

Mendota Area Senior Services temporarily suspending its services on Wednesdays

Financial struggles make it necessary to cut down on expenses

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Mendota Area Senior Services has been struggling financially.

With the continual stress, MASS has made a change in its weekly schedule to help the problem.

MASS is temporary suspending all services on Wednesdays beginning November 1.

“The Mendota Area Senior Services Board of Directors had an emergency meeting and decided we had to cut all expenses we can,” MASS Executive Director Rayanne Sester said. “We’re going to temporarily close one day a week. I’m praying that it isn’t more than for a month or two, but it’s so we can get back on our feet.”

“It’s going to hurt people. It’s going to hurt our staff and it’s going to hurt the people we serve. All transportation on Wednesdays will be stopped.”

The board chose Wednesday because it is a lighter day for MASS and its patrons.

The Senior Center will not

be open, so the Wednesday crochet class will not take place and Laurie Moore, MASS outreach coordinator, will have to readjust her outreach meetings in LaSalle County towns as they’ve been scheduled for Wednesdays in the past.

The biggest negative impact taking a day off at MASS is transportation. Anyone needing a ride for a doctor visit, or any appointment will not be able to call MASS for a ride on Wednesdays.

Sester attributes the financial burdens to Illinois Department of Aging and lack of donations.

Although IDoA has said a large, bulk payment is coming for non-profit agencies in Illinois, it has been four months since MASS has received funds from the state department.

“The struggles have been largely in part to the Illinois Department of Aging. How the grant system is set up is we have to pay the money



Mendota Area Senior Services is temporary suspending operations on Wednesdays due to financial struggles. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)



Mendota to honor veterans on Nov. 11

Program set for 11 a.m. in park

MENDOTA – The Mendota Veterans Day program will be held Monday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Park, downtown Mendota. The program starts promptly at 11 a.m.

The Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad, its Auxiliary and Mendota American Legion Post 540 will participate in the program.

Everyone is welcome to this service, the purpose of which is to honor and remember all Veterans, both alive and deceased for their commitment and contribution to our present way of life, and the benefits of liberty and freedom on both domestic and foreign soil.

The program schedule is as follows:

- Introductions: Bill Hunt, Past Commander, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Presentation of Colors: Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad and Mendota American Legion Post 540
- National Anthem: Mendota High School Band, Director Paula Baker
- Pledge of Allegiance: Audience
- Invocation: Jason Donahue, VFW Post 4079 Commander
- Veterans Day Address: Ella Lewis, Mendota High School
- Firing of Volley: Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad
- Taps: Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad
- Benediction: Jason Donahue, VFW Post 4079 Commander

District 280 Board handles items

MENDOTA – The Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education met in regular session on Oct. 21.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence in honor of longtime MHS employee and bookkeeper Deb Phalen, who passed away on Oct. 18.

Principal Joe Masini presented the Student Information and Registration Guide with recommendations as presented by the Curriculum Committee. The board

approved the guide.

Masini also provided Parent/Teacher/Student Conference and Professional Development updates.

Superintendent Denise Aughenbaugh presented the second reading and request for approval of IASB PRESS Policy 116, which the board approved.

The IMRF Notice of Appointment of Authorized agent was present and the board approved Lupe Perez as the authorized IMRF agent

on behalf of the district.

Also from Aughenbaugh’s report, the board approved the non-certified seniority list as presented and also accepted the superintendent to apply for a FY25 \$50,000 school maintenance grant to offset upcoming Health Life Safety repairs.

Following an executive/closed session, the board approved the hiring of Sabrina Stewart as bookkeeper/administrative assistant in the business office.

Museum open house to recognize vets

MENDOTA – The Mendota Historical Society will honor those who have served our country at a special open house event on Sunday, Nov. 10. Hume-Carnegie Museum in Mendota will open its doors from 1-3 p.m. to Veterans, current service members, their families, and the general public.

All veterans are welcome to come share their stories. Please stop by and thank our veterans for their service and help us to honor those who have served. Oral histories of veterans who have served our country will be available for viewing on DVD. Visitors will also be able to view two

special exhibitions. One covers the history of military organizations in Mendota such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Grand Army of the Republic while the second one focuses on the service of Alfred Grosch during the Second World War.

This year there will also be a very special event taking place during the open house. Ervin Safranek, a local veteran of the Second World War will be presented with a Quilt of Valor at 1:30 p.m.

This event is open to the public with no admission charge. Refreshments will be served.

Farmers Almanac: Illinois winter to be ‘cold, wet, and white’

By KEVIN BESSLER
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – If the Farmers’ Almanac is correct with its forecast, this winter is going to be unpleasant in Illinois.

The publication has been around since 1818, and has provided weather forecasts since day one.

Editor Sandi Duncan said many factors go into their weather forecasting, including celestial events and the impact of a La Nina weather pattern.

“We also look at sun spot activity, the motion of the moon and a variety of other proprietary factors,” said Duncan.

She said Illinois can expect a winter that is cold, wet and white. Above-average precipitation is forecasted for the eastern third of the U.S.,

“We do try to remind everybody that not anyone is 100% accurate and Mother Nature likes to throw out the first few curveballs as well as she likes to unravel her mysteries.”

–Editor Sandi Duncan

including the Great Lakes, Ohio Valley and Midwest. Her publication is red flagging the last week of January for most of the eastern half of the U.S. as they expect an active storm track that will dump frequent bouts of heavy precipitation.

Last winter’s strange anomalies were driven by an El Niño event, but this year’s steadier La Niña influence should bring more consistent winter weather patterns.

While the Almanac predicts the coldest temperatures to be in the Great Lakes region, according to the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Illinois could see slightly above average temperatures from December through February.

Duncan noted that the Farmers Almanac hit on some of its predictions for last winter, including heavy snow from Colorado to the Plains that threatened Christmas travel.

“We do try to remind everybody that not anyone is 100% accurate and Mother Nature likes to throw out the first few curveballs as well as she likes to unravel her mysteries,” said Duncan.



If the Farmers Almanac is correct, Illinoisans may be getting their snow shovels out with more frequency this winter than they have in recent winters.



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Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

It was Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 6-10. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful staff to work with at Blackstone. They were recognized throughout the week in a variety of ways to show our appreciation for all they do. It amazes me the effort they put forth on a daily basis to meet the needs of all of our students. Thank you to all of our parents for all they did to make our teachers and staff feel extra special during this week. Many students brought in notes, cards, pictures or gifts for their teachers as well to show their appreciation. Our staff greatly appreciated all that was done for them throughout the week. Our community is lucky to have such fantastic teachers and support staff!

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Thank you to Mendota Headstart for visiting our

school this past week. We were able to give the incoming kindergarten students a tour of Blackstone. They also got to visit kindergarten classrooms and play on our playground. We're so excited to have you start kindergarten here in the fall.

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The Regional Office of Education recognized outstanding educators on May 2 in Ottawa. Congratulations to Mrs. Reuter and Mrs. Hanson for representing Blackstone School and District #289 at the ROE Excellence in Education Banquet!

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The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Maverik Bernier, Jordeanys Acosta, Brody Sellers, Demi Minton, Anthony Castaneda, Remington

Sabo, Melanie Montes and Bella Holley. The winners were Stephen Giacinto, Cerenity Moss, Hadley Reinhold and Grayson Kneebone.

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Looking ahead, we will have a kindergarten registration night on Wednesday, May 22 from 6-7 p.m. at Blackstone. This event is for all incoming kindergarten students and their parents for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents should have completed the online Teacherease portion of registration before this night. We will also collect the two paper registration forms that were included in the registration folder and collect birth certificates and proof of residency forms. In addition, students and parents will get to meet our kindergarten staff on that night and see our school!

Welcome to the Chamber



Cherry Bear Bed & Breakfast

Cherry Bear Bed & Breakfast, located at 906 Washington St. in Mendota, is open and available for booking as the owners recently became Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce members. In the photo are, left to right, MACC Ambassador Lee Stocking, MACC Board President Marion Quintana, MACC Board Past President Evan Wixom, Cherry Bear Owner Carmen Ceresa, Mendota First Ward Alderman James Fitzpatrick, Cherry Bear Owner Pete Ceresa, MACC President/CEO Sam Setchell, MACC Ambassadors Christin Atherton and Dessa Collings, and MACC Board member Stephen Donnell. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)



Northbrook September Students of the Month

Northbrook Middle School has named its September Students of the Month. These students were selected based on their academic excellence as well as the positive character traits they demonstrate day to day in the school. Front row, left to right, are Jersie Carr, Addison Gaspar, Kenyen Scott, and Landon Kent. Middle row, Bradley Betz, Sergio Correa, Kamilah Raya, Kennedy Mellott, Kennedy McCollom, Kaden Young, Evelyn Sims, Ruzdija Zendeli, and Camilo Ramirez. Back row, Nicholas Ramirez, Kailen Thornton, Bradley Fultz, Sophia McLain, Olivia Gallagher, and Ben Montgomery. (Photo contributed)

The 2025 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients:
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Christmas Through the Eyes of A Child

The Mendota Reporter would like to announce we are bringing back our popular "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" promotion.

Two children, one boy and one girl, between the ages of 4 and 7 who live in Mendota and the surrounding area will be selected to have their pictures taken at various stores to promote Christmas gift ideas!

Each child selected will receive a \$25 CASH PRIZE. For a child to enter the contest, the Reporter needs a picture of the child (which may be picked up after Nov. 27) along with the child's name, age, address, telephone number, parents' names and the times the child is available for pictures.

Entries can be brought to the Reporter office at 703 Illinois Ave., Mendota, or mailed to The Mendota Reporter, P.O. Box 300, Mendota, IL 61342.

Deadline for entry is Noon Friday, Nov. 1. Winners will be notified by phone. Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, Nov. 13 and the Christmas section will be published on Wed., Nov. 27.

For more information, contact The Mendota Reporter at 815-539-9396

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY). Minimum to open \$1000. A penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal and fees may reduce earnings. APY stated is accurate as of 10/1/24

OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Judith A. Rapp

MENDOTA – Judith Ann Rapp, 82, of Mendota, passed away peacefully on Oct. 25, 2024, at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center with her beloved family at her side.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 with a Celebration of Life to begin at 11 a.m., all at Wasmer Funeral Home in Mendota. "Rabbi" Ken Roth will officiate with burial to follow at Restland Cemetery. Cremation rites have been accorded. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Judy was born Oct. 7, 1942, to parents Harold and Nola (Marks) Faber. She spent her entire life in Mendota, graduating from Mendota High School in 1960.

Judy is survived by her husband, Charles Rapp of 44 years, and her loving sons, Jeff (Susan) Faber and Brian (Teresa) Faber; a brother, Roland Faber; sister-in-law, Jane Faber; her beloved grandkids, Allison (Clayton) Faber, Allena (Dylan) Faber, Jake Faber, Lexi (Josh) Faber, Zach Faber, Rylee (Haydon) Faber; bonus grandsons, Taylor Lemke, Noah Lemke, Jamison Lemke; her great grandchildren who were her pride and joy, Morgan Cissell, Briggston Faber, Daxton Faber, and her newest, Madden Schmidt, who she was excited to share a birthday with; and her good friend Barb Botts.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Nola Faber; a brother, Gene Faber; sister-in-law Roberta Faber; and her good friend, Patty Rich.

Judy was a wonderful wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma who was always there when we needed her most, offering support, wisdom and love in abundance. She was a loving sister and friend and made deep long-lasting connections. Judy was known for her witty sense of humor and her passion for collecting anything and everything related to mini schnauzers and cardinals.

She had a sharp memory and often spoke of people and places long gone in great detail. She was a storyteller and loved to tell you about the good ol' days in Mendota and what it was like for her growing up. We will miss you deeply and talk about you often. Until we meet again, we love you and we will watch out for the street cars. Promise.

Memorials may be directed to I.V.A.R. Illinois Valley Animal Rescue. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Kenneth H. Saylor

MENDOTA – Kenneth Herbert Saylor, 80, of Mendota, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on Oct. 22, 2024.

Public visitation was from 9-10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25 at the Horner-Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. A funeral mass followed at 11 a.m. Friday, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Mendota.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1943, in Centralia, Mo., to Herbert and Dorothy (Youngblood) Saylor. Kenneth married Claudia Wirtz on Nov. 4, 1967, in LaSalle.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Claudia; his children, Shelly (Chet) Phillips of LaSalle, Michael (Jamie) Saylor and Troy (Deena) Saylor of Mendota; four grandchildren, Branden (Jenny) Sellers, Cole and Lauren Phillips and Laney Saylor; two great-grandchildren, Parker and Maggie Sellers; five siblings, Shirley Morris, Bob (Rose Ann) Saylor, Jerry (Cindy) Saylor, Dick Saylor and Donny (Bonnie) Saylor.

Kenny served honorably in the United States Army from 1963-1966. Kenny performed duties as a truck mechanic while stationed at Key West, Fla., and also served 13 months in Korea. His commitment to veterans continued long after his military service, as was a former commander within the VFW Post 4079, marched miles in local parades, and stood guard while attached to the VFW's funeral detail.

He was active in the community where he was a member in several local organizations including the VFW Local 4079, Moose Club, Elks Lodge, and American Legion. In his leisure time, Kenny was an avid golfer. Whether playing with friends or family, he cherished every round. A die-hard St. Louis Cardinals fan, Kenny rarely missed an opportunity to cheer on the Cardinals.

Above all, Kenny will be remembered for his ability to make others smile and his devotion to his family.

Memorials can be made to the Mendota Moose Lodge #714 or the Mendota VFW Post 4079. Visit www.horner-merritt.com for an online guestbook and video tribute.



Mark A. Morris

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." *Philippians 1:21*

MENDOTA – Mark A. Morris, 62, of Mendota, was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, Oct. 18, 2024.

We invite you to attend Mark's celebration of life on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., at the Mendota Civic Center, 1901 Tom Merwin Drive, Mendota.

He was born on Aug. 29, 1962, in Danville, the son of William Morris (deceased) and Barbara (Courson) Morris. Mark married Marilyn Bushue on March 26, 1988, in Rankin.

Mark's loving family includes his wife, Marilyn; daughter, Meghan Morris (deceased), and her children, Victoria Morris (deceased) and Charlotte Morris; son, Bryant (Bethany) Morris and their children, Maven, Luther, Mack, Penny, Hallie, and Canon; daughter, Abigail Morris; daughter Hannah (deceased) Cornwell (Blake), and their child, Baby Cornwell (deceased); son, Adam (Kylee) Morris, and their children, Baby Morris (deceased), Bennett, and Adlee; his mother, Barbara Morris; brother, Mike (Brenda) Morris; sister, Julie (Rich) Hood; and many nieces and nephews.

Mark spent his life in agriculture, first farming with his late father, William, then working for Corteva Agriscience for 25 years. He enjoyed watching basketball and football, rooting for his favorite teams, the Fighting Illini and Chicago Bears. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family. Faith, family, and agriculture were the greatest joys of his life.

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." *Romans 8:38-39*

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials may be made to Mendota FFA, Fellowship of Christian Farmers, or Grace Fellowship Church in Sublette.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Please sign his guestbook at www.coxknapp.com



Social Security news

How to spot an imposter Social Media account

By Mike Weilt

PERU – Want to learn how to spot fake Social Security social media accounts? The tips below will help you protect yourself and your family.

How fraudsters create imposter accounts

Fraudsters create imposter social media pages and accounts using Social Security-related images and vocabulary, making them appear as if they're associated with or endorsed by us. They also create imposter social media pages of Social Security and OIG officials, such as the Commissioner or the Inspector General.

Protect your personally identifiable information

We will never ask for sensitive information through social media as these

channels are not secure. Sometimes, users are asked to enter their financial information, Social Security number (SSN), or other sensitive information. This is a red flag, and often an indication of a fraudulent account.

How to spot a fake social media account

Identifying an imposter account may seem difficult at first, but there are a few things you can look for right away. You will want to focus on the following:

- How many people follow the imposter page. In most cases, fake pages have a very low number of followers as compared to Social Security's official page.
- Improper punctuation.
- Links to pages not on SSA.gov.

• Advertisements for forms or other Social Security documents for a price.

• Incorrect social media handles. To view the list of our official social media channels, we encourage you to visit www.ssa.gov/socialmedia.

Please report suspected Social Security imposter scams — and other Social Security fraud — to the OIG's website at oig.ssa.gov/report. You can find more information about scams on our Protect Yourself from Scams webpage at www.ssa.gov/scam.

Please share this information with your friends, family, and colleagues to help spread awareness about imposter social media accounts.


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

DEATH NOTICES

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LOCAL AND AREA

Registration & Express Registration scheduled at IVCC for Spring classes

OGLESBY – A popular registration one-stop-shop returns to Illinois Valley Community College's Ottawa Center as registration for spring classes gets underway.

General registration opened Oct. 28, both online and in-person.

In-person Express Registration will be on Nov. 13 from 4-7 p.m., at Ottawa Center. Students can register for classes offered at either campus, though the activity takes place only at the Ottawa campus, 321 W. Main St., Ottawa.

"The biggest benefit to students for attending an Express Registration is that it is one-stop shopping," said Ottawa Center Coordinator Jeanette Phalen.

Two financial aid advisors and two counselors will be available that evening so students can do any or all of the following:

- Complete their FAFSA or ask questions about financial aid
- Submit documents or forms
- Meet with a counselor
- Register for classes
- Pay for classes or get information about a payment plan
- Get information for ordering textbooks

There will also be refreshments, giveaways of IVCC swag, and prizes. Prior to registration

opening, current students can explore course offerings and plan their summer and fall schedules using IVCC Self-Service. IVCC's Self-Service system is also used to process payments and manage academic profiles.

New students must complete an application and should schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor to register, and schedule any necessary placement tests. Now's a good time to get a financial aid application underway, too.

Classes begin Jan. 9, 2025.

Tuition payments are due Dec. 11. Students can pay in full or set up a payment plan. The next payment is due Jan. 8. Payments can be made through IVCC Self-Service, by calling (815) 224-0213, in person at the Cashier's Office, CTC 101, or the Ottawa Center. Students receiving financial aid or scholarships should contact the cashier to hold their classes.

IVCC's Self-Service can be accessed by either of these links: <https://ssprod.ivcc.edu/Student/Courses> and <https://www.ivcc.edu/iamaan/ivccstudent/>

Registration questions can be directed to (815) 224-0447. Billing questions should be directed to (815) 224-0213.

IDPH urges Illinoisans to protect themselves as the respiratory virus season has begun

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding the public that along with fall, October brings the start of the traditional respiratory virus season. The department is urging Illinoisans to use the proven tools that can safeguard them from illnesses that typically surge during the fall and winter, including COVID-19, flu and RSV. This includes getting vaccinated to protect yourself and your family for those viral diseases if you are eligible.

The Department has upgraded its Seasonal Respiratory Illness Dashboard and has posted two new FAQ documents on its website providing the latest guidance on vaccinations and how to get tested and treated for these seasonal illnesses. In addition, the CDC has created a new Respiratory Illness Data Channel that provides nationwide county specific information that would be valuable for anyone planning to travel out of state.

"As our public health workers ramp up preparations for the respiratory virus season we know is coming, all of us can play a role in protecting ourselves and reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the flu by getting vaccinated," said Governor JB Pritzker. "So make plans now to get both of those shots and protect yourself from serious illness."

"As we head into fall, the Department of Public Health is closely monitoring this season's respiratory illnesses and so can you with our updated respiratory illness dashboard," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "Similar to past seasons, we



should expect a rise in RSV, COVID-19 and flu cases as the weather cools. Now is a great time to get yourself protected from severe illness with updated vaccines, especially if you are over 65, immunocompromised, or have chronic medical conditions."

Public health leaders also stress that one of the best ways to reduce transmission of viruses is to stay home when you are sick to reduce transmission to others. Anyone with respiratory symptoms – such as coughing, a runny nose, or fever – should try to self-isolate from others, unless they need to seek medical care. If you cannot self-isolate, wear a well-fitted mask around others.

IDPH officials remind the public that there are effective anti-viral treatments available for COVID-19 and the flu, but they must be started quickly. This is why it is important to get tested if you are feeling symptoms.

For COVID-19, treatment must be prescribed by a healthcare provider and started within 5-7 days after symptoms appear. Treatment is strongly recommended for those who are over 65 or at higher risk for severe illness. Some Illinoisans should be eligible to access free oral antivirals through the Paxcess and Merck Helps programs.

Antiviral treatments for flu are most effective when given within 48 hours of starting to feel ill and are only available by prescription. Older adults, young children, and those who are pregnant or have conditions like diabetes, asthma and heart disease are at risk for complications and should contact a healthcare provider be assessed for the need for treatment as soon as possible.

You can find locations that perform COVID-19 tests in person at no cost near you by using the testing locator for the federal ICATT

(Increasing Community Access to Testing) program. In addition, the federal government resumed offering free Covid tests to every household through the covidtests.gov website.

The FDA and CDC have approved new vaccines for this fall for COVID-19 and flu as well as updated who can receive the RSV vaccines. The new Covid vaccines and the new flu shots are recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months. The RSV vaccine is recommended for everyone 75 years and older. But if you got an RSV shot last winter, you do not need another at this time, according to the CDC. Those in the late stages of pregnancy are advised to get the RSV vaccine designed to protect newborns. Newborns whose mothers have not received the RSV vaccine, should receive nirsevimab between October and March.

The new vaccines are widely available at pharmacies and through hospitals, and community health clinics. The major pharmacy chains allow you to make an appointment to get a shot online. For help finding a provider of vaccines near you, go to www.vaccines.gov.

For those who don't have healthcare coverage through a private plan, Medicare, or Medicaid, IDPH operates the Vaccines for Children Program, which provides vaccines at no cost for children 18 and under. Adults without insurance have several options. They can check with their local health department or contact a free and charitable clinic or a Community Health Center.

MASS

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first for the month. We pay all of our bills and payroll," Sester said. "Then we submit reports to our area agency, Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging, who sends them to IDoA. They process and eventually they get around to reimbursing us our grant funds."

"With payroll and expenses, I'm looking at \$40,000

or more a month. There are not many non-profits that I know of that have the money to pay all of its expenses and not get reimbursed like we're supposed to. We don't have the money to go four months at a time.

"If the turnaround was there where I'm submitting my expenses this month and IDoA is paying us next month, it would be fine because it's continually roll-

ing. And we get donations. But it's not happening. It's frustrating and it's causing us in extreme financial difficulty."

All federal and state funds received by MASS and other non-profit agencies in Illinois go through the Illinois Department of Aging.

Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging is a PSA (Planning and Service Area,

there are 13 in Illinois with each consisting of 10 counties) through IDoA.

WIAAA's 10 counties are LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Henry, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, Mercer, Rock Island, and Warren.

"It's kind of a double whammy when you're not getting your grant money and donations are down," Sester said. "We have struggled for months. There have

been a couple of months where I couldn't meet payroll for a couple of days. This last time, it was a week before I could hand out paychecks.

"That's how desperate it is."

MASS has searched for assistance as it received a loan from the City of Mendota. Sester plans to reach out to State Senator Sue Rezin and State Representative

Brad Fritts to see if they can help with the matter.

Fundraisers are coming up as the annual pork chop barbecue is from 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, garage sale donations are set for Monday, Nov. 11 and the garage sale will be in the senior center from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, and the baked potato bar will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

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Letters

Cuban questioned as a patriot

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to Mark Cuban after listening to your TV speech.

I don't know who you are but I believe I know who you are not. You are not a patriot. A patriot would not be supporting those who throw their own allegiance to Marxists, Communists, Dictators or whatever they may be called at that moment.

You are not supporting the Constitution either if you favor replacing it with a new form of government. You may not support our freedom to worship if you continue any quest to limit or outlaw certain practices from those who wish to destroy these free practices.

I ask you to also respect

our family system and not reject any pressure to capitalize in order to personally benefit. I'm hoping I'm wrong about suspecting your intentions to just try to keep your own ship afloat. For without our freedoms and rights, whatever you and I think will be no more rights of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. If that occurs, our families, our fortunes and our future will no longer be up to us, the people.

So, I wonder whose side are you really on? The framers of our Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights, or the revisionists who would destroy it, and us with it?

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Open house for north wing at home – 1971

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Oct. 30, 1996.)

By Jessica Nashold

The date Oct. 31, 1971, had significance for Mendota Lutheran Home. It was the date for an open house to celebrate an addition increasing the number of residents from 43 to 86.

Rev. E.J. Haanstad, chaplain-administrator, said those who had been living in the former Harris Hospital were being transferred to the new addition. Their quarters would now be used for residents requiring nursing care.

Visitors to the open house saw a new dining room with full-length windows opening on an enclosed courtyard. Furnishings had been donated in memory of Dr. and Mrs. O.P. Harris by their nephew, Dr. C.O. Harris. The lobby off the Fifth Avenue entrance also featured full-length windows overlooking a porch.

The old 26-bed Harris Hospital had been purchased in 1951 for \$35,400. This included two houses in addition to the hospital building and three lots. The official dedication of Mendota Lutheran Home was held Feb. 3, 1952. Within one week it was filled to its capacity of 20 residents.

In 1963, a \$206,000 addition, designated East Wing, increased capacity to 43. The 1971 addition, designated North Wing, had cost \$460,000 plus \$30,000 for furnishings.

A building committee chaired by E.H. Stamberger was comprised of Mrs. Norman Bauer of Sublette, David Stroudt of LaSalle, Mrs. Ronald Boltz of Earlville, Roland Zimmerman and August Schlesinger, Mendota.

On the day of the open house more than 600 visitors had an opportunity to tour the new addition.

The death of Stephen Warren on Oct. 26, 1971, saddened many. He had come to Mendota in 1954, the year he received his master's degree, as English instructor at MTHS. He was also journalism advisor, debate coach, director of plays and track coach.

He was active in Mendota Community Theatre from 1955 through 1970 as both performer and director. During the summer months from 1960 through

Backtracks & Sidetracks

1968 he had been on the staff of The Mendota Reporter.

Warren was a veteran of World War II, a Marine twice wounded on Iwo Jima and a recipient of a purple heart and gold star.

Although he had suffered a heart attack in June, he had returned to teaching on a limited basis in the fall term. He was 47.

The LaSalle County Historical Society president, Constance Fetzer, announced the donation of two books by Charles A. Lindberg from the author himself. Mrs. Fetzer had been in pursuit of documentation of Lindberg's crash landing of a mail plane on the Jason DeBolt farm near Wedron on Sept. 16, 1926.

The books contributed by Lindberg were "We" and "Spirit of St. Louis." Each had a reference to the crash and the page numbers were indicated. Each was inscribed: "To the LaSalle County Historical Society with best wishes from Charles A. Lindberg."

The crash occurred in dense fog and it was later learned a mechanic had removed a 110-gallon gasoline tank for repair, replacing it with an 85-gallon tank without reporting the substitution.

A retired telephone operator, Esther Baer, donated a photograph of the crash to the historical society. She had handled the call to the LaSalle County Sheriff, reporting the incident. Lindberg took the mail to Ottawa by car, then spent the night at the DeBolt farm. A typed copy of DeBolt's recollection of Lindberg was also added to the historical society's files.

The items are on permanent display at the museum in Utica.

Lindberg's historic Atlantic flight was the following year, 1927.

On Oct. 24, 1971, a plaque was dedicated on the exterior of the fire-

men's building. It listed names of fire department members serving when the building was erected in 1963. Individuals and organizations who supported the project were also named on the plaque. Fire chief John Goebel presided at the ceremony.

The Mendota High School band played for a presidential motorcade when President Nixon was in Springfield to sign the Lincoln Home Historic Site Act. Bands that had previously planned to compete at the Illinois State Fair were judged instead on their performance before the President.

The Mendota band was awarded a trophy, being judged 1971 Best of Class A. A Certificate of Appreciation dated Sept. 14, 1971, was received from the White House.

Ben and Bea Inness announced the sale of their plumbing and heating business to Roland Walter effective Nov. 1, 1971. The Innesses had been in business 17 years.

The Mendota Education Association made public its view that union and management at Conco Inc. should negotiate an end to "work stoppage" at the plant.

The Association is ready to assist either union or management in achieving a solution to contractual differences.

The strike, which began June 1, 1971, was finally settled on Dec. 30.

At the instigation of the Sportsmen's Club, bullheads, carp and catfish – a ton of them – were seined from Lake Mendota. Boots Mathesius said lack of oxygen and an accumulation of silt was threatening the fish.

Officials will take action to effect some corrective measures.

MTHS enjoyed a 27-15 victory over Hall's Red Devils. Marty Herman scored three touchdowns. Coach Paul Kimrey was pleased with everybody. Said Kimrey –

It is hard to point out one or two heroes – the whole team played a great game.

The GOP makes Democrats pay the price for trans insanity

By Rich Lowry

There used to be a time when Republican elected officials and candidates shied away from talking about trans issues.

They didn't want to appear extreme or intolerant. Why bother wading into a fraught cultural issue when there were so many other things to talk about? Deferring to "medical professionals" or "the experts" seemed the easy way out.

Now, though, Republicans have emphatically found their voice. Across the political landscape, GOP Senate candidates are hitting their Democratic opponents on their trans-radicalism and have them on the run, while the Trump campaign is pounding Kamala Harris on the issue with perhaps the most prominent ad of this election cycle.

The chickens have come home to roost, and they are apparently all cisgender. For the longest time, Democrats have gone along with the steadily evolving trans-orthodoxy as established by the cultural left. Existing in a bubble, they assumed that doubters could be isolated or embarrassed into going along, and didn't realize just how wildly out of touch they'd become.

It's one thing to say people should be tolerant of the choices of consenting adults; it's another to say that minors must have access to life-altering so-called "gender-affirming" treatments. It's one thing to say everyone should live and let live; it's another to say that biological males must participate in female sports, no matter how manifestly unfair it is to the girls and women.

There were plenty of flashing red lights for Democrats to heed. A Washington Post poll last year found that 57% of people say that gender is determined at birth. Roughly two-thirds of people said biological males shouldn't compete in girls' and women's sports. And 68% opposed giving children ages 10-14 access to puberty-blocking medication, and 58% opposed teens ages 15-17 having access to hormonal treatments.

It's only now, when they are getting punished on the issue, that Democrats are coming out and saying, in effect, that they've favored the gender binary all along.

Fighting off a challenge from Democratic Rep. Colin Allred, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz has targeted the congressman for his opposition to a bill called the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act. In a sign that the attack was working, Allred responded in his own ad: "I don't want boys playing girls' sports or any of this ridiculous stuff that Ted Cruz is saying."

This led to denunciations of Allred from the left. According to the LGBT publication The Advocate, he "embraced far-right language around gender identity in a new ad" -- the offending words presumably being "boys" and "girls." Similar ads have run wherever there is a competitive senate race, many of them from the Mitch McConnell campaign outfit, the Senate Leadership Fund.

In Ohio, the embattled incumbent Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown has also responded with an ad calling the idea that he supports males competing against females in sports "a complete lie." The spot points out that Ohio has already prohibited such intrusions. But in an interview with the aforementioned Advocate last year, Brown harshly denounced such laws.

"I think all this shows is that there's still so much hate in this country," he said, "and by extension hate in politics. Politicians who introduce and support these prohibitive bills should be ashamed of themselves, and it's my hope that their constituents see through these ugly efforts."

Brown wants us to believe that he's had a sudden -- and surely instantly revocable, if he survives -- conversion.

For his part, Donald Trump is airing an ad during football games highlighting how Kamala Harris said in 2019 that she supported government-funded transition surgery for prisoners and detained illegal immigrants. As the ad notes, it's hard to believe that anyone seriously seeking public office would advocate such a thing.

Now, in the final weeks of an extremely tight election, Harris and her Democratic colleagues are being held to account for their ideological excesses. They can cry foul, but they brought it on themselves.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC's lifelong learning options popular

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education and Business Services division offered close to 500 courses with an enrollment of nearly 4,000 this year, the Board of Trustees learned on Oct. 10.

In her monthly report to the Board, College President Dr. Tracy Morris recapped the division's busy year. Continuing Education's catalog of activities includes personal and professional development courses, business training and youth summer camps.

Personal development and vocational courses were most popular among the offered courses, while two new courses added this year -- a La Salle County History series and a Surgical Technician program -- have seen strong enrollment.

Forty-two summer camps were offered in June through August, enrolling 412 youths between the ages of 5 and 17.

Through the Business Training Center, leadership training continues to attract interest for local businesses and industries, and an Essential Work Skills course was launched this fall.

In her monthly recap of activities on campus, Dr. Morris reported that overall IVCC enrollment headcount and credit hours showed strong gains over Fall 2023,

with headcount increasing nearly 6 percent and credit hours increasing nearly 7 percent at the same time the prior year. Increases were seen in traditional, online, and blended classes and at the Ottawa Center.

In other action, the Board:

- Authorized Dr. Morris to begin preparing the 2024 tax levy. A tentative levy will be presented to the Board in November, and it will be finalized in December.

- Approved College calendars covering Fall 2025, Spring, Summer and Fall 2026, and Spring and Summer 2027. Commencement ceremonies will remain on Saturday afternoons in both calendar years and the College will be closed on Nov. 3, 2026, for Election Day.

- Authorized purchasing a 2023 Ford F 250 pickup truck for \$43,900 and a 2023 Ford Transit Connect for \$39,900, from Morrow Brothers Ford of Greenfield, Ill., through the state's Central Management Services for Purchasing.

- Renewed a three-year contract for Catalog/Curriculum software from Watermark Insights LLC for a total of \$56,320.

- Added electric bicycles to a Board policy guideline about the use of bicycles, skateboards and hoverboards on campus.

The Board also was informed of:

- The upcoming retirements of Nancy McDonnell, cybersecurity faculty, effective May 2025, and Valery Calvetti, Ottawa Center counselor, effective November 2024.

- The appointments of Doris Burke, Career Services Specialist, Kelly Shymanski, Workforce Careers Navigator, and Sarah Stevenson, Library Services Coordinator.

- The resignations of Kim Jaraczewski, cashier, and Brittany Moriarity, assistant women's basketball coach.

- The College's recognition by the Illinois Community College Board, which has been extended through June 2025.

Judge Troy Holland recommended for retention for the 13th Judicial Circuit

OTTAWA – Judge Troy Holland was recently rated as a “recommended” as a candidate for retention as a Circuit Judge for the 13th Judicial Circuit (LaSalle, Bureau and Grundy counties). On Sept. 9, 2024, the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) released its statewide judicial evaluations/ratings poll for the Nov. 5, 2024, general election.

According to the ISBA, to aid Illinois voters in their responsibility to elect and retain judges, the ISBA provides public information about the qualifications of judicial candidates and judges seeking retention.

A judicial candidate that receives a score of 65.00% or above in the “meets the requirements of the office” category are rated as “recommended.” Judge Troy Holland received a rating of 96.51% out of 100%

in the “meets the requirements of office” category. Judge Holland received high ratings in all the other qualifying factors including: 97.65% for integrity, 96.47% for impartiality, 95.29% for legal ability, 96.47% for temperament, 96.51% for court management, 97.67% for health and 97.59% for sensitivity to diversity and bias. Judge Holland is currently assigned as the presiding judge of the Civil Division of LaSalle County Courts. Judge Holland said, “I have been privileged to serve the citizens of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit for nearly 12 years, and I would be honored to continue to serve as their Circuit Judge.”

The statewide results are available at www.isba.org/judicial-elections/counties. Judicial retention questions are determined on a non-partisan, yes-no vote basis.

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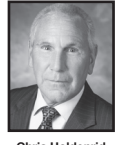
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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Billy Campbell was a sensation in "Dynasty" in 1984, playing Steven Carrington's lover, who was accidentally killed by Blake Carrington (John Forsythe). Campbell later made a comeback in Disney's futuristic superhero film "The Rocketeer" (1991). At 65, he'll join Freddie Prinze Jr. and Jennifer Love Hewitt in the "I Know What You Did Last Summer" sequel, titled "I Never Forget What You Did Last Summer."

Is Glen Powell the new reboot king? After starring in "Twisters" over the summer with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Anthony Ramos, Powell signed on for a remake of Arnold Schwarzenegger's 1987 flop "The Running Man," which only grossed \$38.1 million against its \$27 million cost.

Another remake in the works from Paramount Pictures is "The Naked Gun," which stars Liam Neeson in Leslie Nielsen's original role and "Baywatch" beauty Pamela Anderson in Priscilla Presley's original role.

Will Smith moved a step closer into the good graces of

fans by giving the prestigious Opening Day oration at the Saudi Film Complex. His recent film "Bad Boys: Ride or Die" became the Saudi Arabia's top-grossing film of all time. What does that say about their moviegoers?

The sequel to the film that gave Joaquin Phoenix his Oscar-winning role, "Joker: Folie à Deux," co-starring Lady Gaga, failed to impress most critics. Only 33% of 291 critic reviews were favorable. Film fans didn't line up either, judging from the worldwide box-office gross, which was \$192 million against its \$200 million cost. Phoenix's next film is the black comedy western "Edgington," with Pedro Pascal, Emma Stone, Austin Butler and Luke Grimes. The film wrapped in May.

Sadly, Francis Ford Coppola ("The Godfather" saga), who pawned his house to produce "Megalopolis," has only recouped \$12.2 million of its \$136 million cost. The sci-fi drama is being compared to the disastrous Elizabeth Taylor/Richard Burton epic "Cleopatra" (1963), which nearly sank

20th Century Fox.

Coppola's clue should have been the lesson that Kevin Costner learned with his "Horizon" saga. If no one will put up money to produce it, don't sell your house to make it yourself!

Beware of so-called celebrities on social media sites like Facebook and X. Recently, Sam Elliot popped up on my Facebook chat page. I first met Sam in 1967 when he was in the contract program at 20th Century Fox with Tom Selleck, Ryan O'Neal and James Brolin. In 1976, I shot photos of him for a full back-page ad in Daily Variety for his film "Lifeguard."

As we corresponded, he revealed that he didn't remember me or his longtime publicist, Esme Chandlee, which I attributed to him being 80 years old. But when he asked me to sign up for an app called Signal Private Messenger (with in-app purchases), I ended the chat, concluding that it might not be Sam but an online imposter or a scam instead.

Beware who you let into your social media! Was it really Sam or just another scam being born?

Couch Theater

"Joker: Folie à Deux" (R) -- The box-office bomb that is the sequel to Todd Phillips' smash hit "Joker" will be available to rent on Oct. 29. How can such a successful start result in such a tragic finish? With Lady Gaga ("A Star Is Born") as Harleen "Lee" Quinzel opposite Joaquin Phoenix's Arthur Fleck, it seemed like the pair would be a match made in hell! And although some fans were turned off about the sequel being a musical, surely with Gaga's pipes and Joker's imagination, it would be quite an entertaining love story! But, unfortunately, the film didn't come together well in the end, with the music failing to move the story forward and Gaga's talent being severely underused. (Apple TV+)

"Wizards Beyond Waverly Place" (TV-PG) -- A spin-off series to "Wizards of Waverly Place" (2007-2012) was announced earlier this year, and its first two episodes are hitting streaming on Oct. 29! From the same creators of another Disney Channel spin-off "Raven's Home," this series follows the oldest Russo, Justin (David Henrie), who lives

a normal life with his wife and kids after retiring from teaching wizards. But when his sister, Alex (Selena Gomez), sends him a powerful young wizard named Billie to teach, Justin must go back to his warlock ways to teach the rebellious girl how to wield her power the right way. Janice LeAnn Brown ("Euphoria") plays Billie, while Maria Canals-Barrera, David DeLuise and Jake T. Austin guest star in their respective roles from the original series. (Disney+)

"Chris Brown: A History of Violence" (TV-MA) -- Hailing from the Investigation Discovery (ID) network that brought us "Quiet on Set," this documentary film zeroes in on R&B singer Chris Brown and the heap of legal issues that always seem to trail behind him. One of Brown's biggest legal issues that caused him to be shunned in the first place was his domestic violence case against fellow singer Rihanna back in 2009. Although he's since wriggled his way back into the public's graces, Brown has faced assault charges, sexual assault charges, restraining orders from ex-girlfriends, and al-

legations of being involved in a hit-and-run. The doc tracks much of his issues back to his childhood and even spotlights a new accuser with more allegations against Brown. Out now. (Max)

In Case You Missed It "They/Them" (R) -- This 2022 slasher film (pronounced "they slash them") from Blumhouse is a riot, but not exactly in a good way. The movie follows a group of LGBTQ teens who arrive at Whistler Camp, a conversion camp run by the weirdly cheery Owen Whistler (Kevin Bacon). Owen labels the camp as a safe space where teens won't be "forcibly converted," but as the days go on, the activities get more sadistic, like forcing the kids to stay out in the woods alone and making them shoot animals. Meanwhile, a masked killer lurks closer and closer to the camp, plucking people off one by one. While the film's intentions seem to be in the right place, there are too many storylines happening without enough time to flesh them out and make any of it believable. Out now, but watch at your own risk! (Peacock)

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Is that Richard Hatch from the original "Survivor" on another reality show? Wasn't he in prison for a while? -- **S.S.**



Hatch

A: Yes, Richard Hatch, the winner of the first season of the trendsetting CBS reality show "Survivor," is on another competitive reality show -- the appropriately titled "House of Villains," which airs on E! Hatch also competed on "Survivor's" all-stars edition two decades ago, but was kicked off after being accused of inappropriate behavior by another competitor.

Hatch went on to serve over four years in federal prison for tax evasion after failing to report those "Survivor" winnings and is now open to other reality show opportunities. He's even campaigning in the press to be chosen for the 50th season of "Survivor," stating that he's never missed an episode. According to Entertainment Weekly, he's fully confident he could win again, declaring that he's "got the brain to play the game."

Q: Whatever happened to the sitcom Mayim Bialik had while she was hosting "Jeopardy!"? I thought maybe that's why she isn't hosting anymore, since she was too busy doing both shows. -- **O.M.**

A: The Fox sitcom "Call Me Kat" starred Mayim Bialik, Cheyenne Jackson ("30 Rock"), and the late Leslie Jordan ("Will & Grace"). It lasted three seasons before it was canceled in May 2023. Bialik was quite busy hosting the weekend edition of the syndicated game show "Jeopardy!" but unfortunately lost the gig in December 2023. The producers decided to stick with Ken Jennings, who was the primary host on weeknights. But with primetime game shows being so popular, perhaps she'll land another one of those in the near future.

In the meantime, Bialik's set to guest star sometime in the upcoming season of "Night Court," alongside her former "Big Bang Theory" co-star Melissa Rauch. The new season premieres on Nov. 19 and will air on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. ET.

She will also be seen in the upcoming anthology film by Jim Jarmusch, titled "Father, Mother, Sister, Brother," with Cate Blanchett ("Blue

Jasmine") and Adam Driver ("Ferrari").

Bialik certainly isn't hurting for money, however. She was a regular cast member on "The Big Bang Theory" for eight seasons, and she certainly has a bright future in whatever show-business endeavor she chooses next.

Q: When is "Cobra Kai" coming back to Netflix with new episodes? I hope it hasn't been canceled. -- **R.W.**

A: "Cobra Kai," the popular nostalgic series based on the "Karate Kid" movies, is set to return to Netflix for the second half of its final season, beginning Friday, Nov. 15. Ralph Macchio and William Zabka are back for five episodes, along with a "final event hitting sometime next year," according to TVLine. This time, they'll be in Barcelona, Spain.

Joining the cast are Lewis Tan ("Deadpool & Wolverine"), Patrick Luwis ("Rebel Moon"), and newcomer Rayna Vallandingham as part of a competing dojo at the overseas tournament. Expect the setting, which takes place in a karate temple with no crowd-watching, to be a "totally different environment," according to co-creator Hayden Schlossberg.

• Trivia Test •

1. MOVIES: Who was the only actor to receive an Oscar nomination for work in a "Star Wars" movie?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is a body of land with water on three sides called?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: In 1960, which two candidates participated in the first televised presidential debate in 1960?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What type of flower produces vanilla bean pods?
5. MUSIC: What was the name of blues musician Stevie Ray Vaughn's first Fender Stratocaster?
6. SCIENCE: What type of gas is absorbed by plants?
7. LITERATURE: What is the name of the submarine in "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Seas"?
8. TELEVISION: What is Clair Huxtable's profession in "The Cosby Show"?
9. ANATOMY: What is a more common name for the sternum?
10. ART: Which European city houses the Rijksmuseum?

Answers

1. Alec Guinness.
2. A peninsula.
3. John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon.
4. Orchid.
5. Number One.
6. Carbon dioxide.
7. Nautilus.
8. Lawyer.
9. Breastbone.
10. Amsterdam

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* A California man who made a personalized license plate that said "No Plate" received more than 2,500 parking tickets.

* Omphalophobia is the fear of belly buttons.

* Avid readers won't be intimidated by a hefty novel, but they'll still surely be impressed by what's been deemed the largest book ever. Weighing more than 3,000 pounds and measuring 16.40 feet by 26.44 feet with 429 pages inside, the book, which is titled "This is Muhammad," was created in 2012 by 50 people working together in the United Arab Emirates.

* Prior to 1949, tennis court grass was kept at 2 inches long -- that is, until a player was bitten by a snake. It's now typically maintained at a length of 8 mm.

* Scientists have found evidence of take-out restaurants in the remains of Pompeii.

* Japan has the highest density of vending machines worldwide, with approximately 5 million machines, or one machine for every 23 people. You can buy everything from live lobsters and bread in a can, to underwear and Buddhist amulets from a vending machine.

* The first European who learned to smoke from the natives was arrested back home because people thought he was possessed by the devil.

* Dolly Parton's parents paid the doctor who delivered her with a bag of cornmeal.

* The most expensive domain name ever sold was Voice.com, which was acquired for \$30 million in 2019.

* Caribbean sperm whales have their own accents.

* After an 8.0 magnitude earthquake hit Mexico City in 1985, nearly all newborn babies survived a collapsed hospital for seven days without nourishment, water, warmth or human contact.

* A flea can accelerate faster than a space shuttle.

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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LOCAL AND AREA

Expo at IVCC to spotlight homelessness and solutions

OGLESBY – A Community Response to Homelessness Expo on Thursday, Nov. 7, at Illinois Valley Community College will feature a local resource fair, a documentary film screening and a panel discussion.

The event will begin in room CTC 124-125 at 5:30 p.m. with an opportunity to explore local resources and community efforts to combat homelessness and to enjoy a light meal. At 6:30, the screening of the documentary “Americans with No Address” begins in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre, followed by a panel discussion with state and local professionals at 8:15 p.m.

The event, Hope for Tomorrow, is free, but registration is required. Visit <https://swiy.co/hopefortomorrow> to register.

“I’d encourage people to take the time to listen and learn what homelessness is and what solutions are and find a way to participate!” invited Carol Alcorn, executive director of Illinois Valley Public Action to Deliver Shelter (IV Pads).

“Stereotypes are really engrained in the word ‘homeless.’ We need to dispel the stereotype and talk about real people with real needs,” Alcorn said. “I want younger people to see this documentary and for the community to understand the networks that are already available so we can build new ones.”

Homelessness here looks like your relatives, neighbors or friends “who come on hard times because of job loss, family disputes or health issues and need help to move to self-sufficiency,” Alcorn said. Despite a common misconception, only a percentage of local homelessness results from substance abuse, she added.

More senior citizens are joining the statistics, and college-aged adults who “look like every other student in the halls” can be found there too. Homelessness can send entire families with children scurrying for help.

“The real problem is greater than the guy on the corner carrying a sign (asking for help). We’re in a period where homelessness is increasing,” she said.

Over the years, Alcorn believes IV PADS’ efforts have transformed the issue. She said she sees fewer individuals reappearing in the shelters year after year.

IV PADS is more than a bed. The organization also provides mental health, employment, and housing services through its partners in the region. “We are able to remove barriers and build service plans and get them back on their feet quicker – and give them hope rather than defeat.”

IV PADS’ founding 34 years ago was the Illinois Valley’s first major attempt to address homelessness, spearheaded by three local women, including IVCC chemistry professor Sister Margaret Suerth. The organization operates two shelters in Peru and Ottawa. For more information, visit www.ivpads.com.

The expo is made possible by a \$7,500 grant from the National Association of Realtors and Illini Valley Association of Realtors.

Illinois Valley Community College has been a key partner in planning the expo because housing insecurity is a real concern for students of all ages, said College President Dr. Tracy Morris. “These conversations on a wider scale with our community are a huge step towards making significant changes for generations of families,” she added.



The College is committed to supporting students in all areas so they can achieve their educational and career goals, and has, as part of its efforts, expanded services in its Student Success Center to meet students’ academic and personal needs.

“Americans with No Address” is a moving documentary that defines and addresses issues we hear on the national news and see on our street

corners, Alcorn said. The documentary by Robert Craig Films is based on a film, “No Address,” which stars William Baldwin and Beverly D’Angelo and is due to be released in February 2025.

Sponsors of the event include Illinois Valley PADS, Illinois Valley Association of Realtors, Robert Craig Films, Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce, Midwest Partners, and Starved Rock Media.



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NOVEMBER 2024

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11:30 AM
Monday - Friday
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Mendota Civic Center
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Meal Cost - \$4.00
Monthly menus are available on our website & Facebook page. Lunches are from OSF St. Paul Medical Center. Must register 24 hours in advance.

ONGOING - DEC. 7, 2024
MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT
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Call soon for appointment as time slots are filling fast.

OCT. 1, 2024 - SEPT. 30, 2025
ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE FUNDRAISER
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Feik Senior Parlor –
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For more info call
(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
Our goal for Fiscal Year 2025 is \$1000. Please help us reach our goal. Drop off cans at the northeast back door of the Civic Center.

NOV. 1
COMMUNITY BINGO
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
1 PM
Feik Lounge –
Mendota Civic Center
For more info call
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Anyone 18 and older welcome to join the fun!

NOV. 1, 8 & 22
BINGOCIZE
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
10 AM
Feik Lounge –
Mendota Civic Center
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Open to anyone in the community.

NOV. 1, 8 & 22
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NOV. 4, 7, 18, 21 & 25
EXERCISE CLASS
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NOV. 4, 18 & 25
DOMINOES
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NOV. 5, 19 & 26
Wii BOWLING
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
10:30 AM
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Mendota Civic Center
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NOV. 5, 19 & 26
EUCHRE
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12 PM (Noon)
Feik Senior Parlor –
Mendota Civic Center
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(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
All are welcome!

NOV. 6
WAFFLE WEDNESDAY
(cancelled this month due to garage sale)
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
9 AM to 10:30 AM
Feik Senior Parlor –
Mendota Civic Center
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(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
Join us for FREE Homemade waffles and all the toppings.

NOV. 6
SHAKE, RATTLE & READ: "MUSIC"
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
11 AM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
Ages: Birth - 2 years olds (siblings welcome). Join us for books, play, and fun.

NOV. 7 & 21
HEARING SCREENINGS
Sponsored by Civic Center & M.A.S.S.
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Mendota Civic Center
For more info call
(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
Hearing aid batteries available at M.A.S.S. to purchase. Bring in old batteries to recycle.

NOV. 6, 20 & 27
BEGINNING CROCHET CLASS
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
1 PM - 2 PM
Feik Senior Parlor –
Mendota Civic Center
For more info call
(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
New class being offered. Barbrie Crochet will be here to teach crochet from beginners to advanced. Bring your own crochet hooks and yarn.

NOV. 7 & 21
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(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
This game is a combination of Bingo & Poker. Pennies are used, so bring your penny jar. Call M.A.S.S. for more information @815-539-7700

NOV. 7 & 21
NEEDLE CRAFT CLUB
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
1 PM
Feik Lounge –
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.

NOV. 7
LEGO CLUB
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
4 PM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
Ages: 1st-8th Grades. We have the LEGOS, you bring your designs!

NOV. 9
MY KIDS DON'T WANT MY STUFF: SOLUTIONS FOR ESTATE PLANNING AND DOWNSIZING
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
11 AM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
FREE
Personal property appraiser Carolyn Law will address the emotional, psychological, and physical stresses involved in this process as well as the practical matters of sorting, evaluating, preserving, and distributing personal property, collections, and family heirlooms in the 21st century.

NOV. 11
CREATE ART
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
6 PM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
Ages: All ages. Help us create art for the Youth Services Department. Design a Christmas tree for all to see! Supplies will be provided.

NOV. 12 & 26
BLOOD PRESSURE / BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
11 AM - 12 PM
Feik Senior Parlor –
Mendota Civic Center
For more info call
(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
Free to anyone in the community.

NOV. 14
SHAKE, RATTLE & READ: "MUSIC" (REPEAT OF NOV. 6 PROGRAM)
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
6 PM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
Ages: Birth - 2 years olds (siblings welcome). Join us for books, play, and fun.

NOV. 15
FALL GARAGE SALE
We will start taking donations on Monday, Nov. 11th.
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
8 AM - 3 PM
Feik Lounge –
Mendota Civic Center
For more info call
(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
1 PM Bag Stuffer "Special"

NOV. 19
3RD TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
Choose
1 PM OR 6 PM
FREE
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
We'll be reading and discussing "Wishtree" by Katherine Applegate. New members are always welcome! Pickup a book at the Library today!

NOV. 8
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
1 PM
Feik Senior Parlor –
Mendota Civic Center
For more info call
(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
Join us for Birthday Cake and Coffee

NOV. 20
SHAKE, RATTLE & READ: "FALL ANIMALS"
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
Choose
11 AM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
Ages: Birth - 2 years old (siblings welcome). Join us for books, play, and fun.

NOV. 20
CHAPTER CREW: "DORY FANTASMAGORY" BY ABBY HANLON
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
4 PM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
FREE
Ages: 1st and older. Introduction into chapter books with play and movement incorporated!

NOV. 20
SMALL FRIES: "MUSIC"
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
4 PM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
Ages: 3 yrs to Kindergarten. Join us for books, music, and play.

NOV. 21
FAMILY READING NIGHT
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
6 PM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
Ages: All ages. Family Reading Night is an annual statewide event to encourage families to spend quality time reading together.

NOV. 22
HOLIDAY BITES
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
12 PM - 12:45 PM
Feik Senior Parlor –
Mendota Civic Center
For more info call
(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
MUST REGISTER.
Call MASS for registration details. Susan Glassman, Nutrition and Wellness educator from Illinois Extension will be presenting this class.

NOV. 25
TWEENS
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
6 PM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 538-5142
Ages: 5th - 8th Grades.
Design your own notebook to your style! Let your imagination run wild with stickers, markers, and more! Pizza by Mendota Rosati's served at 6:30 PM.

NOV. 26
GIVE THANKS NOVEMBER POTLUCK
Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
5:30 PM
Feik Senior Parlor –
Mendota Civic Center
For more info call
(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing and Green Beans will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

NOV. 27
MOVIES WITH M.A.S.S. - "1945 CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT"
Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library & M.A.S.S.
1 PM
1401 W Main St, Mendota
For more info call
(815) 539-7700 or 539-9673
NOTE the time change!
Free. Snacks (popcorn and beverages) provided by M.A.S.S.

More local events found at mendotachamber.com

The Community Calendar Is Brought To You By Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce & The Mendota Reporter. These are some of the local businesses who belong to your Chamber of Commerce:

Valley-Coin-Jewelry-Pawn
Waltham Curling Club
Wasner Funeral Home
West Side Family Dentistry
Win Stoller Illinois State Senator
Windy City Amusements
Woodhaven Association
Ziggie's Family Restaurant
4M Graphix
Abigail Women's Center

LOCAL AND AREA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed 2024 property tax levy increase for Illinois Community College District #523 will be held on November 12, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at Kishwaukee College.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President or Jill Fletcher, Chief Financial Officer, Kishwaukee College, Malta, Illinois, 60150, 815-825-2086, extension 9324 or 9517.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2023 were \$14,147,714. The proposed corporate and special purposes property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$16,194,766. This represents a 14.5% increase from the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 were \$4,689,401. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public commission leases for 2024 are \$4,773,753. This represents a 1.8% increase from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2023 were \$18,837,115. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$20,968,519. This represents an 11.3% increase from the previous year.

Kathleen Spears
Secretary

Windy City Dueling Pianos to headline LaSalle County Friends of Extension & 4-H fundraiser

OTTAWA – LaSalle County Friends of Extension & 4-H is hosting an annual dinner fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Knights of Columbus Hall in Ottawa. The night will feature a performance from the Windy City Dueling Pianos, dinner from Stone Jug BBQ, and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event will benefit the LaSalle County Extension and 4-H program for educational programs and activities.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner from Stone Jug BBQ served at 6 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m. from the Windy City Dueling Pianos, a dueling piano performers group.

Tickets can be bought in advance and are available until Nov. 8 for \$60.

To secure tickets, visit the LaSalle Extension/4-H office at 1689 N. 31st Road, Ottawa, or call the Extension office at 815-433-0707. Tickets can also be reserved by reaching out to Gail Hayward at 815-

257-6266.

For more information or if you need an accommodation to participate, please contact LaSalle County Friends of Extension & 4-H at lcfoe4h@gmail.com or call 815-433-0707.

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Indoor Edible Gardens Workshops will be offered at the following locations:

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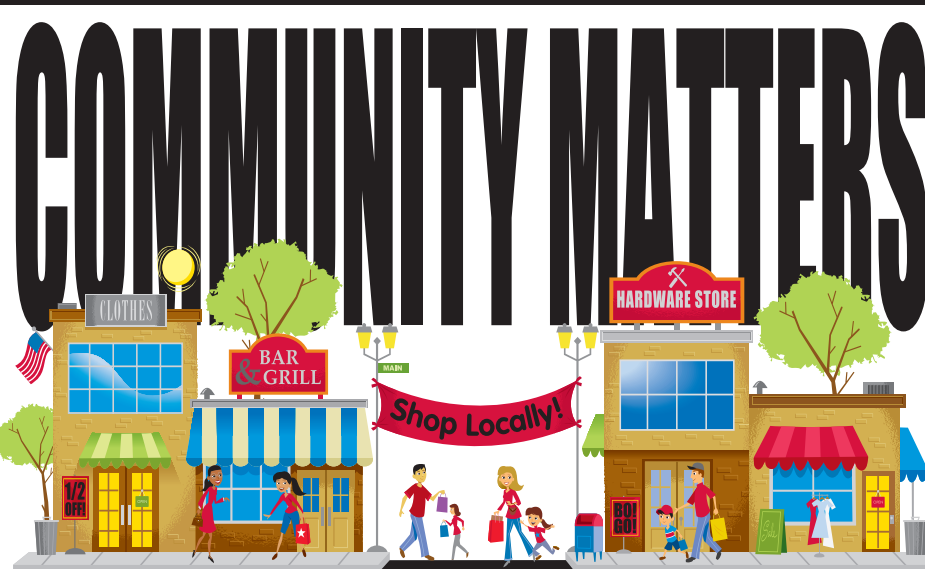
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SOCIAL NEWS



Schmitt turning 101

Arlene Schmitt of Mendota will celebrate her 101st birthday on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024. If anyone would like to send her birthday wishes, her address is Arlene Schmitt, 901 First St., Mendota, IL 61342.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Barker

Barkers to celebrate 60th anniversary with open house

MENDOTA – Larry and Janet Barker of Mendota will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house hosted by the Barker family on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 2-4 p.m. at the Mendota Moose Lodge. They were married on Nov. 15, 1964.

In lieu of gifts, the family is having a card shower. Cards may be sent to 711 Fourth Ave., Mendota, IL 61342.

Everyone is invited to join the celebration at the open house.

Houseplant Propagation Workshop in Utica Nov. 5

UTICA – Are your houseplants overgrown and leggy? Would you like more of your favorites or does a friend want a start of one of your plants?

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Houseplant Propagation Workshop will be offered at Utica Public Library District,

224 Mill St., North Utica, on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 5-6 p.m.

Register at: go.illinois.edu/propagation

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L. Buettner to observe 100th birthday Nov. 6

PRINCETON – In celebration of Lucille Buettner's 100th birthday, her family is hosting a card shower in honor of her special day.

She was born on Nov. 6, 1924, to George and Louise Althaus. She married Clayton Buettner on Aug. 25, 1948, and was a farmer's wife her entire married life. They have one son, Ken, three grandsons and five great-grandchildren.

Lucille and Clayton retired from the farm in 2002 and moved to Mendota. Widowed in 2013, she stayed in their home on Monroe Street until 2018 when she moved to Stonecroft Village in Mendota.

Lucille is currently residing at Liberty Village in Princeton. Birthday wishes



Lucille Buettner

may be sent to her at Liberty Village, 140 N. Sixth St., Room 407, Princeton, IL 61356.

A family get-together honoring this milestone will be held at a later date.

Social Security

Slam the scam: How to spot government imposters

By Mike Weitz

PERU – Do you know how to spot a government imposter scam? We continue to raise public awareness about Social Security-related and other government imposter scams. Knowing how to identify potential scammers will help safeguard your personal information.

There are common elements to many scams. Scammers often take advantage of fears and threaten you with arrest or legal action. Scammers also pretend to be Social Security or other government employees and claim there's a problem with your Social Security number (SSN) or your benefits. They may even claim your SSN is linked to a crime.

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Scammers continue to evolve and find new ways to steal your money and personal information. Please stay vigilant and help raise awareness about Social Security-related and other government imposter scams. For more information, please visit www.ssa.gov/scam.

Tell your friends and family about government imposter scams. Let them know they don't have to be embarrassed to report if they shared personal financial information or suffered a financial loss. The important thing is to report the scam right away. (Weitz is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bierwirth
...then and now



Bierwirths to celebrate 50th anniversary Nov. 9

MENDOTA – Paul and Kathy (Eames) Bierwirth of Mendota will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 9, 2024. They were married on Nov. 9, 1974.

Their children and grandchildren wish them a happy anniversary.

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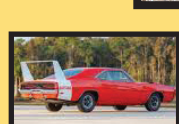
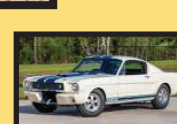
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WARRANT ARREST
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STABBING
Mendota Police officers were called to 809 Indiana Ave. at 11:02 a.m. Oct. 27 for a disturbance where a subject was stabbed with a knife. The person allegedly responsible for the stabbing was taken into custody and an investigation into the incident was started. So far,

the victim has not been cooperative in signing charges and the suspect has been released. The victim was evaluated at a local hospital and was released. The case is under investigation and will be sent to the LaSalle County State's Attorney's office for review.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED
Jose G. Colin Hernandez, 40, of 726 ½ Main St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Meriden Street at 3:09 p.m. Oct. 28. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Mendota Police Dept. advises to always keep vehicle locked

MENDOTA – Members of the Mendota Police Department would like to remind citizens of an important safety tip. Whether your vehicle is in your garage, driveway or parked on the street, always keep it locked.

Do not leave the keys in the ignition of your vehicle, even if you are only parking it for a short period of time. Do not leave purses, wallets or other valuables in your vehicle, as this attracts unwanted attention from a would-be thief.



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I-80 construction is underway in Bureau and La Salle counties; completion set for Fall '25

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The Illinois 89 and Plank Road interchange will remain open at all times. All lanes on I-80 will be open during weekends and holidays. This \$21.6 million project is expected to be completed by fall 2025.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices, and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,000 miles of highway and nearly 10 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Five of Rebuild Illinois include approximately \$16 billion of improvements statewide on 6,541 miles of highway, 686 bridges and 986 additional safety improvements.

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SPORTS



Mendota goalkeeper Mateo Goy (pink) lunges to grab the ball to prevent it from getting any closer to the goal during a sectional soccer game with Beardstown on Oct. 26 at Chillicothe. (Reporter photos)

Trojans reach sectional finals

□ Mendota coasts past Beardstown, 5-0; Peoria Christian is up next

CHILLICOTHE- There’s an old saying, “It’s not how you start, but how you finish.” The Mendota boys’ soccer team can attest to that statement.

More often than not this season, the Trojans have been slow out of the gate in the first half of their games, and then in the second half it’s like they flip on a switch and off they go.

That was clearly evident in Mendota’s sectional semifinal game against Beardstown as its precarious one-goal lead at intermission turned into a dominating 5-0 victory over the Tigers in the Chillicothe IVC Class 1A Sectional Soccer Tournament on Oct. 26.

The win upped the Trojans’ record to 22-2-1 and vaulted them into the sectional championship game against Peoria Christian on Wednesday at 6 p.m. If Mendota comes out on top in the sectional final, it would meet either Aurora Central Catholic or Richmond-Burton in the Mendota Super-Sectional at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 at the MHS field for a right to play in the state tournament.

Beardstown had the first real opportunity to score less than 10 minutes into the game, but Mendota goalie Mateo Goy reacted quickly to the shot to deny a possible Tiger goal.

The game continued scoreless with the clock ticking down under the 14-minute mark when things got crowded around the Mendota goal, but the Trojan defense was able to clear the ball without any harm. Then



Mendota’s Sebastian Carlos battles for position against a Beardstown player in action from the Trojans’ sectional semifinal round game on Oct. 26 at Chillicothe.

within a flash, Mendota had the ball down at the other end of the field and the Trojans’ Isaac Diaz broke into the clear and drove home the first goal of the game with 13:02 left before intermission. The half ended with Mendota up, 1-0.

“It would’ve been nice from a nerve standpoint to get one (goal) a lot sooner than

we did to start the game,” said Mendota coach Nick Myers. “We did discuss a lot before the game that the first five minutes are important. We didn’t want to give up a silly goal, we wanted to get into the game and go from there, and I thought we did that.

“I thought we dominated possession, we just struggled to put one in, but I was happy

with the way we played, and then once we got that first one, I think the nerves kind of went away a little bit for our guys.”

Beardstown had a great opportunity to tie the game 10 minutes into the second half with a penalty kick, but

See Soccer Page B2

Six regional titles in a row and counting for Mendota soccer

□ Trojans win crown over Princeton

SERENA – It’s six and counting for the Mendota boys’ soccer team. Six regional championships in a row, that is, after the Trojans dominated Princeton, 6-0, in the championship game of the Serena Class 1A Regional on Oct. 22.

Johan Cortez led the attack for Mendota, scoring three of the team’s six goals. Also getting in on the scoring action for the Trojans were David Casas, Mauricio Salinas and Hugo Falcon with one goal apiece.

“We fought the wind in the first half and didn’t play up to our full potential but the guys fought through to hold a 2-0 lead at half,” said Mendota coach Nick Myers. “We made some adjustments at halftime and the guys talked about and knew we had to play better in the second half.

“I thought we responded

well in the second half. We moved the ball quicker, passing was more accurate and we responded with four second-half goals.”

Winning another regional title to make it six in a row comes as no surprise, as Myers said that mindset is instilled in anyone playing boys’ soccer in Mendota.

“I think it’s a testament to the expectations of playing on the Trojan soccer team,” stated Myers. “It’s an expectation now to be competing and winning regional championships.

“It shows the dedication of our players in not just the season but the offseason as well. Our guys take the weight room seriously in the offseason, they continue to practice and want to keep getting better. We want to now move that regional success into sectional success now moving forward.”

MHS harrier Kelson qualifies for sectional

□ Senior finishes 7th in Seneca Regional

SENECA–Mendota’s Anthony Kelson kept his cross country season alive after the MHS harriers competed with 16 other schools in the Seneca Class 1A Cross Country Regional held at Seneca’s FFA Ag Farm property in Marseilles on Oct. 26.

In the boys’ event, Landin Stillwell of Somonauk raced his way to a 17:02 first-place finish, followed by Tucker Sennet of Princeville (17:10). Dwight’s Joe Faris (17:15, 3rd), Fieldcrest’s Caleb Krischel (17:25, 4th), and Hinckley-Big Rock’s Caden Hageman (17:32, 5th) completed the All-Regional Team.

Kelson earned the fifth individual qualifying spot for the sectional race with his seventh-place finish in a time of 18:04. Other individual qualifiers were Faris of Dwight, Krischel of Fieldcrest, Hageman of Hinkley-Big Rock, and Augustus Swanson of Princeton (17:47, 6th overall).

Princeville tallied 41 points for the regional championship, while Lowpoint-Washburn (84), Amboy (106), Bureau Valley (129), St. Bede (169), Somonauk (169), and Seneca (197) all advanced to the sectional race. The Trojans’ 233 points placed them 12th.

In the girls’ race, Bethany Sennett of Princeville won the event with a time of 19:52 on the 3-mile course. Evelyn O’Connor of Seneca (19:57) placed second and Elly Heineke of Lowpoint-Washburn (20:09) was third, while Dwight’s Mikayla Chambers (20:25, 4th) and Henry-Senachwine’s Daniella Bumber (20:37, 5th) rounded out the All-Regional team.

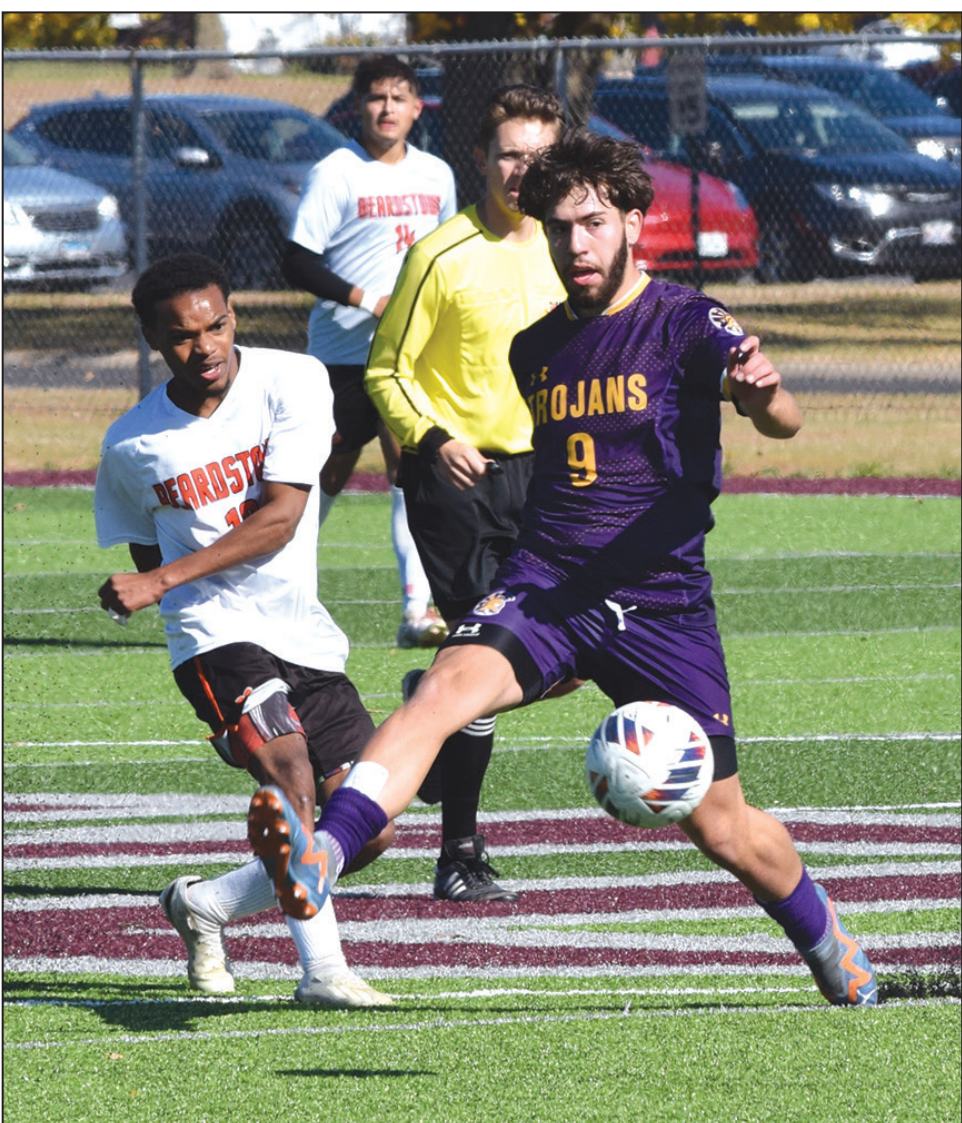
Individuals earning qualifying spots for the sectional race were Sennett of Princeville, Chambers of Dwight, Maggie Jewett of Ottawa Marquette (20:46, 7th overall), Emma Rominski of Somonauk (22:49, 17th overall) and Zeta Fay of Hinckley-Big Rock (22:57, 19th overall).

Seneca’s 45 points earned it the regional title, while Genoa Kingston (66), Princeton (84), Lowpoint-Washburn (84), Bureau Valley (116), Fieldcrest (120), and Henry Senachwine (150) advanced to the sectional.

MHS’s Kelson and other sectional qualifiers will race in the Rock Island Alleman Sectional on Saturday, Nov. 2. The boys’ race kicks off at 11 a.m.



Kelson



Mendota’s David Casas sends the ball back toward the Trojan offensive zone during the Chillicothe IVC Sectional game against Beardstown on Oct. 26.

Mercer Co. tops Trojans in finale

ALEDO- Mendota closed out the 2024 football season with a 56-14 loss to Mercer County on Oct. 25 at Aledo.

The Trojans finished with a 0-9 record.

Mendota opened the scoring with 20 seconds left in the initial stanza when Braiden Freeman scooped up a Golden Eagles fumble and returned it 13 yards for a touchdown. Angil Serrano was successful on the extra-point kick.

As it turned out, that proved to be Mendota’s only touchdown until there were 21 seconds left in the game. In between, Mercer County punched the ball in the end zone eight times and converted half of its two-point attempts.

The Golden Eagles needed just 34 seconds after Mendota scored to put their first points on the board when quarterback John Baldwin ran in from 47 yards out. Payton Sedam broke the goal line for the two-point conversion to give Mercer County an 8-7 lead.

Mercer County tacked on three more TDs before halftime. Bodie Salmon returned a blocked punt 22 yards for

a touchdown and Sedam converted the two-point run.

Just over a minute later, the Golden Eagles were back in the end zone on a 53-yard dash to pay dirt by Baldwin. The two-pointer was good on a Mason Gray run.

Mercer County wrapped up the first-half scoring with seven seconds left when Baldwin connected with Dakota Coppola for a 20-yard touchdown strike. The two-point run failed and the Golden Eagles owned a 30-7 halftime lead.

The home team added two touchdowns in the third period and two more in the fourth. Sedam bolted in from 13 yards out early in the third quarter, and then with 14 seconds left, Daylen Blaser gathered in a 2-yard TD pass from Baldwin, followed by a Jacob Kenney two-point conversion run to widen the margin to 44-7.

The Golden Eagles tallied their fourth-quarter touchdowns on runs of 3 yards by Kenney and 44 yards by Salmon.

Mendota finalized the scoring on a 55-yard dash to the end zone by Jayden Lesley with 21 seconds left

in the contest. Serrano kicked the extra point.

The Trojans generated 176 yards of offense. Lesley had 72 yards in six carries, while Aden Tillman completed 16 of 25 passes for 72 yards. Freeman caught six passes for 31 yards.

Mercer County piled up 463 yards of offense, including 353 on the ground. Baldwin accounted for 175 yards rushing and 110 yards passing.



Final Three Rivers Mississippi Division Football Standings

	TR	OA
Monmouth-R.	5-0	8-1
Princeton	4-1	8-1
Kewanee	3-2	5-4
Sherrard	2-3	2-7
Hall	1-4	2-7
Mendota	0-5	0-9

Friday, Oct. 25

Mercer Co. 56, Mendota 14
Monmouth-R. 21, Newman 0
Princeton 61, Erie-P. 14
Kewanee 44, Orion 34
Rockridge 48, Hall 10
Riverdale 38, Sherrard 6

SPORTS

Soccer

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the ball bounced directly to Goy to keep the Tigers off the board.

Less than a minute later, the Trojans doubled their lead when Diaz headed in the ball at the 29:19 mark.

Six minutes elapsed without a goal, then Mendota tallied twice within a 33-second span to take control. Johan Cortez found the back of the net from about 25-feet out, then Cesar Casas tacked on another Trojan goal when the Beardstown goalie left the crease to come out for the ball and left the goal wide open for Casas, who rolled it in.

Mendota added one more goal for good measure when Danny Garcia scored with 3:34 left in the game.

“We knew Beardstown had three guys up front that had some speed and were fairly decent, so I think our guys were focused on those three,” added Myers. “We dominated the middle of the field and didn’t allow their offensive players to touch the ball.

“Defensively, I thought we played great. Mauricio Martinez played a heckuva game and saved us quite a few times. When they would break through on the wings, he was able to come over and bail us out.”



Cheer on your favorite team by attending a game!

Sandwich tops Spikers in Coal City Regional

COAL CITY – The Mendota Spikers had their season come to a close in the opening round of the Coal City Class 2A Regional Volleyball Tournament on Oct. 28. Sandwich topped the Spikers 25-20, 25-21. Mendota, which defeated Sandwich earlier in the season, ended the campaign with an 8-25 overall record.

Ella Martin, Kennedy Knaff and Laylie Denault each had four kills for Mendota. Martin also led the team with 11 assists, while Ava Eddy had eight digs and Zariah Escatel collected three ace serves.

“We rallied but never could get over the hump,” said Mendota coach Demi Salazar. “I thought the girls learned a lot this season and now we look ahead to next year.”

Mendota’s regular season ended with a pair of losses. The Spikers dropped a 25-17, 25-16 match at Kewanee on Oct. 22 and suffered a 25-10, 25-10 setback at Sterling on Oct. 24.

The Spiker concluded Three Rivers Conference play with a 3-8 record.

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MERCER COUNTY 56, MENDOTA 14

Mendota	7	0	0	7	-	14
Mercer County	0	30	14	12	-	56

SCORING SUMMARY

ME - Freeman 13 fumble return (Serrano kick), 0:20 1Q
MC - Baldwin 47 run (Sedam run), 11:46 2Q
MC - Salmon 22 blocked punt return (Sedam run), 10:15 2Q
MC - Baldwin 53 run (Gray run), 9:12 2Q
MC - Coppola 20 pass from Baldwin (run failed), 0:07 2Q
MC - Sedam 13 run (run failed), 9:35 3q
MC - Blaser 2 pass from Baldwin (Kenney run), 0:14 3Q
MC - Kenney 3 run (run failed), 7:09 4Q
MC - Salmon 44 run (run failed), 1:51 4Q
ME - Lesley 55 run (Serrano kick), 0:21 4Q

	ME	MC
First Downs	10	23
Rushes-Yards	31-104	38-353
Passing Yards	72	110
Passes	16-25-1	9-18-3
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-2
Punts-Avg	5-26	1-35
Penalties-Yards	2-20	5-55

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing – MENDOTA: Lesley 6-72, Furar 7-34, Freeman 1-5, Ossman 3-5, Watson 2-2, Tillman 12-(minus 14); MERCER COUNTY: Baldwin 12-175, Kenney 7-55, Sedam 10-52, Salmon 1-44, Gray 6-26, Phillips 2-1.

Passing – MENDOTA: Tillman 16-25-1-72; MERCER COUNTY: Baldwin 9-16-2-110, Coppola 0-2-1-0.

Receiving – MENDOTA: Freeman 6-31, Watson 4-14, Stewart 1-12, Evans 2-11, C. Tillman 1-5, Lesley 2-(minus 1); MERCER COUNTY: Coppola 3-54, Blaser 2-32, Sedam 3-21, Marston 1-3.

F-S gridders get 24-12 triumph to end season

MENDOTA – The Mendota freshman-sophomore football team got its first victory of the season in its final game—a 24-12 triumph over Aledo Mercer County on Oct. 28 at the MHS field. The Trojans concluded the season with a 1-7 record.

The Trojans opened the scoring with 17 seconds left in the first quarter on a 1-yard run by Jayden Lesley. Javier Hernandez ran in the two-point conversion.

Mendota went up 16-0 with 56 seconds left in the half when Cole Tillman found the end zone from 5 yards out. Tillman hooked up with Ryan Gibertini on the two-point conversion pass.

Mercer County managed to get on the board before intermission on a 42-yard TD run at the 22-second mark. The two-point try failed.

Each team scored in the second half. The Trojans got a 79-yard touchdown run by Lesley followed by a Hernandez two-point run in the third quarter and then Mercer County tallied on a 9-yard run in the fourth frame.

Mendota outgained Mercer County, 210-184. Lesley had a majority of the Trojan yards, carrying the ball 24 times for 173 yards.

Erie-P. knocks off F-S Trojans

PROPHETSTOWN – Erie-Prophetstown claimed a 34-12 win over Mendota in freshman-sophomore football action on Oct. 21 at Prophetstown.

Erie-Prophetstown jumped out to a three-touchdown lead, scoring on touchdown pass plays of 34 yards and 26 yards in the first quarter, and then getting into the end zone on a 62-yard TD run in the second period.

The Trojans struck paydirt with 5:08 left in the second quarter when Viktor Angulo gathered in a 9-yard TD pass from Cole Tillman. Mendota’s two-point conversion run came up short.

Erie-Prophetstown added touchdowns in

BOWLING

Wednesday Night Men’s League

Standings as of Oct. 16 – 1. O’Donnell Excavating 18-10; 2. Mendota Monument 17-11; 3. First State Bank 17-11; 4. Black Brothers 15-13; 5. Maybe Next Week 11-17; 6. Novak Farms 6-22

High team game (scratch) – First State Bank 996, Mendota Monument 982, O’Donnell Excavating 945

High team game (hdcp) – First State Bank 1203, Maybe Next Week 1192, Mendota Monument 1173

High team series (scratch) – First State Bank 2874, Mendota Monument 2802, Black Brothers 2671

High team series (hdcp) – First State Bank 3495, Maybe Next Week 3424, Mendota Monument 3375

High individual game (scratch) – Luke Ross 277, Dave Mammen 257, Tim Dessing 242

High individual game (hdcp) – Dave Mammen 299, Luke Ross 288, Adam Martin 27

High individual series (scratch) – Luke Ross 715, Tim Dessing 659, Matt Novak 645

High individual series (hdcp) – Jake Lohmeier 770, Adam Martin 763, Luke Ross 748

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Oct. 21 – 1.

Split Happens 24-11; 2. CM Farm 22-13; 3. Leagal Beagles 21-14; 4. Bad Kats 16-19; 5. Ramer Inc. 15-20; 6. The Struggle is Real 7-28

High team game (scratch) – Leagal Beagles 737, Splits Happens 721, Ramer Inc. 661

High team game (hdcp) – Leagal Beagles 1039, Bad Kats 984, Split Happens 950

High team series (scratch) – Split Happens 2086, Leagal Beagles 2046, Ramer Inc. 1870

High team series (hdcp) – Leagal Beagles 2952, Bad Kats 2774, Split Happens 2773

Men’s high game (scratch) – Mike Smith 264, Aaron Hollocker 222, Charlie Betz 192

Men’s high game (hdcp) – Mike Smith 310, Aaron Hollocker 292, Ed Roulston 256

Men’s high series (scratch) – Mike Smith 602, Aaron Hollocker 514, Charlie Betz 485

Men’s high series (hdcp) – Mike Smith 740, Bob Moench Jr. 730, Aaron Hollocker 724

Women’s high game (scratch) – Gail Sessler 258, Jessica Robinson 215, Emily Thomas 193

Women’s high game (hdcp) – Gail Sessler 310, Kim Smith 274, Jessica Robinson 272

Women’s high series (scratch) – Jessica Robinson 602, Gail Sessler 595, Emily Thomas 539

Women’s high series (hdcp) – Jessica Robinson 773, Kim Smith 762, Gail Sessler 751

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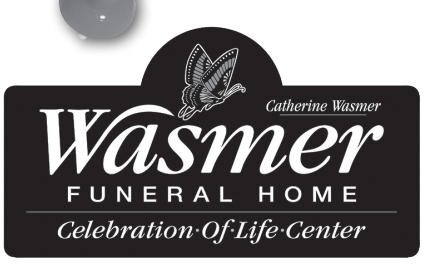
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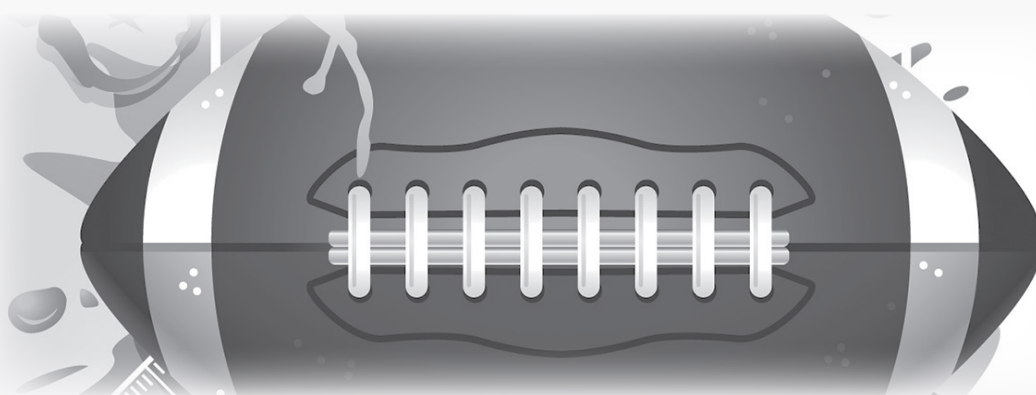
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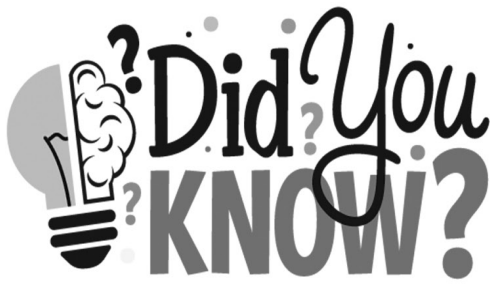
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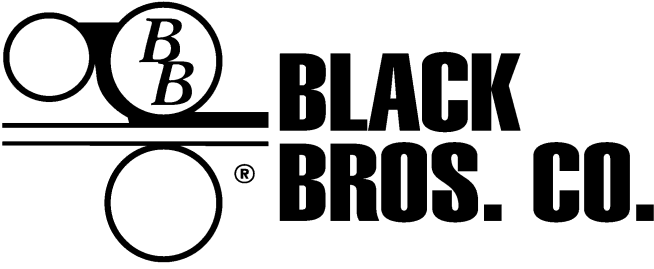
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Why prayer and doubt just don't mix

Prayer is a vital part of our relationship with God, and it's a great privilege, not an obligation. When you really think about it, it's amazing to know that the God Who created everything and knows everything actually wants us to come to Him boldly—through Christ—to have a relationship with Him.

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT) says, "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most." It's so important for us to trust God's love for us and really know that He's merciful and sees us as righteous because of what Jesus has done for us (2 Corinthians 5:21). If we don't, we will struggle

to have confidence that He hears our prayers and wants to help us.

The truth is God knows everything about us—what's right with us and what's wrong with us. He loves us unconditionally and He wants to have a relationship with us and meet every need in our lives. Our imperfections have nothing to do with His ability and willingness to answer our prayers.

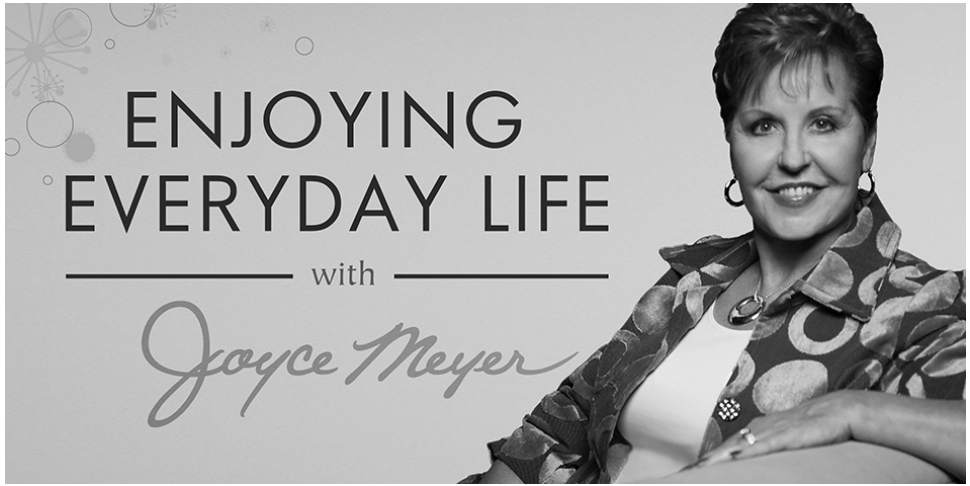
However, one common hindrance to answered prayer is doubt, and when we experience it, it's usually because we're focusing on us—our weaknesses and mistakes. The key is keeping our focus on God, trusting Him to give us wisdom and discernment so we know what to believe and what to do.

James 1:5 (AMPC) says, "If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him."

True wisdom comes from God, and He wants to give it to us "liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding." "Liberally" means He gives more than enough, and "ungrudgingly, without reproach or faultfinding" means that even when we're in messes we've created ourselves, we can still go to God and He will help us.

Now, this doesn't mean He won't correct us, teach, and train us when we've made a mistake. Like any parent who loves their children, He disciplines us because He loves us and wants what's best for us. But when we're in trouble, He doesn't decide whether to help us or not based on our performance. His love is unconditional.

Here's an example to demonstrate what I'm talking about: If my son was in trouble with the neighborhood bully and called for his dad and me to help him, we wouldn't respond to him based on whether he had done all of his chores at home. It would be ridiculous if we heard him crying for



help, yet we took time to check the list first to see if he had done everything he was supposed to do before we intervened.

As parents, we don't refuse to help our children because they don't do everything right, perfectly or the way we want them to all the time. God is our Father, and He knows we are not perfect. He wants to be involved in every part of our lives and we don't ever have to doubt that!

When we doubt God, we're left midway between believing and not believing—we're double-minded. But first Corinthians 2:16 says we can live with the mind of Christ. In other words, we can learn to think the way God thinks so we're not led by the mind of the flesh, "which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit" (Romans 8:6 AMPC).

James 1:6 AMPC says when we come to God for wisdom, it must be in faith "with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one

who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind." This doesn't mean we won't ever feel doubt, but when we do, we can know how to stand up to it.

Sometimes when I'm teaching, I doubt whether I'm sharing the "right" message based on how people seem to be responding to me. That's when I have to trust God and tell myself, "I've prayed about this. I've sought God about the teaching, and I'm not going to be double-minded. I trust God!"

I want to encourage you to ask God for the desires in your heart and then stand in faith for Him to do His will. Decide to trust Him and His Word, no matter what you feel, what people say or what your circumstances look like. The only thing that really matters is what God's Word says, and you will overcome doubt by putting your faith in Him

every time you pray.

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Required level of assessment (35 ILCS 200/9-145): 33.33%
Valuation based on sales from (35 ILCS 200/1-155): 2021, 2022 & 2023
Publication is hereby made for equalized assessed valuations for real property in this township in accordance with 35 ILCS 200/12-10.
Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/10-115, the farmland assessments for the 2024 assessment year will increase by 10% of the preceding year’s median cropped soil productivity index as certified by the Illinois Department of Revenue with data provided by the Farmland Assessment Technology Advisory Board resulting in a \$46.87 per acre increase for each soil productivity index.
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If you believe your property’s fair cash value is incorrect or that the equalized assessed valuation is not uniform with other comparable properties in the same neighborhood, the following steps should be taken:

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A complete list of assessments for the aforementioned townships for the current assessment year is as follows:

Township: MENDOTA TOWNSHIP		CORREA, FORTUNATO / BERTHA	01-33-435-014;56445	HOCHSTATTER, JEFFREY/ NANCY	01-28-406-010;63880
Owner Name	Parcel Number;Total Value	COSTELLO, DAVID WILLIAM	01-08-304-000;68413	HOLGUIN, MONICA	01-33-428-021;41146
706 REAL ESTATE INC	01-32-216-002;53215	COSTELLO, DEAN	01-16-109-000;26510	HOLLAND, JOHN M / JENNIFER C	01-32-227-004;15512
AKC INVESTMENTS, LLC	01-33-126-018;46639	COSTELLO, DEAN	01-08-305-000;49796	HOLLAND, TODD D / NANCY A	01-08-102-000;32001
ALBERS, DAVID	01-12-401-000;56572	COUNTRY MEADOWS APTS	01-32-443-000;77771	HOLTZ, CHAS-DONNETTA	01-17-203-000;73592
ALDENHOFF, CRAIG / KARI	01-33-410-005;47329	CUNEFARE, TROY A	01-28-301-002;70546	HOLZNER, TERESA E	01-33-425-019;53893
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NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY - IN PROBATE

NO. 2024 PR 171

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN HIGGINS, DECEASED.

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(Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

No: 2024-JA-88

TO: Zachary Jones, Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:

Take notice that on the 21st day of October, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In

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the interest of Malakai Hasse, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 223 at Ottawa on the 18th day of December, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an Adjudicatory Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child.

You are entitled to have an attorney represent you at all stages of these proceedings. If you are financially unable to afford a private attorney, the court will appoint an attorney for you.

Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and an order or judgment entered.

Dated Oct. 23, 2024.

Greg Vaccaro, Clerk No. 1012 (Oct. 30, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

No: 2023-JA-42

TO: Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:

Take notice that on the 24th day of October, 2024, a petition to terminate your parental rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Easton McCarthy, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 223 at Ottawa on the 4th day of December, 2024, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Termination Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child.

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Dated: October 25, 2024

Greg Vaccaro, Clerk No. 1014 (Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 13, 2024)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

No: 2022-JA-01

TO: Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:

Take notice that on the 25th day of October, 2024, a petition to terminate your parental rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by David A. Greer, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Kevin Bruce Miller, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 223 at Ottawa on the 18th day of December, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Termination Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child.

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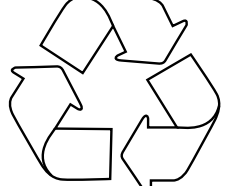
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