

City applies for Safe Routes to School grant

□ Council OKs street closure for Oct. 16 event

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council approved a request and a resolution when it met in special session on Sept. 27.

Approval was given to the Imagine Mendota organization to close the 700 block of Illinois Avenue for an event on Saturday, Oct. 16.

The council approved a resolution in support of a Safe Routes to School (SRST) grant application. The application is to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for federal grant funds to construct sidewalk and required roadway improvements along Eighth Street from Lincoln Elementary to Sixth Avenue (U.S. Route 34).

In applying for the grant, the city must resolve to:

- Utilize the five “E’s” of the SRTS program – engineering, education, enforcement and evaluation – to improve the school walking and cycling environment.

• Provide sidewalks connecting residential subdivisions to school to encourage children to bike and walk to school, make biking and walking safer and a more appealing transportation alternative, encouraging a healthier active lifestyle at early ages, and help improve traffic safety and congestions, as well as fuel consumption and air pollution.

• Commit funds for use in conjunction with the SRTS grant, such funds to equal 20 percent of the estimated total project cost.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Illinois’ eviction moratorium set to expire on October 3rd

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The state’s moratorium on enforcement of residential evictions will expire on Oct. 3, according to Gov. JB Pritzker’s latest COVID-19 executive order issued last week.

Pritzker had extended the order each month with minor to substantial revisions since March 2020. The extensions have come in 30-day windows, coinciding with

his monthly reissuance of a disaster proclamation in response to the pandemic.

While most of the provisions in Pritzker’s latest executive order were extended through Oct. 16, the section providing for the eviction moratorium is scheduled to be rescinded just two weeks into the 30-day order, which was issued Sept. 17.

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Illinois harvest in full swing; motorists advised to slow down

By KATIE ZELECHOWSKI
Illinois Farm Bureau

BLOOMINGTON – Most drivers know the feeling of running late for an important meeting or event and how tempting it can be to speed up to shave a bit of time off of the commute.

But as fall weather rolls into Illinois this season, so does farm equipment used during harvest. Sparing five extra minutes to safely navigate around these slow-moving vehicles helps ensure everyone on the road gets home at the end of the day.

As the daughter of a truck driver, high school ag teacher Kaity Spangler knows the dangers that come with operating farm equipment but knows not all of her students do.

“My biggest thing is making sure our students know that their classmates – the people they see in the hallway – are the people they are sharing the road with,” said Spangler, who teaches at Macomb High School.



A reflective orange triangle bordered in red, marks slow moving vehicles, such as combines and tractors.

Putting names and faces to farm equipment operators in the community makes students more responsible and respectful drivers, she said. “I tell my students ‘Blaine is driving the tractor, Duncan is in the combine’ to really drive home that their classmates are the ones in those slow-moving vehicles,” Spangler said.

The focus on farm safety will go well beyond Spangler’s classroom this month during National Farm Safety

and Healthy Week, which was recognized Sept. 19-25. Daily topics include tractor and rural roadway safety, youth in agriculture safety and overall farmer health and safety.

Illinois State Police (ISP) Sgt. Tracy Lillard has seen the devastating consequences of vehicle accidents while on the job. As the manager for ISP’s social media pages, she shares her experiences to educate motorists about roadway safety. During harvest, her advocacy efforts ramp up to focus on keeping drivers safe around large, often slow-moving equipment including tractors and semis.

“The trucking community is something that I really hold close to my heart,” Lillard said. “My husband is a police officer as well (and) both of our parents were farmers. We really see the need for people that are driving this machinery, and then also the

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The 2021 Homecoming Royalty and attendants were named at an assembly Sept. 27 at Mendota High School. Left to right, are Abby Kunz and Isaac Smith, junior attendants; Alex Stremlau and Uzi Angulo, senior attendants; Jayla Morris and Emilio Perez, senior attendants; Queen KayLee Barkman; King Omar Gonzalez; Fredy Mandujano and Ryleigh Sondgeroth, sophomore attendants; Ava Beetz, Damian Medina and Ashley Caracheo, freshman attendants. In front are Mini King Harrison Raley and Mini Queen Ellie Sester. (Photo contributed)

MHS kicks off Homecoming Week ‘21

□ King & Queen, Trojan Hero announced at opening week assembly

MENDOTA – Every year, it’s a struggle to choose someone who fully embodies the qualities of a Trojan Hero. After the year we have had, the 2021 Trojan Hero was no question. It is with great pleasure that Mendota High School announces this year’s Trojan Hero, Mrs. Sheri McConville, the District 280 nurse.

McConville spends her days taking care of all the students at MHS. The amount of time she has put in to help fight the COVID19 spread is enormous. McConville takes the time to create a sense of community at Mendota High School. Oftentimes, McConville uses her caring nature to comfort students who do not feel well, while building a stronger connection and growing relationships with MHS

students. Outside of school, McConville spends time with her family, takes care of her husband and is a super grandma to five grandchildren. MHS, without any reservations, believes McConville encompasses the attributes of a true Trojan Hero.

This year’s Hallway decorating contest winners are: 1st place-Freshman; 2nd place-Sophomore; 3rd place-Junior; 4th place-Senior.

This year’s 2021 Homecoming Royalty includes:

Freshman Attendants-Damian Medina, son of Juan and Yanelly Medina; Ava Beetz, daughter of Zach and Michelle Beetz; and Ashley Caracheo, daughter of Juan and Lorena Caracheo.

Sophomore Attendants-Fredy Mandujano, son of Jamie and Lucia Mandu-

jano; Ryleigh Sondgeroth, daughter of Matt and Amber Sondgeroth.

Junior Attendants-Isaac Smith, son of Molly and Anthony Ohlendorf; Abby Kunz, daughter of Matt and Stephanie Kunz.

Senior Attendants-Uziel Angulo, son of Daniel and Leticia Angulo; Alex Stremlau, daughter of Nick and Tracie Stremlau; Emilio Perez, son of Joel and Angie Perez; Jayla Morris, daughter of Diondre Morris and Emily Sanchez.

Queen-KayLee Barkman, daughter of Dave and Michelle Barkman; King-Omar Gonzalez, son of Maria Magallanes and Pedro Gonzalez.

Mini Queen-Ellie Sester, daughter of Aaron and Erin Sester; Mini King-Harrison Raley, son of Heath and Christine Raley.

Pritzker signs revised state legislative maps

□ Challenges likely in both state and federal courts

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Despite opposition from Republicans as well as reform groups, Gov. JB Pritzker on Sept. 24 signed into law the revised state legislative district maps that lawmakers passed in August, opening the door to almost certain court challenges.



Gov. Pritzker

“These legislative maps align with the landmark Voting Rights Act and will help ensure Illinois’ diversity is reflected in the halls of government,” Pritzker said in a statement.

But not everyone agrees that the maps do reflect the state’s diversity. The political action arm of the reform group CHANGE Illinois issued a statement arguing that they actually dilute minority voting power.

“Many major groups agree the new maps reduce the numbers of majority Black voting age population districts and majority Latino voting age population districts,” the group said in a statement.

“The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund’s lawyers have said they believe the state representative and Senate maps dilute Latino voting power. The Latino Policy Forum asked Pritzker to veto the maps for the same reason. Illinois African Americans for Equitable Redistricting also said the maps do not create enough Black majority voting age districts.”

Lawmakers initially adopted maps during the spring legislative session in order to meet the state constitution’s June 30 deadline, despite the fact that they didn’t yet have the official, detailed U.S. Census data needed to draw districts with nearly equal population.

Republican leaders, as well as the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, or MALDEF, quickly filed a federal lawsuit in Chicago arguing that they were unconstitutional because they were based on population estimates from survey data rather than official census numbers.

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Bishop visits 'Welcome Back' to church events at Holy Cross in Mendota

MENDOTA – The Holy Cross and Sts. Peter & Paul Evangelical Team had a special "Welcome Back (to Mass) Weekend" on Sept. 25-26.

On the Feast of Assumption, Aug. 15, an initiative was begun – 1,000 Acts of Kindness – in which it was hoped to reach 1,000 acts of kindness by members of the parish for people in the community. The target date for completion of the initiative was Sept. 26.

Coadjutor Bishop Louis Tylka helped to celebrate the special weekend with a bilingual Mass at noon on Sept. 26 at Holy Cross Church. Parishioners and friends were also able to attend any of the regularly scheduled Masses at Holy Cross, Sts. Peter & Paul, and St. Theresa during the weekend in celebration of the return to in-church services. This was also an opportunity to welcome "Bishop Lou" into his role as newly-appointed Bishop.

After the noon Sunday



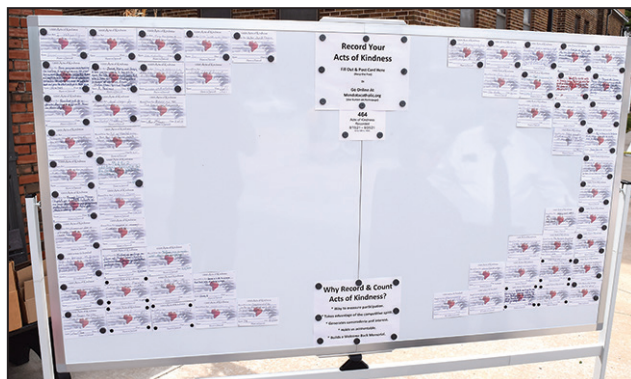
People stand in line to get their lunch that was catered by Sullivan's Foods at the Holy Cross "Welcome Back to Mass" social event held on Sept. 26. (Reporter photos)

Mass, a Welcome Back Social was held from 1-5 p.m. at Holy Cross. Attendees were able to enjoy a delicious lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, brats, potato salad, creamy coleslaw, potato chips, ice

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Attendees at the "Welcome Back Social" at Holy Cross peruse the information table.



A white board contains the Acts of Kindness that were recorded by members of the Holy Cross parish for people in the community.



A father and son try their hand at the bags game during the Holy Cross Social.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Thank you to all of our families and the Mendota community for supporting our 5B's BBQ chicken and pork chop dinner on Sept. 22. We are excited to say that this year's fundraiser was very successful and will support our monthly Principal Award lunches along with rewards and incentives for our students through our positive behavior program. We appreciate the continued support for our students and staff.

District #289 is excited to be implementing an after school program this school year. The program kicked off this past week and things got off to a great start. Staff have looked at data to identify students who could benefit from extra reading and math support. These groups will be continuously monitored and will be fluid with students entering and exiting the program as needed.

The students nominated for the Principal Award this week included Abrahm Garcia, Ruben Calamaco, Liam Olsen, Manny Quintana, Nehemiah Barbee, Cameron McCormick, Joree Bowne and Liam Christmann. The winners were Jaxon Stamberger, Aubrianna Muro, Symara Gonzalez and Max Perez. Congratulations to all of you!

Mendota High School's homecoming week is here. We will have Purple and Gold Day at Blackstone on Friday, Oct. 1 to show our community spirit. We encourage all of our students and staff to dress up.

There is a long weekend coming up in early October for our students. Mark your calendars for no school on Friday, Oct. 8 for a teacher institute day and no school on Monday, Oct. 11 for Columbus Day.

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June E. Kofoid

MENDOTA - June E. Kofoid, 89, passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Sept. 24, 2021. Private family burial will be at a later date. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Mendota V.F.W. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

June was born June 25, 1932 in Mendota to Edward and Rose (Nickel) Olsen. She married the love of her life, Don Kofoid on June 13, 1975 in Ottawa.

She will be painfully mourned and powerfully missed by her husband of Mendota; one son, Lester Perryman of Lakeside, Calif.; three daughters, Debra (John) Nelson of Ottawa, Natalie (Nick) Gehant of Compton and Angela Perryman of Mendota; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Floyd Perryman Jr. on July 24, 1977; one great-granddaughter, Emma Norton; and eight siblings, Stanley, Harold, Lester, Mildred, Mae, Ruth, Alberta and Lucille.

June graduated from Mendota High School in 1951. She was employed by Conkey's in the early days of her career, then in the kitchen at Heritage Manor Nursing Home until her retirement. The focal point of her life was spending as much time as possible with her large, loving family.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

OSF to host Blessing of the Animals

MENDOTA - In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, who was known for his love of animals, OSF Saint Paul Medical Center will host a special blessing just for pets. The blessing of animals will take place on Monday, Oct.

4 between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the OSF Saint Paul Serenity Garden located on the west side of the hospital.

Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. Deacon George Schramm will bless each of your animals.

Bars collaborate with The Perfectly Flawed for free Narcan training

LA SALLE - In response to persistently high overdose rates throughout LaSalle and Bureau counties, two local establishments have teamed up with local community-based nonprofit The Perfectly Flawed Foundation to provide free community training for the administration of naloxone, a nasal medication used to treat known or suspected opioid overdose.

Sanctuary, 125 Hennepin St., LaSalle (recently reopened by Dani Brzozowski and Katie Orsini) and Jack's Tap, 129 E. Devlin St., Spring Valley will each host a 60-minute training this October in partnership with staff at The Perfectly Flawed Foundation. The trainings will take place at Jack's Tap on Monday,

Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. and at Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m.

These trainings are targeted specifically for bartenders and waitstaff and provide attendees with critical insight into how to recognize a suspected overdose and how to handle emergency care. The events are being offered at no cost and are open to the public, but registration is required. Please RSVP to 125.sanctuary@gmail.com.

Luke Tomsha, founder of The Perfectly Flawed Foundation, believes bar staff can serve as a critical entry point to reduce overdose and improve community wellness. "Bar staff and patrons regularly interact with are individuals who are at an elevated risk of overdose or

may need help with their drug or alcohol use," Tomsha said. "They are often the first people to lend an ear when someone may be struggling or experiencing life challenges. Our goal is to educate staff at these establishments and help provide tools and resources they can utilize to connect people to care and guide them towards positive change."

Brzozowski noted, "I've done work in this sphere with Luke in the past and think the value The Perfectly Flawed Foundation provides our community is inarguable. This is an opportunity for us to meet people where they are and for us to be good stewards of the community we love and to take care of the people who make it great."

Katherine Alan L. (Kittle) Cross

AUBURN, Wash. - Katherine Alan Louise (Kittle) Cross, 66, passed away Aug. 6, 2021 in Auburn, Wash., after a brief struggle with an aggressive cancer. She went peacefully holding her youngest daughter's hand.

A graveside funeral was held on Aug. 21 at Mountain View Cemetery in Auburn, Wash., followed by a reception at her daughter, Natascha's residence.

Kate was born March 6, 1955 in Hutchinson, Kan. to Chester Wiley "Bill" and Carolyn Louise (Kunz) Kittle.

Survivors include her children, Michel, Natascha, Rebecca and Vanessa, and their spouses; two sisters, Roxanna and Javida; two brothers, Chet and Toby; two step-sisters, Sheila and Paula; five granddaughters; two grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill, and her mother, Louise.

Kate graduated from Mendota High School with the Class of 1973. In July 1973, she married Michael Wallace. They divorced in 1976. In December 1979, she gave birth to her first child, Natascha. They moved to Washington in 1980. Kate married Kenneth Cross on Sept. 5, 1981, and gained a son, Michel. In September 1982, Kate gave birth to a daughter, Rebecca, followed by another daughter, Vanessa, in October 1984. In 2012, Kate and Ken divorced.

Kate loved to travel all over the country and went on many road trips, visiting all the continental states. She was known for her sweet smile, kind heart and great hugs. She loved fast cars, road trips, lighthouses, the ocean, genealogy and, most of all, her family. Family members joked that her idea of a good time was visiting a lighthouse and a cemetery.



Glen R. Boykin, Sr.

HAMPTON, Va. - Glen Robert Boykin, Sr., 88, formerly of Mendota died Sept. 26, 2021.

Visitation was held on Sept. 28 at Warwick Assembly of God in Hampton, Va. beginning at 2 p.m. with funeral service following at 3 p.m. Burial with military honors will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 8 at Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery, Suffolk, Va.

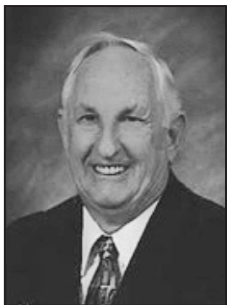
Glen was born Jan. 26, 1931 in Bluford to Newton and Anna (Jones) Boykin.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Martha Ann Boykin; one daughter, Sheryl (Jerry "Jay") Pepper, Jr.; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Boykin; two grandsons, Aaron Boykin (fiancée, Jennifer Pitts) and Jacob (Brielle) Pepper; one granddaughter, Rachel (Marlin) Pereira; and one sister, Colleen Zinke.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, one son and two grandsons.

Glen was a 1950 graduate of Mendota High School. He served his country for 20 years before retiring from the U. S. Army. After retirement, he worked for 13 years with Snap-on Tools. He was a member of Warwick Assembly of God, where he was a member of the Glenn Jones Sunday School class and was director of maintenance for 20 years.

Memorial donations may be made to Warwick Assembly of God, 1228 Todds Lane, Hampton, VA 23666.



Lauren Bishop, Pioneer Territory Manager, left, presents Larry Hummel, Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation President with the contribution. (Photo contributed)

Corteva Agriscience donates to Lee Co. Ag in the Classroom

AMBOY - Corteva Agriscience recently presented a \$5,000 charitable contribution to the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation to use for the Ag in the Classroom program. Ag in the Classroom

provides free educational ag-based resources to teachers and students in Lee County.

For more information on Ag in the Classroom, contact coordinator Katie Pratt at aita.leecfb@comcast.net.

Celebrate the Larry Dunphy Memorial Storybook Trail at Franklin Creek State Natural Area

FRANKLIN GROVE - The public is invited to join a day of family fun and celebration as the Franklin Creek Conservation Association (FCCA) hosts its grand opening and dedication of Franklin Creek's newest trail, the Larry Dunphy Memorial Storybook Trail. The event will take place on Sunday, Oct. 17, kicking off at 1 p.m. with children's nature activities and entertainment.

A dedication and celebration of life for FCCA's dear friend and beloved local champion of nature and literacy, Larry Dunphy will begin at 4 p.m. Please bring your favorite memories of Larry to share with all. The event is free and no

registration is required. Light refreshments will be available. The event will follow state and CDC guidelines for mask wearing and social distancing in place at the time of the event.

Children's activities will include planting seeds, creating bird feeders, scavenger hunts, a reading of the trail's featured story, and more.

FCCA expressed their appreciation to Creative Printing, Bellini's Custom Welding, and the Education Committee at Franklin Creek for putting this project together. They waited for over a year to hold the grand opening and are excited to share it with the community.

IVCC to hold College & Career Night

OGLESBY - Over 30 colleges and universities will be represented at Illinois Valley Community College's 48th annual College and Career Night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5 in the gym.

A financial aid seminar will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

High school and college

students, parents, and community members can speak to representatives about the admissions process. IVCC faculty, staff and coordinators will provide information as well as options for transfer.

Call (815) 224-0439 or visit www.ivcc.edu/college-night for a list of colleges and universities expected to attend.

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cream treats and beverages. The lunch was catered by Sullivan's Foods and the ice cream was provided by Schwan's.

There were also plenty of friendly competitions and games that were played by

the young and older alike, including bingo, corn hole, three-legged race, a backyard game that combines horseshoes, bocce ball and bowling, bucketball, flickin' chicken, ring toss and lawn darts.

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IVCC employee honored
 Illinois Valley Community College Assistant Director of Admissions Aseret Loveland, left, was recently honored for five years as co-advisor of the college's Rho Omega Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She is pictured with co-advisor Eric Schroeder. Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year institutions, has over 3.5 million members and 1,300 chapters in 10 nations. (Photo contributed)

Moratorium

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The most recent iteration of the moratorium, which will expire Oct. 3, allows for court proceedings but prevents law enforcement from carrying out an eviction. It also allows for evictions in health and safety circumstances, and for "uncovered persons," which include those who refuse to fill out paperwork for assistance, who can't prove loss of income from COVID-19 or who earn more than \$99,000 individually or \$198,000 as a joint-filing household.

In a statement, Pritzker's office pointed out that Illinois remains one of the top states in distributing emergency rental assistance funding from the federal government. Illinois has distributed almost \$330 million of \$630 million allotted, placing it sixth out of all states, according to a database maintained by the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

"In 2020, more than \$230 million was disbursed to renters through an inaugural pandemic rental assistance

program, and in 2021, an additional \$500 million was made available through the Illinois Rental Payment Program, more than half of which has been already distributed," Alex Hanns, a Pritzker spokesperson, said in an email. "While the eviction moratorium has kept families suffering hardship from losing their homes during the pandemic, these programs and additional resources will ensure families have a roof over their heads while they regain their financial footing into the future."

A state Supreme Court order preventing certain judgments in covered eviction cases was extended Tuesday to Oct. 3 as well, coinciding with the governor's order.

Two weeks ago, the Supreme Court announced a court-based rental relief program received \$60 million in funding to provide a "safety net for litigants who are on the brink of eviction," according to the court. That program is available outside of Cook County, which is expected to launch its own court-based assistance pro-

gram sometime in October.

Per the latest Supreme Court order, any summons in an eviction case must be accompanied by a form informing the tenant and landlord of the court-based program. It includes information on the program, what documentation is needed and the web address for the court-based aid, ilrpp.ihda.org. The Illinois Housing Development Authority call center can be reached at 866-454-3571.

Those who have lost income due to COVID-19 may be eligible for up to 12 months of past due rent and three months of future rent to prevent eviction, per the program. The check would be paid directly to the landlord, who would be required to agree not to evict the tenant for nonpayment of the rent that is repaid.

The funds come from the federal government, which means applicants must be under certain income limits as defined by the U.S. Treasury. Those earning 80 percent of the area median income or less are eligible.

That threshold differs based on the county, ranging from \$35,700 in Alexander County to \$52,200 in Cook County. It goes up about \$5,000-\$6,000 for each additional person in the household.

"As we continue with the planned sunset of the eviction moratorium in coordination with the court system, the Illinois Housing Development Authority will continue to review the pipeline of completed applications, and the Illinois Department of Human Services will continue to accept applications for additional rental assistance until funding runs out," Hanns said in the statement.

Assistance may also still be available in certain areas through the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Illinois Housing Development Authority, the two state agencies overseeing disbursement of federal funding, at <https://www.illinoisrentalassistance.org/providers>.

Free legal assistance may be accessed through Eviction Help Illinois by visiting evictionhelpillinois.org or calling 855-631-0811.

Maps

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When the official numbers finally came out in mid-August, they did in fact show that population variances between districts were far outside what is allowed under U.S. constitutional law, prompting Democratic leaders to call a special session to adjust the new maps.

Republicans argue, however, that those maps were passed well after the state constitution's June 30 deadline and, therefore, the task should be given to a bipartisan commission, a process in which Republicans would have a 50-50 chance of gaining a partisan advantage.

That decision will ultimately be up to the courts.

There have been efforts in the past in Illinois to establish a permanent nonpartisan commission to redraw maps every 10 years, an idea that Pritzker and many Democratic lawmakers have said they support. But no such plan has gotten through the General Assembly.

"Governor Pritzker's signing of the legislative maps sends a clear picture of the severity of his 'retrograde amnesia' and efforts to deceive Illinois citizens," House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, said in a statement. "The governor now joins the multitude of Democratic legislators who lied to voters by campaigning for and promising 'fair maps.'"

"Rarely do politicians get the chance to break a campaign promise twice," said Senate Minority Leader Dan McConchie, of Hawthorn Woods. "I am deeply disappointed that Gov. Pritzker has turned his back on the many minority organizations that have asked him to protect their voting rights outlined in the constitution and Voting Rights Act by vetoing this gerrymandered map."

Safety

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grain haulers (that are going) back and forth, to be safe."

Lillard has seen many rear-end crashes result from motorists who follow farm equipment and semitrailers too closely. She encourages drivers to leave more room for others.

One of the most frequent questions Lillard gets is why farmers can use different routes when moving equipment. She said it comes down to the size of the vehicle, road conditions and whether or not they have safer, better options.

"These farmers are out on the road just like everybody else and they have the right to be there," she said.

Road safety is not limited to adhering to speed limits. It's also about drivers showing courtesy to one another, staying alert when behind the wheel and practicing caution when navigating new situations—all of which should be done year-round.

Rodney Knittel, Illinois Farm Bureau assistant director of transportation and infrastructure, said the health and safety of farm families impacts more than those who work on the farm.

"Every single person relies on agriculture for food and the transportation industry to deliver the goods they need," Knittel said.

"Driving behind agriculture equipment may add on five, 10 or 15 minutes to your commute," he said. "But at the end of the day, what's most important is that every family gets home safely."

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Doing the right thing

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – So who is “James Doe?” That’s the pseudonym assigned to a man who accused former U.S. Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert of sexual assault. The man alleges that when he was in school decades ago, Hastert, then a wrestling coach, molested him.

More than 30 years later, in 2010, when Hastert was raking in the dough as a lobbyist, Doe threatened to publicly expose the abuse he says he suffered unless Hastert paid him hush money.

The two men reached a verbal agreement that the former politician would dish out \$3.5 million in exchange for Doe’s silence.

I can empathize with Doe’s pain. When I was 12, a man sexually assaulted me on my family’s farm. More than 40 years later, I still bear psychological scars. And I have some familiarity with the deep-seated rage Doe must feel.

I’m glad James Doe was financially compensated for some of the pain Hastert inflicted on him.

But is shaking someone down for hush money ever an honorable action?

He agreed to stay quiet about a man who was once second in line to the presidency. The paid silence is troubling. Hastert made cash payments to Doe amounting to \$1.7 million.

Each cash withdrawal was beneath the \$10,000 threshold that banks are required to report to the federal government. Nonetheless, the feds found out, learned it was hush money and discovered at least three other victims of Hastert’s besides Doe.

The statute of limitations for the sex crimes had long since passed. But prosecutors were able to charge the once powerful politician with a financial crime related to how he structured the bank withdrawals.

Hastert admitted to “mistreating” Doe and three others and pleaded guilty to the financial wrongdoing. A federal judge sentenced him to 15 months in prison.

But now Doe is suing Hastert for \$1.8 million - the outstanding balance in hush money that the Illinois Republican agreed to pay the man in 2010. The case was supposed to go to trial September 20. But a tentative, confidential settlement has been reached.

Kendall County Chief Judge Robert Pilmer ruled if the case went to trial, Doe would be stripped of his pseudonym and publicly identified. This may have created an incentive for reaching a settlement ahead of time.

That settlement came as a surprise. I was planning to travel to Yorkville to watch the beginning of the trial and learn the identity of the accuser. I wanted to get a sense for his motivations and, to be honest, who he is as a human being. Is he a good person or a bad one?

“I don’t think we should think of him as either a good guy or a bad guy,” said Carrie Ward, CEO of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. “He’s a sexual assault survivor trying to come to terms the best way he knows how.”

Ward added it is often harder for male victims to come forward because society is less likely to believe them.

“People think a man should have been able to fight someone off and that they really can’t be victimized. But, of course, that isn’t true,” she said.

But one of Hastert’s victims, Scott Cross, did come forward three years ago and spoke publicly about being victimized by his wrestling coach. He’s the brother of former Illinois House GOP Leader Tom Cross.

Tom Cross, unaware of his brother’s experience with Hastert became a protégé of the future U.S. Speaker of the House.

Scott Cross has successfully lobbied the Illinois General Assembly to eliminate the statute of limitations for sexual abuse cases.

NBC News at the time reported him saying that he’s tormented that he didn’t speak out against Hastert earlier. “The guilt kills me, that I could have perhaps saved other victims,” he said.

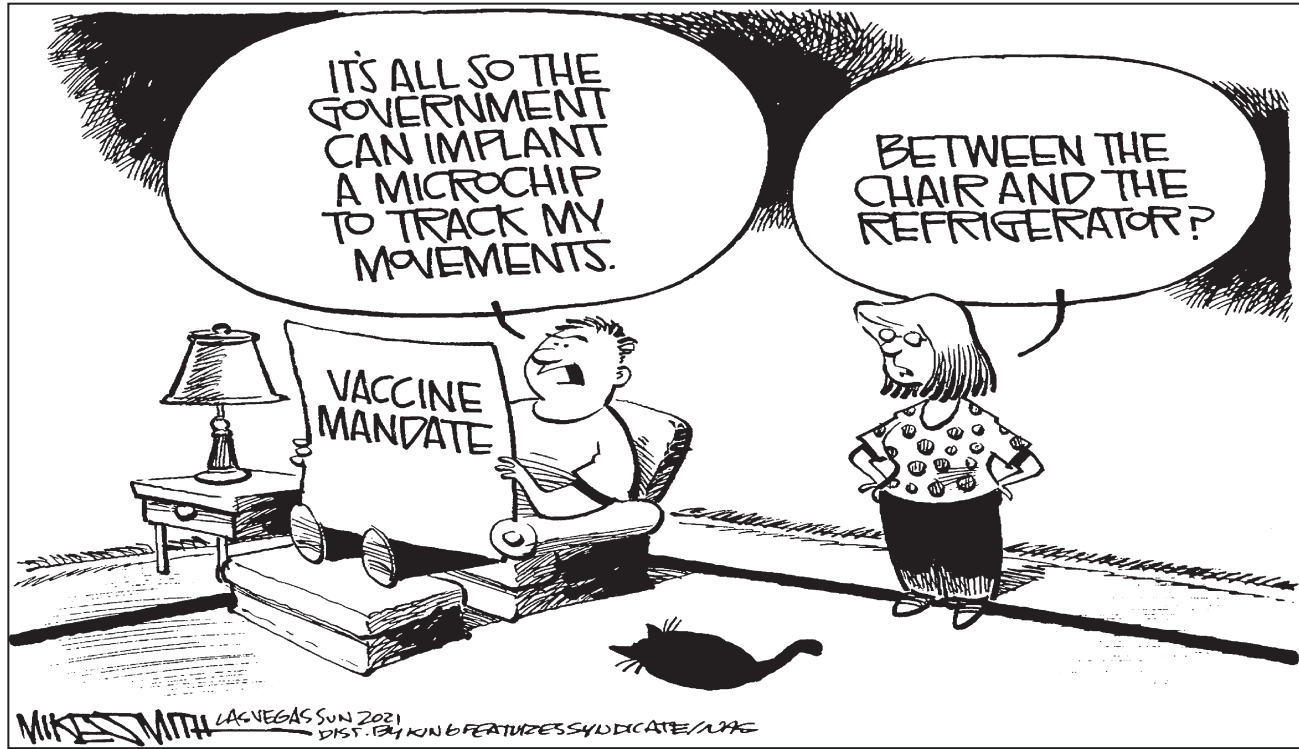
But his work to get the law changed has served as some consolation, he said.

“I just hope this gives an outlet for other victims to feel like they should come forward no matter how long they have waited,” he said at the time. “I just felt it was the right thing to do.”

Cross is not receiving money from his former coach while Doe is. That’s hardly fair.

Then again, Cross used his experience to change the law and protect others. Perhaps, his compensation is the satisfaction of knowing he did the right thing.

(Scott Reeder is a staff writer for Illinois Times.)



Creating Lake Mendota – 1935

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Sept. 27, 1995.)

By Jessica Nashold

Initial steps were taken in 1935 to convert the Burlington Railroad pond property to a recreation area with lake, athletic fields and picnic spot. In September, approval of a pond project was announced by the WPA board of administration in Rockford. All that remained was to receive approval from Washington, which was expected to present no difficulty.

The pond property requires much common labor and that is what the government desires.

It was anticipated that 621 men might be needed for a year. Seventeen acres around the pond would have to be cleared and the men used would receive \$44 per month.

There was one more obstacle. Before work could begin it was necessary to raise money to pay the CB&Q for the land. Months went by before this important element of the project was taken care of.

In September 1936, the property was deeded to the city of Mendota. It included “41 acres more or less” and it was stipulated that a recreation park and lake be created at the site.

The entire \$1,250 has been paid to the Burlington Railroad Co. by a committee representing the Mendota Outdoor Recreation Association.

The pond project was expected to cost \$50,307.48 and the city’s share would be \$5,271.50.

Not everyone had been thrilled at the prospect of acquiring the pond property. George P. Nauman, respected businessman and longtime president of the school board, thought the fairgrounds should be considered as an alternative site “if it is not too late.” Wrote Mr. Nauman –

Our fair association is in financial distress. If these grounds could be turned into a community park these idle but valuable acres could be made to satisfy our community needs.

He suggested that a community center and swimming pool could be located at the fairgrounds.

In 1935, work was also progressing on the subway under the Burlington

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tracks at the south end of 13th Avenue. A portion of 14th Avenue was paved to handle traffic around the crossing. Employees of the Conkey plant were routed north on 14th Avenue – if homebound – then returned to 13th Avenue at a point north of the subway.

A LaSalle Homecoming Parade featured the Mendota community band with Max Wesner and Gilbert Krenz as drum majors. Mendota entered a float in the shape of a battleship.

Every few minutes a shot was fired from one of the guns.

Mendota girls had been selling tickets to the event. Myrtle Denault had sold the most and occupied an elevated spot.

At various positions, young ladies dressed in slacks represented sailors.

They were Joan and Suzanne Wagner, Faith Carr, Mary Jane Gesslein, Ruth Adell Winters and Lucille Laswell.

Hotel Faber came under new management in Sept. 21, 1935, when Charles Johns of LaSalle took charge. He replaced Dr. John M. Turnbull, a chiropractor, who had managed the Faber for three years. The New Grill restaurant in the hotel was taken over by Ira Smith, also of LaSalle.

A citizen complained in a letter to The Reporter about speeding.

On Sixth Street, drivers are going at 50 to 60 miles an hour in the residence district.

The Reporter commented that if some arrests were made with fines attached it might make drivers “slacken their speed.”

At a council meeting, Ald. Howard Gardner addressed the subject, pointing out a problem.

When the Chief of Police sees someone driving at a high speed he is unable to catch him with the old motorcycle owned by the city.

Ald. Fred Welsch thought if the policeman would blow a whistle, the

driver might stop and an arrest could be made. Ald. Welsch was clearly an optimist.

President Roosevelt signed a bill providing a 40-hour work week for postal workers, effective Oct. 1, 1935. The employees had previously worked 44 hours with time off for overtime.

The canning plant extended its season an additional week. Farmers were bringing in more sweet corn than expected and there was a shortage of wagons. The plant was strict about quality and rejected ears went on a pile of silage.

This is a monstrous amount of husks and sweet corn cobs that will have to be hauled away and fed to cattle during the fall and winter.

The Alger’s State Theatre offering for Sept. 22-23, 1935, was “Les Misérables” starring Frederic March and Charles Laughton, with Rochelle Hudson.

Spurgeon’s was featuring Felt & Velvet hats for fall at \$1.85.

The Gamble Store sold more than three times as many radios as during the same period in 1934. One reason – a 7-tube Foreign Reception Set at \$29.95.

John Barrymore’s stop in Mendota while eluding Elaine Barrie, a nationally reported event, took place on Sept. 20, 1935. He came to Mendota from LaGrange by taxi in order to board a westbound train. Edward Bieser, Burlington night baggage-man, recognized the screen star and had conversation with him during his three-hour wait. Barrymore also patronized Austin’s Tavern on Main Street across from the depot. Not everyone recognized him as he had a three-day growth of beard.

Opinion was divided as to whether Barrymore was sincerely trying to elude Miss Barrie or was just seeking publicity.

The “five rollicking Prescott Brothers” were alleged to be the only family team in the Elks bowling league.

Bing, the chief, has his battle axe sharpened and the tribe is looking for many scalps.

A Western society goes insane

By Rich Lowry

The 18th-century English philosopher Jeremy Bentham came up with the idea of the panopticon, a prison designed to allow all the prisoners to be observed by one guard.

What even Bentham couldn’t conceive of, despite his creative musings about schemes of perpetual surveillance, was a society like contemporary Australia.

Heretofore an honorable member of the Free World, Australia has lurched into a bizarre and disturbing netherworld of bureaucratic oppression in the name of public health.

Australia’s COVID-19 lockdown mania has been so all-consuming that one assumes much of it would make Dr. Anthony Fauci blanch.

At the start of the pandemic, Australia determined to squeeze out COVID with lockdowns and travel restrictions, and as an island nation, had considerable success. It was the last of the G-20 countries to hit 1,000 total coronavirus deaths.

But this created an unrealistic expectation that Australia could have COVID-zero as a goal for the duration and use targeted restrictions and surveillance (“circuit-breakers”) to maintain it.

As the pandemic has dragged on, this has become completely untenable and done violence to liberty and common sense in a great English-speaking nation.

Lockdowns have cut a swath through the norms and conventions of an advanced Western democracy, from the suspension of a state-level parliament to the banning of protests, to military enforcement of the COVID-19 protocols.

With the Delta surge, more than half of Australians are locked down, often in response to a tiny number of cases.

Australian authorities don’t fool around. State premiers have vast powers and use them. In Melbourne, located in the state of Victoria, a curfew is in place and limits apply to people leaving their homes. There are hefty fines for noncompliance.

The spirit of the lockdowns was perfectly captured a few months ago by the chief health officer of New South Wales who warned, “Whilst it is in human nature to engage in conversation with others, to be friendly, unfortunately this

is not the time to do that.”

Ah, yes, the public health threat of over-chattiness.

The Australian news media might as well be an arm of the public health bureaucracy and produces stilted and hysterical reports about lockdown violators worthy of some dystopian future.

South Australia has developed an app to enforce home quarantines. As a news report explains, “The app will contact people at random asking them to provide proof of their location within 15 minutes.” If they fail to do so, the health department will notify the police, who will send officers to check on the possible malefactor.

Unrestricted travel is a hallmark of a free society, but Australians can barely leave the country. Travel has been cut off between states, creating an arbitrary patchwork of states trying to isolate themselves from coronavirus cases elsewhere.

Tens of thousands of Australians have been trapped overseas, unable to come back home because of monthly limits on returning Australians.

All of this economic and social disruption and coercion hasn’t been enough to stamp out the Delta variant, which is outrunning the government controls.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison finally admitted the obvious, “This is not a sustainable way to live in this country.”

Australia initially fumbled its vaccination effort, which should have been a focus all along. But now the country hopes jabbing 80% of the population can get it out of the lockdown box of its own making.

The coronavirus is a serious illness, and no country has gotten everything right. Australia has proven, though, that dispensing with key elements of advanced liberal society in the hopes of total victory over the virus is foolhardy and wrong.

Australia isn’t going to become a dictatorship, but this period in its national life stands as a warning for how easily core freedoms can erode away in even a well-established democracy.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA



Old engine

A 1914 Case steam engine owned by a family from Holcomb was part of the Antique Power Days that was held on Sept. 24-26 at Mendota Hills Campground between Sublette and Amboy. A spectacular spark show was held on Saturday night that lit up the night sky. Other events included a parade, sawmilling, steam power and hay rides. (Photo contributed)



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The U.S. flag flew high over Sublette recently as it was raised on a crane lifting equipment to the top of the Sublette elevator. (Photo contributed)

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Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, Sir Edward Elgar, Karl King, Lucien Cailliet, Irving Berlin, and G.F. Huffine.

Selections include Second Suite in F Major, Nimrod from Enigma Variations, The Trombone King,

Homage to U.S. Navy, and Irving Berlin—A Symphonic Portrait, amongst others.

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AEM reported sales increased 13.7% for farm tractors and 12.6% for combines the first half of the year compared to the same stretch in 2020.

Tractor sales are increasing despite supply chain issues

By **DANIEL GRANT**
FarmWeek

BLOOMINGTON – Supply chain issues continue to impact equipment manufacturers, like most other industries.

But that hasn't stopped farmers and others from buying ag equipment, based on the Association of Equipment Manufacturers' (AEM) mid-year tractor and combine sales report.

AEM reported sales increased 13.7% for farm tractors and 12.6% for combines the first half of the year compared to the same stretch in 2020.

The sales pace also remains above the five-year average, although it did drop below last year's run from May to June.

"The (sales of) row crop tractors have been really solid since about October of last year moving forward," Curt Blades, AEM senior vice president of ag services and forestry, told the RFD Radio Network. "You look at commodity prices and farmer attitudes and that gives you a pretty good indication of where ag is. I think this (sales trend) is real and not pandemic driven."

Four-wheel drive tractor sales jumped the most of any category with a gain of 38.2% the past six months compared to last year.

"You don't buy a combine or a tractor on a whim," Blades said. "For farmers to make the purchase, they've got to feel pretty good about what their business looks like."

AEM's monthly tractor and combine sales reports showed an increase in tractor sales that took off around June and July of last year, although it was to a slightly different market.

"We really started to see strength in the tractor and combine market (at the beginning of summer 2020)," Blades said. "This was driven very much by under-40-horsepower tractors. It was a unique thing that had to do with people investing in their homes and property (during the pandemic). That's driven the market the last year and a half (prior to the surge in ag sales)."

The uptick in sales continues even as the equipment industry deals with ongoing issues in the supply chain, ranging from a shortage of everything from microchips, steel, labor and transportation to uncomfortably tight supplies of foam seating.

"The supply chain issues are real," Blades said. "Fortunately, since ag is considered an essential business, a lot of those disruptions we've been able to plan for, but it doesn't make it any easier."

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Bump in beef sales to China expected to continue

By **DANIEL GRANT**
FarmWeek

BLOOMINGTON – Substantial growth of U.S. beef exports to China this year could be the start of a new, long-term trend rather than just a flash in the pan, according to a Rabobank report.

U.S. beef sales to China increased more than 1,000% in volume and value (\$622.5 million) the first half of the year. And the market shows no signs of slowing, according to Don Close, senior vice president of RaboResearch and Animal Protein.

"It's been an incredible story," Close told FarmWeek. "If you look at the strength in cattle and beef prices globally, it all points back to just how much beef demand in China is driving the market."

How did beef consumption become so much more popular in China, the world's top producer and consumer of pork? Close believes several factors came together to enhance the shift.

"What's driving it has been, first off, ASF (African swine fever). It drove hog and pork prices to levels that narrowed the price spread in China between beef and pork and stimulated a lot more (beef) sales," Close said. "And then with COVID, people learned to start cooking (beef) at home, and that's where consumption really ratcheted up. Traditionally, beef consumption in China was away from home."

Improved market access under the Phase One Economic and Trade Agreement also helped position the U.S.



U.S. beef exports to China increased more than 1,000% in the first half of the year. RaboResearch and Animal Protein Senior Vice President Don Close expects the upward trend to continue. (Illinois Farm Bureau file photo)

as a greater player in the Chinese beef market. And, the Rabobank report predicts strong beef sales to China will continue.

"Given the circumstances of changing eating habits and changing taste preferences in China, and their inability to substantially increase their own cattle and beef production, (the Chinese) will be a major import player on the beef side for quite some time," Close said.

Overall, U.S. beef exports increased 18% the first half of the year, compared to the same time last year, valued at a record \$4.64 billion.

U.S. beef sales to the top two markets, Japan and South Korea, also increased while sales to Mexico, a critical destination for rounds

and other underutilized cuts, increased 15% in volume the first half of the year, the U.S. Meat Export Federation reported.

Exports equated to about \$351 per head of fed slaughter in June and could help drive better cattle price opportunities.

"There's no doubt there's been tremendous frustration in the domestic market. It all has to do with leverage," Close said. "The available supply of market ready cattle overpowered our slaughter capacity and the leverage vastly shifted in favor of the packer. If you take the July cattle on feed and inventory reports, we've finally worked through the huge backlog of cattle and we've had three months of lower placements,"

he continued. "As we get to the third and fourth quarters, the available supply of cattle will show a noticeable contraction," which should support cattle prices.

Rabobank's China beef market report also found the Chinese generally view cattle as a "sustainable superstar," Close said.

"They're placing cattle with small producers as income enhancements," he added. "And they're paying them to feed a lot of forages and field waste that they traditionally burned."

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University of Illinois Feed Technology Center open for business

By **Lauren Quinn**

URBANA – After nearly two years of construction, the new Feed Technology Center at the University of Illinois is complete and open for business. Bringing this facility online cements the university's role as a national leader in animal nutrition innovation and signals its active collaboration with the grain, livestock, companion animal, and feed industries.

Instead of an in-person grand opening, a behind-the-scenes video series and fact sheet share the facility with students, alumni, donors, and potential users, regardless of location. A first-look video, featuring leaders from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at Illinois, as well as facility sponsors, is now available on the Feed Technology Center's web page. Additional videos, highlighting the center's capabilities and research impacts, will be posted in the coming months.

"The Feed Technology Center is a game-changing asset that elevates our ability to live into our land-grant mission," said Kim Kidwell, dean of the College of ACES. "This facility

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–Kim Kidwell, dean of the College of ACES

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The \$20-million facility on South Race Street in Urbana replaces the 1920s-era feed mill on St. Mary's Road, originally built to process university-grown grain and feed university-owned livestock. The new Feed Technology Center's capabilities go far beyond that intent, with state-of-the-art processing and sensor technologies delivering standard and specialized small-batch research diets, as well as unparalleled hands-on educational opportunities for students across the College of ACES.

More than 20 companies, commodity groups, and private individuals

donated funds or equipment to the project as part of a unique public-private funding model, fast-tracking the build after decades of planning. The project invites additional donations.

"The companies, organizations, and individuals supporting the project partnered with us to continue the university's preeminence in animal nutrition and feed manufacturing. This facility and ongoing partnerships will move the entire industry forward," said Kimberly Meenen, assistant dean for advancement in the College of ACES. "We continue to seek financial support of the Feed Technology Center and welcome other stakeholders to join us in this investment."

The 12,000-square-foot facility is optimized with leading-edge equipment, including smart sensors to monitor feed ingredient quality in real time; digital

automation tools to ensure precise diet formulations; a standalone extrusion line to create high-quality pet and livestock feeds; current safety and sanitation features; and more.

"We have incredible opportunities here at the Feed Technology Center, for students, researchers, and industry partners alike," said facility manager Michaela Braun. "The equipment not only makes it possible for students to gain exposure to the complete modern feed-production process, from whole grain storage to pelleting and extrusion, but also makes real-time data available to researchers at multiple points in the process. It's all here to advance the animal agriculture industry."

In addition to developing and testing novel feeds and pet foods, the facility will allow students to safely gain first-hand experience with the latest feed technologies, positioning them as future leaders in the industry. Real-time sensor data will be uniquely leveraged in new courses in precision agriculture, digital agriculture, bioinformatics, and courses within the new Computer Science + Animal Sciences degree.

"Working with our generous donors to turn the Feed Technology Center from a dream into reality has been a career highlight for me," said Rodney Johnson, head of the Department of Animal Sciences at U of I. "I am so excited to have finished on time and on budget. Our faculty and students are excited to utilize the facility to work on the industry-relevant research our partners count on us for."

To catch the entire video series, check the website often or follow us on social media. And, for more details on the facility's capabilities, see our fact sheet.

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THE FARMER'S REPORT



Mike Evans, lead volunteer with the McHenry County Conservation District, demonstrates how volunteers take water samples from the woodchip bioreactor. The samples are then frozen until they can be delivered to the lab in Champaign for testing. Evans took part in an event in Woodstock that was part of Illinois Farm Bureau's Nutrient Stewardship Field Days. (Illinois Farm Bureau photo by Raelynn Parmely)

Bioreactor technology emerges as powerful tool for nutrient stewardship

By CHRISTOPHER HEIMERMANN

For Illinois Press Assoc.

WOODSTOCK — Corn and soybean farmer Michael Ganschow was an easy recruit for Lauren Lurkins, the Illinois Farm Bureau's director of environmental policy, as she was encouraging farmers to install woodchip bioreactors on their farms.

"I met Lauren in 2016, and less than two years later, she's showing up at my farm with equipment, digging a hole and filling it with woodchips," Ganschow said to a crowd of farmers, agriculture leaders and state and national representatives and staff Tuesday morning at the latest in the IFB's series of Nutrient Stewardship Field Days.

Ganschow is a sixth-generation farmer in Bureau County, and his grandfather was among the first Illinois farmers to implement no-till practices.

"Conservation has always been a big part of what we do," he said.

A woodchip bioreactor might sound like something straight out of Marvel Comics. In reality, it's essentially a trench filled with woodchips that filter out nitrates that would otherwise pollute tile drainage water, and then streams, and then the Mississippi River, and then the Gulf of Mexico. You get the idea.

Once a pipe system directs drainage water through control structures and into the bioreactor, bacteria in the woodchips eat the nitrates from fertilizers that go unused by crops, and then convert those nitrates into nitrogen gas that's just as safe for the environment as the 78 percent of stable nitrogen in the air we breathe.

"It sounds like something out of 'Iron Man,' but really it's a trench full of woodchips with a little bit of plumbing," said Laura Christianson, assistant professor with the University of Illinois' Department of Crop Sciences, which monitors 15 of the 50 or so bioreactors around the state.

The McHenry County Conservation District, in partnership with the local and state Farm Bureaus, installed a 30-by-30-foot bioreactor last summer just north of Woodstock, where nearly 100 people gathered Tuesday to learn about the technology.

State Reps. Steve Reick, R-Woodstock, and Tom Weber, R-Fox Lake, attended the event, along with staff from Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton's office and the office of U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood, D-West Chicago.

"Our farmers are always asking three questions: How much does it cost. How hard is it to maintain it? And does it work?" Lurkins said.

First things first, it cost nearly \$10,000 to build the McHenry County bioreactor, and there will be another investment 10 or 15 years down the road, when the woodchips need replacing — or recharging, as Christianson calls it.

But does it work? Absolutely, according to the water

samples MCCD volunteers had collected, frozen and sent to Christianson for analysis since May 1.

The bioreactor converted about 80 of the 150 pounds of nitrate into nitrogen gas — roughly 53 percent.

"It's working, and it's working well," Christianson said, adding that the state's bioreactors on average remove about 25 percent of nitrates.

Most of those other sites followed the federal government's rectangular blueprint for a bioreactor, which local Natural Resource Conservation Service offices use when they help farmers design their trenches.

Christianson and her team, weighing myriad factors at the McHenry County site, custom-designed a square trench that works like a dream.

The bioreactors are relatively new technology, so it's being rapidly developed through experimentation. Ganschow's trench, for instance, is wide open. Most others are sealed with a plastic sheet and then graded, so you might not know you're standing on top of it.

He was joined on a panel Tuesday by Jeff Kirwan, an IFB Board member who's considering installing a second bioreactor at his Mercer

County farm near the Quad Cities, and a third corn and soybean farmer, Brian Corkill, whose Henry County farm splits the distance between Peoria and Moline.

Whereas Ganschow and Kirwan had plenty of inside knowledge because of their close work with the bureau, Corkill began the process the way Christianson recommended all farmers do: He reached out to his local NRCS office.

The bioreactor was the next logical step for Corkill, given his commitment to stewardship through no-till farming, cover crops, and only fertilizing as much as necessary.

Reick asked the panel how many woodchip bioreactors would be needed to reach the nation's conservation goals.

Christianson said it will take 60,000 bioreactors and better stewardship across the board to turn the tide.

"We need every practice, and wide use of every practice," she said. "But it starts one bioreactor at a time."

(This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.)



Jeff Kirwan, a Mercer County farmer, speaks during an event in Woodstock about the value of a woodchip bioreactor to his operations. He said he's considering installing a second bioreactor on his farm. (Illinois Farm Bureau photo by Raelynn Parmely)

Male piglets less resilient to stress when moms get sick during pregnancy

By Lauren Quinn

URBANA — When pigs get hit with significant illnesses during key stages of pregnancy, their immune response may negatively affect developing piglets, making them less productive on the farm. New research from the University of Illinois shows that when those piglets — especially males — experience a second stressor in early life, they are at higher risk of neurodevelopmental and other neurological anomalies, putting them at an even greater disadvantage in production settings.

"With more information about maternal illness, what we call maternal immune activation, we can make better decisions about how to handle these types of immune challenges within animal production settings," said Marissa Keever-Keigher, doctoral student in the Department of Animal Sciences at Illinois and lead researcher on the study.

Studying brain development in the domestic pig is relevant on the farm, of course, but pig studies can also inform human neurodevelopmental research. That's because the pig's development, genetics, brain structure, and more are very similar to our own.

In previous pig studies looking at the effects of maternal immune activation, Keever-Keigher and her colleagues showed important genetic changes occur in the piglet amygdala, a brain structure that plays an important role in learning, social behavior, and stress response in both humans and pigs.

The researchers also knew from primate and rodent studies that a second immune challenge, known as a double hit, can further disrupt typical brain development in young animals. To test the double hit hypothesis in pigs, the team chose weaning as the second challenge.

"While weaning is not itself an immune challenge, it is an extremely stressful time during a piglet's life and can elicit an immune response," said Haley Rymut, doctoral student in animal sciences and co-author on the study. "Piglets have to deal with a broad array of stressors, including physical stressors from being handled and moved, and emotional stressors from being taken away from the mom and placed with their peers. Any of those physical or emotional stressors can kick off an immune response."

The researchers looked at a combination of factors for piglets in the study:



whether or not their moms were infected with porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus (PRRSV) during gestation, and whether or not they were weaned at 21 days of age, the typical age in production settings. They also noted the sex of the piglets, as their earlier research indicated male piglets showed more changes in the amygdala as a result of maternal illness.

"Using high throughput sequencing technologies, we were able to monitor the levels of more than 16,000 genes in the pigs. We uncovered more than 100 genes and molecular pathways affected by either maternal immune activation, weaning, sex, or a combination of factors in the amygdala on day 22 for all piglets. The effect of pre- and postnatal stressors on neuroepitope genes confirms the plasticity of the infant brain during development to respond and adapt to challenges," said Sandra Rodriguez-Zas, professor in animal sciences and faculty advisor to Keever-Keigher and Rymut. Rodriguez-Zas is principal investigator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded study.

Many of the genes expressed at higher or lower-than-typical rates in weaned piglets from virus-infected mothers have been associated with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and schizophrenia spectrum disorder (SSD) in previous studies. But genes relevant to other neurological disorders were affected too.

"We also found changes in expression of genes associated with neurodegenerative diseases like Huntington's and Alzheimer's disease," Keever-Keigher said.

As in the scientists' previous work, the double hit affected male piglets more than females, with greater dysregulation of genes in the amygdala. The researchers found evidence of more protective pathways in female brains, giving them an advantage in handling stressful events.

The study provides valuable clues for researchers studying ASD, SSD, and neurodegenerative disorders in humans, even though some aspects might not translate directly.

Rymut said, "For most children, weaning isn't nearly as stressful as it is for pigs in a production setting. But many other traumatic events early in childhood could set up that double hit."

On the farm, pigs from virus-infected mothers often show anti-social behaviors. Because pigs are typically group-housed and fed via communal feeders, pigs that don't like being around their peers are often last to feed and generally more stressed, leading to slower growth rates and lower overall body condition scores.

"The lesson for swine producers, I think, is to be really mindful of stressful conditions in the production cycle, and try to mitigate those as much as we can in order to create the most productive and healthy livestock animals and benefit producers' bottom lines," Keever-Keigher said.

Rymut added, "Also, knowing how the different sexes respond could help producers manage animals that are less likely to be productive as a result of maternal immune activation."

The article, "Interacting impact of maternal inflammatory response and stress on the amygdala transcriptome of pigs," is published in G3 Genes/Genomes/Genetics [DOI: 10.1093/g3journal/jkab113]. The research was supported by the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Dual Purpose for Dual Benefit" program (grant number 2018-67015-27413). Rod Johnson, professor and head of the Department of Animal Sciences is co-investigator on the grant and co-author on the G3 paper.

The Department of Animal Sciences is in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois.

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Rosemary (Rosie) Hamel

WEEKLY RECORD

LaSalle County (marriage licenses)

Michael A. Beuster of Earlville and Kathryn E. Redmon of Peru; issued Sept. 10, 2021.

Andres Nanez of Mendota and Kristin A. Manfredini of Bureau; issued Sept. 16, 2021.

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Illinois to invest over \$40 million in workforce training

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker announced that the state will award more than \$40 million in workforce training grants, focusing on communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and youth who are particularly at risk of violence.

That includes \$40 million in Workforce Recovery Grants that will go out in two phases over the next year, plus another \$4.4 million in career training grants that have already been awarded to 20 training programs that focus on at-risk youths. Funding for both programs comes from the federal American Rescue Plan Act, or ARPA.

Applications for the first round of Workforce Recovery Grants totaling \$20 million opened Sept. 23. Information about how to apply for those grants is available on the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's website. A second round of applications is expected to open in the spring.

Pritzker made the announcement at a training center on Chicago's west side, Revolution Workshop, which is partnering with one of the youth grant recipients, BUILD Chicago Inc.

"This is yet another step in our efforts to deliver high-quality opportunities that put all of our young people on a path to a career, with a heightened focus on those that have been historically

left behind," Pritzker said.

The Workforce Development Grants will be used to expand access to training, job placement and other services that prevent people from gaining employment, the administration said in a news release. Funding is also available for individuals with emergency costs for basic needs that prevent them from participating in training programs or employment.

The administration expects roughly 1,500 individuals in areas disproportionately impacted by the pandemic will receive services.

"We're focusing on getting people back to work in ways that build careers that are meaningful and bring home good paying jobs for their families," Acting DCEO Director Sylvia Garcia said. "We are also prioritizing equity in this work and making sure everyone has access to opportunity. We're also helping to provide support for our employer partners to make sure we're filling the jobs that they need and thinking about what those jobs of the future are."

The youth training grants are being distributed to organizations throughout the state that provide education and training in career pathways for youth who may be at risk of dropping out of school or experiencing violence.

"These investments our communities desperately need," said Manny Ramirez, executive director of Revo-

lution Workshop. "Because of these investments, organizations like mine and our partner BUILD Chicago and others will be able to provide real economic mobility that can truly break the cycles of poverty."

The announcement came just days after Pritzker announced that another \$327 million would be made available this year to help low-income individuals pay their utility bills and meet other expenses. That includes the Low-Income Household Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, and the Community Services Block Grant Program, which offers expanded services to help residents pay rent, utilities, food and other household expenses, regardless of immigration status.

In addition to those measures, Pritzker also announced the formation of a new Commission on Workforce Equity and Access, which will study ways to diversify existing training programs to promote equity and inclusion across all industries.

The commission will be headed by Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford and Deputy Gov. Andy Manar.

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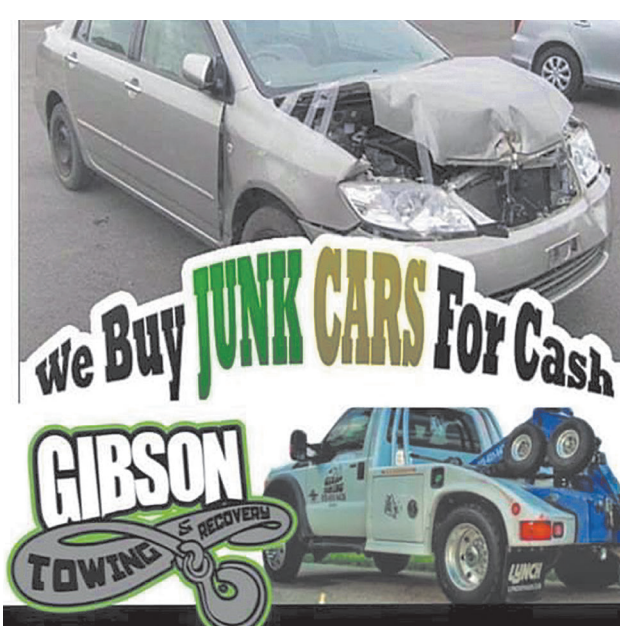


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SPORTS



Mendota quarterback Ted Landgraf tries to shake off a Hall defender on Sept. 25 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Trojans top Hall in comeback fashion

By Reporter staff

MENDOTA – Unless it’s taken back for a touchdown, kickoff returns aren’t often significant game-changers. But Mendota was in desperate need of a spark when it was staring up at a two-touchdown deficit to Hall, and a kickoff return was the igniter the Trojans were looking for.

Mendota was able to survive that Red Devil lead by scoring three straight second-half touchdowns and then it held on for a 43-34 victory over Hall in a Three Rivers Conference East Division collision on Sept. 25 at the MHS field.

The Trojans upped their record to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in league play, while Hall dropped to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

After giving up a pair of touchdowns to surrender a two-point lead midway through the third quarter, the Trojans were looking for something or someone to light a flame. That someone turned out to be Emilio Perez on Hall’s ensuing kickoff after it scored to take a two-touchdown lead with 5:03 left in the third quarter. Perez was back to receive

the kick, and after initially heading straight up the middle of the field, he bounced to the right side and broke into the clear down the sideline. He was eventually caught from behind by a Red Devil defender, but not before he advanced the ball 58 yards down to the Hall 23-yard line. Five plays later – all runs by MHS quarterback Ted Landgraf – the Trojans were back in it after a 1-yard touchdown run by Landgraf at the 3:35 mark of the third frame. Perez kicked the extra point to make it 28-21.

Mendota’s defense needed to step it up after that, and it certainly did when Hall stalled on offense and was forced to punt the ball back to the Trojans. Mendota started its next possession on its own 48 with 1:56 left in the quarter, and with just three seconds left in the period, Uzi Angulo powered his way into the end zone from the 2-yard line. Perez added the extra-point kick and the game was tied at 28-all.

Mendota’s defense rose to the occasion again, when on Hall’s ensuing drive, a mix-up in the backfield resulted in a fumble and Anthony

Next for the Trojans
Opponent: Friday, Oct. 1 vs. Sherrard at MHS field. Kickoff at 7 p.m.
Last year: Did not play.
Last week: In a clash of winless teams, Morrison notched its first victory of the season with a 12-6 triumph over Sherrard. The Tigers saw their record fall to 0-5 entering their contest with the Trojans on MHS Homecoming night.

Childs smothered the ball for the Trojans at the Red Devil 32-yard line. Four plays later, Damien Magallanes was in the end zone from 3 yards out, and Perez’s kick gave the Trojans a 35-28 lead with 10:50 left in the game. It was Mendota’s third touchdown in a span of four minutes, 48 seconds.

But the Red Devils weren’t done yet. Backed up at its own 5-yard line to start its next offensive series, Hall was able to get out of the hole and move the ball into

Trojan territory, where from the 49, Mac Resetich busted past the line of scrimmage and into daylight for a 49-yard TD romp to draw his team to within a point. Hall elected to go for two to try to take the lead, but the run was stuffed by Mendota and the Trojans clung to a 35-34 lead with eight minutes left.

The Trojans were able to seal the win on their next possession when they took six and a half minutes off the clock and journeyed 76 yards, capped off by a 1-yard TD run by Landgraf with 1:23 showing on the scoreboard. Landgraf also ran in the two-point try to make it a two-possession lead. Landgraf did most of the damage with his legs during the critical drive, including picking up a huge first down on a third-and-15 from the Mendota 39 with a 37-yard run to the Hall 24.

The Trojans got the ball back when Perez intercepted a Hall pass and they were able to run out the clock.

Mendota dominated the statistics with 436 total yards

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MHS golfers finish 8th in TRAC meet

□ Trojans place 3rd in own Ryder Cup

The Mendota Trojan golfers competed in their first Three Rivers Conference Golf Meet on Sept. 21 at Byron Hills Golf Course in Port Byron.

Mendota placed eighth in the team standings with a score of 362. There were 14 teams in the event. Riverdale won the conference title by a wide margin with a score of 305. Sherrard was second with a 333, followed by Hall (336), St. Bede (336), Rockridge (337), Sterling Newman (351) and Princeton (362). Rounding out the standings were Bureau Valley (365), Morrison (370), Monmouth-Roseville (379), Orion (386), Erie-Prophetstown (389) and Kewanee (400).

Ethan Hanaman paced the Trojans with an 82, which was good enough for 11th place in the individual standings. Owen Aughenbaugh had the next lowest score for Mendota with a 90, followed by Dominik Stamberger at 92 and Logan Brandner at 98. Liam McGann (106) and Drake Dennis (116) completed the Trojan lineup.

Riverdale had three golfers finish in the top four. James Moorhusen was the overall champion with a 72, one stroke less than Drew Hall of Rockridge. Ashton Sutton (75) and Ben Nelson (77) placed third and fourth, respectively, for Riverdale. Sterling Newman’s Kyle Wolfe carded a 78 to round out the top five.

Ottawa shot a sizzling 151 and upended the Tro-

jans, who had a 183, in a dual match on Sept. 23 at Ottawa. Mendota concluded the dual meet season with a 13-5 record.

“Overall, it was a very solid effort from start to finish,” said MHS coach David Ross. “They battled through some really close matches this year.”

Hanaman and Stamberger tied for the low round for the Trojans at 44. Brandner was next with a 46, while Braden McPheeters (49), McGann (50) and Aughenbaugh also competed.

Ottawa’s Jonathan Cooper and Drake Kaufman were co-medalists with 365.

Mendota hosted 11 other teams in the Ryder Cup Tournament on Sept. 25. Ottawa took home the top spot in the team standings with a 229. Princeton was next with a 246 and the Trojans claimed third place with a 248. Also competing were Hall (250), Stillman Valley (252), St. Bede (253), Morris (258), LaSalle-Peru (264), Bureau Valley (266), Putnam County (291), Rock Falls (299) and Kewanee (320).

The MHS team of Hanaman-Brandner finished in sixth place overall with a score of 77. Also taking the course for the Trojans were the teams of Stamberger-Dennis (84) and McGann-B. McPheeters (87).

Tying for the individual title were the duos of Delaney-Pillion from St. Bede and Plym-Plym from Hall with 73s.

Spikers turn back BV, Kewanee in league play

Mendota needed three sets to take down Bureau Valley, 20-25, 25-17, 25-10 in Three Rivers Conference volleyball action on Sept. 21 at Manlius.

The Spikers got a strong game at the net from Marah Setchell, who recorded 10 kills. Teammates Maya Martin and Reanna Brant helped out with seven kills apiece. Lauren Martin led the way with five aces and 23 digs. Elly Buettner and Paige Manning notched 13 and 11 digs, respectively, while Kya Delao had 19 assists.

Mendota was able to win over Kewanee in a two-set tussle, 25-21, 29-27, in conference action on Sept. 23 at the MHS gym. The Spikers improved to 12-4 overall and 5-2 in Three Rivers play.

No other details were available.

Trojans pick up two more wins in shutout style; improve to 16-0

Mendota’s varsity boys’ soccer team continued its roll with a 5-0 triumph over LaSalle-Peru on Sept. 23 at LaSalle.

Jasiel Watson booted home a pair of goals for the Trojans, while Yahir Diaz, Johnathan Cortez and Ricky Orozco added one goal apiece. Diaz’s goal was the 100th in his high school career. Diaz also added a pair of assists.

The Trojans found themselves in a tussle with Monmouth-Roseville, but they still came out on top, 3-0, on Sept. 25 at the MHS field.

Cortez got the Trojans on the board in the first period with a goal and that’s the way the half ended. The score remained 1-0 until just under eight minutes left in the contest when Diaz rammed home his first of two goals on the day to widen the margin. Diaz, Cortez and Watson had assists.

Mendota improved to 16-0 on the season.



Mendota’s Yahir Diaz winds up for a shot on goal during a game with Monmouth-Roseville on Sept. 25 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Netters play in LP Invite

LaSALLE – The Mendota Lady Trojans participated in the LaSalle-Peru Invitational on Sept. 25.

Alex Stremlau finished in fourth place at No. 1 singles.

Mendota was sixth in the team standings.

Sept. 25 – L-P Invite

No. 1 Singles: Alex Stremlau (M) def. Aitken (Sterling), 10-2; Agarwi (Dunlap) def. Stremlau (M), 10-0; Stram (Rockford Lutheran) def. Stremlau (M), 10-3

No. 2 Singles: Lannen (LP) def. Talya Schwaegerman (M), 10-0; Schwaegerman (M) def. Merkel (Princeton), 10-4; Schwaegerman (M) def. Jones (Dixon), 10-7

No. 1 Doubles: Kuehl-Ferguson (Dixon) def. KayLee Barkman-Jackie Cortez (M), 10-1; Meltzer-Tublante (Sterling) def. Barkman-Cortez (M), 10-7; Barkman-Cortez (M) def. Hoesou-Wood (Moline United), 10-3

No. 2 Doubles: Smudzinski-Greening (LP) def. Lizzy Bresley-Zoe Finley (M), 10-3; Bresley-Finley (M) def. Manning-Kistner (Moline United), 10-2; Bresley-Finley (M) def. Feather-Hubbs (Sterling), 10-8

Trojans begin post-season soccer play in Serena Regional

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

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

The survivors of the semifinal-round games

will play for the regional championship on Friday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m.

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

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

Serena Class 1A Soccer Regional

Date TBA

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

Friday, Oct. 8

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

Tuesday, Oct. 12

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

Wednesday, Oct. 13

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

Friday, Oct. 15

5 – Winner Match 3 vs. Winner Match 4 – 4 p.m.

• HOMECOMING 2021 •



2021 Mendota Varsity Football Team

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SPORTS

Football

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to 257 for Hall. The Trojans ran 76 offensive plays from scrimmage compared to 43 for Hall, and they held the ball for 31:04 of the 48 minutes.

Landgraf led the rushing attack with 164 yards on 19 carries. Angulo picked up 86 yards in 18 attempts and Magallanes had 83 yards in 14 totes. Hall got 155 yards rushing from Resetich on 14 carries.

Mendota started the game the way it has many times in the Keegan Hill era – with an onside kick. The Trojans were able to recover the kick at the Hall 49, and seven plays later, Magallanes sprinted into the end zone from 9 yards out, followed by a Perez PAT kick, to make it 7-0 with less than three minutes gone in the game.

The Red Devils wasted little time in getting on the board when they needed just two plays to cover 62 yards, the second play a 61-yard TD run by Resetich. The extra-point kick was no good.

Hall's Dominic Guerrini intercepted a Landgraf pass on the Trojans' next possession and he returned it 3 yards to the Mendota 22. Two minutes later, Guerrini had the honors of scoring on a 1-yard plunge and Hall grabbed a 12-7 lead. The two-point run attempt failed.

Mendota's next drive began at its own 40 and traveled to the Hall 9-yard line, but the Trojans couldn't advance any further and

ended up missing a 26-yard field goal try when it hit the right upright.

Hall blocked a Mendota punt and had excellent field position at the Trojan 29, but the defense tightened and Mendota took over on downs at the 10. From there, the Trojans launched what turned out to be a 19-play, 90-yard drive that ended with an 8-yard touchdown run by Landgraf with 38

seconds left before intermission. Perez booted the PAT kick and Mendota took a 14-12 lead to the locker room. During the drive, a gutsy fourth-and-four play from their own 28 resulted in a 35-yard pass from Landgraf to Magallanes down to the Hall 37.

Two interceptions by Hall in the third quarter resulted in touchdowns that enabled it to erase a

two-point deficit and take a two-touchdown lead. Denzel Sobin swiped a Landgraf pass and returned it 9 yards to the Trojan 17. Resetich capped off the short drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. Caleb Savitch ran in the two-point try.

On Mendota's next series, Resetich picked off a Landgraf pass at the 2-yard line and ran it back 51 yards to the Trojan 47. Gianni Guerrini stretched the Red Devil lead with a 2-yard TD run followed by a Savitch two-point conversion at the 5:03 mark of the third quarter. Then came Hall's kickoff to Perez that triggered the Mendota comeback.



Three Rivers East Division Football Standings

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

Friday, Sept. 24

Kewanee 49, Princeton 21
Ster. Newman 26, Bureau V. 14
Saturday, Sept. 25
Mendota 43, Hall 34
St. Bede 34, Riverdale 21

Friday, Oct. 1

Sherrard at Mendota
Kewanee at Hall
St. Bede at Bureau Valley
Sterling Newman at Princeton

• Trojan Yardstick •

MENDOTA 43, HALL 34

Hall	12	0	16	6	-	34
Mendota	7	7	14	15	-	43

SCORING SUMMARY

ME - Magallanes 9 run (Perez kick), 9:11 1Q
HA - Resetich 61 run (kick failed), 8:22 1Q
HA - D. Guerrini 1 run (run failed), 5:06 1Q
ME - Landgraf 8 run (Perez kick), 0:38 2Q
HA - Resetich 1 run (Savitch run), 10:15 3Q
HA - G. Guerrini 2 run (Savitch run), 5:03 3Q
ME - Landgraf 1 run (Perez kick), 3:35 3Q
ME - Angulo 2 run (Perez kick), 0:03 3Q
ME - Magallanes 3 run (Perez kick), 10:50 4Q
HA - Resetich 49 run (run failed), 8:00 4Q
ME - Landgraf 1 run (Landgraf run), 1:23 4Q

	ME	HA
First Downs	27	15
Rushes-Yards	64-380	40-257
Passing Yards	56	0
Passes	4-12-3	0-3-1
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Punts-Avg	1-2	2-40
Penalties-Yards	9-70	6-53

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing – MENDOTA: Landgraf 19-164, Angulo 18-86, Magallanes 14-83, Childs 10-53, Randolph 3-(minus 6); HALL: Resetich 14-155, Savitch 8-45, D. Guerrini 10-32, G. Guerrini 2-12, Schrader 2-7, Lucas 4-6.
Passing – MENDOTA: Landgraf 4-12-3-56; HALL: Lucas 0-2-1-0, D. Guerrini 0-1-0-0.
Receiving – MENDOTA: Magallanes 1-35, Smith 2-17, Perez 1-4.

Mendota's cross country runners traveled to Kewanee on Sept. 25 to compete in the 2021 Boiler Invitational.

In the freshman-sophomore race, Tyler Buck of Tremont won with a time of 19:15 on the 3-mile course. For the Trojans, Setchell placed fourth with a time of 19:33 and Mumm was 25th in 23:32.

The girls' race was won by Lydia Snider of Tremont in a time of 20:29.5. She was followed by Maggie Jewett of Marquette (20:35) and Natalee Martin of Kewanee (20:57). Illinois Valley Central won the girls' title with 40 points.

In the boys' varsity event, Brock Loftus of Amboy completed the course in 16:35.0 for first, followed by Breckett Fahrenkrug of IVC (16:51) and Amboy's Ian Eller (17:20.6). Mendota's top finish went to Hermosillo, who medaled with a sixth-place finish in a time of 18:26. Stamberger was 31st in time of 19:53.

Amboy's 26 points earned it the team title.

Harriers compete on home course

Cross country teams from Amboy, Princeton, Hall and Putnam County traveled to Lake Mendota on Sept. 21 to compete against host school Mendota.

In the girls' race, Amboy's Lauren Althaus won the 2.96-mile race in a time of 21:01, followed by Princeton harriers Lexi Bohms (21:14) and Hannah Muehlschlegel (22:50).

Princeton was the only school fielding a full team of runners.

In the boys' event, Amboy runner Brock Loftus pulled away from the field to win in a time of 15:41. He was followed by fellow Clipper Ian Eller (17:20), and a pair of Mendota runners, Anthony Kelson (3rd, 18:01) and Alex Hermosillo (4th, 18:06). Other Mendota finishes were Dagen Setchell (9th, 18:51), Andrew Stamberger (13th, 19:05) and Travis Mumm (25th, 24:15).

Team scoring showed Amboy winning with 21 points followed by Mendota (46) and Princeton (69).

Northbrook School soccer

Sept. 20 at Ottawa

"A" game

Northbrook 10, Shepherd 0
Goals: Johan Cortez 3, Cole Kleckner 2, Sebastian Carlos 2, Emiliano Medina 1, Mauricio Salinas 1, Aaron Venegas 2
Assists: Cortez 2, Kleckner 1, Cesar Casas 2, Angel Orozco 1
"B" game
Northbrook 1, Shepherd 0
Goals: Ramiro Palacios 1
Saves: Carlos 1

Sept. 21 at Morris

Mendota 12, Morris 0

Goals: Casas 5, Salinas 3, Venegas 1, Carlos 1, Cortez 1, Luis Nanez 1
Assists: Venegas 1, Kleckner 1, Luis Ramirez 1, Keegan Stewart 1

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson
Q: I see actress Megan Fox being photographed with her boyfriend a lot, but I don't see anything new about her ex, Brian Austin Green. Does he have a girlfriend?



-- P.O. Green
A: It's been almost a year since Megan Fox filed for divorce from Brian Austin Green and started dating rapper/actor Machine Gun Kelly (birth name Colson Baker). The two met during the making of the little-seen film "Midnight in the Switchgrass" and have been joined at the hip ever since.

Brian Austin Green, who is best known for playing David Silver on the original Aaron Spelling series "Beverly Hills, 90210," had some paparazzi tailing him soon after the split when he was having lunch with Courtney Stodden, but she denied any romantic connection. Green has since been in a seemingly healthy relationship with long-time "Dancing with the Stars" pro Sharna Burgess. In fact, it's going so well that the couple is paired

up together on the current season of "DWTS," which airs Monday nights on ABC.

Q: How old is Angela Bassett? I saw her being interviewed at the Emmy Awards, and I didn't even recognize her. She's always looked fabulous, but she looks even younger than she did in the movie "Waiting to Exhale," and that was decades ago. -- **G.T.**

A: Angela Bassett has clearly discovered the fountain of youth, because you'd never know she's 63 years old. She's gone on to have an impressive career in Hollywood, but has yet to win a well-deserved Oscar. She was nominated for her portrayal of Tina Turner in the film "What's Love Got to Do with It" in 1993 and earned rave reviews in "Malcolm X," "Boyz in the Hood" and "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," but the gold statue eludes her.

As for her personal life, Bassett has been married to fantastic character actor Courtney B. Vance ("American Crime Story") for a quarter century after meeting him in college at Yale. Her next project -- and a shot at the Oscar -- is a role in what

is sure to be another smash hit for Marvel, "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever."

Q: Is Matthew Fox returning to television anytime soon? I loved him on "Party of Five" and then "Lost," but he seems to have disappeared. -- **L.L.**

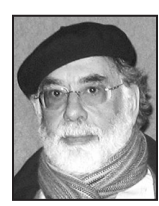
A: Matthew Fox first came on the scene as the elder brother of the orphaned Salinger siblings in the 1990s drama series "Party of Five," but "Lost" was a phenomenon all its own. He played the leader of stranded plane crash survivors on the hit ABC series, but when that ended in 2010, Fox announced he was done with television.

Fortunately, he found another project that piqued his interest in the upcoming Peacock series "Last Light," based on the apocalyptic novel by Alex Scarrow. The show is run by "Friday Night Lights" producer John Ziman and will co-star Joanne Froggatt as Fox's wife.

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By Tony Rizzo
HOLLYWOOD -- Francis Ford Coppola won five Oscars before he was 36



and is now 82 years young. He intends to "put my money where my mouth is" in making his next film, "Megalopolis." He's even willing to put up whatever he can't raise of the \$120 million budget, vowing, "I'm prepared to match outside financing."

Of his past 10 films (since 1986), only "Peggy Sue Got Married" (1986), "The Godfather Part III" (1990) and "Bram Stoker's Dracula" (1992) were successful. His last film, "Twixt," made in 2011, was a horror film with Val Kilmer, Bruce Dern, Elle Fanning and Ben Chaplin, which earned only \$1.3 million of its \$7 million budget. What has sustained Coppola financially for all these years, besides his Coppola wine, is earnings from the 1979 film "Apocalypse Now."

Hollywood

He explains, "It's been a big money-maker because I own the negative. The reason I own the negative is because nobody wanted it!"

Coppola's betting his own money that "Megalopolis" will be a big hit and possibly his swan song. He's rounding up a first-class cast that includes Oscar-winners Cate Blanchett, Forest Whitaker, Jessica Lang and Jon Voight, as well as Zendaya, Michelle Pfeiffer and, for good measure, his "Godfather" Sonny Corleone, James Caan. We're pulling for you Francis, you're a great director and screenwriter, and we need you as much as you need this.

Jason Statham is producing another edition of "The Expendables," starring Sylvester Stallone, Dolph Lundgren, Randy Coltrane, and of course, Statham himself.

Another great talent struggling to continue working movie magic is Frank Oz. As a performer, he created some of our most beloved characters. His unforgettable characters for "Sesame

Street" include Miss Piggy, Cookie Monster, Grover, Fozzie Bear and Bert, to name a few. Oz dominated eight Muppet movies, was the voice of Yoda in a slew of "Star Wars" films and was visible onscreen in "Knives Out" (2017) as Alan Stevens.

As a director, he helmed "The Dark Crystal" (1982), "The Muppets Take Manhattan" (1984), "Little Shop of Horrors" (1986), "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" (1988), "What About Bob?" (1991), "In & Out" (1997), "Bowfinger" (1999) and "The Stepford Wives" (2004), to name just some of his hits. When Disney bought Jim Henson's characters in 2004 (but not the "Sesame Street" gang), Frank Oz found he was considered expendable. He laments, "They don't want me because I won't follow orders and do the kind of Muppets they believe in. The soul's not there, the soul is what makes things grow and be funny!"

Maybe Frank Oz should go to Warner Brothers (they own "The Wizard of Oz"). Maybe he can be the NEW "Wizard of Oz"!

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"Queenpins" (R) -- We can stop complaining that there are no unique ideas for movies and everything is a remake. This based-on-a-true-story comedy starring Kristen Bell and Kirby Howell-Baptiste is all about the intriguing and exciting world of extreme couponing!

But not just everyday couponing, the plot soon delves into a multi-million-dollar counterfeit coupon scam started by two best friends who cheated corporations and attempted to pad the pockets of fellow budget-conscious housewives. First released in theaters in early September, streaming is available beginning 9/30. (Paramount+)

"The Problem With Jon Stewart" -- Six years after vacating his host position on "The Daily Show," Jon Stewart is making a return to television. Some may question if we really need another nighttime political and social commentary show. The answer is a resounding YES, because it's Jon Stewart. In this new series, each hour-long episode will focus on a single topic, with new episodes airing every two weeks. In addition to well-known current affairs, topics

will also include advocacy work on which Stewart has focused his attention over the past years while he was out of the spotlight. (AppleTV)

"The Not Too Late Show With Elmo" (Season 2) -- If Jon Stewart's talk show is too cerebral for you, head over to HBO Max's Cartoonito shorts section and spend 15 minutes with America's favorite 3 1/2 year old as he gets ready for bed. Elmo from Sesame Street is back for his second season with Cookie Monster as his genial, Ed MacMahon-esque sidekick, while other Muppets work as the show crew. Celebrity guests for the new season include Tamron Hall and Aidy Bryant. (HBO Max)

"LuLaRich" -- In the early-2010s, a multi-level marketing company emerged that achieved phenomenal growth in number of independent retailers and profits. But after that impressive rise came the inevitable fall of both product quality and customer satisfaction. But who was to blame? Was it simply a matter of too much too fast, or was something more sinister at hand? Through interviews with its founders and nu-

merous retailers, the story of clothier LuLaRoe unravels (much like their leggings did). The women who hawked the goods at home parties and through Facebook Live streams either made fortunes or lost everything, but they were all sold promises that were too big to sustain. Not surprisingly, founders DeAnne and Mark Stidham give off a strange televangelist power couple vibe from which you can't look away. (Prime Video)

"Felix and the Hidden Treasure" (PG) (Animated) -- Two years after his father disappeared at sea, 12-year-old Felix decides to venture out alone to find him. His mother is off enjoying a mom's vacation on a cruise, so she won't notice his absence. After his raft capsizes, an old bearded sailor with a wooden-legged parrot agrees to take him on board his craft and help him search for his pops. They end up on Dark Shadow Island with its legend of hidden treasure. But it's not your typical treasure of gold and jewels, it's something more existential. Or is it?? (Hulu)

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* The Chocolate River in the "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" was real! The production used 150,000 gallons of water, cream and chocolate. But the ingredients spoiled and smelled really bad when the movie ended.

* Studies have shown that playing Tetris can curb sex, drug and food cravings.

* C.S. Lewis coined the term "verbiicide" to denote the killing of a word or distortion of its original meaning.

* A Vietnamese man was hospitalized after drinking too much methanol. Doctors transfused 15 cans of beer into his body to revive him. The liver breaks down ethanol before methanol, which gave doctors more time to do dialysis to remove the methanol from his system.

* The University of Oxford is older than the Aztec Empire.

* Santa Claus was issued a pilot's license from the U.S. government in 1927, along with airway maps and a promise to keep the runway lights on.

* The fighting on D-Day was so fierce that as much as 4% of the sand on Normandy beaches is magnetic due to shrapnel that has been broken down over the decades into sand-sized bits.

* Only official members of federally accepted Native American tribes may legally possess or collect eagle feathers.

* During a game, Babe Ruth would place a cabbage leaf under his cap to keep cool under the sun, replacing it every inning or two.

* Instead of kissing his bride, Edward II of England sealed his wedding vows with a smooch to his lover, Piers Gaveston, 1st Earl of Cornwall.

* A house cat could beat superstar runner Usain Bolt in the 200-meter dash.

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Trivia Test

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the second largest island in the Hawaiian Islands?
2. TELEVISION: Which popular 1980s-90s sitcom featured characters named Sophia, Dorothy, Rose and Blanche?
3. HISTORY: Which country hosted the first Olympics?
4. MUSIC: How many African-American singer/songwriters have won a Grammy for Album of the Year?
5. MOVIES: Which 1990s film featured a twist contest at a restaurant called Jack Rabbit Slim's?
6. COMICS: What was the name of the Daily Planet editor in "Superman" comics?
7. CHEMISTRY: Which English chemist is credited with discovering hydrogen?
8. LITERATURE: Hamlet (Shakespeare) was the prince of

- which country?
9. GAMES: How thick is a puck used in the National Hockey League?
 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is used to hunt truffles?
- Answers
1. Maui
 2. "The Golden Girls"
 3. Greece, in 1896
 4. Ten in the history of the awards. Stevie Wonder was the first in 1974.
 5. "Pulp Fiction"
 6. Perry White
 7. Henry Cavendish
 8. Denmark
 9. 1 inch
 10. Pigs

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22 Hide-hair insert
23 Nine-digit ID
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34 Granada gold
35 "Wonder Woman" actress
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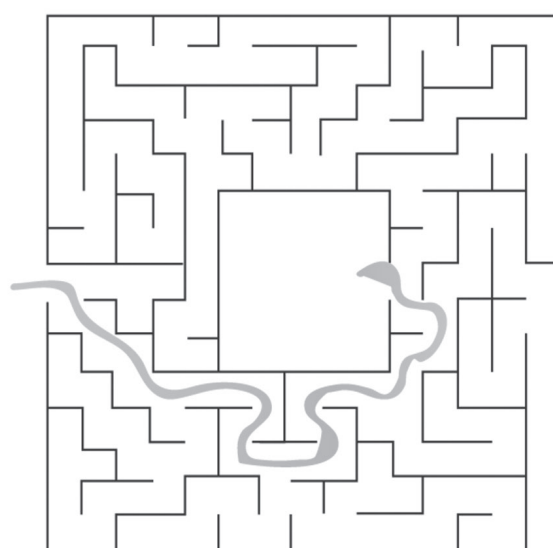
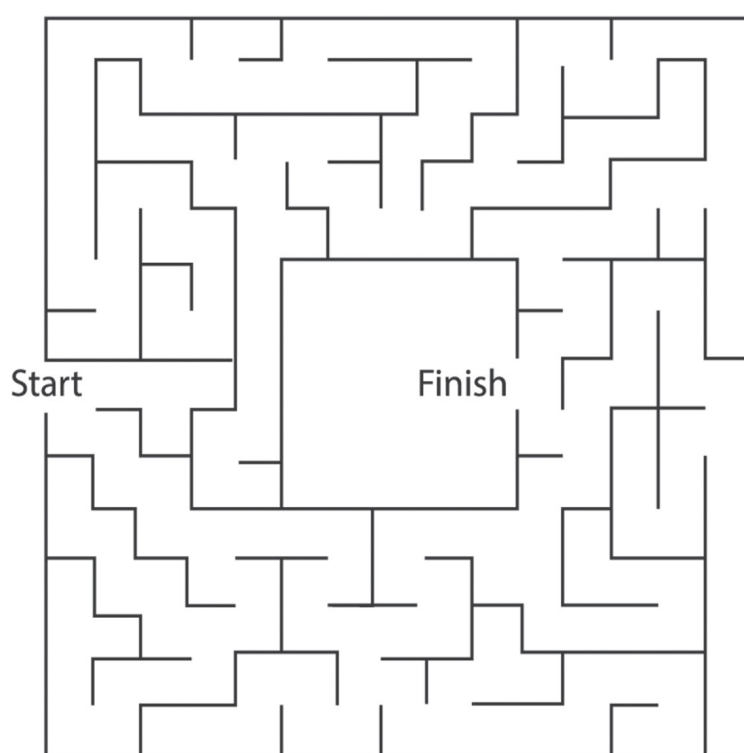


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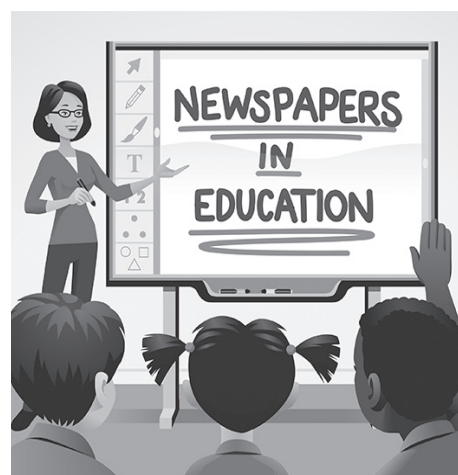
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LOCAL AND AREA

Why self-control is the key to freedom

We all have hopes and dreams for our lives—whether it’s to buy a house, get in shape physically, have success at our job, grow spiritually, or any other goal that’s in our heart.

However, if we want to make progress in life, it’s going to require self-control. I realize this isn’t a very popular topic, but self-control is one of the best friends we can ever have because it brings us freedom.

What does it really mean to be free? Many people think it means you should be able to do

what you want, when you want, and never have to suffer any of the consequences. But God’s Word tells us that we reap what we sow (see Galatians 6:7).

Sure, we can choose to do what we want; however, every choice we make is a seed that will produce a harvest in our lives—either for good or bad.

Freedom is not simply the liberty to do whatever we want. True freedom is having the ability and discipline not to do something if it means we will be happier with the

results in the long run.

Self-control is one of the best gifts God has given us. It helps us say yes to what we truly want to say yes to...and it helps us say no when we want to say no.

For instance, my husband, Dave, and I ate at a restaurant that makes some of the best lobster bisque soup I have ever tasted; it’s so smooth and creamy, and it has just the right amount of flavor. I instantly began thinking about going back the next day.

The truth is I could choose to eat that soup every night, but I know my body and what I need to do to maintain my weight. And while I want the soup, I want to stay in shape and remain healthy even more.

Galatians 5:17 says, “For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other...” (NIV).

The “flesh” represents the desires and cravings of our body and soul, apart from the Holy Spirit. Many times our flesh wants something that the Holy Spirit says is not good for us; however, as we learn to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit, that is when we become truly free.

Galatians 5:16 says if you “walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh” (NIV).



The Lord wants to help us make wise choices. I often say that wisdom is doing now what you will be happy with later. Even if a good decision isn’t comfortable for our flesh in the moment, it will produce good results later on.

God has already provided everything we need to have a great life, but it’s up to us to walk it out—and we do that by making good choices (2 Peter 1:3). Good decisions produce good results.

We make choices every day: how we think, what we’re going to say, what attitude we take... We can choose to forgive someone when they don’t treat us the way they should. Or we can choose to say something kind to someone when everything in us wants to say something mean.

Always remember, when you choose to do what is right—especially when you don’t feel like it—that is when you will see good results!

I love 1 Corinthians 6:12. It says, “‘I have the right to do anything,’ you say—but not everything

is beneficial. ‘I have the right to do anything’—but I will not be mastered by anything” (NIV).

This scripture is saying we can choose to do whatever we want, but not everything is good for us. So, when we feel tempted by something that isn’t good for us, we need to stop and think, If I do this now, how will it affect me later on?

I am so glad that I’m no longer controlled by a cookie or an overwhelming desire to have to buy every new outfit I see at the shopping mall. Operating in self-control and choosing to do what I really want is true freedom.

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Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored 130 books, including BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND and HOW TO AGE WITHOUT GETTING OLD (FaithWords). She hosts the Enjoying Everyday Life radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

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in-person and Facebook Live
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Ere You Lie Down to Sleep

By Max Ehrmann

And though behind you lies
a road of dust and heat,
and before you the fear
of untried paths,
in this brief hour you are master
of all highways,
and the universe nestles
in your soul.
Therefore, in the night, sit still
a while and dream awake,
ere you lie down to sleep.



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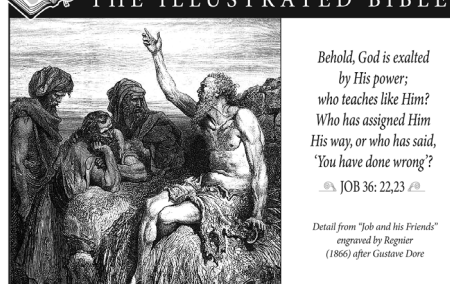
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Oct. 5 - 5 p.m. Boy Scouts

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SUNDAY SERVICE - 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Capernaum in
the Old Testament, New
Testament or neither?

2. From Exodus 28:39, what
kind of head covering did the
priest wear?

Turban, Snood, Scarf, Kalupto

3. The Pentateuch refers to how
many of the first books of the
Old Testament? 2, 3, 4, 5

4. From 1 Samuel 25:1 and 28:3,
where was the burial place of
Samuel?

Gilgal, Joppa, Corinth, Ramah

5. Whose harp playing caused
Saul's "evil spirit" to leave him?
Solomon, Alexander, David,
Haman

6. Esau sold his birthright for a
mess of ____?

Gold, Pottage, Oil, Manna



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Turban; 3) 5;
4) Ramah; 5) David; 6) Pottage

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Dated: September 2, 2021. Guadalupe Zavala Applicant. No. 0903 (Sept. 15, 22, 29)

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

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

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Robert J. Mortimer of Tujunga, California. Letters of Office were issued on September 14, 2021 to Theresa Bivona and John M. Erhardt, 1104 Oak Court, Mendota, IL 61342, whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350 or with the representative, or both, on or before April 11, 2022. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before

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No. 0905 (Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6)

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

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2021
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12 Penkins Rd., LaMoille \$350,000

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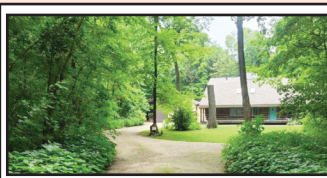
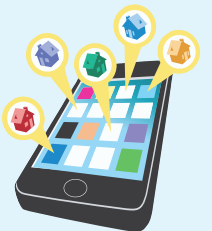
1012 Wisconsin Ave., Mendota \$89,000

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



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247 Knox Road, Mendota \$349,500

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582 US Route 52, Sublette \$349,900

Unique home with lots of spacious room to enjoy! Features include: 3,47 acre's of gorgeous land, 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, loft area for entertaining, family room in basement and bath room attached garage.



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.



974 US Route 52, Amboy \$169,900

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



209 Jefferson St., Amboy \$119,000

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

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