

Scooter's Coffee store coming to Mendota

Three police officers join department

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA—A new place for coffee lovers is coming to Mendota and three officers have joined the police force after action taken at the April 17 regular meeting of the Mendota City Council.

Alderman John Holland presented a recommendation from the Revolving Loan Committee to loan money to Marvin and Mary VanKeulen to construct a Scooter's Coffee store. The loan is for \$270,000 paid back over 10 years at 5 percent interest. The new coffee shop will be located on the grounds of the former Mendota Community Hospital. Site plans are being worked on now with anticipation of being open by early fall.

Scooter's Coffee originated in Bellevue, Neb., in 1998. There are currently more than 500 stores in 23 states. Princeton and Sandwich are the closest locations to Mendota with Scooter's Coffee stores.

In other action from Holland's report, the council approved the annual wage ordinance.

Alderman Kyle Kim announced three new police officers that were sworn in to the Mendota Police Department. They are James Shankle, Ashton Dossett and Logan Eppard.



Shankle, 22, is a graduate of Aurora University where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to pursuing a career in law enforcement, Dossett, 21, was a tradesman and Eppard, 22, worked in retail. All three officers will begin their careers on April 30 and enter into the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) in Glen Ellyn on May 1, where they will undergo 16 weeks of law enforcement training with graduation set for Aug. 18. Upon graduation, all three officers will be provided an additional 12 weeks of field training before being released on solo patrol.

Also during Kim's report, the council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 158-2 of the Municipal Code.

Alderman Vickie Johnson said that dog play items will soon be put in at the dog park at Lake Mendota Park. She added that donations are being sought for a dog memory bench to be constructed at the



Three new police officers joined the Mendota Police Department at the April 17 meeting of the Mendota City Council. Left to right, are Logan Eppard, Ashton Dossett and James Shankle. (Reporter photo)

dog park. Interested persons can contact the city clerk's office or any alderman.

Alderman Jay Miller presented FY 24 license renewals, which were approved by the council.

Alderman John Hesserberger informed the council of a zoning variance request from the residents at 209 E. Sixth St. to build a shed near the lot line. The request was approved.

OTHER ITEMS
Mayor David Boelk proclaimed the first week in May to be Youth Week on behalf of the Mendota Elks Lodge #1212. This is to

honor junior citizens for their accomplishments.

Chief Greg Kellen said one new Dodge Durango has arrived for the police department to put into the field at a cost of \$41,009, to be paid for through the vehicle impound fund. He said a second Durango should arrive in about 10 days.

With the addition of the three police officers, Kellen said the department should be back to full strength by Thanksgiving.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Sullivan's Foods sold to Minnesota-based Coborn's, Inc. chain

Employees, name expected to remain

MENDOTA – Sullivan's Foods is being acquired by a company from St. Cloud, Minn., with the transaction expected to close in early May, subject to customary closing conditions.

Coborn's, Inc., has announced it has signed a purchase agreement to acquire Sullivan's Foods grocery stores in Freeport, Kewanee, Lena, Marengo, Mendota, Morrison, Mt. Morris, Princeton, Savanna, Stockton and Winnebago; the corporate office, the warehouse,



the Sullivan's Home and Hardware store, and the Savanna Station convenience store in Savanna; and Sullivan's Ace Hardware stores in Mendota and Winnebago.

It is expected that all employees will be hired by Coborn's, Inc., and that the stores will continue to operate under the Sullivan's Foods name. Sullivan's employs approximately 800 people.

"The Sullivan family has run their family of stores with great care and is a highly respected retailer," said Coborn's Chairman and CEO Chris Coborn. "We look forward to extending the same operating philosophies in these locations that have made us successful for 102 years – investing and training for our people, supporting our communities and investing in our stores to improve the experience for our guests. We look forward to having the entire Sullivan's team join our team to learn more about their operations and communities."

Added Coborn, "This is our first entry into the state of Illinois, so we have some things to learn, some added distance to figure out and to onboard their team into our organization."

Sullivan's Foods was started in 1967 by John and June Sullivan. The business' lead wholesaler is Associated Wholesale Grocers (AWG), a relationship that will continue after the acquisition by Coborn's.

"This sale makes perfect sense for our family and for our employees," said Susie Dauphin, secretary and property manager of Sullivan's Foods. "Coborn's has long been a highly respected company, and our family felt perfectly aligned with their values, operational standards, support of the communities they operate in and, most importantly, the company culture and commitment to their employees. We are grateful to all our guests and employees who have helped us build our business over the past five decades. I know our communities and employees are in good hands as we make this transition."

With the acquisition, Coborn's, Inc.'s, portfolio of grocery stores will expand to 77 locations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, North Dakota, Michigan and Illinois. The company operates approximately 135 business units, including grocery stores, retail liquor stores, fuel centers, pharmacies and franchised restaurant businesses.

Electronic recycling, hazardous waste disposal event set

OTTAWA – Free electronics recycling and household hazardous waste disposal events are scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the LaSalle County Government Center, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa. Persons attending the household hazardous waste event should enter at the east entrance.

Electronics Recycling
Accepted items for the electronics recycling in-

clude: cable and satellite receivers, cameras, cash registers, credit card readers, cell phones and accessories, chargers, circuit boards, computer servers, computers and computer parts, copiers/printers/scanners/fax machines/typewriters, DVD/VHS players, external drives, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, ink and toner cartridges, laptops/tablets/eReaders, mice and keyboards, micro-waves, monitors (all types),

MP3/iPods/etc., networking equipment (modems, switches, routers, hubs), phones and telecom equipment, projectors, rechargeable batteries (lithium, ion, Ni-Cd, lead acid, Ni-Mh), stereos/radios/speakers, televisions (all types), uninterrupted power supplies, video game consoles, wire/cables/Christmas lights.

Non-accepted items for electronics recycling include: loose alkaline batter-

ies (accepted while contained in electronic devices), liquid containing items, freon containing items (AC units, dehumidifiers), white goods (refrigerators, freezers), thermostats, light bulbs.

There is a limit of two televisions per vehicle. Registration is not open to businesses. Oversized loads may be refused.

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Father Dominic to present his baking skills at Holy Cross

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Father Dominic Garramone didn't learn how to bake in culinary school.

He learned the old-fashioned way – in the kitchen with mama.

"I grew up in a house where baking was a normal activity. It wasn't just for special occasions or for holidays like Christmas," Fr. Dom said. "In our house, baking was just a thing you did every day. I don't remember my mother (Mary Garramone) ever telling me, 'Get out of the kitchen, I'm busy.' It was more like, 'Get in here and beat these eggs,' or 'Help me measure this flour.' She really wanted me to engage in the kitchen and take part in family meal prep."

Once he left his family home in Peoria and went to Illinois Wesleyan College for drama and St. Mary's University

"I have found that people appreciate learning how to take a basic white dough and turn it into a lot of different things. This program is basically on baked bread and beyond."
—Father Dominic

of Minnesota in Wenona, he continued what his mother started.

"When I got to college at Illinois Wesleyan, they didn't have food service on Sunday evenings, said Fr. Dom. "Sometimes on Sunday afternoons, I would make bread and guys would come to my room after they went to the store and bought things like ham and cheese, and we would make sandwiches in my room. Sometimes through the RA (residential assistant) I would sponsor spaghetti dinners. I baked all through college.

"When I got to the monastery, the

monks found out I knew how to bake and that I liked doing it, and started leaving recipes in my mailbox. Some of them said, 'My grandmother used to make this every Christmas. I haven't had it in decades, could you make it?'

Fr. Dominic, who has taught at St. Bede Academy since 1983 and is currently the head of the religion department, hasn't stopped baking as he has been sharing his skills all over the country, including from 1-3 p.m.

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Father Dominic Garramone



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LOCAL AND AREA



Timber & Talent – Bird House Contest

The Mendota Museum and Historical Society is featuring a special program this summer called Timber & Talent. As part of the summer program, which includes Mendota made wood product exhibits at the three museums in town, children were challenged to put their creativity and wood making skills together to construct bird houses like Mendota natives did in the early 1900s. The bird houses were split into two age groups, 6-8 and 9-12, and awards were given for first place and second place in two categories, Quality of Construction and Most Artistic. The 9-12 Quality of Construction winner was Nolan Henkel and second place was Miley Sproston. The 9-12 Most Artistic winner was Mara Ohlendorf and second place was McKenzie Sproston. The 6-8 Quality of Construction winner was Kyle Henkel and second place was Jackson Ohlendorf. The 6-8 Most Artistic winner was Jamiyan Bragg and second place was Hazel Simpson. The winners received a ribbon with a bird on it and they got to choose an artistic prize including wood cars and butterflys to paint. Each entrant received a ticket for a BP ice cream cone, a family pass to the museum and a wooden kazoo made by Dan Baxter.



We The Least performs at First United Methodist Church

We The Least returned home to perform some of their older songs and brand new songs on Sunday, April 16 at the First United Methodist Church in Mendota. The Mendota natives, left to right, Dell May, Noah DeLong, Nathanael DeLong, and Michaela DeLong replaced a conventional service with an hour of heavenly tunes focused on praise and worship. Noah DeLong attends college and joins his siblings and close family friend, May, when he can. May, Nathanael DeLong, and Michaela DeLong moved to Nashville two years ago to hone in on their skills, get a better understanding of the music business, and put themselves in a musically inclined environment. At the First United Methodist Church, We The Least played “Made You Too,” which currently has 648, 607 streams on Spotify. They also played a brand new song called “Visiting Hours.” They didn’t play their new single, “Life in Your 20s,” but it is available on all streaming and music services. We The Least also performed at a church in Geneseo on Saturday, April 15. The band doesn’t come home often, but when it does, it enjoys rocking out with you and the Lord. (Reporter photos by Brandon LaChance)


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LOCAL AND AREA

“Around the World” brought to you by the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble

OTTAWA—Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble is presenting “Around the World” concert on Sunday, April 30 in Ottawa.

The Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble under the direction of Sue Gillio will present “Around the World” concert on Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m. at Prairie Fox Books in Ottawa.

Free-will offerings are accepted with money going to the flute scholarship fund to assist flutists who would like to attend the Summer Flute Retreat in Peru June 18-24. Music performed will be representative of the countries of England, Wales, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Africa, China, Korea and the United States and will conclude with “For the Beauty of the Earth” by John Rutter.

Performers include Lois Croasdale, Spring Valley; Emily Bonnell, Utica; Paige Evans, Cedar Point, Emily Kmetz, Becky Weiler, LaSalle; Kathy Gage, Lake Ozark, Mo.; Brie Clayton, Paw Paw; Maggie Ferguson, Sue Johnson, Gabby Mosley, Maddie Vescogni, Peru; Tony Grunstad, Natalie Lindig, Hallee Loza, Ottawa; Eileen Hagenbuch, Utica; Kendra Herman, Kendra Olson, Seneca; Jan Hoge, Wenona; Julie Pleskovitch, Oglesby; Ava Rosengren, Serena; and Jamie Valadez, Dalzell.

The concert is sponsored by Music Suite 408 and the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble.

Music Suite 408 in Peru is the “home base” for the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble, which was established in the summer of 1991. The ensemble is one of the flute ensembles at Music Suite 408 ranging in age from 6 years through adult. The Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble has performed annually in April as part of the “Music at the Mansion” series at the Hegeler Carus Mansion; on television for the Easter Seals Telethon, LaSalle Christmas Open House, City of Peru Maud Powell Arts Celebrations, Seneca’s Oak Ridge, Deer Park Country Club, Hunter’s Ridge Country Club, Reddick Mansion, St. Margaret’s Auxiliary Dinner, Morton Grove Library, Liberty Village in Streator, Princeton & Peru, Ottawa Community Hospital Cancer Survivor Breakfast, Hornbaker’s Gardens and various private parties and seasonal gatherings. Additionally, the IVFE has performed as one of three ensembles invited to the 37th Annual Principals Association 3-Day Conference at the Peoria Civic Center and have performed at the Chicago Flute Festival in 2001 (Wheeling) and 2009 (Evanston). The IVFE has produced three CDs ~ “In the Mood for Flutes,” (2005) “Christmas Tidings” (2009) and “Flute Spangled Spectacular (June 2012).

Gillio, an Oglesby native, is the owner of Music Suite 408 and director of the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble. She received her BA and MA from Western Illinois University with emphasis in flute performance where she studied with Gerald Carey. She is Principal flute of the Illinois Valley Symphony, and has performed in the Quad City Symphony, Heartland Philharmonic, Knox-Galesburg Symphony, DuPage Symphony and the Peoria Symphony. She has been a featured soloist with the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony, Illinois Valley Youth Symphony, Mendota High School Band, Illinois Valley Community College Wind Ensemble and guest soloist with members of the Chicago Symphony and Northwest Indiana Symphony at St. Xavier College in Chicago performing “Brandenburg Concerto #5” by J.S. Bach. She has been the featured soloist with the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra in 2006, 2014 and will be again in the 2023-2024 season. Internationally, Gillio has performed in Italy as part of the Rome Festival Orchestra (1998, 2004). She is on faculty at Illinois Valley Community College, executive board of North Central Illinois Artworks and is a member of the Chicago Flute Club and National Flute Association where she has performed at conventions in Columbus, Ohio (2000) and Dallas, Texas (2001). She has been published in the Flute Talk periodical, the Pipeline of the Chicago Flute Club and will be the featured educator in the May 2016 Flute Talk. She founded the Annual Summer Flute Retreat and is on the faculty of the Summer Flute Camp at Westminster Choir Conservatory in Princeton, New Jersey. She was awarded the 2014 Entrepreneur of the Year by the Illinois Small Business Development Center and OMNI ARTS 2018 Excellence Award for Music.

All Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble performances are on a donation basis, which enables the groups to purchase new music, help with the upkeep of instruments and provides full or partial scholarships to the Summer Flute Retreat and other summer music opportunities for flute students.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

CHICAGO – Join the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, Hospital Sisters Health System, the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, elected officials, child welfare stakeholders and more for a month-long observance to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness messages and promote prevention efforts during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

This year’s theme, Building Together, Prevention in Partnership, is a call to action to recognize that everyone in the community has a role to play in ensuring children grow up safe and loved; and families have the resources they need to thrive.

“Every day our dedi-

cated team of professionals works tirelessly not only to respond to reports of abuse and neglect but to also provide access to services to parents who need them,” said Illinois DCFS Director Marc D. Smith. “This year’s Child Abuse Prevention Month theme goes hand in hand with our mission to transform the state’s child welfare system by focusing on prevention services. Through our innovative programs and collaboration with our network of state agencies, private agency partners and community service providers we are building a child well-being system that will meet the unique needs of every child and family we serve, because together we are stronger.”

“We all have a respon-

sibility to ensure children have positive experiences; and families have the resources they need, when they need them,” said Denise McCaffrey, executive director of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. “Building healthy communities takes work but the results are worth it.”

To report suspected child abuse or neglect, visit the DCFS Online Reporting System at <https://childabuse.illinois.gov>.

The online system is an easy way for anyone to report suspected child abuse or neglect using any mobile device. In an emergency, call the DCFS Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873). Calls and online reports may be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

LaSalle County Republicans to host Lincoln Day Dinner

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Republicans are proud to host their first Lincoln Day Dinner since 2019 at the Pitstick Pavilion on Saturday, April 29.

Darin LaHood, 16th District U.S. Congressman, will be the keynote speaker. Rep. LaHood serves as a member of the House Ways & Means Committee, the House Intelligence Committee and the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party. He is invaluable in representing the heartland in arguably the most important committees in Congress.

Jed Davis, 75th State Representative and new member of the Illinois Freedom Caucus, will also appear. He will provide insights into the workings of the Illinois House of Representatives.

Attendees will also be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln who will share their insights into the presidency of the United States during an earlier difficult time for our country.

Everyone is invited for an evening of camaraderie, fellowship and entertainment, which will include door prizes, raffles and a 50/50. Tickets are available at LaSalleCountyRepublicans.org.

New York Times crossword editor, Will Shortz, visiting virtually

LaSALLE – The LaSalle Public Library will be joining other libraries across the state in virtually hosting New York Times crossword puzzle editor, Will Shortz, on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. central time.

In honor of this presentation, Shortz has created a special crossword puzzle all about Illinois. The puzzle will be emailed out to those who register.

This event is made possible by Illinois Li-

braries Present. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of the Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

This program is free and open to the public. It will be presented via Zoom. Register – bit.ly/ILP_WillShortz. For more information, please call the Library at 815-223-2341.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Mary P. Syskowski

MENDOTA – Mary Patricia (Sahinen) Syskowski, 98, of Mendota, died April 17, 2023.

In accordance with Patricia's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded, and her ashes will be interred with her husband's at the Montana State Veteran's Cemetery, Fort William Henry Harrison, in Helena, Mont., with a private service at a future date.

She was born in Butte, Montana on November 11, 1924. She lived in the mining town of Pony, Mont., the earliest years of her life and moved to Helena in 1934 with her parents, the late George and Catharine (Kneeder) Sahinen. She attended the Pony Elementary School, St. Helena Elementary School, Cathedral High School. Carroll College and New London, Connecticut Junior College.

After his return from serving in WWII, Mary Pat married Stanley Syskowski on Feb. 23, 1946, at St. Helena Cathedral in Helena, Mont. They moved briefly to New London, Conn., but returned to Montana in 1947. He preceded her in death in 1983.

She lived in Helena until 1986, when she moved to Sublette, and she moved to Mendota in 2012.

Patricia is survived by her three children, James Syskowski of Mesa, Ariz., Susan (Paul) Henkel of Sublette, and Jane (Joe) Chase of Gresham, Ore.; her grandchildren, Rachel (Andrew) Tarr of Amboy, Sarah Gehant of Mendota, Cammie (Matt) Henkel of Byron, Ben (Nicole) Chase of Gresham, Ore., Tim Chase of Newport, Ore., and Michelle Chase of Portland, Ore.. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Kaitlin, Nicholas and Lauren Tarr, Ashton, Claire and Mara Henkel, Abigail Gehant and Paul, Elizabeth, David and Andrew Chase, as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Catharine and George Sahinen; two brothers, James and Rick Sahinen, and two grandchildren, Catharine and Matthew Henkel.

Active in Democratic Party politics, Mary worked on many presidential, congressional and gubernatorial campaigns. She was an Administrative Assistant at several sessions of the Montana Legislature, and worked for the Secretary of State, Department of Revenue and the Department of Public Instruction over more than 30 years. For six years, from 1969-1975, she was Executive Secretary of the Montana Catholic Conference and a licensed lobbyist during the Montana Constitutional Convention in 1970 and 1974 session of legislature.

Mary held various offices in the League of Women Voters, the Montana Association of Churches, Montana Right to Life Association, the St. Helena Cathedral Parish Council and the Democratic Women's Club, also serving as editor of several newsletters. She was an enthusiastic member of the Helena Duplicate Bridge Club and a half-hearted member of the Bill Roberts Golf Club. She was a member of many bridge clubs and rarely passed up a chance to join a game. She was an avid reader, and a favorite outing was trips to the library.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to her special friend and caregiver, Lois Schwemlein of Mendota, Heritage Health of Mendota, and OSF Hospice of Ottawa, for their competent and compassionate care of our GG.

Online condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

The Mendota Reporter will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$75 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to editor@mendotareporter.com.



Donald W Sterchi Sr.

MENDOTA – Donald W. Sterchi, Sr., 94, of Mendota, passed away Thursday, April 13, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, LaSalle. Visitation was Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until time of services.

Don was born March 21, 1929, in Mendota to William and Lucille (Buck) Sterchi. He married his sweetheart Mary Sitar on Sept. 24, 1955, at Holy Family Church, Oglesby celebrating 67 years of marriage.

Don is survived by his wife Mary; his daughters Dawn Ann Bauer of LaMoille and Lisa (Tim Engels) Avery of Mendota; his sons, Steven (Ruth Ann) Sterchi and Donald "Sonny" (Karen) Sterchi, Jr., both of Mendota; four grandchildren, Matthew (Mandi) Bauer of Mendota, Jonathan (Lauren) Bauer of Yorkville, Scott (Jeni) Sterchi of Serena and Emily (Eric) Korsan of Oglesby; three step grandchildren, Danny (Tania) Walzer, Andy Walzer and Brian Walzer; great-grandchildren Landon, Paxton, Gabrielle, Madilyn, Olivia, Allie, Sydnee, Shelby, Jack, Leona and Sloane; step great-grandchildren Collin, Chloe, Carson, Ella, Anna and Reid Walzer; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother and sister-in-law Keith (Donna) Sterchi; his dear son-in-law Rick Bauer; dear nieces Renee Barzitis, Dr. Kathleen Senica Farris and Peggy Schultz; sisters- and brothers-in-law Dorothy and John Senica, Sr., Betty and Sam Torchia and Donna Kain; and step-grandson Tim Walzer.

Don was a 1947 graduate of Mendota High School where he enjoyed being on the football team and participating in plays. After graduation he attended Rockford Business College and then along with friends traveled west to California being employed in the logging industry. He then returned to Mendota being employed for 40 years at Wayside Press and then Donnelly's in Mendota.

In his earlier years he enjoyed the sport of bowling with his team of Bill's Chatterbox. Every spring for as long he was able he planted a beautiful, bountiful vegetable garden with all of his four children being involved with planting, weeding and picking the veggies from the garden. He enjoyed visits from his grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly. Don was also an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Cross Church or Illinois Valley Animal Rescue. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Stephen M. Mueller

MENDOTA – Stephen M. Mueller, 72, of Mendota, passed away Thursday, April 13, 2023, at his home with his family by his side.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 19, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. with Rev. Bill Clark officiating. Mendota VFW Post 4079 will have a flag presentation.

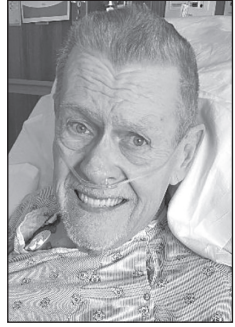
Stephen was born on July 19, 1950, in Jefferson City, Mo., to Tracy and Lillian (Singleton) Mueller. He married Nancy Jackson on Dec. 30, 1972, in Mendota.

He is survived by his daughter Valerie (Dan) Kramer of Peru; sister Katherine (Martin) Kotar of Gallatin, Tenn.; and many great friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Nancy in 2019 and an infant son.

Steve was a 1969 graduate of Mendota High School. He served in the United States Navy. He loved music, riding motorcycles and woodworking. Steve was considered to be a religious man. Before his retirement he worked at A&B Auto Body, O'Neal Steel and ComEd.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Matilda L. Holbrook

MENDOTA – Matilda L. Holbrook, 82, of Mendota, passed away Saturday, April 15, 2023, at Heritage Health, Peru surrounded by her family.

There will be no local services. A private family service will be held at a later date on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation in Sells, Ariz. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Matilda was born May 30, 1940, in Wo'oshon El Bajio, Mexico to Ramon and Marie (Garcia) Campillo, Sr.

She is survived by her husband of 63 strenuous but loving years and her children Sarah Schlie of Waupaca, Wis., Sharon Holbrook of Yorkville, Mike (JoAnna) Holbrook of Tucson, Ariz., Sheila (Jeff) Bettner of Mendota, Sylvia (Roberto) Saldana of Montgomery and Sherri (Tony) Jungman of Peculiar, Mo.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; one sister and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 10 siblings, two great-grandchildren and one son-in-law.

Matilda was a member of the United States Army, stationed in Fort Hood, Texas where she met her beloved husband Frank. They were married on Aug. 11, 1959, in Kileen, Texas.

Matilda was a member of Holy Cross Church in Mendota. She worked for Conco/Tellus/Spartan Tool in Mendota until her retirement, while she supported her family as a wife and mother of six children.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Area Senior Services. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



LaSalle Co. Land Use Dept. seeks input on draft of comprehensive plan

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Land Use Department has completed the draft LaSalle County Comprehensive Plan update. This Comprehensive Plan reflects and draws key elements from all the past plans and elaborates with new data, maps, and content to provide a significant Comprehensive Plan update to guide the County's future. The draft

plan is available to view at: <https://lasallecountyil.gov/409/Planning>

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the LaSalle County Government Complex, 707 E. Etna Road, Room 250, Ottawa. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input/comment on the draft 2023 LaSalle County Comprehensive Plan.

County Recorders required to increase rental housing surcharge

OTTAWA – Due to passage of Public Act 102-1135, effective July 1,

2023, County Recorders are required to increase the rental housing support surcharge imposed on both the traditional fee schedule and predictable fee schedule from \$9 to \$18.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Johnson earns IVCC teacher award

OGLESBY – Natural Science laboratory instructor LeeAnn Johnson of Tonica was selected recently by colleagues as the winner of Illinois Valley Community College’s 2023 Stephen Chary Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence.

Johnson has taught biology labs at IVCC since 1992 – as well as anatomy and microbiology labs. She was nominated for the Chary by biology lab student workers Isabella Lambert, Eliza Atkinson and Kailey McCauley.

“Mrs. Johnson uses every aspect of the lab as a teaching opportunity,” said Lambert. “I have learned how to make bacteria cultures, use an autoclave and prepare for labs. She makes learning fun, is approachable and extremely knowledgeable.”

McCauley credited Johnson for motivating students to be active and concerned citizens.

A state and federally licensed wildlife rehabilitator, Johnson has led IVCC’s Rap-



LeeAnn Johnson with a red-tailed hawk. A licensed wildlife rehabilitator, she has helped save more than 1,000 injured birds of prey the past 30 years. (Photo contributed)

tor Rehabilitation Program for three decades and helped save more than 1,000 birds of prey including red-tailed hawks, bald eagles, American kestrel, Cooper’s Hawk and great horned, barred and screech owls.

“She answers the call for injured raptors,” Atkinson said.

Anative of Lostant, Johnson earned an associate degree from IVCC (while

also playing softball and basketball), a bachelor’s in biology from Northern Michigan University and a master’s in biology from Northern Illinois University.

She was the keynote speaker at the April 5 Student Academic Awards Ceremony and has been nominated for the 2023 Illinois Community College Trustees Association Outstanding Faculty Member Award.

IVCC names McCormack Scholars; recognizes students at ceremony

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College recognized Thomas J. McCormack Scholars among many honorees at its annual Student Academic Awards Ceremony on April 5. A crowd of 120 students, parents, faculty and administrators attended the event in the gymnasium.

McCormack Scholars, their parents and majors are:

- Cara Bonczkowski of Serena, Julianna and Robert Bonczkowski, art;
- Emma Kamin of Earlville (graduate of Serena High School), Christine and Kevin Kamin, welding construction;
- Gage Schmitt of Ottawa, Daniel Schmitt and Lauren Scotti, automotive technology;
- Isabella Barrientos of Ottawa, Kayla and Jose Barrientos, criminal justice; and
- Elisabeth Farrell of Earlville, Jim and Christine Farrell, English.

To earn the college’s highest academic achievement, McCormack’s maintain a minimum 3.75 grade point average in at least 14 hours over three consecutive semesters. In addition, all five were recognized for academic honors over three consecutive semesters.

Also earning three-semester honors were Sophia Abbott, Edgar Arellano Garcia, Keina Arteaga, Madison Barichello, Rachel Brisbois, Chloe Bruce, Calli Buettner, Sean Bundy, Alyx Carls, Olivia Cisneros, Adam Currie, Kelly Devert, Nicholas Fousekas, Maddison Gentry, Isabelle Gerber, Shandel Holmstrom, Justin Janssen, Gunnar Jauch, Benjamin Johll, Payton Johnson;

Nicolette Kendall, Nicholas Kerasotes, Jennifer Knudson, Alex Kosciwicz, Eric Lane, Victoria Lavari-er, Isaac Legner, Dylan Lovgren, Joseph Martin, Spencer Melvin, Izabella Nanez, Natalie Orozco, Ty Perin, Jentsie Petersen, Seth Philip, Rachel Rieker, Makayla Ritko, Brayden Roe, Rilan Rosengren, Noah Setser, Payton Sheppard, Noah Simon, McKenna Solomon, Brianna Strehl, Olivia Woods and Julie Zeman.

Earning academic honors for two consecutive semesters were Maryanna Amaral, Kylie Ambrose, Jeffrey Armour, Eliza Atkinson, Abby Auckland, Alicia Backer, Britton Barnes, Alex Barrera, Jacob Beach, Ella Biggins, Jolene Bobinski, Marissa Boehm, Aaron Brandner, Claire Broyles, Isabella Caruso, Itzia Casas;

Alexander Castaneda, Christine Cates, Casen Cherry, Jaclyn Cinotte, Madeline Devert, Claire Dewalt, Jason Donahue, Jordan Eggers, Mauricio Escatel, Adrian Espinoza, John Fousekas,

Makenzie Galetti, Virginia Garcia, Jasmine Gaydos, Emma Gerkitz, Meagen Gillan,

Salma Gonzalez, Halie Grace, Madison Graham, Benjamin Hagi, Kaelyn Hamalle, Nicholas Hancock, Evan Hardy, Samantha Harris;

Kathy Hoang, Nini Hoang, Jenna Hrovat, Caitlyn Kmetz, Hensley Leach, Madilynn Mahaffey, Kaylee Martin, Andrew Matteson, Samantha May, Mia Maz-zorana, Jordyn Meyer, Brady Mitchell, Gracie Moore, Morgan Myre, Ella Newell, Mia Noonan, Connor Novotney, Mark O’Connor, Helena Ogle, Francisco Pereira, Victoria Petersen, Gennaro Piccolo, Jillian Pitrowski, Yazmin Rangel;

Catherine Reynolds, Kayla Richardson, Christian Risk, Haley Roalson, Bryn Robinson, Sophia Rucinski, Avril Ruiz, Reid Rynke, Jasmine Samolinski, Reese Sanburg, Lillian Sandberg, Luke Sangston, Arianna Schubbe, Allison Stewart, Avery Stiegler, Jordan Strange, Jacob Swope, James

Tredway, Ashley Verdun, Maximilian Walker, Drake Weber, Cassie Williams, Spencer Williams, Jacob Wilson, Josie Woodley, Toni Wozniak, Nena Wright and Ferdese Zulfeari.

Richard Publow Memorial Writing Award winners were Stephanie Bernhard, Drew Kalsto, Terran Polhemus, Erin Brooker, Eric Lockwood, Trinity Schlappi, Abbey Calkins, Choice Phelps and Gabriella Smith. The Publow rewards the best essays written each year in English Composition courses. English instructor Nora Villarreal announced the Publow winners.

Natural Science laboratory instructor LeeAnn Johnson, winner of the 2023 Stephen Chary Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence, delivered the keynote, Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski emceed the event, Vice President for Academic Affairs Gary Roberts read the names of honorees and President Jerry Corcoran spoke and greeted honorees.

Baking

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Saturday, April 29 at the Holy Cross Gymnasium in Mendota.

Tickets for the program are \$15 at the door. For reservations, call Jeanne Fitzpatrick at 815-343-0734 or Deb Rogers at 815-910-5052 on or before April 26.

“The presentation is going to be things you can do with basic bread dough. A lot of people learned how to bake during the pandemic,” Fr. Dominic said. “They may have always wanted to bake, they had time at home, maybe couldn’t get to the grocery store as much and baking bread was what they chose. They usually learn how to make a basic white bread, maybe a wheat, and some people got into sour dough.

“I have found that people appreciate learning how to take a basic white dough and turn it into a lot of different things. This program is basically on baked bread and beyond.”

The monk who knows how to make bread, which he has been called, has made breaking bread his lifelong endeavor outside of his mother’s kitchen and his dorm room.

“Breaking Bread with Father Dominic” was a syndicated TV program on PBS for 10 years as he had three years of production (covered 72 percent of the American TV market at one time) and seven years of re-runs as the initial re-run range was three years but other markets picked up the show for an additional four years.

He has published 13 books with 11 of them being cookbooks, one children’s book, and one book on the spirituality of baking.

With his baking expertise and his star power, St. Mary’s Altar Society and Holy Cross couldn’t write an email fast enough to see if Fr. Dom would share his talent in Mendota.

“I think it will be cool. He does a lot of virtual presentations of his baking. We’re going to have him live, which is really nice,” said Fitzpatrick, whose son Daniel Fitzpatrick teaches at St. Bede and helped connect Fr. Dom with Jeanne. “He’s a dynamic speaker and his cookbooks are really inter-

esting because he puts stories behind them. He gives you more information on the recipes he has.

“His latest cookbook, “Breakfast Breads & Sweet Treats,” relates to Holy Cross because we run a lot of bake sales through the St. Mary’s Altar Society. I thought, “This is right up our alley.”

The food items will be extended from Fr. Dom’s presentation as Fitzpatrick and the St. Mary’s Altar Society wanted to share as much of his baking as possible.

Fr. Dom’s cookbooks will be available for purchase at the program as well via cash, check, or Venmo.

“We’re also going to make a few recipes from his book so people can taste different things,” Fitzpatrick said. “I think that will be kind of fun as well. We hope it’s a wonderful day and we’re excited about getting Father Dom to come to Holy Cross.

“This is a big deal for us. I hope it will be a time of community for our community. We have invited the other churches in Mendota to come see Father Dom. We hope we’ll get a lot of community involvement.”

The baking Father feels the same.

Actually, community has been one of his main principles throughout his baking journey.

“I would really love to see a lot of people at this event just because I’ve been told it is entertaining even if you’re not a baker,” Fr. Dom said. “I like the idea of breaking bread together. The word company or companion comes from the Latin word, com (meaning together and panis), which means with bread.

“When we form a company, it’s because we break bread together. These events that I do at parishes are a way to bind the community together for a common experience. I think that’s a positive thing and something that is needed in our current societal circumstances. The more we can get together with each other, the better.”

Recycling

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Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Accepted items for the household hazardous waste event include: oil-based paints, household batteries, used motor oil, paint thinners, herbicides, lawn chemicals, insecticides, solvents, pesticides, anti-freeze, old gasoline, hobby chemicals, pool chemicals, aerosol paints and pesticides, cleaning products, fluorescent lamp bulbs, mercury, drain cleaners, acids, corrosives.

Non-accepted items for the household hazardous waste event include: latex paint, agricultural wastes, propane tanks, business/commercial sector wastes, smoke detectors, explosives/ammunition, farm machinery oil, fireworks, fire extinguishers, controlled substances, biohazard waste/medical wastes, institutional wastes, tires, electronics, lead acid batteries.

For safe transport of HHW, residents are asked to:

- Pack HHW items in a disposable box to avoid spilling during transport.
 - Keep like chemicals together and separate unlike chemicals.
 - Secure lids and make sure containers are not leaking.
 - Place box(es) of HHW in the empty trunk or storage compartment of your vehicle, away from passengers during transport.
 - Remain in vehicle at collection site. On-site personnel will remove the HHW from your vehicle.
- Pre-registration for either event is required online at lasallecounty.as.me/ or by calling 815-630-4308 Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or Friday from 8 a.m.-noon. If you are attending both events, only one registration is required.
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A happy marriage

By Scott Reeder

A stream of more than 30 cars and trucks roared down the dirt road, honking their horns and then stopping at our farmhouse just south of Galesburg.

Don Swedlund, the dairy farmer down the road, got out and hollered, “We’re having a shivaree!”



Reeder

For the uninitiated, a shivaree is a rural matrimonial custom where the newlyweds are serenaded on their wedding night. Sometimes the bride or groom is kidnapped and hazed.

In my parent’s case, it was just the name neighbors chose to call a surprise anniversary party. I remember thinking that warm summer night in 1974, Twenty years is an awfully long time – more than

twice as long as I had been alive.

Next week, my wife, Joan, and I will have reached that milestone that my childhood neighbors believed warranted an impromptu celebration. Yes, we will hit the platinum mark, two decades.

I met Joan on a blind date in 2001. The twin towers had tumbled a couple months earlier, our mothers were battling cancer and I had pretty much altogether soured on dating. It hardly seemed an auspicious time to begin a romance, but five weeks later we were engaged to be married.

Since I was 38 and entering the world of matrimony a bit later than most, well-meaning friends felt the need to offer advice.

“When she does something that annoys you, don’t hold anything back and let her know just what you are thinking,” advised a twice-divorced college buddy.

On the other hand, a fellow statehouse reporter told me, “The secret to a long marriage is inertia.” I remember giving him a blank look in the Senate press box and thinking, “So, your marriage has lasted because it wasn’t worth the effort to get a divorce?”

He and his wife have since split.

Even the governor at the time, George Ryan, felt the need to provide some marital wisdom before we began an interview, he said, “The secret is picking the right gal.”

Ryan was on to something. His wife Lura Lynn stuck with him for 55 years. Even when George was in prison, she visited him regularly and worked to see that he was released. She died of cancer the day after their wedding anniversary. Her husband remained incarcerated but anyone who knew them will tell you they were very much in love.

And there is the rub, when you fall in love the world is all puppy dogs, jelly beans and unicorns. But marriage is a lot more than that.

While most of the advice I received was unsolicited, I do remember asking a veteran wedding photographer if he had a good idea at the wedding which couples’ marriages would last.

He laughed and said, “Nobody gets sprinkled with fairy dust. You never know. All that I can say is that it’s never a good sign if the groom has been sleeping with one of the bridesmaids.”

When State Sen. Denny Jacobs heard about our impending nuptials, he walked up to the press box and said, “What do reckon marriage will be like, Scott?”

I replied, “A lot of fun.”

His response: “Marriage isn’t about fun.” As he said “fun,” he repeatedly thrust his pelvis and gyrated his hips pantomiming a couple in sexual congress.

His act may have drawn the attention of his senatorial colleagues – including a future president of the United States. I could hear them wondering, “What on earth is Denny talking to that reporter about?”

After he finished his performance, he leaned forward and almost snarled, “Marriage is not about fun, it’s about commitment.”

The senator from East Moline must have known something; he and his wife, Mary Ellen, have been married 68 years. I do suspect there has been some fun there over the years – along with the commitment.

Spouses don’t come with instructions and I’ll admit that even after 20 years, I’m at times bewildered as to how to respond to some situations. More than a few times I’ve exclaimed, “Honey, I can’t read your mind.”

But I do know this: She is the love of my life and puts up with me despite my many shortcomings.

She completes me.

Right before we wed, one relative opined: “Marriage is something you should go into with your eyes wide open and through with them half shut.”

When I ran this adage by my father, who ultimately was married to my mother for 58 years, he would just smile.

His folks were married 74 years, and my mother’s parents’ marriage lasted until the eve of their 50th anniversary, when a bad heart felled my grandfather.

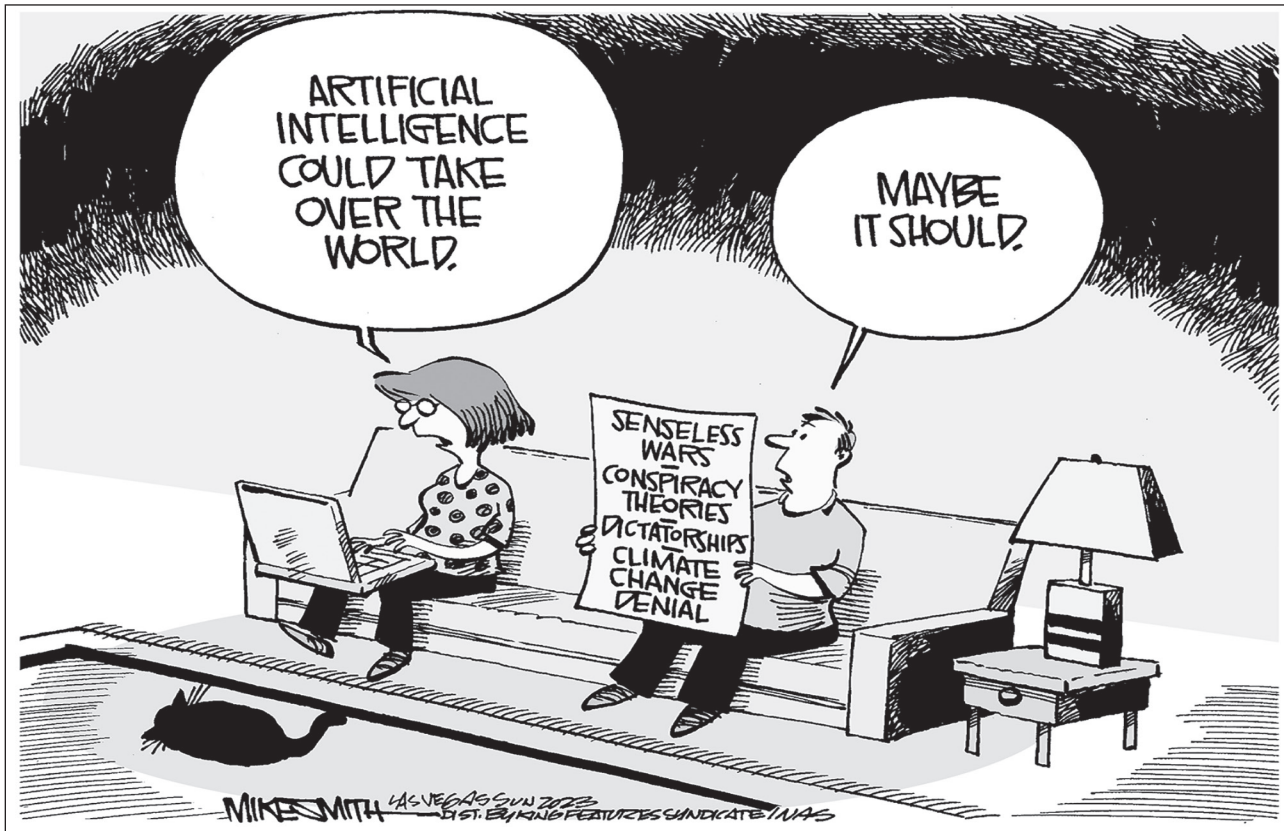
They set good examples.

I only hope my wife, Joan, and I can provide an even better example for our three daughters.

If they ever ask the secret to a happy marriage, I’ll say this: love, forgive and never give up.

Happy anniversary, Dear.

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



School election sets record – 1934

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from April 20, 1994.)

By Jessica Nashold

The election for Mendota school board members in 1934 brought a record 668 voters to the Cannon Ball Garage, the only polling place.

In the two hours that the polls were open, there was a constant stream of people. A line formed, which extended far out into the street.

The heavy turnout became understandable thanks to a letter by J.R. Selby published in *The Mendota Reporter*. He said rumors had been circulating that Hugh Kibler, the candidate he had supported, was in favor of eliminating the high school band and cutting teacher salaries.

Selby said nothing could have been further from the truth. Kibler was desirous of seeing that deserving teachers be paid a reasonable salary, but that “those overpaid be brought into line.”

He had no desire to eliminate the band. However, he favored publication of what went on in school board meetings, and also making sure the money appropriated for school purposes be distributed as intended. Mr. Kibler was not elected, causing Mrs. Selby to remark –

The opposition had to use the full strength of a political machine and circulate untrue rumors to get the same clique back in power.

In April 1934, the city council was busy voting on ordinances to govern the operating of taverns. It was agreed that licenses would be \$250, with a \$50 license for clubs. A proposal was made that taverns be allowed to open on Sundays from two in the afternoon until midnight.

Ald. Al Elsesser protested. He said their grocery store wasn’t open on Sundays and many other businesses also closed.

Why allow the taverns to open and do business?

Ald. Theo Henning said drug stores and some other stores were open Sunday, so why not taverns?

Backtracks & Sidetracks

When put to a vote, the council tied, after which Mayor John Faber cast a deciding “no” vote and Ald. Elsesser’s motion was lost.

Several businessmen petitioned to be allowed to sell “beer only” with a license fee of \$35. Elsesser thought \$75 would be fair. It was put up for a vote with a suggested \$100 license for selling “beer only.” Again, there was a tie and Mayor Faber voted “no.”

It was suggested that Mendota add a fifth precinct to relieve heavy voting in the first and fourth wards. However, the council decided it would be cheaper to allow judges in those wards more pay when voting was heavy. Another solution would be to enlarge the second and third precincts to “even up matters.” Discussion continued.

Complaints regarding dogs running at large were received.

No one desired to act as a dog catcher and so nothing was done (in the past) in regard to controlling the nuisance.

Mayor Faber said Louis Untz was willing to take the job of dog catcher. Dog tags could be sold so that pets would not be held if caught. A committee was told to report back in May for possible future action.

The city was sealing all water meters. There had been cases of meters recording a lower reading than registered “the time before.”

One can hardly find an excuse unless someone turned back the dials too far so the city detected the fraud.

Crowded conditions at St. Mary’s led to a decision to continue with construction of a new Holy Cross. Because of the depression, work had been halted two years earlier after the foundation and floor had been completed.

The original plans, which are of Gothic architecture, will be followed and when completed the church will be a valuable addition to our city.

St. Mary’s and Holy Cross parishes had merged in 1931.

Mendota grocers and meat dealers met in the council rooms to be briefed on regulations for their businesses under the National Recovery Act (NRA) code. A group from Ottawa conducted the meeting. Henry Sauer Jr., W.F. Kobusch and Paul Stremmel were appointed to keep Mendota grocers informed on code matters.

Bids were accepted for the annual cleanup of trash throughout the city. The low bid of \$69 from George Herman was accepted. All residents were instructed to place their tin cans and accumulated rubbish “in sacks or baskets outside the lot” so that the man doing the gathering could “handily load it into a wagon or truck.”

Do this before the man happens along your way. He cannot be asked to retrace his steps.

Chief of Police Godfrey Ichorn was thrown from the city’s motorcycle while rounding the post office corner. He struck the stop sign in the center of the pavement.

The officer regained his feet as quickly as possible and stopped the motorcycle.

Because of wet pavement, his clothing was soiled, but he was not injured “to any extent.”

In its farm section, *The Reporter* mourned that township “road authorities” had been cutting down trees and shrubs wherever adjacent landowners gave permission.

Many really beautiful trees, some as large as 8 and 12 inches across the stump, have been sacrificed.

“This has caused the countryside to look as bleak and barren as the prairies of old and gives the wind unhindered privilege of blowing everything before it – even the soil itself.”

Alvin Bragg is already losing

By Rich Lowry

You don’t know what’s in the indictment.

That was the line that progressives repeatedly threw at conservatives dubious about Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg’s case over the last couple of weeks.

Well, we’ve seen the unsealed indictment, and we still don’t know the other crime besides falsifying business records that’s being alleged, because Bragg didn’t specify it in a shocking prosecutorial failure and abuse of the process.

What will be the new talking point? You don’t know what Bragg might come up with between now and the next hearing on Dec. 4?

To review, Donald Trump paid off porn star Stormy Daniels, with whom he had an alleged affair, prior to the 2016 election. Such hush payments may be sleazy, but they aren’t illegal.

Still, the reimbursements from the Trump Organization to Trump fixer Michael Cohen, who paid off Daniels, were logged as legal expenses. This was deceptive and potentially a misdemeanor. Dragging a former president through the criminal justice process just to get him on such a minor offense, though, was unappealing even to Bragg.

How to make the misdemeanors into felonies? Well, if the misleading bookkeeping entries were in the service of another crime, then, presto, they become alleged felonies. Bragg, through the process known as stacking, or amassing counts through sheer repetition, claims to have 34 of them.

That’s a lot. But the linchpin of the whole endeavor is the other crime, and Bragg still won’t tell us, or the accused, what it is.

He’s writing an Agatha Christie mystery, except the unknown isn’t who committed the crime but what law he or she might have violated. It’s “Something or Other, We’ll Let You Know as Soon as We Figure It Out, on the Orient Express.”

This is a flaw, not in the handling of some low stakes case no one will ever know about, but an unprecedented, historic case. This prosecution has drawn massive media attention, has rocketed Trump back to a large lead in the polls for the Republican nomination, and will surely further derange our

politics, with unforeseeable consequences.

And Bragg couldn’t even dot his i’s. Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of this sorry episode so far is that Bragg has demonstrated that it’s possible to behave so egregiously in the pursuit of Donald Trump that even left-of-center pundits won’t line up in support.

This might not be enormously confidence-inducing, but at a time of deep divisions, it shows that a disgracefully weak and contrived prosecution is a source of at least a measure of agreement among commentators usually wholly opposed to one another.

Who knew that Alvin Bragg would become a unifying force in the nation’s political debate?

The online publication Slate, a reliable source of some of the worst legal analysis on the internet, has run two doubtful pieces about the indictment. Mark Joseph Stern notes that “Bragg’s legal theory is, if not convoluted, a fairly confusing effort to patch together disparate offenses into one alleged crime, carried out over 34 illegal payments.”

Over at Vox, Ian Millhiser, usually a taker on any adventurous progressive legal theory, can’t get on board the Bragg Train on this one: “It is unclear that the felony statute that Trump is accused of violating actually applies to him.”

Ruth Marcus of *The Washington Post* warned about the potential weakness of the case prior to the unsealing of the indictment and is now decidedly unimpressed. She calls it “disturbingly unilluminating, and the theory on which it rests is debatable at best, unnervingly flimsy at worst.”

Former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe, a top Trump villain, said the indictment “landed like a dud ... an unimpressive document.”

Pundits won’t determine the course of the Bragg prosecution, but the climate around it matters, if nothing else, as a barometer of its strength and merits. It is telling that Bragg has managed to create a loose right-left consensus about the shoddiness of his handiwork.

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TRI-COUNTY NEWS

Sublette Hops + Harmony books Nashville singers

SUBLETTE – Hosted by Sublette 365, Hops + Harmony is back for its third year on Saturday, Sept. 2 for an exciting line up of more than 15 craft breweries from all over Northern Illinois and Chicago. Several of these craft brews are made with locally grown hops made right here in the Sublette area at Live Wire Hops.

Sublette 365 is expecting this year to be the largest yet. Taking the stage at 8 p.m. are two artists straight from Nashville, Tenn. – Drew Parker, who has garnered over 50 million global streams as well as Shane Proffitt, whose debut single, “How It Oughta Be,” is currently No. 20 at country radio, cracking the Top 20 in just 16 weeks.

Beer-tasting tickets include tastings, as well as party pit tickets to the concert. The party pit is the section closest to the stage. Party pit tickets are also sold separately. The event will start at 6 p.m. at Centennial Park in Sublette and the music will start at 8 p.m. with Proffitt.

Tickets for the tastings as well as the party pit are on sale now at www.sublette365.com.

Paw Paw plans Poker Run

PAW PAW –The first ever Paw Paw Poker Run received permission to use Rogers Park and Lions Park as stations in the poker run, which will be held July 15, it was learned at the April 12 meeting of the Paw Paw Village Board.

Some of the Board members were able to tour with Mark Clayton around the village, to various areas that need maintenance and/or upkeep - lift stations, sewer ponds, well houses and buildings, to prioritize repairs needed.

Sidewalk repairs will be undertaken as weather permits.

City-wide garage sales will be April 21-22. For information or to get on the map, contact Amanda at 619-339-6747.

Village clean-up days will be as follows: south side of town (south of Chicago Road) on Monday, April 24; north side of town (north of Chicago Road) on Tuesday April 25. Tires, paint, hazardous materials, or e-waste will not be picked up.

The Village has designated the month of May as “Motorcycle Awareness Month.”

The Garden Club will have its annual plant sale Saturday, May 6, at the Community Building. Breakfast will be served by the Paw Paw TRIBE61353.

Besides the flowers and hanging baskets, there will be over 13 crafters with items for the garden, soaps, lotions, candles, relishes, and woodcrafts. Free dog-nail trim with flower purchases.

Leffelman stepping down as Sublette Village Clerk

□ Nu-Mark Credit Union officially in Sublette

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

SUBLETTE – Right before Sublette Village Board President John Stenzel asked for a motion to adjourn the April 12 meeting, he said, “This is a sad day.”

He looked to the person on his left for a few seconds and while he looked at Katie Leffelman, Stenzel said, “Katie will be stepping down on May 31.”

Leffelman was voted in as the Sublette Village Clerk in 2021 and is halfway through her four-year term.

“It was too late to be on the ballot for Election Day, so someone will be appointed,” Stenzel said. “If no one comes forward, I may have to have MacKenzie Belan step in again. She filled in as the village clerk in 2020. She became a board member when Katie became the village clerk.

“Katie’s around during the day since she works at the bank, which is a big asset. She picked up the position fairly well.”

OTHER ITEMS

The lone bank in Sublette has a new owner. NuMark Credit Union’s purchase of Pioneer State Bank is official. Effective March 31, NuMark Credit Union purchased Pioneer Bank to become Sublette’s financial institution.

Although the Sublette Board members seem to be leaning toward keeping the village message board at its current location, a motion didn’t begin to start the process. The board is currently

on the property of Leffelman Automotive and is visible on U.S. Route 52.

According to board members, new owner Scott Leffelman said the board is fine in its current location. However, the village will either have to secure its own electricity for the board or pay Leffelman’s for the electricity. The village message board will also need a permit application sent to the Illinois Department of Transportation with a legal description for the sign.

Village Trustee Scott Hanson brought up a strip of non-working lights on the south front of the board. After some research, Hanson said it would be approximately \$2,000 to fix the LED lights.

In villages, towns, and cities through America, the month of April is also the Child Abuse Awareness Month. Dixon’s Shining Star Children’s Advocacy Center reached out to Stenzel and asked if it would be possible for Sublette to pass a resolution to make the Child Abuse Awareness Month official in Sublette. After stating there were 3.9 million child abuse calls across America in 2021, Stenzel proclaimed the resolution.

There has been one bid received by the Sublette Board for a contractor on the N. Reeve, Virginia, and Richmond Project, which includes locating potholes, verifying storm tiles, water mains and water services. Sublette Village Trustee Bob Bulfer began a motion to waive the bidding process.



The Village Message Board has been a hot topic at Sublette Village Board meetings as of late. The discussions have been about whether to relocate the board or keep it where it is, which is on the property of Leffelman Automotive. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myers seconded, but the motion did not pass.

Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel motioned for more bids to take place and it was approved after Stenzel had to break a tie vote.

After debate of which plan to proceed with, the board approved Bulfer’s motion to hire Willette & Hoffman and begin the paperwork to acquire an IDOT permit for tile repair on the west side of U.S. Route 52, north of East First Street.

The repair will replace clogged tiles that will not allow a camera through to view the rest of the section of tile. There is a bigger, more expensive plan to investigate for recommendations if the IL Route 52 section needs to be fully repaired or not. The idea is to complete the first step to see what will need to be done next.

Eureka Savings provides learning resources to local schools

MENDOTA – Eureka Savings Bank is bringing financial literacy education to over 2,320 students and residents in La Salle and Marshall counties. Students at 22 schools and the surrounding community have free access to Banzai, an award-winning online program and content library that allows users to practice real-world finance from the safety of their home or classroom using any internet-enabled device. At a time when a solid foundation of practical financial knowledge is critical, these resources will make a huge impact on users. All of these resources are available to students at home or in the classroom via any device that can access the internet.

“Banzai is a web-based financial literacy program. Kids get their own accounts, and they work through assignments that are based on real life,” said Morgan Vandagriff, co-founder of Banzai. “But because Eureka Savings Bank is sponsoring it, local schools get it for free. More than ever, it’s important that kids develop sound financial skills to prepare them for the real world, and Eureka Savings Bank realizes that and they’re doing something about it.”

Banzai content builds a foundation of practical knowledge and gives students the tools to create a sound financial future. While students learn, teachers can

easily monitor and grade their progress remotely. After finishing Banzai, students will know how to track where their money is and what it’s for, recognize financial trade-offs, build a budget, and more. At a time when many are facing unprecedented financial challenges, these lessons are invaluable. The Banzai resources are available at eurekasavings.teachbanzai.com.

Eureka Savings Bank is working with Banzai to build financial literacy in the community by investing time, money, industry experience, and a variety of bank resources. Beyond the Banzai library, Eureka Savings Bank also offers virtual


or in-classroom presentations from local experts on timely topics.

Banzai resources are used by over 100,000 teachers across the U.S. The courses align with Illinois’ state curriculum requirements, making the program a fun way for students to gain vital financial literacy skills.

Teachers interested in using the Banzai program with their class can visit eurekasavings.teachbanzai.com or call 888-8-BANZAI.

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC connecting with Nell's Woodland Foundation

OGLESBY—Illinois Valley Community College is cultivating connections with Nell's Woodland Foundation, a nonprofit promoting mental and physical health, the environment and the arts on its 60-acre preserve on the north side of Ottawa.

College trustees learned April 13 that IVCC officials are partnering with the foundation to offer Continuing Education classes at the woodlands as early as this summer as well as fine arts programs in the fall.

"I am optimistic good things lie ahead so stay tuned as programming comes together," IVCC President Jerry Corcoran told the board.

In other action, the board approved the resignation of Vice President for Business Services and Finance Matt Seaton effective May 1, with his last day on-campus April 14. Seaton has been named Chief Financial Officer of the Illinois State Board of Education in Springfield.

Corcoran lauded Seaton's performance.

"Everything I asked of you was done well," Corcoran said. "Your impact on IVCC goes way beyond the less-than-two years you have been with us. Your future with the ISBE is very bright and well-deserved."

Until Seaton's successor is named, the board approved appointments to cover Business Services and Finance from April 17 through June 30 including:

- Former Seneca High School Supt. Jim Carlson was named Interim Vice President for Business Services and Finance;
- Controller Kathy Ross was appointed Interim Board Treasurer and CFO;
- Purchasing director Michelle Carboni was named Interim Director of Business Services;
- Administrative assistant Nikki VanNielen was appointed "Interim Additional Business Office Duties"; and
- Human Resources Director Mary Beth Herron was named Interim FOIA Officer.

Trustees also approved:

- Nursing simulation lab equipment from Pocket Nurse totaling \$182,211, a purchase funded by the Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare Workforce (PATH) grant.
- The \$290,274 bid of Lite Construction of Montgomery for renovation of the Medical Assisting Lab.

- The \$49,250 bid of Bluestone and Associates of Chicago to design and construct a new display for the Murray Crowder Native American artifacts collection previously on display in Building A. "Paul Bluestone and his team have years of experience working for organizations such as Shedd Aquarium to create modern, aesthetically-pleasing displays for important historical artifacts," Seaton said. The IVCC Foundation is contributing up to \$25,000 for the project.

- Four, non-accruing remote work days per year for administrators and support staff.

- Reimbursement of \$111.35 for trustee Jane Goetz's attendance at the ICCTA's March meeting.

- Closed session meeting minutes from March 9.

Board members learned:

- Cost for phase II of the ag complex, a classroom and lab facility, could increase from \$4.6 million to \$6 million. "Construction costs have risen significantly and contractors are very busy," Seaton said. "Our architect (Demonica Kemper) has seen increases of 30% or more in projects of this nature." Construction of the 6,800-square-foot facility will be partially funded by a \$3.5 million USED grant.

- Corcoran and President-elect Tracy Morris co-presented April 12 to more than 60 Rotarians representing LaSalle, Peru, Illinois Valley Sunrise, Princeton and Putnam County clubs. "Dr. Morris is excelling in her new role and we are all committed to doing everything we can to support her," Corcoran said. Morris will become president July 1.

- After congratulating new Student Government Association President Daniel Sack, Vice-President Drew Knipper, Secretary Riker Fesperman, Treasurer Katie Bates and Student Trustee Libby Boyles, Corcoran said of outgoing student trustee Ashton Dille, "We appreciate the support Ashton provided and wish her the best."

- The March 22 "Explore IVCC" open house attracted 95 prospects and parents.

- Eric Peterson has been hired as IT infrastructure operations engineer. He has a bachelor's in IT.

- Project Success counselor Cynthia Cardosi will retire June 30. In her retirement notice, Cardosi said, "It will be difficult to walk away from this program, as I am leaving a great

group of friends as well as wonderful students, past and present, who have touched my life."

- Karen Gregorich, credentials and curriculum coordinator, will retire Jan. 1. "I would like to thank the college for all of the support and opportunities I have had over the years," Gregorich said.

- Lori Carbone, information specialist at Ottawa Center, retired March 15. Carbone thanked Ottawa Center coordinator Jeannette Phalen. "Thank you, Jeannette, for all the support you have given me over the past 10-plus years."

- Reed Wilson, part-time assistant to the president for special projects, will resign July 1. Corcoran said, "Reed has been a master of getting special projects done in a quiet and professional way. Projects like building the Peter Miller Community Technology Center, meeting our goals with the capital campaign, partnering with the city of Ottawa on the Ottawa Center, and successfully relaunching our agriculture program all tie back to Reed."

- Tracie Klieber, part-time Continuing Education instructor and former fitness center instructor, will retire May 2. "It has been my pleasure to serve the students, faculty, staff and community members," Klieber said.

- Head men's baseball coach Jason Goode has announced his retirement after nearly 10 years. Lenny Newell is now acting head coach and Nick Harsted his assistant.

- Resignations were received from assistant men's basketball coach Russel DeVerteul, administrative assistant in Truck Driver Training Audrey Moreno, and CNA instructor Tara Balensiefen. In his resignation note to head coach Chris Herman, DeVerteul said, "I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to coach college basketball. It was an amazing learning experience and I will forever be grateful for that."

- In a card shared with the board, Illinois Community College Board Executive Director Brian Durham thanked Corcoran for hosting ICCB's March 24 meeting: "Thanks so much to you and your team for hosting the board and for the fabulous tour. The passion amongst your folks was evident. A special thank you to Judy (Day) for all her help!" Corcoran also credited Angie Dunlap, Stephanie Reeder, Tina Hardy and Shane Lange for contributing to the tour.

2022 LaSalle County final multiplier given

SPRINGFIELD—LaSalle County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in LaSalle County are at 33.09 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2022 taxes, payable in 2023. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in December 2022 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

Sign Ordinance

MENDOTA—The city of Mendota reminds you that it is unlawful under city ordinance 42.34 to hang, lean, or place any advertising materials on any street lamp, post, telephone or electric light pole within the city limits of Mendota. This includes garage sale notices.

This statute was designed to keep our neighborhoods clean and free of trash and debris. The city of Mendota officials ask for your cooperation in this matter.

IVCC sophomore student government chosen

OGLESBY — Daniel Sack of Walnut was elected president and Drew Knipper of Princeton, vice-president, in the Illinois Valley Community College Sophomore Student Government Association election.

Katie Bates of Princeton

was elected treasurer, Riker Fesperman of La Salle, secretary, and Libby Boyles of Princeton, student trustee.

Sack, 25, is a graduate of Hall High School and is majoring in accounting. Knipper, 19, is a foreign language major. Bates, 19,

is majoring in secondary education-mathematics and Boyles, 18, in finance. Knipper, Bates and Boyles are all graduates of Princeton High School.

Fesperman, 17, is a home-schooled senior enrolled in dual credit.

"I am confident this group will represent the student body very well," said Director of student activities Cory Tomaason. "A few are returning members and the others have shown a true interest in being a voice for all students."

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MENDOTA – The third annual Mendota Town-wide Garage Sales will take place Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those interested in having their addresses added to the list and advertised should contact Heather at (815)990-5577. The deadline is Monday, May 1.

POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST
Jossie T. Johnson Hough, 26, of Sparland, was arrested on a valid Bureau County warrant for failure to appear/failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after a traffic stop at Sixth Avenue and Seventh Street at 8:12 p.m. April 8. The subject posted bond and was released with a Bureau County court date.

TWO TRAFFIC CHARGES
Joseph W. Patterson, 22, of 393 N. 39th Road, Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle after a traffic stop at Sixth Avenue and Sixth Street at 11:49 p.m. April 10. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DUI
Oscar A. Escatel Magallanes, 33, of 1207 Fourth St., Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Jefferson Street at 11:35 p.m. April 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY
Michael W. Guarino Moulton, 25, of 808 Washington St., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers investigated the report of a disturbance in the 800 block of Washington Street at 3:24 p.m. April 15. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
Donald L. Bossen, 24, of 205 Fifth Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at 12th Street and Fourth Avenue at 8:42 p.m. April 17. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
Ramon Mares, 26, of 1811 Lincoln Ave., Apt. C, Mendota, was arrested after a traffic stop at First Avenue and 16th Street at 6:23 a.m. April 18 on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/hit and run. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

Illinois leads nation in AP exam performance and participation growth

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Board of Education announced that Illinois students' Advanced Placement (AP) performance and participation not only continues to rebound from the pandemic but has outpaced all other states in the nation. Between 2012 and 2022, Illinois had the largest increase of any state in its percentage of high school graduates scoring a 3 or higher on an AP Exam, according to data released by the College Board.

The number of high school students taking dual credit courses has also notably surged 30 percent since 2018 – leaping from approximately 61,500 in 2018 to approximately 90,000 in 2022.

"The best investment we can make for our state's future is in our young people – and that means making higher education more affordable. While we work to pass a state budget that includes historic investments in the MAP grant program, we've also prioritized expanding access to Advanced Placement programs in our state's high schools—especially for low-income students," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Through these investments, more Illinois students than ever before have the opportunity to save thousands of dollars in tuition costs as they further their education. It's clear so many of our bright and talented young people are working hard to take advantage of those opportunities that will continue to benefit them after graduation."

"Illinois students work hard. These impressive results in both AP and dual credit prove that our students are not only choosing to academically challenge themselves, but that they are exceeding expectations," said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tony Sanders. "Congratulations to the tens of thousands of Illinois students across the state who, while up against the setback of an unprecedented pandemic, are leading the pack, preparing for successful futures, and earning well-deserved national recognition for their achievements."

"Broadening the invitation to AP courses has a powerful impact on students' college plans and career ambitions," said Trevor Packer, Senior Vice President, AP & Instruction. "Illinois' success in preparing students for AP will have lasting benefits for students and their families."

Among the class of 2022, more than one in four Illinois public high school graduates scored a 3 or higher on an AP exam. A score of 3 or higher on an AP exam qualifies for free college credit at all public colleges and universities in Illinois, thanks to Public Act 99-0358, passed in 2015. Participation numbers have continued to grow in part thanks to \$3 million in supplemental funding from the state reducing exam costs to only \$7 for low-income students and providing grant opportunities for districts seeking to expand AP offerings, with priority given to districts that do not currently offer any AP courses.

The number of public high school graduates in Illinois who took an AP exam during high school has increased by a notable 42 percent over the last decade, compared to a 14 percent increase nationwide. In 2022 alone, 55,025 Illinois graduates took an AP exam, with 36,240 scoring a 3 or higher.

Public and private high school students in Illinois earned 137,446 qualifying AP scores of 3, 4, or 5 in 2022. These scores translate into an estimated 412,338 potential college credits. At a cost of \$498.67 per college credit, this would allow Illinois students and families to save more than \$205 million on tuition and fees.

Additionally, Illinois has expanded student access and diversity in computer science courses, with 40 institutions earning the AP Computer Science Access and Female Diversity Award in the 2021-22 school year. And the University of Illinois this year is launching its inaugural AP Summer Institutes for Humanities courses with the goal of providing access to professional learning to teachers to increase AP exam participation in central and southern Illinois.

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SPORTS



Mendota's Ryleigh Sondgeroth slides into home as Oregon catcher Sarah Stevens awaits the ball on April 15 at the MHS field. Sondgeroth was safe on the play. (Reporter photo)

Lady Trojans wallop Hall, 20-5

The bats were booming for the Mendota Lady Trojans as they drilled Hall, 20-5, in a Three Rivers Conference varsity softball game that was halted after five innings by the 10-run rule on April 13 at Spring Valley.

The game was tied at 1-all after the opening inning, but Mendota scored six runs in the second, six in the third and seven in the fifth to win in a rout.

Madelyn Becker singled in the first-inning run for Mendota. In the second, doubles by Katie Jenner, Ava Eddy, Becker and Emma Schultz produced six runs. Jenner and Becker had two RBI apiece, while Eddy and Schultz each drove in one run.

In the fifth, Jenner and Ryleigh Sondgeroth both singled, Talia White walked and then Sondgeroth came to bat again and hammered

a home run.

Mendota's 16-hit attack was led by Jenner with two singles, two doubles and four runs batted in, and Sondgeroth with two singles, a double, a homer and four RBI. Collecting two hits apiece were Eddy (two doubles, two RBI), Becker (single, double, three RBI) and Schultz (two doubles, two RBI).

Eddy went the distance in the circle, giving up eight hits and two earned runs. She walked one and struck out three.

Oregon scored in every inning and cruised past Mendota, 22-7, in non-conference action on April 15 at the MHS field. The game ended in the fifth by the 10-run rule.

After Oregon scored three runs in the top of the first, Mendota came back with four runs in the bottom of the inning. The lead was



Mendota shortstop Katie Jenner, left, attempts to put the tag on Oregon's Haleigh Burkhart, but Burkhart was successful on her steal of second base on April 15 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

short-lived, however, as Oregon tallied four runs in the second, and then 13 in the fourth.

The Lady Trojans had eight hits in the contest, including a double by Jen-

ner. Driving in runs were Sondgeroth, Becker, Schultz, Zoe Hanson, Kirby Bond and Reanna Brant.

Sondgeroth took the pitching loss, while Eddy and Jenner came on in relief.

Track teams compete at Rock Falls, Morris Invite

□ S. Carlos wins 400m at both meets

Mendota's boys' and girls' track teams competed in a triangular meet at Rock Falls on April 13.

The Trojans finished in second place with 34 points, one ahead of Fulton. Rock Falls claimed the top spot with 113 points.

Mendota had three first-place finishes. Sebastian Carlos ran the 400-meter dash in 53.25, Mason Koch had a distance of 18-5 in the long jump and Jose Rocha hurled the discus 105-4.

In the girls' meet, Fulton edged out Rock Falls, 90-89, while the Lady Trojans scored only three points.

April 13 @ Rock Falls (boys)

Rock Falls 113, Mendota 34, Fulton 33

Mendota 1st place: Sebastian Carlos, 400m dash, 53.25; Jose Rocha, discus, 105-4; Mason Koch, long jump, 18-5

Mendota 2nd place: Kody Chase, 800m run, 2:16.83; 4x100m relay (Jose Belmonte, Carlos, Aaden Castle, Koch), 48.9; Jordan Coney, discus, 102-4; Robert Botello, high jump, 4-5

Mendota 3rd place: Jacob Carr, 800m run, 2:26.08; Chase, 1600m run, 5:28.44; 4x200m relay (Brandon Leadley, Botello, Castle, Corbin Furar), 1:49.97

Mendota 4th place: Koch, 100m dash, 12.11; Hector Gonzalez, 1600m run, 6:19.42; Rocha, shot put, 34-6

(girls)

Fulton 90, Rock Falls 89, Mendota 3

Mendota 4th place: Vivian Begley, 400m dash, 1:16.22; Kennedy Knaff, 300m hurdles, 58.41; Grace Wasmer, long jump, 11-9

The Mendota athletes traveled to Spring Valley for the Rollie Morris Invitational on April 15.

The boys finished in eighth place with 30 points. Streator won the meet with 140 points.

The Trojans' best finish went to Carlos, who broke the tape first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.8. Koch had a third-place distance of 18-4 in the long jump.

The Lady Trojans scored just one point. Princeton grabbed top honors with 100 points.

Morris Invite - April 15 (boys)

Streator 140, Aurora Central Catholic 128, Bureau Valley 94, Stillman Valley 88, Amboy-LaMoille 80.5, Lowpoint-Washburn 41, Fieldcrest 32, Mendota 30, Hall 19, Putnam County 15, Somonauk 14.5, Newark 13, St. Bede 7

Mendota 1st place: Carlos, 400m dash, 52.8

Mendota 3rd place: Koch, long jump, 18-4

Mendota 4th place: 4x400m relay (Koch, Chase, Castle, Carlos), 3:55

Mendota 6th place: Rocha, discus, 107-10

Mendota 7th place: 4x100m relay (Belmonte, Carlos, Castle, Koch), 49.4; 4x800m relay (Carr, Gonzalez, Travis Mumm, Chase), 10:14.1

Mendota 8th place: Chase, 1600m run, 5:24.7; 4x200m relay (Leadley, Belmonte, Castle, Furar), 1:48.8

(girls)

Princeton 100, Aurora Central Catholic 95, Amboy-LaMoille 77, Bureau Valley 75, Streator 62, Newark 61, Stillman Valley 51.5, Lowpoint-Washburn 46.5, Hall 43, Fieldcrest 41, St. Bede 32.5, Mendota 1, Somonauk .5

Mendota 8th place: Knaff, 300m hurdles, 58.7

Hall claims 2 run-rule victories over Trojans

A pair of back-to-back big innings allowed Hall to rally past Mendota, 15-5, in a Three Rivers Conference varsity baseball game on April 11 at the MHS diamond.

Mendota got on the board first with two runs in the bottom of the second. Hall cut the margin in half in the top of the third before the Trojans plated three runs in the bottom of the third to grab a 5-1 lead. But the lead quickly vanished when the Red Devils scored six times in the fourth. They had another six-run frame in the fifth to take command.

Mendota had five hits in the contest, with Izaiah Nanez clouting a home run and driving in two runs. Jace Baird collected two singles and drove in a run.

Nanez got the start on the hill for the Trojans and went four innings to take the loss. He allowed six hits, seven runs (none earned), walked one and struck out six. Dominik Stamberger,

Landon Kreiser and Owen Aughenbaugh also had stints on the mound.

Austin Pecher got the win for Hall and helped his own cause with a double, home run and five RBI.

Hall and Mendota met again on April 13 at Spring Valley and the result was the same, this time a 10-0 Red Devil victory in a league contest. The game was stopped in the sixth when Hall pushed across the 10th tally.

Hall took a 4-0 lead in the second, and then plated two runs in the fourth and three in the fifth. The Red Devils ended with 10 hits.

Mendota managed only one hit, a single by Aughenbaugh, off of Hall winning pitcher Payton Dye. He walked three and fanned 12.

Braiden Freeman got the ball to start for the Trojans and went three innings, permitting six hits and six runs (two earned). He walked four and struck out five. Kreiser and Jacob Kelley also pitched for the Trojans.



New leadership in Mendota Youth Football

The Mendota Youth Football League will have some new leadership in the 2023 season as Jim Lauer and Jim Strouss turn the program over to Steve Villegas and Brock Zinke. Villegas and Zinke will head the program, while Jose Delao and Jesse Beetz will be in charge of coaching. Lauer spent 36 years in the league and Strouss was associated with the program for 50 years. Making the transition, left to right, are Lauer, Delao, Villegas, Zinke, Beetz and Strouss. Sign-up and practice for the season is in July and the games begin in August. (Reporter photo)



The Mendota girls' soccer team displays its trophy for winning third place in the Genoa-Kingston Tournament on April 15. (Photo contributed)

MHS girls down 2 foes, take 3rd in tournament

The Mendota girls' soccer team continued to pile up wins as it blanked Princeton, 3-0, on April 11 at Princeton.

Crystal Garcia led the attack with two goals, while goalkeeper Naitzy Garcia tallied the other goal on a punt from her goalie position.

The Lady Trojans chalked up another win with a narrow 2-1 verdict at Plano on April 13.

Crystal Garcia and Emily Stewart had the Mendota goals, while Janelle Rodriguez picked up an assist.

Mendota took third place in the Ge-

noa-Kingston Tournament on April 15.

The girls opened with a 1-0 win against Westminster Christian. Crystal Garcia scored the goal.

In the second game, Mendota and Indian Creek finished with a 1-1 tie. IC defeated Mendota in penalty kicks. Crystal Garcia had the goal assisted by Noemi Arteaga.

In the third-place game, Mendota defeated Hinckley-Big Rock, 2-0, behind two second-half goals from Crystal Garcia. Stewart had both assists.

Crystal Garcia, Naitzy Garcia and Stewart were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

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Using hands-free technology such as a headset or voice activated controls is considered a distraction while driving and can be dangerous. If a driver must make a phone call, even with hands-free technology, it is recommended the driver pull off to the side of the road before making the call. Using a cellphone while holding the device and utilizing the speaker phone is not considered hands free and is a violation of Illinois law.

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• Safety Belt Law, Child Passenger Protection Act

Safety belts save thousands of lives each year. Illinois law requires all drivers and passengers to buckle up, regardless of where they sit in a vehicle.

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• Don't Drink and Drive

Alcohol is a factor in nearly half of all fatal motor vehicle crashes. If you plan to drink, designate a driver who won't drink.

Avoid impaired drivers. If you notice a vehicle straddling the center line, weaving, making wide turns, stopping abruptly or responding slowly to traffic signals, the driver may be impaired. Steer clear of the vehicle by pulling off the side of the road or exiting at the nearest intersection or exit. If it appears that an oncoming vehicle is crossing into your lane, pull over, sound your horn and flash your lights. If you encounter a suspected impaired driver, safely pull off to the side of the road and contact police immediately.

For more information on traffic safety tips and laws, please consult the Illinois Rules of the Road booklet at www.ilsos.gov.



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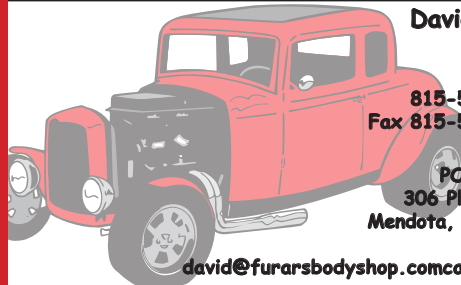
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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I heard that Marvel was making another Avengers movie. I thought they were done after "Endgame." Who is going to star in this one? -- **G.I.**



Majors

A : "Endgame" certainly seemed like a nice way to conclude the saga of the "Avengers" superheroes -- and villains. But fans are clamoring for more, and Disney is giving them what they want. In fact, there are actually two more "Avengers" movies in the works: "Avengers: The Kang Dynasty," which is scheduled for release May 2, 2025, and "Avengers: Secret Wars," which is slated for May 2026. According to DigitalSpy.com, "Secret Wars" will wrap up what is known as the Multiverse Saga, but there are other sagas planned for years and years to come.

As for the cast, Jonathan Majors' Kang the Conqueror, from the recent movie "Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania," will likely star in "The Kang Dynasty," but other Marvel characters

joining Kang are uncertain at this point. Robert Downey Jr. is done as Iron Man, and Captain America is now being played by Anthony Mackie instead of Chris Evans. Brie Larson's Captain Marvel is said to be taking over as "the lead of the MCU," according to DigitalSpy.com, so I would imagine she'll appear as well.

There's plenty of Marvel content in theaters and streaming on Disney+ while we await the next Avengers adventure. On May 5, "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3" premieres in theaters, in what director James Gunn calls an "emotional journey." This is Gunn's last Marvel project, as he's now the new creative head at DC Studios. ***

Q: I'm really hooked on "The Night Agent" on Netflix. Will there be a second season, or is it a one-off series? -- **C.H.**

A: "The Night Agent" is based on a novel of the same name by Matthew Quirk and has quickly risen to the top 10 of current Netflix shows -- and that's without any big names in the cast. According to IMDb, the addictive plot centers on an FBI agent who "works in the basement of the White House manning a

phone that never rings -- until it does -- propelling him into a conspiracy that leads all the way to the Oval Office." It stars Gabriel Basso ("The Big C") and Luciane Buchanan ("The New Legends of Monkey"), whose chemistry is a big part of the show's appeal.

The show was actually renewed for a second season just days after the first one was released on Netflix. Having a talented supporting cast, too, certainly doesn't hurt. Recent Oscar nominee Hong Chau ("The Whale") and D.B. Woodside ("Lucifer") are two standouts. ***

Q: When is "Manifest" returning, and will this be the last season? -- **B.S.**

A: "Manifest," a series about a group of plane crash survivors who suddenly reappear after being presumed dead for years, premiered on NBC in 2018. It was canceled by the network after three seasons, but became a big hit when reruns were picked up by Netflix. Viewer support led to a fourth season of new episodes on the streaming service, the first half of which premiered in November 2022. The last and final 10 episodes of the series will launch on Netflix beginning June 2.

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Adam Sandler has become the Netflix darling after completing his ninth film for the production company. Last month, he received the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor presented by the Kennedy Center just in time for the release of "Murder Mystery 2," co-starring Jennifer Aniston.

Making the sequel for "Murder Mystery" was murder for the pair. Sandler admitted that he had to have a hip replacement, telling Variety, "I had been doing so many movies in a row. I did 'Spaceman,' and I was hanging in a harness all the time. I kept saying, 'Something's going on with my hip, man. I'm in trouble.'"

"Murder Mystery 2" director Jeremy Garelick confirmed, describing some of his stunt work as "Tom Cruise kind of stuff." Sandler bemoans, "I'm sluggish, man. My body hurts. ... I didn't think I needed to get in shape before the movie, but then when we were shooting, I was like 'Man, I should have gotten in shape.'"

Aniston wasn't immune

Hollywood

either. In what was the final day of shooting, she admits, "I had a back injury about three years ago, and it got really pissed off when I was in the harness. ... It was one of those things where you wake up the next day or two days later, and you're like, 'Wow, that got bad!'"

Up next, Aniston will be in an untitled comedy with Julia Roberts, and her series "The Morning Show" has been renewed for a third season. She and Sandler are planning another film together -- which they want to be a drama. ***

Robert Downey Jr., no longer Iron Man after the last "Avengers" film, has set his sights on remaking Alfred Hitchcock's 1958 James Stewart and Kim Novak classic "Vertigo." But, first, we'll see him in the \$100-million "Oppenheimer" film (with Cillian Murphy in the title role of the father of the atomic bomb). It also stars Emily Blunt, Matt Damon and Rami Malek, and arrives July 21. ***

Nicholas Braun, two-time Emmy nominee for playing Greg Hirsch in the HBO series

"Succession" (in its fourth and final season), has already completed the psychological-thriller film "Cat Person" (based on a New Yorker magazine story), with Emilia Jones and Isabella Rossellini. It's awaiting a distributor. ***

Netflix is back with its resurrecting again. They're now reviving the 29-season "Power Rangers" franchise into a new series titled "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers: Once & Always," with returning members Karan Ashley, David Yost, Walter Jones and Catherine Sutherland. It drops April 19. ***

Jennifer Lopez didn't let her marriage to Ben Affleck (married on July 16, 2022) slow her career down. She's completed a pair of films for Netflix. The action-drama "The Mother," co-starring Joseph Fiennes and Gael Garcia Bernal, is due May 12, and the sci-fi thriller "Atlas," opposite Sterling K. Brown, is coming soon. Since she's now Jennifer Lopez Affleck (which means a "field of stone" in Scottish), dare we say they're stone cold in love?

Couch Theater

"Ghosted" (PG-13) -- Who doesn't know what it's like to be ghosted nowadays? Cole Riggan knows. After a successful date with a woman named Sadie, Cole is reeling and thinks he can see a real future with her. But Sadie has plans to travel to London for work, and when she leaves, Cole doesn't get a single text back from her. Still determined, however, Cole travels to London to meet her there. Once he arrives, Cole suddenly gets kidnapped and taken to a mysterious lair, where none other than Sadie rescues him. After Sadie reveals she's in the CIA, he realizes he might've bargained for more than he thought on this trip. Starring Ana de Armas, Chris Evans and Adrien Brody, this rom-com action film premieres April 21. (AppleTV+)

"Dead Ringers" (TV-13+) -- Based on the 1988 film starring Jeremy Irons, this psychological-thriller miniseries premieres April 21 with six episodes all in one shot. Gender-flipping the roles originally played

by Irons, Rachel Weisz plays both roles of Elliot and Beverly Mantle, who are identical twin gynecologists. Elliot and Beverly share everything -- their occupations, their drugs, their lovers. And now, they share the same goal of expanding the boundaries of medicine, by essentially creating a baby out of science. The deranged twins must be careful where their ambition leads them, though, as there are eyes watching their every move. (Prime Video)

"The Diplomat" (TV-MA) -- Kate Wyler is the new U.S. ambassador to the U.K., and her first crisis to solve takes her to London, right as a strike force inches closer to the Persian Gulf. With an imminent threat looming closer, Kate must play her role as diplomat very carefully if she wishes to succeed -- and keep her husband, Hal, a former ambassador himself, from intervening in her career. This eight-episode series starring Keri Russell and Rufus Sewell can be compared to Netflix's recent release "The Night Agent," with tons of action, drama and politics. But the

casts' performances, combined with hard-hitting dialogue, elevate the series to an entirely different level. (Netflix)

"The Fallout" (R) -- Jenna Ortega ("Wednesday") and Maddie Ziegler ("Dance Moms") star in this heartfelt drama film centering on the aftermath of a high school shooting. Vada (Ortega) meets Mia (Ziegler) in the bathroom on what's supposed to be a normal picture day when a shooter appears on campus. The panicked pair hide in the bathroom, along with another student and are able to narrowly escape the shooter. During the weeks following the shooting, Vada and Mia form a close bond as they grapple with what happened at their school. Although this film is on the shorter side, Ortega and Ziegler's true-to-life portrayals are stunning and give insight to the difficulties that can arise after such a traumatic event. Out now. (HBO Max)

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Seventy-five percent of all sesame seeds grown in Mexico wind up on McDonald's hamburger buns.

* In 1998, a British man faked his own death by leaving his clothes on the beach and hiding to make his wife realize how much she missed him. Unfortunately, the prank backfired, as she divorced him after learning about it.

* Former First Lady Hillary Clinton served on the boards of TCBY and Walmart.

* Earthworms in the northern part of North America are a non-native, invasive species and a major factor in forest deterioration.

* The last duel in Canada wasn't much of a fight at all, being between two men who were so terrified that one fainted and the other was seized by horror. As if that weren't enough, their guns were loaded with blanks.

* Michael Bay, producer of "Friday the 13th," walked out of the film's screening because it contained too much sex.

* Ever wonder why garlic is so anathema to vampires? One theory goes that it's an antibiotic, and since vampirism was often thought to be a disease, it was harmful to them. Another holds that it was believed to repel mosquitoes, and since they're both bloodsuckers, vampires would be repelled as well.

* Brazil has the largest Japanese community outside of Japan.

* A city in Sweden uses light therapy in bus stops to combat depression during the winter when 19 hours of the day are darkness.

* Astronomers have discovered a cloud of fiery gas about 3,000,000 light years across that reaches temperatures in the tens of millions of degrees and gobbles entire galaxies as it moves along.

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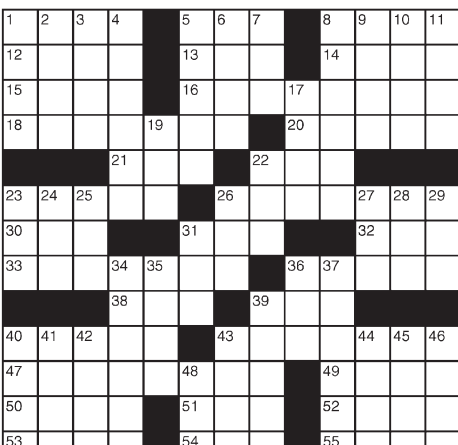
1. TELEVISION: Which drama focuses on the inhabitants of Wisteria Lane?
2. GEOGRAPHY: The Aswan Dam is located on which river?
3. LANGUAGE: What is the only word in the English language that ends in "mt"?
4. MOVIES: What is the name of Ryan Reynolds' Alaskan hometown in "The Proposal"?
5. U.S. CITIES: How many buildings in New York City have their own ZIP codes, including the Empire State Building?
6. SCIENCE: Entomology is the scientific study of what?
7. CHEMISTRY: Which natural element is the most unstable?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is the condiment tahini made of?

9. LITERATURE: What is the setting for John Kennedy Toole's novel "A Confederacy of Dunces"?
 10. ANATOMY: How many lobes are in the human brain?
- Answers
1. "Desperate Housewives."
 2. The Nile River.
 3. Dreamt.
 4. Sitka.
 5. More than 40.
 6. Insects.
 7. Francium, because it has 49 more neutrons than protons.
 8. Sesame seeds.
 9. New Orleans.
 10. Four.
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- 1 Burden
- 5 "Terrific"
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- 12 Guesser's words
- 13 Rushmore face
- 14 Big-screen format
- 15 Banner
- 16 Actuality
- 18 Prepare for printing
- 20 Staffers
- 21 Small batteries
- 22 "Today" rival, briefly
- 23 Bizarre
- 26 "The West Wing" actor
- 30 Altar constellation
- 31 Group of whales
- 32 Pledge
- 33 Was behind schedule
- 36 "Thank Me Later" rapper
- 38 -- tear (raging)
- 39 Sticky stuff
- 40 Cockeyed
- 43 Worldly
- 47 Stop signal
- 49 Small iPod
- 50 Story
- 51 Calendar abbr.



- 52 Flintstones' pet
- 53 Scratched (out)
- 54 Earth (Pref.)
- 55 RBI, for one

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- 1 Barn storage area
- 2 Paris airport
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- 5 Taxi costs
- 6 Help a crook
- 7 Arthur of "Maude"
- 8 Re offspring
- 9 During
- 10 Sidewalk eatery
- 11 Former mates
- 17 Mary's follower
- 19 Melancholy
- 22 Deity
- 23 Series of battles
- 24 Historic period
- 25 007 creator
- 26 Caviar base
- 27 Lab eggs
- 28 Stir-fry pan
- 29 Lamb's dam
- 31 School support org.
- 34 Did nothing
- 35 Con
- 36 Medico
- 37 Bout segments
- 39 Very beginning
- 40 Jocular
- 41 Johnson
- 41 Ship wood
- 42 Between jobs
- 43 Actress
- 44 Elisabeth
- 44 Cannes milk
- 45 "Downton Abbey" role
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by Linda Thistle

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Trade your pain for God’s beauty

Everyone deals with emotional pain to some degree. Whether it’s a difficult relationship, an addiction, abuse, depression...it can cripple us and prevent us from moving forward. But regardless of what’s happened in our past, God still wants us to have a great future.

For years, I thought I had to settle for a second-rate life because I had been sexually abused by my father. I thought my future would never be as good as it could have been.

That’s what our enemy, Satan, wants us to think. He wants us to believe that our past pain has permanently ruined what God

can do with our future.

Maybe that’s where you are today. You look at everything you’ve been through and think, “My situation’s just a hopeless mess. Maybe it would be different if God had done something sooner, but now it’s beyond repair.”

If so, I want you to know that God can fix the unfixable and bring dead things back to life! Jesus said in Matthew 19:26, “...With God all things are possible” (NIV).

If you are brokenhearted—if you’ve been hurt, abused, disappointed or unfairly treated in any way—it doesn’t limit what God can do in your life.

In fact, God can give you a future that’s better than it would have been if you had never gone through the painful times you’ve experienced.

Double for Your Trouble

Isaiah 61:7-8 has meant so much to me over the years. It says, “Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. For I, the Lord, love justice...” (NIV).

This scripture helped me understand that no person could pay me back for what I’d gone through—but God could! And He’d even give me double for all the pain I’d been through.

I’ve witnessed this firsthand in my own life. God has used His Word to transform me from the inside out. Instead of anger and bitterness, I now have peace and joy. Instead of being a victim of past abuse, He is using my experiences to help many find healing and total restoration from emotional pain.

Isaiah 61:1-3 says Jesus came “to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...to comfort all who mourn...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment



of praise instead of a spirit of despair...” (NIV).

Jesus has already opened the prison doors! We no longer have to stay in “prisons” of emotional pain, rejection, disappointment, worry, depression, anger, addictions or bad habits.

Let It Go and Move On with Your Life

Pain from the past has a way of lingering and even affecting your future. But you don’t have to live stuck in the pain of your past. You can make an exchange—you can trade your pain for God’s promise and have beauty instead of ashes.

God offers each one of us healing and restoration, but we also have a part to play in the process. We can’t expect to keep our “ashes” and still receive God’s beauty. We have to choose to move forward and leave things like bitterness, resentment, and self-pity behind.

Self-pity is a major trap that will keep us stuck in our pain—it’s turning inward and pitying ourselves when we should have compassion flowing out of us to other people.

It’s the same with bitterness and resentment. It took me a long time to get past the point of thinking, “Someone owes me.” I was bitter and angry about my past, and I ended up taking it out on the people around me, trying to “collect” from those who had no way of paying me back.

I had to decide to let go of my anger and resentment and trust God to restore what I had lost. He alone could make wrong things right...in His way and in His timing.

Whatever you’ve gone through or wherever you are today, your pain doesn’t have the final say in your life. God can take any situation and turn it around for His good.

If your life is a fragmented mess, let Jesus gather up the pieces. Be determined to maintain a positive, grateful attitude, focusing on God’s blessings and the great things He is doing in your life.

As you do, your pain will become someone else’s gain, your mess will become your message, and what you’ve walked through will help

to bring someone else to their miracle. You’ll have a life of beauty, joy, and gratitude for all God has done!

For more on this topic, order Joyce’s teaching resource *Healing the Soul of a Woman Action Plan*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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April 23 - 9 a.m. Sunday School; 9:30 a.m.
Worship-Hymn Sing; 3 p.m. Doors open
for trivia event; 4 p.m. Trivia play begins

April 25 - 9-11 a.m. Garage Sale work
day; newsletter deadline

April 26 - 10 a.m. Pastor Mary
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TUESDAY - Prayer group 6 p.m.

FRIDAY - Youth group 6 p.m.

If I Can

By William Arthur Ward

If I can write one verse of truth today
Or give my fellow man a song to sing;
If I can push one needless cloud away
And help men live as children
of the King:
If I can lend someone a helping hand
Or warm a place where friendship
needs to be;
If I can build a bridge where
fences stand
And light a lamp that other men
might see;
If I can open doors of hope this day
By letting someone know that
others care;
If I can speak in words that seem
to say:
I know the heavy burdens that
you bear.
If I can guide a pilgrim on his way
Or pause to bid him stay for food
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If I can do these, Father, this I pray:
"O let me do them with my very best."

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PSALM 57:4

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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Philippians (KJV)
in the Old or New Testament or
neither?

2. From Mark 8, Jesus healed a
blind man by putting what onto
his eyes? Sand, Wind, Blood, Spit

3. What elderly cousin of Mary
was the mother of John the
Baptist? Jael, Rahab, Sarah,
Elisabeth

4. In Hebrews 13:17, how should
Christians act toward elders?
Respectfully, In submission,
Cheerfully, Timidly

5. What book of the Bible foretold
the virgin birth? Joel, Isaiah,
Jonah, Malachi

6. Who was Shamgar the son of?
Ehud, Samson, Anath, Tola

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Spit (spittle),
3) Elisabeth, 4) In submission, 5)
Isaiah 7:14, 6) Anath

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SUSAN ARLINE BRUNTON AND CHARLES D. BRUNTON, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 7390 SW 98TH AVE, OCALA, FL 34481, according to the Deed dated May 16, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-09237, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 28, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 432 Frequency Annual, Use Period Num-

ber(s) 15, Phase 7
COHEN W. BURNETT AND AMY M. STOUDEMIRE, 107 N OAK ST, VILLA GROVE, IL 61956, according to the Deed dated October 11, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018-12848, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 780, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 1
A J COLLIER AND PATRICIA R COLLIER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEE'S, 2133 TEPEE AVE, CARPENTERSVILLE, IL 60110, according to the Deed dated July 31, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-15675, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 06, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 383 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 3
G U M E R S I N D O CORTES, A SINGLE MAN AND ASCENSION HERNANDEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 4202 S ARCHER AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60632, according to the Deed dated November 19, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-13453, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 288 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 4
CIARA DEES, A SINGLE WOMAN, 20915 SW 30TH AVE, NEWBERRY, FL 32669, according to the Deed dated September 19, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2019-10643, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 23, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 92, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 2
MICHAEL F DIMARCO, PO BOX 36, DEERSVILLE, OH 44693, according to the Deed dated October 07, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2018-13656, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 10, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 119 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 2
PAUL ANTHONY ELIZALDE AND MARIA E. DE CASTRO ELIZALDE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 9612 BOULEVARD DR, HIGHLAND, IN 46322, according to the Deed dated June 06, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14617, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 67 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 1
ROGELIO L. FRANCO, A SINGLE MAN AND RENA ELIZABETH IN-DORANTO, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL

RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 5444 S 74TH AVE, SUMMIT ARGO, IL 60501, according to the Deed dated April 11, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-20015, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 29, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 145 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 2
JACQUELINE GILLISPIE, 3004 ELEDGE LN, SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876, according to the Deed dated June 20, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018-06499, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 31, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 52 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 1
CARMEN GONZALEZ AND LUIS R. GONZALEZ ORTIZ, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 41 WOODLAND PARK CIR, GILBERTS, IL 60136, according to the Deed dated March 28, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-10902, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 29, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 382 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 3
CARMEN GONZALEZ AND LUIS R. GONZALEZ ORTIZ, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 327 WINDSOR CT UNIT B, SOUTH ELGIN, IL 60177, according to the Deed dated March 28, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-10902, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 29, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 382 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 3
CARL L. GOODRICK AND LINDA D. GOODRICK, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEE'S, 10103 207TH ST W APT 207, ILLINOIS CITY, IL 61259, according to the Deed dated June 17, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14644, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 219 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 4
RAY HODGES, UNMARRIED, 2023 PITTMAN CENTER RD, SEVIERVILLE, TN 37876, according to the Deed dated December 17, 2020 and recorded under File No. 2020-17569, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 12, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 114, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 2
SHIRLEY L HURSEY, A SINGLE WOMAN, 1309 ELLIS DR, URBANA, IL 61801, according to the Deed dated June 17, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14949, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds

for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 05, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 153 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2
EDGAR IGNACIO-SILVESTRI AND GILDA I. IGNACIO, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 6800 S TRIPP AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60629, according to the Deed dated June 12, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-12084, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 09, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 434 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 7
EDGAR IGNACIO-SILVESTRI AND GILDA I. IGNACIO, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 1834 CROSSROADS BLVD, WINTER HAVEN, FL 33881, according to the Deed dated June 12, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-12084, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 09, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 434 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 7
EDGAR IGNACIO-SILVESTRI AND GILDA I. IGNACIO, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 6800 S TRIPP AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60629, according to the Deed dated June 12, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14953, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 05, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 200 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 4
EDGAR IGNACIO-SILVESTRI AND GILDA I. IGNACIO, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 1834 CROSSROADS BLVD, WINTER HAVEN, FL 33881, according to the Deed dated June 12, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14953, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 05, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 200 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 4
EQUITY ACQUISITION SERVICES, INC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION, 757 SE 17TH ST, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33316, according to the Deed dated May 23, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2019-04703, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 30, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 413 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 7
JAMES R. KELLER, JR., A SINGLE MAN, 1321 N WASHINGTON ST, NAPERVILLE, IL 60563, according to the Deed dated November 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2016-08624, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 22, 2016, are the owners of the

timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 391 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 6
RICKY KING AND MICHELLE SUMMERALL, 518 CHESTNUT ST #1, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085, according to the Deed dated January 16, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2018-15994, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 03, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 1270, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 2
RICKY KING AND MICHELLE SUMMERALL, 1718 LONGVIEW RD APT 7, WAUKEGAN, IL 60087, according to the Deed dated January 16, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2018-15994, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 03, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 1270, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 2
MARINA BAY AND MIDLER SERVICES LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 28 SHANNON CIR, MAS-COTTE, FL 34753, according to the Deed dated July 18, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018-06437, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 30, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 12, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1
MARINA BAY AND MIDLER SERVICES LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 28 SHANNON CIR, MAS-COTTE, FL 34753, according to the Deed dated July 19, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018-05905, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 17, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 13, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1
MARINA BAY AND MIDLER SERVICES LLC, A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 28 SHANNON CIR, MAS-COTTE, FL 34753, according to the Deed dated July 19, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018-05875, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 19, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 23, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1
KIMBERLY E. LULFS AND JOSHUA M. LULFS, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 452 S GROVE ST, BOWLING GREEN, OH 43402, according to the Deed dated March 20, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-11005, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 26, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 433 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 10, Phase 7
RICHARD L. MAREK, A SINGLE MAN, 510 N PINE ST, MOMENCE, IL 60954, according to the Deed dated August 20, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-16828, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Il-

linois, on October 20, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 125 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 2
LIZETTE MORALES (SINGLE), JOCELYN JIMENEZ (MARRIED), ALEXANDER BUTTERFIELD (SINGLE), TANYA MORALES (SINGLE) AND NLSB, AN IL CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE NUMBER 3020 TRUST, DATED 02/08/2006, 1841 KENILWORTH AVE APT 1, BERWYN, IL 60402, according to the Deed dated May 29, 2020 and recorded under File No. 2020-03517, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 13, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 132 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 2
LIZETTE MORALES (SINGLE), JOCELYN JIMENEZ (MARRIED), ALEXANDER BUTTERFIELD (SINGLE), TANYA MORALES (SINGLE) AND NLSB, AN IL CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE NUMBER 3020 TRUST, DATED 02/08/2006, 6424 W 64TH PL APT 1B, CHICAGO, IL 60638, according to the Deed dated May 29, 2020 and recorded under File No. 2020-03517, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 13, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 132 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 2
JUAN MORENO, MARIA E. MORENO, AND JUAN C. MORENO, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 4927 KIRK ST APT 1E, SKOKIE, IL 60077, according to the Deed dated January 15, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2018-14958, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 08, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 133 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 2
JUAN MORENO, MARIA E. MORENO, AND JUAN C. MORENO, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 3219 W PARKWAY DR APT 3B, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062, according to the Deed dated January 15, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2018-14958, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 08, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 133 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 2
AYEESHA MARIE PRITCHETT AND VERONICA NICOLE NYREE DRAPER, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 5627 N ORIOLE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60631, according to the Deed dated September 14, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018-11024, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 13, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 58E, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 1
MARIE AND VERONICA NICOLE NYREE DRAPER, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 1028 W 103RD PL, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated September 14, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018-11024, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 13, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 58E, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 1
RUSSELL L REED JR, 8555 CITRUS AVE APT 116, FONTANA, CA 92335, according to the Deed dated May 08, 2020 and recorded under File No. 2020-04445, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 31, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 170 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 1
DARRYL J SARNA, A SINGLE MAN, 1447 MIDLAND CT, JOLIET, IL 60436, according to the Deed dated June 10, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016-14621, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 141 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2
DALE R SCHUMACHER, A SINGLE MAN, 2226 WINNEBAGO DR, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702, according to the Deed dated August 19, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-12088, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 09, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 133 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 2
DALE R SCHUMACHER, A SINGLE MAN, C/O WILLIAMS, WILLIAMS & BEMBENEK, 139 E WASHINGTON, EAST PEORIA, IL 61611, according to the Deed dated August 19, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-12088, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 09, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 133 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 2
JEROME SMITH, SR. AND MARKEITHA L. SMITH, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 8170 W BEECHWOOD AVE, MILWAUKEE, WI 53223, according to the Deed dated October 02, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2018-09240, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 157 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 2
JOSHUA S THOMAS, A SINGLE MAN, 726 W BARRY AVE APT 25, CHICAGO, IL 60657, according to the Deed dated November 07, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017-13205, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle

County, Illinois, on August 29, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 375 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 3
RICHARD L VENZON, A SINGLE MAN, 3317 W LATROBE ST, PEORIA, IL 61605, according to the Deed dated April 18, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017-09236, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 28, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 426 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 7
FAWN WEAVER, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, PO BOX 105, REDLANDS, CA 92373, according to the Deed dated August 01, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2018-02674, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 07, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 63 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 06, Phase 1
EILEEN A. WIGGINS AND HARRELL L. WIGGINS, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 340 N FOLEY AVE, FREEPORT, IL 61032, according to the Deed dated January 03, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017-14223, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 15, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 199 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 4
TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estate listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. Purchase price shall be paid in full at the time of sale by cash or certified and immediately available funds. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of the timeshare estate, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be announced at the public auction. Managing entity lienholder: Holiday Inn Club Vacations Incorporated, A Delaware Corporation. By: Julie Sabon-Van Dyke Name: Julie Sabon-Van Dyke Title: Assistant Secretary No. 0401 (April 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 28, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Rod Smith Guns located at 357 N. 2575 Road, Oglesby, IL 61348. Dated: March 28, 2023. Rodney A. Smith Applicant. No. 0402 (April 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

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NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 14, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Refresh Landscaping located at 2589 N. 28 Road, Marseilles, IL. 61341.
Dated: March 14, 2023.
Ethan Robson Applicant.
No. 0403
(April 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

NOTICE FOR IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF)
)
) Michael A. Castiglia, Deceased
)
) Case No. 2023-PR-69
)
)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Michael A. Castiglia of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 31, 2023 to Stephanie A. teDuits of 2871 Blue Sage Drive, Unit A, Coralville, IA 52241 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 15, 2023. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred.
Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
No. 0405
(April 5, 12 and 19, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS
IN THE)
MATTER)
OF THE)
ESTATE)
OF)
KEVIN R.)
) FOLTYNEWICZ,)
Deceased.)
Case No.: 23 PR 71
CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of KEVIN R. FOLTYNEWICZ, of Peru, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 31, 2023 to HOLLY A. CHRISTMAN, 162 E. U.S. Hwy. 52, Mendota, IL 61342, and whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342.
Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Independent representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or if mailing or delivery of a Claim Notice from the Independent Executor is required, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before the above stated dates is barred.
E-filing is now mandatory for

documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAZ/gethelp.asp>.
Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been e-filed with the Clerk of Court.
Dated this 3rd day of April, 2022.
Greg Vaccaro
Circuit Clerk-LaSalle County Courthouse
119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350
David M. Kaleel
Attorney for Executor
806 Jefferson St
Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-5616
kaleel5@frontier.com
Legal No. 0406 (4/12, 4/19, 4/26 2023)

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

ESTATE OF)Case
John G.)No
Stephenitch,)2023
Deceased)PR-72
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of John G. Stephenitch of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 5, 2023 to Teresa Dorsey of 2103 Diana Drive, Mendota, IL 61342 and Kathleen Sheridan, of 773 N. 39th Road, Mendota, IL 61342 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 20, 2023. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred.
Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
Legal No. 0408 (4/19, 4/26 & 5/3 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs
Town Fund
I, Peggy Reddick, Supervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.
BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2022 \$418,159.36
MM \$406,343.49
Checking \$11,815.87
REVENUES:
Property Tax \$169,653.33
Replacement Tax \$28,222.33
Interest MM \$2,104.90
Interest Checking \$17.42
TIF Reimbursement \$3,000.00
Reimb Atty Fees: \$887.10
Rd Com Salary Reimb: \$36,231.30
TOTAL REVENUES: \$240,116.38
EXPENDITURES:
ASSESSOR:

Office Supplies: Telephone: \$443.22
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$9,331.41
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2023 \$62,206.58
MM \$59,863.68
CHKG \$2,342.90
ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT GENERAL ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND
To the Highway Commissioner, Mendota Township, Road District, LaSalle County, Illinois.
I, Peggy Reddick, Supervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.
BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2022 \$592,516.38
MM \$587,703.63
Checking \$4,812.75
REVENUES:
Property Tax: \$219,920.48
Replacement Tax: \$55,025.90
Interest MM: \$6,900.46
Miscellaneous: \$100.00
Fines: \$302.39
TOIRMA dividend: \$1,407.00
TOTAL REVENUES: \$283,656.23
EXPENDITURES:
Dues: \$150.00
Fuel: \$7,770.37
Bldg Maintenance: \$7,308.59
Equip Supplies/Maint: \$29,331.96
Road Supplies/Maint: \$70,798.06
Drug Tests: \$595.00
Telephone: \$1,711.20
Utilities: \$5,311.64
Office Supplies: \$534.35
Unemployment Tax: \$211.94
Reimb RdComm Salary: \$36,231.30
Gross Payroll: \$21,327.50
Municipal Repl Tax: \$8,745.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$190,027.77
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2023 \$686,144.84
MM \$661,359.86
CHKG \$24,784.98
The treasurer shall present this report of itemized receipts and disbursements annually within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year to the Highway Commissioner of the district. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper. (605

SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND
I, Peggy Reddick, Supervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.
BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2022 \$65,044.52
MM \$62,144.51
Checking \$2,900.00
REVENUES:
Property Tax: \$2,000.11
Interest MM: \$239.17
Interest Checking: \$3.56
Troy Grove Reimbursement: \$4,250.63
TOTAL REVENUES: \$6,493.47
EXPENDITURES:
Auto Loan: \$1,035.02
Food: \$1,723.82
Insurance: \$1,645.00
Legal Fees: \$600.00
Miscellaneous: \$18.00
Shelter: \$2,596.94
Utilities: \$1,269.41

ILCS 5/6-205)
Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of April, 2023
Peggy Reddick
Treasurer
ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT AUDIT FUND
To the Highway Commissioner, Mendota Township, Road District, LaSalle County, Illinois.
I, Peggy Reddick, Supervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.
BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2022 \$8,378.41
REVENUES:
Property Tax: \$4,994.84
Interest MM: \$37.04
TOTAL REVENUES: \$5,031.88
EXPENDITURES:
Assurance Services: \$2,195.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$2,195.00
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2023 \$11,215.29
The treasurer shall present this report of itemized receipts and disbursements annually within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year to the Highway Commissioner of the district. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper. (605 ILCS 5/6-205)
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ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING FUND
To the Highway Commissioner, Mendota Township, Road District, LaSalle County, Illinois.
I, Peggy Reddick, Supervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.
BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2022 \$132,673.87
REVENUES:
Property Tax:

\$5,497.79
Interest Income: \$268.55
TOTAL REVENUES: \$5,766.34
EXPENDITURES:
Equipment: \$68,550.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$68,550.00
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2023 \$69,890.21
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ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT LIABILITY FUND
To the Highway Commissioner, Mendota Township, Road District, LaSalle County, Illinois.
I, Peggy Reddick, Supervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023
BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2022 \$14,530.65
REVENUES:
Property Tax: \$5,497.79
Interest Income: \$43.20
TOTAL REVENUES: \$5,540.99
EXPENDITURES:
Insurance TOIRMA: \$5,469.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$5,469.00
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2023 \$14,602.64
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Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of April, 2023
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ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT SOCIAL SECURITY FUND
To the Highway Com-

missioner, Mendota Township, Road District, LaSalle County, Illinois.
I, Peggy Reddick, Supervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.
BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2022 \$18,214.81
REVENUES:
Property Tax: \$2,000.10
Interest Income: \$57.72
TOTAL REVENUES: \$2,057.82
EXPENDITURES:
Social Sec/Medicare: \$1,780.73
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$1,780.73
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2023 \$18,491.90
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Treasurer
ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND
To the Highway Commissioner, Mendota Township, Road District, LaSalle County, Illinois.
I, Peggy Reddick, Supervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.
BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2022 \$34,121.32
REVENUES:
Property Tax: \$20,962.16
Interest: \$319.37
TOTAL REVENUES: \$21,281.53
EXPENDITURES: \$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$0
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2023 \$55,402.85
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of the district. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper. (605 ILCS 5/6-205)
Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of April, 2023
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Legal 0409
April 19, 2023
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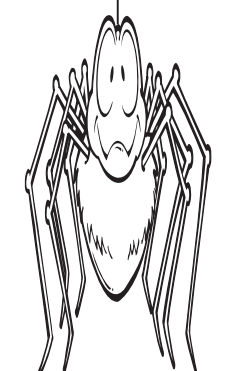
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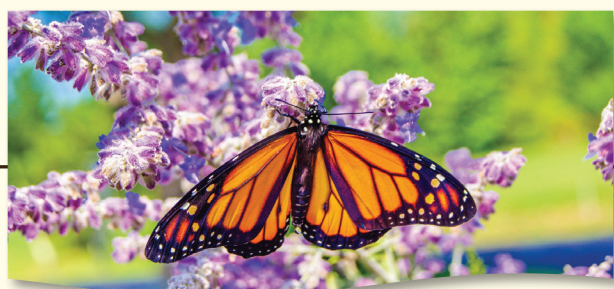
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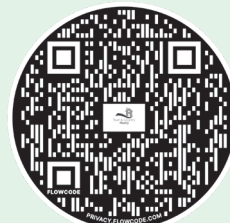


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