



Spooky house

All kinds of scary creatures and tombstones have taken over at this house on Guiles Avenue in Mendota as the countdown to All Hallows' Eve is on, with just 10 days left before the day more commonly known as Halloween. Halloween is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed. (Reporter photo)

Council OKs project bids, purchases downtown property

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council awarded several bids and announced the purchase of property at a special telephone/online council meeting on Oct. 15.

A series of bid openings were held on Oct. 6 for the South East Mendota Sanitary Sewer Systems Improvements program.

Four bids were submitted for the Seventh Avenue Pump Station. The low bid of \$1,497,150 was awarded to Whittaker Construction & Excavating of Earlville.

Five bids were turned in for the S&L Pump Station Demolition and the

Front Street Gravity Sewer. The council accepted the low bid of Opperman Construction of Pontiac in the amount of \$196,940.

The Seventh Avenue Force Main Replacement project had six bidders. Performance Construction of Plano was approved for the work with a low bid of \$427,891.

There were five bidders for the Cherry Street Gravity Sewer Extension project. The council accepted the low bid of \$468,245 from "D" Construction of Coal City.

The sum of the accepted bids was 14 percent lower than the engineering corporation's estimate for the entire project.

In other action, the council approved authorization to purchase property at 704 Illinois Ave., the former Meyers Furniture building, in the amount of \$23,000.

The council also voted to approve the termination of TIF VI (Del Monte).

The city leaf vacuum program began Oct. 19. Pickup will be done by ward with the First Ward on Monday, the Second Ward on Tuesday, the Third Ward on Wednesday and the Fourth Ward on Thursday. Friday will be used as a catch-up day.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Nov. 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Transition to 'alternate day' schedule a possibility for Mendota District 289

□ Parent survey results will determine the final decision for second trimester

By BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

MENDOTA – Mendota elementary students in grades 2-8 may be switched to an alternate day schedule beginning next month. The new schedule, which was approved by District 289 Board of Education during its Oct. 15 board meeting, would be in effect for the second trimester.

Superintendent Dr. Kristen School said parents are being asked this week whether their students will attend the next trimester in person or remotely. The final decision on scheduling will be determined by the number of students who plan to attend in person.

Dr. School explained that a preliminary survey of parents showed an increase at all three of the district's schools. Blackstone, which now has 144 students attending in person, would increase to 177; Lincoln, currently with 216 in person, would go to 263; and Northbrook, now at 290, would increase to 344. If the number of students returning to in-person hold true in the final survey, School said attendance would be too high for Lincoln and Northbrook to safely accommodate students.

Blackstone School, which has larger classrooms, smaller class sizes and some of the greatest needs for in-person

"If the number of students returning to in-person at Lincoln and Northbrook stay high, this is the plan we will use. If not, the current schedule will stay in place."

–Superintendent Dr. Kristen School

learning, would be able to handle the increase, however, and not have to switch to alternate day attendance. Kindergarten and first graders will attend Monday through Thursday as will Life Skills students. Preschool students will remain on the same schedule they are currently following.

ALTERNATE DAYS

In the alternate day plan, both Lincoln and Northbrook students would be divided into two groups with half attending in person on Monday and Wednesday and the other half on Tuesday and Thursday. One change that will affect all of the district's students will be on Fridays, which will be used as a 'blended learning' review

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MHS District 280 reports very few problems with in-person attendance

□ Tentative tax levy continues trending downward

By BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

MENDOTA – The first six weeks of in-person classes at Mendota High School have gone better than expected. Reporting at the Oct. 19 Mendota High School board of education meeting, Superintendent Jeff Prusator said he is very pleased with the start of the 2020-21 school year.

"We couldn't have anticipated things going any better than they have," Prusator told the board. "We are one of the few high schools that are in session all day, five days a week."

Much of the credit for this success is due to the work and planning done over the summer, Prusator noted, along with cooperation from MHS students who have been wearing masks and following the other safety protocols put in place this year.

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–Superintendent Jeff Prusator

Since the start of school, MHS has had seven positive COVID cases – four students and three staff members. Prusator said all of the cases were transmitted outside of school. Even when contact tracing was done, only five to eight other students had to be quarantined due to close contact. "So, we still have over 400 students who were able to attend school in-person," he added. "If we keep wearing masks, distancing and do all the other safety measures, we can do this."

But Prusator cautioned that because this virus is so unpredictable, things could change overnight. His biggest concern is if a large number of staff members

had to quarantine at the same time. If that happened, he said everyone would have to switch to remote learning for two weeks and then come back in-person. "The buy-in to what we're doing has exceeded our expectations," he emphasized. "I'm very proud of what we've done so far."

Looking ahead, discussions regarding second semester will be held, but Prusator said they will mainly talk about ways to help the remote learners, which is the biggest concern right now. Some of those students are not doing well even though efforts have been

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Social Security announces 1.3% COLA benefit increase for 2021

CHICAGO – Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 1.3 percent in 2021, the Social Security Administration announced.



The 1.3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2021. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 31, 2020. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits). The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable

maximum) will increase to \$142,800 from \$137,700.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by mail starting in early December about their new benefit amount. Most people who receive Social Security payments will be able to view their COLA notice online through their personal my Social Security account. People may create or access their my Social Security account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2021, when announced, will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries receiving Medicare, Social Security will not be able to compute their new benefit amount until after the Medicare premium amounts for 2021 are announced. Final 2021 benefit amounts will be communicated to beneficiaries in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security's Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.



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LOCAL AND AREA

Chaplin Creek Muzzleloaders compete with historical weapons



Seven contestants in the Pumpkin Shoot display their handiwork. First place went to Chuck Pomazal of Dixon, fifth from left; second place was Dave Vlasaty of Paw Paw, second from left; and third place was Al Kleinstiver of DeKalb, third from left. (Photos contributed)

FRANKLIN GROVE - The Chaplin Creek Muzzleloaders held their annual Pumpkin Shoot in Franklin Grove on Sunday, Oct. 18. The competition was part of a weekend of activities.

The object of the competition was to demonstrate their marksmanship by seeing who could make the best face on a pumpkin using ball-and-powder guns. Despite a rainy Sunday, there was a dry stretch so the competition could take place.

First place in the shooting



Stuart Corsa of Rockford, above, poses at the log cabin with his display of various accoutrements used during the fur-trappers' era.



Ethan Sheely, 9, of Leaf River, who was the best hatchet-thrower during an event on Oct. 17, wears a period hat and mitts he won in the auction.



Henry Brauhn, 3, who was visiting from Falls Church, Va., points out the winner of the pumpkin shoot.

went to Chuck Pomazal of Dixon, second place was Dave Vlasaty of Paw Paw and third place was taken by Al Kleinstiver of DeKalb.

During events held on Saturday, Ethan Sheely, 9, of Leaf River was recognized as the best hatchet-thrower, and he also won a period hat and mitts in the auction.

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Operation Elf Action registration begins

MENDOTA – Operation Elf Action, formerly Mendota Toys for Tots, under the guidance of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and Community Health Partnership of Illinois, is asking that if your family or if you know of a family that could use some help this Christmas with toys and/or clothing for their children, to contact the Community Health Partnership of Illinois at 1009 Main St., Mendota.

To qualify, the family must live within the Mendota School District, which means their school-age children attend Mendota schools or are eligible to attend Mendota schools. Pre-school children from the Mendota area

are also eligible. The family must have a State of Illinois Medicaid Card, which lists the children, and a parent must register in person at the CHP office at 1009 Main St. Registration will take place only on the following days and times:

- Thursday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 29, 1-5 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 1-5 p.m.

Items needed to register are a copy of children's State of Illinois Medicaid card and proof of residence in Mendota School District.

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LOCAL AND AREA

NORTHBROOK STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER



5th Grade

Northbrook School's fifth grade Students of the Month for September, left to right, are Ignacio Ortega, Parker Waldron, Germain Serrano, Ashtyn Stamberger and Gage Braddy. (Photos contributed. *Please note:* Photos of the students were taken individually for safety and then grouped together digitally.)



6th Grade

Northbrook School's sixth grade Students of the Month for September, left to right, are Dawson McPheeters, Brooklyn Baxa, Lukas Nelson and Briza Cervantes.



7th Grade

Northbrook School's seventh grade Students of the Month for September, front row left to right, are Corbin Furar, Johnathan Beatty, and Leah Stamberger; back row, Jayden Wehrs, Johan Cortez, and Gianna Hall.



8th Grade

Northbrook School's eighth grade Students of the Month for September, left to right, are Sophia Pappas, Anthony Kelson, Gabriel Vallejo and Ella Coss.

Local Democrats to meet Oct. 22

LA SALLE - The Illinois Valley Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22 at the LaSalle VFW, 2325 Donahue St. (corner of 24th Street) in LaSalle.

This will be a get out to vote meeting and local candidates are invited to attend and speak. Everyone is welcome. Wearing of masks and social distancing will be expected.

CARL'S QUIZ

When did Trick or Treating first become a common in the U.S.?

The answer to last week's quiz is: The noteworthy television event on Aug. 30, 1953 was a color TV show. This was the first publicly announced experimental color broadcast of a network program, the Kukla, Fran, and Ollie Show on NBC. (Source: The Old Farmer's Almanac)

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

A look behind "War of the Worlds" broadcast

LASALLE - The LaSalle Public Library will virtually host lecturer, Laura Keyes on Oct. 27 when she presents, "A Look Behind Orson Welles' 'War of the Worlds' Broadcast."

On the Eve of Halloween 1938, a young actor/director broadcast a radio drama based on a 40-year-old novel, "The War of the Worlds." While the original

broadcast had a relatively low audience, the impact it had, and continues to have, on American Culture is staggering.

But how much of that impact was reality, and how much has been exaggerated over the years? Were there riots in the streets from panicked listeners, or did most of the audience simply enjoy a well-done piece of theatre? Did Orson Welles know he would frighten listeners, or was this an unintended accident?

This informative and entertaining lecture will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at

6 p.m. - a perfect prelude to Halloween. The program is free and open to the public.

Keyes, who is currently director of the Dunlap Public Library District in Dunlap, graduated from UW-Madison with a Master's degree in Library Studies. She has been giving presentations on historic topics for over 10 years and she enjoys researching literary symbolism and is contracted to write a book on that subject.

To access the program, register by going to <https://bit.ly/2GFLk8R>. Those who

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St. Margaret's and IVCH sign definitive agreement to affiliate

New regional health network will strengthen health care areawide

SPRING VALLEY - St. Margaret's Health in Spring Valley, a member of SMP Health System, and Illinois Valley Community Hospital (IVCH) in Peru have signed a binding definitive agreement to consolidate their healthcare operations to form a regional health network.

The new organization will be governed by SMP Health System through a new regional parent company, which will have board members representing the local communities historically served by the two health systems.

"We are extremely pleased that IVCH has chosen to partner with St. Margaret's and the SMP Health System. SMP Health System is looking forward to working with our IVCH colleagues to create a vibrant healthcare network which will better serve the needs of the Illinois Valley community," said Aaron K. Alton, President/CEO SMP Health System. "This new partnership will also help to expand the mission of the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation."

"Our collective efforts will allow us to better address the challenges we face in today's healthcare climate," said Tim Muntz, St. Margaret's President/CEO. "This affiliation allows us the opportunity to enhance our operations and services, while also exploring the possibilities of bringing

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Mendota Weather

Oct. 21, 2020

Seven Day Forecast

	Wednesday Few Showers High: 59 Low: 49
	Thursday Scattered T-storms High: 74 Low: 51
	Friday Scattered T-storms High: 62 Low: 37
	Saturday Mostly Cloudy High: 50 Low: 38
	Sunday Few Showers High: 53 Low: 42
	Monday Few Showers High: 58 Low: 45
	Tuesday Cloudy High: 54 Low: 43

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 60% chance of showers, high of 59°, humidity of 60%. Southwest wind 7 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 84° set in 2003. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 45% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 49°. East wind 7 to 10 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 22° set in 2018.

Regional Cities

City	Hi/Low	Wx	Hi/Low	Wx
Aurora	59/49	sh	62/55	t
Champaign	66/56	sh	71/57	pc
Chicago	60/50	sh	63/56	t
Freeport	56/44	sh	60/45	t
Joliet	61/50	sh	66/56	t
Moline	59/49	sh	63/49	t
Peoria	63/55	sh	67/55	t
Rockford	57/46	sh	62/49	sh
Springfield	66/58	sh	70/57	pc

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	67	46	63/40	0.00"	0.08"
Tuesday	74	43	63/40	0.00"	0.72"
Wednesday	80	50	63/39	0.00"	-0.64"
Thursday	56	35	62/39	0.00"	
Friday	56	32	62/39	0.00"	
Saturday	65	45	61/38	0.00"	
Sunday	54	39	61/38	0.08"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

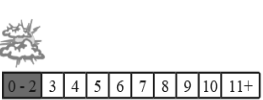
Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 10/23	7:15 a.m.	6:05 p.m.	12:59 p.m.	10:06 p.m.
Thursday	7:17 a.m.	6:03 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	11:07 p.m.
Friday	7:18 a.m.	6:02 p.m.	2:42 p.m.	Next Day
Saturday	7:19 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	3:20 p.m.	12:11 a.m.
Sunday	7:20 a.m.	5:59 p.m.	3:51 p.m.	1:15 a.m.
Full 10/31	7:21 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	4:18 p.m.	2:18 a.m.
Tuesday	7:22 a.m.	5:57 p.m.	4:42 p.m.	3:20 a.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 72 in Salisbury, Md. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 88 in Cudjoe Key, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 86 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow, highest temperature of 68 in Williams, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 97 in Salton City, Calif.

Local UV Index



UV Index

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

How long does it take the sound of thunder to travel one mile?



Answers: Five seconds.

Weather History

Oct. 21, 1934 - A severe windstorm lashed the northern Pacific Coast. In Washington state, the storm claimed the lives of 22 people and caused 1.7 million dollars in damage, mostly to timber. Winds, gusting to 87 mph at North Head, Wash., produced waves twenty feet high.

Oct. 22, 1985 - A guest talking on the phone in a hotel in Seattle was seriously injured when lightning struck. Several people are killed each year when the electrical charge from a lightning bolt travels via the wiring of their telephones.

Do You Know An AMERICAN HERO?

The Mendota Reporter is again putting together a section featuring Veterans and military personnel and would like you to send or bring us a military picture of yourself or favorite military hero along with a short biography of their service history, present or past.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Agnes A. Ryan

LA MOILLE - Agnes A. Ryan, 67, of LaMoille passed away in her home surrounded by her loving family on her birthday, Oct. 16, 2020.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 20 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Arlington with Rev. Patrick Fixsen officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Arlington. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota. Pallbearers were John Hunter, Joe Hunter, Ed Roulston and David Souba. Masks and social distancing were implemented.

Agnes was born Oct. 16, 1953 in Peru to John and Luella (Netherton) Roulston. She married Charles Ryan on Sept. 17, 1977 at St. Patrick's Church, Arlington. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1989.

Survivors include one son, John (Jennifer) Ryan of LaMoille and two grandchildren, Jonathan and her ever vigilant caregiver, Ella.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents. Agnes graduated from LaMoille High School in 1971. In her work career, she was with Walmart for 16 years until her retirement in March of 2019. She was always a farm girl and raised Haflinger horses on the family farm. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Hitch and Wheel Pony Club.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue (IVAR) or ALS Association Greater Chicago Chapter, 220 W. Huron St., Suite 4003, Chicago, IL 60654.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Dennis C. Kuntzi

ROCK ISLAND – Dennis C. Kuntzi, 69, of Rock Island, passed away Oct. 15, 2020 at Veterans Administration Central Iowa Health Care in Des Moines, Iowa.

Private services will be held. Interment with military honors, will be at the Rock Island National Cemetery. Nichols Bewley Funeral and Cremation Services is caring for Denny's family and arrangements.

Denny was born Dec. 9, 1950 in Mendota to Charles Junior and Mary Katherine Sojat Kuntzi.

Survivors left to honor and cherish his memory include two daughters, Dena (John) Walker and Danielle Kuntzi, both of Valley, Ala.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four brothers, Tom (Sarah) Kuntzi, Mike (Sherry) Kuntzi, Chuck (Nancy) Kuntzi and Jim (Donna) Kuntzi; and four sisters, Kathy Gregory, Charla (Jerry) Sheridan, Sue Ray and Deb (Paul Magnuson) Kuntzi.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Marsha Kuntzi, Mary Gould and Carol Amfahr.

Denny was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served from 1970 to 1971. He received the Soldiers Medal for Heroism and The Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces. He had worked as a security guard and was a DJ.


Please share your love, memories and support with Denny's family on his memorial tribute page at www.NicholsBewley.com.

Worlds

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Gareth R. Gusse

DAVENPORT, Iowa - Gareth Rene Gusse, 72, of Davenport passed away Oct. 16, 2020 at Genesis East Medical Center.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A funeral Mass will be held 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 23 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Davenport. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22 with a 6:30 p.m. prayer service at the Runge Mortuary & Crematory, Davenport.

Gareth was born Dec. 20, 1947 in Moline to Rene and Jacqueline (Martinelli) Gusse, the first-born of nine children. He married Nancy M. Lindenmier of West Brooklyn on June 13, 1970 in Sublette.

Survivors include his wife; three children, Seth (Shelly) Gusse, Renata (Paul) Owens and Annaliese Gusse (Robert Robinson); two granddaughters, Janie and Sally Owens; two aunts, Georgette Jarrin and Catherine Masciopinto; seven siblings, Sheryll (Larry, deceased) Langley, Steve (Ma Xiu Feng) Gusse, Daniel (Kim) Gusse, Therese (John, deceased) Bolander, David (Becky) Gusse, Christine (Jeff) Holmes and Joseph (Kathy) Gusse; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Mary Sheila Cooksey.

Gareth graduated from Alleman High School in 1965, attended Blackhawk College in Moline, and then University of Illinois-Champaign, graduating with a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1971 and a Master of Architecture degree in 1976. He served in the U.S. Army from 1971-1974, most of that time in Germany, stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Air Base. He and Nancy celebrated 50 years of marriage this past summer, and he was very proud of their three children. He worked as a structural engineer in the Quad Cities with the firms of Shive-Hattery, Marske-Schardein and Missman, Inc. for a total of 40 years, retiring in 2015. He was a faithful member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and prior to that Our Lady of Victory Church, being very active in both parishes. Most recently, he was on St. Anthony's Building Committee, helped serve funeral luncheons and was involved in many other parish activities. Gareth enjoyed traveling, building and fixing whatever needed to be built or fixed, solving crossword puzzles, watching sports and spending time with his family, especially being "Opa" to granddaughters, Janie and Sally. He was quiet and kind, generous and funny, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the McAnthony Window or St. Anthony Catholic Church. Online condolences can be shared at www.rungemortuary.com.

DePaul announces scholarship program for high-achieving students

CHICAGO — DePaul University is launching the State Scholar Plus scholarship program for qualifying high school graduates who are entering college for the first time in fall 2021. State Scholar Plus provides qualified students up to \$100,000 in scholarship funds over four consecutive years of undergraduate studies.

"In a time when families are increasingly burdened by financial strain, DePaul is introducing the State Scholar Plus scholarship to make it easier for high-achieving students to study at a private university where faculty members are dedicated to teaching and providing real-world experiences for their students," said DePaul President A.

Gabriel Esteban, Ph.D. "State Scholar Plus adds to DePaul's collection of scholarships that place a high-quality, values-driven education within reach."

Students must rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and earn a 3.75 or higher graduating GPA to qualify for the State Scholar Plus scholarship. In order to receive the full value of the \$100,000 scholarship over four consecutive years (\$25,000/year) of undergraduate study, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree at DePaul for all four years.

A completed Common Application must be submitted no later than Nov.

Robert J. Godfrey

MENDOTA - Robert J. Godfrey, 92, of Mendota passed away Oct. 14, 2020 at Prairie Crossing and Rehab, Shabbona.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 19 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Military rites were conducted by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Robert was born Nov. 21, 1927 in LaSalle to Floyd and Blanche (Nelson) Godfrey. He married Vera Ritter on Dec. 14, 1948 in Mendota. She preceded him in death on Aug. 3, 2020.

Survivors include one daughter, Holly Full of Winnebago; two sons, Dave (Cathy) Godfrey of Tucson, Ariz. and Jim (Jean) Godfrey of St. Germain, Wis.; five grandchildren, Aaron and Andrew Full and Joshua, Stephanie and Jennifer Godfrey; four great-grandchildren; one son-in-law, Steve Rister of Kirksville, Mo.; and one sister, Betty Fry of Mendota.

He was preceded in death by his father, Floyd Godfrey; his mother, Blanche Kohr; his wife; one daughter, Jill on Oct. 21, 2017; one brother, Floyd; one sister, Lucille; and a son-in-law, Don Full on June 19, 2006.

Robert graduated from LaSalle-Peru High School. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. He worked at Wayside Press in Mendota and Warren Radio in LaSalle. He loved to take family vacations in northern Wisconsin where he enjoyed fishing. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports and traveling with his wife.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

John W. Deaner

MENDOTA - John W. Deaner, 77, formerly of Mendota, passed away Sept. 30, 2020 at his home in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Private graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

John was born Oct. 25, 1942 in Mendota to Willard and Elizabeth "Betty" (Woods) Deaner.

Survivors include one sister, Mary Ellen Ensor of Mendota; two nieces, Laura and Michelle; and one nephew, Chad.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lynn and Clayton; and two nieces, Nicole and Megan.

John was a 1960 graduate of Mendota High School. He studied photography and landscaping. His hobbies were fishing and gardening, especially plants and vegetables.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

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additional services to our community."

"Joining St. Margaret's and SMP Health System provides us the best opportunity to preserve the care provided by IVCH and ensure the

health needs of our community will be met long into the future," said Tommy Hobbs, CEO at IVCH. "Nothing is more important to us than the well-being of those we serve."

Both St. Margaret's and IVCH have recently sub-

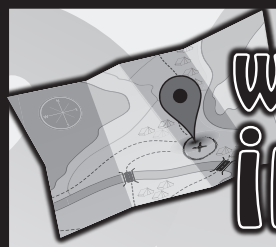
mitted Certificate of Exemption applications to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (IHFSRB), for a change of ownership. After the affiliation is complete, IVCH will be known as St. Margaret's Health - Peru. Likewise, St.

Margaret's Hospital will be known as St. Margaret's Health - Spring Valley.

St. Margaret's and IVCH intend to finalize their affiliation by the end of this year, pending approval by the IHFSRB. Once the affiliation is complete, the

combined entities will conduct a thorough assessment of both facilities, the services provided and the needs of the communities that they serve. It is anticipated that the full integration of the two organizations will take one to two years.

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day with no in-person instruction, but attendance will be required. No new material will be presented on Fridays, rather it will be a time for catching up and review.

School said students at Lincoln and Northbrook will be divided alphabetically to determine whether they attend Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, although family groups will stay on the same schedule and other adjustments will be made for particular situations. On the days students are not in the building, they will be given work to do at home. The school day will still end at 2:30 p.m.

"If the number of students returning to in-person at Lincoln and Northbrook stay high, this is the plan we will use," School said. "If not, the current schedule will stay in place."

School explained that the Transition Team met on Oct. 9 to discuss options to best accommodate the possible increase of students attending in person, which everyone agreed is the best way to educate students. "We know that remote learning is not a good option for everyone," she said. "This is a year like we've never lived before. The only option we could see was an alternate day schedule. Teachers are now doing two jobs – in-person and remote – and they're also dealing with students who are in quarantine. They are doing a fantastic job but they are overwhelmed. They need assistance, time and professional development."

In addition, some remote learners have been coming to school at the end of the day for extra help from teachers. "And some students are just not doing well with remote learning, they're not passing," School said. "We have been reaching out to the students who are not doing their work but if they still don't respond, that's really all we can do."

The new alternate day plan will only be used if the number of in-person learners goes up. School said if the number remains the same or similar to students currently attending, then the only change would be on Fridays, which will be remote learning days used as a review, for meetings via Zoom, arranging for in-person extra help, and assistance for students who need help the most.

In response to a question about wearing masks, School said the mask breaks will continue. In addition to the breaks, she noted that teachers have been trying to take their students outside

for structured activities that are part of the learning process while still keeping students distanced. School said when the weather gets colder, the amount of time spent outside will be different but students will still get some type of mask breaks during the day. All three school principals, Stacy Kelly, David Lawrence and Paula Daley, agreed that students have been very cooperative in wearing their masks. "We have had no complaints from them at all. They are being wonderful about it."

This week's parent survey will be a firm commitment and will remain in place for the entire second trimester, which begins Nov. 16. Those choosing remote learning will not be able to switch to in-person during the trimester although someone choosing in-person can switch to remote. The surveys are due back by Friday, Oct. 23. "We just can't have too many students in the buildings at Lincoln and Northbrook to keep them safe and distanced," School said. "We may have to go all remote at some point during the year, but that is beyond our control."

For board member Angel Eisenberg, who attended the Transition Plan meeting as a board representative, the safety of students and the community is the highest priority. Eisenberg, who is also a parent, a nurse and works with the county health department, said she believes safety must take precedence over anything else that is done in education. She emphasized that everyone must continue wearing masks and socially distancing. But with the number of students at Lincoln and Northbrook, social distance cannot be ensured.

"Our school buildings were not built for this situation and with the cold weather coming, total remote learning may become necessary," she said. "Flu season is approaching and compromises needed to be made. Teachers have done and will continue to do their best. I am a parent too, and I understand the hardship on parents with this type of schedule. But a quarantine would be even worse. I strongly encourage all parents to return the survey."

The complete Transition Plan update is available at the district website (m289.org) and to help explain the changes at each of the schools and for special education, a video has been posted on YouTube. In addition, anyone with questions is encouraged to contact the building principal or the superintendent.

Trompeters establish nursing, agriculture scholarships at IVCC

OGLESBY – Full-tuition nursing and agriculture scholarships have been established in memory of Helen and Clarence J. Trompeter, respectively, of Dimmick Township north of Peru.

H. Trompeter

The Helen Hanley Trompeter Nursing Scholarship will cover tuition and fees for a LaSalle County resident formally admitted in IVCC's associate degree (RN) program.

The Clarence J. Trompeter Agricultural Scholarship will cover tuition and fees for a LaSalle County resident enrolled full-time in – or intending to enroll in – the agricultural business management or agronomy Associate of Applied Science degree programs.

The endowed scholarships will be awarded for the first time in fall 2021.

Helen Trompeter grew up on a farm near Utica. Her formal education started in a one-room country schoolhouse in Waltham Township.

She graduated from LaSalle-Peru Township High School in 1940 and received her nursing degree from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in LaSalle in 1943.

She began her nursing career at St. Mary's Hospital and later served as a private nurse.

"In both her professional career and her everyday life, she was a true nurse at heart, exhibiting care and compassion for all around her," said the scholarship benefactor.

Clarence Trompeter was born and raised on a farm in Dimmick Township. He worked that farm as well as other farmland in LaSalle County all his life until retirement.

"During his lifetime, he witnessed tremendous changes in agriculture and was always interested in learning and adapting accordingly," the scholarship donor said.

"He had a very strong work ethic and was a firm believer in farmers banding together as a community to help each other."

To create an IVCC Foundation scholarship, contact Fran Brolley at (815) 224-0466 or fran_brolley@ivcc.edu.



Clarence J. Trompeter in his field with grandson Kristopher Peterson. (Photos contributed)

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made to reach out to them, as well as their parents, and even going on home visits.

Prusator expects even more MHS students to attend in-person next semester. "I think they will feel comfortable to come back to the building – they can see that we have had very few issues with in-person attendance," he said.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On Oct. 14, MHS seniors reported to school for the mandated SAT test. Principal Denise Aughenbaugh thanked the test proctors, Mr. Landgraf, Mrs. Tarr, Mr. Masini, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Beals, Mrs. Espinoza-Zamora, Mrs. Campbell, and Mr. Doyle for running an additional test this year, and the teachers who assisted as room monitors, hallway monitors and test

readers. "We needed more help with safety protocols and we were very happy that we had a good turnout for the test," she said.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee held two meetings to review updates to the Student Information and Registration Guide. The Science Department also presented a course proposal on a physical science class update. All recommendations were approved by the board.

Aughenbaugh thanked the student and board representatives who served on the committee: Carrie Escatel (parent of a Holy Cross 8th grader); students, Jack Beetz and Faith Anderson; and board representative, Jim Sundberg.

The physical science course will be a freshman level science class starting in the 2021-22 school year.

By taking physical science freshman year, students could graduate with their two-year science requirement by taking either biology or agricultural science as sophomores and not have to take chemistry.

Changes in the Student Information and Registration Guide will include: renaming a ceramics course to 3D Art to reflect the more comprehensive curriculum being taught at MHS, language to explain a new graduation requirement regarding the Federal Financial Aid Form (FAFSA), and a recommendation from Mr. Landgraf, who wrote an equity statement with collaboration from the ICSPS/Civil Rights Review agency at Illinois State University.

PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY

During a presentation of the preliminary tax levy, Prusator delivered good news

about increases in the EAV for all three counties served by MHS. In LaSalle County, the tentative EAV is up 5.25 percent, in Bureau County 5.5 percent and in Lee County 2.78 percent. Prusator said that will mean an increase of about \$195,000 in the school district's operating funds. The "best guess levy" shows a tax rate of \$2.20, a slight decrease from last year and a 70-cent reduction over the last five years.

PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board accepted the resignation of Stacie Biers as administrative assistant and hired Patti Blumhorst for the administrative assistant position. They also hired Lucille Knuth as a custodian.

The next regular board of education meeting will be held at the high school on Monday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m.

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A time to remember mom

GALESBURG—My mother’s breathing was ragged. I held her left hand with each labored gasp. My dad, her husband of almost 59 years, gripped her right.

As she breathed slowly, shallowly, my dad cried out, “Save a place for me in heaven.”

Tears fell down the face of my sister, who sat at the foot of the bed.

We watched 79 years of life and an 11-year battle with breast cancer come to an end.

Our mother was gone.

The pictures on the bedroom wall spoke to what was important to mom: family.

Photos of each of her three children and their partners on their wedding days stood like sentinels overlooking her bed. The faces of her seven grandkids peered out from picture frames.

A devoted husband looked on adoringly. Happy memories.

I thought of my three daughters — all of whom were born during mom’s long fight with cancer.

Days before her death, they stood at their grandmother’s bedside and sang “Jesus Loves Me.”

But what will they remember about their grandma? For me, June 2, 2013, always will be a day of sadness.

Monday, I donned a pink shirt, in memory of my mother, Roberta Reeder. And I see now they have pink facemasks and other items inspired by this fight so many women go through.

But to be honest, sometimes I think all of the October pink ribbons, shirts and merchandise trivialize just how pernicious breast cancer really is.

That said, I want my mother’s legacy to live on.

One good thing about Breast Cancer Awareness Month is it gets us thinking about what we can do.

Here are some thoughts:

- If you’re a woman, schedule your next mammogram today.

- Give a cancer patient the most important thing that you can: you. Cook a meal. Sit by a bedside. Comfort a family member.

- There are lots of charities that help folks with breast cancer. Please donate or volunteer. Your help is needed.

Folks from my hometown of Galesburg did all of those things for my family. It was most appreciated.

A cancer diagnosis can be overwhelming.

When Mom first received her terminal prognosis, the family was devastated.

Shortly after she was told the cancer was beyond cure, we had a birthday party for my eldest daughter.

Mom wept while she sang “Happy Birthday.” Dad’s voice cracked while saying grace.

My wife, Joan, thought of her mother, who died of breast cancer a few weeks before our wedding.

At times, during this long battle with cancer, I was at a loss to know what to say to my mom.

The only thing that seemed just right was, “I love you.”

The chemotherapy left her bald. Sores developed on her feet. The cancer sapped her energy.

Nausea haunted her for years.

It was not an easy life. But it was one she endured without complaining.

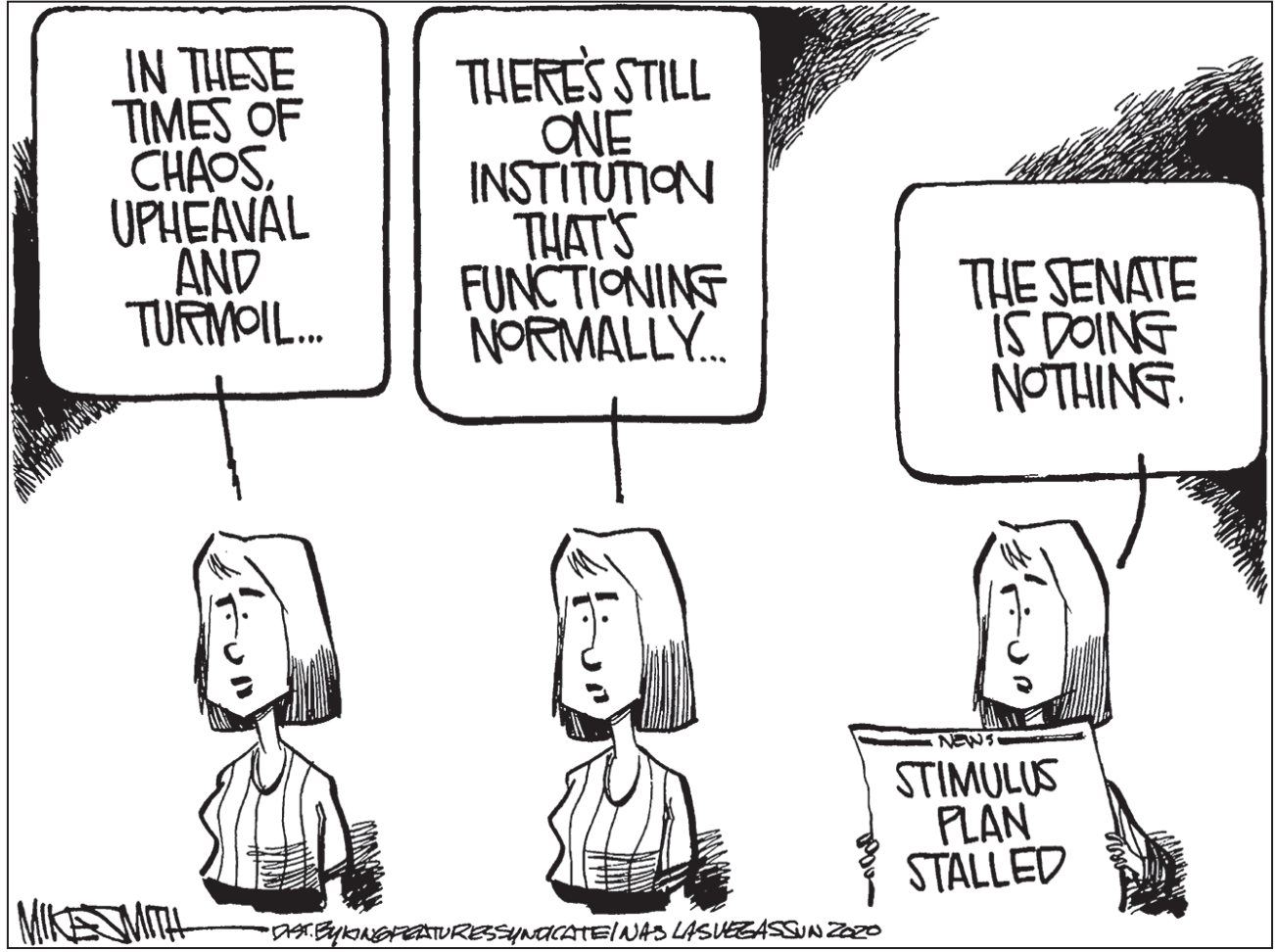
Some folks call that courage. I call it character.

Despite her difficulties, mom always had a smile for her family.

When folks ask what I remember most, that’s it.

I love you, Mom.

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



Chamber celebrates progress – 1948

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Oct. 21, 1998.)

By Jessica Nashold

October was a busy month in Mendota 50 years ago. On Oct. 7, 1948, the Chamber of Commerce held its fourth annual banquet at the Mendota High School. It was attended by 350. Dinner was served by the Baptist TuXis class and dinner music was provided by Darlene Klein on accordion.

The meeting then moved to the auditorium where a brochure outlining Mendota’s “Parade of Progress” was distributed. Re-elected Chamber president, Horace D. Hume called attention to the accomplishments of committee chairmen. He also praised the outstanding work of Chamber secretary, Frank Gulick.

Master of ceremonies, the Rev. Kenneth Sollitt, then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Kenneth McFarland, superintendent of schools in Topeka, Kan.

His talk was interspersed with humor that literally “rocked” the auditorium with laughter.

Regret was expressed that everyone in the community could not have been there to hear the inspiring talk.

The Business & Professional Woman’s Club, Kiwanis and Lions clubs, and their guests met Oct. 15, 1948 at Odd Fellow Hall. Ladies of the Rebekah group served a turkey dinner to 140. In a report of the event, mention was made that table decorations by Mrs. Rose Gish and Miss Alice Pottinger in a Fall theme had been much admired. Music by Mrs. Ina Moore and her niece, Pearl Goltra, a soloist with the Cleveland Symphony, also drew favorable comment.

Speaking that evening was Congressman Noah M. Mason, who was running for re-election. He said women were in control of 60% of the wealth, 55% of the votes, 80% of family pocketbooks. He said they also made up 60-75% of church attendance.

Mr. Mason’s emphasis on women was appropriate since his talk was delivered during National Business & Professional Woman’s Week.

Remarking on the State of the Union, Mason declared that the U.S. federal debt of \$280 billion was more than

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the debt of the other United Nations combined.

The interest on the national debt is \$52 billion.

The Kanteen held its annual hayride in October. Four hayracks carried 100 members to the Norman Ehlers farm four miles west of Mendota. After a meal served around a large bonfire, the ride was resumed for a few miles before the return to town.

Chaperones for the evening were Gertrude Elsesser, Bernice Sibigroth, Mrs. Marcel Durand, Mrs. Adolph Rave and Mrs. Ernest Claus, Kanteen advisor.

A group of juniors and seniors organized the MHS Broadcasting Council. They raised funds for sound equipment to announce home football games. Merchants paid for 50-word advertising spots, delivered at intervals throughout the games.

The first appearance of student announcers was during the Rock Falls game, which MHS lost by a disheartening score of 12-0. However, some took comfort in the fact that Rock Falls coach, Bruce McDonald, was a 1937 graduate of Mendota High and had once played for Mendota.

The game announcers, in this initial effort, drew hecklers and signed their names to a statement in the Hi-Light.

We are not professionals – therefore we are not infallible.

These student broadcast pioneers were Jane Laws, Jack Tower, Nancy Doermann and Kenneth Jauch.

The year 1948 was also the first year for a driver training class at MHS, taught by Joe Rollins. He had completed a course in teaching driver education in Indiana, supervised by the Chicago Motor Club. Ed Lorack of Lorack’s Chevrolet furnished a new Chevrolet sedan equipped with dual controls.

Work on the Service Men’s Memorial Book was in its final stages. Those

wanting to purchase copies were advised to place their orders with John Kehm before Oct. 30, 1948.

Many volunteers were involved in completing a house on First Avenue, started by Art Chatham, before losing both hands in an accident. Non-skilled workers were coordinated by William Ashley and Jack Westerman. Skilled labor was assigned by Bert Sutton. Those wishing to provide material or fixtures could register their willingness with the Chamber of Commerce and financial assistance was handled by C. Walter Jacob.

Hampered by unfavorable weather during the last months of 1948, the project continued into 1949. On May 12, the following volunteers, drawn from the American Legion, VFW, Kiwanis and friends of the Chathams, picked up paint brushes to apply the first coat to what has been referred to as “Chatham Dream House” – Charles Bader, Harry Meisel, Charles Kuntzi, Orren Reistad, Rev. Wilbert E. Hare, Otis Kilburn, Reginald Robeson, Arthur Chatham Sr., K.B. Butler, Peter Donahue, William Ashley and Richard McCray.

A new Selective Service order was sending men for physicals. On Oct. 18, 1948, three from Mendota were in a group of 10 taken by bus from Ottawa to Joliet for the examination. They were Robert Preston, Paul Klein and Clarence Grothen.

Fifty years ago, the State Theatre changed its programming several times a week. In the Oct. 21, 1948 issue of The Mendota Reporter, the offerings advertised were “My Girl Tisa” with Lille Palmer and Sam Wanamaker; “Thunder in the Valley” starring Peggy Garner; “The Big Punch” with Wayne Morris and Gordon McRae; “Adventures in Silverado” featuring William Bishop, Gloria Henry and Edgar Buchanan.

Advance notice was given that “Robin Hood” with Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Basil Rathbone and Claude Rains was coming the following week. This film would be in color by Technicolor. Also, there would be a late show, “Ghost Goes West,” starting at 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 and extending into the early hours of Halloween.

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Amy Coney Barrett for health care czar?

By Rich Lowry

Amy Coney Barrett has accomplished many things in her career. Becoming an authority or a policy maker on health care isn’t one of them.

At Notre Dame, she was a professor at the law school, not at the Eck Institute for Global Health. She’s written for the Cornell Law Review, not The New England Journal of Medicine. She’s up to replace the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the Supreme Court, not Dr. Anthony Fauci at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

No one would have guessed it, though, from listening to Democratic senators on the first day of her much-anticipated confirmation hearings. They acted as if Barrett has been nominated to become the nation’s health care czar, responsible for everything from the fate of Obamacare to the country’s coronavirus response.

This tack underlined political themes that Democrats are hammering home in the final weeks of the election, but they have little or nothing to do with Amy Coney Barrett, a judge seeking to sit on the highest court in the land.

The proximate cause of the Democratic assault on health care is the imminent arrival of an anti-Obamacare lawsuit in the Supreme Court. The Democratic theory is that Barrett is being sent on a not-so-secret mission to destroy the health care law. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois says that this is her “assignment.” Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island says that she is a “judicial torpedo” aimed at the Affordable Care Act.

The lawsuit emanates from a prior Supreme Court ruling on Obamacare. To keep the law from being struck down over its individual mandate, Chief Justice John Roberts reinter-

preted the penalty for not complying with the mandate as a tax. Subsequently, Congress zeroed out the tax. Now, Texas and other states are contending that this tax that no one pays cannot truly be considered a tax, and must be struck down -- as well as the rest of the law.

It’s hard to see how the suit succeeds. One hurdle is standing. The plaintiffs need to demonstrate a harm, which isn’t easy when the offending provision is a tax or penalty of zero. Even if the Court throws out the penalty, it would have to conclude that this unenforced provision is so central to the ACA that the rest of the law has to go, too. This would be a stretch.

If the Democratic case against Barrett isn’t landing any blows, it is telling, nonetheless. As always, progressives don’t view the Supreme Court as a neutral body devoted to interpreting the Constitution and the law as written, but as a supra legislature that should protect and advance their policy goals.

Barrett has a more modest and appropriate view of the Court’s role. After getting lectures for hours about the benefits of the ACA, she rightly said in her opening statement: “The policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches elected by and accountable to the People. The public should not expect courts to do so, and courts should not try.”

In short, if she wanted to create health care policy, she would have gotten into a different line of work.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Sublette Board uses CARES Act funds for upgrades

By TONJA GREENFIELD

Staff writer

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette approved projects that used funds from the Local CURE Support Program to make improvements to the village.

The Village of Sublette Board met on Monday, Oct. 12 at the Ellice Dinges Center. All board members were present.

The Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (or Local CURE) Support Program is a support program for units of local government, outside of Cook, Lake, Will, Kane and DuPage counties. This is federally funded from the Coronavirus Relief Fund using dollars allocated to Illinois through the CARES Act, and will reimburse units of local government for costs incurred during March 1 through Dec. 30, 2020.

The board held a special meeting on Sept. 28 to apply for the funds. The village was awarded \$18,942.

On Oct. 12, the village discussed and voted on where that money would be spent.

The first project approved was the purchase of three laptops for the village clerk, treasurer, and president; six Chromebooks for the village trustees; Cloudberry backup; three Microsoft Office licenses for the computers; e-mail

accounts for all trustees and village president, clerk and treasurer; three back-ups including cloud, computer and external hard drive. The cost for the purchase is \$9,442.

Acting Village President John Stenzel said this new technology will allow the village options in case remote meetings need to be held again.

The second project approved was the purchase of a handicapped push button for the front doors at the Ellice Dinges Center. The package also included touchless door locks. The cost for the project is \$9,500.

Stenzel said having the automatic door will be less contact for everyone. He added that the door on the left side walking into the Ellice Dinges Center would be the automatic door.

Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myers said having a push button door would be a really good idea.

Other ideas mentioned included automatic hand sanitizer machines and a sprayer that could sanitize rooms, tables and chairs after use. Both items will be addressed at the next board meeting.

In other board news:

- The board set the Trick or Treating hours for Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m.
- The board agreed to continue to not take rental agreements for 2021 as

of this point.

- The board approved the 2020-21 levy at \$15,363. Stenzel told the board Village Treasurer Theresa Wilson looked up the village's levy history, and that the levy has been the same amount since 2009.

- Don Dinges reported that the Sublette Christmas in the Village is canceled unless something miraculous happens in November. However, the village will still put up the Christmas tree, and Village Trustee Scott Hansen will talk to the Sublette Business Association about the trees the businesses decorate.

- Sublette Village Clerk MacKenzie Belan has prepared packets for those wishing to run for elected office in 2021. Those open positions include three village trustee positions, village clerk, and village president. Election packets must be turned back in to the village clerk by Dec. 21. The village will also be looking to appoint a new village treasurer as current Wilson will be retiring. The village trustees whose seats are up at the 2021 election include Julie Kessel, Brian Wilson and Robert Bulfer.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will take place at 7 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 9, at the Ellice Dinges Center.

BIRTHDAYS

L. Buettner to celebrate 96th birthday

MENDOTA — Lucille Buettner will be celebrating her 96th birthday on Nov. 6, 2020.

With the presence of the COVID-19 pandemic, her family would like to honor her with a card shower. Please send your best wishes to 1700 Burlington St., Apt. 12, Mendota, IL 61342.



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a high-quality education," Ghosh said, adding that this new scholarship is available to qualified students from all 50 states.

More information about the new program is at <https://www.depaul.edu/admission-and-aid/Pages/scholarships.aspx>.



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Girl Scouts host online activities, in-person drive-thru events for new members

ELGIN — Recent health and safety guidelines affected many youth-serving organizations, and Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) is no different. The organization turned to technology and safe, in-person outdoor events to provide girls with the necessary benefits of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

The organization started offering Girl Scout Snap-Shots - 20-minute virtual activities for girls in Kindergarten and grades 1-3 and their families who are interested in learning more about Girl Scouts. Girls meet new friends online in real time while choosing between activities like building an edible campfire, making a robot friend, crafting a bird's nest, or designing a fairy house.

girl scouts of northern illinois

SnapShots are available in both English and Spanish.

After participating in a SnapShot event, interested families are invited to an online family meeting where they can choose to register their girl as a Girl Scout. Families can sign up for a convenient Girl Scout Snap-Shot that fits their schedule at www.girlscoutsni.org/snapshot.

GSNI kicked off their virtual recruitment campaign in mid-July 2020 and has hosted over 20 SnapShot events resulting in nearly 50 girls registering as first-time Girl Scouts.

"SnapShots give families

the chance to preview Girl Scouts. We meet online and do virtual activities together in real time, but we talk about safe ways Girl Scouts can currently have adventures in-person and online. Then, as interested girls register, they're placed in new and existing Girl Scout troops in their area to start their own Girl Scout journey," said MaryBeth Markwell, GSNI Recruitment Resource Manager.

The organization is also hosting safe, in-person Girl Scout drive-thru events for interested new members. These events take place outdoors where girls and their families can easily socially distance while playing outdoor Girl Scout games and meeting new friends! GSNI will follow all recommended

health and safety practices, including asking participants to wear masks and providing enough space to maintain a distance of six feet between families. Hand sanitizer will also be available.

Interested families can learn more and get started at www.girlscoutsni.org/snapshot or contact GSNI at 1-844-476-4463 or customer-care@girlscoutsni.org.

GSNI serves 16 counties including parts or all of Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Moving tips to make unpacking easy

(StatePoint) When it comes to moving, we usually focus on the process of getting organized and boxing up valuables. But we often forget about the debatably more stressful part of moving: unpacking.

In fact, Americans take an average of 182 days -- more than six months! -- to finally unpack the last box after moving into a new home, according to Duck Brand research.

To make settling into your new abode much easier, start by thinking about the process backwards and consider these tips:

1. Measure everything during the home inspection. Use your time on inspection day to collect all room and cabinet dimensions. This will help determine if furniture will fit, where items will go and how much storage is available. Pro tip: Precut shelf liner to instantly line drawers and cupboards on move-in day.

2. Pack based on where it will go, not where it was. Envisioning where items will go in your new space is key. Then, label each box with its contents, as well as the room where it should be unpacked. Not sure what moving supplies you'll need? The free online moving calculator at DuckBrand.com is a great resource. Simply input your number of bedrooms and baths, and you'll receive a printable/sharable shopping list based on your specific needs.

3. Use plastic bags and tape to keep pieces together. For smooth assembly, use packaging tape and small plastic bags to attach screws, nuts and bolts to the bottom of dismantled furniture. This can prevent losing those small, essential pieces and perhaps even reduce the



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number of hardware store trips on move-in day.

4. Utilize tools that make opening boxes easy. Choosing a heavy-duty packing tape is critical to ensure boxes stay secure, but searching for a blade to open boxes while unpacking can be frustrating. Instead, try Duck Brand Mover's Edge, a unique heavy-duty packaging tape and refillable dispenser system that makes it easy to seal and unseal boxes -- no blade or boxcutter needed. As tape flows through the dispenser, the edges on each side of the tape are slightly folded. This allows for easy removal

when you're ready to unpack; just lift up the folded edge by hand and pull off the tape.

5. Avoid breaks and spills. Fifty-five percent of Americans have experienced an important item being damaged during a move, according to Duck Brand research. To make sure your valuables arrive intact, use products that offer increased protection like Bubble Wrap cushioning and Foam Pouches. Pro tip: For additional safeguarding, use plastic grocery or storage bags to contain any items that could potentially spill.

6. Pack storage items in plastic bins rather than boxes.

While cardboard boxes are an easy and cost-effective way to transport the majority of your belongings, plastic storage containers are more ideal for seasonal items that may not be unpacked, but instead stay in storage. Not only will the bins shield contents from the environment, like a damp basement or dusty attic, but their uniform size also will make it easy to create an organized and efficient storage space.

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Homeowners considering upgrading their insulation or amending existing insulation should do their homework on the type of insulation that will be most effective for their homes.

Types of home insulation and where to install them

When thinking about renovating their homes, homeowners may imagine changing wall colors, expanding room sizes or upgrading appliances and fixtures. However, unless people take inventory of the less glamorous components of the home, such as structure, plumbing, heating and cooling, and insulation, other improvements may be for naught.

A home insulation project certainly doesn't offer the wow factor of a kitchen remodel, but insulation serves a vital function in the house that helps keep people comfortable and reduces energy consumption. Insulation is typically placed in areas where air escapes, such as between the stud cavities inside the walls and in the attic, and serves to slow and reduce heat transfer.

The U.S. Department of Energy says between 50 and 70 percent of the energy used in homes is for heating and cooling. By improving home insulation, homeowners can make their homes more comfortable, consistent and efficient. In fact, the ENERGY STAR program overseen by the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency says homeowners stand to save an average of 15 percent on heating and cooling costs by adding proper insulation. To do so, homeowners can take a crash course in home insulation and find the products that fit their needs.

Blanket batts and rolls

Blanket batts and rolls typically are constructed with fiberglass, so proper safety gear, such as a mask and gloves, is needed when handling them. Installing this type of insulation is relatively easy since the materials are designed to fit the standard width between studs, rafters and floor joists.

Loose fill

Loose fill is usually made of fiberglass or cellulose (recycled paper fiber). It is blown or sprayed into place with pneumatic equipment, according to The Home Depot. Loose fill can be ideal for hard-to-reach areas in attics or inside wall cavities. It's good for adding insulation to irregularly shaped areas. Since it requires special equipment, this is a job best left to professionals.

Sprayed foam

Sprayed foam is just as the name implies, a foam made from polyurethane, polyisocyanurate, cementitious, or other materials that are applied by a spray container. DIYers who need only small applications can use canned products. Large quantities are pressure-sprayed by professionals.

Foam board/rigid foam panels

Ideal for unfinished walls, such as basement or foundation walls, floors and ceilings, these are boards of polyurethane or polystyrene. Foam boards tend to reduce energy consumption more effectively than other types of insulation.

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Did you know?

According to Energy Star, the U.S. Department of Energy and Consumer Reports, homeowners who want to curb their energy consumption can consider upgrading, repairing or replacing the biggest energy consumers in their homes. The following appliances tend to consume the most energy in a typical home.

- Heating & cooling unit: Nearly half of all energy used in a home is consumed by HVAC systems. Regularly inspecting and servicing the system can conserve energy and save money.

- Water heater: Energy Star suggests replacing water heaters that are more than 10 years old. Also, washing clothes in cold water can reduce energy consumption.

- Kitchen/laundry appliances: Trade in old appliances for new models, which are more energy-efficient. For example, an Energy Star-rated refrigerator uses 50 percent less energy to run than a refrigerator manufactured 15 years ago. Innovations in laundry appliances also help make units more efficient without compromising on performance.

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One of the most effective ways for improving the interior environment of your home is by bringing in more sunlight, which provides numerous health and wellness benefits.

Make your home a healthier place to be

(StatePoint) Our homes are our sanctuaries. It's more important than ever to ensure your home is a safe and healthy environment for you and your family. Indoor air quality can have a negative effect on your health, and the air inside your home is oftentimes more polluted than the air outside. Explore five effective wellness design principles that can lead to better indoor air quality and on overall healthier home.

1. Increase natural light. One of the most effective ways for improving the interior environment of your home is by bringing in more sunlight. Sunlight also provides numerous health and wellness benefits:

- helping the body to produce vitamin D
- boosting productivity
- promoting better sleep by helping the body maintain its circadian rhythm
- improving your mood and energy

Consider large windows and window combinations. Casement windows, which are available in dramatic sizes, create a stronger connection to the outside. Certified by ENERGY STAR, homeowners can opt for more glass in their windows while continuing to prioritize energy efficiency.

2. Invest in safe materials. Potentially harmful VOCs, or "volatile organic compounds," are gases emitted from certain common household products, including paints, varnishes and cleaning supplies. Exposure to VOCs can lead to eye, nose and throat irritation, headaches, dizziness, and over time, can even cause organ damage, according to the EPA. However, "zero-VOC" and "low-VOC" options exist and selecting these alternatives will minimize the potential

for these common pollutants to impact the air quality in your home, helping reduce health risks to you and your family.

3. Foster ventilation. Ventilation helps your home rid itself of moisture, smoke, cooking odors and indoor pollutants. Natural ventilation is a great alternative to air conditioning in moderate climates. To ensure maximum ventilation, be selective about the insect screens you choose for your windows and doors. Some insect screens, for example, let in over 25 percent more fresh air and 50 percent more clarity than standard fiberglass insect screens, making them a good choice for people who want to take advantage of open windows.

4. Eliminate dust. Accumulated dust can irritate the eyes, lungs and skin and further aggravate the symptoms of people living with allergies. Sometimes attempts to free a home of dust only end up kicking up more debris. To avoid this, use wet dusting methods. When it's time to empty vacuum bags and canisters, do so carefully — this is one task that may be best to perform outdoors. Finally, make maintaining a dust-free home easier by investing in an air purifier. Consider also selecting machine washable curtains, furniture covers and other fabrics.

5. Decorate with plants. Decorating your living spaces with plants is not only a beautiful design statement, but plants act as natural air purifiers, absorbing toxicants and converting indoor carbon dioxide into oxygen.

Improving the interior environment of your home is vital. Fortunately, there are many effective steps you can take to promote healthy indoor spaces.

How to protect kids by securing furniture & TVs

Parents go to great lengths to protect their children. Much of those efforts may be directed at potential threats outside the home, but it's equally important that parents prioritize safety inside their homes as well.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, a child in the United States is injured in a television or furniture tip-over incident about 43 minutes. Tip-over incidents are preventable, and the CPSC offers the following tips to protect children.

• Use sturdy furniture. When choosing furniture to hold a television, be sure to read product descriptions to ensure you're only buying furniture designed to hold a television. Items described as "television stands" or "media centers" are designed to hold televisions, but size and weight restrictions also must be considered when buying such products. TV stands and media centers are only safe if they are designed to hold televisions that are the size of your TV.



• Secure the television. The CPSC recommends that all televisions be secured by mounting or anchoring them to the wall. Properly mounted televisions likely won't come off the wall no matter how curious kids are, but no item should be lower than 27 inches from the ground. Parents who can't or don't want to mount their televisions can purchase anchoring kits, which the CPSC notes cost as little as \$5 and take as few as five minutes to install. Parents hesitant to do the job themselves can have televisions mounted or anchored by professional installers for a nominal fee. Many electronics retailers offer installation services as well.

• Secure top-heavy fur-

niture. Top-heavy furniture also should be secured to prevent tip-overs. Anti-tip brackets are inexpensive and can be used to secure dressers, bookshelves and other pieces that pose a threat to curious youngsters. Anchoring furniture secures items to the wall, and the CPSC notes that a lot of newly built furniture is sold with anti-tip devices. These devices should be installed immediately so children are safe from the moment a new piece is brought into the home.

• Remove tempting objects. Curious kids may try to climb furniture if they see toys, remote controls or other enticing items on top of televisions, dressers or bookshelves. Keep such items low or stored in low drawers to remove the temptation to climb.

Tip-over incidents are deadly but preventable. Parents who recognize this threat to their youngsters' safety can ensure that their homes remain safe environments for curious kids.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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Angelica Diaz, 28, of 111 S. 13th Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Fourth Street at 12:42 a.m. Oct. 15. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

BLESSED EVENTS

MILUS – Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Milus (Tanya Catalanello) of Mendota, boy, Oct. 14, 2020, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

Permission needed for dumpster on the street

MENDOTA – All dumpsters needing to be placed on Mendota city streets are required to be cleared with Carl Ambler, superintendent of streets. Please call 815-539-7287 for approval before placing dumpsters on city streets.

Sign up for Medicare Part B online

By Mike Weitzl

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- * Explanations of benefits paid by the GHP or LGHP.
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(Weitzl is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)

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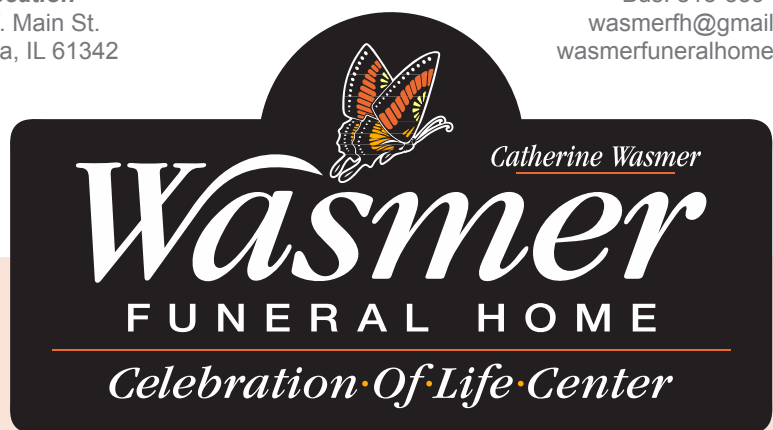
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SPORTS

IHSA Board eyes October 28 for winter sports announcement

□ Plan submitted to Illinois Department of Public Health for its review

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for its regularly scheduled virtual meeting on Oct. 19, where the Board provided a timetable on winter sports decisions, and also voted to provide a one-time accommodation to the IHSA's Independent Team By-law (3.100) in some sports.

The Board set a special board meeting for Oct. 28 to announce more details about winter sports.

"We understand that student-athletes, coaches, parents, officials, and fans are anxious to learn more details about the plans for IHSA winter sports," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "We feel like we are making positive strides in our discussions with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to be allowed to conduct IHSA winter sports as scheduled. We believe we have a plan to do so safely and want to provide IDPH with ample time to review the winter sports plans, and supportive data, we have provided them. We expect to have a response from IDPH with final recommendations for winter sport plans, including any accommodations and postseason plans, by Oct. 26. We will then reconvene our Board to officially vote and announce that information shortly thereafter."

The Board's accommodation to the IHSA Independent Team By-law (3.100) will be applicable for the 2020-21 school year only and will grant specific exemptions to spring and summer season sports. Winter sports (basketball, wrestling, boys swimming & diving, cheerleading, dance, bowling, girls' gymnastics), which remain in their traditional season, will have no accommodation related to the by-law.

"The Board determined it was prudent to make modifications to the independent team by-law for the sports



that were displaced from their traditional high school season," said Anderson. "They also came up with what we believe is a reasonable compromise for summer sports. The Board is hopeful that the high school teams will be given priority when conflicts occurs. We believe making a modification now will allow high school coaches and non-school team coaches to begin communication on how they can collaboratively resolve scheduling conflicts."

Sports competing in the IHSA's 2021 spring season (football, boys' soccer, girls' volleyball) will be granted the accommodation to participate simultaneously on school teams and non-school teams throughout the duration of their high school season (Feb. 15-May 1).

Sports competing in the IHSA's 2021 summer season (baseball, softball, track & field, girls' soccer, boys' volleyball, lacrosse, boys' tennis) will be granted the accommodation to participate simultaneously on school teams and non-school teams beginning on June 4. The summer season is slated to run from April 19 to June 26.

"Given the unique challenges of this school year, it remains important for our Board to be flexible and creative in seeking participation opportunities for students," said IHSA Board Vice-President Robert Nolting, the Principal at Andrew High School in Tinley Park. "From my perspective, I am less worried about teams competing for conference or postseason titles this year. The goal is to get kids back being active to benefit their mental and physical well-being. These (independent team) by-laws aim

to preserve competitive equity, but for this school year, we feel the right decision is to provide an accommodation that maximizes participation."

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board approved a recommendation for the IHSA staff to move forward with developing virtual IHSA State Series' in all applicable activities. IHSA staff members will now work to develop best practices to conduct their respective activities, if possible.

- The Board approved a recommendation to the IHSA Boys' & Girls' Basketball Terms & Conditions that will move the State Series seeding dates up two days to allow more time for assigning officials.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

At each meeting of the Board of Directors, there are certain items the Board discusses, but upon which no action is taken. The following is a report of those items from the Oct. 19 agenda:

- The Board heard a presentation from members of the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSFCA) on a plan for the 2021 spring football season that would have the IHSA schedule regular-season games and then conduct a modified playoff system. Representatives from the IHSFCA included IHSFCA Executive Director Kevin Crandall, Mark Grounds from Jacksonville, Josh Jostes from Maroa-Forsyth, Todd Kuska from St. Rita, Ken Leonard from Sacred Heart-Griffin, former Glenbrook North coach Bob Pieper, Mike Stine from Naperville Central, and Darren Sunkett from East St. Louis. The Board did not act on the recommendation and plans to revisit it in the future.

- The Board discussed a presentation from the September Board meeting that recommended wrestling season be postponed. The Board intends to take action on the wrestling season at its special meeting scheduled for Oct. 28.

Mendota netters play in Ottawa Sectional

OTTAWA – The Mendota High School girls' tennis season came to a close after the team participated in the Ottawa Sectional held on Oct. 16-17.

In singles competition, Mendota's Maddy Pappas and Mary DeFore each lost their only match. Pappas was defeated by Libby Wright of Morris, 6-1, 6-0, while Kayla Walker of Morris eliminated DeFore, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

In doubles action, Mendota's Lizzie Bresley and Zoe Finley won their opening match over Syria Zuniga and Charlee Bourell of Streator, 6-3, 7-5, before the MHS duo dropped a 6-2, 6-1 decision to Lauren Klein and Brianna Strehl of LaSalle-Peru.

The Lady Trojans' other doubles team of Natalie Orozco and KayLee Barkman was knocked out of the competition by the Streator duo of Haley Berry and Lara Berry, 6-2, 6-2.

Ottawa won the team title with 32 points, while LaSalle-Peru (24), Morris (16), Coal City (12) and St. Bede (8) finished in the top five. Mendota, Streator and Princeton each had four points. Marquette and Pontiac did not score.

Mendota harriers race in Big Northern meet

□ Boys finish sixth in team standings

KINGSTON – The Mendota cross country teams participated in the Big Northern Conference meet on Oct. 16 at Walcamp in Kingston.

The Trojan boys finished in the middle of the pack in the team standings with a sixth-place effort. They scored 165 points. Rockford Christian captured the team title with 25 points and Dixon was second with 33 points. Byron and Rock Falls both tallied 126 points, while Stillman Valley was fifth with 164. Placing behind Mendota were Winnebago (174), Oregon (192), Rockford Lutheran (204), North Boone (233) and Genoa-Kingston (301).

Mendota entered seven runners in the competition and four of them occupied the 29th through 32nd spots in the race. Andrew Stamberger was first through the chute for the Trojans in 29th place with a time of 18:03. Ty Connelly was just one second back at 18:04, followed by Trent Stamberger (18:08) and Alex Hermosillo (18:13).

Other MHS competitors

included Dagen Setchell (43rd, 18:45), Elijah Arjes (68th, 21:10) and Billy Hall (70th, 22:09).

Brock Drengenberg of Dixon was the overall champion with a time of 15:50.

Three Lady Trojans ran in the girls' race. Alayna Nosalik had the top finish for MHS in 50th place with a time of 23:14. Jamie Dooley (55th, 23:47) and Bianka Valdez (60th, 26:52) also competed for the Lady Trojans.

Winnebago had the top four runners and seven of the first nine to finish and easily won the competition with 17 points. Dixon was next with 44 points, followed by Rock Falls (103), Rockford Christian (107) and Oregon (146). Completing the standings were Byron (167), Genoa-Kingston (194), Rockford Lutheran (213) and Stillman Valley (262). Mendota did not have enough runners to place in the team standings.

Natalia Martino of Winnebago claimed the individual title with a time of 17:31.

Mendota assigned to St. Bede Cross Country Regional

PERU – The Mendota High School girls' and boys' cross country teams have been assigned to the St. Bede Regional to be held on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The schools competing in the girls' race are Amboy,

Dwight, Henry-Senachwine, Minonk Fieldcrest, Newark, Ottawa Marquette, St. Bede, Pontiac, Princeton, Rock Falls, Seneca, Serena, Hall, Sterling Newman and Low-point-Washburn.

Qualifiers will advance

to the Seneca Sectional on Friday, Oct. 30 at 4:30 p.m.

The boys' field will include runners from Amboy, Dwight, Earlville, Putnam County, Henry-Senachwine, Minonk Fieldcrest, Newark, Ottawa Marquette, St. Bede,

Pontiac, Princeton, Rock Falls, Seneca, Serena, Hall, Sterling Newman and Low-point-Washburn.

Qualifiers will advance to the Seneca Sectional to be held on Friday, Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Fan voting reveals top IHSA Girls' Volleyball State title matches

BLOOMINGTON – The votes have been tallied, and IHSA Girls' Volleyball fans have picked the top IHSA state championship matches from four different eras.

In late September, the IHSA and COUNTRY Financial announced the creation of the COUNTRY Financial Vintage Games series, which is debuting in the fall of 2020 with girls' volleyball. The goal is to recognize the rich tradition of high school girls' volleyball in Illinois by crowning the best state championship matches from the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s and 2010s.

Over 31,000 votes were tallied across IHSA.org and social media from Oct. 1-4.

The winning matches will be aired as a part of a special rebroadcast, including new retrospective interviews and content, on the NFHS Network. The 1980s and 1990s matches will air on Friday, Nov. 13, with the 2000s and 2010s era winners airing on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The top match from each era per the fan voting:

1980s

1981 Class AA: Mother McAuley 2, Carl Sandburg 0 (15-9, 15-13)

The 1981 state championship match helped launch one of the great dynasties in IHSA history. Mother McAuley won its first girls' volleyball state title in 1977, and returned for number two in 1980. The 1981 final would mark the school's first back-to-back crowns, and the coronation of the program's rise to national prominence, as the Mighty Macs would appear in five more title matches in the 1980s, winning four. Head coach May Anne Malone and the Mighty Macs entered the state finals with a state-record

74-match winning streak, which they extended to 77 that weekend in Springfield (it would eventually grow to 135, still a state record). The undefeated Mighty Macs rolled to a 15-9 victory over Sandburg in the first set, and jumped out to a 6-0 advantage in game two behind the play of

standouts Deirdre Connolly and Therese Boyle. Sandburg tightened things up with five straight points and stayed close down the stretch. With a 14-13 lead, Sharon Kuchan served match point for McAuley and Sandburg's return spike sailed out of bounds to start the repeat celebration.

1990s

1996 Class AA: Downers Grove South 2, Mother McAuley 1 (15-12, 10-15, 15-13)

The 1996 state championship was a clash of Illinois high school volleyball titans. Mother McAuley entered the '96 state tourney in search of its third consecutive state title and fourth championship in five seasons. Downers Grove South had won four consecutive state final trophies, but a state championship remained allusive.

DGS took the first set 15-12 and the Mighty Macs evened things up with a 15-10 final in the second game. Head coach Denise Kavanaugh's DGS squad dominated the third set early, taking leads of 3-0 and 7-3, before McAuley made its run and the teams ended up tied at 10-10, 11-11, and 12-12. DGS All-State setter Liz Ortel (37 assists) set star Chantel Reedus (16 kills) to give DGS a 13-12 lead, and minutes later fellow Mustang standout Colleen Daly (10 kills) delivered the service ace to give the Mustangs the title via a 15-13 winner. The two teams would meet again in the 1997 state title match, with Mother McAuley extracting revenge in another sensational three-set match. Meanwhile, DGS went on to win two more (1999, 2002) state titles under Kavanaugh.

2000s

2008 Class 1A: Eastland 2, A-C Central 1 (25-22, 21-25, 25-23)

Both teams entered the 2008 state title match in search of their first state title in program history and delivered a match worthy of a championship. Eastland took the first set 25-22 behind the play of Megan Bunyer (14 kills) and Courtney

Blair (13 kills), while Brittany Stribling (19 kills) and A-C Central responded to take the second game 25-21. The decisive third set saw big momentum shifts back and forth. Early on, Eastland led 5-2, only to see A-C Central rally to a 9-6 advantage. Sidney Kane's lone kill of the match made it 22-18 Eastland, but the Lady Knights responded with three straight points. Eastland took a 24-21 lead when Hope Linker put down a kill on a pass from her sister Damaris, but again A-C Central responded with back-to-back points, before a service error ended the epic match. Eastland and head coach Kristy Pierce returned to Redbird Arena the next November, where they repeated as Class 1A state champions, again doing so in a three-set thriller.

2010s

2010 Class 1A: Heyworth vs. Scales Mound High School (22-25, 25-18, 26-24)

Scales Mound was on the brink of becoming the smallest school in IHSA history to win a team state championship, but Heyworth remained relentless in achieving its first-ever state title. The third set was an unforgettable affair, featuring 17 ties and 10 lead changes. Scales Mound appeared ready to prevail when it pushed its lead to 24-20 on Nicole Winter's (17 kills) service ace. However, Heyworth star Dakota Springer (18 kills, 14 digs) responded with back-to-back kills, sparking a 5-0 Heyworth run that gave Heyworth a 25-24 lead and match point opportunity. Chelsea Hinthorn served match point for head coach Andrea Vogel's squad, starting a marathon point that saw Scales Mound get six chances at the tying kill. Heyworth turned back all six attempts and the seventh attack sailed out-of-bounds to clinch the state championship for the Hornets. Current LA Dodgers broadcaster Joe Davis, who replaced Hall of Famer Vin Scully, was on the call for the epic match.

BOWLING

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Oct. 5 – 1. High Rollers 5-0; 2. Sports-N-Stuff 4-1; 3. Bad Kats 4-1; 4. CM Farm 1-4; 5. Legal Beagles 0-5

High team game (scratch) – High Rollers 1030, Sports-N-Stuff 782, Legal Beagles 775

High team game (hdcp) – High Rollers 1323, Legal Beagles 1189, Sports-N-Stuff 1163

High team series (scratch) – High Rollers 2905, Sports-N-Stuff 2276, Legal Beagles 2171

High team series (hdcp) – High Rollers 3784, Sports-N-Stuff 3419, Legal Beagles 3413

Men's high game (scratch) – Bob Thomas 245, Jose Sarabia 242, Ron Westphal 224

Men's high game (hdcp) – Bob Thomas 301, Aaron Holocker 297, Jose Sarabia 279

Men's high series (scratch) – Bob Thomas 677, Jose Sarabia 617, Ron Westphal 589

Men's high series (hdcp) – Bob Thomas 845, Aaron Holocker 763, Jose Sarabia 728

Women's high game (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 259, Emily Thomas 208, Hannah Westphal 185

Women's high game (hdcp) – Kassidi Guerrero 326, Emily Thomas 279, Sarah Westphal 253

Women's high series (scratch) – Emily Thomas 589, Kassidi Guerrero 566, Gail Sessler 490

Women's high series (hdcp) – Emily Thomas 802, Kassidi Guerrero 767, Sarah Westphal 707

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Oct. 12 – 1. Bad Kats 8-2; 2. CM Farm 6-4; 3. Mendota Agri-Products 5-5; 4. Sports-N-Stuff 5-5; 5. Legal Beagles 4-6

High team game (scratch) – Mendota Agri-Products 981, Legal Beagles 799, Sports-N-Stuff 773

High team game (hdcp) – CM Farm 1242, Legal Beagles 1227, Sports-N-Stuff 1166

High team series (scratch) – CM Farm 2790, Sports-N-Stuff 2234, Bad Kats 2209

High team series (hdcp) – CM Farm 3609, Legal Beagles 3464, Bad Kats 3424

Men's high game (scratch) – Luke Ross

278, Nate Bradford 246, Ed Roulston 221

Men's high game (hdcp) – Ed Roulston 293, Nate Bradford 261, Ron Westphal 241

Men's high series (scratch) – Luke Ross 737, Nate Bradford 591, Ron Westphal 568

Men's high series (hdcp) – Ed Roulston 777, Mike Smith 702, Ron Westphal 670

Women's high game (scratch) – Emily Thomas 232, Kassidi Guerrero 203, Gail Sessler 199

Women's high game (hdcp) – Brenda Westphal 271, Audrey McConville 269, Gail Sessler & Emily Thomas 266

Women's high series (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 575, Emily Thomas 551, Gail Sessler 529

Women's high series (hdcp) – Brenda Westphal 769, Mick Reistad 751, Kim Smith 734

Saturday Morning Youth League

Standings as of Oct. 10 – 1. Team 5 4-0; 2. Team 3 4-0; 3. Team 1 3-1; 4. Team 2 1-3; 5. Team 4 0-4

High team game (scratch) – Team 5 733, Team 4 675, Team 2 391

High team game (hdcp) – Team 2 1034, Team 3 1023, Team 5 1013

High team series (scratch) – Team 5 2166, Team 4 1980, Team 2 1087

High team series (hdcp) – Team 5 3006, Team 3 2995, Team 1 2971

Boys' high game (scratch) – Kasen Novak 232, Alex Holland 214, Kooper Novak 163

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Kasen Novak 263, Alex Holland 239, Toby Bulen 229

Boys' high series (scratch) – Alex Holland 527, Kasen Novak 509, Paxton Bauer 439

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Alex Holland, Grady Jones, Kasen Novak, Emiliano Villagomez, Dane Doyle, Gavin Tolley 602

Girls' high game (scratch) – Aiden Kent-Tucker 166, Lauren Holland 138, Gracie Smith 81

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Gracie Smith 222, Aiden Kent-Tucker 221, Sofia Lemus 215

Girls' high series (scratch) – Aiden Kent-Tucker 436, Lauren Holland 386, Lexie Saylor 237

Girls' high series (hdcp) – Lauren Holland & Sofia Lemus 602, Aiden Kent-Tucker 601, Lexie Saylor & Gracie Smith 600

ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Bradley Cooper has found his leading lady to play his wife in the Leonard Bernstein biography film "Maestro," and she is British actress Carey Mulligan. Cooper, who also co-wrote the screenplay, reveals: "I was struck by Carey ever since I saw her on stage years ago and haven't missed a performance since. I am humbled to be working with such a mammoth talent."



C. Mulligan

Mulligan, 35, received a best-actress Oscar nomination for "An Education" (2009), and starred as Daisy opposite Leonardo DiCaprio in "The Great Gatsby" (2013). More recently she starred in and exec-produced the black-comedy thriller "Promising Young Woman," with Bo Burnham, Alison Brie, Jennifer Coolidge, Connie Britton and Laverne Cox, and also stars in Netflix's upcoming "The Dig," with Ralph Fiennes and Lily James.

Leonard Bernstein won an Oscar for the soundtrack

of the Marlon Brando classic "On the Waterfront" (1949), 16 Grammys from 63 nominations, seven Emmys from 13 nominations, two Tony Awards and a Kennedy Center Honors. On film he wrote music for "On the Town" (1949) and "West Side Story" (1961).

Meanwhile, Steven Spielberg's remake of "West Side Story" has moved from Dec. 18 to Dec. 10, 2021 due to the pandemic. Other films postponed are Scarlett Johansson's "Black Widow," from Nov. 6 to May 7; "Death on the Nile," with Annette Bening, Kenneth Branagh, Gal Gadot and Armie Hammer, from Oct. 23 to Dec. 18; and "Eternals," with Richard Madden, Kumail Nanjiani, Salma Hayek, Angelina Jolie and Kit Harrington, from Feb. 12 to November 2021.

It's been 15 months since "The Big Bang Theory" ended. Jim Parsons (Sheldon) had two projects on Netflix, the 50th anniversary of "Boys in the Band" and the miniseries "Hollywood." Kaley Cuoco (Penny) has "The Man from Toronto," with Kevin Hart and Woody Harrelson hitting theaters next September and

is the co-creator, executive producer and star of the upcoming HBO Max series "The Flight Attendant," with Rosie Perez. It's about a flight attendant who wakes from a hangover in Dubai to find a dead body in her room; she calls no one and just flies off to New York, where the FBI is waiting for her.

Kunal Nayyar (Rajesh) starred in the recent release of "Think Like a Dog," with Josh Duhamel and Megan Fox. Mayim Bialik executive-produced (with Jim Parsons) and hosted "Celebrity Show-Off" and will star in the mid-season FOX comedy series "Call Me Kat," based on the British series by Miranda Hart, with Cheyenne Jackson, Leslie Jordan ("Will & Grace") and Swoosie Kurtz. Melissa Rauch (Bernadette) was one of the stars of "Cats & Dogs 3: Paws Unite," which went straight to video, while Simon Helberg (Howard) is currently shooting the Amazon musical "Annette," with Adam Driver and Marion Cotillard.

So far none of them have made a "Big Bang" since their series ended, but that's just my theory!

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: With the recent death of Eddie Van Halen, it made me wonder how Ozzy Osbourne is doing. Didn't he have some health issues a few years ago? -- E.S.



O. Osbourne

A: Singer and reality TV star Ozzy Osbourne has been on the mend since having spinal surgery earlier this year. In an interview with SiriusXM satellite radio, the 71-year-old stated he still has some discomfort but is off pain medication and hopes to tour again, even if it isn't in front of a live audience due to the pandemic.

In addition to his extensive surgery, Ozzy announced that he has Parkinson's disease. His family certainly has had their share of health battles: Wife Sharon overcame colon cancer, and his son Jack has multiple sclerosis.

The band Van Halen first opened for Ozzy's band Black Sabbath back in 1978. In a recent essay he wrote for "Rolling Stone" magazine, Osbourne stated, "I remember seeing Eddie do that finger-tapping thing, and that was the first time I'd

ever seen anyone do that. Just when you think nobody can make guitar playing exciting, somebody like that comes out.... He made it look easy." ***

Q: Whatever happened to actress Madolyn Smith, who was in the movie "Urban Cowboy" with John Travolta? My favorite role of hers was in a TV movie based on the Sidney Sheldon book "If Tomorrow Comes." I miss those TV movies. Those were the good old days. -- W.F.

A: You have a good memory! Madolyn Smith made her acting debut playing Debra Winger's rival in "Urban Cowboy" in 1980, and about five years later she starred in the TV movie based on the bestseller "If Tomorrow Comes." Her biggest role was arguably opposite Chevy Chase in the comedy film "Funny Farm," but then she met hockey star Mark Osborne, settled down and had a family. Her last acting credit was in 1994.

Q: When is the Tom Selleck police show "Blue Bloods" coming back, and how will they film the family dinner scenes if the pandemic is still going on? -- Y.S.

A: The CBS drama series "Blue Bloods" recently re-

sumed production for season 11, but an actual airdate for the premiere hasn't been announced. The previous season was cut short due to the pandemic and fans were left with the cliffhanger story of a new family member named Joe, played by Will Hochman. I would keep checking the CBS.com website for updates on when new episodes will air, hopefully you'll see some by the end of November.

If you're a fan of Amy Carlson, who played Linda on "Blue Bloods" until her character was tragically killed off three years ago, you can catch her on CBS's "FBI: Most Wanted" this fall, where she'll play a bounty hunter in a recurring role. The death of her character on "Blue Bloods" in a helicopter crash was one of the most shocking and saddest in recent memory.

Joining Carlson this season on "FBI: Most Wanted" is Terry O'Quinn, who is best known for playing John Locke on the ABC hit series "Lost."

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

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

There are those who would argue that today's world is going to heck in a handbasket. I've always found it interesting when people complain about the breakdown of our world as we know it -- I attempt to imagine their criteria for this dystopian future. Does it involve a computer takeover? Genetic tinkering? Just all-out trash human behavior? Here are several iconic dystopian fantasies to choose from, and a few lesser-known morsels of impending doom. May the odds be ever in your favor.

"The Matrix" -- Keanu Reeves stars as Neo, a hacker who is liberated from a simulated reality by the elusive Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne) and learns the secret and terrible truth that the world is not what it seems. Dystopian cause: computers. "Death Race 2000" -- For camp, I prefer Roger

Corman's 1975 version with Sylvester Stallone and David Carradine as some of the competitors in a transcontinental race where points are clocked both by speed and the number and type of pedestrian kills. Dystopian cause: totalitarianism.

"Divergent" -- A worldwide war wipes out humanity, except in Chicago, where the remaining residents separate themselves into factions -- the smart, the honest, the kind, the generous and the daring. Things get dicey when Tris (Shailene Woodley) tries to be more than one thing. Dystopian cause: war.

"The Hunger Games" -- The winner of a 13-district war subjugates the rest of the districts by culling two young people from each yearly to fight to the death in a reality show that is too real. They get more than they bargained for when Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) volunteers to take the place

of her little sister. Dystopian cause: political machinations of terrible people.

"The Running Man" -- In the not too distant future, Arnold Schwarzenegger is a contestant in America's most popular game show, where convicted criminals enter a gladiator-style arena to battle against mercenaries and other bloodthirsty killers to attempt to win their freedom. This film, made in 1987, takes place in 2019. Dystopian cause: economic collapse.

"Idiocracy" -- In this cult classic Mike Judge comedy, the military places an "Average Joe" and a duped prostitute in suspended animation, and they are accidentally abandoned until they wake up 500 years later in a seriously dumbed down future where they appear to be the smartest people on the planet. Dystopian cause: anti-intellectualism run amok.

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• Trivia Test •

1. TELEVISION: What is Homer's favorite beer brand on "The Simpsons"?
2. MEASUREMENTS: How much does a gallon of water weigh?
3. GEOMETRY: How many sides does a triskaidecagon have?
4. MOVIES: Who is the voice of Buzz Lightyear in the "Toy Stories" movies?
5. LITERATURE: What are the names of "The Three Musketeers"?
6. HISTORY: What was the first car that was mass-produced?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which region of Italy produces Marsala wine?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How do snakes smell?

9. SCIENCE: What is the study of sight and light called?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was Twitter's original character limit?

Answers

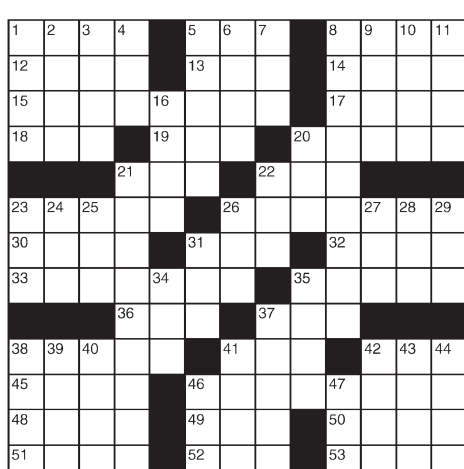
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5. Athos, Porthos and Aramis
6. Ford Model T
7. Sicily
8. With their tongues
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10. 140

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- 1 Manhandle
- 5 Kimono sash
- 8 Hollywood clasher
- 12 Otherwise
- 13 Paid athlete
- 14 Swindle
- 15 Glass made of lava
- 17 Small songbird
- 18 Series of battles
- 19 Individual
- 20 Too thin
- 21 Prompt
- 22 Evergreen type
- 23 Happen
- 26 Andean vultures
- 30 Courts
- 31 Email alternative
- 32 Pedestal occupant
- 33 Panacea
- 35 Gaffer's aid
- 36 Rowing need
- 37 Junior
- 38 Suspicious
- 41 Pal
- 42 Hot tub
- 45 Stereo hook-up
- 46 -- bacon
- 48 Pod vegetable
- 49 Plant bristle



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- 9 Mentor notes
- 10 File command
- 11 Transmitted
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- 29 Like 22-Down
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- 34 Shaft of light
- 35 Last few notes
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* An armadillo's shell is so hard that it can deflect a bullet, as a Texas man discovered to his chagrin when he took aim at one. The bullet ricocheted into his jaw and he had to be airlifted to a hospital, while the armadillo strolled away unscathed.

* "Pants" was considered a dirty word in Victorian England.

* Two conductors have died while conducting the second act of Wagner's opera "Tristan und Isolde." They collapsed from heart attacks at exactly the same point in the music due to its technical demands!

* Had Georgie Fletcher of Australia never signed on to play the mobile game "Words With Friends," her husband, Simon, might be dead. Georgie struck up a friendship via the game's chat feature with frequent opponent Beth Legler from Missouri. One day, Georgie told Beth that Simon hadn't been feeling well. Beth relayed his symptoms to her husband Larry, a doctor, who insisted that the Fletchers go to the hospital immediately. A 99% blockage was discovered near his heart, which, left untreated, would have certainly been fatal.

* In 2015, Legoland became the first theme park to create its own currency.

* Writer Guy de Maupassant frequently lunched in a restaurant at the base of the Eiffel Tower. Why? It was the only place he could go where he didn't have to look at it.

* The process of things being stretched out and torn apart as they enter a black hole is called spaghettification.

* Our senses of taste and smell are cut by 50% and 20%, respectively, during flights, which is why airplane food has never tasted so hot. ("That's what I've been telling you!" said every airplane food chef, ever.)

Thought for the Day: "A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions." -- Oliver Wendell Holmes

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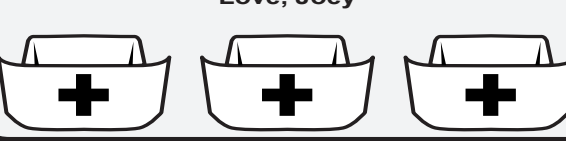
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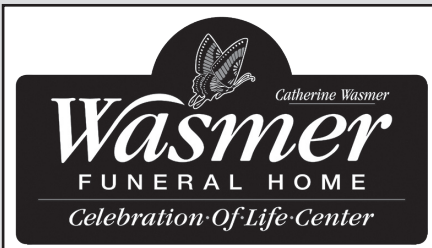
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Trusting God with every injustice

Are you going through something difficult right now, experiencing pain or disappointment from a situation that just doesn't seem fair? In this world, so many things are not right, and you don't have to look far to find some kind of injustice.

But one of the things I love most about God is that He's a God of justice—He makes wrong things right.

I really love 1 Peter 2:23, which says that when Jesus was "reviled and insulted, He did not revile or insult in return;

while suffering, He made no threats [of vengeance], but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges fairly" (AMP).

When we're being mistreated or enduring something difficult, it's easy to want to take matters into our own hands. However, the best thing we can do is say, "God, I'm going to trust You to be my vindicator."

Many people are used to trusting God for things—for a raise, for better health, or for the next great thing they would like to happen in

their lives. But God also wants us to trust Him through things—when we're experiencing difficulties or when life isn't working out the way we hoped it would. Trusting God allows us to enjoy our lives even when everything is not the way we want it to be.

For instance, maybe you've worked harder than ever at your job but still haven't received a promotion or a pay raise. Maybe a coworker who doesn't seem to work as hard as you gets the promotion you wanted. I know what this is like. Years ago when this happened to me, I immediately thought, It's not fair!

And I had a choice to make: I could choose to be angry and bitter toward the people involved and try to vindicate myself, or I could choose to trust God to make wrong things right, knowing that He could pay me back for any injustice done to me.

I want you to know I understand what it's like to have to make this choice, and that it's never easy. For the first 23 years of my life, I endured a lot of painful experiences that left me bitter, resentful, and constantly blaming other people.

As a child, I was sexually abused by my father. My mother eventually found out, but fear prevented her from confronting the issue, so the



abuse went on for years. When I turned eighteen, I married the first man who came along because I was convinced no other man would ever want me. But this only led to more pain. We ended up divorced after I discovered he was cheating on me with other women and was involved in criminal activities.

When we're hurt or mistreated, it's easy to have an attitude that says, "Someone owes me. I sure did. For years, I tried to 'collect' from people who had no way of paying me back. Because a man (my father) hurt me, I found myself trying to make other men pay. And it affected every area of my life in a destructive way."

Thankfully, as I began to read and study God's Word, I discovered that God wants to be our vindicator, and He can restore everything we've lost through injustices we've experienced.

Isaiah 61:7-8 (NIV) says, "Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. For I, the Lord, love justice...."

This is basically saying if we will trust God, He will give us double for our trouble!

Through Scriptures like this, God helped me understand that no person can ever pay me back for what I went through—but He can. When I finally began trusting God to be my vindicator—when I got my eyes off of everyone else and focused on Him—it was truly amazing what He began to do in my life.

God wants to do the same thing for you!

If someone mistreats you, refuse to stay mad at them and trust God to bring justice into your life. I can promise you this: If you'll stop trying so hard to get justice for yourself—to manipulate people and situations to get "what you deserve"—you'll be amazed at what God will do for you as you place all of your trust in Him.

So, whatever's going on in your life today—whatever you've endured and whatever doesn't seem fair—I want you to know that you're not invisible to God. He sees you, He knows exactly how much you can take, and He will deliver you at just the right time. He

won't be a moment too late!

Remember, God is the only One Who can truly vindicate you. He is the God of justice, and He can take your wrong thing and make it right!

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IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
JAMES B.)
ARMSTRONG,)
Deceased.)
Case No.: 20 P 193

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of James B. Armstrong, of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 8, 2020 to Mary Noonan, 2025 Egert Cove, Fort Wayne, IN 46814, whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350 or with the representative, or both, on or before May 1, 2021. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in that Notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

No. 1003
(Oct. 14, 21, 28, 2020)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FIRST STATE BANK,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
TERENCE M.)
LEWNARD,)
UNKNOWN)
TENANTS OR)
NON-RESIDENTIAL)
PROPERTY)
OCCUPANTS,)
UNKNOWN)
OWNERS)
and NON-RECORD)
CLAIMANTS,)
Defendants.)
No. 2020 CH 70

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above-entitled cause, on October 7, 2020, in favor of First State Bank in the amount of \$97,469.74 (\$93,620.27 in principal, interest and other charges + \$1,961.25 in attorneys' fees + \$1,888.22 in costs) (the "Judgment"), Ron Hain, Sheriff of LaSalle County, or his Deputy, will on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m., at the LaSalle County Court Lobby, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, Illinois sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of LaSalle, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment to wit:

THE NORTH 136 FEET OF THE EAST 75 FEET OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 35 IN WEST'S ADDITION TO MENDOTA AND ALSO THE SOUTH 24 FEET OF THE PARCEL OF LAND IN BLOCK 35 IN WEST'S ADDITION TO SAID CITY OF MENDOTA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, THENCE SOUTH 160 FEET; THENCE WEST 75 FEET; THENCE NORTH 160 FEET; THENCE EAST 75 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, ALL SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MENDOTA, IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Published in Mendota Reporter on: October 21, 2020, October 28, 2020 and November 4, 2020.

No. 1004 (10/21, 10/28, & 11/4, 2020)

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CITY OF MENDOTA,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
SCOTT D.)
PAPENDICK,)
UNKNOWN)
OWNERS,)
UNKNOWN)
OCCUPANTS and)
UNKNOWN)
CLAIMANTS,)
Defendants.)
Case No.: 2019 CH 157

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale order entered on October 16, 2020, by the Court in the above entitled case, Thomas J. Templeton, Sheriff of LaSalle County, will, on November 19, 2020 at the hour of 10:00 A.M. at the LaSalle County Courthouse, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to the sale terms set forth below, the following described premises in LaSalle County, Illinois:

PARCEL 1: THE SOUTH 45 FEET OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 9, IN THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY'S ADDITION TO MENDOTA, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MENDOTA, COUNTY OF LASALLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND

PARCEL 2: THE SOUTH HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT, TO WIT: THE NORTH 15 FEET OF LOT 3 AND THE SOUTH 22.5 FEET OF LOT 4, ALL IN BLOCK 9 IN THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY'S ADDITION TO MENDOTA, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF MENDOTA, COUNTY OF LASALLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN: 01-33-219-015

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The judgment amount was \$13,937.85.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020, will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact: Mendota Twp. High School District No. 280, 2300 W. Main St., Mendota, IL 61342, 815-539-7446, Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2020											
		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety	
Local Sources	1000	4,012,215	948,968	769,954	691,431	286,388	24,984	171,782	313,847	28,381	
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0					
State Sources	3000	1,853,306	0	0	218,324	0	50,000	0	0	0	
Federal Sources	4000	496,648	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		6,362,169	948,968	769,954	909,755	286,388	74,984	171,782	313,847	28,381	
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		6,084,552	683,552	1,018,490	932,506	280,554	713,484		235,679		
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	(102,725)	261,322	23,141	0	1,530,000	(175,000)	0	0	
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019		2,482,870	823,210	101,994	508,980	496,381	195,855	2,955,459	272,365	251,843	
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2020		2,760,487	985,901	114,780	509,370	502,215	1,087,355	2,952,241	350,533	280,224	
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Less than \$25,000: Abbey, Tamara; Artman, Tori; Bauer, Carrie; Boylan, David; Bratkovish, John; Camacho-Humphries, Melissa; Caruso, Annisa; Chandler, Bria; Czerny, Dennis; Donnell, Stephen; Dortwegt, Christopher; Evans-See, Elizabeth; Faber, Megan; Furar, Nathan ; Goy, Evan; Grenter, Christine; Hochstatter, Chad; Holzman, John; Jackson, John; Masini, Eric; McConville, Daniel; Molln, Brandi; Reeder, Brennan; Schneider, Taylor; Shanel, Ashley; Staffeldt, Timothy; Stephenitch, Mary; Tucker, Elizabeth; Vercimak, Delle; Vicini, Gary						20,038	Mendota Elementary Schools		13960		
						69,912	Milestone Inc		131671		
						122,851	MPS		3589		
						6,271	MTJ Sports		49779		
						4,669	Muller-Pinehurst Dairy Inc		7741		
						30,560	Musi Shoppe Inc		9922		
						140,418	Neofunds by Neopost		3059		
						3,228	Newsela Inc		6000		
						39,214	Nicor Gas		3404		
						50,359	Northern Partners Cooperative		14903		
						3,489	Office Depot Inc		2830		
						18,507	Olivero & Olivero		3271		
						57,960	O'Reilly Automotive Inc		2813		
						2,670	OSF Occupational Health		3006		
						2,780	Paper 101		7050		
						16,165	Pepsico		19462		
						4,067	Perma-Bound		3282		
						3,895	Prairie State Insurance Cooperative		116602		
						59,572	Prescott Brothers		30801		
		\$40,000 through \$59,999:		Bauer, Sandy; Biers, Stacie; Corrigan, William; Eiten, Zondra; Gallagher, Gail; Lemus, Manuel; McConville, Sheri; Stiles, David				2,780	Paper 101		7050
\$60,000 through \$89,999: Barnes, Jayne; Beals, Holly; Beck, Daniel; Becker, Veronica; Busard, Therese; Campbell, Janice; Doyle, Todd; Espinoza-Zamora, Adrienne; Hanson, Steve; Hill, Keegan; House, Susan; Masini, Jennifer; Meyer, Matthew; Nunn, Robert; Pinter, Tricia; Ross, David; Sallee, Melissa; Siri, Scott; Sondgeroth, Brock; Straughn, Eric; Tillman, Lisa; Wilson, Amy						16,165	Pepsico		19462		
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						6,700	R.C. Service		3403		
						5,775	Red's Truck Repair Inc		4799		
						711,984	Regional Office of Ed #35		25367		
						2,706	Republic Services		9759		
						7,702	Rosati's Pizza-Mendota		5148		
						7,990	Santander Leasing LLC		8378		
						3,258	Sapp Bros Inc-Fuel		9739		
						5,820	Sapp Bros		9567		
						12,450	School Datebooks		3658		
						8,113	SHI		4758		
						3,357	Specialized Data Systems		5525		
						675,899	State Disbursement Unit		8554		
						33,294	Sullivan's Food		4305		
						12,319	Sunrise Southwest LLC		14354		
						173,184	Teacher Health Ins/TRS of the State		83276		
		\$90,000 And Over:		Artman, Jason; Aughenbaugh, Denise; Barrera, Gary; Blumhorst, Brian; Gehm, Matthew; Guerrero, Tammy; Guglielmetti, Katherine; Henkel-Tarr, Rachel; Hochstatter, Kellie; Landgraf, Mitchell; LeRette, Shawn; Masini, Joseph; Prusator, Jeffrey; Raley, Heath; Schrock, Lori; Sester, Aaron; Wohrley, Kevin; Zinke, Brock				210,528	Teacher Retirement System-State of IL		373578
GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL						64,539	Turnit In LLC		3214		
						5,211	US Bank Equipment Finance		41822		
						6,575	VDK Leasing LLC		15740		
						13624	Vita Tone Cleaners		3369		
						3725	Wallace CCSD 195		5257		
						127327	Walter Bros Inc		8819		
						76640	Wenger		5733		
						12000	Xpress Clinic		3400		
						6704	Zukowski Law Offices		29112		
		Less than \$25,000: Allen, Shane; Barnickel, Christina; Barnickel, Marie; Bergmark, Richard; Bermudez, Eduardo; Brandner, Karen; Cervantes, Marisela; Correa, Sofia; Corrigan, Thomas; Delhotal, Carrie; DeLong, Janet; Dieter, Dawn; Duttingler, Gary; Eddy Alexandria; Escatel, Jennifer; Espinoza, Agustina; Figueroa, Rocio; Fox, Kathleen; Ganz, Nicholas; Ginger, John; Ginger, Ruth; Gomez, Fabian; Green, Rachel; Guerrero Jr, Robert; Hall, Catherine; Hansen, John; Haun Jr, Kenneth; Haun Sr, Kenneth; Heinzeroth, Joanne; Herbert, Karen; Hermosillo, Maria; Jacobson, Justin; Jenkins-Corrigan, Sally; Johnson, Richard; Kelly, Wallna; Kent, Dustin; Lee, Shinae; Manning, Jodi; McKee, Heidi; McLain, Brandie; Meyers, Dale; Monroe, Hallie; Myers, Nicholas; Nagel, Janet; Nowling, Janice; Perez, Joel; Roulston, Nancy; Sarver, Danny; Sarver, Rebecca; Scheppers, Kimberly; Schmitt, Tyler; Sheaves, Larry; Simon-ton, Jeffrey; Sledgister, Brittany; Soto, Alexis; Stuepfert, Tamora; Taylor, Pearl; Tyler, Kimberly; Villegas, Esteban; Wamhoff, Alexandria; Weiler, Sheila; Westphal, Brenda; Younglove, Deborah; Younglove, Peggy; Zinke, Cody						3417			
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The properties consists of:
A commercial building.
Contact: Michael A. O'Brien at 630-871-9400

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bath. Eat in kitchen and dining area.

2 car detached garage. Screened

porch and lovely front porch. Roof

repairs have been completed. Call

for all the amenities.



801 Carolyn MENDOTA, First time

on the market!! This well built home

one owner home offers 3 BDR's, 2

BA's, dining room, large kitchen open

to family room with fireplace, full

basement, 2 car garage and great

neighborhood!!!! \$178,500



1400 Rolling Green, 3 BDR, 1 BA, 2 car

garage, front patio, corner lot, tastefully

decorated, NEAT & TIDY! updated

white kitchen with eat in area and SGD's

to a large deck showcasing the lovely

backyard with mature Blue Spruce

trees. Westside location! \$97,500



4121 E 2nd Rd MENDOTA, Nice

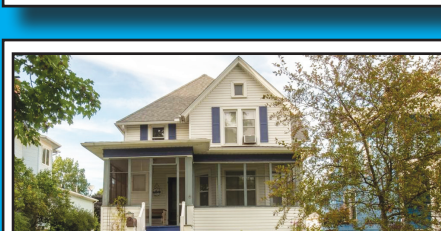
brick ranch!! 2 BDR on main floor,

2 in lower level, main floor laundry!!,

gorgeous views, HUGE LOT!!

Beautiful fireplace!! This home is

perfect for the Holidays! \$159,000



1206 Burlington Street MENDOTA,

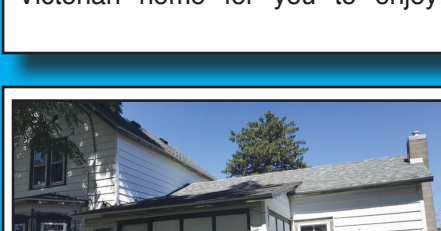
4 HUGE BDR's, 2 UPDATED BA's,

front porch, replaced windows!!

Lovely bi-fold French Doors,-lots

and lots of original build still in this

Victorian home for you to enjoy!



240 W. Pleasant Street AMBOY,

This is a rehabber's dream house!

Solid house, needs TLC, but the

woodwork, doors, floors, SPACE

and a great lot size are here waiting

to shine again! \$29,900



504 16th Street, Mendota

\$89,000

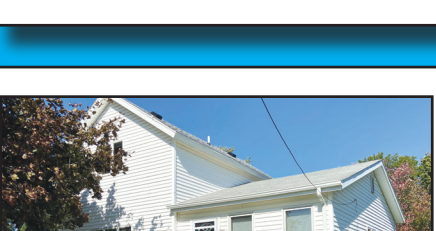
* 4 Bedroom

* 1 Bathroom

* 1 Car Garage

* 1054 SQ FT

* Basement



1511 E Main Street, Mendota

\$74,900

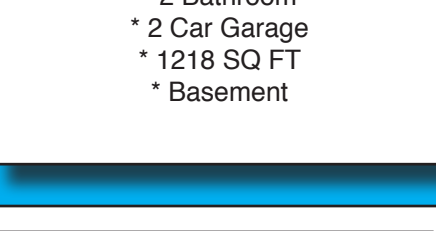
* 2 Bedroom

* 2 Bathroom

* 2 Car Garage

* 1218 SQ FT

* Basement



1211 Burlington Street, Mendota

\$99,900

* 3 Bedroom

* 2 Bathroom

* 2 Car Garage

* 2293 SQ FT

* Basement



1505 Guiles Avenue, Mendota

* 3 Bedroom

* 2 Bathroom

* 2 Car Garage

* 1420 SQ FT

* Basement



1506 Lincoln Ave., Mendota \$127,000

Remarkable 3 bedroom 2-story home in Mendota

on a wooded and shaded lot! If you are a fan of old

houses, this is the one for you. Features stunning

wood flooring, 2 huge bathrooms, a walk in closet, and

an area for laundry. Tons of updates, ask to see the

checklist! There is a large deck attached to the back

with a super unique summer kitchen! 2 car garage with

large workshop and office w/air condition/heat within it.



206 S. Poplar St., Sublette \$133,900

Captivating and spacious 2 story Sublette home.

Features 3 beautifully bright bedrooms, an office,

and 1 bathroom. Stunning natural woodwork

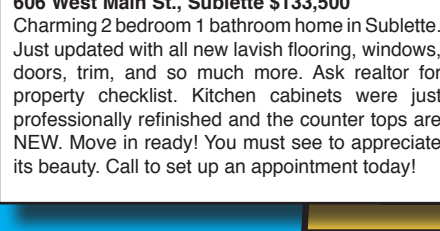
throughout the entire home. Equipped with central

air and heat, as well as provisions for a woodburner.

All appliances stay besides the clothes washer and

dryer. There is also a 32x32 (3) car garage with heat

and concrete flooring.



606 West Main St., Sublette \$133,500

Charming 2 bedroom 1 bathroom home in Sublette.

Just updated with all new lavish flooring, windows,

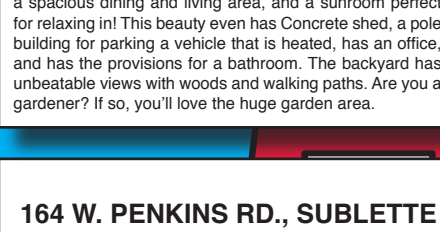
doors, trim, and so much more. Ask realtor for

property checklist. Kitchen cabinets were just

professionally refinished and the counter tops are

NEW. Move in ready! You must see to appreciate

its beauty. Call to set up an appointment today!



1460 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Amboy \$109,500

A hidden gem! Take a look at this charming mobile home situated

on 5 stunning acres. This 1989 Prestige mobile home is

much more than it seems. It offers 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath,

a spacious dining and living area, and a sunroom perfect

for relaxing in! This beauty even has Concrete shed, a pole

building for parking a vehicle that is heated, has an office,

and has the provisions for a bathroom. The backyard has

unbeatable views with woods and walking paths. Are you a

gardener? If so, you'll love the huge garden area.



MLS #10852096, 521 S. 4th St.,

Earlville \$139,900. You won't find

an "as is" estate like this. Close to

Earlville Schools. Clean as a whistle

move in condition. 3 bedroom 1 1/2

bath with a shower downstairs. Very

nice and bright home. Will pass any

financing. Nice 2 car garage large

yard and nice landscaping. Call.



MLS #10892667 140 N. 4th St,

Compton, IL \$49,000. Great starter

home on a corner lot. Included with

this home is a 49x48 concrete block

building with 2nd floor on part of it.

Newer furnace and AC. Small town

living. Come take a look.

164 W. PENKINS RD., SUBLETTE

\$183,000

8 EAST OAK ST., AMBOY

\$119,900

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\$28,500

707 MISSISSIPPI DR, DIXON

\$4,900

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