

Schlesingers receive top FFA honors

□ State FFA Degree, Blue & Gold Award among the honors bestowed on Mendota family

MENDOTA—The Illinois FFA Degree is the highest honor that the Illinois Association FFA can bestow upon its members and is one of four degrees that an FFA member can earn during their high school career. This year, Mendota FFA Chapter Vice President Alison Schlesinger earned her State FFA Degree, which was presented during the 92nd Illinois FFA State Convention. The convention was held virtually this year throughout June and July due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Schlesinger is the daughter of Tod and Chris Schlesinger of Mendota. She maintained records on her meat chickens, her work as a groundskeeper at the Mendota Golf Course and her management of the Mendota FFA Greenhouse. She also received the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award, sponsored by Monsanto Company. This award is bestowed on one senior each year based on their excellence in academics, leadership and agricultural work experience.

Tod and Chris Schlesinger also earned their Honorary Chapter FFA Degree from the Mendota FFA Chapter. In addition, the entire Schlesinger family was recognized with the Blue & Gold Award, which is presented annually to a family "...for their work with and support of agri-



Officers of the Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters met recently with the Schlesinger family to commemorate their honors. Left to right, are Cory Biers, treasurer; Tod Schlesinger; Chris Schlesinger; Alison Schlesinger; Megan Faber, vice president; and Brian Atherton, president. (Photo contributed)

cultural education and the Mendota FFA Chapter." Both of Tod and Chris's daughters were active participants in the chapter and earned their State FFA Degrees. Tod's unique woodworking projects have been a major highlight of the Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters Draw Down Auction the last several years. Their support has been greatly appreciated.

Students are able to earn their Greenhand and Chapter FFA Degrees at the local level by completing agricultural coursework,

establishing and maintaining a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project, actively participating in FFA activities, and participating in community service. The State FFA Degree is the third step on the way to earning the prestigious American FFA Degree, which is awarded by the National FFA Organization to qualified high school graduates every October during the National FFA Convention & Expo.

The members and officers of the Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters recognize the hard work that goes into

earning this degree and have committed funds to provide each student earning their state degree with a \$500 grant.

The Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month from November to April. Membership is open to anyone who would like to support agricultural education and the FFA. To learn more about agricultural education, the Mendota FFA Chapter or the Mendota FFA Alumni & Supporters, please contact Matthew Meyer at Mendota High School.

More than 2 million mail-in ballots are requested in Illinois

□ All requests must be received by Oct. 29

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—More than 2 million Illinois voters have requested vote-by-mail ballots and more than 26,000 such ballots have already been returned, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

That means about a quarter of the state's registered voters had requested vote-by-mail ballots as of Sept. 30.

ISBE reported that 2,077,594 ballots were requested, with 26,872 returned and 55,751 persons having voted early.

The number continues to grow as public health guidance advises against congregating in indoor places due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19. Earlier this year, state lawmakers passed a law requiring election authorities to send applications for vote-by-mail ballots to registered voters who voted in recent elections.

Applications must be sent back to the election authority to receive a mail-in ballot. Many of the applications have already been distributed to voters, and vote-by-mail and early voting periods began several weeks ago.

Once the ballot is received, it must be sent back to the election authority to be counted. While the new law for the 2020 election allows an election authority to install drop boxes for the return of ballots, a spokesperson said only 54 of the state's 108 election jurisdictions have such a drop box.

Those who have requested mail ballots but

change their minds and would like to vote in-person instead have avenues to do so, according to ISBE spokesperson Matt Dietrich, who said there are safeguards in place to ensure no double voting occurs.

A voter who received a mail ballot but wishes to cast a ballot in person must surrender the ballot at an early voting location or polling place on Election Day and will be given a regular ballot.

A voter who does not surrender the ballot must cast a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are not counted until all the mail ballots have been processed and it is assured that the voter's ballot is not among them.

According to Dietrich, if someone has requested but not yet received their mail ballot and wants to vote in-person, the voter can sign an affidavit at the polling place or early voting location attesting that they have not received a mail ballot. The voter will then be given a regular ballot.

"This happens most frequently with voters who request their mail ballot very late in the process and don't receive it as of Election Day, though a

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Governor Pritzker issues state Halloween guidance

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The state announced Halloween COVID-19 guidance encouraging social distancing while trick-or-treating, and the governor took questions in a virtual news conference last week.

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.



Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said households should consider leaving individually wrapped candy on a table in driveways or in front of walkways to allow for social distancing. "For anyone wearing a

costume—whether a child or an adult—a costume mask is not a substitute for face covering," Ezike said. "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."

Indoor haunted houses are not allowed, per Phase 4 state guidance, and IDPH suggested open-air alternatives such as one-way haunted forests or haunted walks

where social distancing can be maintained.

At pumpkin patches, face coverings should be worn and hands sanitized before handling pumpkins. On hayrides, parties should be spaced six feet apart and they should not exceed 50 percent capacity.

Also per Phase 4 guidelines, gatherings of more than 50 people or 50 percent or more of a building's maximum occupancy are prohibited, including for Halloween parties.

Illinois Valley PADS opens shelters for the season

By Reporter staff

PERU — Illinois Valley PADS (IV PADS) has started season 29 in its care of the local homeless in LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam counties. The PADS shelters in Peru and Ottawa opened their doors on Aug. 15 with extended hours. PADS shelters are normally open from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. daily, but during the COVID outbreak, the shelters are remaining open 24 hours.

Six weeks into its 29th season, Peru PADS reported being quite busy with 32 clients already being helped. In Ottawa, one month after opening, staff had already served 42 individuals, six of which were children, and they reported housing between 20 and 25

people at the shelter each night.

IV PADS was founded by Sister Margaret Suerth in 1991. She began the organization's



compassionate journey to help the homeless by placing mattress pads on the floors of local churches and volunteers served food donated by local hospitals. Each night the pads were packed up and moved to new locations.

From those humble beginnings, IV PADS

With an expansion project completed last year in Peru, that shelter now accommodates up to 66 individuals and the Ottawa shelter can house up to 51.

now operates two shelters where homeless individuals who are at least 18 years of age, as well as families, are offered a secure place to stay each night along with three meals a day, laundry and shower facilities and various other services.

PADS' comprehensive programs include individualized case management with goal-setting and a plan of action; onsite classes in job skills, computer skills, bud-

geting and parenting; a support group and Bible study; occasional transportation to appointments (not daily); and assistance with various needs such as applying for other social services, assistance with prescriptions, and referrals to medical and mental health professionals.

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• AMERICANISM ESSAY WINNERS •



M. Atherton



N. Hagenbuch



E. Diaz

The Mendota Elks have announced their 2019/2020 Americanism Essay winners. This year's Americanism Essay topic was, "What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me." Three Holy Cross School students took top honors: Maren Atherton 1st, Nolan Hagenbuch 2nd and Emily Diaz 3rd. The three Mendota students were then honored with the same placement within the Elks Great Northwest District. (Photos contributed)

Online Contact Tracer class available through Kishwaukee College this fall

MALTA - Kishwaukee College Workforce and Community Education will offer an online Contact Tracer class Nov. 1-14.

Contact tracers are skilled, public health professionals who provide information regarding isolation/quarantine, testing and public health resources. They work with individuals who have been diagnosed or exposed to highly communicable diseases. The cost of the program is \$50.

Contact tracers are trained to communicate respectfully and empathetically. In addition, they are trained to adhere to strict confidentiality and ethical standards as well as how to use technology to collect the required information. Participants will have the opportunity to practice their communication skills during the class.

Individuals who have been trained as contact tracers are in high demand in both the public and private sector, especially those who are bilingual. The average rate of pay is \$20 an hour.

For more information on community education and short-term training at Kish or to register, visit kish.edu/ce or contact Melissa Gallagher, coordinator of short-term training and continuing education, at mgallagher1@kish.edu or (815) 825-9466.

L.E.A.S.E. preschool screenings Oct. 13

MENDOTA - L.E.A.S.E. will hold preschool screenings for Mendota District 289 on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St., Mendota. The screenings are for children who were 3 to 5 years old by Sept. 1 and who are not currently enrolled in kindergarten. L.E.A.S.E. will screen key developmental areas such as motor development, speech, language, vision, hearing and general readiness.

Due to Covid-19 only one parent may bring the child. Parents and children must wear masks.

All children must be screened to be eligible for the Preschool for All Program. If a child is currently enrolled

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Beekeepers to meet in LaSalle

LASALLE - The Illinois Valley Beekeepers Association will hold their next meeting on Friday, Oct. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LaSalle Knights of Columbus, 209 Gooding St., LaSalle. Please note the different location of this month's meeting.

The October meeting will include the board election. Other topics to be discussed will be helpful to have your bees survive the winter. Masks will be required and social distancing restrictions followed.

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

Festival 56 theater for young audiences will continue in 2021

PRINCETON - Festival 56 in Princeton has received a grant from the Arts of Starved Rock Country Fund in support of "Polkadots," a theater for young audiences production that was originally planned for the Festival's 2020 summer season. The grant provides financial support for securing the rights to produce the play.

Since this year's season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Festival looks forward to bringing "Polkadots" to children and adults early next summer when the Festival kicks off its 2021 season.

Inspired by the events of The Little Rock 9, "Polkadots" serves as a history lesson for children, reminding them that individual differences make us awesome, not outcasts. As the first Polkadot in her school, Lily feels hopeless about being accepted until she meets Sky, a shy boy whose curiosity about her blooms into an unexpected

pal-ship.

Since 2018, Festival 56 has included a theater for young audiences component in its season ("A Year with Frog" and "Toad, Pinkalicious: The Musical"). Festival 56 board president Ron McCutchan explained, "Exposure to theater at a young age increases empathy - helping children to imagine the lives of others. It creates a stronger link to literature and reading. Both our previous shows were based on children's books. And it makes theater and the arts relevant to their lives - in other words, Festival 56 is literally growing our audience. And hopefully, their parents might also purchase tickets later in the season for a night out!"

The Illinois Arts Council Agency and the National Endowment for the Arts also provide support for Festival 56 to continue offering theater for young audiences in north-central Illinois.



Rose Blume portrays Pinkalicious in last year's theater for young audiences Festival 56 production. (Photo contributed)



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Muzzleloaders group to hold open house weekend events

FRANKLIN GROVE - The public is invited to the Chaplin Creek Muzzleloaders' open house on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17-18 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Chaplin Creek Village in Franklin Grove. The event will include a period camp to visit and observe how our ancestors survived and see the implements they used. The Blacksmith shop will be open with demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday. Masks must be worn at the event.

The sixth annual "Pumpkin Shoot" will take place on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. Pumpkins are grown at the range, harvested and then lined up to see who can make a "face" on the pumpkin. The public is welcome to come and observe the marksmanship. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place for the best face shot into the pumpkins.

The event will also include a silent auction on various primitive paraphernalia and a 50/50 cash raffle. Among the items to be auctioned will be period muzzleloading accouterments and other muzzleloading era items. Bids may be submitted by e-mail to mrahk@comcast.net. The 50/50 drawing and the silent auction will be held after the pumpkin shoot, around 1 p.m. on Oct. 18.

The Chaplin Creek Muzzleloaders are a group of local antique and historic gun collectors that call their home Chaplin Creek Village in Franklin Grove. As a charter member of the The National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, the Chaplin Creek Muzzle Loaders exist to "promote, support, nurture, and preserve our nation's rich historical heritage in the sport of muzzleloading through recreational, educational, historical, and cultural venues such as match competition, gun making and safety, historical re-enactments, exhibits, museums, libraries, and other related programs." Live shooting and meeting dates occur throughout the warm months of the year. The group is located in the historical Chaplin Creek Village, 1715 Whitney Road, Franklin Grove.

For information about the Chaplin Creek Muzzleloaders, including membership, please e-mail mrahk@comcast.net. For more information, call (630) 664-6757.

Mendota Elks announce September Teens of the Month

MENDOTA - The Mendota Elks have announced their September Teens of the Month, Grace May and Jackson Lind.

Grace, a senior at Princeton High School, is the daughter of Joan and Michael May. She is currently 10th in her class, has been on the honor roll all four years and a member of the National Honor Society her junior and senior years.

She has been class treasurer all four years and was selected to be a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program. She attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership conference on a scholarship, and after the conference was selected to be an Alumni Ambassador. For the past two years, she has attended State Senator Chuck Weaver's Youth Advisory Council.

Grace has participated in basketball all four years and was in volleyball freshman through junior years. She also participated in softball as a freshman, track as a sophomore and tennis as a senior. As a junior, she was All-Conference Academics for basketball and volleyball, and as a sophomore, earned the Sportsmanship Award for both basketball and volleyball.

She has been in school plays since junior year and school musicals since sophomore year. As a senior, she was in the school's Thespian troupe and was awarded Best Supporting Actor for her school's production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

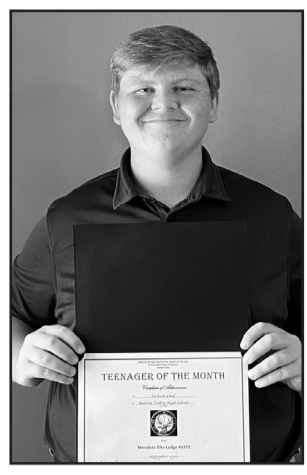
Grace has been in Chorus all four years. As a junior, she was in Mixed Chorus, Swing Choir and Girls Chorus and was selected to be a part of the Illinois All-State Choir. She has also been a member of Spanish Club since freshman year, FFA since junior year and has been involved with the Freshman Orientation Mentoring Program the past two years. She volunteers at youth basketball camps during the summer and helps at the Performing Arts Center box office in Princeton.

She enjoys learning and playing guitar, learning about government and being politically active, listening to podcasts and Ted Talks and watching movies. She has also begun to try her hand at embroidering. She is employed as a cashier at Ace Hardware in Princeton.

Jackson Lind, a senior at Bureau Valley High School, is the son of David and Candy Lind. He is ranked 1st in his class and has been on the



G. May



J. Lind

honor roll all four years. He has also been in the National Honor Society his junior and senior years.

Jackson was vice-president of his class as a sophomore, as a junior was Student Council treasurer and has been a member of Student Council since freshman year. He has participated in school plays and musicals since sophomore year. He helped build, paint and design the sets and props and was the head of the technical equipment. He has also been in Drama Club since sophomore year.

He participated in band, marching band, concert band and pep band freshman year and was in the Three Rivers Athletic Conference Musical

Festival.

Jackson has participated in baseball and golf since freshman year, played basketball as a freshman and as a senior, was captain of the golf team.

Jackson has been in FCA since freshman year, was on the Scholastic Bowl Team sophomore year and has been in Spanish Club and Renaissance Club since sophomore year. While in Spanish Club, he was secretary as a sophomore and vice-president as a junior. He also helped as a math tutor sophomore year and was in the Peer Mentor Mentee Program junior year.

Jackson helps at church by running the sound board

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DAR to meet Oct. 10 at Lock 16, LaSalle

LA SALLE - The October meeting of National Society Daughters of American Revolution will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Lock 16, 754 First St., LaSalle.

Lunch will be available via menu after the meeting. Any woman 18 years of age or older with an ancestor who served in the American Revolution is eligible for membership.

Lineage assistance is available upon request.

Guest speaker Kathleen Hughes, District II Director of NSDAR, will speak on the topic "Combat Boots to High Heels." Guests are welcome. Social distancing and masks will be required.

For more information, please contact Linda Sigmon Byrd at (815) 538-4166.

CARL'S QUIZ

Never pick up a pumpkin from the stem. True or false?

The answer to last week's quiz is: Babies born in the fall (September through December) are more likely to excel in school, according to a UK Department of Education report.

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

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in the Mendota District Preschool for All Program, he/she does not need to be screened again. Applications for Mendota District 289 Preschool for All will be available at the screenings.

To schedule an appointment, call the L.E.A.S.E. office at (815) 433-6433.

Mendota Weather

Oct. 7, 2020

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Sunny
High: 73 Low: 44

Thursday
Sunny
High: 68 Low: 47

Friday
Sunny
High: 74 Low: 53

Saturday
Sunny
High: 76 Low: 54

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 73 Low: 52

Monday
Partly Cloudy
High: 71 Low: 48

Tuesday
Few Showers
High: 78 Low: 57

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 73°, humidity of 41%. West northwest wind 7 to 14 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 88° set in 1963. Expect clear skies Wednesday night, overnight low of 44°. East wind 3 to 7 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 23° set in 2000. Thursday, skies will be sunny, high of 68°, humidity of 48%.

Regional Cities

City	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	73/45	s	68/47	s
Champaign	78/46	s	70/46	s
Chicago	72/50	s	66/51	s
Freeport	70/41	s	67/46	s
Joliet	74/46	s	69/48	s
Moline	74/46	s	71/51	s
Peoria	77/48	s	71/51	s
Rockford	72/43	s	67/48	s
Springfield	79/49	s	73/50	s

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	65	48	69/45	0.13"
Tuesday	60	44	69/45	0.00"
Wednesday	66	46	68/44	0.00"
Thursday	60	45	68/44	0.00"
Friday	58	40	68/44	0.00"
Saturday	55	45	67/43	0.03"
Sunday	56	38	67/43	0.00"

Rainfall 0.16"
Normal rainfall 0.55"
Departure -0.39"

Average temp 51.9°
Average normal 56.0°
Departure -4.1°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	6:27 p.m.	9:49 p.m.	12:26 p.m.
Thursday	7:01 a.m.	6:25 p.m.	10:35 p.m.	1:24 p.m.
Friday	7:02 a.m.	6:23 p.m.	11:30 p.m.	2:19 p.m.
Saturday	7:03 a.m.	6:22 p.m.	Prev Day	3:08 p.m.
Sunday	7:04 a.m.	6:20 p.m.	12:32 a.m.	3:51 p.m.
Monday	7:05 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	1:41 a.m.	4:29 p.m.
Tuesday	7:06 a.m.	6:17 p.m.	2:54 a.m.	5:03 p.m.

Last 10/9 First 10/23
New 10/16 Full 10/31

Local UV Index

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

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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 79 in East St. Louis, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 88 in Port St. Lucie, Fla. The central United States will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 90 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 88 in Grants Pass, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 103 in Brawley, Calif.

Weather Trivia

How many miles is the sun from the Earth?

Answer: 93 million miles.

Weather History

Oct. 7, 1989 - Morning thunderstorms in central Texas drenched San Antonio with 3.1 inches of rain in six hours, causing local flooding in northeastern sections of the city. Temperatures dipped below the freezing mark from the northern Rockies to the Upper Mississippi Valley.

Oct. 8, 1982 - An unusually early snowstorm hit the northern Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota. The storm produced up to 54 inches of snow and winds as high as 70 mph. Rapid City, 20 miles away, received just a trace of snow.

Four Seasons Gardening offers free webinars

OTTAWA - The University of Illinois Extension's Four Seasons Gardening Program, which focuses on environmental stewardship, home gardening, and backyard food production, will hold the next in its fall series of webinars on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

The public is invited to participate in this free webinar series.

The October program is titled "Creating a Bottle

Terrarium." This session will explore the enclosed world of bottle terrariums, which are self-contained plant environments within glass. Join Horticulture Educator Bruce Black as he discusses terrariums, their needs, and how to create a bottle version of a terrarium.

The final topic in the fall series will be "History of Forest Pest Outbreaks in North America" and is

scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Webinars are available for viewing from wherever individuals have internet access by pre-registering at go.illinois.edu/fourseasons. Recorded videos of these sessions can be viewed following the program at go.illinois.edu/fourseasonsrecordings.

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Joan E. Norton

EARLVILLE - Joan E. Norton, 87, of Sugar Grove passed away Sept. 26, 2020 at home in Sugar Grove.

Visitation was held from 9-11 a.m. on Oct. 3 at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Earlville with a Rosary at 10:30 a.m. and two musical selections offered in tribute by her grandchildren. The Funeral Mass began at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jean Tayoro officiating followed by burial at St. Theresa Catholic Cemetery in Earlville. Protective masks were required in the church building and seating for Mass was limited to maintain safe distancing. Hanley-Turner-Eighner Funeral Home, Earlville handled the arrangements.

Joan was born Nov. 10, 1932 in Utica to Thomas and Elizabeth (Donahue) Harmon. She married John E. "Jack" Norton on June 20, 1953 in Earlville at St. Theresa Catholic Church, where she was an active parishioner since childhood. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include one brother, Thomas Harmon of Clearlake, Calif.; six children, Thomas (Susan) Norton of Carol Stream, Julia Norton of Mesa, Ariz., Mary Beth Norton of Milwaukee, Wis., Jane (Febronio) Norton of Chicago, Margaret (Duane) Norton-Rosko of Sugar Grove and Joseph (Nikole) Norton of Chicago; 18 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Mary; two sisters, Donna Schrecengost and Marilyn Payne; and one brother, Robert Harmon.

Joan grew up and spent most of her life in Earlville. As a member of Earlville High School's graduating class of 1950, she was a straight-A student in every year of school. However, college was not within her family's reach, so she continued as a member of the local workforce. Beginning at age 13 as a pinsetter at Earlville's bowling alley, she worked the rest of her life until retirement, including both part- and full-time work as she raised her family. Among her employers were the Earlville Leader Newspaper, where she began dating future husband Jack, Babcock Insurance Agency, R & H Supermarket, One Stop Foods (later Red Fox Supermarket), and she retired from Pioneer State Bank (aka National Bank of Earlville). Her life revolved around her faith, her marriage, her children, her extended family and her work, and later in life, her grandchildren, traveling the Midwest to support them in their academic, musical and athletic endeavors. She especially loved the trips she took around the U.S. with her children and grandchildren and as the guest of her brother, Bob on trips to New York, Ireland and Rome. Known by all as an exceptionally kind, giving and loving person, she will be missed dearly by her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a gift in her memory to the Earlville Library District, the Earlville Community Historical Society, Earlville High School, or to the Alzheimer's Association. For more information or to sign the online guest book, please go to www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com.



Kenneth E. Craddock

STEWART - Kenneth E. Craddock, 82, of Stewart passed away peacefully Oct. 1, 2020 at Heritage Health Hospice Home in Mendota.

Due to the coronavirus, there was a private funeral service on Oct. 6 at Restland Cemetery in Mendota with Pastor Ken Foster officiating.

Kenneth was born Oct. 20, 1937 in Mendota to Earl and Erma (Mittan) Craddock. He married Lonnie Grover on June 28, 1975 in Big Rock. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Leroy (Sheila) Craddock of Oak Harbor, Wash. and Dante Craddock of California; a sister-in-law, Marilyn Grover of DeKalb; a niece, Chantel (Jim) Jones of Peoria; a nephew, Carson (Vicky) Craddock of Mount Prospect; and several more nieces, nephews, cousins, and grandchildren. He was a proud grandpa to "his boys," grandsons Gabriel, Alexander, Lukas and Henry Johnston.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his father- and mother-in-law, Ike and Elizabeth (Morris) Grover; one brother, Dennis; and a sister-in-law, Anita.

Kenneth was a 1955 graduate of Paw Paw High School. Right after graduation he worked as a packer at General Electric in DeKalb for a couple of years. He farmed together with his brother for over 40 years near Paw Paw, retiring in 2003. During that time, he also maintained the gravel roads in his township. He loved to drive and he took any opportunity to be behind a tractor - helping to fill a pothole after a heavy rainstorm, plowing neighbors' driveways free after a snowfall, or helping his daughter-in-law pull her car out of the ditch. He enjoyed collecting die-cast tractors, trucks and pretty much anything that had a John Deere emblem on it. He was a regular at the local coffee spot in the mornings and loved to be around friends and meet new people. He never missed a school musical, winter concert or other school event, especially when his grandchildren were involved in them. He was also an enthusiastic gardener, finding joy in tending to his vegetable plants and sharing them amongst family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw. Please visit www.TormanFuneralHome.com to sign the online guest book.



Gigi L. Greer

EARLVILLE - Gigi L. Greer, 58, of Earlville, passed away unexpectedly Oct. 2, 2020 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Masks are required. Cremation rites will be accorded afterward and private burial will be at a later date.

Gigi was born July 15, 1962 in Sandwich to Frederick and Lois (Ziegler) Hund.

Survivors include her mother, Lois Hund of Kaneville; two sons, Cornelius "C.J." (Kelsey) Greer of Mendota and Nelson (Jenny) Greer of North Aurora; one sister, Cindy Moffitt of Kaneville; one brother, Chad Hund of Kaneville; two grandchildren, Zaden Greer and Brenley Greer; and the father of her children, James Greer of Earlville.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Gigi was an amazing mother and grandmother whose only hobby in life was making her family happy. She loved nothing more than spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be missed every day. We love you GoGo.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



Richard A. Erickson

LYNNWOOD, Wash. - Richard "Dick" A. Erickson, 86, of Lynnwood, Wash., formerly of Mendota, passed away Sept. 28, 2020 at home surrounded by his family.

A graveside family service will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 30 in Lynnwood. A memorial service will be planned for a later date at Alderwood Manor Community Church in Lynnwood. Purdy and Walters at Floral Hills Funeral Home of Lynnwood is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Dick was born March 26, 1934 in Chicago to George S. and Birdia K. (Lysland) Erickson. He married June L. Greener in LaSalle on Aug. 6, 1955 and they celebrated 65 years of marriage in August.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Lynn (Glenn) Holly of Parker, Colo., Pamela Erickson of Parker, Colo. and Andrea Langkow of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; one sister, Virginia (Dwain) Dial of Davenport, Fla.; three brothers, Keith (Gene) Erickson of Port Byron, Joel (Marian) Erickson of Moline and Dean (Marcia) Erickson of Aledo, Texas; and one granddaughter, Hope Langkow of Birmingham, Ala.

Dick was the oldest of five children. He first started to play trombone at age 8, learning from his dad who also played. He continued playing trombone in school bands through high school and in brass ensembles. He began school in Chicago and as a child, moved with his family to Ottawa, where he finished his schooling and graduated from Ottawa High School in 1952. Before his retirement, he owned and operated Erickson Signs, where he did custom sign painting and pin striping. He applied his craft primarily in the automotive industry and striped many vintage cars, boats and motorcycles. He and June spent many winters enjoying the sunny weather of south Texas where he enjoyed playing his trombone in a community band. He also enjoyed painting as a hobby and created many pieces that are treasured by family members. He continued using his artistic talents on two overseas mission trips to Haiti and again in Peru, South America, where he painted signs for local mission groups.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Gideon's International, <https://www.gideons.org/donate>.

John W. Deaner

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

Private graveside services will be held at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

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

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

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Lynn and Clayton.

John was a 1960 graduate of Mendota High School. He studied photography and landscaping. His hobbies were fishing and gardening, especially plants and vegetables. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Elks

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during morning church services and helps lead the junior high youth group at his church.

He helps supervise the children's yard games at Fall Fest in Walnut and helps set up the "Music on Main" concerts in Walnut. He has helped the elderly clean up their yards after big storms, has led cookouts to fundraise for the high school golf team and helped host Vacation Bible School at his church and on a mission trip to Romania.

He helped lead an afterschool program and the annual Christmas fun day for youth, helped run technical equipment for multiple drama productions for elementary school shows and assisted in supervising children at the annual "Jingle All the Way" Christmas Youth Day to allow parents to go shopping while watching their kids.

Jackson enjoys playing cards and board games with his family and grandparents. He enjoys golf, mini golf and swimming with his friends kayaking and attending Youth Group at his church.

Seasons

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the COVID-19 pandemic, all local county offices are currently unable to offer viewing options at those locations.

Each session is free to the

public. Advance registration is needed.

Call the LaSalle County office for more details at (815) 433-0707 or e-mail Extension Program Coordinator Meg Overocker at meo@illinois.edu.

MASS schedules outreach assistance

EARLVILLE - Beverly Dunfrund, outreach specialist for Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS), will be at the Earlville Library District in Earlville from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

In the morning, Dunfrund will be at the Adams Township Building in Leland from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Face masks are required at both locations.

Dunfrund will assist any persons over

the age of 60, as well as individuals under 60 who have a disability, in obtaining access to services available in this area, applying for programs or simply answering their questions.

Feel free to drop in any time during those hours. No appointments are necessary.

Anyone with further questions should contact the MASS office at (815) 539-9673, (815) 539-7700, or toll free 1-800-535-5970.

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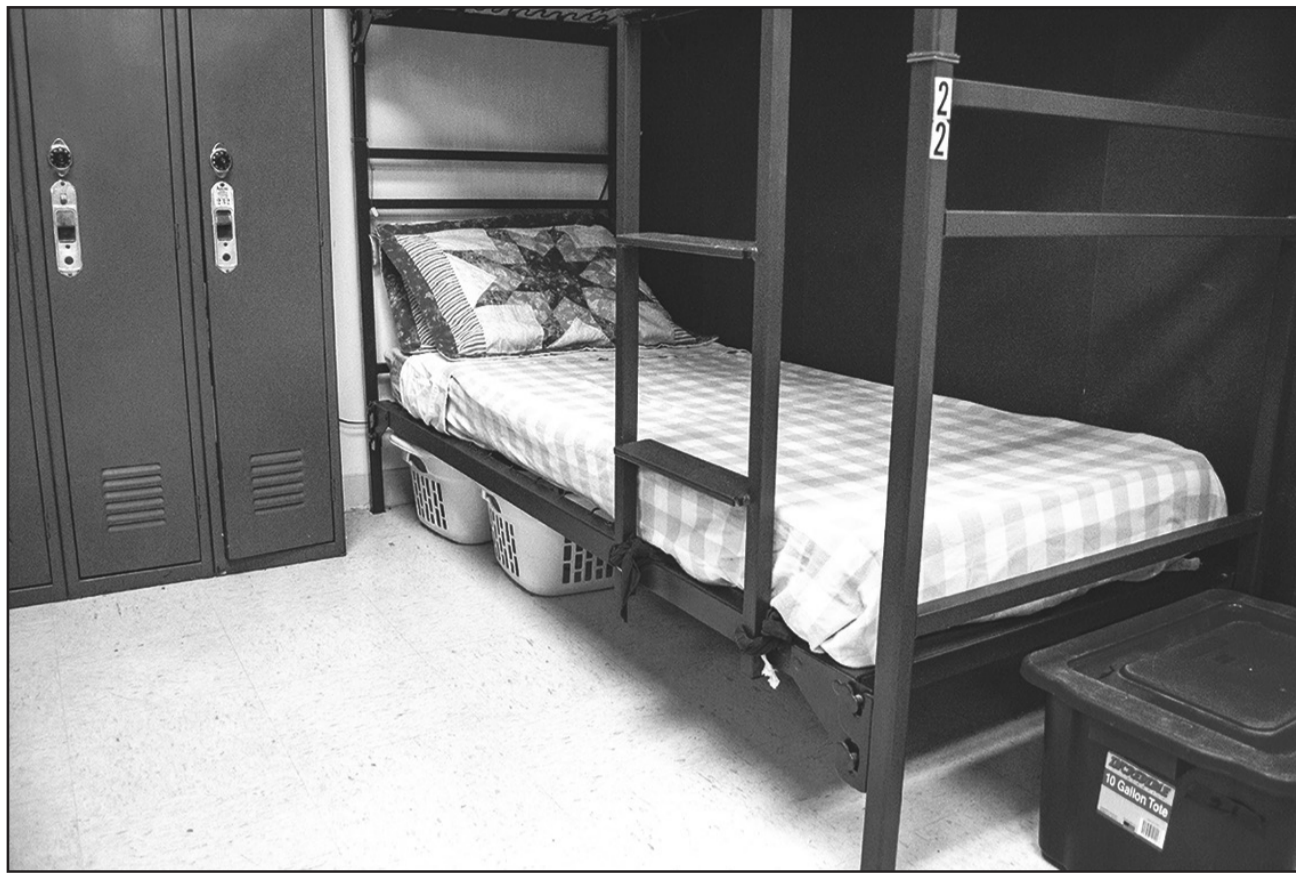
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Statistically, from Aug. 15, 2019 through July 31, 2020, PADS reported serving 349 individuals, of which 84 were children. They served 34,136 meals and assisted 60 individuals in finding new jobs. A homeless person slept in a PADS bed 14,035 times during the past season.

Additional services such as classes, life skills and case management were also provided to clients during the past season. Reflections classes were attended 388 times, transportation to medical or legal appointments was provided 470 times, staff worked on life skills to help clients achieve self-sufficiency 9,347 times, 2,121 clothing items were provided, 1,667 household items (furniture, small appliances, towels and other essentials) were provided as clients moved to new homes, and 104 new homes were found.

Other helpful assistance given to clients included 83 prescriptions filled, four eyeglasses provided, 14 government issued cell phones, 30 birth certificates obtained and 16 Social Security cards.

PADS also works closely with many other local organizations by making referrals. These included 305 housing referrals, 30 for mental health, 20 for substance abuse and 102 for health and dental.



Each client at the PADS shelter is provided a bunk, locker, storage tote and laundry basket. (Photo contributed)

Facilities

With an expansion project completed last year in Peru, that shelter now accommodates up to 66 individuals and the Ottawa shelter can house up to 51. Both locations have a dormitory style facility with separate areas for men and women within the building. They also offer family rooms so family units may remain together while at the shelter. Children must remain under

the care of a parent/guardian; child care services are not provided.

Lily Pads Resale

For 15 years, Lily Pads Resale Boutique of Peru has provided significant financial support to shelter operations, along with furnishings and household items for clients moving out of homelessness. Lily Pads Too in Ottawa was added to meet the increased growth and needs of the

homeless population. All proceeds from the resale shops benefit the shelters including some donations being given directly to homeless clients.

The Lily Pads donation center in Peru has now resumed full-time hours, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (same as the store hours). Donations of gently used household items, decor, shoes, jewelry, clothing etc.

may be brought to the donation center any time during those hours. A list of accepted and non-accepted items is posted at <http://ivpads.com/lily-pads-donations/>

For information about volunteering or donating to IV PADS, please visit its website at www.ivpads.com. The Peru shelter is located at 1320 Menards Drive, Peru; phone (815) 224-3047.

Music jams returning to Triumph on October 10th

TRIUMPH – The new season of bluegrass, gospel and country music will begin on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Ophir Community Building in downtown Triumph. The music will play from 6-10 p.m. These jams will hopefully continue on the second Saturday of each month through May 2021.

There are several new restrictions for the music jams this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Admission will be limited to 50 persons. Masks will be required to be worn at all times. Social distancing will be required for all seating. There will be no concessions. No food or drinks will be provided and none are to be brought into the building. These rules must be strictly adhered to or the jams will not continue.

Donations will be accepted as always



for the enjoyment of an evening of good music and fellowship. They are used for maintenance of the building. Several changes have been made and more are planned with these donations.

The sound system will be provided by Tom Gerber. For more information, call Jay Allen at 815-488-9154.

Ballot

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voter can do this anytime as long as they haven't received the ballot," he said.

Voters using this method are instructed to discard the mail ballot if it arrives, but if they do sign and return it for voting, they're committing vote fraud and are subject to Class 3 felony charges, Dietrich said.

Gov. JB Pritzker was asked at a virtual news conference if he had any concerns about rhetoric from President Donald Trump in the recent presidential debate in which Trump continued to raise questions about the validity of a November election that has already smashed mail-in voting records in many states.

Pritzker said he would feel "confident in the system we have" if he were voting anywhere in the state, noting that the new law has made the process "safer and easier."

"We've had vote-by-mail in Illinois for some number of years," he said. "And so there's, I think, a reasonable high confidence level of people who have done it have done so successfully. We have not had situations of voter fraud in Illinois caused by vote by mail."

All mail-in ballot requests must be received by Oct. 29 ahead of the Nov. 3 election, but officials recommend submitting requests earlier to ensure a ballot is received by Election Day.

Returned ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3 and received by the local election office by Nov. 17 in order to be counted.

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Application period open for \$5 million in grants for Illinois livestock farmers

By **RAYMON TRONCOSO**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Agriculture announced that \$5 million in business recovery grants is available for the state's livestock industry.

Livestock producers and small meat and poultry plants impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic are eligible to receive the grants, and the application period is open through Oct. 31.

The funding is a part of the state's coronavirus relief initiative, the Business Interruption Grants program, which uses federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act money in targeted disbursements for Illinois industries.

Livestock-involved firms can access the funds through three IDOA programs.

First is the Swine Depopulation Program, which covers up to \$10,000 in expenses for depopulating and disposing of livestock in response to coronavirus disruptions to the market on or after April 15.

The second is the Agriculture Business Interruption Program, which covers monetary losses and expenses up to \$10,000 for livestock producers who were forced to hold livestock or livestock-related products due to COVID-19 between April 15 and May 15.

The third is the Meat and Poultry Capacity Program, which covers operating and facility improvement costs associated with COVID-19 shutdowns or mitigating capacity reductions for businesses with 60 or fewer employees, up to \$25,000.

Online applications for grants are available at apps.agr.illinois.gov/AGR-CARES/. Questions about the programs or the application can be emailed to agr.grants@illinois.gov

"These dollars enable farmers' continuity of operations while providing our small meat and poultry plants the ability to make necessary improvements to expand animal throughput and capacity," Jerry Costello II, acting director of IDOA, said in a news release.

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Protecting pregnant workers

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – Pregnancy is just a natural part of life; unfortunately some employers haven't figured that out yet.

A number of years ago I was in management for a news organization when a reporter I had just hired announced she was pregnant. I congratulated her and passed word up the chain of command.

I was stunned by the reaction of my boss.

"She deceived us, Scott. If she was going to get pregnant, she should have told us before we offered her a job."

He wanted me to fire her.

I refused, but I knew my intransigence on the matter could cost me my job. Instead, I spent months being harangued on a near daily basis by the head of my organization about how I ought to fire the woman.

Eventually, the person gave birth, took a short maternity leave and returned to the office to be a productive employee. She never knew the discussions taking place between those above her.

That experience changed how I viewed pregnancy in the workplace.

Before this experience, I couldn't imagine a business hassling an employee for being pregnant. And my default position on government regulation of business has always been less is better.

But you live and learn. I was naïve. And I was wrong. That is why I'm pleased to see the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act earlier this month.

If the act becomes law, employers with more than 15 employees would have to make reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers. Also, pregnant workers could not be denied employment opportunities or retaliated against for requesting a reasonable accommodation. And in most circumstances, they could not be forced to take paid or unpaid leave.

One of the bills co-sponsors is U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, who says she has personally felt the sting of discrimination.

"Like many women, I have seen the impact that it can have on a career when an employer refuses to consider accommodations for a pregnancy," she said. "Years ago, when I was still early in my career, I was up for a promotion. At the time, I had two children at home. During my interview, I was asked if I had child care and if I planned to have more children. I replied that I had everything in my personal life in the right place."

"Despite having more experience, an excellent track record and having been with my employer longer, weeks later it was announced that I did not get the promotion. The person who did was single, with no children at home."

Bustos asked that I not identify the employer where this happened. That's understandable. No one wants to talk badly about a former employer. And that's why I, too, have held off on identifying the firm where I had my bad experience.

But an interesting aspect of Bustos' situation was that it was a female supervisor who questioned her about whether she planned another pregnancy. In my case, the pressure to fire a pregnant worker came from a man. Discrimination can come from all quarters.

And that is why we need laws protecting pregnant workers.

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Hickok memorialized in Troy Grove – 1929

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Oct. 6, 2004.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was 75 years ago, on Oct. 16, 1929, that a bronze plate was attached to the memorial stone for Wild Bill Hickok in the smallest state park in Illinois. The stone is on the site of his birthplace, in Homer, later renamed Troy Grove. The plate contains an abbreviated account of the reasons he is remembered to this day.

James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok, pioneer of the great plains, born here, May 27, 1837, assassinated at Deadwood, Aug. 2, 1876. Served his country, as Scout and spy in the western states, to preserve the Union. Equally great was his service on the frontier, as express messenger and upholder of law and order. He contributed largely for making the West a safe place for women and children. His sterling courage was always at the service of right and justice. To perpetuate his memory, this memorial is erected by the State of Illinois, A.D. 1929.

Further details of Wild Bill's life have been made part of an exhibit in the south room of the Hume Carnegie Museum. Items preserved by the Hickok family were made available to the museum when it opened.

Hickok is also feted in Deadwood, on the anniversary of his assassination, in August. This year (2004), his principal biographer, Joseph G. Rosa of Middlesex, England, spoke there.

For a number of years, in the 1920s, The Mendota Reporter carried excerpts from the diary of a World War I veteran. They were signed "Mendota Jack," and the identity of the author was not disclosed. Finally, in 1929, as he was preparing to move to Galesburg, it was revealed that the diarist was J.E. Ausland. He has been employed by the Burlington in Mendota for a few years, and was now being transferred.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

His identity was made public during an "Alibi Ike" show at the Elks.

It was in 1929, after scoring victories in their first two games under new coach Rufus E. Dewitz, that the Mendota High team was labeled Dewitzmen. Bob Friedlein was captain and Rich Phalen was quarterback. The Neuman brothers, Bob and Bill, were on that team.

The Dewitzmen were tied twice that season, but never defeated. The record stands.

Charles E. Walgreen, referred to as "the multimillionaire head of the drug chain," purchased "a magnificent estate on the Rock River in Dixon." The deal was closed on Oct. 3, 1929. Mr. Walgreen flew to Dixon in his "amphibious Sikorsky plane" to sign the papers.

Walgreen shared the beauty of his acquisition with the public.

H.W. Billhorn began excavating a basement on the southeast corner of Washington Street and Thirteenth Avenue in October 1929. It was next door to his house, which faced Washington Street. As the other three corners of that intersection were occupied by gas stations (Prescott Brothers, Shell and Standard), it was known as "gasoline corners." The new building was a sandwich shop, but later became a real estate office, and was moved to the east side.

Later still, Gulf Oil opened a station on that southeast corner.

Clark Seyller, who operated an airport across the road from Kakusha Park, announced he had accepted a position with the Cannon Ball Garage. Nevertheless, he would still make flights from the airport, by appointment.

He will also carry passengers on Sundays, as usual.

Dore Schmidt sent information about farm organizations to The Mendota Reporter. He added his own endorsement of the organizations.

It is no use to run around in circles all the time, and get nowhere.

Organizations provided the advantage of combined action.

W.G. Van Etten reported to fellow Kiwanis members at an October 1929 meeting that whenever he visited state or county highway departments, he was "besieged with questions." Department heads wanted to know when action could be expected on a subway under the Burlington tracks at the Thirteenth Avenue crossing. Since the highway department has the funds, and the Burlington is waiting to go ahead –

It seems to be up to Mendota.

Van Etten felt we should not wait until there is an accident at the crossing before acting on a subway.

It was reported on Oct. 17, 1929, that Dr. Dean Mosher had arrived in Mendota that very week. His dental equipment had arrived from Chicago, as well.

He will soon be ready for business.

SIDETRACK – Dr. Mosher opened on the second floor of the Waldorf building, in space previously occupied by Kieselbach's law office. He married a Mendota girl, Lillian Zapf, and was active in community affairs. He continued his dental practice until he retired, some 50 years later.

During the Prohibition Years, Charles Miller conducted a soft drink parlor in the basement under Fischer's grocery, at the corner of Washington Street and Illinois Avenue. In October 1929, he moved his business to South Main Street, where he had a rooming house. Since prohibition was still in effect, it was still a soft drink parlor.

No, the Democrats won't pack the court

By Rich Lowry

For many progressive opinion-makers, the only way to save the Supreme Court is to destroy it.

They believe the best response to the Republican-held Senate confirming a Trump nominee to fill Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's seat on the Supreme Court is to pack the Court if Democrats win in November. Holding out the court-packing threat, they argue, also might give Republicans second thoughts about filling the vacancy.

For the Democrats, court-packing would be a murder-suicide. It would end the Supreme Court as we know it, and almost certainly bring a swift and decisive end to Democratic congressional majorities. There's a reason Republicans aren't taking the threat seriously in their calculations.

No matter how infuriated a party is, the rules of political gravity still apply. A president is at the high point of his power at the outset, steadily losing juice over time.

Would Biden spend precious capital on court-packing early in his presidency? If so, voting, green energy and health care legislation would take a back seat.

If, instead, all of that legislation went first, then court-packing would be pushed toward the back of the line, when Biden would have diminished clout for the political fight of a lifetime.

The question of timing would enter in another way. If Democrats managed to add Court seats in the second year of a Biden presidency, how much time and political capital would they have left to fill them before the midterms? If Republicans took back the Senate, they certainly wouldn't fill them.

And, of course, when Republicans hold the presidency and Congress again, they'd add their own seats or subtract

the Democratic ones, making the entire exercise a nullity.

It's also true that, as a general rule, big changes happen in our system when a party makes a sustained public case for them prior to an election. Very few elected Democrats are willing to come out in favor of packing the court, and Biden the other day pointedly refused to endorse it.

Making court-packing the major initiative of his presidency would be an awkward fit for Biden. It would validate the critique of him as weak and prone to getting pushed around by the left. It would blow up his hope to bring some normality back to Washington. It would inexorably make the destruction of the legitimacy of the Supreme Court part of his legacy, when he imagines himself an institutionalist.

The argument that Republicans have already "packed the court" is a false equivalence. Yes, Republicans have used hardball tactics to keep open, or now to try to fill, vacancies. But these seats opened up in the natural course of events. They weren't conjured out of nowhere in a fit of pique or vengeance.

It's easy to pound the table and demand an incredibly momentous change to our system when you don't have power and don't have to cope with the consequences. It's another to act in the face of vigorous opposition and with nervous officeholders in marginal districts or states looking for a way out.

No matter how much progressives want elected Democrats to write the ransom note, they aren't going to take the Supreme Court captive next year, let alone kill the hostage.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

LOCAL AND AREA

Hike raises \$15,394 to end hunger

OTTAWA - This year's Hike to End Hunger was held at Dayton Bluffs Nature Preserve with 75 hikers taking part. The event, a fundraiser for Growing Hope Globally, took place on Aug. 29 and raised \$15,394, which will be used to help people in rural Tanzania leave hunger behind.

Along the hike, presenters were on hand to talk about native prairie restoration, forestry, Native American burial mounds, soils, and the Daniels Cemetery.

The Hike raised \$15,394 to help people improve their food production by teaching them to use conservation agriculture to overcome the effects of drought. A generous donor is matching the amount raised dollar for dollar. This program is sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee. Learn more at growinghopeglobally.org

The hike was made possible with the help

of Dayton Bluffs volunteers who assisted and hosted the event and the Conservation Foundation, which also provided support.

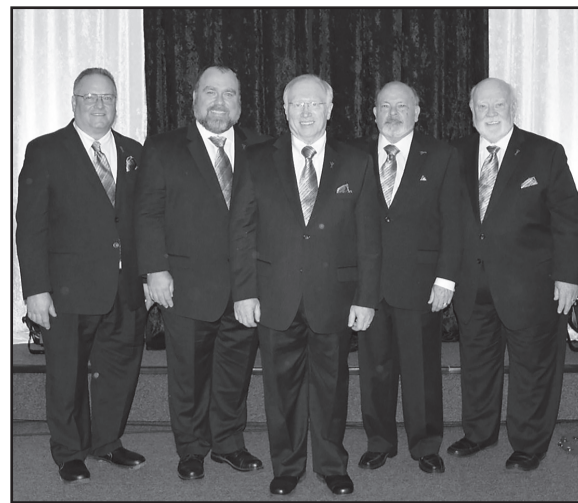
The Hike was sponsored by the Earlville, Mazon-Western Springs, Somonauk Area, and Twin Rivers-Barrington Growing Projects.

For more information on the hike or on the growing projects, contact them at: Earlville Growing Project, Kurt Larson earlvillekurt@gmail.com; Mazon-Western Springs Growing Project, Pat Mino pmimo_99@yahoo.com; Somonauk Area Growing Project, Jerry and Toni Lundeen tjlundeen@gmail.com; or Twin Rivers-Barrington Growing Project, Kevin Nelson kc9fqe@gmail.com, John Garrity jgarrity54@gmail.com; Paul Youngstrum at Paul.Youngstrum@yahoo.com or Growing Hope Globally organization, Eric Mattson eric@growinghopeglobally.org.

Gospel group to perform Oct. 25

AMBOY - The East Grove Union Church in rural Amboy will host The Assemblymen, a southern gospel men's quartet, in concert at the church on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. A freewill offering will be received for their ministry expenses.

A dessert buffet will follow the concert. All are welcome to attend. East Grove Union Church is located at 449 Reuter Road, Amboy. For information, contact Pastor Rick Wulf at (815) 440-5321 or (815) 376-6661.



The Assemblymen



The Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma recently installed new officers, left to right, Sue Bromme-Winger, president; Kelly Kessel, vice president; Pat Law, treasurer; and Ann Frels, recording secretary. Not pictured were Kathy Forristall, corresponding secretary and Eleanor Walker, parliamentarian. (Photo contributed)

Gamma Phi Chapter holds installation of officers

PRINCETON - The Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International recently held a socially-distanced installation of officers that was supposed to take place last spring but was postponed until the fall. The installation took place outdoors at Zearing Park in Princeton.

Officers installed included Sue Bromme-Winger, president; Kelly Kessel, vice president; Pat Law, treasurer; and Ann Frels, recording secretary. Not present were

Kathy Forristall, corresponding secretary and Eleanor Walker, parliamentarian.

The Gamma Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International is an honorary education society with members from Bureau, Henry, and Stark counties who are present or past educators. The organization meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m.

For more information, please contact Sue Bromme-Winger at suzie_b12@hotmail.com.

Tiny Barn Concert features regional musicians & Walnut Grove Farm Stew

KNOXVILLE - Historic Walnut Grove Farm will host fine regional musicians David Berchtold and Paul Hamilton in a Tiny Barn Concert on Saturday, Oct. 10. Part of The Fall Concert Series at Walnut Grove Farm, the music will begin at 6 p.m.

Berchtold and Hamilton will team up to present blues and pop favorites as well as original works. A finger picking wizard, Berchtold has been playing acoustic guitar for more than 40 years. Hamilton is a singer, song writer and production specialist who creates in his recording studio in Avon. Both musicians play a wide range of folk, rock, blues and pop.

"A community treasure, Hamilton continues to share his music and talent with us all. We're especially enthused about finger picking wizard David Berchtold teaming up with Paul for this mini Scenic Drive reunion," commented Jan King of Walnut Grove Farm.

Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.barn-concerts.com. Walnut Grove Farm is located a half-mile north of Carr Street in Knoxville. Visit www.walnutgrovefarm.com for more information.

For those who can't be without the fall Scenic Drive Barn Fest, Tiny Barn Concerts were created. Only 40 tickets will be sold for these by-invitation-only concerts. The event will be held in the National Register Farmstead's barn with plenty of fall air. Social distancing will be observed in the barn. Masks are required for entry and when moving away from your group's assigned area.

In the tradition of Walnut Grove Farm's Fall Drive offerings, Rich Wood will make and serve his famous open kettle stew with corn bread and apple cider. Ticket

Local farmer directs 'Farmers Grow Communities' donation to Amboy High School FFA

LEE COUNTY - Lee County farmer Karen McCoy directed \$2,500 to Amboy FFA through America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Bayer Fund.

The FFA will use the funds to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Celebrating its 10th year, America's Farmers Grow Communities partners with farmers to support nonprofits that strengthen rural communities.

The program offers farmers the chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a non-

profit of their choice. It has awarded more than \$33 million to over 8,000 nonprofits across rural America.

"A better life is Bayer's goal. Farmers are invested in their communities, they root for their neighbors, and they know when and where there is a need," said Al Mitchell, Vice President Corporate Engagement, Bayer. "Farmers are one of America's best resources, which is why Grow Communities partners with them to direct donations to the organizations they are passionate about and that make a positive impact in communities."

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The winner will be determined by the board of directors of the Mendota Area Chamber from those nominations received, and their decision will be final. Winner will be announced.

For questions, email Shelby Weide at sweide@mendotachamber.com. (Store owners are not eligible.)

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Nomination forms must be returned to the Mendota Area Chamber Office, Box 620, Mendota, IL by Monday, October 19, 2020. You may also drop them in the water bill slot on Illinois Ave., or bring them into the office during the hours from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Past Gold Star Award Winners may be nominated, but are ineligible to win again.



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GARAGE SALES & NOTICES

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City Ordinance

Animals-Pet Waste Ordinance

- The purpose of this section is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the City of Mendota so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.
- Requirement for disposal. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.
- Exemptions. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.
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BRECKSTON S. SCHMIDT
Benjamin Schmidt and Kelsey Funderberg of West Brooklyn are parents of **Breckston Stephen**, born July 27, 2020 at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley. The baby weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Maternal grandparents are John and Kelli Funderberg. Paternal grandparents are Jim and Julie Schmidt. Great-grandparents are Joyce Funderberg and the late Robert Funderberg, Lynetta Jones, Dennis and Sharon Taylor, the late Don and Netia Stephenitch, the late William Schmidt and the late Jean Schmidt.

CARBAJAL - Olivier Carabajal and Claudia Carabajal, girl, Sept. 14, 2020, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

BORELLI - Chris and Lindsey Borelli of Troy Grove, boy, Sept. 21, 2020, at Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru.

DeBROCK - Mr. and Mrs. Blake DeBrock (Brianna Blumhorst) of Princeton, girl, Sept. 26, 2020, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley.

POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST
Derek G. Sater, 21, of 506 1/2 Third Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 6:50 p.m. Sept. 29 on a LaSalle County failure to appear warrant for driving while license revoked. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

WARRANT ARREST
Justin J. Waterworth, 30, of 205 Sandra Ave., Apt. N1, Mendota, was arrested at 4 p.m. Sept. 30 on a LaSalle County failure to appear warrant for driving while license revoked and a Kendall County failure to appear warrant for driving while license revoked. He was also charged with driving while license revoked. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Cara L. Milewski-Goers, 38, of 510 Third Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Guiles Avenue and 12th Street at 6:18 p.m. Sept. 30. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
Clifford W. Giberson, 54, of 205 Sandra Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 9:08 p.m. Oct. 3 on a valid Will County failure to appear arrest warrant for driving while license revoked. The subject posted bond and was released with a Will County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
Carla M. Balcazr, 27, of 186 E. Highway 52, Mendota, was arrested at 7:15 p.m. on a valid LaSalle County failure to appear arrest warrant for DUI. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

OBSTRUCTING A PEACE OFFICER
Nathan A. Hodge, 22, of 904 13th Ave., Mendota, was charged with obstructing a peace officer after a police investigation into a traffic violation in the 600 block of Eighth Avenue at 1:02 a.m. Oct. 6. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Incinerator hours

MENDOTA-Incinerator (burn pit) hours for the city of Mendota are as follows:

- Monday - 3 to 6 p.m.
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4-Hers in the state will join the 7 million other youth currently in 4-H worldwide to celebrate National 4-H Week Oct. 4-10. 4-H youth development programs provide hands-on learning activities for youth in Illinois and throughout the country. 4-H youth programs focus on leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Every county in Illinois has a 4-H program which is operated through University of Illinois Extension. 4-H club membership is open to youth aged 8 to 18.

There are several ways to participate in 4-H. Youth may join 4-H community clubs, coordinated by local adult volunteers who receive special training. Each club decides how often it meets, the location of its meetings and the activities held during the meeting. Members may select from over 100 different project areas to study while they build leadership, teamwork, cooperation, decision-making and communication skills.

Youth may instead choose to focus on a specific project area and join a club specifically related to that one project. Robotics, photography, gardening, visual arts, and nutrition, are just a few of the popular topics for special interest clubs.

One may also participate in 4-H short term projects during school or at after school youth organizations. Some of these popular groups teach youth about caring for the environment, preparing for a career, making healthy choices or other priority issues which build a person's life skills.

To learn more about 4-H, look online at www.4-H.Illinois.edu.

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SPORTS



IDNR announces State and Federal sites open for '20 Youth Waterfowl Hunting Seasons

□ Youth hunt weekends precede start of regular waterfowl seasons in each zone

SPRINGFIELD – A number of Illinois state parks, fish and wildlife areas, conservation areas and recreation areas will be open to youth waterfowl hunting during the 2020 North Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt, Central Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt, South Central Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt and South Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced. Federal sites that fall under the IDNR waterfowl administrative rule that will be open for the youth hunts also are listed below.

At most sites, regulations that apply during the regular waterfowl hunting season apply during the Youth Hunt. IDNR is taking steps to protect hunters and staff from the spread of COVID-19. Participants in the Youth Hunt are reminded to follow current public health directives, including maintaining social distancing guidelines, bringing with them masks in case social distancing cannot be maintained and hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol. Hunters should check for changes to site-specific regulations and procedures. During the Youth Hunt, the bag limits are the same as during regular seasons.

As part of the Youth Hunt, hunters age 17 or younger may hunt ducks, geese, coots and mergansers as long as they are accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age. The accompanying adult cannot hunt these species but may participate in other open seasons.

Youth hunters must have a Hunting License, Youth Hunting License, or Apprentice Hunting License. The youth hunter or his or her accompanying adult must have a valid FID card. The supervising adult does not need to have a hunting license if they are not hunting other species. Youth hunters age 15 or younger are not required to have state or federal duck stamps, however youth hunters age 16 and older must have federal duck stamps even if they are using an Illinois Youth License. Hunters are not required to have an Illinois duck stamp unless they are age 18 or older (NOTE: this is a change from previous regulations). Although Illinois Youth Hunting Licenses are available for hunters up to age 18, federal waterfowl hunting regulations do not allow hunters over age 17 to participate in youth hunts.

Special youth hunts taking place through the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Permit or other youth-only hunts at IDNR sites, are open only to youth hunters age 10–17. These special hunts include:

- Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area (Oct. 17, 18)
- Black Crown Marsh (Oct. 10, 11)
- Clinton Lake State Recreation Area - Salt Creek and Disabled units (Oct. 17)
- Donnelly/DePue SFWA (Oct. 31)
- Larry D. Closson State Habitat Area (Oct. 17)
- Marshall SFWA – Duck Ranch Unit (Oct. 17, 18)
- Spring Lake SFWA – Spring Lake Bot-

toms Unit (Nov. 14)

- Southern Illinois youth waterfowl hunt – Union County and Horseshoe Lake SFWA (Dec. 28).

All other youth hunts are open to those ages 17 and younger.

All waterfowl hunters, including those participating in the Youth Hunt, are required to register with the Harvest Information Program (HIP). In order to register with HIP, hunters will need to have their hunting license number available. Hunters should register for HIP at the license vendor when they buy their hunting license or by calling 1-888-6PERMIT (1-888-673-7648) or online through the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Pages/default.aspx>

The lists of state and federal sites to be open during the Youth Waterfowl Hunts in the North and Central zones are:

2020 North Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Oct. 10-11)

(State and Federal Sites Open)

Chain O'Lakes State Park; Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area; Heidecke Lake SFWA; Lake DePue SFWA; Sinnissippi Lake Wildlife Area; Mississippi River Pools (All located in North Zone); William W. Powers State Recreation Area

2020 Central Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Oct. 17-18)

(State, Federal and Private Sites Open)

Anderson Lake SFWA; Banner Marsh SFWA; Braidwood Lake SFWA; Clinton Lake SRA; Coffeen Lake SFWA; Freeman Mine; Henderson Creek SFWA; Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison County); Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison County) (Gabaret, Mosenthein, Chouteau Island Units); Kankakee River State Park; Marshall SFWA; Marshall SFWA - Sparland Unit; Marshall SFWA - Duck Ranch Unit; Mazonia SFWA; Meredosia Lake; Mississippi River Area (MRA) - All sites managed by MRA; Mississippi River Pools (All located in Central Zone); Momence Wetlands State Natural Area; Pekin Lake SFWA; Quincy Bay; Ray Norbut SFWA; Rice Lake SFWA; Sanganois SFWA; Sangchris Lake State Park; Shelbyville SFWA; Spring Lake SFWA; Starved Rock State Park; Weinberg-King State Park - Spunky Bottoms Unit; Woodford SFWA.

For more information on Illinois waterfowl seasons, check the IDNR Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2020-21, which is available at IDNR offices and online through the IDNR website at: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/documents/HuntTrapDigest.pdf>. For information on IDNR's Youth Waterfowl Hunting Permit special hunts go to: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/waterfowl/Pages/OnlinePermitApplication.aspx>

For IDNR site-specific information: Hunter Fact Sheets -<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/FactSheets/Pages/default.aspx> and Hunt Illinois -<https://huntillinois.org/>

Trojan golf teams perform well in Big Northern Conference meets

□ Varsity, JV both finish in top 4 of team standings

The Mendota Trojans' varsity golf team struggled in a dual meet loss to LaSalle-Peru on Sept. 29 at Oak Ridge. L-P fired a 165 and Mendota finished with a 188.

Ethan Hanaman had the low score for the Trojans with a 43. L-P's Caden Valenzuela was the meet medalist with a 38.

Jack Beetz and Logan Brandner checked in next for Mendota, each with 47s, while Mateo Escatel and Drake Dennis each shot a 51. Also on the card for the Trojans were Liam McGann (58), Kody Becket (59) and Clayton Buffington (60).

L-P also claimed the junior varsity competition, 191-207.

Owen Aughenbaugh's round of 50 led the Trojans. Xzavior Orozco was one shot off the pace with a 51, followed by Braden McPheeters and Dominik Stamberger both at 53, Cayden Escatel at 55 and

Connor Egler with a 58. The rest of the MHS lineup included Jack Mikolasek (61), Jace Baird (67), Sam Christmann (69) and Haden Shakespeare (71).

Mendota competed in the Big Northern Conference varsity meet on Oct. 1 at Poplar Grove. The Trojans finished fourth out of 11 teams with a score of 372. The top three spots went to Byron (345), Rockford Christian (347) and Stillman Valley (351). Coming in behind the Trojans were Winnebago (390), Dixon (394), Genoa-Kingston (400), Rockford Lutheran (400), Oregon (405), North Boone (425) and Rock Falls (431).

Hanaman shot an 89 and finished in 14th place to pace the Trojans. Other scores counting toward Mendota's total were Buffington with a 91, Beetz with a 94 and Brandner with a 98. Mateo Escatel (109) and Dennis (110) rounded

out the MHS card.

MHS's junior varsity squad finished third out of nine teams in the Big Northern Conference JV Meet on Oct. 3 at Belvidere.

The Trojans ended with a round of 194, with only Rockford Christian (184) and Winnebago (189) finishing in front. The rest of the standings were Byron (206), Stillman Valley (210), North Boone (221), Dixon (224), Oregon (224) and Genoa-Kingston (227).

Aughenbaugh led the charge for Mendota with a round of 43, which was good enough for third place overall. McPheeters and Mikolasek each had a 49, placing 10th overall, while Stamberger carded a 53. Cayden Escatel (54) and Baird (60) also competed for MHS.

Eli Friesen of Rockford Christian and Ethan Longanecker of Winnebago tied for the low round with 41s.

Mendota harriers compete at Byron, in LaSalle Co. Invite

Mendota High School's cross country team traveled to Byron's Forest Preserve on Sept. 29 to compete against Amboy and host school Byron.

In the girls' race, Rebeka Starwalt of Byron was the top finisher on the 2.9-mile course in a time of 20:08. Lauren Althaus (21:02) of Amboy was next followed by teammate Elly Jones (21:22.04).

Mendota's top finish belonged to Jamie Dooley, who was 12th in a time of 23:52. Other finishes for the Lady Trojans were Alayna Nosalik (24:02), Bianca Valdez (25:02), Nataliya Durbin (26:59) and Val Valdes (27:12).

Byron's girls (26) edged out Amboy (30), while Mendota carried 73 points.

In the boys' run, Amboy's team took the top five finishes with Brock Loftus (16:11), Ian Eller (16:23), Kyler McNinch (17:12), Charlie Dickenson (17:58) and Andrew Jones (18:05.0).

The first Trojan runner to cross the finish line was Andrew Stamberger (18:05.6), who broke up the string of Clippers with a sixth-place finish. Also competing for Mendota were Trent Stamberger (8th, 18:29), Alex Hermosillo (9th, 18:36), Ty Connelly (11th, 18:47), Dagen Setchell (14th, 20:03), Eli Arjes (16th, 20:16), Billy Hall (20th, 20:20) and Rose Fouke (26th, 23:11).

Amboy won the meet with

Mendota harriers assigned to St. Bede Regional on Oct. 24

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

The schools competing in the girls' race are Amboy, Dwight, Henry-Senachwine, Minonk Fieldcrest, Newark, Ottawa Marquette, St. Bede, Pontiac, Princeton, Rock Falls, Seneca, Serena, Hall, Sterling Newman and Lowpoint-Washburn.

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

The boys' field will include runners from Amboy, Dwight, Earlville, Putnam County, Henry-Senachwine, Minonk Fieldcrest, Newark, Ottawa Marquette, St. Bede, Pontiac, Princeton, Rock Falls, Seneca, Serena, Hall, Sterling Newman and Lowpoint-Washburn.

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

15 points, followed by Mendota with 47 and Byron with 77.

MHS runners assembled for the LaSalle County Invitational on Oct. 3 at Streator.

In the girls' race, Seneca took the team title with 34 points, followed by Ottawa (50), LaSalle-Peru (71), Streator (86) and Marquette (109). Mendota did not have a team scored.

Nosalik was the first Lady Trojan to cross the finish line in 18th place with a time of 23:36. Dooley checked in next (22nd, 24:10), followed by Bianca Valdez (25th, 24:47) and Val Valdez (37th, 27:32).

Ottawa's Grace Carroll broke the tape with a winning time of 19:36.

The Mendota boys scored 92 points and finished in fourth place. Ahead of them were Seneca (48), L-P (60) and Streator (91). Marquette was fifth with 97 points and Earlville did not score.

The Trojans sent seven runners out on the course and Andrew Stamberger was the first back in with a time of 17:58, which was good enough for ninth place. Finishing 17th through 19th were Hermosillo (18:43), Connelly (18:55) and Trent Stamberger (18:57). Rounding out the Mendota lineup were Setchell (33rd, 20:12), Hall (34th, 20:17) and Arjes (36th, 20:45).

Lucas Hoffman of Marquette took top honors in a time of 16:13.

Netters prepare for sectional

OTTAWA – The Mendota Lady Trojans will compete in the Ottawa Class 1A Girls' Sectional Tennis Tournament on Friday, Oct. 16.

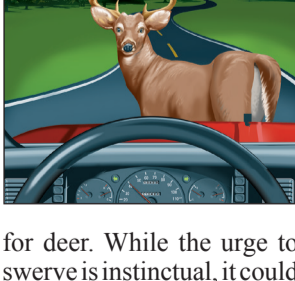
Other teams assigned to the sectional include Coal City, LaSalle-Peru, Morris, Ottawa Marquette, Ottawa, St. Bede, Pontiac, Princeton and Streator.



IDOT, IDNR remind motorists to stay alert, don't veer for deer

SPRINGFIELD – As the leaves begin to change and cooler temperatures prevail, the Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Natural Resources are reminding you to watch out for deer. With autumn comes deer mating season, a time of increased activity at dawn and dusk from October through December.

"We are starting to begin our peak season for deer-vehicle crashes," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "We ask all drivers to keep a watchful eye and remember the cardinal rule: don't veer



for deer. While the urge to swerve is instinctual, it could cause you to lose control of your vehicle or drive into oncoming traffic, increasing the severity of a crash."

This fall, take the following steps to help ensure your safety:

- Scan the sides of the road for eye shine – the reflection of headlights in their eyes.
- Slow down if you see a deer. They travel in groups, so more are likely nearby.
- Prepare for the unexpected. Deer may stop in the middle of the road or double back.
- Deer are adaptable and can flourish in rural, suburban and urban environments.
- If a collision is inevitable, try to glance your vehicle off the deer and avoid swerving into opposite lanes of traffic.

In 2019, a total of 16,213 crashes involved deer in Illinois. Of these, 15,605 re-

sulted in damage to property or vehicles, while 604 caused personal injuries. Four of the crashes were fatal.

More than 40% of crashes involving deer in Illinois occurred in October, November and December, with November being the highest-risk month. Rural environments were the site of more than 90% of all motor vehicle crashes involving deer, with more than 70% occurring at twilight or nighttime.

The top 10 Illinois counties for crashes involving deer in 2019:

1. Cook 472
2. Madison 434
3. Sangamon 406
4. Will 375
5. Fulton 346
6. Peoria 340
7. Kane 337
8. Rock Island 318
9. Jackson 288
10. Bureau 285

"Deer populations are common in both rural and urban areas, which means deer-vehicle collisions can happen anywhere," said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. "And remember, if you do hit a deer, report the accident to local law enforcement or a Conservation Police Officer. They can help control traffic, clear the roadway or in the event the animal

must be euthanized."

If you hit a deer, pull off to the shoulder, turn on your hazard lights and call 911 to report the accident. Do not exit the vehicle to check on an injured deer or pull it from the road.

For more information on how to claim a deer that was involved in a crash, visit www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/deer/Pages/Claim-a-Road-Kill.aspx.

To report possession of a deer killed in a deer-vehicle crash, fill out the form at [http://dnr.illinois.gov/SalvageDeer/\(S\(2g2y-5tunjelyrx45y2dzqd55\)\)/SalvageInfo.aspx](http://dnr.illinois.gov/SalvageDeer/(S(2g2y-5tunjelyrx45y2dzqd55))/SalvageInfo.aspx).

HUNTING & FISHING

Illinois 2020 Fall Trout season opens October 17

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

An early opportunity at select trout sites – the Fall Catch-and-Release Fishing Season – opened Oct. 3 at locations marked with an asterisk (*) in the list below. No trout may be kept during the catch and release fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning Oct. 17.

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.

Illinois fishing licenses and Inland Trout Stamps are available at DNR Direct license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. Check the IDNR website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>

Fishing licenses and trout stamps also can be purchased by using a credit card through DNR Direct online via the IDNR website at [https://](https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx)

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Not all of the fall trout sites are open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite trout fishing location prior to the season. For more information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout.

Participants in Fall Trout Fishing Season are reminded to follow current public health directives, including maintaining social distancing guidelines, bringing with them masks in case social distancing cannot be maintained and hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol.

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

Will County: Lake Strini, Romeoville

- Will County: Van Horn Woods, Plainfield
- Winnebago County: Bauman Lake, Cherry Valley

(* Denotes sites open for

Catch-and-Release Fishing Early Season)

For a full list of trout fishing sites in Illinois, go to <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/news/Pages/Illinois-2020-Fall-Trout-Season-Opens-October-17.aspx>

Essentials to have in your tackle box

Recreational fishing is enjoyed by millions of people. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported that there was an 8 percent increase in anglers between 2011 and 2017. Expenditures by anglers nationwide rose 2 percent during the same time, from \$45 billion to \$46.1 billion.

As more people stay closer to home, they're eager to engage in hobbies that are fun and accessible but still promote social distancing. Fishing checks each of those boxes. Prospective anglers who are eager to get into saltwater or freshwater fishing should know that the right gear is essential. For fishing enthusiasts, that gear starts with a rod and reel. Afterward, it is important to fill a tackle box with other essentials.

- Extra fishing line: Lines get snagged, torn or snapped when reeling in a great catch, so extra fishing line is essential.
- Extra hooks: The traditional J-hook can snag many

types of fish, but some anglers like a French hook. No matter which hook you prefer, make sure you have a variety of sizes on hand so you can switch if need be.

- A set of fishing pliers: Purchase pliers specifically made for fishing. Most come in aluminum so they will not corrode due to the elements. Also, if you're using braided fishing line, be sure the pliers have a cutter made for cutting braid.
- Bobbers in various sizes: Bobbers, also called floaters, help anglers know



when a fish is biting. Round clip-on bobbers are popular and widely available. Slip bobbers will slide up and down the line, enabling anglers to get the hook into deeper water.

- Sinkers: The yin to the bobber's yang, sinkers are weights that help weigh down a worm or artificial lure to reach the right level to attract fish.
- Fishing regulations/ruler: A variety of rules govern when and where you

can fish. Also, you'll need to know which size fish are keepers and which need to be tossed back. Keep a regulation ruler in the tackle box to avoid fines.

- Pocket knife: Keep a sharp knife for cutting lines and bait. Reserve a special file knife for cleaning fish.
- Selection of lures: Research which fish you're angling for and then purchase a variety of appropriate lures. Some lures will attract a wide array of fish.
- Stringer: A stringer is a device that is used to hold several caught fish through their gills. It anchors to land and the other end with the fish on it is placed in the water to keep the fish alive until you're ready to pack up and go. It's a good alternative to a cooler or bucket filled with water.

- Fishing license: Many conservation or fish and wildlife departments require a license for fishing for anglers of a certain age. Be sure to have it on hand or you may be susceptible to fines or other penalties.

A tackle box with the right gear can help novice fishing enthusiasts get off on the right foot.



Blaze orange is an important safety component of hunting that helps keeps hunters visible and out of harm's way.

Hunters and blaze orange

Hunters and prospective hunters are wise to educate themselves about the type of clothing they are allowed to wear. The rules of a hunting wardrobe, as with other aspects of hunting, such as size limits and location, vary according to local regulations. These laws must be followed at all times to ensure the safety of all hunters.

Many areas require hunters to wear hunter orange, commonly called "blaze orange." This is a very bright, often fluorescent shade of orange that makes hunters visible to other hunters. The percentage of blaze orange that hunters need to wear varies, and may even be determined by the type of game a person is hunting. Hunter orange may need to be worn from the waist up. Some hunters may need to have hunter orange cover 50 percent of their bodies while

they're hunting. In other instances, hunters may only be required to wear one item in blaze orange. In addition, hunting blinds may need to have a certain amount of square inches covered in blaze orange material.

Unfortunately, some hunters are not aware of the fact that blaze orange is hidden to deer and other game or they simply do not want to wear it. Learning more about the safety of blaze orange may help change such hunters' minds. Hunting clothing manufacturers also are incorporating blaze orange into camouflage designs in proper ratios to combine the best of camouflage and blaze orange for style, efficacy and appearance.

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IDNR launches new hunting website

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) recently announced the launch of the new Hunt Illinois website – an online resource for Illinois residents and visitors to the state interested in hunting in the Land of Lincoln.

The website includes information on Illinois hunting seasons, places to hunt, licenses and permits needed, hunting and trapping regulations, hunter harvest reporting, hunter safety, wildlife management, and conservation programs.

The Hunt Illinois website can be accessed through most desktop and laptop computer web browsers, or by using most mobile devices, at <https://huntillinois.org/>.

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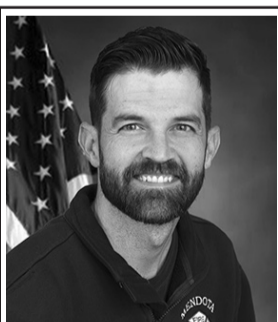
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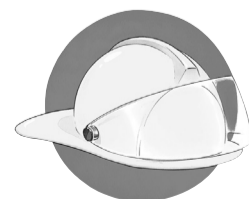


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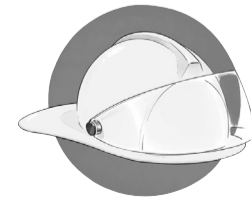
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Fire Departments remind residents: “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™

MENDOTA – The Mendota Fire Department and fire departments from area communities are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years —to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

“We know cooking fires can be prevented,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice-president of outreach and advocacy. “Staying in the kitchen, using a timer, and avoiding distractions such as electronics or TV are steps everyone can take to keep families safe in their homes.”

The Mendota Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme.

“The most important step you should take before making a meal is to “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” said Mendota Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser. “A cooking fire can grow quickly. I have seen many homes damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented.”

Mendota and area fire departments want to share safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire.

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.

- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you’re cooking.

- You have to be alert when cooking. You won’t be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.

- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you’re cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.

- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking fire prevention, visit www.fpw.org.

LAMOILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



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LOCAL AND AREA

Get free of the fear that's holding you back

God has a wonderful plan for each of our lives (see Jeremiah 29:11). And when we put our faith in Jesus as our Savior, we put ourselves in a position to walk out our God-given destiny.

Sadly, many believers in Christ aren't living out their destiny because of fear. The fear of man is a common problem that causes us to worry about things like, "What will they

think of me? What are they going to say about me? What will they do if I don't do what they want? What if they reject me? What if they don't like me?!"

Everyone struggles with insecurity and the fear of rejection to some degree. And there's nothing wrong with wanting people to like you. But when we're so focused on being people pleasers that our fear of being rejected,

judged or criticized controls our choices, we're being controlled by the fear of man.

If we're going to get free of fear and really pursue everything God has for our lives, we have to make a decision that we will not live with fear! Instead, we can learn how to live courageously by the grace and strength we have in Christ.

The True Meaning of Courage

It's important to understand what it means to live courageously. It doesn't mean we will never feel fearful, because the truth is, we will never completely get rid of the feeling of fear. But it does mean that when we feel afraid, we can do whatever we need to do through Christ who gives us strength. (See Philippians 4:13.) We can follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and do what God puts in our hearts to do, rather than settle for an okay or average life. And God wants to do amazing things in our lives that will likely pull us out of our comfort zones and require us to walk by faith to do them.

Now, I'm not talking about making foolish choices or doing things that are dangerous because you don't want fear of those things to hold you back. Living courageous-



ly means we can be bold and take risks instead of just doing what seems "safe" and keeps us from becoming everything God has created us to be.

I remember when I had to make some bold, scary choices so I could move forward in God's plan for my ministry. I had friends who didn't think I had the right personality to be a Bible teacher. There were people in my church who didn't think women should teach the Word. And there were family members who didn't understand the call of God on my life and they rejected me because of it.

It was a very hard time, but I'm so glad God gave me the courage I needed to do if afraid. And now, it's scary to think about where I would be if I hadn't trusted God and followed His plans for me because I was afraid I'd lose my friends and not be well thought of by others.

The Strategy to Conquer Fear

The only way you can conquer fear is to confront it...to keep going forward with God while the enemy of fear is trying to drive you backward. Remember that "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of

power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV).

When you're struggling to do what you know God wants you to do, go to the Word for encouragement. Here are a few powerful scriptures you can use to conquer fear:

- Isaiah 41:10 says, "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (NIV).

- Psalm 118:6 says, "The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" (NIV)

- Psalm 27:1 declares, "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?" (NIV)

- Romans 8:31-32 says, "...If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (NIV)

The Word of God has power to set you free from fear! Take time to study these verses and pray for

God to help you live courageously in His will for your life. You'll discover there's nothing more exciting than being the person God has created you to be!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's two-teaching CD and DVD resource Living Courageously. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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on this page urge
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MARKETPLACE

101 LEGAL NOTICE

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
BETTY M.)
FITZGERALD,)
Deceased.)
No. 2020 P 177
PUBLICATION FOR CLAIMS AND PUBLICATION FOR UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND HEIRS AND LEGATEES WHOSE NAMES OR ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN CLAIM NOTICE AND NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES
Estate of BETTY M. FITZGERALD, Deceased.

Notice is given of the death of BETTY M. FITZGERALD of Mendota, IL. Letters of office were issued on SEPTEMBER 15, 2020, to MARK R. FITZGERALD, 115 16th St. Mendota IL 61342 whose attorney is DAVID M. KALEEL, 806 Jefferson St., Mendota, IL 61342. Notice is given to CHRISTINE FITZGERALD, heirs or legatees who are named in a petition, filed in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose names or ad-dresses are not stated in the petition that an order was entered by the court on SEP-TEMBER 15, 2020 admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Ill. Rev. Stats., ch. 110 ½, Sec 6-21). You may also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act. (Ill. Rev. Stats., Ch.110 ½, Sec. 8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the office of the Circuit Clerk, Pro-bate Division, Downtown Courthouse, Ottawa, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of issuance of letters and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative, and to the attorney with 10 days after it has been filed.
No. 0912
(Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 2020)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
KATHLEEN G.)
MARTIN,)
DECEASED.)
NO. 2020-P-181
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Kathleen G. Martin, of Peru, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 18, 2020, to Mary T. Martin, of Peru, IL, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Dated: September 18, 2020
Greg Vaccaro
LaSalle County Circuit Clerk
Ottawa, IL 61350
No. 0913
(Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 2020)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF)
Mary Frances)
Bierwirth,)
Deceased)
Case No. 2020-P-179
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Mary Frances Bierwirth of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 16, 2020 to Donna J Saunders of 205 Sandra Ave., Apt G4, Mendota, IL 61342 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 10, 2021. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
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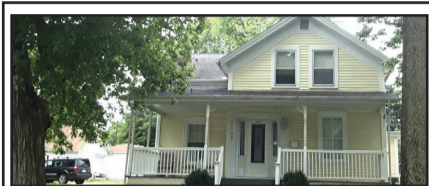
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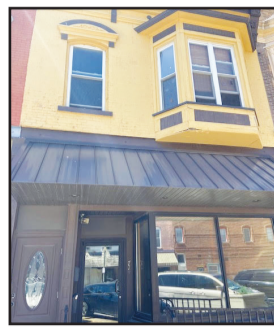


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