

## Illinois again leads nation in soybean production in ‘19

□ Average yield was 54 bushels per acre

BLOOMINGTON – Illinois continues to top the annual crop production report estimate for soybean production, according to 2019 USDA estimates. Despite a tough growing season for most of the Midwest, Illinois farmers consistently produced strong soybean yields, all while remaining committed to stewardship and efficient crop management.



Illinois soybean farmers raised 532,440 million bushels of soybeans in 2019 on 9,860 million harvested acres with an average yield of 54 bushels per acre. Iowa ranked second in production with 501,660 million bushels raised on 9,120 million acres.

“I won’t say it was easy because 2019 will be remembered as the most challenging growing season on record for many Illinois producers,” said Doug Schroeder, soybean farmer from Mahomet and Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) chairman. “Yet, I think this report reflects the Illinois soybean industry’s resiliency and ability to produce a consistent, high quality product year after year, despite the weather and economic challenges of 2019.”

ISA Production and Outreach Committee chairman David Wessel and soybean farmer from Chandlerville believes that ISA’s commitment to robust farmer education efforts helps Illinois maintain its edge.

“Continuing to educate on best practices and new industry innovations makes sure that Illinois growers have a partner in maximizing their yield potential and profitability per acre,” said Wessel. “An example would be the award-winning IL Soy Advisor platform funded by the checkoff that’s chock full of actionable, in-season advice that is making a difference with Illinois soybean farmers.”

Another large contributing factor to Illinois’ soy success is the focus on generating worldwide soybean demand.

“One of ISA’s key priorities is to create marketplace preference for Illinois soy in export markets, biodiesel, animal agriculture and beyond,” said Roberta Simpson-Dolbeare, soybean farmer from Nebo and ISA Marketing Committee chairwoman. “In 2020, you will see continued focus on nurturing existing markets and opening new. We hope to remain Illinois’ No. 1 ag export for years to come.”

To learn more about ISA efforts and the soybean checkoff, please visit [www.ilsoy.org](http://www.ilsoy.org).

# Will ‘20 be a better year for farming in Illinois?

□ Some climate specialists predicting wetter than normal February and March

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BLOOMINGTON – Last year’s record rains took a toll on the state’s farmers.

Instead of planting in the spring, they had to wait until June and even July just to get started. Soggy soil was not the best growing medium, harvests happened late and in colder weather, and many fields were harvested so late that the ground was frozen before farmers could till it for the next planting.

In 2019, some estimate, Illinois farmers earned 20 percent less than they did the previous year.

Some climate specialists are predicting more of the same in 2020, which has already seen higher-than-average rainfall in most of the state. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said February and March will be wetter than usual. Trent Ford, the state’s climatologist, said it is likely that every year will be wetter



Farmers in Illinois are hoping to get back to a more normal planting season in 2020.

than normal, meaning farmers may need to adapt.

Mike Doherty, senior economist and policy analyst for the Illinois Farm Bureau, is not so sure.

“Last year was an anomaly,” he said. “I’m not too concerned. At this point, it’s premature to worry about soggy planting conditions. We’ll see.”

“Our farmers roll with the punches on weather

variability,” he added. “They know it’s going to happen, but hopefully [we’ll be] back to normal weather patterns this spring. And you know that they’ll get a crop in the ground. I’m confident about that.”

Both NOAA and Ford attribute a progressively wetter Illinois to climate change and they don’t expect to see that change any time soon.

Doherty said so far he had

seen little impact.

“It really has not affected us very badly at all in Illinois,” he said. “We have not been negatively impacted much.”

“We compete against other growing areas,” he said.

“So even if our climate is changing a little bit, as long as the competition is faced with a worse situation, it’s actually not bad for us. We win on the world market.”

## IRS warns of ‘ghost tax preparers’ who could get taxpayers in trouble

By COLE LAUTERBACH  
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – The Internal Revenue Service is warning of “ghost” tax preparers who promise big returns.

As the tax-filing season begins, the IRS said some tax preparers are promising bigger returns that might seem tempting.

“They may invent income so that you qualify for tax credits, they may claim fake deductions so that you qualify for a larger refund,” IRS spokesman Michael Devine said.



But these ghost prepares won’t sign the return and often ask for cash so they’re not tied to the return in

anyway. Devine said the filer will then get audited, fined, or worse.

“It could even cross over into tax fraud,” he said. “That’s when you get into criminal penalties.”

An April 2019 report by the U.S. Treasury found that the IRS “identified 3,529 tax returns with approximately \$15.8 million claimed in fraudulent refunds and prevented the issuance of \$12.2 million (77.2 percent) in fraudulent refunds.”

No matter who prepares the return, Devine encour-

aged taxpayers to review it and ask questions about anything unclear before signing. He said anyone who suspects they are a victim of a ghost preparer to contact the IRS immediately.

Taxpayers also can look for the tax preparer’s P-TIN number. Devine said never to trust a deal that seems too good to be true.

Both the IRS and the state of Illinois began accepting tax filings on Jan. 27. The deadline for filing tax returns is Wednesday, April 15.

# Social Security launches new campaign to fight scammers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Social Security Administration launched a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign to continue warning people about the ongoing nationwide telephone impersonation scheme. The PSAs feature a message from Social Security Commissioner Andrew Saul. Social Security and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) continue to receive reports about fraudulent phone calls from people falsely claiming to be Social Security employees. The scammers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments for help with purported identity theft, or to avoid arrest for bogus Social Security number problems.

“I want every American to know that if a suspicious caller states there is a problem with their Social Security number or account, they should hang up and never give the caller money or personal information. People should then go online to [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov) to report the scam call to Social Security,” said Commissioner Saul.



People should also be on the lookout for a new version of this scam. Fraudsters are now emailing fake documents in attempts to get people to comply with their demands. Victims have received emails with attached letters and reports that appear to be from Social Security or the OIG. The letters may use official let-

terhead and government jargon to convince victims they are legitimate; they may also contain misspellings and grammar mistakes.

The new PSA addressing the telephone impersonation scheme is available online at [www.youtube.com/socialsecurity](http://www.youtube.com/socialsecurity)

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people--generally those who have ongoing business with the agency--by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person, or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should just hang up.

Generally, the agency mainly calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit, someone who is already receiving payments and requires an update to their record, or a person who has requested a phone call from the agency. If a person is not in one of these situations, they normally would not receive a call from the agency.

Social Security will not:

- Tell you that your Social Security number has been suspended.
- Contact you to demand an immediate payment.
- Ask you for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Require a specific means of debt repayment, like a prepaid debit card, a retail gift card, or cash.
- Demand that you pay a Social Security debt without the ability to appeal the amount you owe.
- Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money.

If there is a problem with a person’s Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail a letter. If a person needs to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. People should never provide information or payment over the phone or Internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## New Mendota Y manager hired

MENDOTA—Steve Donnell is the new manager of the Mendota YMCA.

Donnell is a 1998 graduate of Mendota High School. He has a bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University and a master's degree from Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea.

Donnell returns to Mendota after living in Korea for parts of the last 14 years. While in Korea, Donnell worked as a lecturer for a media and arts institute, was an international contract assessment manager for a subsidiary of Hyundai group, was a communication and international relations manager for World Taekwondo, and was a professional and business English instructor at Korea's leading professional and business language institute.

He currently serves as the strategic development coordinator and coach of Illinois Valley Tumbling and Trampoline in Peru, in addition to taking on his new duties as the Y manager.

Donnell is excited to be back in Mendota and is eager to put his stamp on the Mendota Y. "I want the Mendota Y to be the great facilitator for the community," Donnell said. "I want to provide for our community things that will help us and make us



Steve Donnell

grow together, whether it's for the youth or the seniors.

"I believe the major way the Mendota Y is going to succeed is the community contributes to the Y as much as the Y contributes to the community. I grew up here and I know the things this community has done and can do. I want to help bring back those things. Fitness and sports is really important to me and I want to make that accessible to all ages."

Donnell said he is looking forward to working with the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Mendota, the schools and anyone else that wants to help make the Y a successful and prosperous venture.

"We have to be active in the community, hosting programs, being visible," added Donnell. "The Y should be synonymous with Mendota."

Donnell is still very early in the position of Mendota Y manager, but he already has many ideas about ways in which he can make the Y an integral part of the Mendota area.

One of those ideas is staging the Mendota Y Games with a series of tournaments in sports such as volleyball, basketball, softball and others.

"I have a dream of doing this and getting everyone involved," he said. "That's one of the major things I want to work on."

## Peru kindergartner's fundraiser results in toy donations

PERU - A fundraiser organized by an enterprising Peru 5-year-old resulted in a donation of toys to the Peru Primary Care medical practice and OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois in Peoria.

Charlotte Hughes, a kindergarten student at Northview School, is a Peru Primary Care patient who recently had thumb surgery at Children's Hospital in

Peoria. She decided to set up what she called a "hot coco stand" outside her house over Christmas break. From that sale, she raised enough money to be able to purchase toys and kids' books for both her local doctors' office as well as the Peoria hospital where she had surgery.

Charlotte's mom, Alicia Hughes explained that her daughter's motivation to

raise money for the toys and books was very simple, "Charlotte is just one of those girls who likes to help others."

Charlotte Hughes of Peru, left, shows Dr. Mark Fernandez, one of Peru Primary Care's physicians, the toys she donated to his office. (Photo contributed)

## Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Blackstone's January spirit day was held on Jan. 20. The students and staff dressed up for "Disney Day." We saw some great outfits recognizing some of our favorite Disney characters and movies. Thank you to all who participated.

The Dental Clinic was held at school last week. This was a great opportunity for our students to be able to meet their dental requirements for school and to get a checkup.

All students brought home their second quarter report card on Friday, Jan. 24. Parents, please take time to look over the report with your child and discuss their academic and social progress during the past nine weeks. The report card can stay at home, but parents should sign and return the report card envelope. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

The students nominated for the Principal Award last week include Evan Komi-

tas, Daniella Arteaga, Bella Granados, Omar Aranda, Kinsley Diaz, Jayla Francis, Genises Valdez and Hailey McCormick. The winners were Damian Cooper, Jace Burrell, Cole Carter and Jaylah Sotelo. Congratulations to all of you.

Please remember, our students are still continuing to collect Box Tops for Education and pop tabs to be donated to St. Jude Hospital. We appreciate our family and community support with these two great programs.

Our schools have been hit hard with sickness this past week. We have been spending extra time each night sanitizing and doing some deep cleaning to try to help minimize the spread of germs. During these times, it's a great that all parents consider washing coats, snow pants, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. more frequently. We also greatly appreciate parents following our "24-hour rule," which is in the student handbook, so students don't return to school too quickly after being sick.

## Glaucoma, 'The Sneak Thief of Sight,' continues to affect vision of millions of Americans

◆ Prevent Blindness provides free resources to the public for National Glaucoma Awareness Month

CHICAGO — Estimates from the Prevent Blindness report, "Future of Vision: Forecasting the Prevalence and Costs of Vision Problems" state that more than 3.2 million Americans ages 40 and over have glaucoma in the year 2020. The number is expected to increase as the population ages.

Glaucoma, often referred to as the "the sneak thief of sight," is a leading cause of vision loss that damages the optic nerve. Although symptoms may not be noticeable at first, glaucoma slowly diminishes peripheral vision (side vision), making activities such as driving increasingly difficult.

During National Glaucoma Awareness Month in January, Prevent Blindness, the nation's oldest volunteer eye health and safety non-profit organization, seeks to educate the public on the disease, including risk factors, types of glaucoma, treatment options and more.

Prevent Blindness offers a dedicated web page

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### NIU graduation

DE KALB - Over 1,300 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in December. Two local students, Hall Keene and Marcela Lemus, both of Mendota, were included among the graduates.

Keene earned a Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education: Bilingual/ESL; and Lemus received a Master of Science, Family Nurse Practitioner.

Northern Illinois University is a student-centered, nationally recognized public research university, with expertise that benefits its region and spans the globe in a wide variety of fields, including the sciences, humanities, arts, business, engineering, education, health and law. NIU offers more than 100 courses of study while serving a diverse and international student body of about 19,000. The 17 NIU Huskie athletic teams compete in the Mid-American Conference at the highest NCAA Division I level. For more information, visit [www.niu.edu](http://www.niu.edu).

### NIU dean's list

DE KALB - Northern Illinois University has announced its fall 2019 dean's list

students. Local students who achieved this honor include Lillian Rodrigues, Health Sciences-General, and Katherine Wohrley, Mathematics Education - B.S., both of Mendota.

To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

### University of Iowa dean's list

IOWA CITY, Iowa - Lukas Brandner of Mendota has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester at the University of Iowa. Brandner is majoring in biomedical engineering in the College of Engineering.

Guidelines for inclusion on the list, by college, are as follows:

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12

semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the list for that semester.

More than 5,000 undergraduate students were named to the UI fall semester dean's list.

### Monmouth College dean's list

MONMOUTH - Joshua Gross of LaMoille is among the students included on the Monmouth College dean's list for the 2019 fall semester.

Founded in 1853, Monmouth College is a nationally ranked liberal arts college. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the college offers 38 majors, 42 minors, 17 pre-professional tracks, and two innovative Triads in Global Food Security and Global Public Health.

### Aurora University dean's list

AURORA - Aurora University congratulated more than 1,300 undergraduate students who earned dean's list honors for the fall 2019 semester. The Dean's List recognizes students

who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher while completing a minimum of 12 semester hours for a letter grade. Students recognized with high honors (\*) have earned a perfect 4.0.

Local students included on the dean's list are Fabiola Felix\*, senior, Bachelor of Social Work; Veronica Felix\*, senior, Bachelor of Social Work; and Emily Ross\*, senior, Special Education, all of Mendota.

Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, fully accredited higher education institution offering students an excellent education while maintaining one of the lowest private school tuition rates in Illinois. The university serves approximately 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students across more than 50 majors and programs. AU leadership, faculty, and staff are committed to the success of our students, offering strong academic support programs and learning opportunities that prepare students for success beyond graduation.

### WTU dean's list

MACOMB/MOLINE - A total of 1,186 undergraduate students enrolled at Western

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## Vision

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providing patients and their caregivers with free information at <https://www.preventblindness.org/glaucoma> or its online resource, Living Well with Low Vision at <https://lowvision.preventblindness.org>.

More women than men have glaucoma. Risk factors for glaucoma also include:

**Age** - The older you are, the greater you are at risk (especially those over 60 years old).

**Race** - African-Americans age 40 and over are 4-5 times more likely to have glaucoma than others. Hispanics are also at increased risk for glaucoma as they age. Those of Asian and Native American descent are at increased risk for angle closure glaucoma.

**Family History** - If you have a direct relative with glaucoma, you are more likely to get glaucoma. If you are diagnosed with glaucoma, strongly encourage your family members to get

complete eye exams.

**Medical History** - You are at higher risk if you have a history of high pressure in the eyes, previous eye injury, long term steroid use, or are farsighted or nearsighted.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) also says those with diabetes, migraines, high blood pressure, poor blood circulation or other health problems affecting the whole body are at increased risk of glaucoma.

"The year 2020 is an ideal reminder for all of us to make the resolution today to save our vision for tomorrow," said Jeff Todd, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. "By detecting vision problems and treating them early, including glaucoma, we can help avoid significant vision impairment."

The AAO's EyeCare America program provides eye care at no out-of-pocket cost to medically underserved seniors age 65 and older, and glaucoma exams to those at increased risk. For more information, visit <https://www.aao.org/eye->

care-america.

Allergan supports Prevent Blindness in its public outreach to protect vision from glaucoma. Allergan has a more than 70-year heritage in eye care, has launched over 125 eye care products and invested billions of dollars in treatment for the most common eye conditions including glaucoma, ocular surface and retinal diseases such as diabetic macular edema and retinal vein occlusion.

Recently, Allergan launched My Glaucoma, designed to help people understand the burden of living with glaucoma and empower those with the disease and their caregivers to feel comfortable speaking with their doctor about a treatment regimen that fits their lifestyle. For more information, visit [www.MyGlaucoma.com](http://www.MyGlaucoma.com).

For more information on glaucoma or other financial assistance programs including Medicare coverage, please call Prevent Blindness at (800) 331-2020 or visit <https://www.preventblindness.org/glaucoma>.

## Mendota Weather

Jan. 29, 2020

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Cloudy  
High: 32 Low: 24

**Thursday**  
Cloudy  
High: 30 Low: 26

**Friday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 32 Low: 24

**Saturday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 35 Low: 25

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 37 Low: 27

**Monday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 49 Low: 36

**Tuesday**  
Cloudy  
High: 44 Low: 34

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see cloudy skies, high temperature of 32°, humidity of 86%. Light winds. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 54° set in 2002. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday night, overnight low of 24°. Light winds. The record low for Wednesday night is -20° set in 1966. Thursday, skies will be cloudy, high temperature of 30°, humidity of 86%. Light winds.

### Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	33/25	cl	32/25	cl
Champaign	35/26	cl	34/27	mc
Chicago	32/28	cl	33/28	cl
Freeport	30/21	cl	29/23	cl
Joliet	33/26	cl	33/26	cl
Moline	31/22	cl	30/25	cl
Peoria	34/26	cl	32/26	mc
Rockford	30/22	cl	29/22	cl
Springfield	36/27	cl	35/27	mc

### Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	21	8	27/11	0.00"	0.13"
Tuesday	28	6	27/11	0.00"	0.31"
Wednesday	32	22	27/11	0.00"	-0.18"
Thursday	33	30	27/11	0.04"	
Friday	34	32	27/11	0.06"	Average temp..... 26.1°
Saturday	32	31	27/11	0.03"	Average normal..... 19.1°
Sunday	31	26	28/11	0.00"	Departure..... +7.0°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 2/1	7:11 a.m.	5:08 p.m.	9:53 a.m.	9:52 p.m.
Thursday	7:10 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	10:16 a.m.	10:50 p.m.
Friday	7:09 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	10:40 a.m.	11:49 p.m.
Saturday	7:08 a.m.	5:11 p.m.	11:05 a.m.	Next Day
Sunday	7:07 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	11:32 a.m.	12:49 a.m.
Monday	7:06 a.m.	5:14 p.m.	12:04 p.m.	1:51 a.m.
Tuesday	7:05 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	12:43 p.m.	2:54 a.m.

### Local UV Index

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

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### Weather Trivia

How often does the groundhog correctly predict the weather?

Answer: Over the past 60 years, 28 percent of the time.

### National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 47 in Pocomoke City, Md. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 74 in Hialeah, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 74 in Falcon Lake Estates, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain and isolated snow, highest temperature of 54 in Roseburg, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 76 in Whittier, Calif.

### Weather History

**Jan. 29, 1921** - A small but intense windstorm resulted in the "Great Olympic Blowdown" in the Pacific Northwest. Hurricane force winds, funneled along the mountains, downed vast expanses of Douglas fir trees. The storm destroyed eight billion board feet of timber.

**Jan. 30, 1977** - The great "Buffalo Blizzard" finally abated after three days. The storm added a foot of new snow to 33 inches already on the ground. Winds gusting to 75 mph reduced visibilities to near zero and produced snow drifts 25 feet in height.

## "Year in Review" featured at IVAC Breakfast

PERU - The Illinois



**Hunt**  
fast Seminar will feature the "Year in Review."

Join the discussion at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12

at Mario's Maples in Peru as IVAC Executive Director Joni Hunt looks at the year's accomplishments and presents goals and objectives for 2020.

Hunt, who has served as executive director of IVAC since 2015, is passionate about people, places and prosperity. She has had repeated opportunities to assist project managers in finding properties, buildings and financing and feels this is

important to the area whether partnering with an expansion of a corner mom and pop or negotiating rail service options for a multi-national corporation. Her goal is to exceed the expectations of the community by engaging all appropriate resources toward economic development along the backbone of this region.

The seminar will begin with a hot breakfast buffet served at 7:15 a.m. and the program will start at 7:30 a.m. Reservations must be made by calling (815) 223-0227 no later than noon on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The breakfast is open to the public.

## CARL'S QUIZ

How many hours do Americans spend each week listening to music?

The answer to last week's quiz is: In a recent survey of Americans, fish were the second most popular pets. Cats came in third followed by chickens, birds, reptiles, rabbits, horses, livestock and ferrets.

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# OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

## George T. McMahon

ROCKFORD - George T. McMahon, 94, formerly of Mendota, died Jan. 23, 2020 at Wesley Willows Senior Living, Rockford.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 28 at First United Methodist Church, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota with military rites by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Visitation was for one hour prior to the service. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota was in charge of arrangements.

George was born May 23, 1925 in Urbana to Rev. Joseph and Ella (Eliason) McMahon. He married Betty Wenzel in 1957.

Survivors include his beloved wife and two sons, Robert (Angela) McMahon of Madison, Wis. and Ted (Gwen Jones) McMahon of Dayton, Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Grace and Ruth; and three brothers, Daniel, Thomas and fraternal twin-brother, James.

George grew up in small towns in central Illinois during the Depression, graduating from high school in Tonica in 1943. He was a World War II combat veteran of the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater. He was inducted in the summer of 1943. As a member of the 81st Infantry (Wildcat) Division, he participated in the invasions of Angaur (Palau) and Leyte (Philippines) and in the occupation of Japan. His rank at the time of his discharge from service was First Sergeant. He graduated from the University of Illinois on the GI Bill. He and Betty lived in Tonica for their first year of marriage before moving to Mendota. George worked as plant manager of Ristokrat Clay Products, a brick plant in Lowell and as an accountant for Fasco Mills in Mendota. In retirement, he served as treasurer of the Mendota Grade School District and secretary of the Mendota Elks Lodge. He was a life-long member of the Methodist Church and served the church in Mendota in many capacities over many years. He enjoyed golf, bowling, time with family, and was a devoted Cubs fan. He was known as a friendly, optimistic, and gregarious person, and he maintained his positive outlook in the face of the unrelenting challenges of old age.

Memorials may be directed to First United Methodist Church or Mendota Area Senior Services.

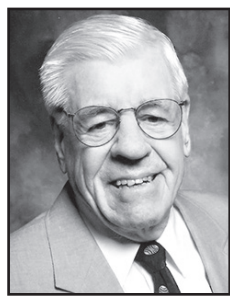
## Dale H. Frey

BAYOU VISTA, Texas - Dale H. Frey, 74, of Bayou Vista, Texas, formerly of Mendota, passed away Jan. 22, 2020.

Dale was born April 14, 1945 in Mendota to Clarence and Virginia (Linne) Frey. He married Judy Davies in October 1976. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include four children, Melissa (Brian) Sondgeroth of Las Vegas, Nev., Sandra (Michael) Davis of Naperville, James (Ann) Davies of Oquawka and Jeff (June) Davies of Round Rock, Texas; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dee Ann (Peter) Leuzinger of Tucson, Ariz. and Deb (Robert) Klein of Mendota; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.



## Cynthia R. McCoy

AMBOY - Cynthia R. "Cindy" McCoy, 58, of Amboy died Jan. 20, 2020 at University Hospital in Madison, Wis.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 25 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy with Rev. Richard Kramer officiating. Burial was at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown with a luncheon afterward at the Amboy Community Center.

Visitation was from 2 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the Amboy Community Center with a Rosary at 8 p.m. Arrangements were handled by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy.

Cindy was born Nov. 26, 1961 in Mendota to Donald and Sandra (Friel) Schamberger. She married Dennis McCoy on Jan. 27, 1978 in Dixon.

Survivors include her husband; three children, Tony (Katie Wetzell) McCoy of Morrison, Emily (Michael) O'Malley of Amboy and Mitch (Katrina) McCoy of Princeton; nine grandchildren, Dalton McCoy, Mason McCoy, Abby O'Malley, Madison O'Malley, Collin O'Malley, Myla McCoy, Makaylee McCoy, Mairyn McCoy and Maxton McCoy; her mother, Sandy Schamberger of Amboy; two sisters, Cheryl (Steven) Prendergast of Dixon and Gaylene (Donnie) Noble of Amboy; two brothers, Rick (Joyce) Schamberger of Amboy and Randy (Angel) Schamberger of Eldena; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and one sister, Bonnie Sue Gorzny.

Cindy had worked at First Federal Savings, was a teacher's aid at Amboy Central School, and also worked at the Jack Mabley Center in Dixon and First National Bank in Amboy. Most recently, she owned and operated the Countryside Tap in Sublette. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy and enjoyed swimming at the YMCA in Dixon and doing yard work. She also coached softball and was a "super grandmother" to her grandchildren.

A memorial has been established.

## Darlene I. Fischer

LA MOILLE - Darlene I. Fischer, 96, of LaMoille passed away Jan. 27, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 31 at First Lutheran Church, Ohio with Rev. Gene Vincent officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Rockford. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota and for one hour prior to services. Pallbearers will be Marty Bickett, Scott Bickett, Jacob Bickett and Evan Bickett.

Darlene was born Aug. 5, 1923 in Clarion Township to Clarence and Lydia (Bittner) Faber. She married Fred G. Full on Oct. 7, 1950 and became a homemaker and mother. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1966. She married George Fischer on June 29, 1974. He preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 1992.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Sartino (fiancée Ron Shrack) of Plainfield; one son, Fred R. (Christina) Full of Dixon; three grandsons, Nick (Michelle) Full, Trent Full and Travis Full; two step granddaughters, Sasha (Preston) Lumzy and Kaitlin Welker; five great-grandchildren Victoria and Alexander Full, Maddox Skinner and Kinsley and Malakai Lumzy; a nephew, Geoffrey Faber of Reno, Nev. and a niece, Mary Cosgrove of Denver, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Fred Full and George Fischer; one daughter, Bonnie Full in 1985; her siblings, Howard Faber, Elroy Faber and Eileen Cosgrove; and a nephew, Thomas Cosgrove.

Darlene graduated from LaMoille High School in 1941 and LaSalle School of Beauty Culture in 1943. She worked as a beautician in Rockford for seven years and later for Reitsch Brothers Lumber & Fuel Co., Rockford. After marrying George in 1974, she moved back to Lee County. When he died, she remained on the farm until moving to Heritage Manor in December 2018. Her greatest joys were her children and grandchildren and family get togethers at the farm on Baseline Road in Lee County. A true farmer at heart, she enjoyed country living and spent many happy years there. She was able to remain on the farm in her later years with the assistance of Marty and Scott Bickett and their families.

Donations may be sent to First Lutheran Church and to OSF Hospice of St. Elizabeth's, Ottawa in Darlene's name.



## Nellie J. Cook

STREATOR - Nellie J. Cook, 95, of Streator passed away Jan. 26, 2020 at Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Care, Streator.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at the Solon-Telford Funeral Home, Streator with Rev. Fr. Jeffery Small officiating. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Jan. 29 at the funeral home with the rosary recited at 1:15 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. Private burial will be held at Russian Orthodox Cemetery, Streator at a later date.

Nellie was born March 9, 1924 in Streator to John and Josephine (Novak) Popielarczyk. She married William I. Cook on July 14, 1945 at St. Casimir's Church, Streator. He preceded her in death on April 25, 1994.

Survivors include two daughters, Monica (Gerald) Englehart of Paw Paw and Karen Cook of Streator; two grandchildren, Erika (Scott) Cheeseman of Danvers and J.R. (Jamie) Fitch of Sycamore; five great-grandchildren, Cody (Jori Thacker), Kyle and Jake Cheeseman, all of Danvers and Grace and Ethan Fitch of Sycamore; one sister-in-law, Charlotte Popielarczyk of Streator; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sisters, Johanna Marshall and Florence Matsko; and one brother, Chester Popielarczyk.

Nellie was born and raised in Streator and attended Streator grade schools and St. Casimir's Grade School. She was a seamstress through the years having worked for Streator Tailoring Shop, Streator Dry Goods and retiring from the Toluca Garment Factory after 22 years of service. She was a member of the former St. Casimir's Church and the Altar and Rosary Society of her church. She also belonged to the Polish National Alliance.

Memorials may be directed to Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Care.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.solontelford.com](http://www.solontelford.com).

## Mari Jo (Safranek) Dettore

SALOL, Minn. - Mari Jo (Safranek) Dettore, 59, of Salol, Minn., formerly of Paw Paw, passed away peacefully Jan. 19, 2020 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, N.D.

Visitation was held at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 followed by a 2:30 p.m. service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Synod in Warroad, Minn.

Mari Jo was born May 11, 1960 in Mendota to Joe and Mary (Jump) Safranek. She married Deon Dettore on March 26, 1982.

Survivors include her husband of Solol, Minn.; two sons, Dustin (Tracy) Dettore of Roosevelt, Minn. and Derek (Lizabeth) Dettore of Warroad, Minn.; her precious grandchildren, Kimberly 4, Adam 2, Cecilia 3 and Ezra 1; one sister, Stephanie (John) Prentice of Paw Paw; her mother- and father-in-law, Eleda and Fred Kaminky of Earlville; her father-in-law, Diamond Don Dettore of Hinsdale; three sisters-in-law, Darci (Robert) Kunkel of Colorado and Tara and Venessa; one brother-in-law, Dalane Dettore of Lake Zurich; three nieces, Emily Prentice and Rachel and Rebecca Kunkel; and two nephews, Mitch (Hannah) Prentice and Grant Kunkel.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mari Jo attended school in Paw Paw, graduating with the mighty Bulldog class of 1978 and then attended Kishwaukee Community College. After marrying, she and Deon lived in Earlville for about five years. During that time Mari Jo worked at Plano Molding in Plano and helped keep books for Deon's auto body business. In 1987, the couple moved to Grand Marais, Minn. where their two sons were born. Mari Jo worked at Naniboujou Lodge during that time. In 2003, Mari Jo and her family moved to Warroad, Minn. where she worked at Doug's Supermarket and home schooled her sons. She had a life long passion for horses and was finally able to own and ride one of her own in Minnesota. She loved long hikes in the woods and enjoyed her dog, Cujo and visiting with her grandchildren.



## Briefs

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Illinois University were named to the fall 2019 dean's list. The total includes 92 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

Local students included on the dean's list are Clarissa Hernandez and Natalie Landgraf, both of Mendota and Daniela McConville of Earlville.

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## IVCC News Briefs

### Lunch & Learn Sessions planned

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Phi Theta Kappa and Student Government Association are hosting Lunch and Learn Sessions with professionals from four different disciplines at noon Wednesdays in February to help students discover what path is best for them.

Business is featured Feb. 5 in Room CTC125, engineering is Feb. 12 in CTC125, healthcare Feb. 19 in C325 and education Feb. 19 in CTC125.

Each session will consist of a panel of three-to-four professionals discussing a "day in the life" of their work; students are encouraged to come with questions. Free pizza will be provided.

Assistant Director of Admissions, Records, and Transfer Services Aseret Loveland said, "We're excited to offer these sessions again. Choosing a career path can be overwhelming. For students having trouble choosing a major, we hope these sessions will give them insight. The chance to connect with a professional in their field can help calm any fears or doubts they may have."

For information, contact Loveland at [aseret\\_loveland@ivcc.edu](mailto:aseret_loveland@ivcc.edu) or Gracelyn Quesse at [gracelyn\\_quesse@ivcc.edu](mailto:gracelyn_quesse@ivcc.edu).

### Nursing info session set Feb. 12

OGLESBY – An Illinois Valley Community College nursing admission information session will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 in Room CTC124.

Sponsored by the nursing department, counseling center and admissions and records, the session will cover admission requirements and courses students should take before applying to either the associate degree (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) programs.

Due to space limitations, students are encouraged to RSVP through the web form at <https://www.ivcc.edu/admissions/nursingadmissions.php> or contact Kathy Sramek at (815) 224-0439 or [kathy\\_sramek@ivcc.edu](mailto:kathy_sramek@ivcc.edu).

### Scholarship deadline is Feb. 6

OGLESBY – If you attended The North Central Illinois Discover Manufacturing Career Expo at Illinois Valley Community College and intend to pursue a career in a manufacturing-related career, you may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship in the 2020-21 academic year.

Eligible AAS degrees or certificates include Certified Production Technician, Computer Aided Design, Computer Numerical Control, Electricity/Electronics, Engineering Technology, HVAC, Industrial Maintenance or Electrician, Machinist Tool and Die, Manufacturing Technology or Welding.

Students can apply online by Feb. 6 at [www.ivcc.edu/scholarships](http://www.ivcc.edu/scholarships).

The Expo is sponsored by, and the scholarship funded by, North Central Regional Betterment Coalition (NCRBC). Other Expo organizers include IVCC, Starved Rock Associates for Vocational and Technical Education (SRAVTE), Society for Human Resource Management, BEST, Inc., and participating manufacturers.

About 300 district high school students toured manufacturing plants and participated in hands-on activities at IVCC at the October Expo.

### Tutor training begins on Feb. 1

OGLESBY – The Adult Education Community Tutoring Program at Illinois Valley Community College will conduct free volunteer tutor training from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Feb. 1 and Saturday, Feb. 8 in Room CTC221.

Participation in both sessions is required. In addition, volunteers must have a desire to work with adult learners and be willing to tutor two-to-three hours each week. Teaching experience is not necessary, however, 10 hours of training through the program is required. Visiting an Adult Education classroom is the additional training component.

After completing training, volunteers have the option of tutoring in an English Language Acquisition class, an Adult Basic Education class or a High School Equivalency class.

Classes follow the IVCC semester schedule in fall and spring. One-to-one tutoring might be available during summer months. Tutors are needed in DePue, Mendota, Oglesby, Ottawa and Streator.

Free online tutor training is another option for volunteers whose schedules do not allow them to participate in the February training sessions. For information, go to <http://www.ivcc.edu/adulteducation/campus-and-community-tutoring.php>.

To register for the training sessions, contact Angela Dunlap, campus and community tutoring coordinator, at (815) 224-0479.



Gary and Deborah Dahl of Peru, center, recently donated \$20,000 to the IVCC Foundation to create scholarships for single parents and \$5,000 to support GED students. The Dahls are flanked, from left, by Illinois Valley Single Parent Connections coordinator Aurora Medina of Starved Rock Associates for Vocational and Technical Education, Adult Education Director Sara Escatel, IVCC President Jerry Corcoran and Foundation President Sue Schmitt. (Photo contributed)

## Dahl donation to help single parents, GED program

OGLESBY – Gary and Deborah Dahl of Peru recently made a \$20,000 donation to the Illinois Valley Community College Foundation for scholarships for single parents and an additional \$5,000 to support students in the GED program.

The scholarship will provide four \$1,000 awards

annually to single parents seeking a better life through a college education. The \$5,000 gift will assist individuals pursuing their High School Equivalency (HSE) or GED through IVCC's Adult Education department.

The Dahls already provide five nursing scholarships and have been major

donors to college fundraising campaigns and Foundation initiatives. Mr. Dahl, a former State Senator, was instrumental in IVCC receiving 75 percent state funding for construction of the Peter Miller Community Technology Center that opened five years ago.

"Gary and Deb are among

our college's most generous friends, often seeking ways to assist industrious students who need a little help in financing their education," said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran. "They've been critically important to many of the major milestones we've achieved for students over the past decade and more."

## MFD Card Party & Dance set Feb. 1

MENDOTA – The Mendota Fire Department's 147th annual Card Party & Dance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1.

The day will begin with a Texas Hold 'Em Deep Stack Tournament at the Mendota Moose Lodge starting at noon. The buy-in is \$120.

The card party will begin promptly at 1 p.m. at the Moose Lodge. Euchre, 500 and Pinochle will be played. Sandwiches, pie and coffee will be available for purchase.

Vegas Night will be held at the Moose Lodge from 8 p.m. to midnight. Craps, Blackjack and more will be featured.

Also at the Moose, there will dinner served from 6-8 p.m. and then the band "Free Beer & Chicken" will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets for the MFD Card Party & Dance are \$6 and may be purchased at the door. Proceeds from the event are used to keep firefighting and emergency equipment efficient and up-to-date.

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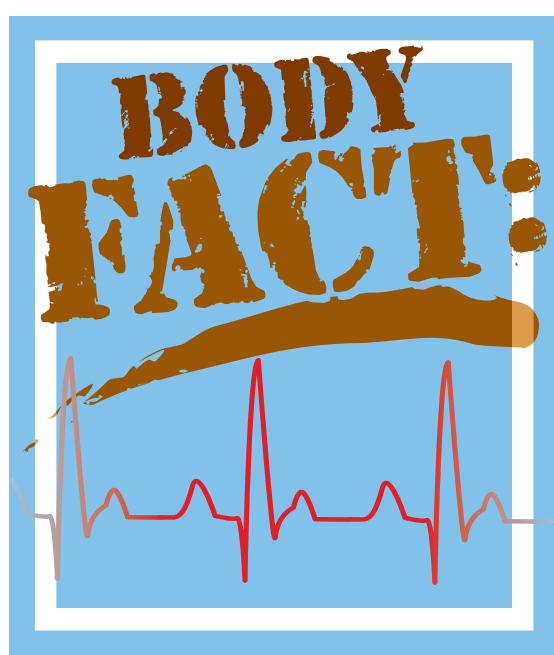


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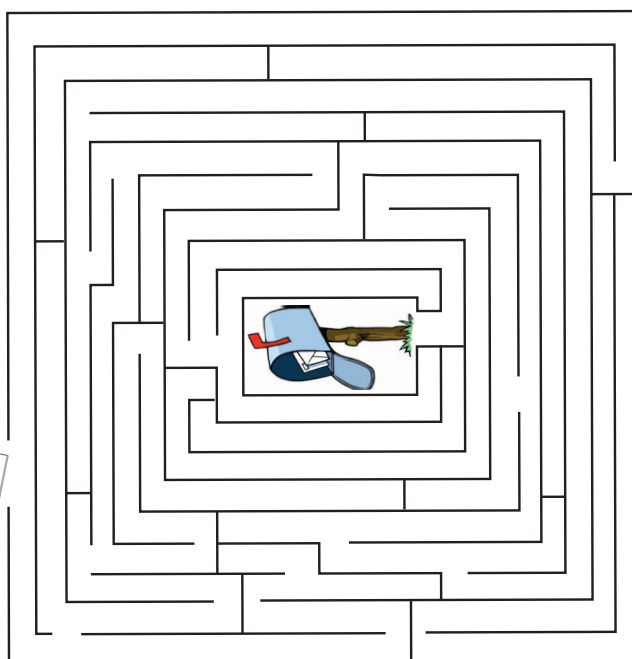
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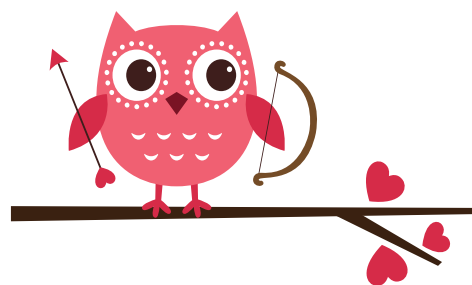
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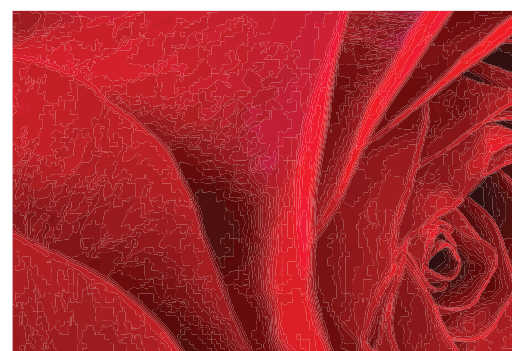
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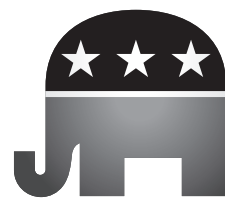
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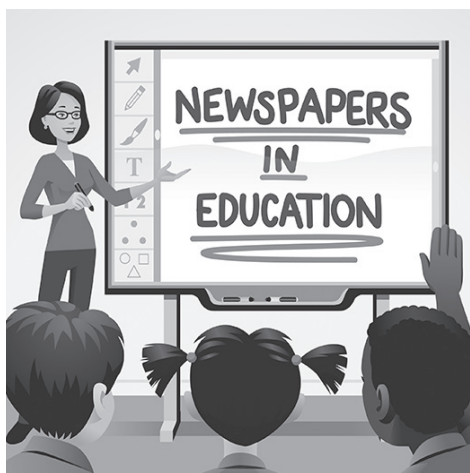


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### Lincoln R.E.A.CH. Awards

Lincoln School REACH Award students named for January are honored with a pizza lunch with principal David Lawrence on Jan. 24. The students earning this month's award are, front row left to right, Bryan Acevedo, Lyla Rodriguez, Maycie Sproston, Nejari Harris and Aubri Gonzalez; middle row, Caden King, Lily Tielebein, Gavin Tolley, Illan Garcia, Aileen Perez and Principal David Lawrence; and back row, Lena Cardona, Gage Richey, Shea Kreiser and Salvador Hermosillo. Not pictured are Mateo Gonzalez and Oscar Castaneda. (Reporter photo by Bonnie Morris)

## HONOR STUDENTS

### Northbrook announces 2nd quarter honor rolls

MENDOTA – Northbrook School recently announced second quarter honor rolls for 5th-8th grades.

**Eighth Grade High Honors:** Ava Arteaga, Connor Bailey, Paul Bailey, Madelyn Becker, Edan Bell, Emma Clark, Logan Dewey, Kylie Donovan, Nataliya Durbin, Olivia Eddy, Joshua Figueroa, Bria Frey, William Hall, Aubree Jones, Ava Jones, Lilly Leifheit, Bridget McGann, Carlos Mora II, Emma Pierce, Tristan Redcliff, Karly Reel, Natalia Salinas, Jenah Sims and Grace Wasmer.

**Eighth Grade Honor Roll:** Eithun Atkins, Kamdyn Becket, ReAnna Brant, Kimberly Cedillo, Kyan Cooper, Payton Diaz, Mariah Figueroa, Vanessa Gomez, Ashley Hermosillo, Bryan Herrera, Kiara Johnson, Shanel Kerchner, Kaleb Kleckner, Alexander Liden, Fredy Mandujano, Arman Miranda, Julian Muller, Brenda Palacios, Anabelia Ramirez, Roxana Ramirez Arroyo, Justin Randolph, Hannah Rich, Dimitri Rodriguez, Jacob Saylor, Cale Strouss, Jessica Terrazas, Johnathan Wirebaugh, Adrian Zarate-Diaz and Drake Zell.

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George, Sofia Gomez, Hector Gonzalez, Mateo Goy, Gianna Hall, Addisyn Jones, Brody Kaecker, Aubrey Kofoid, Hannah Kunz, Hannah Mann, Stephanie Medina, Katelyn Mikolasek, Luis Nunez, Ramiro Palacios, Jessica Reel, Janelle Rodriguez, Mauricio Salinas, Ariana Sanchez, Kristal Sandoval Rios, Leah Stamberger, Sydney Tolley, Carlos Toribio, Giselle Vallejo and Talia White.

**Sixth Grade Honor Roll:** Julius Arteaga, Paxton Bauer, Ruby Bielema, Aaden Castle, Ally Denault, Sara Diaz, Caeleb Ensor, Kylie Goldblatt, Sienna Gonzalez, Victor Hermosillo, Sean Indigo, Chase Johnson, Colin Kain, Santiago Lemos, Tristan Loomis, Rosalinda Lopez, Aiden Redcliff, Brady Schultz, Anthony Seablom, Cara Stewart, Keegen Stewart, Anna Valdes, Diana Velasquez Loera, Jayden Wehrs and Madison Work-McLain.

**Fifth Grade High Honors:** Brooklyn Baxa, Drew Becker, Ivan Botello, Abygail Buettner, Melanie Carlos, Cesar Casas, Briza Cervantes, Lexi Cocanour, Devin Cooper, Michelle Cuevas, Meghan Dewey, Arihanna Figueroa, Kyra Finley, Karen Flores, Karissa Freeman, Julian Gonzalez, Alyna Guerra, Benoni Hernandez, Berat Imeri, Marcelah Jackson, Cole Kleckner, Ada Krull, Angel Negron, Lukas Nelson, Kasha Ortega-Jaramillo, Eden Pecher, Addison Perryman, Owen Schroeder, Emily Sondgeroth, Irene Soto, Gavin Stevenson, Kathryn Strouss, Karson Sundberg, Cayden Taliani, Erik Vasquez, Cam Wasmer, Miranda Wheeler, Owen Willoughby, Ryder Woods, Kyle Wright and Daniela Zarate-Diaz.

**Fifth Grade Honor Roll:** Daniela Arteaga, Karla Ascensio, Alexa Carlos, Evelyn Cervantes, Monserrat Chavez, Ian Cole, Bailey Corrigan, Emma Corrigan, Collin Coss, Isaac Diaz, Adan Estrada, Jocelynn Figueroa, Harlow Foltyniewicz, Caleb Ganther, Gael Garcia, Ryan Gibertini, Hunter Goellner, Laina Gonzales, Christian Gonzalez, Javier Hernandez, Jayleen Jordan, Layla Karahalios, Calum King, Kalib Majka, Dawson McPheeters, Madilyn Muller, MaKenzie Mumm, Madrick Musgrove, Daniel Pierce, Sophia Renoud, Andrew Rinaldo, Favian Romero, Marelly Romero, Brianna Russell, Bailey Ryan, Zachary Schmidt, Starlynn Shan, Liam Shepard, Aaron Venegas, Stormie Whildin, Ruben Yuquilima and Ethan Ziegler.

## Small Fries activity hour

MENDOTA – “Small Fries” story and activity hour, for children in preschool and kindergarten, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Graves-Hume Public Library.

This month's theme: Mo Willems Day

Sign up for Small Fries by phone at (815) 538-5142 or in person at the Graves-Hume Public Library, 1401 West Main St., Mendota.

## Valentine Story Hour at GHPL

MENDOTA – The Graves-Hume Public Library is hosting a Valentine Story Hour on Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. This special craft and story time is for children pre-K and up.

To register, call (815) 538-5142.

## Bluegrass open jam

TRIUMPH – Bottomline Music bluegrass open stage and jamming takes place every second Saturday of the month, through May at the Ophir Community Building, 3907 E. 752nd Road in Triumph from 6-10 p.m. Come to jam or just to listen. Admission is free; donations are accepted.

Upcoming dates are Feb. 8, March 14, April 11, and May 9.

To reserve a spot, call Tom Gerber at (815) 414-8081 or show up early to sign up for a spot. For general information, call Jay Allen at (815) 488-9154.

## Illinois Valley Cursillo Ultreya gathering Feb. 8

OTTAWA – The February Illinois Valley Cursillo Ultreya gathering will be held at St. Valentine's Catholic Church, 1109 Pulaski St., Peru on Saturday, Feb. 8 beginning with a Mass at 4 p.m. conducted by Monsignor Richard Soseman.

There will be no potluck

supper after Mass but finger food will be available as the Ultreya is conducted in the church annex. All Cursillistas are encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

For information, call Bill Dekowski at (815) 663-7188 or Loretta Volker, publicity chair, at (815) 875-1330.

## Graves-Hume Public Library children's Department

### Kids' Lego Club

MENDOTA – Lego Club, an exciting program for students in grades 1-4, will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 3:30-4:15 p.m. at the Graves-Hume Public Library. The library supplies the Legos and you bring your imagination. Another Lego Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 20 from 3:30-4:15 p.m. Children are limited to attending only one session per month of this extremely popular program. Parents/caregivers may drop off their children for the program hour. Sign up is required. Call (815) 538-5142 to reserve a spot.

### Shake, Rattle & Read

MENDOTA – The “Shake, Rattle & Read” program for babies and toddlers, ages birth to 2 years old, to enjoy with their caregivers will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 5 and Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at The Graves-Hume Public Library. An evening session is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13 from 6-6:45 p.m.

This program features stories, songs, puppets, playtime, and much more! Siblings are welcome to share in the fun. Attendees are invited to stay for an additional 15 minutes following the program for a social time/free-play session. Please register; call (815) 538-5142.

## 3M awards stethoscopes to Kish nursing students

MALTA – A West Brooklyn resident was one of eight nursing students at Kishwaukee College who were presented with prestigious Littmann Stethoscopes from the Community Support Group at 3M. Jonathan Klaczek and Colleen Diehl from the 3M Community Support Group were on campus Jan. 21 to award the stethoscopes to the students.

Nursing students who received the Littmann Stethoscopes include AJ Barton of Genoa, Rebecca Brucks of DeKalb, Victoria Goluszka of West Brooklyn, JoEllen Kile of DeKalb, Tamara Mason of DeKalb, Lilian Ndiuc of Sycamore, Lindsey Robertson of DeKalb, and Mallory Thies of DeKalb.

The Community Support Group is the local arm of 3M that provides charitable assistance and support. Although the national 3M Corporation provides support in various ways, including scholarships to Kishwaukee College and other educational institutions across the country, the



Attending the presentation of Littmann Stethoscopes to first-year Kishwaukee nursing students are, front row left to right, nursing students Lilian Ndiuc of Sycamore, Tamara Mason of DeKalb, Victoria Goluszka of West Brooklyn and Mallory Thies of DeKalb; back row, Colleen Diehl, 3M representative; AJ Barton of Genoa, nursing student; JoEllen Kile of DeKalb, nursing student; and Jonathan Klaczek, 3M representative. Nursing students not pictured are Lindsey Robertson and Rebecca Brucks. (Photo contributed)

Community Support Group is designed to be community-specific by volunteering, assisting and donating in ways that are unique to the local community. Since 2010, the 3M Com-

## CLUB NEWS

### Local DAR chapter to meet Feb. 8

MENDOTA – The February meeting of Fort du Rocher chapter of DAR will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at The Other Side, 714 Main St., Mendota.

Guest speaker will be Debb Redd, RN and diabetic dietician from IVCH. The chapter will also welcome five new members that day.

Leslie Althaus, Joni Bratney, Brittany and Theresa Olsson and Donna Robinson.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member or curious to find out if they have a Revolutionary War Patriot is welcome to attend. Lunch options from the menu will follow the meeting and program.

### LSCRTA board names new secretary

OGLESBY – The LaSalle County Retired Teachers Association executive board met Jan. 20 at Dickinson House in Oglesby.

Attending the meeting were Jackie Sapienza-president, Mary Trovero, Janie Hoffmann, Mary Jo Farrell, Alice Joop, Judy Ilgen, Jan Kaufman, Donna Inman, Karen Pearson, Trudy Forkner and Conrad Sparrison.

Items discussed included selection of Trudy Forkner as the new LSCRTA secretary, the membership committee report presented by Mary Jo Farrell, and completion of the LSCRTA newsletter discussed by Janie Hoffmann and others.

Also discussed were correspondence, plans for the winter breakfast meeting, highlights from the 2019 IRTA State Convention in Springfield, change of general meeting venue, location options for the April 27 spring meeting, and summer social meeting ideas.

### Winter Breakfast & Spring meetings scheduled

The 2020 Winter Breakfast meeting will take place on Monday, Feb. 24 at Sunfields Restaurant in Ottawa beginning at 9 a.m. Guest speaker will be Steve Stout.

The 2020 Spring meeting will be held on Monday, April 27 at a location yet to be determined.



## Bureau Co. Historical Society to host Valentine Victorian Tea, Feb. 15

PRINCETON – The Bureau County Historical Society will host a Valentine Victorian Tea at the historic Clark Norris House on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 1-3 p.m. Guests will be welcomed by Mrs. Norris, owner of the Clark Norris House, and her butler and will be treated to a traditional Victorian Tea.

Attendees will enjoy tiers of scones, clotted cream and strawberry jam, tea sandwiches, cookies, and cake as well as the finest of afternoon teas provided by Four and Twenty Café. Selections from the BCHS china collection will be used to serve this special tea.

Entertainment during the Valentine Victorian Tea

will include piano selections played on the Norris Family piano and a fashion show of afternoon tea hats. In addition, lessons on the etiquette of afternoon tea and its traditions will be presented. Each guest will receive a personalized place card and a copy of the Valentine Victorian Tea menu.

The cost of this event will be \$20 per person to cover the special foods being served. Reservations will be limited and paid reservations may be made by contacting BCHS curator David Gugerty at (815) 875-2184.

The Bureau County Historical Society is located at 109 Park Ave. West, Princeton.

## 3M awards stethoscopes to Kish nursing students

considered the “Cadillac” of stethoscopes. For more information about the nursing program, visit [www.kish.edu/nursing](http://www.kish.edu/nursing). For information on 3M Corporation, visit [www.3m.com](http://www.3m.com).



# TRI-COUNTY NEWS

## LA MOILLE

### Allen Jr. High announces honor rolls

LAMOILLE – Allen Jr. High School in LaMoille recently announced first semester and second quarter honor rolls. Students earning the honors are:

#### • Second quarter

**Fifth Grade High Honors:** Wyatt File, Lola Hauge, Makeyla Hult, Jonathan Martin, Aubrey Sadnick, Chloe Williams

**Fifth Grade Honor Roll:** David Ferguson, Braden Fischer, Evan Flanagan, Hunter Gott, Colton Ladson, Monique Medellin, Gavin Moore, Rodney Schafer, Anthony Spencer

**Sixth Grade High Honors:** Anna Carlson, Connor Deering, Skyler Graham, Ella Ryan, Dreyden Sheaves, Taylor Wamhoff, Madeleine White, Cody Winn

**Sixth Grade Honor Roll:**

Angela Bejarano, Jayden Brockhum, Carsyn Hartford, Gracie Miller

**Seventh Grade High Honors:** Joel Billhorn, Isabella Fischer, Jack Heinzeroth, Brayden Klein, Claire Lovgren, Sadie Quest, Olivia Sadnick, Quinn Sheaves, Laela Shevokas, Nickolas Spangler, Tate Sundberg, Evan Supan

**Seventh Grade Honor Roll:** Edward Fry, Dakota Hardin-Coffman, Joshua Martin

**Eighth Grade High Honors:** Dalila Arthur, Giovanni Gatz, Teagan Hewitt, Jenessa Karvonen, Jaden Lafferty, Hannah Richard, Donna Sloan, Ian Sundberg, Brandon Tornow, Ava Williams, Isabella Wittenauer

**Eighth Grade Honor**

**Roll:** Tanayiah Allison, Trever Carroll, Kamdehn Moss, Nataleigh Wamhoff

#### • First semester

**Fifth Grade High Honors:** Wyatt File, Lola Hauge, Jonathan Martin, Aubrey Sadnick, Chloe Williams

**Fifth Grade Honor Roll:** Braden Fischer, Evan Flanagan, Makeyla Hult, Colton Ladson, Monique Medellin, Rodney Schafer, Anthony Spencer

**Sixth Grade High Honors:** Angela Bejarano, Anna Carlson, Connor Deering, Skyler Graham, Ella Ryan, Dreyden Sheaves, Taylor Wamhoff, Madeleine White, Cody Winn

**Sixth Grade Honor Roll:** Carsyn Hartford, Tyler Meyer, Gracie Miller

**Seventh Grade High**

**Honors:** Isabella Fischer, Jack Heinzeroth, Claire Lovgren, Sadie Quest, Olivia Sadnick, Quinn Sheaves, Laela Shevokas, Nickolas Spangler, Tate Sundberg, Evan Supan

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### Hutchinsons donate to Princeton Public Library

PRINCETON - The Princeton Public Library received another generous donation from Dr. Harold and Mrs. Jeanne Hutchinson in December. The library was grateful for this \$20,000 donation, which covered the ancillary costs associated with the library's updated HVAC system.

Although the project stayed within the initial estimated amount, the installation around the ducts needed repairs. The Hutchinsons' donation not only took care of those expenses, but covered the payment for the architectural/engineering consultant as well.

The Princeton Public Library has named the Youth Services area in honor of the Hutchinsons' past donations and continues to appreciate their generosity. Because of this gift to the library, the HVAC replacement, completed by John's Service in Oglesby, was finished in December, much sooner than initially planned. The project's original expected timeline was this spring.

**Dr. Harold Hutchinson, left, and Mrs. Jeanne Hutchinson, seated, are thanked for a recent donation to the Princeton Library by, left to right, Julie Wayland, Library Director; Carolyn Schafer, Library Board President; and Jan English, Library Board Secretary. (Photo contributed)**

### Princeton Public Library plans upcoming February programs

PRINCETON - February kicks off with several programs for all ages at the Princeton Public Library.

**Monday, Feb. 3 - Monday Night Movie,** 6:30 p.m. - A local weatherman is sent on an assignment to report on the weather predictions of Punxsutawney Phil in "Groundhog Day." The weatherman is a bitter, self-centered guy, who does not work well with others, especially his female producer. After his assignment, he goes home only to wake up the next morning to find it is the same day repeated again. Each day

the same thing happens. Finally, he is forced to look at the world differently but will he ever get past this day being repeated over and over?

**Tuesday, Feb. 4 - Preschool Storytime,** 10:30 a.m. - Theme: "Groundhog"

**Wednesday, Feb. 5 - Wood Chippers** (demonstration in the Café) - 4 p.m. - Come watch artists create beautiful pieces while demonstrating how it is done. This event is held the first Wednesday of the month area from 4-6 p.m.

**Chicks with Sticks, Knitting & Crochet Group** - 6:30 p.m. - If you like to knit

or crochet, this group is for you. Learn new stitches, share patterns and have fun sharing your craft. The program is free and all are welcome to attend.

**Thursday, Feb. 6 - Handmade Cards Workshop** by Kim Baker (registration required) - 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to make three greeting cards using paper, rubber stamps and ink. Materials will be provided. Class is limited to 10, so registration is required. Stop by or call the library at (815) 875-1331 to sign up. This program is free and all are welcome.

### Leland American Legion schedules public events

LELAND - Leland American Legion Post 570 welcomes everyone to come and join them for several upcoming activities and their popular Queen of Hearts game fundraiser. The Leland Legion is located at 168 N. Main St., Leland.

For more information about any activities, the American Legion and/or the Auxiliary, please call the hall at (815) 495-2263.

#### • Monthly dinner, Jan. 31

The public is invited to join the Leland Legion for their next monthly dinner on Friday, Jan. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. This month's dinner will be "Build Your Burger." Sides include French fries,

coleslaw and a drink for \$10 per person.

#### • Second Sunday breakfast, Feb. 9

Join the Leland Legion for their next monthly breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 9. They serve a hefty breakfast from 7 to 9 a.m. for \$10 per person. Breakfasts are held the second Sunday of each month.

#### • Queen of Hearts game

The Queen of Hearts game at the Leland American Legion is the Post's major fundraiser, which helps fund their programs.

Players do not have to be present to win weekly prizes or the grand prize. Tickets can be purchased every week until the ultimate winner is

chosen.

Tickets are sold at the Leland Legion Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. and on Friday from 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information about the Queen of Hearts game, please call the Leland Legion hall at (815) 495-2263.

## DINING & Entertaining



A non-denominational Christian coffee house providing fellowship, music, prayer & beverages in a safe relaxing environment.

**Friday, March 20**

**Dean Braxton**

**"I've Been to Heaven"**

Doors Open 6 p.m. / Music Begins 7 p.m.  
For more info, contact Dr. Cathy Wolf at: [coffee@crossroadsHOP.com](mailto:coffee@crossroadsHOP.com)

Located at The Mendota Civic Center, 1901 Tom Merwin Drive (North Rt. 251 by Lake Mendota)  
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**Friday, January 31**  
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**Saturday, February 1**  
New York Strip

**Wednesday is Family Style Chicken Night!**  
1/4 lt. - \$9.50 • 1/4 dk. - \$8.50  
Includes spaghetti, potato & salad.  
(full menu also available)

**Now taking Valentine's Day reservations!**  
Featuring Prime Rib, Chicken Oscar & 8 oz. Filet.  
(also serving full menu)

**Feb. 9 is Sunday Funday!**  
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## Community Calendar

### FEBRUARY 2020

#### Oct. 1, 2019 - Sept. 30, Aluminum Can Drive Fundraiser


Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Our goal for Fiscal Year 2020 is \$1000. Please help us reach our goal. Drop off cans at the northeast back door of the Civic Center

#### February 1 FIRST SATURDAY FAMILY OUTING

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library Noon-12:45pm, Graves-Hume Public Library New layout! No movie, just pizza & crafting. For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 3 COMMUNITY BINGO

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 2:00 PM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Anyone 18 and older welcome to join the fun!



**BINGO**

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31	12	39	57	26

#### February 3, 10, 17, 24 CARD CLUB

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 12:00 Noon Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Open to the public.



**February 3, 10, 17, 24 DOMINOES**

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 1:00 PM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 All are welcome to join in the fun.

#### February 4 PINTEREST PARTY

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 6pm, Graves-Hume Public Library Space is limited. Please register. For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 4 SMALL FRIES

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 3:30-4:30 pm, Graves-Hume Public Library Ages pre-K-K, Story, craft & food craft provided. Please call to register. For more info call (815) 538-5142.

#### February 4, 11, 18, 25 MASS

Sponsored by OSF Saint Paul Medical Center 11:30 a.m., OSF Saint Paul Chapel

#### February 4, 11, 18, 25 OPEN WII BOWLING

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 1:00 PM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 All welcome to come to come and enjoy the fun.

#### February 4, 11, 18, 25 EUCRE

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 12:00 Noon Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 All are welcome!

#### February 5 TWEEN PROGRAM

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 3:30-4:30pm, Graves-Hume Public Library Grades 5-8. Pinterest Valentines party. Please register. For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 5 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by OSF Saint Paul Medical Center 4 - 5 p.m., OSF Saint Paul Conference Room D, Contact Kathy Steinz, (815) 343-5891 with questions.

#### February 5, 12, 19, 26 BINGO

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 8:45 AM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Open to anyone in the community.

#### February 5, 13, 18 SHAKE RATTLE & READ

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 2/13 - 6 pm, 2/5 & 2/18 - 10:30 am Free, for ages birth - 2 years. Older siblings welcome w/ caregiver. Please register. For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 5, 20 LEGO CLUB

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 3:30-4:15pm, Graves-Hume Public Library Please call to register. For grades 1-4. Can only sign kids up for one session per month. Snack Provided For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 6, 13, 20, 27 QUILT & CRAFT CLUB

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 1:00 PM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Bring your needlework or crafts to work on or just come for the comradery.

#### February 6, 13, 20, 27 POKERNO

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 12:00 Noon Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Join us for our newest card group. This game is a combination of Bingo & Poker. Pennies are used, so bring your penny jar. Call MASS for more information @ 815-539-7700

#### February 6, 13, 20, 27 JANUARY POTLUCK

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 12:00 PM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Meat dish will be furnished. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

#### February 7, 14, 21, 28 BINGO

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 1:00 PM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Open to anyone in community

#### February 7, 28 "COLOR ME CALM"

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 9:30 - 11:30 AM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Listen to your inner child and relax. Stop in at MASS for coloring, coffee & conversation. Coffee, coloring sheets, pens & pencils will be furnished.

#### February 11 BLOOD PRESSURE/SUGAR CHECKS

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673

#### February 11 2ND TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 1 & 6 pm, Book discussion on "My Brilliant Friend" by Elena Ferrante. For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 12 VALENTINE STORY HOUR

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 3:30-4:30pm, Graves-Hume Public Library Snack & drink provided. Register. Pre-K & older ages. For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 18 AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 3:30-5pm, Graves-Hume Public Library Call to register. Showing "The Lion King (2019)" Popcorn provided. For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 19 GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by OSF Saint Paul Medical Center 4 - 5 p.m., OSF Saint Paul Conference Room D, Contact Kathy Steinz, (815) 343-5891 with questions.

#### February 20 SIP-N-SNACK DINNER FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM, Sip-N-Snack For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Light/Dark/Strips Dinners. Eat-in or carry-out available. Raffles, Bake Sale, 50/50

#### February 24 "RULES OF THE ROAD" DRIVING CLASS

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 9:30 - 11:30 AM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Available to any age. This class is ideal for those wanting a refresher class before renewing a license, or for anyone looking for new updates.

#### February 25 BLOOD PRESSURE/BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Feik Senior Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700

#### February 25 GAME NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 6pm, Graves-Hume Public Library Ages 13-adult. Great way to try new games, meet new people and have an overall great time. For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 25 BEDTIME STORY HOUR & ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 6-7pm, Graves-Hume Public Library Wear your PJs, bring a stuffed animal to sleepover. Enjoy a book & craft. For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 26 MOVIE MATINEE

Sponsored by Mendota Area Senior Services & Graves Hume Public Library 3:00 PM Graves-Hume Public Library For more info call (815) 539-7700 or 539-9673 Movie: "WONDER" Popcorn and beverage served.

#### February 27 FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 6-7pm, Graves-Hume Public Library Register for event. All ages! Mo Willems Night For more info call (815) 538-5142

#### February 28 JANUARY POTLUCK

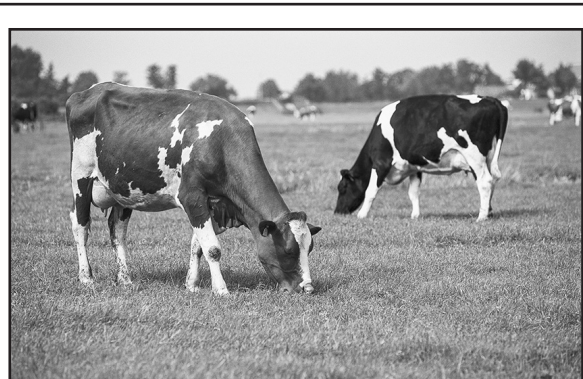
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# THE FARMERS' REPORT



## Certified Livestock Manager Training Workshops scheduled

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) along with the University of Illinois Extension Service is hosting Certified Livestock Manager Training Workshops for 2020. The workshops will provide Illinois livestock producers the manure management training they need to meet the requirements of the state's Livestock Management Facilities Act.

Area workshops will be held on Feb. 19 at DeKalb County Farm Bureau in Sycamore, Feb. 20 at Stephenson County Farm Bureau in Freeport, and Feb. 26 at Illinois Department of Agriculture in Springfield.

"This partnership, between the Department of Ag and the University of Illinois Extension, provides the tools, education and training for our state's certified livestock managers to become skilled in best management practices," said IDOA Director John Sullivan. "The goal is for our livestock facilities to be good neighbors and stewards of the land."

The Livestock Management Facilities Act of 1997 requires:

- Facilities with 300 or more animal units to have at least one employee certified in proper manure handling procedures.

- Facilities with 300 to 999 animal units, the employee either must attend a training workshop, complete online CLM training, or pass the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Certified Livestock Manager exam.

- Employee of facilities with more than 1,000 or more units must complete one of the training options and pass the Certified Livestock Manager exam to achieve certification.

To register for a workshop, call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 858-2273 or go online to <https://extension.illinois.edu/js/certified-livestock-manager-training-workshops-2020>. The cost is \$35. If more than one employee from the same farm signs-up, each registration after the first will cost \$25.

The workshops will use the instructional manual for the national Livestock and Poultry Environmental Stewardship (LPES) Curriculum, which are available for free online at the link below. Materials are also available for purchase by contacting the University of Illinois, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Marketing & Distribution at 1-800-345-6087. Please note, if you have a manual or CD from 2003 or newer, you will not need to purchase a new one.

Producers also have the option of taking an online training that consists of five modules and four quizzes. Passing them is the equivalent of having attended a training but does not substitute for passing the Certified Livestock Manager exam. There is no charge to take the quiz online, other than the cost of the manual. To register for the online program option, go to <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/clmt/>. Any questions relating to the online program can be directed to Professor Richard Gates at (217) 244-2791.

On the day of the workshop, registration will open at 8:30 a.m. with the training program starting promptly at 9 a.m.

# Where are the AUCTIONS?

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## Farmers can access Illinois Soybean variety data to protect farm revenue

An updated list of high-feed-value soybean varieties is now posted at [soyvalue.com](http://soyvalue.com) to help farmers make more fully informed seed selection decisions that help counter farm revenue losses from synthetic feed ingredients in critical livestock markets.

The new data is offered by the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) as a continuation of the ongoing checkoff-funded High Yield PLUS Quality (HY+Q) program. The HY+Q program encourages the selecting and planting of soybean varieties with the highest nutritional value for our largest market sector – livestock.

The list includes feed-value data from 248 soybean seed varieties and 40,250 soybean samples between 2013 and 2018. It ranks varieties according to feed-value scores. Feed value is based on the levels of seven essential amino acids that are most important to livestock nutritionists when formulating feed rations.

These varieties represent soybean farmers' best options to reverse revenue losses and protect livestock feed market share from synthetic amino acids and other grains.

Results range from 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest), with results at or above a value score of 5.5 representing a variety that had higher-than-average value for livestock consumption.

"Because of declining soybean feed value over the past 30 years, livestock producers—especially in swine—have significantly increased the amount of synthetic amino acid products and other grains in rations at the expense of soybean meal," says Linda Kull, Ph.D., di-

**Figure 1: Estimated Gross Farm Revenue Losses from Declining Swine Feed Inclusion Rates**

	Bushels Affected	Bushel Price (11/23/19)	Farm Revenue (11/23/19)
↓	Soybeans: 7,069,747 fewer bushels purchased	\$9.05	\$63,981,210.35
↑	Corn/corn byproducts: 5,410,714 more bushels purchased	\$3.68	\$19,911,427.52
	<b>Farm Revenue Loss*</b>		<b>\$44,069,782.83</b>

\*These annual figures are taken from a 90,000-sow herd operation that reduced soybean meal purchases while increasing corn/corn byproduct and synthetic amino acid purchases at the same time. The financial results are shown in today's dollars. The example assumes it takes 45.5 bushels of soybeans to make a ton of soybean meal and that corn equals 56 pounds per bushel.

**Keep in mind these figures represent one year's purchases for one hog operation. Multiply this example across the swine industry and the lost revenue adds up to billions of dollars over time.**

rector of ag innovations for the ISA. "Not only does this affect market share and the industry's future, this drop in soybean inclusion rates negatively impacts farmers' bottom lines today."

Kull emphasizes that soybean producers should include feed value as an important part of their seed-selection criteria. "Nearly half of soybean varieties available today offers superior feed value, and most of these varieties also feature high yield potential and the most desired agronomic traits."

"If you are debating between two varieties, choose the variety with the higher feed value," she suggests. "This is the fastest, most effective way to help reverse the declining feed-value trends that are working against soybeans in livestock markets."

Visit [soyvalue.com](http://soyvalue.com) to view the list of high-value varieties, learn more about

the High Yield PLUS Quality program (HY+Q) or to request a sample kit for your 2020 soybeans.

### Losses in the Billions

A single example from a 90,000-sow swine operation represents the magnitude of the challenge and cost facing soybean growers if soybean feed value continues to decline. Swine operation nutritionists actively monitor soybean feed value—defined by amino acid content—and source feed ingredients accordingly because those are essential nutrients needed by animals to maximize growth and productivity.

Over a 10-year period, this swine operation:

- Decreased soybean meal by 6,222 semi-loads (25 tons per load) annually

- Increased corn/corn byproduct purchases by 6,060 semi-loads annually

- Increased synthetic amino acid product purchases by 46 semi-loads annually

If corn byproducts replace soybeans in soybean meal due to use of low feed value soybeans, then these purchasing decisions affected 155,550 tons or 7,069,747.50 bushels of soybeans and 151,500 tons or 5,410,714.29 bushels of corn.

The above chart (Figure 1) shows the estimated value for each crop and the sales loss to growers due to reduced soybean meal purchases by the livestock operation. Note that the gains to increased corn/corn byproduct inclusion do not make up for the losses in soybean sales.

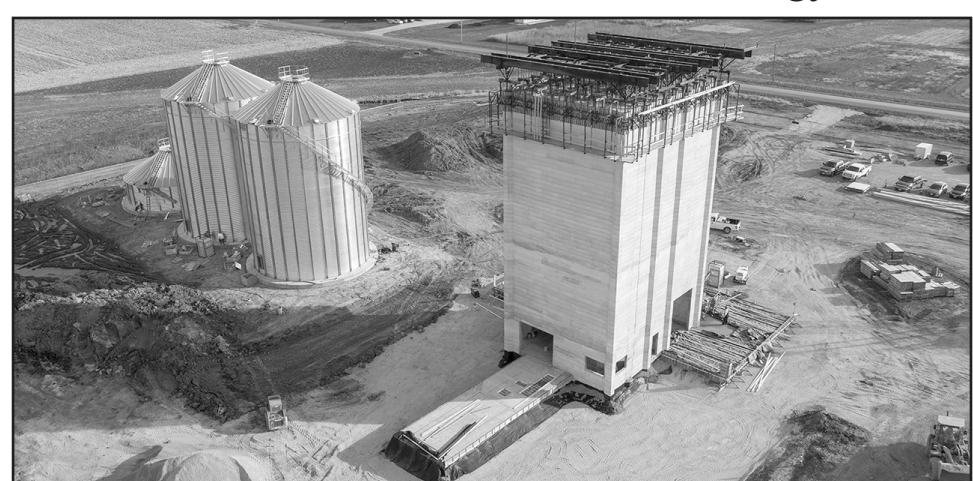
Any time that soybean utilization and market share are reduced, the influences of supply and demand impact the price of your soybeans and therefore farm income, just as the reductions in exports to China have reduced the selling price of your soybeans.

## Illinois Pork Producers Association invests in Feed Technology Center

URBANA – Advancing its longstanding support of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois, the Illinois Pork Producers Association (IPPA) has announced a financial commitment to the new Feed Technology Center currently under construction south of campus.

"Our relationship with Illinois Pork has been incredibly important for advancing the swine industry in the state and nation," says Rodney Johnson, head of the Department of Animal Sciences at U of I. "Their generous gift will assist the Feed Technology Center in becoming a national hub for new discoveries and advancement in animal nutrition."

Research innovations from the Department of Animal Sciences have shaped the swine industry for decades, in partnership with Illinois swine producers. For example, during the 1950s and early 1960s, Illinois scientists pioneered the modern corn-soybean meal diet for swine and built one of the first indoor swine production units with slatted floors in the U.S.,



**Feed Technology Center under construction. (Photo by James Baltz)**

providing practical insights to an industry in transition. Later, a partnership between the Illinois animal scientists and producers led to the wean-to-finish production system that has revolutionized swine production throughout the U.S. and the world.

According to Johnson, the new Feed Technology Center will further strengthen relationships between the college, industry, and producers, and make possible animal nutrition innovations that could impact the agricultural industry on a global scale.

"We are confident that our contribution will benefit the

pork industry in Illinois and beyond," says Pam Janssen, IPPA President. "With the threat of foreign animal disease transferring through feed ingredients, we welcome more research in that capacity."

The University of Illinois and the College of ACES have committed \$6 million toward the \$20 million project, with private partners invited to contribute toward the balance. Having broken ground last June, the project is on track to wrap up in fall 2020.

"Private gifts, such as this commitment from Illinois Pork, assist with sustaining

and advancing the valuable discoveries, training, and translation this facility will support," Johnson says. "We welcome other stakeholders to join us in this investment."

College of ACES Dean Kim Kidwell adds, "This generous gift from the Illinois Pork Producers Association reflects our longstanding co-commitment to advancing the success of the swine industry through research, education, and outreach. We are truly grateful to IPPA for their support of feed science innovation, which will benefit livestock producers across the region."

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# THE FARMERS' REPORT



Soybean plants growing with and without mycorrhizae. (Photo courtesy of Michelle Pawlowski)

## Genes controlling mycorrhizal colonization discovered in soybean

URBANA – Like most plants, soybeans pair up with soil fungi in a symbiotic mycorrhizal relationship. In exchange for a bit of sugar, the fungus acts as an extension of the root system to pull in more phosphorus, nitrogen, micronutrients, and water than the plant could on its own.

Mycorrhizal fungi occur naturally in soil and are commercially available as soil inoculants, but new research from the University of Illinois suggests not all soybean genotypes respond the same way to their mycorrhizal relationships.

“In our study, root colonization by one mycorrhizal species differed significantly among genotypes and ranged from 11 to 70 percent,” says Michelle Pawlowski, postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Crop Sciences at Illinois and co-author on a new study in “Theoretical and Applied Genetics.”

To arrive at that finding, Pawlowski grew 350 diverse soybean genotypes in pots filled with spores of a common mycorrhizal fungus. After six weeks, she looked at the roots under a microscope to evaluate the level of colonization.

“It was a little bit of a gamble because we didn’t know much about soybean’s relationship with mycorrhizae and did not know if differences in colonization among the soybean genotypes would occur. So when we screened the soybean genotypes and found differences, it was a big relief,” Pawlowski says. “That meant there was a potential to find genetic differences, too.”

The process of root colonization starts before fungal spores even germinate in the soil. Roots exude chemicals, triggering spores to germinate and grow toward the root. Once the fungus makes contact, there’s a complex cascade of reactions in the plant that prevents the usual defensive attack against invading pathogens. Instead, the plant allows the fungus to enter and set up shop inside the root, where it creates tiny tree-like structures known as arbuscules; these are where the fungus and plant trade sugar and nutrients.

The study suggests there is a genetic component to root colonization rates in soybean. To find it, Pawlowski compared the genomes of the 350 genotypes and honed in on six genomic regions associated with differing levels of colonization in soybean.

“We were able to use all the information we have on the soybean genome and gene expression to find possible causal genes within these six regions,” she says.

According to the study, the genes control chemical signals and pathways that call fungus toward roots, allow the plant to recognize mycorrhizal fungus as a “good guy,” help build arbuscules, and more. “For almost every step in the colonization process, we were finding related genes within those regions,” Pawlowski says.

Knowing which genes control root colonization could lead breeders to develop soybean cultivars with a higher affinity for mycorrhizal fungus, which could mean improved nutrient uptake, drought tolerance, and disease resistance.

“This environmentally friendly approach to improving soybean production may also help reduce the overuse of fertilizers and pesticides

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and promote more holistic crop production systems,” says Glen Hartman, plant pathologist in the Department of Crop Sciences and crop pathologist for USDA-ARS.

The article, “Whole-genome resequencing identifies quantitative trait loci associated with mycorrhizal colonization of soybean,” is published in “Theoretical and Applied Genetics” [DOI: 10.1007/s00122-019-03471-5]. Authors include Michelle Pawlowski, Tri Vuong, Babu Valliyodan, Henry Nguyen, and Glen Hartman. Funding was obtained from the United Soybean Board and the USDA Agricultural Research Service.

The Department of Crop Sciences is in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois.

## American Soybean Association celebrates its ‘First Soy Century’

ST. LOUIS, Mo. - What began on an Indiana soybean farm 100 years ago developed into an organization that quickly grew to be the leading advocate for soybean farmers and foster the building of the U.S. soybean industry - the American Soybean Association (ASA). ASA is celebrating its “First Soy Century” as it recognizes its 100th anniversary throughout 2020.

The roots of ASA were formed when brothers Taylor, Noah and Finis Fouts hosted the first Corn Belt Soybean Field Day at their Soyland Farms operation in Camden, Ind. on Sept. 3, 1920. The event drew nearly 1,000 farmers and their families from six states, who were interested in discovering more about this emerging new commodity called soybeans.

The National Soybean Growers’ Association—later renamed the American Soybean Association—was formed that very day. Taylor Fouts was elected as the first president of the association.

In the century since those humble beginnings on an Indiana soybean farm, ASA has continually been on the leading edge - focused on sustaining and improving the prospects and opportunities for profitability for U.S. soybean farmers.

Throughout the years, ASA has been at the forefront - engaged, committed and working diligently on behalf of U.S. soybean farmers on a variety of issues including:

- Helping remove interstate commerce restrictions and protect domestic markets for U.S. soybeans and soy food products.
- Leading the charge to improve soybean grading standards in order to meet the quality demands of domestic processors and international soybean buyers.
- Working with USDA’s Foreign Agricultural Service



decades ago to initiate market development projects for U.S. soy and soy products in what was just a few countries starting in the mid-1950s, growing to more than 40 countries in the 1960s, and reaching today’s globally strong position of exporting U.S. soy to more than 100 countries.

• Funding initial research that led to dozens of new uses for soy-based products—from paint to printer’s ink, from plastics to building materials.

• Working with the soybean processing industry to improve the quality, characteristics and value of U.S.-grown soybeans.

• Fostering the development, growth and engagement of state soybean associations—creating a powerful nationwide network of soybean advocates and farmer-leaders.

• Creating a “voluntary” soybean farmer-investment program in 1948 that eventually led to the establishment of state soybean checkoff programs.

• Advocating and achieving passage of legislation creating a national soybean checkoff—managed by the farmer-led, USDA-appointed United Soybean Board.

• Ensuring that soybean farmers are heard loud and clear when key legislation is being developed and debated from Farm Bills to renewable fuels, from regulatory issues to international trade.

• And most importantly, representing the best inter-

ests of soybean farmers at every opportunity.

### A Year-Long Celebration

ASA plans a robust year of activities to celebrate the association’s centennial including:

- High-profile activities at the 2020 Commodity Classic in San Antonio Feb. 27-29, including a gathering of more than 20 former ASA presidents, an impressive exhibit booth featuring historical photos, artifacts and soy treats, and a fun-filled annual banquet focused on the 100th anniversary.
- A policy-focused event on July 8, at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.
- A dedication ceremony on Aug. 4, for an historical marker to be located

on the Fouts family farm in Camden, Ind., the site of ASA’s birth in 1920.

- A forward-looking symposium entitled “The Next Soy Century” to be held on the campus of Purdue University on Aug. 5, featuring an impressive line-up of thought leaders and industry experts.
- A website dedicated to the 100th anniversary at ASA100Years.com.
- A Land’s End web portal through which ASA-branded merchandise can be ordered. A link to this portal is available on the ASA100Years.com website.
- A commemorative book outlining the history and achievements of ASA over the past century.
- Dozens of web videos featuring anecdotes and congratulatory messages from former ASA presidents, policy makers and soybean advocates.
- A wrap-up celebration at the ASA board meeting in December 2020.

For more information on the 100th anniversary of the American Soybean Association, visit ASA100Years.com.



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## BLESSED EVENTS

**BEAVERS** – Kyle Beavers and Lindsay Burash of Mendota, girl, Jan. 26, 2020, at Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru.

## MFD: Keep hydrants clear from snow, ice

MENDOTA – The Mendota Fire Department would like to ask residents of Mendota that during snow removal efforts to keep fire hydrants free from obstruction of snow. As you blade, shovel or push snow off your driveways and sidewalks, take time to clear away the snow from around fire hydrants.

During a fire, seconds count. The extra minute removing snow from around fire hydrants may save you or your neighbor's home. If you are unable to clear the snow from around hydrants yourself, call the City Clerk's office at (815) 539-7459.

Also, keep your house numbers readily visible. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### SUSPENDED LICENSE, WARRANT ARREST

Charles E. Wood, 25, of 1509 Milwaukee Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Sixth Street and Seventh Avenue at 5:27 p.m. Jan. 24. Also, Wood was arrested on a failure to appear warrant for contempt of court. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### REVOKED LICENSE

Derek G. Sater, 20, of 1209 Monroe St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at Illinois Avenue and Burlington Street at 5:02 p.m. Jan. 25. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

County court date.

### NO VALID LICENSE

Isaac Delao, 21, of 100 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at 10th Street and First Avenue at 4:26 p.m. Jan. 27. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### RETAIL THEFT, ALCOHOL CHARGE

James Latchford, 18, of 620 ½ Main St., Mendota, was charged with retail theft and possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor after police officers investigated the report of a retail theft at 5:52 p.m. Jan. 27. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

## Snowmobilers, ATVs are not allowed on Dist. 280 property

MENDOTA – Public notice from Mendota High School: Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are not allowed on any District 280 school property. Violators will be prosecuted.

## Routes designated for snowmobiles

MENDOTA – For those individuals who are operating snowmobiles throughout the city of Mendota, please obey all traffic laws and show respect for private and public property. Remember, routes are in the curb edge of the roadway only, not the shoulder, through yards or on sidewalks. Those found in violation will be subject to any and all applicable fines, including restitution for any damage done.

Designated snowmobile routes are as follows:

- Cherry Street from First Avenue west to Seventh Avenue
- Seventh Avenue from Cherry Street north to Fifth Street
- Fifth Street from Seventh Avenue east to alley between Seventh and Sixth avenues
- Alley between Seventh and Sixth avenues north to Seventh Street
- Seventh Street to Front Street
- Front Street north from Seventh to Eighth streets
- Eighth Street west crossing BNSF railroad tracks
- 15th Street from First Avenue west to Lincoln Avenue
- Lincoln Avenue from 15th Street south to 12th Street

- 12th Street from Lincoln Avenue west to E. Main Street
- E. Main Street from 12th Street north to Illinois Route 251
- Third Street from W. Seventh Avenue west to 12th Avenue
- 12th Avenue from Third Street south to Second Street
- Second Street from 12th Avenue west to 14th Avenue
- 14th Avenue from Second Street south to Division Street
- Division Street from 14th Avenue west to west city limits



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## SPORTS



Mendota's Daisy Arteaga rises up and attempts to shoot over the defense of Oregon's Breanna DeHaan on Jan. 25 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

## MHS girls drop 2 in BNC, rally past Plano

MENDOTA — An early lead by Mendota evaporated in the second half as Dixon pulled away for a 41-34 win over the Lady Trojans in a Big Northern Conference match-up on Jan. 21 at the MHS gym.

The Lady Trojans played solid defense in the first quarter and held Dixon to just six points while scoring 10 of their own. The Duchesses dialed up their offense a bit in the second period by scoring 13 points, but Mendota still carried a 21-19 lead to the locker room.

Dixon finally overtook the Lady Trojans in the third quarter and owned a 31-27 advantage with one quarter to play. The Duchesses scored the first six points of the fourth frame to build their biggest lead of the game (36-27). Mendota got as close as four on several occasions, the last being with 57 seconds to go, but Dixon tallied the final three points of the contest.

The Lady Trojans struggled shooting the basketball, converting just 24 percent (12 of 49) of their field goal attempts.

"I thought we moved better on offense and set good screens, but our shots just weren't falling," said Mendota coach John Hansen. "The refs weren't calling much in the paint and we

let that change the way we attacked."

Mendota's Amellia Bromenschenkel was limited to 10 points. Anna Bokus had three three-pointers and finished with nine markers. Bianca Espinoza paced the Lady Trojans with seven rebounds.

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Mendota couldn't protect a double-figure lead and dropped a 47-45 BNC decision to Oregon on Jan. 25 at the MHS gym.

Things were looking exceptionally bright for the Lady Trojans in the first quarter as they dominated play and took a 24-12 lead after the first eight-minute session.

DIXON 41, MENDOTA 34				
Dixon (41)				
FG	FT	Fls	TP	
Tourtillott	3	0-3	2	6
Guthrie	2	3-4	2	7
Kimmel	1	0-0	0	3
Jarrett	3	5-5	3	11
Chesley	4	4-4	2	12
Govich	1	0-0	1	2
Rumph	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	14	12-16	11	41

Mendota (34)				
FG	FT	Reb	TP	
O'Donnell	1	0-0	3	3
Brmschnkl	3	3-8	6	10
Espinoza	1	3-3	7	5
Bokus	3	0-0	4	9
Arteaga	3	0-0	2	7
Nanez	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	11	6-11	23	34

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Dixon	6	19	31	41
Mendota	10	21	27	34
Three-point goals: Mendota - Bokus 3, Bromenschenkel 1, O'Donnell 1, Arteaga 1; Dixon - Kimmel 1				

But over the next 24 minutes, Mendota scored less points (21) than it did the entire first quarter. The result was an Oregon comeback win that evened Mendota's record at 4-4 in conference play.

"We had a nice first quarter, then we pretty much laid an egg at both ends of the floor the rest of the game," Hansen explained. "I don't know if we executed a play correctly the entire last three quarters."

Oregon trimmed Mendota's 12-point lead down to four (30-26) at the half. Then the Hawks tallied the first six points of the third quarter to grab a 32-30 advantage. Oregon was on top

OREGON 47, MENDOTA 45				
Oregon (47)				
FG	FT	Fls	TP	
Lambrigtson	5	4-5	4	14
Buttens	0	1-2	4	1
B. DeHaan	5	0-0	3	12
Kitzmiller	0	0-0	1	0
Montavon	5	3-5	1	13
Martin	1	0-0	2	3
Gillingham	2	0-0	4	4
Totals	18	8-12	19	47

Mendota (45)				
FG	FT	Reb	TP	
O'Donnell	3	0-0	5	7
Brmschnkl	5	8-11	10	18
Epinoza	0	0-0	5	0
Bokus	2	0-0	2	6
Arteaga	4	5-9	5	14
Nanez	0	0-2	1	0
Totals	14	13-22	28	45

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Oregon	12	26	39	47
Mendota	24	30	37	45
Three-point goals: Mendota - Bokus 2, O'Donnell 1, Arteaga 1; Oregon - DeHaan 2, Martin 1				

by as many as five points in the frame before Daisy Arteaga knocked down a three-pointer for Mendota to make it 39-37 heading to the fourth.

Arteaga added a pair of free throws to start the fourth, followed by two free tosses by Bromenschenkel, and the Lady Trojans regained the lead, 41-39. The seesaw affair went back in Oregon's favor when it scored five straight, then a Jenna O'Donnell hoop and two more free throws from Arteaga gave Mendota a one-point advantage (45-44) with 4:20 to play.

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MENDOTA 57, PLANO 49				
Plano (49)				
FG	FT	Fls	TP	
Myles	1	0-0	5	2
A. Martinez	0	0-0	1	0
Jude	5	4-4	4	17
Fernandez	6	0-0	0	16
Waller	5	0-0	5	10
Gonzalez	2	0-0	0	4
R. Martinez	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	19	4-4	16	49

Mendota (57)				
FG	FT	Reb	TP	
O'Donnell	3	0-0	5	7
Brmschnkl	13	5-9	8	31
Espinoza	2	2-3	3	6
Bokus	1	0-0	1	3
Arteaga	3	3-4	3	10
Nanez	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	22	10-16	21	57

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Plano	13	35	42	49
Mendota	12	23	39	57
Three-point goals: Mendota - Bokus 1, O'Donnell 1, Arteaga 1; Plano - Fernandez 4, Jude 3				

## Mendota Little League online signup available

Final in-person registration is Feb. 8

MENDOTA — Registration information and other important dates have been set for the 2020 Mendota Little League Baseball and Softball season.

Those planning to participate may register online through Sunday, Feb. 16 at [www.mendotalittleleague.siplay.com](http://www.mendotalittleleague.siplay.com). Click on the registration banner at the top of the page.

Final in-person registration will be Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at Mendota First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St.

Draft day is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 23 at Mendota High School. Times will be determined after the registration period is closed.

Players ages 5-16 are eligible to play. The breakdown of leagues and ages,

and registration fees, are as follows:

- Instructional (T-ball): ages 5-6, \$80 fee
- Rookie (player to coach pitch): ages 7-8, \$110 fee
- Minor (player pitch and local area travel): ages 9-10, \$110 fee
- Major: ages 11-12, \$110 fee
- Junior: ages 13-14, \$110 fee
- Senior: ages 15-16, \$110 fee

There is a discount of \$10 for each additional player in the same family. The registration fee includes a \$30 fundraiser fee.

For more information, email [mendotalittleleague@gmail.com](mailto:mendotalittleleague@gmail.com). The league Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/mendotalittleleague/](http://www.facebook.com/mendotalittleleague/)

## Ross comes up short of state bowling bid

LOCKPORT — Mendota High School bowler Luke Ross had his season come to a close at the Lockport (Twp.) Sectional on Jan. 25.

Ross had a six-game total of 1260, but it wasn't enough to earn a trip to the state tournament. The Mendota senior rolled games of 225, 182, 226, 244, 199 and 184.

The individual sectional champion was Chris Bienvenu of Plainfield (Central) with a 1407.

The sectional team championship went to Minooka with a 6529.

## Byron, Bago beat Trojans

Byron shot the lights out from three-point range and buried Mendota, 64-30, in a Big Northern Conference varsity boys' basketball contest on Jan. 22 at Byron.

The Tigers connected on 11 field goals from beyond the arc on their way to the lopsided victory. Mendota had just 11 total field goals in the game.

Byron made three of its trifectas in the first quarter that allowed it to open up a 19-8 lead. The Tigers dropped in five more treys in the second period as they took a 49-17 cushion to the locker room.

Chris Sandoval and Alex-is Quintana had four points

apiece to lead Mendota, while Cole Stremlau provided four tallies.

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Another three-point barrage, this time by Winnebago, was enough to sink the Trojans, 69-37, in BNC action on Jan. 24 at the MHS gym.

The Indians hammered home eight treys, including three in the opening stanza, as they built a 22-12 lead over Mendota. Winnebago owned a 40-21 halftime bulge.

Quintana topped Trojan scorers with nine points, while Krew Bond supplied eight markers.

Mendota fell to 2-21 overall and 0-5 in league play.

BYRON 64, MENDOTA 30				
Mendota (30)				
FG	FT	Fls	TP	
E. Arteaga	0	0-0	1	0
Sandoval	1	4-4	1	6
Glazebrook	1	0-0	0	2
Hughes	1	0-2	2	2
A. Guzman	0	2-2	0	2
Stremlau	2	0-0	3	4
Perez	0	0-0	1	0
G. Guzman	0	0-0	1	0
Bond	1	0-2	1	3
Quintana	3	0-0	0	6
Escatel	1	0-2	0	3
Schmidt	0	0-0	3	0
Romero	1	0-0	2	2
Totals	11	6-12	15	30

Byron (64)				
FG	FT	Fls	TP	
Fetherston	2	0-0	2	6
Lambert	3	0-0	0	7
White	2	0-0	2	6
Jones	1	0-0	2	2
Allen	1	0-0	2	2
Dyck	0	0-0	2	0
Brace	1	0-0	0	2
Tucker	9	2-2	1	25
Murphy	1	0-0	2	2
Grundstrom	0	0-0	1	0
Connell	3	3-4	0	9
Christian	1	0-0	1	3
Totals	24	5-6	15	64

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Mendota	8	17	23	30
Byron	19	49	59	64
Three-point goals: Mendota - Bond 1, Escatel 1; Byron - Fetherston 2, Lambert 1, White 2, Tucker 5, Christian 1				

WINNEBAGO 69, MENDOTA 37				
Winnebago (69)				
FG	FT	Fls	TP	
Hopkins	1	2-2	0	5
Firch	2	1-2	1	5
Smith	3	0-0	1	9
Rosenstiel	5	2-2	3	13
Shumate	1	0-0	0	2
Nedd	1	0-0	0	2
Reed	0	1-3	2	1
Ngamba	2	0-0	3	4
Moraska	2	0-0	1	5
Lowery	0	4-4	4	4
Ackerman	6	2-4	1	16
Maurichie	1	1-2	1	3
Totals	24	13-19	17	69

Mendota (37)				
FG	FT	Fls	TP	
E. Arteaga	0	3-4	3	3
Sandoval	1	0-0	3	2
Hughes	1	0-0	2	2
A. Guzman	0	0-0	1	0
Stremlau	2	2-4	1	6
Bond	3	2-3	0	8
Stamberger	1	3-4	2	5
Quintana	4	1-2	1	9
Escatel	0	0-0	2	0
Schmidt	0	0-0	2	0
Romero	1	0-0	2	2
Totals	13	11-17	19	37

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Winnebago	22	40	52	69
Mendota	12	21	31	37
Three-point goals: Winnebago - Hopkins 1, Smith 3, Rosenstiel 1, Moraska 1, Ackerman 2				

## MHS matmen roughed up by conference opponents

The Mendota Trojan wrestlers hosted Big Northern Conference foes Winnebago and Byron in a triangular meet on Jan. 22 at the MHS gym.

Against Winnebago, the Trojans were beaten by a 51-6 count. Ethan Hanaman picked up Mendota's only victory, pinning his opponent in 1:47 in the 120-pound weight class.

Byron posted a 66-5 triumph over the Trojans. Hanaman picked up the win for the Trojans by technical fall at 2:21.

Jan. 22

Winnebago 51, Mendota 6  
106 — double forfeit;  
113 — double forfeit; 120 — Ethan Hanaman (M) pinned Bloomquist (W),

1:47; 126 — Sanchez (W) won forfeit; 132 — Shellhorn (W) won forfeit; 138 — Murray (W) pinned Kailyn Jezewski (M), 0:22; 145 — Bloomquist (W) pinned Javon Preston (M), 1:26; 152 — Hartman (W) dec. Sam Lawrence (M), 7-6; 160 — Faworski (W) pinned Ty Connelly (M), 0:49; 170 — Faworski (W) won forfeit; 182 — Murray (W) won forfeit; 195 — double forfeit; 220 — double forfeit; 285 — Westmoreland (W) won forfeit

Byron 66, Mendota 5  
106 — Paulsen (B) won forfeit; 113 — double forfeit; 120 — Hanaman (M) tech.

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Mendota's Ty Connelly, front, and his opponent from Winnebago both get an upside-down view of the proceedings during their 160-pound bout on Jan. 22 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)



# SPORTS

## JV boys fall twice in BNC

Byron pulled away from Mendota in the second half to post a 47-35 victory over the Trojans in a Big Northern Conference junior varsity boys' basketball game on Jan. 22 at Byron.

The two teams played to an 8-8 tie after the first quarter and then Byron moved out to a 22-17 halftime lead. The third quarter proved to be the deciding factor when Byron outscored the Trojans, 15-8, to open up a double figure lead.

Krew Bond and Rafa Romero led the Mendota scoring attack with nine points apiece. Josue Arteaga

and Nick Rosales each added five markers.

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Winnebago proved to be too much for the Trojans to handle in a 62-47 BNC loss on Jan. 24 at the MHS gym.

The Trojans fell behind by nine (21-12) at the conclusion of one period. They cut into the deficit and were only down 32-26 at the break, but Winnebago took control with a 17-10 third quarter.

Emilio Perez and Sean Figueroa each had 10 points to lead the Trojans, while Angelo Quintana chipped in with seven tallies.

## AUCTION ALERT!

### RURAL RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC AUCTION

The following described Real Estate will be offered at Public Auction to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Main Street, Cherry, IL 61317  
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**THURSDAY, March 5, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.**  
**Tract 4 of Losey Family Farm Auction**



#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Located at 19992 3050 E. St., Arlington, IL 61312, Bureau County. Improvements include 2 homes. A 2 story home w/approximately 1050 sq. ft. on the main level consisting of a large kitchen, laundry, living room and 2 baths. There are 3-4 bedrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> story and a full basement. There is a single story home w/ approximately 1200 sq. ft., consisting of an open area to include the kitchen, dining and living room, there is a master bedroom with bath and walk-in closet, 2 bedrooms and an additional bath. Each home has LP forced air heat, central air conditioning, and septic system and shared well. Included on the property is a large livestock barn w/box stalls & tack room, concrete feed floor, stave silo, hog house, heated shop, 16,000 bu. Drying bin with fan and floor all situated on 3.04 +/- acres. The Tax I.D. is part of #12-30-200-002.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- 1) The successful bidder will be required to enter into a standard real estate purchase contract with 10% of the purchase price due immediately following the auction. The balance will be due and payable on or before March 12, 2020.
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- 4) The property is being sold in "AS IS" condition, with no warranties of any kind.
- 5) The information is believed to be accurate. However, we strongly urge all prospective buyers to thoroughly research all pertinent data and to draw their own conclusions.
- 6) All announcements made the day of the sale take precedence over any previously printed advertised terms or conditions.
- 7) To view the property contact Rick Rediger - Auctioneer at 815-699-7999.

#### Seller: LOSEY FAMILY FARM

Kathleen Cain, Patricia Mitchell, Angela Kempfius, Frances Reusch,  
Vickey McKee, Beth Fonderoli

Attorney for Seller:

John Isaacson, 111 Park Ave. E., Princeton, IL 61356 815.875.6551  
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### PUBLIC AUCTION BUREAU COUNTY FARMLAND 200 +/- ACRES

The following described farmland real estate will be offered by PUBLIC AUCTION on:  
**Thursday, March 5th, 2020**  
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**Sale Day Location: Holy Trinity Church Hall, Main Street, Cherry, IL**

**Tract 1:** 40.39 +/- acres located NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 30, Westfield Twp., (T.17N.-R.11E.) Bureau County, IL. 39.53 +/- tillable acres. **A 139.6 +/- Productivity Index as per Surety.** Tillable soils include Muscatine, Sable & Catlin. **Tax ID #12-30-400-004.**

**Tract 2:** 77.41 +/- acres located E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 30, Westfield Twp., (T.17N.-R.11E.) Bureau County, IL. 76.62 +/- tillable acres. **A 138.6 +/- Productivity Index as per Surety.** Tillable soils include Muscatine, Sable, and Catlin. **Tax ID (part of) #12-30-200-002.**

**Tract 3:** 80.04 +/- acres located W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 29, Westfield Twp., (T.17N.-R.11E.) Bureau County, IL. 77.38 +/- tillable acres. **A 139.3 +/- Productivity Index as per Surety.** Tillable soils include Muscatine, Sable, Sawmill and Catlin. **Tax ID #12-29-100-001.**

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**Plat locations, Aerial Photos, Soil Maps and improvement information available @ [rickrediger.com](http://rickrediger.com)**

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But only three points were scored over the final 4:20 of the game, all by Oregon, as the Hawks pulled out the victory. Bromenschenkel launched a desperation three-point try from half-court that missed the mark at the final horn.

Bromenschenkel ended with 18 points, 10 points and six steals. She was limited to just two second-half points. Arteaga chipped in with 14 markers.

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The Lady Trojans looked like they were headed for their third straight loss before they came alive in the second half to rally past Plano, 57-49, in a nonconference battle on Jan. 27 at the MHS gym.

With Plano leading 13-12 after the opening stanza, the Lady Reapers took off in the second quarter keyed by hot shooting from the three-point arc. The Lady Reapers hit five shots from three-point territory and at one point led by 18 points. They settled for a 12-point halftime advantage (35-23).

But Mendota started to peck away at the deficit in the third quarter and cut the margin to three (42-39) heading to the fourth. Then in the final frame, Bromenschenkel took over at the offensive end. A conventional three-point play from Bromenschenkel to start the quarter tied the game at 42-all, and she fol-



**Amellia Bromenschenkel of Mendota and Breanna DeHaan of Oregon battle for a rebound on Jan. 25 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)**

lowed that up with a bucket to put Mendota on top.

The Lady Trojans (17-9) finally began to pull away midway through the quarter when Bokus connected on a three-pointer to give her team a 54-49 edge. Mendota's defense rattled Plano down the stretch and held the Lady

Reapers scoreless the final half of the fourth quarter.

"The first half was probably our worst half of basketball this season," said Hansen. "But in the second half we smartened up on defense and played much better offensively. I was proud of our fight and hard work to

come back and get the win."

Bromenschenkel poured in 19 second-half points and finished with 31 in the game. She also led with eight rebounds and eight steals. Arteaga provided 10 markers, while O'Donnell had seven points, five rebounds and five assists.



**Mendota's Ethan Hanaman works to gain full control of his Winnebago opponent during their 120-pound wrestling match on Jan. 22 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)**

## Matmen

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fall Abbasi (B), 2:21; 126 - Bauer (B) won forfeit; 132 - Carr (B) won forfeit; 138 - Zirk (B) pinned Jezewski (M), 1:00; 145 - Bonnell (B) dec. Preston (M), 7-2; 152 - Lind (B) pinned Lawrence (M), 3:10; 160 - Savino (B) dec. Connelly (M), 4-2; 170 - Ingram (B) won forfeit; 182 - Johnson (B) won forfeit; 195 - Hardy (B) won forfeit; 220 - Lind (B) won forfeit; 285 - Elsbury (B) won forfeit

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Mendota went up against two more conference opponents on Jan. 23 at Genoa-Kingston.

The host Cogs handled the Trojans, 78-0, while Dixon blanked Mendota, 82-0.

**Jan. 23**  
**Genoa-Kingston 78, Mendota 0**

106 - Narsarete (GK) won forfeit; 113 - Mareno (GK) won forfeit; 120 - Awe (GK) won forfeit; 126 - Dutton (GK) won forfeit; 132 - Neblock (GK) won forfeit; 138 - Bennett (GK) pinned Jezewski (M), 0:16; 145 - Torres (GK) pinned Preston (M), 3:40; 152 - Torres (GK) dec. Lawrence (M), 7-6; 160 - Younker (GK) dec. Connelly (M), 6-3; 170 - Kaiser (GK) won forfeit; 182 - Mangum (GK) won forfeit; 195 -

Theinez (GK) won forfeit; 220 - Garcia (GK) won forfeit; 285 - Peterson (GK) won forfeit  
**Dixon 82, Mendota 0**

106 - Dixon won forfeit; 113 - Dixon won forfeit; 120 - Dixon won forfeit; 126 - Dixon won forfeit; 132 - Dixon won forfeit; 138 - Brooks (D) pinned Jezewski (M), 0:25; 145 - Ankney (D) dec. Preston (M), 15-0; 152 - Hale (D) pinned Lawrence (M), 1:54; 160 - Varden (D) pinned Connelly (M), 0:31; 170 - Dixon won forfeit; 182 - Dixon won forfeit; 195 - Dixon won forfeit; 220 - Dixon won forfeit; 285 - Dixon won forfeit

## Frosh boys struggle in two BNC losses

Byron took care of the Mendota freshman boys' basketball team, 60-25, in a Big Northern Conference game on Jan. 22 at Byron.

The home team went from a 10-2 lead after the opening quarter to a 25-8 halftime advantage. Byron doubled the score on Mendota after three, 46-23.

"The was pretty disappointing in every aspect," said Mendota coach Matt Gehm.

Ryan Strauss had seven points to pace the Trojans. Jose Rocha pulled down 12 rebounds and Isaac Guzman delivered two assists.

Mendota had 32 total rebounds and turned the ball over 30 times.

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Winnebago handed the

Trojans a 58-42 setback in BNC play on Jan. 24 at the MHS gym.

Mendota trailed 18-8 after the first period and cut the margin to eight at half and after three. The closest the Trojans got was four points in the third frame.

"This was a much better effort as we played hard for 28 minutes and competed," said Gehm. "I thought this was a step in the right direction."

Landon Kreiser topped Trojan scorers with 14 points, followed by Rocha with eight tallies and six rebounds. Ruiz also had six caroms, seven points, five assists and four steals.

Mendota (2-12, 0-4) committed 17 turnovers and handled 30 rebounds.

### Mendota Mat Masters

#### Stillman Valley Rookie Meet

Jan. 25

2nd place - Elizandro Orozco, Shea Kreiser; 3rd place - Rafael Arteaga, Emilio Arteaga, Elijah Godina; 4th place - Phoenix Wilson, Maurizio Orozco

#### LaSalle-Peru Meet

Jan. 26

1st place - Garrett Connelly, Pryar Christmann; 2nd place - Keith Grim, Nataliya Durbin, Corbin Furar, Komen Denault, Keegan Stewart, Gabriel Bunch, Wyatt Gletty; 3rd place - Angel Serrano, Wyatt Ossman; 4th place - Trayvon Rucker, Reese Lane, Greyson Lane, Kayne Schneider

Mendota battled Oregon for four quarters, but ultimately came up short in the end, 43-31, in a BNC game on Jan. 25 at the MHS gym.

The Lady Trojans trailed 11-9 after one and 19-12 at the half. A 17-point third quarter by Oregon put some separation between the two teams.

"I thought this was probably our best game of the year, despite what the scoreboard says," said Blumhorst. "Going against their four juniors will only make us better in the long run."

Oregon's starting lineup consisted of four juniors and one freshman, while Mendota started two sophomores and three freshmen.

Emily Stewart dropped in 10 points for Mendota (0-7 BNC), while Katie Jenner and Bodmer supplied seven points apiece.

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The Lady Trojans posted a much-needed 28-11 victory over Plano on Jan. 27 at the MHS gym.

Mendota (5-19) held a narrow 10-8 halftime lead, but outscored Plano, 15-3, in the second half to get the runaway win.

"Very balanced scoring and very good defense led to our first win since December," stated Blumhorst. "We just kept getting better each quarter."

Jenner led the scoring column with eight points, followed by Bodmer with six, and Lilly Gehant and Garcia with four apiece.



# SPORTS

## Holy Cross plans Shamrock 5K

MENDOTA – Holy Cross School is sponsoring its fourth annual Shamrock 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, March 14. Check-in opens at 8:30 a.m. in the Holy Cross gymnasium and the race will start at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross School. The finish line is also at the school. Walkers will start immediately after the runners.

The entry fee is \$25 by March 1 and \$30 between March 2 and March 14. Participants who pre-register by March 1 are guaranteed an official Shamrock 5K T-shirt.

Awards will be presented to the first overall

male and female runners in the 5K. In addition, first-, second- and third-place finishers in each age division for male and female will be awarded medals. Refreshments will be available after the race.

Entry forms are available at Holy Cross School or Holy Cross Church Vestibule, or sign-up online at [www.runrace.net](http://www.runrace.net). A minimal fee applies for online registration.

For more race information, like us on Facebook at Holy Cross Church & School-Mendota or email [shamrockhcs5K@gmail.com](mailto:shamrockhcs5K@gmail.com). Proceeds will benefit Holy Cross School.

## IVCC softball team schedules clinic for Feb. 15-16

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's softball team hosts the 21st annual IVCC Eagles Softball Clinic Saturday, Feb. 15 and Sunday, Feb. 16 in the gym.

There are two sessions each day. On Saturday, par-

ticipants in grades 2-4 meet from 8-10:30 a.m. Grades 5-8 meet from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

On Sunday, grades 2-4 meet from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with grades 5-8 meeting from 1:30-4 p.m.

The cost is \$40 per player and includes five hours of

instruction and a T-shirt. If a player can only come one day, the cost is \$25.

To register or for more information, contact softball coach Cory Tomasson at (815) 224-0471 or the athletic department at (815) 224-0472.

## BOWLING

### Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Jan. 20 – 1. Mauch Carpentry 22-8; 2. Sully's 18-12; 3. CM Farm 18-12; 4. High Rollers 16-16; 5. Bad Kats 14-16; 6. Sports-N-Stuff 4-26

High team game (scratch) – High Rollers 893, Sully's 870, Sports-N-Stuff 860

High team game (hdcp) – Sully's 1288, Bad Kats 1269, CM Farm 1235

High team series (scratch) – Sports-N-Stuff 2495, High Rollers 2437, Sully's 2399

High team series (hdcp) – Bad Kats 3660, Sully's 3653, CM Farm 3542

Men's high game (scratch) – Jose Sarabia 242, Tony Yost 213, Mike Smith 202

Men's high game (hdcp)

– Norman Alsvig 289, Jose Sarabia 275, Tony Yost 271

Men's high series (scratch) – Jose Sarabia 628, Mike Smith 596, Tony Yost 559

Men's high series (hdcp) – Norman Alsvig 794, Carl Reistad 787, Aaron Holocker 761

Women's high game (scratch) – Kassidi Guerrero 214, Gail Sessler 213, Steph Westphal 185

Women's high game (hdcp) – Kassidi Guerrero 288, Britney Lamkin 282, Audrey McConville 282

Women's high series (scratch) – Gail Sessler 584, Kassidi Guerrero 539, Steph Westphal 501

Women's high series (hdcp) – Audrey McConville 765, Kassidi Guerrero 761, Gail Sessler 755

## MHS wrestlers to compete in Plano Regional

PLANO – The Mendota Trojans have been assigned to the Plano Class 1A Regional Wrestling Tournament to be held Saturday, Feb. 8.

Other schools in the regional include Aurora (Central Catholic), Granville (Putnam County) [Coop], Mooseheart, Ottawa (Marquette), Peru (St. Bede), Plano, Sandwich, Seneca, Somonauk [Coop] and Yorkville (Y. Christian)

First-, second- and third-place winners from each weight class advance to the sectional round, which will be held at Oregon on Friday, Feb. 14 and Saturday, Feb. 15.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD--Regina King, who won a supporting actress Oscar for "If Beale Street Could Talk," announced she'll direct the civil-rights drama "One Night in Miami," based on the book and stage play by Kemp Powers. The film, set in 1964, will have Malcolm X, Cassius Clay (pre-Muhammad Ali), Jim Brown and Sam Cooke played by actors. King has come a long way since playing Marla Gibbs' daughter, Brenda Jenkins, for 107 episodes in the 1985-90 TV series "227." She's directed TV shows such as "Southland," "Being Mary Jane," "Scandal," "The Catch," "Animal Kingdom," "This Is Us" and "The Good Doctor." In addition to her Oscar, she's won a Golden Globe and three prime time Emmy Awards for acting.



R. King

"Bombshell" is a bomb, and "Cats" is a CATastrophe! Despite having multiple Oscar winners Nicole

Kidman, Charlize Theron, Allison Janney and nominees Margot Robbie and John Lithgow, "Bombshell" could only recoup \$26.6 million of its \$32 million cost. What happened? It could be the seven-episode Showtime miniseries, "The Loudest Voice," which won a Golden Globe for Russell Crowe's portrayal of Roger Ailes, stole their thunder and made people lose interest. Or perhaps women are just not into watching films about the "Me Too" movement.

"Cats" is a different matter. I saw the Broadway production three times and can say there was a fascination watching catlike actors moving through the audience and on stage. But getting up close and personal with them on film, with inadequate CGI, made them seem creepy. Perhaps they should have considered doing it like the "Lion King" remake, which used CGI animals. It's sad they've only recovered \$58 million of their \$90 million investment.

Also sad is Lana Wood, 73, sister of the late Natalie Wood, whose biggest film

role was in the 1971 James Bond epic, "Diamonds Are Forever." She sent out an "SOS" via Facebook: "Please ... I don't have much money monthly, but I really feel to be able to live a peaceful life ... I must leave my home. I must take my dog and go. I would like a small private place, and I can pay rent. I really can't handle this abuse any longer. Help?" Our prayers are with you Lana ... and hope you find the peace you're seeking.

In happier news, some of your favorite TV stars are returning to television. Pauley Perrette ("CSI") has her own mid-season comedy series on CBS in "Broke." Kim Cattrall ("Sex and the City") and "Simon & Simon" star Gerald McRaney preem in May in "Filthy Rich" on Fox. "Nurse Jackie" Edie Falco returns Friday, Feb. 6, on CBS in "Tommy," and "The Nanny" herself, Fran Drescher, becomes "Indebted" with "Wings" star Steven Weber, at NBC. And the horses are at the gate ...

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## Couch Theater

(Movies reviewed in this week's column have just been released on video and DVD.)

**"The Addams Family" (PG)** -- America's kookiest family goes head to head with a makeover design TV host in this cute, if relatively mild, animated tale. After being chased out of town after town, the Addamses settle in an abandoned, haunted mental institution on a hill in New Jersey to raise a family, safely away from the judgmental eyes of others. But in the valley below, egomaniacal Margaux Needler (Alison Janney) has built a whole idyllic town to film and sell, marred only by a view of the Addams house. The pressure is on to oust Gomez and Morticia, as children Wednesday and Pugsley fight their own adolescent battles.

**"Zombieland: Double Tap" (R)** -- In 2009, four forces of nature -- Tallahassee, Columbus, Little Rock and Wichita (Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg, Abigail Breslin and Emma Stone, respectively)--band-

ed together and formed a makeshift family, a little slice of heaven in a world overrun with zombies. But it's been a long 10 years and they could use a few fresh faces. Back out on the road and once again facing threats from zombies, other tough survivors and weird doppelgangers, the crew is just as funny and dangerous as ever.

**"Jay and Silent Bob Reboot" (R)** -- The convenience-store-lurking duo who made their iconic debut in "Clerks" return to the screen with another misadventure featuring inside jokes, self-deprecating humor and inside jokes. Did I mention the inside jokes? Jay (Jason Mewes) and Silent Bob (Kevin Smith) were immortalized in comic book form as Bluntman and Chronic, which Hollywood then monetized without shame. Now, famed director "Kevin Smith" is reshaping the buddies for a movie reboot, and the pair have three days to stop it, with a

cavalcade of celebrity cameos along the way. If you love Kevin Smith movies, it's more of what you already love. But for everyone else, it's packed with 25 years' worth of references that aren't funny if you don't "get it."

**"Countdown" (R)** -- The latest craze in smartphone apps is a countdown to your own death. Just plug in your identifying information and the app will tell you, to the second, when you will die. It seems like harmless fun, in the vein of a BuzzFeed quiz -- everybody's doing it and sharing their results. So Quinn (Elizabeth Lail) downloads the app and is given less than three days until her time is up. She links up with stories of other short-timers and tries to find a way to beat the clock. A few fun jump scares are included, but mostly you'll be wishing for a shorter countdown to the end of the movie.

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## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** Is it true that there will be a sequel to "The Big Lebowski"? Will Jeff Bridges be in it? -- **Anon.**

**A:** There is what is being called a "spinoff" of "The Big Lebowski," but it won't be directed by the Coen Brothers. It will focus on John Turturro's "The Big Lebowski" character Jesus Quintana and also will star Jon Hamm and Bobby Cannavale, with Turturro also directing. "The Jesus Rolls" will be in theaters starting Feb. 28.

Turturro has been getting accolades for another project of his, the HBO series "The Night Of," which was originally supposed to star James Gandolfini ("The Sopranos") until his untimely death. It's based on the BBC series "Criminal Justice." Gandolfini is still listed as an executive producer for the American version for the work he did behind the scenes before he passed away.

**Q:** When will "Mindhunter" be back on Netflix with new episodes? I just

rewatched them all and can't wait for more. -- **R.F.**

**A:** "Mindhunter," a fictional drama that is based on true-crime cases, is about an FBI agent who confronts some of America's most notorious serial killers. It's been several months since the second season was uploaded to Netflix, but a third season has been put on hold while executive producer David Fincher completes his other projects.

In the meantime, leads Jonathan Groff and Holt McCallany aren't being tied down to the show, so it's possible that if "Mindhunter" comes back, it might have new stars. The reason, Netflix stated, is that Fincher "felt it wasn't fair to the actors to hold them from seeking other work while he [Fincher] was exploring new work of his own." Hopefully they all can time their other productions so that they can regroup and continue with a third season of "Mindhunter" by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, look for the upcoming movie "Mank" on Netflix directed by Fincher, which is about screenwriter Herman J. Mankiewicz's efforts to bring Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" to the big screen. It will star Gary Oldman and Lily Collins.



J. Turturro

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## • Trivia Test •

1. MEASUREMENTS: How many inches are in a mile?
2. ASTRONOMY: What does the acronym SETI mean to the scientific community?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin prefix "sub-" mean in English?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only president to serve two nonconsecutive terms?
5. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century movie star penned the autobiography "Me: Stories of My Life"?
6. HISTORY: What was the first National Monument proclaimed in the United States?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island of Luzon located?
8. MOVIES: Which sci-fi movie has the tagline, "Reality is a thing of the past"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of the United States' first nuclear-powered submarine?
10. GAMES: What are the four railroad properties in Monopoly?

- Answers
1. 63,360 inches
  2. Search for extraterrestrial intelligence
  3. Below or insufficient
  4. Grover Cleveland
  5. Katharine Hepburn
  6. Devils Tower, 1906
  7. The Philippines
  8. "The Matrix"
  9. The USS Nautilus
  10. Pennsylvania, Short Line, Reading and B&O
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**ACROSS**

1. Item on stage
5. Relaxation
9. "Help!"
12. Emanation
13. Picture of health?
14. Demonic tyke
15. Dance lesson
16. Green land
17. Grazing area
18. Loafer, e.g.
19. Wrestling surface
20. Small horse
21. Tear
23. Eggs
25. Ought not
28. Plunder
32. Jellied dish
33. Flat
34. Neptune or Poseidon
36. Makes baby food, maybe
37. Id counterpart
38. Allow
39. "Ironside" star
42. Definite article
44. "Phooey!"
48. Past
49. Desktop symbol
50. Sheltered
51. Under the weather
52. Filly's brother
53. Mountain goat
54. Caustic
55. TV trophy
56. "— and the Tramp"

**DOWN**

1. Just say no
2. Naomi's daughter-in-law
3. Sandwich treat
4. Empty threat
5. Free from a duty
6. Met melody
7. Tailor, humorously
30. Born
8. Storm center
9. Missile shelter
10. Portent
11. Fix, in a sense
20. Evidence of fraud
22. Disguised, for short
24. Cost
25. "More," to Jose
26. Work with
27. Hot tub
29. Word implied in "been there, done that"
31. Golfer Ernie
35. E-business
36. More than enough
39. Kind of bond
40. Pre-swan
41. Portrayal
43. Ian or Celeste
45. Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
46. Prepared to drive
47. Alluring
49. Lemieux milieu

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by Linda Thistle

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## Locked up in the prison of hope

God is good. And He has a good plan for each of our lives. That's true even when we're struggling and don't understand why or what's going on. In those times, Romans 12:12 tells us to "be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer" (NIV).

This is wise advice, especially when it feels like we've been waiting and waiting...and waiting for something to happen in our lives. Hope is vital

in times like these and it will keep us looking ahead, anticipating and expecting whatever it is we're hoping for.

Over the years I've learned how to lock myself up in a prison of hope, knowing that God has nothing but His best planned for me. He put big dreams in my heart regarding my ministry and my life, and most of them took years to come to pass. Hope is what helped me

hold on in those early years when it got hard.

### *The Effects of Expectation*

I remember it was just three weeks into my marriage to Dave, when he asked me one day, "What's wrong with you? You have such a negative attitude!" And I said, "Well, if you don't expect anything good to happen, then you won't be disappointed when it doesn't."

That was what I believed based on my past experiences. I had a very negative outlook on life, so I spoke negatively about it.

This is the way I used to live...before I became a prisoner of hope. As I grew in my relationship with God, I learned how to trust Him, how to stand on His Word, and how to stand my ground in prayer when circumstances got tough.

Today my outlook on life is completely different from what it was many years ago. Now I enjoy my life and I encourage others to enjoy theirs as well. Jesus died for us to live an abundant, fulfilling life (see John 10:10), and hope is the confident, favorable expectation of this life.

### *Double for Your Trouble*

I realize there are many things that can happen to



us that aren't so enjoyable. And that can make it difficult to grasp the idea of enjoying life. So, think of it this way: What are you hoping for or expecting in life? What are you looking forward to? Focus on that.

My negative outlook was due to my attitude about all the bad things that had happened to me. I was stuck in the pain of my past, so I didn't believe anything good would happen in my future. My experiences from years ago caused me to believe that negative things would always happen. I had no hope.

But God was with me and He kept loving me and dealing with me, promising me what Isaiah 61:7 (NIV) says: "Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours."

That's a promise for you, too—a promise of double for your trouble! Double the blessing, double the joy, double the peace. Doesn't that inspire hope in your heart?

### *Be Single-minded About Your Double Blessing*

Now, this double-blessing promise isn't for the double-minded. When you walk it out in everyday life, there will be times when doubt, fear, unbelief and weariness will come against you. It's in these times that you'll need to fight the good fight of faith.

You will need to guard your mind against negativity about your situation. I encourage you to find out what God says about it and then stand on the promises in His Word.

We must hold on to whatever He promises us and be confident that He is working in our situation no matter how things look, how we feel or what we think. Because hope releases the power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts when we're going through painful or difficult situations.

I want to encourage you to make a decision to cultivate an attitude of hope in your life. Speak positive things about your future and refuse to be negative. You may not always feel hopeful but don't give in to your feelings. Cater-

ing to bad feelings feeds and empowers them. But standing your ground and not giving in to negative feelings starves them and causes them to lose their power over you.

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you. Line your will up with His and get excited about serving God. Then your life will inspire others to become prisoners of hope!

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and Hector Diaz, Deacons  
.....  
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**Weekday Mass:** Monday 6:30 p.m.,  
Tuesday 7 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. at OSF Saint  
Paul, Wednesday 8 a.m., Thursday 7 a.m.,  
Friday 8 a.m.  
**Weekend Mass:** Saturday 8 a.m., 4 p.m.  
& 7 p.m. (Spanish Mass 1st Sat. of the month)  
Sunday 6:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
& noon (Spanish)  
**Confession:** 3-4 p.m. Saturday  
**STS. PETER AND PAUL,  
PETERSTOWN**  
**Weekend Mass:** Sunday 9 a.m.  
**Confession:** Sunday 8:30-9 a.m.

**FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
100 E. Sixth St.  
(815) 538-5587  
.....  
Rev. Mary Bohall, Pastor  
Cell: (815) 718-2191  
  
**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**  
Sunday Praise Worship - 9 a.m.  
Sunday school for all ages - 9 a.m.  
Traditional Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
  
Jan. 30 - 5-8 p.m. Mat Masters practice in  
Memorial Building, 6:30 p.m. Liturgy Team  
meeting  
Feb. 2 - 9 a.m. Praise Worship,  
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages,  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
Feb. 3 - 5-8 p.m. Mat Masters in  
Memorial Building, 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts,  
7 p.m. AA  
Feb. 4 - 6 p.m. Girl Scouts,  
7 p.m. Boy Scouts  
Feb. 5 - 7 a.m. Prayer Breakfast at  
Ziggie's, 6:30 p.m. Confirmation class

**ZION UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**  
808 Jefferson St.  
.....  
Pastor Hogun Kim  
(219) 765-1379  
pastorhogunkim@gmail.com  
Church office • (815) 538-2186  
Email: zionumcmendota@gmail.com  
Website: www.zionchurchumc.com  
  
**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**  
Worship & Children's Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
  
Jan. 31 - 5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry  
Feb. 2 - 8:45 a.m. Choir practice,  
9 a.m. Worship & Children's Sunday  
School, 10 a.m. Coffee & Conversation,  
10:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School,  
6 p.m. Men's Group  
Feb. 3 - 5:45 p.m. Choir practice  
Feb. 4 - 7 a.m. Sweet Hour of Prayer,  
6:30 p.m. Kid's Fellowship,  
6:30 p.m. Prayers for our Children  
Feb. 6 - 4:15 p.m. Worship Committee,  
6:30 p.m. Just Friends Women's Group

**COME AS YOU ARE  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
900 Monroe St.  
(815) 503-0307  
.....  
James Duncan, Pastor  
Website: www.cayabc.com  
Email prayer requests: prayer@cayabc.com  
Facebook: Come As You Are Baptist Church  
  
**SUNDAY: Worship 10 a.m.**  
Worship & refreshments beforehand  
**Sunday School 9-9:45 a.m.**  
  
**TUESDAY: "Jesus and Coffee"**  
10:15-11:15 a.m.  
  
Feb. 7 - 7 p.m. Bible Study preceded by  
meal, beverage & dessert (held bi-weekly)

**UNITED PENTECOSTAL  
CHURCH**  
Route 251 North  
(815) 539-6861  
.....  
Rev. Charles Yeakel, Pastor  
E-mail: mendotaupc@yahoo.com  
www.mendotaupc.org  
  
**SUNDAY: Christian Education 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.**  
  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
Life in Focus Bible Study 7 p.m.

**VICTORY BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
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(815) 539-9081  
.....  
Pastor Steve Breedlove  
  
**SUNDAY**  
Sunday school for all ages 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:40 a.m.  
  
**WEDNESDAY** - Food Pantry at 5 p.m.  
- first & third Wednesday  
Prayer Service 6 p.m. - 2nd & 4th  
Wednesday

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.....  
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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Mendota  
(815) 538-6876  
.....  
Brian Kelly, Pastor  
www.mendotabiblechurch.org  
  
**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship - 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Service - 6 p.m.  
Nursery care available at all services.  
  
Wednesday - 7 p.m. Bible Study  
and Prayer

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CHURCH**  
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.....  
Rev. Steven Mindrup, Interim Pastor  
E-mail: office@stjohnsmendota.org  
Website:  
www.stjohnsmendota.org  
  
Schedule:  
**SATURDAY - 5 p.m. Chapel Worship**  
**SUNDAY - 9 a.m. Worship,**  
**10:10 a.m. Sunday school,**  
**Confirmation & Small Groups for Adults**  
  
Feb. 1 - 5 p.m. Chapel worship  
Feb. 2 - 9 a.m. Worship, Adult  
Fellowship & small groups follow worship,  
10:10 a.m. Sunday school for all ages  
(3 years to high school)  
Feb. 3 - 7 p.m. Women's Bible study,  
7 p.m. Men's Bible study  
Feb. 5 - 8 a.m. Chapel Prayer  
  
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CHURCH**  
1003 5th St.  
(815) 538-5603  
.....  
Rev. Susan Presley  
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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**  
Worship 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour 11 a.m.  
  
Children/Youth Sunday school  
during worship  
  
Jan. 29 - 7 p.m. Bible study Stonecroft  
Feb. 1 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school,  
10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Coffee Hour  
Feb. 4 - 5 p.m. Cub Scouts  
Feb. 5 - 9 a.m. Bible Study,  
7 p.m. Bible study Stonecroft

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8:30 a.m. Every Sunday of the year  
**COMMUNION: Every Sunday**  
  
Jan. 31 - 9 a.m. Bible study  
Feb. 5 - 1:30 p.m. WELCA Bible study

**COMPTON UNITED  
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139 W. Chestnut  
Compton  
(815) 497-2491  
.....  
Pastor Dave Holden  
pawpawumc@juno.com  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.



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Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
Accessible

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METHODIST CHURCH**  
La Moille  
(815) 638-2348  
.....  
Pastor David Jungnickel  
E-mail: lamoillecumc@gmail.com  
  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  
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Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

**BIBLE TRIVIA** by Wilson Casey  
1. Is the book of Ezra in the Old  
or New Testament or neither?  
2. From Daniel 4, who had the  
vision of a tree growing higher  
and higher until it could be  
seen by everyone?  
Silas, Josiah, Nebuchadnezzar,  
Solomon  
3. Which book could be summa-  
rized, "God, why don't you stop  
bad things from happening"?  
Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai,  
Malachi  
4. What hour mentioned in the  
Bible means the last possible  
moment something can be done?  
1st, 3rd, 11th, 12th  
5. Which king of Israel set up  
two golden calves as gods, one in  
Bethel, the other in Dan?  
Zimri, Jeroboam, Baasha,  
Ahaziah  
6. From Judges 6, where did  
Gideon encounter an angel? Pris-  
on, Oak Tree, Temple, Well  
  
ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Nebuchadnezzar;  
3) Habakkuk; 4) 11th;  
5) Jeroboam; 6) Oak Tree  
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## 101 LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE

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DATED January 9, 2020

Kenneth Skaggs  
Applicant

No. 0102  
(Jan. 15, 22, 29, 2020)

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF )  
Dixie K. Summers, )  
Deceased )  
Case No. 2019-P-253

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Dixie K. Summers of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 20, 2019 to Megan Yastrab of 9827 Prairie Willow Pl., Roscoe, IL 61073 and Shawn Ballard of 3028 Nichols Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49004 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 25, 2020. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

No. 0104  
(Jan. 15, 22, 29, 2020)

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE ESTATE OF )  
ALBERT WILLIAM )  
BUTLER, II, )  
Deceased. )  
No. 2020 P 3

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Albert William Butler, II, late of Mendota Lutheran Home, Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to Albert William Butler, III, 2101 Pine Avenue, Mendota, Illinois 61342, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Gary R. Gehlbach, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 215 E. First Street, P.O. Box 447, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 119 W. Madison, Room 201, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

By: Albert William Butler, III, Independent Executor

Gary R. Gehlbach (ARDC No. 3122825)  
Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC  
Attorneys for Independent Executor  
215 East First Street, Suite 100  
P.O. Box 447  
Dixon, IL 61021  
(815) 288-4949  
(815) 288-3068 (FAX)  
gehblach@egbclaw.com  
No. 0105  
(Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 2020)

### 2020 NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

To All Owners And Occupiers Of Lands Lying Within The Boundaries Of The LaSalle County Soil And Water Conservation District:  
Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on the 20th day of February, 2020 at 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at USDA Service Center, 1691 N 31st Road, Ottawa, IL Three (3) Directors will be elected to serve the LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District of the State of Illinois. All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise.

Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.  
Ross W. Adams  
Chairman  
LaSalle County Soil and Water Conservation District  
DATE: 20th day of January 2020.  
No. 0108  
(Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 2020)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION AGREEMENT MENDOTA CITY COUNCIL

**MENDOTA, ILLINOIS**  
On Monday, February 17th, 2020 at 6P.M., a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mendota in the City Hall Council Chambers, 607 8th Avenue, Mendota, Illinois, for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony as to an ordinance authorizing the execution of an annexation agreement in regard to the annexation to the City of Mendota, Illinois of a tract of property comprising approximately 6 acres of land located at 97 N. 43rd Road, Mendota, Illinois and legally described as follows:

THE EAST 570 FEET OF THE SOUTH 457 FEET OF THE EAST HALF (E ½) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE ¼) OF SECTION 30, IN TOWNSHIP 36 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LASALLE, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

It is proposed that the subject property be zoned R-1. An accurate map of the subject property proposed to be annexed to the City and the form of proposed annexation agreement are on file with the City Clerk.

You are further notified that the proposed annexation agreement may be changed, altered, modified, amended or redrafted in its entirety after the public hearing.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

By order of the Corporate Authorities of the City of Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois.  
Emily McConville, City Clerk  
No. 0109  
(Jan. 29, 2020)

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

In the Matter of )  
the Estate )  
of CATHERINE K. )  
EILERT, )  
Deceased. )  
No. 2020 P 19

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of CATHERINE K. EILERT of Peru, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 22, 2020 to JOHN H. EILERT, 720 30th Street, Peru, IL 61354 as independent executor, whose attorneys are DOUGLAS B. OLIVERO & ASSOCIATES, 1615 Fourth Street, Peru, IL 61354. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. If claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, then claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within three months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorneys within ten days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. A copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.  
DOUGLAS B. OLIVERO & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys for Estate

1615 Fourth Street  
Peru, IL 61354  
Telephone:  
815/224-2400  
No. 0110  
(Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 2020)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ALLEYWAY VACATION MENDOTA CITY COUNCIL

**MENDOTA, ILLINOIS**  
On Monday, February 17th, 2020 at 6:10P.M., a public hearing will be held by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mendota in the City Hall Council Chambers, 607 8th Avenue, Mendota, Illinois, for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony as to an ordinance authorizing the vacation of a platted alleyway in the City of Mendota, Illinois and legally described as follows:

THE 36' WIDE ALLEYWAY LOCATED BETWEEN 3RD AND 4TH AVENUE AND NORTH OF 1ST CREEK AND SOUTH OF US RT 34 (12TH STREET) IN BLOCK 19 OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RR COMPANY ADDITION TO MENDOTA, COUNTY OF LASALLE, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

An accurate map of the subject property proposed to be vacated by the City is on file with the City Clerk.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing and will be given an opportunity to be heard.  
By order of the Corporate Authorities of the City of Mendota, LaSalle County, Illinois.  
Emily McConville, City Clerk  
No. 0111  
(Jan. 29, 2020)

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF )  
Charlotte C. Delhotal, )  
Deceased )  
Case No. 2020-P-5

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Charlotte C. Delhotal of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 13, 2020 to Peggy Ann Carr of 615 N. Church Street, Princeton, IL 61356 and James Delhotal of 273 N. 45th Road, Mendota, IL 61342 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 1, 2020. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

No. 0112  
(Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 2020)

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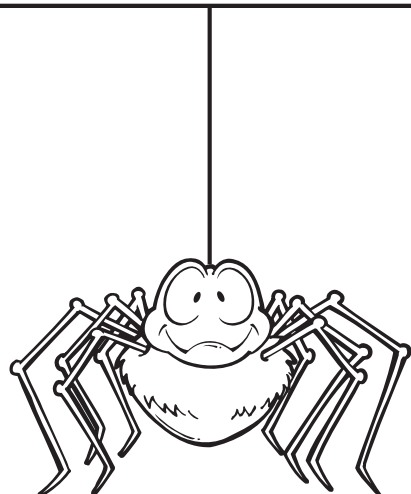
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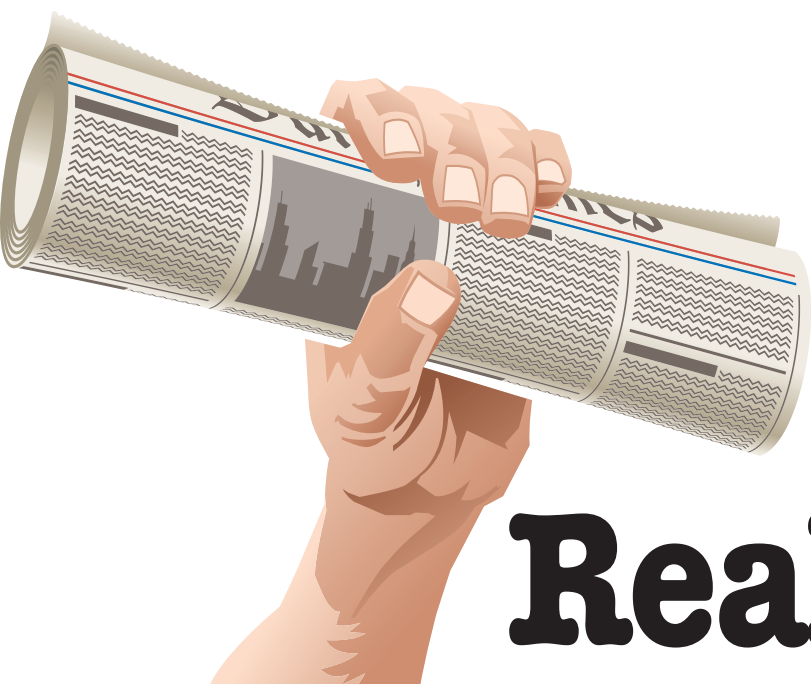
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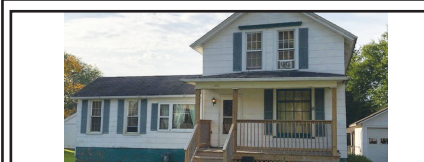
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