

## Food Pantry looking for new home

Local food source has to be out of Main Street building by Sept. 30

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – From the time they enter the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry until the time they leave, director Tracy Cooper and her volunteers speak about one thing – the big move.

Cooper and the food pantry found out in the beginning of March that the lease of the pantry’s current location at 918 Main St. in Mendota is not going to be renewed with building owner Salvador Hermosillo.

“We have to find a new home for the pantry. We have to find a new place in Mendota to either rent, buy, or we need to acquire land to build,” Cooper said. “We have to be out of our current location by Sept. 30.”

The Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry began in the basement of Holy Cross Catholic Church in 1987.

It was then moved to the current location on Main Street approximately 30 years ago.

On average, the food pantry serves 115 families and 400 people per month.

“We have looked at a couple of buildings in Mendota. We would like to stay in the downtown area because that’s the most convenient location for our clients,” Cooper said. “We have to have a space of 3,000 square feet or more. So far, we’re not finding anything that would work, ideally. We have to have a door wide enough to bring pallets through.

“We can’t be closed or shut down for any amount of time with as many people and families that need food. The number of new people and the number of people



The lease for the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry at its current location on Main Street in Mendota is not going to be renewed and the pantry will have to find a new home by Sept. 30. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

who were clients, stopped coming, but are now back, has increased since the SNAP COVID-19 benefits ended.”

With six months to locate a new home, the food pantry is open to any and all ideas.

Renting or buying an existing property would be the quickest and easiest solution, but if they have to buy property and build, the pantry will.

“At the moment, it’s looking like we’re going to have to buy land because we’re not finding a building. If we buy land and have to build, it’s going to be hard to

have it done by September,” Cooper said. “I asked the city about the land where the fire on Main Street happened in August. From what I understand, the city hasn’t acquired the land yet.

“To get land from the town, they can’t give it to us. We would have to pay the appraised value of the land.”

Cooper and the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry are asking the community for any help, suggestions, or leads for a new home.

If you can help, the food pantry’s number is 815-538-2211 and it is open 8-11

a.m. Tuesday-Friday at 918 Main St.

“If anyone knows of a building, has a building that they would like to lease or sell us, they are more than welcome to get a hold of the Mendota Christian Food Pantry,” Cooper said. “The biggest thing we need from people right now are donations to go toward the new location. The donations are going to be needed to help us move. We have 13 freezers that we need to come with us.

“We’re going to need help from the community to find a place and get moved.”

## Mendota Dist. 280 preparing for music trip, summer school

MENDOTA—The Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education met in regular session on March 20.

### Principal’s Report

The travel chaperones and volunteers for the 2023 Disney music trip were approved. They include Chris Hansen, Northbrook School band director; Laura Younger, Northbrook School nurse; Deana Brown, show choir choreographer volunteer; Donna Arjes, Julie Lee, Maureen Linden, Marilyn Hanson.

Fourteen students submitted requests for early graduation. The students have expressed an interest to start their college plans, internship/vocational training or to work full time.

Approval was given to renew membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 2023-24 school year. For the 2023-24 term, IHSA membership will not require payment for membership dues or state series entry fees per action of the IHSA Board of Directors.

### Summer School

Assistant principal Joe Masini reported on summer school. The district has budgeted through Title 1 money to offer remedial summer school classes. Classes offered are math, English and science. Credit retrieval will be limited to 100 slots. Math/science classes will meet from May 24 to June 21 and English classes will be from May 30 to June 26.

Summer driver’s education will also be offered with approximately 29 students taking the classroom portion and 27-30 students behind-the-wheel. Driver’s education classroom will be held from June 5-30 and behind-the-wheel is to be announced as coordinated with teachers and students.

The following summer school teachers were hired contingent upon student numbers and final scheduling needs: Aaron Sester, Brock Zinke and Mary Stephenitch, driver’s education; Trae Blumhorst and Kevin Wohrley, credit retrieval; Marisela Cervantes, paraprofessional support; Brock Zinke, summer school administrator.

### Informational Items

The 63rd annual academic honors presentation was held March 15. A total of 203 students were honored.

As of March 7, the IL 5 Essentials Survey return rate was 20 percent parents, 50 percent teachers and 50 percent students.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education will be Monday, April 17 at 6 p.m.



## Advocates push for tax credit aimed at increasing affordable housing

By **NIKA SCHOONOVER**  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Lawmakers are considering bills that would create a new tax credit for affordable housing, referred to as the “Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit.”

The legislation, contained in the identical House Bill 2044 and Senate Bill 1737, would mirror a federal program administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority and Chicago Department of Housing which helps finance affordable housing across Illinois.

The Illinois Housing Council, a non-profit membership association consisting of over 260 businesses and non-profits, has been advocating for the measure’s passage.

“Our state is facing an affordable hous-

ing crisis, stemming from years of housing under-production,” Allison Clements, executive director of IHC, testified in a Senate committee. “Our state’s housing deficit has grown 64 percent since 2012, meaning we have more people needing homes than are available.”

A 2023 IHC report showed Illinois still has a deficit of low-income housing despite the federal program. According to the report, Illinois has lost 13 percent of its low-rent units since 2011. Additionally, while there are more than 450,000 extremely low-income renters in Illinois, there are only about 150,000 affordable and available rental units, creating a deficit of about 288,000.

“The dollars have actually filled a critical need but they are only a short-term solution to build affordable housing

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## Electronics recycling, hazardous waste disposal events planned

Both happenings scheduled for April 29 in Ottawa

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

### Electronics Recycling

Accepted items for the electronics recycling include: cable and satellite receivers, cameras, cash registers, credit card readers, cell phones and accessories, chargers, circuit boards, computer servers, computers and computer parts, copiers/printers/scanners/fax machines/typewriters, DVD/



VHS players, external drives, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, ink and toner cartridges, laptops/tablets/eReaders, mice and keyboards, micro-waves, monitors (all types), MP3/iPods/etc., networking equipment (modems, switches, routers, hubs), phones and telecom equipment, projectors, rechargeable batteries (lithium, ion, Ni-Cd, lead acid, Ni-Mh), stereos/

radios/speakers, televisions (all types), uninterrupted power supplies, video game consoles, wire/cables/Christmas lights.

Non-accepted items for electronics recycling include: loose alkaline batteries (accepted while contained in electronic devices), liquid containing items, freon containing items (AC units, dehumidifiers), white goods (refrigerators, freezers), thermostats, light bulbs.

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

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

On Monday, March 20, we were so lucky to have author and illustrator David Biedrzycki visit Blackstone School. He has written famous books such as Sumo Puppy, Sumo Kitty, Bear Alert and Me & My Dragon. He did an assembly for our students and talked to them about his background and how he gets ideas for his stories. He went through the writing, editing and publishing process so students understand the work of an author. In addition, he showed them how he does his illustrations on his iPad. Each student was able to take home a free book at the end of the day. The students loved having Mr. Biedrzycki at our school!

Mr. Biedrzycki also did a Family Reading Night on March 20 at Lincoln School for all K-4th grade students. Thank you to all of our families that came for this great event. It was a packed gym! Thank you to Mrs. Kleckner for all of her work in getting this author to come to Mendota and for all of her planning and organizing. It was a fantastic experience for our students!

Trimester 2 report cards recently went home with

all students. The report cards showed academic and social progress thus far in the school year. Parents should reach out to their child's teacher if they have any questions.

This past week we were able to complete our trimester 2 Paw Pride reward parties. I'm so happy to announce that all of our classes earned the Paw Pride reward of game and snack time with me. We had a blast celebrating their accomplishment. For trimester 3, students are working to earn enough Paw Pride certificates for a bounce house party.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Zoe Ybarra, Jofiel Mandujano, Alexander Brown, Jayleen Hernandez, Leona Watson, Micah Farley, Piper Spitz and Shandi Matura. The winners were Amelia Thurber, Hadley Reinhold, Sofia Rivera and Meredith McNutt. Congratulations to all of you!

Looking ahead, spring break is coming up for District #289. There will be no school April 7-14. Students and staff will return to school on Monday, April 17.



The St. Bede Academy class of 2023's top 10 students, front row, left to right, are Zoe Roebuck, Gianna Grivetti, Isabella Villalobos, Kristal De La Torre and Macy Zeglis. Back row, Lilylu RauhFernandez, Anna Lopez, Madelyn Torrance, Kylie Cofoid and Ava Stone. (Photo contributed)

## St. Bede announces Class of 2023 Top 10

PERU—St. Bede Academy Principal Nick McLaughlin has announced the class of 2023's top 10. These students have honorably represented St. Bede Academy in scholastic and non-scholastic events, in service to St. Bede and the surrounding community and in character with the Benedictine tradition.

The top 10 students are: Kylie Cofoid, daughter of Scott Rynke of LaSalle and Mandi Cofoid of Peru; Kristal De La Torre, daughter of Jose De La Torre of Spring Valley and Esmeralda Avila of Oglesby; Gianna Grivetti, daughter of Jim and Stephanie Grivetti of Ladd; Anna Lopez,

daughter of Chris and Carrie Lopez of Spring Valley; Lily-Lu RauhFernandez, daughter of Elizabeth Rauh; Zoe Roebuck, daughter of Michael and Carrie Roebuck; Ava Stone, daughter of Bob and Amy Stone of Oglesby; Madelyn Torrance, daughter of Dean and Theresa Torrance; Isabella Villalobos, daughter of Dr. Ernesto and Linda Villalobos of Princeton; and Macy Zeglis, daughter of Edward and Lisa Zeglis of Spring Valley.

Villalobos is a member of St. Louis Church. She is a graduate of Holy Cross School in Mendota. Villalobos plans to attend University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and receive a degree in human development. She was named an Illinois State Scholar and College Board Rural and Small Town Recognition Program, College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Award and John Ourth Student Recognition Award. In addition to being on the honor roll all four years at St. Bede, Villalobos was involved in Rotary and Student Government and was a St. Bede Ambassador. She volunteered at her local church, Echo Bluff, Peru Fire Station and Knights of Columbus. Villalobos's goal is to become either a pediatrician or veterinarian and run her own practice.

## March is Severe Weather Preparedness Month

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois averages 53 tornadoes per year, which means you should grab your dog Toto and be prepared for tornadoes and severe weather. March is Severe Weather Preparedness Month and a good time to plan ahead, especially with the severe weather here in Illinois.

"From heavy snowfall to dangerous winds, everyone in Illinois should be prepared for adverse conditions," said Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. "Illinois recently saw multiple tornadoes throughout the state, followed by unseasonably-warm temperatures, and now we're getting ready for snow and potential flooding."

Illinois ranks fourth in the United States for the most tornadoes per square mile.

Communities across the state are also susceptible to flooding as it is the most common natural hazard in the U.S. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), just one inch of water can cause \$25,000 of damage in your home.

Severe weather preparedness includes gathering information and supplies to prepare for a loss of electricity or if you must, evacuate from your neighborhood. That's why IEMA offers a Family Communications Plan to help people map locations to meet and track important contact information.

IEMA also recommends that you:

- Keep all important records and documents in a secure waterproof container
- Make an inventory of possessions using lists and photos/videos
- Insure your property and possessions
- Know how to shut off electricity, gas, and water
- Compile an emergency kit and "go bag" to help your family for at least three days during extended power outages or evacuations
- In case power is out, make sure flashlights with fresh batteries are ready
- Generators should only be run outside, never indoors or in enclosed spaces

A good resource for planning can be downloaded for free at: [www2.illinois.gov/ready/plan/Pages/FamilyPlan.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/ready/plan/Pages/FamilyPlan.aspx)

## Bestselling author Renee Rosen virtually presented by LaSalle Library

LaSALLE – The LaSalle Public Library will virtually host USA Today bestselling author Renee Rosen on Thursday, April 13, at 6 p.m. for a conversation about her newest novel, "Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl."

It's 1938, and a young woman selling face cream out of a New York City beauty parlor is determined to prove she can have it all. Her name is Estée Lauder, and she's about to take the world by storm. Rosen will join Library staff in conversation to discuss "Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl," which will be released on April 25, as well as discuss her past novels.

Rosen is a USA Today bestselling author. Her novels include Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl, The Social Graces, Park Avenue Summer, Windy City Blues, White Collar Girl, What the Lady Wants and Dollface as well as the young adult novel, Every Crooked Pot. She is currently working on a new novel about the Barbie doll creator, Ruth Handler, coming from Penguin Random House/Berkley in 2025. Rosen is a native of Akron, Ohio, and now lives in Chicago.

This program is free, open to the public. Register – <https://bit.ly/3ZXJSSq>. Individuals will be able to pre-submit questions when they register for the program. For more information, please call the Library at 815-223-2341.



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## St. Margaret's selects investment bankers in search of potential partner

SPRING VALLEY – In recent months, St. Margaret's has been meeting with a larger health system, regarding the potential acquisition of St. Margaret's Health. Due to the existence of a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), St.

Margaret's is unable to disclose the identity of the larger system at this time. To further facilitate those discussions, and to ensure that St. Margaret's achieves the highest value from any potential transaction, a Chicago firm, Juniper Advisory

has been retained to serve as its investment bankers. Juniper's role is to assist St. Margaret's in identifying other parties that may be interested in acquiring St. Margaret's Health. Juniper has initiated a nationwide marketing campaign to engage prospective partners.

## IDPH launches \$30 million program to distribute air purifiers in Illinois schools

CHICAGO – Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced that the state is launching a \$29.6 million program to distribute more than 60,000 HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) purifiers to Illinois schools to help reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.

IDPH is coordinating the program with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). The program is funded by the CDC through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and is targeted for school districts that serve lower income communities and counties that have elevated air pollution counts. IDPH estimates almost 3,000 schools will be eligible for the program, covering 68 percent of school districts in the state. It will cover schools throughout the state, including Cook County, with the exception of Chicago, which has received a separate federal grant.

"There is nothing more important to me than keeping Illinoisans safe and healthy—especially when it comes to our youth," said Governor JB Pritzker. "We know that our children need to stay healthy and study in classrooms that are well-ventilated in order to thrive and succeed. Thanks to this \$30 million investment, schoolchildren will experience cleaner air—preventing illness and absenteeism, while improving our children's ability to think and learn."

"I have devoted much of my career to protecting and promoting the health of children," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra, who is a pediatrician. "Data over these last three years have shown us the critical importance of good ventilation to keep children and adults safe from respiratory illnesses. These HEPA air purifiers are a significant investment in our children, and I am very excited that the State of Illi-

nois can make this impact. They will keep kids healthy and in school, ensuring more opportunities for learning and success for years to come."

"Every Illinois student deserves a safe, healthy learning environment regardless of zip code or income level," said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Tony Sanders. "Improving classroom ventilation with air purifiers is a proven method we can use to reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19, the flu, and RSV, and, at the same time, reduce absences related to illness. A child's health and attendance is inextricably tied to their ability to learn, and I'm pleased the State is making this vital investment."

IDPH is launching an enrollment process in coordination with ISBE through which schools can submit orders for portable HEPA air purifiers. The administrators of eligible school districts will be contacted directly with information about how many purifiers that their districts are eligible to receive. The portable air purifiers will be delivered to school districts in the coming months. Schools will generally be eligible for one small air filter unit for each 20 students in a school, with a limited number of larger units for districts with more than 1,000 students.

Questions from school administrators should be directed to the IDPH Air Purifier Project Inbox at [DPH.AirPurify@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.AirPurify@illinois.gov).

Studies show that cleaner air can reduce absentee rates, and improve students' abilities to think, learn, read and solve math problems.

Last year IDPH issued ventilation guidance to educate the community on the impact of ventilation systems and to provide information about low cost and DIY interventions for ventilation upgrades.



Kimberly Souba, a 1996 LaMoille High School graduate, began writing a children's book series during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her second book in the series, "Flight of the Butterfly" is available now.

## Souba writes "Flight of the Butterfly," a sequel in her children's series

GENESEO — With her latest book, Flight of the Butterfly, author Kimberly Souba delivers the second in her children's series that she began writing in 2020 during the COVID Pandemic.

Flight of the Butterfly tells the story of a butterfly who shares her fears about flying but must learn to trust the God who created her. Though written as a children's book, it proves to have lessons for adults as well.

Illustrator, Alaina Selzler, has illustrated Flight of the Butterfly as well as the first book in Souba's children's series, A Caterpillar's Journey.

"I'm so blessed to have

her illustrating my books. She shares my vision of bringing Christ in to all the books and her illustrations represent that as well," Souba said of Selzler. The two were connected through Selzler's mother whom Souba worked with when living in North Dakota.

Souba, granddaughter of Dona and the late Bob Becker of LaMoille, is a 1996 graduate of LaMoille Community High School, 2004 graduate of Illinois Central College in East Peoria, and a 2008 graduate of Valley City State University. She's taught in Catholic and public schools throughout Illinois. Currently,

Souba is teaching at St. Malachy Catholic School in Geneseo where she also serves as the Director of Religious Education and Middle School Youth Ministry Coordinator at St. Malachy Catholic Church.

Souba is also the author of From Death to New Life: The Transformation of a Soul, a compilation of poems.

There is a limited number of books in print. Books can be purchased by going to [www.ksouba.com](http://www.ksouba.com). All proceeds from the sales will benefit the Women's Choice Center in Bettendorf, Iowa. The Center helps women who find themselves with an unexpected pregnancy.



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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## Linda F. McPheeters

MENDOTA – Linda F. McPheeters, 82, of Mendota, passed away unexpectedly in her home on March 20, 2023.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Tuesday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Rev. Peter Pilon officiated. Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial of ashes followed at Holy Cross Cemetery. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Linda was born Sept. 6, 1940, in Mendota, to Robert D. and Grace M. (Lindenmier) McIntyre. She graduated Mendota High School in 1958. Linda married the love of her life, Duane “Buck” McPheeters on April 23, 1959, at Holy Cross Church.

Linda will be missed by daughters Teresa (Rob) Armstrong of LaSalle, Cindy (Kevin) Schiefelbein of Mendota, Donna (Tim) Kimrey of Mendota; sons Kevin (Becky) McPheeters of Mendota, Brian (Tina) McPheeters of Mendota, Steve McPheeters of Mendota; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and sisters Janine Boyle of Homewood and Elaine Norton of Mendota.

She is preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 23, 2006, parents, and two brothers, William McIntyre and Robert McIntyre.

Linda’s greatest accomplishment was that her children grew up to be good people. She loved them all unconditionally and prayed unceasingly for them. She was a devoted life member of Holy Cross Church.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue IVAR, or donor’s choice. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

## Jerrene L. Gray

PERU – Jerrene L. Gray, 91, of Peru and formerly of Mendota, passed away Thursday, March 23, 2023, at Henry Rehabilitation and Nursing.

Services will be Thursday, March 30, 2023 at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Mendota with Vicar Anthony Windau officiating. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services in the church. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Jerrene was born Feb. 27, 1932, in Compton to Walter and Mabel (Caruth) Heiman.

She is survived by her son Tom (Barb) Gray of Isanti, Minn.; her daughters, Lori (Ed) Antoniewicz of Oshkosh, Wis., and LaVonne Diemer of Arizona; her son-in-law Scott (Julie) Curley of Peru; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Kris Curley and her brother Marvin Heiman.

Jerrene was a 1949 graduate of Mendota High School. She worked in Mendota at Spurgeon’s, Hart Carter and Goslin Drug Store. She was a member of St. John’s Lutheran Church. She enjoyed watching the television show Cops and riding her electric scooter around the neighborhood.

Memorials may be directed to St. John’s Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).

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## Mark E. Bader

ELDRIDGE, Iowa – Mark E. Bader, 65, of Eldridge, Iowa, passed away from ALS on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at his residence; his wife of 42 years by his side playing his favorite Beatles station.

A memorial service to celebrate his life was held at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 26, 2023, at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home in Bettendorf, Iowa. Visitation was at the funeral home from 2 p.m. until the time of the services on Sunday.

Mark was born Nov. 2, 1957, in St. Ann, Mo., the youngest son of Charles and Patricia (Alexander) Bader. He was raised in Mendota. He met Julie A. Drennan at Danville Junior College in 1977, and after graduating from Bradley University, married her on July 26, 1980, in Bismarck.

Mark is survived by his wife, Julie; his three children, Erin (Randy) Ewoldt of Savoy, Laura (Paul) Connell of Bloomington, Minn., and Adam (Steph) Bader of Ankeny, Iowa, and their spouses; his grandchildren, Isaac, Luke, Josephine, Penelope, Claire and Henry; his sisters, Margaret Beetz, Port Charlotte, Fla., Barb (Steve) Schmitt, Mendota; his brother, Jim; his in-laws, Karen Drennan and Gerald (Nancy) Drennan, Troy (Jana) Drennan and Kristi (Jim) Wagle, all of Danville, and Jim (Sandy) Nern of Somonauk; and beloved nieces and nephews.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents; his sister-in-law, Lori Nern; and his nephew, Matthew Beetz.

Mark began his 38 ½ year career at John Deere in 1980 in Davenport then Dubuque before receiving his MBA at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Afterwards he moved to Moline, Alpharetta and Waterloo, before retiring at John Deere Headquarters in Moline.

He loved traveling with family, seeing live music and spending as much time as possible with his six grandchildren, especially at his cabin in Winchester, Wis.

Memorials may be made to the River Bend Food Bank, the ALS Association Iowa Chapter or to the North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin.

Online condolences may be shared with Mark’s family by visiting his obituary at [www.McGinnis-Chambers.com](http://www.McGinnis-Chambers.com).

## Richard Wells

LaGRANGE PARK – Richard Wells, 81, of LaGrange Park, passed away March 19, 2023.

Services were held on Wednesday, March 22 at St. Louise deMarillac Church in La Grange Park. Burial was held at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside.

Richard was born Aug. 8, 1941, in Mendota, the son of James and Emma Wells.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Wells, and his son, Ryan Wells.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his niece/Goddaughter, Michelle Spann.

## Nancy J. Ingles

ST. MARYS, Ga. – Nancy Jo Stevens Ingles, 86, of St. Marys, Ga., departed this life Friday, March 24, 2023, at Senior Care Center in St. Marys, Ga.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Survivors include two children, Pam Powell and husband Jeff of Prosper, Texas, and Mike Ingles and wife Tina of St. Marys, Ga.; four grandchildren, Joshua Ingles and wife Jana, Jacob Powell and wife Natalie, Corey Ingles and fiancé Cathy, and Jessica Kessler and husband Brandon; and two great-grandchildren, Wesley Ingles and Cecilia Powell.

In addition to her parents, her husband, Harry Lakin Ingles and a brother, William Stevens, preceded her in death.

Born July 20, 1936, in Sheffield, Ill., to the late Joseph Robert and Effie Henrietta H. Stevens, she had been a resident of Camden County since 2006. She was a retired bookkeeper in the auto industry and enjoyed golfing, sports, dogs and was an avid Atlanta Braves fan.

Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. [www.edomillerandsons.com](http://www.edomillerandsons.com).

## Robert R. Brockwell

MENDOTA – Robert R. “Rusty” Brockwell, 86, of Mendota, died Monday March 27, 2023, at Heritage Health in Mendota.

Funeral services will be Thursday March 30, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home. Visitation will be on Thursday from 9:30-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial of cremains will be at a later date at Grand Detour Cemetery.

He was born June 16, 1936, in Dixon, the son of Charles and Dorothy (Cook) Brockwell. He married Sharon Miller Varga on Dec. 24, 1993.

Rusty is survived by his wife Sharon; children Gregor (Gina) Brockwell of Janesville, Wis., Barbara (Tyler) Meloy of Earlville, John (Amy) Varga of Harmon, Trisha Benson of Scottsdale, Ariz.; grandchildren, Delaney Meloy, Kennedy Meloy, Hunter (Brooke) Varga and Haley Varga.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Nancy Webster.

Rusty had worked at Henry Pratt Company in Dixon, Hart Carter in Mendota and Borg Warner in Dixon prior to his retirement. He was a veteran of the Army and was a member of the Mendota Elks Club, Moose Club, VFW Post 4079 and American Legion. Rusty enjoyed working on old trucks especially his 1950 Chevy truck and collecting “good junk.” One of his favorite quotes was “can you believe they were going to throw that away.”

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Mendota VFW Post 4079. Condolences can be left at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

## HONOR ROLL

MENDOTA – Holy Cross School in Mendota has named its third quarter honor roll students for the 2022-23 school year.

**8th Grade High Honor Roll** – Emily Diaz, Elaina Koch, Kara Miars, Alexander Tillman, James Whitmore

**8th Grade Honor Roll** – Nolan Hagenbuch, Carter Wujek

**7th Grade High Honor Roll** – Komen Denault, Corbin Doll, Karson Doyle, Bear Fitzpatrick, Leah Henkel, Kaylee MacDonald, Abby Magallanes, Gaby Martinez, Kamilah Preciado, Maddox Rosales, Elsie Soliman, Ross Sondgeroth, Cole Tillman, Charley Wilson, Shea Kreiser

**7th Grade Honor Roll** – Mei Booth, Charlee Dankenbring, Diego Diaz, Hayley Diaz, Giselle Gonzalez, Ashlynn Rickels, Leah Schwemlein

**6th Grade High Honor Roll** – Raegan Atherton, Eva Beetz, Joseph Cackley, Abby Delao, Damien Dissell, Cal Doyle, Quinn Eddy, Liam

Jones, Catherine Moench, Yulissia Quintana

**6th Grade Honor Roll** – Rafael Arteaga, Claire Atherton, Will Aughenbaugh, Elesea Denk, Kyla Muhlstadt, Nora Rhynedance

**5th Grade High Honor Roll** – Emme Beetz, Blake Cyrocki, Leo Engels, Cale Full, Linda MacDonald, Lillee Monasterelli, Camden Pawlowski, Ellye Rep-pin, Molly Wilson

**5th Grade B.U.G. Roll** – Blake Cyrocki, Olivia Frank

**4th Grade B.U.G. Roll** – Henry Happ, Armani Quintana

**3rd Grade B.U.G. Roll** – Rose Beetz, Kinsley Cassidy, Carissa Doll, Isabel Lemus, Addison Mathesius, Juliana Ortiz

**2nd Grade B.U.G. Roll** – Aden Delao, McKenna Faber, Shayne Full, Cecilia Ortiz, Brooks Pawlowski

**1st Grade B.U.G. Roll** – Jason Rhynedance

**Kindergarten B.U.G. Roll** – Ivie Beetz, Arya Gann, Linnea Hornung, Liam Stewart

## Addresses sought for Mendota Town-wide Garage Sales ad

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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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Poet coming to IVCC April 5

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College’s Jacobs Library will host renowned poet, scholar, and conceptual sound artist Jonah Mixon-Webster at noon, Wednesday, April 5, in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

This event is part of the One Book One College program promoting “Maid,” by Stephanie Land. Maid is the true story of a young college-bound woman who faces abuse, loneliness, pregnancy, motherhood, and poverty in her journey to earn her college degree.

All students, faculty, staff and the public are welcome to join the conversation. Copies of the book will be available.

For information, visit [www.ivcc.edu/onebook](http://www.ivcc.edu/onebook) or contact Jayna Leipart Guttilla at [Jayna\\_LeipartGuttilla@ivcc.edu](mailto:Jayna_LeipartGuttilla@ivcc.edu). This event is co-sponsored by the Illinois Association for Teachers of English and the Association of Illinois School Library Educators.

## Housing

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in Illinois,” Rep. Dagmara Avelar, a Democrat from Bolingbrook and lead sponsor on HB 2044, said in a House committee hearing. “The long-term, permanent solution is a state tax credit, the Build Illinois Homes Tax Credit that can sustain affordable housing construction over the next 10 years.”

If passed, the Build Illinois credit would cost the state \$35 million annually for 10 years, which advocates say would help increase the number of housing units by 3,500 each year. Once investors construct the housing developments, they would be eligible for an income tax credit based on the development area.

Clements emphasized that the state tax credit would only be issued after the construction of a unit is complete and qualified tenants are moved in.

“Private sector investors, not taxpayers, are going to bear the financial risk of a project not being completed or successful and they closely monitor and oversee each development where these credits are involved,” Clements said in the House committee. “Because the state tax credit is not claimed by an investor until the affordable housing is successfully built and completed, passing this state tax credit this year would not result in any budget impacts to the state until 2026.”

According to the IHC report, over 20 states currently use tax credits to attract private equity for building

more affordable housing. Lawmakers in Kentucky and Ohio are also considering measures to enact such programs.

Gov. JB Pritzker proposed additional funds for housing in his budget address. The program, referred to as “Home Illinois,” would provide for a \$50 million increase in homelessness services, including for emergency shelter, short-term rental assistance and the development of new permanent supportive housing units. If implemented, “Home Illinois” would bring the total funding in that area to \$350 million.

In his budget address on Feb. 15, the governor estimated over 120,000 people experience homelessness annually and over 76,000 children live in overcrowded shared housing.

“The faces of Illinoisans with no home to go to are not homogenous,” Pritzker said in his budget address. “They include single parents with infants and toddlers, 6th graders trying to complete their homework using toilets as a desk in temporary shared housing, and LGBTQ+ high schoolers who were kicked out of their homes by their parents.”

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## Students attend IVCC Building Trades Fair

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College hosted the Illinois Valley Building Trades Career Fair for local high schools on March 7.

About 350 students from Mendota, La Moille, Princeton, Hall, Fieldcrest, Seneca, Bureau Valley, Putnam County, DePue, La Salle-Peru and Ottawa high schools experienced trades available to them in-district.

Along with spotlighting vocations, the event introduced students to apprenticeship programs – many of which have a classroom component available at IVCC.

“This underscores the strong relationship we have with the Building Trades Council,” said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran. “It is wonderful to see them using our facilities again to showcase their high-demand, high-pay professions to students who will soon



A representative of the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 6 Union oversees a student applying mortar to a brick on March 7. (Photo contributed)

be making long-term career choices.”

IV Building Trades represents boilermakers, bricklayers, carpenters, cement masons, concrete and plaster contractors, electricians, glaziers, insulators, ironworkers, laborers, millwrights, operators, painters, drywall finishers, pipefitters, plumbers, roofers, sheet metal workers, Teamsters and sprinkler fitters.

## Moody’s gives Illinois credit upgrade

By PETER HANCOCK  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD – Moody’s Investors Service announced that it has upgraded Illinois’ bond rating to A3, up from Baa1, marking the eighth credit upgrade the state has received in less than two years.

Moody’s is now the second major rating agency to put Illinois in the ‘A’ category following S&P’s decision on Feb. 23 to upgrade the state to A- on its scale.

“This credit upgrade, our second one this year, is the result of the steps we’ve taken in Illinois to put ourselves on firm fiscal footing,” Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement. “We have balanced our budget, paid our bills on time, cleared out decades of debt, made extra pension payments, and saved billions for a rainy day.”

In its announcement, Moody’s cited the state’s “improving governance” as a key factor in its decision. Moody’s is one of many firms that now assesses

companies and governments on an “environmental, social and governance,” or ESG, framework.

The rating agency said it had updated the state’s “issuer profile score” in the governance category to 2 from 3.

“Like other states, Illinois enjoyed solid tax revenue growth over the past couple years, expanding its capacity to build financial reserves and increase payments towards outstanding liabilities,” Moody’s said in its announcement. “The state is on track to close fiscal 2023, which ends June 30, with further growth in reserves that are already at their strongest level in over a decade.”

Illinois’ “rainy day” fund is slated to reach its highest-ever balance of more than \$1.9 billion by the end of the fiscal year.

The new rating applies to the state’s general obligation, or GO, bonds and its Build Illinois sales tax bonds. Illinois currently has approximately \$26 billion in

outstanding GO bonds and \$2 billion in outstanding sales tax bonds.

Moody’s also rated the state’s financial outlook as “stable,” saying that such an outlook “balances the financial progress being made by the state with the uncertainty of the present economic climate.”

“The state’s lean financial reserves and heavy long-term liability and fixed cost burdens make it more vulnerable than other states to a negative shift in the national or global economy,” it said.

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## Events

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**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)**

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

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

For safe transport of HHW, residents are asked to:

- Pack HHW items in a disposable box to avoid spilling during transport.
- Keep like chemicals together and separate unlike chemicals.
- Secure lids and make sure containers are not leaking.
- Place box(es) of HHW in the empty trunk or storage compartment of your vehicle, away from passengers during transport.
- Remain in vehicle at collection site. On-site personnel will remove the HHW from your vehicle.

Pre-registration for either event is required online at [lasallecounty.as.me/](http://lasallecounty.as.me/) or by calling 815-630-4308 Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or Friday from 8 a.m.-noon. If you are attending both events, only one registration is required.

For questions or more information not regarding registration, contact the LaSalle County Land Use Department at 815-434-8666.

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## To declaw or not declaw?

**By Scott Reeder**

As lawmakers debated a bill this month to outlaw cat declawing, I couldn't help thinking sometimes the best intended legislation can have disappointing consequences.

The legislation pits two well-intentioned groups against one another: animal rights activists and veterinarians. Members of both groups love animals and want what they believe is best for them.

But their worldviews differ.

Animal rights folks are the idealists who see the world as they believe it should be. The veterinarians, on the other hand, are pragmatists who deal with the woes of four legged critters and their two-legged owners every day.

I'm the son and husband of veterinarians. I've spent my entire life surrounded by their concerns.

Cat declawing has fallen out of favor in the veterinary community. Most veterinarians I know – and I know many – do the procedure rarely. Our family cat has her claws and is a happy well-adjusted member of our family.

During the last 20 years, my wife and I have rescued special needs cats and given them a home in our house. One was a victim of abuse where we believe a past owner deliberately broke its leg.

Another was a kitten born without eyes that was found abandoned at the bottom of a drained swimming pool. Someone wanted the kitten destroyed, but my wife refused and we gave it a home for 13 years – much to the delight of our three then-young daughters.

We love cats. And, no, we have never declawed any of our own animals because we view it as an unnecessary surgery.

But veterinarians also see difficult situations. They see the elderly client who brings in a cat she dearly loves but it keeps clawing her thin skin and leaving wounds that won't heal. They see the child who is immunosuppressed, and his parents fear a playful scratch from a kitten could give way to an uncontrolled infection.

It's heartbreaking to think of these felines being taken from their loving homes. And sometimes there is no place for the cat to go. Shelters are often overcrowded and not taking new animals. And even if they do, the cat may spend many months in a cage waiting for a placement.

Worse yet, unwanted animals are often dumped in rural areas to fend for themselves. We feed plenty of abandoned cats on our front porch every night.

Faced with these undesirable alternatives, some owners choose to euthanize their pet.

Sometimes declawing is the only alternative to keeping an animal from meeting one of these fates. I wish that weren't the case. But that's the state of the world we live in.

A declaw surgery done well can be safe and the pain well managed. The long-term consequences can be minimal.

House Bill 1533, sponsored by Rep. Barbara Hernandez, D-Aurora, aims to outlaw the surgical removal of any cat's claws, with few exceptions.

The measure recently passed the House and now goes to the Senate.

Veterinarians say declawing has largely fallen out of favor but at times it is necessary.

At the prompting of veterinarians, exceptions are carved out of the legislation allowing declawing to protect the feline's health. For example, a cat that keeps digging a rash raw could be declawed.

But no exceptions were made for cat owners who may have medical conditions that could be complicated by scratches.

"Removing a cat's body part because it's convenient for a human, doesn't make any sense -- especially because it's cruel," said Marc Ayers, Illinois director of the U.S. Humane Society.

Hmm, I can think of plenty of tomcats who would just as soon not have one particular appendage removed but the Humane Society does support castration.

"The big idea that we denied was the human exemption because we see that as a big loophole," Rep. Hernandez told me. "Pretty much what they're trying to do is give people who are immune compromised or have blood disorders or dementia a medical exemption to be able to declaw their cats. But by doing that, how are we going to prove that this person has a medical exception?"

She later added, "I think a lot of people could say, 'Hey, I'm immune compromised.' And leave the doors wide open for others."

Yes, it is possible an owner may lie about their own health to get a cat declawed. But if such a person were so unscrupulous, might they not choose to abandon or kill their pet if they can't get it declawed?

"Legislation to make it illegal can be problematic because we need to be able to use it as a last resort to prevent euthanasia," said Dr. Amy Wolf, a Springfield veterinarian. "In situations like that we are helping cats. It's the lesser of two evils."

And there's the rub. Many veterinarians, such as Wolf, who do not perform declaws oppose the legislation because they know at times it is the best of several bad outcomes.

Elective declawing is fading away on its own. But occasionally, in tough cases, it's the best outcome for the cat.

Trying to legislate medical procedures by legislative fiat doesn't make sense, it should remain in the capable hands of veterinarians.

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



## MHS Concert Band goes on tour – 1975

*(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from March 29, 2000.)*

**By Jessica Nashold**

It was 25 years ago today, March 29, 1975, that members of the Mendota High School concert band returned from a five-day tour. It had taken them to Hanover, Ill.; Manhattan and Jackson Junction, Iowa; Hudson and River Falls, Wis.; St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn. With their leader, Robert Baile, they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Kordek, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Pickert, Mrs. Leo Muhlach, Mrs. Charles Erbes, student teacher Bruce Moss, Mrs. Baile and Kim. Two of the five concerts presented were directed by MHS band alumni. In Jackson Junction, Iowa, it was Charles Ciorba, MHS Class of 1962. In Hudson, Wis., Melvin Olson, MHS Class of 1964, wielded the baton.

The band also toured Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, the Fine Arts Performing Center and Ice Follies in Minneapolis, and a performance of "Charlie's Aunt" in Landfall Theater.

Travel was by bus with MHS Concert Band blazoned on the sides. Band members were overnight guests in homes of band students in the communities visited.

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A D.J. Bice feature on home care available to children of working parents in the Mendota area revealed that 14 women were licensed here by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. At the time the feature appeared in The Mendota Reporter, Carole Setchell was providing part-time care to 11 children and full-time care for two, five days a week.

Under Illinois law, everyone caring for non-related children for more than 10 hours a week was required to be licensed. Alice Wubben, who dealt with licensing in Ottawa, explained –

**There is no charge for the license and it is in effect two years.**

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Mendota Grade School District 289 began taking its case on the need for a tax increase to the public at the end of March 1975. A referendum was on the ballot for election of school board members, to be voted on April 12. Superintendent James Basala estimated a \$325,000 financial deficit by the end of the 1975-76 school year. The referendum would ask an increase in the Education Fund rate from 92 cents per \$100 valuation to \$1.25.

Since this was only one of seven separate school funds, the increase would raise the combined rate of \$1.43 per \$100 assessed valuation to \$1.76.

The Education Fund paid salaries of administration and teachers, travel expenses, health care, maintenance, athletics and intramural programs, student and community services, office supplies and capital outlay.

The other school tax funds were Liability, Operations, Building Maintenance, Transportation, Bona and Interest, Working Cash Fund and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Basala said passage of the referendum would demonstrate local effort –

**The more local effort you have the more state aid you will receive.**

**SIDETRACK** – The April 12 referendum failed by a decisive 1,146 'no' to 405 'yes' votes.

Principals rehired for the 1975-76 school year were: Gerald Mezmarich, Northbrook; Michael Castiglia, Blackstone and assistant at Northbrook; Oden Jordal, Lincoln and Compton.

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American Legion Post 540 started work on its Bicentennial project, a museum on the second floor of its building at 812 Main St. A charter granted to the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) in 1882 would be one of the prize exhibits – also the charter for Post 540, dated March 4, 1920.

Post Commander Jack Tower appealed to servicemen in the area to contribute service-related memorabilia. The museum was scheduled to open around July 4, 1976.

A community-wide meeting to discuss various Bicentennial projects was called for April 14, 1975 at Blackstone School. A field representative from the Illinois Bicentennial Commission would be present to make suggestions.

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A monthly flea market was being held at The Loft, with doors opening at 9 a.m. Dealers in all types of collectibles were represented. Charles Schnuckel was manager.

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At Bowl-Air Lanes, 16 top men bowlers in the Mendota Bowling Association participated in a roll-off on Saturday, March 22, 1975. Ron Rosinski's 777 topped Elmer Sporleder's 775.

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A fire on the night of April 1, 1975, badly damaged the Alexander Lumber Company's main office on Sixth Street. Frank Schmitt could see flames through the window as he passed and an alarm was sounded at 10:45 p.m. Because cans of paint were on display in the showroom, Fire Chief James Johnson said the fire was difficult to control and spread between the ceiling and the roof. Although none of Alexander's stored lumber was involved, damage of \$70,000-\$100,000 was estimated.

Firefighters responded from Paw Paw and Mendota-Troy Grove Rural District. Pumps were brought in from Peru and Arlington.

In reporting the Alexander Lumber fire, mention was made of three other large-scale fires in recent years. On June 25, 1973, Oddfellows Hall and Carroll's Building Supply, on the present site of Mendota's municipal building, were a total loss. On July 16, 1973, the Masonic building on Washington Street, housing the lodge rooms and a drug store, was badly damaged, but restored. On Feb. 25, 1974, the Mendota Farmer's Co-op on Sixth Avenue suffered considerable loss by fire.

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Ecumenical Good Friday services were held at Zion United Methodist Church. Other churches participating were Church of the Nazarene, First United Methodist, First Baptist and First United Presbyterian churches. St. John's Lutheran broadcast a service over Mendota's WGLC radio. Holy Cross had services at 1 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

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On March 31, 1975, G.A. "Bing" Prescott was roasted at the Elks Lodge as a 50-year member and was declared "Mr. Elk of the Year."

## Alvin Bragg prepares to cross the Rubicon

**By Rich Lowry**

How much does a mug shot mean to you?

To Alvin Bragg, it apparently means quite a lot.

All signs point to Bragg, the progressive prosecutor in Manhattan, indicting Donald Trump for his 2016 hush-money payment to Stormy Daniels.

The old Karl Marx line is that history repeats itself first as tragedy, then as farce. This historic first-ever indictment of a former president of the United States would skip straight to farce.

First, there's the tawdry and relatively trivial subject matter. Trump stands accused by his critics on the left of fomenting an insurrection to overthrow the Constitution and the criminal offense they are going to get him on stems from a dalliance with a porn star in 2006.

Then, more importantly, there's the question of the merits. Unless Bragg has something unexpected on Trump, this appears to be a prosecution in search of a legal theory.

Everything indicates that Bragg is more interested in subjecting Trump to the humiliations attendant to getting charged (turning himself in, getting fingerprinted and photographed) and the grinding distraction of defending himself against a criminal charge than the cogency of the case itself.

As The New York Times put it last week, the Bragg case "hinges on an untested and therefore risky legal theory involving a complex interplay of laws, all amounting to a low-level felony."

In other words, exactly what you want to indict a former president on.

The difficulty in making a case against Trump owes to the fact that hush payments are sleazy but legal. So, the Bragg case involves the bookkeeping around the payment.

There's a reason why Bragg's predecessor, Cyrus Vance, passed on the Stormy Daniels matter. It looked like Bragg was going to pick up a broader business case against Trump instead. When the district attorney dropped that, his progressive supporters were outraged. Now, lo and behold, he has brought things full circle back to Daniels.

As president, Trump inveighed against his political enemies and demanded that they be arrested. This was shameful and disturbing stuff, although, obviously, there were no arrests.

Alvin Bragg is apparently about to do what Trump fantasized about, and what the entire left-of-center universe characterized as an abuse of power when the Republican merely mused about it.

The prospective Bragg prosecution is no different from what would happen if Sheriff Joe were still in office and somehow found a way to get an attenuated legal hook into Joe Biden. How would Democrats feel about that?

An argument in favor of Bragg's prospective move against Trump is that Trump is unique, and uniquely vulnerable to legal charges. There is something to that, but both Bill and Hillary Clinton could have been prosecuted and they weren't. Same with Richard Nixon after a Gerald Ford pardon that is now considered statesmanlike and correct by nearly everyone.

No Democrat should be sure that Biden isn't implicated in the flow of sketchy money into his family, and we already know he violated the law in his handling of classified documents.

It's not that presidents and former presidents are above the law, but the old norm of forbearance is appropriate.

We shouldn't want to conduct an experiment in what happens when a presidential candidate with an intense following, keenly attuned to potentially unfair treatment, is subjected to a nakedly political prosecution.

That said, it should be Trump's responsibility not to inflame an already incendiary situation, but he is. That, though, is another foreseeable downside of going down this route with this particular case.

Trump's enemies never gave up on the idea that the "walls are closing in," and they've decided, where they have the power, to make it a reality. Once again, they feel justified in violating norms in response to Trump's threat to norms.

As most everyone agrees, a Bragg prosecution will help Trump in the GOP nomination fight, at least initially. If he's fortunate in his enemies, the country is not.

*Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.*

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# TRI-COUNTY NEWS

## PAW PAW

### Paw Paw School Board recognizes volunteers, handles other business

PAW PAW – Rob Edwards, and Erin and Rob Odle were both presented plaques at the Paw Paw School Board meeting on March 21, thanking them each for their over 15 years of dedicated volunteering, including, among many tasks, assisting at activities, and coaching.

The custodians have requested a new floor-scrubber, as the one they have now is over 15 years old, and no longer scrubs. The board approved the expenditure.

The school's 10-year Life Safety inspection is

due. Various companies are being considered to complete the exam.

Digital Records Conversion is being pursued by the district. Old records would be scanned and converted to digital, allowing destruction of the paper copies filling spaces. Quotes and methods are being investigated.

The eighth-grade trip will be to Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on May 23.

A Community Forum for all interested district taxpayers is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 13.



Paw Paw School Board vice president Dawn Foster, right, presents a plaque to Erin Odle for her dedicated years of service to the district. Rob Odle was also recognized.



Paw Paw School Board vice president Dawn Foster, right, presents a plaque to Rob Edwards for his dedicated years of service to the district.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Ticket sales announced for Stage 212 April play

LaSALLE – The honeymoon is over, but love and laughs abound as Stage 212 presents Neil Simon's engaging hit romantic comedy "Barefoot in The Park."

"Barefoot in the Park" will be presented April 21-23 and April 28-30 at Stage 212, 700 First St., LaSalle. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Angel passholders may begin reserving seats now, and season passholders may begin reserving seats April 3. Tickets will be available to the general public for \$15 each beginning April 10, and may be purchased by visiting the box office Monday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon or by calling 815-224-3025 during the same hours. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting stage212.org.

Paul and Corie Bratter are newlyweds in every sense of the word. He's a reserved, straight-laced lawyer and she's a spontaneous, optimistic free spirit who wishes he would just lighten up. Their new apartment – her discovery – is too expensive with little room, bad plumbing, no heat, and a broken skylight – and it's six flights up. When they get a surprise visit from Corie's conservative mother, Corie decides to play matchmaker during dinner with their cultured, eccentric neighbor-in-the-attic Victor Velasco, and everything that can go wrong does.

Featured in the cast are Devon Ford as Corie Bratter, Luke Dougherty as Paul Bratter, Bobette Roberson as Mother, Ken Schroeder as Victor Velasco, Gary Talsky as the Telephone Repairman and Chris Kelly as the Delivery Man.

Production staff includes director Larry Kelsey, producer Ellen Marincic, assistant director Nathan Nosalik, stage manager Ella Johns, set designer Glen Gerrard, set builders and decorators too numerous to mention, lighting designer and light operator Yvette Lucas, sound operator Fred Davis, costumers Vicky Bickel and Michelle Hainline, prop coordinator Michelle Wade and stage crew Dixie Schroeder and Ellen Marincic.

"Barefoot in the Park" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. [www.concordtheatricals.com](http://www.concordtheatricals.com).

## Rep. Fritts to recognize local businesses in the 74th District

DIXON – State Representative Bradley J. Fritts (R-Dixon) is asking his constituents in District 74 to nominate local businesses for monthly business spotlights.

"Small and local businesses are the cornerstone of our economy, particularly in District 74," Rep. Fritts said. "Many of our businesses go above and beyond to serve our community and that type of dedication and hard work deserves to be recognized."

Starting in April, Rep. Fritts will visit a local business once a month to spend time learning about their operations and speaking with employees.

Rep. Fritts continued, "It's important for me to understand the issues that small businesses are facing. It's no secret that running a small business is challenging, especially given the rising cost of living. It's my responsibility to listen to our local business owners, and learn how I can help while working in Springfield."

To submit nominations for the local business highlights, go to [repfritts.com](http://repfritts.com) and select Small Business Nominations under the resources tab.

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**APR. 18**

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**APR. 20**

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**APR. 22**

**MRS. LINCOLN'S SALON**  
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**APR. 24**

**TWEENS "WILDFLOWER WALK"**  
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**APR. 24**

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 Leave your stuffed friend and  
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 overnight. Pick up toy  
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**APR. 25**

**YAHTZEE**  
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**APR. 25**

**COOKING CLASS "STRESS**  
**HUNGER & APPETITE"**  
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**APR. 25**

**YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE:**  
**"PUSS IN BOOTS: THE LAST**  
**WISH" PG**  
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**APR. 26**

**MOVIES WITH M.A.S.S.: "EASTER**  
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**APR. 26**

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**APR. 27**

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**APR. 28**

**SPRING POTLUCK**  
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## IN MEMORIAM

**In Loving Memory of JEROLD HILD SR., who passed away four years ago, March 31, 2019.**  
He never looked for praises, he was never one to boast, he just went on quietly working for the ones he loved the most. His dreams were seldom spoken, his wants were very few, and most of the time his worries went unspoken too. He was there... a firm foundation through all our storms in life, a sturdy hand to hold on to in times of stress and strife. A true friend we could turn to when times were good or bad, one of greatest blessings, the man that we called Dad.  
Sady missed by, His Family

## IN MEMORIAM

**In Memory of my Dad, PERRY OWENS 2-7-50 to 4-6-08**  
You will always be in my heart... because in there you're still alive.  
**Love, Your daughter, Brandy**

## City council schedule

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council meeting schedule for 2023 is as follows:  
Jan. 3 & 16; Feb. 6 & 21; March 6 & 20; April 3 & 17; May 1 & 15; June 5 & 19; July 3 & 17; Aug. 7 & 21; Sept. 5 & 18; Oct. 2 & 16; Nov. 6 & 20; Dec. 4 & 18.  
Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. and are held in the City Council Chambers, 607 Eighth Ave., Mendota.

## POLICE BLOTTER

**NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE**  
Jereme L. Elam, 33, of 1104 Sixth St., Apt. 3, Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Meriden Street and Illinois Avenue at 5:39 p.m. March 22. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED**  
Efrain Magallanes, 24, of 503 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Sixth Avenue and Main Street at 9:38 p.m. March 24. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

- **Garage Sale/Notice Deadlines** •
- Thursday 3 p.m. to appear in Monday's Money Saver.
  - Monday 10 a.m. to appear in Wednesday's Reporter.

**NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE**  
Nicole M. Provow, 43, of 1204 Washington St., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at the intersection of Washington Street and Michigan Avenue at 10:47 a.m. March 25. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED**  
Roberto R. Silva, 24, of 604 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at 11th Street and Third Avenue at 5:54 p.m. March 25. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

## Public Nuisance Ordinance

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department would like to remind home and business owners of city ordinances regarding public nuisances.  
It is against city ordinance to have accumulations of trash, building materials, abandoned automobiles, machinery, scrap metal, discarded tires, vehicle batteries or any other material that creates a public health hazard on your property. It is also a violation to permit weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes or flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding six inches anywhere in the city. Also, all multi-family structures, including structures that consist of both 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.  
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Walk-In Welcomed  
Table Side Omelets  
Closing at 3 p.m.  
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# Holy Week

April 2-8, 2023

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email : mendotaupc@yahoo.com • www.mendotaupc.org

**April 9 EASTER SUNDAY**  
10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration Service

*Easter Egg Hunt for the kids after the service!*



*Join Us for Holy Week and Easter*

**April 2nd Palm Sunday**  
9am Sunday Worship with Holy Communion  
10:00am Sunday School

**April 6th Maundy Thursday**  
6:30pm Holy Communion

**April 7th Ecumenical Good Friday**  
6:30pm Service

**April 8th Saturday Easter Vigil**  
6:30pm Easter Vigil

**April 9th Resurrection Sunday**  
6am & 9am Easter Service both with Holy Communion  
Easter Egg Hunt to follow 9am worship

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**Good Friday**  
April 7, 2023



*In Celebration Of Easter*



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
398 Church Road  
Compton, Illinois  
815-539-6567  
Pastor Jeff Schlesinger

**Holy Week Services**

**April 6. Maundy Thursday Service**  
7:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran with Holy Communion

**April 7. Good Friday Service**  
7:00 pm at First Lutheran in Lee

**April 9. Easter Sunday**  
7:30 am Worship at Immanuel  
8:30 am Easter Breakfast at Immanuel  
9:30 am Easter Breakfast at First Lutheran in Lee  
10:30 am Worship at First Lutheran in Lee  
Holy Communion at both services

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**Zion United Methodist Church**

**Holy Week Services**

**April 2 - Palm Sunday**  
9 am Kids Program  
10 am Pancake Breakfast

**April 6 - Maundy Thursday**  
Prayer Labyrinth anytime between 6pm - 8pm

**April 7 - Good Friday Ecumenical Service**  
6 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 607 10th Ave., Mendota

**April 9 - Easter Sunday**  
9 am Service & Children's Church  
10 am Coffee & Fellowship

808 Jefferson St., Downtown Mendota  
815-538-2186 • [www.zionchurchumc.com](http://www.zionchurchumc.com)  
zionumcmendota@gmail.com



**EASTER BLESSINGS**

**MENDOTA 1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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**April 2**  
9 am - Sunday School  
9:30 am - Palm Sunday worship

**April 4**  
11 am - 1pm - Prayer Walk

**April 5**  
7 am - 7 pm - Open Communion

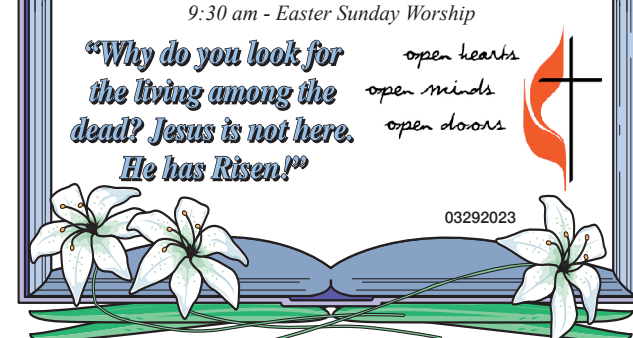
**April 6**  
6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion

**April 7**  
6:30 pm - Ecumenical Good Friday Worship hosted by St. John's Lutheran

**April 9**  
9 am - Sunday School  
9:30 am - Easter Sunday Worship

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here. He has Risen!"*

open hearts  
open minds  
open doors



**Holy Week Worship Schedule at First Presbyterian Church and Ecumenical Churches of Mendota**

**Palm Sunday Services, April 2**  
10:00 a.m. First Presbyterian Church  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

**Maundy Thursday, April 6**  
7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Worship at First United Methodist

**Good Friday, April 7**  
7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Good Friday Worship at St. John's Lutheran

**Easter Sunday, April 9**  
10:00 a.m. Worship, Covenanted Pastor Laurie Walker at First Presbyterian Church  
No Coffee Hour

**Covenanted Pastor Laurie Walker**

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# SPORTS

## Trojans slug way over Earlville, fall to Bureau V.

The Mendota Trojans slugged their way past Earlville, 15-1, in a varsity baseball game halted by the 10-run rule after five innings on March 21 at Earlville.

The Trojans held a 1-0 lead after two innings, but they plated eight runs in the third, two in the fourth and four in the fifth to win going away.

Mendota had 10 hits in the contest with Cale Strouss (single, double, four RBI), Izaiah Nanez (two singles) and Ryne Strouss (single, double) collecting two hits apiece. Dominik Stamberger added a double, while Braiden Freeman had two runs batted in.

Two Trojan pitchers combined for a one-hitter. Jacob Kelley got the start and didn't allow a hit or a run through three innings to earn the victory. He walked one and struck out four. Stamberger hurled the final two frames, striking out five.

Ryan Browder singled for Earlville's hit, while Easton Fruit was the losing pitcher.

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Bureau Valley outlasted the Trojans, 5-2, in Three Rivers Conference action on March 27 at the MHS field.

The Storm led 2-1 through four innings and then scored twice in the fifth and once in the sixth, while Mendota's only other run came in the bottom of the fifth.

The Trojans (2-2, 0-1) had four hits, all singles. Freeman and Landon Kreiser drove in runs.

Nanez pitched four innings and took the loss. None of the four runs he allowed were earned. Stamberger finished on the hill.

## Lady Trojans win one of three games

Mendota's bats came alive in the late innings in posting a 16-5 triumph over Earlville in varsity softball action on March 21 at Earlville.

The Lady Trojans broke on top with a pair of runs in the first inning with an Emma Schultz double driving in one.

Earlville scored once in the second, which was matched by Mendota in the fourth on a solo home run by Kirby Bond.

Mendota tacked on four more runs in the fifth, with Katie Jenner swatting a home run.

The Lady Raiders pushed across four runs in the bottom of the fifth to cut Mendota's lead to 7-5, but the visitors put the game away with a nine-run sixth to win by the 10-run rule. Ava Eddy, Madelyn Becker, Talia White and Bond all singled in runs, while Ryleigh Sondgeroth had an RBI double.

In the contest, multiple hits for MHS went to Jenner (two singles, homerun, two RBI), Eddy (three singles), Sondgeroth (single, two doubles, two RBI), Becker (three singles, two RBI), Bond (two singles, home run, two RBI) and White (two singles).

Eddy was the winning pitcher, working 4 1/3

innings, giving up three hits and one earned run. She walked three and fanned seven. Sondgeroth finished up in the circle.

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Sherrard edged the Lady Trojans, 2-1, on March 24 at Sherrard.

Mendota managed only two hits and scored its only run on a solo homer by Sondgeroth in the fourth to cut Sherrard's lead in half.

Sondgeroth went the distance in the circle, allowing five hits and one earned run. She struck out four and walked one.

\*\*\*

Bureau Valley took a slugfest win over Mendota, 13-8, on March 27 at the Mendota field.

The game was tied 5-5 after three innings and then Bureau Valley scored in every inning after that, including four times in the fifth.

The Lady Trojans collected 13 hits, including two triples and two singles by Jenner. Eddy had a pair of doubles and two RBI, while others getting two hits were Becker (single, triple, two RBI), Schultz (single, double, two RBI) and Sondgeroth (two singles).

Sondgeroth pitched five innings and took the loss, while Eddy worked the final two frames.

## Girls' soccer blanks Ottawa

Mendota's girls' soccer team captured a hard-earned 1-0 win at Ottawa on March 24.

Crystal Garcia scored for MHS in the first half, and then the squad used a great defensive performance from Flor Delao, Kaley Siemer and goalie Naitzy Garcia to preserve the one-goal lead.

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LaSalle-Peru nipped Mendota, 2-1, on March 27 at L-P. The Lady Cavs led 2-0 for much of the contest before Mendota got its lone goal from Crystal Garcia off an assist from Noemi Arteaga.

Naitzy Garcia had eight goalie saves.

## BOWLING

### Tuesday Night Men's League

Standings as of March 14 – 1. Black Bros. 66-46; 2. Team 2 58-54; 3. JJ&L Carpentry 56-56; 4. Age Old Organics 43-69

High team game (scratch) – Team 2 1072, JJ&L Carpentry 1007, Age Old Organics 937

High team game (hdcap) – Team 2 1144, JJ&L Carpentry 1119, Age Old Organics 1092

High team series (scratch) – Team 2 3043, JJ&L Carpentry 2946, Black Bros. 2546

High team series (hdcap) – JJ&L Carpentry 3282, Team 2 3259, Age Old Organics 2983

High individual game (scratch) – Nate Bradford 279, Luke Ross 256, Todd Smith 256

High individual series (scratch) – Nate Bradford 792, Todd Smith 692, Luke Ross 686

### Wednesday Night Men's League

Standings as of March 15 – 1. Boelk Truck Lines 63.5-44.5; 2. First State Bank 53.5-54.5; 3. Mendota Monument 50-58; 4. O'Donnell Excavating 49-59

High team game (scratch) – First State Bank 1079, Mendota Monument 1060, Boelk Truck Lines 1002

High team game (hdcap) – First State Bank 1185, Boelk Truck Lines 1136, Mendota Monument 1093

High team series (scratch) – Mendota Monument 2986, Boelk Truck Lines 2960, First State Bank 2898

High team series (hdcap) – Boelk Truck Lines 3362, First State Bank 3216, O'Donnell Excavating 3163

High individual game (scratch) – Tyler Schmitt 276, Drake O'Donnell 269, Tom Dessing 253

High individual series (scratch) – Erik Schmitt 719, Nate Bradford 659, Drake O'Donnell 651

### Elks 4 Youth League

Standings as of March 16 – 1. Team 5 38-10; 2. Team 2 31-17; 3. Team 4 27-21; 4. Team 1 14-34; 5. Team 3 12-36

High team game (scratch) – Team 1 280, Team 5 277, Team 2 235

High team game (hdcap) – Team 1 651, Team 5 639, Team 2 638

High team series (scratch) – Team 1 805, Team 5 750, Team 4 683

High team series (hdcap) – Team 1 1918, Team 5 1836, Team 2 1819

Boys' high game (scratch) – Parker Ramer 141, Jaxen Daley 133, Kaden Young 127

Boys' high game (hdcap) – Kaden Young 250, Jaxen Daley 244, Kannon Delao & Parker Ramer 226

Boys' high series (scratch) – Parker Ramer 376, Jaxen Daley 323, Kaden Young 283

Boys' high series (hdcap) – Jaxen Daley 656, Kaden Young 652, Kannon Delao 640

Girls' high game (scratch) – Gabby Diaz 104, Brooklyn Mauch 76

Girls' high game (hdcap) – Gabby Diaz 246, Brooklyn Mauch 223

Girls' high series (scratch) – Gabby Diaz 266, Brooklyn Mauch 194

Girls' high series (hdcap) – Gabby Diaz 692, Brooklyn Mauch 635

### Elks 6 Youth League

Standings as of March 16 – 1. Team 1 25-23; 2. Team 3 16-32; 3. Team 2 4-44

High team game (scratch) – Team 3 467, Team 1 350

High team game (hdcap) – Team 3 608, Team 1 598

High team series (scratch) – Team 3 1395

High team series (hdcap) – Team 3 1818

Boys' high game (scratch) – Kooper Novak 227, Alex Holland 177, Oliver Turner 147

Boys' high game (hdcap) – Kooper Novak 270, Oliver Turner 230, Alex Holland 201

Boys' high series (scratch) – Kooper Novak 586, Alex Holland 461, Toby Bulem 292

Boys' high series (hdcap) – Kooper Novak 715, Toby Bulem 553, Alex Holland 533

Girls' high game (scratch) – Lauren Holland 123

Girls' high game (hdcap) – Lauren Holland 179

Girls' high series (scratch) – Lauren Holland 242

Girls' high series (hdcap) – Lauren Holland 354

### Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of March 20 – 1. Split Happens 40-25; 2. CM Farm 35-30; 3. Sports-N-Stuff 32-33; 4. Ramer Inc. 31-34; 5. Bad Kats 29-36; 6. Leagal Beagles 28-37

High team game (scratch) – Ramer Inc. 810, Split Happens 781, Leagal Beagles 675

High team game (hdcap) – Split Happens 1018, Ramer Inc. 1016, Leagal Beagles 941

High team series (scratch) – Ramer Inc. 2276, Split Happens 2173, Sports-N-Stuff 1921

High team series (hdcap) – Ramer Inc. 2894, Split Happens 2884, Bad Kats 2716

Men's high game (scratch) – Luke Ross 257, Matt Ramer 228, Tyler Schmitt 225

Men's high game (hdcap) – Raul Diaz Jr. 276, Brendan Ramer 275, Aaron Holocker 269

Men's high series (scratch) – Luke Ross 751, Tyler Schmitt 638, Raul Diaz Jr. 589

Men's high series (hdcap) – Raul Diaz Jr. & Luke Ross 781, Brendan Ramer 756

Women's high game (scratch) – Jessica Robinson 253, Gail Sessler 204, Dria Kuntz 198

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# OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

## Lake Mendota, other area locations open for spring trout fishing season on April 1

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-and-release 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](http://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)



Getting outside and engaging in any activity has a variety of benefits for children and adults.

## Outdoor activities benefit children

Modern amenities and indoor comforts have made life easier in many ways, but they've also helped to fashion a generation of people who spend much of their time inside. A recent report from the international research firm YouGov found that around 90 percent of study respondents from North America and Europe spend close to 22 hours inside every day. Children may get a little more time outdoors than adults, particularly if they participate in outdoor sports.

There are distinct advantages to engaging in more outdoor activities. Here's a look at some of them.

- Improved mood and reduced risk of depression: The YouGov report notes that around 15 percent of the world's population is affected by different levels of seasonal affective disorder, which is believed to be a direct result of lack of daylight. Symptoms go away when days are longer and individuals can enjoy more sunshine. Children who go outside and get ample exposure to sunlight may experience a more positive mood and renewed energy.

- Lower risk of obesity: Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg from the American Academy of Pediatrics says outdoor play can help reduce obesity in today's youth. Children can enjoy self-directed physical activity that also stimulates awareness of one's surroundings.

- Improved vitamin D levels: Vitamin D has been dubbed the "sunshine vitamin" because sunlight hitting the skin prompts the liver and kidneys to create vitamin D in the body. A

deficiency in vitamin D can lead to depression and heart failure and may compromise the immune system. Children can improve current and future health by maintaining adequate vitamin D levels through healthy exposure to sunlight.

- Lower stress levels: Students of all ages are faced with stressful situations that come at them from every angle. The arrival of the global pandemic has been an added stressor that continues to affect children and adults. According to research by the University of Essex, outdoor exercise offers mental health benefits that exceed those gleaned from indoor exercise. Spending time in a green space can result in improved mood and self-esteem. A 2017 study of Japanese students found those who spent time in the forest for two nights returned home with lower levels of cortisol, a hormone used as a marker of stress, than students who remained in the city. The practice of de-stressing outdoors is often referred to as "forest bathing" or "nature therapy."

- Better focus: A dose of nature may help children diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder improve their concentration levels. A 2008 study from researchers at the University of Illinois found that children with ADHD demonstrated greater attention performance following a 20-minute walk in a park as compared to a residential neighborhood or downtown area.

Getting outside and engaging in any activity has a variety of benefits for children and adults.

## Spring activities for families to enjoy together

Spring is one of the most popular seasons of the year. After several months of chilly temperatures in many regions, spring provides a welcome reprieve from the cold.

Moderate temperatures makes it much more comfortable and inviting to venture outdoors, particularly for families with children who might not adapt to the cold as well as adults. The following are some family-friendly activities that make the most of spring renewal.

### Visit botanic gardens

If there's a botanical garden nearby, a visit in spring is a great time to soak in the beauty of nature. That's because an abundance of flowers bloom during the spring, meaning a garden will be in peak form. Visitors can meander through rows of rose bushes or tour the labyrinth of trimmed hedges. Beautiful, flowering cherry trees, with their delicate pink or white petals, also are sights to behold in spring.

### Prepare a home garden

Visiting a garden is one thing, creating one at home is another. In addition to planning a vegetable garden to enjoy tasty pickings throughout summer, you can devote some property to flowers that will attract wildlife. Check with a garden center about which flowers and plants attract butterflies and other beneficial insects. Many garden centers sell butterfly and hummingbird mixes to attract wildlife.



Venture into streams or lakes aboard kayaks or canoes, getting exercise and seeing the scenery in the process. Bring a fishing pole along and cast it into the water for a few hours of recreation.

### Go animal watching

Flowers are not the only thing on display come the spring. Many animals, including birds, are born this time of year. Baby animals are not only adorable, they can be entertaining to watch grow. Families can spend time viewing the animals that visit their yards or surrounding parks, being careful to keep their distance. Adults may be quite protective of their young, so it's better to watch from the lens of a camera or with binoculars. Always resist the urge to help

a baby animal who seems like it was abandoned. The parent may be a short distance away gathering food or trying to avoid drawing attention to the young to deter predators.

### Get out on the water

A bright, warm day is an ideal time to enjoy the open water. Spring is a season when many marinas reopen and avid boaters put their vessels back into the water. You also can venture into streams or lakes aboard kayaks or canoes, getting exercise and seeing the scenery in the process. Bring a fishing

pole along and cast it into the water for a few hours of recreation.

### Make wind chimes

Enhance the garden or decor around the home by making wind chimes or other percussion items that can create beautiful music when spring breezes blow. Commercially available kits are sold, but wind chimes also can be made from items like bamboo or even strung shells.

These are just a few family-friendly activities to enjoy this spring.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Brad Pitt has a new love. His first public appearance with his new lady, Ines de Ramon, was in Paris at the Cesar Awards (the French Oscars) in late February. De Ramon is a fitness and health coach employed by celebs to help build nutrition plans, establish a fitness routine and maintain a healthier lifestyle.

Insiders say they've been dating for some time and that Pitt hid their love affair behind the guise of being one of her clients. De Ramon is currently in the middle of divorcing "Vampire Diaries" star Paul Wesley.

Pitt is currently shooting the AppleTV+ film "Wolves" with George Clooney (both are also producers) in New York. De Ramon, a New Jersey native, is 32, while Pitt's 59.

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Let's take a last look at the Oscars: Halle Berry agreed to present the Best Actor award, taking the place of last year's Best Actor, Will Smith, who is currently banned from the Academy for 10 years. He joined Richard Gere, who in 1993 received a 20-year

ban for injecting a political cause into his presenting time; though, he was welcomed back 10 years later, when he was nominated for "Chicago," which won Best Picture. Add "Me Too" movement losers Bill Cosby and Roman Polanski to the list, both getting banned in 2018, as well as Harvey Weinstein (who'll be in jail so long he can't attend anyway).

Has diversity gone too far at the Academy? Did they go overboard compensating for their lack of diversity in the past? Of 34 presenters, 19 were women, and 15 were men. They compensated for not nominating female directors by having three pairs of actresses presenting and only two pairs of men. There were six Black actors, five Hispanic actors, one Asian actor but only four Caucasian actors. So, where were the superstars of yesterday? The only superstars present were Dwayne Johnson, John Travolta and Harrison Ford.

Among big names missing from the in memoriam segment were two-time Best Supporting Actress nominee Melinda Dillon (for "Close Encounters of the

Third Kind" and "Absence of Malice"); Stella Stevens ("The Nutty Professor"); Henry Silva ("Ocean's 11"); Cindy Williams ("American Graffiti"); Anne Heche, star of Gus Van Sant's 1998 "Psycho" remake; Leslie Jordan ("The Help"); Tom Sizemore ("Saving Private Ryan"); Paul Sorvino ("Goodfellas"); David Warner ("Mary Poppins Returns"); Philip Baker Hall ("Boogie Nights"); Robert Blake ("In Cold Blood") and Chaim Topol ("Fiddler on the Roof").

Allegedly, Tom Cruise didn't appear to avoid his ex-wife Nicole Kidman, but I'm sure he would have miraculously appeared as producer of "Top Gun: Maverick" had it won Best Picture.

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Guillermo del Toro, hot off his Best Animated Feature win for "Pinocchio" at the Oscars, is taking on a remake of "Frankenstein," which will star Andrew Garfield, Oscar Isaac and Mia Goth. Since there have already been 70 films made about Frankenstein, frankly, do we give a damn?

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## Couch Theater

"Murder Mystery 2" (PG-13) -- Even though the first "Murder Mystery" doesn't exactly hook you into the most satisfying whodunnit, it was still an amusing watch nonetheless and prompted Netflix to return with a sequel. Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston reprise their roles as married couple Nick and Audrey Spitz, who are invited to the wedding of Maharajah Vikram -- a suspect in the previous murder mystery that took place in the first film. But, at the wedding, the Maharajah gets kidnapped, so the Spitzes, as the most unqualified detectives, naturally see this as a prime opportunity to solve yet another case. Premieres March 31. (Netflix)

"The Estate" (R) -- Macey (Toni Collette) and Savannah (Anna Farris) are owners of a sinking business. When they receive news from their mother that their wealthy Aunt Hilda has terminal cancer, the desperate sisters hatch a plan to visit Hilda and

see if they can squeeze themselves into her will before she passes. Upon their arrival, Macey and Savannah realize that their two-faced cousin Beatrice (Rosemarie DeWitt) is already staying with Hilda; their other cousin, Richard (David Duchovny), arrives shortly after them. With all the family gathered around for the same reason, who will get to walk away with the money from Hilda's estate? Kathleen Turner stars as none other than Aunt Hilda in this black comedy out now. (Hulu)

"Tetris" (R) -- Who knew the journey behind bringing the puzzle game Tetris to players across the world would be so tumultuous? Taron Egerton ("Rocketman") stars as businessman Henk Rogers, who attempts to secure the rights of Tetris and get it packaged with the new Game Boy console. Henk must travel from the U.S. to the Soviet Union, during a time when tensions are still high between both

countries, to meet with the Russian developer of Tetris. What should have been simple negotiations for a game turns into a dangerous, high-stake battle for all involved. Premieres March 31. (AppleTV+)

"The Power" (TV-16+) -- Based on the bestselling novel of the same name by Naomi Alderman, this upcoming sci-fi drama series hits streaming March 31. Out of nowhere, thousands of teenage girls around the world begin harnessing the power to electrocute others, as electric jolts pour out of their fingertips. Since a multitude of girls can now utilize this power however they wish, it completely upends society as we know it. Depending on how well the girl can wield her power, she could send a piece of paper into flames, light a car on fire, or even take down a potential assailant. So, now that girls really have the power, will they be able to keep it? (Prime Video)

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I want to see the new film "Jesus Revolution," but I don't like going to movie theaters. Can I watch it at home on my TV? -- **H.W.**



Roumie

A: "Jesus Revolution" is the term Time magazine called an evangelical Christian revival that began on the West Coast in the 1960s and 1970s. The movie of the same name is based on that published article as well as on a real pastor, who is played by Kelsey Grammer ("Frasier") in the film.

Jonathan Roumie co-stars in "Jesus Revolution" as Lonnie Frisbee, a charismatic street preacher who resembles Jesus. The actor started out doing guest roles in primetime shows like "Chicago Med" and "NCIS: Los Angeles," but he seems to have found his calling of starring in faith-based projects in recent years. He's played Jesus in three seasons of Angel Studios' "The Chosen," which can be streamed on Peacock.

At the time of this writing, "Jesus Revolution" is only available in theaters, where it's been quite successful,

generating more than \$45 million. It will eventually be available for rent and/or purchase on the Vudu/Fandango streaming app (and perhaps someday a streaming platform like Prime Video and one of the network or cable channels). However, if you don't want to take a chance on missing it, I'd venture out to your local theater soon.

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Q: What is Kiefer Sutherland's new show about? It looks like he's playing Jack Bauer again. -- **L.J.**

A: While actor Kiefer Sutherland is best known for playing Jack Bauer on the hit Fox action series "24," his new show "Rabbit Hole" is a completely different project and character for him altogether. It definitely caters to Kiefer's fan base, though, but instead of playing a federal agent fighting terrorism, he's a private espionage agent framed for murder.

"Rabbit Hole" comes from the creative minds of Emmy-winning producers John Requa and Glenn Ficarra ("This Is Us"), and the show co-stars Charles Dance ("The Crown") and Rob Yang ("Succession"). The first season consists of only eight episodes, and the first two will premiere on March 26. It's available exclusively on the Paramount+

streaming service.

Sutherland had another successful series after "24" called "Designated Survivor," where he becomes president of the free world after everyone above him in rank is killed in a catastrophic attack. It aired for two seasons on ABC before airing the third season on Netflix. He also recently played President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the Showtime original series "The First Lady." Now, whether we'll see him in a silly comedy anytime soon remains to be seen.

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Q: What happened to the period piece drama "Sanditon"? Wasn't it on Netflix? I tried to find it, and it's gone. -- **A.K.**

A: "Sanditon" recently had its third and final season premiere on PBS. The series is set during England's Regency era, in the early 1800s at a seaside resort called Sanditon. It's based on the unfinished novel by Jane Austen and stars Rose Williams. Andrew Davies, the Emmy and BAFTA award-winning screenwriter who has adapted classics like "Pride & Prejudice" and "Sense & Sensibility," has done a wonderful job carrying out Austen's original vision.

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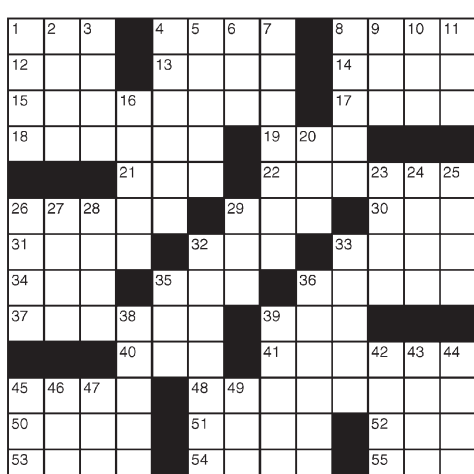
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2. MOVIES: Which movie was the first sports film to win the Best Picture award?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many former first ladies are still living?
4. TELEVISION: What is the name of Bart's teacher on "The Simpsons"?
5. LANGUAGE: What does the Japanese phrase "domo arigato" mean in English?
6. CHEMISTRY: What is the lightest element?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who is Marie Laveau of New Orleans?
8. ADSLOGANS: Which product was advertised with the slogan,

- "Great taste, less filling"?
9. U.S. CITIES: In which city would you find Thomas Jefferson's Monticello?
  10. LITERATURE: Who wrote the autobiography "Dreams From My Father"?
- Answers
1. Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.
  2. "Rocky" (1976).
  3. Five: Rosalynn Carter, Hillary Clinton, Laura Bush, Michelle Obama and Melania Trump.
  4. Edna Krabappel.
  5. Thank you.
  6. Hydrogen.
  7. Famous voodoo queen.
  8. Miller Lite beer.
  9. Charlottesville, Virginia.
  10. Barack Obama.

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Pot brew
- 4 Rosary component
- 8 Tempo
- 12 Fervent need
- 13 Scarce
- 14 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 15 Polish composer Chopin
- 17 Squad
- 18 Oust from office
- 19 Not 'neath
- 21 Show to a seat, slangily
- 22 Established rule
- 26 Kick out
- 29 Cat's coat
- 30 Ms. Longoria
- 31 Chaste
- 32 River blocker
- 33 Till bills
- 34 Wyo. neighbor
- 35 Corral
- 36 Sanctify
- 37 -- acid
- 39 Luau bowlful
- 40 Khan title
- 41 Blacksmiths' blocks
- 45 Indolent
- 48 Curry powder spice
- 50 Dayton's state



- 51 "Do -- others ..."
- 52 "I love," to Livy
- 53 Autograph
- 54 Take five
- 55 Bottom line
- 7 Propriety
- 8 Book jacket write-up
- 9 Long time
- 10 "The Greatest"
- 11 Make lace
- 16 Wimbledon tie
- 20 Where Lux. is
- 23 Actress Russo
- 24 Courier's partner
- 25 Mama -- Elliot
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by Linda Thistle

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**SPANISH:** Conducir

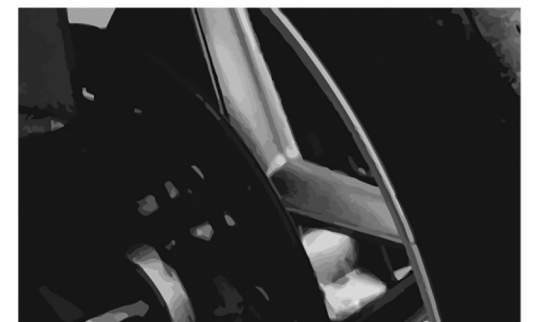
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**FRENCH:** Conduire

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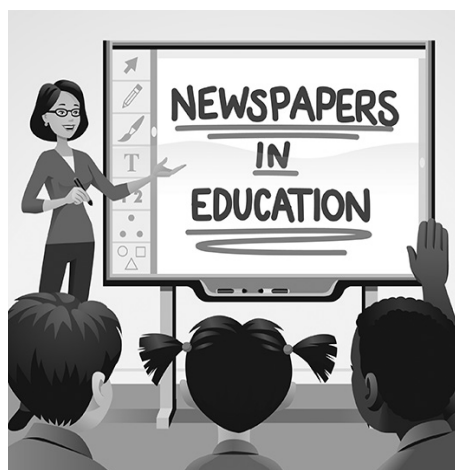
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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Start trusting and stop fretting

Psalm 37:1-3 is a great promise for us in God’s Word. It says, “Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture” (NIV).

These verses reassure us that we don’t need to be worried about everything wrong that’s happening in the world, because God is still in control. And He’s going to take care of us as long as we trust Him and do good.

But we all have times when we wonder, “Is God really going to come through for me? Can I really trust Him...or do I need to have a backup plan? If God doesn’t come through quickly enough, how long am I willing or prepared to wait for Him to act?”

The truth is, whether or not you can trust God depends on whether you’re trying to get Him to give you what YOU want, or what HE wants.

In other words, are you trusting Him to do His perfect will for you, in His perfect timing and in His way?

### *The Best Way to Ask for What You Want*

It’s good for us to tell God what we want and to ask Him for help when we need it. But sometimes we think we know what is right for us, or we want something so badly we feel we just have to have it; so instead of trusting God to do what is best, we tell Him what He needs to do.

We need to realize that we really are not smart enough to deal with the problems we face on our own. And when we don’t trust God, we end up trying to make something happen that only He can do, which just makes us frustrated.

I’ve discovered that no matter how badly I want something, I need to pray, “God, if what I want is not what You want for me, then please don’t give it to me. I want to do Your will in this situation, and I’m trusting You to give me what You want

for me.”

This is especially important in situations where we don’t understand why things are happening the way they are. I remember when God told me to quit my job so I could stay home and study the Word more. This was the season when He was preparing me for full-time ministry.

It was so hard because without me working, we were \$40 short of what we needed each month just to pay our bills. I would go to garage sales to buy clothes for my kids, and we kept giving and tithing as God spoke to our hearts to do it. For six years we had to have a miracle every month in our finances, and it didn’t make any sense to me at all why it was taking so long for us to get a breakthrough in our situation.

But I understand now that God was teaching me how to trust Him for every little thing I needed every day. Everything I went through with God during those six years prepared me to do what



we’re doing in ministry now. And it takes a lot more to keep the ministry going today than what we needed to pay our bills back then.

### *What It Takes to Really Trust God*

I’m so glad God helped me stay determined not to give up or try to meet all of our needs in my own strength. I needed those years of being home full-time to study the Word and apply the biblical principles I was learning practically in my own life before I could do what I’m doing today.

You know, it doesn’t do any good to just know the Word in your head – you have to know it by experience through your relationship with God. We need to experience the faithfulness of God in our lives to grow in our trust in Him. I can honestly say now that some of the times I treasure most happened during those six years when God came through for us in miraculous ways. I didn’t always get what I wanted, but God always provided everything I needed.

You’re not going to know for sure if you can trust God until you have to step out in faith and experience His faithfulness. I want to encourage you today: Don’t give up on what God has put in your heart to do! No matter how hard it is to trust Him, be determined to keep doing everything He shows you to do.

As the Amplified Bible, Classic Edition says in Psalm 37:3, “Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness....” God is faithful, and you really can trust Him!

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For more on this topic, order Joyce’s four-teaching resource Trust God and Do Good. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, IL PROBATE DIVISION**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF )  
) MICHELE M. WATERS, 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 on September 15, 2022, to Zachary Waters, of Fairfield, CA, as INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354.

Claims against the estate 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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Dated: September 15, 2022  
Greg Vaccaro  
LaSalle County Circuit Clerk  
Ottawa, IL 61350  
No. 0311  
(March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

**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

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Robert E. Waters, of LaSalle Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 13, 2022, to Zachary Waters, of Fairfield, CA, as INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354. Claims against the estate 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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### PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Mendota in the County of LaSalle and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 11th, 2023 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:00 p.m. at The Mendota City Council Chambers at 607 8th Ave., Mendota for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Proposal to move cemetery to township control.

Dated April 14th, 2023  
Linda Corrigan (Town Clerk)  
Legal No. 0313 (3/29 2023)

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION NO: 2023-JA-11

TO: Ronald Carter Sr., Unknown Fathers, other interested parties, and to All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that on the 10th day of March, 2023 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Vicki L. Denny, in the Circuit Court of LaSalle County entitled 'In the interest of Raelynn Carter, a minor', and that in the Criminal Justice Center Courtroom 210 at Ottawa on the 19th day of April, 2023, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an Adjudicatory Hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under that Act. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child.

You are entitled to have an attorney represent you at all stages of these proceedings. If you are financially unable to afford a private attorney, the court will appoint an attorney for you. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and an order or judgment entered.

Dated March 21, 2023  
Greg Vaccaro, Clerk  
No. 0317  
(March 29, 2023)

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION NO: 2023-JA-12

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Dated March 21, 2023  
Greg Vaccaro, Clerk  
No. 0318  
(March 29, 2023)

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF )  
) BETTY J. STOCKDELL, DECEASED. )  
) NO. 2023-PR-000062 )

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Betty J. Stockdell, of Peru, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 23, 2023, to Eleanor Wozniak, of Peru, IL, as INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR, whose Attorneys of record are SCHWEICKERT GANASSIN KRZAK RUNDIO, LLP, 2101 MARQUETTE ROAD, PERU, IL 61354. Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, 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

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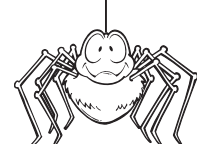
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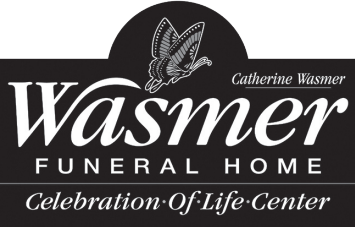
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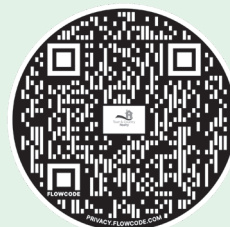
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