



**Hoping for a catch**  
After several days of cool, damp weather, the skies brightened up and the temperatures rose, which created spectacular fishing conditions for these women at Lake Mendota on Sept. 13. The actual days of summer are running out as the first day of Autumn is Tuesday, Sept. 22. (Reporter photo)

## Farmers’ Almanac reveals winter forecast for Illinois

**By KEVIN BESSLER**  
*The Center Square*  
SPRINGFIELD – If you are a believer in the Farmers’ Almanac winter predictions, you may not want to hear its prediction for Illinois.

The publication, founded in 1818, is calling it the “Winter of the Great Divide,” forecasting cold and snow in the north, drought in the west, and wild weather in the south. Illinois is included in the cold and snowy section of the country.

Managing editor Sandi Duncan said a lot of factors are considered when the almanac arrives at its weather predictions.

“A long-term outlook that is actually based on a mathematical and astronomical

formula,” Duncan said. “The formula was actually devised back in 1818 by our founding editor who correlated different things like sunspot activity, position of the planets and other factors.”

More widely accepted in the scientific community is the forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This year, NOAA is forecasting average temperatures for Illinois, but more precipitation than normal from December to February.

If this winter will be anything like the winter of 2014 in Illinois, the Department of Transportation’s budget may get stretched thin again. The department’s yearly budget is just over \$5 billion, but



during that winter, the agency asked for an additional \$47 million to cover overtime costs, the temporary drivers who assist with snow removal, and funds to cover the cost of additional road salt.

As for predicting the weather, Duncan said the Farmers’ Almanac has a

pretty good track record.

“We do kind of give an overview of how we did especially for the winter because that seems to be the all-important season ahead, and people who follow our forecast say we are about 80 to 85 percent accurate,” Duncan said.

## Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15-Oct. 15

MENDOTA – Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, recognizes and celebrates the contributions Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South American and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean have made to American society and culture.

The observance was born in 1968 when Congress authorized the president to issue an annual proclamation designating National Hispanic Heritage Week. The legislation was sponsored by Rep. Edward R. Roybal of Los Angeles and signed into law that year by President Lyndon Johnson. Just two decades later in 1988, lawmakers expanded it to a month-long celebration, which was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan.

The timing is key. Hispanic

Heritage Month — like its shorter precursor — always starts on Sept. 15, a historically significant day that marks the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, who all declared independence in 1821. The designated period is also a nod to those from Mexico and Chile, which celebrate their independence on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

The following statistics are available thanks to the public’s invaluable participation in U.S. Census Bureau surveys. The Bureau appreciates the information shared by each respondent as they continuously count and measure America’s people, places and economy.

**Did You Know?**

**60.6 million:** The Hispanic

population of the United States as of July 1, 2019 is 60.6 million, making people of Hispanic origin the nation’s largest ethnic or racial minority. Hispanics constituted 18.5 percent of the nation’s total population. (U.S. Census Bureau)

**12:** There were 12 states with a population of 1 million or more Hispanic residents in 2019 – Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Texas. (U.S. Census Bureau)

**29.8:** The median age of the Hispanic population is 29.8, up from 27.3 in 2010. (U.S. Census Bureau)

**Medal of Honor:** The Medal of Honor has been awarded to 61

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## Illinois’ unemployment problems persist nearly 6 months into pandemic

□ 1.4 million people have filed since March

**By GREG BISHOP**  
*The Center Square*

SPRINGFIELD – Problems with unemployment in Illinois continue to mount nearly six months into the COVID-19 pandemic, and state lawmakers are demanding a seat at the table to find solutions.

An economist says unemployment will continue to trend downward, but it’s going to be driven by consumer confidence.

The U.S. Department of Labor on Sept. 10 reported an additional 23,300 Illinoisans filed for initial unemployment claims last week, nearly 2,900 fewer than the week before. There have been more than 1.4 million Illinoisans who have filed for initial unemployment benefits since the beginning of March.

“The No. 1 constituent service request I get right now is help with unemployment, help with housing,” said state Rep. Sonya Harper, D-Chicago.

State Sen. Don DeWitte, R-St. Charles, highlighted constituents who’ve had a series of problems getting benefits they’re owed.

Sue Sloan was let go from her job at a gym. She got unemployment benefits for months, but was later told she had to pay them back and she can’t get anyone at the state to explain what’s happening.

“I don’t know how I’m going to make a \$700 payment every month,” Sloan said. “But suddenly I’m going to. Or come up with \$7,000 to pay [the state].”

DeWitte said the Pritzker administration has failed Sloan and other constituents across the state by not anticipating the need when it shut



down sectors of the economy. He said the frustration grows every day the legislature is left out of helping to solve the problem.

“How about including the Legislature in this process, and appreciating and respecting the constitution of this state, which does have three branches of government?” DeWitte said.

The state has also failed to address the issue of the employer-funded unemployment trust fund that could have up to an \$8 billion deficit, DeWitte said.

“I have never been critical of the governor for taking the aggressive measures he’s taken in regards to masking and distancing and the closure orders,” DeWitte said. “But seven months in... getting the economy open back up would certainly put people back to work and feed the revenue streams.”

DeWitte said everyone is going to approach this differently.

“We are at the point where there are those who chose to be careful to protect themselves and prevent the spread, and there is that percentage of the population that have decided they’re not going to deal with it in that

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Soaking in the sun

A flock of geese meander along the shore while others enjoy a swim in Lake Mendota during a warm, sun-splashed late summer day. The countdown is on for the final days of summer 2020 as the first day of Autumn is Tuesday, Sept. 22. The September equinox marks the moment the Sun crosses the celestial equator – the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator – from north to south. The Sun shines directly on the Equator and the length of day and night is nearly equal. (Reporter photo)



## Stockman's Assoc. announces 2020 Win-A-Show-Animal Essay Contest

LA SALLE COUNTY - Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 LaSalle County Stockman's Association Essay Contest. The Stockman's "Win-A-Show Animal" contest is open to any LaSalle County 4-H member, a resident exhibiting at the 2020 LaSalle County Junior Fair, or a member of a LaSalle County FFA Chapter.

To apply, an applicant must write no longer than a 350-word, typed essay on the theme "Why I Want to Win-A-Show-Animal." Applicants must be specific to the species they are writing about and choose from one of the following four: Beef, Swine, Sheep or Goat.

Each applicant must apply specifically to win one of the four species (beef, swine, sheep or goat) and the contest winner will have their choice of either a market animal or breeding

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## 4-H Fall Expansion & Review welcomes input

MENDOTA - Anyone involved in or interested in 4-H is welcome to join the 2020 Fall 4-H Expansion & Review Committee meeting on Thursday, Oct. 8. For everyone's safety this year, the meeting will be on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. To register, please contact Beth Dellatori (information below) or your coun-

ty's 4-H program coordinator.

Once registered, participants will receive a link via e-mail on the morning of Oct. 8 to join the evening program.

The 4-H Expansion and Review Com-

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## National Day of Prayer and Fasting

September 24, 2020

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A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite  
spirit; a heart contrite and humbled,  
O God, you will not spurn.

Psalms 51: 12, 19

Our nation, and our world is hurting.  
We are seeking to petition our Triune  
God through a sacrifice of prayer and  
fasting for one day; to ask for peace in  
our world, a return to living as peaceful  
children of God. We ask our Lord for  
unity rather than division.

For more information go to: [mendotacatholic.org](http://mendotacatholic.org)

- † 6:00 a.m. ~ Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar
- † 7:00 a.m. ~ Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- † 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ~ Adoration in the main church
- † 1:30 p.m. ~ The Holy Rosary ~ Reflecting on the public life & ministry of Jesus Christ in the Luminous Mysteries
- † 3:00 p.m. ~ The Divine Mercy Chaplet
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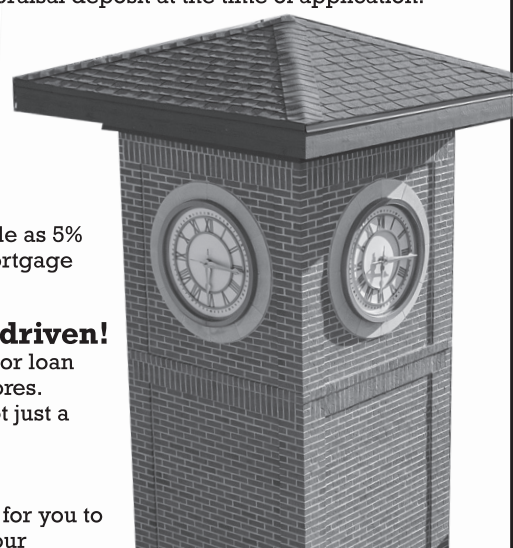


## Window washers

The Imagine Mendota group washed the first-floor windows of buildings on Illinois Avenue on Sept. 13. Some of the group members taking part, left to right, are Lee Stocking, Bill Hein and Janet Shirey. This was the group's only fundraiser of the year. Imagine Illinois approached the city and performed the project for half the price the city had projected it would cost, which saved the city money and secured some income for Imagine Mendota. (Photo contributed)

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## Extension offers virtual program on 'Landscaping for Birds'

MENDOTA - Join a live virtual presentation, "Landscaping for Birds" hosted by the McNabb Public Library and presented by University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener volunteer Natalie Martin. The event will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Find out what plants to use in your garden to help support a vibrant and healthy local bird population. Martin will discuss different plants, shrubs, and trees that can be used, as well as some best

practices when attracting birds. Afterward, participants will be able to ask questions via live-chat.

This program is free and open to the public in an easy-to-use virtual format. E-mail Cheryl Young at the McNabb Library at [cyoung@putnamcountylibrary.org](mailto:cyoung@putnamcountylibrary.org) for information or visit <https://putnamcountylibrary.org/> to access the Zoom link.

For questions, contact Meg E. Overrocker at [meo@illinois.edu](mailto:meo@illinois.edu) or call the county office at (815) 433-0707.

## HSTP to meet remotely Sept. 25

OTTAWA - The Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) - Region 3 - Transportation Committee (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam counties) will take place on Friday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held remotely due to COVID-19. Individuals with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to participate, especially human service organizations serving individuals who use public transportation. If you would like further information please e-mail [info@ncicg.org](mailto:info@ncicg.org).

HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans.

For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Lisa Lau at (815) 433-5830.

## 4-H

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committee is made up of youth and adults who examine the programming in each of the county's 4-H programs. Together, they review and brainstorm ways to make local 4-H programs better and stronger, to expand, to serve community partners, agencies, school and communities and to increase youth

involvement. The committee has seen firsthand how 4-H programs positively impact the lives of both youth and adults when all ages partner together.

For more information or questions, contact Beth Dellatori, Youth Development Educator with University of Illinois Extension, at (815) 224-0889 or by e-mail at [beth5@illinois.edu](mailto:beth5@illinois.edu).

## CARL'S QUIZ

What is it impossible to do with your eyes open? (Hint: It's not sleeping.)

The answer to last week's quiz is: Newborn Dalmatian puppies are white. They will have most of their spots after around four weeks.

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

## Walnut Grove Farm's fall concerts scheduled

KNOXVILLE - Historic Walnut Grove Farm will begin a fall concert series on Saturday, Sept. 19 with "Musical Outings" with the Knox Galesburg Symphony Chamber Quartet in the barn. Other Musical Outings concerts are scheduled for Sept. 26 and Oct. 4. Then on Oct. 10, the Farm's Tiny Barn Concerts will begin featuring David Berchtold playing finger-picking Piedmont and Country Blues, and Paul Hamilton, pop guitarist, composer and producer.

On Oct. 24, Carol and Gabriel Trulson with friends, "Blue Room

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## OSF Children's Hospital NICU part of nationwide read-a-thon

PEORIA - Even the smallest child can benefit from someone reading to them, including babies born prematurely. Reading helps babies with neuro-development and language skills and is a positive experience for families, helping to give a sense of normalcy of being a parent, even when their child may be facing medical challenges.

"That really is a great bonding moment, not only for them to get neuro-development, but also for families to be able to bond and interact with their baby, even for the most premature babies," explains Kristopher Rosburg, MD, neonatologist with OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois in Peoria.

September is Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Awareness month. As part of the observances, the NICU at OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois is joining approximately 45 other NICUs across the country participating in a nationwide read-a-thon from Sept. 14-24.

The ultimate goal of the friendly competition is to encourage reading by families and staff to the smallest patients at OSF Children's Hospital with an expectation of reading to each infant in the unit each day.

"There're numerous opportunities for the staff here to be reading as well as for the families, and our hope is that over the course of this read-a-thon every baby would be able to go home with a book, as well as have families bring in their own favorite book to



read to their child as well," says Dr. Rosburg.

Donations by physicians and neonatal nursing staff have funded the initial purchase of books. Organizers hope to collect enough books from throughout the community so that every NICU infant will go home with a book as a reminder for families of their positive experience in the NICU at OSF Children's Hospital.

"The family, even though being in the NICU was a very hard time and very stressful for a lot of families, that they could have something to reflect on that was a positive - 'when you were so tiny I read you this book.' And that can be part of that child's life forever as a thing to remember Children's Hospital and their NICU."

Due to COVID-19 infection concerns, all books donated must be new. Members of the community can learn more about making a donation by calling (309) 624-0629.

## PAW PAW NEWS

There will be village trustee and president seats open next year. If someone wishes to be put on the spring ballot, please pick up an application at the village clerk's office after Sept. 21. Petitions must be submitted between Dec. 14-21.

### Lions Club

The Paw Paw Lions Club expressed their appreciation to everyone who participated in their drive-thru parade and meal. Over 600 dinners were sold. They also thanked those who purchased raffle tickets. The support is greatly appreciated in this most unusual year. The Lions hope to see everyone back on the park ground next year for the 75th

annual Lions' Labor Day Celebration.

Winners of the Lions Club Raffle were congratulated. They include Tamera Murray, Amy Shaddick, Ashley Clayton, Kevin Fuss, Lloyd Pohl, Michelle Dyer, Gene Schinzer, Dean Powers, Jessica Olson, Mage Brink, Joe Vivan, Steve Early and Mike Tarr. The 50/50 winner was Renee Parker.

The Lions Club accepts the following items for recycling: ink jet cartridges, toner cartridges, metal keys, aluminum pull tabs, cell phones, phone chargers and cables, strings of Christmas lights, electrical cords. For more info contact Paw Paw

Lion Kevin Larimore at (815) 793-4650.

### Blood Drive

The Paw Paw Community Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17 from 1-6 p.m. at the Paw Paw gymnasium, 511 Chapman St. For an appointment, call Dawn at (815) 257-1974 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Children's Books

The Lee County Health Department is looking for new or gently used books appropriate for children ages 0-5. Please call LCHD at (815) 284-3371 if you have any questions. Books may be dropped off at the Paw Paw Public Library.

## Mendota Weather

Sept. 16, 2020

### Seven Day Forecast

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Sunny<br>High: 79 Low: 57       |
|  | <b>Thursday</b><br>Sunny<br>High: 70 Low: 47        |
|  | <b>Friday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>High: 66 Low: 45   |
|  | <b>Saturday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>High: 68 Low: 46 |
|  | <b>Sunday</b><br>Mostly Sunny<br>High: 71 Low: 51   |
|  | <b>Monday</b><br>Mostly Cloudy<br>High: 78 Low: 56  |
|  | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Cloudy<br>High: 73 Low: 53        |

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 79°, humidity of 59%. Southwest wind 5 to 9 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 88° set in 1991. Expect mostly clear skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 57°. Southwest wind 7 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 33° set in 2011.

### Regional Cities

| City        | Hi/Lo | Wx | Hi/Lo | Wx |
|-------------|-------|----|-------|----|
| Aurora      | 80/58 | s  | 76/48 | s  |
| Champaign   | 80/60 | pc | 75/51 | t  |
| Chicago     | 81/62 | s  | 78/54 | s  |
| Freeport    | 78/53 | s  | 73/43 | s  |
| Joliet      | 80/59 | s  | 72/50 | s  |
| Moline      | 81/57 | s  | 76/49 | s  |
| Peoria      | 81/60 | s  | 75/51 | s  |
| Rockford    | 80/55 | s  | 75/46 | s  |
| Springfield | 82/60 | pc | 77/52 | sh |

### Last Week's Local Almanac

| Date      | Hi | Lo | Normals | Precip | Rainfall                  |
|-----------|----|----|---------|--------|---------------------------|
| Monday    | 79 | 61 | 77/54   | 0.19"  | 2.00"                     |
| Tuesday   | 64 | 56 | 76/54   | 0.98"  | 0.86"                     |
| Wednesday | 68 | 58 | 76/53   | 0.01"  | +1.14"                    |
| Thursday  | 67 | 54 | 76/53   | 0.10"  |                           |
| Friday    | 68 | 60 | 75/53   | 0.07"  | Average temp..... 64.5°   |
| Saturday  | 75 | 60 | 75/52   | 0.62"  | Average normal..... 64.4° |
| Sunday    | 76 | 57 | 75/52   | 0.03"  | Departure ..... +0.1°     |

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day        | Sunrise             | Sunset    | Moonrise   | Moonset    |
|------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| New 9/17   | Wednesday 6:38 a.m. | 7:03 p.m. | 5:21 a.m.  | 7:07 p.m.  |
|            | Thursday 6:39 a.m.  | 7:01 p.m. | 6:38 a.m.  | 7:38 p.m.  |
|            | Friday 6:40 a.m.    | 6:59 p.m. | 7:55 a.m.  | 8:07 p.m.  |
|            | Saturday 6:41 a.m.  | 6:57 p.m. | 9:12 a.m.  | 8:38 p.m.  |
| First 9/23 | Sunday 6:42 a.m.    | 6:56 p.m. | 10:29 a.m. | 9:10 p.m.  |
|            | Monday 6:43 a.m.    | 6:54 p.m. | 11:45 a.m. | 9:48 p.m.  |
|            | Tuesday 6:44 a.m.   | 6:52 p.m. | 12:58 p.m. | 10:30 p.m. |
|            |                     |           |            | Last 10/9  |

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 83 in Evansville, Ind. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 92 in Weston, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 90 in Pasadena, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 90 in Lewiston, Idaho. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 108 in Coachella, Calif.

### Weather History

Sept. 16, 1989 - Showers and thunderstorms, representing what remained of Hurricane Octave, brought locally heavy rains to California, impeding the drying process for raisins and other crops. Sacramento, Calif. was soaked with 1.53 inches of rain in six hours.

Sept. 17, 1965 - A storm produced a band of heavy snow across parts of Wyoming. Totals of 23 inches at Rawlins and 20.7 inches at Lander easily surpassed previous snowfall record totals for so early in the season.

### Local UV Index

|  |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |     |
|--|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
|  | 0-2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11+ |
|--|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|

### UV Index

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

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### Weather Trivia

A F-1 tornado has wind speeds of?



Answer: 73 to 112 mph.

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## Mary Frances Bierwirth

MENDOTA - Mary Frances Bierwirth, 89, of Mendota passed away Sept. 7, 2020 at Aperion Care, Marseilles.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 10 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Susan Presley officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was for one hour prior to services. Face masks were required for entrance.

Frances was born Dec. 8, 1930 in Elizabethtown, Ky. to William Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Gardner) Farmer. She married Richard Bierwirth on June 24, 1978. He preceded her in death in 2011.

Survivors include one son, Harold Brown of Douglasville, Ga., five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two daughters, Brenda and Lois.

Frances was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Mendota. She enjoyed flowers and visiting with her friends. Memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Church.



## Rodolfo Escatel

MENDOTA - Rodolfo Escatel, 75, of Mendota passed away Sept. 7, 2020 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

Private family Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 10 at Holy Cross Church with Rev. Peter Pilon officiating. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery. Wasmer Funeral Home was privileged to assist the family.

Rodolfo was born in Totatiche, Jalisco, Mexico to Panfilo and Maria Cruz (Castaneda) Escatel. He married Luz Elena Rosales in May of 1969 in Totatiche, Mexico.

Survivors include his wife of Mendota; 12 sons, Panfilo (Victoria) Escatel of Mendota, Rodolfo Escatel Jr. of Mendota, Avel (Yoana) Escatel of Mendota, Patricio (Patricia) Escatel of Mendota, Arturo (Fatima) Escatel of Mendota, Antonio Escatel of Mendota, Carlos (Erica) Escatel of Mendota, Andres (Nancy) Escatel of Mendota, Juan Escatel of Mendota, Isidro (Carrie) Escatel of Mendota, Jose (Skye) Escatel of Mendota and Estevan Escatel of Mendota; three daughters, Estela (Gustavo) Garcia of Rochelle, Irma (Jeremy) Escatel Bantista of Bloomington and Marivel Escatel of Schaumburg; 36 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Luis (Guadalupe) Escatel of Mendota; and one sister, Herminia (Rogelio) Magallanes of LaSalle.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Rutilio Escatel, Jose Maria Escatel and Reyes Escatel; and two sisters, Rosario Escatel and Juventina Godina.

During his work career, Rodolfo was a welder at Mayrath for many years until his retirement. He was a member of Holy Cross Church, Mendota. He was loved by many. He made many sacrifices for others throughout his life and had a beautiful character. He will continue to be a strong inspiration for his loved ones for eternity. His wife, children and all family will miss him dearly, but the memories will live on forever.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



## Gary Bauer

OREGON - Gary Bauer, 74, of Oregon passed away in his home on Sept. 12, 2020.

A memorial Mass will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette with Rev. Randy Fronek officiating. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, masks and social distancing measures are required including placing a hand over your heart in place of hugging and handshakes. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Sublette.

Gary was born Feb. 17, 1946 in Mendota to Gilbert and Virginia (Bell) Bauer, the oldest of four children. He married Cathy Bonnell on April 17, 1971 in Dixon.

Survivors include his wife of Oregon; his canine companion, Bella; two daughters, Melissa and Amy of Madison, Wis.; two brothers, Warren (Sandy) and George, both of Mendota; a sister, Kathy Knowlton of LaMoille; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents.

Gary grew up and farmed in West Brooklyn. He attended school in Shaw Station, Compton and Mendota, where he was a member of FFA. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served in Vietnam at the Tuy Hoa Air Base as a jet engine mechanic in 1968 and 1969. After returning from Vietnam, he met Cathy and they married in 1971. They raised their daughters in Compton. After their daughters moved away for college, Gary and Cathy moved to Oregon, Ill. He worked for several decades at Swift & Company (later Rochelle Hormel Foods) and prior to his retirement, he worked at Northern Illinois University. He enjoyed taking care of his lawn, loving his many schnauzers over the years, and watching auto auctions and sports (specifically, Cubs baseball and college football) on television with his dog, Bella on his lap. He loved old time rock and roll music and Coca-Cola. He was a loving husband, father, brother and son.

Memorial donations in Gary's name may be gifted to the Oregon EMT/Fire Department.



## FEMA provides \$9.8 million to Illinois Emergency Management

CHICAGO - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that \$9.8 million in federal funding has been made available to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) for costs associated with the deployment of teams of temporary healthcare workers to state-operated long-term care facilities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This grant funding is part of the recovery efforts for the federal disaster declaration of March 26. This funding will reimburse IEMA for costs incurred in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Public Health to deploy teams of temporary healthcare workers for supplemental clinical staff, and to perform measures to manage, control and reduce threats to public health and safety at long-term care facilities throughout the state.

"FEMA's Public Assistance Program is an important resource for communities affected by COVID-19," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "This grant funding has helped ensure critical medical services are available across Illinois to help combat this virus."

"As the pandemic spread

throughout the nation, the State of Illinois built a robust medical reserve corps to ensure a quick and expedient response to meet the needs of our residents," said IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. "We are eternally grateful for these skilled and experienced healthcare workers who served on the frontlines during uncertain times to care for some of our most vulnerable residents and provide essential training and assistance to facilities throughout our state."

The Public Assistance Program funding will be administered by IEMA. FEMA provides a 75 percent federal share of eligible reimbursable expenses for this project. The federal share of the FEMA grant is \$9,843,567 with the remaining amount paid by IEMA.

FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides funding to local government jurisdictions and eligible private non-profits for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged infrastructure as well as costs incurred for debris removal, disaster cleanup and emergency actions taken to protect lives or property.

To learn more, visit FEMA's website at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>.

## Ruth B. Locke

MENDOTA - Ruth B. Locke, 86, of Mendota passed away Sept. 7, 2020 in her home.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 12 at Victory Baptist Church, Mendota with Preacher Ian Rawson and Rev. Jay Miller officiating. Lunch followed. Visitation was for one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will be private at Precinct Cemetery, Earlville at later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota handled the arrangements.

Ruth was born April 28, 1934 in Earlville to Andrew and Bodil (Lundgren) Nelson.

Survivors include three daughters, Shirley (Michael) Cox, Donna (Steven) Trost and Barbara (Sally) Ridley; eight grandchildren Tim Locke, Andrew Rawson, Ian (Stephanie) Rawson, Krystle (Tiara) Rawson, Aaron Grace, Jenna (Daniel) Hough, Brad Trost and Zac Trost; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Before retirement, Ruth worked at Sullivan's Bakery in Mendota for many years. Prior to that she was a beautician, worked at a Western Factory Outlet, did plaster and sewing and worked at Conco/Interlake.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue.



## Farm

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## ISBE seeks community input on state funding for education

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is asking educators, parents, students, and community organizations to give their input on state funding for public education. ISBE is accepting testimony in writing and at three virtual budget hearings in October.

ISBE wants to hear from communities across the state about what investments will best support student learning, improve learning conditions, and elevate educators, especially as schools continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic.

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala said now, more than ever, we need school leaders, classroom teachers, parents, and community advocates to suggest what investments would make the biggest difference for their students.

The input ISBE receives will inform the agency's advocacy for equitable funding for all students in fiscal year 2022.

Participants must submit their testimony in writing by completing the online form at [www.isbe.net/budget](http://www.isbe.net/budget). People are welcome to also speak at a virtual budget hearing; equal consideration will be given to all testimony.

### Virtual hearings:

- 4-7 p.m. Oct. 7 (Register by 11:59 p.m., Oct. 4)
- 1-4 p.m. Oct. 14 (Register by 11:59 p.m., Oct. 11)
- 1-4 p.m. Oct. 16 (Register by 11:59 p.m., Oct. 11)

Find Wi-Fi hotspots statewide at [www.ildceo.net/wifi](http://www.ildceo.net/wifi) for anyone needing access to participate virtually.

For captioning or translation services, call (217) 782-2221 or TTY/TDD at (217) 782-1900 two weeks prior.

## Essay

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stock from that species to be determined by the winner and individual sponsor.

The winner of each breed is required to show their animal at either the 2021 LaSalle County Junior Fair or the 2021 Section 7 FFA Fair. No more than one species will be awarded to an individual in a year, therefore applicants must submit only one essay application. Individuals may only win a species one time.

The following breeders have donated animals for the 2020 essay contest:

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- Wether/Ewe - Jacob Black, Streator
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- Goat Wether/Doe - Wood-

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Applicants need to submit a copy of their essay, along with parent/guardian approval and a complete essay application form. In order to be judged, the entries need to be postmarked no later than, Thursday, Oct. 15. Please submit applications to: LaSalle County Stockman's Association, P. O. Box 853, Streator, IL 61364.

Winners of the essay contest will be announced at the 2020 LaSalle County Stockman's Harvest Rewards Banquet in November. Please note, winners will be notified and must be present at the banquet to win. For more information, please visit the Stockman Facebook page or contact any Stockman member.

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## Hispanic

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people of Hispanic heritage. (Wikipedia)

### College Experience:

About 41 percent of U.S. Hispanic adults ages 25 and older had at least some college experience in 2018, up from 36 percent in 2010. The share who have a bachelor's degree or more education also increased during this period, from 13 percent to 17 percent. (Pew Research Center)

### English Proficiency:

In 2018, 71 percent of Latinos ages 5 and older spoke English proficiently, up from 59 percent in 2000. U.S.-born Latinos are driving this growth, as their share on this measure has grown from 81 percent to 90 percent during this time. By comparison, 37 percent of Latino immigrants spoke English proficiently in 2018, a percentage that has increased only slightly since 1980. (Pew Research Center)

### U.S. Citizens:

As of 2018, about 80 percent of Latinos living in the country are U.S. citizens, up from 74 percent in 2010. This includes people born in the U.S. and its territories (including Puerto Rico), people born abroad to American parents and immigrants who have become naturalized citizens. Among the origin groups, virtually all Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens. Spaniards (91 percent), Panamanians (89 percent) and Mexicans (80 percent) have some of the highest citizenship rates, while Hondurans (53 percent) and Venezuelans (51 percent) have the lowest rates. (Pew Research Center)

## Unemployment

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fashion," DeWitte said. "The thought process is we should open up and there will be those who chose to be smart and those who don't may suffer the consequences."

CATO Institute economist Jeffrey Miron agreed.

"There's a ton of heterogeneity across people," Miron said. "Not everyone behaves the same way in response to either the threat of the virus or in response to the policies."

Miron said consumer confidence is going to be a major factor in getting back to low unemployment levels. He said one thing that could power an economic recovery is having a vaccine available.

## City Burn Ordinance

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

Limited amounts of yard waste material may be burned provided the material is dry and does not create an offensive odor, nuisance or fire hazard due to excessive high winds. Combustible yard waste material may be kindled from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. All fires must be constantly tended by a competent person, until such fire is properly extinguished. The continued smoldering of slow-burning combustible yard waste after 4 p.m. is a nuisance and anyone kindling such a fire that will emit obnoxious odors after 4 p.m. will be considered performing an unlawful act. Burning on Sunday by commercial establishments shall be considered an unlawful act.

# Child welfare officials say they're coping during pandemic

By PETER HANCOCK  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Child welfare officials in Illinois told a panel of state lawmakers Sept. 14 that the COVID-19 pandemic has hindered but not completely prevented their efforts to monitor children at risk of abuse or neglect.

"Without question, the pandemic has been and continues to be extremely challenging for all of us, both personally and professionally," Marc Smith, acting director of the Illinois Department of Children and Families, told a Senate panel during a virtual meeting. "But everyone who works for, or in partnership with us has kept their eyes on our mission to keep children safe."

Smith said one of the first things DCFS did was to move its child abuse reporting hotline, officially known as the State Central Register, to a remote environment so that employees could answer the phones from their homes.

Gayle Hopper, who manages the hotline, said the people who answer those phones have been working remotely since March 23.

"The hotline today continues to work remotely and staff are working from home every day," Hopper said.

Hopper noted that there was a sharp decline in the number of reports received from "mandatory reporters" – which are licensed professionals such as teachers and health care workers who are required by law to



Child welfare officials in Illinois say the pandemic has hindered but not completely prevented their efforts to monitor children at risk of abuse or neglect.

report cases of suspected abuse or neglect – especially during the early weeks of the pandemic.

In response, she said, agency officials reached out to members of the American Pediatrics Association and to the Illinois State Board of Education to instruct doctors and teachers about how to report to the hotline, even when they were only seeing children remotely.

By July and August, she said, call volume began to pick up again, even exceeding the numbers reached during the same months in 2019, even though the total number of calls this year is about 18 percent lower than last year.

"This can be attributed to the increase of reporting by law enforcement, by the

steady reporting of medical professionals, and the community observing or reporting first-hand information of child maltreatment," she said.

Mike Lubelfeld, superintendent of the North Shore School District 112 in Highland Park, said the pandemic has been challenging for teachers and others who were only able to meet their students remotely this spring. But he said his district has come up with other solutions.

"Just out of an abundance of caution, we literally had secretaries, social workers, teacher's aides and a family specialist double-checking in with children and families, just to make sure everybody was okay," he said. "So I'm not going to say we've had no findings (of abuse or

neglect). We have had less. Part of it is because we don't have control, so to speak, of the kids being with us, but I think that our families do work with us."

Officials with private agencies that provide child welfare services on contract with DCFS said they have faced similar challenges.

Bill Steinhauer, president and CEO of Bethany for Children and Families, a social service agency that serves the Quad Cities area, said case workers at that agency are doing what they can to stay in contact with families.

"They basically are staying in contact through either FaceTime or Google Meet, but also going out, directly talking to families, practicing

social distancing and wearing a mask. It's kept them all safe," he said.

But Steinhauer noted that Illinois families have suffered unique financial and emotional strains during the pandemic, which has affected children's welfare.

"Our families are experiencing economic stress, and also just not very familiar with being around each other all that often," he said. "And that stress as well as economic stress are causing our families to do as any other family, which is experience dysfunction. And also they're trying to escape from the reality of COVID-19."

"We're also seeing an increase in substance abuse, and mental health seems to be aggravated or intensified. And those services, because of where we're located, are difficult for many families to access."

Monday's hearing was considered a "subject matter" hearing only, which means the committee was not considering substantive legislation. But the information could become the basis of legislation that the General Assembly could take up during the fall veto session, which begins in November.

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## Illinois pension debt climbs as pandemic hits funds

By COLE LAUTERBACH  
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois' public pensions, long underfunded by lawmakers, are beginning to show just how much of a financial hit they took during the pandemic.

A report from Moody's Investors Service estimates Illinois' pension liability will spike to \$261 billion in 2020, up from \$230 billion in the 2019 fiscal year. Moody's said the increase was because of a combination of lower interest rates and investment losses. That state has estimated its pension liabilities to be about \$137 billion. The funds are around 40 percent funded, one of the lowest funding ratios in the nation.

The Teachers Retirement System of Illinois, responsible for public teacher retirements outside of Chi-

cago Public Schools, is the largest of the five. It announced last week that it outperformed many other public pension systems during the economic turbulence but are still estimating a return of 0.52 percent on assets that totaled \$54.2 billion in January.

"Everyone took a hit during the pandemic," TRS Interim Executive Director Stan Rupnik said. "But the investment strategies we have in place limited losses and have allowed us to prudently rebuild the portfolio's value."

The state's pensions assume a 7 percent return annually. In years like this, the difference isn't paid by taxpayers, rather just added to the total estimate of expected liabilities.

"This is going to be counted as an actuarial loss because it's below that

actuarial assumption," said actuary Mary Pat Campbell, who maintains a popular blog on public pensions. "When you do the roll-forward of the unfunded liability, from 2019 to 2020, that's going to count as a loss, as well as other things that may count as a loss."

TRS, and the other four state funds, are largely-funded by taxpayers via state appropriations. Actuaries estimate the cost to properly fund them equals nearly half of the state's entire annual budget but lawmakers follow a contribution plan that gradually increases annually. The current contributions account for around 20 percent of the state's annual budget.

Public pension funds are paid for by taxpayers and partly paid into by future pensioners.

## MPD reminder: Always keep vehicle locked

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# SOCIAL SECURITY



## Social Security warns about scams

By Mike Weilt

The most effective way to defeat scammers is to know how to identify scams. You should just hang up on any call you're uncertain of and ignore suspicious emails. Scammers are always finding new ways to steal your money and personal information by exploiting your fears.

One common tactic scammers use is posing as federal agents and other law enforcement. They may claim your Social Security number is linked to a crime. They may even threaten to arrest you if you do not comply with their instructions. Just hang up.

As a reminder, you should continue to remain vigilant of phone calls when someone says there's a problem with your Social Security number or your benefits. If you owe money to Social Security, we will mail you a letter explaining your rights, payment options, and information about appealing.

There are a few ways you

can identify a scam call. If you do business with us, remember that we will never:

- Threaten you with benefit suspension, arrest, or other legal action unless you pay a fine or fee.
- Promise a benefit increase or other assistance in exchange for payment.
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- Send official letters or reports containing personally identifiable information via email.

If you do not have ongoing business with our agency, it is unlikely we will contact you. If you get a suspicious call claiming to be from Social Security, you should hang up and report it to our law enforcement office at [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov).

(Weilt is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)



Social Security celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month – Sept. 15 to Oct. 15

By Mike Weilt

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## Social Security Q&A

### General

#### Question:

My child, who gets Social Security, will be attending his last year of high school in the fall. He turns 18 in a few months. Do I need to fill out a form for his benefits to continue?

#### Answer:

Yes. You should receive a form, SSA-1372-BK, in the mail about three months before your son's birthday. Your son needs to complete the form and get it to his school's office for certification. Then, you need to return page two and the certified page three back to Social Security for processing. If you can't find the form we mailed to you, you can find it online at: [www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-1372.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-1372.pdf).

#### Question:

I noticed that my date of birth in Social Security's records is wrong. How do I get that corrected?

#### Answer:

To change the date of birth shown on our records, take the following steps:

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- Show us documents proving:
  - U.S. citizenship (if you haven't previously established your citizenship with us);
  - Age; and
  - Identity; then
- Mail your completed application and documents to your local Social Security office.

Note that all documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. For details on the documents, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/ss5doc](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ss5doc).

### Retirement

#### Question:

I worked the first part of the year, but plan to retire this month. Will Social Security count the amount I earn for this year when I retire?

#### Answer:

Yes. If you retire mid-year, we count your earnings for the entire year. We have a special "earnings test" rule we apply to annual earnings, usually in the first year of retirement. Under this rule, you get a full payment for any whole month we consider you retired regardless of your yearly earnings. We consider

you retired during any month your earnings are below the monthly earnings limit, or if you have not performed substantial services in self-employment. We do not consider income earned, beginning with the month you reach full retirement age. Learn more about the earnings test rule at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/rule.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/rule.htm).

#### Question:

I am nearing my full retirement age, but I plan to keep working after I apply for Social Security benefits. Will my benefits be reduced because of my income?

#### Answer:

No. If you start receiving benefits after you've reached your full retirement age, you can work while you receive Social Security and your current benefit will not be reduced because of the earned income. If you keep working, it could mean a higher benefit for you in the future. Higher benefits can be important to you later in life and increase the future benefit amounts your survivors could receive. If you begin receiving benefits before your full retirement age, your earnings could reduce your monthly benefit amount. After you reach full retirement age, we recalculate your benefit amount to leave out the months when we reduced or withheld benefits due to your excess earnings. Learn more about Social Security reading our publication, *How Work Affects Your Benefits*, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10069.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10069.html).

### Disability

#### Question:

I need to apply for disability benefits. Where do I start?

#### Answer:

Begin by looking at our Disability Starter Kit. You can find it online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability\\_starter\\_kits.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm) or you can request a copy by calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). The Disability Starter Kit will help you prepare for your application and interview. When you are ready, you can apply online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability) or make an appointment to apply over the phone with a local Social Security office. Remember, our online disability application is convenient and secure.

Find it and more at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

#### Question:

How do I know if I have worked long enough to qualify for Social Security disability benefits?

#### Answer:

You must have worked long enough—and recently enough—under Social Security to qualify for disability benefits. Social Security work credits are based on your total yearly wages or self-employment income. You can earn up to four credits each year. The amount needed for a credit changes from year to year. The number of work credits you need to qualify for disability benefits depends on your age when you become disabled. Generally, you need 40 credits, 20 of which you earned in the last 10 years, ending with the year you become disabled. However, younger workers may qualify with fewer credits. To learn more, see our Disability Planner at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/disability).

### Supplemental Security Income

#### Question:

What is the purpose of Supplemental Security Income, or SSI?

#### Answer:

The purpose of SSI is to help aged, blind, and disabled people who have little income and few resources to support themselves. It provides financial assistance to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. You can receive SSI even if you have not worked and paid into Social Security. SSI is a federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes). Find out more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi).

#### Question:

What do I need to report to Social Security if I get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments?

#### Answer:

You need to report any

changes that may affect your payment amount. This includes changes in your income or resources. You must report changes of address, changes in your living arrangements, and changes in your earned and unearned income. To learn more about SSI, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi).

### Medicare

#### Question:

If I retire at age 62, will I be eligible for Medicare?

#### Answer:

No. Medicare starts when you reach 65. If you retire at 62, you may be able to continue medical insurance coverage through your employer or purchase it from a private insurance company until you become eligible for Medicare. For more information, read Medicare at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs), or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

#### Question:

Is it true that if you have low income you can get help paying your Medicare premiums?

#### Answer:

Yes. If your income and resources are limited, your state may be able to help with your Medicare Part B premium, deductibles, and coinsurance amounts. State rules vary on the income and resources that apply. Contact your state or local medical assistance, social services, or welfare office, or call the Medicare hotline, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), and ask about the Medicare Savings Programs. If you have limited income and resources, you also may be able to get help paying for prescription drug coverage under Medicare Part D. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit any Social Security office. Also, see our publication, *Medicare*, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html). For even more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

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# SPORTS

## Byron tops MHS golfers

BYRON — Byron posted a 176-191 victory over Mendota in varsity boys' golf action on Sept. 14 at Byron.

Jack Beetz and Ethan Hanaman paced the Trojans, each with scores of 46. Logan Brandner was next on the card with a 49, followed by Owen Aughenbaugh (50), Clayton Buffington (54) and Drake Dennis (61).

"Our worst team total of the year and it cost us a gettable match," said MHS coach David Ross. "Byron played well — if we shoot our average we are right in the mix."

Byron's Maison Brandt checked in with the low score at 41.

Mendota salvaged a split on the day by taking the junior varsity match, 222-233.

Cale Strouss led the way for the Trojans with a 48, which was good enough for meet medalist honors. Teammate Braden McPheeters was just one stroke back with a 49. Completing the Mendota lineup were Connor Egler (60), Kody Becket (65), Jack Mikolasek (67) and Dominik Stamberger (68).



## IDNR launches new 'Hunt Illinois' website

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

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

"The new Hunt Illinois website is an easy-to-use one-stop resource for hunters to find just

about everything they need to know about planning a hunt, no matter the species, no matter the season," said IDNR Hunter Heritage Program Manager Jared Duquette.

The new website was developed by the IDNR in cooperation with the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center, with funding support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife Restoration Program.

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

## IHSA updates Return To Activities guidelines; lengthens summer season by two weeks

□ Board also waives limitation on 2 contests per week for upcoming seasons

BLOOMINGTON — The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met virtually for their regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 14 where the Board approved several updates to the IHSA Return To Activities guidelines, while also providing guidance on the IHSA's independent team participation rule for the 2020-21 school year.

The Board updated its Return To Activities guidelines by waiving the 2020-21 season limitations for winter, spring, and summer sports that would have restricted those sports to no more than two contests per week. The winter, spring, and summer seasons will now revert to their normal season game limitations as dictated by IHSA by-laws.

"We have preached that this school year will be fluid, and the changes made by the Board today are a good example of that," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "When the IHSA's initial Return To Activities guidelines were established, the limitation of two contests per week felt like a constraint that would help limit exposure. However, given how well our state is handling the pandemic, and the lack of setbacks in the fall sports we have conducted so far, there was a consensus that we could move forward with allowing schools to schedule winter, spring, and summer sports without further restrictions."

Additionally, the IHSA's summer season will begin two weeks earlier than initially announced. With Monday's modification, summer sports (baseball, softball, track & field, girls' soccer, boys' tennis) can now begin practices on April 19 and games on May 3.

"We understood that when the modified schedule for 2020-21 was released that the

summer sport season coaches would take some umbrage with it," said Anderson. "However, we also knew that summer was the season that we had the most time and flexibility to work with, so we preached patience. We are glad to be able to provide some relief by creating the option to start two weeks earlier."

Additionally, the Board reviewed a request that sought an exemption to IHSA By-law 3.100, which governs Independent Team Participation. Highland sought an exemption to the rule during 2020-21 for the sports of volleyball, lacrosse, soccer, baseball, and softball, which would allow student-athletes in those sports to simultaneously participate on their IHSA school team and on a non-school team. The current by-law prevents participation on a school and non-school team at the same time in the same sport. The Board elected not to provide an exemption to the rule.

"There was a lengthy and spirited discussion on if we should provide an exemption to this rule given the unprecedented nature of the school year," said Anderson. "The Board understands both sides of the argument and has heard from passionate advocates for each scenario. Ultimately, concerns over safety and equity left them uncomfortable with providing an exemption to this rule. They understand it could lead to some difficult decisions between participating on a school or non-school team. Fundamentally, the nature and mission of the IHSA is to provide participation opportunities to all students. The Board agreed that if a student-athlete chooses to leave their school team for a non-school team, it simply creates an opportunity for another student to step in and fill that role."



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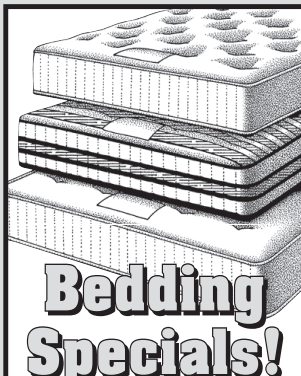
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## LaSalle County 4-H Virtual Show



### LaSalle Co. 4-H holds Virtual Show award drive-thru event

LaSALLE COUNTY—LaSalle County 4-H'ers who participated in the July 2020 4-H Virtual Exhibition Show enjoyed participating in a recent drive-thru award distribution parade. Although 4-H members may have missed out on the traditional in-person 4-H Show and all of the treats offered at the fairgrounds, Extension staff offered a creative and fun experience.

Exhibitors were greeted at the LaSalle County Extension office by the 4-H Clover mascot who directed cars through the parade path, which was filled with balloons, fun sign messages and happy faces. Extension staff greeted exhibitors outside at an established awards station along with an

outdoor photo spot. Ribbons, banners and special exhibitor gift bags were presented to all who participated in the 4-H Virtual Show and awards drive-thru.

Much pride and enjoyment was shared along with stories of the 4-H member's first experience in a Virtual Show. Many LaSalle County exhibitors were promoted to the Illinois State 4-H Virtual Exhibition and are awaiting their ribbons and awards.

For more information on LaSalle County 4-H opportunities, contact Toni Pienta, 4-H Youth Development Coordinator, at the LaSalle County Extension office (815) 433-0707.



### 4-H Make It: Macramé Workshop scheduled October 12

PRINCETON—University of Illinois Extension 4-H will hold a free macramé workshop for youth ages 8-18 on Monday, Oct. 12. The workshop will take place from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Extension office, 850 Thompson St., Princeton. All materials will be provided. Participants will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Learn a brief history of macramé and create a beginner level piece utilizing the twine method. Participants will select their own color yarn(s) to create a decorative hanging unique to them. While the workshop is open to both 4-H and non-members, those choosing to participate in the 4-H program may enter this project in the 4-H Fair as a Visual Arts: Heritage Arts project.

To register, contact U of I Extension's office at (815) 875-2878 or 4-H Program Coordinator, Danielle Gapinski at [des85@illinois.edu](mailto:des85@illinois.edu) with your participant's name. Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 2. Space is limited to the first 10 participants.

For more information about the 4-H program, call University of Illinois Extension—Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit Office at (815) 875-2878. Extension offices are located in Princeton, Ottawa, Henry and in Oglesby on the IVCC campus.

### September is 'Library Card Sign Up Month'

PRINCETON—Princeton Public Library is celebrating Library Card Sign Up Month and taking the opportunity in September to share with the public everything the library has to offer the community.

Library director Julie Wayland said the library is doing its best to continue to provide services and resources to those who need it now more than ever.

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Library patrons can continue to place orders by phone at (815) 875-1331, by e-mail ([help@princetonpl.org](mailto:help@princetonpl.org)), or by signing into their accounts remotely through the Princeton Public Library website ([www.princetonpl.org](http://www.princetonpl.org)). For those who do not know exactly what they want, library staff will be happy to select an assortment of titles to consider. Call or e-mail them with authors or genres you enjoy or titles you have already read and would like to read "more like that." If you have children looking for books, let the library know their age or grade level/reading ability, subjects they are interested in, as well as books they have already read and liked.

To get a library card, call (815) 875-1331 and make an appointment. Library cards are provided to residents of Princeton at no additional cost, however, people living outside the city limits are charged a non-resident fee of \$94 per year for a library card. A card is only required to check items out.

Registration forms can be filled out at the circulation desk or may be submitted electronically <https://princetonpl.org/about/how-to-sign-up-for-a-library-card/registration-form/>. Electronic applications still require the patron to bring identification to the library in person within 30 days of submitting the form in order to receive a barcoded library card. Please allow a minimum of two business days for processing before picking up your card. Cards not picked up within 30 days of applying will be invalidated and must be resubmitted.

### Free virtual cooking classes offered

PRINCETON—The public is invited to join four upcoming virtual cooking classes led by public health nutritionist Joy Kauffman. She will be assisted by Cherri Olin and other team members at the Princeton Seventh-day Adventist Church.

After previously scheduled cooking classes were canceled in March due to COVID-19, Kauffman and the team have decided to make up for lost time with four sessions to finish the year strong. They will meet every third Sunday from 2-4

p.m., starting on Sunday, Sept. 20.

The classes will be held virtually on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FARMSTEWinternational/>. Participants may also join the class via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82848620068>. Register for this free class at <https://farmstewcommunity.eventbrite.com>.

Kauffman's classes focus on boosting health and the immune system. Participants will learn how to promote both through the food they eat. They will make meals and share recipes that are a joy to prepare and eat and also cost conscious. Kauffman notes that during this time of COVID-19, people

need to focus on positive things we can do to protect their health. Enrolling in this class is one of those things that can be done today.

Kauffman is the founder of FARM STEW, a recipe for abundant life. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from both Johns Hopkins University with a Masters in Public Health and from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science in International Nutrition. She is also a Master Gardener through the University of Illinois. She has worked with local and federal Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, DC. She has been married for 21 years and is the mother of two teenage girls and grandma to two orange cats.



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Geuther

### Geuthers celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

LaMOILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Mark (Nora) Geuther, high school sweethearts, of rural LaMoille, celebrated their 50th anniversary on the 4th of July. Thanks to COVID-19, they had a small family gathering for a family photo, lunch at Ziggy's in Mendota, and a cookout for supper. All their children and grandchildren were in attendance.

Mark Geuther and Nora Lamkin were married Aug. 8, 1970 at Clarion Lutheran Church with Rev. Ernie Serr officiating. Witnesses were Jolyn Whitfield, sister of the bride; Melody Sheahan, sister of groom; Alan Molln and Norm Steele (now deceased), friends of the couple.

The Geuthers spent their first year in Wildflecken, Bavaria, West Germany while Mark served in the U.S. Army. They have three sons, Troy (Christy Schwally) of Brentwood, Tenn., Chad (Allison Morris) of rural Amboy, and Lance (Becky Kasap) of Findlay, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Ellie,

Weston, Cadence and Mia.

Mr. Geuther is a Certified IHSA Official and has been to State level three times. He is a member of the PBOA and has held several offices. He is a charter member of the LaMoille Lions Club and past officer. He also helped start the LaMoille Athletic Boosters at LaMoille High School.

Mrs. Geuther is a retired paraprofessional for Dalzell and LaMoille Unit 303, where she worked in all three elementary buildings for more than 20 years. She was a member of the Clarion Home Extension and LaMoille Athletic Boosters. She was a past Sunday school teacher and treasurer, and volunteered for the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

The Geuthers both volunteered for summer baseball leagues in LaMoille and participate in the "St. Jude Ride" Princeton to Memphis Ride sponsored by Walter Bros. Harley Davidson yearly. (And they appreciated their supporters!)



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD** -- For years, filmmakers have added bits of legal nudity to spice up their movies. So why not just throw the movies away and make a movie with the best and most controversial nude scenes? It's called "Skin: A History of Nudity in the Movies." Among the films that nudity has been taken from are "Last Tango in Paris," "The Blue Lagoon," "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," "Blow-Up," "Caligula," "Vixen" and "Ecstasy." Among the dozens of actors and directors providing commentary are: Linda Blair, Peter Bogdanovich, Bruce Davison, Pam Greer, Traci Lords, Malcolm McDowell, Sylvia Miles, Marilyn Monroe (archive footage), Eric Roberts, Mame Van Doren and Sean Young. They threw the movies away and kept the sexy parts for 130 minutes of "Skin"!

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From ridiculous to sublime ... "Army of the Dead," the sequel to the zombie movie "Dawn of the Dead" (2004), starring Dave Bautista, about a zombie outbreak in Las Vegas with the back-

drop of a mercenary heist of a Vegas casino, was completed before COVID-19 hit. But since comedian Chris D'Elia, a co-star of the film, is facing accusations of sexual harassment of underage girls, he has been replaced -- scene for scene -- by comedienne Tig Notaro.

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"Captain America" Chris Evans and "La La Land" Oscar-nominee Ryan Gosling are joining forces to star in the Netflix action thriller "Gray Man," based on the bestselling book by Mark Greaney. Gosling plays an ex-CIA operative who becomes a killer for hire pursued by his former colleague Evans. Kind of curious that Gosling's last three projects have "man" in their title: "First Man," "The Wolfman" and "Gray Man."

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Two Asian TV series stars whose shows have ended -- Daniel Dae Kim ("Hawaii



Dae Kim

Five-0") and Randall Park ("Fresh Off the Boat") -- have been friends for years and have looked for a project where they can work together. They finally got their wish and played opposite each other in Netflix's "Always Be My Maybe." In addition to recurring roles in "New Amsterdam," as Dr. Cassian Shin, and "Flack," as Gabriel Cole, Kim stars with Anna Kendrick and Toni Collette in the upcoming science-fiction thriller "Stowaway." As for Park, he plays the school principal in the remake of "Valley Girl," with Jessica Rothe and Josh Whitehouse, which was released in May on Amazon Prime.

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Kelsey Grammer returned to shooting "Miss Willoughby and the Haunted Bookshop" in England with Natalie Cox ("Kingdom of Heaven") in mid-July with strict COVID-19 guidelines, and he admits, "This has been a terrific experience, a wonderful creative process." At this point, working anywhere is a terrific experience!

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By Dana Jackson

**Q:** "The X-Files" is my favorite show of all time. I realize it's better to leave it alone and not revive it because it might not be the same quality as the original, but I would be satisfied with another "X-Files" movie -- or two. Are there any in the works? -- **S.N.**



Anderson

**A:** "The X-Files," starring David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson, ran on FOX network TV from 1993 to 2002, but did you know that the series already had a revival in 2016 with two additional seasons? Anderson, who played Special Agent Dana Scully, stated that season 11 was it for her. However, recently it was announced that an animated "X-Files" series is in development for FOX with the show's original creator, Chris Carter, executive producing. However, this version will feature new characters and have a comedic take on its unsolved mysteries.

As for Anderson, you can soon see her in "The Fall" on the Ovation channel,

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where she plays a British homicide detective chasing a serial predator played by Jamie Dornan. If the show sounds familiar, it's because it originally aired in 2013 on the BBC network. Ovation will re-air all three seasons beginning Saturday, Oct. 10, at 7 pm ET. Up next for Duchovny is "The Craft," a remake of the 1990s film of the same name about a coven of teenage witches.

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**Q:** I can't wait for the new shows to premiere this fall. I realize they'll probably be later than normal, but will we have to wait until 2021 for shows like "Chicago Med" and "This Is Us"? Those are my two favorites. -- **F.C.**

**A:** The fall TV season has indeed been postponed, but the good news is you won't have to wait until 2021 for your favorites to return. NBC has announced that the family drama "This Is Us" will be back with a two-hour premiere on Nov. 10. It's hard to believe the hit show is starting its fifth season. Creator Dan Fogelman promises "a rebirth" next season and said that the writers are incorporating the COVID-19 pandemic into the storyline.

Meanwhile, "Chicago Med" will broadcast new episodes starting Nov. 11, with "Chicago Fire" and "Chicago P.D." following in the hour timeslots the same evening.

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**Q:** I was wondering when "Star Trek Enterprise" with actor Scott Bakula aired on TV? -- **P.G.**

**A:** Scott Bakula became a household name backing 1989 when he starred as a time-traveling scientist in the hit series "Quantum Leap." In 2001 he joined the "Star Trek" franchise "Enterprise" as Cmdr. John Archer, which aired until 2005.

"Enterprise" was set 100 years before William Shatner's Captain Kirk and the original "Star Trek" series. The newest installment in the franchise is "Star Trek Discovery," which is available on the streaming service CBS AllAccess. If you're a fan of Bakula, you can catch him in his latest hit series "NCIS: New Orleans" on CBS.

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

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## Couch Theater

By Amy Anderson

Grandparents don't get enough credit. Ideally, grandchildren come along at a time when a person is financially established and with enough leisure time to devote at least a portion of it to being truly present in the lives of their grandchildren -- passing on a passion, providing a secure home base or just simply enjoying time spent together.

But that's not always the case. Many grandparents right now are playing a tremendously important role in caregiving while schools are closed or operating virtually. Other grandparents keenly feel the lack of time spent with the grandkids in areas where it's still necessary to keep your distance. In honor of Grandparents Day, here are a few phenomenal grandparents on film:

**"Moana"** -- In this Disney classic, Moana is a young woman who must find the courage to let go of the safety of her island and strike out across the sea to track down

a demi-god who can help her restore the heart of the ocean. And this despite the fact that her father forbids her to go near the water! Enter the free-spirited grandma, who encourages Moana to see who she really is inside: a brave and capable and determined spirit who is the only one who can save her family.

**"Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory"** -- Legendary chocolate maker Willy Wonka hides five Golden Tickets in chocolate bars -- the winners will receive a tour of his Chocolate Factory and a lifetime supply of chocolate! Poor Charlie Bucket -- who finds one of the Golden Tickets -- is a sweet, devoted grandchild and chooses to bring his Grandpa Joe. As the pair follow the delightful and treacherous tour, Joe shows off the best of grandparenting skills: encouraging and advocating for Charlie at every turn.

**"Little Miss Sunshine"** -- Little Olive isn't your typical beauty pageant con-

testant, but that doesn't stop her from declaring her desire for the Little Miss Sunshine title. Olive's family -- mom, dad, brother, uncle -- is dysfunctional, to say the least, and while her grandfather might have some problems of his own and lack proper judgment, he's there for Olive, coaching her and supporting her all the way.

**"Parenthood"** -- Jason Robards plays a patriarch to an ensemble of neurotic kids who are going through their own issues with parenting. The ensemble comedy is sweet and endearing, and all about the sacrifices and accommodations you make for your kids (and grandkids!).

**"The Princess Bride"** -- OK, this movie is not about a grandparent, but who can leave out Peter Falk as Grandpa, who narrates the story of the swashbuckling, death-defying Dread Pirate Roberts and the true-hearted Buttercup? Not me.

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## • Trivia Test •

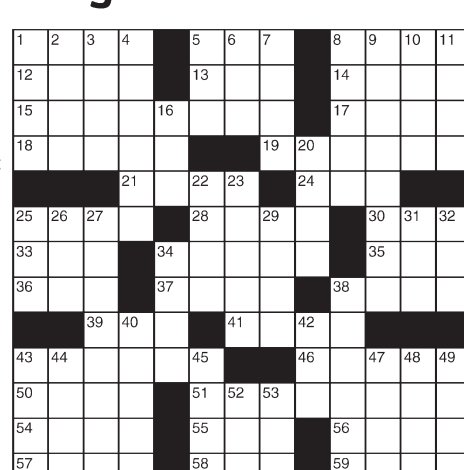
1. U.S. STATES: Where is the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame located?
2. LITERATURE: Which famous novel begins with the line, "You better not never tell nobody but God"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the nickname of Tulane University's athletic teams?
4. MUSIC: Acorn, drop, ball and barrel are all types of what?
5. MOVIES: Which animated Disney movie featured the theme song "A Whole New World"?
6. GAMES: How many strikes must one throw to achieve a perfect 300 score in bowling?
7. ANATOMY: Which human organ filters blood, removes

- waste and regulates salt levels?
  8. HISTORY: How many people survived the sinking of the Titanic in 1912?
  9. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island of Palau located?
  10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of rhinoceroses called?
- Answers
1. Cleveland, Ohio
  2. "The Color Purple"
  3. The Green Wave
  4. Drumsticks
  5. "Aladdin"
  6. 12
  7. Kidneys
  8. 706
  9. Oceania
  10. A crash or herd
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

1. Amorphous mass
5. Pouch
8. Con job
12. Portrayal
13. Id counterpart
14. Actress Jessica
15. "The danger has passed"
17. Borscht ingredient
18. Shelton or Lively
19. Chopping spree?
21. Breakfast for many
24. Jam ingredient?
25. Treaty
28. Teeny bit
30. Cow's chaw
33. Ostrich's cousin
34. Small chalkboard
35. Work with
36. Suitable
37. Gasp for air
38. Impale
39. Masseuse's workplace
41. Not this way!
43. Plot
46. Supermarket section
50. Cupid's alias
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55. "Wham!"
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57. Gospels follower
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59. Robert of "Airplane!"



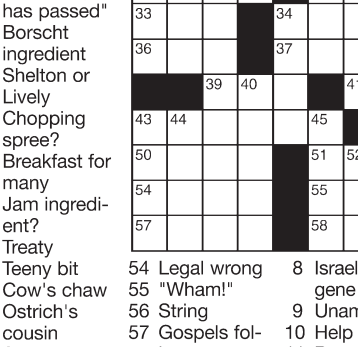
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5. Witness
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7. Stopper
8. Israeli indigene
9. Unambiguous
10. Help a hood
11. Partner
16. Journey segment
20. Pinnacle
22. Big bash
23. Rise
25. Pod dweller
26. Pump up the volume
27. Curtain
29. "Beetle Bailey" dog
31. NAFTA signatory
32. Society newcomer
34. Unwanted email
38. Tattletale
40. Nuisances
42. Stratego situation
43. — good example
44. Gator's kin
45. Catch sight of
47. Old portico
48. Australian parrot
49. Conclusions
52. Weeding need
53. Have

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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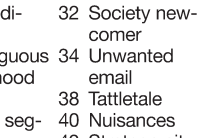
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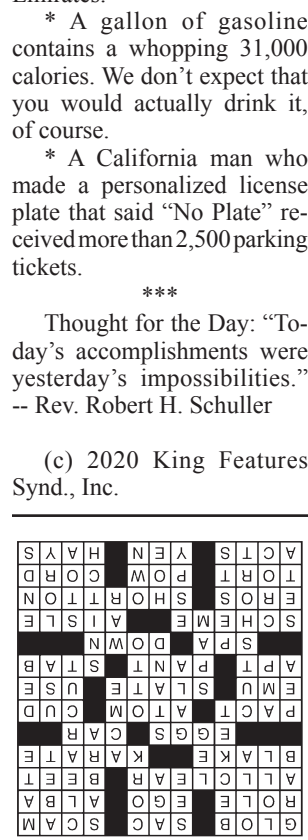
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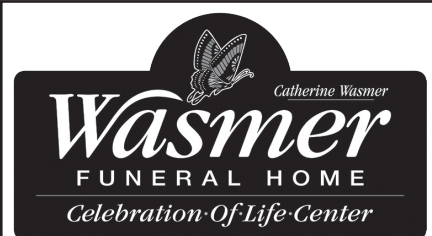




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## Choose your words carefully... it matters more than you may think!

The words we choose to speak matter more than we realize, because our attitudes and actions are greatly influenced by them. And sometimes when we open our mouth without thinking, we can bring ourselves down spiritually and hurt other people in the process.

For example, how many times have you heard yourself say things like, "I'm sick of cleaning this house," "You're driving me nuts today," or "This job is killing me"? Words like

that don't bring anything positive into our lives. And it's important that we not take them lightly.

Proverbs 21:23 (NIV) says, "Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity." We need to practice saying things we really want to say and remember to be thankful for what we have. Because even when blessings are chasing us down, if we're not careful, we can still find reasons to be negative and complain.

### Keep Counting Your Blessings

It really is amazing how fast we can forget about the good things God has done for us. After He miraculously parted the Red Sea and delivered the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, "the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron" (Exodus 16:2).

In other words, they forgot about the miraculous deliverance God provided for them and put their focus on the things they didn't have.

It's so easy to complain when our circumstances aren't exactly what we want them to be. But many times it's our attitude that keeps us right where we are. Philippians 2:14 clearly tells us, "Do everything without grumbling or arguing."

Whenever you're tempted to complain, just think about 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."

### The Power of Praise

Whether we're happy with our circumstances or not, giving God praise is so important. Psalm 91:2 says, "I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'"

Being mindful to focus on God's goodness and the many ways He helps us is a great way to stir our hearts up with praise every day.



And it strengthens our faith when we declare that God is bigger than our problems and concerns.

If there's an area in your life that you're having a hard time staying positive about, try doing a thirty-day fast from complaining. Replace any negative words with positive words—and give God something to work with. You may still make mistakes from time to time, but God is faithful and you can trust that He'll help you get your mouth into complete agreement with His Word if you won't give up.

You'll find that when you are sincerely positive, it helps others be positive too, and people will come to you when they want to be encouraged. On top of that, you'll be the kind of person they won't even bother coming to when they want to complain, because they'll know you won't put up with it.

Keep yourself encouraged. Share with others what God has done for you. Tell them how good He is. And pray that He'll give them a breakthrough in their life.

### Use Words to Confound Your Enemy

When we trust God more than our feelings, it confuses the devil. When

he throws his best shot at you and he can't budge you from believing God, he won't know what to do with you anymore. King David learned that when he was just a boy.

In 1 Samuel 17:45-46, David said to the giant Goliath, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty... This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands..." And he followed up his words with bold action.

David ran quickly toward the battle line, killed Goliath and won the victory! When we're facing giants in our life, that's exactly the way we need to behave. Don't ever run at your enemy with a mixture of faith and doubt in your mouth. Let the devil know who he's dealing with!

God will give you the victory if you will keep on agreeing with Him and speaking His Word. Say what God would say even if it's the hardest thing for you to do. Praise Him regardless of what's happening around you.

You don't have to give way to careless speech or complaining. You don't have to let your feelings get in the way of what

God wants to do in your life. Starting today, you can choose to remember the many things He's done for you—and start speaking boldly about the breakthroughs that are yet to come.


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please you does in fact please you.  
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that I am doing.  
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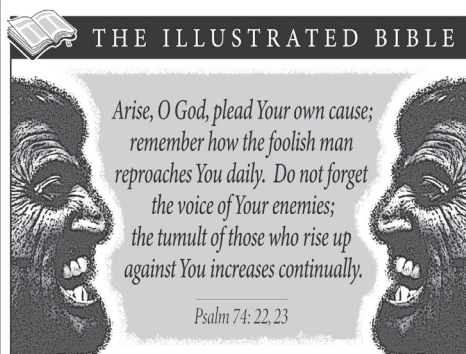
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
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#### BIBLE TRIVIA *by Wilson Casey*

1. Is the book of Boaz in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 3:16, to whom did Jesus speak, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son ...?"

Mountain's multitude, Simon  
Peter, Shepherds in field,  
Nicodemus

3. Whose first chapter (KJV) begins, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God"?

1 Timothy, Titus, James, 2 John

4. From 2 Samuel, who killed a giant having 12 fingers and 12 toes?

Mephibosheth, Jambres,  
Abimelech, Jonathan

5. What false prophet preached a message of peace during the days of Jeremiah?

Simon Magus, Noadiah,  
Bar-Jesus, Hananiah

6. In John 11, what city was home to Mary, Martha and Lazarus?

Corinth, Gaza, Bethany, Sardis



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Nicodemus;  
3) 1 Timothy; 4) Jonathan;  
5) Hananiah; 6) Bethany

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**SECTION 10-50 OF THE ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE AGENCY ACT**

to the Deed dated June 07, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 21487, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6272003 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0205, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase ANTHONY P. KRISCHUNAS, SANDRA L. KRISCHUNAS, 11 E CENTER ST #1754 MADISON, SD, 5704; according to the Deed dated June 07, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 21487, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 6272003 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0205, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase REASON LEE JAY MYRTLE L. LEE, 803 S MUSKEGON AVE CHICAGO, IL, 6061; according to the Deed dated August 12, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2009 3151, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 12242003 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0018E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase JORGE M LONDONO CARMEN E LONDONO NO, 5407 S LORENO AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60638, according to the Deed dated March 15, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2003 17498, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7192003 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00170, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase JORGE M LONDONO CARMEN E LONDONO NO, 9634 LARAMIE AVE, SKOKIE, IL 60077, according to the Deed dated March 15, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2003 17498, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 7192003 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00170, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase DIANE S MALETTE ROBERT MALETTE 1140 DUNE MEADOWS DR, PORTER IN, 46304, according to the Deed dated March 25, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2003 08706, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 4082003 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0078O, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase THOMAS J MARONEY, JEAN A MARONEY, 11316 S BELLEVUE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated August 03, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2003 18874, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on 8192003 are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0393, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase PAMELA MARTIN 1729 170TH PL, HAMMOND, IN 46320







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## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION**  
IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
MALIK MALACHI )  
BROWN, )  
DECEASED. )  
NO. 2020-P-000167

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Malik Malachi Brown, of Streator, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 1, 2020, to Ashley Travis, of Streator, IL, as INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354.

Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Downtown County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk.

Dated: September 8, 2020  
Greg Vaccaro  
LaSalle County Circuit Clerk  
Ottawa, IL 61350  
No. 0904  
(Sept. 16, 23, 30, 2020)

### SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 7TH AVENUE FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT CITY OF MENDOTA

Sealed Bids for the "7TH AVENUE FORCEMAIN REPLACEMENT" will be received by the City of Mendota on the 6th day of October, 2020, up to the hour of 11:00 o'clock A.M. Prevailing Time at the City Clerk's Office, City of Mendota, 800 Washington St, Mendota, IL 61342 and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. The project consists of all work for construction of the following:

1. 7th Avenue Pump Station:  
a. Pre-Fabricated pump building,  
b. Cast-in-place wet well,  
c. Submersible sewage pumps,  
d. Emergency generator, and  
e. Electrical modifications.  
2. And all architectural, civil, process, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, and controls work for a complete and functional wastewater pumping facility. A mandatory pre-bid meeting for all General Contractors interested in submitting a bid proposal will be held on

sanitary sewer improvements; bituminous concrete repair; concrete driveway removal and replacement; concrete curb and gutter removal and replacement; aggregate base preparation; structure installation and adjustments; pavement markings, and all necessary appurtenant and restoration work.

The 7th Avenue Force-main Replacement project will perform work along the following roadways.  
7th Avenue: 5th Street to Cherry Street  
Copies of Instructions for Bidders, Bid Form, Plans, and Specifications will be available for download in digital format (PDF) from the BHFx Plan Room website at [www.bhfxplanroom.com](http://www.bhfxplanroom.com). Bidders may also request printed sets of Contract Documents obtained from BHFx. A plan holders list will also be maintained by BHFx and will be available for viewing on its website at [www.bhfxplanroom.com](http://www.bhfxplanroom.com).

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City of Mendota reserves the right to reject all Bids, to waive or not to waive any information therein, or to accept the proposal which is considered to be in the best interest of the City of Mendota. Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible Bidder.

**By Order of the CITY of MENDOTA**  
Dated this 16th day of September, 2020.  
No. 0905  
(Sept. 16, 2020)

### SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 7TH AVENUE PUMP STATION CITY OF MENDOTA

Sealed Bids for the "7TH AVENUE PUMP STATION" will be received by the City of Mendota on the 6th day of October, 2020, up to the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M. Prevailing Time at the City Clerk's Office, City of Mendota, 800 Washington St, Mendota, IL 61342 and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. The project consists of all work for construction of the following:

1. 7th Avenue Pump Station:  
a. Pre-Fabricated pump building,  
b. Cast-in-place wet well,  
c. Submersible sewage pumps,  
d. Emergency generator, and  
e. Electrical modifications.  
2. And all architectural, civil, process, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, and controls work for a complete and functional wastewater pumping facility. A mandatory pre-bid meeting for all General Contractors interested in submitting a bid proposal will be held on

September 23, 2020 at 10:00 o'clock A.M. at the corner of 5th Street and 7th Avenue, Mendota, IL

Note: This meeting is mandatory and failure to be present at this meeting will result in the bid not being accepted.  
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**By Order of the CITY of MENDOTA**  
Dated this 16th day of September, 2020  
No. 0906  
(Sept. 16, 2020)

### SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CHERRY STREET GRAVITY SEWER EXTENSION CITY OF MENDOTA

Sealed Bids for the "CHERRY STREET GRAVITY SEWER EXTENSION" will be received by the City of Mendota on the 6th day of October, 2020, up to the hour of 12:00 o'clock P.M. Prevailing Time at the City Hall, City of Mendota, 800 Washington St, Mendota, IL 61342 and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. The project consists of all work for construction of the following:

1. This work consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals necessary for the removal and replacement of sanitary sewers and associated improvements on public roads within the rights of way of the Village of Mendota, Illinois.  
2. The project consists of the construction of approximately 2,297 linear feet of sanitary sewer varying in size from 8-inches to 24-inches in diameter, 9 sanitary manholes and the demolition of an existing lift station, including all appurtenant construction and restoration work in accordance with the Plans and Specifications for said work. Copies of Instructions for Bidders, Bid Form, Plans, and Specifications will be available for download in digital format (PDF) from the

BHFx Plan Room website at [www.bhfxplanroom.com](http://www.bhfxplanroom.com). Bidders may also request printed sets of Contract Documents from the office of BHFx, 30W250 Butterfield Road, Warrenville, IL 60555 (telephone: 630-393-0777). Bidders shall be responsible for all downloading, printing and shipping/ mailing costs for all sets of Contract Documents obtained from BHFx. A plan holders list will also be maintained by BHFx and will be available for viewing on its website at [www.bhfxplanroom.com](http://www.bhfxplanroom.com).

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### CERTIFICATION OF BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, LaSalle County, Illinois, does hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of said district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, ending June 30, 2021, as adopted on September 10, 2020. This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirements of (IRS, Ch81, Par 1004-15) and on behalf of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, LaSalle County, Illinois. Dated this 10th day of September, 2020.

Kim Abel-Secretary  
**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS  
ORDINANCE  
GRAVES-HUME  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DISTRICT  
ORDINANCE NO.  
091020-1**

An ordinance appropriating for all corporate purposes for the GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, LaSalle County, Illinois.

SECTION I: That the amounts hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the Library District, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, LaSalle County, Illinois, as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION II: That the following budget con-

tion therein, or to accept the proposal which is considered to be in the best interest of the City of Mendota. Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible Bidder.

**By Order of the CITY of MENDOTA**  
Dated this 16th day of September, 2020  
No. 0907  
(Sept. 16, 2020)

### SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS S&L PUMP STATION DEMO AND FRONT ST GRAVITY SEWER CITY OF MENDOTA

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This work consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, and incidentals necessary to perform sanitary utility improve-

ments and associated repairs on public roads within the rights of way of the Village of Mendota, Illinois.

This work for which bids are invited consists of sanitary sewer improvements; bituminous concrete repair; concrete curb and gutter removal and replacement; aggregate base preparation; sidewalk removal and replacement; structure installation and adjustments; pavement markings; demolition of an existing pumps building, demolition of existing lift station, and all necessary appurtenant and restoration work.

The S&L Pump Station Demo and Front St Gravity Sewer project will perform work along the following roadways.  
Front Street: 6th Street to 5th Street  
5th Street: Front Street to 7th Avenue  
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**By Order of the CITY of MENDOTA**  
Dated this 16th day of September, 2020  
No. 0909  
(Sept. 16, 2020)

### SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS S&L PUMP STATION DEMO AND FRONT ST GRAVITY SEWER CITY OF MENDOTA

Sealed Bids for the "S&L PUMP STATION DEMO AND FRONT ST GRAVITY SEWER" will be received by the City of Mendota on the 6th day of October, 2020, up to the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. Prevailing Time at the City Clerk's Office, City of Mendota, 800 Washington St, Mendota, IL 61342 and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. The project consists of all work for construction of the following:

for filing Bids are included in the Instructions for Bidders.

City of Mendota reserves the right to reject all Bids, to waive or not to waive any information therein, or to accept the proposal which is considered to be in the best interest of the City of Mendota. Award will be made to the low, responsive, responsible Bidder.

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### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by La Moille CUSD #303 Board of Education that a public hearing on a resolution to allow the District to utilize E-learning days in lieu of Emergency days will be held at 6:50 p.m. on the 15th of October, 2020 in the La Moille High School library. No. 0910  
(Sept. 16, 2020)

### BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020 \$0.00

**REVENUES**  
4100 Property Tax \$38,488.83  
\$38,488.83

**EXPENDITURES**  
5100 Working Cash Expense \$0; 5200 Transfer to General Fund \$0; TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$0

ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021 \$38,488.83

ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, LaSalle County, Illinois.

AYES: Richard White  
Kim Abel  
Martha Schmitt  
Adriana Calamaco  
Carolline Lewis

NAYS:  
ABSENT: Lucy Schmidt

APPROVED this 10th day of September, 2020.

Richard White – Board President  
ATTEST:  
Kim Abel-Secretary

**CERTIFIED ESTIMATE  
OF REVENUES BY  
SOURCE**

**GRAVES-HUME  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DISTRICT**

The undersigned, Chief Fiscal Officer of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, LaSalle County, Illinois, does hereby certify that the estimate of revenues by source, and anticipated to be received by said taxing district, is either set forth in said ordinance as "Revenues" or attached hereto by separate document, and is a true statement of said revenues.

This certification is made and filed pursuant to the requirement of Public Act 88-455 (35 ILCS 200/18-50) and on behalf of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, LaSalle County, Illinois. This certification must be filed within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2020  
Richard White - President, acting Treasurer  
No. 0909  
(Sept. 16, 2020)

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July 1, 2020 \$0.00

**REVENUES**  
4005 Property Tax \$24,001.63  
\$24,001.63

**EXPENDITURES**  
5100 Retirement contributions \$29,900.00  
ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2021 \$34,160.46

**15 SOCIAL SECURITY FUND**  
BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2020 \$24,975.37

**REVENUES**  
4007 Property Tax \$12,601.24  
\$37,579.61

**EXPENDITURES**  
5100 Social Security \$11,000.00; 5200 Medicare \$3,000.00  
TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$14,000.00  
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| FUNDS           | BEGINNING BALANCE | PROJECTED REVENUES | BUDGETED EXPENSES | ENDING BALANCE | OPERATING BALANCE |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| GENERAL         | \$740,274.89      | \$222,602.00       | \$303,793.00      | \$659,083.89   | \$740,274.89      |
| IMRF            | \$40,058.83       | \$24,001.63        | \$29,900.00       | \$34,160.46    | \$40,058.83       |
| INSURANCE       | \$21,044.55       | \$18,605.50        | \$13,800.00       | \$25,850.05    | \$21,044.55       |
| SOCIAL SECURITY | \$24,975.37       | \$12,601.24        | \$14,000.00       | \$23,579.61    | \$24,975.37       |
| WORKING CASH    | \$0.00            | \$38,488.83        | \$0.00            | \$38,488.83    | \$0.00            |



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### 305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: 11786 E Flagg Rd. Thursday September 17th 2pm-6pm Friday September 18th 8am-6pm & Saturday September 19th 8am-Noon. Sleds, Dishes, Pictures, Dresser, Golf Equipment, Comforters, Curtains, Material, Books, Couch, Girl's Bike, Garden Tools, Fire Pit, & Schwinn Pull Along Baby Carrier. (09-13-20)

ROCHELLE: 1021 8th Ave. Wednesday September 16th Noon-6pm, Thursday September 17th & Friday September 18th 9am-6pm. Larger Clothes, Athletic Shoes, Disney Items, Household Goods, Canning Supplies, Books, Paperbacks, Christian Fiction, Bike, Camping, & Miscellaneous. (09-16-20)

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FOR SALE: Like New Athletic Shoes. Nike Low Cut Size 11, Rawlings White Leather High Tops Size 10 1/2, \$10 Each OBO 815-562-7826. (09-16-20)

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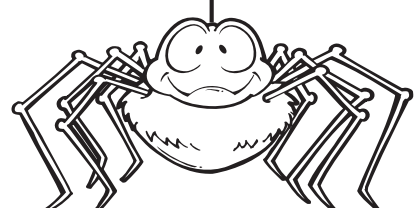
#### MENDOTA

Well-maintained, 1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments, various price ranges. All with appliances included. Some with utilities included. No pets. Security deposit and lease required. **815-539-3747.**

### 509 HOUSES FOR RENT

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## ADVERTISE WITH US



### 203 HELP WANTED

#### Mendota High School is accepting applications for a full-time custodian starting Nov. 20, 2020.

Duties include daily cleaning of classrooms and other areas. This position is for 2nd shift. Send resume, letter of interest and references by Sept. 25, 2020 to: Andy Knowlton, 2300 W. Main St., Mendota, IL 61342 or email aknowlton@mendotahs.org. 09142020

#### Well-established contractor looking to hire person with general carpentry skills who works well with others and possesses good work ethic.

Pay established according to skill level. Please send resume to W.E.C. c/o The Mendota Reporter, P.O. Box 300, Mendota, IL 61342. 07272020

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2018 Chevy Equinox LT AWD 20K Miles, Pepperdust ..\$22,900  
2018 Chevy Malibu LT 15K Miles, Maroon .....\$19,500  
2018 Chevy Malibu LT Leather, Nav., 44K Miles Silver.....\$18,900

2017 Chevy Colorado 4x4, Crew Cab, Z71, 33K Miles, Gray.....\$30,500  
2017 Buick Envision Preferred AWD, 21K Miles, Black.....\$24,900  
2017 Chevy Cruze LT Remote Start, Power Seats 9,000 mi., White .....\$17,900  
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**MLS# 10813275 \$199,000 4444 E. 1553rd Rd. Earlville** Unique! Octagon brick and cedar home on 5.33 wooded acres with creek. Very serene property. 3 bedroom 1 bath (2nd bath in basement) Partially finished basement. Fireplace and woodburner. This home is being sold as is. Call McConville Realty for a showing.



**401 6th St Mendota, \$97,500** Lots of updates on this charming home on corner lot. 3 bedrooms, master on main floor with bath. Laundry on first floor. U shaped drive with attached garage. Some hardwood floors. 2 bedrooms up with full bath. Freshly painted interior, recently insulated and sided with newer windows. Call for all the amenities.



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



**11071stAveMendota \$78,000.00.** 3 bedroom ranch with hardwood floors. 2 car detached garage with workshop. Full basement with potential. bath with shower in basement. Newer windows. Call for all the amenities.

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**NEW LISTING**  
Beautiful large 2 story home, features include original stair case, hard wood flooring, large master suite, family room, breakfast room, dining room, sun porch, deck, and 2 car garage! Master bathroom updated and has laundry area! Property being sold AS IS. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT INVESTMENT! MLS#10824085



**REDUCED**  
Amazing house full of charm and Alexa that handles all your room lights, thermostat, above stove fan, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide levels, and so much more. 900 sq ft wooden family room with wood vinyl floor, lots of windows, full bathroom, humidifier, pool table, hot tub, and a TV that stays with the hot tub. Enjoy the fenced in above ground pool, just off the family room. A MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE! MLS#10779701



**NEW LISTING**  
Two parcels included. Hallway has been remodeled, nice original hardwood floors throughout a lot of the main floors. They are the original gym floors from when the building was part of the school. The cafeteria was in what is now the basement area, used for storage if the tenants need it. CALLING INVESTORS! MLS#10846437

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## FEATURE HOME



**1506 Lincoln Ave., Mendota \$134,500**

Remarkable 3 bedroom 2-story home in Mendota on a wooded and shaded lot! If you are a fan of old houses, this is the one for you. Features stunning wood flooring, 2 huge bathrooms, a walk in closet, and an area for laundry. You won't want to miss out on the high ceilings and large windows, allowing the perfect amount of natural light in. Stove and refrigerator stay. Please note that this was originally two units so a window A/C unit needs to be used upstairs. Tons of updates, ask to see the checklist! The backyard is perfect for cooking out with friends and family. There is a large deck attached to the back with a super unique summer kitchen! 2 car garage with large workshop and office w/air condition/heat within it.

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AMBOY- **NEW LISTING** - 3 BDR. REHABBER - CORNER LOT .....\$29,900

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CLOSE TO SCHOOL.....\$67,900

MENDOTA -3 BDR. RANCH - NO STEPS - ATTACHED GARAGE

**PENDING** .....\$89,900

MENDOTA - 3 BDR.- 1.5 BATHS - MANY UPDATES **PENDING** ...\$124,900

MENDOTA - 4 BDR. - 2 BATH - VICTORIAN.....\$136,000

MENDOTA - 2-4 BDR. BRICK RANCH -

COUNTRY SUBDIVISION..... \$159,000

MENDOTA - 3 BDR.- 3 BATH STONE RANCH **PENDING** .....\$167,900

MENDOTA - 3 BDR-2 BATH BRICK RANCH- FENCED YARD

**PENDING** .....\$178,000

MENDOTA - 3 BDR- 2 BATH - FIREPLACE - LAKE AREA .....\$200,000

MENDOTA - 4 BDR.- 2.5 BATH -

OVERLOOKING GOLF COURSE .....\$289,900

MENDOTA - 5 BDR.- 3+ BATHS- CLASSIC ON EDGE OF TOWN

**PENDING** .....\$339,000



**606 W Main St., Sublette**

**\$134,000**

• 2 Bed 1 Bath

• New flooring, windows, doors, trim  
• Kitchen cabinets professionally refinished, new counter tops



**164 W Penkins Rd., Sublette**

**\$184,500**

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• 4 Bed, 3 Bath Ranch Style

• Inlaw Quarters

**1196 Rockyford Rd., Amboy SOLD ..... \$258,500**

**314 N Jefferson Ave., Amboy CONTINGENT..... \$180,000**

**139 W Pleasant St., Amboy CONTINGENT ..... \$133,500**

**1415 Meriden St., Mendota PENDING ..... \$92,000**

**205 W. 3rd St., Sublette SOLD .....\$91,750**

**501 W. Main St., Sublette SOLD ..... \$71,000**

**125 N. Galena St., Tiskilwa SOLD ..... \$65,000**

**306 7th St., Peru SOLD..... \$55,000**

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