



MHS Homecoming ‘23
Mendota High School held its assembly to kick off Homecoming Week where the 2023 King, Queen and Royalty were announced. Left to right, are Junior attendants Anthony Kelson and Crystal Garcia; Freshman attendants Drew Becker and Briza Cervantes; Senior attendants Ana Ramirez and Logan Dewey; Queen Ryleigh Sondgeroth; King Kaleb Kleckner; Senior attendants Lilly Leifheit and Izaiah Nanez; and Sophomore attendants Addy Allensworth, Janae Carr and Aden Tillman. In front are Mini Queen Ellie Barajas and Mini King Oliver Barajas. (Photo contributed)

Studying abroad is an option for high schoolers

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Of course, all students can stay in their hometown and move up the educational ranks like everyone else has since the high school was founded. However, if you’re brave, want an adventure, or want to see a different part of the world, there are options. Alisa Stewart, a science teacher at Mendota High School and the president of the Mendota Rotary Club, is hosting an informational meeting about becoming an international exchange student at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 in the media center at MHS. “Rotary Club exchange



is the best in the world. We sent out two students last year on short-term exchanges over the summer,” Stewart said. “One was for four weeks where we sent a student and we received a student. “We’re looking for candidates for the short-term exchange for next summer, but we’d also like to find

someone in the area, a brave and bold student, who would like to go away for an entire year. It would be an exchange for an entire year.” The adventurous student gets to pick three dream destinations, as long as they’re safe and stable environments, and then the process of finding which location works the best begins. One of the three nominees chosen by the student is where the student would attend school, live with a family, and meet new friends. MHS has an international exchange student who arrived Aug. 8, 2023 and is staying until the end of July 2024.

Illinois students have the same opportunity. “This year we have Elise Verkaeren from Belgium, who is living with Sean and Jennifer Pappas. We love having her here. We want to find some kids from here to go to other countries,” Stewart said. “Our northern Illinois area has sent out two students this year. One student from Moline is going to Brazil and a student from Loves Park is going to France for the year. “Mendota needs a kid to go. It’s not just Mendota. It’s Earlville, LaMoille, Sublette, Amboy and other towns because the Rotary Club isn’t cutting off any kids from the community.”

What’s the commotion surrounding the wind farms?

Leeward Renewable Energy is repowering wind farm north of Mendota

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

WEST BROOKLYN – If you’ve driven down a country road in northern Illinois in LaSalle or Lee county, there is a good possibility you’ve seen construction happening at a wind farm. Maybe you saw a crane lifting a propeller, better known as a blade. Maybe you saw the formation of a dust cloud from a base falling over. It’s quite possible you didn’t even leave your home but you heard and felt a large kaboom. All three are evidence that Leeward Renewable Energy, LLC is repowering its GSG farm just north of Mendota. “Our GSG project started operating in 2007 to produce renewable energy,” said Kevin Thornton, the public affairs manager for Leeward, who has worked in the energy industry for 35 years. “After a certain amount of time, we’ll start to replace the wind

“The turbines are newer and more efficient than the previous turbines. One of the great things about repowering is that 95 percent of the blades are being recycled. They’re made of fiberglass, wood, and other materials that can be recycled and reused.”
–Kevin Thornton, Leeward Renewable Energy

turbines because there is new technology or they’re getting older. We’re in the process of replacing every single one of them. They take all the old ones down and replace them with new turbines. “The turbines are newer and more efficient than the previous turbines. One of the great things about repowering is that 95 percent of the blades are being recycled. They’re made of fiberglass, wood, and other materials that can be recycled and reused.” In a LinkedIn post, Leeward stated the 102 blades from the original wind turbines are being removed and recycled, keeping 612 tons of blades out of landfills. Ap-

proximately 140-foot-long blades are cut into smaller pieces then sent to REGEN Fiber in Iowa to be processed and used as reinforcement fiber to increase the strength and durability of concrete and mortar applications. The repowering process is called a repower because although the equipment of the windmill is brand new, the connection points and lines where energy is stored and transferred are the same. The construction crew began work in spring of 2023 and are scheduled to be done by spring of 2024. Kyle Rex, a Mendota resident who is the Leeward plant manager in West Brooklyn, says the energy

output is going to increase quite considerably when the repower is complete. “It’s a huge efficiency gain. The old rotor diameter was 87 meters and the new ones are 140 meters,” Rex said. “With surface area, you can produce more energy at lower wind speeds. Overall, we’ll basically triple the annual energy output with fewer machines. “Prior to the repower GSG had 40 turbines. After the repower it’ll have 26 and it’ll generate three times the amount of energy annually. I’ve heard two names for the GSG project, God’s Sustain-

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A poster contest is being held to select a mural to be painted on the side of the building at Washington Street and Eighth Avenue. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

Show your talent

Rotary Club holding poster contest to select a downtown Mendota mural

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA – With efforts to uplift and rebuild Mendota amping up, many ideas have been tossed around and many are in motion. The Mendota Rotary Club and Justin Setchell have agreed to help the effort by creating a mural on the side of a building Setchell owns, Quest Resale, located at the corner of Washington Street and Eighth Avenue. Instead of them doing it on their own, they want to involve the community by holding a poster contest for a creative mind to show their talent and help transform Mendota by providing an idea for what the mural should portray. “We wanted to involve the entire community for our mural contest so we can connect the community,” said Rotary Club President Alisa Stewart. “We’re hoping to get 8x10 drawing submissions to supply an idea to a local artist who will create the mural on the side of the building. “It’s open to all ages. I think the way that it’s going to work out is the Rotary Club is going to narrow it down to three and then Justin Setchell is going to pick the drawing he likes.” The only restriction or guideline is the poster should be a Mendota theme based on the question, what does Mendota mean to you? All contest submissions should be dropped off to The Mendota Reporter by Friday, Oct. 13. “It won’t be the exact artwork of the winning candidate,” Stewart said. “The mural will be the artist’s translation of the suggestion because the muralist has to transport the idea from an 8x10 piece of paper to the side of a large building.”



A blade is taken off of a wind turbine during the repowering process at the GSG wind farm north of Mendota. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)



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Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Thank you to all of our families and the community for supporting our first fundraiser of the year. The Perfect Pastries fundraiser was very successful. We will be using the funds to purchase prizes to give away to our students at our monthly behavior assemblies. The pick-up date for the pastries is

Friday, Sept. 22 from 3-6 p.m. at Northbrook School. Thank you for your support!

Starting this past week, we began our principal award program. Teachers will nominate one student from their class that is deserving of the principal's award each week. This student

can earn this achievement by making good choices, being a great friend and working to the best of their ability.

The students nominated for this week's principal award included Ava Porter, Cerenity Moss, Arianna Arteaga, Ophelia Bronski, Merakim Riniker, Graham Phillips, Callan Jordan

and Addyson Fahr. The winners were Gus Eich, Kaitlyn Castaneda, Jonas Landeros and Allias Francis. Congratulations to all of you!

We are currently finalizing a school spiritwear store. Parents should be on the lookout for order information coming home

soon for our students and parents who would like to show off some Blackstone school spirit.

LaSalle County 4-H workshops have fall themes painting, designing, creating, pumpkins, more

OTTAWA – LaSalle County 4-H is preparing for fall! Pumpkins! Painting! Hay bales and wreaths!

Whether kids enjoy painting, designing floral arrangements, making wreaths and bows, these workshops are sure to offer creative fun while youth learn a variety of art techniques.

Join youth from ages 8-18 in one or more of the upcoming fall workshops 4-H is offering.

A \$5 supply fee applies for nonmembers, refreshments included.

- Make a porch strawbale decoration. Youth will learn bow making and floral arrangements skills while creating a beautiful porch or yard decoration. Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m.-noon at LaSalle County U of I Extension office, Ottawa. Register at <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/22633>
- Halloween ribbon wreath. Youth will learn techniques to create a spooky and fun wreath with door hanger included. Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. at IVCC, Oglesby. Register at: <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/22813>
- Paper mache pumpkin painting workshop. Youth will learn a variety of paint techniques to create a beautiful fall pumpkin with added embellishments. Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9-11 a.m. at LaSalle County U of I Extension office, Ottawa. Register at <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/22827>
- Candlestick pumpkin centerpiece. Youth will create a beautiful fall Thanksgiving centerpiece with a candlestick, foam pumpkin and embellishments. Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10-11:30 a.m. at IVCC, Oglesby. Register at <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/22735>

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

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Mendota Business & Professional Women hosting volleyball tournament

MENDOTA – The Mendota Business & Professional Women group will hold a Sand Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 23 at The Chalet Sports Bar on U.S. 52 in Mendota. The volleyball tournament will start at 9 a.m., the cookout begins at 11 a.m. and music will kick off at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$100 per team. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Other features will include music, food, a 50/50 raffle and guest bartenders. Spectators are welcome.

To register a team, call 815-910-5572.

Preschool screenings available Sept. 18

MENDOTA L.E.A.S.E. will be holding free preschool screenings at First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St., Mendota, on Monday, Sept. 18.

The screenings are for children who are 3 or 4 years old. L.E.A.S.E. will screen key developmental areas such as motor development, speech, language, vision, hearing and general readiness. You can schedule an appointment by calling Jean at 815-433-6433.

All children must be screened to be considered for the Mendota District #289 Preschool Program. If your child has been screened by L.E.A.S.E. already, he/she does not need to be screened again. Applications for Mendota District #289 Preschool will be at the screenings. The applications and screenings will be reviewed by the preschool team, and you will be contacted as to whether your child qualifies for preschool.


Steve Darnall presenting Golden Age of Radio program

LaSALLE – The LaSalle Public Library will host radio enthusiast and author Steve Darnall for an in-person presentation about horror and mystery during the Golden Age of Radio on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m.

The presentation will include sound clips from some of radio's best-known mystery and horror programs, like Escape, Inner Sanctum, and Lights Out, to illustrate how radio could truly be a "theater of the mind" and use music, voices and sounds to create indelible — and often frightening — "pictures."

Darnall's love of the golden age of radio began at age 12 when his father introduced him to the Those Were the Days broadcast hosted by Chuck Schaden. Darnall has been a writer, magazine editor, actor, comic book artist, podcaster, and radio host throughout his career. Darnall succeeded Schaden as editor of Nostalgia Digest in 2005 and 2009 as host of Those Were the Days.

The program is free and open to the public. The LaSalle Public Library is located at 305 Marquette St., LaSalle, and is ADA-compliant and welcoming. Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. as the library closes at 6 p.m. and the doors will be locked. For more information, call the library at 815-223-2341.



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Hennepin company awarded \$8.5 million to accelerate domestic biofuel production

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded \$118 million in funding for 17 projects to accelerate the production of sustainable biofuels for America’s transportation and manufacturing needs. The selected projects, located at universities and private companies, will drive the domestic production of biofuels and bioproducts by advancing biorefinery development, from pre-pilot to demonstration, to create sustainable fuels that reduce emissions associated with fossil fuels. Funding for this opportunity supports President Biden’s goals to deliver an equitable, clean energy future, and put the United States on a path to achieve net-zero emissions, economy-wide, by no later than 2050. Projects selected as part of this funding opportunity will contribute to meeting DOE’s goal to achieve cost-competitive biofuels and at least a 70% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030.

- The 17 selected projects fall into four areas:
- Pre-Pilot Scale-Up of Integrated Biorefineries
 - Pilot Scale-Up of Integrated Biorefineries
 - Demonstration Scale-Up of Integrated Biorefineries
 - Gen-1 Corn Ethanol Emission Reduction.

Among the project recipients is Marquis, Inc. of Hennepin in the topic area of Gen-1 Corn Ethanol Emission Reduction for Carbon Refining-Corn Ethanol 2.0. The award is in the amount of \$8,547,047.

Made from widely available domestic feedstocks and advanced refining technologies, energy-dense biofuels provide a pathway for low-carbon fuels that can lower greenhouse gas emissions throughout the transportation sector and accelerate the bioeconomy. Financing for novel biorefinery process systems can be a barrier to commercializing advanced biofuels, and this funding will reduce technological uncertainties and enable industry deployment.

The selected projects include pre-pilot, pilot, and demonstration projects that will scale-up existing biomass to fuel technologies that will eventually create millions of gallons of low-carbon fuel annually. By investing in these technologies, the projects will create good-paying jobs in rural and underserved communities in nine states. Plans submitted by the selected projects show intent to collaborate with local school districts to educate and train the bioenergy workforce of tomorrow. Additionally, the funded projects align with renewable fuels goals in the first-ever U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization, a multi-agency framework for reducing emissions, creating a robust transportation workforce, and securing America’s energy independence. The projects also support the U.S. Sustainable Aviation Fuel Grand Challenge goal of enabling the production of three billion gallons of sustainable aviation fuel annually by 2030 and 35 billion gallons annually by 2050.

The selected projects are located in nine states and Washington, D.C., and focus on technologies including anaerobic digestion, conversion of cellulosic sugars to SAF, catalytic biorefining, among others.



Starved Rock Country Community Foundation CEO Fran Brolley, left, Board President Reed Wilson, donor and board member Tom Heitmann, Mary Heitmann and Flutes for Vets President Kenneth Troyan met recently at the SRCCF’s La Salle office. The foundation has facilitated \$3,000 in donations to ‘Flutes.’ (Photo contributed)

Starved Rock Country Community Foundation gives donation to Flutes for Vets

LaSALLE – Starved Rock Country Community Foundation recently facilitated another donation to Flutes for Vets of Central Illinois, a nonprofit helping military veterans cope with PTSD and other mental health issues.

The recent donation from the Captain Thomas John Heitmann Memorial Fund held by SRCCF brought donations to

Flutes for Vets to \$3,000. The contribution was made by Tom and Mary Heitmann of Mendota to Flutes for Vets President Ken Troyan of McNabb.

Troyan’s program teaches veterans how to play Native American woodwind-style flutes. In two years, 22 veterans have graduated from the free, 12-lesson program and been awarded one of the hand-made

flutes.

No music knowledge is required to participate. For information or to donate, contact Troyan at (309) 369-1752 or Kennethtroyan@gmail.com.

“We are confident the number of veterans learning the flute will continue to grow,” said Troyan.

“I am proud to be associated with Starved Rock Country

Community Foundation and the way it helps so many make our community an exciting place to live,” he said, adding, “the foundation has been instrumental in helping Flutes for Vets achieve our goals for veterans.”

For information on SRCF, contact Fran Brolley at (815) 252-2906 or fran@srcf.org.

Jack Bales to combine baseball history and true crime on Sept. 26

LaSALLE – LaSalle Public Library will virtually host author, Jack Bales, for a unique presentation that combines baseball history and true crime on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

Violet Popovich argued with her former boyfriend, Chicago Cub Billy Jurgens on July 6, 1932. Both were wounded in the ensuing struggle, but Jurgens refused to press charges. Even without their star shortstop, Chicago made it to the World Series, only to be on the wrong end of Babe Ruth’s legendary “Called Shot” home run.

In this program, Bales will explore this fascinating story of baseball history and true crime intrigue as he traces the ripple effects of the shooting on the Cubs’ tumultuous season.

Bales grew up in Aurora. His lengthy career in librarianship included more than 40 years at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va. He has researched in archives and historical societies all over the country, and has published books as well as numerous articles and essays for

books, journals, magazines, literary encyclopedias, and newspapers. His many works on the Chicago Cubs include two books, “The Chicago Cub Shot for Love: A Showgirl’s Crime of Passion and the 1932 World Series,” and “Before They Were the Cubs: The Early Years of Chicago’s First Professional Baseball Team.”

This program is free and open to the public. It will be hosted via Zoom. Please register at the following link: <https://rb.gy/uedn1>. For more information, please call the Library at 815-223-2341.

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Nominations must come from the general public - The Customer - for this “Gold Star Employee.”

The winner will be determined by the board of directors of the Mendota Area Chamber from those nominations received, and their decision will be final. Winner will be announced at the Mendota Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023.

For questions, email Sam Setchell at president@mendotachamber.com. (Store owners are not eligible.)

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Nomination forms must be returned to the Mendota Area Chamber Office, Box 620, Mendota, IL by Monday, Oct. 2, 2023. You may also drop them in the water bill slot on Illinois Ave., or bring them into the office during the hours from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Past Gold Star Award Winners may be nominated, but are ineligible to win again.

OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Mary Zapf

SUBLETTE—Mary Zapf, 100, of Sublette, passed away peacefully on Sept. 7, 2023, at Stonecroft Village, Mendota.

A funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Randy J. Fronek officiating. A graveside service with interment of ashes will follow the Mass at St. Mary's Cemetery, Sublette. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota, assisted the family.

Mary Zapf is the daughter of Albert and Margaret (Theiss) Butler. She married Clarence Zapf on Aug. 3, 1944, in Sublette, and they farmed in Sublette Township their entire married lives. She was a lifetime member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette and devoted many years to the religious education program and youth choir at the parish.

She is survived by her two sons, Steve (Shirley) Zapf of Rochelle and Don (Susan) Zapf of Peoria; four grandsons and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 2011 and her brother, Albert.

Memorials may be directed to Stonecroft Village, Mendota or donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Helen M. Martin

SHULLSBURG, Wis. — Helen "Honey" M. Martin, 92, of rural Shullsburg, Wis., passed away on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, at the Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County in Darlington, Wis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, Sept. 14, at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church (344 N. Judgement St., Shullsburg) with Fr. Peter Lee officiating. Burial will be at St. Matthew's Cemetery in Shullsburg. A visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 4-8 p.m. at Erickson Funeral Home (235 N. Judgement St., Shullsburg) where a rosary will be prayed at 3:30 p.m. and on Thursday from 10-10:45 a.m. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She was born on Nov. 16, 1930, in Ion, Iowa, the daughter of William "Bill" and Lillie (Fett) Aird. She attended a one room schoolhouse in Ion through eighth grade and went on to graduate from Waukon High School in 1949. Helen married her best friend, Thomas H. Martin, on Oct. 20, 1956, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dubuque, Iowa. Together, they cultivated a life filled with love, hard work, and devotion to their family.

Helen is survived by her children, Kim (Jim) Francis of Warren, Ill., Joe (Annie) Martin of rural Darlington, Lauri (Dick) Teutschmann of rural Gratiot, Christine (Bob) Knautz of rural Shullsburg, and Tom (Emily) Martin of Darlington. She was a beloved grandmother to Jacob, Karla (Kurt), Krystal (Zach), Brandon, Kiel (Kristi), Katie (Carson), Jake (Emily), Amanda (Nick), Jaime (Alex), Brent (Claire), Brett (Kelsey), Brock (Bailey), Elizabeth (Ralph), William (Taylor), Preston, Aloysius, Cyril and 13 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Rosie Keleher and Anna Marie Hessling and many nieces and nephews.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband Tom in 2002; son Greg in 2011; brothers, Alfred (Bernice) Aird and Bud (Geri) Aird; nephews, Lance Aird, James Keleher, Douglas Keleher; and great-nephew, Chris Stewart.

Helen took great pride in raising her children and contributed to her family's farm all while dedicating countless hours to nurturing her garden. Helen had a flair for baking, cooking, sewing, and crocheting, often sharing these homemade gifts with loved ones. She found joy in reading, especially history books and magazines and spent many years preserving the fruits of her labor through canning. Helen was selfless in her giving and always put others first. Above all, Helen's love for her family was paramount. She cherished holidays, especially Christmas and Easter, going above and beyond to ensure each celebration was filled with love, homemade meals, and thoughtful gifts. Her strong will to be present in her family's life and fierce independence kept her in her own home all these years.

She was an active member of the St. Matthew's Catholic Church, serving in its Altar and Rosary Society, and its CCW. Beyond her church, her spirit of service extended to volunteering at St. Vincent de Paul for many years. Helen will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by her family and friends.

The family would like to thank Penny Tregloan for the friendship and care she provided over the last few months. They would also like to thank the Lafayette County Memorial Hospital's doctors and nursing staff for the excellent care that they had provided Helen over the last week.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you send them to your own mom or a loved one.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.ericksonfuneralhome.com.



Delmer J. Dinges

SUBLETTE—Delmer J. Dinges, 92, of Sublette, passed away Sept. 8, 2023, at Manor Court, Peru with his loving family by his side.

Mass of Christian burial will be Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Sublette. Fr. Randy Fronek will officiate, and burial will immediately follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. Full Military Rites will be conducted by Mendota V.F.W. Post #4079. Visitation for Delmer was Tuesday, Sept. 12 in the parish hall from 4-7 p.m. with a rosary at 3:30, and from 8 a.m. until service time on Sept. 13. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Delmer was born Feb. 11, 1931, in Mendota, to Leslie and Louise (Weber) Dinges. He graduated from Mendota High School in 1949, and two years later entered the United States Army, serving honorably in the Korean War. He married the love of his life, Joan Myers, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, on Nov. 3, 1956, and enjoyed 60 years of marriage before her passing in 2016.

Delmer will be greatly missed by his children, Jane (Leo) McCoy of Amboy, Gary (Kathy) Dinges of Amboy, David (Laura) Dinges of Byron, Mardy (Pete) Dinges of Chicago, and Jenny (Nick) Nauman of Amboy; 12 grandchildren, Tina, Jake, Kayla, Eric, Ashley, Abby, Bethany, Andrea, Holly, Stacey, Julia and Hayley; nine great-grandchildren, Riley, Rian, Rynn, Macy, Blake, Tanner, Adrock, Judah and Genesis; two brothers, Tom (Karen) Dinges of Sublette and Bernie Dinges of LaMoille; and a sister, Margie Smith of Oakdale, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Joan, and sister-in-law Anne Dinges.

For several years Delmer worked for Dinges Oil/ Cities Services, but his love was farming alongside his dad and brother Tom. Delmer was a 70-year member of the Mendota Elks Lodge #1212, the longest living member. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Memorials may be directed to Sublette Centennial Park or Sublette Community Center. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Bertha A. Sondgeroth

MENDOTA — Bertha A. Sondgeroth, 92, of Mendota passed away Sept. 10, 2023, at Allure of Mendota with her loving family by her side.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Rev Jeff Windy will officiate and burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation will be Sept. 13 from 5-7 p.m. with a rosary recited at 5 p.m. at Wasmer Funeral Home. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Bertha was born Dec. 17, 1930, in Mendota, to William and Anne (Schneider) Klein. She married Raymond Sondgeroth on Jan. 29, 1949.

Survivors include her four daughters, Anna (Gary) Schrowang of Peru, Helen (Gary) Pikula of Ladd, Rose (Ken) Harlow of Mendota and Donna (Dave) Blake of Mendota; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ray on Jan. 10, 2006; four sisters, Hilda Klein, Dorothy Weiman, Margaret Biers and Mary McCauley; and seven brothers, Ray, Gilbert, Joe, LeRoy, Edwin, Harold "Mick" and Hillary.

During her work career she was on the assembly line at Hart-Carter for 30 years. Bertha belonged to the Mendota Moose Lodge, Holy Cross Church and the Altar and Rosary Society.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Cross School or Holy Cross Church. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

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LOCAL AND AREA

City Council approves zoning variance, food pantry request

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA—The Mendota City Council handled several items of business at its Sept. 5 regular meeting.

Alderman John Hessenberger presented a zoning variance request from Kurt Bruno at 40 N. 42nd Road, which was approved by the council. The zoning variance is for the construction of a shed that is one foot over the allowed height.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick informed fellow council members of a request from the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry to hold a ‘Bucket Brigade’ fundraising event on Friday, Sept. 22. The council voted to allow the event, which will be conducted at the intersection of Main and Meriden streets.

Alderwoman Vicki Johnson issued a thank you to the city and everyone else involved in the first day of the “Food Truck MAINia” held on Aug. 28. She said it was a very successful start to the event with more than 200 people in attendance. The food truck program will continue on the second and fourth Mondays of the month through Nov. 13 from 4-8 p.m. in the IC parking lot and parking lot #2 on Main Street in downtown Mendota. It features food trucks as well as music and raffles.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

IVCC holds CMA pinning event

OGLESBY – New certified medical assistants celebrated completing their one-year program during Illinois Valley Community College’s pinning ceremony Aug. 25.

Of the 11 graduates, seven completed their program in December 2022 and four more completed in July. The pins that the graduates received are small medallions engraved with the college name and program.

Graduates are: Erin Bennett; Carley Dadisman; Lauren Ernat; Kerrigan Hagi; Katie Holdiman; Courtney Holler; Jensen Lewis; April McIntosh; Nancy Sandoval; Jenny Stevenson; and Amanda Zachary.

This is the fifth class to complete IVCC’s program since it began in 2020, though due to pandemic interruptions this is only the second pinning ceremony. Graduates are now eligible to sit for the CMA exam, a national certification through the American

Association of Medical Assistants.

“CMAs are often the first contact a patient has in a clinic, and are essential, multi-skilled health care professionals whose duties can range from reception intake to lab testing, blood draws, administering medications and assisting with exams and procedures,” said Medical Assisting Program Coordinator Kaity Ritter.

IVCC’s program extends over three semesters, with the third spent interning at clinics in the surrounding area. “Working as a CMA can be a step in the health career sequence between certification as a nursing assistant and entry into a nursing program, as well as a step towards health care administration,” Ritter added.

Additional information is available on the medical assistant program page on IVCC’s website or by emailing Ritter at kaity_ritter@ivcc.edu or calling 815-224-0274.

Mendota City Ordinance

Animals-Pet Waste Ordinance

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Wind

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ing Gift and God’s Saving Grace, but I go with God’s Sustaining Gift.”

The fewer installed turbines makes GSG the smaller of Leeward’s two windmill farms in the area as it also operates the Mendota Hills Windfarm, which has 29 turbines.

Thornton, who lives in Charlotte but has his office in Texas, is well knowledgeable about the importance and influence of renewable energy.

“First of all, it’s producing admission free energy. They contribute to the state’s sustainable energy goals,” Thornton said. “It also has a significant economic impact

on the county. It increases tax dollars. During construction, there are probably 300 workers that are hired and we try to hire locally as much as we can. They stay at hotels and shop and eat at local establishments. Overall, there is an economic impact. We’re also very strong in our community involvement. We’re sup-

porting Reimagine Mendota and other local causes.

“It’s like having a car. You have to upgrade and utilize technology because efficiency is so important for a number of reasons. You want to produce as much clean energy as you can. When the technology is there and available, we upgrade.”

Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund Program closing Oct. 31

CHICAGO – The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) announced the Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF) will no longer accept applications beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023. ILHAF supports qualified homeowners with grants of up to \$60,000 for past-due mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance and homeowner and/or condo association fees. Any application submitted prior to closing will be reviewed to determine eligibility and a submitted application is not a guarantee of approval. Eligible Illinois homeowners can apply online at www.illinoishousinghelp.org.

“Any homeowner struggling to make their monthly payments due to lingering fallout from the pandemic should not hesitate and reach out today to see if you are eligible for this free assistance,” said IHDA Executive Director Kristin Faust. “There is no guarantee of additional funding from Congress, so do not miss out on this opportunity and visit www.illinoishousinghelp.org today to see if IHDA or any other state of Illinois resources can help.”

Originally launched in April 2022, ILHAF has provided more than \$246 million to help 13,730 Illinois homeowners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic avoid foreclosure and

remain in their homes while they regained their financial footing. The average grant amount is \$17,988 per household and more than 69 percent of ILHAF funds have gone to socially disadvantaged areas throughout Illinois.

ILHAF was created by the state of Illinois to help homeowners avoid mortgage default and foreclosure after experiencing a financial hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Payments are made directly to the mortgage servicer, taxing body or other eligible entity once a homeowner’s application has been approved. To qualify for ILHAF, Illinois homeowners must meet the following criteria:

- Be past due on one or more of mortgage loan, property tax, property insurance and/or HOA/condo association fee payments.
- Have a household income at or below 150 percent Area Median Income.
- Own and occupy a home in Illinois as a primary residence.
- Experienced a financial hardship after Jan. 21, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic (including a hardship that began before Jan. 21, 2020 but continued after that date).

Proof of citizenship is not required to apply and receive ILHAF assistance. ILHAF assistance is not public charge benefit.

IHDA has partnered with housing

counseling agencies and community-based organizations across the state to assist households with assembling the required documents and completing their applications. This assistance is free and available in more than 37 languages, including American Sign Language. A list of these agencies offering assistance can be found online at www.illinoishousinghelp.org or by calling 866-454-3571.

ILHAF is funded through an appropriation in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2), which was signed into law in March 2021. The \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus relief designed to speed up recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic included \$9.96 billion allocated for state territories, tribes and the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. The state of Illinois was allocated \$386.9 million which was appropriated to IHDA by the Illinois General Assembly (P.A. 102-0017).

About the Illinois Housing Development Authority

IHDA (www.ihda.org) is a self-supporting state agency that finances the creation and the preservation of affordable housing across Illinois. Since its creation in 1967, IHDA has allocated \$18 billion and financed approximately 255,000 affordable housing units for residents of Illinois.



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Back to real T.V.

Let's re-read the headline, back to real TV. It doesn't say reality T.V., but real TV.

I don't know why or how we all got sucked into reality television such as the Kardashians, Jersey Shore, Survivor, Lego Masters, Hell's Kitchen, Real World, Big Brother, the celebrity almost docu-series, contests, games, and challenges that throw drama (not the genre, the attention-seeking attitude followed by ridiculous acts or actions) at you faster than Vin Diesel drives a car in 10 Fast and the Furious movies.

Although I enjoyed the Real World when it brought the then-new element to the screen in 1992, the deliberate blow up of the reality genre has been exhausting, annoying, and to some, has led to a desensitized, arrogant, belligerent, and many other not so positive adjectives about our society.

It is really crazy that in 100 years people are going to be able to know about us as people, our society, our country, and the era by looking at what was on screens whether it be television, movies, tablets, or phones.

Anyway, I digress.

I found a show that is actually a show. It isn't a documentary. Or a docu-series. It isn't reality TV.

Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty is a real show. Real where actors are acting and stories are being told that have facts behind them but it can also be pretend, staged, creatively added to without caring in terms if the real person would say a statement or make an action that's portrayed in the show.

Yes, the story of Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Pat Riley, and many more could be told in the other formats, but instead this is a real show that has you enjoying the story line and seeing what's next although some know what's next.

But how is Winning Time going to portray it.

Since it's not reality or a docu-series, HBO can portray it any way they want to because it's a fictional based on a true story type of presentation.

The best presentations.

Every time I tell someone about the show, the first question I'm asked is, "Is it a docu-series?" Followed by, "Is there real footage of the team?"

No, absolutely not.

Which I love because if I wanted to watch footage or read a book of the non-fiction games, plot line, and the conflicts between characters, I could have 30 years ago.

It's way more fun to watch John C. Reilly be Jerry Buss than Jerry Buss playing himself.

Although the real Magic Johnson is charismatic, had his own TV show, and isn't afraid to be on camera, it's more fun to watch someone else act like Magic as Quincy Isaiah (who does look like the man he is playing on the show) is entertaining.

I don't get sucked into TV often.

I'm not a binge watcher. There isn't a show that I've watched 20 episodes in three days or a show.


The only show I watched in real time when it aired weekly was Game of Thrones for the first five seasons. The last three I caught when I caught, including watching the last episode three years after it aired.

However, Winning Time may be different as I plan to watch every Sunday or the day after the original viewing opportunity because the idea of having people act instead of reality TV garbage where people are causing drama on screen to get more screen time is refreshing.

I'm sure there are other shows that you watch for the same reasons.

But for me, Winning Time is the one.

Never the Last Chance



By Brandon LaChance



Mendota merchants on the move – 1933

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Sept. 16, 1998.)

By Jessica Nashold

The month of September in 1933 found a number of Mendota businesses on the move. Spurgeons, in search of more space, moved from a single store on the south side of Washington Street to the former Edwards Hardware location and a vacant building next to it.

Quite a number of men carried boxes and merchandise from the store to just a few doors west.

Westermans moved their business from the location one door west of the southwest corner of Main and Washington streets to the building Spurgeons had vacated. In a full-page ad for his grand opening at the new location, Mr. Westerman pledged loyalty to the cause of the NRA (National Recovery Act). Addressing President Roosevelt, he commented that he had confidence "the next six months will bear rich fruits of this economic seed you have planted."

It is a privilege and honor to wave the banner in your cause.

Gish Jewelry moved one door east into the building Westerman had left.

Yohn & Ossman opened a beauty parlor in connection with their barber shop. On opening day, Miss Sally Foxx, award winner at a beauticians' trade show in Chicago, was on hand to demonstrate some of her "hair dressings."

George Lewis sold his Lewis Produce Co. to Blackhawk Produce of Dixon. Richard Smith of Franklin Grove was manager. Blackhawk Produce was located at 804 Illinois Ave.

Henry Zolper & Sons received a contract for 1 ½ miles of pavement on the Harmon spur in Lee County at \$24,574.24, including two box culverts. A second contract for 2 ½ miles between Triumph and Route 69, at \$61,930.52, included some bridges. The roads were 15 feet wide.

With seven lettermen returning, the outlook was promising for a satisfying football season at MHS in 1933. Rufus Dewitz was coach.

The backs, huskier than they were a year ago, will hold their own in poundage.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Seven former students enrolled for post-graduate work at MHS. Edward Brown, Carol Holliston, Doris VanRy, Marty Masear, Raymond McCarthy, Charley Stare and Bob Wirschem.

Masear is manager of the football team.

Margaret Sherwood retired from her duties as secretary to MHS superintendent M.E. Steele. The position was filled by Faith Fitch. Enrollment in September 1933 was 312 students.

Although the NRA stipulated 40-hour work weeks, the help at the canning plant were allowed to put in longer hours.

Corn is perishable and has to be canned when brought in.

Corn not handled properly would be too hard.

Ray Possley's father came from Thorp, Wis., to help him set up for production of ice cream mix at Mendota Milk Products plant. The mix commanded a higher price than other products made there.

It will be passed on to the farmers bringing in their milk who will be benefited.

Until the 10th of the month, September 1933 was "the warmest in memory." Temperatures ranged 12 degrees higher than average. On Sept. 1, the thermometer was 90 degrees. On Sept. 8, it was 100.

The Chicago Cardinals played the Princeton Tigers in the lighted field at Alexander Park. The Cardinals were paid \$700, with Princeton merchants making sure this commitment was honored.

The Cardinals are rivals of the Chicago Bears of which Red Grange is the leading player.

A record crowd was anticipated.

K.W. Pohl, secretary of Mendota

Building & Loan Association, spent the noon hour of Sept. 13, 1933, in the Building & Loan office on the second floor of the Erbes building on the south side of Washington Street. A directors' meeting was scheduled there for one o'clock. Since Pohl was in the office, the sage was not locked.

Suddenly, two armed men entered the office and collected \$294 in cash from the safe, plus Pohl's personal cash. Pohl said they appeared to be 22-25 years old. One was 5-10 and wore a hat, the other 5-6 with sandy hair. Both wore dark clothes.

Both spoke good English and looked neat.

They made their escape.

Nisley & Leiser, owners of The Mendota Reporter, asked subscribers to renew their subscriptions without receiving a bill.

Since the rate of postage is 3 cents on each letter, The Reporter has not been sending bills in subscriptions.

Reporter subscriptions had been reduced to \$1.50 per year in Illinois and \$2 for out-of-state subscribers.

We do need the money as we have some very heavy bills to pay.

At a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Pearl Schaller explained the meaning of "Fidac." She said the letters stood for Federation International Ancienne Combatants. It was founded Nov. 28, 1920, to strengthen comradeship developed on the battlefield and use it in the cause of peace. The American Legion was the only representative of "Fidac" in the U.S.

A Tri-Motor Ford plane landed in a field west of Conco Press on West Washington Street. A crowd soon gathered and learned that the wing spread was 76 feet, weight six tons and big pneumatic tires were used.

They look like regular truck tires.

The plane could accommodate 14 passengers and rides were \$1.

Gilbert Krenz and Rodney Whitmore visited the Dickson Tombs at Lewistown for a history project. Their account was published in full in The Mendota Reporter on Sept. 11, 1933.

The power of words cannot be denied

By Scott Reeder

An unexpected conversation with a college acquaintance this past week has me thinking about the power of words. I first met Bill 40 years ago when I was a freshman in college. I was going through a rough time. I was away from home for the first time and was assigned a roommate that I just couldn't stand.

Bill was a community college transfer from the Chicago suburbs. He had grown up in a devout home but wasn't regularly attending church. One day, I was sitting in the laundromat in the basement of my dorm when he came and sat beside me.

He asked what I was reading and I told him it was the New Testament. He asked where I went to church and I explained that I attended a congregation near campus but wasn't particularly happy there. Although the church was the same denomination that I had grown up in, the pastor's messages were about as deep as a coat of varnish.

For whatever reason, I shared this with Bill. He told me of a church that he visited once that met in the college student union. The pastor was elderly and battling cancer. But he was sincere. There was no stained glass, pews or organs. Folks sat in folding chairs in a borrowed upper room.

Bill told me I should try that church.

His suggestion altered my life. I fell in love with the tiny congregation and adored the pastor and his wife. My cynicism dissipated. For the first time since leaving home, I felt like I had a place where I belonged.

The pastor joked that Bill made me a regular attender, even though he didn't come himself.

During the past 40 years, I have lived in cities all over the United States. But the first thing I would do when moving to a new community is join a church. Some advice given 40 years ago by a casual acquaintance altered the trajectory of my life.

When Bill and I spoke this past week, his recollection of me was dim at best. I'm certain he doesn't remember that conversation. But his words mattered.

A number of years ago a co-worker took me aside and told me how something I had said changed her life.

The two of us were young reporters working the nightshift

at a newspaper and as she tells it she joked about getting drunk after work and driving home.

According to her, I said I didn't respect that and asked: "How would you feel if you killed someone because you were driving drunk?"

Years later, she took me aside and told me how my words altered her life. She immediately quit drinking and driving.

When she told me this, I was flummoxed. While it sounded like something I might say, I have no memory of that long-ago discourse.

I have chosen a career of words. Words matter particularly when they are delivered with sincerity and kindness.

Another former co-worker, Gary Schneeberger, tells of how a past supervisor's words changed his life.

"It was my first ever professional job review, and I think it might have been one of his first, because he had just become an assistant city editor when he did my evaluation. ... In the summary he said, 'If Gary continues to apply himself and learn his craft I can see him working his way up into management one day. That was the first time, I ever thought higher than the byline. I was like, 'Wow, you mean, being like an editor and a leader and helping other writers and reporters. Is that something that's open to me, too, someday?'"

Schneeberger has gone on to a distinguished career heading up public relations for Focus on the Family and other endeavors. He added the editor who gave him the encouragement has no recollection of doing so.

I'd be remiss in not noting that the person Schneeberger said inspired him to greater things, was the worst boss I've had in my 35 years in the workforce. He criticized me during a job evaluation for abstaining from alcohol and living too sheltered a life to be a good journalist.

The biblical book of Proverbs says: "The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit."

In my 58 years, I too have said things I have regretted. To this I can only ask the listener's forgiveness. But I pray when I do speak, I'm offering words of encouragement.

Why? Because words matter.

(Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.)

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Answer: Just the opposite. Your payment should arrive early. For example, if you usually get your payment on the third of a month, but it falls on a weekend or legal holiday, we will send payments on the business day prior to the due date. You can find the payment schedules at www.ssa.gov/pubs/calendar.htm. Any time you don't receive a payment, be sure to wait 3 days before calling to report it missing. To ensure that your payments go to the right place, create a personal my Social Security account. There, you can verify and manage your benefits without calling or visiting an office. Please visit www.ssa.gov/myaccount to create your account.

Question: I got married and I need to change my name in Social Security's records. What do I do?

Answer: If you change your name due to marriage or for any other reason, you'll need to report the change and get a corrected Social Security card with your new name. You will need to fill out Form SS-5. You can get a copy of this form by visiting www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf or by calling our toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You'll also need to provide the original marriage certificate showing your new and old names. You can mail or take the documentation to your local Social Security office. In some cases, we may need other forms of documentation as well. For more information, visit www.ssa.gov/ssnumber.

Retirement

Question: I worked for the last 10 years and I now have my 40 credits. Does this mean that I get the maximum Social Security retirement benefit?

Answer: Probably not. The 40 credits are the minimum number you need to qualify for retirement benefits. However, we do not base your benefit amount on those credits; it's based on your earnings over a lifetime of work. To learn more about how you earn Social Security credits and how they work, read or listen to our publication How You Earn Credits, available at www.ssa.gov/pubs.

Question: I have never worked but my spouse has.

What will my benefits be?

Answer: You can be entitled to as much as one-half of your spouse's benefit amount when you reach full retirement age. If you decide to receive Social Security retirement benefits before you reach full retirement age, the amount of your benefit is reduced. The amount of reduction depends on when you will reach full retirement age. For example, if your full retirement age is 66, you can get 35 percent of your spouse's unreduced benefit at age 62 (a permanent reduction); if your full retirement age is 67, you can get 32.5 percent of your spouse's unreduced benefit at age 62 (a permanent reduction).

The amount of your benefit increases if your entitlement begins at a later age, up to the maximum of 50 percent at full retirement age. However, if you are taking care of a child who is under age 16 or who gets Social Security disability benefits on your spouse's record, you get the full spouse's benefits, regardless of your age. Learn more about retirement benefits at www.ssa.gov/retirement.

Disability

Question: How do I know if I have worked long enough to qualify for Social Security disability benefits?

Answer: You must have worked long enough — and recently enough — under Social Security to qualify for disability benefits. Social Security work credits are based on your total yearly wages or self-employment income. You can earn up to four credits each year. The amount needed for a credit changes from year to year. The number of work credits you need to qualify for disability benefits depends on your age when you become disabled. Generally, you need 40 credits, 20 of which you earned in the last 10 years, ending with the year you become disabled. However, younger workers may qualify with fewer credits. To learn more, see our Disability Planner at www.ssa.gov/planners/disability.

Question: I have a 38-year-old son who has been disabled by cerebral palsy since birth. I plan to apply for retirement benefits. Will he be eligible for benefits as my disabled child?

Answer: Yes. In general, an adult disabled before age 22 may be eligible for child's benefits if a parent is deceased or starts receiving retirement or disability benefits. We consider this a "child's" benefit because we

pay it on the parent's Social Security earnings record.

The "adult child" — including an adopted child, or, in some cases, a stepchild, grandchild, or step grandchild — must be unmarried, age 18 or older, and have a disability that started before age 22.

Supplemental Security Income

Question: My brother died recently and left me some money. Will this inheritance affect my SSI benefits?

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Medicare

Question: I found out that my daughter submitted incorrect information about my resources when she completed my Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs. How can I get my application changed now to show the correct amount?

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Question: Where can I find general information about Medicare benefits?

Answer: Social Security determines whether people are entitled to Medicare benefits, but the program is administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). You can visit CMS' Medicare website at www.medicare.gov or call them at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Online or by phone, you can find answers to your Medicare questions at CMS.

Slam the scam with Social Security

By Mike Weill

PERU — The Social Security Administration and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) continued to raise public awareness about Social Security imposter scams during the fourth annual "Slam the Scam" Day held earlier this year. Social Security scams — where fraudsters pressure victims into making cash or gift card payments to fix alleged Social Security number problems or to avoid arrest — are an ongoing government imposter fraud scheme. For several years, Social Security impersonation scams have been one of the most common government imposter scams reported to the Federal Trade Commission. We've made concerted efforts to address this issue, through extensive outreach and investigative initiatives. These efforts have made a significant impact, reducing money reported lost to Social Security scams by 30 percent from 2021 to 2022.

"I am proud of the work we have done to combat Social Security imposter scams and raise public awareness," said Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. "We will continue to use every tool at our disposal to protect the public and their critical benefits. We urge Americans to remain vigilant, do not give out personal information or money, and report any scam attempts."

Scammers use sophisticated tactics to trick potential victims into disclosing personal and financial information. Typically, they use the five P's — Pretend, Prize or Problem, Pressure, and Payment. For example, scammers pretend they are from Social Security in phone calls or emails and claim there is a problem with the person's Social Security number. The scammer's caller ID may be spoofed to look like a legitimate government number. Scammers may also send fake documents to pressure people into complying with demands for information or money. Other common

tactics include citing "badge numbers" and using fraudulent Social Security letterhead to target individuals for payment or personal information.

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- Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Request gift cards or cash.
- Promise a Social Security benefit approval or increase in exchange for information or money.

Our employees do contact the public by telephone for business purposes. Ordinarily, we call people who recently applied for benefits, are already receiving payments and require updates to their record or requested a phone call from us. If there is a problem with a person's Social Security number or record, we will mail a letter.

"Working with our law enforcement and private sector partners to inform consumers about scammers and their deceptive practices remains a priority for my office. We will continue promoting National Slam the Scam Day to help protect consumers from these predators. Slamming the scam begins with consumers quickly taking a step to hang up the phone, or delete suspicious texts and emails, without responding to the scammers," said Gail S. Ennis, Inspector General for the Social Security Administration. "That remains the easiest and most effective method to avoid falling prey to these vicious scams."

To report a scam attempt, go to oig.ssa.gov. For more information, please visit www.ssa.gov/scam and www.ssa.gov/antifraudfacts. (Weill is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)

Elder abuse: Combating injustice

By Mike Weill

PERU — Elder abuse is the intentional mistreatment or harming of an older person. An older person is defined by the Social Security Act as someone over age 60. This abuse takes many forms — including physical, emotional, and sexual harm, neglect, and financial exploitation. More than 1 in 10 older adults experience some form of abuse each year. That number is likely much higher because elder abuse is often underreported — especially in underserved communities.

Abuse victims typically show emotional and behavioral red flags, such as depression, unusual fear or anxiety, or intentional isolation. Many victims are abused by someone they know or trust. It's important to look for unusual changes in behavior around:

- Family members.
- Staff at inpatient facilities.
- Hired or volunteer caregivers.
- People in positions of trust like doctors or financial advisors.

You can also help make a difference by checking in with older loved ones. Looking for warning signs of mistreatment is the first step to preventing abuse. Signs of physical abuse include bruises, burns, or other unexplained injuries.

There may also be signs of neglect like:

- Poor nutrition or hygiene.
- Lack of necessary medical aids like glasses or medications that a caretaker should be providing.

There may also be indications of financial abuse. These may include:

- Unpaid rent.
- Sudden changes to a will.
- Unusual changes in money management.
- Large, unexplained financial transactions.
- Mortgages despite sufficient financial resources.
- Allowing someone new to access bank accounts.

If you suspect that someone is a victim of elder

abuse, don't ignore it! If you or someone you care about is in a life-threatening situation, call 911. If you suspect that something isn't right — but nobody seems to be in immediate danger — contact:

- Your local Adult Protective Services at www.napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area.
- The National Center on Elder Abuse at 1-855-500-3537 (ELDR).

You can also find additional local resources by searching the Eldercare Locator for your community at eldercare.acl.gov/Public/index.aspx.


Take some time to call or visit with an older adult. Ask if they are okay and listen to what they tell you. Pay attention to signs of abuse or unusual behavior. Most of all, don't be afraid to report instances of suspected abuse. Please share this information with those who need it.

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Starved Rock Country Foundation group appoints outreach and donor manager

PERU – Grace McCormick of Peru was recently appointed Community Outreach and Donor Engagement Manager for the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation.

As such, McCormick will organize special events, social media, and build relationships with local businesses and organizations.

McCormick graduated in May from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a bachelor's in organizational and community leadership. A Bailey Scholar at UIUC, McCormick constructed a series of small food pantries across Champaign-Urbana.

While in Champaign, she was a recipient of the SRC-CF's Carol and Dick Janko Scholarship for Promising Entrepreneurs.

McCormick attended Illinois Valley Community College before transferring to the U of I. At IVCC, she earned the prestigious Matthiessen Award for academic achievement and exceptional community service and was the IVCC Foundation's 21st Century Scholar. She was also the founding president of IVCC's Rotaract chapter.

As part of her work with SRCCF, McCormick is planning to offer a philanthropy course to high school students and will promote local artists and their work via the foundation's Arts of Starved Rock Country Fund.

"Grace has demonstrated high achievement and leadership at every level of her education. We are fortunate she chose to return home and share her talents here," said SRCCF CEO Fran Brolley.

"Along with her work on special events such as our Nov. 4 Disco Ball, developing young philanthropists and promoting the work of local artists, she will enhance our social media marketing and bolster our outreach across La Salle, Bureau and Putnam counties," Brolley added.

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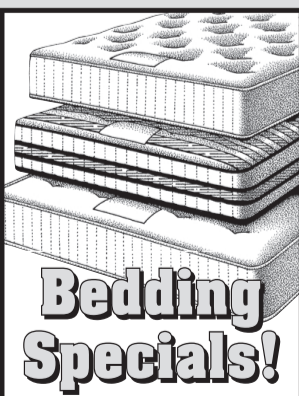
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IVCC's One Book One College group is changing the landscape with planting of pollinator garden

Garden and lifestyle practices preserve habitats where wildlife and pollinators like bees and butterflies that are vital parts of a healthy environment and economy can thrive. The message of rebirth and hope tempered by the underlying environmental threat ties in naturally to a study of Octavia Butler's post-apocalyptic novel, "Parable of the Sower." Butler's tale of global climate change, economic crises and social chaos reached store shelves



The LaMoille Park at 206 Gurney St., LaMoille, was established in 2012. It continues to develop the park with a group of local volunteers. The proceeds of this event will be used toward building a basketball/sport court at the park for community use. If anyone is interested in volunteering, giving a donation or interested in more information, you can contact the park through the LaMoille Park Facebook page.



Butler's message is that "we need to think about the community over the individual and that change is inevitable and a part of the natural cycle of our lives. So it's important to be resilient in the face of destruction and scary change and to learn to manage it, whether it's

She believes the garden sustains OBOC's mission to establish a safe haven for the community to speak about difficult issues. Racism, prescription drug addiction, and working poverty and how the community responds to and is affected by them have been the past topics.

For more information on OBOC and the garden, visit <https://libguides.ivcc.edu/onebookonecollege>.



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Mendota's Grace Wasmer sends a spike between the block attempt of Princeton's Caroline Keutzer, left, and Chrissy Sierens on Sept. 7 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Spikers cruise past Princeton

MENDOTA – The Mendota Spikers put together an all-around solid effort in claiming a 25-19, 25-17 triumph over Princeton in a Three Rivers Conference volleyball match on Sept. 7 at the MHS gym. Mendota improved its record to 5-4 overall and 1-1 in the league.

Denault (five kills, seven digs), Reanna Brant (three kills), Grace Wasmer (five kills), Madelyn Becker (two aces, three kills, 11 assists, 11 digs), Ana Ramirez (11 digs), Ava Eddy (eight digs) and Ryleigh Sondgeroth (five digs).

Leading the charge for the Spikers were Laylie and hard work paying off,” said Mendota coach Nicci Gibson. “All the credit goes to the girls. They executed our game plan and are great teammates full of love and support for one another.”

Spikers entered in Princeton Tourney Oct. 7

PRINCETON – Princeton High School will be hosting its annual volleyball tournament on Saturday, Oct. 7. Participating teams for the tournament are Princeton, Mendota, Byron, Braidwood Reed-Custer and Sherrard.

The Tigresses will also host a “Volley for a Cure” benefit to support St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. There will be a silent auction and

a 50-50 drawing the day of the event. Fan apparel is available for sale at <https://BIT.LY/VolleyForACure>, which closes on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

All proceeds from shirt sales and event fundraisers will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Hospital on behalf of Princeton volleyball. For more information, contact Elizabeth at 815-878-3353.

MHS’s Kelson races to title of Gary Coates Invitational

Junior harrier beats the field of 66 with time of 16:49

Mendota High School’s cross country team traveled to Fuller Forest in Rockford on Sept. 6 to compete against seven Northern Illinois schools. The event was hosted by Winnebago.

In the girl’s race, Winnebago’s Morgan Capriola placed first in a time of 12:53 on the 2.05 mile course. Teammate Reese Erdahl earned second in 13:21, while Rebecca Krein of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy (OLSHA) rounded out the top three.

Mendota’s top finisher belonged to Anna Valdes (30th, 18:23). Emily Banks (21:04) and Payton Stavropoulos (21:29) also competed for the Lady Trojans.

Winnebago had the top team score (18 points) followed by Lanark Eastland (64), Genoa-Kingston (79), Durand (96) and OLSHA (100).

In the 55-member boys’ event, Nicolai Martino of Winnebago took top honors in a time of 10:13. His teammate, Joseph Erb (10:42), placed second, while Mendota’s Anthony Kelson (10:55), earned third.

Additionally for the Trojans, Dagen Setchell (11:46) placed 10th, while Harlan Gallagher (23rd, 13:23) and Ryder Woods (24th, 13:25) finished in the top half of the field. Other Mendota finishers were Carlos Toribio (14:39), Travis Mumm (14:46), Hector Gonzalez (15:16), Spencer Kain (15:44), Kyan Cooper (17:26), Aidan Fisher (17:37) and Dawson McPheeters (21:01).

Winnebago’s 18 points were ahead of Durand’s 71 and Mendota’s 80. Genoa-Kingston tallied 84 for fourth, while OLSHA (132) and North Boone (150) completed the team scoring.

MHS runners competed in the 50th Annual Gary



Mendota’s Anthony Kelson is all alone ahead of the pack on his way to a first-place finish in the Gary Coates Invitational on Sept. 9 at Princeton. (Photo courtesy of Bureau County Republican)

Coates Invitational on Sept. 9 in Princeton.

In the varsity girls’ run, Elly Heineke of Lowpoint-Washburn ran to a first-place finish of 20:15.

Mendota was represented by Peri Manning (57th, 28:52), Valdes (59th, 29:06) and Banks (64th, 31:09).

Sherrard and Lowpoint-Washburn each tallied 36 points, with Sherrard winning the tiebreaker for the title.

In the varsity boys’ race, MHS’s Kelson defeated the field of 66 with a time of 16:49. Newman’s Lucas Simpson (17:05) placed second and Mercer County’s Corbin Sturgill (17:15) was third. Dagen Setchell also provided Mendota with a top 10 finish, going 18:03. Others representing the Tro-

jans were Mumm (24:06), Cooper (26:43) and Fisher (27:07).

Mercer County took top team honors with 48, just edging out Newman’s 49, with LP placing third with 73. Mendota finished with 121 points, tying with Morris, but losing the tiebreaker, thus placing seventh.

Sherrard’s Alex Belha finished the 1.94-mile course in 11:14 to win the freshman-sophomore race. Gallagher (10th, 12:17), Woods (14th, 12:45), Carlos Toribio (22nd, 13:49), Gonzalez (23rd, 14:00) and Kain (29th, 14:57) each medaled for Mendota.

Sherrard won the team scoring with 26, followed by Bureau Valley (39). Mendota completed the top three with 62 points.

Trojan golfers have up and down week

Mendota took on Three Rivers Conference foes Hall and Princeton in a triangular golf meet on Sept. 5 at Princeton. The Red Devils turned in the low score of 175, followed by Mendota at 177 and Princeton at 180.

Brody Hartt and Dane Doyle led the Trojans with rounds of 43. Owen Aughenbaugh was one shot back at 44, followed by Grady Jones (47), Cale Strouss (50) and Evan McPheeters (50).

Mendota fired a 184 to top the junior varsity field, while Hall was second (199) and Princeton (208) brought up the rear.

Nick Sheridan carded a 43 to lead the way for Mendota. Also shooting in the 40s were Jonas Fitzgerald with a 45, and Alex Holland and Collin Coss, both with 48s. Kooper Novak (54) and Jace Baird (56) also competed for the Trojans.

Mendota and DePue played in a freshman-sophomore dual match on Sept. 6 at the Mendota course and the Trojans prevailed, 209-292.

Swinging clubs for the Trojans were Sheridan (47), Coss (47), Caleb Ensor (53), Brody Kaecker (62), Haden Shakespeare (62) and Ivan Botello (70).

A highly-competitive three-team meet went to the Trojans on Sept. 7 at Rockridge. Mendota shot an excellent round of 167 to beat out Mercer County (170) and Rockridge (175).

Aughenbaugh captured meet medalist honors with a sizzling round of 36. Hartt checked in next with a 42, followed by Strouss at 44 and McPheeters at 45. Doyle (47) and Jones (48) also competed for Mendota.

The Trojans also claimed the junior varsity meet with a 187. Mercer County was second with a 214, while Rockridge carded a 253.

Coss was the medalist with a 43. Holland, Fitzgerald and Sheridan each had rounds of 48, while Baird and Novak each had a 54.

Mendota finished third in a triangular at Sheffield on Sept. 8. Sherrard won with a 158, Bureau Valley carded a 168 and the Trojans totaled 170. Andrew Boland of Bureau Valley was the medalist with a 38.

Aughenbaugh had Mendota’s low score with a 41. Hartt was one shot off the pace with a 42, followed by Strouss (43) and Doyle (44). McPheeters (45) and Jones (49) also competed for the Trojans.

Bureau Valley outdueled the Mendota junior varsity, 179-183.

Hitting the course for the Trojans were Fitzgerald (44), Coss (45), Holland (46), Baird (48), Novak (49) and Sheridan (50).

MHS soccer team improves to 11-0-1

The Mendota varsity soccer team disposed of Kewanee, 5-0, on Sept. 6 at Kewanee.

Johan Cortez and Isaac Diaz slammed home two goals apiece to pace the Trojans, while Cesar Casas also drilled one between the pipes.

Picking up assists were Diaz, David

Casas and Ramiro Palacios.

Mendota played two games in the Body Armour Series in Schaumburg on Sept. 9 and won them both.

The Trojans opened with a 3-0 triumph over Geneseo. Cortez, Diaz and Bryan Herrera had Mendota goals,

while Kaleb Kleckner and Mauricio Martinez each had an assist.

In the second game, Mendota defeated Rockton Hononegah, 1-0. Cortez tallied the game-winning goal with six minutes left in the contest.

With the two wins, the Trojans improved their record to 11-0-1.

Struggles continue for Trojans in 41-0 loss

KEWANEE - It’s been a struggle to say the least for Mendota on both sides of the football through the first two weeks of the season. That trend continued in week three.

The Trojans never mounted a serious scoring threat while Kewanee had no problem solving the Mendota defense on its way to a 41-0 victory in Three Rivers Conference action on Sept. 8 at the newly-refurbished Boiler stadium.

Mendota was barely able to eclipse the 100-yard mark in the contest, running 43 plays from scrimmage and gaining 106 yards. Of the Trojans’ 10 offensive possessions, they visited Kewanee territory four times, and their deepest penetration was to the Boiler 31-yard line to start the second quarter. After that, Mendota could only get inside the Kewanee 40-yard line twice.

On the flip side, the Boiler offense had the ball nine times and was able to find the end zone six times. Kewanee ran 38 plays and picked up 381 yards. Five different players had rushing touchdowns for the Boilers, while quarterback Braden Clark threw for one score.

That Clark touchdown strike came on Kewanee’s first series of the game after



Kewanee linebacker Tyler Johnston wraps up Mendota quarterback Justin Randolph for a sack on Sept. 8 at Kewanee. (Reporter photo)

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SPORTS

League winners named for '23 season at Mendota Golf Club

MENDOTA – The Mendota Golf League winners at the Mendota Golf Club have been announced for the 2023 season.

Monday 4:30 – 1. Rusty Lindenmeyer & Scott Novak; 2. Pat Kerchner & Raul Rosales; (tie) 3. Pat Goy & Kevin Goy; 3. Kevin McPheeters & Randy Poltsch

Tuesday 2:00 – 1. Bill Grzeskiewicz & Herb Buchanan; 2. Tony Goy & G. Thompson/J. Kuchta; 3. Jim Wade & Curt Faber

Tuesday 5:00 – 1. John Hanson & Joe Masini; 2. Tim



Dessing & Ryan Dessing; 3. Rich Simpkins & Nick Myers

Wednesday 3:30 – 1. Tim Dessing & Tom Dessing; 2. Gary Lucas & Roger Simpkins; 3. Dave Mammen & Ed Jasper

Wednesday 4:30 "A" League – 1. Matt Schwingle

& Mark Higdon; 2. Cody Marks & Casey Marks; (tie) 3. Dave VanDenbussche & Mark Lamboley; 3. Andy Kneebone & Steve Wasmer

Wednesday 4:30 "B" League – 1. Jason Schultz & Brandon Scheppers; 2. Tim McConville & Leo Hochstatter; 3. Jason McStoots & Danny Falcon; 4. Cody Phalen & Ethan Guelde

Thursday 4:30 – 1. Carole Reeder & Lori Schlesinger; 2. Sue Wasmer & Beth Novak; 3. Emily McConville & Deb Bromenschenkel; 4. Sandy Hanson & Sharon Kimrey

Hunter Safety Course set for September 23-24 in Rochelle

ROCHELLE – State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) is hosting an upcoming Hunter Safety Course. This two-day event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rochelle Masonic Lodge, 500 Lincoln Highway, Rochelle. Both days are required.

“With hunting season approaching, I wanted to offer my constituents a way to learn more about how to keep themselves,

and others, safe while enjoying the outdoors,” said Fritts. “This course also offers a space for fellow hunters to come together as a community and discuss the sport that they are passionate about.”

Reservations are required and spots are limited. To secure your spot, contact Representative Fritts’ office at 815-561-3690.

For more information about Representative Fritts, visit RepFritts.com.



Mendota’s Reanna Brant swipes a shot in an attempt to avoid the block try by Princeton’s Caroline Keutzer, left, and Keighley Davis on Sept. 7 at the MHS gym. The Spikers won the conference match in two sets. (Reporter photo)

Kewanee tops FS Trojans

MENDOTA – Kewanee doubled up Mendota, 16-8, in freshman-sophomore football action on Sept. 11 at the MHS field.

Kewanee got the scoring started with a 59-yard touchdown run at the 1:37 mark of the first quarter, followed by a successful two-point conversion run.

The Trojans tied the game with 5:27 left before halftime on a 3-yard TD run by Jayden Lesley and then a two-point conversion run by Javier Hernandez.

Less than two minutes later, Kewanee broke the tie on a 14-yard touchdown run and a two-point conversion run.

That proved to cap off the scoring as neither team got on the board in the second half.

Mendota (0-3) outgained Kewanee, 182-173, with all of the Trojans’ yards coming on the ground. Lesley led the way with 27 carries for 156 yards.

Three Rivers East Division Football Standings		
	TR	OA
Kewanee	1-0	3-0
Bureau Valley	1-0	2-1
Princeton	1-0	2-1
Sterling Newman	0-1	2-1
Hall	0-1	1-2
Mendota	0-1	0-3

Friday, Sept. 8
Kewanee 41, Mendota 0
Princeton 20, Newman 0
Bureau Valley 18, Hall 8

Friday, Sept. 15
Hall at Mendota
Kewanee at Bureau Valley
Princeton at Orion
Newman at Rock Island



Mendota’s Xzavior Orozco closes in on Kewanee running back Benjamin Taylor during a Three Rivers Conference contest on Sept. 8 at Kewanee. (Reporter photo)

Football

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Mendota had to punt the ball away when it stalled on its opening possession.

It looked as though Mendota’s defense was going to force Kewanee into a punt after the Boilers started their initial drive at their own 33. But on a third-and-17 from their own 40, Kewanee’s Alejandro Duarte dashed and darted his way for 23 yards down to the Trojan 37. From there, Clark hooked up with Davontae Jordan on a 37-yard TD strike at the 5:13 mark of the opening stanza. Clark kicked the extra point.

Another Mendota punt gave Kewanee excellent field position at its own 42, and just over a minute later, Clark sprinted 51 yards to the end zone, followed by a successful PAT kick, for a 14-0 Boiler lead.

The Trojans had great field position on their ensuing possession, starting at midfield, and they advanced the ball to the Kewanee 31, but that was as far as they could get before turning the ball back to the Boilers on downs.

Kewanee was able to tack on two more scores before halftime. After each team exchanged punts, the Boilers embarked on a 72-yard scoring drive, capped off by a 2-yard touchdown run by Cruz Paredes. Clark added the extra-point kick. A 38-yard run by Benjamin Taylor set up the Paredes short TD plunge.

After Mendota punted for the fourth time in the half, Kewanee put together a six-play, 61-yard scoring drive. A 1-yard run by Draven Peterson was the final play with 1:29 to go before intermission. Clark’s PAT kick was good.

Kewanee added two touchdowns in the third period to kick in the running

clock for the rest of the game.

Greyden Lewis scored on a 3-yard run and Landon Mason added a 6-yard TD run to make it 41-0 at the 3:59 mark of the third quarter.

Aden Tillman led Mendota runners with 20 yards on five carries. Justin Randolph completed seven passes for 54 yards. Tillman had three receptions.

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KEWANEE 41, MENDOTA 0

Mendota	0	0	0	0	-	0
Kewanee	14	14	13	0	-	41

SCORING SUMMARY

KE - Jordan 37 pass from Clark (Clark kick), 5:19 1Q
KE - Clark 51 run (Clark kick), 2:31 1Q
KE - Paredes 2 run (Clark kick), 4:40 2Q
KE - Peterson 1 run (Clark kick), 1:29 2Q
KE - Lewis 3 run (Clark kick), 10:35 3Q
KE - Mason 6 run (kick failed), 3:59 3Q

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First Downs	5	19
Rushes-Yards	30-52	31-266
Passing Yards	54	115
Passes	7-13-0	6-7-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Punts-Avg	5-23	2-39
Penalties-Yards	5-50	5-35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing – MENDOTA: Tillman 5-20, Randolph 15-16, Ossman 6-10, Furar 2-5, Sandoval 1-1, Freeman 1-0; KEWANEE: Duarte 6-72, Clark 5-69, Taylor 3-55, Sheets 2-29, Paredes 3-21, Mason 4-16, Lewis 2-6, Peterson 3-0, Lambert 2-(minus 1), Johnston 1-(minus 1).

Passing – MENDOTA: Randolph 7-12-0-54, Tillman 0-1-0-0; KEWANEE: Clark 5-6-0-97, Sheets 1-1-0-18.

Receiving – MENDOTA: Freeman 2-24, Ossman 2-18, Tillman 3-12; KEWANEE: Jordan 3-61, Taylor 1-29, Peterson 1-18, Duarte 1-7.

Next for the Trojans

Opponent: Friday, Sept. 15 vs. Hall at MHS field. Kickoff at 7 p.m.

Last year: Mendota and Hall lit up the scoreboard for a combined 111 points with the Red Devils coming out on top, 66-45. Hall quarterback Mac Resetich was a one-man wrecking crew, rushing the ball 30 times for 429 yards and seven touchdowns. MHS quarterback Justin Randolph completed 14 passes for 199 yards.

Last week: Bureau Valley handed Hall an 18-8 setback to drop the Red Devils to 1-2 on the season.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Is the new “Equalizer” movie related in any way to the past and present TV series “The Equalizer”? Will Denzel Washington ever appear on the series? -- **K.S.**

A: The original version of “The Equalizer,” a TV series starring Edward Woodward that ran from 1985-1989, is about a retired intelligence agent turned private detective who takes the law into his own hands. In 2021, CBS came up with a reboot featuring Queen Latifah as the headliner. Both characters have the last name McCall.

In 2014, the big-screen version of “The Equalizer” starring Denzel Washington premiered. He, too, plays a McCall, but reportedly none of these characters with the same surname are related. “The Equalizer 3,” starring Washington and Dakota Fanning, is currently in theaters.

Andrew Marlowe, creator of CBS’s current series “The Equalizer,” says that there are no plans for these two franchises to merge, even for a special episode. Marlowe told Distractify.com, “For us, it really is about building this show and identity around Robyn McCall and being

very specific to a show where Queen is really embodying the heart of it.” ***

Q: Will there be another season of “The Crown” anytime soon? I wonder if they plan to continue it through to the current day when Charles becomes king? -- **L.L.**

A: Peter Morgan, creator of the critically acclaimed Netflix series “The Crown,” previously stated that the show would end after five seasons. However, Netflix-UK recently released a tweet confirming that the series will be back for one final season this fall, but the story is not expected to end at the present day when Prince Charles becomes king.

We do know that the storyline will make it to at least 2005, when Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles wed. It’s also been confirmed that it will touch on the tragic death of Princess Diana (played by Elizabeth Debicki), but there won’t be a scene featuring the actual impact of the crash that killed her. A Netflix source confirmed to IndieWire that the scenes surrounding the princess’ death were filmed with “enormous sensitivity” and have been “delicately

and thoughtfully” filmed. According to Parade, Morgan does not plan to delve into the story of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle’s exodus from the royal family or the subsequent fallout from Harry’s memoir. He emphasized that featuring the two would “seem almost redundant since the couple are constantly in the press.” ***

Q: Is it true that Woody Allen has another movie coming out? Are any of his past stars in it? -- **L.J.**

A: Controversial film director Woody Allen recently premiered his newest project “Coup de Chance” at the Venice Film Festival. His 50th film received a five-minute standing ovation by the audience at the festival, a positive response that is said to have shocked Allen.

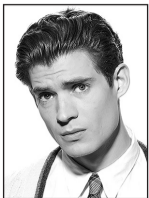
The movie, a dramatic French language thriller, will be released in France on Sept. 27, but a U.S. premiere has yet to be announced.

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By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Can you believe the stink made over Bradley Cooper wear-



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ing a prosthetic nose to play musical genius Leonard Bernstein? Critics went as far as to say it was antisemitic. Actually, the record has been set straight by Bernstein’s children who said, “Dad used to wear his gigantic prosthetic nose practically 24/7; he had his day nose and his night nose that he would sleep in.” Bernstein even told his children, “If anyone is ever to portray me, they absolutely must wear a fat honkin’ fake schnoz.”

The corker is Cooper wore one of Bernstein’s actual “honkers” while filming “Maestro,” which had its world premiere at the Venice Film Festival on Sept. 2 and will be shown in theaters starting Nov. 22 before dropping via Netflix on Dec. 20.

Has ageism struck Superman? Henry Cavill (40) began playing Superman/Clark Kent in “Man of Steel” (2013), then “Batman v Su-

Hollywood

perman: Dawn of Justice” (2016), “Justice League” (2017) and “Black Adam” (2022). But the new powers that be, led by James Gunn, have decided to go with a younger Superman/Clark Kent.

They’ve cast David Corenswet (30), best known for several Netflix series, including “House of Cards,” “The Politician” and “Hollywood.” Corenswet also has an upcoming role in Apple TV+’s “Lady in the Lake,” with Natalie Portman. Gunn offered, “Our story will be focusing on an earlier part of Superman’s life.” Lois Lane, formerly played by six-time Oscar nominee Amy Adams (49), will now be played by Rachel Brosnahan (33), “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” herself (for five seasons).

Many think they’ve made a big mistake by cutting Cavill, who is still the star of the Netflix series “The Witcher” (for three seasons). He is also the first-billed star of “Argylle,” starring Sam Rockwell, Bryce Dallas Howard, John Cena, Dua Lipa, Ariana DeBose, Bryan Cranston, Catherine O’Hara and Samuel L. Jackson. The film is scheduled to release in theaters on Feb. 2, 2024, and

then on Apple TV+ at a later date. Finally, Cavill has one more action film coming up -- “The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare,” directed by Guy Ritchie.

Do we really need a reboot of “Frasier”? Paramount+ is resurrecting the series, which ran for 11 seasons from 1993-2004 and won 37 out of its 108 Emmy nominations. Dr. Frasier Crane (Kelsey Grammer) returns to Boston with new challenges, new relationships to forge and an old dream or two to finally fulfill. So far, Bebe Neuwirth (Lilith Sternin) and Peri Gilpin (Roz Doyle) are the only cast members returning. David Hyde Pierce (Niles Crane) and Jane Leeves (Daphne Moon) are not returning. However, Jack Cutmore-Scott (“Deception”) has been cast to play Frasier’s son.

Paramount+ begins airing the new show on Oct. 12, with episodes dropping every Thursday. But has too much time passed since “Frasier” ended? Most resurrection reboots don’t last more than one season. We’ve got just two words to offer them: “Murphy Brown!”

Couch Theater

“Fast X” (PG-13) -- The 10th main installment in the “Fast & Furious” franchise hits streaming on Sept. 15 after bringing home \$719 million from the box office this summer. Jason Momoa makes his grand entrance into the franchise by playing Dante, son of Hernan Reyes (aka the central villain in the 2011 film “Fast Five”). Momoa’s performance has been praised by critics as one of the strongest points of the film, along with the film’s extravagant action sequences, of course. With the film ending on a cliffhanger (and two more films already slated for 2025 and on), the culmination of this longtime franchise is nowhere in sight. (Peacock)

“Love at First Sight” (PG-13) -- Netflix is pumping out the rom-coms this month! Starring Haley Lu Richardson (“The White Lotus”) and Ben Hardy (“Bohemian Rhapsody”), this film follows Hadley and Oliver who coincidentally meet at John F. Kennedy Airport before their flight to London. Once they realize that they’re also sitting next to each other on the same plane, Hadley and

Oliver use this serendipitous moment as an opportunity to have their first date. But shortly after they arrive in London and Oliver gives Hadley his number, she drops her phone and immediately loses his information. Now Hadley and Oliver must grapple with their intense feelings, never knowing if they’ll ever be able to find each other again. Premieres Sept. 15. (Netflix)

“The Other Black Girl” (TV-14) -- Based on the 2021 novel by Zakiya Dalila Harris, this new series cleverly takes on the challenging topic of racism in the workplace through a comedy-thriller lens. Being the only Black woman who works at Wagner Books, editorial assistant Nella becomes delighted when she finds out another Black woman, Hazel, was hired by her company. The two quickly build a friendship, until Nella starts receiving haunting messages to leave the company. As the workplace gains an increasingly sinister feel, Nella starts to suspect Hazel is attempting to sabotage her. Sinclair Daniel and Ashleigh Murray (“River-

dale”) lead the series, with supporting roles played by Bellamy Young (“Scandal”) and “Real Housewives of Beverly Hills” star Garcelle Beauvais. The 10-episode series drops Sept. 13. (Hulu)

“Inside” (R) -- Basically a one-man show, Willem Dafoe leads this psychological thriller where he plays an art thief named Nemo. Nemo disguises himself as a handyman to steal three art pieces by Egon Schiele from an art collector’s New York penthouse, but as he attempts to leave, he sets off the apartment’s alarm system and accidentally locks himself inside. Weeks pass with no food or water as Nemo repeatedly tries to escape from the apartment, resorting to an array of crazed methods to get out before his body and mind give up on him. More than anything, this film serves as a reminder of Dafoe’s incredible acting prowess; he’s one of the only actors captivating enough to take over the screen by himself for 105 minutes. Premieres Sept. 12. (Amazon Prime Video)

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• Trivia Test •

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to a giant sequoia tree named General Sherman?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Is a rhinoceros an herbivore, omnivore or carnivore?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which city in India is home to the Taj Mahal?
4. MOVIES: What is the title of the first James Bond movie?
5. TELEVISION: What was the product featured in the first TV advertisement?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which French fashion designer is credited with inventing the Little Black Dress?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What does it mean to julienne vegetables?
8. GOVERNMENT: What does the acronym GDP stand for

- in economic terms?
9. LITERATURE: What is the cat’s name in Shakespeare’s “Macbeth”?
 10. SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of the atomic bomb?
- Answers
1. California, Sequoia National Park.
 2. An herbivore, a plant eater.
 3. Agra.
 4. “Dr. No.”
 5. Bulova watch.
 6. Coco Chanel.
 7. Cut into short, thin strips.
 8. Gross domestic product.
 9. Grimalkin.
 10. J. Robert Oppenheimer.

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ACROSS
1 Stetson, e.g.
4 Big gulp
8 Miles away
12 Boxing legend
13 Galileo’s birthplace
14 Tubular pasta
15 Comedy club razzers
17 Streetcar
18 Attack
19 Poem of praise
21 Old Ford model
22 Frenzied
26 Stupefies
29 AAA job
30 Archipelago unit (Abbr.)
31 Sacred bird of Egypt
32 Sushi fish
33 Nile queen, familiarly
34 Capitol Hill VIP
35 Passing craze
36 Sacred song
37 Browbeat
39 Indent key
40 Gallery display
41 High-flying battle
45 Rotate
48 Large land measures
50 Out of control

DOWN
1 “Funny!”
2 Hearty quaffs
3 Twiches
4 Divides
5 Brandish
6 Medit. nation
7 Hybrid fuel
8 Ancient
9 Tall tree
10 — loss
11 Brink
16 Curly-leaf cabbages
20 Morning moisture
23 Lean to one side
24 “Got it”
25 Coagulate
26 Plate
27 “... sting like —”
28 Galvanizing matter
29 Media mogul
30 Shoe width
32 Terrestrial
33 Hooded snake
35 Supporting
36 Rum cocktail
38 Armored vehicles
39 Unspoken
42 Legal document
43 Aviation prefix
44 Answer an invite
45 Make lace
46 Hollywood’s Thurman
47 Aussie hopper
49 Shoe width

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* In 2003, a community in New Jersey experienced an animal-related electrical outage. Such occurrences were certainly not rare, but this incident was notable for being the first time an osprey was known to be involve or, rather, a fish: The bird had dropped its scaly prey on the power lines.

* Slovenia boasts a most impressive 28,000 wineries, amounting to one winery for every 75 persons in the country.

* Ever hear “things that go bump in the night” at your house? Before you call an exorcist, keep in mind that several cases of residential “paranormal activity” have actually turned out to be the result of carbon monoxide poisoning, which can cause hallucinations and feelings of dread.

* The Mamenchisaurus sinocanadorum dinosaur’s neck measured 50 feet -- six times longer than that of a giraffe!

* When he was in his 50s, Steven Spielberg re-enrolled at California State, Long Beach to finish his B.A. degree three decades after dropping out. The school awarded him three course credits in paleontology for making “Jurassic Park.”

* Japan’s “gyoza cider” is a soda designed to taste like gyoza dumplings.

* In 2018, one of Stephen Hawking’s older wheelchairs was auctioned off for \$387,000, with proceeds donated to his favorite charities.

* Basketball backboards were invented to keep overly enthusiastic fans from interfering with a game after some spectators, early in the sport’s history, leaned over railings in an effort to deflect or catch the ball.

* New York-Presbyterian Hospital has created a Spotify playlist called “Songs to do CPR to,” featuring hits by artists ranging from the Bee Gees to Justin Bieber.

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Solution time: 26 mins.
Answers

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by Linda Thistle

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The faithful life God can bless

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We all go through hard times and have to choose to trust God to help us deal with them and get through them or give up and give in to them. But if we give up, we won't move forward in life and experience God's best for us. We won't get promoted in any area of life.

God only knows what it took to get me from where I started to where I am today. It was hard, to say the least, to come out of the mess I came out of, being abused for so many years, and let God

change my attitudes and teach me all the things I try to teach people from God's Word. Trust me, everything took a whole lot longer than I thought it would...and it was a lot harder than I thought it would ever be.

But I can tell you right now that I am grateful for every single thing I went through because in the process, I learned so many things that developed my character and prepared me to be a leader in ministry today.

I clearly recall the day when God spoke to my heart and said, "Joyce, I always want you to remember this: however many people I let you help, that's as many people as you can hurt." I had zero business being in a position of

leadership until I passed my tests, became rooted in my relationship with Christ, and developed the character to keep me there.

Whenever I see a young person quickly promoted to a key position of leadership, it concerns me, because if you don't have the character to go with the kind of attention that comes with leadership...all you're going to do is create a huge mess. See, God promotes us after we pass our tests—not when we run away from them, ignore them, or avoid them.

Thank God, He's faithful to help us do what we need to do to pass our tests when we keep our eyes on Him and trust Him. And just as He's faithful to us, He expects us to be faithful too.

To be faithful means to be trusted, reliable, sure, and worthy of confidence; firmly and devotedly supportive, loyal, worthy of trust, consistent, steady, constant, and steadfast. In 1 Timothy 3, the apostle Paul tells Timothy how to determine who is fit to be a leader. Verse 10 says, "These men must first be tested; then if they are found to be blameless and beyond reproach [in their Christian lives], let them serve..." (AMP). You build trust in someone when you see how they respond to different situations over time and are "tested."



Faithful men and women of God humble themselves under the mighty hand of God and trust Him to promote them when He knows they are ready for it (see 1 Peter 5:6). Now, that sounds really spiritual, so I want to make it practical: You're going to be under some human authority that you probably don't like and that you probably don't always agree with. You may even feel they don't always treat you right. And God is going to ask you to serve faithfully in that position with a good attitude.

The truth is, the only way you're really going to know what you're doing is to go through some things and be faithful—stick with things, don't give up and run away, and don't blame everyone else for your problems.

Proverbs 28:20 says, "A faithful (right-minded) man will abound with blessings..." (AMP). Faithful people are in it for the long haul. Being faithful literally means you find out what is right

and you do it over and over and over... Have you been faithful with your health? Do you take care of yourself or have you just abused yourself? Have you been faithful to take care of your possessions or does your car look like a trash can? Have you been faithful with your finances—to save some, spend some, and give some—or have you just spent it all?

It's important for us to be excellent and do the best we can in every area of our lives so we can "abound with blessings" from God.

Be faithful during your tests, right where you are, and God will promote you in due time. If you will do what He's telling you to do, faithfully, then there's no person on earth and no devil in hell that can keep you from what God wants you to have and the destiny He has planned for your life. If you will be faithful and diligent to do what is right—what you are supposed to do—then no one can keep you from the reward God has for you. God will promote

you when you pass your test!

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**1211 Indiana Ave.,
Mendota**



W Lawn Ave., Mendota
Great bldg. lot in nice subdivision



Char Lu Dr., Mendota

Approx. 2.7 acre Lot. Parcel is located on both sides of West Lawn Ave. - has potential for commercial zoning - great location!

**WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO PICK
US TO SELL YOUR HOME!**



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NEW LISTING

MOVE RIGHT IN! THIS HOME HAS TONS OF UPDATES~ NEW BLOCKED SIDEWALK~FRESHLY PAINTED DECK AND PORCH~NEW LIGHTING~NEW ELECTRICAL~NEW FLOORING THROUGHOUT~ NEW TRIM AND INTERIOR DOORS~BATHROOM UPDATES INCLUDE: SHOWER TILED/VANITY/ SINK/TOLIET~AND SO MUCH MORE! THE EXTRA LARGE KITCHEN WAS UPDATED WITH NEWER COUNTERTOPS, BUILT IN APPLIANCES AND GAS STOVE, NEW SINK AND FAUCET. THE LARGE ISLAND HAS ROOM FOR SEATING OR YOU CAN ENJOY THE SEPARATE DINING ROOM WITH CEILING BEAMS. BASEMENT HAS GREAT STORAGE SHELVING! NEWER A/C UNIT IN 2022. THE 30'X30' 2+ CAR GARAGE HAS A CEMENT FLOOR, NEWER SIDING, NEWER GARAGE DOOR AND GARAGE DOOR OPENERS. ENJOY THE FENCED IN YARD WITH FRESHLY PAINTED LARGE DECK AND LATTICE. PROFESSIONALLY LANDSCAPED. ROOF WILL BE PROFESSIONALLY SHINGLED PRIOR TO CLOSING. A MUST SEE!



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NEW LISTING! MLS#11879402

823 E. Hwy. 34, Earlville, IL \$459,000

Beautiful brick country ranch sits on a 1 acre lot. Fully updated in and out. New landscaping with new concrete drive, steps, sidewalks and patio. Open floor plan with a new kitchen with Merillat Cabinets, large island with storage. High end appliances. Large farmhouse sink and under cabinet lighting. Kitchen opens to living room with white brick wood burning fireplace. 2 full baths with new tile floors, vanities, toilets and lightning. Attached 2 car garage is drywalled and painted with insulated garage door with opener. Basement has interior and exterior entries. New furnace, hot water heater, well pressure tank, water softener and circuit breakers. Mendota Schools. Call McConville Realty for all the amenities and your personal showing. 815 539-5673



SOLD

MLS#11795726

1419 N. 35th Rd., Ottawa \$289,500

Nice 3 bedroom ranch in Wallace School Dist. 1.5 Acres to be surveyed off the farm. Detached garage. 61x34 Machine shed and misc. out buildings. Call McConville Realty to set up a showing. Notice needed.

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