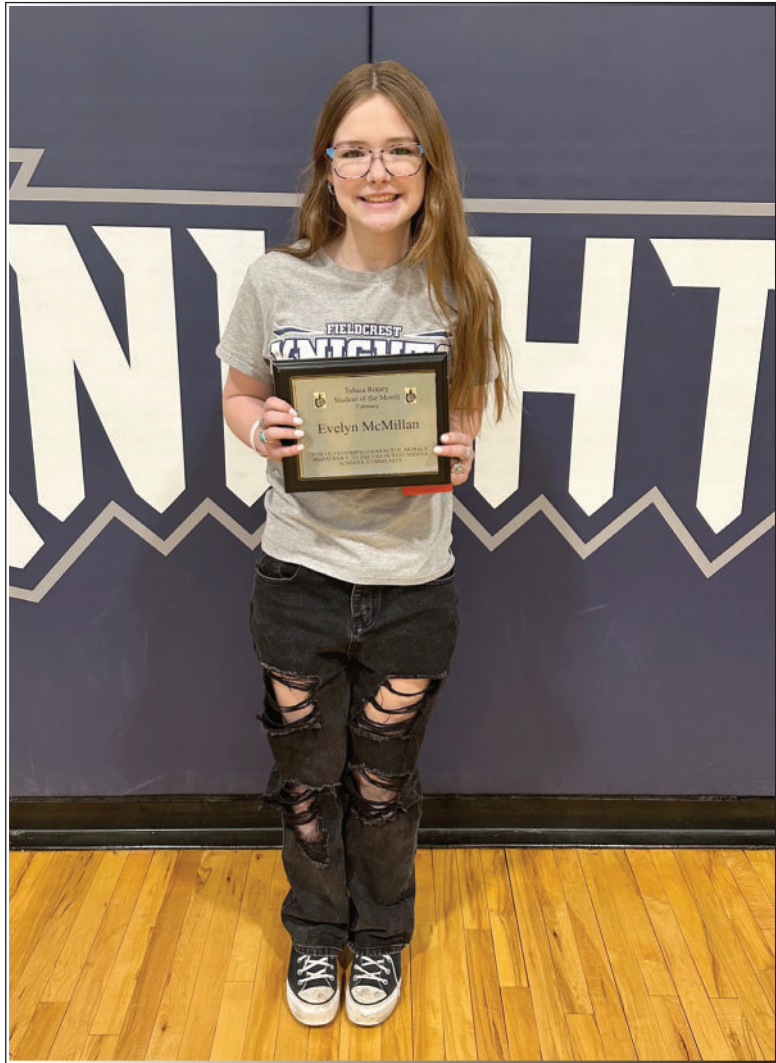


Evelyn McMillan Named Toluca Rotary Club Student Of The Month



The Rotary Club of Toluca is happy to announce that Evelyn McMillan was chosen as the February Eighth Grade Student of the Month from Fieldcrest Middle School. Evelyn is consistently one of the first

students done with her work – and it is good work. She always has a positive attitude. She is willing to help out others in the classroom whether it is prompted by someone else or not. Evelyn also has great grades.

Celebrate Spring With News, Extension Four Seasons Gardening Webinars

Springtime brings visions of beautiful butterfly gardens and dreams of delicious vegetable varieties growing in a garden or porch pots outside the window.

Garden planning and the countdown to a new growing season continue with two new webinars from University of Illinois Extension's Four Seasons Gardening series. The spring series begins April 7, with sessions to help with building gardens and get spring moving.

Extension horticulture experts will present tips, how-to's, and answer questions about each monthly topic. The series focuses on home gardening, environmental stewardship, and backyard food production. Sessions are free and presented live online beginning at 1:30 p.m. on select Tuesdays. Registration is required at go.illinois.edu/FourSeasons.

Spring Webinar Session Schedule

Growing a Butterfly Garden: Illinois Butterflies and Their Host Plants, April 7

Butterflies use a variety of plants for nectar, but their cater-

pillars are often more picky. Learn (Continued On Page 5) (From Toluca Front Page) about the benefits of using native plants to attract more butterflies to yards and which ones will give the most bang for the ecological buck.

Veggie Visions:

Unveiling New Flavors in 2026, May 12

Embark on a culinary adventure with the exciting lineup of new vegetables unveiled for the 2026 season. Learn about the unique characteristics, growing tips, and delectable uses of these (Continued On Page 5)



An orange and black monarch butterfly landing on milkweed plant bloom

2026's Happiest Cities In America

Location can influence how bright or gloomy our daily lives feel. For decades, researchers have explored the science of happiness and identified several core factors, including mental well-being, physical health, strong social ties, job satisfaction, and financial stability. Still, income has its limits - studies show that earning more than \$75,000 a year does not lead to greater happiness. This helps explain why, despite being one of the wealthiest nations in the world, the United States ranks only 24th in the World Happiness Report.

Happiness levels also vary widely across the country. As this study suggests, relocating to the right city may increase overall life satisfaction. To identify where Americans are happiest, WalletHub analyzed more than 180 of the largest U.S. cities using insights from positive-psychology research. Each city was evaluated across 29 key indicators of happiness, including depression rates, income growth, and average daily leisure time.

To see which states combine all the necessary components of happiness, check out WalletHub's report on the Happiest States in America.

"Research shows that having more money only increases your happiness until you're making at least \$75,000 per year - anything more you earn likely won't have an impact. Therefore, when deciding where to live to maximize your happiness, you'll want to pick a city that offers more than just a decent

average income. The ideal city provides conditions that foster good mental and physical health, like reasonable work hours, short commutes, good weather, and caring neighbors."

Chip Lupo, Wallethub Analyst

Happiest Cities In America

City	Score
1. Fremont, CA	74.09
2. Bismarck, ND	73.11
3. Scottsdale, AZ	71.36
4. South Burlington, VT	70.15
5. Fargo, ND	69.36
6. Overland Park, KS	68.45
7. Charleston, SC	68.44
8. Irvine, CA	67.99
9. Gilbert, AZ	67.96
10. San Jose, CA	67.79
11. Burlington, VT	67.54
12. Madison, WI	66.35
13. Columbia, MD	66.28
14. Chandler, AZ	65.69
15. Seattle, WA	65.62
16. Plano, TX	65.34
17. San Francisco, CA	64.99
18. Lincoln, NE	64.90
19. Portland, ME	64.59
20. Tempe, AZ	64.30
21. San Diego, CA	64.25
22. Raleigh, NC	63.47
23. Peoria, AZ	63.38
24. Durham, NC	62.84
25. Huntington Beach, CA	62.80
25. Aurora, IL	60.74
83. Chicago, IL	54.97

Most Unhappy Cities In America

158. Tulsa, OK	168
159. New Orleans, LA	45.19
160. Mobile, AL	44.85
161. Little Rock, AR	44.48
162. Wilmington, DE	44.34

163. Knoxville, TN	44.04
164. St. Louis, MO	43.53
165. Jackson, MS	42.60
166. Charleston, WV	42.18
167. Gulfport, MS	41.65
168. Montgomery, AL	41.35
169. Columbus, GA	40.61
170. Baton Rouge, LA	40.47
171. Birmingham, AL	40.37
172. Baltimore, MD	40.28
173. Akron, OH	40.11
174. Dover, DE	39.08
175. Fort Smith, AR	38.66
176. Augusta, GA	38.24
177. Toledo, OH	37.21
178. Huntington, WV	37.20
179. Cleveland, OH	36.50
180. Shreveport, LA	34.93
181. Memphis, TN	34.39
182. Detroit, MI	29.55

Key Stats

- ♦ Jersey City, New Jersey has the lowest depression rate, - 2.6 times lower than in Huntington, West Virginia, the city with the highest.

- ♦ Newark, New Jersey has the lowest number of suicides per 100,000 residents, - 6.9 times lower than in Casper, Wyoming, the city with the highest.

- ♦ Fremont, California has the lowest separation & divorce rate, - 4.4 times lower than in Cleveland city, Ohio, the city with the highest.

- ♦ South Burlington, Vermont, has the lowest share of adults sleeping less than 7 hours per night, - two times lower than in Detroit, Michigan, the city with the highest.

- ♦ Bismarck, North Dakota has the lowest average commute time, - 2.6 times lower than in New York, the city with the highest.

Marshall County Court News

DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Victor Daniel Leon Alvarez (D). Cameron Bailes (P). 3/11/26 "dissolution of marriage/union"

FINES LEVIED

Shawn L. Roth 3/11/25 by County Crm & Juv. "Possession of meth<5 grams" 3/11/25 Guilty, DOC 5 years; fine \$4,309.

Shawn L. Roth 7/28/25 by County Crm & Juv. "Child Porn/Reproduce/Mov DPTN" (8 Class X CF felonies, 4 dismissed) 7/29/25 Initial Appearance Hrg. PDO: Dangerous; PT: Petition to Detain; PT: Detention Hrg. 3/11/26 Guilty 4 counts, 4 years DOC, credit Time Served: 226. Fine \$15,470.

Misael Trujillo Jr. 12/27/25 by County Crm & Juv "battery/makes physical contact" 3/11/26 fine \$729.

Troy B. Varvil 2/6/26 by Lacon "retail theft/ disp merch/<\$300" 3/11/26 fine \$689, 90 days supervision.

Jozef Karkoszka "illegal junk yard" 3/10/26 fine \$14,750.

Sarah R. Wildbahn 11/20/25 by County Traffic "no valid regis/1st and 2nd" 3/10/26 fine \$251.

Pamela J. Anthony 12/11/25 by County Traffic "improper traffic lane usage" 3/11/26 fine \$375, 90 days supervision.

Stephanie M. Luzolo 1/20/26 by County Traffic "unlicensed" 3/10/26 fine \$251.

Steven L. Michalski 2/4/26 by County Traffic "followed too closely" 3/9/26 fine \$164.

LAND TRANSFERS

Grantor: David M. Hufnagel. Grantee: David M. Hufnagel Tr. Section 17, Township 13N, Range 9E, Govt Lot: --NW, Notes Pt, 75.95A. Section 6, 13N, 9E, --NE, Notes Pt. Section 6, 13N, 9E, --SE. Oakridge Estates Subdivision Lot 5, Unit 5A, Deed Trust.

Grantor: Sharon Kessling. Grantee: Henry Alverne Kessling Dakota. Section 34, Township 13N, Range 8E, Govt Lot: -NE-NW, Notes E8A of N ½. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: MCB Trust & Wealth Management, Edith M. Wombacher. Grantee: Harold J. Poignant Sr., Heidi J. Poignant. Section 3, Township 29N, Range 1E, Govt Lot -SW, Notes Pt. 39.52A, Trust Deed.

Grantor: Ryan J. Gochanour. Grantee: Anyta D. Parido, John D. Parido II. Section 28, Township 30N, Range 1E, Govt Lot -NW, Notes Pt. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Bert W. Weir Jr., Rose M. Weir. Grantee: Bert W. Weir Jr., Rose M. Weir. Section 36, Township 13N, Range 9E, Govt Lot: --SW, Notes Pt. Lt. 2, Subj to Ease. Quit Claim Deed.

Grantor: Justine M. Budd. Grantee: Garth Wesley Gullette, Olivia Jean Gullette. Lacon (Orig-

inal Town) Block 5, Lot 2. Notes, Pt. Pt. vac alley, subj to ease. Block 59, Lot 3. Notes Pt Pt vac alley, subj to ease. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Landpro LLC. Grantee: ODW Farms Illinois LLC. Section 34, Township 12N, Range 8E, Govt Lot -NE, Notes Ex Pt, Pt. Section 26, 12N, 8E, --SW, Notes Pt, 111.273A. Section 35, 12N, 8E, --NW. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: The Whitetail Group LLC. Grantee: Poignant Logging Inc. Section 11, Township 30N, Range 2W, Got Lot: --SE, Notes Pt, Subj to Ease. Section 11, 30N, 2W, --SW, Note Pt. Section 11, 30N, 2W, --NE, Notes Pt. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Maria R. Gonzalez, Estuardo Morales. Grantee: Timothy Rinaldo. Lombards 1st Add Lot 103, Lot 105, Notes SE 56'. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Held Miller Traxler Farm LLC. Grantee: The Whitetail Group LLC. Section 19, Township 30N, Range 1W, Govt Lot: --NW, Notes Ex Pt. Section 19, 30N, 1W, --SW, Notes N ½. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Doug Snell, Lori Snell. Grantee: Kathy M. Trump, Michael T. Trump. Lake Wildwood Development Lot 1848, Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Maribeth Durham, Charles R. Lohr. Grantee: Theresa G. Perez, Maria Perez-Gonzalez. (Continued On Page 5)

MONA'S POLENTA IS BACK!!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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