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Sublette's population about to skyrocket for Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show

☐ J.I. Case is the featured tractor at this year's event set March 18-19

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Staff writer

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SUBLETTE - Santa

Claus already brought his toys for the holiday season.

Now it's time for the 41st Annual Sublette Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show to get ready to present its toys on March 18 & 19, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The show, which is \$3 admission and free to 6 and under, will feature toy vendors with all varieties of farm toys and tractors, cars, semi-trucks, and arts

Each year the Sublette Antique Tractor & Toy Show features a specific tractor. This year's special guest is the J.I. Case Tractor.

"Quite a few years ago, we started featuring a different kind of tractor at each annual toy show," said the Sublette show's secretary, John Stenzel. "This year we're featuring the J.I. Case tractor. It has a symbol of a globe and an eagle (introduced in 1865 based off of Old Abe, a Wisconsin Civil War Regiment's mascot). I read about the J.I. Case a while ago, but if I remember right, the tractor started in Wisconsin."

Founded by Jerome Increase Case, the Case Corporation (originally the J.I. Case Threshing Machine Company and also called the J.I. Case Company) manufactured agricultural machinery and construction equipment from 1842 until it closed in November of 1999.

At one point, Case was one of the top options for



Many of Sublette's buildings will be filled with toys as people from all over the Midwest converge on the village for this year's Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show.

steam engines, portable engines, traction engines, and steam tractors.

In 1957, Case bought out the American Tractor Corporation and produced a hybrid tractor called the 320 Construction King, which became synonymous with the title backhoe loaders.

Case continued its success in tractors through the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and the 1990s.

The J.I. Case Tractor is the feature item, but there will be many toys to look at, check out, or purchase as vendors come from Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Iowa.

"The show we had in

March of this 2022 was the first normal toy show we had had in a few years because COVID-19 stopped the 2020 show completely and we had a drive through show with antique tractors in 2021," said Stenzel, who is in his second year as the secretary. "Last year's attendance was pretty close to normal. This year we should be back to the numbers we were at previously."

Normally, the Sublette Antique Tractor & Toy Show has approximately 5,000

Stenzel and the toy show board consisting of presi-

dent Maurice Zimmerlein, treasurer Anthony Morgan, Mark Henkel, Jeremy Zapf, and Evan Bickett have made adaptions through COVID and other issues to make sure the show lives on because they don't want it to die.

"Last year, we gave three, \$500 scholarships to high school students," Stenzel said. "We made a donation to the Sublette Park Board and the Sublette Community Building.'

The 41st Annual Sublette Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show has a website, Subletteweb.com, for all other information.

State revenue projections increase again in the fiscal year's final stretch

ONE DOLLAR, 25 CENTS

☐ Estimated increase is \$575 million

By JERRY NOWICKI Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – With two months to go before the adjournment of Illinois' spring legislative session, Gov. JB Pritzker's state budgeting task may have gotten easier.

The Commission on Government Forecasting Accountability increased its revenue estimate for the current fiscal year by \$575 million – yet another positive development in a month's-long streak of revenue growth.

The commission is a bipartisan, bicameral group of lawmakers and is staffed by nonpartisan economic

'You can see in every single month so far this fiscal year we've actually had a gain where we've generated more revenue in this fiscal year compared to the same time a year ago,' Eric Noggle, senior revenue analyst



for COGFA, said at the commission's March 7 meeting. All told, COGFA anticipates revenues for the fiscal year that ends June 30 to exceed original estimates by \$5.5 billion, rising to a record \$51.9 billion.

Much of that surplus has already been appropriated. Lawmakers allocated at least \$3.6 billion supplemental spending package in its January lame duck session, and Pritzker proposed spending another \$490 million by the end of the fiscal year when presenting his proposal for next year's budget last month.

COGFA's new estimate for the current fiscal year is \$545 million beyond the amount assumed by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget in Pritzker's budget proposal.

COGFA is also projecting stronger revenues in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024 than the most recent estimate from GOMB. The \$50.4 billion COGFA estimate marks an increase of \$465 million beyond the revenues the governor proposed.

Noggle noted that COGFA's estimate was higher than GOMB's because the commission had an extra half of January and all of February to factor into its projections. Because base revenue growth remained strong over that span, the commission was able to increase the estimate. That drove up the current year base revenues, which in turn drove up estimates for next fiscal year.

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Mendota farmer hones knowledge at ASA Young Leader Program

BLOOMINGTON - An Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) member and sovbean farmer from Mendota recently participated in the American Soybean Association (ASA) Young Leader Program at Commodity Classic in Orlando, Fla.

"When it comes to professional development experiences, this program raises the bar through the leadership, communications and issues-based training they provide to participants, said Sarah Tweet Landers, the 2023 Illinois ASA Young Leader Representative. "It was a transformational experience where we built a strong peer network and learned from each other while generating successful ideas to bring home to our businesses and communities."

Tweet Landers farms with her father, Sherman Tweet and her husband, Jeff, raising soybeans, corn and beef

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-Sarah Tweet Landers

cattle. Jeff and Sarah also have two children, Adelynn and Kaedyn.

"Farming with both my father and my husband's family, where different farming practices are in place to accomplish the respective goals of each operation, I am constantly learning through research and technology as well as trial and error," said Tweet Landers.

She added that their family farms continue to grow and prosper through teamwork and continuing education.

"My husband teaches agronomy and crop science technology at Joliet Junior College and brings home agronomic insights in pest management, yield data, soil management and more,' Tweet Landers said. "We can incorporate cost-saving insights into our decision-making regarding ordering seed and inputs for both operations while improving soil health and boosting yield. These insights have allowed us to purchase land and improve our farming practices."

As a veteran agriculture educator and FFA Advisor of 14 years, Tweet Landers is passionate about future generations of agriculturists and the power of local leadership.

We involve our two children in every aspect of our

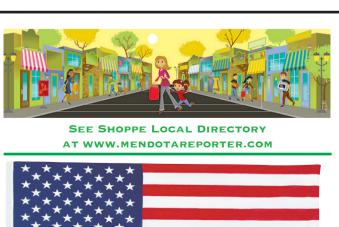
family farming operations so they can learn the ropes while taking pride and ownership in what we do," Tweet Landers said. "The future of agriculture looks bright despite supply issues, high input costs and

market fluctuations." In addition to farming full time, Tweet Landers works for the University of Illinois as an adjunct instructor supervising agriculture education student teachers, and she owns Tweet Floral Design, providing floral arrangements for weddings and special events.

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Any day is a good day for ice cream

☐ The La Esquinita De Oro Ice Cream Shop is open for business in Mendota

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Staff writer

MENDOTA – When you look into the ice cream cooler at La Esquinita De Oro Ice Cream Shop, you'll see a flavor called "Ugly Ducky."

The name partly came from the blue turning black and the ice cream not looking as colorful as predicted. The other part came from the customer the ice cream was made for as the Lactose Intolerant patron wanted ice cream but couldn't enjoy any of the available options because they're made with milk

Once he saw it and loved the taste, he called bestowed the name everyone sees in the cooler.

This is just one example of Salvador and Leticia Hermosillo putting in the work for what they want to do, make people happy with ice cream.

"We started thinking about an ice cream shop four years ago. We wanted to make something, have our own business, and stop working for someone else," Leticia Hermosillo said. "My family and his family, everyone has always had their own business and worked for themselves.

"We thought ice cream would be a good idea. I didn't know how to make ice cream, but you can learn. You can always learn how to make something. If it doesn't work, we can do something else."

The new ice cream shop located at 1206 Sixth Ave. in Mendota was designed, built, and created with much more than the intent to provide sweet treats.

La Esquinita De Oro will be open year-round. Instead of having to wait for the summer months to enjoy ice cream, customers will be



Salvador and Leticia Hermosillo have opened an ice cream shop at 1206 Sixth Ave., Mendota. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

able to have a cold treat any month they wish.

The Hermosillos understand there are different health factors in terms of sugar quantities and others, so they are making sure to add ice cream any and all consumers can consume.

And the biggest, most important factor behind the shop is it's about family.

"We needed to be together again. I don't want to work and not be with the kids after school anymore," said Leticia of the Hermosillo's six children. "When I started to think of a business idea, I first thought about our family being together and running a family business.

"When you work out of the house, you have to leave your kids for so many hours. I didn't want to do that anymore. Sometimes the kids don't want to work. Sometimes the kids do want to work. But, we're together."

Salvador Hermosillo is

from Mendota but moved to Chicago when he was eight.

While he was in the city, he met Leticia, and the couple decided to move to Mendota to be close to his family, which still lives in the town.

He might say, "I'm just a dishwasher," but he is involved in all decisions and the manual labor as Salvador and Leticia work hand in hand.

"She started watching videos on YouTube and decided, 'Hey, let's try it out. We didn't know anything about ice cream, but we watched more and more videos, and here we are," Salvador Hermosillo said. "In Mendota, there isn't much here for kids. We decided to offer something sweet. We're in a great location and great parking.

"We're figuring out ice cream, but we still have a long way to go."

There are more plans in

Since they want to keep it open year-round, the Hermosillos are thinking about adding coffee, hot chocolate, crepes, mini pancakes, and waffles to the menu.

Structurally, there are blueprints in the works for a deck and a car port to allow room for outside tables.

As the ideas boil and plans are put into action, Salvador and Leticia have had help from friends, family, and members of the community. Without someone always there to put together shelves, build something, pick out paint colors for the walls, or to wire the lights, they may not be as far along as they are.

Although work is involved, the Hermosillo family is together and with their friends.

Plus, there is always a minute or two for a break to try out the latest ice cream creation.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal -

This trimester, our students have been trying to earn Paw Pride certificates for good behavior to get a game and snack time with me. I'm proud to announce that the following classes have met their goal. Congratulations to the students in Mrs. Wixom, Mrs. Nurnberg, Mrs. Lamps, Mrs. Higdon, Mrs. Quintana and Miss Wilhelm's classes for reaching their goal before the end of the trimester. With these classes reaching their reward, this means that all classrooms have achieved their goal!

The end of the second trimester was on March 10. Teachers are currently working on report cards and they will go home with students on Monday, March 20.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Lainey Ramer, Cameron Brown, Kaitlyn Castaneda, Harlie Madonna, Isabella Orozco, Liam Olsen, Valeria Gomez, Amy Lopez and Katlaina Hernandez. The winners were Julian Hernandez, Lincoln Garcia, Eliana Garrett and Penelope Gromiuk. Congratulations to all of you!

Don't forget there is an early dismissal on Wednesday, March 15. Kindergarten will dismiss at 11:25 and first grade at 11:35 for a teacher's in-service. No lunches will be served on this day.

Spring pictures with Inter-State Studios are scheduled for March 28. Order information will be coming home soon with all students.

Plan for your future during Financial Literacy Month

By Mike Weitl

PERU – April is Financial Literacy Month. Social Security is a vital part of any financial plan. Our online tools can help you understand your potential Social Security benefits and how they fit into your financial future.

You should periodically review your Social Security Statement using your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Your Statement is an easy-to-read summary of the estimated benefits you and your family could receive, including potential retirement, disability, and survivors' benefits.

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Please tell your friends and family about the steps they can take to improve their financial knowledge by exploring their personal my Social Security account. If they don't have an account, they can easily create one at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

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



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IVYSO hosting Family Game Night March 18

PRINCETON—The Illinois Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra is hosting its first ever spring fundraiser, Family Game Night.

The event will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 18 at Downtown Bar and Event Center in Princeton.

The Family Game Night will feature multiple kinds of games set up for whole-family play including family trivia, board games, and a community game of musical chairs.

The Illinois Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1987 to bring orchestral music education to the Illinois Valley community. Over the last 36 years, the IVYSO has continued to provide low-cost access to students in the area.

Post-pandemic, students participate in weekly rehearsals across two programs, the IVYSO String Orchestra and Prelude String Ensemble (fourth- and fifthgrade beginning students). Each group performs in multiple concerts a year.

The Family Game Night fundraiser is raising support for the youth orchestra so they can continue their mission of providing low- and no-cost access to orchestra opportunities in the Illinois Valley. Tickets are \$20 a person

and \$100 a table, available online at ivyouthsymphony.

All tickets include food, catered by Hy-Vee. Bring Venmo, credit, or cash for the game buy-ins and support the mission of the IVYSO for another year. The IVYSO is also still accepting cash and in-kind donations for the silent auction.

To find out more, contact Orchestra Manager Aelsa Butler Woods at manager@ivyouthsymphony.org.



Community United Methodist Church in LaMoille will hold its annual turkey supper on March 23. Busily preparing for the supper, front row, left to right, are Candi Kingry, Trudy McCarty, Julie Deihl, Jeanne Rapp and Florence Buettner. Back row, Aleta Faber, Ginny Shaw, Melissa Fetzer, Rebecca Ultch and Donna Jungnickel. (Photo contributed)

LaMoille church plans turkey supper March 23

LaMOILLE – Community United Methodist Church in LaMoille will hold its annual Drive-Thru Turkey Supper on Thursday, March 23 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The church is located at 73 N. Main St.

The menu includes turkey, mashed po-

tatoes, gravy, green beans, two salads and choice of pie.

The cost is \$12 per person. There will be no pre-supper ticket sales and no call-in orders taken. Just drive up and someone will bring the food out to you.

Graves-Hume Library hosting program about pigs

MENDOTA – Cynthia Clampitt will be at the Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. to present Wild Boar to Bacon Fest: Pigs in History and Popular Culture.

Clampitt is a writer, speaker, and food historian. In the last few years, Clampitt has focused her work on what she considers one of the richest agricultural areas in the world, the American Midwest.

Join Clampitt as she presents the history of pigs and pork to examine the impact these animals have worldwide, and specifically in the Midwest.

Clampitt will explore the



topic of pigs, which is as far-ranging as pigs themselves. She will offer a fun and interesting look at the role pigs have played in culture and cuisine.

The Graves-Hume Public Library is hosting this presentation in partnership with the Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Speaker Bureau.

Wild Boar to Bacon Fest is open to the public. No library card required. Call 815-538-5142 for registration.

Western Illinois Foster Grandparent program celebrates AmeriCorps Week

ROCK FALLS - Western Illinois Foster Grandparents, sponsored by Tri-County Opportunities Council, celebrated the valuable contributions of AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who pledged to "get things done" for our nation as part of the annual AmeriCorps Week, March 12-18. The weeklong celebration also honors the contributions and support of thousands of local organizations that make AmeriCorps programs possible. In Bureau, Carroll, LaSal-

le, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties, approximately 56 AmeriCorps Seniors members serve each year. These volunteers serve in a variety of classrooms throughout the service area helping pre-K – 8th grade students. Volunteers mentor students in a one-on-one relationship, helping them to learn and grow in an academic and social environment.

"We are proud to be part of AmeriCorps and grateful for the AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who unite to get things done and make change for Illinois," said Brandi Newell, Program Director for Western Illinois Foster Grandparents. "AmeriCorps members have made a significant impact on Illinois' ability to meet our communities' unique needs. Especially with the extenuating circumstances of the pandemic our amazing volunteers have rallied helping educators ensure the continued support of students."

AmeriCorps engages more than 200,000 Americans each year in sustained, results-driven service through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs. These dedicated citizens from all walks of life help communities rebuild after disasters, ensure students get back on track after the COVID-19 pandemic caused disruptions, combat hunger and homelessness, fight the opioid epidemic, help seniors live independently, support veterans and military families, and much more.

In 2022, President Biden called upon Americans to unite through national service and volunteerism to counter the corrosive effects of hate-fueled violence on our democracy and public safety and put forward a shared vision for a more united America.

More than 1.25 million Americans have served their country through AmeriCorps and millions more have served in AmeriCorps Seniors since 1994, leaving a lasting impact on generations of Americans.

To join the celebration, follow @AmeriCorps on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. To join the conversation, share pictures and stories on Twitter, using #AmeriCorpsWeek. Learn more about AmeriCorps opportunities at AmeriCorps.gov/join.

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism, provides opportunities for Americans to serve their country domestically, address the nation's most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement.

The AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program seeks to recruit volunteers age 55 and over who have a love of children and who meet income guidelines. Please visit toochelps.org for more information or call 815-625-7830, ext. 610.



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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Catherine C. Butler

MENDOTA – Catherine C. Butler, 94, of Mendota, passed away March 8, 2023 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center.

Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, March 11 at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church with the Rev. Jeff Windy officiating. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation was from 9-10:30 a.m. at Wasmer Funeral Home.

Catherine was born April 30, 1928, in Sublette, to Francis and Laurie (Schneider) Boyle. She graduated from Mendota High School in 1946. Catherine was married to Wayne Butler on Feb. 14, 1951, in Princeton.

Survivors include her son, Roger (Robin) Butler of Geneva; her daughter, Sandy (Dennis) Schroeder of Ladd; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1958, son Robert in 1959, parents, a grandson Brian Butler at birth, two brothers, Jack Boyle and Ed Boyle, and a sister, Ellen Carr. During her work career, she was a clerk at the dime store,

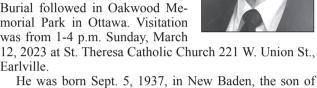
assembly at the egg plant, then was with the Mendota Lutheran Home for 20 years in housekeeping, retiring in 1993. She was a devoted member of Holy Cross Church.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Cross School or the donor's choice. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

James R. Bann -

EARLVILLE – James R. Bann, 85, of Earlville, passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at his home in Earlville, surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2023 at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Earlville, with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Memorial Park in Ottawa. Visitation was from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 12, 2023 at St. Theresa Catholic Ch.



James W. and Dolores (Kassebaum) Bann. He married GeriL. Pagakis on Oct. 17, 1970 in Ottawa.He is survived by his wife Geri; his son, James John of

Earlville, his daughter, Susan Maria (Penny) of La Crosse, Wis., and his son Ryan Fitzpatrick (Jennifer) of Missoula, Mont.; four grandchildren, Evan, Owen, Ella and Clare; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Pill Park Park and Carl four interest Claric Marike.

Bill, Paul, Ralph, Bob and Carl; four sisters, Gloria, Marilyn, Susan and Corrine.

He was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church in

Earlville. Jim came to Earlville in 1959 to teach Chemistry and Physics at Earlville High School. In 1964, he joined the National Bank of Earlville and in 1976 he became President. Jim was also Chairman of the Board through 2019.

He was a longtime member of the Earlville Lions Club, former President, and founder of The Helping Hands Committee, and received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award for service in the Lions Club. Jim also served the community by serving on the Earlville Library Board and Earlville School Board. He was also a member of the IL Bankers Association.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Earlville Lions Club Helping Hands, Earlville Library or St. Theresa Catholic Church. For more information or to sign the online guest book go to www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com.

Please see more Obituaries on Page A11.



HIAWATHA, Iowa – William R. Silfies, 92, of Hiawatha, Iowa, formerly of Mendota, passed away March 7, 2023 at The Promise House of Hiawatha.

Services were Monday, March 13 at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church with Vicar Anthony Windau officiating. Visitation was from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Wasmer Funeral Home with a Masonic service at 3:30. Cremation rites were

accorded after services and burial will be private, with full military rites by V.F.W. Post #4079.

Bill was born June 9, 1930 in Spring Valley to Rudolph and Winifred (Harris) Silfies. He proudly served his country from 1947-1954 in the Army during the Korean War. Bill returned to Spring Valley to marry the love of his life Edith Hillman on Jan. 14, 1951.

Those left missing him dearly are his sons, William (Lee) Silfies of St. John, Ind., and Michael (Missy) Silfies of LaMoille; three daughters, Paula Silfies of Lisbon, Iowa, Diane (John) Wiesbrock of Waupaca, Wis., and Penny (Derek) Lusietto of Ohio, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren with one on the way; brother, Harry "Bud" Silfies of LaMoille; and sister-in-law, Nancy Silfies of Warrenville.

He was preceded in death by his love "Edie" on June 30, 2018, sister Margaret Pippel and brother Robert Silfies.

After his service, Bill was owner of Silfies Construction Company based in Peru. After he sold his construction business, he was a General Superintendent for Phalen Steel Construction Company of Mendota until 2015. Bill also served as the Building Inspector for the City of Mendota until 2015.

A devoted family man, Bill was also proud of his community and happy to give his time and talents to many organizations. He was a life member of Masonic Lodge #172 Mendota/Walnut, V.F.W. Post #4079, American Legion Post #540, Mendota Moose Lodge, Mendota Elks Lodge #1212, a Boy Scout Leader in LaMoille and St. John's Lutheran Church.

Pallbearers will be his grandchildren, William Joshua Silfies, John Silfies, Matthew Silfies, Nick Himes, Andrew Wiesbrock and Tony Lusietto.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Bill's family would like to make a very heartfelt thank you to the entire staff at The Promise House in Hiawatha, Iowa. The amount of love and care that he received the last year of his life from these amazing women was truly immeasurable. They are now and forever a part of his family.

61 units collected at Red Cross blood drive

MENDOTA – The American Red Cross held a blood drive on March 7 at the Mendota Moose Family Center.

There were 61 good units collected. There were 45 whole blood and 16 double red cell donations. There were four first time donors

- Darrell Adkins, Miles Ripsky, Brenda Deery and Karen Cater. There were also several multi gallon donors -John Robeson-1 gallon, Jacob Atherton-2 gallons, Scott McCoy-4 gallons, Kevin Sporleder-6 gallons, Howard Brauhn-7 gallons, Bonnie Pakenham-15 gallons and Thomas Schuhler-27 gallons. Your time and donation are greatly appreciated. Volunteers for the day

were Paddy Schwemlein, Margy Frey, Jodi Manning, Lori Schlesinger, Peg Mathesius-Cerveny, Kathi Stamberger and Lori Simonton. Mendota Subway once again donated sandwiches for the luncheon and Black Bros. Co. also sponsored egg salad sandwiches, BBQ, and chips for the drive. Desserts were furnished by Paddy Schwemlein, Margy Frey, Kathi Stamberger, Marlene Simonton and Lori Simonton.

The next bloodmobile will be held on Tuesday, May 2 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. If you would like to make an appointment or have questions, please call Lori at 815-866-3582

E.E. Williams

MENDOTA – E.E. "Gene" Williams, 88, of Mendota, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2023 at OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Ottawa.

A private family and friend Celebration of Life will be held at a later date with burial at Restland Cemetery, Mendota, and military honors by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Gene was born July 2, 1934, in Westlands.



Gene was born July 2, 1934, in Washington, Iowa, to Keith and Ruth (Adkins) Williams, Sr.

Gene is survived by his wife, Connie of Mendota; his children, Tim (Karen) Williams, Tony Williams, Tom (Kristin) Williams, Tyler (Missy) Williams; his son-in-law, Gary Walzer; his stepson, Mark Swope; grandchildren, Christopher (Creigh), Jessica, Carter, Dani (Danny) Rodriguez, Jacob, Eva Jo (Ryan) Newcomb, Ryan (Jordan), Andrew, Addison, Emily (Justin) Kelly, Colton, Shaelyn and Alliah; step-grandchildren, Jacob and Kevin Swope; great-grandchildren, Bennett, Cullen, Brenna Rae, Alexis, Scarlett, Chancellor, Chelsi and Ryder; and sister, Pat (Brad) Goff.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Keith Williams Jr. and David Williams, his first wife and mother of his children, Eva Williams, daughter Traci (Williams) Walzer and granddaughter Brenna Christman.

He graduated from Washington High School where he lettered as a varsity captain of the football and basketball teams. He married his high school sweetheart, Eva Blattner on March 14, 1954. She passed away on May 1, 1994. Gene graduated college at the University of South Dakota with a business degree and a minor in economics. He had many accomplished Administrative positions during his life: U.S. Public Health in Aberdeen, S.D.; U.S. Public Health at Belcourt, N.D. Indian Reservation; Combined Arms in Levenworth, Kan.; Excelsior Spring Hospital in Missouri; Johnson County Hospital in Warrenburg, Mo.; Mendota Community Hospital where he retired from after 33 years; Mendota Community Hospital Board of Directors; member of American College Hospital Administrators; member of Mendota Rotary Club; served on Mendota School Board and served in the United States Air Force from 1953-1957 as a Tech/Sergeant. Gene was stationed at Thule, Greenland and at St. John's Newfoundland, Canada among others in the United States

Gene was married to Connie Yenerich on Jan. 24, 1998 and they spent 25 years together. They continued his lifelong wanderlust and traveled to all 50 states and seven provinces. Later they were "snowbirds" for three months each year in Biloxi, Miss. They enjoyed walking on the beach, going to casinos, watching Western movies and most of all being with family and friends. Gene always took time to enjoy and never missed any of his children's athletic and competitive events. Gene will truly be missed and loved by all who knew him. We feel God has blessed us to have had such an amazing and loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was such a gentle Christian man.

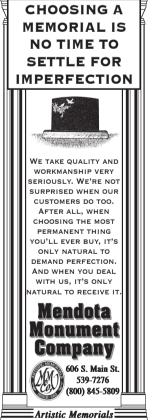
Memorials may be directed to the family to purchase a bench in memory of Gene at Mendota Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Mendota Burn Ordinance

MENDOTA – It is unlawful to burn any materials other than small and dried quantities of branches, leaves, weeds or grass at any time. The burning of any material such as rubber, tires, leather, tar paper, old batteries or any material that emits an offensive odor when burned is unlawful within the city limits of Mendota.

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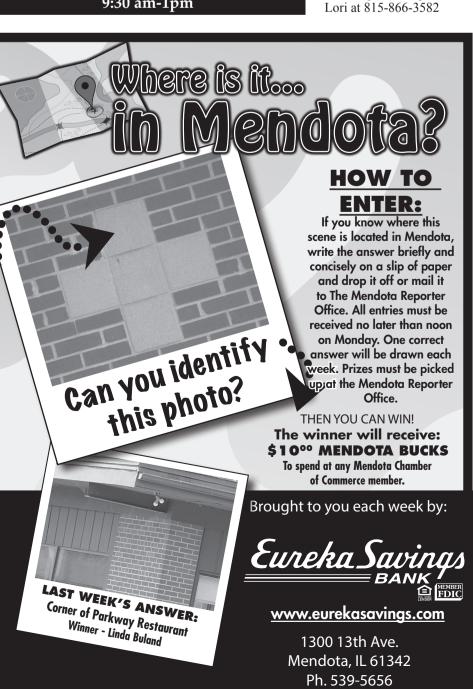


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Business Office Administrative Assistant Nikki VanNielen with IVCC's 2021 and 2022 Popular Annual Financial Reports. (Photo contributed)

IVCC gets award for financial reporting

OGLESBY - The Government Finance Officers Association recently awarded Illinois Valley Community College its Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

GFOA said the award "represents a significant achievement by IVCC."

To qualify, a government entity must also submit its annual comprehensive financial report to GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program and receive the Certificate for the current fiscal year.

Judges score reports on reader appeal, understandability, distribution methods, creativity and other

IVCC received the award for its FY21 PAFR available at https://www.ivcc. edu/businessservices/financial-pafr/FY2021-PAFR-final.pdf. The FY22 report can be accessed at: https://www. ivcc.edu/businessservices/ financial-pafr/FY2022_PA-FR-final.pdf.

The 20-page award-winning document was crafted by Business Office Administrative Assistant Nikki VanNielen, Controller Kathy Ross and Vice President for Business Services and Finance Matt Seaton

Farmer

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She also serves on the Mendota School District #289 School Board and is a member of the Mendota FFA Alumni Association, the Mendota Business and Professional Women organization, and the Illinois Valley Pink Ribbon Club. She was recently honored as one of the recipients of ISA's inaugural class of Illinois 20 under 40.

Illinois has participated in the ASA DuPont Young Leader Program since its inception in 1984. Applications for the 40th ASA Class will open this summer. Sponsored by Corteva Agriscience, the ASA Young Leader Program is a two-part educational experience that provides learning-in-action for individuals and couples interested in agricultural leadership.

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) checkoff and membership programs represent more than 43,000 soybean farmers in Illinois. The checkoff funds market development, soybean production and government relations efforts, while the membership program, Illinois Soybean Growers (ISG) and the Illinois Soybean Growers PAC actively advocates for positive and impactful legislation for farmers at local, state and national levels. ISA upholds the interests of Illinois soybean farmers through promotion, advocacy, research and education with the vision of becoming a trusted partner of Illinois soybean farmers to ensure their profitability now and for future generations.

Revenue

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In recent years, lawmakers have directed surpluses to retiring debts early, increasing payments to the state's pension system and to long-term savings. For the upcoming fiscal year, Pritzker has proposed added spending across state government - especially on child care and education - while adding an extra \$200 million to the pension fund.

Last week's update could give the governor additional breathing room to usher his budget through the General Assembly and - if the past is any guide - potentially increase pension contributions or long-term savings.

Noggle said the expected growth was driven by strong performances in the state's base tax revenue sources corporate and personal income tax and sales tax driven higher by inflation. The good revenue news

in COGFA's March update was the continuation of a nationwide state revenue boom which the Pew Charitable Trusts predicted last month could be reaching an "inflection point."

That report was highlighted by the Illinois Department of Revenue in its testimony to a House committee last week. Pew calculated Illinois' post-2020 revenue growth at 10.8 percent over what it was expected to be based on pre-pandemic trends. That put Illinois at the third-best growth of all

Still, IDOR, GOMB and COGFA are all in general agreement that a recession is on the horizon – or at least they are relying on outside economic forecasts that predict such a scenario.

While IDOR's presentation last week noted a recession could occur in the first two quarters of the current calendar year, COGFA and GOMB had a different take.

"So far, we're just not

really seeing that looking at our income tax data and our sales tax data and the jobs numbers," COGFA Chief Economist Benjamin Varner said at the meeting. "Now, tax receipts obviously probably lag economic activity a little, but so far, we think the slowdown is probably going to be a little later in the year."

COGFA's report noted other factors that could change the state's revenue outlook moving forward. Among them are the possibility of another COVID-19 resurgence, a worsening of the war in Ukraine, and the impacts of inflation and further possible interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve.

But the report also noted that its \$575 million upward revision was "very cautious," based on the fact that final income tax receipts could drastically alter the revenue landscape.

Final payments were

"especially strong" in the previous fiscal year due to an influx of capital gains taxes amid a booming stock market. But that pace has slowed, leading to the cautious approach, COGFA said.

"The market conditions have been not as strong in tax year 2022, so we're anticipating final income tax payments to drop during this last quarter of Fiscal Year 2023," Noggle said. "But we still have had strong wages, we've had strong personal income. And so we think that they're going to offset each other a little bit. The question is how much is there going to be a decline in the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023?"

All three fiscal forecasting entities have also agreed on another thing in recent months: forecasting has been difficult in an era marked by the COVID-19 pandemic and unprecedented levels of government stimulus.

"We keep expecting that slowdown's going to happen," Noggle said at the end of the COGFA meeting. "But it just hasn't happened yet.'

(Jerry Nowicki is the bureau Chief of Capitol News Illinois, a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government that is distributed to more than 400 newspapers statewide. It is funded primarily by the Illinois Press Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.)

Free boating safety courses set at Illinois Waterway Visitor Center OTTAWA - The U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, will offer free boating safety education classes at the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center at the Starved Rock Lock and Dam in Ottawa Dates are April 15, May

20, June 17, July 15, and Aug. 19. Each class will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is open to anyone 11 years of age or older. Completion of only one course is needed for certification.

All boaters, including those new to boating as well as seasoned individuals looking to brush up on safe boating knowledge, are encouraged to take the course. No on-the-water experience



is offered during the classroom-based course. Upon successful completion of the class and exam, participants will be issued an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Boat Safety Certification, which is honored in both Iowa and Illinois.

Pre-registration for the class is required and youth

under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited and classes fill quickly. To register contact the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center at 815-667-4054. Visit https://www.mvr. usace.army.mil/Missions/ Recreation/Illinois-Waterway/Boater-Safety-Classes/ for more information.

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Illinois' ugly flag

By Scott Reeder

Illinois has the ugliest flag in the union and state Sen. Doris Turner wants to do something about it.

The lawmaker from Springfield has introduced legislation to create a commission to develop new flag designs for the General Assembly to consider by Sept. 1.

"After more than 100 years of the same design, I think it's time to rework it," Turner said in a prepared statement. "I'd like to see us take a community approach to create a new design for Illinois' official state flag."

Back in 1915, the various Illinois chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution had a contest to design the state flag. The Rockford chapter won with a rather drab imprint of the state seal on a white For their effort, the state awarded the chapter \$25.

Illinois paid too much. That streamer is boring. Really boring. But, hey, how much creativity do you expect from a

group of all-white women who could trace their ancestry back to the American Revolution?

Not only is it a dull design, it's an origin story that would make anyone yawn.

Just compare it to Alaska's. Back in 1927 the Alaska territory did not have a flag and the governor thought creating one would help pave the way for statehood. So, he launched a contest among the state's school children.

Benny Benson, a 13-year-old Aleut boy living in an orphanage in Seward, drew a flag that is perhaps the nation's most beautiful.

The banner's dark blue color symbolizes the Alaskan sky and the forget-me-not flowers found across its wilderness. The stars emblazoned on this background can be seen in Alaska's pristine sky. And the North Star is an appropriate symbol for the northernmost part of the United States.

When Benny won the contest, lawmakers awarded him a watch and a \$1,000 scholarship to study diesel mechanics. It's doubtful any of the ladies who designed Illinois' emblem ended up crawling under an engine

Complaints about the Illinois flag are nothing new. In 1969, Navy Chief Petty Officer Bruce McDaniel of Waverly, then serving in Vietnam, wrote a letter home complaining about the Illinois flag. It was one of many state flags that hung in his mess hall, but its identity was always questioned, so McDaniel requested that the flag carry the state's name. In response, the word "Illinois" was added to an al-

ready homely banner. Talk about putting lipstick on a pig.

When I was reporter in Galveston, Texas, I received a phone call from a woman angry about a photo we ran on the front page of the Lone Star flag being raised over the city after a hurricane.

"Do you see what's wrong with that photo?" she hollered.

'Um, no ma'am."

"The flag is going up the pole upside down. How

could you run such an image?" "Well, we were just reporting the news, not giving instructions on proper flag display."

I can't imagine that visceral reaction from an Illinoisan seeing their state emblem improperly exhibited.

(Texas school children actually pledge allegiance daily to the state flag.) And Texans are so proud of their flag they fly it solo

with no national emblem insight.

In 2021, Utah passed a law similar to what Sen. Turner is proposing. The task force received around 7,000 flag designs and over 44,000 public comments. Students, educators, families and more were invited to participate in the process of choosing the Utah flag.

Most of Illinois' symbols (the state tree, the state mineral, the state animal) were determined by a vote of pupils in the state's schools. Journalists aren't supposed to disclose how they vote in elections. But I'm not ashamed to say that in first grade I voted for the white oak to be the state tree and in high school I voted for the white-tailed deer to be the state animal.

My track record of voting for winners ended there. After covering Illinois politicians for more than 30 years, I have no faith whatsoever in their collective wisdom. None. Zip. Zilch. Nada.

Just look at this statement from Sen. Turner: "For years, Illinois was seen as fiscally irresponsible. We have turned that around and returned Illinois to the great state it is and our flag should reflect that."

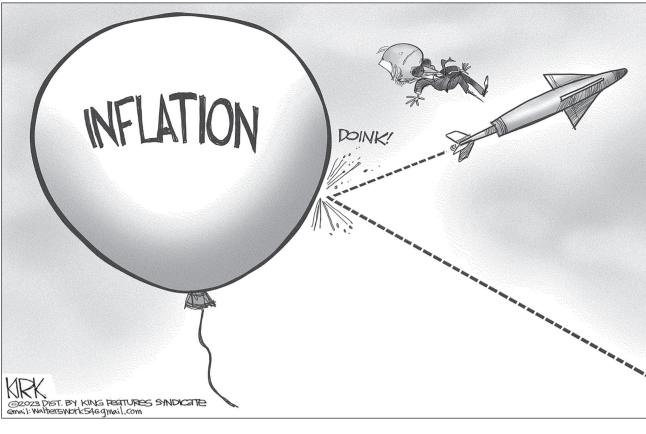
While I agree the state is doing better financially, after a big tax hike and an infusion of federal dollars, we are a long way from having turned things around. The Land of Lincoln still has the worst credit rating in the nation and by far the most underfunded pension system.

Given this lawmaker track record, let's take choosing a new state flag out of their hands and let the children decide.

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Nisley & Leiser mark 10th year – 1929

Backtracks

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from March 17, 2004.)

By Jessica Nashold

As they reflected on their 10 years as publishers of The Mendota Reporter, George W. Nisley and William H. Leiser recalled particulars of their success. When they purchased the paper on March 18, 1919, it had a circulation of 869. The new owners immediately began spending long hours signing up new subscribers. They added 91 during their first week on the job. The first new subscriber was George Niebergall. The new owners said they "wouldn't forget that."

The list of new subscribers grew by 102 the second week, by 93 on the third week and by 50 on the fourth week. At the end of their first year, Nisely & Leiser had added 1,357 new subscribers. As they completed their 10th year, The Mendota Reporter could boast the third largest circulation of any country weekly newspaper in Illinois. There are 17 towns and communities in this section of LaSalle, Lee and Bureau counties. Mendota alone had five rural routes in 1929, with 452 boxes.

On Sept. 22, 1922, The Reporter publishers purchased The Sun-Bulletin, the paper where they had started their careers. On their 10th anniversary, The Mendota Reporter had a circulation of 4,562. The publishers hoped to reach 5,000 in the near future.

Nisley & Leiser were tireless in proclaiming Mendota to be "the best community on earth, with the best people, the best farmers, the best farmland and best railroad connections." They acted as a "free employment bureau" for farmers, in lining up seasonal help. They also tried to get a Chamber of Commerce established in Mendota and attract more factories.

The Reporter urged the people of Mendota to get ready for many summer visitors in 1929. As roads were improving. The Reporter predicted that Chicagoans would be driving to Rochelle, and then on to Mendota. The distance of 100 to 110 miles was "just far enough for a nice trip." It was suggested that Mendota "eating houses" should be prepared to handle a crowd

Sidetracks

every Sunday.

SIDETRACK – Reporter readers who lied in Mendota in the 1920s may remember the popularity of Sunday drives and TOURIST signs in the windows of some houses.

On March 20, 1929, community

leaders met in the officer of Alderman Charles D. Powell, who also served as chairman of the building committee for a new Lincoln School, approved in a recent referendum. After hearing from architects, who also attended the meeting, it was acknowledged that "it would be hard to keep expenses within the appropriation approved." Fourteen classrooms would be needed. Fred Henning wanted a smaller gym. Dr. Edgar Cook wanted the departmental classes moved from Blackstone to the new Lincoln School. Two-thirds of the students in the departmental classes lived on the east side. Fewer children would have to cross the tracks. Otto Kieselbach, Judge B. Harry Reck and attorney John Dibbs were of the opinion that a citizens' meeting should have been held before the referendum was placed on the ballot. However, a Citizens' Committee of three would now be appointed to consult with the school board in decision-making.

Plans for a Mendota baseball team were finalized on March 19, 1929, in Roy McInturf's office. There would be a fundraiser to purchase new uniforms. Dr. W.M. Wagner, one of the owners of the Kakusha Park, had offered the use of the park for home games and the team would be known as the Mendota Kakusha Parks. Wagner was also named to collect contributions to the project. Robert Boyle was appointed to direct fundraising entertainment for the team and was also business manager. McInturd was captain.

Bleachers may be installed at

Kakusha for spectators.

A Diaphone Siren was mounted on top of the city building in March 1929. It operated on electricity and the installation was on a trial basis.

Frank Sanders was the first farmer to start field work in the 1929 season. He began plowing sod on March 18 and said "it turned over just fine."

He will have 90 acres in corn.

Mendota Auto Co., dealer for Fords, secured a contract to supply H. Zolper & Sons with 10 Model M trucks to be used in their "concrete road-laying work."

Maude Eckart moved her beauty

shop from Truckenbrod's jewelry store to the Schartlein bakery building on Washington Street. She shared the rooms with Miss Alice Peart, who had a corset-fitting business. Eckart & Peart were also partners in a millinery shop, in the same rooms. Justine Full moved her beauty shop

from the mezzanine floor of Walker's dry goods store to the corner of Jefferson and Illinois, above the Moore & Kliyla commission office.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen conducted a Little Style Show in the Della Allen Shop on March 12-13, 1929. They trained the models themselves.

They could not have been excelled by professionals.

The models were Mary Catherine Cannon, Leona Burg, Hazel Mae Nisley, Ethel Cannon and Catherine Marmion.

Charles Sonntag closed out the stock in his dry goods store on Main Street. He used the Fischer building, where auctions would be held twice daily, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. until the stock was gone.

A Milwaukee freight engine was derailed at the junction of its tracks with the Illinois Central line. Wreckers came from Savanna and worked seven hours to put the engine back on the rails.

When these monsters are on the ground, they are surely helpless.

Our Dickensian border policy

By Rich Lowry

"I became, at ten years old, a little labouring hind in the service of Murdstone and Grinby."

Thus relates David Copperfield in the Charles Dickens novel of the same name.

Of course, Dickens was a crusader against the exploitation of children. The edge is taken off the depictions of the heartless treatment of children in his fiction, though, by the funny and memorable portrayals of the malefactors, the upward trajectory of the lives of the likes of David Copperfield and Oliver Twist, and the knowledge that the practices that Dickens inveighed against are a thing of the past in the

It takes a heart of stone not to smile at the name of David's cruel stepfather, Edward Murdstone (Mr. Murdstone, to you), or the wine-bottling factory where David unhappily works,

The orphan Oliver Twist had a bad time of it in a workhouse in the town of Mudfug. Yet, at least Oliver avoids the dangerous fate of getting apprenticed to the chimney sweep, Mr. Gamfield, and eventually an unexpected inheritance and a happy adoption await him.

This is all relevant today, because, as a big New York Times report highlighted, we have a Dickensian border policy.

The Times details how so-called unaccompanied minors end up "in some of the most punishing jobs in the country." The Times found: "Twelve-year-old roofers in Florida and Tennessee. Underage slaughterhouse workers in Delaware, Mississippi and North Carolina. Children sawing planks of wood on overnight shifts in South Dakota." Needless to say, J. Crew and Walmart aren't as charming as

Murdstone and Grinby, and favorable plot twists are unlikely to be written into the stories of many of the kids caught up in this child-labor maw. Most important, this isn't happening more than 150 years ago in another country.

The upshot of The Times piece is that we have chosen to import a social problem -- as if we didn't have enough already.

The Times reports that the child-labor force has "exploded"

since 2021, which, of course, coincides with the advent of Biden's lax border policies. A quarter of a million children

have entered the United States over the past two years. For no good reason, we've made it difficult for ourselves to quickly send home minors coming on their own from noncontiguous countries, and thus we've enabled a market in child smuggling and child labor.

As The Times puts it: "These are not children who have stolen into the country undetected." Caseworkers interviewed by the Times estimate that two-thirds of all unaccompanied minors end up working full-time.

This is bad for the kids, corrupting to the companies that exploit them, and unhealthy for our society generally.

The Department of Health and Human Services is in charge of sheltering the minors when they arrive, and then monitoring them upon release. It is not doing a good job, but the king's cure would be to have better enforcement at the border and in the interior. That way, children wouldn't be sent alone across the border in the first place, on an arduous journey with perhaps a dangerous factory job in the offing at their ultimate destination. But no one in charge ever seems to think of that.

There are a few other things to be said about all this.

One, it's worth remembering that migrants are supposed to be asylum seekers, fleeing persecution in their home countries; but almost every time the press reports in any detail on the stories of individual migrants, they prove to be economic migrants.

Two, it's hard to believe that the availability of cheap, easily exploited illegal child labor doesn't exert downward pressure on low-skilled wages.

Three, not to sound like a child-welfare nativist, but there are plenty of children already in the United States who desperately need the attention of caseworkers.

Despite The Times story, the insanity at the border will continue, and we can be assured that it's not going to produce

any great literature. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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TRI-COUNTY NEWS

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Paw Paw student on Millikin Dean's List DECATUR-Sammi M. Katschke Katschke of Paw Paw, has been named to the Dean's List for Fall 2022 at Millikin University.

Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors. Students earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted earn High Dean's List honors.

Millikin University is a private, comprehensive university with a diverse student population of approximately 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students. A Millikin education features Performance Learning, a unique learning approach offered only at Millikin that gives students the chance to build the confidence and skills to succeed before and after graduation. Millikin offers more than 50 majors in the College of Fine Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, College

of Professional Studies and Tabor School of Business, and is located on a 75-acre residential campus in Decatur.

Earlville student on UMGC Dean's List

ADELPHI, Md. – Laura Pierce of Earlville was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC). To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC. UMGC was established in 1947 to

serve adults in the workforce. Today, the university enrolls some 90,000 students annually, offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs, as well as certificates in more than 125 fully online, hybrid and face-to-face programs and specializations.

Paw Paw getting new waste removal company

PAW PAW – The area around the sewer ponds will be graded and new gravel laid, it was announced at the March 8 meeting of the Paw Paw Village Board.

The EPA requires that sump-pumps and downspouts not be connected to the village's sewer system. The Village will be sending a letter to all residents informing them of the regulations, and verifying that each house is in compliance, and has back-flow protection. Anyone desiring further

information may check out the guides on the EPA website, https://www.epa.gov

The clinic on Wiley has

gone through asbestos removal and had a new roof installed.

The village Easter egg hunt will be on Saturday, April 8.

Internet access will be installed in the Community Center's downstairs.

The Spring Garage sales will be April 21-22, and village clean-up will be April 24-25.

The Village has signed a contract with Northern Illinois Disposal as its new waste removal company. The last day for Republic Services pick-up will be March 30; they will collect their waste containers at that time. Northern Illinois

Disposal will drop off waste containers on Friday, March 31. Town garbage pick-up day will be changed to Fridays.

Senergy Solar company is researching available land for new sites. They will be exploring sites abutting

Shady Oaks Wind Farm is seeking a grant for connecting with ComEd.

Paw Paw.

The Village Clerk has reported that the Village is close to completing the codification project, updating and streamlining information. When the project is completed, the ordinances will be available through the Village website.















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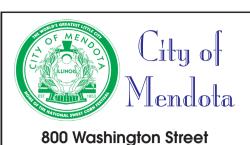
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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: How is Bruce Willis doing since he was diagnosed with a neurological dis-

order? I've enjoyed his work ever since seeing him in "Moonlighting," with Cybill Shepherd.



A: It's hard to believe it's been 38 years since Bruce Willis debuted as charming P.I. David Addison Jr., opposite his boss, former model Maddie Hayes, played by Cybill Shepherd. The two quarreled both on screen and off, but their chemistry was a hit with viewers, making the show last five seasons. Willis went on to be a mega movie star in the "Die Hard" franchise, among other films, but last March, it was announced that he was retiring from acting at age 67 after being diagnosed with a cognitive disorder called aphasia.

Sadly, in February of this year, his wife, Emma Heming Willis, announced that his condition has progressed and that they now have a more specific diagnosis: frontotemporal dementia. Fortunately, he has a wonderful support system that includes his ex-wife, actress Demi Moore, and their children, along with his two daughters

Q: I only recently started

watching the family saga "Succession" on HBO. What drew me in was the opening theme music. Is it an original piece for the show? -- A.K.

A: When composer Nicholas Britell was interviewed on the "CBS News Sunday Morning" show, he said that when he was a young boy, he asked his mother for piano lessons after hearing the theme to the movie "Chariots of Fire." This didn't lead him down a straight path to Hollywood, however. He worked on Wall Street for a while before quitting, to chase his dream.

He told CBS he wanted the theme about a dysfunctional wealthy family to sound a little off: "The pianos are out of tune with each other. The strings are a little bit off. This should feel kind of like something's a little wrong here." His instincts were right, and it led to him winning an Emmy Award for Outstanding Original Main Title Theme Music.

Before being hired for "Succession," he already had an excellent reputation in the industry, having earned Oscar nominations for three different movie scores: "Moonlight," "If Beale Street Could Talk" and "Don't Look Up."

The fourth and final season of "Succession" returns to HBO on March 26. In the meantime, you can hear more of Britell's creations with the Disney+ series "Andor" and in the upcoming live-action film "Mufasa: The Lion King."

O: What happened to Taylor Kinney on "Chicago Fire"? Did he leave the show? -- G.M.

A: On a recent episode of the hit NBC series "Chicago Fire," it was mentioned that Taylor Kinney's character, Lt. Kelly Severide, had gone to Alabama for arson investigation training. Off-screen, the actor has chosen to take a hiatus from the show for personal reasons. He's still in the credits, though, and Capt. Tom Van Meter (Tim Hopper) assured Chief Boden (Eamonn Walker) that Severide isn't "planning a transfer."

Kinney has been with the show since 2012, so hopefully, he just needs a little R&R and will return before the season ends.

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Vancouver-born Ryan Reynolds, now 46, is returning to Canada to build a 1.2-millionsquare-foot movie studio in Markham, Ontario, Canada, for a mere \$1.5 billion. Reynolds got more gold than Fort Knox from starring and producing "Deadpool" (2016), which cost \$58 million and made \$782.6 million, and "Deadpool 2" (2018), which cost \$110 million and made \$785.8 million. The upcoming "Deadpool 3" will cost \$200 million and costar Hugh Jackman and Leslie Uggams.

Lest we forget Tom Cruise, whose "Top Gun: Maverick" grossed upward of \$1.4 billion, making it the 12th top grossing film of all time. "Maverick" falls behind No. 1 grosser "Avatar" (\$2.9 billion), No. 2 "Avengers: Endgame" (\$2.7 billion) and newcomer and No. 3 "Avatar: The Way Of Water" (\$2.2 billion).

Cruise began shooting "Mission: Impossible --Dead Reckoning Part One" and "Dead Recknoning Part Two" back in February 2020, but they were shut down due to COVID and restarted shooting March

24, 2022. The films wrapped December 2022, with a total cost of \$290 million. "Part One" opens July 2023 and "Part Two

opens June 2024. "Mission Impossible: Fallout" (2018) cost \$178 million and grossed

\$791.7 million. Need we say more?

Patricia Heaton (who filmed 209 episodes of "Everybody Loves Raymond" and 215 episodes of "The Middle," before being disappointed by only 18 episodes of CBS' "Carol's Second Act") is moving back into movies with the psychological thriller "The Beldham," co-starring Corbin Bernsen. Heaton's already completed "Mending the Line," with Brian Cox, and "The Unbreakable Boy," with Zachary Levi.

Bernsen has the upcoming HBO miniseries "White House Plumbers," with Woody Harrelson, Justin Theroux, Domhnall Gleeson and Lena Headey, as well as the Showtime series "The Curse," starring Emma

Couch Theater

Stone, due soon.

Here's a final word on Raquel Welch, who died Feb. 15 at 82. When she passed, the last vestige of the classic Hollywood sex symbol went with her. The many times I saw her, she created the kind of stir accorded with Elizabeth Taylor or Marlene Dietrich, and she was always beautiful, approachable, glamorous and -- above all

In 1973, I was writing five columns a month for movie magazines, and I was taken by her stunning performance in "The Three Musketeers" (and said so in print). One night, while covering an "A list" party at a private club, I saw Raquel Welch walking toward me. She said, "Hi, you've been pointed out to me as Tony Rizzo." I nodded that I was, and she continued, "I spend a small fortune on clipping services and have read several articles you've written praising my acting. I just wanted to thank you in person." She extended her hand, then turned and walked away. I said, "Don't let me down," to which she replied: "Don't worry I won't!" Now that was class!

Strange **But True**

By Lucie Winborne

* What's in a gut bacterium? Possibly more than you might expect: Studies have shown that the types and amounts of such bacteria might influence your appetite, your food preferences and even the way nutrients are processed and stored in your body.

* While fish can cough, they don't sneeze. * Michael Jordan was

nicknamed "Magic" in high school after Los Angeles Lakers icon Magic Johnson.

* In June 2022, the New York Public Library donated half a million books to kids under 18 so they could start their own personal book collections. Collecting and reading books has been found beneficial to learning, stress relief and even future

* And speaking of libraries, they're not always just for books: The Buffalo Tool Library in Buffalo, New York, allows members to take out tools for home improvement, gardening and repair projects.

* Provincial law in Ouebec prohibits a woman from taking her husband's surname after marriage. *Actor Morgan Freeman,

after serving in the U.S. Air Force, got his first paid job in show business as a dancer at the 1964 World's Fair. * Dolbear's Law, which

states the connection between air temperature and the rate at which crickets chirp, is accurate to within about one degree Fahrenheit for the field cricket. * The Chinese video shar-

ing and streaming site Bilibili used 1,500 drones to create a light show celebrating the first anniversary of the release of mobile game Princess Connect! Re:Dive, which was followed by a huge QR code to download the game.

Thought for the Day: "A champion is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning." -- Billie Jean King



Solution time: 24 mins. **SY9W2NA** King Crossword —

1. MOVIES: What is the name coulrophobia?

of Scarlett and Rhett's daughter in 'Gone with the Wind''?

2. GEOGRAPHY: What body of water lies between Australia and

3. TELEVISION: Eric Camden is a minister on which TV dramedy?

4. CHEMISTRY: Which element has the Latin name stannum (Sn)? 5. LITERATURE: Which book

icles of Narnia series? 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the bird logo on Twitter?

is first written in C.S. Lewis' Chron-

7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does it take a sloth to digest

8. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the irrational fear represented by

Greek god stared at his own reflection until he died?

10. INVENTIONS: What did Alessandro Volta invent?

1. Bonnie Blue Butler.

2. Tasman Sea.

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6. Larry. 7. An average of 16 days, and

up to 30 days.

Narcissus.

10. The electric battery.

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Trivia Test

9. MYTHOLOGY: Which

5. "The Lion, The Witch and the

8. Fear of clowns.

"The 95th Academy

Awards" (NR) -- Almost one year after that unforgettable slap heard 'round the world, the Oscars are back to honor this year's greatest film moments (this time with a crisis team in place, just in case anyone gets a bit too handsy). "Everything Everywhere All at Once" leads with 11 nominations, including the Best Picture category, followed by the films "All Quiet on the Western Front," "The Banshees of Inisherin" and "Elvis." Austin Butler, Colin Farrell and Brendan Fraser are in the running to bring home Best Actor, while Cate Blanchett, Ana de Armas and Michelle Yeoh are in the running for Best Actress. The award ceremony, hosted by Jimmy Kimmell, is available to stream now. (Hulu)

"Extrapolations" MA) -- This new drama series tells the stories of several individuals over the span of 33 years, as they experience the life-altering effects of climate change on Earth from the years 2037 to 2070. As an anthology series, each episode will focus on different characters, but there will be the occasional interconnection between storylines, since each major event bounces off the previous one. The cast of "Extrapolations" is star-studded to say the least, with Kit Harington, Meryl Streep, Sienna Miller, Edward Norton, Diane Lane, David Schwimmer, Forest Whitaker, Marion Cotillard, Tobey Maguire and Yara Shahidi starring, among many others. The first three episodes release March 17. You don't want to miss it. (AppleTV+) 'House Party" (R) -- In

this comedy film, a remake of the 1990 cult classic "House Party," two aspiring club promoters, Kevin and Damon, try to support themselves by working as house cleaners at a mansion. When the pair of friends realize that the owner of the mansion is LeBron James, they come up with the ingenious idea to host a party there, in order to gain access to James' celebrity contacts and earn a quick profit. What unfolds as the party gets underway is pure tomfoolery and leaves Kevin and Damon just as desperate as they started. Only grossing \$9 million, this film did receive nega-

tive reviews, but if you're looking for something entertaining to put on late at night, something filled with goofy humor and lots of celebrity cameos, why not give it a shot? (HBO Max) "Swarm" (NR) -- The

latest creation by Donald Glover ("Atlanta") is a new horror thriller series starring Dominique Fishback ("Judas and the Black Messiah"), Chloe Bailey from the musical duo Chloe x Halle, and internet personality Ricky Thompson. Fishback portrays a young woman named Dre, who has a dangerous obsession with a fictional pop star named Ni'jah. Dre's obsession with Ni'jah rules over her entire life, affecting her relationships and mental health, even how she speaks to others. Since she refuses to accept any slander against her beloved idol, Dre inches further and further down a rabbit hole, until it ultimately drives her to make insane and fatal choices. A bold critique on fan/stan culture, all seven episodes of "Swarm" premiere March 17. (Prime

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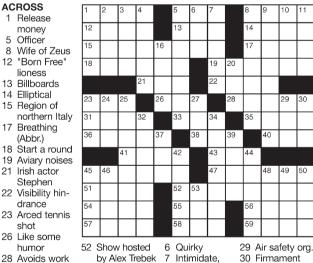
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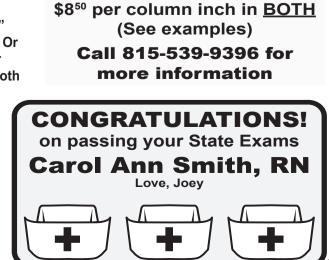




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Robyn M. Tunk -

SOMONAUK - Robyn Mary Tunk, 20, of Somonauk, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 10, 2023 at home, after a courageous battle with cancer.

A Celebration of Life for Robyn will be held on Friday, March 24, 2023 from 3 p.m. until the time of service at 5 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. The service is being officiated by Pastor Brenda Finn. There is a dinner immediately after the service at the Mendota Moose Lodge, 211 E. 12th

St., Mendota. Robyn was born Aug. 10, 2002 in Winfield.

Robyn is survived by her mother Angela (Issac) Jones; her father Daniel (Brandy) Tunk; brother Dylan Jones; sister Samantha Tunk; grandparents Beatrice and Douglas Bicking, Peg and Bill Simpson, Gail and Steve Castle, Randy and Angela Jones, Rick and Tina Wehrman; two great-grandmothers Marian Bicking and Mary Jo Ziegler and so many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather Walter Tunk, great-grandparents Charles and Marie Prinzi, Carl Bicking, Donna Wehrman and aunt Katie Jones.

Robyn graduated from Somonauk High School in the class of 2020 where she was captain of the Dance Team and active in the FFA. After she graduated, she attended Illinois State University where she started her degree in Special Education. Robyn enjoyed being outdoors, had a passion for dancing and could shop all day long while enjoying her Starbucks.

A memorial is being established for local special education program. Online condolences may be left at www. merrittfh.com.

Rafael Hermosillo

PERU - Rafael "Chino" Hermosillo, 33, of Peru, formerly of Mexico, passed away late March 12, 2023 surrounded by his loving

Mass of Christian burial will be at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 17 at St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church in La-Salle with the Most Reverend Tom Otto officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. at Wasmer Funeral Home in Mendota following Mass

in LaSalle. Burial will be later in Mexico. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to be assisting the family.

Rafael was born Oct. 10, 1989, in Atolinga, Zacatecas, Mexico to Rafael and Margarita (Anaya) Hermosillo. Chino grew up in Mexico and graduated high school in 2007. He came to the United States when he was 18. Rafael was co-owner of Nina's Market in LaSalle.

Rafa will be forever missed by his parents, Rafael and Margarita of Atolinga, Mexico; son Rafael (Aaron) Hermosillo of Chicago; brothers Isaias Hermosillo of Atolinga, Mexico, Ismael Hermosillo of Peru and Hernan Luna of Peru; sister Belen Hermosillo Anaya (Lisandro Salinas) of Peru; two nieces; two nephews; and his maternal grandmother Ramona Garcia of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents and maternal grandfather.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Vitas Hospice and ADDUS Homecare for their compassionate care of Chino and his entire family.

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CHAMPAIGN - Above normal air temperatures this winter kept Illinois average soil temperatures higher than usual. These mild conditions are favorable for insect pests that overwinter in Illinois, but many other factors will affect insect populations for the upcoming growing season, according to scientists at the Prairie Research Institute (PRI), a part of the University

Temperatures

Statewide temperatures from December through February averaged 34 degrees, which is 4 degrees higher than the long-term average, said Jennie Atkins, PRI Water and Atmospheric Resources Monitoring (WARM) program manager. Southern Illinois was particularly warm with temperatures in the 70s during the last week of February, 20 to 25 degrees higher than normal.

This warmer winter weather led to higher soil temperatures across the state. Soil temperatures at 4 inches under bare soil averaged 38 degrees, or 3 degrees above

HSTP meeting

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portation Plan (HSTP) Regional Transporta-

tion Committee Meeting

for Region 3 (Bureau,

DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle,

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the long-term average and 2 degrees warmer than last winter. All Illinois regions saw warmer soils with average temperatures ranging from 35 degrees in the north

to 42 degrees in the south. Despite the warmer temperatures overall, the state did see periods of freezing temperatures at most monitored locations. Most notably during the extreme cold of Dec. 22-24, soil temperatures fell as low as 18 degrees. The lowest temperatures were in the central region where there was little snow to insulate the soils.

In the first week of March, soil temperatures were high and reached the 60s in the southern and parts of the central regions on March 6 and the 40s and 50s in the north. Lows ranged from the mid-30s to mid-40s.

Insect pests

This mild winter has sparked questions about the potential for higher than average pests this coming growing season. It's a complicated answer as not all pests overwinter here in Illinois, but the conditions have been favorable for the ones that do, said Kelly Estes, PRI state agricultural pest survey coordinator. Insects can overwinter in any life stage, including egg, larva, pupa, or adult, and in different locations.

Some insects overwinter in the soil. For example, rootworms overwinter as eggs and Japanese beetles

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as grubs. Others seek shelter in leaf debris, grass, or even under tree bark.

Warmer air and soil temperatures are certainly favorable to insect survival. However, it's important to note that these conditions are also beneficial for natural enemies, such as parasitoids, predators, and pathogens. It's also important to remember that spring conditions will also affect insect survival. Late freezes and excessive moisture are just two examples of factors that can impact insect populations.

"While there is no easy answer to predict what we might experience this coming growing season, we can say for certainty that insects will be around," Estes said.

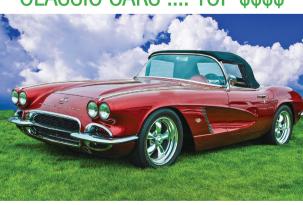




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POLICE BLOTTER

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Joshua R. Fitschen, 32, of 607 Seventh Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at 12th Street and Third Avenue at 9:49 p.m. March 9. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DUI

Adam T. Peterson, 33, of Spring Valley, was charged with driving while under the influence after a traffic stop at Fifth Street and Ninth Avenue at 10:37 p.m. March 10. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Kyla A. Rowe, 18, of 1005 Sixth Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Meriden Street and

Pennsylvania Avenue at 5:30 p.m. March 12. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID **DRIVER'S LICENSE**

Ulises C. Lopez, 21, of 4367 E. 250th Road, Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at First Avenue and Fourth Street at 10:25 p.m. March 12. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

BATTERY, DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Curtis A. Edwards, 49, of 351 Chicago Road, Apt. 1, Paw Paw, was charged with battery and disorderly conduct after police officers were dispatched to a call for service in the 2700 block of East 12th Street at 8:10 a.m. March 13. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.



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residential and commercial units, and structures which share a wall or walls with another structure, shall be kept free from infestations of insects (including but not limited to bedbugs, cockroaches and disease-carrying insects), rats or other vermin.

The city of Mendota requests anyone who is in violation of the above mentioned nuisance regulations to remove the item(s) from your property. Anyone found in violation will be subject to receiving a citation, which involves a court date and fine.

Addresses sought for Mendota town-wide garage sales

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.

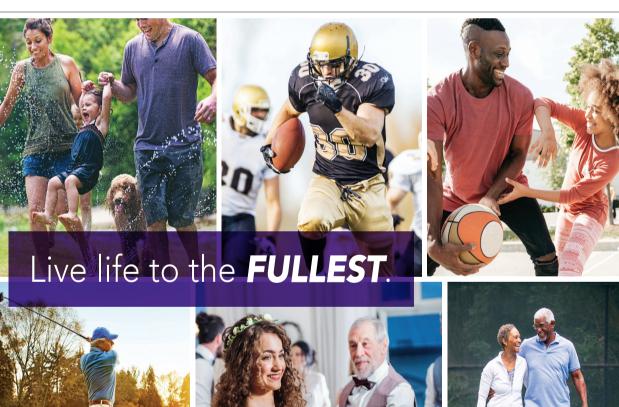
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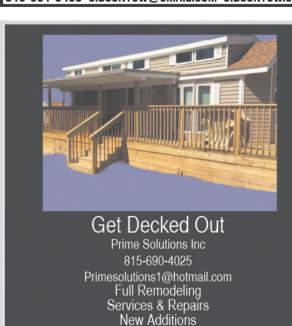
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SPORTS

Illinois spring trout fishing season to open April 1 at 58 locations statewide

☐ Lake Mendota, I&M Canal in LaSalle among the fishing sites

SPRINGFIELD - The 2023 Illinois spring trout fishing season will open Saturday, April 1, at 58 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at selected trout sites – the spring catch-and-release fishing season – will open March 18. No trout may be kept during the catch-andrelease fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning April 1. The Illinois Department

of Natural Resources (IDNR) stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the spring season. An additional 80,000 trout will be stocked for the fall trout fishing season, which begins in October.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program receives funding support from those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps.

For the 2023 spring trout season, no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites from March 13 until the season opens at 5 a.m. April 1. Anyone attempting to harvest trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

All anglers, including those who intend to release fish caught before April 1, must have a fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily harvest limit for each angler is five trout.

For more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, check the website at www. ifishillinois.org.

Illinois 2023 fishing licenses and Inland Trout Stamps are available now at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores, and other retail outlets. For a list of locations, visit https://www.exploremoreil.com/agentlocator.

Fishing licenses and trout stamps also can be purchased online at https://www.exploremoreil.com.

For information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are



reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.

Area locations that will be open for the 2023 spring trout season are:

- Bureau County Hennepin Canal Parkway
- Kendall County Big Lake, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area
 - LaSalle County Illinois

and Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle; Lake Mendota, City of Mendota

- Ogle County Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park*
- Whiteside County Centennial Park Pond, Rock Falls

(**Denotes sites open for catch-and-release early spring season fishing)

MHS track teams open season at Sterling Indoor

STERLING - Mendota's boys' and girls' track team had their first meet of the season in the Sterling Indoor Meet at Sterling on March 11. Other teams in the meet were Dixon, Freeport, Galesburg, Rock Falls and Sterling.

For the Trojans, the 4x200 meter relay junior varsity team posted the highest finish in third place with a time of 1:50.72. Runners were Aaden Castle, Robert Botello, Devin Desoto and Sebastian Carlos.

For the Lady Trojans, Grace Wasmer turned in a third-place effort in the long jump with a distance of 13-5.

Boys' Results

- **3**rd **place** JV 4x200 relay (Aaden Castle, Robert Botello, Devin Desoto, Sebastian Carlos), 1:50.72
- 5th place Anthony Kelson, 800m run, 2:18.41; Varsity 4x800 relay (Kelson, Travis Mumm, Carlos Olivas, Jacob Carr), 10:02.96
 - 6th place Varsity

4x400 relay (Mason Koch, Kelson, Dean Gilbert, Castle), 4:13.73

7th place - Varsity 4x200 relay (Koch, Brandon Leadley, JP Belmonte, Gilbert), 1:53.79

8th place - Gilbert, triple jump, 32-7

9th place - Koch, long jump, 17-2

10th place - Keegen Stewart, 400m dash, 1:08.42

Girls' Results

3rd place - Grace Wasmer, long jump, 13-5 5th place - JV 4x200

relay (Jessica Reel, Sofia Duarte, Kennedy Knaff, Ella Martin), 2:31.07 7th place - Laylie De-

nault, 200m dash 30.96; Reel, triple jump, 24-2 8th place - Varsity

4x400 relay (Vivian Begley, Hannah Kunz, Jessica Reel, Alexis Finley),

9th place - Kunz, 800m run, 3:05.49; Varsity 4x200 relay (Denault, Ashley Caracheo, Cadence Thornton, Wasmer), 2:12.15; Denault, long jump, 12-1





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The amazing benefits of living from the inside out

I remember many years ago when I was young in the ministry and a woman came to me for counseling. She had recently accepted Christ as her Savior, and while she was talking, it became clear to me that she was living with her boyfriend. I was just waiting for her to finish talking so I could tell her that was wrong, but God stopped me. He spoke very clearly to my heart and said, "No, you're not going to do that. I will tell her at the right time, when she's ready to hear it."

This was a powerful lesson for me because it helped me understand that people have to be grounded in God long enough, and love Him enough, that they are willing to give up the things that are wrong for them. And a religious attitude that is judgmental and critical toward others can be worse than the issue we feel we need to "correct."

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looks at the heart." The truth is God cares most about what's going on in my heart—why I do what I do—more than anything else. And the best thing I can do is keep my focus on Him and make sure my heart is right with Him.

Your Inner Life and Your Outer Life

We have two lives – an inner life and an outer life. The inner life is what we think and feel and the attitude we choose to have. It's our soul, which is our mind, will and emotions. Our outer life is what we see on the outside—the way we look, what we have, what we do. Both are important, but God is more concerned with our inner life and why we do what we do. He is looking at our hearts.

As believers in Christ, we belong to God; His Spirit lives in us and works in us to make us more like Jesus. When the changes in our heart show in the way we live, we're living from the inside out. That's when others can see the righteousness, peace and joy that we have in Christ operating in our lives.

Romans 14:17 (AMPC) says, "[After all]the kingdom of God... is righteousness (that state which makes a person acceptable to God) and [heart] peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." God wants us to enjoy our everyday lives, even the ordinary, sometimes



mundane daily routines that we can become tired of doing. And a religious, judgmental attitude—like the one I had toward the woman who came to me for counseling—only steals our joy and peace. Going Through

the Process

We have to learn how to live this way, and the first thing God wants to change in us is the way we think. He wants us to learn to think the way He thinks.

Romans 12:2 says we will know "what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God" when we've been "transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal" of our mind (AMPC). Transformation takes time and is a process that happens gradually. God is still working in my life to transform me into His image, but I know I've made progress because I recognize more quickly now when I have "stinkin' thinkin'."

I can feel it inside... something isn't right and I've lost my peace and joy. That's when I need to stop and think about what I'm thinking about and what I'm talking about. I've gotten to the point where God has brought conviction to my heart in the middle of a conversation because I

shouldn't. So I stopped myself, apologized and said, "God just corrected me. I shouldn't be talking about this." The way we think and

speak determines our reality. If we want to live for God-with righteousness, peace and joy-we need to adjust our attitude when it's not good. I know there are times when we want to say, "Well, I can't help the way I feel." But we can help the way we think and talk, and we can choose our attitude.

Feelings are fickle and most people live by the way they feel too much of the time. Sometimes we need to remind ourselves: "I can't always help how I feel, but I don't have to act according to my feelings." God created us with a free will, and we can choose to do what's right as we trust Him for the grace and strength to do it. We may not be able to choose how we feel all the time, but we can decide not to let our feelings determine how we will live our lives.

This is the key to overcoming the things that steal our joy in everyday life, like a critical, judgmental attitude. I want to encourage you to make a determined decision to live for God and make it

your number one priority to have a right heart toward Him. Then, even when your circumstances aren't joyful and peaceful, you can have joy and peace because they are in your heart. When you have life in Christ, it's so wonderful to live from the inside out!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching resource The Gift of Everyday Joy. 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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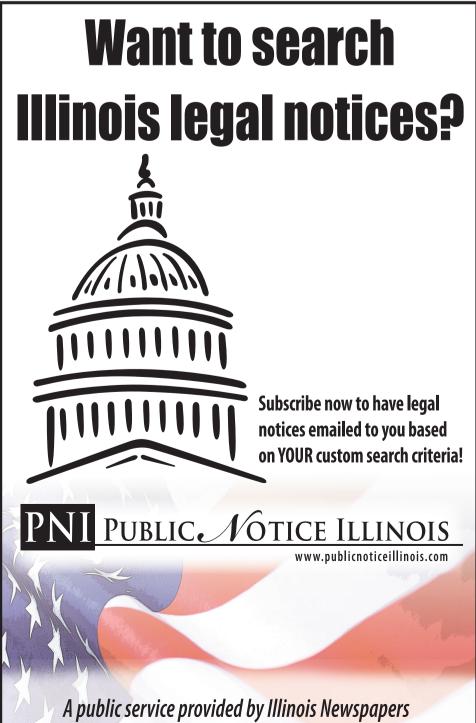


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By William Arthur Ward

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:

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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:

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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

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

2. In how many verses is the specific name of Satan used in the Old Testament (KJV)? 0, 1, 15, 174

3. From Genesis 36, which city was Esau's home base? Petra, Tyre, Gilgal, Perga

4. Which of these persons hid in a

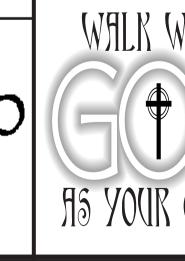
cave while God passed by? Noah, Moses, Abraham, Jonah 5. From Esther 5, who/what was

Zeresh? King of Persia, Mountain,

Wife of Haman, River 6. In 1 Peter, to what animal is Satan compared? Serpent, Wolf, Rat, Lion

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) 15, 3) Petra, 4) Moses, 5) Wife of Haman, 6) Lion

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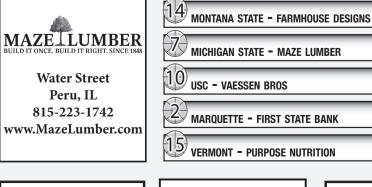
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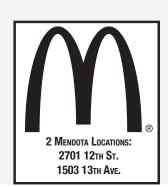




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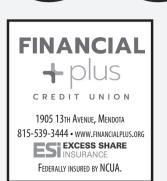
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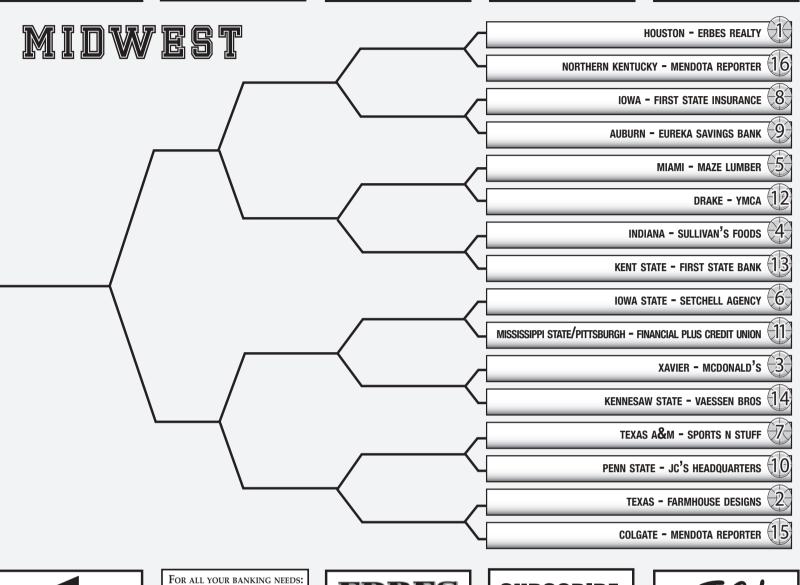
















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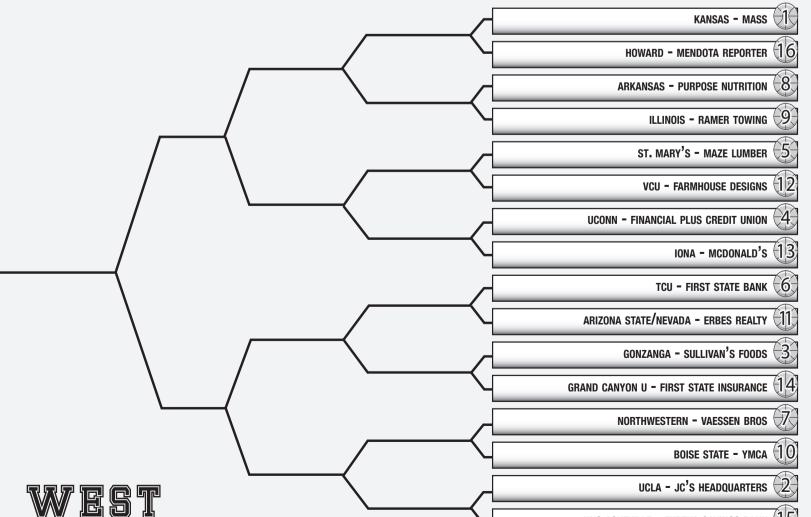


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By virtue of 770 ILCS 103/10-15 et. seq and in execution of certain mortgages on the timeshare estates given by the owners of the timeshare estates set forth below for breach of the conditions of said mortgages and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on March 28, 2023, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, being all and singular the premises described in said mort-

Each timeshare estate is a 1.923% and/ or 0.9615% undivided interest (each, a "Unit") as tenant-in-common at Fox River Resort, a vacation ownership project in LaSalle County, Illinois, as per the recorded plat(s) thereof and according to the Amended and Restated Declaration of Restrictions. Covenants and Conditions recorded under File No. R2000-31258 and any Supplemental Declarations recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds. LaSalle County, Illinois, as supplemented and amended from time to time (the "Declaration"), together with the exclusive right to occupy the Unit during the designated Use Period Number(s), as said Use Period is defined in the Declaration, upon and subject to all of the terms, restrictions, covenants, conditions and provisions in the Decla-

LILIANA GUTIERREZ, BELVIS AND LOURDES VAZQUEZ, 5 RES VILLA DEL CA-RIBE, PONCE, PUER-TO RICO 00728, according to the Mortgage dated August 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 18531, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 20, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00790, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2 LILIANA GUTIERREZ, JOSE BELVIS AND LOURDES VAZQUEZ, 5544 S NEVA AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60638, according to the Mortgage dated August 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 18531, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, IIlinois, on August 20, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00790, Use Period Number(s) 37, LILIANA GUTIERREZ,

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and JOSEPH J COO-PER, 8232 S PEORIA ST APT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Mortgage dated April 27, 2014 and record-

ed under File No. 2014 09237, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 20, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0415, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 7 JOYCE EVANS-CUR-TIS and JOYCE EV-ANS, 13314 S KED-VALE AVE, ROBBINS, IL 60472, according to the Mortgage dated June 11, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 12185, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0095, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 2

January 25, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02582, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 10, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more partic-JOYCE EVANS-CURularly described as Unit TIS and JOYCE EV-No. 01390, Use Period ANS, 3300 HUDSON-Number(s) 30, Phase 2 WOOD DR APT 1117. TERMS OF DENTON, TX 76208, At the time and locaaccording to the Morttion noted above, the gage dated June 11, timeshare estates list-2015 and recorded ed above will be sold under File No. 2015 at public auction to 12185, in the Office of the highest bidder for the Recorder of Deeds cash. The timeshare for LaSalle County, Illiestates will be sold in nois, on June 30, 2015, individual lots unless are the owners of the there are no individual timeshare estate to be bidders, in which case, foreclosed, more particthey may be sold as ularly described as Unit a group. In the event No. 0095, Use Period the holder of the mort-Number(s) 31, Phase 2 gages or its authorized VIOLET MORagent is the purchaser RELL, 605 E MAIN ST, of one or more of the STOCKBRIDGE, MI timeshare estates, the 49285, according to the holder of the mortgages Mortgage dated May or its authorized agent may offset against the 07, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 purchase price of the 09835, in the Office of timeshare estate(s) an the Recorder of Deeds amount equal to all or for LaSalle County, Illia portion of the amount nois, on May 28, 2014, due under the mortare the owners of the gage(s) (and thus, credtimeshare estate to be it bid). foreclosed, more partic-Other terms may be anularly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period auction. Number(s) 32, Phase 7 JESSICA STALLING, STARLEAN PASHA, Company IZONE PASHA, OLIVIA PASHA AND FAHEEM

PASHA, 6776 CHAL-

LENGE LN, INDIANAP-

OLIS, IN 46250, ac-

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No. 01390, Use Period

Number(s) 30, Phase 2

IZONE PASHA, OLIVIA

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PASHA, 602 POPLAR

ST. MICHIGAN CITY,

IN 46360, according

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ST, MICHIGAN CITY,

IN 46360, according

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IZONE PASHA. OLIVIA

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PASHA, 510 S 28TH

IN 46615, according

to the Mortgage dated

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Dated: February 24, 2023. Richard L. Ricci Applicant.

No. 0305 (March 8, 15 and 22,

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

Theresa M. Myers.

Deceased Case No. 2023-PR-34

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Theresa M. Myers of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 17, 2023 to Margaret Halbmaier of 905 Monroe Street, Mendota. IL 61342 and Patrick Myers of 4463 E. 1st Rd., 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 LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 15, 2023. If

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JESSICA STALLING,

IZONE PASHA, OLIVIA

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PASHA, 515 E 8TH

ST, MICHIGAN CITY,

IN 46360, according

to the Mortgage dated

PASHA.

SALE:

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(March 8, 15 and 22,

NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE** THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF

NORMA J. SCHWAM-BERGER.

THE ESTATE OF

DECEASED.) NO. 2023-PR-000029

CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the

death of Norma J. Schwamberger on August 1, 2022, whose address was 303 Garfield Road, LaSalle, IL 61301, Letters of Office were issued February 17, 2023 to Hometown National Bank, 260 Bucklin Street, LaSalle, IL 61301, as Independent Administrator, who attornevs are Schweickert Ganassin Krzak Rundio, LLP, 2101 Marquette Road, Peru, IL

61354. The estate will be administered without Court Supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Court Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa. Illinois, or with the representative within six (6) months of the first publication of this notice, any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed with the Circuit Court Clerk.

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Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Ottawa, IL 61350

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No. 0308 (March 8, 15 and 22,

IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE** THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA. IL PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF

MICHELE M. WATERS,

THE ESTATE OF

DECEASED

NO. 2022-PR-166

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Michele M. Waters, of LaSalle Illinois. Letters of Office were issued September 2022, to Zachary Waters, of Fairfield, CA, as INDEPENDENT AD-MINISTRATOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354. Claims against the es-

tate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division. LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL, or with the Representative or both within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If the claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, the claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred.

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Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit

Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0311 (March 15, 22 and 29,

IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE**

THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY. OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ROBERT E. WATERS, DECEASED

NO. 2022-PR-167 **CLAIM NOTICE**

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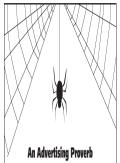
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