely. Gain hands-on experience as the class washes, peels, chops, measures, cooks and processes apple pie filling. Participants will be able to take home a jar along with recipes to enjoy.

This class is for all levels - beginners to seasoned preservers. A \$15 fee covers all supplies, just bring yourself. Class size is limited to eight.

The Teaching Kitchen is located at 944 First St., LaSalle. Advance registration is required by calling (815) 224-0889 or online at <https://go.illinois.edu/applepie>.

### CARL'S QUIZ

What was the first band to appear on a lunchbox?

*The answer to last week's quiz is: Ants are among the most successful of insects, outnumbering all other individual animals combined. They have been around since the days of the dinosaurs and inhabit just about every corner of Earth.*

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

## Farm Bureau's Freezer Meal Fundraiser orders due Sept. 17

BUREAU COUNTY - Support the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation while enjoying some great family meals this fall. Their Freezer Meal Fundraiser includes 10 prepackaged meals that will serve 3-5 people. All you need to do is reheat.

This is a great way to save time on meal prep - everyone is welcome to participate.

The 10 meals cost \$175, which averages to just \$3.50 per person (when feeding 5 people). Orders and payment are due by Sept. 17.

The menu includes Pulled Pork, Smoked Pork Loin, BBQ Pulled Chicken, Chicken Parmesan, Breakfast Burritos, Pulled Pork Mac

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## Mendota Weather

Sept. 1, 2021

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Sunny  
High: 80 Low: 53

**Thursday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 79 Low: 56

**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 81 Low: 62

**Saturday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 80 Low: 63

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 81 Low: 65

**Monday**  
Few Showers  
High: 79 Low: 61

**Tuesday**  
Few Showers  
High: 81 Low: 65

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see sunny skies, high of 80°, humidity of 47%. North northeast wind 7 to 10 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 90° set in 2000. Expect clear skies Wednesday night, overnight low of 53°. Northeast wind 3 to 8 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 42° set in 1967. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny, high of 79°, humidity of 49%.

### Regional Cities

City	Wednesday Hi/Lo Wx	Thursday Hi/Lo Wx
Aurora	79/56 s	79/56 s
Champaign	80/55 s	78/55 s
Chicago	76/63 s	76/62 s
Freeport	80/50 s	80/55 pc
Joliet	79/57 s	80/56 s
Moline	83/54 s	81/59 pc
Peoria	81/56 s	80/58 s
Rockford	81/52 s	82/57 pc
Springfield	82/56 s	81/57 s

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	87	66	79/58	0.00"
Tuesday	95	71	79/58	0.24"
Wednesday	91	70	79/58	0.64"
Thursday	87	67	79/58	0.00"
Friday	91	71	79/58	0.00"
Saturday	91	73	79/57	0.00"
Sunday	88	72	79/57	0.04"

Rainfall ..... 0.92"  
Normal rainfall ..... 0.97"  
Departure ..... -0.05"  
Average temp. .... 80.0°  
Average normal ..... 68.4°  
Departure ..... +11.6°  
*Data as reported from Peru, Ill.*

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:22 a.m.	7:29 p.m.	12:35 a.m.	4:28 p.m.
Thursday	6:23 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	1:25 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
Friday	6:24 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	2:22 a.m.	6:01 p.m.
Saturday	6:25 a.m.	7:24 p.m.	3:26 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
Sunday	6:26 a.m.	7:22 p.m.	4:34 a.m.	7:11 p.m.
Monday	6:27 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	5:45 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
Tuesday	6:28 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	6:56 a.m.	8:05 p.m.

### Local UV Index

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

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 85 in Crisfield, Md. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 94 in North River Shores, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 103 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 90 in Pine Bluffs, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers, highest temperature of 103 in Calipatria, Calif.

### Weather Trivia

Are all hailstones round?

Answer: No. They can also be oblong, spiky, or star-shaped.

### Weather History

**Sept. 1, 1988** - Thunderstorms produced heavy rain in the Upper Mississippi Valley. Ely, Minn. was drenched with three inches of rain in two hours and pelted with hail. The heavy rain flooded streets and basements, and the pressure that resulted blew the covers off manholes.

**Sept. 2, 1985** - After teasing residents along the Gulf of Mexico for two days, Hurricane Elena finally came ashore at Biloxi, Miss. The hurricane, packing winds of 127 mph, caused more than a billion dollars damage.

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Cassandra M. Martin

EARLVILLE - Cassandra Marie Martin, 37, of Earlville, passed away Aug. 12, 2021 from injuries sustained in a vehicular accident in Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 28 at the United Presbyterian Church, Earlville with Rev. Del Keilman officiating. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. on Aug. 27 at the church. Cremation rites were accorded after the funeral and private burial will be at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

Cassandra "Jip-C" was born April 18, 1984 in St. Charles to William and Deborah (Downey) Martin, Sr.

Survivors include her parents of Earlville; five siblings and seven nieces and nephews, Clarissa (Amelia) Martin, Chelsea and Stephen (Henry, Asher, and baby) Hall, William Jr. and Amanda (William III, Annabelle, and Edward) Martin, Jeromy Martin, and Catrina Martin.

Cassie was the eldest of six kids and took pride in the role of being the big sister. One of her favorite things was being an aunt, and she always made time for her family. She was a free spirit who had the biggest heart, always put others first, and was good at making new friends on her adventures. She had a passion for art and creating, never taking herself too seriously, she knew how to make everyone smile. She was accepting and genuine making sure everyone she talked to knew they were important. She was always up for a new adventure and any challenges, including working on cars, climbing mountains, cross country travels, motorcycling and chartering unknown territories to start a new homestead. Now she is on the next greatest adventure. Cassie left a mark on our hearts and will never be forgotten.

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

## Allen L. Bickett

EARLVILLE - Allen Lee Bickett, 75, of Earlville passed away Aug. 24, 2021 at Pleasant View Luther Home in Ottawa.

According to Allen's wishes, there will be no visitation or services. A celebration of life will be held at a later date (to be announced on Facebook) because of COVID restrictions. Cremation rites were entrusted to Hanley-Turner-Eighner Funeral Home in Earlville.

Allen was born Aug. 27, 1945 to Earl and Ann (Schwartz) Bickett. He married Pamela L. Maly on Aug. 16, 2011 in Ottawa.

Survivors include his wife, Pam of Earlville; one daughter, Catherine (Jeff) Paolillo of Florida; one son, Alan (Michelle) Bickett of Florida; two step children, Scott Keldie and William Edlemon; several grandchildren and step grandchildren; one brother, Larry (Mary) Bickett of Arkansas; several nieces and nephews; two special nieces, Shellie Lynn and Sonia; and a special nephew, John Bickett.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Judy.

Allen enjoyed the outdoors, playing horseshoes, and tinkering with things. He was a former member of the Eagle's Club in Aurora and the Moose Lodge in Ottawa. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and his many friends.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to Pam at 421 N. 3rd St., Earlville, IL 60518 to help pay for the funeral. All donations are appreciated.

For more information or to sign the online guest book, go to [www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com).



## Benjamin T. Hochstatter III

DAVENPORT, Iowa - Benjamin T. Hochstatter III, 74, of Davenport, Iowa, passed away Aug. 10, 2021, from complications due to a kidney transplant in April and heart condition.

A Memorial Mass was held at noon on Aug. 28 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Davenport. Visitation was from 10 a.m. to noon prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at a later date at Cedar Memorial in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Benjamin was born Dec. 22, 1946 in Amboy to Benjamin T. Jr. and Midge Hochstatter.

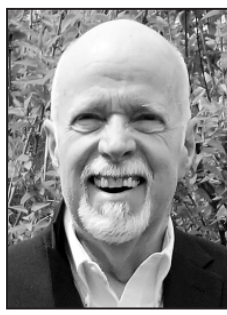
Survivors include his wife, Martha "Marty," one daughter, Erin Hochstatter (Michael) Crismali; a step son, Aaron (Sheryl) Calvert and step daughter, Amy (John) Calvert; four sisters, Diana (Jim) Egan, Gwen Krenz, Jaci Bend and Deb (Brian) Corrigan; one brother, Neil (Kris) Hochstatter; a sister-in-law, Shelly Svoboda; step grandchildren, Evan Calvert, Eric (Abby) Calvert, Trevor and Abby-Grey Calvert, and Anden and Abry Harrington; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins; and his two best friends from childhood, Dennis Klein and Mike Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Maycell and Jeff McCartney.

Ben grew up in Mendota before joining the U.S. Army to serve in Vietnam from 1967-1968. After returning from the Army, he attended and graduated from Northern Illinois University. He worked in human resources for many years. He was a member of the local VFW and Legion, and Our Lady of Victory Church in Davenport. In his free time, he loved spending time with his family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www.rungemortuary.com](http://www.rungemortuary.com).



## James Hensley Jr.

LASALLE - James "Roy" Hensley Jr., 77, of LaSalle passed away Aug. 25, 2021 at Aperia Care in Spring Valley.

Memorial services will be from 1 until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the Hurst Funeral Home in LaSalle. There will be no reception following the services.

James was born Jan. 1, 1944 in New Madrid, Mo. to James "Doc" and Bessie (Sharkey) Hensley.

Survivors include five children, Melissa Hensley of LaSalle, Rob Hardy of Camden, Ohio, Brian (Rhonda) Hensley of Kangley, Tina Hensley of LaSalle, and Douglas Hensley of Peru; 15 grandchildren; twenty-six and a half great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and eight siblings, Arzella Starkey of Topeka, Kan., Peggy Fuller of Twin Cities, Minn., Tony Hensley of Cherry, Bill Hensley of Mendota, Marilyn Rodriguez of Mendota, Tammy Hendricks of Mendota, Danny Hensley of Mendota, and Ellen Ceretto of Spring Valley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Renee; one great-great granddaughter, Scarlett; and two sisters, Linda Hensley and Ruth Ferroni.

Roy worked in maintenance at Heritage Health in Mendota. He enjoyed fishing and listening to music, especially guitar music. He also enjoyed watching wrestling and westerns.

Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.hurstfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstfuneralhomes.com).



## Lauren McLaughlin

TROY GROVE - Lauren "Bud" McLaughlin, 100, of Troy Grove went to be with the Lord on Aug. 30, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Jeff Brace officiating. Burial will be at Troy Grove Cemetery, Troy Grove. Visitation will be from 9:30-11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4 with a Masonic service at 9:15 a.m.

Lauren was born April 28, 1921 in Dickens, Iowa to Lester and Lucy (Miller) McLaughlin. He married Evelyn Wallace on Nov. 22, 1944 on his parent's farm in Mendota. She preceded in death on April 26, 2018 after 73 years of marriage.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth (Pat) McLaughlin of Mendota, Keith (Penny) McLaughlin of LaSalle and Kevin McLaughlin of Troy Grove; one daughter, Karen (Mark) Galloway of Dalzell; nine grandchildren, Diane Harrison, Matt (Jill) McLaughlin, Kenny, Ryan, Tara and Erin McLaughlin, Michelle (Matt) Dilday, Lauren Galloway and Taylor (Cory) Myers; 19 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mildred Morel of LeLand; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Wallace of Mendota; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife; two sisters, Margaret Davis and Ruth Stevenson; two brothers, Kenneth and Hiram McLaughlin; an infant daughter, Kathy; and a granddaughter, Marisa McLaughlin.

Bud's family settled in Illinois when he was 6 years old. He lived with his grandma so he could work on the farm. He milked 19 cows before walking 2 miles to school. He walked behind two mules plowing the fields and rode in a horse and buggy going to church with his grandma. At 17, he played his guitar in a band at Chicago's Soldier Field. He enjoyed riding in rodeos and going on trail rides, riding his motorcycle or driving around in his 1937 Ford Coupe in his younger years. He had many jobs over his lifetime. At age 15, he started working for Del Monte on the can line. He was also a mechanic at Linne's working on farm machinery. He farmed, drove livestock to Chicago, had a corn shelling business and also owned an Artic Cat snowmobile business. He started the Troy Grove Fire Department and served as chief for over 50 years. He was also the Troy Grove Road Commissioner for 20 years and a beekeeper for 20 years. Bud was very proud to be a member of the Masonic Lodge for 76 years and was active with their School Identification program which fingerprinted and provided identification cards to children.

Bud and Evelyn enjoyed square dancing, snowmobiling and going to Michigan on family vacations. His favorite past time was fishing and he loved going to Orr, Minn. to see his fishing family. He went on many fishing trips with his sons. He also enjoyed hunting and went on several hunting trips out west with his cousin, Ralph. Bud was a loving, caring, thoughtful husband, dad, grandpa, great-grandpa and a wonderful friend to many. Heaven gained an awesome fisherman.

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



## Rhonda Politsch

SUBLETTE - Rhonda Politsch, 62, of Sublette passed this life on Aug. 29, 2021.

Visitation will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. There will be no services and private burial will be at a later date.

Rhonda was born Feb. 18, 1959 in Mendota to William and Shirley (Alshouse) Politsch.

Survivors include her mother, Shirley Politsch of Mendota; two sisters, Sherri Politsch of Mendota and Michelle (Jim) Vance of Pennsylvania; one brother, Roger Politsch; and two nephews, Peyton Vance and Jackson Vance.

She was preceded in death by her father in 2019.

Rhonda graduated from Mendota High School in 1977 and Illinois Valley Community College. In 1979, she began a 42-year career in banking with Sublette Farmers State Bank, later becoming Pioneer State Bank. She served with the Sublette Business Association and Sublette Fire Protection District. Rhonda was passionate about animals and devoted much of her time competing with her dogs in agility competitions and obedience training.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



## Gary D. Banks

LADD - Gary D. Banks, 82, of Ladd, passed away Aug. 26, 2021 at his home.

Private graveside services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 2 at the Troy Grove Cemetery with Rev. Ken Gibson officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

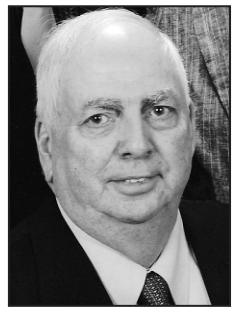
Gary was born June 12, 1939 in Prairie Center to Gordon and Queenie (Dock) Banks.

Survivors include one son, Brian (Brenda) Banks of Ladd; one granddaughter, Ashley of Ladd; and a great-granddaughter, Izabella of Ladd.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Marlene.

Gary was a 1957 graduate of Mendota High School and served in the National Guard. He worked as a machine operator for Caterpillar in Aurora for over 35 years. He loved cooking and golfing.

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**Bird**

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must be picked up at the Bureau County Farm Bureau in Princeton on Monday, Oct. 4 between 4 and 5:30 p.m.

Pre-registration and payment are required by Sept. 17. Payments may be mailed to 1407 N. Main St., Princeton, IL 61356 or pay by phone for a slight service fee at (815) 875-6468.



## LEADS Scholarship established at IVCC

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Leads Group has established a scholarship with the Illinois

For information, contact [illinoisvalley-leads@gmail.com](mailto:illinoisvalley-leads@gmail.com).

Beginning in 1978 and for the next 28 years, he worked at the Oglesby cementmill. It changed names many times from Marquette Cement Company, Gulf and Western/ Lonestar Industries. Dykenhoff and Mertel Trucking grew into a highly-successful business lasting over 30 years. Arlene was a full partner in the business and became the first woman in LaSalle County to earn her chauffeur's license. grateful for all those that had touched their lives throughout the years. Ed died in 2010 at age 69. Melvin died in 1994 at age 71 and Arlene lived to be 93, passing in February 2020.

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

"Just because we can evict doesn't mean we want to," Michael Glasser, president of the NBOA, said in a news release. "Housing providers don't want to go through the long and painful legal process of eviction, especially when they have the opportunity to receive rental assistance. However, having the ability to evict is an important tool. Often, invoking the eviction process brings a tenant to the

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## The pain of war

By Scott Reeder

ROCHESTER – As Americans fled Kabul and desperate Afghans sought to follow, Jerry and Brett Young stood in the yard of their rural Rochester home recently and remembered their boy who never got to see his 26th birthday.

“He loved to skateboard when he was younger. And he loved all kinds of music. He especially liked jazz, the blues and hard rock,” Brett recalled of her son Chad.

His father Jerry pointed to two road signs hanging on a nearby shed.

One designated a portion of Illinois 4 as the “Cpl. James ‘Chad’ Young Memorial Highway.” Another recognized him as a 2003 Glenwood High School graduate killed in that distant land.

This nation honors its war dead, as well it should. I admire the willingness of our servicemen and women to sacrifice for this great nation. But I’m left wondering if our nation is too willing to send men and women into harms’ way.

I’m not a pacifist but I find myself often skeptical of our government’s intentions.

Jimmy Carter, perhaps the best person to be president in my lifetime, annoyed many when he said the U.S. is the most warlike nation in history. That’s a tough pill to swallow. But it’s worth noting that of the 245 years the nation has existed, we have been at war 226 years.

A Brown University study found that since 9/11 the U.S. has spent more than \$6.4 trillion on military actions in the Middle East.

Think how many schools, highways, bridges and parks could have been created with that money.

Of course, those figures understate the cost of war. For families such as the Youngs, the cost has been immeasurable. Tears still flow freely 11 years after his death. And his was one of nearly 7,000 American service men and women killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At least 801,000 people have been killed by direct war violence in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, and Pakistan. Many were civilians.

“You know all politicians lie,” Jerry Young said. “They will say things that aren’t true or they will vote for something they really don’t believe in because someone did them a favor.”

While he had a strong opinion about the integrity, or the lack of it, exhibited by our elected officials, his opinion on the Afghanistan war is muted.

“I really don’t have an opinion on what is happening over there other than it’s sad. It’s like when Osama Bin Laden was killed, some reporter called and wanted our opinion. What are we supposed to say? We are glad he’s dead?”

For Rock Island native Tyler Carroll, the war was almost half his lifetime ago. The 41-year-old, was one of the first soldiers to fight in Afghanistan after 9/11.

“I had friends killed over there and I know others who were badly wounded. And others came home with mental issues,” he said.

The Afghanistan war is the longest in U.S. history. “It’s not affecting me as much as others,” Carroll said. “It was so long ago for me. Was it worth it? Well, our initial mission was to destroy Al Qaeda and make sure the Taliban was not in control. Al Qaeda was damaged, Osama Bin Laden has been killed but the Taliban is back in control. Perhaps they weren’t ready for democracy. But many of the people we interacted with there seemed to want it.”

Democracy runs in Carroll’s blood. He’s a scion of a Quad-City political dynasty. His grandpa is former state Sen. Denny Jacobs, his great grandfather was state Rep. Oral Jacobs and his uncle is former state Sen. Mike Jacobs.

Still, he is skeptical whether the U.S. should impose democracy on other nations.

One shouldn’t be surprised. Most wars end in ambiguity. We honor the abstract causes for which men and women fought—freedom, patriotism, service—but we can also question the wisdom of policies that deployed them into harm’s way.

When I was a child in the 1970s, I didn’t think much about war. I was in 4th grade when Saigon fell in April of 1975.

Not long after that, I was canoeing down a river with my parents and we met another family paddling downstream—a husband, wife and two little girls. The man in the other canoe had no legs.

For the rest of the trip my mother was quiet and contemplative.

Finally, I asked her, “Why doesn’t that man have any legs?”

Her voice cracked and she said, “He lost them in that awful, awful war. We should never have been there.”

Last week, when I saw the hurt in Chad Young’s parent’s eyes and heard the reports from Kabul, I couldn’t help but think the same thing.

(Scott Reeder is a veteran journalist. He works as a reporter in the Springfield area. Scottreeder1965@gmail.com)



Reeder



## Dodge Ram Caravan stops here – 1993

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Sept. 3, 2003.)

By Jessica Nashold

When Chrysler Corporation narrowed the number of suppliers to visit during a 1993 promotional tour for its redesigned Dodge Ram full-size pickup truck, the Mendota Motor Wheel plant was one of 18 stops selected. The new truck was on display here, Sept. 3, 1993. The 16-inch wheels used on the truck were made at Mendota Motor Wheel.

Skip Stachlewitz, plant manager, said 77 percent of the Mendota plant’s output was shipped to Chrysler. Gene Schwingle, an employee, was allowed to make a test run in the new Dodge Ram. His assessment –

**It’s just like riding in a car.**

Bill Prescott, Mendota Chrysler dealer, said he wished he had one of the new Dodge Ram pickups on display.

**We should have it available this month.**

Representatives of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce and members of the city council were also able to preview the new Dodge Ram.

Rainy weather obliged the Tri-County Fair management to hold its queen pageant at the Mendota Civic Center instead of in front of the grandstand at the fairgrounds. There were eight contestants for the title of Tri-County Fair Queen, and 21 were seeking the title of Princess. The 1993 Queen would represent Tri-County at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield in August 1994.

Jamie Ossman of Mendota was chosen 1993 Tri-County Fair Queen. Her attendants were Angela Willis of Lee County and Brenda O’Brien of Bureau County. Jessica Ladenburger was named Tri-County Fair Princess. Her attendants were Karen Dinges and Tatum Miller.

The Labor Day Telethon to raise funds for muscular dystrophy was held at the Mendota Moose Lodge. Bob Thomas was chairman, assisted by the Joerger family and Sonny Henry, who conducted a benefit auction. The auction brought in \$1,768.84.

**Grand total - \$5,500**

## Backtracks & Sidetracks

Kris Neal, director of the Mendota Civic Center, submitted her resignation, to become effective Sept. 10, 1993. She had an opportunity to go into business for herself, too attractive to pass up. Craig Ayers, Civic Center board president, reluctantly accepted her decision and declared it would be difficult to replace her.

**The board will begin a search soon.**

Lauri Beetz, owner of Beetz Me!, a party goods and gift shop on Meriden Street, was visited by the Chamber’s Ambassador Club. They gave her the customary \$2 bill, to remember the day.

**She was now a Chamber member.**

Both District 280, MHS, and District 289, Mendota Elementary Schools, were coping with “the financial situation.” MHS superintendent Michael Duffy thought this “situation” might account for the unusually high number of candidates announcing their intention to run for seats on the boards in the November 1993 election.

In District 280, eight candidates were vying for five seats: Andrew Wujek, Jeff Simonton, Kevin Jones, Joan Schmidt, Steve Manning, Jim Stremlau, Mathew Ramer and Sherry Kuntzi. In District 289, there were several candidates for three seats: Darlene Ayers, David Boelk, Becky Paris, Joel Johnson, Christine Elston and Dean Lubbs.

It was anticipated that the all-weather track at Doenier Field would be completed for use in September 1993. A new scoreboard, donated by Pepsi, had also been installed at Doenier Field.

Prints of a painting, entitled “A New Day,” by Mendota artist August Holland, were to be sold from the frigate

HMS Rose. Some of the proceeds would go to the HMS Rose Foundation, Inc., to help maintain the ship. Holland had first seen the frigate in 1990, when it docked in Chicago during a 6,000-mile voyage on the Great Lakes.

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Small card clubs have been popular in the Mendota area for generations. In September 1993, The Mendota Reporter recorded a cluster of these meetings – Idyll While Club – Sam’s Steak House, Triumph Improvement Club – Sam’s Steak House, Happy Thursday Club – Civic Center, Monday Pinochle Club – home of Florence Mudge.

**Wonder where the regulars at Sam’s Steak House meet now!**

Frances R. Ege, a 25-year member and frequent officer holder of the Mendota Navy Mothers Club, was elected Commander of the Illinois Navy Mothers Club in August 1993.

**Her term is for two years.**

The Mendota City Council approved the re-codification of city ordinances passed since 1985 at a meeting on Sept. 7, 1993. The ordinances passed prior to 1985 had already been processed. The work was to be done at minimum wage by a COE student at MHS. She will do the work during the first semester.

**Amy Northcutt was appointed.**

SIDETRACK – Visitors at the Hume-Carnegie Museum are familiar with the Wild Bill Hickok exhibit there, in which the work of one of his biographers, Joseph G. Rosa, is displayed. Since research never ends, a letter recently surfaced, implying that Hickok’s mother had met him in Mendota, arriving by train. Rosa would like to determine if there was a rail link between Troy Grove and Mendota in 1869.

**Can one of our railroad buff readers help him?**

## The media’s finest hour

By Rich Lowry

Poor Ron Klain.

It’s not a good sign when a White House chief of staff to a Democratic president wants to re-tweet favorable news coverage and all he can find is the least credible and most slavishly loyal commentators on the internet.

The Afghanistan fiasco has created that most disorienting and discomfiting experience for a progressive administration -- a serious bout of critical media coverage immune to White House spin and determined to tell the unvarnished story of an ongoing debacle.

The White House and its allies have lashed out at what they are portraying as an insular, pro-war media ignoring its many successes in the Afghan evacuation.

This, like Ron Klain’s tweeting, is a sign of desperation and of a feeling of outraged betrayal that usually dependable allies have, on this story, switched sides. Say it’s not so, CNN.

The White House is unfamiliar with what it’s like to be on the receiving end of the kind of media feeding frenzy that Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis experiences every other day (almost always involving spurious storylines).

But on Afghanistan, Joe Biden in effect set out to test how much shameless incompetence and dishonesty the media would accept. The answer? Not nearly enough.

The press is blatantly biased and has become even more so over time, repeatedly propagating false narratives that have shredded its credibility. Still, there are limits beyond which even it can’t be pushed.

Biden said that the Afghan withdrawal wouldn’t be another Saigon within weeks of Saigon-like scenes of a hasty evacuation of the U.S. embassy, of terrified Afghans clinging to a U.S. transport plane, of desperate Afghans passing their infants over the barbed wire to Western soldiers guarding the Kabul airport.

There is no number of look-on-the-bright-side briefings that are going to overcome these indelible images, and even a journalist who tilted heavily toward Biden in 2020 and supports his agenda was going to be hard-pressed to look away. The contradiction in Biden’s case for withdrawal was

also too stark to ignore. He originally justified his pullout because the Afghan government and military were capable of defending the country without us, then he justified his exit because the government and military collapsed so quickly. Which was it?

Much of what Biden has said in his remarks and press conferences has been vulnerable to instant fact checks. When he said that Americans weren’t having trouble getting through to the airport, reporters could immediately attest that it wasn’t true.

Who was everyone supposed to believe? Biden’s misleading assurance, or CNN reporter Clarissa Ward’s compelling report from outside the Kabul airport that she was threatened with a whip for not covering her face and her producer nearly pistol whipped? Ward said it was “mayhem” and “a miracle that more people haven’t been very, very seriously hurt.”

The complaints from the administration and its most committed journalistic supporters that the coverage has been unfair and the product of a press biased toward interventionism ring hollow.

It is certainly true that the East Coast media has more cosmopolitan attitudes than the rest of the country, but it’s hardly full of committed foreign policy hawks. The press didn’t notably dissent from President Barack Obama’s pullout from Iraq in 2011 or his nuclear deal with Iran. It has steadfastly favored the so-called peace process in the Middle East.

It’s not as though only the American media has noticed Biden’s ineptitude, either. If anything, our foreign allies have been harsher about the humiliating mess Biden has stumbled into (former British prime minister Tony Blair called it “imbecilic”) than journalists here at home.

Since he won the Democratic nomination last year, Biden has been the subject of relentless favorable press coverage forgiving his lapses and enthusiastic about his alleged accomplishments. It was hard to see what he could do to lose media support, even for a time, and then he botched his withdrawal.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

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# TRI-COUNTY FAIR

## John King to appear Sept. 2 at the Mendota Tri-County Fair

MENDOTA – Chart-topping country singer/songwriter John King will perform at the Mendota Tri-County Fair on Thursday, Sept. 2. The Midway and grandstands will open at 5 p.m. and King will take the stage at 7 p.m.

King, who grew up in the Appalachian foothills of northern Georgia, listened to a wide range of musicians including southern rockers such as Lynyrd Skynyrd and The Black Crowes, classic craftsmen such as James Taylor and Johnny Cash, and 90s country stars, Garth Brooks and Alan Jackson. He worked construction jobs as a teenager. In his spare time, he was usually at home, writing lyrics in a spiral-bound notebook and strumming newly-written songs on an acoustic guitar. By the age of 16, he was writing multiple songs every week, often auditioning them for his friends around the campfire.

“A lot of those early songs were horrible,” he remembers with a laugh, “but if I’ve learned anything about writing songs, it’s the fact that the more songs you write, the better you get. I kept at it. I wrote a lot. By the time I came to Nashville, I already had a strong grasp on the structure of a good song, and that served me well once I got in the writing room with other songwriters.”

King signed his first record deal in 2014. That year, he released his debut single, “Tonight Tonight,” which was featured on the NFL’s Thursday Night Football on CBS.

Since relocating to Tennessee, King’s steady climb toward the top of the country music mainstream has been full of milestones. King co-wrote Randy Houser’s single, “We Went” with Justin Wilson and Matt Rogers. That song reached #1 on Mediabase and Billboard Country Airplay Charts and scored him his first American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Songwriter Award in 2016. King also penned the first Hootie and The Blowfish song to be released since 2005, “Rollin.”

King also became a road warrior playing an average of 150 shows annually while building his audience one gig at a time. Most importantly, he started telling his own story through music, launching



his solo career with “Tonight Tonight” and now releasing his first full-length album with 2021’s “Always Gonna Be You.”

King says this is an autobiographical album whose songs tell a universal story. “Everyone has fallen in love. Everyone’s had a broken heart. Everyone knows what it feels like to start growing up. I want to create music that speaks to people, so I write songs about the experiences we all share,” he said.

“Always Gonna Be You” takes its listeners into the writing room, where the album’s 11 songs - from “Try Saying Goodbye” (already a crowd favorite and viral hit, with more than 18 million streams) to the acoustic “Prettiest Girl in the Room” - were first recorded as demos. King wanted to preserve the raw charm of those homemade recordings, many of which had been tracked mere minutes after the songs were written. Rather than re-record each song in a traditional studio, he co-produced the album with his large group of co-writers and collaborators, using his demos as the foundation for the finished tracks. The result is a country album filled with modern-day twang, heartland hooks, and the same diversity that imbued the music King grew up loving.

“Country music is really exciting right now, because artists are blurring the lines,” he says. “You don’t have to fit into one category. When I step back and listen to these songs, I hear southern rock, country, and pop. I hear me. I don’t know what else to call it. It’s just me.”

Driving home that per-

sonal touch is the album’s storyline, which follows King from his teenage years - back when he installed fireplaces and walkways, sang songs by the campfire, and began dating the girl who would later become his wife - to his modern-day existence. It’s a story of romance and real life, one that’s both fresh and familiar, filled with details we have all experienced: the rush of a new relationship, the brink of a breakup and the thrill of falling in love. With his relatable lyrics and cinematic songwriting, John King has tapped into something that is intimately personal yet also bigger than himself.

“There’s a flow to the album,” says King, an old-school music fan who still remembers the childhood joy of playing a record from top to bottom, experiencing the album the way its artist intended.

Tickets are \$15 for track seating and \$10 for grandstand. Advance tickets are available at Setchell Insurance Agency, 618 6th St., Mendota. Tickets will also be sold at the gate.



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#### Wednesday, Sept. 1

5-7 p.m. - Floral Hall entries brought to fair for judging

#### Thursday, Sept. 2

Floral Hall Judging – Building will remain closed throughout the day and evening to allow for judging

5 p.m. - Midway & Grandstands open

7 p.m. - John King Concert

VIP - \$15; Grandstands - \$10

#### Friday, Sept. 3

3 p.m. - Gates officially open for 2021 Fair. Welcome!

3-9 p.m. - Buildings will be open

3-11 p.m. - Grounds open

7 p.m. - Tractor/Truck Pull

Grandstands: \$10; Pit Passes: \$20

DJ - Rusty Loomis at Beer Garden

#### Saturday, Sept. 4

3-9 p.m. - Buildings will be open

3-11 p.m. - Grounds open

6 p.m. - Megacross Shootout Series

#### Sunday, Sept. 5

Noon-6 p.m. - Buildings will be open

Noon- 11 p.m. - Grounds open

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IVCC Director of Financial Aid Eric Johnson, left, and Transition and Completion Specialist Crystal Credi review the list of HEERF eligible students prior to processing payments. (Photo contributed)

## Several thousand IVCC students to receive share of emergency funds

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College announced 2,700 of their students will soon receive their \$1.7 million share of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF).

HEERF, also known as the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental

Appropriates Act, was authorized in late 2020 and allows for federal funds to be sent directly to students who were enrolled at a postsecondary institution during the Spring 2021 semester.

Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski said, “I am proud

of the work that’s being done by my staff to make a high-quality education affordable to everyone in IVCC’s district.

“It’s never too late to start your journey. Call Crystal Credi at (815) 224-0361 today to begin the process of enrolling.”

## IVCC Board gives approval for \$34.4 million FY ‘22 budget

OGLESBY – Following a public hearing, the Illinois Valley Community College board gave final approval Aug. 12 to a \$34.4 million budget for fiscal 2022.

The budget is up seven percent over the previous year due to more than \$3 million in pandemic-related federal funding.

IVCC received \$3.2 million from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to address student and institutional needs resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak.

In other business, the board approved:

- \$50,000 in fuel cards for the Truck Driver Training Program from WEX Inc.
- Janitorial supplies from Home Depot Pro for \$35,000 and \$30,524 in elevator maintenance services from ThyssenKrupp Elevator of Peoria.
- A Treasurer’s bond for Vice President for Business Services and Finance Matt Seaton for three years for \$28,788 from R.J. Galla and property/casualty insurance from Corkill Insurance Agency for \$131,336.
- Ellucian Colleague maintenance from Ellucian for \$292,600; Microsoft maintenance from CDW for \$27,303; and Cisco Smartnet networking and telephone system maintenance from Burwood Group for \$89,287.
- The resignation of English instructor Adam Oldaker after 14 years. “Most importantly, I have loved teaching and learning from IVCC’s wonderful students,” Oldaker said.
- The resignation of Director of Nursing Jennifer Grobe.
- The appointment of Thomas Quigley as Director of Admissions and Transfer Services. Quigley was a recruiter at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.
- The appointment of Cathy Lenkaitis as nursing lab instructor. Lenkaitis has 29 years’ nursing experience.
- Seeking proposals for a cash farm lease for 146 acres of campus farmland.
- Dean of Natural Sciences and Business Ron Groleau will take on additional duties as interim Dean of Humanities, Fine Arts,

and Social Sciences.

• Following closed session, the board adopted a motion to enter into a release pursuant to a claim being handled by the college’s insurance carrier that involved a personnel/technology issue.

• Approve and retain closed session minutes from July 8.

Trustees learned:

• Seven graduates were honored at the Aug. 5 therapeutic massage graduation. Program coordinator Roxanne Cherpeske also recognized program founder Cherie Monterastelli.

• Shield Illinois will provide saliva-based COVID-19 testing twice-a-week starting Aug. 23. A mass vaccination clinic for students is Aug. 24. “We’re doing all we can to keep employees and students safe during these difficult times,” IVCC President Jerry Corcoran said.

• “It hasn’t been easy and you’re never going to have 100 percent buy-in on sensitive matters like face masks, vaccinations and social distancing, but I’m proud of how things are being handled here and by all district schools,” Corcoran added.

• The Facilities department’s busy spring and summer included upgrading air handlers, new keycard access, fireplace lounge accessibility, bleacher replacement and resurfacing of the perimeter road and two parking lots.

• IVCC will waive the monthly rental fee for one year for food service provider DeMilio’s Italian Deli of Peru.

• A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with AFT Local 1810 regarding the full-time counselor schedule.

• Business Office staff accountant Ashley Gonzales resigned Aug. 6.

• Chad Brokaw was hired as full-time theater/classroom technician.

• The college terminated an intergovernmental agreement with Oglesby regarding use of Gandolfi Field as its home baseball diamond. IVCC is moving to Veteran’s Park in Peru, home of the Prospect League’s Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp.

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**BERNHARDT** – Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bernhardt (Tanya Oertel) of Lacon, boy, Aug. 21, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

## GARAGE SALES & NOTICES

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## POLICE BLOTTER

### NO LICENSE, CANNABIS CHARGE

Patrick Siepke, 25, of Franklin Grove, was charged with no valid driver's license and possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle after a traffic stop at 12th Street and Fourth Avenue at 11:40 a.m. Aug. 23. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### FORGERY

Blake C. Walton, 31, of Chicago, and Parish D. Watts, 34, of Dolton, were each charged with forgery on Aug. 25 after police officers investigated the report of several subjects using purported counterfeit currency to make purchases at local businesses. At 6:30 p.m., police officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of 12th Street and Fourth Avenue, and during the course of the stop and a brief investigation, it was determined the subjects in the vehicle allegedly using the purported counterfeit currency. The subjects were transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge for a bond hearing.

### WARRANT ARREST

Brent M. Reeves, 32, of Cornell, was arrested

at 11:15 p.m. Aug. 25 on a valid LaSalle County failure to appear arrest warrant/possession of drug paraphernalia after Mendota Police received several 9-1-1 calls of a domestic dispute occurring in the 1200 block of First Street. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### DOMESTIC BATTERY, WARRANT ARREST

Albert Davis, 38, of Chicago, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting a physical domestic dispute in the 1800 block of Lincoln Avenue at 7:10 p.m. Aug. 26. Upon arrival, officers learned the suspect had fled the area. While investigating, the subject was located at 7:50 p.m. in the area of First Avenue and 12th Street. Davis was also arrested for a valid Chicago arrest warrant for failure to appear/weapon offense/home invasion, a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/resisting and an original Ogle County arrest warrant/dangerous drugs. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge for a bond hearing.

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# SPORTS

## Trojans chalk up win in season-opener

By Reporter staff

MENDOTA — So far, the transition from the Big Northern Conference to the Three Rivers Conference can be deemed a success for the Mendota Trojans. Granted, it's still early in the process — as early as you can get — but putting a mark in the win column is something the Trojans will cherish after many years of anguish in the Big Northern.

In its very first game in the Three Rivers, Mendota did just enough in every aspect of the game to post a 24-14 victory over Erie-Prophetstown in a cross-over game on Aug. 27 at the MHS field. Although both teams are in the Three Rivers, the game was a non-conference cross-over with Mendota being in the Mississippi Division and E-P in the Rock Division.

The Trojans put points on the board in a variety of ways as the offense, defense and special teams all held up their end of the bargain. The offense churned out 221 yards in the contest, including a big 77-yard touchdown drive late in the game to secure the victory. The defense held Erie-Prophetstown to a meager 130 yards and came away with several key interceptions, while special teams came up big in the punting game and kicked a big field goal in the second half when the game was still tight.

Mendota's biggest play on defense came just over 30 seconds into the second half after a Trojan turnover on the kickoff had the Panthers sitting pretty just two yards from the MHS red zone. With the game tied at 7-7, Erie-Prophetstown kicked off to Mendota to start the third quarter, but as Damien Magallanes continued to fight for yardage after taking the kick, he fumbled and the Panthers' Tyler Ballard pounced on the ball at the Trojan 22-yard line.

Looking to atone for his mistake, Magallanes wasted little time in doing so as on the Panthers' first play from scrimmage, Uzi Angulo pressured Panther quarterback Kolby Franks into throwing an interception into the hands of Magallanes,



Mendota defenders Uzi Angulo and John Gonzalez (No. 23) go high and low to crunch Erie-Prophetstown running back Mason Misfeldt on Aug. 27 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

**Next for the Trojans**  
**Opponent:** Friday, Sept. 3 at Port Byron Riverdale. Varsity game only starting at 6:30 p.m.  
**Last year:** Did not play.  
**Last week:** Riverdale dropped its season-opener to Bureau Valley, 47-12. On three straight possessions, Riverdale's offense tried and failed to convert fourth-down tries, and when the Storm took over the ball, it turned those defensive stands into touchdowns to help it win in a romp.

who sprinted 85 yards for a touchdown. Emilio Perez added the extra-point kick to give Mendota a 14-7 lead.

The Trojan defense forced E-P into a punt on its next offense series and Mendota had good field position to start the drive at the Panther 48. The Trojans drove to inside the

E-P 10-yard line, where on fourth down, Perez booted a 24-yard field to make it a 10-point margin at the 2:19 mark of the third quarter.

The Panthers responded on their ensuing possession when they marched 60 yards in eight plays, capped off by a Franks 5-yard TD run, followed by the extra-point kick by Corey Barnes Jr., to slice the MHS lead back down to three.

But the Trojans essentially put the game on ice when their next series resulted in an 11-play, 77-yard drive ending in a 1-yard touchdown plunge by Angulo with 4:23 left to play. Perez converted the extra-point kick. Mendota's drive used up over five minutes on the clock.

Then on the kickoff, Garrett Zinke rifled a low liner that caromed off of an E-P player and into the waiting arms of Mendota's Omar Gonzalez at the Trojan 49-yard line. Mendota's offense was able to hold onto the ball the remainder of the game to

secure the win.

The Trojans finished the game with 193 yards rushing and 28 passing. Angulo gained 62 yards on 13 carries and Magallanes had 59 yards on 16 totes. Magallanes also caught two of Ted Landgraf's three completions for 18 yards. E-P quarterback Franks led his team in rushing with 72 yards on 12 attempts.

Franks and running back Connor Sibley got their team off to a good start after taking the game's opening kick. Sibley ripped off a 36-yard run to the Mendota 40, and then on fourth-and-15 from the 32, Franks completed a 17-yard pass to Trevor Cobo for a first down at the Trojan 15-yard line. But Mendota's Ryne Strauss put a halt to the drive when he picked off a Franks offering at the 9-yard line.

After a scoreless first quarter, each team tallied

See Football, Page B2

## Trojans unstoppable in a perfect 8-0 start

□ Mendota has allowed only one goal

Mendota and Sonoma hooked up in a tight soccer game that went to the Trojans, 1-0, on Aug. 25 at the MHS field.

Izaiah Nanez booted home the lone goal of the contest, while Yahir Diaz picked up the assist.



Diaz

The Trojans allowed only one goal in five games to claim the Oregon Tournament championship held Aug. 27-28.

Mendota started out with a 2-1 win over Rockford East. Diaz and Jonathan Cortez had the MHS goals, while Manny Trejo picked up four saves in goal.

The Trojans banked Orion-Sherrard, 4-0, in their second game of the tournament. Finding the net for Mendota were Diaz, Nanez, Isaac Guzman and Iker Landeros. Ricky Orozco had two assists, while Diaz and Edgar Arteaga each had one assist.

Mendota dominated Schaumburg Christian, 7-0. Jasiel Watson paced the attack with three goals, while Arteaga scored a

pair of goals, and Diaz and Landeros added one apiece. Diaz assisted on two goals, while Arteaga, Landeros, Kaleb Kleckner and Mauricio Martinez had one assist apiece.

It was another seven-goal explosion for the Trojans in a 7-0 whitewash of Riverdale in the fourth game of the tournament. Diaz and Josue Arteaga had three goals apiece to lead MHS to victory. Nanez tallied the other goal. Nanez also collected a pair of assists, while Orozco, Arteaga and Rafael Romero each recorded one assist.

In the championship match, Mendota posted a 2-0 win over Woodstock. Diaz and Cortez got the Trojan goals, with Diaz assisting on Cortez's. Trejo had one goalie save.

It was yet another shutout for the Trojans as they rolled over DePue, 9-0, on Aug. 30 at the MHS field.

Diaz tallied three goals and an assist to lead the charge. Cortez and Watson added two goals apiece, while Orozco and Nanez also found the net. Orozco and Luis Garcia picked up assists.

Mendota improved to 8-0 on the season, with seven of those wins being shutouts.

## Golfers claim two wins

MENDOTA — The Mendota varsity golf team chalked up wins over Sterling Newman and Orion on Aug. 26 at the Mendota Golf Club.

The Trojans and Newman both ended with a score of 170, but MHS prevailed with the fifth individual score being three strokes under Newman's fifth player. Orion shot a 193.

MHS's Ethan Hanaman earned meet medalist honors with a sizzling round of 37. Logan Brandner checked in next with a 40, while

Owen Aughenbaugh carded a 46. Clay Buffington (47), Drake Dennis (52) and Liam McGann (52) completed the Trojan lineup.

Mendota (204) beat out Newman (261) in junior varsity competition.

Cale Strauss of Mendota recorded the low round in the meet with a 45. Also competing for the Trojans were Dom Stamberger (50), Evan McPheeters (54), Jacob Ensor (55), Braden McPheeters (57) and Jack Mikolasek (64).

## Netters have good first week

MENDOTA — The Mendota varsity girls' tennis team is off to a fast start with wins over Pontiac, LaSalle-Peru and St. Bede to start the season.

Mendota hosted Pontiac on Aug. 24 and came away with a 4-1 victory. Alex Stremlau and Alexis Finley claimed both singles matches for the Lady Trojans, while MHS captured two of the three doubles matches. The teams of Lizzy Bresley-Jackie Cortez and Talya Schwaegerman-Isabelle Escatel picked up wins.

LaSalle-Peru and St. Bede traveled to the Mendota courts for a triangular meet on Aug. 26. Against L-P, the Lady Trojans posted a 3-2 win. Finley was a winner in her singles match. Doubles victories went to Bresley-Zoe Finley and Schwaegerman-Escatel.

Mendota turned back St. Bede, 4-1. Stremlau and Finley swept the singles matches for the Lady Trojans, while the doubles duos of Bresley-Finley and Schwaegerman-Escatel also were victorious.

Aug. 24

Mendota 4, Pontiac 1

Singles: No. 1 — Alex

Stemmlau (M) def. Weber (P), 10-2; No. 2 — Alexis Finley (M) def. Birkett (P), 10-0.

**Doubles:** No. 1 — DiNardi-Cotter (P) def. Zoe Finley-KayLee Barkman (M), 10-6; No. 2 — Lizzy Bresley-Jackie Cortez (M) def. Pozdol-Branz (P), 10-2; No. 3 — Talya Schwaegerman-Isabelle Escatel (M) def. Hefelfinger-Burger (P), 10-4 Aug. 26

**Mendota 3, LaSalle-Peru 2**  
**Singles:** No. 1 — Miller (LP) def. Stremlau (M), 6-0, 6-2; No. 2 — Alexis Finley (M) def. Hachenberger (LP), 2-0

**Doubles:** No. 1 — Lannen-Engels (LP) def. Barkman-Cortez (M), 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 — Bresley-Finley (M) def. Greening-Smudzinski (LP), 7-6, 3-6 (10-8); No. 3 — Schwaegerman-Escatel (M) def. Waite-Keith (LP), 6-4, 6-4

**Mendota 4, St. Bede 1**  
**Singles:** No. 1 — Stremlau (M) def. Kraml (SB), 6-1, 6-1; No. 2 — Finley (M) def. Delatorre (SB), 6-1, 6-2

**Doubles:** No. 1 — Nawa-McGunnigal (SB) def. Barkman-Cortez (M), 7-5, 6-4; No. 2 — Bresley-Finley (M) def. Michaels-Morrow (SB), 6-1, 6-1; No. 3 — Schwaegerman-Escatel (M) def. Shirz-Talles (SB), 6-4, 6-1



Mendota's Reanna Brant gets a block on a kill attempt by Amboy's Lexi Ketchum on Aug. 26 at the MHS gym. Maya Martin of the Spikers provides assistance. (Reporter photo)

## Spikers off to fast start

The Mendota Spikers opened the 2021 volleyball season with a two-set victory over Putnam County, 25-17, 25-23, on Aug. 24 at Granville.

Marah Setchell paced the attack with eight kills and four blocks. Lauren Martin led with four ace serves and 16 digs. Kya Delao picked up nine assists, while Paige Manning supplied four kills and Meredith McConville

added three blocks.

The Spikers moved to 2-0 on the season with a 25-12, 25-5 decision over Amboy in the home opener on Aug. 26.

Setchell, McConville and Bailey Baird led the net game with four kills apiece. Lauren Martin provided 16 digs and Delao posted 13 assists.

## MHS harriers open season in 5-team meet

KINGSTON — The Mendota High School cross country team opened its 2021 season at Walcamp in Kingston on Aug. 26 against runners from host school Genoa-Kingston, Elgin Harvest Christian, North Boone and Stillman Valley.

The girls' race of 22 was won by Eva Camp of Harvest Christian (19:50), with Genoa-Kingston's Kaitlyn Jerbi placing second (21:45) and Harvest Christian's Emma Leslie (23:18) taking third. Fourth place belonged to Mendota's lone runner, Aliza Salinas-Cervantes, posting a time of 24:31.

Harvest Christian earned the top team score of 27 points, followed by Genoa-Kingston (39) and Stillman Valley (57).

In the boys' run, Harvest Academy took seven of the top eight finishes, led by Daniel Winkelman (16:11), David Peterson (17:20) and Carson Welsh (17:32). Mendota harriers each finished in the top half of the field with Anthony Kelson (9th, 19:47), Alex Hermosillo (10th, 19:51), Andrew Stamberger (12th, 20:22) and Dagen Setchell (13th, 21:35).

Harvest Christian tallied a perfect 15 to win, followed by Genoa Kingston (50).

## Hoop club plans golf outing

MENDOTA — The Mendota Point Guard Club will be hosting its inaugural golf outing on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Mendota Golf Club. The golf outing will be a shotgun start at 2:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. The cost is \$240 per 4-person team, which includes dinner. There will be prizes, games, 50/50, and payouts to the top teams. There is no handicap limit.

All proceeds will go toward the Mendota basketball program.

For more information, email mendotapgclub@yahoo.com



# SPORTS

## Football

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a touchdown in the second period. A bad snap on a Panther punt attempt resulted in Cobo being tackled at his own 26. Seven plays later, Angulo bulled his way into

the end zone from 1-yard out, followed by a Perez extra-point kick to give the Trojans a 7-0 lead.

On E-P's next possession, Perez intercepted a Franks pass at the Trojan 48, but the offense stalled and was

forced to punt the ball away. Cobo gathered in the punt at the 22 and then tight-roped the sideline for 78 yards and a Panther touchdown. Barnes Jr. was successful on the extra-point kick to tie the game at 7-7.

### • Trojan Yardstick •

#### MENDOTA 24, ERIE-PROPHETSTOWN 14

Erie-Prophetstown	0	7	0	7	-	14
Mendota	0	7	10	7	-	24

#### SCORING SUMMARY

ME - Angulo 1 run (Perez kick), 8:30 2Q  
 EP - Cobo 78 punt return (Barnes Jr. kick), 4:08 2Q  
 ME - Magallanes 85 interception return (Perez kick), 11:29 3Q  
 ME - Perez 24 field goal, 2:19 3Q  
 EP - Franks 7 run (Barnes Jr. kick), 9:32 4Q  
 ME - Angulo 1 run (Perez kick), 4:23 4Q

	EP	ME
First Downs	7	19
Rushes-Yards	27-108	50-193
Passing Yards	22	28
Passes	2-8-3	3-5-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Punts-Avg	2-33	2-45
Penalties-Yards	8-50	3-20

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

**Rushing** – MENDOTA: Angulo 13-62, Magallanes 16-59, Childs 10-39, Landgraf 11-33; ERIE-P: Franks 12-72, Sibley 9-35, Misfeldt 3-15, Grunder 2-6, Cobo 1-(minus 20).

**Passing** – MENDOTA: Landgraf 3-5-0-28; ERIE-P: Franks 2-8-3-22.

**Receiving** – MENDOTA: Magallanes 2-18, Perez 1-10; ERIE-P: Cobo 1-17, Sibley 1-5.

## Erie-P. turns back F-S gridders, 30-14

ERIE – Erie-Prophetstown downed the Mendota freshman-sophomore football team, 30-14, on Aug. 30 at Erie.

Erie-P opened up a 16-0 lead after the opening stanza on TD runs of 8 and 3 yards and a pair of successful two-point conversions.

The Trojans dented the scoreboard at the 3:18 mark of the second quarter when Keith Grim darted into the end zone from 5 yards out, followed by a Damien Medina extra-point kick.

The Panthers managed to stretch their lead out to 24-7 with just 44 seconds left before

the half on a 14-yard touchdown run and a two-point run.

Each team exchanged scores in the fourth period. Grim broke the goal line from 1 yard out early in the quarter and Medina booted the extra point.

E-P wrapped up the scoring on a 28-yard TD scamper.

Mendota finished with 163 total yards compared to 285 for E-P. All but 13 of the Trojans' yards were on the ground. Grim had 49 yards on 10 attempts, Domenic Richey gained 43 yards on 10 carries and Justin Randolph picked up 35 yards in 10 totes.



### Three Rivers Mississippi Football Standings

	TR	QA
Mendota	0-0	1-0
Bureau Valley	0-0	1-0
St. Bede	0-0	1-0
Princeton	0-0	1-0
Sterling Newman	0-0	1-0
Kewanee	0-0	1-0
Hall	0-0	0-1

#### Friday, Aug. 27

Mendota 24, Erie-P. 14  
 Kewanee 42, Monmouth-R. 8  
 Bureau Valley 47, Riverdale 12  
 St. Bede 53, Sherrard 0  
 Princeton 48, Rockridge 7  
 Orion 26, Hall 15

#### Saturday, Aug. 28

Newman 34, Morrison 6

#### Friday, Sept. 3

Mendota at Riverdale  
 Kewanee at Morrison  
 Bureau Valley at Sherrard  
 St. Bede at Erie-Prophetstown  
 Princeton at Orion  
 Hall at Monmouth-Roseville  
 Newman at Rockridge



Mendota's Anthony Childs is just able to elude the diving tackle attempt of Erie-Prophetstown's Connor Sibley on Aug. 27 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** I saw a preview for a new “CSI” show called “CSI: Vegas.” It looked like it had a couple of the original stars. Wasn’t the original “CSI” (no city in the title) set in Las Vegas anyway? I get so confused with “CSI” and “NCIS” and all their many spinoffs. -- **M.E.**



Jorja Fox

**A:** There have been four installments of the “CSI” franchise since it all began in 2000 with “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,” which ran for 15 seasons and was set in Las Vegas. It was followed by “CSI: Miami,” which ran from 2002-12, “CSI: NY,” which aired from 2004-13, and “CSI: Cyber,” which first aired in 2015 lasted just two seasons. The upcoming “CSI: Vegas” is being billed as a limited series starring original “CSI” actors William Peterson, Jorja Fox and Wallace Langham. Joining them are new faces Paula Newsome (“Barry”), Mel Rodriguez (“Last Man on Earth”), Mandeep Dhillon (“After Life”) and Matt Lauria (“Parenthood”). Incidentally, Lauria played a detective on a few episodes

of the original “CSI,” but I’m assuming we’re supposed to erase that from our memory. “CSI: Vegas” will premiere Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 10 p.m. ET on CBS. Even though the plan is for it to air just one season, don’t be surprised if it gets renewed since, with the exception of “Cyber,” the “CSI” shows generate big ratings, which equals big money. \*\*\*

**Q:** When is the new “Yellowstone” prequel going to air? Is it really true that Faith Hill will be in it? Has she ever acted before? -- **A.N.**

**A:** The “Yellowstone” prequel, titled “1883” (or “Y:1883” depending on which source you read), will be ready for streaming on Paramount+ beginning Dec. 19. According to TV Guide, it stars the always excellent Sam Elliott (“Mask,” “The Ranch”) as Shea Brennan, “a tough-as-nails, handsome cowboy” who guides the Dutton ancestors (played by married country music stars Tim McGraw and Faith Hill) from Texas to Montana during the Long Depression.

Season four of the modern-day “Yellowstone” starring Kevin Costner premieres Nov. 7 on the Paramount Network, which can be found

on cable TV. “1883” will air exclusively on Paramount+, a subscription service that is currently \$4.99 a month with ads and \$9.99 a month ad-free. For more information, visit [Paramountplus.com](http://Paramountplus.com). \*\*\*

**Q:** Whatever happened to actress Alison Lohman from the movies “White Oleander” and “Matchstick Men”? She was so good. -- **G.C.**

**A:** Alison Lohman started out acting in local theater as a child in Palm Springs, California, and earned critical acclaim in her 20s in the independent films “White Oleander” and “Matchstick Men.” She went on to have her first huge box-office success in the 2009 horror film “Drag Me to Hell” and retired from acting a few years later. She’s currently raising a family with her director husband Mark Neveldine (“Crank,” “Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance”) while also giving private acting lessons to aspiring thespians. You can check out her website [ActwithAlison.com](http://ActwithAlison.com).

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By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD**--Ashton Kutcher, who starred for eight seasons in “That ‘70s Show” and 84 episodes of “Two and a Half Men,” will now take on Reese Witherspoon in Netflix’s “Your Place or Mine?”



A. Kutcher

From the screenwriter of “The Devil Wears Prada” and “Crazy Ex-Girlfriend,” two best friends, on opposite coasts, swap homes for a week and find it completely changes their lives. Witherspoon has completed “Where the Crawdads Sing” and is prepping “Legally Blond 3.” Season two of her TV series “The Morning Show” drops Sept. 17 on Apple TV+. Meanwhile, Kutcher is awaiting release of James Franco’s “The Long Home” and “Vengeance,” written, directed and starring B.J. Novak. \*\*\*

Nicholas Hoult, of “X-Men Apocalypse” (2015), “Deadpool 2” (2018) and “The Favourite” (2018), and more recently opposite Angelina Jolie in “Those

## Hollywood

Who Wish Me Dead,” is currently shooting “The Menu,” with Ralph Fiennes and Anya Taylor-Joy, and will next play “Renfield” (Dracula’s henchman), set in modern times. This comes as Universal is reviving “The Wolfman,” with Ryan Reynolds, and another reboot of “Van Helsing” (the last one, with Hugh Jackman in 2004, scored big). \*\*\*

Brendan Fraser, who became a star after “Gods and Monsters” (1998), three “Mummy” movies (1999/2001/2008) and the 3D epic “Journey to the Center of the Earth” (2008), is on the comeback trail. His last film, Steven Soderbergh’s “No Sudden Move,” with Don Cheadle, Benicio Del Toro and Jon Hamm, didn’t impress. However, Martin Scorsese has added him to “Killers of the Flower Moon,” starring Robert DeNiro and Leonardo DiCaprio (for Apple TV and Paramount). He’ll also co-star with Peter Dinklage, Josh Brolin and Glenn Close in the comedy “Brothers,” followed by Darren Aronofsky’s “The Whale,” with Hong Chau. Oh yes, he’ll return in season

three of the HBO Max series “Doom Patrol,” starring Matt Bomer and former “007” Timothy Dalton. \*\*\*

Seth MacFarlane, “Family Guy” creator and its character voices, is furious with Fox TV because he wanted to leave the network, citing Tucker Carlson’s truth-stretching as a source of embarrassment. He negotiated a deal with NBC/Universal to try and break free from Fox TV, but they countered by renewing “Family Guy,” for its 21st season. MacFarlane is a survivor, after all. Missing a flight in Boston because he was late saved his life, because that plane flew into the Twin Towers on 9/11. “Family Guy” has won five Emmys, and MacFarlane himself won an Oscar for his song “Everybody Needs a Best Friend” (from “Ted”) and an Emmy for hosting the Oscars. Fox is not letting him go anywhere. With a net worth of \$300 million, he should have made Fox TV an offer they couldn’t refuse. ... Cue MacFarlane saying in Brando’s “Godfather” voice, “I get no respect!”

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## Couch Theater

“Happier Than Ever: A Love Letter to Los Angeles” -- With in-person concerts still in the sketchy zone of safety, recording phenom Billie Eilish graces us with a fancy concert to watch from home. Filmed at the Hollywood Bowl, Eilish performs every song, in order, on her soon-to-be-released “Happier Than Ever” album. Accompanied by the L.A. Philharmonic and featuring the Los Angeles Children’s Chorus, she touts the concert as a tribute to her hometown. The production incorporates extensive animated visuals as part of the storytelling, along with iconic backdrops of the city. Premiering Sept. 3. (Disney+)

“Hart to Heart” -- I will be the first to admit that in the pool of celebrities who could potentially carry a talk show, Kevin Hart did not make my short list (pun not intended). But the comedian’s new venture is surprisingly watchable. His first celebrity guest

for the hour-long Peacock original was singer/actress Miley Cyrus, and the two established a great rapport and played off each other smoothly. Even the show’s set design is fresh and interesting. Upcoming guests include fellow show hosts Jimmy Kimmel and Kelly Clarkson, which should make for relatively clever banter. Call this one the season’s surprise hit. (Peacock)

“Only Murders in the Building” -- The comedy team of Steve Martin and Martin Short is together again, now with the added bonus of Selena Gomez. The trio play neighbors who are strangers to each other until they’re informed of a murder in their building. Their shared obsessions with true-crime mysteries turn them into a band of amateur sleuths, suspecting everyone in the building of the crime, including each other. What follows is a silly quest of on-the-sly, CSI-type probing

and their own true-crime podcast. This 10-episode series also includes appearances by more big names like Nathan Lane, Tina Fey and Sting (yes, really ... Sting!). (Hulu)

“The Dawn Wall” -- Rock climbers are a special kind of athlete. Not only can they scale the flat side of a mountain using only their fingertips and toes, but they possess a unique internal drive for pursuing their sport. After experiencing two significant events that would have made most people give up climbing on the spot and never look back, Tommy Caldwell managed to turn anguish and tragedy into his strongest motivator yet. His ultimate goal of successfully completing a never-before-climbed face of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park was thought impossible. Even if climbing isn’t your thing, watch this documentary for the incredible scenery. (Netflix)

## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

\* Kite flying is an official sport in Thailand.

\* It’s not unusual to cry at weddings, but in certain parts of China, weeping is a required part of preparation for the big day. A month before they tie the knot, Tujia brides will cry for one hour each day. Ten days in, they’re joined by their mothers; ten days after that, grandmothers, and eventually other female family members. The practice is said to date to China’s Warring States era when the mother of a Zhao princess broke down in tears at her wedding.

\* The Chinese soft-shelled turtle urinates from its mouth.

\* Fashion designer Michael Kors’ first project was a redesign of his own mother’s wedding dress, at her second marriage. He was 5 years old at the time.

\* Too much sunlight can damage the algae that live inside shallow-water coral and are the main source of its sustenance. To protect this algae, the corals fluoresce, creating proteins that essentially serve as a sunscreen.

\* The Greek national anthem consists of 158 verses.

\* We all know hiccups can be annoying, but at least they tend to pass quickly -- unless you were Charles Osborne, who began hiccupping in 1922 after a fall while attempting to weigh a hog before slaughtering it, and continued doing so for a total of 68 years. That’s an estimated 430 million hiccups!

\* Leeches have a brain in each of their 32 body segments.

\* Looking to expand your ice-cream palate? Masiwa, a cafe chain in South Korea, offers a black-hued, squid ink-flavored version, served in glasses with an octopus mascot.

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## • Trivia Test •

1. MOVIES: What is the name of the trouble-making fraternity in “National Lampoon’s Animal House”?
2. LITERATURE: What kind of pet does Neville have in the Harry Potter book series?
3. MUSIC: Which singer/songwriter is nicknamed the Queen of Soul?
4. GAMES: In the NFL, how long is the halftime?
5. TELEVISION: What is the name of Mork’s planet on “Mork & Mindy”?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Tokyo is located on which of Japan’s four main islands?
7. MEDICAL: What is the common name for deglutition?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of tigers called?

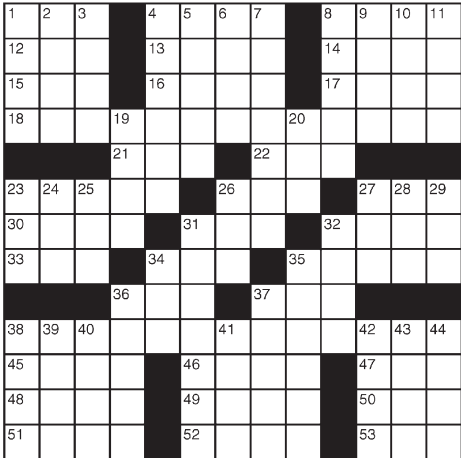
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What word represents the letter “U” in the NATO phonetic alphabet code?
10. SCIENCE: What is the “powerhouse” of the cell called?

- Answers
1. Delta Tau Chi or Delta House
  2. A toad named Trevor
  3. Aretha Franklin
  4. 12-15 minutes, except for the Super Bowl
  5. Ork
  6. Honshu
  7. Swallowing
  8. A streak or ambush
  9. Uniform
  10. Mitochondria, the organelle responsible for energy production
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Wee dollop
- 4 “I smell —!”
- 8 Lose it
- 12 Single
- 13 Only
- 14 Chantilly, e.g.
- 15 Vitamin stat
- 16 Frost
- 17 “ — Misbehavin’”
- 18 Improbable, unexpected wonders
- 21 Existed
- 22 Squid squirt
- 23 Song of praise
- 26 Frequently
- 27 “Lion” actor Patel
- 30 Intends
- 31 Dinner for Dobbin
- 32 Seethe
- 33 Sample
- 34 “Shool!”
- 35 Crazy Horse, for one
- 36 Mountain pass
- 37 Hot tub
- 38 Insignificant sum
- 45 Car
- 46 “Who —?”
- 47 Ultimate
- 48 Leisurely
- 49 Fashion magazine



- 50 Multipurpose truck
- 51 Bottom lines?
- 52 Lushes
- 53 Melancholy
- 1 Teen’s woe
- 11 Favorites
- 19 They give a hoot
- 20 Busy insect
- 23 Bit of butter
- 24 Knightly address
- 25 Actress Adams
- 26 Feedbag morsel
- 27 Pair with an air
- 28 Outback bird
- 29 Irritate
- 31 Many Woodstock
- 32 Edicts
- 34 Guy’s date
- 35 Sudden bursts
- 36 Radiates
- 37 Long-legged shorebird
- 38 Obi
- 39 Stubborn beast
- 40 Molecule part
- 41 Norway’s capital
- 42 Burden
- 43 Jazz singer James
- 44 Molt

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Weekly SUDOKU  
by Linda Thistle

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		1	9			4		
8				6				9
9					8	3		
	4			3			1	
		8	7				9	2
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

### MENDOTA

#### ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

Rev. Peter A. Pilon, Pastor  
Ray Fischer, Jose Lopez,  
and Hector Diaz, Deacons  
.....

#### HOLY CROSS, MENDOTA

Weekday Mass  
Weekend Mass  
Confession

#### STS. PETER AND PAUL, PETERSTOWN

Weekend Mass  
Confession

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

100 E. Sixth St.  
(815) 538-5587  
.....

Rev. Mary Bohall, Pastor

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

In-person & on Facebook at:

Mendota First United  
Methodist Church

Sept. 2 - Pastor Mary leads Heritage  
worship, 8:30-11 a.m. Garage sale workday

Sept. 5 - 9 a.m. Sunday school,

9 a.m. Fellowship time,  
9:30 a.m. Worship

Sept. 6 - Labor Day-Church office closed

Sept. 7 - Garage sale workday,  
Noon-L.E.A.S.E.

Sept. 8 - Beef dinner, drive-through only

#### ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

808 Jefferson St.  
.....

Pastor Jeff Brace

jbrace8459@gmail.com

Church office  
(815) 538-2186

Facebook: Mendota Zion United  
Methodist Church

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Sunday School for Preschool - 6th grade  
in fellowship hall during worship service  
(Parking lot worship available on 90.9 FM  
during Sunday services)

TUESDAY - Prayer group 6 p.m.

FRIDAY - Youth group 6 p.m.

#### COME AS YOU ARE BAPTIST CHURCH

900 Monroe St.  
(815) 503-0307  
.....

James Duncan, Pastor

Website: [www.cayabc.com](http://www.cayabc.com)

Email prayer requests:  
[prayer@cayabc.com](mailto:prayer@cayabc.com)

SUNDAY: Worship

### Do The Right

By Norman Macleod

Courage, brother! do not  
stumble,  
Tho thy path be dark as night;  
There's a star to guide the  
humble -  
Trust in God and do the right.

Let the road be dark and  
dreary,  
And its end far out of sight,  
Face it bravely!  
strong or weary -  
Trust in God and do the right

#### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Route 251 North  
(815) 539-6861  
.....

Rev. Charles Yeakel, Pastor

E-mail: [mendotaupc@yahoo.com](mailto:mendotaupc@yahoo.com)  
[www.mendotaupc.org](http://www.mendotaupc.org)

SUNDAY: Christian Education  
Sunday Worship

WEDNESDAY

#### VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

"Faithful & Effective"

505 W. 7th Ave.

(815) 539-9081  
.....

Pastor Steve Breedlove

SUNDAY

Sunday school

Worship

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Service

#### NEW COVENANT ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rt. 251 at Lake Mendota  
P.O. Box 54

Phone (815) 539-7107 (church)  
(815) 871-5702 (pastor)  
.....

Larry Sheaves, Pastor

[www.newcovenantmendota.org](http://www.newcovenantmendota.org)  
[www.facebook.com/NCAOG](https://www.facebook.com/NCAOG)

"Preaching the blood, book and  
blessed hope."

Sunday School

Worship

#### MENDOTA BIBLE CHURCH

Rt. 251, 1/2 mile south of  
Mendota

(815) 538-6876  
.....

Brian Kelly, Pastor

[www.mendotabiblechurch.org](http://www.mendotabiblechurch.org)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School

Worship

Evening Service

#### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

607 Tenth Ave.  
(815) 539-5626  
.....

Rev. Ken Gibson, Pastor

E-mail: [office@stjohnsmendota.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmendota.org)

Website:

[www.stjohnsmendota.org](http://www.stjohnsmendota.org)

Schedule:

9 a.m. Sunday Worship in person  
and online via Facebook and Zoom  
Find us on Facebook

NOTE: Please contact your  
individual church regarding  
online services or for other  
church-related information.

#### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



The ravens brought him bread  
and meat in the morning, and  
bread and meat in the evening;  
and he drank from the brook.

1 KINGS 17:6

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#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1003 5th St. • (815) 538-5603  
.....

Rev. Susan Presley

Website: [fpcmendota.com](http://fpcmendota.com)

Accessible

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Sept. 1 - 10 a.m. Bible study,  
7 p.m. Bible study in-person & on Zoom  
Sept. 4 - Scott Vander Hamm Jr. wedding  
Sept. 5 - 10 a.m. Worship/communion  
Facebook Live, 11 a.m. Coffee Hour  
Sept. 6 - Labor Day-Church office closed  
Sept. 7 - 5 p.m. Boy Scouts  
Sept. 8 - 10 a.m. Bible study,  
7 p.m. Bible study in-person & on Zoom

Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/fpcmendota](https://www.facebook.com/fpcmendota)

Wednesday Evening Gathering:

Live Zoom at 7 p.m.

[https://us02web.zoom.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86402369150)

[us/j/86402369150](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86402369150)

To call in for audio only, dial

(312) 626-6799 - use meeting

ID: 864 0236 9150

Might be Bible Study, might be  
fellowship, might be sharing.

No passwords required; links &  
phone numbers stay the same.

#### CHRIST'S CHURCH

"He is the Head of the Body, the  
Church . . . That in everything He  
might have the supremacy." Col. 1:18

1107 Main St. • (815) 503-1273  
.....

Dave Manion ♦ Jim McDowell  
Wayne Shuman

Please join us for . . .

Sunday Bible Study (all ages)

Sunday Worship

Church Builders

Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer

Saturday Men's Ministry

Non-denominational

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### COMPTON

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398 Church Road, Compton  
.....

Pastor Jeffrey Schlesinger

(815) 539-6567

Wheelchair accessible

Website: [www.ilccompton.org](http://www.ilccompton.org)

E-mail: [immanuellutherancompton@live.com](mailto:immanuellutherancompton@live.com)

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Indoor worship at  
Immanuel

10:30 a.m. Indoor worship at First

OUTDOOR SERVICES - IMMANUEL

Sept. 12, Oct. 10

(weather permitting)

Online "devotional service" videos will  
continue every Sunday through  
[facebook.com/ilccompton](https://facebook.com/ilccompton) and  
YouTube. Check our website and  
Facebook page for more information  
as we transition to in-person worship.

#### COMPTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

139 W. Chestnut

Compton

(815) 497-2491  
.....

Pastor Dana Cox

[pawpawumc@juno.com](mailto:pawpawumc@juno.com)

Sunday Worship

### LA MOILLE

#### ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

LaMoille (Clarion)

4 miles west of Mendota on Rt. 34

(815) 539-7820  
.....

Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Accessible

#### COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

La Moille

(815) 638-2348  
.....

Pastor David Jungnickel

E-mail: [lamoillecumc@gmail.com](mailto:lamoillecumc@gmail.com)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery available

### TROY GROVE

#### FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

208 W. South St.,  
Troy Grove  
.....

Pastor Brian Hamiel

Website: [www.faithbiblefellowship.info](http://www.faithbiblefellowship.info)

E-mail: [fbfchurch20817@gmail.com](mailto:fbfchurch20817@gmail.com)

"At Faith Bible Fellowship, we exist  
to glorify God through the equipping  
of His saints, teaching of His Word  
and raising of His name.

We would love to have you join us  
to worship and learn about  
our risen Savior."

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9 a.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE - 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 6:30 p.m.

### BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Labor in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 20:35, "That so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words, it is more \_\_\_\_ to give than to receive."  
Righteous, Understanding, Blessed, Bountiful
3. Ecclesiastes 3:13 states, "And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the \_\_\_\_ of God." Will, Gift, Guidance, Law
4. From Proverbs 14:23, "In all labor there is profit: but the \_\_\_\_ of the lips tendeth only to penury."  
Whispering, Closing, Talk, Howling
5. In Ephesians 4:28, "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his \_\_\_\_."  
Brothers, Soul, Might, Hands
6. From Exodus 20:9, how many days shalt thou labor and do all thy work?  
Two, Four, Six, Seven

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Blessed;  
3) Gift; 4) Talk; 5) Hands; 6) Six

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you to attend a  
house of worship  
this week.

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Phone (815) 539-5656

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706 Washington St., Mendota, Ill.  
Phone (815) 538-2265

MENDOTA MONUMENT CO.  
606 Main St, Mendota, Ill.  
Phone (815) 539-7276

MERRITT FUNERAL HOME  
800 Monroe St., Mendota, Ill.  
Phone (815) 539-7211

SPORTS-N-STUFF, INC.  
804 Washington, Mendota, Ill.  
Phone (815) 539-6354

STEPHENITCH DO IT BEST HARDWARE  
1204 13th Ave., Mendota, Ill.  
Phone (815) 539-9394

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801 Monroe, Mendota, Ill.  
Phone (815) 539-3828

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2112 W. Main St., Mendota, Ill.  
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## 101 LEGALS

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF SALE  
of Property Owned by  
the City of Mendota  
and Invitation to Bid  
Thereon  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE  
THAT the City Council  
of the City of Mendota  
will receive sealed  
bids for the purchase,  
under the successful  
bid, of the fee simple  
interest in the following  
real property:  
THE S 45' OF LOT 3  
IN BLOCK 9 AND THE  
S 1/2 OF THE N 15'  
OF LOT 3 AND THE  
S 22 1/2' OF LOT 4 IN  
BLOCK 9 ALL IN THE  
IL CENTRAL RR CO'S  
ADDITION TO THE  
CITY OF MENDOTA,  
LASALLE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS.

which property is  
generally located  
at 905 6th Avenue,

Mendota, IL and is  
currently devoted to  
a vacant residentially  
zoned lot.  
Bids for the purchase  
of the aforesaid interest  
in the above-described  
property are hereby  
invited and will be  
received by the city  
clerk at 800 Washington  
Street, Mendota, IL  
61342 between the  
hours of 7am until  
4pm on September 20,  
2021, the date for the  
opening of bids. Said  
proposals shall be  
addressed to:  
City Council of the City  
of Mendota  
c/o City Clerk  
800 Washington Street  
Mendota, Illinois 61342  
and shall bear the  
legend "PROPOSAL  
- SALE OF 905 6TH  
AVENUE" and the  
name, address and  
phone number of the  
bidder.  
All bids received will  
be publicly opened

and read aloud at the  
regular meeting of the  
City Council of the City  
of Mendota at 5:30pm  
on Monday, September  
20, 2021.  
A contract may be  
awarded to the highest  
bidder whose bid is  
found to be in the best  
interests of the City of  
Mendota. The City of  
Mendota reserves the  
right to reject any and  
all bids and to waive  
any informalities or  
irregularities in the  
bidding. The City of  
Mendota further  
reserves the right to  
review and study any  
and all bids and to  
make a contract award  
within 30 days after  
the bids have been  
opened and publicly  
read.  
Copies and bidding  
documents may be  
obtained at the office of  
the City Clerk.  
No. 0804 (Aug. 18, 25,  
Sept. 1)

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THAT the City Council  
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will receive sealed bids  
for the purchase, under  
the successful bid, of the  
fee simple interest in the  
following real property:  
LOT 4 AND THE S 1/2  
OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK  
29 IN THE IL CENTRAL  
RR CO'S ADDITION  
TO THE CITY OF  
MENDOTA, LASALLE  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
which property is  
generally located at  
1107 3rd Avenue,  
Mendota, IL and is  
currently devoted to a  
vacant residentially  
zoned lot.  
Bids for the purchase  
of the aforesaid  
interest in the above-  
described property are  
hereby invited and will  
be received by the city  
clerk at 800 Washington  
Street, Mendota, IL  
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City Council of the City  
of Mendota  
c/o City Clerk  
800 Washington Street  
Mendota, Illinois 61342  
and shall bear the  
legend "PROPOSAL  
- SALE OF 1107 3rd  
AVENUE" and the  
name, address and  
phone number of the  
bidder.  
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be publicly opened  
and read aloud at the  
regular meeting of the  
City Council of the City  
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bids for the purchase,  
under the successful  
bid, of the fee simple  
interest in the following  
real property:  
Lot 8 and the south 7'  
of Lot 7 in Block 10 of  
Rust's Addition to the  
city Mendota, lasalle  
county, illinois.  
which property is  
generally located at  
1402 Lincoln Avenue  
and is currently  
devoted to a vacant  
residentially zoned lot.  
Bids for the purchase  
of the aforesaid  
interest in the above-  
described property are  
hereby invited and  
will be received

by the city clerk at 800  
Washington Street,  
Mendota, IL 61342  
between the hours  
of 7am until 4pm on  
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City Council of the City  
of Mendota  
c/o City Clerk  
800 Washington Street  
Mendota, Illinois 61342  
and shall bear the  
legend "PROPOSAL  
- SALE OF 1402  
LINCOLN AVENUE"  
and the name, address  
and phone number of  
the bidder.  
All bids received will  
be publicly opened  
and read aloud at the  
regular meeting of the  
City Council of the City  
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LOT 5 EXCEPTING  
THE S 50' AND LOT  
6 EXCEPTING THE  
S 50' AND ALSO  
EXCEPTING THE  
RIGHT OF WAY WHICH  
WAS DEDICATED  
TO THE STATE OF  
ILLINOIS PURSUANT  
TO LASALLE COUNTY  
DOC. #02-11436 ALL  
IN THE ORIGINAL  
TOWN OF MENDOTA,  
LASALLE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
which property is  
generally located  
at 1209 and 1211  
Washington Street,  
Mendota, IL and is  
currently devoted  
to a vacant Service-  
Business zoned lot.  
Bids for the purchase  
of the aforesaid  
interest in the above-  
described property are  
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Mendota, IL 61342  
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Mendota, Illinois 61342  
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legend "PROPOSAL  
- SALE OF 1209 & 1211  
WASHINGTON ST" and  
the name, address and  
phone number of the  
bidder.  
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and read aloud at the  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given  
that on September 16,  
2021 the School Board  
of La Moille  
School District No. 303  
will sell the Van Orin  
Elementary School  
building and property  
at public sale by  
Sealed Bid which shall  
be due on September  
16, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.  
at 801 S. Main Street,  
La Moille, Illinois, and  
opened at 801 S. Main  
Street, La Moille, Illinois  
at 6:30 p.m. on Sep-  
tember 16, 2021 (the  
High School Library)  
which sale shall be on  
the following terms:  
a. Minimum bid of  
\$1.00;  
b. The property will be  
sold as is;  
c. The sale price shall  
be due in full on the  
date of title transfer,  
October 1, 2021; &

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Square Office Park (3 Parcels - 7.47 Acres). Office/Retail Parcels  
at Newburg and Bell School Rds. (4 Parcels - 12.79 Acres).  
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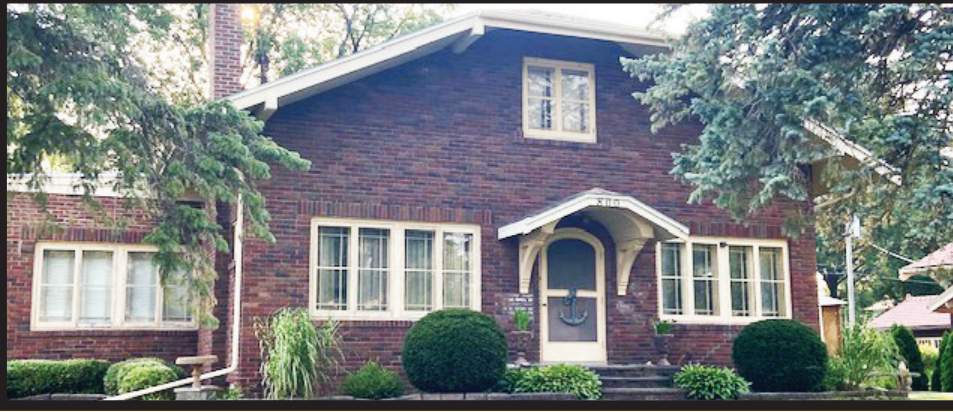
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**2513 Woods St., West Brooklyn \$230,000**

The 3 car detached garage has a concrete floor, central air and heat, shop area with work bench, cable & internet available and cabinets, a loft area to entertain your family or friends and has extra closets and storage space! This two story home is located on a corner lot with lots of parking. Home features 3/4 bedrooms.



**2600 Shaw Road, West Brooklyn \$179,000**

Beautiful 7.95 Ac of land with a long lane and surrounded by trees for privacy. You will love the peacefulness you feel here. Features a 1999 modular improved residential home with appliances and 3 bar stools.



**588 Inlet Road, Sublette \$135,000**

With a little TLC and personalization, this could be a great fixer upper! This home is situated on 2.43 acres. This home has 3 bedrooms, family room with a wood burner stove.



**133 N. East Ave., Amboy \$29,900**

Great fixer upper! Need work and updating. Seller selling AS IS. This one story home has 1 bedroom.



**706 1st Ave., Mendota**

NEW LISTING

Nice home on large lot - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwood floors in some areas.

Great 2-1/2 car garage!

**PENDING!**



**1509 Guiles Ave., Mendota**

NEW LISTING

Great kitchen with vaulted ceilings in this 2-3 bedroom remodeled home! New flooring - 2 main level bedrooms - possible 3rd in upper level. Oversized lot - close to school!



**405 8th St., Mendota**

REDUCED

Older home with lots of character - hardwood floors, leaded glass windows, open stairway to 3 bedrooms and bath. Main floor laundry. 2 car garage. Call for private showing and new reduced price!