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Election Day

Citizens of Mendota cast their ballots at the Mendota City Council Chambers during the Nov. 3 general election. A number of local and state issues were on the ballot in addition to the country deciding who will be the President of the United States for the next four years. Voter turnout was reported to be brisk throughout the precincts in Mendota. (Reporter photo)

☐ State of Illinois says liability could loom for districts that participate

IHSA plans to move ahead with basketball

By SARAH MANSUR

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—The private organization that governs high school sports in the state voted Oct. 28 to begin the basketball season this month — defying the new guidance for winter sports that Gov. J.B. Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health outlined a day earlier.

The winter sports guidelines from Pritzker and the IDPH — which divides activities into low-, medium- and high-risk categories upgraded basketball to a high-risk sport. Basketball was originally classified as medium-risk in the fall sports guidelines issued over the summer.

The guidance also offers four different levels of activity for each sport, ranging from level 1, which permits only no-contact practices and training, to level 4, which allows for play in tournaments. Under the state's guidance,

basketball would be allowed to continue at level 1.

In explaining the change, Pritzker released a document citing recent health studies that indicates vigorous physical exercise and heavy breathing, combined with frequent contacts among other players, can facilitate transmission of COVID-19.

Following that announcement on Oct. 27, the Illinois High School Association's board classified basketball as a medium-risk sport, which is subject to lesser restrictions under the activity levels.

While Pritzker later announced basketball would be moved to spring, IHSA maintained that basketball season would start on Nov. 16. In a statement, the IHSA board said it made

the decision to follow the recommendation of

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Mendota returns to state of emergency

☐ City virus positivity rate in double digits

By KIP CHEEK Staff writer

MENDOTA - The Mendota City Council adopted another State of Emergency Declaration at its Nov. 2 meeting in the ongoing battle with the spread of COVID-19

As of Oct. 28, the LaSalle County positivity rate was approximately 6.3 percent, whereas the Mendota rate was at more than 12.2 per-

The State of Emergency authorizes the mayor, in the interest of public safety and welfare, to take the following actions by executive order during the state of emergency:

• Order the closing of all retail liquor stores, including taverns and private clubs or portions thereof wherein the consumption of intoxicating

liquor and beer is permitted.

· Order the discontinuance of the sale of alcoholic liquor by any wholesaler or retailer.

• Order the various departments of the city to take



quire closing of business establishments.

· Declare, issue, enforce, modify and terminated order for quarantine and isolation of persons or animals posing a threat to the public.

 Order the requirement to wear face coverings pursuant to Ordinance 08-10-20A and to impose the penalties

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Mendota to recognize Veterans on November 11

MENDOTA - The 2020 Mendota Veterans Day program will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 at Veterans Park in downtown Mendota. The Veterans organizations request those attending observe proper social distancing. The Mendota VFW Post #4079 Vet-

erans Memorial Squad, its Auxiliary and Mendota American Legion Post #540 will participate in the program. The purpose of the program is to honor

and remember all Veterans, both alive and deceased, for their commitment and contribution to our present way of life, and the benefits of liberty and freedom on both domestic and foreign soil.

The program schedule is as follows: • Introductions - Bill Hunt, U.S.

VFW Post #4079 Veterans Memorial

Navy Veteran • Presentation of Colors – Mendota

Squad and Mendota American Legion

• Pledge of Allegiance – Audience

• Invocation – Jason Donahue, U.S. Navy Post Chaplain

• Firing of Volley – Mendota VFW Post #4079 Veterans Memorial Squad

• Taps – Mendota VFW Post #4079

Veterans Memorial Squad

• Benediction – Jason Donahue, U.S. Navy Post Chaplain

Pritzker warns of record positivity rates as entire state triggers mitigations

☐ Restaurant Association will challenge executive orders

By SARAH MANSUR

Capitol News Illinois SPRINGFIELD — All 11 of the state's mitigation regions will face stricter COVID-19 based restrictions by Nov. 4 due to increasing positivity rates, while opposition grows from some bars, restaurants and other small businesses struggling during the pandemic's economic downturn.

"The virus is spreading. And every region of the state is suffering from its insidious, invisible contagion," Gov. JB Pritzker said during his daily COVID-19 briefing on Nov. 2.

"Nothing we can do will immediately reduce the positivity rates, or hospitalizations, but our resurgence mitigations are designed to have an impact over several weeks as long as everyone

takes some responsibility for masking, social distancing and following the (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and (Illinois Department of Public Health) guidelines. Just like driving a car, when someone blows through a stoplight, they not only risk their own life, but also the lives of all the drivers around them. Right now, the stoplight is red. Please act accordingly."

According to the governor, the past week was one of the worst single-week increases in regional positivity across the state since the spring, with none of the regions experiencing a decrease in their positivity

The lowest increase in any region was by 1.2 percentage points, which was in Region 5 in southern Illinois, and the

highest was a 3.1 percentage point increase in Region Kankakee counties. The state's rolling sev-

since May 28. Monday's one-day positivity rate of 9.1 percent was the highest recorded since June 2. Restaurant Association called on Pritzker to consider alternative mitigations to reduce the hardships that many restaurants are already experiencing. The organization also said it plans to

file a legal brief in support of pending lawsuits from restaurants challenging the administration's executive

7, which includes Will and

en-day average case positiv-

ity rate reached 8.1 percent,

which is the highest level

Last week, the Illinois Keith Pekau, who have said

A group of more than a dozen restaurants in Spring-

field also filed a similar lawsuit against Pritzker last week. The new restrictions have also received pushback from some local leaders, including Orland Park Mayor

Health) quidelines."

they would not enforce them. "All we're asking is for simple enforcement," Pritzker said in response to a question about pushback to the new restrictions. "Many, many restaurants and bars are doing the right thing. They're either using outdoor tents, or they're just providing pickup and delivery service or drive through during this difficult period.'

"Nothing we can do will immediately reduce the positivity rates, or

hospitalizations, but our resurgence mitigations are designed to have

an impact over several weeks as long as everyone takes some respon-

sibility for masking, social distancing and following the (U.S. Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention) and (Illinois Department of Public

But the governor also said some officials are choosing not to do the right thing.

"I would encourage people to speak to their local leaders and remind them that leadership means making some difficult decisions," he said.

Pritzker also touted the number of local businesses that have benefited from federal stimulus funding released by the state — the **Business Interruption Grants** program and the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (or Local CURE)

–Gov. J.B. Pritzker

Support Program. 'Until we can reduce the upward movement of hospitalizations and bring the rate of spread down, we must keep our economy moving forward, and support our small businesses," Pritzker said during his briefing. "And I encourage everyone listening to support your local small businesses. These are the heroes who are the life-

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■ IVCC offering virtual Explore IVCC event via Zoom on November 10

OGLESBY - Illinois Valley Community College offers a live, virtual Explore IVCC event via Zoom from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10.

This free event allows prospective students, parents and community members to meet IVCC faculty and get an idea of what labs and classrooms are like.

Representatives from student support services will be available to answer questions

RSVP at www.ivcc.edu/visit or call (815) 224-0439. Spring registration begins Nov. 5.





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Rapid testing now available in LaSalle County

♦ Daily testing offered at LCHD in Ottawa, pre-registration required

OTTAWA - The LaSalle County Health Department is now able to use rapid tests for COVID-19. The rapid tests, which became available on Nov. 2, are for use only in certain situations and are not intended for people who have had close contact with a confirmed case. Pre-registration is required.

The rapid tests are meant to be

• Excluded symptomatic children who are not a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back

• Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.

• Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

The rapid testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot, 717 Etna Road, Ottawa. The test will be an anterior nasal swab with results given in 15 minutes. Testing will be performed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.

In addition, individuals who are close contacts of confirmed cases can be tested by the health department using the (PCR) COVID-19 test. The best time for people to be tested after an exposure with a confirmed case is 5-7 days from the exposure. Testing of close contacts will be done in the health department parking lot by appointment only.

Another option for people who want to be tested is to make an appointment for the Wednesday drive-thru testing site by calling the health department. Testing at the drive-thru site is open to the public regardless of symptoms, but you must have an appointment to keep things running smoothly and not hold up the line.

Get the latest guidance for school, employers and community preparedness by visiting Preventing **COVID-19 Spread in Communities** [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index. html] or by visiting the LaSalle County Health Department's website www.lasallecounty.org.

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or e-mail dph.sick@ illinois.gov.

Learn about bird migration & winter feeding tips

LA SALLE - What types of birds migrate in the fall? How far do they travel? These and many other questions will be answered during a free virtual program hosted by the LaSalle



Coordinator and University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist, Lisa Sons at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10 for her presentation, "Fall Bird Migration and Winter Feeding." Sons will also discuss the reason some birds migrate while other species stay year round and what types of food

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to put out for our winter backyard feathered friends. At the end of the presentation, she will answer audience questions via live chat. This program is free and open to the public. If interested

in attending, please register to receive the virtual viewing link by going to https://bit.ly/3jfnxd3.

Those who prefer to connect to this program using an iPad or smartphone, need more information or have questions, please contact Rachael Blomquist, Digital Content Librarian, at rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us or call the library at (815) 223-2341.

MENDOTA CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Taco Madre Mexican Parrillada

Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce president/CEO Shelby Weide presents a certificate and \$2 bill to Luis Delao and Chuy Delao, co-owners of Taco Madre Mexican Parrillada, as they get ready to cut the ribbon on their new place of business while being welcomed by the Chamber Ambassadors. The Ambassadors, left to right, are Lee Stocking, Erin Lauer, Kim Kennedy, Jackie Fitzgerald, Anna Arteaga, Christin Merriman and Steve Villegas. Taco Madre, located at 604 Sixth St., Mendota, opened on Oct. 14. Taco Madre has seating for dining in, and also offers carry-out orders and does catering. The phone number is 815-539-8388. (Reporter photo)



Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce president/CEO Shelby Weide presents a certificate and \$2 bill to Sullivan's Ace Hardware as Susie Sullivan-Dauphin, left, and Scott Sullivan prepare to cut the ribbon while being welcomed by the Chamber Ambassadors. The Ambassadors, left to right, are Lee Stocking, Erin Lauer, Jackie Fitzgerald, Anna Arteaga, Christin Merriman, Kim Kennedy and Steve Villegas. John Erhardt, right, is the Ace Hardware manager. Ace Hardware opened in the spring and held its Grand Opening Oct. 29 through Nov. 1. The store is located at 1116 Meriden St., Mendota. (Reporter photo)





Participants must have a photo ID, be able to understand English, and be legally able to enter into a contract. The following

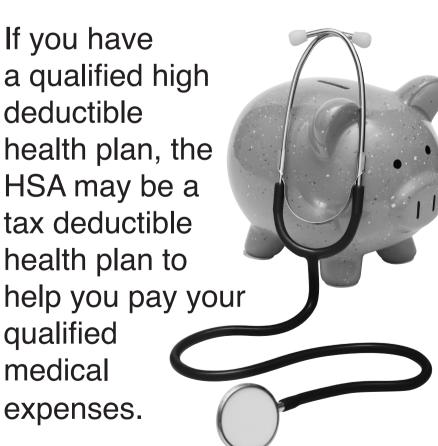
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Bureau County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan meets requirements

BUREAU COUNTY - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the 2020 Bureau County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP). Bureau County and 17 communities in the county participated in the NHMP planning process during the past year. This NHMP was an update of the 2020 plan.

Several communities adopted the FEMA approved plan in October and the remaining communities will adopt the plan during upcoming council or board meetings.

The planning process involved gathering public comments at several public meetings, interviewing leaders and elected officials of all 18 jurisdictions, and updating or formulating strategies that will make each community and the county more resilient to natural hazards. The plan is effective for five years. In order for a county or municipality to receive federal

funding for pre-disaster mitigation funds, a county must have an adopted and FEMA-approved NHMP. The purpose of a NHMP is to identify the types of natural hazards that impact a jurisdiction, to assess each jurisdiction's vulnerability to those hazards, and to formulate mitigation strategies that will lessen the severity of natural disasters by protecting human life and property.

Every five (5) years, plans must be reviewed and updated to remain active. The plan is available online at NCICG's website www.ncicg.org.

North Central Illinois Council of Governments is a regional planning agency that provides administrative assistance to local governments throughout the region. For more information about the Bureau County NHMP please visit www.ncicg. org or contact NCICG at info@ncicg.org or (815) 433-5830.

PERU - A research article co-authored

by an Illinois Valley Community Hospital

physician has been published in the Oct.

15 edition of the "Journal of the American

knowledge about the causes of bone marrow

edema, was written by IVCH's Dr. Connor

Kasik and three physicians at Allegheny

General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. - Dr. Sam

Akhaven, Dr. Stephen Martinkovich, and Dr.

completed a sports medicine fellowship

Allegheny General is where Dr. Kasik

Patrick DeMeo.

The article, which summarizes current

Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons."

Journal publishes article co-authored by IVCH doctor

Statewide scholarship contest announced

LADD - North Central Bank and the CBAI Foundation for Community Banking announces its Annual Scholarship Program which enables Illinois high-school seniors to enter a statewide essay-writing contest.

The annual competition is all part of a program sponsored by Illinois community banks and the CBAI Foundation for Community Banking to increase public awareness of locally owned banks and their contributions to the community.

North Central Bank is a member of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois (CBAI), which formed the Foundation in 1996. A monetary award of \$1,000 a year for up to four years of higher education will be given to the author of the best entry submitted to the CBAI Foundation by a participating Illinois high-school senior. Up to 11 additional first-place \$1,000

awards and 12 second-place \$500 awards are available throughout the state. An additional \$500 will be awarded to the high school of the overall winner.

All high-school seniors, regardless of their financial need or plans for higher education, may participate. North Central

Student Scholarship COMPETITION

Bank in Ladd and Hennepin are participating locations.

North Central Bank will also offer monetary awards to local students. The same entries sent to the state competition will be judged locally.

North Central Bank is working with local high schools to invite seniors to write a one- page essay on the following theme: "Why is a trusted partner such as a community bank so valuable to have during a pandemic?'

Additional information on the contest is available at North Central Bank (Hennepin and Ladd) and at local high schools. Contact Kim McKee at North Central Bank for additional details at (815) 894-2386 or kmckee@northcentralbank.com or www.northcentralbank.com.

Entries must be submitted to the bank by Feb. 19, 2021. The bank will then submit selected entries to the CBAI Foundation to be eligible for statewide competition.

Drivethrough testing scheduled in Paw Paw

PAW PAW - The State of Illinois will sponsor a community drive-through test site at the Paw Paw Community Building, 362 Chicago Road, Paw Paw on Thursday, Nov. 19. Testing hours will be from

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Simple nasal swabs will be used. Those tested will receive their results by phone call within 4-7 days. There is no cost for

To get tested, bring your insurance card, but you can still be tested if you do not have insurance. Anyone can get tested; you do not need to have symptoms or be sick.

For more information, visit dph.illinois.gov/covid19.

Beekeepers group to meet Nov. 13

LA SALLE - The Illinois Valley Beekeepers Association will hold their next meeting on Friday, Nov. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LaSalle Knights of Columbus, 209 Gooding St., LaSalle.

The November meeting will include the board election. Other topics to be discussed will involve hive wrapping and candy boards. Masks will be required and social distancing restrictions followed.

Anyone who is interested in beekeeping and would like to learn more, please attend this IVBA meeting. Meetings are free and open to the public.

CANCELLATIONS

• Stockman's Association banquet canceled

LA SALLE - The LaSalle County Stockman's Association Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet for 2020 has

The Stockman's Association asks that you continue to follow its Facebook page for 2021 events.

• Triumph bluegrass jams canceled for now

TRIUMPH - Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the bluegrass, gospel and country music jam scheduled for Nov. 14 at the Ophir Community Building in Triumph has been canceled as well as all the monthly jams until further notice. When the music returns, dates will be announced in this

publication or on the NIBA website.

For questions or more information, contact Jay Allen at (815) 488-9154 and leave a message.

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WWW.MENDOTAREPORTER.COM

In honor of those Americans who have served, past and

present, these financial institutions will be closed in

observance of Veteran's Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020.

We urge everyone to reflect on and celebrate the sacrifice

and service they give to our great country.

The following financial institutions will

be closed Wednesday, November 11th in

honor of Veteran's Day

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Eureka Savings Bank

Member FDIC

(815) 539-5656

First State Bank

Member FDIC

(815) 538-2265

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CARL'S QUIZ

What product invented in 1959 saw sales skyrocket 10 years later from 200 million in 1968 to 624 million in 1969?

The answer to last week's quiz is: The Sea of Tranquility is located in the northern hemisphere of the Moon. Despite the name, it is not a body of water but a lower-altitude plain filled with dark, solidified lava. (Encyclopedia.com)

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at www.mendotareporter.com

Drive-through turkey dinner offered Nov. 19

following his graduation from medical

school and before coming to IVCH. He is

an Illinois Valley native and a graduate of

with Dr. Robert Mitchell and physician as-

sistants Cathy Renk, Deb Pyszka and Jordan

Rivett at the Illinois Valley Orthopedics

as BME - is a descriptive term for the pain,

dvsfunction and progressive cartilage damage

associated with orthopedic patients who have

osteoporosis in their hips and knees.

Bone marrow edema - otherwise known

An orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Kasik works

St. Bede Academy.

medical practice in Peru.

SHABBONA - Shabbona UCC will hold their 127th Annual Turkey Dinner from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19. This year's dinner will be drive-through only.

The meal includes roasted turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade stuffing, candied carrots, cranberry sauce, roll and dessert; \$14 per meal, cash or checks only.

Shabbona UCC is located at 104 E. Navaho, Shabbona.

Regional Cities

Nov. 4, 2020

Mendota Weather

Seven Day Forecast



Partly Cloudy High: 64 Low: 48 Thursday

Wednesday



High: 65 Low: 45 Friday

Partly Cloudy



Sunny High: 68 Low: 49

> Saturday Partly Cloudy

High: 67 Low: 50



Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 66 Low: 47



Monday Scattered Rain High: 65 Low: 48



Scattered Rain High: 66 Low: 46

Local UV Index

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

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Weather Trivia what hurricane-related phenomenon occured?

Ocean made landfall in Brazil. Answer: In March 2004, a hurricane in the Southern Atlantic

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 64°, humidity of 50 South southwest wind 9 to 15 n The record high for Wednesday is set in 1964. Expect mostly clo skies Wednesday night, overn low of 48°. South southwest wind mph. The record low for Wednes night is 10° set in 1991. Thursd skies will be partly cloudy, high

65°, humidity of 66%.

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oudy	Chicago	64/50	pc	65/48	pc	
ight	Freeport	63/46	pc	65/43	pc	
1 10	Joliet	66/49	pc	67/46	pc	
sday	Moline	66/49	pc	67/46	S	
day,	Peoria	66/50	pc	68/48	pc	
n of	Rockford	64/47	pc	65/44	pc	
	Springfield	67/50	pc	68/48	pc	

Last Week's Local Allianac							
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall 0.00"		
Monday	37	33	57/36	0.00"	Normal rainfall 0.70"		
Tuesday	38	35	57/35	0.00"	Departure0.70"		
Wednesday	51	29	56/35	0.00"	Departure0.70		
Thursday	48	38	56/35	0.00"	Average temp 39.9°		
Friday	47	33	55/35	0.00"	Average normal 45.3°		
Saturday	62	33	55/34	0.00"	Departure5.4°		
Sunday	42	33	54/34	0.00"	Data as reported from Peru III		

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week									
		Moonset	Moonrise	Sunset	Sunrise	Day			
First		10:19 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	4:46 p.m.	6:32 a.m.	Wednesday	Last		
11/21	(m)	11:15 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	6:33 a.m.	Thursday	11/8		
		12:05 p.m.	9:21 p.m.	4:44 p.m.	6:35 a.m.	Friday			
		12:49 p.m.	10:25 p.m.	4:43 p.m.	6:36 a.m.	Saturday			
Full	31/E	1:28 p.m.	11:34 p.m.	4:42 p.m.	6:37 a.m.	Sunday	New		
11/30	(社)	2:02 p.m.	Prev Day	4:41 p.m.	6:38 a.m.	Monday	11/15		
	3	10:19 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 12:05 p.m. 12:49 p.m. 1:28 p.m.	7:31 p.m. 8:22 p.m. 9:21 p.m. 10:25 p.m. 11:34 p.m.	4:46 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 4:44 p.m. 4:43 p.m. 4:42 p.m.	6:32 a.m. 6:33 a.m. 6:35 a.m. 6:36 a.m. 6:37 a.m.	Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	11/8 New		

National Weather Summary This Week

6:39 a.m. 4:40 p.m. 12:46 a.m. 2:32 p.m.

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 65 in Joliet, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 83 in Key West, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 81 in Brownsville, Texas. In the Northwest

there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 68 in Central Point, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 92 in Indio, Calif.

Weather History

Nov. 4, 1927 - A great Vermont flood occurred. Tropical rains deluged the Green Mountain area of Vermont, causing the worst flood in the history of the state. Torrential rains, up to 15 inches in the higher elevations, sent streams on a rampage, devastating the Winooski Valley.

Nov. 5, 1961 - Strong Santa Ana winds fanned the flames of the Bel Air and Brentwood fires in Southern California, destroying many homes. At 10 p.m., the Los Angeles Civic Center reported a temperature of 74 degrees along with a dew point of 5 degrees.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Betty L. Shaw

MENDOTA - Betty L. Shaw, 87, of Mendota passed away Oct. 25, 2020 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Due to a family member testing positive to COVID-19, visitation will be delayed. Private graveside services will be held at a later date. Cremation rites have been accorded. Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota was privileged to assist the family.

Betty was born Nov. 24, 1932 in LaSalle to Andrew and Ethyl Mae (Moody) Frey. She married Billy M. "Arkie" Shaw at the First Baptist Church, Mendota on Sept. 24, 1953. He preceded her in death on July 24, 1988.

Survivors include one daughter, Dessa (Keith) Collings of Mendota; six grandchildren, Justin Collings, Meghan Caley, Chelsea Maunu, Adam Hamilton and Jacob Hamilton; two step grandchildren, Ian Hamilton and Valerie Humphrey; and six great-grandchildren, Mason, Madison, Toby, Madalynn, Layne and Freya.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Linda Hamilton on March 17, 2012; one son, Edward J. Shaw on Jan. 3, 2020; one brother, Andrew "Brick" Frey; and one brother, Edward R. Frey in infancy.

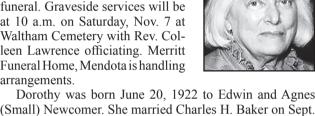
During her work career, Betty was employed at HCC, Inc. as a coating remover - or as she said, "They called me the stripper." She was involved in the American Legion Auxiliary, serving as vice president and sergeant-at-arms, and was a Junior Auxiliary Leader for the American Legion for eight years. She was involved in Campfire Girls, Cub Scouts, her Local U.A.W., the Women of the Moose, and the First United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be directed to donor's choice. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy M. (Newcomer) Baker

MENDOTA - Dorothy May (Newcomer) Baker, 98, formerly of Mendota, passed away Oct. 30, 2020 at Heritage Health, Peru. There will be no visitation or

at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Waltham Cemetery with Rev. Colleen Lawrence officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.



19, 1945 at Sacred Heart Church, Dimmick. He preceded her in death in 2008 after 62 years of marriage. Survivors include three daughters, Arlene (Gary) Bauer of rural LaSalle, Sandra (Steve) Morris of Chillicothe and Cathy Jacobs of Princeton; one daughter-in-law, Judy Baker of rural Utica; one sister, Mary Hodgson; a sister-in-law, Marie

Newcomer; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Edwin in 2018; one granddaughter, Geri Kaye Uloth in 2013; and two brothers, Wesley and Wilfred Newcomer.

Dorothy grew up in Waltham Township and graduated from LaSalle-Peru High School in 1941. After her marriage, she and Charles raised their family and farmed in Waltham, Dimmick and Troy Grove townships. Dorothy loved animals and was always taking care of them along with her family. Her pumpkin pie and egg noodle recipes were second to none and have yet to be duplicated by any other.

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Betty Jean Jamison

MENDOTA - Betty Jean Jamison, 90, of Mendota passed away Oct. 25, 2020 in Gurnee.

No services are planned at this time. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Betty Jean was born Aug. 19, 1930 in Milwaukee, Wis. to Elmer and Esther (Forster) Bast. She married Jim Jamison on Aug. 4, 1957 in Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Survivors include her husband of Mendota; one son, Jeff (Sheila) Jamison of Wichita, Kan.; one daughter, Susan (Steve) Furmanski of Gurnee; five grandchildren, Taylor, Lauren, Erynne, Brooklyn and Stephanie; and two great-grandchil-

sister, Charolotte Mueller-Riech.

Betty Jean worked as a school secretary after high school. Later, she graduated from Elmhurst College with a degree in education. She taught 4th grade and speech correction for several years. Her purpose in life was to love God, love one another and try to live by what is right. She was extremely active in many capacities with the Presbyterian Women. She was also an ordained deacon and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. She was an incredible artist especially painting with water colors. She also loved gardening and was an accomplished seamstress. Most of her vacations were spent in Wisconsin on a fishing boat. She took pride in doing something kind for others daily. She was a breast cancer survivor. While her children were growing up she recited to them on a daily basis . . . This is the day that the Lord made, let us rejoice and be glad. She was a fabulous cook and family and friends will certainly miss her peanut squares and homemade pies.

Memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Church,

Clara Mae Ansteth

AMBOY - Clara Mae Ansteth, 96, of Amboy, formerly of LaMoille, died surrounded by family at the Rock River Hospice Home on Oct.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 3 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in Arlington. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 2 at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Clara Mae was born Aug. 24, 1924 in Amboy to Joseph and Lucille (Boehle) Nauman. She married Teddie Ansteth on June 2, 1945 in El Paso, Texas. He preceded her in death on Jan. 15, 1982 Survivors include one son, Tim (Jana) Ansteth of Texas; one

grandson, Nathan Ansteth; one sister, Janet (Jim) Montavon of Dixon; one brother, Don (Marilyn) Nauman of Freeport; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Joyce Mon-

tavon, Dolores Leffelman and Shirley Full; and three brothers, Stanley, Mervin and Earl Nauman.

Clara Mae went to nursing school in Rockford and worked as a nurse in Compton and then at Mendota Community Hospital for 30 years prior to retirement. She was a devout Catholic and a member of the Quilters Guild in Arlington.

A memorial has been established. Condolences may be

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Irene Shaver MENDOTA - Irene Delores Shaver, 93, of Mendota passed away Oct. 27, 2020 at Heritage Health,

Mendota.

Per her wishes there will be no visitation or funeral. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 4 at Wisner Cemetery with Rev. Sandy Smith officiating. Merritt Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Irene was born April 28, 1927

in Peru to August and Hilda Bonucchi. She married Glenn Shaver on April 19, 1947. He preceded her in death in 1983

Survivors include two sons, Doug (Sheryle) Shaver of Mendota and Denny (Judy) Shaver of Peru; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and one sister,

Irene was employed as a secretary at Manley Brothers

and Heritage Health before her retirement. Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Students invited to enter "Letters About Literature in Illinois"

ian Jesse White is urging students in grades 4 through 12 to enter the 2021 "Letters About Literature in Illinois" a statewide reading and writing competition offered by the Illinois State Library's Illinois Center for the Book.

Students are invited to read a book of their choice and write a letter to the author about how the work changed their life or view of the world. Students can enter on their own or through their schools, libraries or other vouth organizations. "Every year, thousands of students in Illinois enjoy

participating in this inspirational competition," said White. "Anyone who has read past letters can see how literature inspires and touches the lives of our young people. I encourage all our students to take part in the competition and I hope their participation leads to a lifetime of reading." There are three levels of participation: Level 1 - grades

4-6, Level 2 - grades 7-8 and Level 3 - grades 9-12. The deadline to enter is Dec. 15 for all levels. One winner will be selected from each group and receive a cash award and a plaque signed by White. Teachers of the winning students will receive a certificate and a cash award for their school to purchase books for the library. Winners will be formally announced in May 2021.

All runners-up will receive certificates in May prior to the end-of-the-year award ceremonies.

For more information, contact Bonnie Matheis at (217) 558-2065 or bmatheis@ilsos.gov.

Motorists reminded to help keep Illinois roads clean & safe

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding motorists to drive safely and keep roads and highways clean.

"Although traffic has decreased due to the pandemic, littering can be a traffic safety issue on our roads whether it is from a truck whose truckload is uncovered or from a driver who has disposed of garbage out of a car window,' said White. "We should be mindful of the dangers of littering to others and to our environment," said White.

According to the Illinois Litter Control Act, there is a mandatory minimum fine of \$50 for any person who is convicted of violating this act and a maximum fine of \$1,500 and possible jail

time. A second conviction can result in up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$2,500. White recommends the

following tips to help keep our roadways clean and safe: · Always carry a trash bag

in your car. If you have litter, there will be somewhere to dispose of it.

Securely cover open loads on all trucks.

 Clean out pickup truck beds. Random trash left in the back of pickups can easily blow out onto the street.

 Set an example for others. Children often imitate what they see. Prevent bad behavior by picking up after ourselves and not littering. • Put cigarette butts where

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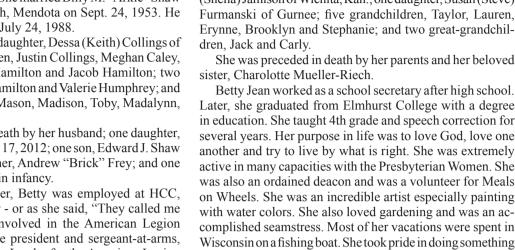
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Basketball

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the IHSA's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee as it relates to basketball. The board also noted it "will review spectator and group gatherings for all winter sports at a future meeting in November."

The board said the committee requires some additional restrictions, such as mask-wearing during play and social distancing on benches.

"The Board remains considerate of rising COVID-19 cases in Illinois and understand the importance of adhering to safety guidelines for the good of all citizens. However, the Board has not been presented any causal evidence that rising COVID-19 cases make basketball more dangerous to play by the IDPH or any other health organization nationally or internationally," the statement reads.

"Mounting challenges, from increased mental health issues among our students to a shrinking calendar that limits our ability to move sport seasons this school year, were instrumental in this decision to move forward with basketball as scheduled. Students can be better protected in the high school setting, and the Board remains steadfast that playing under IHSA rules and SMAC mitigation is the safest way to conduct athletics at this juncture." Local schools are al-

lowed to make their own decisions about whether to participate in basketball, according to the board's statement.

On Oct. 29, in response to a question about the IHSA, Pritzker suggested that schools could face legal consequences if illness or injury results from sports play that is contrary to the state's guidance.

"I finally will say that schools, I think as I've said several times, will potentially be subject to some legal liability if something happens as a result of their playing a sport that we've issued guidance about that is not congruous with what the school is operating under," he said.

After the IHSA's decision, Illinois State Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala issued a statement criticizing the IHSA for contradicting public health guidance. She also echoed Pritzker's concerns about exposing schools to legal liability.

"Defying the state's public health guidance opens up schools to liability and other ramifications that may negatively impact school communities," Ayala's statement read.

An IHSA spokesperson declined to comment to Capitol News Illinois about the potential legal liability raised by Pritzker.

IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson was asked about filing a lawsuit. "You know at some point, I think over the next

month or whatever time frame, we'll figure out if this is a legal issue for us as an association or if it is for our schools — and then we'll have to pivot, as we've been pivoting a number of times throughout this school year," Anderson

"This is a step forward to really say that as an association we think we can do it safely, and we want it for our students."

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therein as well as order businesses to comply with Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines and proclamations or orders of the Governor of Illinois.

Duration: The declaration herein authorized shall be effective for a period of up to 60 days or until the adjournment of the regular meeting of the city council, whichever comes first, unless sooner terminated by a proclamation of the mayor, or, his or her interim emergency supervisor. Executive Order

A business found in vio-

lation of Illinois Department of Health guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 mitigation as set forth by the State of Illinois and proclamations and orders of the Governor of Illinois, and pursuant to Ordinance 08-10-20 and Ordinance 08-10-20A may be fined up to \$500 and/or ordered closed. • A business with a liquor

license issued by the City of Mendota found to be violation of the guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 mitigation as set forth by the State of Illinois and of the aforementioned Ordinances may have its liquor license suspended for a period of not less than one week together with the fine contained Ordinance 08-10-20A. The Liquor Commissioner will have final determination of the length of suspension and amount of fine. A person who enters a

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retail establishment in the City of Mendota and refuses to wear a face covering and refuses to leave the premises may be charged with reckless conduct, disorderly conduct, and/or criminal trespassing. Anyone convicted of the offense may be fined up to \$500.00 as set forth in Ordinance 08-10-20-A. Patrons with a medical condition or dis-

ability that prevents them from wearing a face mask should notify the owner or owner's representative and follow the establishment's accommodations and the criteria in Ordinance 08-10-20A. **ALDERMANIC**

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Jim Fitzpatrick presented a request from the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce in regard to its "Mendota Christmas" planned celebration for Saturday, Dec. 5. The council agreed to allow the Chamber to close Illinois Avenue between Washington and Jefferson streets from 5

p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 through 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 for the event.

During John Holland's report, the council approved an ordinance authorizing the purchase of property at 704 Illinois Ave. in the amount of \$23,000.

Kyle Kim presented a resolution for the 2020 La-Salle County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, which was adopted by the council. Also during Kim's report, the council tabled action on changing the speed limit on Washington Street until receiving approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

State announces second round of broadband expansion grants

☐ Money available to underserved communities

By PETER HANCOCK Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD - State officials recently announced the opening of a second round of grant opportunities for businesses and organizations to expand access to broadband internet service in underserved communi-

Speaking at a news conference in Staunton, about 40 miles northeast of St. Louis, Gov. JB Pritzker said the program will help close a digital divide that existed long before the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced many people to start working from home and students to attend classes remotely.

"While we didn't anticipate a pandemic, even as we passed this program into law in 2019, we knew that the inequities in our learning systems required urgent action," Pritzker said.

Funding for the grants comes from the \$400 million Connect Illinois program, which was part of the bipartisan \$45 billion capital improvements program known as Rebuild Illinois that lawmakers approved in 2019.

In addition to that money, Pritzker said, lawmakers also dedicated \$20 million in state funds to the Illinois Century Network, which provides secure broadband connections to K-12 schools and higher education institutions. And the state is using a portion of its federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act funding to address inequities in digital access for students.

Pritzker said the goal of those initiatives is to have universal access to broadband service in Illinois by

Michael Negron, assistant director of the state Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, said grants are available for four types of projects: expanding access to broadband services; projects that drive innovation in areas such as telehealth; improving connectivity in urban areas; and investments that improve equity in broadband access in disadvantaged commu-

To be eligible for grants in the first three categories, applicants must put up at least 50 percent of the cost in the form of nonstate matching funds. But for projects to improve equity in disadvantaged communities, Pritzker said, the state

is relaxing that requirement. "Well, as you know, when you get into some of the poorest communities, there are often businesses who don't want to make the investment because they don't believe that they'll be able to get the subscription revenue, for example, that people would have to pay in order to get broadband in those areas," Pritzker said.

Eligible applicants include internet service providers, rural cooperatives, nonprofits and local governments. Grants are available in amounts up to \$5 million

per project. Subsequent rounds will follow over the course of the next several The application period is

open from Nov. 1 through March 1. More information about applying for the grants is available on DCEO's Notice of Funding Opportunity. During the first round of

grants, the state distributed \$50 million for projects that brought in an additional \$65 million in nonstate matching funds, for a total of \$115 million. That money funded projects that are expected to connect more than 26,000 homes, businesses, farms and institutions in all 10 of the state's economic development regions, officials

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blood of our communities, and they are job creators."

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has distributed \$95 million in BIG funds to businesses through 4,000 individual grants, and there remains \$175 million in program to disburse, according to the governor's office.

Nearly \$50 million has also been distributed from the CURE program, which reimburses local governments for COVID-related expenses. About \$31.9 million in CURE funding is in the process of being distributed, with \$170 million remaining.

Both the BIG grants and Local CURE funding comes from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act.

Tania Hernandez, a business owner who has benefited from BIG funds, spoke at Pritzker's daily press briefing about how the grant money helped keep her dress shop from failing due to the ongoing pandemic, as her business pivoted to making masks instead. "The BIG grant that was

Mitigations

provided by the state was essential for us. It allowed us to keep our employees and pay rent. Without this financial help, it was impossible for us to survive. "We're facing critical

times but the BIG grant has been a lift for us," Hernandez said. Still, Pritzker said, more

is needed in the way of aid to

struggling businesses. "The dollars provided by

the federal government aren't nearly enough," Pritzker said. "So I've simultaneously called for the federal government to deliver more direct assistance for Americans in every state. And I would encourage elected officials across the state to join in on that advocacy."

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Safety in our schools

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all aspects of American life but perhaps none more than our schools.

The Illinois State Board of Education reports that only 8 percent of public school students are learning full-time in classrooms.

On the other hand, 63 percent are learning remotely, primarily through online classes. The remaining 29 percent are in a hybrid situation where some days they are in a classroom and others they are home on a computer.

Just think about that 92 percent of all Illinois pupils are learning in a different setting than they were just a year ago.

Students, teachers and parents have had to adapt to the change.

In August, I wrote about the decision of my wife and I to have our three daughters be part of that tiny minority that are in a classroom five days a week.

We decided the best place for a child to learn is in a classroom after being reassured by the pandemic safety plans at the schools where they attend.

Our oldest is a freshman at Sacred Heart Griffin High School. Our two youngest attend Little Flower School.

When I wrote the piece, the feedback from readers wasn't entirely positive.

Here is what one Springfield-area reader had to say: "This article is the stupidest thing I (have) ever read. You believe that our children should be in (a) physical school building makes me wonder if you know anything about the dangers of COVID-19. Perhaps you believe God will protect children who attend Catholic Schools – he won't!!! You were given a brain. Use it!"

Now that students have completed their first quarter, I thought it would be interesting to look at how things are going at both schools.

So far, eight students at SHG have been diagnosed with COVID and none is believed to have contracted the disease at school.

How can they be so sure? Well, SHG has a nurse doing contact tracing and other COVID-related matters. In each instance, the student was found to have been in contact with someone infected away from school, SHG Principal Kara Rapacz said.

As a precaution, students who had prolonged contact with an infected person, such as sitting at the same lunch table, have been quarantined. But none of those students who have had close contact have tested positive for the virus, she said.

At Little Flower, two students have tested positive. One was a 3-year-old-old in the pre-school and the other a fourth grader. The preschooler's class is quarantined for 14 days. In the fourth grade, just those who sit next to the student.

"We knew when we started the school year it wasn't 'if' we would have a first case, it was when," Little Flower's principal Bill Moredock said. "Little Flower ended up being the last Catholic school in town to have a case. But we were prepared for it."

The ideal environment for youngsters to learn is in

school with a teacher present.

Last spring, all schools in the state were providing distance learning. My daughters are all straight-A students.

Despite their motivation and intellect last Spring

Despite their motivation and intellect, last Spring when all schools were providing remote teaching, our girls weren't learning as much as they would if they were in classroom. This isn't an isolated thought—many parents have shared similar sentiments.

Online learning is far from the ideal.

Let's be honest; teachers staring into a camera lens have a harder time discerning if pupils are comprehending. And options for disciplining an inattentive or disruptive student in this virtual world are limited at best.

I worry these months away from the classroom will create a learning deficit for the 92 percent of Illinois youngsters who are not in classrooms five days a week. They may spend years struggling to catch up.

As community COVID numbers escalate across Illinois, all eyes are on Gov. J.B. Pritzker. Will he allow schools to continue to meet in-person? Whatever he decides will affect the state's two million students and their families.

Before sending my kids back to school, I reviewed their schools' COVID-19 safety plans. Mask wearing and social distancing are enforced in the schools they attend. Desks are disinfected. Hand-washing augmented with hand-sanitizing occurs multiple times during the school day.

"We are so grateful to be here," Rapacz said. "Back in August, I was just praying that we would be able to make it through the first week, so at least the teachers could get to know the students. Here we are now, 10 weeks in and doing great. The students seem incredibly happy to be here. School is very social and they want to be together."

But she added, there is a contingency plan to rapidly

transition to distance learning.

"While things are going well for us," Rapacz said, "we know the governor can shut down all of the schools in the state at any time he wants."

(Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.)



Ceremony for new Interstate 39 – 1984

Backtracks

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Nov. 2, 1994.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was 10 years ago, on Oct. 30, 1984, that a crowd gathered to celebrate opening of a 12-mile stretch of the new north-south highway between Interstate 80 and U.S. 34.

The ceremonies were held on the new road, about a mile north of Interstate 80. Senator Charles Percy was there as well as State Rep. Peg Breslin, State Senator John Grotberg and Secretary of Transportation John Kramer. Governor Jim Thompson arrived a bit late by helicopter.

All of the dignitaries and many others were Interstate 39 buttons. This was to be the designation of the new road, which had previously been called "412 Freeway" and also the generic "North-South Freeway."

It was announced that on Dec. 7, bids would be taken for construction of the next segment, from Mendota to the East-West Tollway.

The fall of 1984 was very wet indeed. Contrasting with a normal corn harvest completion of 90% by the first of November in LaSalle County, only 60% of the corn was in. Moisture was running from 20-27% and the corn had to be dried before storage.

Soybean harvest was on hold. The humidity has been too high and the beans too "chewy" to combine.

The Business and Professional Woman's Club announced its choice for 1984 Woman of the Year. It was Verona Whitmore, vice president and trust officer at the National Bank of Mendota, where she had been employed since 1947.

Verona expressed surprise at receiving the honor. Her comment –

I never have seen myself as a woman of the year.

However the BPW did!

However, the BPW did!

The annual Chamber of Commerce meeting was held at the Chalet. Jack Robison was Chamber president and

Shirlean Hackman was executive

director.

James (Stymie) Schmidt received

the Chamber's Outstanding Service Award. His work in behalf of the Little League and other community services were cited. The Beautification Award went to Parkway Family Restaurant, remodeled during the year.

The Crossroads Counseling Center at St. John's Lutheran parish hall was added to the list of organizations selected to receive some funding from United Way. Director Jerry Tews said the center had counseled 300-325 families during the year, involving 485 sessions. He was being assisted by two part-time counselors, a specialist in children's problems and a specialist in substance abuse.

Fees at Crossroads were adjusted according to ability to pay.

A proposed civic center was the main topic at the Nov. 4, 1984 council meeting.

Alderman Don Jones had been receiving calls about the proposal, all negative. There was speculation that if a community building were not erected, the \$350,000 Dora Feik legacy might go to NOA or MASS, both benefiting seniors.

Alderman Marty Masear had been fielding questions as to how the building would be used and how it would be supported. Alderman Del Knowlton wondered if hiring a full-time manager would increase revenues.

Alderman Peg Truckenbrod had been told by one senior citizen that "she didn't think Mrs. Feik ever intended the city to become involved in such a financial hassle."

Someone suggested that if a civic center were to be built and "didn't work out," it could be put to some other use

or even eventually sold. Acting Mayor James S

Acting Mayor James Strouss reminded the aldermen that construction would have to start by May 1, 1985, and an application for additional state funding would have to be made soon.

He felt it would be an injustice to the people in favor of it (the civic center) if the council backed out now.

The AEC Group Inc. was authorized

to carry the project to the "application

stage."

Mendota Spikers took the regional championship and the Trojans finished

off the 1984 season with a 21-0 victory over the Hall Red Devils.

Ann Tastad, the only girl on Mendota's cross country team, advanced to sectional with a time of 14:17 over a

Six Trojans were chosen for the NCIC Southwest all-conference football squad: Scott Novak, Kevin Larsen, John Booker, Todd O'Sadnick, Bob Clark and Eric Worsley.

2.1-mile course in the DeKalb Regional.

Fifteen MHS band and choir students were chosen by audition to perform in IMEA concerts at Chillicothe on Nov. 3, 1984.

An Audrey Lawrence feature on fall fashions featured a variety of styles on local models: Geneva Knowlton, Barb Guilfoyle, Tina Davis and Kathy Owens. Garments were from Westerman's, Spurgeon's, Nome's Apparel and Mendota Sport Shop.

Versatility was the key word for outfits, which could go from casual to dressy with a few clever adjustments.

An election survey in the Trojan Tattler showed 80.5% favoring the Reagan-Bush ticket and 18% for Mondale-Ferraro. The remaining 1.5% were undecided. The 200 students surveyed said their choice was influenced by TV, the debates and to some extent by commentators' assessments. Only a few felt they were swayed by appearance or personality.

Joe Biden is targeting a great U.S. industry

By Rich Lowry

Joe Biden wants to take one of the great American success stories of the past several decades and drive it into the ground. He would turn his back on the stupendous wealth rep-

resented by proven reserves of oil and gas in this country.

Rather than focusing on producing cheap, abundant energy
-- a key ingredient to human progress through all of human
history -- he'd embark on the fool's errand of trying to adjust
the world's thermostat 80 years from now.
After a 50-year effort to diminish our reliance on Middle

Eastern oil, which has miraculously happened at last, Biden would force the U.S. to transition to solar and wind, industries currently dependent on Chinese supply chains.

Whereas California has embraced the radical goal of a

carbon-free electric grid by 2045 (and has drastically increased the price of energy in the state already), Biden has seen and raised the Golden State by embracing a goal of 2035. All this was underlined by Biden's statement at the end of the last debate that he wants to transition from oil.

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It's a funny time to want to kneecap oil and gas. Proven reserves of natural gas in the U.S. are higher than ever before, thanks to American-made technological innovations. A couple of years ago the U.S. surpassed Russia and Saudi Arabia in crude oil production. In recent years, petroleum and natural gas exports have been increasing. And, of course, the rise of natural gas has cut U.S. carbon emissions.

This should be considered a national strength to be built on, not a national shame to be put on a glide path to extinction. Fossil fuels are a tremendously useful source of energy, and no hype about renewables can obscure that reality.

In 2019, petroleum, natural gas and coal accounted for 80% of overall energy consumption in the United States, according to U.S. Energy Information Administration. Renewables made up only 11%, and the bulk of that came from biomass (wood and biofuels) and hydroelectric. Despite being heavily subsidized, wind and solar, combined, were responsible for only about a third of our renewable energy.

The oil and gas industry should also be prized as a source of good American jobs. Earnings range from about \$137,000 a year for petroleum engineers to roustabouts at \$44,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The idea that we are going to transition to wind and solar painlessly is a fantasy. Germany has been spending tens of billions of dollars a year trying to make this happen. Its renewable energy program has doubled the cost of energy, while fossil fuels still account for about 80% of its energy supply.

If we think eschewing fossil fuels is going to convince other countries to do the same, we are fooling ourselves. Like in the United States, the industrial takeoff in China coincided with a jump in the use of coal. China is still building coal plants at a furious clip, and its already prodigious use of coal accounts for more than half of the world's total, according The Institute for Energy Research.

The Biden plan is an assault on American ingenuity and wealth, not to mention common sense. Now no one can say he wasn't warned.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: So I know pictures of actress Lily James surfaced of her spending time with

a married man, but was she dating Chris Evans at the time these PDA photos came to light? Did Lily James



cheat on Chris Evans? -- B.P. **A:** I don't believe so. Lily James ("Cinderella," "Downton Abbey") and Chris Evans ("Captain America") were photographed together in London this past summer, but it appears it was just a fling. The married man you're referring to is British actor Dominic West. The two made the tabloids recently when James rode on the back of West's scooter in Rome during a break from filming their upcoming series, "The Pursuit of Love." West, who is married to an heiress, reportedly told James that he and his wife had an open

As for Evans, I wouldn't worry about him getting his heart broken. He has a reputation as a nice guy and has been spotted with several beautiful ladies since his split

marriage. I believe this was

news to the wife.

with actress/comedian Jenny Slate ("Gifted") several years ago.

Q: Whatever happened to actress Eva Mendes? I just realized I haven't seen her in anything in years. -- **K.M.**

A: It's been six years since Eva Mendes has acted, but she has a good excuse: motherhood. After her starring turn in the Denzel Washington film "Training Day," Mendes became an A-list actress, landing film after film. In 2012, she acted opposite Ryan Gosling and fell in love. The couple went on to have two children together, and Mendes took a break from the spotlight. When Gosling was nominated for an Academy Award, Mendes didn't walk the red carpet with him because she said she'd rather stay home with their girls.

Mendes met Gosling while filming the movie "The Place Beyond the Pines" in 2012. She did hint in a recent interview that she's considering a return to acting now that her children are a little older, saying she'd love to play a Disney villain someday.

Q: Is Joe Giudice still living in exile in Italy? Is there any chance he'll be able to live in the United States again? -- *W.G.*

A: Even though "Real Housewives of New Jersey" star Joe Giudice had lived in the United States since he was an infant, he never became a legal U.S. citizen. After being convicted of various fraud charges and serving his sentence, the judge ordered him to return to his native Italy. His four heartbroken daughters visited him, along with estranged wife Teresa Giudice, who still appears on "RHoNJ." It's been a year since his banishment, so it doesn't appear the law will change its mind.

Joe announced that he's currently in the wholesale furniture business and is training for a celebrity boxing match. He longs to visit the U.S., though, where his family is, but has accepted

As for Teresa, a new season of the "Housewives" franchise will air sometime in 2021, having been delayed like most Hollywood productions due to the pandemic.

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

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD ---There's no denying that one of the greatest films of all time is 1972's "The Godfather," which received 10 Oscar nominations and won Oscars for: best picture; best actor, Marlon Brando; and best adapted screenplay, Mario Puzo (who wrote the original book) and Francis Ford Coppola (who also directed the film). It grossed \$287 million. Three years later "The Godfather II" won four Oscars for: best picture; supporting actor, Robert DeNiro; again for best adapted screenplay for Puzo and Coppola; and best director, Francis Ford Coppola. It grossed \$80 million. But when 1990's "Godfather III" was released, the bloom must have been off the blossom, winning no Oscars but still besting "Godfather II" grosses with \$137 million.

Director Barry Levinson, who directed "Diner" (1978), "The Natural" (1982), "Good Morning Vietnam" (1987), "Bugsy" (1991) and "Rain Man" (1991), for which he won a best director Oscar, is directing "Francis and the Godfather." Oscar Isaac ("Star Wars" Poe Dameron),

will play Francis Ford Coppola and Jake Gyllenhaal has been cast as Robert Evans, the former actor who was the head of

Paramount Pictures, the studio that made "The Godfather" films. Levin-

son will **Ricky Martin** soon be announcing actors to play Marlon Brando, James Caan, Robert Duvall and Diane Keaton, among others. When Marlon Brando won his Oscar, he sent American Indian Sacheen Littlefeather to accept his award and deliver a message about the plight of the American Indian. Brando went on to make epic films such as "Last Tango in Paris" (1972), "Missouri Breaks" (1976), "Superman" (1978) and "Apocalypse Now" (1979) (directed by Francis Ford Coppola) and his last film, "Superman Returns" (2006). Levinson redeveloped this screenplay, which was based on a Black List script, but that's another story among the many to be told about the making of "The Godfather."

When asked what he thought of Barry Levinson making this film, Coppola said, "Any movie Barry Levinson makes about anything will be interesting and worthwhile!"

Ricky Martin, who hasn't made a film since 2018's "The Assassination of Gianni Versace," in which he played Antonio D'Amico (Versace's lover), is shooting Netflix's Nov. 13 release of "Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey," a live-action musical film with Keegan-Michael Key, Phylicia Rashad and Forest Whitaker, who plays a toymaker Jeronicus Jangle, whose prize creation is stolen. It will feature original songs by "The Voice" judge and EGOT member (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony Award winner) John Legend, Philip Lawrence and Davy Nathan, and includes "This Day," performed by Usher and Kiana Lede.

Ricky Martin plays Don Juan Diego, a devious 12inch matador. If he doesn't sing in this one, it will be a bunch of bull!

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Strange **But True**

By Lucie Winborne * In March 1980, multiple

female students at Southern California universities complained that someone had surreptitiously painted their toenails while they studied in the library. The perp, dubbed "Leonardo da Toenail," was caught but released, since police hadn't discovered him in the act. Apprehended again a year later, he was ordered to a hearing at the city attorney's office but didn't show up and was never seen again.

* There are 12 times more trees on earth than there are stars in the Milky Way.

* Academically gifted actress Sharon Stone skipped both kindergarten and first grade, entering second grade at age 5. * In the early '90s, Pepsi

owned 17 submarines, a cruiser, a frigate and a destroyer, due to a deal with the Soviet Union in which they exchanged soda for military equipment. * The oldest known pet cat

existed 9,500 years ago. * Ever find yourself nod-

ding off in a boring meeting? You might want to invest in a box of "Sleep Safe Tape," a half-inch roll of transparent tape with pictures of eyes along its length that, as one source put it, allows users to "get the shuteye they need while appearing to be wide awake." Of course, the game is up if you start to snore

* Abraham Lincoln was a skilled wrestler and was honored with an award from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1992.

* At least six ravens are kept at the Tower of London at all times, due to an old superstition that says: "If the ravens leave the Tower, the Kingdom will fall."The birds even have part of a wing clipped so if they do decide to fly around, they won't get very far.

Thought for the Day: "The glow of one warm thought is to me worth more than money." -- Thomas Jefferson

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· Trivia Test • actor Tom Hanks plays a lawyer 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which of

the Great Lakes is the largest in surface area?

2. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel's working title was "Tomorrow Is Another Day"?

3. MEASUREMENTS: What does an anemometer measure? 4. TELEVISION: Which

1980s sitcom featured the characters Mrs. Garrett, Tootie and Jo?

5. ENTERTAINERS: Which singer was born with the name Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta? 6. ADVERTISING: Who is

the mascot of the snack brand Cheetos? 7. ANATOMY: How much does the average human

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official state bird of Minnesota? 10. ASTRONOMY: Which

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5. Lady Gaga 6. Chester Cheetah

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

No matter where your vote is on the political spectrum, I think we can all agree that this election season has been dramatic. Here are seven political films to unite all movie fans. I propose a bipartisan resolution to have some popcorn. All in favor? Say "aye!" "Dave" -- Ano-good com-

mander in chief has a heart attack and goes into a coma. So his scheming chief of staff (Frank Langella) installs a presidential impersonator -- temp agency owner Dave Kovic (Kevin Kline) -- as a believable substitute. Dave might look like POTUS, but his go-gooder energy and affable manner set him apart as he navigates his way through cabinet meetings and budget decisions -- and around the microscope of a skeptical first lady. "Swing Vote" -- Bud

Johnson (Kevin Costner) is an average Joe from Texico, New Mexico. On Elec-

tion Day, Bud's precocious daughter Molly attempts to vote on Bud's behalf, setting off an unlikely series of circumstances that places the outcome of the presidential election squarely on Bud's shoulders. Both parties and candidates come a-courting -- and a-pandering. "The American President"

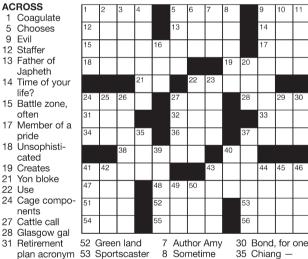
-- Michael Douglas plays President Andrew Shephard, who has the unusual distinction of being a bachelor in the White House. It's hard to date when you're the leader of the free world, so when he meets a fascinating woman (Annette Bening) and begins a relationship, it's no surprise that the press is relentless. It doesn't help that a political rival (Richard Dreyfuss) is moving in for the kill. "Lee Daniels' The Butler"

--Forest Whittaker plays Cecil Gaines -- loosely based on real-life Eugene Allen -- who gets a job as a butler serving the first family and ends up tending the needs of presidents from Eisenhower to Reagan and more. Over three decades, his professional capacity is unquestionable, but his relationship with his wife and son show the signs of stress. "Election" -- In a delight-

ful black comedy, Reese Witherspoon stars as Tracy Flick, a determined Type A overachieving high-school student whose ethics are ... questionable. Matthew Broderick plays her foil as the high-school government teacher who backs a likable athlete as her opposition for student body president. "Wag the Dog" -- A sex

scandal on the cusp of the presidential election leads a presidential adviser (Anne Heche) to bring in some help: a spin doctor (Robert De Niro) who, in turn, brings in a Hollywood producer (Dustin Hoffman) to cook up a little fake war in Albania as a distraction from negative news for the president.

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POLICE BLOTTER

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Samuel G. Rhea, 69, of 709 German Road, Paw Paw, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and East Fourth Road at 8:26 p.m. Oct. 29. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DUI, LEAVING SCENE

Raymond Shevlin, 30, of 746 N. 39th Road, Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident after a traffic stop at Sixth Street and Second Avenue at 9:53 p.m. Oct. 30. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Connor J. Carreon, 27, of 812 Main St., Apt. 11, Mendota, was charged with criminal damage to property at 1:07 a.m. Oct. 31. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Maddisen L. Anderson, 23, of Mendota, was charged with criminal damage to property at 9:28 p.m. Oct. 31. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court

BLESSED EVENTS

CROMWELL - Collin Cromwell and Erika Zimmerlein, boy, Oct. 28, 2020, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

Burn Ordinance

MENDOTA - It is unlawful to burn any materials other than small and dried quantities of branches, leaves, weeds or grass at any time. The burning of any material such as rubber, tires, leather, tar paper, old batteries or any material that emits an offensive odor when burned is unlawful within the city limits of Mendota.

Limited amounts of yard waste material may be burned provided the material is dry and does not create an offensive odor, nuisance or fire hazard due to excessive high winds. Combustible yard waste material may be kindled from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. All fires must be constantly tended by a competent person, until such fire is properly extinguished. The continued smoldering of slow-burning combustible yard waste after 4 p.m. is a nuisance and anyone kindling such a fire that will emit obnoxious odors after 4 p.m. will be considered performing an unlawful act. Burning on Sunday by commercial establishments shall be considered an unlawful act.

IVCC finance committee discusses tuition, tax levy

OGLESBY-The Illinois Valley Community College board's audit finance committee discussed fiscal 2022 tuition rates, the 2020 tax levy and 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at its Oct. 28 meeting.

Audit finance learned the administration will recommend to the full board there be no increase in the \$133 tuition and universal fee rate for the 2021-22 academic year.

We're working to ensure higher education remains affordable for district residents," said IVCC President Corcoran. "That is why the recommendation is to freeze the tuition rate for the fourth consecutive year at \$133. We're doing everything we can to encourage enrollment growth."

The average tuition and fee rate for Illinois community colleges this year is \$147.

In other business, the committee reviewed the tentative \$12.8 million tax levy request for 2020, which is up 3 percent over the actual 2019 levy extension of \$12.4 million.

However, homeowners should not see an increase in the IVCC portion of their property tax bill, Vice President for Business Services and Finance Cheryl Roelfsema said.

The estimated 2020 tax rate of .3557 is down slightly from the 2019 rate of .3644. The levy will not require a public notice or public hearing when trustees move for final approval Dec. 10.

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

Sara McKenna and Heather Wrobleski of Wipfli LLP of Sterling discussed the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2020. The report was unmodified, or "clean," with no material

Audit Finance also reviewed the 127-page Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30.

deficiencies or weaknesses.

"Once again, Cheryl (Roelfsema) and her business office team have presented an impressive 'clean' report with no material weaknesses or deficiencies," said Corcoran

"I'm proud IVCC is debt-free; one of the few community colleges in Illinois that can make that statement. Our board is committed to prudent fiscal management."

The full board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12.



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SOCIAL SCENE

Mendota H.S. junior to be honored at NCI ARTworks Mad Hatter Ball

 Fourth annual event will be livestreamed Nov. 20

PERU - The fourth annual North Central Illinois (NCI) ARTworks Mad Hatter Ball - a virtual celebration this year - will recognize eight high school students for their outstanding artistic achievements as a live-streaming event on Friday, Nov. 20, beginning at 7 p.m.

To join in the Mad Hatter Ball LIVEstream celebration free of charge, click the link on the North Central Illinois ARTworks Facebook page or website at www.nciartworks.

"The Mad Hatter Ball celebrates the artistic achievements of eight outstandingly talented students and their drive to further their artistic efforts," said Jennifer Antkowiak Etscheid, executive director of NCI ARTworks. "It's important to have artistry and beauty in our lives any time, and especially with all that's going on in the world these days. Our virtual, annual arts celebration is the perfect opportunity to bring art and beauty into our homes through student performances and presentations, and to recognize their spirit, talent and artistry.'

The 2020 Mad Hatter Ball Student Honorees are from high schools in La-Salle, Mendota, Ottawa, Peru, Princeton, Seneca and Streator.

Mendota High School junior, Faith Anderson will present several works of visual art. The daughter of Mike and Kara Anderson, she plans to study audio/ visual engineering and music in college and work with the technical side of music productions. Her art embodies sentiments in a favorite quote by Morten Lauridsen: "to write music that satisfies me, that will attempt to satisfy both head and heart, that will be gracious for the performer, and will communicate



with the listener." Anderson has participated in the Big Northern Conference art show and the IVCC art show this past year. She has studied saxophone, piano and voice and dance for many years. She has been in the Madrigal ensemble, Show Choir and Jazz Choir at Mendota High School and has been in 13 theater performances. Anderson was selected for The Illinois Music Education Association, the Big Northern All-Conference Choir and attended three Junior Rhythm Express camps. She sang the National Anthem at

the high school, and earned

10 "superior" and three "best

of day" ratings at the Illinois

High School Association

(IHSA) Solo Content in the

past two years.

Other honorees include Aubrey Garretson, a senior at LaSalle-Peru High School, who will present a flute performance;Lucy Kleczewski, a senior at St. Bede Academy, will present a piano performance; Trent Kloepping, a Princeton High School senior, will give a performance on the upright bass trombone; Mary Riva, a senior at Ottawa High School, will play the violin; Sebastian Serratos, a LaSalle-Peru High School junior, will present a piano performance; Dan Stout, a senior at Streator Township High School, will perform on saxophone; and Peyton Weber, a junior at Seneca High School, will play piano.

Local celebrity Sean Walsh will reprise his role as the Mad Hatter host introducing the student per-

formances. He will also interview the students about their selection, artistic inspiration, continuing education and career plans as they receive their awards live at the NCI ARTworks' Westclox ARTworks Center in the west wing of the Westclox building in Peru.

The event will also feature the selection of the first Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum honorees. Sangita Allen, the 2019 Queen of 'ARTs, will announce the winners as those who received the most votes cast online during the event. Winners will be offered a prize basket full of goods purchased from local businesses. For details about the candidates and voting, visit http://www.nciartworks. com/mad-hatter-ball.html.

NCI ARTworks also will offer an "Un-box An Un-Birthday Present" virtual game from Nov. 1 through the end of the Mad Hatter Ball on Nov. 20. Etscheid said the "Giving Grid" campaign allows donors to select boxes and donate the amount listed on the box. There are 10 boxes that have been pre-selected to each have a \$50 prize. Winners will be contacted shortly after purchase. At the end of the event, a randomly-generated number will be announced from among the boxes sold, and that person will win the \$500 grand prize.

The virtual Mad Hatter Ball is produced by Mario Data, owner of Ladd Sound Production."The Mad Hatter Ball checks all the boxes for a wonderful event for the entire family," said Sue Gillio, event chairman and owner of Music Suite 408/408 Fine Arts Factory/ The Paintbox. Mad Hatter Ball proceeds benefit NCI ARTworks programs and activities throughout the area and at the Westclox ARTworks Center. For more information visit www.nciartworks.com.

BLACKSTONE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Blackstone students attend pizza lunch

Blackstone School held their first Principal Award pizza lunch of the school year on Oct. 29. Above, first grade students honored at the pizza lunch with their principal, Stacy Kelly were, clockwise from bottom left, Evelyn Quintana, Jacob Lengsfeld, Lindsey Boege, Alistair Ward, Kennedy Mellott, Wyatt Schroeder and Nina Escatel. Below, clockwise from bottom left, are kindergarten students, Nayeli Carbajal, Lillian Hansen, Ava Kelly, LJ Rodriguez, Cameron McCormick, Liam Christmann, Eastyn Pakenham and Savy Richey. (Photos contributed)



Local Girl Scouts receive AmeriCorps support

NORTHERN ILLINOIS – Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) has been awarded a fifth year of an Ameri-Corps federal grant. The over \$120,000 grant will help fund Project Opportunity,



a youth development and education program, throughout the

organization's AmeriCorps service area. By accepting the grant, GSNI has committed to providing a substantial program

match with private and in-kind funds. Project Opportunity engages underserved girls, ages 5-18, at locations across northern Illinois including Aurora, Carpentersville, DeKalb, Elgin, and parts of Boone, McHenry, and Winnebago counties. The program provides the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) to girls affected by poverty and other risk factors. Many

girls face barriers to participating in positive youth development programs, and AmeriCorps grant funding provides the resources and AmeriCorps members necessary to support the participation of over 600 girls in the Girl Scout program.

In the fifth year of this AmeriCorps program, 20 AmeriCorps members will work with existing GSNI partners, including schools and community centers, as well as identify new partners and sites where GSNI can reach girls who might not otherwise have the opportunity to become Girl Scouts, both virtually and in-person. Members also recruit new volunteers from local communities to help with programming. These Ameri-Corps members provide critical leadership and developmental programming to girls and help strengthen communities by engaging with local partners and volunteers.

GSNI has a long history in providing

staff-led programming in Rockford and Elgin. For over a decade, hundreds of girls have been able to participate in the GSLE. Girls who participate show strong outcomes towards achievement, such as developing a strong sense of self, positive values, and healthy relationship skills. When asked about their participation in Girl Scouts, girls report being excited about making new friends, having the opportunity to learn new things, engaging in hands-on activities, feeling secure in a girl group, and making a difference.

GSNI is currently seeking dedicated individuals who are interested in serving their community as AmeriCorps members, with a variety of part-time positions available. All members will receive a modest living allowance and ongoing training and development opportunities. To get involved, email AmeriCorps@girlscoutsni.org.

PRINCETON LIBRARY

Friends of Princeton Library donate \$300 to e-book collection

PRINCETON - To address the challenges faced by libraries in acquiring digital content for their patrons, the Friends of the Princeton Public Library are making a donation. The Friends of the Library are aware of the library's tight budget and effect of the pandemic, which has increased the popularity of e-books.

To help add more titles to the online selection, the group is donating \$300 and they encourage others, particularly those who enjoy the library's online materials, to donate as well.

increases the need for libraries to provide more e-books. Pricing for e-books is very different from print books. The average book costs a library \$14.14 whereas the average e-book costs a library \$45.75.

Even at this cost, the library does not own that e-book title. Libraries enter agreements with the publishers to license digital content. Publishers determine the cost and length of time allowed with the license.

These conditions vary from publisher to publisher. Usually, libraries rent the e-books for two years. After two years, the library has to pay again to keep the title.

If libraries want to offer e-books to their patrons, they have no choice but to agree to these terms

Some publishers refuse to offer digital content to libraries at all, meaning that an individual can purchase a bestselling title but a library cannot. Some popular authors sign lucrative contracts with these exclusive distributors.

Libraries try to stretch their e-book budget as much as possible. This is why most libraries only offer the most popular e-books and why it can take a long time for patrons to get the book.

Fortunately, Princeton Public Library is able to offer

e-books through Overdrive and eRead Illinois, which allows Princeton to pool their digital resources with other libraries.

Participating libraries pay a fee for the service and agree to invest a certain amount to contribute to the collection. This helps somewhat, but it does not soften the blow of the high cost or limited use that publishers place on libraries.

Donating to the library to purchase more e-books is helpful for expanding their collection. Another way to help is to let publishers know that you support more open usage licenses and lower e-book pricing.

of Marshall, Putnam, La-Salle and Bureau Counties is providing new signs and banners to area food pantries.

HENRY - The University

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Bureau Counties. (Photo contributed)

Extension partners

Adelaide Kern, director of the Henry Food Pantry,

displays the new banner and sign provided by the

University of Illinois Extension Illinois Nutrition

Education program of Marshall, Putnam, LaSalle and

with local food pantries

The outdoor signs, which are made possible through a special grant, have healthy messages and are a way to support local food pantries

during this difficult time.

Adelaide Kern, director of the Henry Food Pantry, was excited to have the new sign and banner because the Henry Pantry had switched pickup doors due to COVID-19 and the signs helped direct clients to the new entrance.

"The banner is a great way to let people know that we are here and providing food to families in need," she added.

Local food pantries are utilizing a drive thru/pick up model to minimize contact due to COVID-19 and the signs are hoped to help with this change. If you are interested in

learning more about how to partner with University of Illinois Extension for educational programming focusing on healthy nutrition and lifestyles including food budgeting and food safety, please call Sherry Todas, program coordinator, at (815) 875-2878.

During the pandemic, use of e-books has increased. This is great news, but it also

Princeton Library requesting feedback from the community PRINCETON - The Princeton Public Library is asking the community

to participate in a short survey. This survey is being sent with the city's utility bills and can be downloaded on the library's website www.princetonpl. org. The survey serves as a tool to better serve library patrons and should take no longer than a few minutes to complete.

The board of trustees and staff are eager to explore how they can enhance the library experience. Director Julie Wayland explained, "We want to know more about the community so we can tailor our collection, programs and services to those needs and interests."

The library also wants to know how they can be more accessible and convenient in an evolving COVID-19 environment. The current goal of the library is to continue to provide for

associated with the library is looking forward to putting this virus behind us and moving on," Wayland added.

patrons in the safest possible way for both them and library staff. "I think it is safe to say that everyone

SPORTS

IHSA goes against governor, IDPH in decision to play basketball

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for a special board meeting on Oct. 28, where the Board provided the latest information on the IHSA's winter sports season.

The Board voted to move the sport of wrestling from the winter season to the summer season, which will run from April 19 to June 26, 2021.

The Board approved the IHSA 's winter sport guidance for all low risk sports, which includes Boys' Swimming & Diving, Cheerleading, Dance, Boys' & Girls' Bowling, and Girls' Gymnastics. These sports will be conducted from Nov. 16, 2020, to Feb. 13, 2021. The mitigating guidance for each sport will be posted on the IHSA's COVID-19 Resource page on Oct. 29. The IHSA Board will review spectator and group gatherings for all winter sports at a future meeting in November.

In addition, the Board took action to follow the guidance of the IHSA Sport Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) and will allow Boys' and Girls' Basketball to begin practices, per IHSA Return to Activities 2.0, on Nov. 16. Contests can begin on Nov. 30 within an Illinois COIVD Region or within a conference. As a part of the mitigation plan, masks will be worn by all players, coaches, and officials during play. Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams will follow team limitations allowing a maximum of 31 games. It will

"The IHSA Board remains considerate of rising COVID-19 cases in Illinois and understands the importance of adhering to safety guidelines for the good of all citizens. However, the Board has not been presented any causal evidence that rising COVID-19 cases make basketball more dangerous to play by the IDPH or any other health organization nationally or internationally."

become a local school decision to determine if a school will allow their basketball teams to participate following the guidelines developed by the SMAC.

The Board released the following statement regarding the basketball action:

"The Illinois High School Association Board of Directors made the decision today to continue with the IHSA basketball season as scheduled in 2020-21. In August, the Board slated basketball to take place from November to February based on the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) assigning a medium risk level to the sport. The IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) offered additional mitigations, such as masks during play and social distancing on benches, that the SMAC believed would allow basketball to be played safely.

The high school basketball season was potentially put on hold on Oct. 27, when Governor Pritzker announced that IDPH had changed basketball's risk level from medium risk to high risk.

After diligent discussion, the Board has made the decision today to follow the recommendation of the IHSA SMAC as it relates to basketball. The Board remains considerate of rising COVID-19 cases in Illinois and understands the importance of adhering to safety guidelines for the good of all citizens. However, the Board has not been presented any causal evidence that rising COVID-19 cases make basketball more dangerous to play by the IDPH or any other health organization nationally or internationally. On the contrary, the IHSA has been looking to bordering states who have sponsored both medium risk and high-risk sports in the fall that have noted a low incident rate of COVID-19 spread.

Instead, we will require all IHSA basketball teams to adhere to those SMAC mitigations, and allow local school officials to make decisions related to participation.

Mounting challenges, from increased mental health issues among our students to a shrinking calendar that limits our ability to move sport seasons this school year, were instrumental in this decision to move forward with basketball as scheduled. We see our students regularly leaving the state to play sports, or covertly continuing to play locally. Students can be better protected in the high school setting, and the Board remains steadfast that playing under IHSA rules and SMAC mitigation is the safest way to conduct athletics at this juncture.

Illinois is a large and diverse state, and the IHSA membership is reflective of that. We understand that this decision will impact each high school and district differently. Some schools who remain in remote learning may not be able to start winter sports on time, and we feel for those in that situation. However, we have also learned that we cannot continue to look down the road to a season that may never come.

Contact days for our teams this fall have

been an incredible boon to our students?

well-being. We fear for the mental health of students who attempt to traverse a long winter with no athletic outlet available. So much about dealing with this virus has been learned in the past eight months, and this decision will grant the membership the opportunity to apply that knowledge during their basketball season.

Each member of the IHSA Board vol-

Each member of the IHSA Board volunteered for this position because they are passionate about high school sports and activities, and the positive impact they have on our students' physical and mental health."

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High team game (hdcp)

- Sports-N-Stuff 1262, CM Farm 1231, Mendota Agri-Products 1230 High team series (scratch)

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– Bob Thomas 233, Ed Roulston 225, Jose Sarabia 210 Men's high game (hdcp)

– Ed Roulston 296, Carl
Reistad 281, Mike Smith
255

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(hdcp) – Nancy Roulston 308, Hannah Westphal 300, Jessica Robinson 273 Women's high series (scratch) – Emily Thomas

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(hdcp) – Nancy Roulston 800, Hannah Westphal 756, Jessica Robinson 749

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IDNR gives Illinois controlled pheasant hunting program changes for 2020-21 season

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has announced changes to controlled pheasant hunting for the 2020-21 hunting season. The changes, health and safety protocols implemented in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, will provide greater protection to both the hunting public and site staff during the season.

Standby Controlled Pheasant Hunting Permits will not be available this hunting season. Pheasant hunters will need to acquire a Reserved Controlled Pheasant Hunting Permit to hunt on controlled pheasant hunting sites. Reserved Controlled Pheasant Hunting Permits can be acquired through the online reservation system available on the Controlled Pheasant Hunting website at this link: https://dnr2.illinois.gov/ controlledhunt/. To make acquiring a reserved permit more convenient, hunters will be able to reserve a permit until 12:00 noon the day before a hunt date. On IDNR-operated sites, the daily

fee for permits acquired online for controlled pheasant hunting is \$30 for



resident hunters and \$35 for nonresident hunters. The daily permit fee applies to each individual hunter. Hunters are required to pay for permits acquired online over a secure system using a major credit card. A transaction fee of \$1.00 for a single hunter or 2.25 percent of the permit fee for multiple hunters will be assessed for each permit, except for permits for the Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt. Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt Permits are issued at no cost.

All but one of the controlled pheasant hunting sites have ample reserved permits available for all days of the controlled hunting season. Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt permits are also available for all but one controlled pheasant hunting site. Hunters are encouraged to make the necessary planning adjust-

ments now to hunt on the sites on the hunt dates desired.

Hunter check station procedures will also change on controlled pheasant hunting sites as part of health and safety protocols. Hunters are advised to wear an appropriate face covering and maintain appropriate social distance when in the hunter check station area. Hunters should also pay attention to advisory signs with information about check-in procedures. Check-out procedures will also change at many controlled pheasant hunting sites this season. Check-out procedures will be announced during

Special note for the 2020-21 hunting season: Non-toxic shotshells are required when hunting at Des Plaines SFWA, Horseshoe Lake SP, Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA, Mackinaw River SFWA, Silver Springs SFWA, Chain O'Lakes SP, Eldon Hazlet SRA, Green River SWA, Johnson Sauk Trail SRA, and Wayne Fitzgerrell SRA. Hunters are reminded when hunting at any of these sites that only non-toxic shotshells may in possession.

the registration process.

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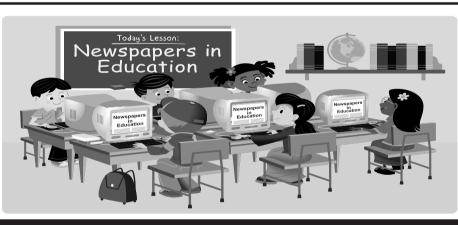
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These verses reassure us that we don't need to be worried about everything wrong that's happening in the world, because God is still in control. And He's going to take care of us as long as we trust Him and do good.

But we all have times when we wonder, "Is God really going to come through for me? Can I really trust Him...or do I need to have a backup plan? If God doesn't come through quickly enough, how long am I willing or prepared to wait for Him to act?"

The truth is, whether or not you can trust God depends on whether you're trying to get Him to give you what YOU want, or what HE wants. In other words, are you trusting Him to do His perfect will for you, in His perfect timing and in His way?

It's good for us to tell God what we want and to ask Him for help when we need it. But sometimes we think we know what is right for us, or we want something so badly we feel we just have to have it; so instead of trusting God to do what is best, we tell Him what He needs to do.

We need to realize that we really are not smart enough to deal with the problems we face on our own. And when we don't trust God, we end up trying to make something happen that only He can do, which just makes us frustrated.

I've discovered that no

matter how badly I want something, I need to pray, "God, if what I want is not what You want for me, then please don't give it to me. I want to do Your will in this situation, and I'm trusting You to give me what You want for me."

This is especially important in situations where we don't understand why things are happening the way they are. I remember when God told me to quit my job so I could stay home and study the Word more. This was the season when



He was preparing me for full-time ministry.

It was so hard because without me working, we were \$40 short of what we needed each month just to pay our bills. I would go to garage sales to buy clothes for my kids, and we kept giving and tithing as God spoke to our hearts to do it. For six years we had to have a miracle every month in our finances, and it didn't make any sense to me at all why it was taking so long for us to get a breakthrough in our situation.

But I understand now that God was teaching me how to trust Him for every little thing I needed every day. Everything I went through with God during those six years prepared me to do what we're doing in ministry now. And it takes a lot more to keep the ministry going today than what we needed to pay our bills back then.

I'm so glad God helped me stay determined not to give up or try to meet all of our needs in my own strength. I needed those years of being home fulltime to study the Word and apply the biblical principles I was learning practically in my own life before I could do what I'm doing today.

You know, it doesn't do any good to just know the Word in your head – you have to know it by experience through your relationship with God. We need to experience the faithfulness of God in our lives to grow in our trust in Him. I can honestly say now that some of the times I treasure most happened during those six years when God came through for us in miraculous ways. I didn't always get what I wanted. but God always provided everything I needed.

You're not going to know for sure if you can trust God until you have to step out in faith and experience His faithfulness. I want to encourage you today: Don't give up on what God has put in your heart to do! No matter how hard it is to trust Him, be determined to keep doing everything He shows you to do.

As the Amplified Bible says in Psalm 37:3, "Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed." God is faithful, and you really can trust Him!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's Unshakeable Trust Action Plan. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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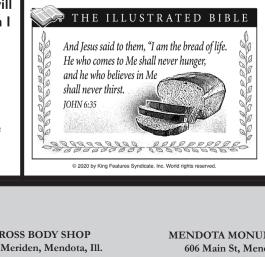
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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

I. Is the book of Ananias in the

- Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Micah 7:19, where does God place forgiven sins? Depths of sea, Heathen hearts, Past the stars, Fiery pits
- 3. In the book of Revelation, Jesus said, "I am Alpha and ..."? Beta, Omega, Eternity, Delta

4. From Psalms 60:8, David said, "Moab is my ..."? Terrier, Washpot, Courier,

Warrior 5. What was the home of Peter, Andrew and Philip?

Caesarea, Assos, Sardis,

Bethsaida

6. On which mount did King Saul die? Sinai, Moriah, Pisgah, Gilboa



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Depths of sea; 3) Omega; 4) Washpot; 5) Bethsaida; 6) Gilboa

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Date

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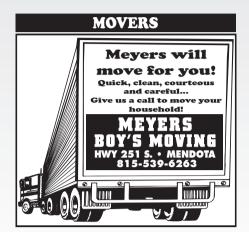
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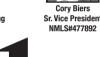
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4121 E 2nd Rd. Lovely all brick ranch on edge of town! Huge backyard accessed by deck off kitchen. You can enjoy movie night at home cozied up in front of the fireplace this winter. Main floor laundry, large kitchen, open to dining room. Finished basement with 2 additional bedrooms and full bath. Many upgrades!



4 bedroom, 2 bath Victorian could be picture perfect with your touches! Large backyard, 1 car garage with extra covered area, and spacious kitchen with oversized pantry. This home has 2 staircases and a front porch you can screen in the warmer months. ..\$44,900 ..\$29,900 ..\$67,900 ..\$74,900

LASALLE - NEW LISTING - COMM. BUILDING - 2 TENANTS...... AMBOY - 3 BDRM - REHABBER, LARGE LOT... MENDOTA - 3-4 BDRM - UPDATED KITCHEN SOLD... NEW LISTING - MENDOTA - 1/2 DUPLEX, 2 BEDROOM PENDING NEW LISTING - MENDOTA - 1/2 DUPLEX, 2 BEDROOM PENDING
MENDOTA - 3 BDR, 2 CAR GARAGE, CLOSE TO SHOP PENDING
MENDOTA - 3 BDR, GREAT YARD - 2 CAR GARAGE PENDING
NEW LISTING - MENDOTA 3 BDD, 1.5 BATH - FULL BASEMENT
MENDOTA - 4BD, 2BA, VICTORIAN - LARGE BACKYARD
BRICK RANCH, COUNTRY, APPROXIMATELY 1.5 ACRES, MANY UPDATES.
MENDOTA - RANCH 3 BDR, 2 BATH, FULL BASEMENT PENDING
MENDOTA - BRICK RANCH COUNTRY - 4 BDR, 2 BATH
NEW LISTING - MENDOTA - COMM BUILDING, RETAIL BUSINESS.
NEW LISTING - MENDOTA - RANCH - 3 BDR, 2 BATH, NORTHBROOK.
MENDOTA - RANCH - 3 BDRM - 2 BATH - FIREPLACE PENDING.
MENDOTA - BRICK RANCH, 3 BDRM. 3 BATH - FIREPLACE - SOLD. \$159,000 .\$144,500 ..\$159,000 ..\$165,000 ..\$178,500 ..\$189,500 MENDOTA - BRICK RANCH, 3 BDRM, 3 BATH - FIREPLACE - SOLD. MENDOTA - COUNTRY - 4 BDRM - 2.5 BATHS - PENDING. \$200,000 **BUILDING LOTS** 15 ABBALLEE WAY, MENDOTA...... 318 W BRYANT WOODS, PRINCETON



GREAT STARTER HOME!! FULL OF CHARM!! 2 BEDROOM 1.5 BATH WITH LARGE LIVING ROOM. MASTER BEDROOM, 1/2 BATH AND LAUNDRY ROOM ON THE MAIN FLOOR. ADORABLE ENTRYWAY OR SITTING ROOM OFF THE DINING ROOM WITH FRENCH DOORS LAUNDRY ROOM/MUDROOM RIGHT INSIDE THE BACK DOOR. CERAMIC TILE IN THE UPSTAIRS BATHROOM ALONG WITH REAL HARDWOOD FLOORS UPSTAIRS. SPACIOUS TWO CAR GARAGE AND A HUGE YARD. MAINTENANCE FREE SIDING. DON'T MISS THIS GREAT HOUSE FOR A GREAT PRICE. \$500 Credit to the buyer for replacing the carpet on the steps. MLS #:10902639



WONDERFUL **FAMILY** SIZED HOME ON LARGE LOT. Features include 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, Den and enclosed front porch for extra living space. FIRST FLOOR LAUNDRY area, all appliances stay. CAR DETACHED GARAGE, large shed, landscaping and deck. NEW carpet installed 10-16-20 MLS #: 10730373

LOT 8 CHAR LU DRIVE, MENDOTA LOT SIZE 102x175 **REDUCED!** \$25,000

00 HONEYSUCKLE ROAD, **EARLVILLE** LOT SIZE 5.4 ACRES \$49,900



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bedroom brick ranch with bonus room for office or den. Full basement with divide rooms for office or workshop. 1 car attached garage. Alley access. Call for a showing.



1107 St.. Mendota. IL #10528563 \$120,000.00 Charming 3-4 bedroom home with first floor laundry and master bedroom and bath. in kitchen



Vermillion St in Troy Grove over rail road track and house is on the left side on the curve.. Unique property sitton on 3 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.

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1506 Lincoln Ave., Mendota \$127,000

- · 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Story Home w/ 2 Car
- Garage Stunning Wood Flooring, High Ceiling, Large Windows Allowing
- Natural Light In · Tons of Updates!



206 S. Popular St., **Sublette** \$133,900

- · 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 2 Story Home in Sublette Natural Woodwork Throughout
- 3 Car Garage With Heat and Concrete Flooring



606 W Main St., **Sublette** \$129,900 · 2 Bed 1 Bath

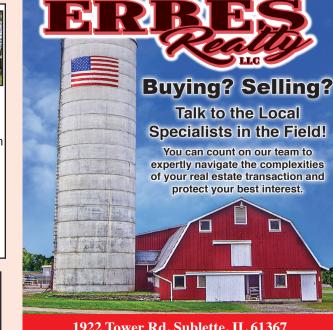
- · New flooring, windows, doors, trim
- Kitchen cabinets professionally refinished, new counter tops

Come See Us About Woodhaven Lakes Properties!!



209 S Jefferson Ave., **Amboy** \$95,900

· 2 Story, 4 Bed, 1 1/2 Bath Large deck with stairs and ramp, 2 car garage with shop • Renter has been in home for 10+ years - \$600 per month



901 Clark St., Oglesby. \$299.500 164 Penkins Road, Sublette CONTINGENT..... ..\$183,000

1460 Sleepy Hollow Road, Amboy CONTINGENT\$109,500 319 W Pieronnet St., Amboy CONTINGENT

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