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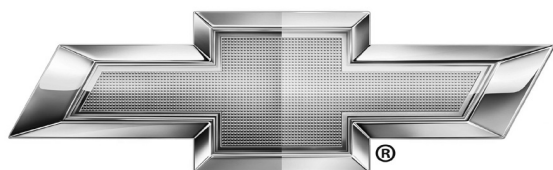
**Community**

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GRANDFATHER MOM DAD SISTER BROTHER  
COUSIN NEPHEW NIECE GRANDPA GRAND  
IN LAW STEPMOTHER STEPFATHER GREAT

**As long as families have made their homes in the Mendota area, the contributions they have made within the community have never been limited to a social role; local businesses, from the time when the railroads and wagons first brought pioneering settlers to the Great Midwest, have been a family affair.**

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of Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet, Inc.

**Pictured (L to R):** Jeff, Reece, Neal, Greg, Kourtney, Nick

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**NAMES:** Ron Schmitt, Erik Schmitt, Mike Jones and Steve Schmitt

**FAMILY RELATIONSHIP:** Founder Frank Schmitt (deceased); Second Generation: Donald Schmitt (deceased), Ralph Schmitt (deceased) and Robert Schmitt (deceased); Third Generation: Ron Schmitt and Steve Schmitt; Fourth Generation: Erik Schmitt; Fifth Generation: Tyler Schmitt (not pictured);Fifth Generation: Trevor Schmitt (not pictured)

**POSITIONS:** Partners: Ron Schmitt, Steve Schmitt and Erik Schmitt; Bookkeeper: Barb Schmitt

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# The Wades

## Triple Service Inc.

“Triple Service Inc. is a full-service plumbing, heating, cooling and electric company that has provided service to Northern Illinois for more than 73 years. Triple Service Inc. was started in January 1950 by Glen Wade and remains a family-owned and operated to this day. Gabe and Michelle Wade of Mendota are the third generation of Wade Family members to own and manage the operations. It is extremely exciting to share our growth with you and our fourth generation.

At Triple Service Inc. the top priority is to provide high-quality service to each client. We are family-owned and client-focused, we operate on core values of honesty and integrity just like we've done since 1950. Triple Service Inc. is a multi-faced business, and our goal is to be the source of one that you turn to whether you need repair, maintenance, or renovations to your home.”

PICTURED: Triple Service has been serving the needs of clients in Mendota and the surrounding area since 1950. We are located at 801 Monroe St. Left to right are L-R Michelle and Gabe Wade, Third Generation, Jim Wade, Second Generation and Ethan Wade, Future Fourth Generation



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*“Generations of Ramers serving the Mendota community.”*



# The Ramers

## Of Ramer Towing

“Ramer Towing has been serving the community for over 40 years. Paul Ramer started the business with just one small tow truck up against several larger companies in the area. With hard work and dedication to customer service, the family is proud to be Mendota’s largest and most dependable.

In addition to the towing, the Ramer family is also noted for their demolition derbies and Vintage Racing of Illinois race team. When you need a tow, call a Pro!”



**Pictured:** Left to Right: Grandson Parker Ramer, Grandson Brendan Ramer holding Great Grandson Branson Ramer, Matt Ramer, Son; Paul Ramer

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