

Council hears Reimagine Mendota report

Successful Community Chat sessions get feedback about how to make city better

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council set trick-or-treat hours and heard a report from a member of the Reimagine Mendota group at its Oct. 16 regular meeting. Mayor David Boelk said the community trick-or-treat period will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. Earlier on Halloween day, trick-or-treat opportunities will be available for children from 3-5 p.m. at participating Mendota businesses. An orange poster will be placed in the door or window of those businesses that are taking part in the event, which is sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS
During Alderman Kyle Kim’s report, the council approved an ordinance executing an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with Illinois Val-



ley Regional Dispatch. The amendment will be added to the existing ordinance.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick said bid letting for the Pennsylvania Avenue culvert project is in progress and the bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6 at the city building on Washington Street. Work will consist of replacing the concrete top of the culvert.

OTHER ITEMS

Annie Short of Reimagine Mendota informed the council that approximately 700 responses were received from the community from

recent chat sessions in which community members were asked to tell what makes Mendota special and what can be done to make the community even better. She said about 300 of the responses were from youth, and that the overall participation was phenomenal.

Short said a committee will compile the data and form value statements to present to the city leaders. Also, Focus on Mendota Summits are scheduled for 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20 at the Mendota Civic

Center where Reimagine Mendota in partnership with the city will present the results and ideas from the community chats. Participants can give feedback and help prioritize goals for the city’s future.

Police Chief Greg Kellen told the council that two vehicles have been stolen in Mendota in the past week and three in the last 60 days. He emphasized to vehicle owners to not leave their keys in the vehicle and to lock the doors at all times.

The city’s leaf vacuum program is in progress. Leaves will be picked up in Ward 1 on Mondays, Ward 2 on Tuesday, Ward 3 on Wednesdays and Ward 4 on Thursdays. Leaves are to be placed at the curb (not in the street) and should not contain twigs or branches.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Trick-or-treat chances available for children

MENDOTA – Children in costume are invited to “Trick-or-Treat” at participating Mendota Businesses and Shops throughout the city on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Shop owners will be passing out treats from 3-5 p.m.

Parents are reminded to have their children look for the orange Halloween poster on the door of those businesses that will be participating. The signs say “Trick-or-Treat Here” and have the date and time on them.

This promotion is sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. Businesses wishing an orange “Trick or Treat” poster for their doors are welcome to pick one up at the Mendota Chamber office.

Some other trick-or-treat opportunities for



children in Mendota include:

- Mendota Elks Lodge – Trunk or Treat in the parking lot from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 31.
- Allure of Mendota (formerly Heritage Health) – In front of the building from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 31.
- United Pentecostal Church – Trunk or Treat in parking lot from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 31.
- City of Mendota – City-wide trick-or-treat from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 31.

Social Security retirement benefit increase set at 3.2 percent for ‘24

Beneficiaries to get more than \$50 per month

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 71 million Americans will increase 3.2 percent in 2024, the Social Security Administration announced. On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by more than \$50 per month starting in January.

More than 66 million Social Security beneficiaries will see the 3.2 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) beginning in January 2024. Increased payments to approximately 7.5 million people receiving SSI will begin on Dec. 29, 2023. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits).

“Social Security and SSI benefits will increase in 2024, and this will help millions of people keep up with expenses,” said Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$168,600 from \$160,200.

Social Security begins



notifying people about their new benefit amount by mail starting in early December. Individuals who have a personal my Social Security account can view their COLA notice online, which is secure, easy, and faster than receiving a letter in the mail. People can set up text or email alerts when there is a new message – such as their COLA notice – waiting for them in my Social Security.

People will need to have a my Social Security account by Nov. 14 to see their COLA notice online. To get started, visit www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2024 will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare, their new 2024 benefit amount will be available in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security’s Message Center.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) as determined by the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics.

To read more, please visit www.ssa.gov/cola.

It’s ‘Boots & Bling’ time for Chamber Annual Dinner & Awards Night Nov. 3

MENDOTA – The Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Night is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3 at the Mendota Elks Lodge. Hors d’oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and the awards program at 7 p.m.

This year’s theme is “Boots and Bling.” Attendees are asked to wear their boots, bling or both.

The awards to be handed out this year are the Tom Mervin Gold Star Employee Award, the Horace Hume Outstanding Service Award,



the Beautification Award and the Sweet Corn Festival Volunteer of the Year.

The event is open to Chamber members and the

cost is \$25 per guest.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 815-539-6507 or email president@mendotachamber.com.

Illinois prepares for El Nino winter

By ZETA CROSS

The Center Square contributor

SPRINGFIELD – After three La Nina winters in a row, Illinois is shifting to an El Nino winter this year.

Sea surface temperature anomalies in the equatorial region of the Pacific Ocean determine whether or not Illinois will have a La Nina or an El Nino winter, meteorologist Ben Duebelbeiss at the National Weather Service in Lincoln, said.

“During El Nino years, we see temperatures that are warmer than normal. That can shift the jet stream a little further north, especially during the cold season,” Duebelbeiss said.

El Nino is part of the El Nino southern oscillation climate pattern which tracks changes in the temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean, he said.

“The El Nino is the warm phase and the La Nina is the cold phase,” he said. “We basically oscillate between the two.”

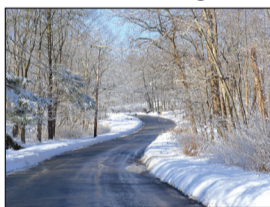
Minor changes in the ocean temperatures – one degree Celsius – affect global weather patterns. So when water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific region change by one de-

gree, that can affect where the jet stream sets up, affecting the weather in the mid-latitudes where Illinois is. “When you move around the position of the jet stream, that is going to affect where storms end up tracking over the course of the winter. And it can affect temperatures – how far north the warm air can get or how far south the cold air can spill,” Duebelbeiss said.

El Nino winters can vary from mild to strong. Expect to know more when the National Weather Service’s Climate Prediction Center issues the official winter forecast this month.

Unofficial indicators point to a winter with slightly warmer temperatures and near to below-average precipitation, Duebelbeiss said. Duebelbeiss makes it clear that seasonal outlooks are averages for the December, January, February time frame.

“We are still going to have a snowstorm or two in there somewhere. And we are still going to have some arctic outbreaks of cold air into the region,” he said. “On average, it appears that temperatures will be a little warmer than usual this winter. And it is likely that we will have less snowfall.”



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LOCAL AND AREA



Mendota High School Blood Drive

The Mendota High School Interact Club assisted the American Red Cross during a blood drive Friday, Oct. 13 at MHS. Donators, whether students or walk-in adults, provided more than 40 products. Sophomore Faith Villegas, sitting left, said she donated blood because her sister is a phlebotomist and told her to donate. "It makes me happy knowing that I'm helping someone," Villegas said. Senior Ryleigh Sondgeroth, sitting right, said the blood drive is right up her alley since she plans to study nursing after high school. "I recently turned 18, so I was able to make the decision by myself. The school makes this opportunity very accessible for all of the students. It was very convenient for me to help someone out. This helps people locally and I think it's a great cause to support." (Reporter story and photo by Brandon LaChance)

St. Bede Academy students qualify for Advanced Placement Scholar Award

PERU – The College Board Advanced Placement Program has recognized six St. Bede Academy students as being AP scholars.

The AP program provides motivated and academically-prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the 1.8 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

St. Bede students who earned this recognition include Kylie Cofoid, Gianna Grivetti and Madelyn Torrance, who graduated from the academy in May 2023; and Ella Englehaupt, Bella Hagenbuch, who are seniors this year, and Greyson Marincic, a junior.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams:

- Students qualify for the National AP Scholars Award by earning an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken and scores of four or higher on eight or more of these exams.
- To qualify for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of

three or higher on five or more of these exams.

- To earn the AP Scholar with Honor Award, students must score an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of three or higher on four or more of these exams.

- By completing three or more AP Exams with grades of three or higher, students qualify for the AP Scholar Award.

Through more than 30 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP exams are aligned with the same high standards expected by college faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions. More than 3,600 colleges and universities annually receive AP grades. Over 90 percent of four-year colleges in the United States provide credit and/or placement for qualifying exam grades. Research consistently shows that AP students who score a 3 or higher on AP Exams (based on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest) typically experience greater academic success in college and higher graduation rates than students who do not participate in AP.

LaSalle County youths compete in State Fair shows

SPRINGFIELD – More than 50 youth from LaSalle County recently competed at the state level at the 4-H General Project Show held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

The best of the best were on display Aug. 13 at the 4-H General Project Show of the Illinois State Fair. Award-winning 4-H members from across Illinois competed at the county level before advancing to the state level.

Youth who participated in the local LaSalle County 4-H Show were promoted to the state exhibition show upon receiving a delegate or alternate placing within the division they exhibited in. Exhibits were shown in areas from food science, woodworking, Shooting Sports, cooking, robotics, visual arts, natural resources, leadership, crops innovation, sewing and much more.

In 4-H, project areas represent the culmination of individual learning paths where

youth are able to show off their skills and expertise in front of thousands of fairgoers. Youth also participate in conference judging as a part of the experience. This brings members and volunteer judges together to evaluate project exhibits. It involves one-on-one, face-to-face communication in which the volunteer judge and exhibitor talk directly with each other. This technique provides a unique opportunity for 4-H'ers to learn from their experiences and knowledge of the volunteer judge.

Competing at the state level is a great educational experience for youth. Youth can compete at a state level, meet with youth across the state, and take the next step in their learning journey by meeting with a volunteer who has expertise in their project area.

To learn more about LaSalle County 4-H opportunities call University of Illinois Extension, LaSalle County 815-433-0707 or email Toni Pienta at fusinatt@illinois.edu.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

The first grade students recently enjoyed a fall field trip to Boggios Orchard in Granville. They had beautiful weather on Oct. 3 and 4 to enjoy the many things the orchard had to offer. Each student was able to bring a pumpkin home. Thank you to our teachers for organizing this great trip and also to the parent chaperones who went along to help. Everyone had a great time!

Our students and staff completed a safety drill this past week. We held a Run, Hide, Fight drill where we talked about school safety and how we are prepared to keep our students and staff safe. Thank you to the Mendota Police Department for their assistance with this drill. Our students and staff did a phenomenal job!

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Leon Breitbarth, Dominick Cordella, Maylen Vela, Sophia Moore, Aria Knowlton, Maggie Larson, Emilio Valdez and Hadley Reinhold. The winners were Harvey Robison, Aaliyah Sester, Brielle Scudder-Taylor and Gavin Foltyniewicz. Congratulations to all of you!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up for District #289. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 1h and Thursday, Oct. 19 from 3:30-7 p.m. If parents have not signed up for a conference time yet, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Our goal is to meet with 100% of our parents. This is a great opportunity to discuss each child's academic and social progress thus far in the school year.

A couple of things to note on the upcoming calendar. There is no school on Friday, Oct. 20. There will be an early dismissal on Oct. 25. Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 11:20 and first grade students at 11:30 for a teacher's inservice.

Operation Elf Action

MENDOTA – Operation Elf Action, formerly Mendota Toys for Tots, under the guidance of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and Community Health Partnership of Illinois, is asking that if your family or if you know of a family that could use some help this Christmas with toys and/or clothing for their children, to contact the Community Health Partnership of Illinois at 1009 Main St., Mendota.

In order to qualify, the family must live within the Mendota School District, which means their school-age children attend the Mendota schools or are eligible to attend Mendota schools. Pre-school children from the Mendota area are also eligible. The family must have a State of Illinois Medicaid Card, which lists the children, and a parent must register in-person at the CHP office in Mendota.

Registration will take place on the following days: Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and Nov. 8 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. For any questions or more information, call the CHP office at 815-539-6124 ext. 235 or the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce at 815-539-6507.

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come out and explore our amazing parks. For folks who have not been to the parks, the calendar serves as an invitation to come and see the amazing beauty that Starved Rock holds in all seasons," stated Pam Grivetti, president of the Starved Rock Foundation.

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Photos may be picked up at The Mendota Reporter office after November 8th, or send us a self-addressed stamped envelope and your photo will be returned.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Marianne Etzbach

MENDOTA—Marianne Etzbach, 91, of Mendota, passed away peacefully on Sept. 29, 2023, at Allure of Mendota, with her loving family by her side.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, at Wasmer Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Brace officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. A private family burial will follow at Restland Memorial Gardens. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Marianne was born Dec. 3, 1931, in St. Charles, to William D. and Phyllis E. (Crum) Bowne. On Aug. 10, 1960, she married the love of her life, John T. Etzbach in Rochester, Minn.

Marianne will be dearly missed by her son, Matt (Lori) Etzbach of Mendota; five grandchildren, Ashley (Tyler) Eich of Mendota, Stephanie (John) Hansen of Mendota, Haley Etzbach, Zach Etzbach and Mason Etzbach, all of Menomonie, Wis.; six great-grandchildren, Lillian Hansen, Rory Eich, Zeke Hansen, Gus Eich, Owen Hansen and Jack Hansen; a sister, Bonnie Peters of Miami, Fla.; two brothers, Thomas Bowne of Mendota and Timothy (Miriam) Bowne of Homosassa, Fla.; and her dear friend, Betty Durham.

Marianne graduated Mendota High School in 1949. She then attended Galesburg Cottage Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1952. In her extensive nursing career, she was at Galesburg Cottage Hospital for a year, St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco for a year, Mendota Community Hospital for two years, and then spent 39 years at Sunrise Nursing Home, now Allure in Mendota.

While at the nursing home she spent two decades as Director of Nursing and influenced countless young women to pursue careers in nursing. She was the consummate nurse: kind, caring, empathetic, patient, firm and fun. She met and developed a lifelong friendship with fellow nurse Betty Durham during her years at the home.

Though raised Methodist, Marianne had joined St. John's Lutheran Church. In her free time, she enjoyed antiques. Marianne and Jack had many pets through the years that they loved as family. She deeply loved and cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Jack on Nov. 9, 2018; and son Will Etzbach on March 29, 2020.

Memorials may be directed to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 611 Granite Spring Road, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598 or at guidingeyes.org. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Delbert E. Gehrke

NORTH LIBERTY, Iowa—Delbert "Del" Erwin Gehrke, 80, of North Liberty, Iowa, and formerly of Iowa City, passed away on Oct. 9, 2023, at his residence.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at Lensing Funeral and Cremation Service in Iowa City. Private interment will be held at Restland Community Cemetery in Mendota, at a later date.

Del is survived by his loving wife, Judy; children, Michelle Gehrke (John) of North Liberty and Bradley (Christina) Gehrke of Solon; grandchildren, Jessica (Caylin) Hauptmann of Winter Haven, Fla., Hunter (Maddison) Gehrke of Shueyville, Chase (Kelsey) Gehrke of Spencer and Otto Gehrke of Solon. He is also survived by one great-granddaughter, Kinsleigh Mai Hauptmann of Winter Haven, Fla., as well as several extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Del was born on May 15, 1943, in New Ulm, Minn., to Erwin and Inez (Hasse) Gehrke. He graduated from Mendota High School in 1961 and earned a scholarship to play football for the University of Iowa, where he graduated in 1965. Del earned an Army commission at the University of Iowa and entered the Army at the AG Core. He was stationed at Ft. Ord, Calif., for two years and spent 23 years in the Army Reserves, retiring as Lt. Col.

In 1963, Del married his high school sweetheart, Judy Simpson. The couple recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 17, 2023. Upon discharge from active duty in the Army, Del worked as a plan supervisor at Del Monte in DeKalb. He and Judy returned to Iowa City where Del worked for the University of Iowa's Recreation Services before becoming the facilities manager at the University of Iowa Athletic Department for over 30 years.

Del had a very demanding work schedule, especially when he added his other joys: officiating high school football, starting track meets, weekly Army Reserve meetings, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family.

Memorials may be made to Iowa City Hospice or the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center. Online condolences may be made at www.lensingfuneral.com.



Patricia E. Finley

MENDOTA—Patricia E. (Young) Finley, 84, of Mendota, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023, at Stonecroft Village in Mendota.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, at Waltham Presbyterian Church with Rev. Joel Stevenor, Pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Waltham Cemetery on a later date. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Mueller Funeral Home in Ottawa.

Patricia was born on Oct. 7, 1939, in Wichita, Kan., to Ellsworth and Dorine (Ellis) Young. She was a graduate of LaSalle-Peru High School. Pat married Earl W. Finley in November 1958; they divorced in 1990. She then married Everett J. Christopher in Hennepin on April 24, 2004.

She is survived by her two sons, Donald (Wayne) Finley, of San Antonio, Texas, and Steven (Christine) Finley, of Utica; two step-sons, David (Cindy) Christopher, of Utica and John (Pam) Christopher, of Mt. Pleasant, Wis.; three grandchildren, Logan Finley, Lex Rhodes, Sarah Goetz; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Paul (Jane) Young; and her cat, Oscar.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett in 2022 and her parents, Ellsworth and Dorine.

She was a member of Waltham Presbyterian Church, The American Cut Glass Association, and past member of the Waltham Curling Club. Pat was an avid collector of glass and enjoyed watching sports on TV. She was a lover of animals, especially cats. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Pallbearers will be Steve Wilson, David Hagenbuch, Logan Finley, David Christopher, David Young, Sarah Goetz. Honorary pallbearers will be Lex Rhodes and Amy Young Jones.

Memorials may be directed to Waltham Presbyterian Church and Mendota Area Senior Services.

You may sign the online guestbook and share remembrances at www.muellerfh.com.



Department on Aging to provide Medicare counseling during open enrollment

SPRINGFIELD—With the Medicare open enrollment period underway, older adults looking to make changes to their Medicare coverage can receive trusted, unbiased, one-on-one counseling and assistance through the Illinois Department on Aging's (IDoA) Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

"This is an exciting time for Medicare; with new drug price reductions on the horizon, it is imperative that you compare your current Medicare coverage to the 2024 options for Medicare health and drug coverage," said Illinois SHIP Director Sandy Leith. "SHIP offers personalized service with your best interest in mind. Let our passionate and caring counselors give you peace of mind that you are making the most of your Medicare experience."

The Medicare Open Enrollment period begins annually on Oct. 15 and runs through Dec. 7. During this time, people with Medicare have the opportunity to review, renew, and/or change their current Medicare health

or drug plan for the upcoming year.

To help beneficiaries compare available plans and make an informed decision about which option best meets their needs, Illinois' Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides trusted, unbiased, Medicare counseling at no cost to people with Medicare, their family members, and caregivers. Counseling services are offered at more than 300 locations statewide. The SHIP counselor workforce of 1,000 local assistants recently completed specialized training on Medicare cost-savings updates and the types of changes beneficiaries can make during Open Enrollment. Beneficiaries are encouraged to schedule an appointment with a local SHIP counselor to review their current plan, costs, and health needs, then see how other plan options compare.

SHIP counselors can also answer questions about the best time to enroll in Medicare, how Medicare works with your retirement insur-

ance, Medicare supplement insurance options, Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare drug plans. There are various ways to save money with your Medicare and if you qualify, you may save money on premiums and copayments through the Medicare Savings Programs. See your SHIP counselor for more information.

To find a SHIP counselor near you, call the statewide Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or email AGING.SHIP@illinois.gov. For general information about SHIP, please visit <https://ilaging.illinois.gov/ship.html>. You can also compare details of Medicare plans at <https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare/#/?lang=en&year=2023>.

For information about the Department's programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, visit <https://ilaging.illinois.gov/> or contact the Senior HelpLine toll-free at 1-800-252-8966, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC to offer stackable degree

OGLESBY – The Illinois Valley Community College Board of Trustees continued to honor its founding administrators and established a new stackable degree for the office professionals program.

On Oct. 12, the Board officially approved resolutions for emeritus status, an honorary designation, to Dr. Alfred Wisgoski and Dr. Jerry Corcoran.

The Office Professionals program will allow students to take three courses to build toward a stackable degree. The flexible, affordable schedule lets students improve skills immediately through individual courses or devote more time in pursuit of a degree. Beginning in the Fall 2024 semester, students can earn certificates in Microsoft Office Specialist, Administrative Office Support and Office Management.

In her monthly report to the Board, President Dr. Tracy Morris:

- Reported that a total of 1,282 students received financial aid assistance totaling \$2.8 million.
- Revealed the refurbished Early Childhood Education lab and classroom.
- Noted that the SPARK! IVCC Junior Welding Academy was featured in The Welder magazine published by the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association.
- Shared the September usage for the Eagles Peak Food Pantry and the Single Stop benefits screening software, as well as the progress of a basic-needs collection drive by employees and the campus community.
- Provided an update on the Tutoring and Writing Center's addition of a chemistry study group and recognized the Academic Support Center's 23 professional and peer tutors as part of Tutor Appreciation Week.
- Noted that an allocation to IVCC from the Illinois Community College Board was amended by an increase of \$24,000 to total \$2.3 million.

In other action, the Board of Trustees:

- Authorized Morris to begin preparing the 2023 tax levy.
- Awarded a contract to McCoy and Sons, LLC for Phase 2 of a farm tiling project at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.
- Authorized annual contributions to employee health savings or health reimbursement accounts.
- Awarded a contract to Vissering Construction Co. of Streator for the erection of a salt storage facility in the amount of \$299,980.
- Authorized the purchase of office furniture for an amount not to exceed \$33,000.
- Acknowledged a \$58,800 change order in the contract for the CET-LA/Band room elevator to reflect installation of a sprinkler system as required by updated codes.

The Board also learned of the following:

- Appointments of Tracy Beattie as Executive Director of the IVCC Foundation, Jennifer Ettscheid as Administrative Assistant for Student Services, and Sarah Goetz as Records and International Student Specialist in Admissions and Records.
- Resignations of Andrew Pyszka as professional math/science tutor, Ashton Linson as Financial Aid Advisor and Denise Griffin, part-time Information Specialist at Ottawa Center.
- Retirement of Jill Hoelzer, Dual Credit Instructor at La Salle-Peru High School.

Illinois' educator workforce weathered pandemic, but persistent issues remain

By **PETER HANCOCK & ANDREW ADAMS**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The supply of education professionals continues to improve in Illinois despite strains brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, but persistent issues remain in certain regions of the state and within some teaching fields.

That's the conclusion of a new report by the education advocacy group Advance Illinois, which was instrumental in the 2017 passage of the state's Evidence-Based Funding formula that overhauled the way state funds public education.

"This is really critical for children," Advance Illinois president Robin Steans said. "There's literally nothing more important that we do as a state than to make sure that we've got effective teachers in every classroom, in front of every child. And if we get that wrong, if there are gaps, if there is a turn, if there is attrition, all of those things, negatively affect kids."

Even before the pandemic, Illinois was experiencing shortages of teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals, although the shortages weren't distributed evenly across the state or across all teaching areas. Then, as schools closed during the pandemic and later went to hybrid systems of remote and classroom teaching, there were concerns that even more educators would opt to leave the profession altogether.

However, the Advance Illinois report suggests the post-pandemic workforce remains largely intact.

It shows the number of teachers, assistant principals and paraprofessionals working in Illinois schools has been growing steadily since well before the pandemic and is now at its highest level in the past decade. And that growth has been seen in all regions of the state and across districts of different funding levels.



That finding is also reflected in the most recent state report card from the Illinois State Board of Education, which shows the statewide average student-teacher ratio was 17:1 at the elementary level, a 10.6 percent improvement from five years ago. At the high school level, the student-teacher ratio was 18:1, an 8.4 percent improvement from 5 years ago.

Teachers also increasingly don't look like the students they teach. Fifteen years ago, there was a 31 percentage point gap between the percentage of white teachers compared to the percentage of white students. Last year, that number had risen to a 35-point gap, meaning that the state's student population is diversifying at a faster rate than the teacher workforce.

This, according to Advance Illinois, can have detrimental effects – academic and otherwise – on students of color.

But those are statewide averages and they may not reflect conditions in all classrooms and in all subject areas.

According to the Advance Illinois report, nearly half of all school districts in Illinois reported having at least one teacher vacancy during the 2022-2023 school year, with the most acute shortages occurring in urban and remote rural districts. Urban and remote rural districts also had the highest concentrations of vacant special education teacher positions and paraprofessional positions.

The report also suggests that since the pandemic, districts have had particular trouble finding enough substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

"I think that tracks with some of what we're seeing in other sectors of the economy," Steans said. "I think the people who are more on the minimum wage end of the spectrum, that's just been more of a crunch. And I think part of the response to that is going to need to be to increase compensation and

means school districts will face some difficult budget decisions if they want to maintain all of the positions they currently fund.

Steans said she believes schools should be able to absorb the loss of that federal funding as long as the state continues to fully fund the Evidence-Based Funding formula, the 2017 law that calls for \$350 million in additional school funding each year, with the bulk of that money going to the least-funded districts.

"It's really hard for me to believe that all of those dollars are going to go away, and we're not going to see some contraction," Steans said. But it's possible that will be minimal. I think we're really just going to have to wait and see."

Rep. Carol Ammons, D-Urbana, said Advance Illinois' research is a tool for lawmakers and the organization often acts as a go-to think tank on education issues for policymakers.

"It really does provide us with the fodder of data so that we can see a real picture of what's going on post-policy," she said. "We pass a law, they look at it. We pass a law, they look at it. To me as a lawmaker, that's critical."

"When we talk about a teacher shortage, we're talking about an equity issue...," said ISBE Chief of Staff Kimako Patterson said. "It is imperative that we continue to focus the support where it's needed."

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Holy Cross holding wreath fundraiser

MENDOTA – Holy Cross School in Mendota is holding its 2023 evergreen wreath fundraiser.

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Orders are due on Nov. 1. Items will be delivered and should be picked up after school in the Holy Cross gymnasium on Nov. 30.

For more information or how to order, contact Mike Struna at 815-915-7229 or email mstruna@holycrossmendota.com.

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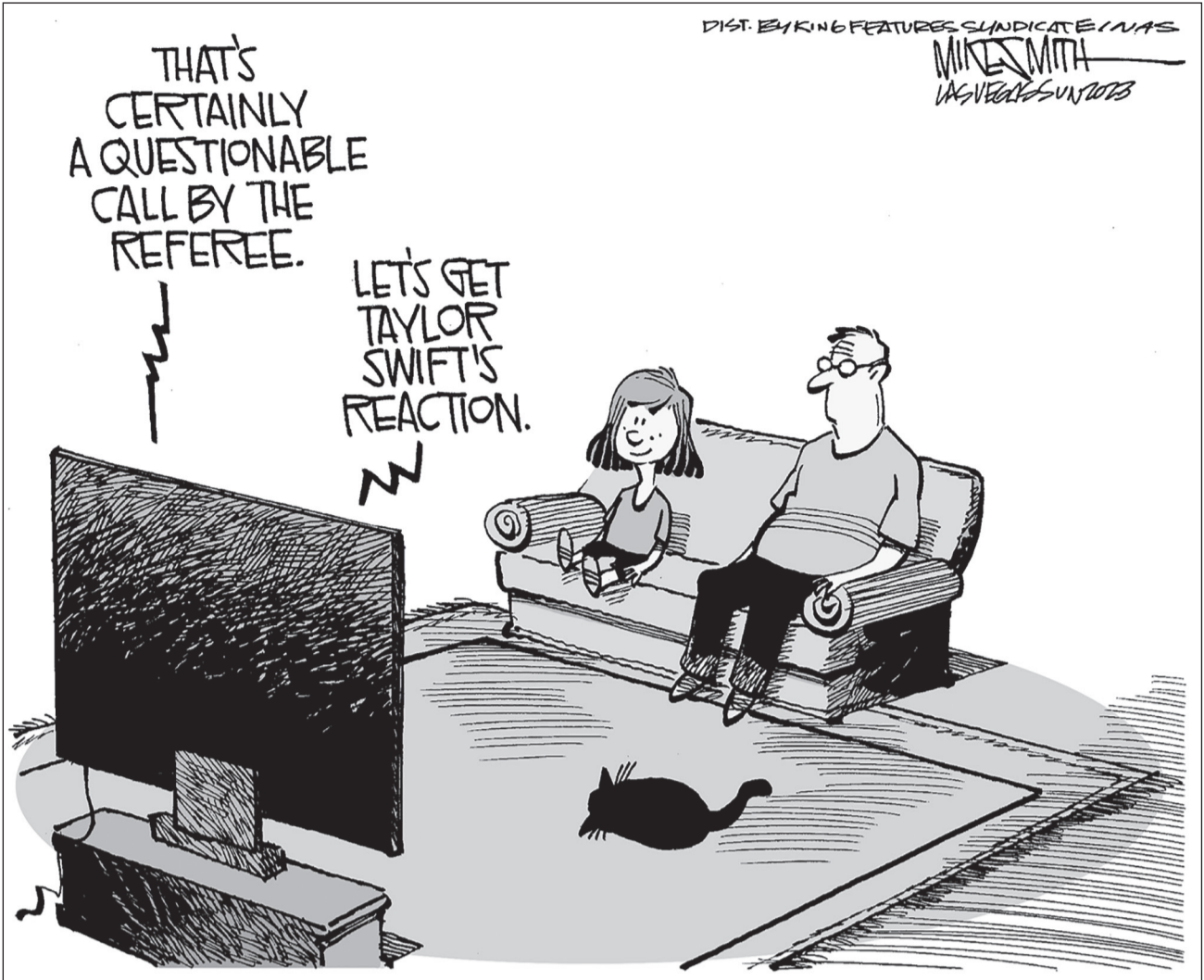
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A thank you, to you

We're not quite to Thanksgiving, yet, but I don't want to wait until the time for thanks to give thanks.

Why not in the middle of October when the skies went from summer's bright and sunny to the fall's dark and cloudy? Seems like we could all use a figuratively sunny day or sunny read.



Never the Last Chance
By Brandon LaChance

Throughout the last year and some change, I've received thank you's for stories and photographs I've had the opportunity to write or take.

I appreciate them, say thank you for saying thank you.

Well, it's about time for

me to say thank you first.

Thank you for buying a copy or having a subscription of the Mendota Reporter and Amboy News.

Thank you for reading in print or online.

Thank you for wanting to be connected to your community and the people, businesses, history and landmarks within Amboy and Mendota and the surrounding areas.

Thank you for communicating with us.

Thank you for sending us emails or stopping in the office (703 Illinois Ave. in Mendota) with ideas for stories. We think of all kinds of material and mingle with the community to gather leads, but assistance is always appreciated.

Thank you for supporting the local paper when there are happenings all over the county, state, and country and more avenues than ever before to get news.

If anyone is aware of citizens not being interested in the newspaper because of social media, it's the people who have a passion for producing a newspaper every week.

Local journalists talking to residents, business owners, politicians, civic workers, officials, and every other title coined to someone in a town, about dilemmas and benefits is still highly important in a small rural town where no one cares except the people in the town's borders and the surrounding general area.

And the people who have dedicated their professions to amplify, promote, and support those very aspects of our towns and the people in them...the Mendota Reporter and the Amboy News.

I get it, Facebook is instant.

Yes, a weekly paper where the innards of a paper is composed on a Monday, and not printed until Wednesday, will never be able to keep up with a photo posted on FB on a Tuesday. If the photo is used by us after contacting the individual or business who posted, it would not be printed until eight days later, the following Wednesday.

At the same time, the only people who can see what you posted are the ones who follow you or are in your inner social media circle. Even if someone shares, it's still not going to reach the same amount of people or different audience it would with the News or Reporter.

In a small area, the inner social media groups are the same. If Tom shares Don's photo of his daughter's graduation, but Tom and Don are in the same family or grew up together, the chances of that share reaching another layer of audience is very slim because it's probably repopulating in the same social media circle as Don's.

Which means all mutual friends saw it twice and it didn't get much further.

I saw a post from a sports team about an event. There were 12 reactions and two shares. Awesome. However, the reach didn't expand far as 11 of the 12 reactions are from people associated with the team and the two shares were spouses of people associated with the team, who are connected to the 11 reactors.

They're all part of the same social media circle.

Whether it's a week later or not, the Reporter and the News are avenues where your businesses' new sale, your grandparents' 50th anniversary, your team's latest accomplishment, your non-profit organization's newest event are going to be read about with all the proper information to thousands of people in print, online (www.amboynews.com and www.mendotareporter.com), and on the two paper's FB accounts.

Thank you to those who share with us even if you're posting and sharing yourself. Thank you for letting us expand the reach.

And put it in print for the refrigerator moment when a grandchild smiles as they see their student of the month pose on grandma's refrigerator.

Or the plaque moment when an adult looks at their wall at the cutout of the Reporter photo of their brother after he made a game winning shot in a basketball game 10 years before he passed away.

I also understand people want to do their own advertising or not wanting to tell their story.

It's OK to tuck the award you won into corner of a box in your attic. But how do you remember how you felt when you won? In 30 years are you going to remember how you won?

Facebook memories might help a little, but the memory is only going to remind you of the surface thoughts you had at the time.

No one asked you to dig deep for feelings. No one asked you to think outside the box. No one asked you to think.

That's The Amboy News and The Mendota Reporter provide; memories that are securely put in a space, a forum, a vault, a plaque, or under a magnet by those who are trained and have the experience to properly ask the emotionally triggering questions, take the correctly timed photo, and add the person-first, community-first, business-first touch.

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Fire destroys Presbyterian Church – 1897

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Oct. 22, 1997.)

By Jessica Nashold

In October, a hundred years ago, the Presbyterian church was destroyed by fire. At 11 o'clock in the morning on Saturday, Oct. 23, 1897, flames were first noted. A new furnace, recently installed, had been started up for the first time with disastrous results.

Since the church was made of wood and was "dry as a tinder box," it could not be saved. The stairway leading up from the cellar and another leading to the belfry and steeple provided "a regular flue for the flames."

Mendota firemen responded quickly. **Five streams of water from hoses and 3,000 barrels of water were thrown.**

Brace wood under the bell had burned away and there was serious danger that an abrupt drop would injure firemen and other workers below. Charley Moore succeeded in lowering the bell from its precarious height.

Mayor E.W. Browne laid down a rule for the future. "Hereafter, I shall appoint officers to arrest outsiders who insist on getting in the way of those who want to work and who interfere with the fire marshal and foreman by shouting conflicting orders."

In a report of the first council meeting after the fire, there is mention of a payment to Charles Moore: "For lowering bell at Presbyterian church - \$9."

Firemen were able to protect surrounding houses, including the parsonage, for which appreciation was expressed by church officers. They were also grateful for offers from other congregations to make use of their churches during this trying time.

On the Sunday after the fire, the Presbyterians met in the Lutheran church. The Rev. Theodore Allen chose Nehemiah 2:17-18 a text for his sermon

Backtracks & Sidetracks

that day – with emphasis on the phrase "Let us rise up and build."

He then said the congregation must decide on the character of a new building (1) within their means, (2) equipped for their needs, (3) honoring their cause and a credit to the city.

The speaker seemed to have just the right words at the right time given to him.

Mark Ruggles, editor of the Sun & Mendota Bulletin, editorialized that while the Presbyterian congregation was not large, it contained "many wealthy families." A new frame church could be built for \$7,000, a brick one for \$10,000, while a stone church would probably cost \$12,000-\$15,000. This would not include organ and furnishings.

Mention was made of a Presbyterian church being built in Galesburg at a cost of \$100,000. Mendota, with a population about one-fourth the size of Galesburg, should be able to raise \$10,000-\$15,000, in the opinion of editor Ruggles. He thought some members might give one or two thousand –

And never know the difference so far as supplying the desires of this life is concerned.

The church was insured with two companies – Lancashire of England and National of Hartford. The coverage included \$2,800 for the building, \$200 for furnishings and \$500 for the pipe organ. A piano had also been insured but was rescued.

The ruins of the old church were advertised for sale with the exception of the foundation and what furniture had been saved. The purchaser would have

to remove the material by Jan. 1. John Dudgeon bought the ruins in November, paying \$110.

Also in November, the congregation voted to build, and in March 1898, they approved plans.

An unexpected obstacle was a declaration of war with Spain on April 23, 1898. Nevertheless, a contract was awarded to Herman Bierwirth in May. Delivery was made of 150,000 bricks from the Goodwin brickyard in Mendota for the inner walls. Thirty carloads of Dakota Jasper arrived and 18 carloads of limestone for the foundation. A corner stone was laid in July.

Contents included a Bible, American and Cuban flags, an 1898 world almanac, pictures of President William McKinley, Admiral Dewey and Commodore Schley, a new postage stamp, copies of three Mendota papers – The Sun & Bulletin, The Mendota Reporter and The Post (a German language paper) – also several church publications.

In August 1898, the war ended.

The new church was completed and dedicated on Dec. 18, 1898.

During most of this extended period, while the church was under construction, Presbyterian services and other church-related activities were conducted in the opera house.

A thumbnail history of the church was published at the time of the fire. It was established Aug. 26, 1855, by the Reverends John Fleming and C.R. Fisk, with five members. In 1856, the Rev. James Henderson arrived and the first church built. There were 106 members. Rev. Henderson also established a seminary on 13th Avenue, but died in 1861. Successors as pastors were the Reverends R.C. Colmary 1861-69, R.C. Swinton 1870-71, S.H. Weller 1871-76, N.S. Dickey 1876-77, G.A. Pollock 1878-90, T.H. Allen 1891 the incumbent.

Israel is not a colonial state

By Rich Lowry

It doesn't take long to read or listen to anti-Israel advocacy before the word "colonial" or "colonialism" is hurled at the Jewish state.

After the spasm of Hamas murder, rape, and kidnapping over the weekend, the U.S. Palestinian Community Network exclaimed, "Our people are waging an anti-colonial, anti-occupation, and anti-Zionist liberation struggle!"

According to an anti-Israel statement signed by dozens of student groups at Harvard, Israel is undertaking "colonial retaliation."

An academic cottage industry is devoted to deeming Israel a decades-long exercise in "settler colonialism," and Hamas itself is partial to the term.

The use of the word "colonial" in all its forms isn't meant to accurately describe reality or clarify anything; rather it is a term of abuse wielded to delegitimize Israel and justify every means of resisting its very existence.

The "colonial" smear can't survive contact with the slightest critical scrutiny.

First of all, the original Jewish settlers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries weren't sent by any mother country to set up enclaves for the honor and profit of the homeland. To the contrary, they were escaping countries that, in many cases, didn't want them. It would have been perverse for Jews to have sought, say, to establish an outpost of Russia in the Levant, given the atrocities routinely carried out against them on Russian soil.

They thought of their venture as a return to a place that Jews had inhabited for thousands of years.

Indeed, the colonialism charge raises the question of how an indigenous people can be colonizers?

The Jewish people have had a connection to Israel since Abraham. The people became fundamentally identified with the land; indeed, they were synonymous. The land was a locus of the Jewish faith -- the site of its holy city, Jerusalem; the place where many religious commandments, the mitzvot, were supposed to be performed; the object of yearning after the dispossession of Ancient Israel ("Next year in Jerusalem").

There is a reason that Zionists had no interest in settling in Uganda, as was proposed in the early 20th century.

On top of this, Israel has been willing at key junctures, notably right at the beginning in 1948, to accept a two-state solution.

The Palestinians must be counted among the worst nationalists the world has ever known: They have repeatedly rejected opportunities to obtain a nation-state because they hate Israel's legitimate national aspirations more than they love their own.

In one sense, Israel's ultimate offense is to have won defensive wars fought against antagonists seeking to wipe it from the map.

As for Gaza, Israel ended its occupation nearly 20 years ago. It wanted to wash its hands of the place as much as possible, an understandable impulse but one that has proved unsustainable. Hamas won legislative elections in 2006 and then expelled the rival Palestinian group Fatah in a factional war. In total control, Hamas proceeded to make Gaza a base for conducting armed operations against Israel.

Israel's failing here wasn't so much heavy-handedness -- although it took measures to protect itself from the threat in Gaza, as did Egypt -- but the naive belief it could reach a de facto accommodation with a Hamas that would misrule Gaza for its own ends while not becoming too dire a threat to Israel. Its mass terror attack on Israel ends that delusion.

If nothing else, the accusation of colonialism is very telling. There is one country in the roll call of nations that doesn't deserve to exist. One people that doesn't deserve a homeland. One people who, despite being subjected to hideous persecutions over the centuries and being constantly attacked today, is supposedly guilty of every possible crime.

And it happens to be Israel and its Jewish inhabitants.

The Hamas attack was just a taste of what it would do to Israel if it had the power -- extricate an indigenous people from their homeland in the most brutal fashion possible, in the name, of course, of anti-colonialism.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Mary Ellen Overright

FARMINGTON, N.M. — Mary Ellen Overright, 88, of Farmington N.M. joined her husband Edward Isaac in their eternal home on Sept. 24, 2023, surrounded by many of her loving family members.

A celebration of life will be held on Oct. 28, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Farmington, N.M. A Rosary and Funeral Mass are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with interment to follow immediately on site in the Sacred Heart Columbarium. All are invited to attend a dinner reception in the Parish Hall following the services.

Mary Ellen, as she was affectionately known by her family and close friends, was born on Easter Sunday, April 21, 1935, to John H. Schwemlein and Lillian C. (Klein) Schwemlein in the small midwestern town of Mendota.

As a young woman she enjoyed the family's many cats, riding horses, attending picture shows and rollerskating with friends, hanging out at the local hot spots. She graduated from Mendota High School in 1953. She also worked as a switchboard operator for the General Telephone Company. During this time she met her husband Eddie on a blind date arranged by her best friend. Won over by his infectious smile and devoted pursuit despite being separated by his military involvement, they were wed on Oct. 15, 1955, at Holy Cross Church in Mendota. They were married 66 years before his passing in 2021.

She leaves behind sons James (Heather) Overright and Michael (Angela) Overright as well as four daughters, Theresa (Dan) Spaid, Anne (Kurt) Urban, Donna (Kevin) King and Mary (Ed) Lopez; her 15 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Richard (Lois) Schwemlein and Leonard Schwemlein, both of Mendota; and one sister, Ruth Ann Vaessen of Sublette, as well as many nieces and nephews and in-laws.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edward Isaac and two brothers, James Edward Schwemlein and Henry (Heini) Peter Schwemlein.

Her life became filled with the role of a dedicated housewife and devoted mother to 6. Always intent on keeping the family together she followed her husband moving many times as his various jobs and employment required. Eventually they settled for a while in Colorado and then finally Farmington. Mary wore many hats in addition to her roles of mother and wife. Some she will be most remembered for are working as a school cook, as a cashier for Thrifty Drug Store, as a student at San Juan College, and as a co-owner with her husband and son Michael of Overright Trucking Inc. of Farmington. Here she remained an active partner until her health no longer allowed it.

As Mary and Ed's family of six grew with the addition of 15 grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren, she spent many hours remembering and celebrating each (and their spouses) with birthday cards, graduation cards, anniversary cards, and numerous other events worthy of recognition. At Christmas her treasured tradition of giving hand-picked ornaments to each family member will also be greatly missed. Family was definitely one of her favorite pastimes. There were adventures spent exploring old mining towns and the mountains of Silverton, fishing and picnicking on the shores of Colorado lakes and reservoirs, or just sitting at a poker machine enjoying some shared gaming time. As long as family was involved it seemed to be enjoyed.

Mary Ellen was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a strong supporter of the pro-life community.

At this time the family would like to extend a special heartfelt thank you to all the nurses, doctors, and various staff members for their care, support, and most of all kindness shown to their mother during her hard-fought cancer battle. All were greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers the family is encouraging memorial contributions be made to a charity of choice.

"A limb has fallen from the family tree.

I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me".

Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived while I was strong."

We love you mom. Eternal rest grant unto thee.



Sublette Board OKs storm sewer cleaning

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette Board had a short, efficient meeting Monday, Oct. 9 at the Ellice Dinges Center in Sublette.

A motion was passed for the village to pay TJS Excavating \$2,500 (not to exceed) to clean the storm sewer with a jetter. The payment will be for eight hours of work as it costs \$400 for the first hour and \$300 for every hour after.

The board also passed a motion to hire Cam-Vac Inc. out of Sandwich to televis-

the sewer before the jetting takes place.

Test Inc. submitted its report for August as Test visited Sublette four times including flushing the village's fire hydrants. Test Inc. recommends replacing the filter media.

Trustee Julie Kessel and economic development coordinator Don Dinges discussed calendar events for the rest of this year and next year.

The Sublette Car Show on Sept. 16 was canceled due to the weather, but around 50 cars still showed

up and there was a decent crowd even though it rained.

The Farmer's Market fell through as vendors couldn't make it due to prescheduled events. Dinges said he is going to confirm a date for next year soon so he can book the event and the vendors a year ahead of time.

Board president John Stenzel addressed the Comprehensive Plan Meeting, which was Sept. 21. He thought the meeting was solid and accomplished what it was meant for, resident input, but he was

disappointed with the attendance.

The village message board was voted to get repaired and to stay where it is located in previous meetings, however, it still needs an Illinois Department of Transportation permit, a property lease and legal documentation to the state.

The concrete in front of the ECD door and by the ramp downtown were patched. The patching is to improve the walkways until after the winter when a plan can be put in place for a permanent fix.

IVCC holding Day of Dead celebration through Nov. 2nd

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College will host its second annual Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, celebration throughout the month of October. Altars dedicated to loved ones will be set up inside the main entrances on the Main Campus and at the Ottawa Center from Oct. 11 - Nov. 2.

The public is invited to contribute to the memorials by bringing photos of loved ones (human or animal) who are no longer with us, or offerings of non-perishable foods and sealed drinks to nourish and enrich those who are gone. Written notes and loving memories can also be displayed.

Contributions to the displays, labeled on the back with names and phone numbers of contributors, will be accepted starting Oct. 10. When the event is over, the items must

be picked up by Nov. 3 at the front desks on the Main Campus or at Ottawa Center.

The event is sponsored by the Hispanic Leadership Team, the Illinois Valley Visual Arts Club, and The Project Success Leadership Team.

The celebration and altars are part of an almost 3,000-year-old rich tradition. Every year on Nov. 1-2, Latino communities around the world celebrate and honor those who have passed on to the next life, using decorative and brightly colored altars and memorials covered in flowers, a variety of symbolic visual gestures, and lit with candles.

For more information, contact Sara Escatel at sara_escatel@ivcc.edu or (815) 224-0355 or Shannon Slaight at shannon_slaight-brown@ivcc.edu or (815) 224-0351



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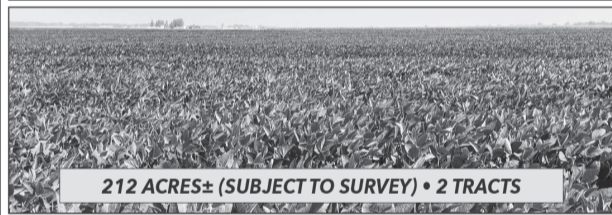
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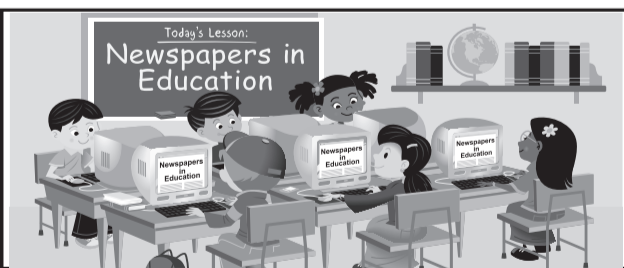
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SOCIAL NEWS

T. Beattie chosen to lead IVCC Foundation as executive director

OGLESBY – Tracy Beattie of Ottawa brings more than 20 years of fundraising and development experience to her new role as Executive Director of Illinois Valley Community College's Foundation.



Beattie

Beattie had served nine years at the Starved Rock Regional Center for Therapy and Child Development (SRRC), first as director of development and the last seven years as president and CEO. She led the organization through a pandemic, a re-branding and an enrollment increase.

Non-profit work is a passion for Beattie. "I care about people and I'm passionate about helping others. I've always been passionate about making a difference in my community, and I'm excited about working at IVCC. I've seen the value of what IVCC has brought to people's careers and lives and it will be nice to be a part of that. Students are here because they want to learn and grow and I want to be part of that energy," she said.

After graduating from Ottawa Township High School and Eastern Illinois University, the Ottawa native pursued a career in communications, marketing, and development in the Chicago suburban area. Though thankful for that experience, she was happy to return to her hometown and family in the Illinois Valley.

She cites her strengths in leadership, strategic planning and experience in many aspects of the non-profit sector, and says, "It's nice to get back to my roots in fundraising. I enjoy building relationships and being able to really share a mission by telling the stories and engaging donors and volunteers."

Ottawa Wine & Art Walk planned for November 4

OTTAWA – The vibrant and culturally rich downtown Ottawa is set to host the 8th Annual Wine & Art Walk on Saturday, Nov. 4. This eagerly anticipated event, set for 2-6 p.m., promises a time of indulgence, art appreciation, and holiday shopping opportunities for visitors and residents alike.

The Wine & Art Walk is a unique celebration that invites attendees to explore the heart of Ottawa while savoring fine wines, delectable appetizers, and immersing themselves in the local art scene. Participants will have the chance to sample an array of wines and discover remarkable works of art, all while strolling through the charming streets of downtown Ottawa.

Tickets for the event are available at \$35 in advance and \$40 on the day of the event. To purchase tickets in advance, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-ottawa-wine-and-art-walk-november-4-2023-tickets-677470752257?aff=oddtcreator> or call 815-433-5000, ext. 2. Early ticket purchase is encouraged as this event tends to sell out quickly.

One of the highlights of the Wine & Art Walk is the Wine and Art Walk Passport, which will be provided to all guests upon registration. This Passport not only enhances the experience but also offers a chance to win one of 15 exciting prizes. It encourages participants to visit and support local businesses, fostering a sense of community and commerce.

One of her goals is to increase alumni engagement and donations, and potentially to develop a successful capital campaign to promote a special need or project.

Beattie and her husband, Michael, are parents of four children. Their son Michael and daughter Taylor are in high school and daughters Collette and Madeline are college students pursuing law and architecture degrees.

Beattie, who grew up in Ottawa's theater/band/choir tradition, enjoys exercise, spending time with family and friends, and attending movies and theater. She also describes herself as "such a football girl, a huge Chicago Bears fan" whose interest was sparked by her son. "It was something we could do together, a way to bond. And I was hooked."

Beattie succeeds Fran Brolley, who retired as Executive Director of Community Relations and Development last spring after 34 years with the college.



Card shower set for Schmitt's 100th

□ Milestone birthday is November 3

MENDOTA – A 100th birthday card shower is planned for Arlene Schmitt. Her birthday is Friday, Nov. 3.

If you would like to send her well-wishes on her milestone birthday, cards can be mailed to Arlene Schmitt, 901 First St., Mendota, IL 61342.

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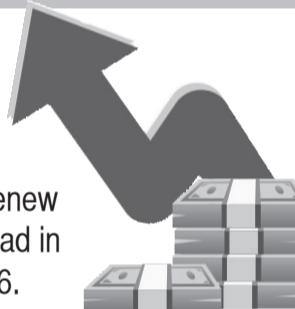
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IVCC plans ag department
Fall Open House Oct. 20th

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's agriculture department will host its Fall Open House from 9-11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, in the Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

High school students, parents, instructors and administrators are invited.

Campus tours will be available, and participants can interact with instructors, students, and university ag program representatives, and discover scholarship opportunities.

"Come check out our new Agriculture Education Center and campus farm and learn about our new Ag Building," said program Co-coordinator Willard Mott. "You will discover all of the opportunities to learn in and out of the classroom, and about many great ways to get involved through the Professional Agriculture Student Organization (PAS), field trips, and Ag Club activities."

Participants will be able "to speak with current students and hear why they chose IVCC, and get a chance to meet and speak with us directly about what our courses, degrees, and certificates cover," added co-coordinator Jennifer Timmers.

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SPORTS



Mendota's Isaac Diaz races to the ball as Serena's Matt Farrell is in pursuit during a regional soccer game on Oct. 14 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Trojans roll over Serena to reach regional soccer final

MENDOTA – The Mendota boys' soccer team cleared its first hurdle on the tournament trail by thrashing Serena, 6-1, in the opening round of the Mendota Class 1A Regional Soccer Tournament on Oct. 14 at the MHS field.

The Trojans (20-2-2) opened up a 2-0 lead in the first half before Serena cut the margin in half with what proved to be its lone goal of the contest.

It was all Mendota in the second half as it pounded in four more goals to win by a comfortable margin.

Cesar Casas led the charge for the Trojans with three goals and one assist. The other Mendota goals went to Isaac Diaz, Johan Cortez and Ramiro Palacios. Cortez added a pair of assists and Diaz had one assist.

Mateo Goy was between the pipes and picked up seven goalie saves.

Mendota will battle with conference foe Kewanee for the regional championship at



Mendota's Cesar Casas tries to keep the ball away from Matt Farrell of Serena in regional soccer action on Oct. 14 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18. The Boilers were 3-0 winners over Roanoke-Benson in the other regional game.

During the regular season, the Trojans posted a 5-0 shut-out victory over Kewanee.

The Mendota Regional champion will advance to the Chillicothe IVC Sectional

to face the Monmouth-Rossville Regional winner at noon on Saturday, Oct. 21. The other sectional semifinal will pit the champions of the Peoria Christian and Port Byron Riverdale regionals. The sectional champion will be decided at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25.

Illinois fall trout season opens Oct. 21 in locations statewide

SPRINGFIELD – The 2023 Illinois fall trout season will open Saturday, Oct. 21 at 59 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is warning anglers that warm weather will delay some early stockings this fall.

The early catch-and-release season, scheduled to open Oct. 7 this year, will be stocked later than expected because of forecasted and observed warm water temperatures. Trout stocked in waters warmer than 70 degrees will experience high mortality. IDNR will stock the early catch-and-release sites as soon as water temperatures cool and will provide updates on the ifishillinois.org website and social media channels for ifishillinois.org and IDNR.

No trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites until the regular fall season opens at 5 a.m. Oct. 21. The daily catch limit is five trout.

All anglers, including those who participate in the early catch-and-release season, must have an Illinois fishing license and inland trout stamp, which are available at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores, and other retail outlets. Check the IDNR website for locations. Fishing licenses and trout stamps can be purchased online with a credit card.

For information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.



The fall trout season offers opportunities for families to get outdoors and enjoy fishing. Online resources are available for taking kids fishing.

IDNR reinstated its Catchable Trout Program in 1994. The program is funded in part by those who use the program through the sale of inland trout stamps. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the fall season. An additional 80,000 trout are stocked for the spring season, which begins each April. For more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, visit <https://www.ifishillinois.org>.

Among the trout season fishing locations are:

- Bureau County – Hennepin Canal Parkway
- Kendall County – Big Lake, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area (SFWA)
- LaSalle County – Illinois and Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle
- Ogle County – Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park **
- Whiteside County – Centennial Park Pond, Rock Falls, Coloma Park District

(* Denotes site open for catch-and-release early fall season fishing)



Mendota running back Corbin Furar is taken to the ground by a host of Princeton defenders on Oct. 13 at Princeton. (Reporter photo)

Tigers roar past Trojans, 55-0

PRINCETON - A sink hole on the field. A steady rain creating a slick playing surface. The curse of Friday the 13th.

All of that was a part of Mendota's Three Rivers Conference football game at Princeton, but none of it was enough to slow down the high-flying Tigers. While the sink hole was filled in delaying the start of the game, the rain continued throughout the contest and the calendar still indicated it was Friday the 13th, and when the final horn sounded, Princeton had rolled up a 55-0 win over the Trojans at Bryant Field.

The setback dropped Mendota to 1-7 overall and 0-4 in league play, while Princeton improved to 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the conference, making certain it will remain the state's sec-

Spikers place 7th in tourney

MENDOTA – Kewanee and Mendota went to three sets before the Boiler Girls prevailed, 26-24, 23-25, 25-19 in Three Rivers Conference volleyball action on Oct. 10 at the MHS gym.

Reanna Brant recorded six kills and three blocks for the Spikers. Other contributors were Laylie Denault (10 digs), Ava Eddy (nine digs), Madelyn Becker (16 assists), Ryleigh Sondgeroth (three aces) and Grace Wasmer (three blocks).

The Spikers are 3-6 in league play.



Mendota's Reanna Brant rejects a kill try by Annawan's Olivia Goodley during the Mendota Rally Invite on Oct. 14. Laylie Denault, right, also goes up for a block. (Reporter photo)

Mendota hosted the Mendota Varsity Rally Invitational on Oct. 14 at the MHS gym.

The eight-team tournament was divided into two pools. The Spikers were in the Purple Pool and dropped all three of their matches.

Ottawa took out the Spikers, 25-12, 25-13. Leaders for Mendota were Wasmer with three kills, Becker and Ella Martin with seven assists apiece and Lilly Leifheit with 14 digs.

In the second match, Annawan was a 25-21, 25-17 winner over Mendota. Brant picked up eight kills, while Leifheit had nine digs and Becker produced nine assists.

Streator topped the Spikers, 25-16, 25-23, to conclude pool play. Becker provided six assists and three

aces, Brant hammered five kills and Denault collected nine digs.

Purple Pool standings: Ottawa 2-0-1, Annawan 2-1, Streator 1-1-1, Mendota 0-3

Gold Pool standings: Rockford Christian 3-0, Forrester 2-1, Putnam County 1-2, Peoria Christian 0-3.

The Spikers met Peoria Christian in the seventh-place match and posted a 25-13, 25-20 win. Pacing the attack for Mendota were Brant (eight kills), Ella Coss (six kills), Becker (11 assists, five aces), Leifheit (20 digs) and Denault (11 digs).

Final standings: 1st – Rockford Christian; 2nd – Ottawa; 3rd – Annawan; 4th – Forrester; 5th – Streator; 6th – Putnam County; 7th – Mendota; 8th – Peoria Christian.

Mendota to host volleyball regional

MENDOTA – The Mendota Spikers will participate in the Mendota Class 2A Regional Volleyball Tournament to be played Oct. 23, 24, 26.

The action will begin with two matches on Monday, Oct. 23. Mendota will take on Coal City at 6 p.m. followed by Seneca vs. Sandwich.

The winner of match one will advance to meet top-seeded Minonk Fieldcrest at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 and Eureka will await the winner of match two.

The championship is set for Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

The Mendota Regional champion moves on to the Princeton Sectional to face the winner of the Port Byron River-

dale Regional at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, while the other sectional match will pit winners of the Sherrard and Chillicothe IVC regionals.

Mendota Class 2A Regional Volleyball Tournament

Monday, Oct. 23

1 – (6) Coal City vs. (8) Mendota – 6 p.m.

2 – (5) Seneca vs. (11) Sandwich – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

3 – (1) Minonk (Fieldcrest) vs. Winner Match 1 – 6 p.m.

4 – (4) Eureka vs. Winner Match 2 – 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26

5 – Winner Match 3 vs. Winner Match 4 – 6 p.m. (championship)

Next for the Trojans

Opponent: Friday, Oct. 20 vs. Sterling Newman at MHS field. Kickoff at 7 p.m.

Last year: In a back-and-forth game, Newman defeated Mendota, 30-27, to dash playoff aspirations for the Trojans. MHS quarterback passed for 297 yards and two touchdowns.

Last week: Newman was throttled by Kewanee, 34-8. The Comets are 6-2 overall and 2-2 in Three Rivers play.

ond-ranked Class 3A team behind only unbeaten Byron.

Aswarming Tiger defense practically stopped Mendota's offense in its tracks from start to finish, while the Princeton offense sliced through the Trojan defense with relative ease. A 49-point first half by Princeton ensured a running clock in the second half, and it was mutually agreed upon by both sides to cut four minutes off of the usual 24-minute half.

The disparity in total

yards gained was astonishing. Mendota ran 42 plays from scrimmage and gained 21 yards, while Princeton fired off 38 plays and piled up 360 yards. With the Trojans' minuscule yard total, it was no surprise that their offense never advanced the ball past the 50-yard line. The only time Mendota spent in Tiger territory came right at the end of the first quarter when Braiden Freeman scooped up a Princeton fumble and returned it to the Princeton 47.

After Mendota's opening possession of the game resulted in a punt, Princeton used its first series to drive 48 yards in six plays, the final play being an 8-yard touchdown run by Preston Arkels, followed by an Arkels two-point run to make it 8-0.

Mendota's second series also stalled and Freeman dropped back in punt formation, but the snap from center sailed way over his head and into the end zone, where he was ruled stopped, resulting in a safety.

After the safety, the Trojans kicked the ball back to the Tigers, where they set up their next possession at the Mendota 47. It didn't take long for them to get back in the end zone when

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Football

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quarterback William Lott connected with big wide receiver Noah Laporte on a 42-yard touchdown strike. Casey Etheridge ran in the two-pointer to up Princeton's lead to 18-0 with 6:11 left in the opening stanza.

The Tigers added one more score before the quarter, when after a Trojan punt gave Princeton the ball at the Mendota 35, the home team needed just one play to reach paydirt. Etheridge did the honors with a 35-yard run, and he added the two-point conversion run.

When Mendota got the ball back, it was set for another Freeman punt, but after bobbling the ball, he took off running and scampered for a first down. The drive ended when the Trojans turned the ball over on downs. When the Tigers went back on offense,

they fumbled the ball away to Freeman, who made his run into Princeton territory. Princeton quickly regained possession on an interception by Ace Christiansen, and it parlayed the miscue into its fourth touchdown of the game. Arkels scored on a 4-yard run and a two-point run, all set up by a 38-yard scamper by Christiansen to inside the Trojan red zone.

The Tigers tacked on two more scores before the half to make it 49-0 at intermission. Christiansen darted into the end zone from 3 yards out followed by a Lott two-point pass to Jordan Reinhardt.

Then Etheridge raced 41 yards for a score and Carlos Benavidez kicked the extra point with 3:42 left in the first half.

Princeton capped off the scoring with a 2-yard TD run by Eli Berlin early in the fourth frame.

• Trojan Yardstick •

PRINCETON 55, MENDOTA 0

Mendota	0	0	0	0	-	0
Princeton	26	23	0	6	-	55

SCORING SUMMARY

PR - Arkels 8 run (Arkels run), 7:50 1Q
PR - Safety, Freeman down in end zone, 6:55 1Q
PR - Laporte 43 pass from Lott (Etheridge run), 6:11 1Q
PR - Etheridge 35 run (Etheridge run), 4:16 1Q
PR - Arkels 4 run (Arkels run), 10:11 2Q
PR - Christiansen 3 run (Reinhardt pass from Lott), 8:03 2Q
PR - Etheridge 41 run (Benavidez kick), 3:42 2Q
PR - Berlin 2 run (run failed), 9:45 4Q

	ME	PR
First Downs	5	18
Rushes-Yards	23-(minus 11)	34-287
Passing Yards	32	73
Passes	3-19-1	3-4-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Punts-Avg	4-32	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-54	6-70

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing—MENDOTA: Furar 11-1, Randolph 10-(minus 3), Freeman 2-(minus 9); PRINCETON: Etheridge 7-119, Christiansen 6-53, Berlin 6-43, Gibson 4-39, Arkels 4-25, Nutter 3-13, Lott 2-(minus 2) Lanham 2-(minus 3).
Passing—MENDOTA: Randolph 3-19-1-32; PRINCETON: Lott 3-4-0-73.
Receiving—MENDOTA: Freeman 2-27, Ossman 1-5; PRINCETON: Laporte 2-69, Christiansen 1-4.

Geneseo tops F-S gridders

MENDOTA – Geneseo rolled to a 42-0 triumph over Mendota in freshman-sophomore football action on Oct. 9 at the MHS field.

Geneseo built a 21-0 lead in the first quarter on touchdown runs of 56 and 48 yards, and a 36-yard TD pass.

The visitors tacked on two more scores in the second period to take a 35-0 halftime lead. The touchdowns came on a 28-yard pass play and a 27-yard run.

A running clock kicked in midway through the third frame when the Maple Leafs found the end zone on an 82-yard run.

Mendota (1-6) managed just 73 yards of offense, with 70 of that coming via the passing of quarterback Javier Hernandez. He completed nine passes, seven of them to Cam Wasmer for 62 yards.



Three Rivers East Division Football Standings

	TR	OA
Princeton	4-0	7-1
Kewanee	4-1	7-1
Newman	2-2	6-2
Bureau Valley	2-3	4-4
Hall	1-3	3-5
Mendota	0-4	1-7

Friday, Oct. 13

Princeton 55, Mendota 0
Kewanee 34, Newman 8
Bureau V. 67, Aurora CC 19
Rockridge 35, Hall 0

Friday, Oct. 20

Newman at Mendota
Hall at Princeton
Aurora CC at Kewanee
Bureau Valley at Morrison



Mendota's Grace Wasmer tries to get a spike through the double block attempt of Annawan's Olivia Goodley, left, and Elaina Manuel during the Mendota Rally Invite on Oct. 14. (Reporter photo)

MHS runners in Seneca Regional

SENECA—The Mendota cross country teams will participate in the Seneca Class 1A Regional to be held Saturday, Oct. 21 at Seneca Ag Farm, 2667 E. 28th Road, Marseilles. The girls' race starts at 9 a.m. and the boys will compete at 10 a.m.

Other schools in the regional include Amboy [Coop], Aurora (A. Christian), Aurora (Central Catholic), DePue, Dwight [Coop], Granville (Putnam County), Henry (H.-Senachwine) [Coop], Hinckley (H.-Big Rock), Ottawa (Marquette), Peru (St. Bede), Princeton, Seneca [Coop], Somonauk [Coop], Spring Valley (Hall), Toulon (Stark County) and Yorkville (Y. Christian).

The first seven placing teams and the first five runners who are not members of the advancing teams in each regional will advance to sectional competition. In addition, in the event the 6th, 7th or 8th place overall individual finisher in the regional is not on a qualifying team, such 6th, 7th or 8th place overall finisher in the individual race shall advance from the regional to the sectional meet.

The sectional will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Oregon Park West in Oregon.

BOWLING

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Oct. 9 – 1. Bad Kats 14-6; 2. Ramer Inc. 10-10; 3. Sports-N-Stuff 10-10; 4. CM Farm 10-10; 5. Split Happens 9-11; 6. Leagal Beagles 7-13

High team game (scratch) – Sports-N-Stuff 683, Split Happens & CM Farm 664, Ramer Inc. 657

High team game (hdcp) – Sports-N-Stuff 1010, Ramer Inc. 970, Bad Kats 940

High team series (scratch) – Sports-N-Stuff 1942, CM Farm 1923, Split Happens 1885

High team series (hdcp) – Sports-N-Stuff 2923, Ramer Inc. 2706, Bad Kats 2700

Men's high game (scratch) – Luke Ross 226, Matt Ramer 225, Charlie Betz 215

Men's high game (hdcp) – Charlie Betz 289, Matt Ramer 284, Bob Moench Jr. 256
Men's high series (scratch) – Luke Ross 633, Mike Smith 568, Charlie Betz 513

Men's high series (hdcp) – Charlie Betz 735, Mike Smith 715, Bob Moench Jr. 709

Women's high game (scratch) – Dria Kuntz 199, Sarah Westphal 199, Hannah Westphal 187

Women's high game (hdcp) – Sarah Westphal 282, Hannah Westphal 270, Brenda Westphal 268

Women's high series (scratch) – Hannah Westphal 530, Emily Thomas 512, Sarah Westphal 502

Women's high series (hdcp) – Hannah Westphal 779, Sarah Westphal 751, Brenda Westphal 748

Wednesday Night Men's League

Standings as of Oct. 11 – 1. O'Donnell Excavating 10-6; 2. Novak Farms 9-7; 3. JJ&L Carpentry 8-8; 4. Mendota Monument 8-8; 5. Black Bros. 8-8; 6. First State Bank 5-11

High team game (scratch) – Mendota Monument 969, JJ&L Carpentry 962, O'Donnell Excavating 951

High team game (hdcp) – O'Donnell Excavating 1160, JJ&L Carpentry 1114, First State Bank 1110

High team series (scratch) – Mendota Monument 2779, JJ&L Carpentry 2739, Black Bros. 2709

High team series (hdcp) – O'Donnell Excavating 3280, JJ&L Carpentry 3195, Mendota Monument 3178

High individual game (scratch) – Nate Bradford 288, Kirk Ross 257, Tom Dessing 255

High individual series (scratch) – Drake O'Donnell 722, Nate Bradford 719, Todd Smith 691

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OCT. 14 OHIO

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NOV. 7 BALL STATE

NOV. 14 WESTERN MICHIGAN

ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I saw a commercial with Julianna Margulies in a new series. Did “The Good Wife” end? What is her new show? -- **J.K.**

A: “The Good Wife” was a smash hit series for CBS, but it’s been long gone, having ended its run in 2016 after seven seasons. It spawned a successful spin-off series called “The Good Fight,” starring Christine Baranski, and has another spin-off in the works called “Elsbeth.”

It will star Carrie Preston as “the astute but unconventional attorney” who fans will recall from the same role she played on “The Good Fight.”

As for Margulies, she is one of television’s most acclaimed and employable actresses, having turned a one-episode guest role on NBC’s “ER” into an Emmy award-winning one that lasted six seasons. In recent years, she’s accepted parts that have allowed her to stretch her already impressive range. She played an abrasive fashion magazine editor in the AMC series “Dietland,” followed by a doctor racing against time to stop an Ebola virus outbreak in “The Hot Zone.”

Most recently, she returned as Reese Witherspoon’s ex-girlfriend and co-anchor in the Apple TV+ drama series “The Morning Show.” Margulies once said that the character is a cross between Diane Sawyer and Rachel Maddow. As for any other upcoming projects, it surely won’t be long before Margulies is asked to headline a new series, but for now, she seems content making a big impact in smaller roles.

Q: How is Priscilla Presley been doing since the unexpected death of her daughter, Lisa Marie? -- **G.G.**

A: Priscilla and Lisa Marie Presley attended the Golden Globe Awards together this past January to support Austin Butler in his nominated role (he won!) in the feature film “Elvis.” Just two days later, Lisa Marie was rushed to the hospital with a bowel obstruction that would claim her life. Her mother, Priscilla, issued a statement shortly thereafter and asked for privacy for her “profound loss.”

Now, almost a year later, Priscilla herself will be the subject of a film directed by Sofia Coppola, daughter of

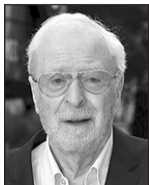
Francis Ford Coppola (“The Godfather”) and Oscar winner for her screenplay of the 2003 film “Lost in Translation.”

“Priscilla,” which will premiere in theaters on Nov. 3, stars Cailee Spaeny (“Mare of Easttown”) as the titular character. Coppola says that she really connected with the young Priscilla who was thrust into stardom seemingly overnight and how impressed she was when Priscilla later left her marriage with Elvis.

As for how Priscilla is doing, she’ll likely speak more about it in upcoming interviews for her biographical film, which she helped co-write.

Q: My mother’s favorite talk show is “The Talk,” but she is worried it won’t be back with new episodes because of the strikes. Is there anything definitive I can tell her about it? -- **L.L.**

A: By the time you read this, the syndicated multi-host show “The Talk” will be back with new episodes. Season 14 took off on Oct. 9 with the same five hosts and a new executive producer, Rob Crabbe, who served the same role on the fun-filled “The Late Late Show with James Corden.”



Caine

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Another movie legend Michael Caine announced that he’s “sort of” retired! He explained that when shooting his last movie “The Great Escaper” (with the late, great Glenda Jackson), he was provided a walking cane that was incorporated into his character, but could only give them one take of each shot. “I’m bloody 90 now,” he remarked.

Among his greatest films spanning his filmography of more than 100 movies were “Sleuth” (1972); “Educating Rita” (1983); “The Cider House Rules” (1999); “The Dark Knight” (2008); and the classic that started it all -- “Alfie” (1966). When asked how he would like to be remembered, Caine replied, “For the fact that I remained an actor all my life, and I never went into anything else. I never left; I never wanted to leave.”

Back in 1984, I was once hired by disaster film producer Irwin Allen (“The

Hollywood

Poseidon Adventure” and “The Towering Inferno”) to photograph the comic greats he brought together -- Milton Berle, Bob Neuhart, Red Buttons, George Burns, Danny Thomas, Dan Rowan, Dick Martin, Steve Allen and Sid Caesar -- who gave Caine a crash course in comedy before he filmed “Blame It on Rio.” It was an unforgettable, sidesplitting night with all the greats. (P.S. The film flopped!)

Seth Macfarlane has put his money where his mouth is. “The Orville” star and writer recently donated \$1 million for striking writers, as well as another \$5 million to kick off a campaign to raise at least \$10 million for ECF (formally the Actors Fund) to attract more donors during the strikes. So far, he’s donated \$7.4 million to more than 3,515 to film and TV workers, assistants, grips, gaffers, lighting and sound designers, script supervisors, craft service workers, hair and makeup professionals and wardrobe people. What a family guy!

It was a close call on

Sept. 24 for 89-year-old Oscar-winning legend Sophia Loren (“Two Women”), who had to have emergency surgery after falling in her bathroom. Loren had several fractures and a busted femur, necessitating the cancellation of the opening of her fourth restaurant named for her in Bari, Italy. Loren won Best Actress at the David di Donatello Awards (the Italian equivalent of the Oscars) in 2021 for “The Life Ahead.”

Recently, it was revealed that Chris Rock sought counseling after the famous Will Smith slap heard around the world at the 94th Oscars. Rock claimed to be humiliated in front of his daughters, parents and one of the largest audiences in TV history. It was no consolation for Rock that Smith resigned from the Academy and was banned from their events for 10 years. But Rock did have the last laugh when a year later (after not speaking of the incident initially), he was paid \$40 million by Netflix for his special “Chris Rock: Selective Outrage,” with a second special to follow. Somebody slap me... please!

Couch Theater

“Cobweb” (R) -- In this horror thriller produced by Evan Goldberg and Seth Rogen, Woody Norman (“C’mon C’mon”) plays 8-year-old Peter, a young boy who lives a solemn life with his emotionally distant parents, Carol and Mark. After they won’t let him go trick-or-treating on Halloween, Peter begins hearing a tapping on the walls of his home and encounters a voice named Sarah. While his parents dismiss these claims as delusion, Peter’s connection with Sarah only grows, and so do the eerie circumstances at home. Lizzy Caplan (“Fatal Attraction”) and Antony Starr (“The Boys”) co-star in “Cobweb,” out now. (Hulu)

“Neon” (TV-MA) -- Santi, Ness and Felix are three kids from a small town desperate to make it big in the reggaeton music scene in Miami. With Ness as his manager and Felix behind the camera as a budding music video director, along with A&R rep Mia, Santi attempts to get his star on the rise to eventually become the

biggest reggaeton artist yet. This eight-episode comedy series executive produced by reggaeton legend Daddy Yankee follows the trio through their highs and lows of being a growing artist in Miami’s music industry. Expect cameos from artist such as Jowell, Ken-Y, LYANNO and more. All episodes release on Oct. 19. (Netflix)

“Lessons in Chemistry” (TV-MA) -- “Captain Marvel’s” Brie Larson leads this new drama miniseries based on the novel by Bonnie Garmus. Larson portrays Elizabeth Zott, a female scientist during the 1960s who suddenly gets fired from her position at a laboratory. Having spent her free time cooking up delicacies, Elizabeth gets an offer to host her own cooking show, called “Supper at Six.” As she molds herself to become a poised and characterized version of herself on the show, Elizabeth also utilizes this opportunity to educate her viewers, young and old, on current events and scientific

topics. Through her honest perspective of what it’s like to be a housewife in the 1960s, she provides a beacon of hope to women everywhere. The first two episodes are out now, with the subsequent six episodes releasing every Friday. (Apple TV+)

“The Burial” (R) -- In this legal drama loosely inspired by a true story, Jerry O’Keefe (Tommy Lee Jones) is a funeral home owner with massive financial troubles that could put him out of business. So, he attempts to sue a larger funeral home corporation called the Loewen Group due to a contractual dispute and hires the eccentric lawyer Willie E. Gary (Jamie Foxx) to help him win his case. With Willie asking for \$100 million for his client and Mame “The Python” Downes (Jurnee Smollett) representing the defendant, the stakes are stacked up high against Jerry. But Willie remains undeterred that his unusual lawyering will prevail. Out now! (Amazon Prime Video)

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* There is cellphone reception at the summit of Mount Everest.

* The sport of badminton was originally called “Poonna,” which was played by British officers stationed in India in the 1860s.

* In the 1500s, when folks associated social class with the height of one’s footwear, some shoes were so tall that the wearer required servants to help them walk.

In response, many countries passed laws limiting the height of shoes, though the decrees were often ignored.

* Iguanas have two normal eyes and a third eye on their head that only detects brightness.

* First cultivated by the Aztecs, morning glories were used in divination rituals. A concoction was prepared by combining the flowers’ ground seeds, which contain an ingredient with effects similar to LSD, with water, which was then drunk to produce visions.

* Auto-brewery syndrome is a rare condition in which pure alcohol (ethanol) is produced in a person’s gut after eating carbohydrate-rich foods.

* If you traveled at the speed of light, you could reach Pluto in four hours.

* Part of Manhattan’s Ninth Avenue is named Oreo Way in honor of the beloved cookie, which was invented at a Nabisco factory on that street in 1912.

* You can obtain a degree in Viticulture and Enology, or the cultivation of grapes and the science of winemaking, at Cornell University.

* Humans and the galaxy share 97% of the same kind of atoms.

* The world’s largest sandcastle, sculpted by a 30-person team led by Wilfred Stijger of Holland, stood 69.4 feet high and utilized 5,000 tons of sand. Stijger created it to represent the power the coronavirus held over the world and included a crown-shaped replica of the virus at its top.

Solution time: 25 mins.

Trivia Test

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3. ART: Who painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling?
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6. HISTORY: In which year was Korea divided into two occupation zones that would become North and South Korea?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents were elected in the 1950s?
8. Which 20th-century novel

features a character named Holden Caulfield?

9. TELEVISION: Queen Latifah stars in which 1990s TV sitcom?

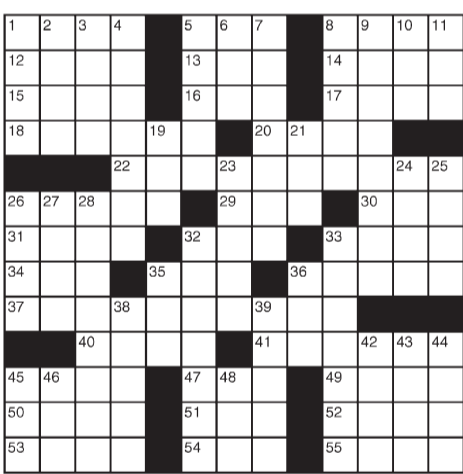
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest species of shark?

- Answers
1. Georgia.
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 3. Michelangelo.
 4. Gene Cernan.
 5. Canberra.
 6. 1945.
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 8. “The Catcher in the Rye.”
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 10. The whale shark.
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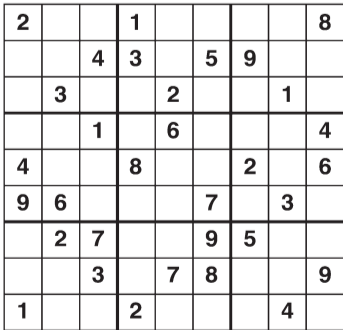


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by Linda Thistle



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LOCAL AND AREA

A sign of spiritual maturity

Recently I felt like God gave me a simple definition of what spiritual maturity is. I'm sure it involves more than what's in this sentence, but I want you to think about it: Spiritual maturity is asking God what you can do for Him, not only asking God what He can do for you.

I wonder how many of us, every day, when we say our prayers, ask God, "What can I do for You today? Who can I bless? Who can I help? I want to serve You."

I started doing this on a daily basis about three or four years ago, and it's amazing what happens when you ask God to show you someone to bless—He does. In the process, I've learned that if you form a habit of simply listening to

people, they'll tell you what they need, where they're hurting, or what they might like to have.

I think sometimes we feel like someone has to be desperate for us to help them. But everyone has times when they simply need to feel blessed. They may even have more money than you, but they still need the love and encouragement that comes with someone else doing something nice for them.

Luke 6:38 (NIV) says, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Giving to others

is one of the greatest things that you can do. If you want joy in your life, then become a giver! Our natural tendency is to think about ourselves—all of our own needs and wants. But the thing that really makes us happy is to give of ourselves and focus on helping other people. When we do, it gives us a joy that we can never achieve on our own. I encourage you to make giving a lifestyle. You can certainly give money, but you can also give others your time, talents, and friendship.

I used to be miserable, focused solely on what I wanted and how people could do things for me. But as I began to shift my focus onto loving others, I became happier than I'd ever been. I challenge you to do the same. Each day, begin to think of ways you can bless someone else. Ask God what you can do for Him and see how it changes your life.

That's what spiritual maturity really is—it's getting yourself off your mind. This kind of maturity is what the apostle Paul meant when he said, "...It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God" (Galatians 2:20 NKJV). Or when he said, "In Him we live and move and have our being..." (Acts 17:28 AMPC).



In 1 Corinthians 15:31 (NKJV), Paul also said, "...I die daily." He didn't mean that he died physically every day. He meant that he died to "self" and being selfish every day.

I want to tell you a funny story. We have a 4-year-old grandson named Brody and he's quite a little character, and he can sometimes lose his temper. About a month ago, he was having kind of a cranky, rough, I'm-going-to-have-a-fit-every-time-I-don't-get-my-way day, and he was out with his mother. She was doing some shopping and he wasn't acting very nice.

She said, "Brody, we're going to pray about the way you're behaving." So, she wrapped her arms around him and prayed, "Lord, we just ask you to help Brody be a good boy today and help him feel better and not feel so cranky. Help him smile and listen to what I tell him." She finished with her prayer and said "Amen." But Brody said, "Not Amen!" He

didn't agree with that prayer!

When God gives us some instruction that's good for us, I think this can sometimes be our attitude as well: "Not Amen!" Because Amen means, "Yes, let it be so," and we're not sure if we want to do what He is asking.

The truth is, we can sometimes behave like spiritual babies—we want our own way! But the good news is God never gives up on helping us grow. After we begin a relationship with Him, we begin a wonderful process of becoming more like Jesus, and it's a process that goes on all of our lives.

Whenever we spend time in God's Word and begin to do what it says, we grow. Every time we talk to God in prayer, it makes a difference, and we make progress. And in the process, He never stops showing us ways that we can improve and have an even greater life.

I'm so grateful that God doesn't leave me

alone and let me stay the way I am. Instead, He keeps nudging me and showing me ways that I can improve. And He does this for every single one of us. He slowly but surely transforms us and makes us more like Him.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-part teaching resource *Developing the Character of God*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

A guide to various types of home awnings

Homeowners recognize that upgrades can improve the functionality and comfort of their homes. Improving outdoor spaces has proven particularly popular of late. The National Association of Home Builders reports that outdoor living has been propelled to the top of homeowner wish lists. Plus, a recent survey conducted by the New Home Trends Institute found connection to the outdoors/nature and outdoor entertaining ranked high among desired home designs.

One way to make outdoor spaces more accommodating is through the installation of awnings. Many homeowners would like to enhance their homes with awnings but do not know where to begin. Learning about the various types of awnings can help homeowners determine which option best suits their needs.

Fixed awnings

Fixed awnings are stationary on a building's exterior. While the awnings are generally stable, they can be damaged by snow or wind. It's key to find an installation expert to make sure the awning is installed correctly so that it can withstand weather and other issues. It's also important to know that fixed awnings remain in the same



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position and orientation, so its best to know exactly where to place it beforehand.

Retractable awning

Retractable awnings are the most popular type of awnings because they can be extended when necessary to keep a space cool or protected, then rolled or folded up when not in use. These awnings are advantageous because they can be retracted when bad weather hits to prevent damage.

Motorized retractable awning

Motorized retractable awnings offer the utmost convenience. Standard re-

tractable offerings require a handle or hand crank to manually extend or fold up the awning. Motorized awnings can be operated with a sensor, remote or even motion trigger. Even though they cost more, they're a favorite among homeowners.

Areas of use

Awnings can be installed in various locations. Patio awnings are much preferred because of their large coverage area, which typically spans entire patios. Door awnings are installed above the exterior door of an entryway to protect visitors and occupants from precipitation

and to improve the home's look. Window awnings can add additional shade and privacy. There also are side awnings, which are essentially wall-like structures that run across a patio, garden or balcony for wind or sun protection. They're also utilized to improve privacy.

Homeowners can choose from various types of awning materials, including fabric, metal, glass, and others. Working with a reputable awning company is the best way for homeowners to peruse possible products and find awnings that will suit their needs.



Entertaining at home is wildly popular, and homeowners can employ some simple strategies to make their homes welcoming spaces for friends and family.

How to create a welcoming entertaining space at home

The lasting effects of the pandemic that swept across the globe in 2020 will be studied for years to come. Though some consequences have yet to be discovered, others, including a heightened desire to entertain loved ones at home, were already apparent even before the world emerged from the darkest days of the pandemic.

A 2021 study from ButcherBox™ found that 46 percent of survey respondents were excited to host and entertain guests in their home when it was deemed safe to do so. Such gatherings were given the green light years ago, and homeowners have maintained their enthusiasm for entertaining. With that in mind, homeowners looking to upgrade their entertaining spaces can look to these tips as they prepare to welcome guests into their homes.

- Establish various seating areas. Ample seating is a must when welcoming guests into your home. Open layouts make it easier to add seating without feeling cramped, so homeowners whose properties feature such design schemes may find it easier to accommodate more guests than homes with more traditional, compartmentalized layouts. When arranging seating, aim to create multiple seating areas so guests can speak privately to one another if they so desire. Multiple seating areas also ensure more than one conversation can take place at a time. That's especially useful when hosting a game watch, as some guests may come for the game while others may be more interested in socializing than the score.
- Designate spaces for children. Kids are typically

part of the equation when entertaining at home, so it's important that hosts create spaces for them as well. A basement or children's playroom can do the trick. If the weather outside is welcoming, a fenced-in backyard with games and a trampoline can provide the perfect space for kids to have fun while the adults get to engage in conversation and catch up with friends and family apart from boisterous youngsters.

- Add lighting. Dimly lit rooms may be a homeowner's desired aesthetic when no one's visiting, but lack of light can give the impression certain rooms are off limits or lead to muted conversations. Adjust recessed lighting so bulbs provide a warm but well-lit space for guests to relax and converse. In rooms without such lighting, open blinds or curtains or add some floor lamps before the party so rooms are well lit when guests arrive. Avoid lighting candles during the gathering, as flickering flames pose a fire hazard.
- Utilize Florida rooms or outdoor spaces when possible. Afford access to a Florida room or a deck or patio if the weather allows. The great outdoors tends to be a natural mood enhancer, and even some brief breaks in the fresh air can do guests some good. If guests will be spending ample time in a Florida room or outdoors, ensure ample seating is available and make sure those spaces are well lit as well.

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3 modern kitchen features to consider

It's well documented that kitchens are the most popular rooms in many homes. Kitchens are where families tend to congregate during holiday celebrations, and many a child has tackled their homework as mom or dad prepares dinner just a few steps away.

With so much time spent in the kitchen, it's no wonder kitchen renovations are popular. In fact, data from the National Association of Home Builders indicates kitchens are the most popular room to remodel. Whether homeowners are planning a full scale remodel or a few tweaks to update the room, the following are three popular features of modern kitchens.

1. Kitchen island

A recent survey from the interior design experts at Houzz found that kitchen islands are popular for a variety of reasons. Fifty-eight percent of respondents indicated they enjoy eating at kitchen islands, while 49 percent reported they like islands for entertaining. Forty-five percent of respondents like socializing around kitchen islands. Islands provide a versatile functionality that comes in handy when preparing meals on typical weeknights and when hosting friends and family on special occasions like



A new island, a deep sink and some extra storage space can help homeowners transform their existing kitchens into spaces that cater to their every need.

the holidays and birthdays. Islands come in a variety of shapes and sizes and can be customized to fit just about any space. Mobile islands can be utilized in small kitchens when homeowners want the extra prep space but think the kitchen would be too cramped if a permanent island were added.

2. Deep sink

The popularity of farmhouse style sinks is proof that large and deep sinks are sought-after among today's homeowners. Farmhouse sinks may be best suited to a particular aesthetic, but a 2021 study from the National Association of Home Builders found that side-by-side double sinks

and walk-in pantries were the most popular of 30 listed kitchen features. That study surveyed more than 3,200 recent and prospective home buyers. Deep sinks are especially useful for people who love to cook, making them a solid addition to any kitchen where home chefs ply their trade most nights of the week.

3. Storage

As the NAHB study indicated, kitchen storage space is sought after among modern homeowners. As home cooks expand their culinary horizons and cook more elaborate meals, they need extra places to store specialty pots and pans, ingredients and other materials. Homeowners looking

to add more storage in the kitchen can consult with a local contractor about how to create such space. A walk-in pantry can do the trick, but homeowners with kitchens where space is more limited may need to get a little more creative. Sliding-door pantries and roll-out shelving in existing cabinets can add functional space in kitchens with close quarters.

Modern kitchens are visual marvels and highly functional spaces. A new island, a deep sink and some extra storage space can help homeowners transform their existing kitchens into spaces that cater to their every need.



4 ways to renovate your home this fall

(BPT) - Fall is the perfect time to take on some home renovations, before the holidays hit and winter sets in. With just a few changes, you can make your home into a more functional space and create a warm, inviting atmosphere in which you and others will enjoy spending time for many seasons to come.

Let these four home renovation ideas inspire you to spruce up your space this autumn.

1. Make over the mudroom

If you have a mudroom, you know how helpful this space can be during the changing season. Over the course of fall and winter, a mudroom can help keep your house clean and organized by containing the mess of wet coats and dirty boots.

Upgrade your mudroom to make it more functional and easier to maintain. For example, you can incorporate storage solutions to store and organize your boots, add a bench to sit on while you take your shoes off and install hooks to hang your coats.

2. Upgrade your flooring

One way to bring a whole new look to your home is by bringing in new flooring, which can serve as the foundation for all interior styles. And, while there are so many great flooring options to select from, many homeowners today are opting to seek out floors that not only look great but also can stand up to busy households and traffic.

3. Give your fireplace a facelift

As the weather cools down, it's time to light your fireplace. But before you do, give your fireplace a makeover so you can transform your living room into a relaxing and welcoming space for your friends and family.

Some easy ways to give your fireplace a facelift include updating or replacing the mantel or replacing the current surround with new stone or tile. If you're feeling ambitious, add a built-in seating area nearby. This seating area makes it easier to enjoy the warmth and glow of the fireplace and acts as a focal point for fall gatherings.

4. Extend your entertaining space outdoors

Don't limit your entertaining to the indoors. With a few additions, you can easily extend your living or dining room into your outdoor space.

Add a firepit or fire table to your deck or patio so you can have cozy conversations around the fire underneath the stars. Also, consider investing in comfortable outdoor furniture so you can dine outdoors or enjoy drinks surrounded by the fall foliage. These additions make it easy to maximize your time outdoors.

This fall, give your home a little time, love and care. Using these four tips, you'll be well on your way to turning your home into a space you'll love to spend time in this season and beyond.

How to furnish your dining area

Modern homes look a bit different than those of generations past. Rather than several small rooms divided by walls, modern homes offer open-concept floor plans. That means the boundaries between spaces are not so defined, allowing rooms and activities to blend into one another.

Formal dining rooms may or may not be part of the current home layout with regard to new construction. Many homeowners now gravitate toward kitchens with adjacent breakfast nooks that utilize large islands with stool seating that open up to family rooms. These layouts can make it more challenging for homeowners to figure out how to furnish their dining areas — however casual or formal they may be. Individuals can use these tips as a springboard for selecting the right pieces in their homes, no matter where they enjoy their meals.

Consider the scope of the room

Is it a dining room or a dining area? This will help determine decor and the formality of the pieces of furniture needed to outfit the room, according to The Spruce, a home renovation resource. If the room is a

multi-purpose space, consider furniture that can serve different purposes, such as a table that has fold-down portions to change its size depending on the number of people dining at a particular time. You may want to include an armoire to store linens and stash away pens and note pads for making shopping lists.

Dining table

The dining table is the foundation of a dining area. After all, people need to have somewhere to sit and eat. Remember to measure the dimensions of the room carefully, as furniture can look much smaller in warehouse stores or furniture showrooms than in a home.

Consider a round or square dining table, which tend fit into rooms more easily than rectangular tables. Plus, these shapes are more conducive to conversation. Rectangular tables often leave people at the ends out of the chat.

Seating

Seating can affect the ability to move around the room. If space is at a premium, some narrow-profile chairs are a better option than larger, upholstered wingbacks. Homeowners may consider a wooden or upholstered bench



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on one side of the dining table to maximize seating during family events.

Lighting

A leading home furnishing company suggests using a mix of lighting sources to create the right lighting needs in the space. Floor lamps, an overhead chandelier, wall fixtures, and natural light need to blend and be adjusted as needed. Also, choose an overhead chandelier that complements the shape of the dining table. For example, a round fixture will look best above a round table.

Rug

An area rug can help define the dining space and set it apart from other areas in an open-concept home. An area rug also adds warmth and color when a wood table meets a wood floor; otherwise, it may look too stark.

Homeowners must take various factors into consideration when decorating a dining room. Size, purpose and style are just some of the things that merit ample consideration before furnishing a dining space.

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What to know when picking interior doors

Renovation projects run the gamut from patio paver installations to home additions to exterior lighting projects. There's no end to the ways homeowners can tweak their properties as they aspire to renovate and transform the interior and exterior of their homes.

Interior door replacement projects can dramatically alter how a home looks, especially when existing doors are dated, damaged and/or fading. Though homeowners may have grand visions of a new kitchen or outdoor living room when beginning such projects, they may not know where to begin when the time comes to replace interior doors. The following rundown can help homeowners as they begin to explore their options and start down the path of replacing interior doors.

Materials

Interior doors are manufactured from an array of materials, some of which may be more effective at reducing noise than others. Wood, medium-density fiberboard (MDF), solid-core, hollow-core, and even metal and glass are some of the materials categories for interior doors. Homeowners can define what they prioritize with each door and then choose the material that aligns best with that goal.

Installation

Installation costs are another variable to consider when replacing interior doors. If the frame of the door is being replaced along with the door, homeowners may benefit from utilizing a professional installation team, as removing an existing frame and installing a new one is a complicated project. Pre-hung doors come ready to hang with hinges already attached, so skilled do-it-yourselfers may be able to hang these on their own. Installation costs can be expensive, but homeowners with little DIY experience are urged to work with professionals so a job can be completed correctly, on time and within budget.

Style and design

Style and design merits consideration as well, and homeowners are urged to afford ample time to explore a wide array of options that might be more expansive than homeowners realize. Hinged doors, pocket doors, French doors, and barn doors are just some of the styles homeowners can choose from, and it may make sense to choose various styles when replacing all or most interior doors in a home. Each type of door typically comes in an assortment of designs as well, and it can take time to choose the right design for a given home.

Hardware

Hardware such as door-knobs and locks is easy to take for granted. However, homeowners replacing their interior doors will need to make these choices when picking new doors. Standard hardware offerings may disappoint upon installation, so afford ample time to door-knobs and other hardware to ensure the finished product impresses from the get-go. Customization of hardware may add a little extra to the final cost, but it should not be enough to bust a budget and will likely result in a more impressive finished product.

Interior door replacement can create a whole new look inside a home.

The pandemic changed much about the way people live, including a propensity for spending more time at home. In 2020, people spent far less waking time, roughly an hour and a half less on average, with people outside of their own households.

Though restrictions that limited social interactions have long since been lifted, spending at home has remained popular. More than two-thirds of Americans are spending more time at home, according to the American Time Use Survey from the U.S. Department of Labor. Inflation and the looming threat of a possible recession are undoubtedly keeping more people at home. With all that extra time on their hands, respondents have been poring their energy into fixing up their homes. Lawns, kitchens and living rooms are popular spaces to renovate.

As people continue to fix up their homes, they may be interested in ways to make them more comfortable. Certain furnishings can ensure living spaces are comfortable places to pass the time.

- Ensure an abundance of light. One stark overhead light will not create a cozy environment. Introduce

groupings of illumination where you hope residents and guests will congregate to engage in conversation. Utilize different lighting sources, such as task lighting, table and floor lamps, recessed or ambient lighting, and even candles. Warm temperature light bulbs will add to that comfortable feeling.

- Coordinate designs for each season. Crisp cotton and breezy linens are great for the warm weather, but when the colder temperatures arrive, it's time to swap for flannel or jersey. Folded quilts or throws on the sofa also can be handy for chilly evenings. Make subtle changes to the home as the temperature changes to epitomize comfort in your spaces.

- Splurge on your sofa and bed. Much time will be spent lounging on the couch or sleeping in your bed. It's worthwhile to invest in pieces that are durable and, above all else, comfortable. While these items may be more expensive up front, the comfort they provide will be well worth it.

- Soften harsh lines. Tricks like incorporating round area rugs or using oval or round pillows can break up the straight line of rooms and even modern



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furniture pieces. Opt for soft and inviting textiles as well. Textural elements, such as woven decor baskets, also can soften harsh lines.

- Introduce organic elements. Home entertaining expert Julie Blanner says plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables bring life to a space. Choose easy care plants if you do not have a

green thumb, or swap out freshly cut blooms in vases as pops of color and fresh elements are needed.

- Utilize warm paint colors. Cool-toned paints can make a space seem colder and more utilitarian or clinical. When looking at swatches, select paints that have warm undertones. Eggshell and

satin sheens will be more inviting and evoke a cozy feel more effectively than flat or matte finishes.

These are just a few ways to build a cozy and comfortable home. Working within these parameters, homeowners can customize their interior spaces to maximize comfort.



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Beringer Cir, URBANA, IL 61802, according to the Deed dated March 28, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 13253, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 21, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0163E, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 1 ALVARO GARCIA, 9700 CENTRAL AVE, OAK LAWN, IL 60453, according to the Deed dated June 15, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 14365, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 03, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01230, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 2 JERRINAE ETHERIDGE, GWENDOLYN GARLING AND LAKISHA GARLING-TOY, 16307 GREENWOOD AVE, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473, according to the Deed dated December 23, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013 02077, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 30, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0158, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 2 JERRINAE ETHERIDGE, GWENDOLYN GARLING AND LAKISHA GARLING-TOY, 17844 STATE LINE AVE, LANSING, IL 60438, according to the Deed dated December 23, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013 02077, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 30, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0158, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 2 JERRINAE ETHERIDGE, GWENDOLYN GARLING AND LAKISHA GARLING-TOY, 808 E 161ST ST, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473, according to the Deed dated December 23, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2013 02077, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 30, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0158, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 2 TONTI GARRETT and JIMMY LAIN, 442 FLORIDA LN, MADISONVILLE, TX 77864, according to the Deed dated February 09, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 08476, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 13, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01430, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 2 TONTI GARRETT and JIMMY LAIN, PO BOX 144, BEDIAS, TX 77831, according to the Deed dated February 09, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 08476, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 13, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01430, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 2 HENRY LEE GEORGE and JILES J TAYLOR-GEORGE, 3803 RIVER RD, HAZEL CREST, IL 60429, according to the Deed dated July 27, 2013

and recorded under File No. 2013 17786, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 12, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0417, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 7 VIRGINIA GIBBS, 2248 HERVEY AVE, NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064, according to the Deed dated September 06, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 18064, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 22, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0124E, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 2 KATARZYNA GIELNIEWSKI and JAMIE KOVATCH, 8300 N NEW ENGLAND AVE, NILES, IL 60714, according to the Deed dated May 24, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 12428, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 11, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01510, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 2 KATARZYNA GIELNIEWSKI and JAMIE KOVATCH, 6935 N MILWAUKEE AVE APT 108, NILES, IL 60714, according to the Deed dated May 24, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 12428, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 11, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01510, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 2 HILDA GOMEZ, 1547 N 18TH AVE, MELROSE PARK, IL 60160, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 21464, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0090E, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 2 JULIAN B. GORDEN and any Unknown Heirs and MARY L. GORDEN, C/O THADDEUS M BOND, 708 FLORSHEIM DR STE 10, LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048, according to the Deed dated December 08, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2002 01263, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 11, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0154, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 2 JULIAN B. GORDEN and any Unknown Heirs and MARY L. GORDEN, 5722 DOVER DR, LISLE, IL 60532, according to the Deed dated December 08, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2002 01263, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 11, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0154, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 2 TAWANA S HAWKINS and CHRISTY FILS, 5402 OAK COVE DR, HOUSTON, TX 77091, according to the Deed dated June 15, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14446, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for

LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 06, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0127E, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 2 TAWANA S HAWKINS and CHRISTY FILS, 7050 INWOOD PARK DR APT 2, HOUSTON, TX 77088, according to the Deed dated June 15, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14446, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 06, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0127E, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 2 PAUL GRYSH and LORA LEE GRYSH, 26430 W FOX TRL, CHANNAHON, IL 60410, according to the Deed dated July 24, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 17794, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 12, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0087, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2 DANIEL GUTIERREZ, 211 S PRIMROSE LN, ROUND LAKE, IL 60073, according to the Deed dated November 20, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24983, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01270, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 2 LORRAINE R GUZMAN, C/O KANIUK LAW OFFICE PA, 1615 S CONGRESS AVE STE 103, DELRAY BEACH, FL 33445, according to the Deed dated June 23, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 18103, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 15, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0148, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2 LORRAINE R GUZMAN, 231 Adams ST, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78210, according to the Deed dated June 23, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 18103, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 15, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0148, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2 JAMEEL D HADDAD, NAJAH S HADDAD, GEORGE HADDAD, REHAM HADDAD, KAMAL HADDAD AND RANIAH PAOLELLAH, 4916 W MONTROSE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60641, according to the Deed dated August 23, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2001 03352, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 08, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0377, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 3 REVO HARRIS III, 7520 S EMERALD AVE UNIT A, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated September 23, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2007 27564, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 16, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0377, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 3 MARVIN HENRY and TONI HENRY, 4627 SEABREEZE DR, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78220, according to

LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 08, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0006, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1 JAMEEL D HADDAD, NAJAH S HADDAD, GEORGE HADDAD, REHAM HADDAD, KAMAL HADDAD AND RANIAH PAOLELLAH, 1808 N 24TH AVE, MELROSE PARK, IL 60160, according to the Deed dated August 23, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2001 03352, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 08, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0006, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1 JAMEEL D HADDAD, NAJAH S HADDAD, GEORGE HADDAD, REHAM HADDAD, KAMAL HADDAD AND RANIAH PAOLELLAH, 308 SOMERSET RD, WILLOWBROOK, IL 60527, according to the Deed dated August 23, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2001 03352, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 08, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0006, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1 JAMEEL D HADDAD, NAJAH S HADDAD, GEORGE HADDAD, REHAM HADDAD, KAMAL HADDAD AND RANIAH PAOLELLAH, 475 N WESLEY DR, ADDISON, IL 60101, according to the Deed dated August 23, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2001 03352, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 08, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0006, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1 JASON HALE and CHARLEEN HALE, 309 LAWRIDGE DR, CREVE COEUR, IL 61610, according to the Deed dated November 16, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 26559, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 04, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0396, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 6 REVO HARRIS III, C/O BEST DEFENSE LAW, 205 W RANDOLPH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60606, according to the Deed dated September 23, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2007 27564, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 16, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0377, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 3 REVO HARRIS III, 7520 S EMERALD AVE UNIT A, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated September 23, 2007 and recorded under File No. R2007 27564, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 16, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0377, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 3 MARVIN HENRY and TONI HENRY, 4627 SEABREEZE DR, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78220, according to

the Deed dated June 13, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 14637, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 16, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0155, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 2 GEORGE L HILL and VALERIE WALTERS HILL, 8018 S RICHMOND ST, CHICAGO, IL 60652, according to the Deed dated November 26, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2004 01146, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 15, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0134E, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 2 JESSICA HORST and ROBERT WAGNER, 1540 N SEMINARY AVE APT B, WOODSTOCK, IL 60098, according to the Deed dated May 10, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 11723, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 24, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00950, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2 DANIEL HOWELL and DENISE AJAYI, 2334 E 81ST ST APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60617, according to the Deed dated February 08, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 10897, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 25, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 1 DANIEL HULSEY, 7140 OKEECHOBEE BLVD APT 3309, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33411, according to the Deed dated January 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 02588, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 11, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0081E, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2 JOSE DE JESUS HURTADO, JOSE HURTADO AND ABIGAIL HURTADO, C/O DC CAPITAL LAW, 700 12TH ST NW STE 700, WASHINGTON, DC 20005, according to the Deed dated January 03, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 03079, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 06, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0128, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2 JOSE DE JESUS HURTADO, JOSE HURTADO AND ABIGAIL HURTADO, 810 Larkspur Ln, PINGREE GROVE, IL 60140, according to the Deed dated January 03, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 03079, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 06, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0128, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2 JOSE DE JESUS HURTADO, JOSE HURTADO AND ABIGAIL HURTADO, 1400 ROYAL BLVD, ELGIN, IL 60123, according to the Deed dated January 03, 2001 and recorded

under File No. R2001 03079, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 06, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0128, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2 THOMASA. JACKSON, 15426 DOBSON AVE APT 212, DOLTON, IL 60419, according to the Deed dated October 04, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 37587, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 28, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0117E, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2 WILLIAM E. JACKSON and NANCY H. JACKSON, C/O SCRIVNER LAW FIRM, 1440 STATE HWY 248 STE Q #451, BRANSON, MO 65616, according to the Deed dated September 17, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 22838, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 24, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0409, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 6 WILLIAM E. JACKSON and NANCY H. JACKSON, 144 MAYFIELD DR, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440, according to the Deed dated September 17, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 22838, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 24, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0409, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 6 THEODORE JACKSON SR and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 5205 RAINY GARDEN CT, ROSHARON, TX 77583, according to the Deed dated October 17, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 26162, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 06, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0047, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 1 THEODORE JACKSON SR and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, 9626 Roarks Psge, MISSOURI CITY, TX 77459, according to the Deed dated October 17, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 26162, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 06, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0047, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 1 DOUGLAS A. JAMES and TINA KILGORE, 122 S MICHIGAN AVE STE 1212, CHICAGO, IL 60603, according to the Deed dated June 10, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 16903, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0368, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 3 DOUGLAS A. JAMES and TINA KILGORE, 9886 OAKWOOD CT, SAINT JOHN, IN 46373, according to the Deed dated June 10, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 16903, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0368, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 3 JOHNNY B JOHNSON, 2540 N FROLIC AVE, WAUKEGAN, IL 60087, according to the Deed dated October 29, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 31881, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 01, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0139E, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 2 DEBRA D. PARKER, ROBERT G. PARKER and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, MARTHA M. JOHNSON AND DARRYL W. PEARMAN, 7817 S LAFLIN ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated July 06, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 21974, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0142, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 2 DEBRA D. PARKER, ROBERT G. PARKER and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, MARTHA M. JOHNSON AND DARRYL W. PEARMAN, 9616 S CARPENTER ST, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated July 06, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 21974, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0142, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 2 DEBRA D. PARKER, ROBERT G. PARKER and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees, MARTHA M. JOHNSON AND DARRYL W. PEARMAN, 3801 W 83RD ST, CHICAGO, IL 60652, according to the Deed dated July 06, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 21974, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0142, Use Period Number(s) 40, Phase 2 OSCAR JOHNSON and any Unknown Heirs and Legatees and ROSEZELIA JOHNSON, 1380 RING RD APT 214, CALUMET CITY, IL 60409, according to the Deed dated March 11, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 09194, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 14, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0004, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 1 GLORIA J JOHNSON-ESTER, 8339 S GREEN ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated February 27, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 21308, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 26, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0132E, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 2 ALI KHAN, 2271 SA-BLE OAKS DR, NAPERVILLE, IL 60564, according to the Deed

dated May 05, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 10854, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 21, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01080, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2 SEAN M. KINCADE and RAMONA KINCADE, 249 SOMONAUK ST, PARK FOREST, IL 60466, according to the Deed dated December 29, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2002 02754, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 23, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0112, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 2 SEAN M. KINCADE and RAMONA KINCADE, 339 BURNETT AVE S APT 301, RENTON, WA 98057, according to the Deed dated December 29, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2002 02754, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 23, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0112, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 2 NANCY A. LABRIE and SONDRAL WALPURGIS, 16 ASHLEY ST, CHICOPPEE, MA 01020, according to the Deed dated May 03, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 09276, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 20, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0380, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 3 DANIEL LEMUS and ROSA LEMUS, 1724 NW 16TH ST, NEWCASTLE, OK 73065, according to the Deed dated September 21, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 19402, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 08, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0158, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 2 DANIEL LEMUS and ROSA LEMUS, PO BOX 807, NEWCASTLE, OK 73065, according to the Deed dated September 21, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 19402, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 08, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0141, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 2 DORIE M LOPEZ, 708 BIRCHBROOK DR, KNOXVILLE, TN 37918, according to the Deed dated January 11, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 02936, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 03,

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22, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 07646, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 26, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0279, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 4

SAMISHA ROBINSON, 7023 BELLE MEADOW LN, RICHMOND, TX 77469, according to the Deed dated May 23, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 15122, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 12, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0083, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 2

JUAN V. RODRIGUEZ and DOMINGA VILLEGAS, 5659 S TRIPP AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60629, according to the Deed dated October 01, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 23865, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0165, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 1

JUAN V. RODRIGUEZ and DOMINGA VILLEGAS, 3708 W 60TH PL, CHICAGO, IL 60629, according to the Deed dated October 01, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 23865, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 13, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0165, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 1

ALBERT ROG and VIOLETTA WOZNIAK-ROG, 1205 ROBINHOOD DR, ELGIN, IL 60120, according to the Deed dated May 12, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 14703, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 08, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204O, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 4

ALBERT ROG and VIOLETTA WOZNIAK-ROG, 82 WHISPERING DR, STREAMWOOD, IL 60107, according to the Deed dated May 12, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 14703, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 08, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204O, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 4

GARY A ROWE JR and KRISTYN OBAR, 14515 WEIR CREEK RD, WILLIS, TX 77318, according to the Deed dated July 23, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 20531, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 04, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0117E, Use Period Number(s) 06, Phase 2

GARY A ROWE JR and KRISTYN OBAR, 6718 HALL OF FAME BLVD, MIDLAND, TX 79706, according to the Deed dated July 23, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 20531, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 04, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0117E, Use Period

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Period Number(s) 27,
Phase 2
SHEKEELA WILKINS,
8935 S JEFFERY
BLVD, CHICAGO, IL
60617, according to the
Deed dated September
20, 2013 and recorded
under File No. 2013
22979, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County, Il-
linois, on October 10,
2013, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0287, Use
Period Number(s) 33,
Phase 4
ANNIE J WILSON
and Devon A. Rycraw,
14419 MINERVA AVE,
DOLTON, IL 60419,
according to the Deed
dated October 15, 2001
and recorded under
File No. R2002 02324,
in the Office of the Re-
corder of Deeds for
LaSalle County, Illinois,
on January 22, 2002,
are the owners of the
timeshare estate to be
foreclosed, more partic-
ularly described as Unit
No. 0139E, Use Period
Number(s) 24, Phase 2
MARK WINBUSH,
14021 S ATLANTIC
AVE, RIVERDALE, IL
60827, according to
the Deed dated June
13, 2004 and recorded
under File No. R2004
18085, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County, Illi-
nois, on July 07, 2004,
are the owners of the
timeshare estate to be
foreclosed, more partic-
ularly described as Unit
No. 0080, Use Period
Number(s) 44, Phase 2
EMILY J. WHITE and
any Unknown Heirs
and Legatees, MAR-
RIO WYCHE and
JACKIE WYCHE, 1709
JACKSON ST, NORTH
CHICAGO, IL 60064,
according to the Deed
dated July 20, 2001
and recorded under
File No. R2001 24564,
in the Office of the Re-
corder of Deeds for
LaSalle County, Illinois,
on August 16, 2001,
are the owners of the
timeshare estate to be
foreclosed, more partic-
ularly described as Unit
No. 0138O, Use Period
Number(s) 09, Phase 2
EMILY J. WHITE and
any Unknown Heirs
and Legatees, MARRIO
WYCHE and JACKIE
WYCHE, 2535 DUG-
DALE, WAUKEGAN,
IL 60085, according to
the Deed dated July
20, 2001 and recorded
under File No. R2001
24564, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County, Il-
linois, on August 16,
2001, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0138O, Use
Period Number(s) 09,
Phase 2
MARY C. YU, 2828
WOODSIDE ST APT
3104, DALLAS, TX
75204, according to the
Deed dated November
01, 2003 and recorded
under File No. R2003
39688, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County, Illi-
nois, on November 18,
2003, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0040, Use
Period Number(s) 35,
Phase 1
MICHAEL ZAUNER,
6031 JONATHANS
BAY CIR APT 401,
FORT MYERS, FL
33908, according to the
Deed dated December
22, 2012 and record-
ed under File No. 2013
01289, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County, Il-
linois, on January 18,
2013, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0407, Use
Period Number(s) 51,
Phase 6
ELVIN G ZIMMER-

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WELL RD, COLUMBIA, LA 71418, according to the Deed dated October 20, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 34709, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 16, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0102, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 2

TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estate listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. Purchase price shall be paid in full at the time of sale by cash or certified and immediately available funds. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of the timeshare estate, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien (and thus, credit bid).

Other terms may be announced at the public auction.

Managing entity lienholder:

Holiday Inn Club Vacations Incorporated, A Delaware Corporation

By: Julie Sabon-Van Dyke
Name: Julie Sabon-Van Dyke
Title: Assistant Secretary
No. 1001
(October 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 25, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Sam's Computer Service located at 817 Green Ridge Avenue Earlville, IL. 60518.

Dated: September 25, 2023. Samuel R. Schlesinger Jr. Applicant.

No. 1002
(Oct. 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

NOTICE

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

ESTATE OF Susie B. Ambler-Register-Tracy, Deceased

Case No. 2023-PR-163

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Susie B. Ambler-Register-Tracy of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 21, 2023 to Patricia S. Stewart of 4348 N. US Highway 34, Mendota, IL 61342, and Bryan Tracy of 1715 Hillcrest Court, Mendota, IL 61342 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 5, 2024. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed

with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

No. 1004
(Oct. 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 18, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Rusty Pumpkin Farms located at 755 Fort Street Ottawa, IL. 61350. Dated: September 28, 2023. Greg Gebhardt Applicant.

No. 1005
(October 4, 11, and 18, 2023)

NOTICE

State of Illinois County of LaSalle United States of America in the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit the Complaint of Christopher Chiaventone vs. Emily Smith Case Number 2023-LA-73

Emily Smith is hereby served notice to appear or file her appearance at the hearing on this matter on November 14, 2023 at 9:45am before the Honorable Judge Todd Martin in Courtroom 300 located at the LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 West Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois 61350.

No. 1006
(Oct. 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

NOTICE

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

MICHELLE HICKS, n/k/a MICHELLE STARK, Petitioner, and AUSTYN LOWE, Respondent

NO. 2010-F-248

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, AUSTYN LOWE, Respondent, that this case has been commenced in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County, Illinois, by the Petitioner requesting, among other relief, that this Court modify the child support obligation of the Respondent. Summons and an Alias Summons were previously issued against you as provided by law and the action remains pending.

UNLESS YOU FILE YOUR ANSWER or otherwise file your Appearance in this case in the office of the Circuit Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, at 119 West Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, within 28 days a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and Judgment entered in accordance with the requested relief in the Petition and/or any amendment thereof or as otherwise set forth herein.

Dated Sept. 28, 2023

Greg Vaccaro, Clerk of the Circuit Court of LaSalle County

No. 1007
(Oct. 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 20, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as 1st Priority Forensics, Inc. located at 807 La-

Salle Street Ottawa, IL. 61350.

Dated: September 20, 2023. Christopher Sandvick Applicant.

No. 1008
(Oct. 4, 11 and 18, 2023)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION NO: 2023-JD-94

TO: Amber Herrera, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern:

Take notice that on the 10th day of October, 2023 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Evan F. Boswell, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 110 at Ottawa, Illinois on the 24th day of October, 2023, 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.

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 each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Greg Vaccaro, Clerk
Dated October 10, 2023
No. 1011
(Oct. 18, 2023)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION No: 2023-JD-97

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

Take notice that on the 11th day of October, 2023 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Bryan Villarreal, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 110 at Ottawa, Illinois on the 21st day of November, 2023, 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.

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 each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Greg Vaccaro, Clerk
Dated: October 11, 2023
No. 1012
(Oct. 18, 2023)

NOTICE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF MENDOTA-TROY GROVE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District, LaSalle County, Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared, in tentative form a Budget and Annual Appropriation Ordinance and the Secretary of this Board has made available to public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF

TRUSTEES OF THE MENDOTA-TROY GROVE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The following is an estimate, by source, of the expected receipts and revenues of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District General, Insurance and Audit Funds, for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:

Estimated Cash Balance May 1, 2023: \$8,117.68

Checking Account \$233,325.25

Anticipated Revenues and Receipts

Real Estate Tax Revenues \$170,000.00

Replacement Tax Revenues 40,000.00

Hose and Equipment (Grant) 10,000.00

Interest On Deposits 100.00

Special Insurance Tax Levy 15,000.00

Miscellaneous Receipts \$20,000.00

Total Anticipated Revenue and Receipts \$255,100.00

Total Cash Balance & Anticipated Revenues & Receipts \$370,934.21

Section 2. That the following sums of money be and they are hereby budgeted and appropriated for corporate purposes for the Mendota-Troy Grove First Protection District, a Fires Protection District in LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024 for the following purposes:

Administrative and Operating Expenses:

Intergovernmental Ambulance Agreement with City of Mendota 9,000.00

Workers Compensation Insurance 12,000.00

Fire Insurance & Property Floater 10,000.00

Building, Liability, misc. insurance 40,000.00

Office supplies & postage 500.00

Membership & Dues 500.00

Publishing & filing fees 2,000.00

Annual audit 3,000.00

Compensation of Trustees 7,000.00

Legal Secretary 3,000.00

Legal expense 4,000.00

Chiefs salaries 8,000.00

Schools & seminars 5,000.00

Contract with Mendota Fire 8,000.00

Clothing allowance 12,000.00

Contracts with City of Mendota 10,000.00

Salaries/contract labor 30,000.00

Miscellaneous expenses 40,000.00

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE & OPERATING EXPENSES \$204,000.00

Equipment Expense:

Fire & Safety equipment & vehicles 600,000.00

Fuel, oil for trucks 20,000.00

Protective Equipment 20,000.00

Maintenance & repairs to equipment 20,000.00

Supplies 10,000.00

TOTAL EQUIPMENT EXPENSE: \$670,000.00

Building Expense:

Fire Station improvements 10,000.00

Operation & Maintenance on Fire Stations 10,000.00

TOTAL BUILDING EXPENSE: \$20,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET & APPROPRIATION-GENERAL FUND \$894,000.00

EXPECTED CASH BALANCE APRIL 30, 2023 \$200,000.00

Section 3. The Trust-

ees shall have the power and authority during the aforesaid Fiscal Year from time to time, as in their judgment may be necessary, to make transfers among the various line item appropriations for the purpose of meeting exigencies that may arise during the year to the extent permitted by law.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 7-12-23 and shall be published in the newspaper of general circulation in the Mendota-Troy Grove Fire Protection District, LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois, within thirty (30) days of the date hereof. The newspaper shall furnish a certificate of publication to the Secretary of the Fire Protection District, which certificate shall be placed in the official records of the Fire District and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after ten (10) day from its publication.

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District, LaSalle County, Illinois, on the 12 day of July, 2023 and was filed with the Secretary of said Fire Protection District the same date. The vote of said Ordinance being as follows:

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Barry Sutton
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District, LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois

Approved by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota-Troy Grove Fire Protection District of LaSalle and Bureau Counties, Illinois, this 12th day of July, 2023

Daryl Sondgeroth
President of the Board of Trustees of the Mendota-Troy Grove Rural Fire Protection District, LaSalle County, Illinois

No. 1013
(October 18, 2023)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION No: 2023-JD-101

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

Take notice that on the 13th day of October, 2023 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Destiny R. Loney, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 110 at Ottawa, Illinois on the 5th day of December, 2023, 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.

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 each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Greg Vaccaro, CLERK
Dated: October 16, 2023
No. 1014
(October 18, 2023)

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The City of Mendota is accepting applications for Program Manager in our Administration Department.
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All applications/resumes must be received by 3pm on Wednesday, Nov. 8th. They may be mailed or dropped off at the City Hall, 800 Washington St. or emailed to emconville@mendotacity.com.



The City of Mendota is accepting applications for Youth Coordinator in our Administration Department.
Responsibilities include facilitating and coordinating programs for youth and parents to address youth substance use and mental wellness.

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