



The Autumn colors have made their arrival in the Mendota area, which means the leaves will soon be falling from the trees. Mendota’s leaf vacuum program is scheduled to begin on Monday, Oct. 19. (Reporter photo)

## Leaf vac program set to begin

□ Pickup schedule in Mendota to be done by wards this year

MENDOTA—The city of Mendota leaf vacuum program will tentatively begin on Monday, Oct. 19. The pickup schedule has changed for this year and will be done by ward.

The schedule for leaf pickup is as follows: First Ward – Monday; Second Ward – Tuesday; Third Ward – Wednesday; Fourth Ward – Thursday. Friday will be used as a

catch-up day.

Those people participating in the program should place leaves at the curb (not in the street) and piles must not contain sticks or branches.

## Illinois ‘on track’ for COVID-19 response, lags on testing

By KEVIN BESSLER  
*The Center Square*

SPRINGFIELD – A report by the National Safety Council is giving Illinois favorable marks on its COVID-19 response, but said the state’s testing program was “lagging.”

The “State of Response: State Actions to Address

the Pandemic” report listed Illinois and 11 other states for being “on track” to assess the safety measures they used during the pandemic.

The report assessed the state’s efforts in five areas based on recommendations from the SAFER effort, which was created by NSC to provide guidance

to businesses as they manage through the pandemic. NSC evaluated states on how effectively they performed in employer guidelines, testing contact tracing, mental health, substance abuse and roadway safety. Each state was given a designation of “on track,” “lagging” or “off track.”

Jane Terry, vice president of government affairs for the NSC, said the SAFER project is a crucial tool during the crisis.

“We got together workplaces, academia, government partners and many

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## State gambling revenues plummet during pandemic

□ Casinos off 30%; lottery sales down 5.8%

By PETER HANCOCK  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD – Revenues flowing into state coffers from legalized gambling operations plummeted during the fiscal year that ended June 30 as casinos, racetracks and other video gambling venues were forced to close during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many people also slowed down on buying lottery tickets, according to a new report by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, or CoGFA, which said total state tax revenues generated through legalized gambling fell 13.4 percent, or about

\$200 million, compared to the previous fiscal year.

“This decline is in large part due to the suspension of video gaming and casino operations between March 16 and June 30, which thereby prevented any revenues from being generated from these sources during this time period,” the report stated. “Although this suspension has been since lifted, gaming has only returned on a limited basis and it remains unclear how long these limitations will last. Even with the resumption of wagering, it is expected that the ramifications of the pandemic on public confidence will persist for some time.”



The report noted that casinos suffered the biggest declines, with adjusted gross receipts falling by 30 percent, or more than \$400 million, compared to the previous year. That included a \$119

million drop in receipts at the state’s largest casino, Rivers Casino in Des Plaines, but all other casinos reported significant declines as well.

The Illinois Gaming Board allowed casinos to

reopen on July 1 with capacity limits, social distancing requirements and other public health measures intended to slow the spread of the virus. Since then, however, the state has reimposed mitigation measures in the Metro East region outside St. Louis and, most recently, in northwest Illinois where the COVID-19 testing positivity rates have continued to exceed state limits.

In those regions, food and beverage service at casinos and video gambling locations has been suspended and gambling operations have been limited to the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

The report also noted that casinos in Illinois have been on a long downward trend

for the last several years as video gambling, which the state legalized in 2009, has taken over a larger share of the gambling market. As of June 30, more than 36,000 video gambling terminals were in operation in Illinois, the equivalent of 30 full-size casinos.

Since 2012, according to the report, adjusted gross receipts for all casinos in the state have fallen 42.5 percent, or nearly \$700 million, while the combined total of casino and video gambling revenues has grown 32 percent.

Revenues from sports gambling, which was legalized in 2019 legislation, were

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## Mendota schedules trick-or-treat time

□ State guidelines must be followed

By KIP CHEEK  
*Staff writer*

MENDOTA—The Mendota City Council handled several items of business during a special meeting on Oct. 6, including setting trick-or-treat hours.

Mendota will allow trick-or-treating on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. The state of Illinois has announced Halloween COVID-19 guidance encouraging social distancing while trick-or-treating.

Those passing out candy should maintain six feet from trick-or-treaters and wear proper face coverings, according to the guidance, and trick-or-treating should be done in groups with household members only. Also, state officials said households should consider leaving individually wrapped candy on a table in driveways or in front of walkways to allow for social distancing.

Further, the state said that a costume mask is not a substitute for a face covering. If face coverings are worn under the costume mask, please ensure that this does not create any breathing problems, and if it does, don’t discard your face covering. Put the costume mask aside.

In Aldermanic reports, John Holland presented an ordinance amending salaries of elected and appointed officials, which was approved by the council to be effective May 1, 2021. Officials and their annual salaries are: mayor - \$8,000; treasurer - \$4,000; city clerk - \$31,500; aldermen - \$7,200; city attorney - \$12,000. City clerk com-



pensation is for those duties performed in the capacity of city clerk only.

**HYDRANT FLUSHING**

The annual city fire hydrant flushing began on Oct. 13 and will continue until approximately Friday, Oct. 23. The work will be performed between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. each weekday. Residents should be reminded that red or rusty colored water can occur even when flushing activities are not in your immediate area. Residents are encouraged to check their water prior to routine household activities such as laundry. If laundry staining does occur, do not dry the affected clothing as this will ‘set’ the stain. Clothing should be kept wet until laundry aids that can remove the staining are applied.

Fire hydrant flushing is an important part of the Mendota Water Department’s maintenance program of the water distribution system. The most important aspect of this program is the assurance of properly operating fire hydrants in the event of an emergency.

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### Police officials looking for missing Mendota man

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department is conducting a missing person investigation into the whereabouts of Wesley J. Shaver, 33, of Mendota.

Shaver was last seen in the Rockford area on Sept. 22 at 11:30 a.m. He was last known to be wearing an olive green hooded sweatshirt, grey/blue basketball shorts and white shoes. He has no telephone and no form of transportation.

Shaver is 5-11, 195 pounds with blue eyes and blonde hair. Should you have any information regarding Shaver’s location, contact the Mendota Police Department at 815-539-9331.



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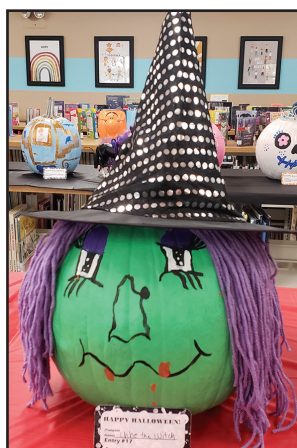
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### Voting begins

The Great Library Pumpkin Decorating Contest is underway at Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota. Voting began on Oct. 13 and will end at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31. Winners will be announced on Monday, Nov. 2. Library director Emily Kofoid said the library has received some very creative entries and she encourages the public to stop by and vote for their favorite decorated pumpkin (one vote per person, per day is allowed). (Photos contributed)



### Real estate taxes due Oct. 16

OTTAWA – James L. Spelich, LaSalle County Treasurer, has set the final timeline for payment of real estate taxes. Certified letters will be mailed by Oct. 16, 2020. If taxes are not paid as of Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, you will receive a certified letter.

The drop box will be closed on Oct. 30 at 4 p.m.

Personal checks are not accepted. Only certified funds, cashier's check, money order or cash will be accepted in the office.

A \$10 certified letter fee is added to any payments received in the Treasurer's office after Oct. 16. Note that the interest changes after the fourth and 15th of each month. Call for the amount due or refer to your tax bill.

The last day to pay before your name is published in the newspaper is Oct. 23, 2020. The week of Oct. 26, all unpaid taxes will be published in local newspapers.

The credit card option will end on Nov. 16. The last day to pay your tax bill before it is sold at a tax sale is Nov. 17, 2020. Payments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on that date. No payments will be accepted after that date. All unpaid taxes will be sold on Nov. 18, 2020.

### NCAT providing free rides for voting

OTTAWA – North Central Area Transit (NCAT) is providing free transportation to vote in the 2020 General Election on Nov. 3. All rides must be scheduled two days in advance by calling (833) 433-6228. Please be sure to know your voting location address when calling to schedule a ride.

Visit [www.ridencat.com](http://www.ridencat.com) for trip or scheduling details. Face covering required to ride.

## OSF HealthCare offers online mammogram scheduling

MENDOTA - Throughout the COVID crisis, people across the nation have been putting their routine procedures and appointments on hold. However, breast cancer is still highly prevalent and annual mammograms are critical in early detection.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the United States. Advances in mammography, including the invention of FDA-approved digital

mammography, can be credited with detecting 80 percent to 90 percent of breast cancers in women without symptoms.

OSF recognizes that patients and community members are looking for methods to schedule and receive services in the easiest, safest way possible. OSF HealthCare has launched an online self-scheduling tool for screening mammograms that is now available at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center and OSF Center

for Health-Streator.

"We are pleased to offer the ability for our patients to be able to schedule their screening mammography services online," said Dawn Trompeter, President. "The process is simple. Patients can do this linked to their MyChart and therefore, the entire process takes a total of five clicks."

Trompeter said this service will meet the needs of patients and their busy schedules, as well as the interest in virtual and touchless processes for necessary services.

"Ensuring the safety of our patients and Mission Partners remains a top priority," said Trompeter. "We are taking additional precautions with guidance from the CDC and IDPH to keep our patients safe. OSF is also screening everyone coming into the hospital while maintaining physical distancing in waiting areas."

In addition to the new online scheduling feature, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul, OSF Saint Elizabeth and the OSF Center for Health in

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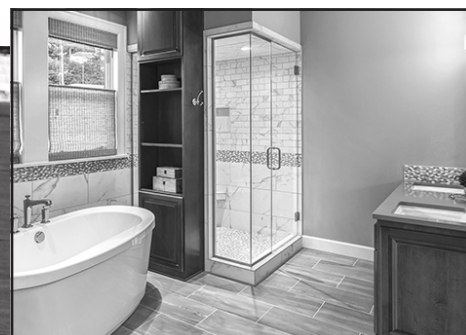
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## Free Elks Clinic for children Nov. 5

PERU - Mendota Elks 1212 and Oglesby Elks 2360 lodges in cooperation with the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation will sponsor a free children's orthopedic assessment clinic on Thursday, Nov. 5.

The Elks will hold the clinic by appointment only from 1 to 3 p.m. at Illinois Valley Community Hospital, 925 West St., Peru on the first floor across from the X-Ray Department. Enter the hospital from either lower level on the south side or the main level on west side (unless COVID restrictions are in place at IVCH). Dr. Richard Erickson of Carol Stream will be the clinician in charge.

To schedule an appointment, call the Illinois Elks Children's Care office at 1-800-272-0074 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are no charges for any services at this clinic.

No medical referral is necessary for the clinic but physicians are welcome to refer patients for a specific reason or a second

opinion. School nurses are also welcome to refer children and families to the clinic.

The clinic is an ideal time to have a child reviewed for bone and joint development. Children who have feet pointing out or in, who complain of back, knee, leg, ankle pain or have a back curvature, they can be seen at this clinic. There is no charge for any diagnostic services.

The Elks will provide financial assistance to the best of their ability for children needing further treatment or specialty equipment when the family lacks sufficient resources to do so. In the past, the Elks have purchased therapy services, corrective shoes, braces, wheelchairs and augmentative communication devices to help children overcome a variety of physical challenges.

The Elks Organization has been working with physically challenged children since 1928. This is one of 17 clinic locations throughout Illinois.

## Extension schedules live virtual presentation on "Preparing Your Garden for Winter"

MENDOTA - University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener volunteer Natalie Martin will present a virtual presentation titled "Preparing Your Garden for Winter" on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. The session will be hosted by the McNabb Public Library.

Now that the weather is getting colder, there are some steps to get your garden ready for winter and jumpstarted for spring. Martin will walk participants through steps they can take to prepare their

garden, yard and landscaping for the winter season. Topics covered will include cleanup, landscaping, and preparing plants. At the end of the presentation, participants will be able to ask questions via live-chat.

This program is free, open to the public, and will be presented in an easy-to-use virtual format. Interested individuals should e-mail Peggy Smith at the McNabb Public Library at psmith@putnamcountylibrary.org for information or visit their web page at https://putnamcountyli-



brary.org/ to access the Zoom link. Questions may also be directed to Meg E. Overocker, University of Illinois Extension Program Coordinator, at meo@illinois.edu or call the LaSalle County office at (815) 433-0707.

## Illinois Principals Association encourages principal appreciation in October

### ♦ Oct. 18-24 designated as 'Principal Appreciation Week' in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Lifetouch and the Illinois Principals Association (IPA) encourage all communities in Illinois to celebrate Principal Appreciation Week, Oct. 18-24 and Principal Appreciation Day on Friday, Oct. 23.

This state-endorsed recognition was first approved by the Governor of Illinois in 1990 and is annually celebrated. The IPA also joins the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), and the American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA) to recognize October as National Principals Month.

"In October, we celebrate Prin-

cipal Appreciation month to honor the tireless efforts and contributions of school leaders throughout the state," said Dr. Amy Dixon, President of the Illinois Principals Association. "During this unfamiliar time, school leaders are working harder than ever to find unique ways to connect with students, feed their communities, provide wifi to those in need, facilitate numerous stakeholder meetings, and more. The list is truly endless. As our principals step out of their comfort zones to lead through these challenges, we know our schools will be better tomorrow than they are today because of their efforts. Please join us in celebrating the eminent abilities that our principals exemplify. We hope

that they remember to take care of themselves, take care of those they serve, and let the organization know if we can help in any way."

Dr. Jason Leahy, IPA Executive Director, added, "School leadership matters, especially right now. As a former principal and having visited dozens of schools throughout Illinois, the quality of a school's learning environment and the ability of a school to do what is best for its students comes as a direct result of the leadership provided by the school's principal and leadership team. Courageous leadership is essential to equitably educate students and work to provide the resources and support they need to reach their potential. It is important

that we recognize and encourage our schools' leaders every day. The pandemic has heightened the need for us to intentionally share appreciation for those who do so much for our state's young people."

Principal Appreciation Day provides learning communities an opportunity to publicly recognize the work, commitment and importance of principals, assistant principals, and deans throughout the state. Lifetouch and the IPA invite all teachers, students, parents, and community members to perform some act of appreciation on Oct. 23 to acknowledge the leadership of building administrators in Illinois' public and private schools.

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ry School Principals and they are honored to support local members of the Illinois Principals Association in recognition of "Principal's Appreciation Day."

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The Illinois Principals Association is a leadership organization that serves over 5,800 educational leaders throughout Illinois and whose mission is to develop, support and advocate for innovative educational leaders. For more information about the IPA, please visit www.ilprincipals.org.

## CARL'S QUIZ

What remarkable television event took place on Aug. 30, 1953?

The answer to last week's quiz is: The advice to never pick up a pumpkin from the stem is true. The stem may break, which leads to faster decay. (Source: The Old Farmer's Almanac)

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

## OSF

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Streator will once again bring light to the fight. Throughout the month of October, the hospital will install pink spotlights to help shine a light on the community's commitment to fighting breast cancer as well as to honor those who are battling the disease.

Go to www.osfhealthcare.org/mammo for more information and to schedule your mammogram online in Mendota, Ottawa or Streator.

## Remote work preparation classes available online

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## Mendota Weather

Oct. 14, 2020

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 72 Low: 47

**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 56 Low: 34

**Friday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 50 Low: 31

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 51 Low: 32

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 54 Low: 36

**Monday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 49 Low: 29

**Tuesday**  
Cloudy  
High: 45 Low: 27

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 72°, humidity of 38%. South southeast wind 6 to 17 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 85° set in 1975. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 47°. West southwest wind 11 to 14 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 25° set in 1979.

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	64	36	66/42	0.00"
Tuesday	76	51	66/42	0.00"
Wednesday	79	55	66/42	0.00"
Thursday	74	46	65/41	0.00"
Friday	82	52	65/41	0.00"
Saturday	80	56	64/41	0.00"
Sunday	80	56	64/40	0.00"

### Regional Cities

City	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	71/47	mc	66/34	mc
Champaign	77/51	pc	74/36	mc
Chicago	73/51	mc	70/38	mc
Freeport	69/43	mc	66/31	pc
Joliet	73/49	mc	70/35	mc
Moline	75/47	mc	70/36	pc
Peoria	77/50	pc	73/37	pc
Rockford	69/46	mc	65/33	pc
Springfield	79/51	s	75/37	mc

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 10/16	7:07 a.m.	6:15 p.m.	4:09 a.m.	5:34 p.m.
Wednesday	7:09 a.m.	6:14 p.m.	5:25 a.m.	6:03 p.m.
Thursday	7:10 a.m.	6:12 p.m.	6:43 a.m.	6:33 p.m.
Friday	7:11 a.m.	6:11 p.m.	8:02 a.m.	7:05 p.m.
Saturday	7:12 a.m.	6:09 p.m.	9:21 a.m.	7:41 p.m.
Sunday	7:13 a.m.	6:08 p.m.	10:39 a.m.	8:22 p.m.
Monday	7:14 a.m.	6:06 p.m.	11:53 a.m.	9:11 p.m.
Tuesday				

### National Weather Summary This Week

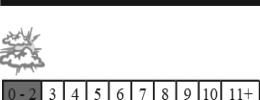
The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 72 in Belleville, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 90 in Pembroke Pines, Fla. The central United States will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 89 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 70 in Torrington, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 101 in La Quinta, Calif.

### Weather History

**Oct. 14, 1984** - Dense fog contributed to a 118-vehicle accident on I-94, just south of Milwaukee. It was the seventh day of an eight-day stretch of dense fog. At the time of the accident, the visibility was reportedly close to zero.

**Oct. 15, 1954** - Hurricane Hazel struck the Carolina coastline. The hurricane demolished every pier along a 170 mile stretch from Myrtle Beach, S.C. to Cedar Island, N.C. and obliterated entire lines of beach homes. Hurricane Hazel also destroyed 1,500 homes as it moved inland.

### 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

Sun spots occur in cycles of how many years, on average?



Answers: Eleven years.

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Geneva A. (Schimmer) Ernat

PERU - Geneva Ann (Schimmer) Ernat, 93, of rural Peru, passed away Oct. 7, 2020 at the Ottawa Pavilion. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 14 at the Mueller Funeral Home, Peru with Monsignor Richard Soseman, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Peru officiating. Private burial will be at the Peru City Cemetery at a later date. Visitation was from 9 a.m. until time of services on Oct. 14 at the funeral home.

Geneva was born July 21, 1927 in West Brooklyn to Arthur and Elizabeth (Longbein) Schimmer.

She was a graduate of Amboy High School. She married Robert Ernat on Aug. 21, 1961 at St. Mary's Church, Peru. He preceded her in death on March 18, 2011.

Survivors include three children, Cynthia Ernat, Don (Stacey) Ernat and Phil Ernat, all of Peru and four grandchildren, Brantley, Amethyst, Addison and Bentlea.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one sister, Lois Schimmer.

Geneva was a homemaker and farm wife, assisting her husband with the farm. She also worked as a greeter at Wal-Mart for many years. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, Peru. She loved her dogs.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue.

The online guestbook may be viewed and remembrances shared at [www.MuellerFH.com](http://www.MuellerFH.com).



## Rocio Contreras

MENDOTA - Rocio Contreras, 49, of Mendota passed away peacefully at her home on Oct. 9, 2020 surrounded by her loved ones after a decade-long battle with Scleroderma.

A service will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17 via Zoom. If you would like more information, please contact the family. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting with arrangements.

Rocio was born Sept. 15, 1971 in Guadalajara, Jalisco to Salvador and Guadalupe (Arce) Reyes. She married Ismael Contreras on Dec. 30, 1990.

Survivors include her husband of Mendota; one son, Ismael "Milo" Contreras of Mendota; one daughter, Mayra (Ismael "Pito") Pagan of LaSalle; one grandson, Joziyah Pagan of LaSalle; her mother, Guadalupe of Mexico; six sisters; three brothers; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and her mother-in-law, Elvira.

Rocio was a devoted wife, mother, grandma and friend. Her greatest joy in life was to be with her family. She had a special relationship with her only grandchild, Joziyah, who will miss his "Atis" dearly. Although her life was short, her memory is eternal. She will always be remembered as a very caring, thoughtful and spiritual person who was always willing to lend a helping hand. She had a great sense of style and would love to dress according to the occasion. Her contagious laugh will always be remembered by all that met her. Memorials may be directed to the family.



## VFW offers Voice of Democracy Scholarships

MENDOTA - Need money for college? The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) gives out more than \$2 million in college scholarships every year to 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students through its Voice of Democracy scholarship contest.

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this year's theme, "Is this the country the Founders envisioned?"

The top national prize is a \$30,000 scholarship and first-place state winners will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. (COVID permitting).

Please visit the VFW's website [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) for more information. The student entry deadline is Oct. 31.

## Zoom into 4-H: wHo, wHat, wHere, wHy?

### ♦ Information session for interested volunteers

LA SALLE COUNTY - If you live in Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, or Putnam counties, please join University of Illinois Extension for a Zoom meeting to learn what 4-H is all about. The meeting will take place on Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. To participate and receive the Zoom link, contact Beth Dellatori, 4-H Youth Development Educator, by Oct. 20 at [beth@illinois.edu](mailto:beth@illinois.edu) or call (815) 224-0891.

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If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Extension office at (815) 224-0889.

## IDPH asked to identify schools with verified COVID-19 outbreaks

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Education Association (IEA) called for the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to identify verified COVID-19 outbreaks in schools. The announcement comes after ProPublica Illinois revealed in an Oct. 8 story that while Illinois public health officials have identified COVID-19 outbreaks in at least 44 school buildings, they won't disclose where those buildings are and that they may not know the full picture of how the virus has spread.

At least 105 students and 73 staff have been affected, according to IDPH. However, state numbers show that between Aug. 15, when schools started to reopen around the state, and Oct. 2, when ProPublica ended its inquiry, nearly 8,700 children in Illinois between the ages of 5 and 17 tested positive - about 180 kids per day - more than double the amount being infected prior to schools reopening, which averaged 72.

"From the start, we have

said schools should only open if they can do so safely - with all the appropriate safety precautions in place - and knowledge of an outbreak in a school building absolutely meets that criteria," said Kathi Griffin, president of the Illinois Education Association. "The number one goal of everyone should be the health and safety of students and those who educate and care for them."

IDPH defines an outbreak as two or more confirmed cases within 14 days of the start of symptoms in people who do not share a household and did not have close contact in another setting.

"We know there are districts in our state that are being very good about notifying public health officials, staff and families when there are cases and that keeps communities safe," Griffin said. "But we also know there are districts that aren't. And, when those cases are kept in the dark, the appropriate people can't quarantine. The

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## Organizations to provide over \$100,000 for regenerative farming practices & water conservation in Illinois

### ♦ Funds will be allocated to accelerate the adoption of cover crops and no-till

DEKALB - American Farmland Trust, the organization behind the national movement "No Farms No Food," will partner with The Nature Conservancy to provide over \$100,000 for the adoption of regenerative farming practices in Illinois.

This will be done through enhanced partnerships, testing of innovative programs, expanding technical and financial assistance for farmers, and evaluation of the success of these efforts in reducing greenhouse gases, or GHG. The funds are from the generous support of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

"The U.S. Natural Climate Solutions accelerator grant will provide American Farmland Trust the opportunity to accelerate the adoption of practices proven to provide climate benefits, such as cover crops, by catalyzing cooperation among public agencies and private partners around the efficient use of financial and technical assistance," notes Kristopher Reynolds, AFT Midwest regional director. "We are excited to leverage our work with current partners to increase the adoption of regenerative farming practices in Illinois."

Megan Baskerville, TNC Illinois ag program director, said AFT's in-

novative accelerator project will give Illinois' agriculture community even more ways to understand, and account for, the myriad co-benefits soil health practices deliver. "This will result in the ultimate goal - more conservation on the ground," she said.

AFT will use the COMET-Planner tool emission reduction coefficients and county level 2017 Census of Agriculture data to determine the scalable GHG mitigation potential. Over the next 15 months, this project seeks to incorporate soil carbon storage and GHG mitigation as quantifiable outcomes alongside state water quality targets, signifying a continued commitment to simultaneously achieving the goals of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and the U.S. Climate Alliance.

Through this project, they hope to achieve the following:

- Accelerate adoption of regenerative farming practices in Illinois, sequestering more than 8 million metric tonnes of CO2e during the 15-month project period.
- Strengthen existing partner networks and outline methodologies to incorporate GHG impacts into proposed projects.
- Increase alignment of state and

federal conservation funds with the practices and locations that provide the most cost-effective climate and water quality benefits and identify private partnerships to leverage existing funding.

AFT will utilize existing programs such as the Saving Tomorrow's Agricultural Resources (S.T.A.R.) Initiative and Illinois Department of Agriculture "Fall Covers for Spring Savings" Cover Crop Premium Discount Program to open pathways for leveraging funds from private corporations and foundations.

These funds will benefit AFT's and TNC's partnerships including The Illinois Sustainable Agriculture Partnership, a coalition of conservation nonprofits including commodity associations and research institutions. The key to unlocking these funds lies in the ability to demonstrate the "most bang for the buck" regarding cost-effective environmental outcomes.

AFT will track practices implemented and quantify the GHG impacts from project activities alongside soil health and water quality co-benefits, providing a prioritization framework to guide future program implementation and prioritization of regenerative agriculture practices at the field level.

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others to try to get the best practices down for sharing,” said Terry.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has repeatedly said that Illinois is one of the leaders in the Midwest and nation for coronavirus testing, but the report said Illinois was “lagging” when it comes to testing.

Zach Kennedy, a specialist with Community and Economic Development at the University of Illinois Extension, conducted a survey of business owners, residents and government officials on the state and federal response to the pandemic. He said his survey found many Illinoisans were not happy with the way the state and federal government handled things.

“I think just the sense of mistrust of political leadership,” Kennedy said. “Something that seems like it should be politically neutral like public health.”

Eleven other states received an “on track” rating from the NSC, with New Mexico, New York and California leading the pack with the highest overall ratings. Ten states received an “off track” rating, with Mississippi and South Dakota receiving the lowest overall rating.

## Gambling

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virtually nonexistent for fiscal year 2020, according to the report, as the NCAA basketball tournament was canceled and the NBA playoffs and Major League Baseball season were delayed.

“Because of this, very little tax revenues (\$12,224 to be exact) were reported to be received from the sports wagering tax in FY 2020,” according to the report.

Despite the rapid growth of video gambling in recent years, the report noted that the Illinois Lottery continues to be the largest source of state gambling revenues, and it has also suffered setbacks since the onset of the pandemic.

Preliminary numbers indicate lottery ticket sales fell 5.8 percent, or \$172.5 million, during the fiscal year.

“The COVID-19 pandemic likely hurt lottery sales as customers were more likely to stay at home and some retailers may not have been open, making the lottery less available,” the report stated.

The report also noted that lottery sales have been relatively stagnant in recent years, growing only 4.8 percent over the past six fiscal years. That has been especially disappointing, the report stated, because officials had hoped for more rapid growth after it placed day-to-day management of the lottery in the hands of a private company.

In 2010, Illinois hired the firm Northstar Lottery Group to manage the lottery, but after disappointing results the state changed contractors in 2018 when it hired Camelot Illinois.

“The virus-related disruptions have made it difficult to gauge whether lottery performance has improved since this change has taken place,” the report stated.

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## Minority Leader Durkin calls on Democrats to demand Madigan answer questions or resign

□ Republicans worry that delay tactics will thwart investigation

By PETER HANCOCK  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The top Republican in the Illinois House last week called for Democrats, including Gov. JB Pritzker, to either demand that Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan answer questions before a Special Investigating Committee or resign immediately.

During a virtual news conference, Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, openly accused the investigating committee’s chairman, Hillside Democrat Emanuel “Chris” Welch, of deliberately stalling the investigation until after the Nov. 3 election, a move that Republicans warn could thwart the entire investigation.

“There is one person who is in charge, and that is Gov. Pritzker, and he is the leader of the state Democratic Party,” Durkin said. “Today I call on him to immediately demand those answers he has been requesting from Speaker Madigan or demand that he resign immediately.”

Durkin is one of three House Republicans who filed a petition calling for the investigation after Madigan was implicated in a bribery scheme involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison. In a deferred prosecution agreement filed in federal court in July, ComEd officials admitted that, over a nine-year period, they awarded no-work jobs and lobbying contracts to Madigan’s close associates in order to curry his favor for legislation that benefitted the company.

Republicans argue that Welch, by postponing any further hearings until after the election, has put the investigating committee under a severe time constraint. That’s because under House rules, all committees are automatically dissolved when the General Assembly adjourns its biennial session, which is currently scheduled to happen in January.

That means Republicans would have to petition again for a new committee

after lawmakers convene in January for the start of the 102nd General Assembly if they want the investigation to continue.

Welch has said he postponed further hearings because he did not want the investigation to be used as “political theater” leading up to the election. As evidence of that, he pointed to the fact that two Republican committee members — Reps. Deanne Mazzochi of Elmhurst and Grant Wehrli of Naperville — called out their Democratic challengers in a news conference, demanding they state publicly whether or not they would vote for Madigan for another term as speaker if they are elected.

But Durkin responded by insisting the investigation is not political.

“This isn’t politics. This is one of the most serious scandals that we’ve ever experienced in Illinois, and it’s just going to get larger,” he said. “It has nothing to do with politics. And it’s unfortunate that the Democrats look at this as politics.”

Madigan himself has not been charged in the bribery scheme and he has denied any wrongdoing. On Friday, Sept. 25, he issued a letter saying he would not testify before the investigating committee, again asserting that all he did was recommend some people for jobs at the company.

Days later, on Sept. 30, Pritzker said during a virtual news conference that he thought Madigan should testify.

“I strongly believe that the speaker should take any opportunity, and this is one, to present answers to the questions that I think all of us have,” Pritzker said.

The governor’s spokesperson later issued a statement saying, “As the Governor has said, he strongly believes the Speaker should answer questions and that any opportunity to answer questions is one the Speaker should take. That being said, there is a legislative process underway and as a co-equal branch of government, members of the General

Assembly have used this process before and they are capable of managing it on their own.”

In addition to delaying any further hearings until after the election, Republicans have also complained that Welch is stalling the process by requesting what they call a “data dump” from ComEd, including records of all communications between the company and state officials — including former governors — over the past 10 years.

Republicans say the request could take months to fulfill, and Durkin called it “a fishing expedition” that was irrelevant to the work of the special committee.

“The committee’s charge is to investigate Speaker Madigan in his role with the deferred prosecution agreement,” Durkin said. “Going back decades to look into communications between a utility and legislative leaders and governors serves no purpose when the purpose of the committee is to determine whether or not Speaker Madigan has maligned the integrity of the chamber and if he’s committed conduct that’s unbecoming of a member of the House of Representatives.”

Welch issued a statement late last week saying Durkin’s “only goal is political theater” and urging the leader to “put the political performances aside and let our investigation take its course.”

“While Leader Durkin grandstands to prop up his politically vulnerable members, the committee is taking productive steps in the process he initiated,” he said in the statement. “Democratic and Republican counsel for the committee is working with ComEd to secure the documents both sides have requested.”

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## Illinois preparing for 80% COVID-19 vaccination rate when available

By GREG BISHOP  
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD — It’s not ready yet, but local health departments in Illinois are gearing up to begin accepting COVID-19 vaccines for when they become available, and the state has a goal of vaccinating 80 percent of the population.

During a situation update last month with local stakeholders across the state, Illinois Department of Public Health Dr. Carla Little said initial vaccine supplies will be limited, and the focus will be on a priority group like health care workers and long-term care facilities.

But, eventually, they hope to have mass vaccination as supplies allow.

“We know so far from the federal government, from CDC, is they’re ask-

ing us to prepare to administer possibly two doses of the vaccine to 80 percent of our population,” Little said.

There are several types of vaccines working through the final stages of clinical trials. Some could be available as early as next month.

“We’re not sure exactly what we will receive when we receive it but expect it to be one of these types,” Little said.

Supplies could be available as early as next month, with even more throughout 2021. But, Little said there could be less demand.

“As we did during the H1N1 response, for those of us that were around to remember it, at some point we had so much vaccine available and the demand for it became really low,” Little said. “So we may see something similar

here as well.”

Having a vaccine widely available is one of the elements Gov. J.B. Pritzker has said would lift all COVID-19 restrictions like crowd size and dining capacity limits.

Whether there’ll be uptake is unclear. Polling suggests half of the country says they wouldn’t get it.

During the recent Vice Presidential Debate, U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, D-California, was skeptical.

“If the doctors tell us we should take it, I’ll be the first in line to take it, absolutely,” Harris said. “But if [President] Donald Trump tells us we should take it, I’m not taking it.”

Last month state Sen. Dave Syverson, R-Rockford, said that kind of rhetoric was disappointing.

## IVCC News Briefs

### Food sanitation course to begin October 20th

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College’s Continuing Education Center offers Food Service Sanitation (CEU-1503-10) face-to-face from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday Oct. 20 and 22 with the exam from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26.

The course assists the manager or potential manager in applying sanitation principles in food service establishments. Students will take the national ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification exam.

The class is required in Illinois for food service manager certification and is accepted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Upon completion, students will attain a national license valid in Illinois for five years.

Cost is \$129. The textbook, ServSafe Manager, 7th Edition, is available at the IVCC Bookstore or can be purchased online at [www.ivcc-bookstore.com](http://www.ivcc-bookstore.com). Due to the fast-paced nature of the class, students should purchase the book in advance and begin review prior to class.

To register, call (815) 224-0447. Masks are required; seating is limited due to social distancing.

### Virtual transfer night scheduled for Oct. 27

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College’s Admissions Office hosts a live, virtual Transfer College Connection Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27.

This event is designed to inform parents and students about the college transfer process.

IVCC is partnering with Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University, St. Ambrose University and Bradley University to discuss transfer opportunities for high school students starting off at IVCC.

Go to [www.ivcc.edu/](http://www.ivcc.edu/) visit or call (815) 224-0439 to RSVP or for information.

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## Judge is void of pretension

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD—Recently, I picked my 15-year-old daughter up from school and told her I had an interview with a Supreme Court justice that afternoon.

She gasped, “Really, Daddy? That’s impressive.”

I said, “Yes, I’ve known Justice Tom Kilbride for 30 years. He’s a good guy.”

“Oh, he’s just an Illinois Supreme Court justice,” my no longer impressed daughter said as she stuck her nose back in a book.

When I related this story to Kilbride, he howled with laughter. That’s Tom Kilbride: a man void of pretension.

Every decade, voters are asked if the Supreme Court justice representing their district should be retained. Sixty percent must say “yes” for the judge to stay on the bench. And this year, it’s Kilbride’s turn to be on the bubble.

Or perhaps it would be more accurate to say he’s in the crosshairs. Monied special interests have made him a target.

For example, billionaire Wisconsin businessman Dick Uihlein, founder of Uline shipping and office products, has given \$250,000 toward removing Kilbride. The Judicial Fairness Project, a dark money group that does not disclose its donors, gave \$200,000.

Illinois Chamber of Commerce CEO Todd Maisch also is calling for Kilbride to be ousted. He was quoted in Crain’s Chicago saying the judge “has been a consistent supporter of organized labor and trial lawyers,” to the detriment of the state’s economy.

Oh, please. Maisch, Uihlein and their ilk have one beef with Kilbride: he’s a Democrat.

And those folks want a Republican in the spot.

During his two-decades on the high court, Kilbride has carved a pragmatic, moderate path. He’s known for his bipartisanship. He’s neither the most liberal member of the court nor the most conservative.

I’ve read his decisions. I agree with many and disagree with some. But I’ve found all of them well-reasoned. Republican Bob Thomas served 20 years on the high court with Kilbride and likely was the most conservative person on the court during his tenure. But he has endorsed retaining Kilbride, calling him honorable, independent and thoughtful.

“There is a reason judges wear black robes,” Kilbride told me. “You wouldn’t want them wearing red or blue robes saying they are ‘Republican’ or ‘Democrat.’ You want them to be neutral. You may get elected to the court as a Republican or a Democrat, but you don’t function as one once you are on the court,” he said.

Justices fill vacancies on lower courts and Kilbride routinely fills those spots in his district with both Republicans and Democrats, said Peoria lawyer Tim Bertschy, who heads Kilbride’s judicial selection committee.

“Never once has party affiliation played a role in selecting a judge. Tom has been very clear that he wants just quality judges. When we interview candidates, political affiliation or political activity is not brought up or considered.”

Not all members of the high court have this policy. Some only appoint members of their own party.

Jim Nowlan, a former Republican state representative, is chairing the committee trying to oust Kilbride. He said they hope to leave the Supreme Court deadlocked 3-3 between Republicans and Democrats, if his group is successful in getting Kilbride removed.

“That way when Mike Madigan comes out with his (redistricting) map, we can have a judge – from outside Cook County – rule its unconstitutional and the supreme court will be deadlocked and unable to reach a majority to overturn the decision.

He presumes the high court would also be deadlocked in picking a replacement for Kilbride. And he also presumes that a judge will be found who is willing to rule a map – which hasn’t even been drawn yet – is unconstitutional. And he presumes the high court would vote in a partisan manner on a redistricting case.

There are a lot of presumptions there.

But these kinds of political machinations are not why the drafters of the Illinois Constitution allowed for voters to decide whether a judge should be retained. While few drafters of the 1970 constitution are still alive, I spoke with one of them, Springfield lawyer Mary Lee Leahy, 10 years ago about this topic. She died two years later in 2012.

Here is what she had to say, “Nobody ever dreamed that retention would be used in this way. The idea was to give voters a chance to get rid of bad judges – ones who made sloppy decisions or were rude to lawyers or who behaved in an erratic way. It was never intended to be used to punish judges for voting a particular way. The judiciary has to remain independent and act without fear of retaliation of an interest group.”

In other words the way Kilbride is being targeted is an abuse of the process.

The other shortcoming of this process is that it ignores a judge’s accomplishments. During his three-year stint as chief justice, Kilbride did more than perhaps any other Illinois jurist in making courts accessible.

First, he spearheaded an initiative allowing cameras into trial courts. This has made it easier for media organizations to share with the public what is happening in a courtroom.

But his Access to Justice initiative has profoundly changed how Illinois courts operate, Circuit Judge Linnea E. Thompson of Rock Island County said.

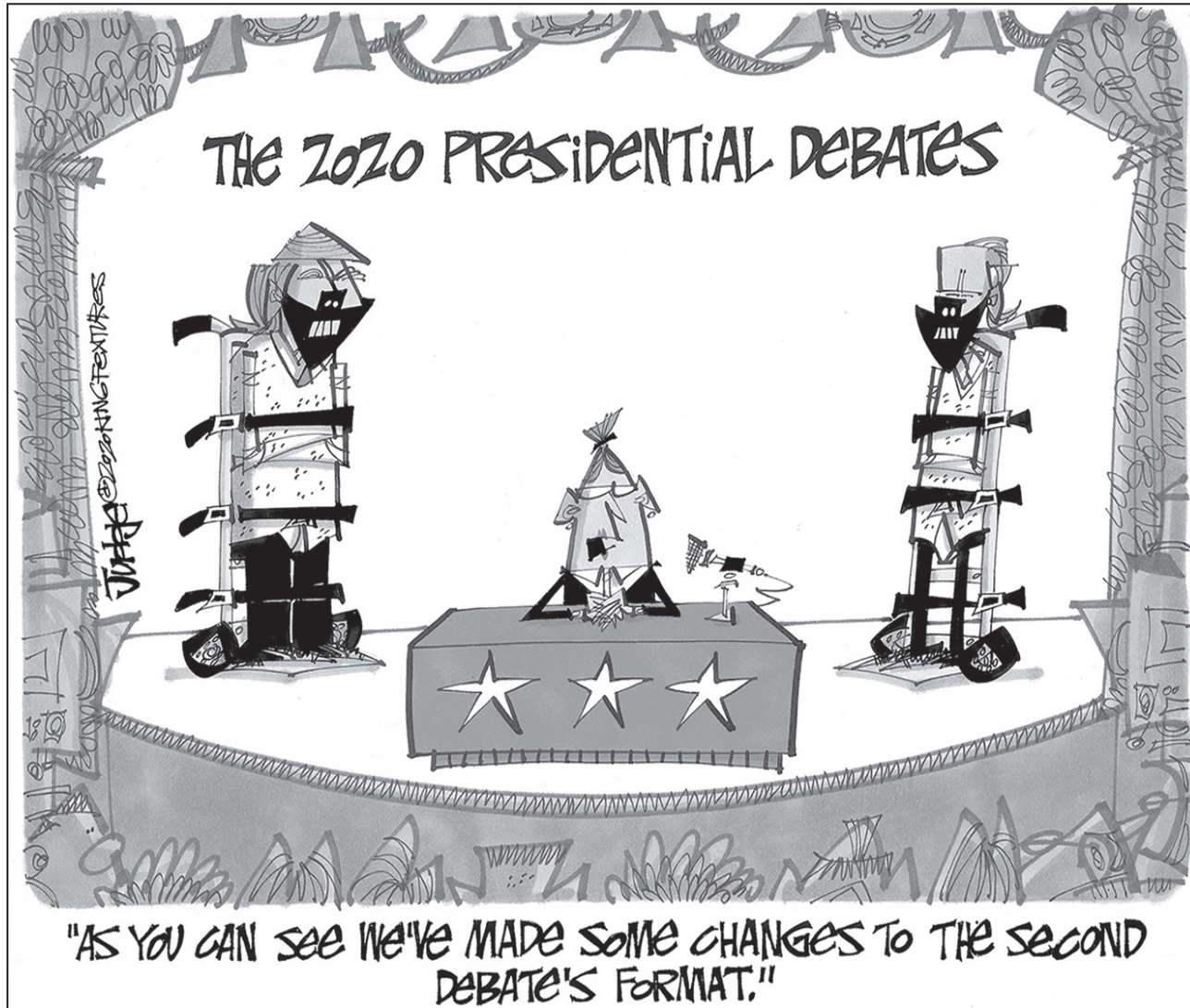
“More than 60 percent of people appearing in court in civil cases are not represented by an attorney,” Thompson said. “This program is designed to help them.”

The program:

- Revamped legal forms so they are written in plain English rather than legalese.
- Clears the way for trial court judges to provide guidance to unrepresented individuals on what they need to do to work through the legal process.
- Provides interpreters for individuals not proficient in English.
- Encourages lawyers to provide pro bono, or free, services to impoverished individuals.

“Before the Access to Justice initiative, somebody who showed up in court unable to speak English would likely get yelled at,” Thompson said. “For some reason, some judges thought if you talked louder and slower, you were more likely to be understood. Today, we have an alternative. And that’s because of Justice Kilbride.”

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## Changes at The Mendota Reporter – 1981

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Oct. 10, 2001.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was 20 years ago, on Oct. 1, 1981, that Stanton White Jr. and his wife, Carol, took over ownership of The Mendota Reporter from the Terry brothers, James and Dan. The Terrys had purchased the paper from Dick and Bill Leiser in 1972. James Terry said he made the decision to sell when Bill Leiser decided to step down as publisher, the post he had retained when the Terrys became owners. Stan White Jr. would now become publisher and Bill Leiser, with his wife, Pat, would embark on a new enterprise.

At a farewell dinner for the Leisers at the Elks on Oct. 9, 1981, it was announced that Bill and Pat had started their own business, Letter Typo, at 818 Main St. Reporter workers were out in force to wish the Leisers well in their new venture.

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Pictures of the Hotel Faber in the midst of its demolition were in the Oct. 7, 1981 issue of The Reporter. Dave Wollack had the general contract and E.J. Cattani, the sub-contractor, for this delicate operation. It was important to take the Hotel Faber down without damaging nearby buildings. Bob Brown of LaMoille operated Cattani’s hydraulic crane, assisted by David Olson.

**Insurance rates were high.**

Brown was especially relieved when he was able to control the fall of the hotel cupola to a space between the hotel and Wayne Whitmore’s law office, one door west on Jefferson Street.

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Roland Burris, Illinois state comptroller, spoke at Lake Mendota in October 1981, while running for re-election. He planned to push for state highway construction, giving priority to U.S. 51. **SIDETRACK** – In this year of 2001, Burris is running for governor in the Democratic primary.

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The 1981 Chamber of Commerce dinner was held in Peterstown Hall on Oct. 8. The 1981 Outstanding Service

## Backtracks & Sidetracks

Award was presented to Christ Troupis. The Outstanding Community Service Award went to Mendota Community Hospital, for which Troupis was a board member.

Emcee for the evening was Tom Merwin. The theme, “Through the Years,” brought recognition to couples by Ken Butler to have “best costumes.” They were the Charles Fahlers, Warren Hansons, William Phalens, James Carrolls, Doug Wades and Gerry Bryans.

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Homecoming at MHS, on Oct. 16, 1981, found the Trojans dominating Hall’s Red Devils, 36-6. Mike Schultz was credited with contributing 181 yards rushing and two touchdowns. At the Homecoming Dance the following night, Jeff Cassidy was crowned Homecoming King and JoAnn Parks was Homecoming Queen.

**In NCIC games, Mendota’s standing was 3-0.**

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In 1981, District 17 reported 20 arrests in the month of September for DWI (driving while intoxicated). The terminology was later changed to DUI (driving under the influence).

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Members of several organizations for senior citizens gathered Oct. 7, 1981, to hear John Scott of Country Companies address the subject of burglary prevention. Mike Organ, local agent, made the arrangements. Pictured with the speaker were Vera Schlesinger and Margaret Ross, representing NOA; Birdie Truckenbrod, president of Whistle Stoppers; and Elaine Bradley, MASS director.

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The MHS Board passed a motion to seek bids on a \$130,000 renovation of the high school building. Goal was to make is accessible to the handicapped. An estimated \$29,000 was

also approved for energy conservation measures.

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A new addition to Nome’s Apparel at 810 Monroe St. was celebrated during its Grand Opening, Oct. 9-10, 1981. Nome’s was located next door to The Treadle Shop.

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It was announced that 250 students in District 289 and 100 students in District 280 had failed to provide required immunization records. The deadline was Oct. 16, 1981.

**If not received by that date, 10% of state aid will be withheld.**

Both day and year of each immunization had to be provided, not just the year. Records were required for three polio vaccinations, three diphtheria vaccinations, a shot for measles, and for male students, a shot for rubella.

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A Chamber Profile by The Reporter’s Audrey Lawrence in the Oct. 14, 1981 issue featured the Super Valu store at Meriden Street and 13th Avenue, managed by Dave Taylor. He said Super Valu’s Weekly Bankroll promotion had brought many customers into the store. Winner of \$1,100 on Oct. 9, 1981, was Ronald Carr. Taylor estimated the store operated on a profit margin of “a penny on the dollar.” Mendota’s Super Valu had 28 employees. Taylor entrusted each department head with responsibility for making out orders. He felt they knew best what products were moving.

Among overhead items that might not readily come to mind were paper bags.

**2,000 are used on an average day.**

Before coming to Mendota, Taylor spent eight years with Kroger, working in all departments. He came to Mendota in August 1976.

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In the Oct. 7, 1981 issue of The Mendota Reporter, National Bank of Mendota, State Bank and Mendota Savings & Loan offered six-month money market certificates at 14.468% interest. “All Savings 1-Year Certificates” at 12.14% were tax-free. Christmas Clubs were offered with a wide range of goals.

## They’ve got nothing on Judge Amy Barrett

By Rich Lowry

The Supreme Court fight of the century is, so far, a fizzle.

The ratio of progressive outrage over the nomination of federal Judge Amy Coney Barrett to supposed reasons that the U.S. Senate shouldn’t confirm her is completely out of whack -- there’s a surfeit of the former and almost none of the latter.

Barrett has received extraordinary testimonials from her colleagues and students, who say she is brilliant, conscientious and kind. The opposition has countered with a dog’s breakfast of nonsense, including that her confirmation hearing can’t be held in the middle of a pandemic -- when the Senate has continued its business since the pandemic began.

Upon her selection, media outlets ran a spate of stories about her reported membership in a Catholic group called People of Praise, linking the group to the dystopian novel “The Handmaid’s Tale.” What Barrett’s life and career have to do with the imagined misogynistic world of the novel was never clear -- she’s a mother of seven who has ascended to the very top of her profession with the help of a supportive husband.

Barrett’s social conservatism has been another line of attack. Her critics have fastened on the fact that she signed a statement in 2006 declaring her opposition to abortion. It’s not news that Barrett is pro-life, nor should it be disqualifying unless progressives believe that anyone with a view counter to theirs on a hotly contested moral issue should be, on principle, excluded from the highest court.

It is not true, as has been widely reported, that Barrett said in that same statement that Roe v. Wade should be overturned (Barrett had nothing to do with an ad denouncing Roe that ran adjacent to the statement).

The group that organized the anti-abortion statement also opposes IVF, as commonly practiced, leading Democrats to conclude that Barrett does, too. Regardless, the Supreme Court obviously doesn’t police the nation’s fertility clinics.

Barrett has also been portrayed as a threat to Obamacare, given that the court will hear an anti-Obamacare lawsuit shortly after the election. But the merits of the suit are so weak, it conceivably could lose 9-0.

It is alleged that Barrett would take a sledgehammer to precedent, but she wrote in a 2013 law review article that the Court’s traditional approach to stare decisis “promotes doctrinal stability while still accommodating pluralism on the Court.”

Since progressives haven’t gotten traction with any substantive arguments against Barrett, they’ve been relying on dubious process arguments. Not only is it wrong, they charge, to confirm a justice so close to an election, it’s a public health danger to do so now when three Republican senators have tested positive. As a headline in the online magazine Slate put it, “The GOP will still seat Amy Coney Barrett because entrenching minority rule is more important than human life.”

This is laughable. First, it’s a long-standing norm that when the president and the Senate majority are of the same party, Supreme Court nominees get confirmed in an election year. Second, the Senate Judiciary has already been holding hybrid in-person and virtual hearings all year. There’s no reason it can’t do the same with Barrett.

At this rate, the Barrett confirmation is going to be the epic battle that wasn’t.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Board seat petitions available in Paw Paw

### ♦ Village board and library board seats will be open

PAW PAW - Nomination petitions are now available for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election.

Seats are open both for the Paw Paw Village Board and the Paw Paw Public Library District Board. All candidates must reside within the Paw Paw village limits.

Candidates for the Village Board may pick up and file petitions with the village clerk at 362 Chicago Road in Paw Paw. Petitions are available for the positions

of village president, three village trustees, and one village trustee position for a two-year unexpired term. All positions are for four-year terms except for the one unexpired two-year term.

Petitions may be filed at the village office on Dec. 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19 between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon; and on Dec. 15, 2020 between 1:30 and 6 p.m. The last day to file a petition will be Monday, Dec. 21 by 6 p.m.

There are seven library

trustee positions now open. Three positions are for two-year unexpired terms. Four positions are for regular four-year terms. Petitions are available at the library.

Petitions may be filed Dec. 14-21 at the Paw Paw Public Library during operating hours. Current hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. Any questions, please call the library at (815) 627-9396 or stop in.

## 'Fall Colors and Trees' free virtual presentation

LA SALLE - Everyone enjoys seeing the pop of color that covers the landscape and woodland canopies during the fall season. The LaSalle Public Library will virtually host Illinois Department of Natural Resource Coordinator and University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist, Lisa Sons, on Tuesday, Oct. 20 when she presents, "Fall Colors and Trees." The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m.

In this educational and informative program, Sons will explore the beautiful fall colors that are found at Starved Rock State Park and will provide tips on how to



identify various Illinois trees. Additionally, the audience will learn the magical science behind the question - why do leaves change color in the fall. At the end of the program, she will answer audience questions via live chat.

In order to gain access to the program, individuals are asked to register at <https://bit.ly/3iLSq8M>.

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



## Beauty added to Illinois Avenue

The Gardening Club of Mendota recently planted 5,000 daffodil bulbs that included a mixture of four different varieties in the flowering beds on Illinois Avenue in downtown Mendota. The bulbs will bloom in four sequences from early to late spring. Also, 100 allium bulbs were planted, which will be a purple flower that blooms just after the daffodils are done. Total shipping weight of the bulbs was 800 pounds. The city of Mendota split the cost of the bulbs with the Gardening Club. Other plantings included a variety of perennial flowers to add interest throughout the year. The 10 flower beds will be topped off with wood chips this fall. Steve Lauer of the Gardening Club said the 5,000 daffodils are dedicated to long-time Gardening Club member and former president Jim Armstrong, who recently passed away. The Gardening Club is always looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining the club can contact Lauer at (815) 343-7364 or see the club's Facebook page. (Photo contributed)

## New 4-H program for teens will provide information on mental health issues

LA SALLE COUNTY - Health is an important part of 4-H. After all, an entire H is devoted to it. Just like exercise and nutrition are a part of good health, mental health plays an important role in our daily living.

University of Illinois Extension is hosting a six-part online series for youth ages 13 and older called "Your Thoughts Matter." This state-wide program will be

facilitated by local Extension offices, and will help teens learn to define mental health, how to talk about it with family and friends, and how to help themselves and others. The sessions will include information on topics such as defining mental illness, self-harm, depression, anxiety, media messages, helping others, and exploring resilience.

Teens will join youth from

across the state of Illinois to discuss topics affecting young people during these weekly Zoom meetings. Meeting dates are Nov. 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1, 8 and 15 and will take place from 4 to 5 p.m.

Susan Sloop, 4-H Youth Development Educator for Clark, Crawford and Edgar counties, will be the moderator for the sessions with adult facilitators participating

from each county that has youth registrants.

"It's very important for youth to understand the role of mental health in our overall well-being," Sloop noted. "We want to teach them to be part of the solution and give them the tools to promote action."

All youth are welcome to participate. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/YourThoughtsMatter](http://go.illinois.edu/YourThoughtsMatter) by Friday,

Oct. 23. There is no fee to participate.

This program is not intended as a resource for those in crisis. If you or someone you know is struggling with a mental health issue, please seek adult or professional help immediately.

For reasonable accommodation to participate, contact Sloop at [ssloop@illinois.edu](mailto:ssloop@illinois.edu). For more information, the local contact is Beth Delatorri, Youth Development Educator with U of I Extension, at (815) 224-0889 or e-mail [beth5@illinois.edu](mailto:beth5@illinois.edu).

## Schools

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infection spreads. Students, staff and communities are put in harm's way. Everyone is struggling on how to handle this, but transparency is key."

According to the Illinois State Board of Education's

map, which was last updated on Sept. 21, 685,000 Illinois students are attending school in person, at least part time, in 69 percent of the state's school districts. The other 31 percent of districts account for 1.2 million students who continue to learn remotely.

Though, many districts are contemplating returning to the classroom in the coming weeks.

"How is a community supposed to decide whether to return to the classroom if they don't know the true impact this is having across the

state? Health officials inform communities when nursing homes or jails have outbreaks because it impacts those who live and work there. Certainly, communities are entitled to know about outbreaks at schools. It shouldn't even be a question," Griffin said.

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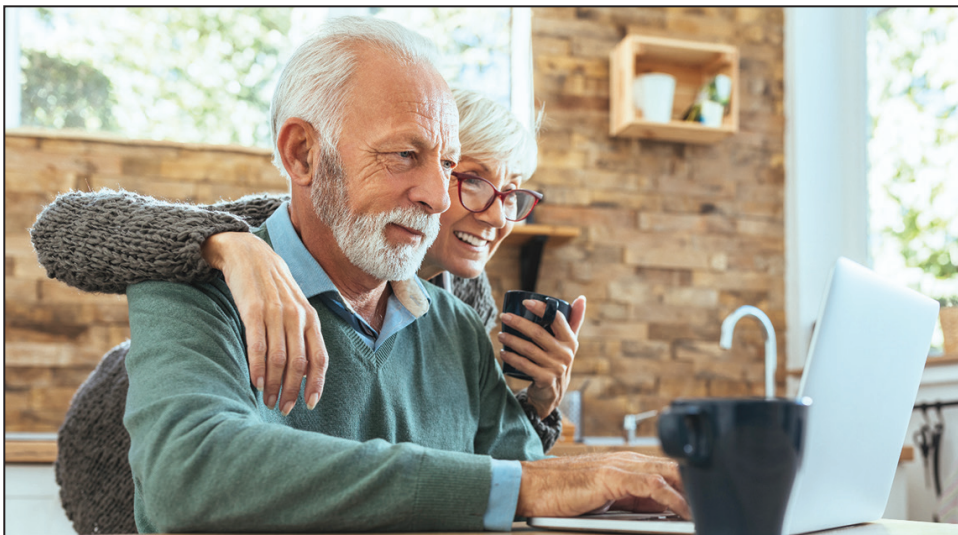


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# INSURANCE AWARENESS



Doing your homework is not only important, it has the power to substantially reduce your out-of-pocket costs.

## Why weighing your Medicare Part D options is crucial this year

(StatePoint) You likely hear the same word of advice every fall: review your Medicare Part D plan. While you may be tempted to stick with what you have, it's important to remember that plan specifics change annually, your health needs are always evolving, and as this year has shown, unexpected global events can impact your health and finances. For all these reasons, doing your homework is not only important, it has the power to substantially reduce your out-of-pocket costs.

"Reviewing your Medicare Part D options is the best way to ensure your prescription needs are met affordably in the coming year," says Kelle Turner, a Medicare Part D expert. "COVID-19 has highlighted how having the right coverage is critical to helping you stay safe and healthy."

To help those turning 65 and older make sense of their options, Turner offers the following tips:

- Don't procrastinate: Part D enrollment is taking place from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 this year. If you're like most people, you may be inclined to delay your decision. Indeed, nine out of 10 people wait until the last minute to select a plan, according to Turner. However, the selection process can be complicated, so don't deprive yourself of the time needed to thoughtfully comparison shop.

Factor in how the COVID-19 landscape has potentially impacted your selection process. With many in-person resources (e.g., local Medicare workshops, working with a broker or agent, etc.) being conducted virtually or requiring advance scheduling this year, you can get ahead of the game by starting early.

One good resource to check out is RoadmapForMedicare.com, a free access website now offering short educational videos, recorded webinars and articles with tips to select the plan that's best for you. The site also features FAQs and expert advice so you can better assess your options.

- Look beyond premiums: While reviewing your options, look at the multiple factors that can affect your overall costs over the course of the year. While a lower premium might save you money upfront, these plans can have much higher copayments, which over time can add up.

- Check coverage: Plans change annually, so don't assume that because your medications were covered under a certain plan last year that they will be covered again this year. Before enrolling or re-enrolling, check that your current drugs will be covered. Likewise, check out each plan's pharmacy network and what is covered to ensure that it meets your needs. For example, you may find that right now, your top priority is the safety and convenience of home delivery of prescriptions drugs in order to reduce your chances of exposure to coronavirus.

- Get savvy: Free expert advice can help you navigate the selection process and make informed decisions about your healthcare. Be sure to look for trusted sources who can provide the information you need to pick the plan that will work best for you and your budget.

Take a closer look at your Medicare Part D choices. In these uncertain times, it is particularly important to be prepared to weather whatever comes your way.

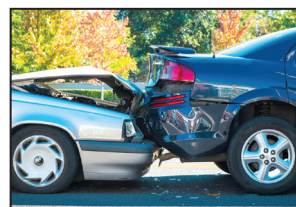
## 4 driving tips that can help save lives, lower your insurance rate

(BPT) - Bad driving habits aren't just obnoxious, they're also dangerous - motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death in the U.S., with more than 38,000 people having lost their lives and nearly 4.4 million injured in collisions in 2019, according to the National Safety Council.

"Many car collisions are entirely preventable," said Kevin Quinn, vice president of claims and customer experience at a leading insurance company. "The simple solution is for drivers to be responsible, obey traffic laws and stay focused on the road. Don't play with your phone while you're driving, don't speed and don't drink and drive. And if you practice these things regularly and keep your driving record free of accidents and traffic violations, it could lower auto insurance rates."

Quinn recommends the following four tips to stay safe behind the wheel.

1. Remove distractions. The majority of crashes are caused by distracted drivers. Driver distractions extend beyond texting - anything that takes your attention away from the road is a distraction. While you should



put your phone away when behind the wheel, some driving tech can actually help improve your driving habits, such as a usage-based insurance program that comes with a virtual coach to let you know how you can improve behind the wheel.

2. Maintain proper following distance. Following a car too closely reduces the time you have to react if the car you are following suddenly slows or stops. This can lead to a rear-end collision, which is the most common auto insurance claim, according to Quinn. Make sure you give yourself enough time and distance to react to the car in front of you. You should always maintain at least three seconds of space in between your vehicle and the car in front of you - and during bad weather conditions, five seconds of space is recommended.
3. Be aware of your speed. Speeding is one of the most common causes of

traffic-related deaths, so pay attention and stick to posted speed limits - they're there to keep you safe. Give yourself some extra time for your drive so there's no need to rush and be sure to exercise extra caution while driving in bad weather.

4. Pay attention to other drivers. Safe driving isn't just about your behavior, but also depends on those around you. Don't assume other drivers are being attentive - they may be distracted and not see the stop sign or traffic light ahead of them. Use caution when entering and exiting parking spots, turning, entering intersections and changing lanes on the freeway, especially if you're driving in heavy traffic or late at night when other drivers may let their focus wander.

"Drivers may also want to consider enrolling in a usage-based insurance program to help improve their driving skills," adds Quinn. "These apps and devices allow drivers to get a crystal-clear view of their behavior and see which areas need some improvement. Plus, auto insurance customers who enroll in these programs may even qualify for a discount."

## 5 questions about life insurance

(StatePoint) COVID-19 has significantly impacted our lives in many ways. It has even led some people to start reconsidering the importance of life insurance to protect loved ones who would be left behind should something happen.

"If you're researching life insurance for the first time, don't be surprised if you find it intimidating and confusing. Life insurance can be complex, and everyone's needs are different - there



is no one-size-fits-all," says Louis Colaizzo, senior vice president of a leading insurance company. "The best advice is to talk with your insurance agent who can walk you through how the various coverages work and help you determine the type and amount that's right for you and your family."

In the meantime, here are answers to five of the most common questions people have about life insurance:

1. Can you get life insurance during the pandemic? Most healthy people can still purchase coverage but there may be a different process, as insurance companies are making changes to provide quotes while maintaining social distancing. Others may offer insurance that doesn't require a medical exam. For example, some companies offer affordable life insurance in as little as a few minutes with a simple application and no physical exam.
2. Why is life insurance important? Maybe you just got married, had your first child, bought a house or are thinking about putting a child through college. Whatever major life change is happening, that's usually when people think about life insurance. Life insurance can

provide peace of mind and ensure your loved ones are able to handle not only final expenses, but also pay off debts, such as credit cards and even a mortgage.

3. How much does life insurance cost? The cost will vary based on the type and amount you purchase, but it is often much more affordable than many people think. Depending on the type of policy and amount of coverage, a policy can cost less than \$15 per month.
4. Is it taxable? Most of the time the death benefit from a life insurance policy is not taxable for beneficiaries, which is one of its advantages when it is part of an overall financial plan.

5. What's the difference between term and whole life insurance? Term provides coverage for a specific number of years and is generally the most affordable option. For example, some people may buy a term life insurance policy so it's in effect just long enough to pay off a mortgage or cover a child's college tuition costs, but later it is no longer needed. Whole life insurance is designed to last a lifetime and builds cash value.

"Now that you have some basic information under your belt, a next step is to have a deeper discussion with your insurance agent to find out whether you need life insurance and if so, what type and how much," says Colaizzo. "When it comes to life insurance, the only wrong choice is doing nothing at all."

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- This year's Oscar winner, Brad Pitt (for "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood"), has finally settled on his next acting gig. He'll be playing an assassin in "Bullet Train," based on the Japanese novel by Maria Beetle.



Brad Pitt

The gossip mill is saying that the 56-year-old, eternally youthful-looking star is dating 27-year-old model Nicole Poturalski. An unknown source supposedly close to Brad reveals, "Brad has absolutely no plans, nor any desire to get married again; Brad doesn't want a girlfriend he's with every day." We'd believe that, but what would we do with last month's rumors about him getting back together with Jennifer Aniston after their virtual table reading of "Fast Times at Ridgmont High"? \*\*\*

Have you been wondering where Madonna has been? She's been planning a film biography of herself. The "Evita" Golden Globe-winning

actress has teamed with the Oscar-winning screenwriter of "Juno," Diablo Cody, on a screenplay about the singing superstar's life that Madonna will direct herself. She confesses, "The focus of the film will always be music. Music has kept me going and art has kept me alive. There are so many untold and inspiring stories, and who better to tell them than me? It's essential to share the roller coaster ride of my life with my voice and vision." It'll be interesting to see how she sees herself! \*\*\*

In this era of superhero and IMAX epics, we are going to be treated to Oscar-winners Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Coleman in "The Father." Their screen time together will be magic. Hopkins, in the title role, essays a man suffering mental deterioration due to his old age. As Variety explains: "It places us in the mind of someone losing his mind -- and does so by revealing that mind to be a place of seemingly rational and coherent experience." The film debuted at Sundance earlier this year and will be released in most major markets on Christmas Day.

Chris Hemsworth has no plans to give up his hammer anytime soon. After four stints as "Thor," he admits, "Thor is far too young, he's only 1,500 years old. It's definitely not goodbye to the brand!"

If you haven't seen Henry Gouling (who became a star because of "Crazy Rich Asians") and Emilia Clarke (of "Game of Thrones") in "Last Christmas," it's worth downloading. There's an amazing twist that you will not see coming. Gouling is filming "Snake Eyes," a prequel to the "G.I. Joe" franchise, due in October 2021. Meanwhile, Clarke and former "Doctor Who" Matt Clark have been seen together around London and could be a romantic item. \*\*\*

First there was "Black-ish," then "Mixed-ish" and "Grown-ish" and now there will be a fourth ABC spinoff, "Old-ish." It stars Laurence Fishburne and Jennifer Lewis, reprising their roles as Earl "Pops" Johnson and Ruby Johnson as they give love a second chance. What's next? "Divorce-ish!"

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## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: What is Jim Caviezel doing these days? I really loved his portrayal of Jesus in Mel Gibson's movie years ago. -- O.S.



A: Jim Caviezel grew up in a Catholic family and likely caught the acting bug from his mom, as she was a theater actress. He first gained attention for his role in the war movie "The Thin Red Line." In 2004, he gained worldwide fame starring in "The Passion of the Christ."

Since the mid-2000s, he has done some smaller films, but is probably recognized more for his role on the hit TV show "Person of Interest." It ran for five years on CBS and also starred Michael Emerson ("Lost") and Amy Acker ("Angel"). The 52-year-old Caviezel's current project is the action film "Infidel," which premiered in theaters in September, and the upcoming "Sound of Freedom," which is noted to be in the post-production stage and also stars Mira Sorvino.

If you're keeping track of Gibson's career, he's set to

direct a remake of the Sam Peckinpah film "The Wild Bunch," about a group of bandits chased by bounty hunters.

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Q: Doesn't Seth Meyers, who used to do the news on "Saturday Night Live," have a twin brother who was on "Mad TV"? Is he still acting or is he doing something else these days? -- G.P.

A: Seth and his younger brother Josh may strongly resemble one another, but they're not twins. For a while they were on competing sketch comedy shows at the same time, Seth on NBC's "SNL" and Josh on Fox's "Mad TV." Seth now has his own talk show on NBC, "Late Night with Seth Meyers," while Josh is still writing and acting. He also pops up occasionally on "Late Night" doing celebrity impressions, including his hilarious Matthew McConaughey and California Gov. Gavin Newsome.

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Q: Who is actress Helen Mirren married to? I always thought it was a famous director, but my husband said it's Keanu Reeves. -- P.S.

A: British actress Helen Mirren has been married to

Hollywood director Taylor Hackford for more than two decades. His credits include the Oscar-nominated Ray Charles biopic "Ray," which starred Jamie Foxx, and the acclaimed "An Officer and a Gentleman," which starred Richard Gere and Debra Winger.

He met Mirren while directing her in the drama "White Nights," about a Russian ballet dancer. However, they took their time with their relationship and didn't marry until a decade later. In fact, Mirren has said in interviews that previously she had no intention of ever walking down the aisle, but then she "met the right turnip" in Hackford, and they've been together ever since.

As for Keanu Reeves, your husband might have gotten the idea because Reeves' silver-haired girlfriend, artist Alexandra Grant, resembles Mirren. He walked the red carpet with her last spring, and online message boards lit up with questions asking if Keanu was dating Mirren. Both of these beautiful, accomplished ladies probably took this as a compliment.

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## Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

From the top echelons of professional sports to the youth leagues playing at your local parks, we move heaven and earth for football. It's part of the American fabric of life. We celebrate the victories as our own, and commiserate together in defeat. This struggle, determination and drama have been memorialized on the big screen time and again. So to inspire or delight, I present eight football films for your Friday night lights and weekend tailgates.

"Rudy" -- Arguably the greatest football movie ever made, Sean Astin stars as the pint-sized kid whose grit and heart help him realize his dream of playing football for Notre Dame.

"Necessary Roughness" -- UT brings in a ragtag group of players -- including a quarterback in his mid-30s (Scott Bakula), a grad student (Sinbad) and a kicker from the women's soccer team (Kathy Ireland) -- when scan-

dal and an undermining dean leave the college's football program with no funding.

"All the Right Moves" -- Tom Cruise plays a high-school football phenom who plans to use a sports scholarship to escape life in a small Pennsylvania town.

"Leatherheads" -- A small town footballer (George Clooney) recruits Princeton's star player and war hero (John Krasinski) to save the future of the game in a sports comedy set in the 1920s.

"The Longest Yard" -- Take your pick from the 1974 Burt Reynolds' version or the 2005 remake with Adam Sandler. Former pro Paul Crewe's hijinks get him a prison stint with a fanatic warden. In an attempt to harness Crewe's talent to coach the guards, an exhibition game is set against a team of prisoners.

"The Waterboy" -- Adam Sandler is at peak funny as Bobby Boucher, a high-school dropout waterboy

whose rage is channeled by an underperforming team's coach (Henry Winkler) to hilarious and satisfying result.

"Invincible" -- Mark Wahlberg stars as Vince Papale, a nice guy who is down on his luck in life when legendary coach Dick Vermeil announces open tryouts for the Eagles -- and Vince unexpectedly secures a spot.

"The Blind Side" -- A soft-hearted but no-nonsense Tennessee woman opens her home and her heart to homeless youth, whose protective instincts lead him to success on the football field. Stars Sandra Bullock and based on a true, heartwarming story.

More football films: "Draft Day," "Any Given Sunday," "We Are Marshall," "Jerry Maguire," "Friday Night Lights," "Knut Rockney, All American," "Remember the Titans," "The Replacements," "Woodlawn," "Brian's Song."

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## • Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which city is known as "The Eternal City"?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is the name of the bee used in advertisements for Honey Nut Cheerios?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "ad meliora" mean?
4. MEASUREMENTS: How many inches are in a hand?
5. U.S. STATES: A resident of which state might be called a Buckeye?
6. MOVIES: Who were the three stars of the film "Three Amigos"?
7. GAMES: Which "ailment" was added to the Operation board game in 2004?
8. ASTRONOMY: Which two planets in our solar system lack natural moons?
9. MYTHOLOGY: What is a Valkyrie in Norse mythology?

10. TELEVISION: What was the name of the android on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?

Answers

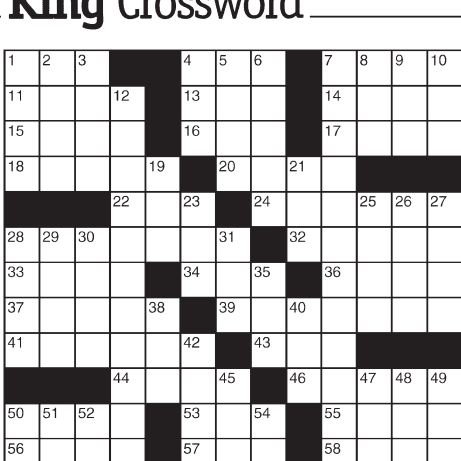
1. Rome
2. Buzz
3. Toward better things
4. Four
5. Ohio
6. Steve Martin, Martin Short and Chevy Chase
7. Brain Freeze
8. Mercury and Venus
9. A maiden who chooses who may die in battle, and which of the slain are worthy of a place in Valhalla
10. Data

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## King Crossword

ACROSS

1. Recede
4. Petrol
7. Potato
11. Settled down
13. Mischief-maker
14. Cautious
15. "Bye"
16. Neither partner
17. Rice or Tyler
18. Ledge
20. Dispatch
22. Mary -- cosmetics
24. Half a wet-weather pair
28. Game like pinochle
32. Hoosegow
33. Valhalla VIP
34. Dog's foot
36. Burrito cousin
37. Fifth-day Christmas gift
39. Paraphrase
41. Impressionist?
43. Feathery neckpiece
44. List-ending abbr.
46. It brings out the kid in you
50. Coffee
53. Run-down horse
55. Stead
56. Need for
- 41-Across



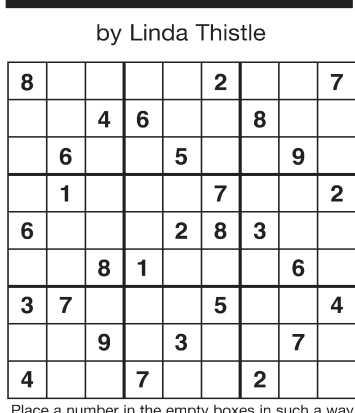
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1. Comestibles
2. Mediocre
3. Small snack
4. Martini ingredient
5. Out of control
6. Parsley serving
7. Brightly marked butterflies
8. Skillet
9. Samovar
10. Coloring agent
12. TV news pun-dits, often
19. Online info page
21. Once around the track
23. "Uh-huh"
25. Gumbo need
26. Membership
27. Advertise strongly
28. Drill
29. Fix a manuscript
30. Galvanizing stuff
31. Listener
35. "Charlotte's --"
38. Collection
40. Weep
42. Tall and slender
45. Kegler's pathway
47. Morning co-host Kelly
48. Rip
49. Quest
50. TV drama that spawned "NCIS"
51. Expert
52. Energy stuff
54. Pistol

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

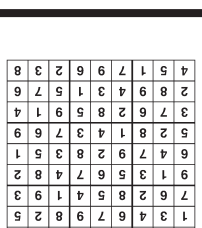


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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answers

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

\* Two journalists invented Trivial Pursuit in 45 minutes after being shocked at the price of a Scrabble set.

\* One person in 20 has an extra rib, and they are most often men.

\* Fearing that someone would murder him in the recreation yard at Alcatraz prison, gangster Al Capone received permission to spend rec time practicing his banjo in the shower room.

\* A Chinese millionaire sold canned air to people on the streets to raise awareness of air pollution. He donated the money to charity.

\* Female cats are mostly right-pawed, while male cats are more frequently left-pawed.

\* The universe has a color -- but it's not what you might think. Researchers at Johns Hopkins University took the average of light from over 200,000 galaxies and discovered that the universe is actually kind of beige. They dubbed the hue "cosmic latte."

\* A centuries-old Japanese tradition holds that if a sumo wrestler can make your baby cry, the baby will live a healthy life! During a special ceremony, parents hand their infants to wrestlers who not only bounce the babies up and down but sometimes even roar in their faces to start the waterworks. As one mom, Mae Shige, remarked of her son at a 2014 event: "He's not a baby that cries much, but today he cried a lot for us and we are very happy about it."

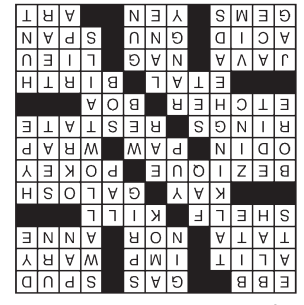
\* Daisies aren't just for picking or playing "He loves me, he loves me not." They're also an excellent source of vitamin C and have been said to slow bleeding, relieve indigestion, and soothe coughs.

\* There are eight times as many atoms in a teaspoonful of water as there are teaspoonfuls of water in the Atlantic Ocean.

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Thought for the Day: "The best revenge is to be unlike him who performed the injury." -- Marcus Aurelius

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# SPORTS

## MHS cross country teams heading down home stretch

■ BNC meet, regional ahead for harriers

Mendota's cross country teams went up against runners from Stillman Valley and Hall on Oct. 6 at the Lake Mendota course.

The Lady Trojans won the triangular with 33 points, followed by Stillman Valley (42) and Hall (45).

Alayna Nosalik was the first Mendota competitor to cross the finish line in third place overall with a time of 25:06. The remainder of the Lady Trojan runners occupied the sixth through ninth spots. They included Jamie Dooley (26:30), Bianka Valdez (27:06), Nataliya Durbin (28:17) and Val Valdez (28:40).

Yovanna Reyes of Hall was the overall winner in a time of 24:10.

Hall edged out the Mendota boys, 39-40. Stillman Valley did not field a full team.

The Trojans' Trent Stamberger finished in the third position with a time of 19:05. Alex Hermosillo (19:41) and Ty Connelly (19:45) were sixth and seventh, respectively, while Andrew Stamberger (11th, 20:01) and Billy Hall (13th, 23:41) also competed.

Ed Arteaga of Hall cap-

tured the first spot with a time of 18:24.

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Cross country teams from Mendota and East Dubuque joined Rock Falls at its home course of Centennial Park for a race on Oct. 12.

Jailey Heiar of East Dubuque won the girls' run in impressive fashion in a time of 18:19 on the three-mile course.

Mendota's top finish belonged to Dooley (10th place, 25:15). Other Mendota finishers were Bianka Valdez (26:05) and Val Valdez (27:59).

No team scores were tallied, as Rock Falls was the only team carrying five runners.

In the boys' race, Matthew Marcum of Rock Falls won in a time of 17:14.

Mendota's top finish belonged to Connelly (6th place, 18:14, 6th). Also racing for the Trojans were Andrew Stamberger (8th, 18:28), Hermosillo (10th, 18:48), Trent Stamberger (12th, 18:53), Dagen Setchell (15th, 19:42) and Billy Hall (23rd, 22:39).

Rock Falls won the boys' half of the meet with 30 points, followed by East Dubuque (39) and Mendota (51).

## Mendota golf season concludes at regional

STERLING—The Mendota Trojan golfers had their season come to a close in the Sterling Class 2A Regional on Oct. 6 at Emerald Hill Golf Course.

The Trojans finished sixth in the team standings with a score of 377. The top five spots went to

Ottawa (339), Princeton (347), Stillman Valley (347), Sterling (363) and Freeport (374). Placing behind Mendota were LaSalle-Peru (381), Rochelle (393), Dixon (397) and Rock Falls (489).

Drake Dennis turned in the low score for the

Trojans with a 91. Owen Aughenbaugh checked in next with a 92, followed by Braden McPheeters with a 96 and Jack Beetz with a 98. Mateo Escatel (102) and Liam McGann (125) completed the Mendota lineup.

The overall individual

champion was Jonathan Cooper of Ottawa with a round of 80. He is the son of Mark and Sally Cooper. Mark is a former star athlete at Mendota High School and a 1987 graduate of MHS. He currently teaches and coaches at Ottawa High School.

## Two Trojan golfers earn BNC all-conference honors for '20

MENDOTA — Two Mendota Trojan golfers were recognized with Big Northern Conference all-conference honors for the 2020 season.

Junior Ethan Hanaman was one of eight golfers selected to the BNC first team, while senior Jack Beetz was chosen to the honorable mention squad.

### FIRST TEAM

Maison Brandt, Byron; Andrew Graviano, Rockford Lutheran; Tim Marcum, Stillman Valley; Bryson Walz, Winnebago; Josh Beard, Rockford Christian; Ethan Hanaman, Mendota; Eric Detig, Byron; Griffin Smits, Stillman Valley

### SECOND TEAM

Steve Kitzman, Dixon;

Owen Dynsith, Stillman Valley; Andrew Heinisch, Rockford Christian; Colin Ebree, Rockford Christian; Trevor Pierce, Genoa-Kingston; Logan Remhoff, Byron; Jarret Dietrich, Oregon; Zeke Harezlak, Rockford Lutheran

### HONORABLE MENTION

Brogan Griffith, Byron; Grant Jacobs, Dixon; Landon Ritchie, Genoa-Kingston; Jack Beetz, Mendota; Jack Lipinsky, North Boone; Isaac Kaltenbrun, Oregon; Evan Mandrell, Rock Falls; Danny Lynch, Rockford Christian; Logan Pieschel, Rockford Lutheran; Chad Gerig, Stillman Valley; Jackson Lindquist, Winnebago

## Fall Trout season opens October 17th in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The 2020 Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season opens Saturday, Oct. 17 at more than 50 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

The Illinois catchable trout program is funded by those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps and the Illinois Fish Management Fund.

No trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites until the fall trout season opens Oct. 17. Anyone attempting to take (harvest) trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

All anglers — including those who intend to release fish caught before Oct. 17 — must have a valid fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp, unless they are under the age of 16, blind or

disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five (5) trout.

Among the locations that will be open for Fall Trout Fishing Season are:

- Bureau County: Hennepin Canal Parkway
- Kendall County: Big Lake at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area
- LaSalle County: Illinois and Michigan Canal, Lock 14, La Salle-Peru
- Ogle County: Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park
- Whiteside County: Centennial Park Pond, Rock Falls

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## Embracing freedom over fear

Fear is an enemy that torments the soul and seeks to steal our life. Conquering it is not something that we do in one day; it's something we conquer one day at a time with God's help.

Fear can show up unexpectedly. One of our goals should be to recognize it so we can deal with it right away.

I remember a time when I was waking up at about 2 or 3 in the morning and then having difficulty going back to sleep. After two nights of that, I found myself going to bed with a vague sort of fear that it would happen again, and it did until God reminded me that I could pray and resist Satan, the source of all fear. According to God's Word, the sleep of the righteous should be sweet (Proverbs 3:24). So I prayed immediately and went back to sleep and have not had any problems since then.

Being free from fear doesn't mean that we will never experience fear or be confronted

by it. It means that we are committed to not allowing it to rule our lives, and when necessary we will do what we need to do, even if we have to "do it afraid."

Each time you feel fear and decide to do it afraid, you will experience a new freedom and become more determined to end your days of slavery to fear. That doesn't mean you won't still need to confront your fears, but it does mean that you will be more and more resolved to keep confronting them.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV) says, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." This scripture is very clear that even though we have been completely liberated from a yoke of bondage, we will need at times to "stand firm," and not allow ourselves to be entrapped by it again.

Satan is very shrewd and he doesn't give

up easily. I guess we can say that he never completely gives up the hope of drawing us back into bondage. We must live watchfully, ready to recognize and immediately confront the things that steal our liberty in Christ.

The Bible says that the righteous man falls seven times and gets up again (Proverbs 24:16). I love that scripture and I'm greatly encouraged by it. Even the most righteous person fails to do everything he knows to do all the time, but he is committed to not giving up. So when you have a weak moment, that doesn't mean you have lost your victory.

But if we give up, even God can't help us because we receive His help through faith, not through hopelessness. We need to stay positive, hopeful and filled with faith, and when we do, we can overcome anything with God's help. I often say that anyone can succeed if they refuse to give up!



Some fears are more deeply rooted in us than other ones are, and we need to be more aggressive against them. Mine is the fear of making people angry. My father was always angry, and I never really knew if I had done something to make him that way or not. I would like to be able to say that after all of these years of teaching others, I no longer have to deal with this fear, but that's not the case. However, the good news is, now I recognize it and deal with it, so I still have the victory.

Being able to recognize the lies, deceptions and strategies of the devil is so important. We should always be ready to resist him at the onset of his attacks. Because the longer we let a fear remain, the more difficult it is to get rid of it. So make a decision to be a person of action, and remember that in Christ, you

have what it takes to win!

The Word of God says that we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us (Romans 8:37). God has given us everything we will ever need to overcome our fears through Christ... every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)... and His power and authority to overcome the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19). We have what it takes, but we must be active and never give up.

I want to encourage you to be patient with yourself. Possessing the full freedom that is yours in Christ is a journey. And it's important to enjoy your progress instead of merely looking at how far you have to go. Today is a new day, and every day you can be one step closer to conquering your fears!

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Required level of assessment (35 ILCS 200/9-145): 33.33%  
Valuation based on sales from (35 ILCS 200/1-155): 2017, 2018 & 2019  
Publication is hereby made for equalized assessed valuations for real property in this township in accordance with 35 ILCS 200/12-10.

Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/10-115, the farmland assessments for the 2020 assessment year will increase by 10% of the preceding year's median cropped soil productivity index as certified by the Illinois Department of Revenue with data provided by the Farmland Assessment Technology Advisory Board resulting in a \$32.01 per acre increase for each soil productivity index.

As required by 35 ILCS 200/9-210 and 35 ILCS 200/10-115, the following equalization factors have been applied to bring the assessments to the statutorily required three-year median level of 33.33%:

	Farm Land (DOR Certified)	Farm/ Non-Farm Lots Residential Improve & Farm Dwellings	Commercial	Industrial
TOWNSHIP				
MENDOTA TOWNSHIP	1.1000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
MERIDEN TOWNSHIP	1.1000	1.0398	1.0000	1.0000
OPHIR TOWNSHIP	1.1000	1.0821	1.0000	1.0000
TROY GROVE TOWNSHIP	1.1000	1.0316	1.0000	1.0000

Questions about these valuations should be directed to:

MENDOTA TOWNSHIP - Pat Rich, PO Box 465, Mendota, IL 61342, 815-539-3201

Office hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. 9:00AM to 12:00PM & 1:30PM to 3:00PM

MERIDEN TOWNSHIP - Deb Lane CIAO-I, PO Box 54, Troy Grove, IL 61372, 815-343-2127

Office hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. 9:00AM to 1:00PM

OPHIR TOWNSHIP- Deb Lane CIAO-I, PO Box 54, Troy Grove, IL 61372, 815-343-2127

Office hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. 9:00AM to 1:00PM

TROY GROVE TOWNSHIP- Deb Lane CIAO-I, PO Box 54, Troy Grove, IL 61372, 815-343-2127

Office hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. 9:00AM -1:00PM

Property in each Township, other than farmland and coal, is to be assessed at a 33.33% median level of assessment, based on the fair cash value of the property. You may check the accuracy of your assessment by dividing your assessment by the median level of assessment. The resulting value should equal the estimated fair cash value of your property. If the resulting value is greater than the estimated fair cash value of your property, you may be over-assessed. If the resulting value is less than the fair cash value of your property, you may be under-assessed. You may appeal your assessment to the Board of Review.

If you believe your property's fair cash value is incorrect or that the equalized assessed valuation is not uniform with other comparable properties in the same neighborhood, the following steps should be taken:

1. Contact your township assessor's office to review the assessment.
2. If not satisfied with the assessor review, taxpayers may file a complaint with the LaSalle County Board of Review. For complaint forms, instructions, and the Rules and Procedures of the Board of Review, call 815-434-8231 or visit [lasallecounty.org](http://lasallecounty.org) for more information.
3. The final filing deadline for your township is 30 days from this publication date. After this date, the Board of Review will no longer accept 2020 complaints for this township but will accept 2021 complaints payable the 2022 tax year. For more information on complaint deadlines, call 815-434-8231 or visit [lasallecounty.org](http://lasallecounty.org).

**Your property may be eligible for homestead exemptions, which can reduce your property's taxable assessment. For more information on homestead exemptions, call 815-617-4200 or visit [lasallecounty.org](http://lasallecounty.org).**

Your property tax bill will be calculated as follows:

Final Equalized Assessed Value - Exemptions = Taxable Assessment

Taxable Assessment x Current Tax Rate = Total Tax Bill.

All equalized assessed valuations are subject to further equalization and revision by the LaSalle County Board of Review as well as equalization by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

A complete list of assessments for the aforementioned townships for the current assessment year is as follows:

#### Township: MENDOTA TOWNSHIP

Owner Name	Parcel Number	Total Value
ABEL, STEPHEN E / KIMBERLY H	01-28-312-024	26537
ADNEY, JOYCE ETAL	01-28-430-006	32375
AGUILAR, ANTONIO & MARIA	01-33-219-007	35791
ALBERS, DONNA A ETAL	01-12-401-000	40939
ALDENHOFF, CRAIG / KARI	01-33-410-005	35606
ALI, SHABAN / LUTFIJE	01-31-322-000	52151
ALTHAUS, JUDITH K	01-28-411-008	23584
ALTHAUS, KEITH S	01-33-213-007	36801
ALTHAUS, LESLIE A TTEE	01-30-201-000	88022
ALTHAUS, RICHARD/LESLIE	01-33-220-013	26470
AMBLER, JAMES L /		
ELIZABETH J TTEE	01-23-105-000	74042
ANDERSON, DEBORAH M	01-34-416-000	37789
ANDERSON, ERIC G/LAUREN S	01-28-202-004	78652
ANDERSON, SUE MASEAR	01-34-417-000	55358
ANDREWS, JAMES-LYNN	01-33-223-015	30857
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY	01-25-206-000	7310070
ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND COMPANY	01-25-409-000	1896669
ARJES, WILLIAM/TERRY	01-28-408-002	14449
ARTEAGA, CANDELARIO P / SILVIA	01-17-206-000	32533
ARTEAGA, DAVID N	01-28-425-012	28038
ARTEAGA, EDGAR	01-33-418-021	26281
ARTEAGA, JOSE DEJESUS-ANA B	01-33-232-004	64947
ARTEAGA, JUAN/MARIA	01-33-207-004	38152
ARTEAGA, MANUEL/ IRMA E	01-28-107-010	38736
ARTEAGA, MIGUEL / MARIA ELENA	01-28-321-001	40075
ARTEAGA, OSWALDO / MARIA V	01-33-219-014	16661
ARTEAGA, RIGOBERTO / MARIA D	01-28-312-026	34142
ARTEAGA, RODOLFO	01-33-209-007	23971
ARTEAGA, RODOLFO / MARIA	01-21-117-004	51292
ARTEAGA, RUTILIO / CARITINA	01-28-416-020	32069
ARTEAGA, SALVADOR	01-28-304-004	33739
ARTEAGA, VICTOR/ LUZ	01-28-216-000	40116
ARTEAGA, VICTORIA	01-33-208-009	30541
ARTEAGE, MAXIMILIANO / PEREZ, LETICIA	01-32-402-015	44920
AUGHENBAUGH, JOSEPH / MARTHA	01-21-119-005	44575
AUGHENBAUGH, LISA A	01-28-321-010	58396
AVILA, BENJAMIN	01-33-424-015	20711
BACHOCHIN, JENNIFER	01-33-232-009	32315
BAKER, DIANE L	01-33-417-025	34998
BARKER, LARRY D	01-33-233-001	25960
BARKMAN, BRETT J	01-28-304-001	43673
BARNICKEL, EARL WALTER	01-28-402-002	25358
BARRERA, GARY / BETH	01-28-307-005	56263
BAUER, JAMI	01-33-209-006	35831
BAUERNHOF STK, LLC	01-27-200-000	97996
BAUMANN, CHARLES/BETTY	01-33-225-006	19493
BECK OIL COMPANY OF ILLINOIS	01-25-300-001	693201
BECKER, JANET M.	01-21-117-009	44326
BECKER, PATRICK / KELLY	01-28-317-018	49849
BECKET, BRIAN G - KIMBERLY M	01-28-306-016	44693

BECKET, GERALD E/ LORRAINE E ETAL	01-33-215-004	35086
BEETZ, BARRY D/JAMIE	01-09-405-000	72608
BEETZ, JEREMY J/LYNDSEY N	01-08-303-000	71555
BEETZ, JESSE R	01-08-403-000	45122
BEETZ, JOHN/JOE/DAVID ETAL	01-09-402-000	79190
BEETZ, JOSEPH A/CYNTHIA S	01-09-403-000	173106
BEETZ, JOSHUA N / SHANNON L	01-17-106-000	36728
BEETZ, RACHEL	01-13-102-000	20841
BEETZ, SHARON A	01-10-103-000	88740
BEETZ, ZACHARY J/MICHELLE L	01-08-104-000	58473
BELL, SHELLY	01-28-316-002	24035
BEND, JACQUELINE	01-28-406-017	44257
BENTLEY, JAMIE	01-33-431-007	29233
BERGER, CHUCK D	01-06-405-000	27871
BERRY, LINDA	01-28-432-022	19621
BIETNER, JEFFREY-SHEILA	01-33-232-023	29193
BIERS, WILLIAM / YVONNE	01-25-410-000	28530
BIERWIRTH, PAUL/ KATHY	01-33-216-007	18370
BIESER, DENNIS D / DEBORAH A	01-29-203-007	61061
BIRKEY, RANDY	01-33-214-002	16860
BLACK BROS	01-33-315-017	196579
BOELK, JUSTIN D	01-32-310-000	71200
BOND, MARCUS J / REBECCA	01-14-304-000	34498
BOOTH, LARRY-WANDA	01-21-117-007	41417
BORELLI, DONALD J	01-33-430-023	28105
BORELLI, GARY / RITA	01-33-438-007	17890
BOSKA, JOAN	01-33-221-002	30687
BOTELLO, JESSE C/GRACIELA	01-33-228-003	27867
BOWNE, JOHN M / SHERYL L	01-29-409-008	46636
BROCKWELL, ROBERT R	01-34-300-012	35734
BROMENSCHENKEL, BRIANNA J	01-33-303-002	25466
BROUHLE, PAUL J	01-25-107-000	51530
BROWDER, MARY L	01-33-215-009	16309
BROWN, JOHN C/KENDRA	01-28-440-002	40173
BRUMLEY, LINDA	01-33-216-009	21946
BRUNNER, GENE / MARY ANN	01-28-322-003	31047
BRUNOEHLER, RONALD E-KATH	01-12-407-000	48993
BUCHANAN, CHARLES/ANNE	01-21-200-001	54796
BUCHANAN, HERBERT-SUSAN	01-21-114-000	349288
BUETTNER, LINDA R	01-28-317-015	50455
BUGARIN, ELISEO/VITALIA	01-29-206-000	40831
BULAND, ERIC	01-28-116-000	20147
BURKART, BRIAN	01-28-426-010	20234
BURKE, THOS J-CATHY K	01-29-109-000	23210
BURLINGAME, SHERRY J	01-28-312-030	22079
BUTLER, A WM III-CHRISTINE	01-28-301-010	47607
BYRNE, PAUL-SHEILA	01-32-202-004	39006
CALAMACO, ADRIANA	01-33-216-006	22623
CARR, ANDREW W	01-28-312-033	28364
CARR, SCOTT R / MICHELLE L	01-32-202-010	23743
CASSIDY, PATRICK R	01-33-214-008	33661
CASTANEDA, JUAN A/ MARIA	01-33-216-002	30268
CASTANEDA, REFUGIO/ FELICITAS	01-33-225-001	17203
CASITIGLIA, MICHAEL A/ JUANITA	01-29-402-009	56599
CAUSA, DONALD/LORETTA	01-29-405-023	64220
CERVENY, MICHAEL S/ MARGARET M	01-34-300-004	50223
CHAON, DUANE C/PATRICIA A	01-15-307-000	71233
CHAON, PATRICIA A	01-22-105-000	85663
CHART, SARAH	01-34-300-006	47608
CHAVEZ, RICHARD D / LINDSEY N	01-33-234-019	19084
CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRST CO	01-02-108-000	59529
CITY OF MENDOTA	01-33-128-015	180
CLARK, MARCY N / WARD, CYRIL D	01-33-226-005	24172
CLEARY, DONALD/KENT, LANNETTE	01-28-407-028	45036
COLLINGS, THORA E	01-33-427-019	23372
COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY	01-33-110-001	8190
CONKEY, HARRY D III/BROOKE FOX	01-32-131-000	113847
CONTRERAS, ALEX	01-33-225-003	23160
CORREA, EFRAIN / SOFIA	01-33-220-001	31943
CORREA, EFRAIN / SOFIA J	01-34-100-025	49065
CORREA, ENEDINA	01-33-216-008	25105
CORREA, FORTUNATO-BRTH	01-33-338-004	28247
CORTEZ, JOHN - ARTEAGA, MARIA	01-28-411-002	31894
COSTELLO, CAROLINE M	01-08-301-000	97532
COSTELLO, CAROLINE M	01-16-100-000	62716
COSTELLO, CAROLINE M	01-18-200-000	93509
COTTON, DALE L TTEE	01-28-303-003	56859
COTTON, DALE L TTEE	01-28-201-003	63353
COTTON, DALE L TTEE	01-33-232-010	21425
COTTON, DALE L TTEE	01-32-401-028	77183
COUNTRY MEADOWS APTS	01-32-443-000	99731

CROSS, JOHN M / CATHERINE L	01-33-100-005	40810
CROTTY, NICHOLAS J /		
GARCIA, LARISSA A	01-28-311-025	23321
CROWLEY, BRIAN	01-28-302-008	55538
CUNEFARE, TROY A	01-28-301-002	54827
DAUM, MEARLE L	01-33-210-004	12347
DAVIS, LARRY G JR	01-33-402-020	23101
DAVIS, PATRICIA R TTEE	01-32-226-017	104142
DE LAO, SALVADOR / ENEDINA	01-28-312-031	34714
DEAN, JOHN-PAMELA	01-28-207-000	38713
DEL MONTE FOODS INC	01-27-407-000	111908
DELAO, JOSE J / MARIBEL	01-28-422-014	48888
DELAO, JOSE L / LINDSEY M	01-32-201-007	63937
DELAO, LINDA	01-33-208-005	14996
DELAO, LUIS M	01-20-403-000	73198
DELAPAZ, ADAM / HABERBUSH, TIFFANY	01-33-208-006	17527
DELHOTAL, CARRIE/JAMES	01-16-403-000	40349
DEWAELE, DONALD P/ LINDA L	01-28-425-009	33373
DIAZ, DIMAS	01-03-302-000	47752
DIAZ, JASMINE / BERTHA	01-33-215-005	22560
DIAZ, MIGUEL/ MARIA	01-33-414-013	17933
DILBECK, MICHAEL E /		
KEELING, PEGGY L	01-33-228-007	22776
DONAHUE, GERALD/ELLEN	01-33-214-001	29965
DONOVAN, WARD	01-33-229-009	28742
DOUGHTY, JEFFREY M / SHERRY R	01-28-212-000	67485
DOWNS, BARBARA J	01-33-207-002	17034
DUFOR, GARY M/ BETTY A	01-33-208-012	19737
DUTTLINGER, SHEILA K / GARY J	01-33-222-008	15234
EAST SIDE BANK AND TRUST #4288	01-34-102-005	56437
EAVES, GARRY/ DEANNA	01-33-209-011	45433
EBENS, JAMES/BRYAN, BARBARA	01-33-403-024	34152
EDDY, AARON C / LANA J	01-28-302-004	56139
EDDY, KIRSTEN J	01-28-317-025	45516
EICH, TERRY L	01-33-223-024	36402
ELLER, CHRISTOPHER N	01-29-301-013	63164
ELSTON, AARON T / HEATHER L	01-33-228-012	23102
ENGEL, ALAN / MICHELE	01-21-119-002	51360
ESCATTEL, ANDREW ETAL	01-08-202-000	41879
ESCATTEL, ARTURO / FATIMA	01-32-402-003	36052
ESCATTEL, AVEL / YOANA MARIA	01-28-227-000	77382
ESCATTEL, FRANCISCO-ELSA	01-33-228-006	32658
ESCATTEL, ISIDRO	01-28-427-005	18384
ESCATTEL, JOSE P	01-33-208-011	15160
ESCATTEL, PATRICIO / PATRICA	01-28-230-000	73538
ESCATTEL, RODOLFO	01-29-204-010	31313
ESPINOZA, MARIA H / EVERARDO	01-33-229-002	41176
ESPINOZA, MARIO/ ENRIQUETTA	01-33-233-004	23311
ESPOSITO, STEPHEN A	01-11-402-000	23079
EVANS, SPENCER O	01-28-405-018	35703
FANCHER, WILLIAM J	01-33-228-010	24472
FARLEY, DENNIS	01-34-100-005	33985
FIGUEROA, JUAN A / MARIA	01-28-420-001	40348
FIRST STATE BANK OF		
MENDOTA AS TTEE	01-25-303-000	83210
FISCHER, CAROL J TRUST	01-33-221-001	31083
FISCHER, RAYMOND G/		
CLARE M TRUST	01-21-117-003	36771
FISHER, BRIAN L / JO ELLEN	01-28-228-000	71609
FITZGERALD, MARK	01-28-426-018	31056
FITZGERALD, PATRICIA C /		
HARDY, JENNIFER	01-33-221-006	32396
FLAHIVE, ROGER / MARY LOU	01-28-301-009	51833
FLANAGAN, DANIEL J-B L	01-33-225-008	28313
FLEMING, MARK	01-28-426-013	28009
FOSTER, RICHARD A / SANDRA S	01-33-214-009	17034
FOUNTAIN, GEORGE A	01-28-425-008	26222
FOUTS, FRANK R	01-33-222-005	25264
FOUTS, FRANK R	01-33-435-009	16447
FOUTS, FRANK R	01-33-305-019	23994
FRAZER, TERA R	01-33-228-011	22436
FREY, DOUGLAS/KAROLE	01-06-105-000	56181
FRICK, MARGARET A TTEE	01-14-103-000	58183
FRITZ, JAMES-ALICE	01-28-436-004	29003
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FRIZOL, MELODY	01-33-225-004	22562
FULL, RONALD/EVELYN	01-15-206-000	82720
FULTZ, RODNEY A	01-10-304-000	48098
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GABRYS, DONALD R TTEE	01-06-302-000	144370
GAMBLER, RICHARD/JOYCE	01-33-213-004	19282
GAMBREL, CHRISTOPHER /		
STEPHANIE	01-34-102-006	27109
GAMBREL, JERRY L-LYNN	01-33-208-003	15683
GANN, ARTHUR F/SANDRA M	01-33-219-011	28690
GANZ, CRAIG-CONNIE	01-16-304-000	42152
GARCIA, ANDREA	01-33-226-003	18815
GARCIA, MARIA	01-33-210-008	21416
GARCIA, QUETZAL A / DIAZ, ERICA	01-28-226-000	43711
GARD, BRIAN / VAUGHNCELL	01-33-233-023	36156
GARZA, OMAR JR	01-28-425-003	12879
GIBERSON, FRANK E	01-33-424-018	49275
GILMORE, SCOTT/MARIANNE	01-04-209-000	323090
GLEIM, ERIC THOMAS /		
CASSY LYNN	01-20-203-000	49713
GODAWA FAMILY		
REVOCABLE TRUST	01-28-233-000	48537
GODINA, ALTAGRACIA J	01-33-216-011	25479
GOMEZ, JOSE	01-28-426-009	27806
GONZALEZ, DEMETRIO	01-16-205-000	32861
GONZALEZ, ELIZABETH	01-28-417-005	29246
GORDON, CHARLES ETAL	01-33-229-007	20745
GOSLIN, HERBERT A TTEE	01-17-403-000	33811
GOY, ANTHONY L	01-33-226-010	18604
GOY, DONALD/KAREN	01-28-202-003	71724
GRAMS, SCOTT	01-33-221-009	44448
GROTHEN, HENRY C	01-33-105-006	35886
GUILFOYLE, WM P-MARY K	01-17-202-000	39246
GULICK, DAVID/ MARGARET	01-28-423-017	16601
HABERBUSH, TERRY/REBECCA	01-33-226-001	24179
HAGEMANN, ROBERT F	01-33-203-025	35126
HAHN, FRANCIS-DELORES	01-33-235-008	33848
HAINES, MICHAEL J	01-21-203-000	69084
HALVERSON, KENNETH H /		
MARLENE E	01-33-220-002	21612
HANCOCK, JENNIFER	01-33-213-003	27873
HANSEN, JOHN JR / ETZBACH,		
STEPHANIE	01-32-227-006	66372
HANSON, VIRGINIA	01-28-400-009	34270
HARTH, PHIL	01-28-316-005	27273
HARTLEY, LARRY/BARBARA	01-28-429-005	49364
HARTLEY, SHANNON M	01-28-435-012	20079
HAUN, KENNETH L	01-28-419-019	25387
HAWBAKER, KEVIN C/ BECKI L	01-33-215-001	25251
HEGLAND, GARY	01-02-212-000	34763
HEITING, SAMUEL J	01-28-421-011	23605
HENKEL, RONALD / LINDA	01-32-401-025	54807
HENRY, ERICA	01-33-226-011	26138
HENRY, PAUL-SHARON	01-28-311-024	42437
HENSLEY, DANNY	01-33-418-001	21580
HERMOSILLO, GUMARO /		
MELENDEZ, M	01-33-417-006	30854
HERMOSILLO, MARGARITA /		



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HIGHT, DAVID/KIMBERLY	01-33-235-002	21501	NEW LENOX STATE BANK	01-36-300-000	136695		01-29-403-003	55333
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HOCHSTATTER, JEFFREY/ NANCY	01-28-406-010	47893	NOVAK, SCOTT	01-02-208-000	55960	STERLING, TAMMY E	01-28-407-025	20515
HOCHSTATTER, SUSAN M	01-33-214-007	25055	NULL, VIRGIL	01-33-209-009	25696	STEVENSON, RICHARD/ THOMPSON	T01-33-235-003	27818
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HOLLAND, TODD-NANCY	01-32-201-012	67059	O'NEIL, DANIEL A	01-28-417-002	25114	STEWART, JOHN C	01-33-208-008	21018
HOLTZ, CHAS-DONNETTA	01-17-203-000	55940	OBRIEN, CLINT M	01-32-228-013	56758	STEWART, MAY P	01-33-415-004	14527
HOLZNER, TERESA E	01-33-425-019	40798	OHLENDORF, ANTHONY / MOLLY	01-32-401-012	33486	STIELOW, MCHL F-CYNTHIA	01-23-103-000	37813
HOMETOWN NATIONAL BANK			OLCZAK, JUSTIN	01-33-229-003	28403	STIELOW, SHAWN/ANGELA	01-15-310-000	53115
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ESTATE OF )  
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Bierwirth, )  
Deceased )  
Case No. 2020-P-179

### CLAIM NOTICE

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Case No. 2020-P-184

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IN THE MATTER OF )  
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Case No.: 20 P 193

### CLAIMS NOTICE

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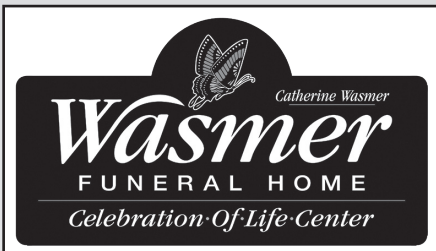
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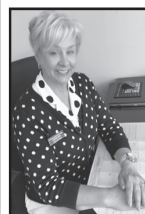
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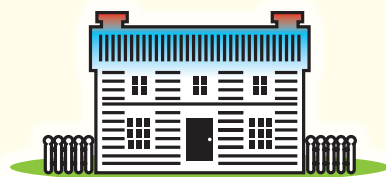
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BUILDING LOT - BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SUBDIVISION .....	\$19,900
AMBOY - 3 BDRM - 1 BATH - REHABBER.....	\$29,900
<b>NEW LISTING</b> - MENDOTA - MOBILE HOME - 3 BDRM - 2 BATH .....	\$30,000
BUILDING LOT - BRYANT WOODS SUBD. PRINCETON <b>REDUCED</b>	\$33,000
MENDOTA - 3-4 BDRM - MAIN FLOOR LAUNDRY .....	\$67,900
<b>NEW LISTING</b> - MENDOTA - CUTE 3 BEDROOM -	
MANY UPDATES - 2 CAR GARAGE .....	\$97,500
MENDOTA.....3 BDR, 1.5 BA, HUGE BACKYARD <b>SOLD</b> .....	\$124,900
MENDOTA - 4BD, 2BA, LARGE LOT <b>REDUCED</b> .....	\$128,000
<b>NEW LISTING</b> - MENDOTA - RANCH - 3 BEDROOM - 2 BATH - FULL	
BASEMENT .....	\$144,500
BRICK RANCH, COUNTRY, APPROXIMATELY 1.5 ACRES,	
MANY UPDATES .....	\$159,000
RANCH - 3 BDRM - 2 BATH - FENCED YARD <b>PENDING</b> .....	\$189,500
PRISTINE RANCH, LAKE AREA, 3 BDRM., 3 BATH - MUST SEE	
<b>PENDING</b> .....	\$200,000
MENDOTA - COUNTRY - 4 BDRM - 2.5 BATHS - POOL .....	\$289,900



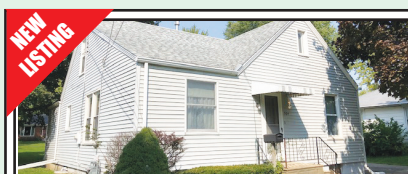
**Mendota** Affordable living in a nice mobile home 3 BDR, 2BA, kitchen with pantry & island, come take a look!!



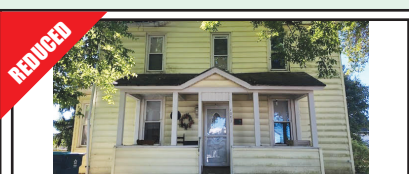
**Open floor plan** with 3 BDR's AND a 2 car garage!!! You will want to see this one!!



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**NEW LISTING**  
GREAT LOCATION! GREAT STARTER HOME! PERFECT FOR A FAMILY! THIS ONE HAS A EXTRA LARGE KITCHEN WITH NEWER OAK CABINETS, OPTION FOR FIRST FLOOR LAUNDRY. FEATURING SOME HARDWOOD FLOORS, VINYL SIDING, A GARDEN SHED AND NEW VINYL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS. THIS PROPERTY SITS ON .25 ACRE LOT WITH A CEMENT DRIVE WAY, SIDEWALKS AND PAVED STREET. HOME HAS NEWER ROOF, NEW FURNACE AND CENTRAL AIR SYSTEM. THE BIG ITEMS ARE DONE! DON'T WAIT, THIS PROPERTY WON'T LAST LONG! MLS#10893175



**REDUCED**  
Looking for a Great Family Home with many updates, then this is the one! Maintenance Free Exterior with a nice size lot. Large Living Room to Entertain and eat in Kitchen table space with Breakfast Bar. Enjoy the Kitchen with lots of cabinets, appliances STAY! Off the Kitchen you will enjoy a first floor Laundry Area and a built in Pantry closet. Enjoy the 2 Car garage. Home has 1.5 Bathrooms and 3 bedrooms. A MUST SEE! MLS#10847192



**REDUCED**  
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**REDUCED**  
BANK OWNED! GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO OWN A VICTORIAN HOME FOR A GREAT PRICE! LOCATION! LOCATION! THIS Beautiful large 2 story home, features include original staircase, hardwood flooring, large master suite, family room, breakfast room, dining room, sun porch, deck, and 2 car garage! Master bathroom updated and has a laundry area! Property being sold AS IS MLS#10824085



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**NEW LISTING**  
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.



**REDUCED**  
MLS # 10847509 \$239,000 525 Tally St. Earlville. Very nice, very large 4-5 bedroom brick front ranch. Home sits on 1.25 acres in Earlville. Extra large room on the back with separate entrance. Family room with a wood burning fireplace. Master suite with cathedral ceilings. Master features a huge garden tub. Finished basement and an attached 2 car garage. New roof and gutters in 2016. You need to see this.



**1206 4th St., Mendota \$119,000.00.** 2 bedroom brick ranch with bonus room for office or den. Full basement with divide rooms for office or workshop. 1 car attached garage. Alley access. Call for a showing.



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.

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**206 S. Popular St., Sublette \$133,900**  
• 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath,  
2 Story Home in Sublette  
• Natural Woodwork Throughout  
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**164 W Penkins Rd., Sublette \$183,000**  
• Country Living With Small Pond  
• 4 Bed, 3 Bath Ranch Style  
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