



**Winter blast**

All means of snow removal, from a City of Mendota plow to a small snow blower, have been used in the last week as the area saw 2020 go out and 2021 come in with the first measurable snowfalls of the winter season. A mixture of snow and ice put down three to four inches of precipitation during the final week of last year, and then back-to-back snowfalls of about two inches each welcomed in the new year. The Mendota area looks like it will be getting a break from the white stuff over the next 10 days with no snow in the forecast, but with temperatures hovering at or slightly below freezing, the snow that has already fallen will likely be sticking around for a while. (Reporter photos)

## Council discusses MASS rental fee

□ New FY budgeting process to begin

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council handled several items of business at its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 4.

The main topic of conversation was whether or not to increase the rent for Mendota Area Senior Services, which occupies part of the Mendota Civic Center. The city currently charges MASS \$250 per month. The city is proposing to raise the monthly rent to \$450. MASS is asking that the monthly charge go up \$50 per month in each of the next four years.

The city pays all of the utilities and maintenance for the civic center, and also for a deep cleaning to the area on a quarterly basis. The electric bill for the building averages \$1,800 per month.

No action was taken by the council. Mayor David Boelk referred the matter to

a committee, which will have a recommendation for the full council at the next regular meeting.

Alderman John Holland informed fellow council members that he will be reaching out to city department heads soon to begin scheduling budget meetings for February.

Water Department superintendent Tim Kimrey said Aqua Backflow of Elgin will be surveying all homes in the city for backflow prevention purposes. Postcards will be sent to all homeowners requesting information for each residence. Responses will be offered in a variety of ways. Homeowners should be receiving the survey card by the end of January.

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

## Pandemic, social unrest among top 2020 stories

By JERRY NOWICKI, PETER HANCOCK, SARAH MANSUR, RAYMON TRONCOSO  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – It was a year like no other, and one most Americans would just as soon forget, but 2020 is sure to last in the history books as one of the most tumultuous in modern history.

It was a year when face masks and hand sanitizer became ubiquitous items of everyday life and when major sporting events that many Americans use to mark the passage of time were canceled or delayed.

It was also a year marked by racial and social unrest following the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and other Black Americans at the hands of police. And it was a year of economic catastrophe that brought about some of the highest unemployment rates the nation has seen.

For Illinois, the year seemed to begin on a hopeful note. The state was running a budget surplus for the first time in many years. By February, unemployment had fallen to an all-time low.

But things were about to change amid a backdrop of pandemic and government corruption scandals that rocked the foundation of power of the nation's longest-serving state legislative leader.

**COVID-19 pandemic**  
On Jan. 24, a Chicago woman who had just returned home from Wuhan,



China, where the COVID-19 pandemic originated, tested positive for the disease. A few days later, her husband tested positive as well, marking the first known instance of person-to-person spread in the U.S.

On March 9, Gov. JB Pritzker declared a statewide disaster and quickly began invoking his emergency powers with a series of executive orders including closure of K-12 schools to in-person learning and a statewide stay-at-home order that brought much of the state's economy to a grinding halt.

By year's end, COVID-19 had claimed the lives of more than 16,000 Illinoisans as the rapid distribution of a pair of vaccines marked new hope that the "beginning of the end" of the pandemic was near.

**Madigan scandal**  
After more than three decades as one of the most powerful men in the state, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan faced an uncertain political future as 2020 neared its end.

His future as speaker and Democratic Party of Illinois chairman was first

## Only three new laws ring in new year

By SARAH MANSUR  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – When a new year begins in Illinois, there typically are dozens if not hundreds of new laws going into effect.

Not this year. Like so many other things in 2020, the legislative spring session was stunted by COVID-19. Once the global pandemic reached Illinois in March, the General Assembly would meet for only four more days — wrapping up the odd session during masked and socially distanced gatherings at the Capitol and Bank of Springfield Center. The fall veto session was scrapped altogether.

As a result, only three new laws will take effect on Jan. 1, 2021. Here's a look at them, as well as the next increase in the minimum wage.

**Insulin costs cap**  
Senate Bill 667 (Public Act 101-0625) amends the Illinois Insurance Code to cap out-of-pocket insulin costs at \$100 per month for all patients using a state regulated insurance plan, regardless of the amount of insulin or type of covered prescription insulin drug used to fill the insured patient's prescription.

Roughly 1.3 million adults in Illinois, or 12.5 percent of the population, have diabetes, according to the legislation.

SB 667 also provides that the Illinois Department of Insurance, along with the Department of Human Services



and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, must create a public insulin pricing report that includes a summary of insulin pricing practices and public policy recommendations to control and prevent the overpricing of insulin prescriptions.

Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill, chief sponsor of the Senate bill, said in a statement that the legislation shows Illinoisans don't have to accept costly prescriptions as the status quo.

"We can change the fact that prescription medication costs more in the United States than any place in the world. This legislation passed because people spoke up and told their story. This historic legislation doesn't become law without them and their effort," Manar said in the statement.

**Use of DNA in missing person cases**  
House Bill 2708 (Public Act 101-0266) amends the Missing Persons Identification Act to allow law enforcement agencies to obtain a DNA sample of a missing person or a DNA reference sample from family members' DNA,

once a missing person report is made.

The law also provides that law enforcement cannot retain DNA samples from family members or the missing person after the person has been located.

It also adds the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, a national information clearinghouse for missing persons, to the list of laboratories that law enforcement agencies can work with when trying to find a missing person.

Sen. Tony Munoz, D-Chicago, who was one of the bill's sponsors, said in a news release that using the national system will hopefully help law enforcement find missing people sooner.

"Successfully finding a missing person requires law enforcement to move fast, and we want to make sure they have every tool available to do their job," Munoz said in the release.

**Keeping victims' addresses confidential**

House Bill 2818 (Public Act 101-0270) amends the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act by including survivors of sexual assault and stalking in the Illinois Address Confidentiality Program (ACP), which offers survivors protection from their abusers by allowing them to acquire and use a substitute address instead of their real address.

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## Feeling all warm & fuzzy

Residents and staff at Heritage Health in Mendota welcomed some special guests for a socially distant visit on Dec. 30. Mendota veterinarian Cathy Wolf, top right, brought her draft pony, Blaze, who was decked out in some colorful holiday lights. She was accompanied by her daughter, Faith Brandt, right, who brought along her dog, Wonder. Wolf was also assisted by her friend, Nicki Potts, who helped with Blaze. Wolf said the residents were thrilled to see and interact with the animals through the facility's large front windows. (Photos contributed)



## BEST, Inc. wants to help make 2021 'your year'

MENDOTA - Business Employment Skills Team (BEST, Inc.) encourages anyone who is looking for employment or a new career in 2021 to give them a call. BEST, Inc. assists in helping adults, dislocated workers, and youth gain meaningful employment with job search assistance, On-the-Job Training (OJT) and paid work experience. They also have apprenticeship programs and offer services to individuals affected by the opioid epidemic.

"As we say goodbye to 2020 we want to help those who faced challenges with employment or training," said Carrie Folken, executive director of BEST, Inc. "BEST, Inc. is here to help you whether it is for training, finding a job or getting a better job."

BEST, Inc. is a federally-funded agency assisting local companies to thrive in today's complex, competitive and ever-changing economy. Their professional staff will meet with employers to assess their needs and determine an appropriate implementation plan. "We have a multitude of free services to help business with training, hiring and retention," said Dianna Schuler, business services manager for BEST, Inc. "If you have any questions about how we can help your business thrive in 2021, do not hesitate to call me at (815) 631-2990 to schedule a meeting."

BEST, Inc. has received a grant to expand apprenticeship opportunities. Please contact Nikelle Tellier, project navigator for the

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## St. Margaret's Hospital and IVCH finalize affiliation

◆ New regional health network went into effect on Jan. 1, 2021

SPRING VALLEY - St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley and Illinois Valley Community Hospital (IVCH) in Peru have finalized arrangements to consolidate their healthcare operations to form a regional health network. The organization will be known as St. Margaret's Health and will be governed by SMP Health System. Effective Jan. 1, IVCH will be known as St. Margaret's Health-Peru, while St. Margaret's Hospital will be known as St. Margaret's Health-Spring Valley.

"We are extremely pleased that, after a two-year process, we have finalized the agreement to form one entity that will serve the healthcare needs of the Illinois Valley," said Aaron Alton, President/CEO of SMP Health System. "We want to welcome our new colleagues from St. Margaret's Health-Peru to the SMP Health System. We look forward to working together to create a vibrant healthcare network and enhance the care our patients have come to expect from us."

Tim Muntz, President/CEO of St. Margaret's Health, added, "In coming together, we support a shared vision for the efficient delivery of high quality healthcare in the region. Our affiliation presents an exciting opportunity to enhance the services we provide, while also strengthening the financial health of the organization. A thorough assessment is currently underway to streamline operations and explore new services our communities may need. We expect this process to be completed within two years."

## Driver services facilities reopen; expiration dates extended to June 1

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding the public that Driver Services facilities statewide reopened on Jan. 5. Face masks are required and social distancing and other safety measures will remain in place.

White also reminds the public that driver's licenses and ID card expiration dates have been extended until June 1. As a result, people do not need

to rush to visit a facility, especially during winter weather conditions.

Additionally, White stressed that many transactions can be conducted online at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) instead of waiting at a facility. Some of these services include:

- Renewing a license plate sticker;
- Renewing a valid driver's license for qualifying drivers;
- Renewing a valid ID card for

those age 22-64 (seniors 65 and older have free, non-expiring IDs);

- Obtaining a driver record abstract;
- Filing Business Services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports; and
- Customers with issues involving administrative hearings may contact [adminhearings@ilsos.gov](mailto:adminhearings@ilsos.gov).

In an effort to reduce facility

visits for in-person service, White has expanded online renewals for driver's licenses and ID cards. Not everyone qualifies, particularly those who are required to pass a written or road test. For qualifying drivers, individuals will receive a letter with a unique PIN approximately 90 days before the expiration date. The PIN is

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**The Lighthouse Award for excellence in CPR training was presented to IVCH via ZOOM call. Displaying the award, left to right, are Robert Fortney, MSN, chief nursing officer; Ashley Freitag, BSN, nursing educator; Melissa Balma, BSN, OB department director; and Renee Rebholz, Ed.D, who initiated RQI at IVCH in 2016. (Photo contributed)**

## IVCH awarded for commitment to improving cardiac arrest survival

PERU - Adoption and consistent use of an innovative CPR training program has earned Illinois Valley Community Hospital official designation as an RQI Lighthouse Organization, joining IVCH with a group of hospitals from around the country that have demonstrated resuscitation best practices using the RQI program.

IVCH was the first hospital in Illinois to use the RQI system to train nurses and other clinical providers in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The hospital implemented the system, which is endorsed by the American Heart Association, four years ago.

"With RQI, our staff practices hands-on CPR skills with a manikin every three months through a system

that provides live feedback. This allows staff to provide the best quality CPR in an emergent situation," said nurse educator Ashley Freitag. "IVCH is honored to be at the leading edge in CPR certification while bringing the most up-to-date CPR training to our providers and staff."

IVCH officials say RQI training techniques have helped the hospital's clinical staff achieve sustained mastery of high-quality CPR skills and competence, resulting in improved patient outcomes. RQI Lighthouse Organizations align with the RQI mission to eliminate preventable death from sudden cardiac arrest.

RQI training was devel-

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## OSF Saint Paul honored for excellence in quality care

MENDOTA - The Illinois Critical Care Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) recently recognized OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota for its ongoing commitment to exceptional quality of care, during a ceremony as part of ICAHN's annual conference via Zoom.

As part of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Program (MBQIP), OSF Saint Paul and other critical access hospitals were asked to voluntarily participate in four defined domains of quality outcomes. These four domains include: Patient Safety/Inpatient; Patient Engagement; Care Transitions; and Outpatient Measures.

OSF Saint Paul was honored for being a top performer in all domains.

"Often, in rural hospitals, having a devoted staff



member to abstract and submit this data can be both time-consuming and burdensome," said Laura Fischer, ICAHN Flex Coordinator. "This hospital realizes how important quality of care and an engaged staff is for its inpatients. From its top leadership on throughout the facility, each strives for continued quality on a daily basis, and that is what we are celebrating today."

"We are very proud of our team for achieving this level of excellence in healthy quality," said Dawn Trompeter, President, OSF Saint Paul. "This is truly a team effort that recognizes our dedication to delivering a healthcare experience of which our patients and staff can be proud."

ICAHN, located in Princeton, is a network of 57 small, rural Illinois hospitals

dedicated to strengthening the operations of its member hospitals through collaboration. The organization is composed of Illinois hospitals who have earned critical access hospital designation by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. ICAHN is recognized nationally for its work with rural healthcare and administers several state, federal, and private healthcare programs.

## Learn the importance of Illinois' early pioneer cemeteries

LASALLE - Join the LaSalle Library as they host botanist and naturalist, Chris Benda, for a virtual presentation of "Pioneer Cemetery Prairies of Illinois." The program will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 6 p.m.

Despite Illinois being called "The Prairie State," there has been a nearly complete conversion of the native tall-grass prairie to agriculture and other development. Much of the remaining high-quality prairie in the state occurs in small pioneer cemeteries, which were set aside in the late 1800s. This unique program will explain what makes a cemetery prairie special and why it is important to protect and preserve them.

There are 29 Pioneer Cemetery Prairies in Illinois, with two in the Illinois Valley area - Hetzler Cemetery Prairie in Bureau County and Mt. Palatine Cemetery Prairie in Putnam County.

Benda is a past president of the Illinois Native Plant Society (2015-2016). A native of Minnesota, he moved to Illinois from California in 2004 and received a Master's degree in biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign in 2007. Besides conducting botanical fieldwork around the world, he teaches the Flora of Southern Illinois at Southern Illinois University and a variety of classes at The Morton Arboretum, as well as leading nature tours

for Camp Ondessonk. He has research appointments with the University of Illinois and Argonne National Laboratory and is an accomplished photographer and author of several publications about natural areas in Illinois.

This program is free and open to the public. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Register by going to <https://bit.ly/3pdpjyq>. If you prefer to connect to this program using an iPad or smartphone rather than a computer, need more information or have questions, please contact Rachael Blomquist, Digital Content Librarian, at [rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us](mailto:rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us) or call the library at (815) 223-2341.

## CARL'S QUIZ

In what sport did the word 'stymie' originate?

*The answer to last week's quiz is: Rabbits have no vocal cords - but they are not always completely silent. A stressed-out rabbit can make some terrifying grunting sounds as if in pain and can produce mechanical sounds from eating carrots, etc. But rabbits don't make any sounds from the mouth and most of the time just sit quietly and mind their business.*

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

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apprenticeship program, at (815) 200-3196 for more information.

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Training and employment programs are also available to help those affected by the opioid crisis. For more information, contact Kerri Hicks at (815) 872-0255.

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counties including Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Putnam and Whiteside. Due to COVID-19, offices are closed to walk-ins, but staff will assist by calling (815) 625-9648 to schedule.

## Mendota Weather

Jan. 6, 2021

### Seven Day Forecast

	<b>Wednesday</b> Cloudy High: 35 Low: 28
	<b>Thursday</b> Cloudy High: 34 Low: 25
	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 21
	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 31 Low: 20
	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 28 Low: 15
	<b>Monday</b> Cloudy High: 25 Low: 14
	<b>Tuesday</b> Cloudy High: 30 Low: 17

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow, high temperature of 35°, humidity of 93%. East wind 6 to 9 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 50° set in 2007. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday night with a slight chance of isolated snow, overnight low of 28°. East northeast wind 9 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 20°.

### Regional Cities

City	Hi/Low	Wx	Hi/Low	Wx
Aurora	36/29	cl	36/26	cl
Champaign	39/30	mc	37/27	mc
Chicago	39/31	mc	37/29	mc
Freeport	35/26	cl	35/23	cl
Joliet	37/29	cl	37/27	cl
Moline	36/29	cl	36/24	mc
Peoria	37/30	mc	36/26	mc
Rockford	36/29	cl	37/24	cl
Springfield	40/31	mc	38/28	mc

### Last Week's Local Almanac

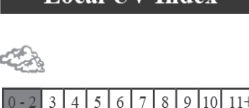
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	30	16	28/12	0.00"	0.77"
Tuesday	32	19	28/12	0.33"	0.48"
Wednesday	35	26	28/12	0.10"	+0.29"
Thursday	24	17	28/12	0.00"	
Friday	34	27	28/12	0.27"	Average temp. 26.7°
Saturday	32	25	27/12	0.00"	Average normal 19.8°
Sunday	31	26	27/11	0.07"	Departure +6.9°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Last 1/6	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	First 1/20
	Wednesday	7:23 a.m.	4:42 p.m.	Prev Day 1:08 a.m.	11:59 a.m.	
	Thursday	7:22 a.m.	4:43 p.m.	1:08 a.m.	12:28 p.m.	
	Friday	7:22 a.m.	4:44 p.m.	2:22 a.m.	12:59 p.m.	
	Saturday	7:22 a.m.	4:45 p.m.	3:37 a.m.	1:36 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:22 a.m.	4:46 p.m.	4:51 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	
New 1/13	Monday	7:22 a.m.	4:47 p.m.	6:03 a.m.	3:13 p.m.	Full 1/28
	Tuesday	7:21 a.m.	4:48 p.m.	7:06 a.m.	4:14 p.m.	

### Local UV Index



#### UV Index

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

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### National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated snow, highest temperature of 50 in Vienna, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 74 in Pembroke Pines, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 76 in Brownsville, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers, highest temperature of 49 in Tacoma, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers, highest temperature of 70 in Riverside, Calif.

### Weather History

**Jan. 6, 1989** - A blizzard ripped through south central and southeastern Idaho. Strong winds, gusting to 60 mph at the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, whipped the snow into drifts five feet high and produced wind chill readings as cold as 35 degrees below zero.

**Jan. 7, 1989** - A tornado in southern Illinois obliterated half the community of Allendale, injuring 50 people and causing more than five million dollars in damage. Thunderstorm winds gusting higher than 100 mph caused 10 million dollars damage at Franklin, Ky.

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## William H. Blomberg



CEDARVILLE - William "Bill" H. Blomberg, 88, of Cedarville passed away at home on Dec. 23, 2020.

Private family services will be held and burial will take place at the Cedarville Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

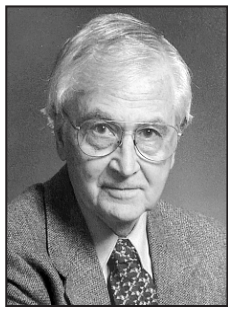
Bill was born Nov. 27, 1932 in Evanston to Howard and Grace (Williams) Blomberg. He married Diane "Dee" Horton on June 29, 1957.

Survivors include his wife of Cedarville; two sons, Don Blomberg and Rex (Kathy) Blomberg, both of Freeport; one daughter, Beth (Scott) Wise of Mendota; six grandchildren, Erick Blomberg, Ben Blomberg, Mark (Brittany) Blomberg, Garrett Wise, Cale Wise and Maren Wise; a great-granddaughter, Winry Blomberg; and one sister, Mary Sannwald of San Diego, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter-in-law, Kathleen Schafer Blomberg; and a brother-in-law, Robert "Bob" Horton.

Bill graduated from East Rockford High School and received his Bachelor's degree in history and political science. He later received a Master's degree in theology from Garrett Theological Institute. He served as a chaplain in the Army Reserves, stateside from 1964-1972. He attended Army Chaplain School at Ft. Hamilton, N.Y. in 1966. From the time he was a young man, Bill was called to the ministry and served as a pastor for several area churches for over 50 years. He spent 11 of those years at Embury UMC of Freeport and eight years in Mendota. He was currently serving as staff caller at First Lutheran Church of Freeport. He also drove the VFW van to the Veteran's Hospital in Madison, Wis. He was a member of the Cedarville United Methodist Church in Cedarville. Other memberships included AmVets, American Legion, Golden Kiwanis and Elks Club. He also served on the board for the Masonic Lodge Learning Center. He loved spending time at his cabin and working on the farm. He had a love for animals, especially dogs. Bill's passion was for serving people. He was able to find a friend in anybody and dedicated his life to helping those in need.

A memorial fund has been established for the Dyslexia Foundation and for the Cedarville UMC. Condolences may be shared at [www.walkermortuary.com](http://www.walkermortuary.com).



## Frances J. Fisher

CANTON - Frances J. Fisher, 83, of Canton passed away Dec. 29, 2020 at Graham Hospital in Canton.

Graveside service was held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 4 at White Chapel Memory Gardens in Canton with Pastor Jeff Lampen officiating. A live stream link is available on the Sedgwick Funeral Homes & Crematory website [[www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com)].

Frances was born Feb. 16, 1937 in Canton to John and Lenora (Grigsby) Thompson. She married Paul R. Fisher on Sept. 23, 1956 at the First Baptist Church in Canton. He preceded her in death in 1993.

Survivors include four sons, Barry (Laura) Fisher of Ellettsville, Brian (JoEllen) Fisher of Mendota, Bruce (Sherry) Fisher of Canton and Brent (Laura) Fisher of Silvis; nine grandchildren, Bill Fisher, Robin Fisher, Jeremy Fisher, Nicole (Michael) Zasada, Patrick (Brianna) Fisher, Crystal (Adam) Hodges, David Fisher, Erica Fisher, and Carl (Lauren) Fisher; three great-grandchildren, Jocelyn Zasada, Briston Fisher and Thor Fisher; two brothers, Jim (Nanci) Thompson and Jerry (Marilyn) Thompson; one sister, Mary Jane (Larry) Perry; and one brother-in-law, Bill Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one son, Brad Fisher; and one sister, Terri Jackson.

Frances was a farm wife for over 30 years. She worked at Prairie City Rehab and Health in Prairie City, and Farmington Country Manor Nursing Home and Rehab in Farmington. She also worked as a parent educator for Bridgeway in Canton. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Canton and attended the Fairview Reformed Church in Fairview. She was a 4-H leader for 41 years and was inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame in 2007.

Memorials may be made to the 4-H in Fulton County. Send condolences at [www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com).



## Harold L. Planthaber

PRINCETON - Harold L. Planthaber, 81, of Princeton went to heaven to be with his Lord Jesus on Jan. 3, 2021 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date with burial in Troy Grove Cemetery. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Harold was born Dec. 29, 1939 in Morrison to Clarence and Etta (Williams) Planthaber. He married the love of his life, Dora Callahan on Jan. 7, 1979 in Oregon, Ill. and received a beautiful gift of Dora's four children and two grandchildren he lovingly helped to raise.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Danny Tastad, Jr. of LaSalle; two daughters, Diane (Jeff) Burhum of El Paso and Melissa Zwart of Streator; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Marian (Tom) Terry of Depue; and one brother, Henry Planthaber of Madison, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Margaret; one son, Kenneth Bauer, Jr.; three brothers, Floyd, Clarence and Wesley; one sister Margaret Terry, two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Harold was a very hard worker, a great cook, an avid fisherman and had so much knowledge about nature, plants, animals and the weather. He never knew a stranger and always prayed for everyone. He will be greatly missed by his wife, children and his many friends.

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



## Joyce E. Hoffman

LA MOILLE - Joyce E. (Brown) Hoffman, 86, of LaMoille, passed away Jan. 1, 2021 at OSF St. Anthony's Medical Center, Rockford after a brief illness.

Private family graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 6 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

Joyce was born Jan. 15, 1934 in Mendota to Elmer and Marian (Deaner) Brown. She married Lee Hoffman on Feb. 14, 1954 in Mendota. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Survivors include three children, Jeffrey (Becky) Hoffman of Gilbert, Ariz., Laurie (Dick) Joerger of LaMoille and Sherry (Dave) Siragusa of Dunlap; five grandchildren, Kelly (Mike) Kessel, Monica Joerger and Keegan, Dylan and Joey Siragusa; two sisters, Barbara O'Leary and Betty Phalen; one brother, James (Judy) Brown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one grandson, Nick Hoffman; one brother, Bill Brown; one sister-in-law, Karen (Doenier) Brown; and two brothers-in-law, Jim O'Leary and Harry Phalen.

Joyce was a 1953 graduate of Mendota High School. After marrying Lee in 1954, the couple resided on the family farm near Perkins Grove. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, where she participated in numerous church organizations, and was a 4-H leader for many years with the Clarion Comets. She enjoyed playing cards with the West End Card Club and was active with the Quilters Guild at the Mendota Baptist Church. Joyce's greatest joys were her grandchildren. She enjoyed watching them at motocross, dance and sporting events. She loved farm life, making numerous lunches during baling and harvesting. She was active with all three children throughout school and at 4-H events and horse shows. She had a passion for a good game of dice, dominoes or cards and enjoyed many raucous games of Euchre.

Memorials may be directed to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (lls.org). Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



## Driver

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required to renew online. For more information on determining one's eligibility for online renewal, visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) and click on "Read more on how to renew your driver's license or ID card online" near the top of the main page.

To ensure the public's health and safety, customers visiting Driver Services facilities, along with Secretary of State employees, will be required to wear face masks. Plexiglass dividers have been installed at all workstations and tape has been applied to the floor in

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put in doubt on July 17 when officials at utility giant Commonwealth Edison admitted in court to a years-long bribery scheme in which they sought to buy favor with Madigan – the latest in a series of bombshell investigatory revelations that have centered on Democratic state politicians since 2019.

The case sparked an internal House investigation in which Republicans sought to oust him from office, but that effort was thwarted when Democrats on the investigating committee – all Madigan loyalists – voted against recommending a disciplinary charge.

Madigan himself has not been charged criminally and has denied any wrongdoing.

But at least 19 members of the House Democratic caucus have said they will not vote to re-elect him as speaker, which would mean he is well short of the 60 votes needed to win another term. No one else has yet emerged as a viable contender for the office, however, so it is unclear what will happen when lawmakers reconvene in Springfield in January to choose a speaker for the 102nd General Assembly.

### Leadership changes

While there is some uncertainty about whether Madigan will serve as speaker next year, a leadership change would make House Republican Leader Jim Durkin the General Assembly's most tenured leader.

Durkin, who hails from Western Springs, has been House minority leader since 2013. That caucus indicated it will back him again in January after a brief challenge from Rep. Tony McCombie, from Savanna, who eventually backed Durkin.

While 2020 began with a leadership change on the Democratic side in the Senate, it ended with a change in Republican leadership in that chamber.

After former Senate President John Cullerton announced plans to retire in 2019 after 11 years, Sens. Kimberly Lightford, from Maywood, and Don Harmon, from Oak Park, emerged as top contenders to fill the remainder of Cullerton's two-year term. Ultimately, Harmon secured majority support from the Democratic caucus and was elected on Jan. 19 following several hours of behind-the-scenes negotiations. Harmon's fellow Democrats indicated earlier this month they would back him for another two-year term come January.

Senate Minority Leader Bill Brady, from Bloomington, announced in early November his plans to step down from Republican leadership in the Senate after three years, and members of the caucus chose Sen. Dan McConchie, from Hawthorn Woods, as his replacement. McConchie has served in the chamber since 2016.

The new year will also see challengers emerge for governor and other state constitutional officers, as candidates have already begun to announce their intentions for a statewide run.

### Looking ahead

Despite the pandemic, Illinois voters went to the polls in record numbers in 2020, opting for Democrat Joseph Biden over incumbent Donald Trump by a 58-41 percent margin.

Nearly 6.1 million ballots were cast in the November election – the largest number recorded in Illinois – after state lawmakers passed a measure greatly expanding access to mail balloting for the 2020 general election in response to the pandemic.

Democrats lost one seat in the state House to hold a 73-45 supermajority but gained a seat in the state Senate to hold a 41-18 supermajority.

Republicans scored some big wins by defeating Gov. JB Pritzker's proposed con-

stitutional amendment to allow a graduated income tax and by ousting Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride, setting up a GOP effort to take a one-seat majority on the high court in 2022.

Legislatively in 2021, Pritzker and the General Assembly are facing a \$3.9 billion revenue shortfall, due largely to the financial impact of COVID-19 and the failure of the graduated income tax, and they are bracing for difficult choices to cut spending, raise revenue or some combination of both.

Pritzker has proposed \$700 million in spending cuts as a "first step" to address the budget holes. His administration also announced plans to borrow \$2 billion through a federal program to cover revenue losses and unforeseen COVID-19 expenses for the current fiscal year, but other difficult budget decisions loom in 2021.

The state's two main storylines of 2020 – scandal and pandemic – have also contributed to the derailing of a potential massive overhaul of the state's energy landscape. The Clean Energy Jobs Act and other energy reforms could be near the top of the agenda when lawmakers return for a 2021 session as well.

### Black Caucus agenda

Initiatives of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus will also be at the top of the state government agenda in 2021 following a tumultuous 2020.

The agenda, aimed at ending systemic racism in Illinois, comes amid the backdrop of massive protests against police brutality and racial inequality, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic that disproportionately infected and killed Black and Latino Americans.

The agenda is split among four pillars of policy: criminal justice reform, violence and police accountability; education and workforce development; economic access, equity and opportunity; and health care and human services.

From September to October, the Black Caucus held more than 100 hours of hearings to inform potential legislation, some of which caucus leader Kimberly Lightford said will be brought forth for January's lame duck session

before the swearing-in of new lawmakers.

The effort was partially in response to prolonged social unrest following the May 25 death of George Floyd, who died after a Minneapolis Police officer knelt on his neck for over 9 minutes. Protests began the next day in Minneapolis and quickly spread to cities across the country.

That unrest led Gov. Pritzker to deploy the Illinois National Guard to Chicago on May 31 after a weekend of large-scale protests devolved into violence in some areas.

Meanwhile, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx drew national attention for dropping charges for minor and non-violent offenses for hundreds of protestors, and President Trump engaged in high-profile disputes of rhetoric with Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Gov. Pritzker over the deployment of federal authorities to Illinois to clamp down on protests. While widescale intervention was avoided, some federal officers were deployed to aid ongoing law enforcement efforts to combat gun and drug crimes.

Ultimately, the protests, which lasted from May until early November, became the largest in U.S. history with an estimated 15 to 26 million participants across the country, with more protests taking place worldwide.

### Marijuana licensing

In 2019, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act legalized the sale and use of recreational marijuana in Illinois, and in legalization's first year, sales were expected to reach \$1 billion, yielding more than \$100 million in state and local tax revenue.

There's plenty of room for those numbers to grow, as at the start of 2020 the state had issued only 30 licenses for recreational dispensaries to firms that were already licensed as medical dispensaries.

Despite the promise that 75 new licenses would be awarded to social equity applicants in an effort to diversify the industry, the pandemic and a number of lawsuits delayed the process. While no additional licenses were awarded in 2020, the state won a lawsuit in November that could allow the program to move forward in 2021.

## Laws

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HB2818 allows survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking who fear for their safety to apply to the ACP through the Attorney General's Office. The ACP forwards all first-class mail and provides survivors with a substitute address for public records and documents, such as driver's licenses and state-issued identification cards.

The bill also changes the name of the law, from the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence Act to the Address Confidentiality for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking Act.

In a written statement, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said ACP is an important added layer of

protection and peace of mind for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

"I am committed to ensuring that survivors have access to the resources and support needed to aid their recoveries, and I encourage survivors to participate in this program that can help protect them from the individuals who perpetrated crimes against them," Raoul said in the statement.

### Minimum wage increase

The minimum wage in Illinois rose from \$10 per hour to \$11 per hour on Jan. 1.

The Illinois General Assembly passed increases to the minimum wage in 2019 with legislation that raises the minimum wage \$1 every year until it reaches \$15 per hour in 2025.

In 2020, wage earners saw their hourly wage increase from \$8.25 to \$9.25 on Jan. 1, and to \$10 on July 1.

"We want to make sure that workers earning minimum wage are aware that the \$1 increase should be reflected in their paychecks for any time they work after the first of the year," Michael Kleinik, director of the Illinois Department of Labor said in a news release. "While we fully expect employers will pay the new wage, we also want workers to be aware of the change."

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## Scholarships available to IVCC students

OGLESBY – Students planning to attend Illinois Valley Community College next fall are encouraged to apply online for approximately 130 scholarships totaling over \$300,000.


Current students, high school seniors and anyone else planning to enroll in fall or spring 2021-22 are welcome to apply for the IVCC Foundation awards.

Scholarships, valued at \$500 to \$4,500, are available in specific disciplines ranging

from agriculture, to healthcare, to STEM fields. In addition, there are about 40 "open scholarships" available to students in any discipline.

The online application must be submitted by 9 p.m. Feb. 11.

Visit [www.ivcc.edu/scholarships](http://www.ivcc.edu/scholarships) to access the application. For questions, contact Foundation secretary Donna Swiskoski at (815) 224-0551 or [donna\\_swiskoski@ivcc.edu](mailto:donna_swiskoski@ivcc.edu).



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(\*Due to Covid-19 all photos will be posted on the Mendota Area Chamber website. By submitting your photo entry, you give us permission to post photo to our website.)

**When:** Entry deadline is Friday, Jan. 15. Voting runs Jan. 18 to Feb. 12 until noon. Every cent is one vote. (One penny = 1 vote. One dollar = 100 votes)

**Where:** You may view contestants and vote at the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce website – [www.mendotachamber.com/valentine](http://www.mendotachamber.com/valentine). Click on the link to vote for your favorite Valentine.

**Winners will be announced on the Chamber Facebook page on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 12. Prizes will be awarded to first- and second-places in each category. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce.**

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## Haggling gives purpose

**By Scott Reeder**  
 SPRINGFIELD—You can call it haggling, dickering, bargaining or whatever you want; but negotiating gives me purpose.

And sadly, it is becoming a dying art. Time and time again friends will say they don’t feel comfortable negotiating a price. They just pay whatever is being asked.

A couple of weeks ago, I purchased a new car and managed to get \$8,000 knocked off the sticker price. To me, that’s enough money to warrant an hour at the negotiating table even if you don’t particularly like it.

But I love it. I was brought up in a home where negotiating prices was not just an act of frugality but an art form, a point of pride.

I remember when I was a young reporter in the Quad-Cities with a postage stamp yard and a need for a lawnmower.

I told my grandfather to keep an eye out for me at yard sales. A week later he called me up and said he found an old manual reel mower. The owner wanted 50 cents, but Grandpa said he talked her down to 25.

Yep, that’s my family. A price tag is just a starting point.

I’ve bought shoes, exercise equipment, hardware, a piano and clothing using this technique.

More businesses are refusing to negotiate. That’s ok. Others will. Recently, my nephew recruited me to help him buy a used car. We made an offer at the first dealership we went to and the salesman said, “No.” I asked if he would at least run the offer by his sales manager. Nope. How about a counter offer? Not interested.

In a rather imperious tone he told us his only job was to make sure we were “happy.”

We went to a competing dealer and made a purchase for \$2,000 less for a comparable model. (I’ll let you in on a secret: the salesman at the second dealership made us a whole lot happier than the fellow who said our “happiness” was his only concern.)

When on vacation, I’ll find an area with several motels side by side and then I’ll go from front desk to front desk and dicker. I often can get more than 50 percent knocked off the room rate doing this.

Remember, a hotel earns nothing off a room that sits empty. So, 50 percent of something is better than 100 percent of nothing.

My wife, by the way, finds this whole process unseemly and stays in the car while I haggle. Sadly, her reaction is not uncommon.

“Girls are taught to be nice and not to talk about money,” said Elizabeth Austin, co-author of “The Good Girl’s Guide to Negotiating.”

“Unfortunately, when a woman negotiates for a higher salary, she is more likely to be called ‘pushy.’ When a man does it, people will say things like, ‘Look at how much value he’s bringing to the organization.’”

Girls are also often taught not to be confrontational and to be more empathetic to the opposing party, she added.

My father had me sit through I don’t know how many sessions where he negotiated the price of farm equipment, cars or who knows what else. I learned through observation.

But failure also is a good teacher.

In 2017, I launched, Suspect Convictions, a major podcast, and hired a firm to sell advertising – after I negotiated down their sales commission.

The result? The salesforce devoted themselves to selling higher commission projects and made mine a lower priority. In hindsight, I believe I would have brought in much more revenue if I had been more generous on the front end.

The lesson? Drive a hard bargain when negotiating the price of a tangible product, but if it is a service, it helps if you put yourself in the other person’s shoes.

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# Kiwanis Club ends year one – 1925

*(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Jan. 4, 1995.)*

**By Jessica Nashold**

At the close of its first year, Mendota Kiwanis had a number of accomplishments to record. A Kiwanis committee signed up enough sweet corn acreage to insure construction of a canning factory here.

To establish a tourist camp on the old north end school grounds, Kiwanis had spent several hundred dollars for improvements.

Fundraising to purchase uniforms for the MTHS band had brought in a surplus of \$18.41. Cost of uniforms and an outfit for the drum major was \$420.59. The \$18.41 was donated to the school as nucleus for a fund to purchase future uniforms. Arthur Bush, son of charter Kiwanian A.W. Bush, was present at the Kiwanis meeting wearing his band uniform.

In addition to these projects, Kiwanis members had benefited from weekly programs.

**The minds have been enlarged and all have learned a great deal in the 52 meetings held.**

President Fim Murra turned his gavel over to R.E. Beebe, superintendent of schools, the Kiwanis president-elect.

The Fred J. Hueter Dodge garage was purchased by Roland and Gilbert Truckenbrod. Inventory was taken Jan. 1, 1925, and on Jan. 2, Truckenbrod Brothers was ready for business.

**The new proprietors were excellent fellows who will make every honorable effort to retain the splendid patronage this garage has been enjoying.**

It was explained that the business would be “something new for them, at first,” but success was predicted.

There were 14 Dodge models available, ranging in price from the Dodge Touring at \$885 to the “A” Sedan Special at \$1,330.

Truckenbrod Brothers also offered space for customers wishing to store their vehicles during the winter months.

Carl Heagy purchased John Kehm’s dray business. He had been employed at the Burlington freight house.

## Backtracks & Sidetracks

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Frank Gurney’s Radio & Delco Lighting Shop moved to rooms above Karger’s clothing store on Main Street. Gurney advertised his new machine for recharging radio and auto batteries.

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In 1925, radios were gaining in popularity. At the Roy Otterbach home, for example, radio topped off a holiday feast.

**After dinner, the folks were entertained by music on the new radio installed at the Otterbach home, which the folks greatly enjoyed.**

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Radio was put to a variety of uses. On New Year’s Eve, the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall rang 148 times, “once for each year in the life of the nation.”

**Radio carried the sound of the bell over the land and across the water.**

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A suggestion by Harry Setchell was broadcast over a Chicago radio station. Setchell wrote that every farmer should place his mailbox where the mailman “could put the mail without getting out of his auto.”

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Spencer Moss returned to Mendota on Jan. 12, 1925, as district superintendent for Illinois Northern Utilities. He had started in Mendota, then spent several years in Morrison where he was assistant superintendent. The Reporter was pleased to announce his return.

**He is courteous and tries in every transaction to please the customers as well as keep within the rules of the corporation by which he is employed.**

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At Purity Ice Cream Co., cold weather “caused the condenser to freeze. As several days were required for repair –

**Messrs. Mauer & Zapf were kind enough to allow them to use their ice cream machine to fill orders.**

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The Elks sponsored a home talent play on Jan. 8-9, 1925, with a cast of 200, including children in numerous choruses.

On Jan. 13-14, the Elks Auditorium was taken over by the Knights of Columbus for a combined carnival, program and dance. General admission was 10 cents with additional charges at the booths.

**The Frolics give evidence of being one of the crowning events of the season.**

Music was by the Mendota Harmonizers: Irma Becker, piano; Richard Leiser, saxophone; John Wennmacher, violin; Frank Reiter, drums.

**They surely have made progress in their art of playing dance music and many comments were made in their behalf.**

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In 1925, The Reporter carried a syndicated column by Arthur Brisbane called “This Week.” On Jan. 1, 1925, he made a prediction –

**The flying machine will upset theories, habits and values. Flying for all long journeys will displace railroading completely within the lives of middle-aged men now living.**

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The Mendota Elks bowling team brought home the LaSalle County championship in January 1925. K.W. Pohl, Herbie Cleer, Dan Miller, Adolph Rave and Walcott Van Etten. Team total in the championship was 2664. Pohl was star bowler with a 601.

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Serving of raw oysters was banned by law after Jan. 15, 1925, in hotels, restaurants or railroad diners.

**Dealers must get from customers a written promise that oysters will not be eaten raw.**

This measure was intended to prevent the spread of typhoid fever.

# Behold, the delivery revolution

**By Rich Lowry**

It’s been a terrible year for the American worker, with a notable bright spot courtesy of one of the tech firms in the crosshairs of regulators and lawmakers.

If someone had said early in 2020, “A company is going to hire hundreds of thousands of non-college-educated workers during the pandemic at well above the minimum wage,” you’d think there’d be huzzahs all around.

That’s what the online retailer Amazon has done, but it still gets brickbats for how it pays and treats its workers. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said the other day that Amazon jobs are a “scam.”

If so, a swath of the American workforce is falling for the grift. Since July, the online retailer has hired 350,000 workers, and now employs 1.2 million people globally. This is a historic hiring binge. According to The New York Times, “the closest comparisons are the hiring that entire industries carried out in wartime, such as shipbuilding during the early years of World War II.”

On top of this, the company provides work for roughly half a million truck drivers.

It overwhelmingly hires high school graduates. It doesn’t ask for a resume, gives its workers about a day of training, and then puts them on the job in its fulfillment centers.

The difficulty of the work shouldn’t be underestimated -- it is taxing, repetitive and highly regimented. Yet, we’ve long complained about losing assembly line jobs for non-college-educated workers. Amazon is hiring people for what is the 21st-century equivalent of such jobs.

Amazon began paying its workers \$15 an hour in 2018. If that rate rings a bell, it’s the number for the federal minimum wage that Sen. Bernie Sanders and AOC have long been lobbying for, to little effect (it remains \$7.25 an hour).

It’s hard to review what Amazon has done over the last year and consider it the work of a corporate monster. The company had an unlimited unpaid time off policy for its workers when the pandemic began.

It hired temporary workers to replace them and deal with the surge of business, then kept most of them on and began hiring on top of that.

It’s been offering signing bonuses of up to \$3,000, and hiring in places in the country where no one else is.

According to the research of Michael Mandel at the center-left Progressive Policy Institute, Amazon fulfillment center jobs pay 31% more than retail jobs at brick-and-mortar stores, where pay has basically been stagnant for three decades.

Mandel points out that it’s wrong to simplistically think of Amazon and other e-commerce outfits as replacing brick-and-mortar stores.

What they are really replacing is the labor that consumers undertake on their own to shop for goods -- driving to a store, walking up and down the aisles, making the selection, loading it, and taking it home. Someone making a purchase through Amazon essentially hires a network of workers to do all of that for him.

What Amazon, and e-commerce more broadly, is doing is selling goods to consumers at low prices, while giving them more convenience than ever before (rapid delivery to their doorsteps, with the possibility of easy returns) and creating new jobs in the process.

By all means, jawbone the company to treat workers better, but don’t lose sight of the scale of its achievement -- and how many Americans are employed because of it.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## IVCC gives cybersecurity program to business owners

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College cybersecurity program coordinator Nancy McDonnell presented “Cybersecurity Today” live via Zoom to about 30 small business owners and staff recently.

McDonnell’s presentation, sponsored in partnership with district chambers of commerce, focused on what businesses can do to thwart cyberattacks.

“The basic premise is, if it connects to the internet, it can be hacked,” McDonnell warned, adding, “It can be breached if you don’t take precautions.”

Cyberattacks cost businesses an average of \$200,000 to \$320,000 and 43 percent target small business, she said. However, 60 percent of small businesses have no plan and 60 percent fold within six months of an attack.

“If cyberattack can put you out of business, it should be a high priority,” she said.

A pandemic that has forced many employees to work remotely, ignited a firestorm of cybercrime:

- Ransomware attacks rose 148 percent in March;
- Cloud-based attacks spiked 630 percent between January and April; and

• Phishing attempts surged 660 percent since March.

McDonnell said every IT professional needs cybersecurity proficiencies to protect and defend apps, data, devices, infrastructure and people.

Security training is no longer optional, it is essential.

“Eighty percent of the attacks that end in a data breach start in a phishing email. Security awareness and phishing training is a must-have in 2021,” she said. McDonnell urges businesses to “create a security culture.”

IVCC’s cybersecurity program certifies IT professionals and novices in basic to advanced skills through its offerings of Security+, Ethical Hacking, Cybersecurity Scripting, Computer Ethics, CySA+, Digital Forensics and Managing Information Security.

Students with the proper prerequisites can enroll in the program for the spring semester starting Jan. 14.

Small and large businesses “have to have a plan” and “invest in IT training to help lockup your network,” McDonnell said. “No business is too small to be hacked. We can help you protect your business.”



### Snow much fun

Lincoln Daley, left, and his brother, Jaxen, take advantage of the first significant snowfall of the season to try their hand at building a snowman. After that, the boys enjoyed more winter activities as they headed to Lake Mendota to sled down the hill along with many others during the long New Year’s weekend. (Reporter photo)

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## POLICE BLOTTER

### DUI

David A. Fox, 49, of 4373 N. U.S. Route 34, Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop near the intersection of Seventh Street and Sixth Avenue at 3:06 a.m. Jan. 3. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED**  
Sheila Bolz, 57, of 704 Sixth Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Illinois Avenue and Monroe Street at 7:59 a.m. Jan. 4. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED**  
Kristen M. Ward, 37, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop Sixth Street and Sixth Avenue at 8:12 p.m. Jan. 4. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

## BLESSED EVENTS

**KING** — Mr. and Mrs. Adam King (Megan Russell) of Ohio, girl, Jan. 1, 2021, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

**City Council schedule**  
MENDOTA—The Mendota City Council meeting schedule for 2021 is as follows:  
Jan. 18; Feb. 1 & 15; March 1 & 15; April 5 & 19; May 3 & 17; June 7 & 21; July 6 & 19; Aug. 2 & 16; Sept. 7 & 20; Oct. 4 & 18; Nov. 1 & 15; Dec. 6 & 20.  
Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. and are held in the City Council Chambers, 607 Eighth Ave., Mendota.

## State Fire Marshal urges residents to check carbon monoxide detectors

SPRINGFIELD - The Office of the State Fire Marshal warns residents across the state to pay special attention to the distinct signals sent by carbon monoxide alarms when their life has expired. Frequently, people may believe that a beep coming out of their CO means it's time for a battery change, when in fact it means that the device needs to be replaced.

"It is extremely important to pay attention to the different beeps that come out of a dead CO alarm. We want to ensure that our residents understand the difference in order to take immediate action and prevent a tragedy," said State Fire Marshal Matthew Perez. "Carbon monoxide is known as the silent killer. The replacement of dead carbon monoxide detectors is also a life saver."

Since January 2007, it has been an Illinois law to have a properly functioning CO alarm in all dwelling units. The law requires that detectors must have battery power as the primary or secondary power supply. They cannot be solely electric powered. Many carbon monoxide detectors now in service were made prior to

the incorporation of the new requirements and may not have an end-of-life signal.

Carbon monoxide is the number one cause of poisoning deaths in the nation, claiming approximately 300 lives a year, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Because CO is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas, it can kill people before they realize its presence. It can be produced by gas or oil appliances such as furnaces, clothes dryers, water heaters, ovens, space heaters or, in some cases, by fireplaces and wood-burning stoves.

OSFM advises consumers that if their CO alarms were manufactured before August 2009, prior to the incorporation of the new requirements, they may not have the end-of-life feature. In addition, residents who have a carbon monoxide detector installed for more than three years should look for the manufacturing date, which may be found on the outside back of the alarm or visit the company's website for further information. If none can be found, the device should be replaced without any hesitation.

Carbon monoxide alarms should be tested every month by pushing the test button. If the alarm goes off, follow the basic steps:

- If your CO detector activates, evacuate everyone from your home immediately leaving the door open for ventilation on your way out and then call 911.
- Do not re-enter until experts have investigated the problem and declared it safe to return.

Other important tips:

- Ensure that household appliances are installed and running correctly. Have a professional technician check fuel-burning appliances, furnaces, chimneys and vents at least annually for blockages, corrosion, debris and faulty connections.
- Check appliances in the home that use natural gas, oil, wood and kerosene such as water heaters, clothes dryers, ranges, ovens, gas-powered refrigerators and pilot lights.
- Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in a room with closed doors or windows or in rooms where people are sleeping.
- Check venting systems to the outside for cracks

and blockages such as flues, chimneys and fireplaces.

- Make sure space heaters are vented properly.
- Never operate generators indoors.
- Never burn charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent.
- Never use gasoline-powered tools and engines indoors.
- Never use gas-powered

appliances such as an oven or clothes dryer for heating a home.

- Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even if the garage door is open.

For additional information about carbon monoxide poisoning, visit the OSFM webpage at [www.sfm.illinois.gov](http://www.sfm.illinois.gov) or the National Fire Protection Association.



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# MONEY MATTERS

## Get in the habit of saving more money each month

Saving is a vital component of financial planning. However, more than half of Americans are saving too little and do not have an accurate grasp of their spending habits.

A recent survey from Intuit Mint Life found that, in 2019, 59 percent of Americans were living paycheck to paycheck and 65 percent didn't know how much they were spending on a monthly basis. The situation is similar in Canada, where the annual BDO Canada Affordability Index indicates 53 percent of Canadians are living paycheck to paycheck and 25 percent say their debt load is overwhelming.

While there's no magic formula to save money, and the amount of money one should save each month depends on how he or she wants to live now and in the future, a handful of strategies can help people save more money each year.

- Follow the 50/30/20 rule. The popular 50/30/20 rule advocates for allocating 50 percent of your budget to essentials like rent, food and housing, 30 percent for discretionary spending and 20 percent for savings.



Many people cannot save 20 percent of their income. In such instances, people can make a concerted effort to save 10 percent of their take-home pay.

- Build an emergency fund. The credit reporting agency Experian recommends consumers keep between three and six months' worth of expenses in an emergency fund. The fund should cover expenses on the absolute necessities paid each month, like utilities rent/mortgage and groceries.

- Set goals. Savings goals can help a person stay on track and provide motivation to put money away. Establish separate savings accounts for each goal to reduce the temptation to spend. For example, if the goal is to save more

for vacations, then a person can open an account where funds are used exclusively for vacations.

- Automate with your employers' help. Certain employers allow workers to direct deposit a paycheck into more than one bank account. It's easy to request the payroll manager put 10 percent or 20 percent of a paycheck into a savings account while the remainder is deposited into a checking account. Automated deposits can help individuals get accustomed to living on less.

Saving money isn't always easy, but with goals and certain strategies in mind, it's possible for individuals to grow their savings and secure their financial futures.



Retirees can make their money go further if they take inventory of their spending.

## Ways to cut costs during retirement

The average person will spend more than 50 years in the employment sector. As retirement draws closer, many professionals begin to daydream about giving up the commute and having more time to pursue their personal interests.

Even if planning for retirement has been many years in the making, it can take some time for a person to become acclimated to having less income. According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "older households," which are defined as those run by someone age 65 and older, spent an average of \$45,756 in 2016, or roughly \$3,800 a month. That's roughly \$1,000 less than the monthly average spent by typical American households. Housing, transportation, health care, and food are some of the biggest bills retirees will have to account for. Aiming to have savings in addition to any other retirement income or government subsidy coming in to cover that amount is a step in the right direction.

Retirees can make their money go further if they take inventory of their spending and make some cuts where possible.

- Know where your money is going. It's impossible to save without knowing what your expenses are each month. Many people are surprised to learn how much little things add up over the course of a month. For example, spending \$4 for a take-out coffee each day can quickly become an expensive luxury. Add all expenses and see where you can trim, especially if there's a deficit each month.

- Consider extra health care. In the United States, Medicare participants can choose Medicare Supplement Insurance plans to help

reduce out-of-pocket health care costs. Medicare Parts A and B only cover some of your health care costs. Supplemental insurance can cover some of the costs not covered by original Medicare, like copayments, deductibles and coinsurance, according to AARP.

- Pare down on possessions. Take inventory of what you have and scale back where possible. If you are no longer commuting to work, you may be able to become a one-car household. Downsizing your residence can help seniors avoid spending too much of their retirement time and money maintaining their homes.

- Take advantage of senior discounts. Take advantage of the many discounts that are offered to seniors. Retirees can usually save on restaurants, travel, groceries, and much more by simply shopping on specific days or verifying their age when checking out.

- Purchase less expensive life insurance. According to Cheapism, a site that advises consumers about how to be more frugal, the chief purpose of life insurance is to replace income to ensure the financial security of dependents in the event of death. Retirees may have no dependents and little income. Therefore, a large life insurance policy may not be necessary, especially if you've already set aside funds to cover funeral costs.

- Pay off a mortgage. Housing is many people's most substantial expense. Paying off a mortgage can free up more money each month and allow retirees to spend their golden years doing as they please.

As retirement nears, adults can employ various strategies to reduce their monthly expenses.

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### 50-30-20 approach

✓ 50% – Amount of money spent on needs

✓ 30% – Amount of money spent on wants

✓ 20% – Amount of money allocated to savings

## What is the 50-30-20 approach to your finances?

Effective financial strategies vary depending on which stage of life a person is in. For example, a recent college graduate working his or her first professional job will not have the same financial strategy as someone on the cusp of retirement. But one financial strategy that people of all ages can look to for guidance is the 50-30-20 approach. Popularized by United States Senator Elizabeth Warren, the 50-30-20 approach to financial planning can be a valuable resource for anyone trying to develop a budget. The approach is simple yet effective. Under the 50-30-20 approach, income is allocated based on this breakdown:

- 50 percent of money is spent on needs, including housing costs, health insurance, car payments, and groceries

- 30 percent of money is spent on wants, including hobbies, dining out and travel

- 20 percent of money is allocated to savings

Proponents of the 50-30-20 approach note that calculations should be based on after-tax income, or what's often referred to as "take-home pay." Professionals with steady paychecks can easily determine their 50-30-20 breakdowns by saving a month's worth of pay stubs and establishing their monthly budget based on what's coming in. The task can be trickier for self-employed or freelance workers, who may benefit from working with financial planners as they seek to create monthly budgets based on the 50-30-20 approach.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** -- Through the years, child stars have scored big in movies and television. Among the most famous were Shirley Temple, Natalie Wood, Leonardo DiCaprio, Neil Patrick Harris, Kurt Russell, Ryan Gosling and Drew Barrymore. The challenge for a child star is to make a graceful transition to an adult star. Shirley Temple, for example, literally saved 20th Century Fox from ruin but was never able to click as an adult star in a big way.

Hayley Mills became an overnight sensation because of "The Parent Trap," "Pollyanna" and "That Darn Cat." As an adult she starred in the TV series "Good Morning Miss Bliss," which eventually morphed into "Saved by the Bell." Her sister, Juliet Mills didn't score until she starred in the TV series "Nanny and the Professor." Hayley, now 74, is married to actor Firdous Bamji (20 years her junior) and Juliet, now 79, is wed to actor Maxwell Caulfield (18 years her junior).



Highmore

Macaulay Culkin, now 40, became a child superstar because of "Home Alone" and "Home Alone 2: Lost In New York." He had his share of growing pains but got it together enough to play Kevin McCallister in the upcoming "Home Alone 6," with Ellie Kemper. His current girlfriend, Brenda Song, was a child actress in the series "The Suite Life of Zack & Cody." His success inspired his siblings Kieran (38), Rory (31) and sister Kit (36) to become actors.

Peter Billingsley, endlessly seen during the holidays in "Christmas Story," now 49, was in last year's "Spider-Man: Far From Home."

And let's not forget "The Mickey Mouse Club" reboot, which gave us Christina Aguilera, Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears and the Oscar-nominated Ryan Gosling.

Abigail Breslin, now 24, was nominated for an Oscar

when she was 12 for "Little Miss Sunshine." This year she co-starred in the comedy "Zombieland: Double Tap," with Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg and Emma Stone, and will soon be seen opposite Matt Damon in the crime drama "Stillwater," and with Thomas Jane and Jack Donnelly in the horror film "Slayers."

Probably the best transition from child actor to adult star was made by Freddie Highmore, who first impressed us in "Finding Netherland" (2004) and then in the title role of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005). Highmore took time off for his schooling, but still did voiceover work until 2013, when he played that "Psycho" Norman Bates in the TV series "Bates Motel" (2013-2017). Then he jumped right into the popular ABC series "The Good Doctor," which is currently enjoying season 3.

Whoever said, "Children should be seen and not heard" never saw any of the kids above!

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## Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

Make them or break them, New Year's resolutions are a tool to set good intentions for the year ahead. For instance, one of mine: I resolve to spend more time lounging about on the couch watching movies (hey, it's a pretty easy resolution to keep). If you need some resolution motivation, it's never too late! Take a look at the four major themes below and draw some inspiration, then clip and save this column for late January, when you need some cinematic encouragement to carry on!

Making Physical Changes "Heavyweights" features a bunch of kids sent away to weight-loss camp where the new director (Ben Stiller) is too over-the-top. Naturally, the kids stage a coup. In "GI Jane," the first female recruit (Demi Moore) for the Navy SEAL program gets incredibly tough -- and incredibly buff. Jillian Bell plays Brittany, a woman who takes up running after a routine checkup reveals the damage her profligate existence has unleashed, in "Brittany Runs a Marathon."

Going Back to School In "Billy Madison," Adam

Sandler is heir to a hotel chain, if he can show he actually deserves the diplomas that Daddy bought. To prove he has the smarts, he has to quickly retake every grade. Self-made man Thornton Mellon (Rodney Dangerfield) sends his much-loved son off to college, then follows him "Back to School" to make sure he has the full experience. Kevin Hart and Tiffany Haddish square off as student and teacher in "Night School," in which Hart plays Teddy, an obnoxious salesman who needs his GED in order to keep his lavish lifestyle illusion alive.

Find Yourself Mark Wahlberg stars as "Invincible" Vince Papale, a nice guy down on his luck who unexpectedly secures a spot on the Philadelphia Eagles after legendary coach Dick Vermeil announces open tryouts. In "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," Ben Stiller plays a sheltered Life magazine photography expert who embarks on an unbelievable journey to connect with a photographer and recover a photo that embodies the magazine's essence. "Eat Pray Love" sends Liz (Julia Roberts) around the world

to discover herself post-divorce through indulgence, belief and passion. In "Last Holiday," a woman (Queen Latifah) believes she has an untreatable terminal illness, so she liquifies her assets and sets off to truly live her best life -- at the Grandhotel Pupp in the Alps.

Finding Love In "50 First Dates," Adam Sandler plays a playboy veterinarian who attempts to woo a woman (Drew Barrymore) after a car crash leaves her with no short-term memory. Every day is a new chance to get love right. In "The Photograph," Mae (Issa Rae) and Michael (LaKeith Stanfield) are steamy lovers chasing down the life story of a legendary photographer. When wholesome tollbooth worker Lucy (Sandra Bullock) saves the life of a dreamboat commuter, she is mistaken by his family as his fiancée in "While You Were Sleeping." Finally, in "Definitely, Maybe," Ryan Reynolds stars as Will, a handsome dad recounting his tales of love and loss to his daughter on the eve of divorce.

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## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** What happened to the "Chicago" shows on Wednesday nights? We finally got new episodes after all these months, and now they're gone again. -- **C.K.**

**A:** Many prime time series, including the "Chicago" ones, go on hiatus for the winter and return in early to mid-January. Since the start of the fall season was delayed this year, fans were hopeful that they would continue to get new content without a hiatus, but that doesn't seem to be the case.

It probably doesn't help that one of the shows, "Chicago Fire," had to suspend production in early November due to a number of positive COVID tests on the set, but NBC likely would have put them on hiatus anyway because, according to OneChicagoCenter.com, "This period is a bad time to run new episodes; viewership and ad revenue plummet as people are busy with things other than watching TV." The website further stated that "Chicago PD," "Chicago Med" and "Chicago Fire" all will return on Wednesday, Jan. 6, in their usual time slots.

**Q:** What is Susan Sarandon doing these days -- or at

least before the pandemic? She used to have one movie after another, but now I never hear about her. Is she still acting? -- **P.E.**

**A:** Opportunities have grown in the past decade for mature actresses, especially with so many streaming platforms and cable channels developing new content at a rapid pace. Fortunately, the Oscar-winning actress has another project on the horizon, the psychological horror series "Red Bird Lane" on HBO Max.

According to TVLine.com, the show "follows eight strangers who arrive at an isolated house ... and quickly realize that something sinister and terrifying awaits them." Sarandon plays the hostess, Catherine, who may or may not have murderous tendencies. Sarandon has actually been working very consistently all these years, but just not in as many high-profile motion pictures. She was a regular on the HBO series "Ray Donovan" for two years and can be seen in the upcoming comedy film "Bad Moms' Moms," with Christine Baranski and Cher-

Sarandon

yl Hines.

**Q:** I read a rumor that they are going to remake "Interview with the Vampire" into another movie, based on Anne Rice's book. Is this true? -- **E.C.**

**A:** Nothing is in the works yet, but the AMC Network has bought the rights to author Anne Rice's novels. Rice said in a statement: "It's always been my dream to see the worlds of my two biggest series united under a single roof so that filmmakers could explore the expansive and interconnected universe of my vampires and witches."

There are 18 titles in Rice's library, any of which can now be turned into movies and/or television shows by AMC. The original "Interview with the Vampire" in 1994 starred Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt.

Vampire-story enthusiasts also will be pleased to learn that HBO is redeveloping "True Blood" into another series with a new cast. This show was based on a series of books by Charlaine Harris.

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

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## • Trivia Test •

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" was written after the death of which president?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the weight of a U.S. quarter?

3. MOVIES: What was the name of the skyscraper in the drama "Die Hard"?

4. TELEVISION: What city was the setting for the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"?

5. SCIENCE: What is the study of knowledge, reality and existence called?

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male blue crabs called?

7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest point in Japan?

8. FOOD & DRINK: The acai berry is native to which continent?

9. LITERATURE: Who wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book series for children?

10. MEASUREMENTS: What is an angstrom?

Answers

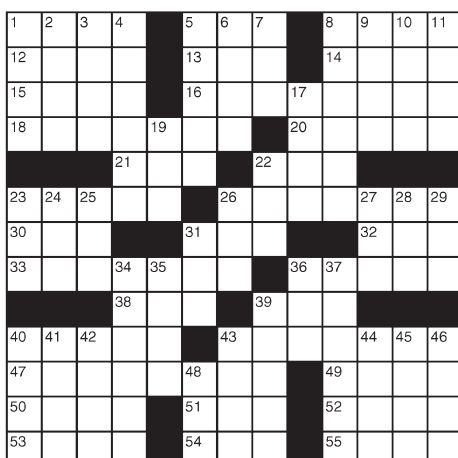
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2. 0.2 ounces
3. Nakatomi Plaza
4. Boulder, Colorado
5. Philosophy
6. Jimmies
7. Mount Fuji
8. South America
9. A.A. Milne
10. One ten-billionth of a meter, used to measure very small distances

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### ACROSS

- 1 Nile vipers
- 5 Cistern
- 8 Sprint
- 12 Guitarist Atkins
- 13 -- -de-France
- 14 Formerly
- 15 Antelope's playmate
- 16 Its days are numbered
- 18 Degree of excellence
- 20 Endures
- 21 "Nova" airtel
- 22 Lass
- 23 Regions
- 26 Volcanic crater
- 30 "Entourage" agent
- 31 Branch
- 32 Felon's flight
- 33 Trinidad
- 36 Fountain drinks
- 38 Fine, at NASA
- 39 Mary
- 40 Dishonor
- 43 Actor Rory
- 47 Squid dish
- 49 Big fair, for short
- 50 "Oops!"
- 51 Drench
- 52 Peruse
- 53 Facts and figures



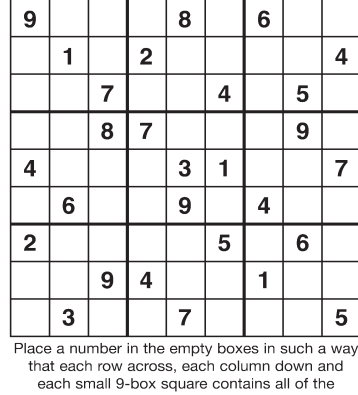
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- 9 &&&&
- 10 Ella's style
- 11 Towel word
- 17 Israeli airline
- 19 Small ammo
- 22 Leg, in slang
- 23 Efron of "Parkland"
- 24 Man-mouse link
- 25 Zero
- 26 -- -Magnon
- 27 Right angle
- 28 Squealer
- 29 Early hrs.
- 31 Request
- 34 Motorcycle maker
- 35 "The Raven," for one
- 36 Actor Gibson
- 37 Stick
- 39 Is patient
- 40 Gulf War missile
- 41 "Funny!"
- 42 Oodles
- 43 Manitoba tribe
- 44 They can take a yoke
- 45 -- the crack of dawn
- 46 Agrees silently
- 48 Piercing tool

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

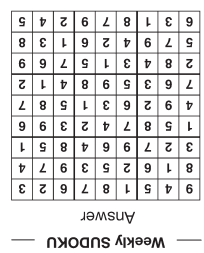


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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answers

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

\* Many people in South Korea opt to compress the remains of the dead person into gem-like beads in different colors, which are then displayed at home.

\* Greenland sharks don't reach puberty until they are 150 years old.

\* The first hoop skirt was worn by Queen Juana of Portugal, in a bid to hide the fact she was pregnant.

\* In 2015, Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield released the first ever album recorded entirely in space, titled "Space Sessions: Songs from a Tiny Can."

\* The oldest known customer service complaint was written on a clay cuneiform tablet in Mesopotamia 4,000 years ago. In it, a customer named Nanni complains that he was sold inferior copper ingots.

\* Russia only classified beer as an alcoholic drink in 2011.

\* Japanese trains, reputedly the most punctual in the world, issue passengers with a "delay certificate" if a train is running more than five minutes behind schedule. The documents can be shown to bosses or teachers to explain a passenger's lateness.

\* In 1984, New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon got drunk and decided to spontaneously call a general election, which he lost.

\* Before battles, some Roman gladiators read product endorsements. The makers of the film "Gladiator" planned to show this but nixed the idea for fear that audiences wouldn't believe it.

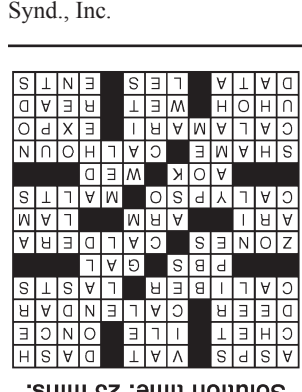
\* A person with geomelophobia has the urge to eat raw potatoes.

\* In the late 1800s in Corinne, Utah, you could buy legal divorce papers from a vending machine for \$2.50.

\* Late in his life, Guglielmo Marconi believed no sound ever dies completely. He dreamed of building a device strong enough to pick up the actual words of Jesus at the "Sermon on the Mount."

Thought for the Day: "There are years that ask questions, and years that answer." -- Zora Neale Hurston

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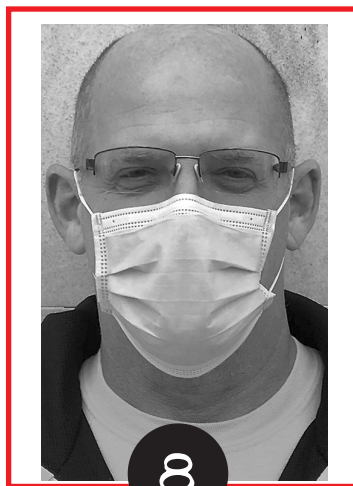
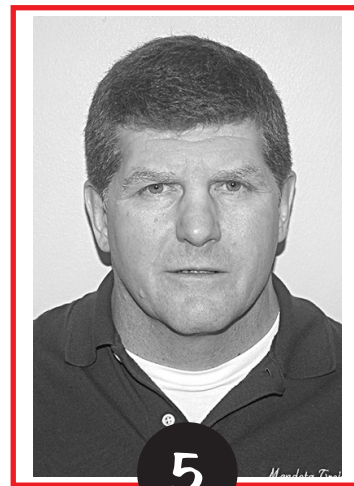
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## The most important key to a healthy life

Do you know that God is interested in every area of your life? The truth is He cares about every single thing that concerns you, and He wants every bit of you to be whole and healthy.

First Thessalonians 5:23 (AMPC) says, "May the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you

pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)." This verse shows us that we can be "wholly consecrated to God," and He wants our spirit, soul and body to "be preserved sound and complete."

Jesus came to heal

you and make you whole. He died so your sins could be forgiven and you could be made whole in your spirit, soul and body (Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 19:10; John 10:10).

### **Understanding the Way God Made You**

God created us as tri-part beings: we are a spirit, we have a soul and we live in a body. One function of our spirit is the conscience; it's the part of us that receives revelation from God. The soul is made up of our mind, will and emotions, and our body is the "house" we live in. It's easy to think that God is only interested in spiritual things, but all three parts of our being are important to Him.

We can be sound spiritually—born again and on our way to Heaven—but God wants more for us than that. Jesus didn't come so we could just make it through this life and get to Heaven. He wants us to enjoy the journey, too!

I remember years ago when I was going to church regularly and had received Christ as my Savior, but so much of my life was a mess! I really loved God, but I didn't love my life. I



looked like I had it all together on the outside, but there was a lot of pain and dysfunction on the inside of me that people didn't know about.

It was an amazing revelation when I saw in God's Word that He cares about how we think, talk, our finances, our relationships, and that He has a plan and purpose for every single one of us. God wants our lives to be good! It took time and a determined decision on my part to study the Word and believe God's promises were for me, but I'm no longer a miserable Christian and can honestly say today that I am much healthier and enjoy the life God has given me.

### **The Foundation of Better Health**

The best way to begin pursuing better health is by pursuing a deeper relationship with Jesus, because if your spirit is not healthy and right with God, then the other areas of your life can't become completely whole either.

Psalm 63:5 (AMPC) says, "My whole being shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips." I love that this says "my whole being shall be satisfied."

And Psalm 63:8 gives us the key to complete

satisfaction: "My whole being follows hard after You and clings closely to You; Your right hand upholds me." So if we want to be fully satisfied, we have to follow hard after Jesus!

In any area of life, you'll get out of it what you put into it. It's foolish to think you can have a close walk with God if you don't spend time with Him on a regular basis, or the only time you talk to Him is when you're in trouble. Being a victorious Christian is not just a Sunday morning event. And God wants to have a personal, intimate, ongoing relationship with you.

### **It's a Daily Choice**

Romans 12:1 says to "make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship." In other words, we need to dedicate our entire being to God...to be passionate for Him and seek Him with ALL of our heart.

As you pursue greater health, I want to encourage you to start by dedicating (or rededicating) your entire life to Jesus. Spend time in prayer each day, study

the Bible and discover for yourself what it means to have an intimate relationship with Jesus and be full of the life of God.

Remember that your walk with Christ is a lifelong journey, and learning to be completely dedicated to Him is a process. As you make progress little by little each day, your life will get more exciting because following the plan God has for you is the way to become satisfied in your whole being—spirit, soul and body.

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By virtue of 770 ILCS 103/10-15 et. seq and in execution of certain mortgages on the timeshare estates given by the owners of the timeshare estates set forth below for breach of the conditions of said mortgages and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on January 26, 2021, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgages.

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MAYOLITA AMASON, CYLE AMASON, 5301 W DONNA DR, MILWAUKEE, WI, 53223, according to the Mortgage dated April 19, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 08153, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5062014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0420, Use Period Number(s) 03 Phase 7

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PAMELA COOPER, 1262 W 72ND PL, CHICAGO, IL, 60636, according to the Mortgage dated June 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 13023, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6182013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0392, Use Period Number(s) 46 Phase 6

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on 1272015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01240, Use Period Number(s) 15 Phase 2

TAMMY GEBHARDT, K E N N E T H GEBHARDT, 12191 W 4000N RD, BONFIELD, IL, 60913, according to the Mortgage dated February 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 03816, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3032015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0007, Use Period Number(s) 27 Phase 1

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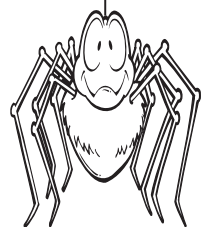
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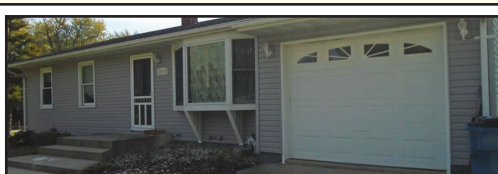
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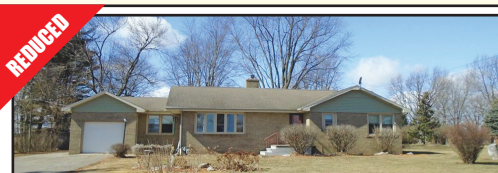
**1001 3rd Street MENDOTA**

GREAT house!! 2 BDRs with full BA upstairs, Master BDR on main level with BA, 2 car garage and big lot!!!! Give us a call



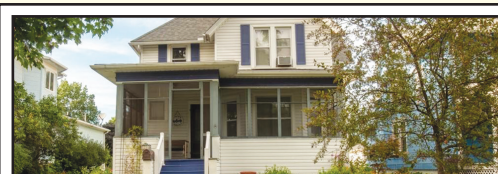
**1003 Chicago Street MENDOTA**

3 BDR, 1.5 BA Ranch with updated kitchen and attached 1 car garage, full basement!! Nice corner lot!!



**4121 E 2nd Rd MENDOTA**

Brick ranch with deck facing the cornfields and west to capture those sunsets!! Total of 4 BDR's, and 2 BA's, lovely living room with woodburning fireplace for those cold wintry nights! Main level laundry and pantry!!!



**1206 Burlington MENDOTA**

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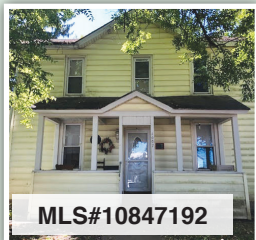
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NEW LISTING

MLS# 10952640 801  
2nd Ave, Mendota, IL  
\$129,900. 5 bedroom 1 1/2  
bath home on corner lot. 2  
new bathrooms, new carpet  
upstairs, new flooring in  
kitchen. 1st floor laundry  
with 1/2 bath. New kitchen  
appliances. Many updates,  
newer windows and siding,  
front porch added. Alley  
access with 60x150 lot. Call  
for all the amenities.



1107 5th St., Mendota, IL  
#10528563 \$120,000.00  
Charming 3-4 bedroom  
home with first floor  
laundry and master  
bedroom and bath. Eat in  
kitchen and dining area.  
2 car detached garage.  
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front porch. Roof repairs  
have been completed.  
Call for all the amenities.



MLS# 10908570 3644 E. 5th Rd, \$187,000 Follow  
Vermillion St in Troy Grove over rail road track and house is  
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acres. 3 car garage, swimming pool above ground, jacuzzi,  
fenced yard for small dogs. 3 bedrooms 2 bath. Lower  
level family room with fireplace. Call for all the amenities.



MLS#10803738 622  
Clark St. Marseilles, IL  
\$89,900. This affordable  
2 bedroom 1 bath on a  
corner lot will be sold  
"as is". Great open front  
porch. 14.16 deck in the  
backyard that is partially  
fenced in. Hardwood  
floors, laundry room,  
bonus room. Call for all  
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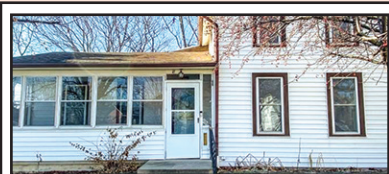
606 West Main St., Sublette \$129,900  
Charming 2 bedroom 1 bathroom home in Sublette.  
Just updated with all new lavish flooring, windows,  
doors, trim, and so much more. Ask realtor for  
property checklist. Kitchen cabinets were just  
professionally refinished and the counter tops are  
NEW. Move in ready! You must see to appreciate its  
beauty. Call to set up an appointment today!



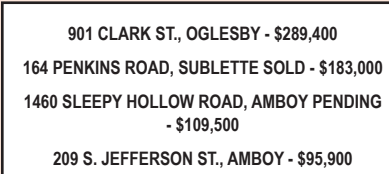
109 W. Main St., Sublette \$20,000  
Commercial lot in a prime location!  
Lot is level and located in the center  
of town. Call today for a showing  
and more information.



568 Slant Rd., West Brooklyn \$180,000  
1.5-story fixer-upper on 5 acres! Enjoy the beautiful  
country views from the front screen room. Offers 5  
bedrooms, 1 bath, and a spacious dining area. Land  
has many outbuildings perfect for animals or they  
can be purposed to fit your needs. Schedule an  
appointment to view today!



18 N Blackstone Ave., Amboy \$114,400  
Cozy 3 bedroom home with a gas fireplace! This 1.5 story  
offers main floor laundry and 2 main floor bedrooms. The  
upstairs bedroom is spacious and unique. Appliances that are  
in the home stay (dishwasher, washer, and dryer). Equipped  
with central air and gas heat. Also includes an extra lot for  
more privacy and space with a shed. The backyard features a  
concrete patio, spacious yard, and a paved path to the 3 car  
detached garage. This home is all ready for you!



NEW LISTING

901 CLARK ST., OGLESBY - \$289,400  
164 PENKINS ROAD, SUBLETTE SOLD - \$183,000  
1460 SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD, AMBOY PENDING  
- \$109,500  
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