



**Electronic recycling**  
Workers from A-Team Recyclers of Shorewood fill up boxes and bins with various electronic devices during the free LaSalle County electronics recycling drop-off at the Governmental Complex in Ottawa on Aug. 29. A steady stream of vehicles arrived loaded up with everything from computers to fax machines to microwaves to television sets. (Reporter photo)

## Man leads police on chase; facing numerous charges

❑ Subject wanted on warrant from state of Oregon

MENDOTA – A Sterling man was arrested and charged with numerous offenses after leading police officers on a chase through Mendota on Aug. 27.

Joshua N. Hamrick, 38, was charged with driving while revoked, fleeing and eluding police, disobeying stop signs, improper lane usage, reckless driving, improper use of fraudulent registration and operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance. He was also wanted on a Lee County warrant for failure to appear on a contempt of court charge and on a Whiteside County warrant for failure to appear. Additionally, Hamrick was cited for being a fugitive from justice after it was learned he was wanted on a Washington County, Oregon nationwide arrest warrant for the offense of failure to appear on heroin distribution charges.

Mendota police officers initially conducted a traffic stop on a black Porsche Cayenne for going the wrong way down a one-way street in the 600 block of Seventh Avenue at 3:53 p.m. The vehicle came to a stop near the intersection of Sixth Avenue and Sixth Street. As the vehicle came to a stop, a passenger exited the vehicle and the driver then sped away at a high rate of speed. Mendota police officers pursued the vehicle through several residential



Joshua Hamrick was arrested outside of Mendota after he fled from a traffic stop and was captured when his vehicle ran off the road south of Mendota.

and business districts, but due to the suspect's extremely high rate of speed, Mendota officers maintained a safe distance and maintained visual contact.

The pursuit ultimately travelled south of Mendota on Illinois Rt. 251 at which time the driver drove the vehicle off the road and through the front yard of a residence located at 4131 Illinois Rt. 251, drove between two homes and into the back yard of 4127 Illinois Rt. 251. The driver then fled the vehicle and was captured by Mendota police shortly thereafter.

The Mendota Police Department is furthermore working with the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) in identifying the vehicle's origin and True Vehicle Identification Number. Additional charges pertaining to auto theft and possession of a stolen motor vehicle are pending.

Hamrick was in the custody of the Mendota Police Department pending transfer to the LaSalle County Jail for arraignment. Bond on the Oregon state arrest warrant was set at \$580,000/10% to apply.

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## City adopts agreement with ADM

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council held a special meeting via online/telephone on Aug. 27.

The only action item was to adopt an ordinance authorizing a redevelopment agreement with ADM.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick said he has been getting inquiries about when the state of emergency will be lifted in Mendota.

At the Aug. 10 meeting, the City Council declared a Local State of Emergency and passed ordinances in regard to that state of emergency and the wearing of face coverings. This was

in response to a five-fold increase in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Mendota within the prior four weeks.

Mayor David Boelk responded by saying he could

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## Byron, Morris nuclear plants tentatively set for closure

❑ Company says it will meet with policymakers on ways to prevent shutting down

By JERRY NOWICKI  
Capitol News Illinois  
SPRINGFIELD — Exelon Corporation on Aug. 27 announced plans to close two Illinois nuclear power plants next year in a decision the company claims is independent of legislative energy policy negotiations.

But, in a news release announcing the closures, Exelon's CEO said the company will "continue our dialogue with policymakers on ways to prevent these closures."

The announcement comes one week after the governor's office laid out guidelines for negotiation of energy legislation that include accountability measures for the state's utility companies.

"We agree with Gov. Pritzker that policy reform is urgently needed to address the climate crisis and advance Illinois' clean energy economy, and we support the objectives of the governor's

*"We recognize this comes as many of our communities are still recovering from the economic and public health impacts of the pandemic, and we will continue our dialogue with policymakers on ways to prevent these closures. To that end, we have opened our books to policymakers and will continue to do so for any lawmaker who wishes to judge the plants' profitability."*

— Christopher Crane, Exelon president & CEO

recent energy principles," Christopher Crane, president and CEO of Exelon, said in a news release. "That's separate from today's announcement to retire these two zero-carbon nuclear plants, which was not a decision made lightly and is one that has been in the works for some time."

The plants tentatively slated for closure include Dresden Generating Station in the Grundy County city of Morris and Byron Generating Station just outside of the Ogle County city of Byron.

Exelon is the parent com-

pany of Commonwealth Edison, the largest utility in the state, which serves approximately 3.8 million ratepayers in northern Illinois. In July, ComEd admitted in a court document to — from 2011 until 2019 — seeking to "influence and reward" a high-ranking public official identified as Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan in exchange for favorable action on legislation.

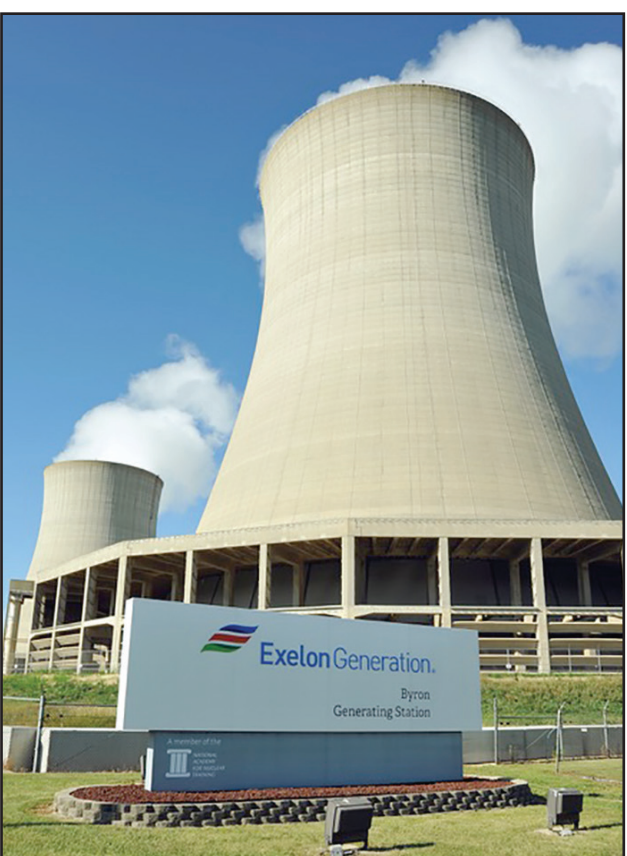
A spokesperson for Gov. JB Pritzker was critical of the company's news release in an email statement.

"First, let's remember

that Exelon already receives a ratepayer-funded subsidy of \$235 million dollars per year to run nuclear plants in Illinois," Jordan Abudayyeh, Pritzker's press secretary, said in an email. "While they couch their messaging in their desire for a clean energy future, their primary purpose is to dramatically increase those subsidies on behalf of their shareholders."

Abudayyeh was referring to revenue generated through Zero Emission Credits, or

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The Exelon nuclear power plants in Byron and Morris are tentatively slated for closure next year.

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Happy Labor Day!





# LOCAL AND AREA

## Mendota H.S. to begin in-person classes Sept. 8

◆ **Block schedule in place to help maintain social distancing**

MENDOTA - Mendota High School looks forward to welcoming back their Trojan on Tuesday, Sept. 8 for in-person instruction. Students should report to their Period 1 class by 8:05 a.m. on Sept. 8 to begin the 2020-2021 school year.

Please note, MHS will not have an opening assembly or homeroom to start the school year. All students will have reopening information shared through video and with Period 1 classroom teachers. Students and parents can see schedules by logging into Parent Connect.

In addition, all MHS reopening documents including remote learning plans,

Purple Days				
Period 1	8:05-9:30 (85 minutes)			
Period 3	9:35-11:00 (85 minutes)			
		Class 11:05-11:46 & 12:24-1:05 (82 minutes)		
Period 6 (Lunch)	A lunch 11:05-11:35 Class 11:39-1:05 (86 minutes)	B lunch 11:50-12:20	Class 11:05-12:31 (86 minutes)	C Lunch 12:35-1:05
Period 7	1:10-2:35 (85 minutes)			
Gold Days				
Period 2	8:05-9:30 (85 minutes)			
Period 4	9:35-11:00 (85 minutes)			
		Class 11:05-11:46 & 12:24-1:05 (82 minutes)		
Period 5	A lunch 11:05-11:35 Class 11:39-1:05 (86 minutes)	B lunch 11:50-12:20	Class 11:05-12:31 (86 minutes)	C Lunch 12:35-1:05
Period 8	1:10-2:35 (85 minutes)	Juniors 3.0 and above and Seniors are dismissed after pd. 5. Incompletes from Sp. 2020 assigned M. 8/17 -- F. 9/4. Earned D or F on before 9/4 are final for transcript.		

\*Purple Days begin Tuesday, 9/8 and rotate. Gold Days begin Wednesday, 9/9 and rotate.  
\*Recommended to keep this schedule the entire first semester of the COVID-19 pandemic. Review in December to consider keeping as pandemic continues  
\*Recommended to use Block schedule to reduce hall traffic to 4-5 transfers per day. Locker use reduced to twice a day per staggered class schedules.  
\*If/when the district must move to total Remote Learning, the Block Schedule will continue to reduce student stress on planning coursework.

videos and information are posted online at [www.mendotahs.org](http://www.mendotahs.org). The documents are on the home page under

"Reopening Communication Folder."

## On-farm research ongoing despite hard economic times

BLOOMINGTON - Economic uncertainties from the coronavirus pandemic have not stopped farmers from working toward their nutrient stewardship goals. In a series of recent field days hosted virtually, farmers and researchers across the state showcased their efforts to improve water quality in Illinois.

"Typically, we would invite crowds of area farmers to gather at test plots across the state to learn about new research through annual, in-person summer field days," said Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) President Richard Guebert Jr. "While this year's format looks different, we're excited about the opportunity to present information online, with hope it may reach more of those in agriculture without the added time or travel constraints."

Fourteen projects are currently part of a collaborative effort under the IFB Nutrient Stewardship Grant Program, which supports the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs). Primary goals for the NLRs include reducing nitrate-nitrogen losses by 15 percent and reducing total phosphorus losses by 25 percent by the year 2025.

County Farm Bureaus who receive project funding work with local farmers, researchers, government agencies and those within the industry to develop on-farm research that improves soil health while reducing nutrient runoff from agricultural lands.

Ongoing studies in eight counties are being highlighted through virtual field days to share

the work of farmers/partners involved in the program. Each county and a brief overview of their research efforts are listed below.

**Clinton County** - Managing manure and cover crops to reduce nutrient losses;

**Jo Daviess County** - Ongoing cover crop studies investigate how soil types, cover crop mixtures and other factors impact nitrogen utilization;

**LaSalle County** - Using struvite, a by-product of wastewater from water treatment plants, as an alternative source of traditional phosphorus field applications;

**McHenry County** - Demonstrating woodchip bioreactors and their influence on water quality;

**Shelby County** - Exploring drainage water management and its potential to reduce nutrient runoff;

**St. Clair County** - Using flue gas desulfurization gypsum, a byproduct sourced from a local coal-fired power plant, to potentially improve water quality, soil structure and crop production;

**Warren-Henderson** - Study a nitrogen strip field trial to see impact on crop yield;

**Wayne County** - Nutrient Loss Inhibitor Demonstration plot and research on unplanted fields to help reduce nutrient loss and improve soil health.

Since 2016, IFB has provided nearly \$1.5

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## Labor Day Mass scheduled

MAY TOWN-SHIP - A Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7, at St. Michael's Cemetery - Sandy Hill, located off of Sublette Road, east of Rockyford Road in May Township. Please bring a lawn chair for seating.

Social distancing will be practiced and everyone is asked to wear a face mask.

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## Sweet Corn Fest 50/50 winner

Kim Marshall of Mendota, left, accepts her Sweet Corn Festival 50/50 drawing winning check from Chamber president and CEO Kate Fox. The winning amount was \$4,165. Three runners-up claiming \$500 each include Steve Fritz, Nolan Schuhler and Joseph Unruh. (Photo contributed)

## Real estate taxes due Sept. 4

OTTAWA - The second installment of the LaSalle County real estate tax is due on Friday, Sept. 4.

Taxpayers who are enrolled in the automatic withdrawal option will have their second installment electronically withdrawn from their bank account on Sept. 3.

Credit card payments may be made by internet at [www.lasallecountytreasurer.com](http://www.lasallecountytreasurer.com). This payment option ends on Monday, Nov. 16.

Payments may be made by check at most LaSalle County banks and financial institutions. This payment option ends Sept. 4.

Other options include a drive-through drop box (open 24 hours) at the east parking lot of the LaSalle County Governmental Complex, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa, or by mailing a check to the LaSalle County Treasurer's Office, PO Box 1560, Ottawa, IL 61350.

Illinois statute required a 1.5 percent per month delinquency penalty beginning the day after due date. The postponement of the first installment penalty interest also ends Sept. 4, therefore, failure to pay the total bill by Sept. 4 will result in full application of penalties retroactive to July 15, 2020. This penalty begins Saturday, Sept. 5.

For questions or information, call the LaSalle County Treasurer's Office at (815) 434-8219.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Extension to present ‘Gardening with Bulbs for Beginners’

LA SALLE - On Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m., the LaSalle Public Library will virtually host University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Natalie Martin as she delivers a program titled “Gardening with Bulbs for Beginners.”

Have you ever wondered how your garden can benefit from bulbs? In this informative program, find out how, along with planting tips, selecting bulb varieties, and care. Martin will discuss some common Illinois bulbs just in time to get them in the ground. At the conclusion of the program, she will answer audience questions via live chat.

This program is free, open to the public, and will be presented in an easy-to-use virtual format. Interested individuals will need to e-mail Rachael Blomquist at the LaSalle Public Library at [rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us](mailto:rblomquist@lasalle.lib.il.us) in order to register and receive the link to the program and viewing instructions. You may also contact Meg E. Overocker, University of Illinois Extension Program Coordinator, at [meo@illinois.edu](mailto:meo@illinois.edu) if you have any questions, or call the University of Illinois LaSalle County Extension office at (815) 433-0707.

## FCCA seeks nature photos for 2021 calendar

FRANKLIN GROVE - Franklin Creek Conservation Association is looking for pictures to use for a 2021 Franklin Creek calendar.

If you have pictures of landscapes, people enjoying the site, bugs, birds, etc. that you think would look amazing in a calendar, they are asking the public to please send them their way. All photos must be submitted by Oct. 1.

Pictures can be e-mailed to [engage@franklincreek-conservation.org](mailto:engage@franklincreek-conservation.org) or FCCA can set up a folder for you to drop them in.

Please include your name to be given credit for the photo.

If your photo is chosen for the calendar, you will receive a free copy of the calendar.

For more information, e-mail the above address or call (815) 456-2718.

## CARL'S QUIZ

**When did the secret ballot become widely used for electing leaders in the United States?**

*The answer to last week's quiz is: The Rock of Gibraltar at 1,396 feet is taller than the Empire State Building (1,250 feet), the Golden Gate Bridge (746 feet) or the Great Pyramid of Giza (481 feet).*

Answer next week in The Mendota Reporter and online at [www.mendotareporter.com](http://www.mendotareporter.com)

## OSF SAINT PAUL MEDICAL CENTER

### OSF Healthcare Saint Paul to host blood & plasma drive

MENDOTA - Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) will hold a blood drive from noon until 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, in Conference Room C at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota. Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply by scheduling an appointment to give blood by calling the Community Health Services Department at (815) 539-1411 (appointments required). Please bring a photo ID for use in donor registration.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is also accepting referrals from individuals who have recovered from a COVID-19 infection and would now like to be scheduled for plasma donation to help newly diagnosed patients fight the disease. Potential donors who can provide documentation of a laboratory-confirmed positive test for COVID-19 and meet other health and safety criteria, will be scheduled for a COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma (CCP) donation. Individual donors and care providers may refer themselves or their patients via the referral form available at [www.bloodcwwinter.org](http://www.bloodcwwinter.org) or by calling (833) 610-1025. For additional information, potential donors or physicians may send inquiries to [patient-services@mvrbc.org](mailto:patient-services@mvrbc.org).

CCP donors must be fully recovered from their COVID-19 infection and must meet all standard eligibility criteria for blood donation. Plasma will only be collected from donors with laboratory-confirmed tests showing they had a COVID-19 infection and must be at least 28 days from the last date they experienced symptoms. These donors will have antibodies to help fight COVID-19 and will be scheduled for a plasma donation at a nearby Donor Center or mobile blood drive.

MVRBC is based in Davenport, Iowa, with regional operations in Urbana (Community Blood Services of Illinois) and Springfield (Central Illinois Community Blood Center). The Blood Center is the exclusive provider of blood and blood components to 95 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, including 11 of 13 OSF HealthCare facilities.

### OSF Medical Group - Obstetrics & Gynecology offers Mendota clinic

MENDOTA - OSF Medical Group - Obstetrics & Gynecology is pleased to welcome Leigh Ann Kowalski, DO, to its staff. Dr. Kowalski will see patients in Ottawa and will also offer a Mendota clinic starting Oct. 8. Dr. Kowalski will provide annual wellness exams and treat all issues in women's health care.

Dr. Kowalski received a Bachelor of Science from Eureka College, a Master of Science from Northwestern University McCormick School of Engineering, and Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine from Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience. She works to provide long term relation-

ships with her patients. A central Illinois native, she is excited to use her special skills to serve the small towns and rural areas of the region with the greatest care and love.

Dr. Kowalski's office will be located at OSF Medical Group - Obstetrics & Gynecology, 1614 E. Norris Drive in Ottawa and 1405 E. 12th St., Suite 400, Mendota. Appointments may be made for either location by calling (815) 431-0435.

## Stage 212 postpones the remainder of 2020 season

LA SALLE - Stage 212, in the interest of the health and safety of their patrons and participants, has decided to postpone until 2021 the remainder of their 2020 season, which began last winter with “Nunsensations: The Nonsense Vegas Revue.”

The three remaining productions in the 2020 season package are the hilarious comedy “Farce of Nature,” the classic Cole Porter musical, “Kiss Me Kate” and the musical comedy, “Don't Hug Me.” These three productions will round out the four-production package purchased by 2020 season subscribers.

The previously announced comedic drama, “August Osage County” will no longer be presented. Stage 212 will announce updated dates and performance times for the three productions via e-mail, social media and press announcements as more information regarding the ability to re-open safely and effectively becomes available.

Stage 212 has also decided to postpone indefinitely their 2020 fundraiser production “212 Sings: Cocktails & Classics.” The event will be rescheduled when the theater is allowed to re-open safely. Current “212 Sings: Cocktails & Classics” ticket holders have the option to keep their tickets and apply them to the as yet undetermined future performance

dates, or they may request a full refund.

To apply for a refund, ticket holders must submit a refund request via e-mail to [stage212box@gmail.com](mailto:stage212box@gmail.com) or mail it to Stage 212, P.O. Box 198, LaSalle, IL 61301. Include the ticket holder's name, a phone number where they can be reached, and an address to receive the refund check.

All refunds will be distributed in check form. Those deciding to keep their tickets do not need to do anything. The tickets will be automatically transferred to the new dates when the production is rescheduled.

For more information on the 2020 postponements, patrons should visit the Stage 212 website at [www.stage212.org](http://www.stage212.org).

Stage 212 is a small non-profit, primarily volunteer, performing arts organization and has been hit hard by COVID-19, but they understand that many, many other organizations, industries and individuals have been hit hard as well. They greatly appreciate the patience, understanding and support of their devoted patrons and participants as they navigate this unprecedented time.

Stage 212 has been an institution in the Illinois Valley for 52 years and is dedicated to contributing to the great history of our community for many years to come.

## Farm

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million of its own funding to build and maintain sustainability programs. IFB's body of work focuses in four priority areas: 1) education and outreach to farmers, landowners and the general public; 2) supporting re-

search of best management practices to reduce nutrient loss from agricultural fields; 3) supporting farmer implementation efforts across the state; and 4) demonstrating progress toward the long-term goals of the NLRs.

Information for each field day is online when available.

## Mendota Weather

Sept. 2, 2020

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 83 Low: 63

**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 84 Low: 52

**Friday**  
Sunny  
High: 75 Low: 53

**Saturday**  
Sunny  
High: 80 Low: 59

**Sunday**  
Isolated T-storms  
High: 81 Low: 61

**Monday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 77 Low: 55

**Tuesday**  
Cloudy  
High: 72 Low: 52

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 83°, humidity of 50%. West wind 3 to 6 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 91° set in 2000. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 63°. South southwest wind 3 to 8 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 45° set in 1967.

### Regional Cities

	Wednesday	Thursday
City	Hi/Lo Wx	Hi/Lo Wx
Aurora	84/63 pc	85/53 pc
Champaign	83/66 t	85/56 t
Chicago	85/67 pc	86/59 pc
Freeport	82/60 pc	81/49 pc
Joliet	85/63 mc	86/54 pc
Moline	85/65 pc	85/53 pc
Peoria	85/66 mc	87/56 mc
Rockford	84/61 pc	83/51 pc
Springfield	84/68 t	86/56 t

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	93	68	79/58	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	92	71	79/58	0.00"	0.97"
Wednesday	91	72	79/58	0.00"	-0.97"
Thursday	92	75	79/58	0.00"	
Friday	92	72	79/57	0.00"	
Saturday	79	60	79/57	0.00"	
Sunday	79	56	78/57	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 9/2	Wednesday	6:24 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	8:08 p.m.	6:34 a.m.	New 9/17
	Thursday	6:25 a.m.	7:25 p.m.	8:32 p.m.	7:35 a.m.	
	Friday	6:26 a.m.	7:23 p.m.	8:54 p.m.	8:35 a.m.	
	Saturday	6:27 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	9:17 p.m.	9:34 a.m.	
Last 9/10	Sunday	6:28 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	9:41 p.m.	10:33 a.m.	First 9/23
	Monday	6:29 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	10:07 p.m.	11:32 a.m.	
	Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	10:37 p.m.	12:33 p.m.	

### Local UV Index



#### UV Index

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

[www.WhatsOurWeather.com](http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com)

### National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain and isolated thunderstorms, highest temperature of 85 in Easton, Md. The Southeast will experience partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Jacksonville, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 103 in Roma, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 99 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 110 in La Quinta, Calif.

### Weather Trivia

What was the costliest hailstorm in the United States?

Answer: In July 1990, Denver had damages totaling \$625 million.

### Weather History

Sept. 2, 1985 - After teasing residents along the Gulf of Mexico for two days, Hurricane Elena finally came ashore at Biloxi, Miss. The hurricane, packing winds of 127 mph, caused more than a billion dollars damage.

Sept. 3, 1970 - During the early evening hours, in the midst of a severe hailstorm at Coffeyville, Kansas, a stone 17.5 inches in circumference and nearly two pounds in weight was recovered. It was the largest hailstone to be measured for United States weather records.

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Betty M. Fitzgerald

MENDOTA - Betty M. Fitzgerald, 93, of Mendota passed away Aug. 28, 2020 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center. Mass and burial will be private.

Betty was born June 14, 1927 in Mendota to Anthony and (Christine Smith) Ennenbach. She married William "Bill" Fitzgerald on Nov. 4, 1946 at Holy Cross Church. He preceded her in death on Jan. 16, 1988.

Survivors include one son, Mark (Danira Parra) Fitzgerald of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Stephen on May 22, 1990; one sister, Anne Beardsley; and one brother, Wayne Ennenbach.

Betty graduated from Mendota High School in 1945. She and Bill owned Lakeside Liquors from 1960-1985. Betty was the receptionist at the Mendota Lutheran Home until she retired.

Memorials may be directed to IVAR (Illinois Valley Animal Rescue), or plant a tree in Betty's name.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

## Shirlean L. Hackman

MARCO ISLAND, Fla. - Shirlean Langdon Hackman, 67, of Marco Island, Fla., died suddenly at home on May 23, 2020.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 at Hinckley Pioneer Park, Route 30, Hinckley. There will be a gathering to dedicate a tree in her memory, share some favorite memories and stories to laugh and cry, and remember a wonderful person who is greatly missed.

Shirlean was born Feb. 15, 1953, to Dean and Shirley (Tillie) Langdon. She grew up in Hinckley and lived in Illinois most of her adult life until 1999 when she and her husband, Steve, moved to Marco Island, Fla.

She is survived by, Steve, her loving husband of 37 years; beloved dog, Max; sister, Sharon (Sharona) Bauer; Aunt Ronalee Johnson; and many special cousins, in-laws, several nieces, nephews and friends in every corner of the world.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dean and Shirley (Tillie) Langdon.

Shirlean had a very accomplished career starting with Midweek Publications in DeKalb as vice president and also this is where she met Steve. She then moved on to 20 plus years as an executive in the American Chamber of Commerce. She was executive director in Mendota, Champaign Urbana and Danville, for five to seven years in each location. Shirlean was the executive director of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce from April 1983 to April 1989. She was a major influence for Economic Development in all of these cities. She also spent 10 years as a teacher for the Institute of Organizational Management and was elected "Teacher of the Year" of this national organization.

Upon moving to Marco Island, she was semi-retired and still involved doing consulting work with several Chambers of Commerce around the country where she had built strong relationships with Association members and directors.

Shirlean was always the one to host dinner parties, celebrations and holidays where she made everyone feel welcome. She loved being involved, supportive and a participating member of the community. She and Steve enjoyed traveling extensively worldwide and made numerous friends along the way. They shared many wonderful memories from their fantastic trips and adventures. She was a very special person and mentor that affected so many.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in her behalf.

## Betty J. Sears

MENDOTA - Betty J. Sears, 74, of Mendota passed away at home on Aug. 25, 2020.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no visitation or services. A celebration of life will be held at a late date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family with arrangements.

Betty was born Oct. 29, 1945 in Aurora to James and Sara (Eads) Miller. She married Dennis Sears on Dec. 8, 1969.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years; one daughter, Shannon (Jeff) Morey of Mendota; two grandchildren, Keely and Jeremy Morey of Mendota; and three grand-cats, Mater, Enzo and Milo Morey.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Gary Miller and Jack Miller.

Betty grew up in Downers Grove. She loved nature very much as her favorite place to visit was Boulder Junction, Wis., while her favorite bird was a loon. She loved to bake and cook family recipes and loved her granddaughter's cooking as well. She cherished time with her family.

## Raymond F. Schultz, Jr.

LA MOILLE - Raymond F. Schultz, Jr., 79, of LaMoille passed away Aug. 28, 2020 at Perry Memorial Hospital, Princeton after a brief illness.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Burial will be at Dewey-Worsley Cemetery with military honors by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at the church. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling the arrangements.

Ray was born June 28, 1941 in Mendota to Ray and Virginia (Palmer) Schultz. He married Linda Mitchel on April 15, 1962. She preceded him in death on Oct. 8, 2004.

Survivors include three children, Traci Piper of Princeton, Terri (Jerry) Conner of Ohio, Ill. and Tim (Melody) Schultz of LaMoille; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; a brother-in-law, John Yohn; and a sister-in-law, Laurel Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Jackie Ledbetter and Joanna Yohn.

Ray grew up in Triumph and graduated from Mendota High School in 1960. He served in the National Guard. Ray was self-employed as a carpenter/general contractor for over 35 years. In more recent years, he worked in maintenance at Walmart in Princeton. He was an avid music fan and liked both kinds - country and western. He played rhythm guitar and sang in two country bands, Pickled Herring and The Sliver Pickers. These bands were comprised of some of his best friends and loved playing music with his friends. While he was well known for singing Johnny Cash songs, his favorite musicians to listen to and play were George Jones and Ray Price.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



## Betty J. Strouss Smith

MENDOTA - Betty J. Strouss Smith, 90, of Mendota passed away Aug. 29, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, Mendota. Graveside services will be private.

Betty was born Feb. 2, 1930 in Meriden to Fred and (Ida Hof) Ross. She married Leslie E. Strouss in 1946; he preceded her in death in 1978. She then married Nicholas G. Smith in 1995. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Survivors include two sons, Robert E. (Nancy) Strouss of Urbana and James (Colleen) Strouss of Mendota; one stepson, Leslie Strouss Jr. of Princeton; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister-in-law, Lois Ross of Paw Paw.

She was preceded in death by both husbands; one son, Michael; and two brothers, Robert Ross and Fred Ross Jr.

All of Betty's schooling was at the schoolhouse in Meriden. During her work career, she was owner of Strouss Nursery and managed the Wayside Restaurant. She was a member of Holy Cross Church, V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, Mendota Moose Auxiliary and was a long time cherished volunteer at Nightengale's.

Memorials may be directed to Heritage Health in consideration of the wonderful care they gave Betty.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

## Mary Margaret Frey

MENDOTA - Mary Margaret Frey, 82, formerly of Mendota, passed away Aug. 27, 2020 at Manor Court, Peru.

Mass and burial will be private. Wasmer Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Mary Margaret was born May 26, 1938 in Mendota to Nicholas and Mary Catherine (Biers) Phalen. She married Clayton Frey on Aug. 7, 1958 at Holy Cross Church. He preceded her in death on March 18, 2000.

Survivors include three sons, Doug (Karole) Frey of Mendota, Gordon Frey of Mendota, and Kent Frey of Ottawa; one daughter, Julie Bonnell of Mendota; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Greg on Sept. 22, 1983; her parents; three sisters, Nancy Vickrey, Cathy Kilmartin and Sylvia Hessenberger; and two brothers, Nick Phalen and Jack Phalen.

Mary Margaret was a 1956 graduate of Mendota High School. She was a homemaker and for many years was a part-time clerk for Barr's Shoes. She was a member of Holy Cross Church, but she most enjoyed her numerous years of volunteering at Mendota Community Hospital and OSF Saint Paul as a "Pink Lady."

Memorials may be directed to OSF Saint Paul Auxiliary.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

## Mary Jane Hilt

DE KALB - Mary Jane Hilt, 83, of DeKalb passed away Aug. 20, 2020 at DeKalb County Rehab and Nursing Center.

A memorial service was held on Aug. 26 at Anderson Funeral Home in DeKalb with Fr. Kyle Manno of Christ the Teacher Parish officiating. Interment will be at a later date at Saint Theresa Cemetery in Earlville.

Mary was born Feb. 22, 1937 in Mendota to Adolph and Emma (Kratz) Goubeaux.

Survivors include two sons, Lawrence (Jeanne) Anderson of Sycamore and Darien (Carla) Anderson of Des Moines, Iowa; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Donna McKee of Minneapolis, Minn. and Rita (Ronald) Lilja of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Anderson; one granddaughter, Holly Anderson; one son, Norbert Anderson; two brothers, Arthur and Emanuel Goubeaux; and a sister, Marge Hedgspeth.

Mary attended Holy Cross School and graduated from Mendota Township High School with the class of 1955. She was employed by the Leland School District where she was the director of food service for over 25 years.

## David R. Larabee

PAW PAW - Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service for David R. Larabee to be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Torman Funeral Home, 510 N. Flagg St., Paw Paw. A graveside service will be held immediately after at Wyoming Cemetery.

For those who wish to join, a gathering will follow at the Presbyterian Church to celebrate the life of David.

Those wishing to honor David's lifelong commitment to family and community can make donations to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 or online at <https://nami.org/Home>.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Plants

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ZECs, approved through the Future Energy Jobs Act, or FEJA, in 2016.

Prior to the passage of that legislation in 2016, Exelon issued a news release stating it would “move forward to shut down the Clinton and Quad Cities nuclear plants,” which both remain open after receiving the ZECs made possible by FEJA beginning in 2017. The 2016 release said those plants “lost a combined \$800 million in the past seven years, despite being two of Exelon’s best-performing plants.”

Exelon’s news release last week said the closure of the “uneconomic” Byron and Dresden plants is necessary because they “face revenue shortfalls in the hundreds of millions.”

“We recognize this comes as many of our communities are still recovering from the economic and public health impacts of the pandemic, and we will continue our dialogue with policymakers on ways to prevent these closures,” Crane said. “To that end, we have opened our books to policymakers and will continue to do so for any lawmaker who wishes to judge the plants’ profitability.”

The governor’s office has said when it comes to subsidies such as ZECs, companies such as Exelon will have to “show their math and show the ratepayers of Illinois why they need a benefit.”

“We have seen these threats before, and this time Exelon’s threats will need to be backed up by a thorough and transparent review of their finances — including why the profits of the company as a whole cannot cover alleged operating losses at a few plants,” Abudayyeh said. “The administration looks forward to working with lawmakers and stakeholders to pass legislation centered on consumers and the climate that creates and retains good paying, union jobs in communities across the state.”

The Dresden plant is licensed to operate for another 10 years, while Byron is licensed for 20, according to Exelon. Together, the plants employ more than 1,500 full-time employees and 2,000 supplemental workers during refueling outages. They pay nearly \$63 million in taxes

annually and supply 30 percent of Illinois’ carbon-free energy, according to the news release.

While the company said the closure was separate from Pritzker’s recently announced energy guidelines, the news release specifically referenced a policy difference between Exelon and the administration. That difference pertains to a Fixed Resource Requirement, or FRR, proposal, which seeks to pull the state from the multi-state capacity auctions conducted by the federally-regulated PJM regional transmission organization.

Capacity procurement is not the purchase of energy production, but the guarantee that a company will be able to produce a given amount of energy years into the future.

Proponents of an FRR say if the state is given authority to conduct capacity auctions, it can set fixed requirements for the purchase of renewable and zero-carbon energy sources.

The governor’s office disagrees with the FRR proposal and prefers a “market-based program that incorporates the social cost of carbon.”

“The proposed FRR has been the centerpiece of current energy discussions, but the first step in that FRR is to annually pay each of Exelon’s nuclear plants an amount equal to three times the current taxpayer subsidy that two Exelon plants already receive without any strings attached and without Exelon showing us their math as to why this is necessary,” according to the governor’s energy guidelines.

In its news release, however, Exelon cited “declining energy prices” and “market rules that allow fossil fuel plants to underbid clean resources in the PJM capacity auction” as driving forces of closures.

Exelon said a recent Federal Energy Regulatory Commission decision affecting the minimum offering price an energy generator can bid for PJM capacity auctions exacerbates the need for change. It also suggested it was considering further closures.

“As a result of these market rules, Exelon Generation’s LaSalle and Braidwood nuclear stations in Illinois, each of which house two nuclear units and together

employ more than 1,500 skilled workers, are also at high risk for premature closure,” according to the news release.

Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, released a statement last week saying he would “explore options for keeping nuclear plants open.”

“Independent market monitors believe these plants can be profitable,” he said in a written statement. “I intend to look into legislative options including requiring these plants be put up for sale before they can be shuttered. We owe it to these workers and communities to see if someone else can successfully run these assets.”

State Sen. Michael Hastings, a Frankfort Democrat, said the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee he chairs “has been committed to working on legislation and consumer assistance since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and we remain committed to working with the men and women of organized labor and all stakeholders to find solutions to secure the future of clean energy in Illinois.”

Rep. David Allen Welter, R-Morris, said “disappointment” in the closure announcement “does not even begin to scratch the surface of my frustration.”

“Exelon’s plan to retire Dresden Station is a direct result of Gov. Pritzker and Speaker Madigan’s failure to bring comprehensive energy legislation up for a vote at any point during the last two years,” he said in an email statement.

An Exelon spokesperson said there is “a short window during which these decisions could be reversed if a policy solution is implemented.”

“However, we must move forward with the required regulatory notifications and take other necessary steps to prepare the plants for early retirement. The further we get down that path, the more expensive and difficult it will be to reverse course,” the spokesperson added.

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## IVCC board’s facilities committee reviews 3 future capital projects

OGLESBY — The Illinois Valley Community College board’s facilities committee reviewed three future capital projects at an Aug. 26 meeting: A Library/Student Success Center, Professional Development Center and Agriculture Center.

The three proposals are Community College Capital Resource Allocation Management Program (RAMP) projects. RAMP is the official request for state funding for capital improvement projects.

The Agriculture Center includes a lab, classroom and student space and will be located south of campus in an Ag Complex adjacent to a recently completed storage facility.

“An Agriculture Center with dedicated classroom and lab space is critical to student success,” said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran. “Having all equipment, supplies and tools in one location is essential to student learning.”

The Library/Student Success Center involves moving the Student Technology Help Desk, Writing Center and Peer Tutoring Center from the Learning Commons to Jacobs Library.

The Professional Development Center involves relocating the Center for Excellence

in Teaching, Learning and Assessment (CETLA) into the current Learning Commons to become a resource site for faculty and staff training.

The RAMP proposals will be presented to the full board Sept. 10.

Protection, Health and Safety (PHS) projects planned for the current year include a door access upgrade and ADA improvements in the Fireplace Lounge.

Software for the current door access system is no longer supported by its manufacturer, said Vice President for Business Services and Finance Cheryl Roelfsema. In addition to updating the software, eight doors will be added.

The ADA lift in the Fireplace Lounge will be replaced with a ramp.

Both projects will be presented to the full board Oct. 8 or Nov. 12.

In addition, the committee examined the feasibility of partnering with the city of Oglesby on a solar farm on campus.

Oglesby Mayor Dom Rivara said the city needs a solar farm to increase its renewable energy. Locating the farm at IVCC could provide an educational opportunity for the college’s renewable energy program and save the college money on utilities.

## City

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see the city lifting the state of emergency in the first part of September if the positive COVID-19 cases continue to fall like they have been lately. “I’d like to be out of

this as quickly as possible,” he said. “We’re going to have to play it by ear.”

City clerk Emily McConville wanted to make it known that she can register people to vote in the upcoming election. The city build-

ing is currently closed to the public, but anyone interested in registering to vote can call the office at 815-539-7459 to make arrangements to get registered. The office hours are 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## IVCC offers pilot ground training

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College’s Continuing Education Office offers “Aviation Private Pilot Ground Training” (CEU-8151-09) from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 12 through Dec. 5 on the main campus.

This class is designed to prepare students for the Private Pilot Knowledge Exam and students will understand operations of the flight controls and instruments, airport and airspace considerations, aircraft weight and balance, aircraft performance tables, basic weather meteorology, federal aviation regulations, flight psychology and emergency preparedness.

An initial course will be held at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport where students will tour the airport and complete a hands-on experience in an airplane flight simulator. Upon completion of this course, students will be eligible to take the F.A.A. Private Pilot Knowledge Exam (additional fee for the F.A.A. Exam).

Required textbooks include Federal Aviation Regulations Aeronautical Information Manual, Private Pilot 2020 Test Prep, and the Pilot’s Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge.

Once registered, students may purchase books and materials through the Continuing Education office. Flying or airtime is not included in this class; students ages 15 and up may enroll.

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## MHS student activity fee criticized – 1984

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Sept. 1, 1999)

By Jessica Nashold  
Backtracks & Sidetracks

As the 1984-85 school year approached, school news zeroed in on a student activity fee of \$15 at Mendota High School. Parents complained that the fee had to be paid whether or not the students attended games, concerts, school plays, art exhibits or other events. Moreover, with several students in a single family, the cost could become pretty steep.

At the Aug. 27, 1984 board meeting, Principal Robert Cooper fielded the parental complaints. He said he had sent a letter to everyone in District 280, explaining the fee.

**He was amazed at the number of people who didn't read the letter or understand it.**

Although the fee was \$15 per student, there was a "family limit" of \$40. There were also special provisions for hardship cases.

The fee was needed in order to fund extracurricular activities such as band, chorus, drama, art and "other school functions." Attendance at these programs was vital to their continuance.

Superintendent Morris Morgan also added a word, regarding the procedure to be followed in the event an activity fee had not been paid.

**The question will be dealt with through the parents, not the students.**

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To encourage participation in Project NOA, meals were served on Fridays without donations during the month of September 1984. On Friday, Sept. 7, a "Back-to-School" party featured diners dressed in "school clothes."

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The Men's Garden Club featured a corn boil at Snyder's Grove on Aug. 31, 1984. A tomato contest had been in progress and Conrad Godawa was declared the winner. Officer Dennis Franklin presented a program on "security." The Garden Club's Sweet Corn queen candidate, Sandy Hartt, and her parents were guests.

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Aldermen heard a report from the engineering firm, Daily & Associates of LaSalle, on the estimated cost of bringing the Mendota sewer system up to EPA standards.

**It does not have storage or transport capacity to handle heavy rains.**

The estimated cost of \$1.6 million might be reduced if an exemption could be secured to bypass the treatment plant during heavy rains. A variance covering in-system overflows was due to expire Sept. 30, 1984. Spencer recommended seeking a one-year extension of the variance during which needed work could be arranged.

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The Ben Franklin store at 720 Illinois Ave. was advertising a liquidation sale with up to 70% reductions on all inventory. Fixtures were also for sale and the first week in September 1984 would be the final week to secure these bargains.

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LeBistro, a popular restaurant on 13th Avenue, advertised cocktail hours, 4-6 p.m. Monday through Friday, with iced shrimp at 15 cents each available at the bar. LeBistro catered for groups in addition to offering outstanding menus. It was closed Sunday.

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Mendota football games were to be broadcast over WGLC-FM during the 1984 season. The schedule included nine games with Art Kimball and Larry Psonak at the microphones.

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Evelyn Lamps, who had retired from teaching at the close of the 1983-84 school year, received an engraved silver bowl from the grade school board in recognition of her long service. Presentation was made by Joe Kilgore, board president.

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Trooper John C. Simonton of Mendota was assigned to District 1. He had graduated from State Police Academy on Aug. 3, 1984. Prior to attending the academy, he had served two years as deputy with the Boone County Sheriff's Department.

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Len Schaller and John Norton were in charge of the 1984 United Way drive in Mendota. On Sept. 8, 1984, a motorcade of antique cars publicized the regional drive, leaving from Tonica at 10 a.m. on that day. It covered 70 miles, pausing at Mendota about 12:15 and winding up at LaSalle. Bags of unpopped popcorn, some of them containing certificates for prizes contributed by merchants, were flung from cars as they passed through towns. The United Way fund goal for 1984 was \$302,500.

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Three new volleyball coaches at MHS for the 1984 season were winners in their first games in Ottawa. Mary Stephenitch, varsity coach, saw her girls take the best three out of five. Greg Henning, sophomore coach, brought home 15-4 and 15-5 scores. Freshman coach Connie Schwingle's team had two 15-2 games.

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At the Tri-County Fair, a demonstration of old time threshing drew an appreciative crowd. The oats were grown on land owned by Everett Baumgartner and farmed by Bill Otterbach. The oats were delivered to the fairgrounds "in the shock." The 1928 Avery threshing machine, owned by Baumgartner, separated the oats from the straw.

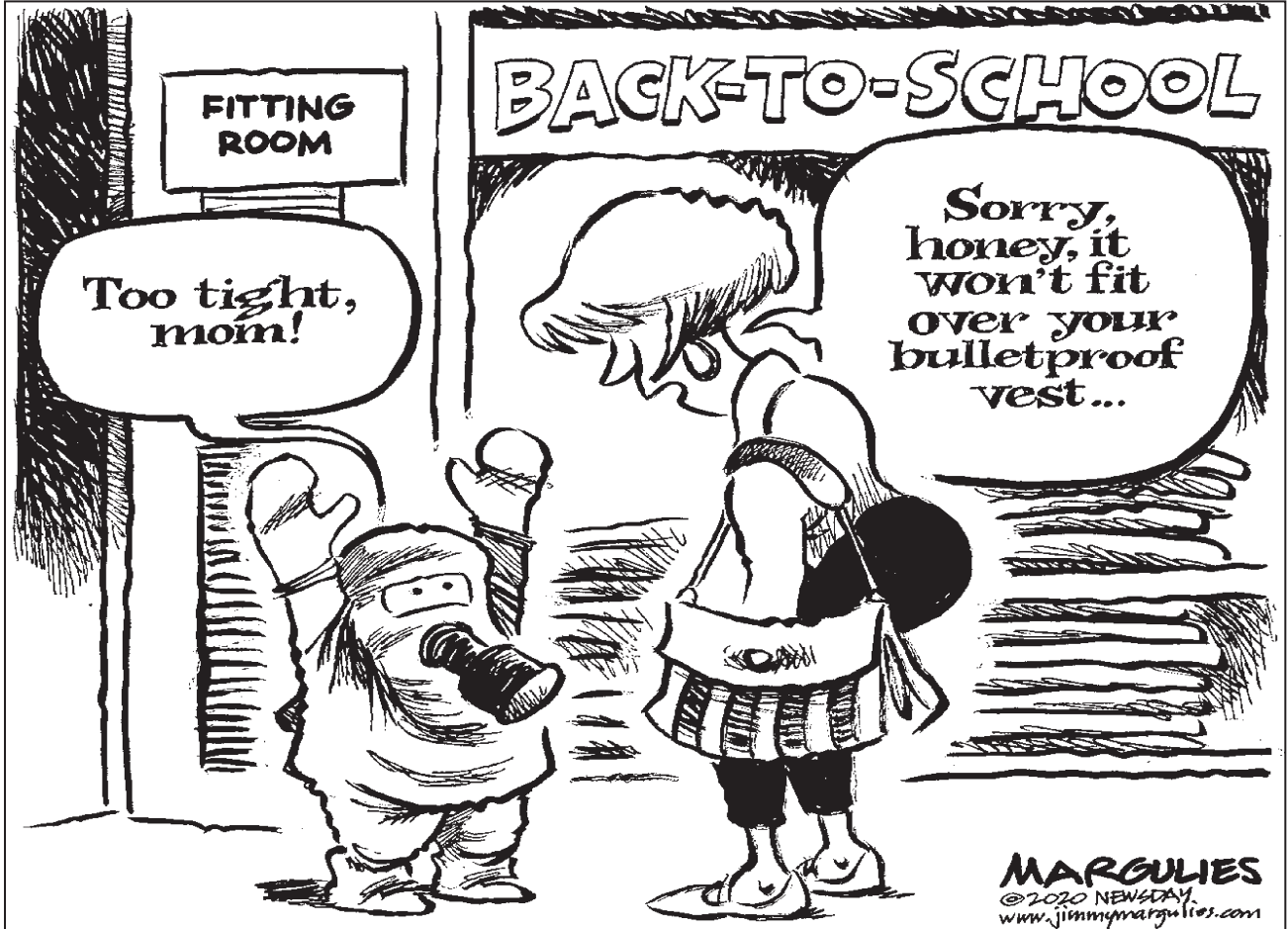
**The old-timers were able to recall when they did similar work.**

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Mendota had no theater in 1984, but The Mendota Reporter carried advertising for the Dyas 34 Drive-In, Cinema at the Mall, LaSalle Showplace and Illinois Valley Twin Cinemas. Among coming attractions were Spielberg's "Gremlins" and Bo Derek in "Bolero."

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A seminar on Quality Aging was conducted at Mendota Lutheran Home on Sept. 15, 1984. It was led by the Rev. William E. Holmes, a professor at Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. There were separate sessions for pastors and church leaders, for staff and employees of the home, and for residents, their families and friends.



## The QAnon rot in the GOP

By Rich Lowry

QAnon is getting its first congresswoman.

Marjorie Taylor Greene won a runoff in a Republican primary, all but assuring her victory in November in a heavily GOP district.

She is thus set to become the highest officeholder in the land who takes seriously the lunatic theories of QAnon, the anonymous internet poster who says, among other ludicrous and poisonous things, that there's a global network of pedophiles about to be exposed and undone by President Donald Trump.

Greene's ascension is the latest indication of the creeping influence of Q, who has fashioned a kind of free-floating John Birch Society for the digital age. The author's adherents or fellow travelers are adept at spreading memes on social media, hold signs or wear paraphernalia touting Q at Trump rallies, and now are notching some victories in GOP primaries.

Jo Rae Perkins, a no-hoper who won the Republican Senate primary in Oregon, has associated herself with Q and expressed disappointment when her sellout campaign team tried to hide her enthusiasm for the conspiracy theory. Lauren Boebert, the upset winner of a primary for a Republican House seat in Colorado, said of Q in a radio interview, "If this is real, then it could be really great for our country."

The rise of Q shouldn't be exaggerated. Surely, most Republicans aren't even aware of this dreck, and the Q caucus in the next Congress might number one or two. Almost every political movement has a fringe that marinates in paranoia and is prepared to believe -- or invent -- the worst about the other side.

Yet, the spread of QAnon shows that the Trump-era GOP has weakened antibodies against kookery. Trump himself

sets the tone. He's an indiscriminate tweeter of disreputable Twitter accounts, and he's floated all sorts of ridiculous conspiracy theories over the years -- just ask Ted Cruz's father, or Joe Scarborough. Trump fulsomely praised Greene upon her primary victory as a Republican rising star.

In 2017, Greene posted a long, hilariously earnest and completely bonkers explication of Q posts to YouTube. She had read them closely and spent time trying to figure out their import. The time and energy you'd hope an eventual congressional candidate would devote to understanding the federal budget or, say, how to reform military procurement, she'd poured into Q, and was clearly invigorated and alarmed by it.

Q has a special draw for a segment of Trump supporters. The author's lurid inventions involve people who are already villains of the populist right, the likes of George Soros and John Podesta. Q promotes a radical distrust of traditional sources of information and makes Trump's stumbles into master chess moves, both of which are pleasing to Trump superfans.

All of this is an explanation, not an excuse. Q is deeply corrosive of the qualities necessary to live in and govern a republic. It invites its adherents to suspend reason -- how else to credit all the prophecies that haven't come to pass? -- and believe that a swath of the American establishment isn't just wrongheaded or incompetent, but engaged in monstrous secret crimes.

Marjorie Taylor Greene has already been criticized by Republican congressional leaders for her incendiary rantings about Muslims. She deserves, too, to be shunned her for attraction to Q, even if the president of the United States is unbothered by it.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.  
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## Welcome to college during the era of COVID

By Scott Reeder

RIVERTON — One of the most indelible memories in any adult's life is the first week away from home.

It may have involved a new job, a wedding or a college dorm room.

But rest assured, we all remember when we spread our wings for the first time and left the nest.

For Kelsey Greenwood, of Riverton, her first week was more challenging than most.

In May, Kelsey graduated valedictorian from Riverton High School and was accepted into the University of Iowa's honors program. She aspires to be a physician and is in the school's premed program.

After driving to Iowa City, the 18-year-old met her roommate, Annie Gaughan. The two hit it off. Annie is also a freshman premed major and hails from Park Ridge, Ill. But they both knew it was going to be a different freshman experience than many of the older peers; they were entering college in era of COVID-19.

The pair headed out for pizza with friends and spent the evening playing games, watching videos and getting to know others. They wore masks -- except when they were eating.

The next morning Annie woke up with a headache.

"The university issued us masks and thermometers and just for fun we took each other's temperatures. Annie's was a little high but not super high. We really didn't think anything of it," Kelsey told me in a telephone interview.

When the headache persisted, Annie called home and was told to make a telehealth appointment on campus. According to the Iowa City Press Citizen, a few hours later a doctor called and discussed her symptoms.

"He said, 'You don't have symptoms. And I wouldn't normally put out a referral, but you seem anxious.'"

Later that Sunday afternoon, she had a nasal swab taken on campus.

At 7 p.m. Annie and Kelsey were walking across campus when an email arrived. Annie had tested positive for the COVID-19, a disease that has claimed more than 175,000 American lives.

"As far as I know, the email didn't say anything more as far as telling her what to do or where to go," Kelsey recalled.

They each returned to their dorm

and knocked on their resident assistant's door.

"He wouldn't open the door. He just yelled through the door to go back to our room and quarantine. I yelled back that I didn't want to share a room with an infected person. But he told me that I had to go back to the room and stay there and the housing department would be in touch."

He also told the pair not to tell anyone -- including their parents.

They sat for hours in their tiny room staring at each other and waiting for direction.

"We were on opposite sides of the room, but I was afraid I was going to catch it. Finally, I needed to go to the bathroom."

As is the case in most dormitories, restrooms are communal, shared by other residents of the floor.

"I called the RA and asked if I could use the restroom. And he said I could use the toilet -- but not the shower -- and that I had to shut the door to the stall after I left, so no one else would use it after me."

A few minutes before midnight, five hours after testing positive, a housing official called and told her roommate that she had to pack up her things and move to an isolation dorm.

"She was told she had to get everything together and walk across campus with enough stuff for the next two weeks. They suggested that she had to carry it all. I went and hunted a cart down for her even though I was supposed to stay in my room."

The midnight walk alone across campus carrying her things was a frightening experience for her roommate, Kelsey recalled.

When she arrived at her new room, she found that it was filthy and immediately contacted the housing coordinator.

According to the Iowa City newspaper this is what was said:

"I told him that the rooms were horrible, and he said they weren't really anticipating anyone getting COVID on the first day -- said they'd been really busy with regular school operations just getting people here," Gaughan said.

She said the coordinator told her this was her only option for quarantining on campus: She could stay in Currier [Hall] or have her parents come to get her. Her folks lived more than three hours away.

"I started to feel my heart rate pick up more. I felt dizzy, so I tried to ground myself. I was, like, trying everything I knew to calm down. My hands and legs went numb and tingly. I sat down in a chair in the room they gave me. But, I thought, 'If I don't sit down on the floor, I will slide and fall out,'" Gaughan told the newspaper.

Her mom, who had been on the phone with her, called an ambulance.

"By that point, I was so out of it," Gaughan said.

Law enforcement and EMS responded to Currier at 12:29 a.m. But by the time they arrived, some deep breathing had helped her regain enough composure to feel comfortable sending the paramedics away.

Meanwhile, her roommate, Kelsey, is back in their old room.

"I really didn't want to stay in that room because an infected person had been in there. I asked if the university could disinfect the room. They told me it was the responsibility of students to clean their own rooms and that I would have to be quarantined in that room because I had been exposed."

"They acted like I was at fault for being exposed," she said.

For almost three days, Kelsey waited to be assigned a clean room. Even after testing negative for the virus she was told she could not use a shower in the dorm -- because she had been exposed.

"I switched to taking my classes online, because I couldn't leave my room. Finally, after going two and one-half days without a shower I got a new room. I then packed up and drove home to Riverton."

Von Stange, an assistant vice president for student life at the university, issued a statement saying in part, "the experience described does not meet the expectations of the university, Housing and Dining and, most importantly, you, the students. For that, I am deeply sorry."

Meanwhile, Kelsey is completing her quarantine in the Sangamon County village while she takes her classes online. She continues to test negative for the virus. But when her quarantine is over, she plans to return to Iowa City.

"I just want as normal a college experience as possible," she said.

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



# LOCAL AND AREA

## IHDA grants available for blighted housing

❑ \$10 million to fund rehabilitation and demolition of vacant, abandoned housing

By **PETER HANCOCK**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Housing Development Authority is now accepting applications for grants to address vacant and abandoned housing throughout the state.

“Blight affects many communities, large and small across Illinois, and it is critical that municipalities have the tools they need to address the economic and social impact that vacant homes continue to impose in neighborhoods throughout the state,” IHDA executive director Kristin Faust said in a news release. “This is why IHDA is committed to helping Illinois cities and towns as they tackle their local housing needs.”

Funding for the grants comes from the state’s Strong Communities Program, which was established earlier this year through funding from the state’s Rebuild Illinois capital plan. A total of \$30 million will be awarded through the program over three application periods, including \$10 million available in the first wave.

The agency expects that over all three rounds, the program will finance the rehabilitation of approximately 1,000 abandoned homes and the demolition of another 500 blighted properties deemed beyond repair.

Grants will be awarded in amounts of up to \$250,000 to local government agencies to return residential properties to productive and taxable use, or for demolition, IHDA said. The program will also reimburse municipalities for removing trees, shrubs and debris, conducting lot treatment and greening, and other costs associated with returning blighted properties to a productive state.

Cities, counties and land banks located in Illinois are eligible to apply for the grants. Cities and counties may also submit joint applications. Regional planning commissions are also eligible to apply on behalf of the units of government they serve.

The current application window will remain open until 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28. Information about how to apply is available through the IHDA website, [www.ihda.org/my-community/revitalization-programs](http://www.ihda.org/my-community/revitalization-programs).

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## Illinois Department of Transportation opens applications for local transportation funding

❑ Over \$105 million available, 25 percent set aside for disadvantaged communities

By **RAYMON TRONCOSO**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Transportation announced recently that local governments and planning commissions may begin applying for up to \$2 million in grant funding to improve transportation in their communities.

The Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program, or ITEP, is in its 14th cycle of funding. There is \$105.6 million available through the program this year as part of the \$33.2 billion in transportation construction funded in the Rebuild Illinois capital plan.

Local governments, regional transportation authorities, natural resource agencies, school districts, tribal governments and nonprofit entities responsible for transport oversight are all eligible for ITEP funds. Private entities and nonprofit entities without oversight powers can still apply if sponsored by an organization that is eligible.

The program aims to fund projects that enhance transportation and encourage safe travel for communities, such as those that involve bike and pedestrian facilities.

IDOT began accepting applications

for ITEP on Aug. 21, and the deadline for applications to be received is Nov. 2. Applications must be submitted online, along with other hardcopy requirements, at [idot.illinois.gov](http://idot.illinois.gov).

For the first time this year, ITEP has set aside funds specifically for underserved communities, according to an IDOT news release.

About \$26.4 million, or 25 percent of ITEP’s available funds, has been earmarked for projects in “high-need communities,” communities identified as disadvantaged or economically distressed. Factor used to identify “high-need” areas include community median income and total property tax base.

“Part of our core mission at IDOT is empowering disadvantaged communities and working with local decision makers to improve transportation options and quality of life,” Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman said in a news release. “Under Gov. (JB) Pritzker, we have made major improvements to the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program that will mean greater participation and more resources where they are needed most.”

Eligible projects for ITEP funding must fall under one of nine categories:

pedestrian and bicycle facilities; beautification of streetscapes; converting abandoned railroads into trails; preserving and rehabilitating historic transportation buildings; vegetation management on roads; archaeological activity impacted by other transport projects; storm water and pollution management; reducing roadkill and connecting animal habitats near roads; and constructing turnouts, overlooks and viewing areas for residents.

IDOT will score the applications based on the merits of the proposed project, including factors such as public benefit, relevance to the program’s requirements, local commitment to the project and others.

To assist applicants, IDOT set up a series of webinars for interested parties to learn how to apply for ITEP funds. A webinar focusing on how applications will be scored and an ITEP Q and A for projects will take place on Oct. 21.

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## Expiration of driver’s licenses extended one year for Illinois seniors

By **REBECCA ANZEL**  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD — Driver’s licenses for Illinoisans 75 or older are valid one extra year beyond the currently listed 2020 expiration date, Secretary of State Jesse White announced.

Those roughly 147,000 seniors do not need to visit a motor vehicle facility until just prior to their birthday in 2021, the office said in a news release, noting it will inform qualifying residents in a letter.

The secretary of state’s records were updated to reflect this change, and officials notified national and state law enforcement as well.

“I am mindful of the heightened risks associated with seniors contracting COVID-19, and that is why I have authorized this important change during this challenging and unique time,” White said in a written statement.

His office has the statutory authority to extend these

deadlines by up to one year.

The expiration date for all other Illinoisans’ driver’s licenses and plate stickers was pushed to Nov. 1. The office is encouraging residents not to visit a driver services facility for matters that can be handled online.

“Especially during hot weather,” residents “do not need to rush into” facilities where “heavy customer volume” is expected, the office said in a news release.

Since White opened his

offices a few weeks ago, numerous reports have documented long lines that stretch outside and around buildings. The facilities were previously closed due to the threat of COVID-19 spread.

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## IVCC awarded grant for adult CTE programs

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College was recently awarded over \$80,000 in grant funding to support adult learners in its Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

Specifically, the \$81,665 grant will reinforce IVCC’s Adult Learner Initiative and enhance its ability to recruit, serve, and retain adult students in technical fields.

IVCC CTE programs include cybersecurity, business technology, welding, dental assisting, CAD, computer networking, manufacturing, HVAC, industrial maintenance, automotive technology, electricity, electronics, EMS, nursing, therapeutic massage and others.

Statewide, community colleges offer over 4,300 CTE programs. As workers struggle with COVID-19-related job losses, community colleges prepare students for high-skill, in-demand jobs across a number of career fields.

“This funding supports students in high-need industries, including information technology and education,” said Dr. Brian Durham, executive director of the Illinois Community College Board.

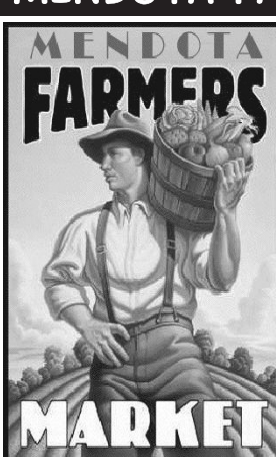
“The grants allow colleges to make a significant investment in advising,

coaching, and mentoring CTE faculty and students, at a time when the need for a connection between teachers and students is paramount.”

Statewide, 21 community colleges received nearly \$1.7 million in CTE Improvement Grant funds. Recipients can use the funds to enhance student transitions, provide student-centered support services or strengthen the CTE educator pipeline.

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Yours truly,  
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### WARRANT ARREST

Charles Stemmet, 31, of 402 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 9:51 p.m. Aug. 27 on a valid Kendall County failure to appear warrant on the charge of speeding. The subject posted bond and was released with a Kendall County court date.

## BLESSED EVENTS

**KITTILSON** – Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kittilson (Ashlee Marruquin) of Mendota, boy, Aug. 26, 2020, at Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru.

### Sign Ordinance

**MENDOTA** – The city of Mendota reminds you that it is unlawful under city ordinance 42.34 to hang, lean, or place any advertising materials on any street lamp, post, telephone or electric light pole within the city limits of Mendota. This includes garage sale notices.

This statute was designed to keep our neighborhoods clean and free of trash and debris. The city of Mendota appreciates your cooperation.

## Stricter mask mandate imposed for all bars, restaurants

By **PETER HANCOCK**  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker has ordered a stricter statewide mask mandate covering bars and restaurants in Illinois as the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise.

Effective Wednesday, Aug. 26, all bar and restaurant patrons are required to wear face coverings when interacting with wait staff or other employees. Masks will also be required when food or beverages are being brought to the patron's table, when placing orders and when picking up carry-out orders.

"Illinois has had a mask

mandate since May 1 this year, and in most establishments people are adhering to it," Pritzker said during a COVID-19 briefing. "But it's important that we treat hospitality employees just as you would in any retail store or establishment. This new requirement asks a little bit more of our residents dining out in order to protect their health and safety and that of our front-line hospitality workers."



Chris Klein

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*MASS would like to thank all who supported our Pork Chop BBQ and made it a huge success! We sold out ~ 600 dinners! To those who came and could not get tickets, we are so sorry. We promise we will have more chops and fixings next time! Thanks to our many volunteers for their hard work and dedication. You are awesome! We appreciate our community of Mendota and the surrounding areas for their continued support of our organization.*

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# GARAGE SALE TIME!



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# SOCIAL SCENE

## ANNIVERSARIES



Bob and Irma as newlyweds 1955



Bob and Irma Casstevens

### Casstevens' to celebrate 65th anniversary

MENDOTA - Bob and Irma Casstevens of Mendota will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 1.

The couple met while Bob was stationed in Germany and they were married in Germany in 1955.

The Casstevens are the parents of three children, Michael (Amy), Joann (Kevin), and Steven (Petey). They also have five grandchildren, two step-granddaughters, and five great-grandchildren.

### LaSalle County volunteer wins State Master Gardener Award

OGLESBY - On Aug. 27, Master Gardener volunteer Robbin Keenan of Ottawa received a well-deserved University of Illinois Extension State Master Gardener Outstanding Award. Keenan was notified of the award which will be formally given to her during a virtual awards ceremony to be held on Oct. 2.

The Outstanding Master Gardener State Award was established to honor the best of Illinois Master Gardeners, those whose breadth and depth of involvement in the program is exemplary. Only 1-2 percent of active Master Gardeners in the state are recognized with this award annually. Each person awarded this achievement is an exceptional example to Master Gardeners within their unit, as well as others in the state.

Keenan has been an Illinois Master Gardener since 2018. Since completing the training program, she has volunteered over 550 hours of her time to communities within Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam counties. She is an outgoing volunteer who consistently brings fresh ideas for existing and new projects and educational outreach to the table. She does not hesitate to pitch in on various projects throughout the local area, and does not keep her volunteering just within LaSalle County. She is extremely reliable, and willingly takes on any tasks and challenges she sees and is asked to do. Her energy, loyalty and love of the Master Gardener Program and what it stands for makes her an outstanding master gardener volunteer, truly deserving of this award. In her spare time, she loves using her Cricut to make beautiful crafts, and flying with her husband in their gyroplane.

The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program extends its appreciation for Keenan's many hours of outstanding service and for the positive impacts she has had on her community and others across the state.



Keenan

## Kindergarten readiness improves for the second straight year

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The number of Illinois children entering kindergarten who are fully prepared to start school grew for the second consecutive year in 2019, a possible indication that the state's increased spending on early childhood education is paying off.

But the latest kindergarten readiness report, released Monday by the Illinois State Board of Education, also showed that more than one-third of all pupils who entered kindergarten last year were unprepared across all three developmental areas that the state tries to measure.

"As a former kindergarten teacher, I believe that it is important to do everything possible to support Illinois children in those critical early years," State Superintendent of Education Carmen Ayala said in a news release. "I want every child in the state to enter kindergarten with the cognitive skills to read, remember, pay attention, and solve problems, and the social-emotional skills to communicate, connect with others, display kindness, and cope with challenges."

The numbers come from the third annual Kindergarten Individual Development Survey, or KIDS, a tool the state developed to allow school districts to use a uniform system of measuring a child's development across three key areas — social and emotional, language and literacy, and math.

Under the program, kindergarten teachers are supposed to observe their pupils during the first 40 days of school using 14 different measurements to determine their readiness for school.

The latest report showed that 29 percent of the pupils entering kindergarten



ten demonstrated readiness across all three developmental areas. That was up from 26 percent in 2018 and 24 percent in 2017, the first year of the program.

The report also showed there has been steady growth within each of the three developmental areas. The percentage of kindergartners demonstrating social and emotional readiness grew to 56 percent, up from 49 percent in 2017; 47 percent demonstrated readiness in language and literacy development, up from 44 percent in 2017; and 35 percent demonstrated readiness in math, up from only 30 percent in 2017.

That same report also showed that 37 percent of last year's kindergartners failed to show readiness across any of the three developmental areas. Still, that number was down from 39 percent in 2018 and 42 percent in 2017.

There were significant disparities between various racial and socio-economic groups, although some progress has been made.

For example, among pupils who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, only 20 percent demonstrated readiness across all three categories, although that was up from 18 percent in 2018 and 16 percent in 2017.

Meanwhile, only 14 percent of students from non-English speaking households demonstrated readiness across all three developmental areas, although that was up from 11 percent in 2018 and 10 percent in 2017.

And while 29 percent of students overall demonstrated readiness across all three categories, only 23 percent of Black students and 17 percent of Hispanics met that benchmark, compared to 35 percent of white and Asian students.

In its news release, ISBE attributed at least some of the growth to increased state spending on early childhood education. The budget that Gov. JB Pritzker proposed and lawmakers approved last year included an additional \$50 million in the state's Early Childhood Block Grant program to improve the quality and expand access to preschool programs.

That money enabled 10,000 more students to attend early childhood programs last year before entering kindergarten, ISBE said. It also helped 655 programs increase the quality of their services.

Another \$50 million was added in the current fiscal year's budget, but due to revenue shortfalls that have resulted from the recession brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, state budget officials have said it remains uncertain whether the entire budget will be funded.

ISBE did note, however, that Pritzker has set aside \$270 million for a Child Care Recovery Grant program, the largest such program in the nation. He has also dedicated \$10 million of the Governor's Education Emergency Relief Fund to support early learning programs in areas hardest hit by the pandemic.

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## Girl Scouts to host 16th annual Thin Mint Sprint as a virtual race

MENDOTA - Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) will host the organization's 16th Annual Thin Mint Sprint virtually from Sept. 1-30. Adults and school-age children can choose from a 2-mile walk, 2-mile competitive race, or 8K race. Participants will choose their ideal course and complete their race or walk anytime in September. A virtual leader board will track runner time through the end of the race! Online registration is open at [www.runsignup.com/gsnitms](http://www.runsignup.com/gsnitms).

The 2-mile walk is just \$10. Both the 2-mile competitive race and 8K are \$20. Participants will receive a race bib and event medal. Event T-shirts are available for an additional \$15 per tech

shirt or \$10 per cotton shirt. Sizes XXL and up include an additional fee.

The event will also feature a Faster than Fiona Challenge, exclusive to all girl members of Girl Scouts. This unique challenge began Sept. 1 and can be completed any time before Sept. 30. Girl Scouts will choose a 2-mile course and then run or walk the course while timing themselves trying to beat the time of GSNI CEO, Fiona Cummings.

All participants will be invited to a virtual meet-and-greet with Fiona in October, and girls who are faster than Fiona will also receive a special Girl Scout patch. Participation cost is \$15 with T-shirts available for an additional \$15 per tech

shirt or \$10 per cotton shirt.  girl scouts of northern illinois

Proceeds from the event support GSNI in their efforts to provide amazing experiences and opportunities for girls to learn valuable life skills, try new things, all while cultivating the character to make a difference in the world.

Thin Mint Sprint event sponsors include Members Alliance Credit Union, GSNI Volunteer Board of Directors, Physicians Immediate Care, Mark and Carol Ackerman, Network Craze, Woodward, Ron Coletta - AT&T, Simply Computer Solutions, WREX-TV, and B103.



On Sept. 11, Wreaths Across America wants to honor the "Freeport Flag Ladies" and those affected by 9/11, by uniting in national flag waving. (Photo contributed)

### Wreaths Across America makes national call to wave flags to remember 9/11 anniversary

COLUMBIA FALLS, Maine — On Friday, Sept. 11, Wreaths Across America calls for every American to stand outside and wave a flag for one minute at 8:46 a.m. and then again at 9:03 a.m.

At 8:46 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, five hijackers took control of American Airlines Flight 11 and flew it into the heart of New York City and the northern facade of the World Trade Center's North Tower (1 WTC).

At 9:03 a.m., five other hijackers crashed United Airlines Flight 175 into the southern facade of the South Tower (2 WTC).

Following the events of 9/11, three patriotic women (Elaine Greene, Joann Miller and Carmen Foote) were moved to find an old American flag they had stored at home and stand on a hill in Freeport, Maine waving that flag to honor victims. These women became nationally known as "The Freeport Flag Ladies," and proudly hoisted the Stars and Stripes every Tuesday morning for the following 18 years.

After they retired on Sept. 11, 2019 (their last 9/11 remembrance), the following Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019, Wreaths Across America took the helm and continued the weekly flag waving tradition along US Route 1 in Jonesboro, Maine, on land donated by the organization's founder Morrill Worcester leading to the new Acadia National Cemetery.

Since that time Mr. Worcester has added a mile stretch of American flags (105 in total) on both sides of the road that lead to the entrance of Acadia National Cemetery, which opened to the public for the first time on Aug. 29. Worcester also donated the land for this new National Cemetery to be built in his hometown.

"Each Tuesday, we are joined by dozens of members of the local community and curious people stopping to be part of something meaningful," said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America, and wife of Morrill Worcester. "Especially over the last six months, this flag waving has taken on new meaning for us all and given a spark of hope and patriotism during this difficult time in our country."

Participants are encouraged to take video and pictures of their participation in the national flag waving and share them with Wreaths Across America, their family and their friends to help REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH the generation born after 9/11, how hard times can strengthen us as a nation.

Please use the hashtag #FlagsAcrossTheCountry and #AmericaStrong when posting on social media and tag the Wreaths Across America official Facebook page.

"My husband and the community's commitment to the mission and continuation of this important weekly tradition has taken on the additional meaning of American unity during this uncertain time," added Karen. "I hope Americans will see this as an opportunity to not only honor those directly affected by 9/11, but also to follow in the footsteps of 'The Freeport Flag Ladies.'"

Wreaths Across America is the non-profit organization best known for placing veterans' wreaths on the headstones of our nation's fallen at Arlington National Cemetery. However, the organization, in total, places more than 2 million sponsored wreaths at over 2,200 participating locations nationwide and offers other programs throughout the calendar year.

These programs remember the events of 9/11 in their own way such as The Mobile Education Exhibit, which will be visiting Kentucky in September and will join in the national flag waving effort.

Radio host Michael W. Hale of Wreaths Across America Radio will hold on-air tributes, and the online store will be sell #AmericaStrong signs made by the brother of "Lone Survivor" Marcus Luttrell (who gave a special family message during the Wreaths Across America Virtual Concert, now streaming on Showcase NOW).

You can sponsor a wreath for \$15 at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>. Each sponsorship goes toward a fresh balsam veteran's wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero as we endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest on Saturday, Dec. 19 as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

About Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission - Remember, Honor, Teach - is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).



# SPORTS

## Starved Rock State Park reopens some trails

❑ Some trails at Starved Rock and all of Matthiessen State Park will remain closed

OGLESBY—A number of trails at Starved Rock State Park that have been closed due to extensive damage done during severe weather Aug. 10 have been reopened. Some additional Starved Rock trails will remain closed while cleanup work continues.

Matthiessen State Park will remain closed until further notice due to expansive damage done during the Aug. 10 storm.

Starved Rock trails are now open to the following canyons and overlooks:

- Starved Rock
- Lover's Leap Overlook
- Eagle Cliff Overlook
- Beehive Overlook
- Sandstone Point Overlook
- French Canyon
- Pontiac Canyon
- Wildcat Canyon
- Basswood Canyon
- Lonetree Canyon
- Aurora Canyon
- Sac Canyon
- Kickapoo Canyon
- St. Louis Canyon
- Illinois Canyon

Starved Rock trails will remain closed to the following:

- Council Overhang
- Hennepin Canyon/Hennepin Canyon Overlook
- Kaskaskia Canyon
- Ottawa Canyon
- Owl Canyon and Overlook

- Hidden Canyon
- La Salle Canyon
- Tonty Canyon

Visitors to Starved Rock State Park are reminded to take all necessary health precautions when visiting state sites, including bringing with them face coverings in case social distancing cannot be achieved as well as hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol. Additionally, visitors should:

- Practice social distancing by keeping at least six feet of distance between themselves and others;
- Stay home if they are sick or feeling any symptoms, such as fever, coughing, troubled breathing, and/or other flu-like symptoms;
- Visit alone or with members of their household;
- Stay local and visit parks that are closest to where they live;
- Move to another area of the park or return another time/day to visit if crowds begin to form; and
- Cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If they don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into their upper arm/elbow.

Visitors also are reminded to stay on designated trails, observe closure notices and no-entry signs, and



that it is illegal to swim or wade at the park, or to climb or rappel on rock formations

at the park.

Visitors are also reminded to arrive early as Starved

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** When is the “Dune” trailer going to be released? Timothee Chalamet said it would be before September. -- **J.K.**



Chalamet

**A:** Hopefully, by the time you read this, a trailer (otherwise known as a movie preview) will be available online. Timothee Chalamet, who stars in the remake of “Dune,” said on social media that we could expect a trailer before September.

“Dune” is a classic science-fiction novel set on a desert planet that was first turned into a movie back in 1984 by director David Lynch and starred Kyle MacLachlan, pre-“Twin Peaks” fame, and Virginia Madsen. It was not well-received, but with the resurgence in popularity of the sci-fi genre, it’s not surprising that someone out there would remake it. That someone is director Denis Villeneuve, who was also behind the remake of the classic “Blade Runner” titled “Blade Runner 2049.”

The new “Dune” has star power going for it with the

Oscar-nominated Chalamet (“Call Me by Your Name”) and Jason Momoa (“Aquaman”). With the dearth of new movies in theaters because of the pandemic, when it does hit cinemas, it’s bound to be a smashing success.

In the meantime, enjoy the trailer. You can stay up-to-date on all things “Dune” through its official website, [www.warnerbros.com/movies/dune](http://www.warnerbros.com/movies/dune). \*\*\*

**Q:** How are the “Married at First Sight” and “Teen Mom OG” reality-show stars being paid? My friends and I love these shows. Is the marriage and honeymoon paid for? -- **M.D.**

**A:** It depends on whom you ask. Chris Coelen, executive producer of Lifetime network’s “Married at First Sight,” told “The Wrap” that the couples are paid “almost nothing.” He said this is to ensure that the participants have pure intentions in their search for love and not just greed. According to “In Touch Weekly,” though, an anonymous production assistant stated that what Coelen deems a low wage is actually \$1,500 per episode. Since the show’s inception in 2014, the percentage of couples who have stayed together has dipped to as low as 20%.

As for MTV’s “Teen Mom OG,” it’s a spinoff of its first teen pregnancy show “16 and Pregnant,” which debuted in 2009. These women have a large following and reportedly get paid anywhere from \$25,000 per episode to \$500,000 per season.

I would imagine that the stars of both reality shows make extra money through their social-media accounts, like Instagram, if they advertise products. There are a lot of perks to being a reality show star! \*\*\*

**Q:** Will the new “Penny Dreadful” series that takes place in the 1930s be back for another season soon, or at least in 2021? I liked it even more than the original show. -- **S.F.**

**A:** Unfortunately, “Penny Dreadful: City of Angels,” starring Natalie Dormer and Nathan Lane, has been canceled by Showtime after just one season. Despite earning good reviews, the numbers must not have been up to the cable channel’s expectations, and so the show ended for good on June 28.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** -- What could bring rival, cutthroat studios such as Warner Brothers, NBC Universal, Disney, BBC Studios, Lionsgate and MGM together? Jeffrey Katzenberg, former chairman of Disney and co-founder of Dreamworks, and Meg Whitman, formerly on the board of Proctor & Gamble, Dropbox and the CEO of Hewlett Packard, have gotten these competitors to invest in their brainchild, Quibi. Quibi is a mash-up of the words “quick” and “bites,” and it’s a new subscription-based streaming platform for scripted and unscripted content for viewing solely on your cellphone.

Quibi’s main launch premiere was July 20-29 with chapters of “Die Hart,” starring Kevin Hart and John Travolta. Is this what we’ve come to? The highest-grossing films are epic superhero movies on IMAX giant screens. Are we now reduced to watching bits of films on our phones in the palm of our hand? And why would any celebrity want to shoot a movie delivered in 10 minutes or less? The service costs \$5 monthly, \$8 if you

want it commercial free. You, the jury, must deliberate now. \*\*\*

Are you ready for the upcoming musical adaption of “Cyrano” (de Bergerac)? Four-time Emmy winner Peter Dinklage did the title role in a stage adaption at Connecticut’s Goodspeed Opera House and off-Broadway in 2018. Haley Bennett, who played Roxanne opposite him, also has been cast along with Brian Tyree Henry and Ben Mendelsohn. The adaption was written by Dinklage’s wife, Erica Schmidt. The former “Game of Thrones” star has the thriller “I Care a Lot,” with Eiza Gonzalez, Rosamund Pike, Dianne Wiest and Chris Messina, awaiting opening dates. \*\*\*

At long last, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has come clean about the movie “Cats”: “The problem with the film was that Tom Hooper decided he didn’t want anybody involved who was involved in the original show,

the whole thing was ridiculous.” Sir Andrew didn’t appreciate being eliminated from the equation.

At least “Cats” swept “The Razzie Awards” winning worst picture, worst supporting actors (James Corden and Rebel Wilson), worst on-screen combo, worst screenplay and worst director. Note to Tom Hooper, “The King’s Speech” Oscar-winning director who also made “Les Miserables” and “The Danish Girl,” “Cats” needed to be shot like Disney’s reboot of “The Lion King,” with the right kind of CGI for animal movies, not people in cat suits. \*\*\*

Eight-time Oscar nominee Bradley Cooper, presently shooting Guillermo del Toro’s “Nightmare Alley,” with Cate Blanchett, Willem Dafoe and Toni Collette, will next work with director Paul Thomas Anderson. Bradley would play a young actor in 1970s Hollywood in the as-yet-untitled film.

It should be interesting to see how a 45-year-old Cooper plays a young actor. Is that called recapturing your youth?

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## Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

There’s something about late summer that makes me think of growth. Maybe it’s the harvest season. Maybe it’s because it’s the time of year when we’re gearing up for school (such as it is) and noticing the changes that seemed to happen so suddenly in just a few short months of summer. It’s a magical time of childhood, and makes for a particularly compelling setting for coming of age stories. You or your kids may not have had the adventure they deserved this summer, but here are eight gems where kids overcame obstacles, learned a hard lesson and sometimes made the difficult leap from child to young adult:

“Stand By Me” -- In this coming-of-age classic, on a Labor Day weekend in 1959, four pals (Wil Wheaton, River Phoenix, Jerry O’Connell and Corey Feldman) set off on a journey to find the body of a missing boy. What they find is an unforgettable bonding experience and much self-reflection.

“Now and Then” -- Four friends (Gaby Hoffmann,

Thora Birch, Christina Ricci and Ashleigh Aston Moore) cement their sisterhood while saving money for a treehouse, avoiding boys and attempting to summon the spirit of a mysteriously marked grave.

“Roll Bounce” -- While dealing with the death of his mother and the closing of his local roller rink, X (Bow Wow) and his friends challenge the status quo at a swanky uptown rink in 1978 Chicago when they move to take on the reigning champion at the end-of-summer skate-dance competition.

“Dirty Dancing” -- At a summer camp in the Poconos, Baby (Jennifer Grey) learns to dance and love from an earnest and talented dance instructor (Patrick Swayze) with a bod to die for and a heart that’s true. In the process, she discovers her own voice and the confidence to stand on her own.

“Dazed and Confused” -- The summer of ‘76 begins with a bang as Mitch (Wiley Wiggins) goes from hazed freshman to cruising with

the stoner star of the school’s football team (Jason London) -- both experiencing personal growth over the course of a single night.

“My Girl” -- Vada Sultenfuss (Anna Chlumsky) -- whose father is a mortician and lives in the town’s funeral home -- works out her obsession with death while learning about love and loss -- all while her dad courts a newly arrived makeup artist.

“The Way Way Back” -- Duncan (Liam James) suffers badly from the bullying of his divorced mother’s new boyfriend. During a summer vacation on Cape Cod, he finds courage and confidence in new friends and paternal guidance in an unlikely spot: the local water park.

“Crooklyn” -- A family portrait in 1973 Brooklyn featuring a precocious young miss, Troy (Zelda Harris), who, along with her brothers, faces cranky neighbors, family woes and perhaps a childhood that trickles away far too quickly.

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

\* It’s illegal to kill Bigfoot in British Columbia. That is, if you ever actually run across him.

\* In March 2019, the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans celebrated its 125th anniversary by offering a free seven-night stay in the presidential suite, along with complimentary private dinners and spa treatments worth \$15,000. But this wasn’t your everyday giveaway -- the prize was only available to the person who returned the “most outrageous” item ever stolen from the hotel!

\* The earliest toothpaste was made in ancient Egypt from crushed pepper, rock salt and dried flowers. No, it wasn’t particularly effective.

\* Speaking of toothpaste, that blob on your toothbrush is called a nurdle.

\* Enjoy the smell of fresh-cut grass after mowing your lawn? Researchers have determined the scent is a chemical compound given off by plants in distress. They emit a similar odor when attacked by caterpillars or other predatory insects.

\* Grooves in the road on Route 66 play “America the Beautiful.”

\* In 1979, Elvita Adams, jobless and facing eviction, attempted suicide by jumping off the 86th floor of the Empire State Building but survived with just a fractured pelvis when she was blown back to the 85th floor by a strong gust of wind.

\* When the first Spanish explorers arrived at the Yucatan peninsula, they naturally asked what the area was called. The response, “Yucatan,” was a Yucatec Maya word meaning “I don’t understand what you’re saying.”

\* Chimpanzees can identify each other from pictures of their butts.

\* The average male becomes bored with a shopping trip in about 26 minutes. His female companion typically lasts two hours.

\* Almost 163,000 pints of Guinness beer are wasted in facial hair each year.

Thought for the Day: “The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.” -- Dolly Parton

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## • Trivia Test •

1. U.S. STATES: Which state has the only flag that isn’t rectangular?
2. GOVERNMENT: What is the subject of the eighth amendment to the U.S. Constitution?
3. TELEVISION: What was the name of Jed Clampett’s bloodhound on “The Beverly Hillbillies”?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to a giant formation known as Ayers Rock (Uluru)?
5. ADVERTISING: Which company’s advertising mascot was a camel named Caleb?
6. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which 20th-century novelist wrote, “And all the lives we ever lived and all the lives to be are full of trees and changing leaves”?
7. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in a half cup?

8. LITERATURE: What was the name of the tiger in “The Jungle Book”?
  9. SCIENCE: When did the first space shuttle launch?
  10. MOVIES: Which 1980s movie had the tagline, “He may be dead but he’s the life of the party”?
- Answers
1. Ohio
  2. Prohibits cruel or unusual punishment
  3. Duke
  4. Australia
  5. GEICO
  6. Virginia Woolf
  7. Eight
  8. Shere Khan
  9. 1981
  10. “Weekend at Bernie’s”
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**ACROSS**

1 Place for pampering

4 Bedouins

9 Gasoline stat

12 Samovar

13 Actress Zellweger

14 A billion years

15 Update

17 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)

18 Young fellow

19 Shun

21 Feast alternative

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25 Eggs

26 Attempt

28 Paul or Lloyd of baseball lore

31 Gear teeth

33 Collection

35 Go off the board

36 Central

38 Turf

40 Londoner’s last letter

41 Reverberate

43 Hourglasses, e.g.

45 Common condiment (Var.)

47 Historic period

48 Boxing legend

49 Spellbind

**DOWN**

1 Total

2 In favor of

3 Moreover

4 Extreme

5 Furnishes

6 Blackbird

7 Gem facet

8 Playground fixture

9 Replace personnel with robots

10 Pontiff

11 Chew like chipmunks

16 Inventor Whitney

20 Dressed

21 Central points

22 Shakespear’s river

23 Make attractive

27 Indeed

29 Always

30 Cincinnati team

32 Moments, for short

34 Re clan emblems

37 Compass points

39 In a catastrophic way

42 “The Phantom of the —”

44 Scratch

45 Vena —

46 Settled down

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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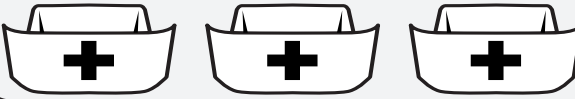
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## The simple key to a healthier mind

Having an “attitude of gratitude” is vitally important in cultivating a healthy mindset in everyday life. I like to purposely take time to count my blessings and think about the goodness of God in my life. In fact, I keep a book of remembrance of special things God has done for me over the years to remind me of His goodness.

It’s easy sometimes to forget about all of the good things God has done for us, and this becomes a prob-

lem when we focus too much on what we don’t have and not enough on what we do have. Living with this negative mindset is dangerous because it leads us down the road of grumbling, complaining and fault-finding.

A good example of this is the story of the Israelites and their 40 years journeying through the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land God had for them. Now, it could have been an 11-day journey, but it took much longer because

of their unhealthy mindsets.

God had done so many good things for them, such as delivering them from slavery in Egypt and miraculously parting the Red Sea so they could escape Pharaoh’s army. But they didn’t focus on what they should be thankful for, and when things were not going the way they wanted, they quickly became impatient and murmured and complained. (See Exodus chapters 14-16.)

### *Overcoming the Temptation to Complain*

It’s so easy to complain when our circumstances aren’t exactly what we want them to be—it’s what comes naturally if we don’t pay attention to what we’re thinking about. There are things that happen every day that we can murmur about, but they really aren’t worth the effort it takes to get upset and gripe about them.

We need to diligently resist the temptation to be negative because it can damage our relationship with God, our relationships with other people, and even our relationship with ourselves.

Philippians 2:14 (AMPC) clearly tells us, “Do all things



without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves].”

Whenever you’re tempted to complain, just think how much better it would be to remain thankful and say, “God, I remember the good things You’ve done for me and I’m thankful for the breakthrough that I know is on the way.” It’s that mindset and attitude that will keep you moving forward, toward the good things God has in store.

### *Set Your Mind and Keep It Set*

Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV) says, “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

These verses direct us to get our mind on what is really important, rather than wasting our time thinking about things we can’t control or that don’t really matter. I firmly believe in setting my mind and keeping it set on God and His plan for my life every day.

### *Interrupt Wrong Thinking*

It takes time and practice to develop a habit of right think-

ing. One of the ways I’ve found to interrupt wrong thinking and set my mind in the right direction is by saying something that the Bible says.

Many years ago, I was extremely negative. It seemed that if I thought two positive thoughts in a row, my mind would get in a cramp! But as I spent time in God’s Word, my mindset began to change, and instead of focusing on the negative, I found myself focusing on more positive things, like the promises God had for me.

When you spend time studying the Word, renewing your mind with the Truth, you can have a more peaceful, joyful and positive life. As this new way of thinking gradually renews your mind, it will dilute the old thinking and transform your mindset and attitudes.

I want to encourage you to begin developing this habit of right thinking. Start your day by asking for God’s help. Even if you only have a few minutes, take some time each day to renew your mind with truth in His Word.

Psalms 100:4 (NIV) says, “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.” So make it your goal each day to have an attitude of gratitude. Praise and thank God for who He is and all He’s done for you. By God’s grace, you can overcome complaining and live with a thankful heart.

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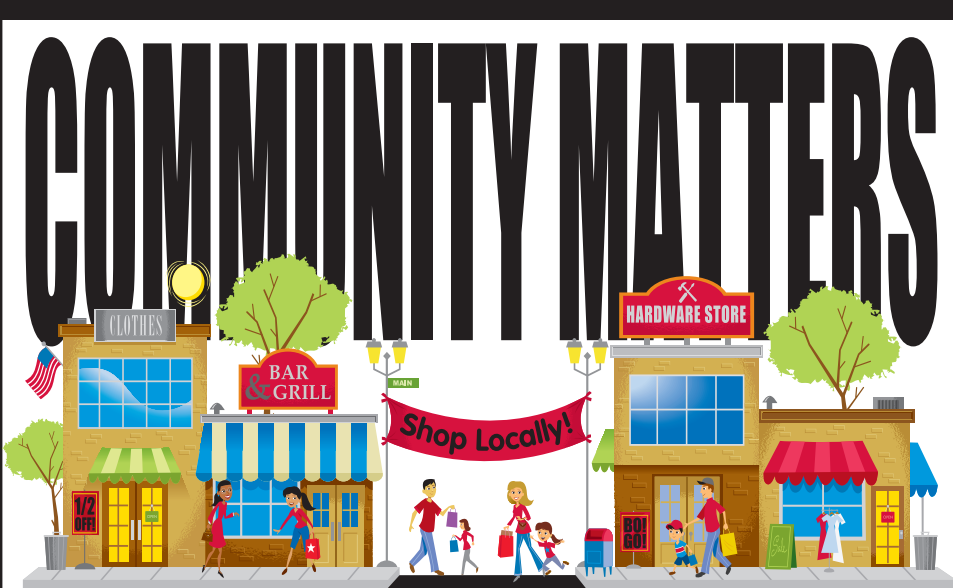
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File No. R2005 16845, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6302005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0162E, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 2 GLENN A ORTEGA, CRISTINA G PANELO, 6081 CRATER LAKE DR, ROSEVILLE, CA, 95678, according to the Deed dated September 04, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 29784, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12191999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0068, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 1 JASON PASS, ANDREA PASS, 4 CHELSEA BLVD APT 711, HOUSTON, TX, 77006, according to the Deed dated July 12, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14694, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8062014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0414, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 7 JUAN A PINEDA, 1205 COTTONWOOD LN, BERRYVILLE, AR, 72616, according to the Deed dated August 30, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 31367, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10172001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0158, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 2 JEAN L POHL, 2232 ST VINCENTS AVE, LA SALLE, IL, 61301, according to the Deed dated November 06, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 24396, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11292011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0392, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 6 CECILIA POMMIER, CARRIE POMMIER, 4727 FOWLER AVE, OMAHA, NE, 68104, according to the Deed dated May 19, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 24739, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7222003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0125O, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 2 DARRELL PORTER, WANDA PORTER, PO BOX 750663, LAS VEGAS, NV, 89136, according to the Deed dated July 31, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 23742, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 9101999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0054E, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1 FRANCISCO REYES,

315 ASH ST, COPPERAS COVE, TX, 76522, according to the Deed dated September 18, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2010 01786, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 1282010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0066O, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 1 NELSON A. RIVERA, ANGELENE RIVERA, 1950 TEMPLAR DR, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60565, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 28925, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8202003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0011, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1 HELENA ROBINSON, WILLIAM ROBINSON, PO BOX 490482, CHICAGO, IL, 60649, according to the Deed dated June 15, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 14470, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7052012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015E, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 1 HELENA ROBINSON, WILLIAM ROBINSON, 7964 S KINGSTON, CHICAGO, IL, 60617, according to the Deed dated June 15, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 14470, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7052012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0015E, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 1 DANNY RODRIGUEZ, 6248 W MONTROSE AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60634, according to the Deed dated April 13, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 07845, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4302014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0058E, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 1 SERAFIN RODRIGUEZ, 1809 N MULLIGAN AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60639, according to the Deed dated December 11, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 26755, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12292011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0008E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1 MARY J. SALYARDS, LAURA SILICEO-ROMAN, JEFFREY SALYARDS, 530 N RUMPLE LN, ADDISON, IL, 60101, according to the Deed dated September 26, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 31381, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10172001, are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 MARY J. SALYARDS, LAURA SILICEO-ROMAN, JEFFREY SALYARDS, 4137 HARTFORD ST, SAINT LOUIS, MO, 63116, according to the Deed dated September 26, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 31381, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 10172001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0081, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 CAROL SCHMILLEN, 2222 DAYBREAK DR, AURORA, IL, 60503, according to the Deed dated April 19, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 12392, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5192006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0038E, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 1 SEAN SIVERTSON, ANDREA SIVERTSON, 329 N FIRST ST, WILMINGTON, IL, 60481, according to the Deed dated July 26, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 32169, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 11072002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0019O, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1 RHIANNON SMITH, 5105 FOXHILL RD, TEMPLE, TX, 76502, according to the Deed dated May 03, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 11319, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 5242011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0008O, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 1 WINZELL STAFFORD, BRENDA STAFFORD, 3501 N COLTRANE RD, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, 73121, according to the Deed dated November 14, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 30040, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12082009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0078O, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 1 WINZELL STAFFORD, BRENDA STAFFORD, 913 NW 12TH ST APT 619, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, 73106, according to the Deed dated November 14, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 30040, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12082009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0078O, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 1 CECILIA TORRALBA, 5707 CHARLIE CHAN DR, SAN ANTONIO, TX, 78240, according to

the Deed dated March 24, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 08211, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4192012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204E, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 4 LAWRENCE TOVAR, IRENE TOVAR, 8718 BENT WILLOW, SAN ANTONIO, TX, 78254, according to the Deed dated February 18, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 05238, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3132012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0074E, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 1 SYLVIA Y. VOSS, 304 LUMAR DR, PEARL CITY, IL, 61062, according to the Deed dated April 14, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 14282, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6082006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0009O, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 1 GREGORY WHITE, 3656 W 84TH PL, CHICAGO, IL, 60652, according to the Deed dated February 27, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 08038, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3312000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0114E, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 2 DOMINIQUE L WHITLOCK, NEIL DUNCAN, 14502 DANTE AVENUE, DOLTON, IL, 60419, according to the Deed dated January 31, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 04274, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 2272008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0169, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1 ARTHUR R WILEY, SONYA L RANDLE, 3323 ROCKRILL DR, HOUSTON, TX, 77045, according to the Deed dated March 17, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 09191, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4142009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0105, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 2 GLORIA J. WILLIAMS, 2401 VIA MARIPOSA W UNIT 1C, LAGUNA WOODS, CA, 92637, according to the Deed dated November 21, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2008 06194, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 3202008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0137E, Use Period

Number(s) 19, Phase 2 CHARLES W WINTERS, SHEILA R WINTERS, 9743 S YALE AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to the Deed dated May 26, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 15543, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6222006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0025E, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1 TRAVIS WOOD, SHARRY L WOOD, 1004 5TH STREETA, HAMPTON, IL, 61256, according to the Deed dated April 27, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 12938, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6062008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0396, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 6 LOUIS C WOODEN SR, MARGARET WOODEN, ROOSEVELT WOODEN, 4464 MARYLAND ST, GARY, IN, 46409, according to the Deed dated May 11, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 16974, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6302000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 LOUIS C WOODEN SR, MARGARET WOODEN, ROOSEVELT WOODEN, 3745 HARRISON ST, GARY, IN, 46408, according to the Deed dated May 11, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 16974, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6302000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien(s) (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be announced at the public auction. Fox River Resort Club, An Illinois Not-for-profit Corporation By: Barbara L. Lewis Its: Attorney-In-Fact No. 0901 (Sept. 2, 9 16, 2020)

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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 )**  
**MARY J. )**  
**PALMER-BEEBE, )**  
**DECEASED. )**  
**NO. 2018-P-000211**

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Mary J. Palmer-Beebe, of LaSalle, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 06, 2018, to Gary Lee Beebe, of LaSalle, 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. 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: August 19, 2020  
Greg Vaccaro  
LaSalle County Circuit Clerk  
Ottawa, IL 61350  
No. 0804  
(Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 2020)

## NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 21, 2020 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Studio 1500 located at 1500 Knoll Crest Dr., Mendota, IL 61342.

DATED August 21, 2020  
Linda Swanson  
Applicant  
No. 0805  
(Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 2020)

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**CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

In the Matter of )  
the Estate of )  
LUIS S. GONZALEZ, )  
Deceased. )  
No. 2020 P 0151

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of LUIS S. GONZALEZ of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 17, 2020 to MARTHA E. OCAMPO, 305 13th Ave., Mendota, Illinois 61342, as independent executor, whose attorneys are DAVID W. OLIVERO/ LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS E. OLIVERO, 1615 Fourth Street, Peru, Illinois 61354. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. If claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, then claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within three 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 attorneys within ten days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (75 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. A copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address. DAVID W. OLIVERO/ LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS E. OLIVERO Attorneys for Estate 1615 Fourth Street Peru, Illinois 61354 Telephone: 815/224-2400 No. 0902 (Sept. 2, 9, 16, 2020)

## 113 FINANCIAL

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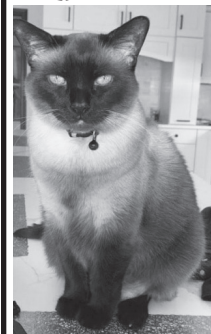
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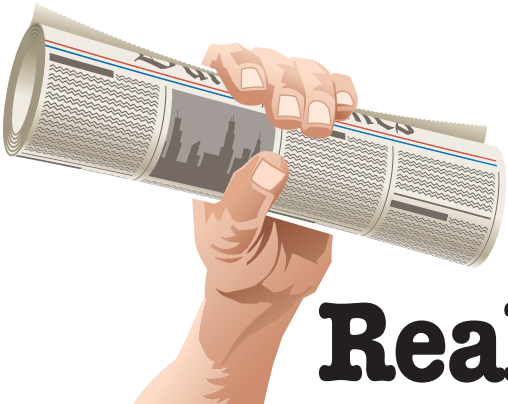
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