



Harvest time

Harvest is in full swing in the Mendota area as this farmer combines a soybean field between Mendota and Triumph. Corn and soybean production is up from 2019, according to the Crop Production report issued recently by USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). Soybean production is up 21% from last year, forecast at 4.31 billion bushels. Soybean yields are expected to average a record high 51.9 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from last month’s forecast but up 4.5 bushels from 2019. (Reporter photo)

Haunted hayrides with limits OK, haunted houses aren’t

By GREG BISHOP
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD — In a matter of hours, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s administration changed its guidance on hayrides amid concerns over COVID-19, but haunted houses are still prohibited. A state representative says the decision is not based on science and data.

An updated document on Sept. 24 had initially said: “Amusement rides such as train rides, hay rides, and inflatables must remain closed.”

The guidance document was updated late Sept. 25 with different language that



said hayrides and haunted hayrides were permitted with capacity limits.

“Hayrides/haunted can operate at 50% capacity,

with parties spaced at least six feet apart and wearing masks, with the best practice to limit hayrides to members of the same household,” the

update said.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity didn’t immediately respond to why the guidelines changed.

State Rep. Charlie Meier, R-Okawville, is a hay farmer. He said hayrides are a big tradition.

“There’s some big families, there’s some small families, what if one person brings a friend,” Meier said. “Hopefully there’s some wiggle room there.”

Meier is also in Region 4 where the governor for weeks

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State-regulated utilities extend shutoff moratorium to winter 2021

By RAYMON TRONCOSO
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Several state-regulated utilities have voluntarily extended a moratorium on disconnections into next year after requests from the Illinois Commerce Commission.

The ICC announced that Nicor Gas and Liberty Utilities have agreed to halt shutoffs due to missed or late payments for all residential customers until March 31, 2021.

Ameren Illinois, Aqua Illinois, Illinois American Water, Commonwealth Edison, Peoples Gas/North Shore Gas and Utility Services of Illinois have agreed to delay disconnections to the same



date for residential customers who qualify for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, and those financially impacted by COVID-19.

MidAmerican has extended its moratorium on shutoffs for LIHEAP-qualified residential customers until March 31, 2021 as well, and is considering other options,

according to ICC.

To qualify for LIHEAP, residential customers’ combined household income for the 30 days prior to submitting an application must be at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level for their family size. A spokesperson for the ICC said it is strongly encouraging all residential customers of the participat-

This action will ensure a continuation of utility service. Deferred payment arrangements are also available for both residential and small business customers needing help managing their utility bill obligation during these difficult times.

—Illinois Commerce Commission

ing utilities to call their utility to check their eligibility. The LIHEAP application period runs from July of this year to June 30, 2021, or until funding set aside for the program is exhausted.

According to an ICC press release, residential customers who have been impacted financially by the COVID-19 pandemic and cannot pay their utility bill do not need to fill out any forms or provide

paperwork to qualify for the moratorium. They just need to “make the phone call and verbalize” their situation to receive a delay on shutoffs if their state-regulated utility is participating in COVID-19 related moratoriums.

“This action will ensure a continuation of utility service. Deferred payment arrangements are also available for both residential and small business customers needing

help managing their utility bill obligation during these difficult times,” according to the release.

On June 18, the ICC approved a COVID-19 utility agreement with state-regulated utilities that included the first moratorium on shutoffs that some utilities have since voluntarily ex-

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Secretary of State White extends driver’s license and ID expiration dates

Online license plate sticker renewals increase

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Expiration dates on Illinois driver’s licenses and state ID cards will be extended another three months, said Secretary of State Jesse White.

White announced expirations for licenses and IDs will be extended until Feb. 1, 2021, so the cards will remain valid throughout that span. The extension applies to those who have October, November, December and January expiration dates.

“Extending expiration dates until Feb. 1 means people with an expired driver’s license and ID card do not need to visit a driver services facility immediately,” White said.

License plate stickers remain extended until Nov. 1, 2020, as they can be renewed online. White encouraged those who have business with the secretary of state to consider using online services instead of visiting a facility when possible.

Online services at www.cyberdriveillinois.com can be used to renew license plate stickers, obtain a duplicate driver’s license or ID card, obtain a driving record abstract or renew a standard driver’s license through the Safe Driver renewal program.

Online transactions con-

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—Secretary of State Jesse White

tinue to rise, according to White’s office, with online license plate sticker renewals increasing 84 percent compared to the same period in 2019. From June 1 through Sept. 20, more than 1.2 million such renewals have been conducted online, compared to 654,596 during the same period a year ago.

White recently extended by one year the driver’s license expiration date for drivers age 75 and older. The new expiration date is their birthday in 2021.

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LOCAL AND AREA

OSF Saint Paul announces DAISY & Sunflower Awards

MENDOTA – As a partner in the international DAISY Award program that recognizes the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care of nurses, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center recently awarded its 2020 DAISY Award to Denise Bickett.

Bickett, a registered nurse who works in the Emergency Department, received three different nominations from patients. “We truly appreciate the compassionate care that RNs perform every day and the DAISY Award is one way to recognize these dedicated individuals,” said Heather Bomstad, Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer for OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center.

One of the comments received about Bickett stated that she went above and beyond her nursing duties. Her nomination reads, “Denise took care of me in the ER. She is a very kind, caring, and professional nurse. Denise made me feel like I was her only patient. She kept me informed at everything taking place and told me what medications I was receiving and what to expect. She recognized my apprehensions and was reassuring.”

The DAISY Award program can be found in over 2,000 healthcare facilities in all 50 states and 14 other countries.

The Sunflower Award, a recognition program offered to non-nursing staff with OSF HealthCare, was given to Ashley Willoughby, phlebotomist, with the hospital’s laboratory department.

Willoughby was nominated for this award by a fellow Mission Partner and her nomination reads, “We had a patient that was withdrawn to all staff except Ashley. She spent a lot of time talking to the patient about her favorite TV show, playing games on her tablet, shared funny pictures and even had the patient teaching her sign language. The patient smiled and laughed. Ashley was able to calm her when she became anxious and was able to connect with her on a level that no one else could.”

OSF HealthCare encourages patients, family members, and fellow staff to recognize caregivers who have provided exceptional care and service by nominating them for an award to honor their dedication. For more information about the DAISY and Sunflower Awards, or to submit a nomination, visit <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-paul/guest/thank-caregiver/>.



Congratulating the 2020 Sunflower Award Winner are, left to right, Don Damron, Vice President of Ambulatory Services; Ashley Willoughby, 2020 Sunflower Award Winner; Dawn Trompeter, President; and Heather Bomstad, Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer. (Photos contributed)



Attending the DAISY Award presentation are, left to right, Leonardo Lopez, MD, Chief Medical Officer; Denise Bickett, RN, 2020 DAISY Award Winner; Heather Bomstad, Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer; and Dawn Trompeter, President.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Mendota student a member of academic record-setting class at University of Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa - Wyatt Hindle of Mendota is a member of the incoming undergraduate class at the University of Iowa. This class, which has topped previous records in achievement, has a higher average high school grade-point average (3.78) than any previous class. The average high school GPA for the classes of 2023 and 2022 were 3.76 and 3.71, respectively.

Hindle is classified as an Undergraduate - Third Year and a student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

“These newest Hawkeyes are going to bring so much to our campus through their individual talents and perspectives, not to mention the incredible determination and tenacity they have demonstrated over these last months,” says Kevin Kregel, interim executive vice president and provost. “We look forward to making sure they have the breadth and depth of opportunities they deserve and the support they need to achieve their academic goals.”

The Class of 2024 is composed of 4,530 students,

456 fewer than last year. A decrease in enrollment was anticipated due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

About 21 percent of the class (971) are first-generation students, and about 21 percent (961) identify as African American, American Indian, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Asian, Latinx/a/o, or two or more ethnicities.

Despite the challenges brought forth by the pandemic, Sarah Hansen, vice president for student life, says the Hawkeye spirit is strong and resilient.

“Just as we have overcome adversity in the past, we will overcome the considerable challenges we face with COVID-19. This year’s incoming class is as accomplished and diverse as ever, and I know that they will make their mark on the University of Iowa,” she says. “The Class of 2024 has already shown their resiliency as their senior year in high school was disrupted. We are so grateful to have them here on campus, and I

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Illinois farmland values remain stable, slight decline in 2021 cash rents

CHAMPAIGN – Stability is the key word on what’s happening with farmland values and interest rates with only a slight decline expected in 2021 cash rents. This is the information coming from a webinar hosted today by the University of Illinois and the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

The webinar, “Expectations for 2020 Farmland Prices and 2021 Cash Rents” was an offshoot of the Mid-Year Snapshot Survey on land values typically done by the Society and released at the Farm Progress Show. Making the presentation were University of Illinois professors Gary Schnitkey, Ph.D., and Bruce Sherrick, Ph.D., and Luke Wor-

rell, AFM, ALC, chair of the Society’s 2021 Land Values and Lease Trends Conference. Survey respondents were Society members along with others allied to the industry. It was conducted in late August.

In opening the webinar, Worrell noted here has been very little change in farmland prices across the state since Jan. 1 While slight increases of as much as 3 percent were noted in the northeast and west central parts of the state, values across the rest of Illinois have remained static. The average price for Excellent Quality farmland across the state was \$10,313.

The same trend was true with Good Quality land with some increases as much as 2.2

percent across the northern half of the state and decreases as low as 2.1 percent across the southern counties. The exception was the east central area which saw an increase of 4.5 percent since the first of the year. The average paid for Good farmland was \$8,233.

Across the state prices paid for Average Quality land was very “stable,” with the overall average being \$6,350 per acre.

The trend on who’s buying and selling has also remained very much along historic lines with estate and post-estate settlement accounting for 59 percent of the farmland being brought onto the market while Other Farmers are the primary purchasers buying 61 percent of the land that comes on the market.

The stability aspect also comes into play with expectations for interest rates and for farmland prices for the balance of the year.

Slight Decline in Cash Rents

In a comparison with neighboring states, it was noted that as of 2016, 50 percent of Illinois farmland is rented compared to 45 percent in Indiana, 41 percent in Iowa, and 37 percent in Ohio.

Those responding to the survey indicated an expectation of a 2.5 percent decline in cash rents for professionally managed Excellent farmland going into 2021. This drops the average rate from \$305 per acre to \$297.

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LOCAL AND AREA

4-H Make It: Hand Knit Blanket workshop offered

PRINCETON - University of Illinois Extension 4-H is offering a hand knit blanket workshop for youth ages 10-18 on Saturday, Nov. 17. The workshop will take place from 10 a.m. - noon at the Extension office, 850 Thompson St., Princeton. A fee of \$20 will cover the cost of materials. The workshop is open to both 4-H and non 4-H members.

To register, contact U of I Extension's office at (815) 875-2878 or 4-H Program Coordinator, Danielle Gapinski at des85@illinois.edu with the participant's name. Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 16. Space is limited to the first 10 participants. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Farmland

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For Good farmland the rate is projected to drop from \$270 to \$253. For Average land the rate is expected to go from \$224 per acre to \$212, and \$173 to \$160 for Fair quality land. The expectation is for the price of corn to be \$3.25 per bushel on the 2021 crop. Projecting into the 2022 crop year the expected price for soybeans is \$9.09 per bushel with \$3.77 being paid for corn. The group expects low amounts of inflation looking 2 years out with only modest

increase in interest rates. Looking 5 years into the future, 55 percent of those responding to the survey expect prices paid for farmland to be 1 to 10 percent higher. Basically, though, prices are expected to remain 'stable.' The same is true with cash rents with only 35 percent expecting rent rates will go up by as much as 10 percent over the next 5 years. Stable is again the word to describe the trends. A recording of the complete webinar will be available at www.ispfma.org and farmlanddaily@illinois.edu.

CARL'S QUIZ

Babies born in which season of the year are more likely to excel in school?

The answer to last week's quiz is: The Hupmobile was a car manufactured in the early 1900s. Interestingly, a Hupmobile dealership in Canton, Ohio was the site of a meeting in 1920 during which the American Professional Football Association was founded (renamed the National Football League in 1922). The new league was comprised of 10 football teams from across the Midwest including the Decatur Staleys. The Staleys moved to Chicago in 1921 and the next year the team was renamed Chicago Bears.

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

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Eureka Savings Bank donates to area organizations

MENDOTA - Eureka Savings Bank is committed to supporting their customers and communities now more than ever. Through their partnership with Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago Eureka is providing a \$5,000 donation from the Targeted Impact Fund to three local organizations including Mendota Area Senior Services, Illinois Valley Hispanic Partnership Council and Habitat For Humanity of LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam County. The Targeted Impact Fund provides members with grants to support relief efforts for populations hardest-hit by COVID-19 as well as to promote equity and opportunity for communities of color.



Rayanne Sester, Mendota Area Senior Services Executive Director, left, accepts the donation from Anna Arteaga, Eureka Savings Bank Mendota Branch Manager/Vice President, center, and Jesse Arellano, Eureka Savings Bank Mendota Assistant Branch Manager.



Sara Escatel, Illinois Valley Hispanic Partnership Council, left, accepts a \$5,000 donation from Anna Arteaga, Eureka Savings Bank Mendota Branch Manager/Vice President.



Representatives from Habitat For Humanity of LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam County, left to right, Frank Zeller, Sally Van Cura and Fran Gibson, accept a \$5,000 donation from Jim Loblaco, Eureka Savings Bank Chief Financial Officer. (Photos contributed)

Red Cross blood drive successful, next bloodmobile Nov. 17

MENDOTA - The American Red Cross held a blood drive at the Mendota Moose Family Center on Sept. 22. The drive was attended by 69 presenting donors and 64 good units were collected. This included 58 whole blood donations and eight double red cell donations. "We had a great turnout, especially

considering these uncertain times," stated volunteer Lori Simonton. "Your time and donation are greatly appreciated." Volunteers for the day included Sandy Schroeder, Peg Mathesius-Cerveney, Margy Frey, Kristi Carroll and Lori Simonton. Mendota Subway again donated sandwiches for the donor

luncheon. Black Bros. also donated sandwiches and chips to the drive. The next bloodmobile will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. If you would like to make an appointment or have questions, please call Lori at (815) 866-3582

Briefs

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look forward to working with our new students to continue our commitment to building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive campus community for all Hawkeyes."

About 58 percent of the class (2,612) are Iowa residents, and about 2 percent (69) are international students. The class represents 95 of Iowa's 99 counties, 43 U.S. states (as well as Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; and bases for the U.S. Armed Forces), and 35 countries. This year, 22,405 under-

graduates are enrolled at Iowa. Total enrollment this fall is 30,448 students. About 46 percent of Iowa's students identify as male, about 54 percent as female. Graduate students total 6,170, and professional students total 1,873. (This information represents a snapshot of enrollment information from early in the fall 2020 semester

and may change with time.) **About the University of Iowa** The University of Iowa is one of the nation's premier public research universities, dedicated to academic excellence, groundbreaking discoveries and creations, commitment to Iowa and the world, and a culture that prizes community, diversity, and opportunity.

The UI is known around the world for its leadership in the arts, sciences, and humanities. It is home to the first and best creative writing program in the world, a world-class academic medical center and one of America's top teaching hospitals, and a can-do culture that fosters a campus-wide dedication to student success.

Mendota Weather

Sept. 30, 2020

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 68 Low: 43

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 37

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 53 Low: 36

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 55 Low: 37

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 40

Monday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 61 Low: 43

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 65 Low: 49

Local UV Index

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

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Weather Trivia

What are the odds of being struck by lightning?

Answers: About 1 in 800,000.

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 68°, humidity of 45%. West wind 9 to 16 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 86° set in 2002. Expect mostly clear skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 43°. West northwest wind 10 to 14 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 39°. The record low for Wednesday night is 33° set in 1993.

Regional Cities

City	Hi/Low	Wx	Hi/Low	Wx
Aurora	67/44	pc	64/38	sh
Champaign	70/44	s	67/39	pc
Chicago	67/47	pc	59/43	sh
Freeport	64/41	pc	61/35	mc
Joliet	68/45	pc	65/39	sh
Moline	67/44	s	63/38	pc
Peoria	70/46	s	67/40	pc
Rockford	65/43	pc	62/37	sh
Springfield	72/46	s	69/40	pc

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	77	50	72/48	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	78	52	72/48	0.00"	0.70"
Wednesday	77	53	71/47	0.00"	-0.70"
Thursday	78	55	71/47	0.00"	
Friday	80	57	70/46	0.00"	
Saturday	83	62	70/46	0.00"	
Sunday	77	64	70/46	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Wednesday	6:52 a.m.	6:38 p.m.	6:36 p.m.	5:27 a.m.	New 10/16
Thursday	6:53 a.m.	6:37 p.m.	6:59 p.m.	6:27 a.m.	
Friday	6:54 a.m.	6:35 p.m.	7:21 p.m.	7:26 a.m.	
Saturday	6:55 a.m.	6:33 p.m.	7:44 p.m.	8:25 a.m.	
Sunday	6:57 a.m.	6:32 p.m.	8:09 p.m.	9:25 a.m.	First 10/23
Monday	6:58 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	8:37 p.m.	10:25 a.m.	
Tuesday	6:59 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	9:10 p.m.	11:25 a.m.	

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 74 in Lowell, Mass. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Cudjoe Key, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 86 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 94 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 106 in Salton City, Calif.

Weather History

Sept. 30, 1970 - A nineteen-month drought in Southern California came to a climax. The drought, which made brush and buildings tinder dry, set up the worst fire conditions in state history as hot Santa Ana winds sent the temperature to 105 degrees at Los Angeles.

Oct. 1, 1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the southeastern United States through the day and evening hours. Severe thunderstorms spawned 11 tornadoes, seven of which were in Georgia. A tornado near Moultrie, Ga. killed two people and injured 12 others.

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Martha J. Sloan

MENDOTA - Martha J. (Mitchell) Sloan, 74, of Mendota was called home to rest on Sept. 20, 2020.

Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m. on Sept. 28 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Martha was born April 10, 1946 in LaSalle to Edwin and Elizabeth (Newell) Mitchell. She later married Chester Barnhart.

Survivors include one daughter, Anna Sloan-Jefferson of Ottawa; one son, Joe Sloan of Mendota; a grandson, Anthony Jefferson of Utica; one granddaughter, Donna Sloan of Arlington; one sister, Sandra Lucas of Mendota; a son-in-law, Brian Jefferson of Utica; nieces and nephews, Carol Lucas and family of Utica, Connie Lucas and Elizabeth Lucas, both of Mendota, Lee Ann Lemmer and family of Plymouth, and Edward Mitchell and family and Dr. Robert Mitchell and family, both of Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather; one sister, June E. Mitchell; and two brothers, Edwin Mitchell and James A. Mitchell.

Martha worked at Marathon Electric as a seamstress for over 10 years. In 1979, she taught Native Americans in El Paso, Texas at the College Center. She worked at Luke's Tap in Mendota for many years, was a certified nurse assistant for over 20 years and owned and operated Mitchell's Emporium in Mendota. Caring for strays was her ultimate passion, followed by being a gifted artisan (jewelry, oil painting, ceramics and baking). She enjoyed digging geodes with her son, which they would turn into works of art. You could find her and her daughter at vendor shows and farmers markets for over 20 years until last year due to her stroke.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Wayne Cantlin

EARLVILLE - Emmett Wayne Cantlin, 71, of rural Earlville, died Sept. 25, 2020 at his home.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at noon on Sept. 29 at St. Theresa Church in Earlville with Rev. Jean Tayoro, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Freedom Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation was from 9 until 11:45 a.m. on Sept. 29 at the church. Arrangements were through the Mueller Funeral Home in Ottawa.

Pallbearers will be Jack, Ryan, Joe, Tim and Jeremy Cantlin, Glenn Mendell, Marty Graham and Rob Doughty. Honorary pallbearers will be Jerry Curl and Joe Hoffman.

Wayne was born Dec. 21, 1948 in Ottawa to Emmett and Linda (Pucci) Cantlin. He married Barbara Johnson on June 27, 1970 at St. Theresa Church in Earlville.

Survivors include his wife, Barb; his mother, Linda Cantlin of Ottawa; one daughter, Jodi L. (Dustin) McDermith of Harrisburg, N.C.; three grandchildren, Taylor, Mason and Addison; and two sisters, Janet Lane of Chicago and Judith (Tim) Ho of Boston, Mass.

He was preceded in death by his father and one son, John Wayne Cantlin.

Wayne received his Associates degree from Joliet Junior College. He was a life-long farmer and a truck driver for A & R Transport for over 20 years. He was a member of the Army Reserves and of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wedron. He enjoyed antique tractors and camping and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for charities to be determined. Sign the online guestbook and share remembrances at www.muellerfh.com.

Nancy F. Momeny

MAZEPPA, Minn. - Nancy F. Momeny, 90, of Mazeppa, Minn., formerly of Stewartville, Minn., passed away Sept. 20, 2020 of natural causes at Homestead Senior Care in Rochester, Minn., where she had been a resident for one month.

Visitation for family and friends was held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 28 at Griffin-Gray Funeral Home in Stewartville, Minn. A committal service and burial was at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Morningside Chapel and Cemetery Hope in Coon Rapids, Minn.

Nancy Faye Reeser was born Aug. 25, 1930 in Sublette to Charles and Grace (Keeler) Reeser, joining her sisters, Bonnie and Norma. She married Ben Packer on Aug. 16, 1952 in Mendota. He preceded her in death in 1972. She married William Momeny in 1980. He preceded her in death in 1998.

Survivors include three sons, Perry (Janet) Packer of Missoula, Mont., Timothy (Mary) Packer of Rockford and Joel (Barbie) Packer of Mazeppa, Minn.; five grandchildren, Kelly Packer (Adrian Kien), Shannon Packer (Dan Foy), Ben Packer (Tasha Lyons), Ryan Packer and Sara (Chase) Kelly; seven great-grandchildren, Mara, Greyson, Logan, Weston, Merckx, Archer and Sidney; one sister, Norma Ball of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, her parents and one sister, Bonnie Besenfelder.

Nancy grew up in Mendota where she attended school, graduating from Mendota High School in 1948. She attended Northern Illinois University where she earned a teaching degree and met Benton Packer. After they married, the couple moved to Coon Rapids, Minn. in 1962, where they lived for a few years before moving to Palo Alto, Calif. all while raising "Their 3 Sons" - Perry, Timothy and Joel. Ben died unexpectedly of a heart attack in 1972 at the age of 42. Nancy was a single mom, while teaching 1st grade at Eisenhower Elementary School in Coon Rapids until her retirement in 1980. That year she married William Momeny and the couple moved to Mendota where they lived for a number of years. Nancy moved to Stewartville in 2004 to live near her son, Joel and his family, and followed them again in 2020, after they moved to Mazeppa, Minn. in 2016. She was a past member and active volunteer of the United Methodist Church in Mendota and at the Mendota Public Library. She was an avid reader and was a regular at the Stewartville Public Library. Nancy absolutely stopped at every garage sale she passed. She was a very gifted cross stitcher and basket weaver. Her baskets are works of art. She was always up for a game of cards and a drinkie at precisely 5 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's research. Condolences and memories of Nancy are welcome at www.griffin-gray.com.

Judith A. Metzen

MONTGOMERY - Judith "Judy" A. Metzen, 78, of Montgomery, passed away Sept. 25, 2020 at home surrounded by her loving family.

There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 2 at Valley Memorial Park Cemetery in Spring Valley with Pastor Joel Stevener officiating. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Dunn Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Oswego.

Judy was born July 7, 1942 in Spring Valley to Floyd and Anna (Martinkus) Blake. She married Kendall L. Metzen on July 22, 1962 in Mendota.

Survivors include her loving husband of 58 years; one son, Scott (Rebecca) Metzen of Aurora; one brother, David (Donna) Blake of Mendota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Richard Blake.

Judy graduated from Hall High School in Spring Valley in 1960. She was employed by Western Electric/AT&T in Montgomery for more than 12 years, the Oswego School District for 10 years, and the off-track betting facility in North Aurora for 12 years prior to her retirement. She enjoyed nature, reading, attending plays and musicals, and working puzzles. She also served as an election judge in Kendall County for many years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Welfare League, 10305 Southwest Hwy., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. For additional information phone (630) 554-3888 or visit www.dunnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Earl J. Manning

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Retired Capt. Earl James Manning (USMC), 84, of Phoenix, Ariz., passed away Sept. 16, 2020 at the Sun West Choice Healthcare & Rehab in Sun City West, Ariz.

Viewing and funeral arrangements were handled by Regency Mortuary Funeral Home, Sun City, Ariz. Funeral services were held at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, Ariz. Sept. 23, 2020 with full military honors.

Earl "Sonny" was born in Mendota to Earl and Myrtle (Hampton) Manning on Feb. 23, 1936. He married Ellen E. Higgins on Oct. 22, 1954. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include one brother, Rick (Mary) Meyers of Mendota; a sister-in-law, Jane (Jerry) Manning; one daughter, Ellen M. (Thomas) Turner of Delray Beach Fla.; one son, Earl (Sheryl) Manning of Atlanta, Ga.; four grandchildren, Wade (Sherrie) Manning of Michigan, Earl Campbell of Arizona, Ashley (Chris) Berg of Tennessee and Cassidy (Brian) Snow of Georgia; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; two sisters, Huberta Hibbetts and Janet Thomas; and two brothers, Wayne and Jerry Manning.

Earl enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1953 and proudly served his country for over 22 years. During his service, he served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, was a drill sergeant, communication officer, infantry officer, and was a leading member of the USMC shooting team, receiving recognition as a marksman in both rifle and pistol. Earl was serving in Quantico, Va. as part of the Weapons Training Battalion Training Command when he retired from the Marine Corps on Aug. 31, 1976. He and Ellen got into hotel and apartment management, which they did for a number of years in various locations, but they enjoyed it most when they were able to get back home to Mendota where they could be around family and friends. Earl loved his wife, Ellen and enjoyed being with family, working on cars, woodworking, playing cards, going fishing, boating, and especially trips to casinos where he liked playing the slot machines. He and Ellen later moved to Arizona to be with their daughter, Ellen (Thomas) Turner and to take advantage of consistent warm weather.

Angelina (Mignone) Truckenbrod

WEST BROOKLYN - Angelina Anna "Angie" (Mignone) Truckenbrod, 94, of West Brooklyn, passed away Sept. 24, 2020 at her home with her loving husband by her side.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 28 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. David Ufkes officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Visitation was from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Sept. 28 at the funeral home.

Angie was born Dec. 12, 1925 in Spring Valley to John and Mary (Zucca) Mignone. She married John "Jack" Truckenbrod on July 3, 1959.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, John (Heather Bastounes) Truckenbrod and Timothy (Sandy Sanchez) Truckenbrod; one daughter, Carla (Duane Heath); four granddaughters, Whitney (Grant Rupp), Danielle Heath, Taylor Truckenbrod and Hermione Truckenbrod; one brother, Paul Mignone; and her faithful rat terrier, Freddy.

She was preceded in death by six brothers, Thomas, John, Frank, Roy, Richard and Louis Mignone; and three sisters, Margaret Volpe, Catherine McGraw and Louise Potter.

Angie graduated from Hall High School and worked as a credit analyst for Marshall Field's in her younger days. She spent most of her life as a homemaker on the farm she shared with Jack and their children in West Brooklyn. She volunteered with the American Cancer Society, Mendota Hospital Auxiliary, Camp Fire Girls, and the Lighted Way. Some of her hobbies included touring the country with Jack and their antique cars and collecting antiques. Most of all, Angie loved spending time with her family.

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tended. The agreement also included consumer protections aimed at protecting utility customers during the coronavirus pandemic, such as deferred payment agreements, temporary waivers for reconnection fees and new deposit requirements.

“Illinois citizens are facing extraordinary challenges due to the pandemic. Low income families and those impacted by COVID-19 should not have to fear losing basic services like electricity, heat, or fresh water,” Carrie Zalewski, ICC Chairman, said in a news release. “The voluntary actions by these utilities will provide our most vulnerable citizens with some peace of mind, especially as cold weather approaches.”

Haunted

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has had mitigation measures in place prohibiting restaurants and bars from having indoor service until the state reported regional COVID-19 positivity rate declines.

The governor has put different levels of mitigations on different regions of the state unevenly, like the difference in Region 4 and Region 7 mitigation measures the governor said was an “unintended mistake.”

“We’ve seen a lot of changes in the past, and they’re not always science and data,” Meier said. “After Region 4 was given that one week extension to try to get things under control, that wasn’t science and data, that was because a lot of people from his same [Democratic] party were asking him.

“Maybe his daughter wants to go on hayrides and that’s what’s happened,” Meier said. “She’s been allowed to go out of state and go to her horse competitions, so maybe she wants to go on a hayride in Illinois and that’s why we’re going to have them, but at least some people are going to enjoy hayrides and for that I’m happy.”

Pritzker recently criticized people bringing his daughter’s activities into the conversation, saying she’s competing in approved sporting events.

Both of last week’s updated DCEO guidance says haunted houses should remain closed at this time.

Governor Pritzker closes door on high school football this fall

❑ Says doctors and epidemiologists are leading the way

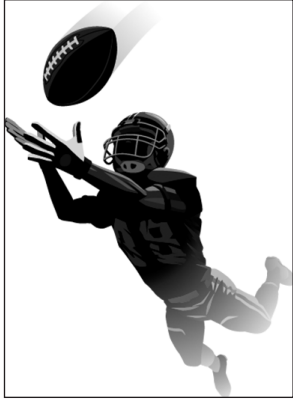
By KEVIN BESSLER
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – It appears high school football will remain a spring sport as the pandemic continues.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Sept. 25 that he has not been talking with the Illinois High School Association about moving football up to this fall, but it is the state public health officials who made the call, not him.

“It is doctors and epidemiologists that are leading the way here,” Pritzker said. “It is what I have done all along in this pandemic. I think it’s one of the reasons we have one of the lowest positivity rates in the Midwest.”

Illinois High School Association executive director Craig Anderson sent the governor’s office a letter requesting permission to allow the IHSA to govern its sports and a timetable



to return.

“With support from the IHSA Board of Directors, I issued a letter on Sept. 10 to Governor Pritzker and Deputy Governor Ruiz, that seeks permission for the IHSA and its Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to resume control over determining the resumption of IHSA sports and activities,” Anderson said in an IHSA statement.

Two former Illinois governors, now out of prison, have advice for House Speaker Michael Madigan

By GREG BISHOP
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Two former Illinois governors who served time in federal prison have some unsolicited advice for Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Former Gov. George Ryan, who served prison time for federal corruption charges, was the Speaker of the House before Madigan was elected speaker in 1983.

“I always got along with Mike and we worked together pretty much to get things done for the state and we worked together when I was speaker and when I was governor,” Ryan said in an interview. “Mike’s got his hands full, I think.”

Ryan, a Republican, is doing interviews promoting his book, “Until I Could Be Sure,” which focuses on his steps to stop the death penalty in Illinois in 1999 before being convicted and sentenced to prison for corruption in 2006.

The 86-year-old Ryan had a message for the 78-year-old Madigan about being in the scope of federal investigations.

“You know when the FBI puts their ‘x’ on you that

“We don’t have a government of the people, by the people and for the people. It is instead government of Mike Madigan, by Mike Madigan and for Mike Madigan.”

—Rod Blagojevich

they’re going to prosecute you, they’re only about 92 percent effective,” Ryan said. “They’re probably the most effective agency in government.”

“That’s always the best advice, be open and above board about everything,” Ryan said.

In late July on his podcast for WLS radio, former Gov. Rod Blagojevich said Madigan should be honest.

“If you’re not going to fight back and deny this stuff and tell the people who look to you as a major public official that not only did you not doing anything wrong but ‘I’m going to take the questions and answer specific allegations and I’ve got nothing to hide,’ unless you do that then you’re telling me you’re guilty,”

There have been several “Let Us Play” rallies around the state, as coaches, parents and players try to persuade the governor to change his mind. A large crowd showed up before the Chicago Bears home opener. Some high school athletes who are trying to impress college coaches on the football field left Illinois and are playing in states such as Texas and Florida.

Pritzker said it is no accident that states that allow football have higher cases of the coronavirus.

“If you look at just football, for example, many of the states that do not allow football today are the states with the lowest positivity rates,” Pritzker said.

Minnesota recently voted to restart football, making Illinois the only state in the Midwest that won’t have high school football this fall.

Blagojevich said.

Blagojevich, a Democrat who calls himself a “Trumpocrat,” maintains his innocence of federal corruption charges despite serving years in prison, only to have his sentence commuted by President Donald Trump earlier this year.

The Speaker needs to come clean with the people of Illinois, Blagojevich said.

“We don’t have a government of the people, by the people and for the people,” Blagojevich said. “It is instead government of Mike Madigan, by Mike Madigan and for Mike Madigan.”

Last week, Madigan declined to voluntarily testify in front of a House committee. A scheduled House hearing in Springfield on Sept. 29 won’t have any witnesses, according to chairman state Rep. Chris Welch, D-Hillside. It’s unclear if the committee will move to subpoena Madigan to testify. Madigan said last week that he won’t appear before the committee.



Music jams set to start October 10 in Triumph

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.



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

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Enough with endorsements

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – A friend who is an old newspaperman contacted me the other day and wanted to know what I thought of the local newspaper no longer endorsing political candidates.

My response: it's about time.

Back in 2016, 243 daily newspapers endorsed Hillary Clinton compared to 20 that endorsed Donald Trump.

Media journalist Jim Rutenberg wrote in October 2016 that endorsements in the presidential election were distinguished by "blunt condemnation" of Trump combined with a "save the Republic" tone.

Despite that, we all know who won the presidency.

That says to me that most folks don't care what their local newspaper has to say about who to vote for.

The other thing is most readers – and many politicians – don't understand the role of endorsements. What appears on the editorial page shouldn't influence day-to-day news coverage. And in ethical, well-run newsrooms, it doesn't.

An endorsement is the institutional voice of the newspaper saying who it supports. It's not a statement that they will bias their news coverage to help a particular candidate.

Unfortunately, not everyone understands or believes this.

I remember covering a U.S. Senate race when I worked for the Las Vegas Sun. Sen. John Ensign wouldn't talk to me because the newspaper had endorsed his opponent.

Try as I might, I couldn't convince him that I had no agenda other than to be fair. I knew he wasn't offended by something I wrote because I had just moved to Nevada from the Midwest.

Still, he wanted nothing to do with anyone from the Sun.

It's time for candidate endorsements to go by the wayside.

This isn't an original thought. Decades ago, Al Neuharth, the founder of USA Today, prohibited candidate endorsements because he believed it tainted news coverage and was elitist for a newspaper to tell readers how to vote.

Elitist journalists? Surely, he jested.

It's much better for newspapers to find out where candidates for various offices stand on the issues and let readers decide for themselves.

That said, there was entertainment value in candidates marching into newsrooms vying for endorsements.

I remember a Davenport, Iowa, City Council candidate saying he would reduce the city workforce through "nutrition." I guess he planned to starve them to death.

Or there was the time a certain state senator was asked about his riverboat gambling stock holdings and his companion stood up and challenged the editorial board: "You want to settle this down in the parking lot, right now?"

Charles Wheeler III, a longtime statehouse reporter and retired journalism professor at the University of Illinois-Springfield, says he is hard pressed to think of any statewide race in the last 50 years where a newspaper endorsement made the difference.

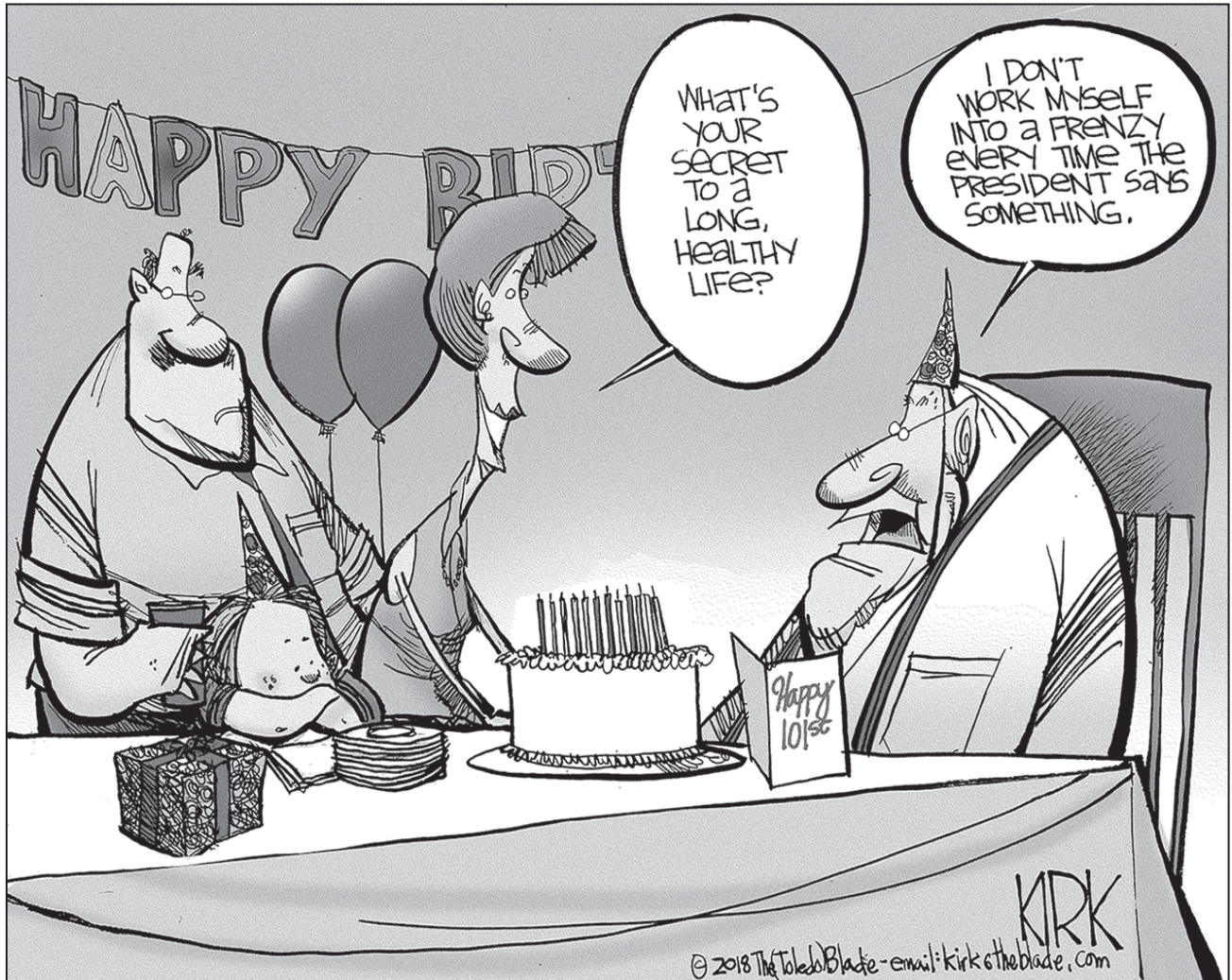
"In 1964, there wasn't agreement on legislative districts so the entire Illinois House ran at-large," he said. "Of course, that was the year (Barry) Goldwater led the Republican ticket. The only House Republicans who won that year were the ones endorsed by the Chicago newspapers."

Wheeler said that is the last race he can remember endorsements playing such a significant role.

And he too struggled to get politicians to believe there isn't a connection between endorsements and news coverage.

"I'd just tell them if you own a newspaper, you can endorse anyone you want on the editorial page. But reporters don't have anything to do with that. We're just here to report the news."

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



Dedicating the new Baptist Church – 1950

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Sept. 27, 2000.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was a joyous time for the congregation of the First Baptist Church when work was completed on a new building to replace the church destroyed by fire in 1942. For eight years they had been meeting in the second floor Masonic Hall on Washington Street, led by Rev. Kenneth Sollitt.

Starting on Sept. 10, 1950, services were held in the new church and the official dedication was held on the evening of Sept. 17. The Mendota Ministerial Association joined the Rev. Sollitt on this milestone occasion. The Rev. Wilbert Hare, Presbyterian, presided. Other members of the clergy taking part were the Rev. W.Z. Dial, Advent Christian; the Rev. J.R. Drees, Methodist; the Rev. W.A. Giese, Evangelical United Brethren; and the Rev. Stroble, pastor of the LaMoille Baptist Church.

Following the service, those who had not yet toured the new church were given an opportunity to do so.

The 1950 football season at MTHS was one of the memorable ones. Coached by Ted Lewis, the Trojans started out with two away games. The first, in Amboy, was a 29-0 Trojan victory. Larry Lau scored four touchdowns behind "terrific blocking" by Jim McCormick, Benny Durand, Bill Phalen and Dale Danekas. It was conceded that the Mendota team was "bigger and faster."

The second game, in Morris, resulted in another shutout – Trojans 31, Morris Redskins 0. The season record showed only one loss and one tie.

The Trojans were division champions.

Anticipating a dance following the first home game, Sept. 29, Kanteen members gathered for a thorough house-cleaning of their rooms at 710 Main St. High praise was accorded the industrious ones – Peggy Booth, Eddie Peasley, Jerry Woods, Elaine Larson, Maxine Cook, Donna McLaughlin, Donna Mosher and the Montagnoli

Backtracks & Sidetracks

twins, Sandra and Madra. A juke box dance topped the evening. For the big dance following the game, Alec Wylie's "newly organized band" would provide the music.

In other Kanteen news, it was reported that Mrs. Richard Phalen had agreed to take charge of the Kanteen Bowling League, with sign-up to begin Sept. 29, 1950.

Mendota Athletic Boosters opened a bank account to receive funds being raised for new bleachers at the football field. Membership in MABS was \$1.

Music director Earnest Schlick called a meeting of band parents at Lincoln School on Sept. 26, 1950. Objective was to acquaint parents with options for instruction on band instruments and plans for a grade school band.

Milo Jordan closed his East Side grocery store when his lease expired. He was relocating in Bloomington. • At Sam's Steak House, Henry Orr at the Hammond Organ was a regular attraction. • Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Hyde purchased the Hi-Way Grill from Rev. and Mrs. Roland Hosto, on Sept. 15, 1950. The Hostos had operated the grill for two years. Hyde had been manager of the A&P store in Mendota.

Frank Seno, popular Mendota athlete, opened Frank Seno's Playdome in Bellwood on Sept. 23, 1950. He took space in The Mendota Reporter, claiming "The Finest in Bowling" and a "Cocktail Lounge." Seno's brother, Steve, and LeRoy Kuebel joined in the enterprise.

A "Cinderella" coloring contest was conducted by the State Theatre in conjunction with a showing of the film. Prizes were awarded to Sharon Tower,

Bobby Jacob and Janet Wright. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Blake Chilton, son-in-law and daughter of Superintendent M.E. Steele. Both the Chiltons held college degrees in art.

The Mendota Accordion Band announced it would be holding dances at Odd Fellow Hall every two weeks during the winter months.

In a freak accident, an airborne stone shattered glass in the window of Edward Baker's law office at 804 Jefferson St. It startled Charles Hendrick, who happened to be sitting near the window. Hendrick said "it sounded like gunfire."

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lorack were among 150 car dealers in Illinois and Indiana honored by the Chicago Motor Club at a banquet in the Edgewater Beach Hotel. They received a framed certificate recording their cooperation in the high school driver's training program.

The MTHS Building Trades boys started a second house on the southwest corner of 16th Street and Augustine Avenue. There were 16 students enrolled in the course. Eight would be completing work on the first house, started under Joe Rollins. The other eight would be starting work on the second house under Merrill Mann.

Ruth Doenier resigned as teacher of journalism and advisor to the Hi-Light staff. She was continuing as teacher of two English III classes and head librarian. She was also taking a graduate course in library science.

New faculty members at MTHS in 1950 were James Koeller, speech and debate; Merrill Mann, building trades; William Moogk, English and journalism; Marge Osborn, home economics.

Fire Chief Carl Galloway announced that inspections of the premises of business houses would begin in October. Particular attention would be paid to basements and the presence of fire hazards such as waste paper and rags.

A Constitutional revolution

By Rich Lowry

Constitutional revolution is going mainstream.

If the Republican Senate confirms a Trump appointee to fill Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Supreme Court seat right before or after the election, progressives say Democrats, if they sweep in November, should retaliate by packing the Supreme Court.

None of this comes out of the blue. The left is disenchanted with our country, and especially its governing institutions, which it believes are shot through with racism and deeply undemocratic. Democrats have gone from assuming a few years ago that they have a permanent majority to assuming that they can't possibly win under such a rigged system.

They no longer want to live under a government that checks majoritarian passions, recognizes the importance of states in our federal system and features a Supreme Court that is supposed to render independent judgments based on the law and the Constitution. All of this, once a matter of basic civics, is now for suckers.

Before its new fashion, court-packing used to be notorious, the ill-considered move that President Franklin Roosevelt couldn't see through even at the height of his power.

For good reason. To add a bunch of new seats to the Supreme Court explicitly so a Democratic president could fill them would radically diminish the Court's standing. It would invite Republicans to counter with their own bout of court-packing when they again return to power. The Court would become merely a partisan plaything and essentially an adjunct to the legislative branch -- all that would stay the same would be the black robes.

And for what? To compensate for a duly elected Republican Senate acting on its prerogatives to block one Supreme Court nominee (Obama nominee Merrick Garland) and potentially

confirm another (Trump's nominee to fill the RBG seat).

The Senate itself is now an affront because small states get equal representation with large states. Never mind that this arrangement was at the center of the deal that gave us the Constitution. Never mind that the Constitution stipulates that this provision is unamendable. Never mind that prior to 2014 the Democrats controlled the Senate and didn't seem overly concerned about the body's alleged lack of legitimacy.

It's not a failing of our constitutional design that Democrats have made themselves so hateful to rural voters that they despair of reliably holding the Senate going forward. As a corrective, they are threatening to eliminate the filibuster to allow them to add Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico as states to boost their number of senators, a maneuver that smacks of pre-Civil War era power politics.

All of this talk is an awkward fit for Joe Biden's candidacy. We are told that Biden is an inoffensive institutionalist and committed moderate, but if Republicans defy his wishes on the RBG seat, he will respond by blessing outlandish changes to our system passed by narrow majorities.

And, by the way, Biden better win. Shadi Hamid of The Atlantic wrote a piece expressing his worry "that Trump will win reelection and Democrats and others on the left will be unwilling, even unable, to accept the result." He raises the possibility of "mass unrest and political violence across American cities."

Accepting the result of an election is a pretty important norm -- unless you've convinced yourself you live under a hideously undemocratic regime with no legitimacy.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Obituary

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Lewis L. Miller

PAW PAW - Lewis Leroy "Sonny" Miller, 86, passed away peacefully Sept. 26, 2020 at Sunset Nursing Home, Quincy.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1 at Wyoming Cemetery in Paw Paw. Arrangements by Printy Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Lewis was born April 6, 1934 in Mendota to Lewis E. and Amy (Rosenkrans) Miller. He married his high school sweetheart, Levina Belle Hobb on June 12, 1955.

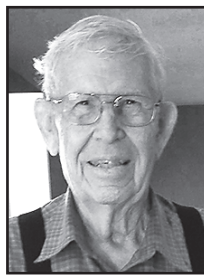
Survivors include his wife, Levina; five children, Karl R. (Carolyn) Miller of Huntersville, N.C., Lorraina B. Miller of Hamilton, Kurtis L. (Nada) Miller of Sauk Rapids, Minn., Julie K. (James) Robillard of Houston, Texas and Joseph A. Miller of Winfield; one sister, Lucille Thomas of Batavia; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Roger Miller; and a sister-in-law, Betty Miller of Earlville.

Lewis graduated from Paw Paw High School with the Class of 1952. He married his high school sweetheart, Levina Belle Hobb, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Webster R. Hobb and they recently celebrated 65 years of marriage. After graduating from Bradley University in 1956 with a degree in Industrial Arts, he entered the U.S. Air Force with the rank of 2nd Lt. He served until May 1977, when he retired with the rank of Lt. Col. He and his family then settled in Hamilton. Lewis was a dedicated member of the United Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts of America. After his retirement, he kept active in his community by working at Montebello Manor Nursing Home as a maintenance man and driving a school bus for the Hamilton School District. During this time, he loved to keep bees, grew a fruit orchard, and built up a strawberry business.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in care of Printy Funeral Home, 720 Main St., Hamilton, IL 62341.

Tributes and condolences may be left at www.printyfuneralhome.com.



River Weaving art installation walking tour Oct. 3 & 11

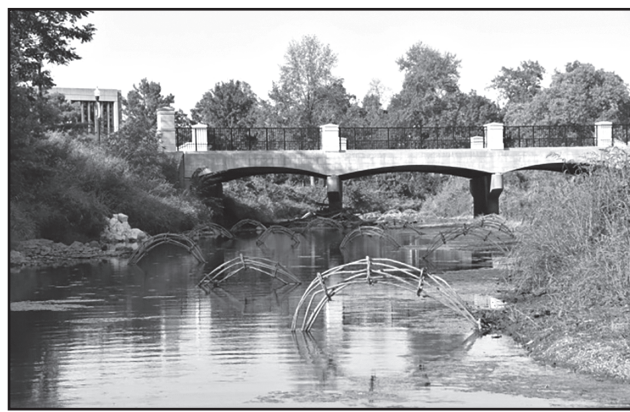
DEKALB - The River Weaving walking tour has been rescheduled for two dates, Saturday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 11. Both will be held at 2 p.m. and attendees can pre-register for free at go.niu.edu/riverweaving.

The walking tour and discussion will begin at the "River Weaving" site near the College Street bridge on the east side of the NIU Music Building in DeKalb.

Thirty-four years ago, John Siblik was an NIU art student drawing up a concept for an environmental sculpture to be placed in the Kishwaukee River where it flows past the lagoon and Music Building. Now, Siblik is standing in that river, in that same spot with a team of students and alumni installing the very same artwork.

Siblik is an associate professor in the School of Art and Design where he earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Science in Art Education. This is the sixth time he's created and installed a version of this project, the second time in Illinois. The first was in Lockport's I&M canal in 2014. But this current version is particularly special. "River Weaving" is part of NIU's 125th Anniversary year-long celebration and a chance for Siblik to complete the vision he first had in 1986.

"The project commemorates the Kishwaukee River



as an important feature of the landscape that helped influence state officials to select DeKalb as the site for NIU prior to its founding in 1895," Siblik says. "Earl W. Hayter, in his history of Northern Illinois University 'Education in Transition' tells a wonderful mythic tale of the residents of DeKalb going without water for two days so that the city's water supply could be diverted into the Kish and have it appear to the commissioners that the Kish was in fact a mighty river. For those of us that are alumni of NIU, it's been stated that if you dip your toe in the Kish you will never leave, at least in our hearts."

The installation features 90 elements made of willow, steel and stone. Each is six to eight feet in length and placed onto a base that is four feet wide and two to four feet tall. The design is flexible and portable to adapt to different rivers and strong

enough to hold up to flooding and currents.

"The most basic way to think about this piece of environmental art is that it is weaving as sculpture," Siblik said. "The environmental significance is that the piece reminds the viewer that we cannot think of the environment as disconnected from ourselves... all aspects of nature and society are connected."

"As the water level in the river rises, 'River Weaving' is activated and serves as a filter collecting litter and debris. Some of the items collected so far include a mattress, tire, shoe, fishing pole, COVID-19 mask, as well as several bags, wrappers, bottles, and cans. It starts as a beautiful, elegant sculpture. Then, after a heavy rain, River Weaving reveals that we dump too much trash into the water."

But while installing the sculpture in the Kishwaukee

River, Siblik said he was encouraged. "The water quality appears to be improving, and we found delicate arrowroot plants, crayfish and mussels, signs of a healthy waterway."

His team includes Myel Simmons, an NIU art student and illustrator who is serving as the project manager, Jose Vazquez, an environmental science major, and business student Jared Norton.

Three alumni are also helping. Arin Whitmore, 2020 BFA drawing graduate, Mark Mattson, who earned his bachelor's and master's in English from NIU is business development manager at Creative Therapeutics in DeKalb, and Ken Olson holds a degree in physical therapy from NIU and is a physical therapist and principal partner with Northern Rehab in DeKalb.

Support for the project is from the NIU 125th Anniversary Committee, as well as material support from local businesses. Dimco Steel and Metal in DeKalb donated over 3,000 pounds of rebar. Wagner Aggregate provided over 14,000 pounds of locally sourced limestone from a quarry in Fairdale used to weigh down the sculptures, and R&B Services in DeKalb hauled and delivered the stone.

Siblik estimates the sculpture installation will be in place until Oct. 15, depending on weather.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Gloria Steinem, who spearheaded the women's liberation movement of the late 1960s and 1970s, is finally getting her due. Originally intended for theaters, "The Glorias" began streaming Sept. 30 via Amazon Prime. Gloria as a child is played by Lulu Wilson, then Alicia Vikander, Oscar winner for "The Danish Girl," takes over, followed by "Just Alice" Oscar-winner Julianne Moore as an older Gloria. Two-time Oscar nominee Bette Midler plays Bella Abzug, and "Ordinary People" Oscar-winner Timothy Hutton portrays Gloria's father.



J. Moore

success as Evan Hansen. Six-time Oscar nominee Amy Adams will sing in the film. Adams is due in two Netflix features, first in "Women in the Window," with Oscar-winners Julianne Moore and Gary Oldman, along with Anthony Mackie and Jennifer Jason Leigh. It's available for streaming Oct. 4. Adams and Glenn Close will star in Oscar-winning director Ron Howard's film, "Hillbilly Elegy," which will be available in November. Between them, Adams and Close have 13 Oscar nominations, but have never won.

Congratulations to choreographer Mandy Moore, who recently won a third Emmy for choreography for "Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist." Not to be confused with actress/singer Mandy Moore in "This Is Us," dance guru Moore choreographed "So You Think You Can Dance" (2010-2017), "LaLaLand" (2016), "Second Act" (2018) with Jennifer Lopez, and the upcoming "Star Girl" and "Valley Girl" films. The award was presented to Moore at events between Sept. 14-17.

Director Richard Linklater was 41 when he started making the coming-of-age

movie "Boyhood," with Ethan Hawke, Patricia Arquette and Ellar Coltrane. With a \$4 million budget, it took 12 years to complete, with Linklater turning 53 when it was done. "Boyhood" won a Golden Globe for best picture, drama, best director and best supporting actress for Patricia Arquette, and netted six Oscar nominations, though only Arquette won for supporting actress. It made \$57 million at the box office.

Now Linklater, at 59, is beginning another project, the musical comedy "Merrily We Roll Along," based on a musical comedy by Stephen Sondheim, George Furth, George S. Irving and Moss Hart. Joining Ben Platt, 26, of "Lady Bird" (2017) and "Booksmart" (2019), and Blake Jenner, 28, who was Ryder Lynn on "Glee." Both were with Platt in his Netflix concert film, "Ben Platt Live From Radio City Music Hall." His new film will shoot over 20 years, which means Linklater will be 79 and his stars will be 46, 47 and 48, respectively. At that pace maybe it should be called "Merrily We Crawl Along!"

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By Dana Jackson

Q: I was a big fan of the daytime soap "All My Children" for years before it was canceled. I remember when Kelly Ripa's husband on the show and acted with him. Is there any chance the couple will do a reality show together with their beautiful family? -- **B.T.**



Kelly & Mark

A: Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos met on the ABC soap "All My Children" in 1996 while playing characters Hayley Vaughan and Mateo Santos. Their on-screen romance grew into a love affair that has lasted a quarter of a century. They were recently profiled with their children in "People" magazine, but their careers have been thriving without the need of a reality show. However, they are teaming up as producers, recently inking a deal with the Lifetime network to produce two movies as part of its "Ripped from the Headlines" theme.

"I am beyond thrilled to welcome Kelly and Mark and their company into the Lifetime family. We feel like Kelly and Mark have

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our same sensibilities and instincts for good storytelling," said Lifetime representative Tanya Lopez. "We know our ripped from the headlines slate will be energized by their enthusiasm, and we all look forward to bringing these timely stories to their fans."

Even if they only produce and don't star in anymore projects together, perhaps Kelly and Mark will make brief cameos.

As for "AMC," several soap castmembers participated in a reunion online when the pandemic first started, including Kelly and Mark. If you'd like to watch it, just follow this link: <https://ew.com/tv/tv-reunions/watch-all-my-children-cast-reunion/>.

Q: I saw comedy legend Bob Newhart on the recent Emmy Awards show. I used to love listening to his comedy albums years ago before his TV shows. Are they still available? I should have saved them. -- **T.H.**

A: Comedy legend is right! The 91-year-old Newhart actually won several Grammy Awards for his comedy albums back in the 1960s. If you can't find the albums at a record store, they're available in several

formats on Amazon and Ebay.

Q: I saw that Disney+ cast the role of "She-Hulk" with a different actress than Alison Brie. I could have sworn Brie was chosen last year. What happened? -- **W.O.**

A: Rumors swirled earlier this year that Disney's new streaming service, Disney+, was looking for an "Alison Brie type" to play "She-Hulk" (the Incredible Hulk's cousin) in a new series. In fact, it turned out to be just wishful thinking from fans as it was recently announced that Tatiana Maslany will be donning the green makeup instead.

Since Brie plays a female wrestler on the Netflix series "GLOW," it seemed only natural that fans would picture her as part of the Hulk family. However, Maslany definitely deserves it. She won an Emmy for playing more than a dozen clones in the series "Orphan Black," a very physically demanding role.

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

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Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

It feels like months since I've seen the inside of my office. While I'm grateful that I can work from any space with a power outlet and a pot of reasonable coffee, I miss it. Good relationships, conversation and camaraderie aren't unattainable in the company of my schooling-from-home kids, but it's not the same as being shoulder to shoulder with your work fam.

But the office ain't always peaches and sunshine, right? So, here I present a few movies that will nip your office nostalgia in the bud, or at least keep you laughing until life can return to normal.

"9 to 5" -- Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda star in this 1980 classic, where three secretaries are terrorized by their boss, played by Dabney Coleman. The women decide to exact their revenge and live out their office fantasies, and while they do it, they

transform the office into an engaging, empowering and rewarding place to work.

"Office Space" -- Another cult classic that's swimming in archetypes! Peter (Ron Livingston) can't stand his soul-sucking corporate job, full of clockwatching and pointless reports. When his therapist dies before he can bring Peter out of hypnosis, the cubicle hero checks out of the rat race without regret, but not before getting recruited into management! But with his cubicle mates facing downsizing, the group hatches a plan to hit the raiders where it hurts -- in the pocketbook.

"The Devil Wears Prada" -- She may be classy, but she's also tongue-lashy. Meryl Streep shines as the hypercritical diva boss Miranda Priestly, atop-echelon fashion editor who takes on Andy (Anne Hathaway) as a personal assistant. The position is prestigious, but it comes with

a high personal cost.

"Company Men" -- Perhaps a little too on the nose, "The Company Men" underscores how years of service and executive come-ons can amount to very little when profits aren't what the big dogs want them to be. Ben Affleck plays Bobby, on the express lane to upper management, when his shipping conglomerate goes through a contracture, leaving Bobby, Phil (Chris Cooper) and Gene (Tommy Lee Jones) unemployed with little fanfare.

"Horrible Bosses" -- The premise of this quirky and trashy comedy: three men (Jason Sudeikis, Charley Day and Jason Bateman) have bosses (Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Spacey and Colin Farrell) so highly unpleasant that the best path is to bump them off. Of course, it's not as easy as it sounds, and all unfolds with hilarious result.

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• Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which mountain range is Mount Everest located?
2. AD SLOGANS: "What can brown do for you?" is a slogan for which company?
3. GOVERNMENT: What is the subject matter of the 12th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
4. MUSIC: In what year was Live Aid held, a relief concert to benefit the Ethiopian famine?
5. PSYCHOLOGY: What is a fear of flying called?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of porcupines called?
7. LANGUAGE: What kind of sentence is the following: "The five boxing wizards jump quickly"?
8. GAMES: What is the most frequently landed-upon property in the Monopoly game?
9. FOOD & DRINK: In which

two U.S. states are coffee beans grown commercially?

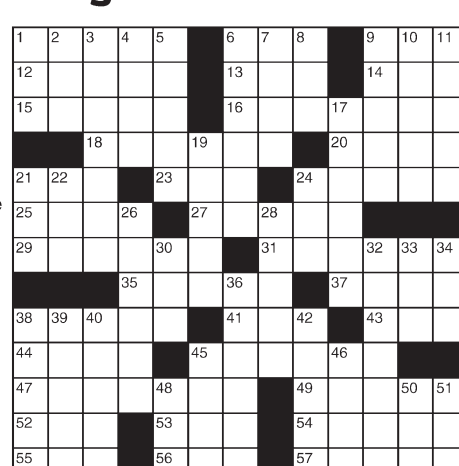
10. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which modern author wrote, "Autumn seemed to arrive suddenly that year. The morning of the first September was crisp and golden as an apple?"

- Answers
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 2. United Parcel Service (UPS)
 3. Election of the president and vice president
 4. 1985
 5. Aviophobia or aerophobia
 6. A prickle of porcupines
 7. A pangram, in which every letter of the alphabet is used.
 8. Illinois Avenue
 9. Hawaii and California
 10. J.K. Rowling
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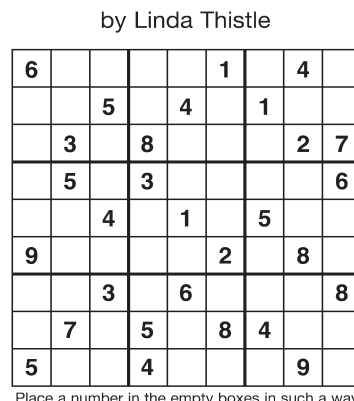
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

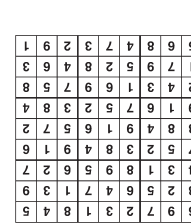


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Illinois Monarch action plan takes flight

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) solidified their commitment to protecting monarch butterflies and other pollinators by signing the Illinois Monarch Action Plan at Conservation World on the Illinois State Fairgrounds on Sept. 24.

"Though small, pollinators play an extremely important role in our survival here in Illinois and the world," said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. "Today's signing not only moves us as a state from plan to action, but also reaffirms our commitment as public servants to doing our part in ensuring pollinators' survival."

"Monarch butterflies capture the hearts of people across Illinois, from school children to mayors, in cities and across rural areas. The Illinois Monarch Project and this action plan harness this enthusiasm to empower others to take steps to help monarchs and other pollinators," said Iris Caldwell, University of Illinois Chicago and state coordinator for Illinois Monarch Project. "We're excited to launch the implementation of the action plan through a series of virtual events beginning in October."

Tasked with bolstering the population of monarchs and other pollinators by protecting habitat and adding food sources, the project brings together public agencies, private organizations and residents of the state in a collaborative and coordinated effort to ensure the survival and successful migration of monarchs.

As part of a regional effort to add 1.3 billion stems of new milkweed to the central U.S. to support migrating monarchs, Illinois is tasked with adding 150,000,000 stems of new milkweed embedded in diverse nectar sources by 2038. As one of

the largest landowners in the state, IDOT is in a unique position to contribute resources to this goal.

"We hold a special commitment at IDOT for the environment and the role pollinators play in the Illinois ecosystem and economy," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "From mowing schedules and restricting the use of pesticides to planting only certain species along our roadsides, IDOT has embraced many changes in policies and practices over the years to protect pollinators. This plan only serves to strengthen those efforts going forward."

Prior to the project's beginning in October 2016, efforts to protect pollinators already were in place at state agencies and organizations. Those plans, as well as new initiatives, and have been included in the state's action plan to maximize efforts.

"The Illinois EPA works to provide a healthy environment and reduce threats to essential components of the ecosystem like the Monarch butterfly and other pollinators," said Illinois EPA Director John Kim. "We applaud the efforts of the Agencies and organizations involved with the development of the Illinois Monarch Project Action Plan."

"Illinois leads the nation in soybean production and is number two in corn, so our state's farmers are well aware of the importance of pollinators," said IDOA Acting Director Jerry Costello II. "Understanding their importance to all Illinois crops, IDOA has executed a multi-year pollinator habitat establishment at our fairgrounds in Springfield and DuQuoin. This multi-year plan, which is in its second year, will convert approximately 25-30 acres of land when fully completed."

Additional information on the Illinois Monarch Project, as well as full text of the plan, can be found at IllinoisMonarchProject.org.



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WARRANT ARREST
 Sara N. Hiatt, 38, of Eugene, Ore., was arrested at 3:51 p.m. Sept. 24 on a warrant from Oregon for delivery of heroin after police officers were called to the 1200 block of Jefferson Street. The subject was processed and later released.

WARRANT ARREST
 Steven Owen, 41, homeless, was arrested at 8:40 a.m. Sept. 25 on a LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear on traffic offenses. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

WARRANT ARREST
 Anthony J. Kaufman, 43, of 507 ½ 15th St., Mendota, was arrested at 12:46 a.m. Sept. 25 on LaSalle County warrants for failure to appear on the charges of burglary and theft after police officers responded to a call for service near the intersection of Main and Jefferson streets. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

ASSAULT
 Henry L. Thompson, 20, of 812 Main St., Apt. 7, Mendota, was charged with assault at 10:59 p.m. Sept. 26. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY
 Kayla M. Falcon, 25, of 407 Fifth Ave., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to a call for service near the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Fifth Street at 3:18 a.m. Sept. 27. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

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SPORTS

IHSA Board expands golf & cross country state series

Both sports will culminate with sectional

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors announced on Sept. 23 that they have voted to expand the IHSA State Series in two fall sports, adding a second round of postseason play in boys and girls golf and boys and girls cross country. There will be no additional fee to compete in the sectional

round. The vote took place during a special meeting that was called to specifically address sectionals for the two sports.

“Despite the challenges of this school year, our Board has remained committed to providing the most rewarding postseason experiences possible,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “Given the relative success we have had safely conducting cross country and golf this fall, the Board asked our staff during the September Board

meeting (Sept. 14) to explore the possibility of expanding beyond regionals to conduct sectionals as well.”

Both sports were each initially scheduled to culminate their respective seasons after IHSA regional meets, but will now conclude their respective seasons after the sectional round. In golf, the top two teams and top four individuals in each regional will advance to sectional play. Cross country will advance five teams from each regional to sectionals, with no changes in the individual

qualifier field. IHSA staff attempted to maintain COVID regions and keep participant levels as low as possible when making assignments, but in some cases, generally those involving schools on or near a COVID border, schools were assigned to a tournament outside of their COVID region.

“Given the timing, our greatest challenge will be finding hosts, especially in cross country,” said Anderson. “We have been granted exemptions to compete outside the COVID Regions

in instances, for example, where assigning schools on or near a region border creates better balance in the number of participants at a site. Based on the feedback we have received, we expect some schools will choose not to participate beyond regionals. We respect those decisions, but still want to provide as many opportunities as possible.”

The Board also created an exemption to the season limitation rule to allow for participation in the cross country sectionals, while temporarily

modifying Terms & Conditions for both sports to allow greater flexibility in scheduling the respective meets. Golf sectionals are slated for the week of Oct. 12-17, while cross country sectionals are expected to unfold Oct. 29-31. Host sites and meet dates will be announced on IHSA.org soon.

There were no changes made to the postseason structure for IHSA girls’ tennis and girls’ swimming & diving, which both begin postseason competition at the sectional level.



Mendota’s Trent Stamberger, left, and Andrew Stamberger are side-by-side as they traverse the course during a cross country triangular at Mendota on Sept. 26. They led MHS to the win over Hall and Winnebago. (Reporter photo)

MHS boys race to triangular victory

MENDOTA—Winnebago and Hall high schools sent runners to Lake Mendota on Sept. 26 to compete against host Mendota High School.

The Trojan boys won the triangular with 32 points to top Hall’s 44 and Winnebago’s 56.

David Lyons of Winnebago took first-place honors as he traversed the 2.95-mile course in 18:15. A pair of Hall runners grabbed second and third place.

Mendota had the next three runners through the chute with Andrew Stamberger in fourth place with a time of 18:53, Trent Stamberger in fifth place at 19:17 and Alex Hermosillo in sixth with a clocking of 19:38.

Additional Mendota runners were Dagen Setchell (19:59, 8th), Billy Hall (20:01, 9th), Ty Connelly (20:09, 11th), Eli Arjes (20:14, 12th) and Rose Fouke (23:30, 20th).

In the girls’ race no team scores were recorded, as Winnebago was the only



Top photo, Jamie Dooley, left, and Alayna Nosalik compete for the Lady Trojans during a home cross country triangular meet on Sept. 26. Right, Nataliya Durbin was first among MHS runners. (Reporter photos)

school to field a complete team.

The top finish belonged to Winnebago’s Natalia Martino, who finished the course in 18:21.

Mendota’s finishes belonged to Nataliya Durbin (15th, 25:37), Jamie Dooley (16th, 25:39), Alayna Nosalik (17th, 25:45) and Val Valdes (18th, 28:26).



Mendota golfers have busy schedule

Trojans beat Lutheran in BNC play

Mendota rolled to a 176-194 victory over Rockford Lutheran in varsity boys’ golf competition on Sept. 22 at the Mendota Golf Club.

Ethan Hanaman kept up his consistent play by leading the Trojans with a round of 40, which was also good enough for meet medalist honors. Clayton Buffington turned in a solid round of 42 for Mendota, while Jack Beetz and Logan Brandner each had a 47. Drake Dennis (49) and Mateo Escatel (54) completed the card.

Mendota traveled to Rockford to take on Rockford Christian on Sept. 23 and the Royal Lions dealt the Trojans a 165-171 setback.

Hanaman and Beetz paced Mendota’s attack as each fired a 40. Also competing for the Trojans were Buffington (43), Brandner (48), Dennis (51) and Liam McGann (51).

Andrew Heinisch of Christian had the low score of 39.

The junior varsity match was a tight one with Christian edging Mendota, 196-198.

Mateo Escatel and Dominik Stamberger each carded a 49 for Mendota’s low scores. They were one shot off the medalist pace. Owen Aughenbaugh and Cayden Escatel were next for the Trojans with 50s, followed by Braden McPheeters (51) and Kody Becket (55).

The Trojans went up against a tough Ottawa team and dropped a 163-166

decision on Sept. 24 at the Mendota Golf Club.

Beetz had the low score for Mendota with a 40 and tied Ottawa’s Drake Kaufman for meet medalist. Hanaman was close behind with a 41, followed by Brandner at 42 and Buffington at 43. Mateo Escatel (45) and McGann (54) also competed for MHS.

Ottawa claimed a five-stroke victory in the junior varsity match, 182-187.

Becket and Aughenbaugh turned in Mendota’s low scores, each with a 46. The rest of the Trojan lineup consisted of Stamberger (47), Dennis (48), McPheeters (48) and Cayden Escatel (59).

Mendota hosted nine other teams in the Mendota Modified Ryder Cup event on Sept. 26 at the Mendota Golf Club.

Morris claimed the team title with a score of 227. Princeton finished second with a 237, while Ottawa (238), St. Bede (242) and Stillman Valley (246) rounded out the top five. The rest of the field in order of finish included LaSalle-Peru (247), Mendota (254), Hall (262), Rock Falls (305) and Kewanee (305).

Beetz and Hanaman teamed up for the Trojans and took fourth place with a 74. Also competing for Mendota were the tandems of Brandner-Buffington (84) and Mateo Escatel-Becket (96).

A pair from Morris took top honors with a 73.

Golfers to play in Sterling Regional

STERLING — The Mendota Trojans have been assigned to the Sterling Class 2A Regional Golf Tournament to be contested Tuesday, Oct. 6 at Emerald Hill Golf Course in Sterling.

Other schools in the regional include Dixon, Freeport, LaSalle-Peru, Ottawa, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Falls, Sterling and Stillman Valley.

Advancement to



the sectional and the sectional site have not been determined by the Illinois High School Association.



Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources updates Spring wild turkey permit application process

First lottery applications will be accepted October 6-December 1

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced updates to the process for hunters who wish to enter the lottery for Spring Wild Turkey permits. The new application procedure, adopted earlier this year, will streamline the lotteries for turkey hunters, making it easier to obtain all three of their permits online rather than a combination of online and over-the-counter.

“We hope this new process will be simpler and more straightforward for our hunters,” said Luke Garver, manager, Wild Turkey Project, IDNR. “Resident hunters can now apply in all three lotteries, whereas previously they would only be able to apply in the first and third. Hunters also will have the opportunity to get more permits for their favorite public land spots via the lottery.”

Changes to the lottery process include:

• First Lottery: Only resident hunters may apply for one turkey hunting permit. This excludes hunt-

ers who have received or will receive a landowner property-only hunting turkey permit for the spring season. Applications for First Lottery are accepted beginning Oct. 6 through Dec. 1.

• Second Lottery: All hunters are eligible to apply for one turkey hunting permit, but hunters who have not already been awarded a permit will receive preference. Applications are accepted through the first working day after Jan. 10.

• Third Lottery: All hunters are eligible to apply. Hunters may apply for up to three permits during this period, except that no one may exceed the limit of three permits in total for spring turkey hunting. The three-permit total includes lottery-drawn, landowner, youth, and OTC permits. Applications are accepted through the first working day after Feb. 8.

For additional information on Wild Turkey Hunting in Illinois, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/TurkeyHunting.aspx>.

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Devanshi Patel receives the Frederick W. Matthiessen Award from IVCC President Jerry Corcoran at the virtual commencement. (Photo contributed)

IVCC names Matthiessen winner

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College graduate Devanshi Patel of La Salle recently won the college's Frederick W. Matthiessen Award.

Patel is transferring to Northern Illinois University this fall and plans to eventually attend medical school and become a physician. She is the daughter of Jitendra-kumar and Geetaben Patel.

Her numerous achievements include being:

- A 4.0 GPA student named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team along with Michael Stoens of Lostant.
- IVCC Foundation's 2019 co-21st Century Scholar and earning \$3,000 for the honor.
- A peer tutor for chemistry, biology, anatomy and physiology, and math for two years.
- The former PTK President who organized and moderated panel discussions by professionals in engineering, healthcare, business and education to expose students to different career fields.

• A frequent volunteer for admissions office recruiting events and Foundation fundraisers.

• A former three-year emergency room volunteer at Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru.

• Salutatorian of the La Salle Peru Township High School class of 2018, finishing second in a class of 253.

IVCC announced the Matthiessen winner at its 54th Annual Commencement May 16, a ceremony delivered in an online, "virtual" format due to the pandemic.

The Matthiessen, among the college's most prestigious honors, is awarded only periodically to graduates who demonstrate academic excellence and extraordinary service to the college and community.

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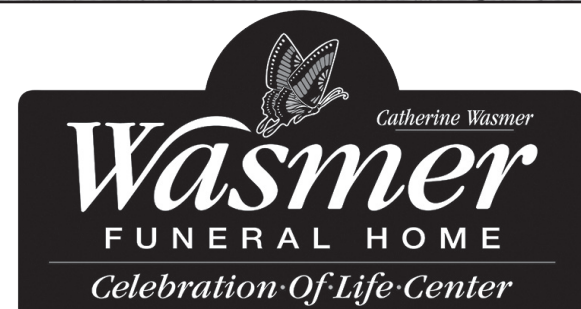
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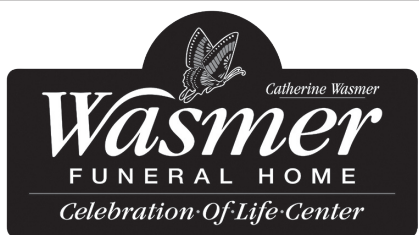
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LOCAL AND AREA

Help yourself with every word you speak

I started smoking when I was nine years old and smoked for many years. I liked it! So, when I decided to stop, it was really difficult for me.

Every time I tried to quit, I'd last a few hours and then I'd be running around, digging cigarette butts out of the trash or looking for cigarettes in my coat pockets – anywhere I could think to look for them!

I didn't have success until I got a revelation: I was burying myself in defeat with negative

thoughts and words.

I had to stop talking myself out of my victory.

Thankfully, I finally realized that I was causing myself to fail through the negative things I was saying about myself. For a long time I would say, "I just know I could never quit smoking. And if I did, I'd probably gain a lot of weight."

But God was able to get through to me eventually and help me see that if I didn't change the way I was talking, I wouldn't change. Then, He began

to put a desire in my heart to start speaking what I wanted, not what I had.

I started saying things like, "I can't stand to smoke! These things stink and they're expensive. I don't smoke anymore!"

At first, I felt silly doing this because I would make these declarations while I was smoking. However, within about a week of changing my confession, I realized I now had the grace of God to quit smoking.

What I learned from this experience is I cannot rise above my own confession. And I discovered it takes two things to get the mouth under control: a lot of help from God and discipline and self-control.

God taught me to talk like Him.

Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." And Hebrews 4:14 says that Jesus is our great High Priest and we should "hold fast our confession [of faith and cling tenaciously to our absolute trust in Him as Savior]" (AMPC).

The word confession means "to say the same thing as." As the High Priest of our confession, Jesus can only do what we're saying that agrees with His Word. So it's vital for us as Christians to learn how to speak the Word of God and not just



say things based on our feelings or what other people have said about us.

Now, I believe we'll have greater success with this if we concentrate on what we should be doing with our mouth, rather than focusing on all the things we shouldn't say. It's self-defeating to go around saying things like, "I shouldn't do that..." I'd better not do this..."

I want to encourage you to really listen to yourself and locate yourself. Where's your heart? The Bible says out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (see Luke 6:45). We need to stop saying, "Oh, I didn't mean that. I was just kidding." And we need to start being accountable for the words we speak.

The truth is, the things we say come from something that is formed in our heart. So you can determine where your heart is by listening to yourself. You can hear bitterness and jealousy...insecurity and unhappiness.

Think about how you talk when you're going through a hard time. Or when you don't get what you want. Remember that what you say reveals the

real you!

Changing the way you talk will change your heart.

Do you need a change of heart? All of us do. We all have room to grow in our relationship with God. And the way to make progress is to speak His language. When you do, you'll...

Bless everything you can possibly bless. The Bible says we have the power to bless or curse with the words of our mouth. (See James 3:8-10.)

Be thankful and say so! (See Psalm 100:4.) Don't just think about how much you appreciate someone – tell them!

Be an encourager. Make an effort to give someone an encouraging word every day.

Tell the truth!

Speak the Word of God. Recite and memorize verses that deal with things you want to change or overcome, such as anger, unforgiveness, insecurity...

Stop talking too much. Be quick to hear and slow to speak. (See James 1:19.)

God wants you to pray and ask Him to help you

use your mouth to say the right things. When you do, it will change your life!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching CD series Change Your Words, Change Your Life. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 100 books, including BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND and her newest devotional QUIET TIMES WITH GOD (FaithWords). She hosts the Enjoying Everyday Life radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
MALIK MALACHI)
BROWN,)
DECEASED.)
NO. 2020-P-000167
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Malik Malachi Brown, of Streator, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 1, 2020, to Ashley Travis, of Streator, IL, as INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354.

Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Downtown 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscorts.gov/service-providers>.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. 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 8, 2020
Greg Vaccaro
LaSalle County Circuit Clerk
Ottawa, IL 61350
No. 0904
(Sept. 16, 23, 30, 2020)

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 addresses 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 Pro-

bate 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. Dated: September 18, 2020
Greg Vaccaro
LaSalle County Circuit Clerk
Ottawa, IL 61350
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)

NOTICE
Mendota Township Office Petitions may now be circulated for signatures. Petition turn in dates are December 14th through December 21, 2020, at the Mendota Township Office or the LaSalle County Clerk Office.
Linda Corrigan
Mendota Township Clerk
No. 0915
(Sept. 30, 2020)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF 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. No. 0917
(Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 2020)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF)
Stanley F. Erwin,)
Deceased)
Case No. 2020-P-184
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Stanley F. Erwin of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 22, 2020 to Carol A. Erwin of 1701 Sunset Drive, 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. No. 0918 (Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 2020)

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ANNUAL SUPERVISORS REPORT TROY GROVE TOWNSHIP FISCAL YEAR ENDING 3/31/20				
REVENUE SUMMARY (All FUNDS)				
Property taxes \$94093.52; Replacement taxes \$179,881.09; Interest \$686.98; Recycle Donations \$10595.00; Rent \$4066.06; Other income \$21545.26.				
TOTAL REVENUES \$310,867.91				
TOTAL EXPENSES \$452,198.46				
SUMMARY BY FUND				
	Gen. Town	Road & Bridge	Gen. Assistance	Special Bridge
Open.	6768.63	405927.80	7432.10	85576.13
Income	95225.05	196101.62	1936.05	17605.19
Expenses	81446.29	369914.35	837.82	0
Ending	20547.39	232115.65	8530.33	103181.32
Supervisor Karen Stremlau, Troy Grove Township, 9/26/20				
A full accounting of income and expenses is available at the Troy Grove Township offices by calling Supervisor Stremlau. She can be contacted at 815-539-7175 or 815-910-3500. Please leave a message.				
No. 0916 (Sept. 30, 2020)				

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020, will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact: La Moille C.U.S.D. #303, 801 S. Main St., La Moille, IL 61330, (815) 638-2018, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2020										
		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/ Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,687,327	326,650	147,366	111,863	167,448	0	25,318	322,180	22,885
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	600,127	50,000	0	157,648	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	190,714	0	0	5,234	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		2,478,168	376,650	147,366	274,745	167,448	0	25,318	322,180	22,885
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		2,788,554	437,713	147,750	283,211	129,411	0		216,370	14,433
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	1,630	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2019		481,642	583,048	45,226	130,208	92,397	0	542,931	179,791	42,709
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances - June 30, 2020		171,256	523,615	44,842	121,742	130,434	0	568,249	285,601	51,161
GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL		er; Darla Flanagan; Jeremy Fry; Janice Geuther; Cathy Griffin; Jessica Gross; Julia Gunderson; April Hoke; Kaitlyn Hughes; Albert Hurst; Sara Jauch; Dick Joerger; Donald Junker; Thomas Klein; Theresa Kostello; Robert Martin; George McClaine; Angela McDonald; Johnnie Monroe; Stafanie Morris; Dawn Neidetcher; Jennifer Nowacki; Samantha O'Brien; Brian Pinter; Tori Sadnick; Cecelia Smith; Erin Sondgeroth; Lori Sprung; Mary Taylor; Douglas Tuntland; Deborah Wright; Richard Wulf					102,750	LaSalle-Peru Area Career Center		20,250
Less than \$25,000: Constance Anderson; Tania Bowen; Nicole Cromwell; Christa Davis; Ann Draper; Velma Fonderoli; Nathan Furar; Jonathon Gehm; John Jackson; Sharon Johnson; John Keener; Paul McMahon; Sandra Nunez; Richard Scheffler; Debra Suplee; Janis Watkins; Mary Woodley		\$25,000 through \$39,999: Judith Hart; Dawn Neubaum; Joshua Shaw					14,150	LaSalle-Peru High School		24,506
		\$40,000 through \$59,999: Elizabeth Ash; Rachel Berger; C. Jeffrey Biederstedt; Monica Bulfer; Amanda Fischer; Marla Graham; Susan Hoffman; Brent Kalsto; Steven Kastorff; Alexandra Krug; Matthew Krug; Emily Leffelman; Edward Melen-dez; Tina Musgrove; Tara Robinson; Katie Shevo-kas; Betsy Sobin; Linda Troyan; Jennifer Williams					2,815	Lexia Larning Systems		3,200
							5,465	Lighted Way Association		98,139
							7,946	Marco		9,533
							18,744	McGraw-Hill School Education		23,296
							347,982	Menards		7,711
							5,200	Midwest Bus Leasing		98,650
							63,357	Nicor Gas		3,644
							33,762	Northern Partners Coop		21,753
							3,295	North-West Drapery		6,001
							45,072	Origo Education		5,766
							4,241	Paper 101		3,050
							56,900	Prairie Farms Dairy		7,345
							11,862	Putnam County CUSD #535		3,230
							7,366	Republic Services #766		3,497
\$25,000 through \$39,999: James Brandau; Wanda DeLong; C. Colleen King; William Klein; Cynthia Martin; Kenneth Shrimplin		\$40,000 through \$59,999: Vernon Bejster; Janice Klein; Bradley Geuther					2,592	Sadnick Excavating		5,930
							5,647	Skyward		27,233
							7,223	Staples Business Credit		2,961
							8,084	Sun Life Financial		14,919
							7,900	Sunrise Supply		10,556
							7,292	Mary Taylor		3,896
							5,489	Teachers' Health Insurance		28,119
							100,055	Teachers' Retirement System		130,647
							87,183	Karen Tornow		5,777
							43,067	UHS Premium Billing		273,473
							10,742	Vaessen Bros. Chevrolet		18,185
							2,600	W.C.S.I.T.		43,686
							3,360	Vissering Construction		33,098
							31,645	Walter Bros.		6,600
							14,007	No. 0914		
GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL										
Less than \$25,000: Tamara Abbey; John Barry; Linda Beattie; Dennis Becker; Janice Becker; Karen Carlson; Robert Carlson; Victor Croasdale; Troy Cromwell; Julie Deihl; Aimee Dickev; Ann Draper; Megan Duffy; Sharon File; Karen Fisch-										

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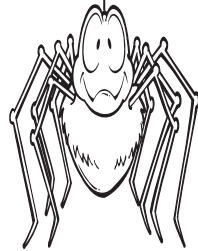
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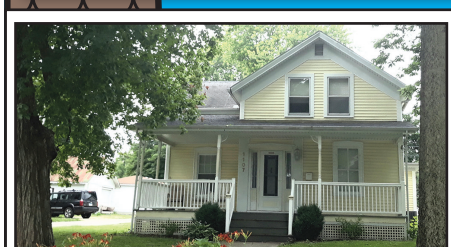
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MLS #10852096, 521 S. 4th St., Earlville \$139,900. You won't find an "as is" estate like this. Close to Earlville Schools. Clean as a whistle move in condition. 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath with a shower downstairs. Very nice and bright home. Will pass any financing. Nice 2 car garage large yard and nice landscaping. Call.



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



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



MLS # 10847509 \$249,900 525 Tally St. Earlville. Very nice, very large 4-5 bedroom brick front ranch. Home sits on 1.25 acres in Earlville Extra large room on the back with separate entrance. Family room with a wood burning fireplace. Master suite with cathedral ceilings. Master features a huge garden tub. Finished basement and an attached 2 car garage. New roof and gutters in 2016. You need to see this!

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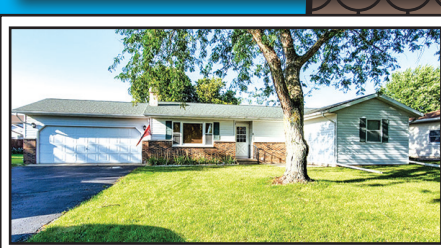
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