

Davis Family Health LLC

We Fix Boo Boos

Kelly Ann Tonielli Davis

DNP, APRN, FNP-BC-CME

Most insurances accepted

1212 Currency Court, Rochelle, IL • 815-561-8500

1201 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL • 815-538-1800

Schedule an Appointment with Dr. Kelly for a Physical & ask about Dermal Fillers, Botox Injections & Weight Loss Services



Sublette Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show
The cold and windy weather moved visitors to the annual Sublette Antique Tractor and Farm Toy Show indoors to the many displays on the first day of the show, Saturday, March 18. The next day brought better weather and with it the crowds attending the Sublette Fire Department's breakfast and the outdoor and indoor exhibits. (Photo contributed)

City donates to YMCA SCAMP program; OKs requests

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council made a donation and approved several requests at its March 20 regular meeting.

Alderman John Holland presented a request from the Mendota YMCA for a donation to its annual SCAMP program. In the past, the city has donated \$3,000 toward this cause, but Holland made a motion to increase the donation to \$4,000, which was approved by the

rest of the council.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick had several items for the council's consideration. The council approved its annual Sweet Corn Festival resolution. The council agreed to a request from the Mendota YMCA to use Veterans Park for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. The council also approved a request from the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce to hold its annual Fireworks Tag Day on Saturday, June 17.

The fireworks show is scheduled for Saturday, June 24.

During the Mayor's Report, Mayor David Boelk proclaimed April to be Fair Housing Month and proclaimed May to be Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

Police Chief Greg Kellen said three new police officers will be sworn in at the April 17 city council meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Pritzker: Tax cuts on the table if state revenues continue to exceed expectations

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – With two months to go before the legislature adjourns and current-year revenues continuing to smash expectations, Gov. JB Pritzker said he and legislative leaders are considering tax cuts.

His comments came one week after the legislature's nonpartisan Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, or COGFA, increased its revenue estimates by about \$1 billion for the current and upcoming budget years combined.

"I would like to see – as we feel comfortable with these new revenues coming in and their stability; and I think we're seeing a few years in a row now of the



Gov. Pritzker

stability of that revenue – that we should be talking about whether there are tax cuts that we can implement," he said at an unrelated news conference at a Springfield community college.

The governor did not say whether tax cuts would be permanent or which taxes he and lawmakers are considering cutting.

And tax cuts were one of several potential uses of excess revenues the governor said he would like to consider. Others include contributions to the state's "rainy day" fund and added payments beyond required amounts to the state's pension system.

The conversation about what to do with excess revenues that show year-over-year stability is one Pritzker said has involved both Democrats and Republicans.

House Minority Leader Tony McCombie, R-Savanna, told Capitol News Illinois

in a statement that the House GOP stands ready to work with the governor.

"To hear the governor mention any tax cuts is an exciting prospect for families across our state. At the first meeting I had with Gov. Pritzker, we discussed the cumbersome franchise tax on small businesses and high estate taxes that unfairly target family farms," she said. "The governor recognizing conversations with Democrats and Republicans gives me hope that we will reinstitute the bipartisan budget working group with our budgeteers and appropriation teams leading the way."

McCombie also noted the House Republicans oppose a graduated income tax, which Pritzker has said he has no interest in reviving as a legislative proposal this year.

Senate Minority Leader John Curran, R-Downers Grove, referred to business-related tax incentives

"To hear the governor mention any tax cuts is an exciting prospect for families across our state."

–House Minority Leader Tony McCombie

that Pritzker and lawmakers approved on bipartisan lines in 2019 but which Democrats froze in future budget years.

"Initial discussions on tax relief have been receptive," Curran said in a statement. "We will continue to call for implementing the business incentives that the governor agreed to in the Blue Collar Jobs Act, along with additional tax relief for Illinois families and small businesses."

He said the Senate GOP is hopeful Pritzker will "include Republicans at the table of substantive budget meetings," and they are "willing to negotiate in good faith."

In their budget approved last summer for the current

fiscal year, lawmakers included an array of mostly temporary tax relief. That included direct checks of \$50 or more to most Illinoisans depending on income and number of children, a permanent expansion of the state's earned income tax credit to 20 percent of the federal credit, a six-month pause on a 2-cent gas tax increase that ended Jan. 1, a one-year suspension of the state's 1 percent grocery tax that ends June 30, and a property tax rebate up to \$300 for some Illinoisans.

The governor's office estimated those measures amounted to about \$1.8 billion in tax relief overall. The state approved legislation bringing its rainy day fund

to even a single sick day," said state Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Westchester, who carried the bill in the Senate.

The measure has been under negotiation since 2019 and has "changed hands" a number of times since its inception, Lightford said.

Lightford, who is the Senate's majority leader, acknowledged former state Sen. Toi Hutchinson, who served from 2009 until 2019 and was an original carrier of the bill.

"This is an issue that has been lingering around the General Assembly for far too long," Lightford said.

See New law, Page A5

See Tax, Page A5



SEE SHOPPE LOCAL DIRECTORY
AT WWW.MENDOTAREPORTER.COM



24/7 - We're always on at www.mendotareporter.com



LOCAL AND AREA

Hagenbuch sisters, teammates headed to 2023 National Mixed Curling event

TRIUMPH – Curling sisters, Bella and Mae Hagenbuch, of Utica, were successful in securing a bid to Nationals again during a recent competition.

The girls and their teammates, Jed Brundidge of St. Paul, Minn., and Cameron Rittenour of Fergus Falls, Minn., went 5-1 at the Midwest Curling Association Regional Mixed Playdowns held at Chicago Curling Club in Northbrook. Winning this event promotes the team to the National Mixed Curling event held in Denver in April. Last year this team won the silver medal in Rochester, N.Y.

The Hagenbuch sisters represented Waltham Curling Club in Triumph. Waltham Curling Club is hosting an open house on Friday, March 31 from 7-10 p.m. for anyone interested in trying curling.



Bella and Mae Hagenbuch and their teammates secured a bid to the National Mixed Curling event after participating in the Midwest Curling Association Regional Mixed Playdowns recently in Northbrook. Left to right, are team members Jed Brundidge, Bella Hagenbuch, Cameron Rittenour and Mae Hagenbuch. (Photo contributed)

Farmers are invited to blessing of tractors

ASHTON – The Ashton United Methodist Church, located at 906 Richardson Ave., invites all area farmers, gardeners etc., to join them for a tractor blessing at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25.

Planting season will soon be upon us and we are ever thankful for those who farm the land so that we may eat and be healthy.

Farmers or anyone that works the field, as well as their families, are invited to drive their tractors of all sizes to the church. The blessing will be held in the parking lot, followed by a luncheon. If you can't bring the tractor, a photo of the farm can be brought in. Gardeners are encouraged to bring their gloves.

To help plan the luncheon, if you plan to attend, please call the Ashton United Methodist Church at 815-453-2328.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

As part of our kindness program at Blackstone, our students and staff are reaching out this year to do kind things for others in our community who do so much for us. Mrs. Wixom and Mrs. Lindenmeyer's students did a kind deed for the Mendota Lions Club this past week. For their meeting on Tuesday, they provided them an amazing dinner with the help of Ben Zendeli at Ziggies Restaurant. We are so grateful for the Lions Club and all they do for the youth of Mendota. Thanks also to Ben for supporting this kind deed for some great volunteers in our community!

□□□

There was lots of green and gold on Friday at Blackstone for St. Patrick's Day. The students enjoyed some fun activities and we even had a couple of leprechauns visit some of our classrooms.

□□□

The students nominated for the principal award this past week were Joe Clark, Jonas Landeros, Mia Wegener, Olivia Huang, Jaxx Fromherz, Koreeann Riniker, Nancy Martinez, Jack Perryman and Alban Aliu. The winners were Maddux Becker, Elliot Clark, Mikey Godina and Chloey Williams. Congratulations to all of you!

□□□

Spring pictures with Inter-State Studios are scheduled for Tuesday, March 28th. Order information went home with all students. Parents can either return the order envelope or order online at www.inter-state.com/order and use code 77036NA if they would like to purchase pictures.

Chamber Welcome – Red Ranch Photography

The Mendota Chamber of Commerce welcomes Red Ranch Photography as a new Chamber member. The business is located at 3569 S. Paw Paw Road, Earlville. Left to right, are Lee Stocking, Chamber Ambassador; Christin Atherton, Chamber Ambassador; Sam Setchell, Chamber President/CEO; Adrienne Rojas, Doris Castaneda; Vince Rojas, holding Max Rojas; and Luke O'Brien, Chamber Ambassador. (Reporter photo)



MHS's Bentley earns Scholastic Bowl honors

MENDOTA - The Three Rivers Conference all-conference Scholastic Bowl team members have been announced for 2022-23.

William Bentley of Mendota High School was named to the second team.

FIRST TEAM

Liam Baldwin, Monmouth-Roseville; Greyson Maricic, St. Bede; Kailey Patterson, Princeton; Eric Thorndyke, Orion; Tommy Murray, Riverdale; Vincent Wiley, Sherrard; Blaine Williams, Morrison; David Egan, Erie-Prophetstown; Emmett Mueller, Riverdale; Blake Helms, Bureau Valley

SECOND TEAM

Eli Attig, Bureau Valley; Zayden Boonstra, Morrison; Owen Joy, Rockridge; Brennan Roden, Princeton; Collin Brown, Hall; Gavin Jenkins, Riverdale; William Bentley, Mendota; Carson Palmer, Newman; Violet Mills, Morrison; Sam Tieman, Hall

(Final standings: Morrison 13-0, Riverdale 12-1, Bureau Valley 10-3, Monmouth-Roseville 9-4, Mendota 8-5, Princeton 7-6, Newman 6-7, Orion 6-7, St. Bede 5-8, Hall 5-8, Sherrard 4-9, Rockridge 3-10, Erie-Prophetstown 3-10, Kewanee 0-13)

OUR Board of Directors are YOUR Representatives

The Mendota Mutual Insurance Company Board of Directors make decisions that keep Mendota Mutual Insurance Company running smoothly. Our directors are all policyholders of the mutual so when they make decisions, it affects them as well as you.

When you buy insurance coverage from Mendota Mutual Insurance Company, you can be sure you're getting the coverage you need at a fair price. And when you have a claim, it will be handled promptly and according to the policy contract.

Mendota Mutual Insurance Company is pleased to announce the newest addition to our Board of Directors. Jaclyn Thompson joined the Board on January 2023.



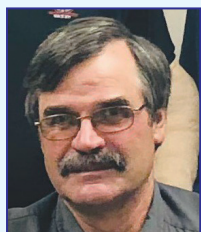
Lorraine Walter, President
Board Member Since 2016



John Elston, V. President
Board Member Since 2000



Lane Mauch, 2nd V. Pres.
Board Member Since 2021



Kent Butterfield
Board Member Since 2003



Jaclyn Thompson
Board Member Since 2023



Christina Sanchez, Mngr.
Staff 2009-16, 2020-present



Sonia Botello, Admn. Asst.
Staff Since 2022

FOR INSURANCE COVERAGES, SEE ONE OF OUR AGENTS

ARC Insurance
Peru • 815-223-4660
Español

Blackhawk Insurance Services
Dixon
815-499-0127

Dimond Bros. Insurance Agency
Peru • 815-223-7923

Dose Agency, LLC
Oglesby
815-883-8616

Erickson Insurance
Plainfield
815-436-6211

First State Insurance
Mendota
815-539-5651
Earlville
815-246-8261

Setchell Agency, LTD
Mendota
815-539-9311

Stillwell Insurance
Pontiac • 815-844-5057

Kevin Thompson Insurance
Ottawa • 815-792-8030



03202023

Mendota Mutual Insurance Company

1019 Main St., P.O. Box 498

Mendota, IL 61342 • (815) 539-3426

www.mendotamutual.com

Your Home Town Property Insurance Company



Leafguard
Get it today. Protected for life.



LeafGuard has been awarded the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval for 16 straight years.

Say goodbye to gutter cleaning for good

No clogging, No cleaning
No leaking, No water damage
No ladder accidents



Call now for your free estimate!
Financing available 815-673-7216

20% off total purchase*

Does not include cost of material. Offer expires 03/31/2023



Receive a \$50 Visa Gift Card with your free in-home estimate

*All participants who attend an estimated 60-90-minute in-home product consultation will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. Retail value is \$50. Offer sponsored by LeafGuard Holdings Inc. Limit one per household. Company procures, sells, and installs seamless gutter protection. This offer is valid for homeowners over 18 years of age. If married or involved with a life partner, both cohabitating persons must attend and complete presentation together. Participants must have a photo ID and be legally able to enter into a contract. The following persons are not eligible for this offer: employees of Company or affiliated companies or entities, their immediate family members, previous participants in a Company in-home consultation within the past 12 months and all current and former Company customers. Gift may not be extended, transferred, or substituted except that Company may substitute a gift of equal or greater value if it deems it necessary. Gift card will be mailed to the participant via first class United States Mail within 10 days of receipt of the promotion form. Not valid in conjunction with any other promotion or discount of any kind. Offer not sponsored and is subject to change without notice prior to reservation. Offer not available in the states of CA, IN, PA and MI. Expires 3/31/23. Receive a \$50 Visa Gift Card with your free in-home estimate

• Guaranteed no to clog for as long as you own your home, or we will clean your gutters for free.

LOCAL AND AREA

HONOR ROLL

MENDOTA-Northbrook School trimester two high honor roll and honor roll students are as follows:

5th Grade High Honors - Isayanna Arreola, Isaac Baltazar, Karly Beetz, Bentley Bejster, Bristol Bonnell, Francis "Billy" Bromschenk, Austin Brown, Kenna Brown, Kathleen Clark, Holden Coss, Lila Coss, Taylor Erlenborn, Aliya Escatel, Samantha Foltyniewicz, Kendal Fromherz, Karter Grim, Herlinda Huizar, Albana Imeri, London Jones, Skyler Kenny, Chloe Klein, Kathryn Loutsch, Sebastian Magallanes, Eli Martinez, Perez, Kanye Phillips, Hunter Piller, Maggie Price, Parker Ramer, Camilo Ramirez, Lyla Rodriguez, Brooklyn Russell, Henry Schroeder, Fiona Sheppard, Adalynn Sondgeroth, Maycie Sproston, Gavin Stamberger, Harper Stamberger, Raelynn Sundberg, Elyse Waldron, Wyatt Zimmerman

5th Grade Honor Roll - Kailani Akau-Witty, Fidarina Aliu, Brandon Benenhaley, Jose Chavez Vidal, Blaze Clark, Caroline Correa, Jonathan Dore, Bellaly Escatel, Janelly Escatel, Natalia Estrada, Izabelle Figueroa, Jayden Figueroa, Alivia Furar, Olivia Gallagher, Jerni Garcia, Jowell Garcia, Maliyah Gober, Alejandro Gonzalez, Aubri Gonzalez, Dominic Gonzalez, Genesis Gonzalez, Ashley Guzman, Gage Hanson, Cooper Klein, Lilliana Leek, Yoel McGee, Maddux McPheeters, Elaina Ohlendorf, Jaylen Olivarez, Lydia Rinaldo, Santos Salinas, Victor Solorzano, Carmen Spitz, Kennie Stremlau, Shane Trahan, Delaney Tucker, Armando Valdes, Carson Walzer, Ricardo Yuquilima

6th Grade High Honors - Isaac Arteaga, Mia Artea-

ga, Samuel Arteaga, Madison Baxa, Charles Beaty, Mallory Beck, Brianna Betz, Lila Bielema, Kylee Bonnell, Jacqueline Bryson, Bella Bute, Arian Chavez, Pryar Christmas, Leighton Davis, Aliya Delao, Gabriela Diaz, Gina Diaz, Isaac Espinoza, Evangeline Flores, Aleeya Garcia, Illan Garcia, Valeria Gomez, Vania Gomez, Felipe Gonzalez, Joshua Granados, Brandon Hougas, Callum Indigo, Ayden Jasper, Eli Kaecker, Delilah Karahalios, Christopher Komitas, Yuliza Magallanes, Ava Mahaffey, Mikayla McLain, Allison McNutt, Alana Melendez, Fayte Michael, Kenneth Mullins, Aileen Perez, Olivia Perryman, Axel Ruiz, Christopher Salazar-Loera, Alexis Saylor, Juliana Seablom, Lumen Setchell, Derrick Snyder Jr., Liam Strait, Samantha Stremlau, Laurali Thompson, Gavin Tolley, Cindy Valdes, Camila Vallejo, Dylan Welch, Maci Elizabeth Winn

6th Grade Honor Roll - Candie Arteaga, Sebastian Arteaga, Annalee Becerra, Brayden Calderon, Ember Castaneda, Hayden Cedillo, Sergio Correa, Ayanna De La Torre, Kannon Delao, Elizabeth Francis, Jeniah Francis, Bradley Fultz, Ari Gambrel, Kaitlyn Giberson, Brianna Gonzalez, Abriana Klein, Elizek Milus, Benjamin Montgomery, Azaria Morris, Nevaeh Munoz, Ryan Negron, Jacob Nelson, Elizandro Orozco, Samuel Reyes, Ivory Rodriguez, Tatjana Rucker, Georgia Schwaegerman, Abigail Sindel, Emerson VanHorn, Sophia Vargas, Brayden Wilhelm

7th Grade High Honor Roll - Viktor Angulo, Mia Barringer, Cooper Beetz, Abigail Botts, Bezzali Cadenas, Tanya Cervantes, Cannon Chaon, Olivia Corrigan, Hayden Cunefare, Riley Erlenborn, Zariah Escatel, Dalton Gallagher, Gage Griffith, Kevin Herrera, Klaire Knaff, Savannah Lenert,

Trevor Lengsfeld, Anthony Martinez-Morales, Daisy Mendez-Santana, Abel Nanez, Samantha Nelson, Karlee Organ, Anahi Perez, David Reyes, Guadalupe Sandoval, Collin Sheppard, Paola Solorzano, Ashtyn Stamberger, Haylee Stevens, Trinitie Thompson, Parker Waldron, Rylee Woods

7th Grade Honor Roll - Isaac Caracheo, Lena Cardona, Cruz Chavez, Daniel Correa, Hugo Falcon, Raul Gonzalez, Cesar Hernandez, Kade Jackson, Kyra Lindsay, Lewis McNelis, Daniel Morano, Isaac Murillo, Omar Nanez, Alexis Nave, Ignacio Ortega, Grace Schlesinger, Germain Serrano, Miaka Shepherd, Gracie Smith, Tori Stevens, Adrian Trejo, Fernanda Valdes, Jovan Washington, Izybela Williams

8th Grade High Honor Roll - Brooklyn Baxa, Drew Becker, Ivan Botello, Abygail Buettner, Cesar Casas, Evelyn Cervantes, Monserrat Chavez, Lexi Concanour, Julisa Coronel, Karissa Freeman, Berat Imeri, Marcelah Jackson, Cole Kleckner, Ada Krull, Sophia Orozco, Eden Pecher, Addison Perryman, Bailey Ryan, Owen Schroeder, Hayden Senders, Liam Sheppard, Emily Sondgeroth, Gavin Stevenson, Kathryn Strouss, Cayden Taliani, Cam Wasmer, Miranda Wheeler, Ryder Woods

8th Grade Honor Roll - Karla Ascensio, Alexa Carlos, Melanie Carlos, Briza Cervantes, Ava Christmann, Collin Coss, Michelle Cuevas, Reushawna Durr, Gianni Figueroa, Karen Flores, Harlow Foltyniewicz, Caleb Ganther, Alyna Guerra, Benoni Hernandez, Jayleen Jordan, Layla Kundert, Dawson McPheeters, Alexys Melendez, Madilyn Muller, MaKenzie Mumm, Angel Negron, Kashia Ortega-Jaramillo, Daniel Pierce, Jazlyn Polk, Favian Romero, Brianna Russell, Karson Sundberg

Troy Grove woman chosen as Sunflower Award winner at OSF Saint Elizabeth

OTTAWA – OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center is pleased to announce that the Sunflower Award was recently presented to Delaney Darrow, ultrasound technologist in the Diagnostic Imaging Department. Darrow has been with OSF HealthCare for one year and resides in Troy Grove.

"The Sunflower Award recognizes care team members outside of nursing for the extraordinary care they provide to those we serve, and Delaney is certainly deserving," said Heather Bomstad, vice president/chief nursing officer for OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center.

Darrow received two Sunflower nominations. Her nominations included, "She impacted my patient experience in a powerful way, and it was wonderful to see the new generation of healthcare being so amazing and patient-focused. OSF Saint Elizabeth is blessed to have her on staff as she will positively impact many



Delaney Darrow of Troy Grove was chosen the Sunflower Award winner at OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa. (Photo contributed)

patients who pass through the department," said the patient. A fellow Mission Partner shared, "When Delaney found out there were several young children in the emergency department because their brother was being evaluated, she offered to bring the siblings to the Radiology Department to help distract them."

OSF HealthCare encour-

ages patients, family members, and fellow staff to recognize caregivers who have provided exceptional care and service by nominating them for an award to honor their dedication. For more information about the DAISY and Sunflower Awards or to submit a nomination, visit: <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-paul/guest/thank-caregiver/>

Stage 212 sets 'Wizard of Oz' auditions

LaSALLE – Director Jessica Kreiser will be holding adult auditions for Stage 212's Summer 2023 production, the timeless and endearing musical "The Wizard of Oz," on Tuesday, April 4, Wednesday, April 5, and Friday April 7 at 5 p.m. at Lighted Way Association, 941 Sixth St. in La Salle. Person should enter through the main office doors on Tonti Street. Call-backs will be scheduled Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. Video auditions will be accepted through Thursday, April 6.

Kreiser will be casting 8-24 ensemble members. Adult auditions are open to anyone ages 14 and up. Auditioners should come prepared with up to 32 bars or 60 seconds of a 20th-century musical theater song that is not a song from the show. A backing track is required, and a bluetooth

speaker will be provided. There will also be a short movement/dance audition, so appropriate dress or a change of clothes is recommended. Auditioners will also be asked to read from the script. Memorization is not required, but familiarity is preferred. Sides will be provided, but can also be found online along with full audition information. Video submissions must include a vocal audition and a reading audition, as in the in-person audition, and must be submitted by Thursday, April 6.

An audition form must be submitted for all auditions. The form, which also contains character descriptions and vocal ranges, is on the Stage 212 web site at stage212.org. Questions may be submitted to Kreiser at jkreiser@lway1.org. "The Wizard of Oz" will be presented July 13-30, 2023.

Who's Left in the Mendota NCAA Contest?

Alabama

ARS

San Diego St.

MASS

Creighton

Erbes Realty

Princeton

Farmhouse Designs

Florida Atlantic

Vita Tone Cleaners

Tennessee

Sullivan's Foods

Kansas State

Eureka Savings Bank

Michigan State

Maze Lumber

Houston

Erbes Realty

Miami

Maze Lumber

Xavier

McDonald's

Texas

Farmhouse Designs

Arkansas

Purpose Nutrition

UConn

Financial Plus Credit Union

Gonzaga

Sullivan's Foods

UCLA

JC's Headquarters



A BIG THANK YOU to the 2022-2023 NIE Sponsors

FINANCIAL
+plus
CREDIT UNION

FIRST STATE BANK
Member FDIC

BLACK BROS. CO.

FIRST STATE INSURANCE

HCC, inc.
Over 100 Years of Harvesting Innovation

Setchell Agency, Ltd.

Est 1848

Kingspan.

MAZE LUMBER
Build it once. Build it right.

FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK

Their commitment to education will send informative, interesting & educational newspapers to the Mendota School System throughout the school year!

The Mendota Reporter

Like us on facebook

703 Illinois Ave. • Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-9396 • www.mendotareporter.com

OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Constance M. Kimrey

MENDOTA – Constance “Connie” M. Kimrey, 87, of Mendota passed away Friday, March 17, 2023, at Oregon Living and Rehabilitation in Oregon, Ill.

Private family only services will be held Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Susan Jones Schneider officiating.

Connie was born July 27, 1935, in Taylorville, to Thomas and Helen (McCormick) Slaughter. She married Paul Kimrey on Sept. 1, 1956, in Mattoon.

She is survived by four children, Tom (Sharon) Kimrey, Kathy (Otis) Dungan, Tim (Donna) Kimrey and Mary Helen Kimrey; four brothers, Jim (Dolores) Slaughter, Phil (Betty) Slaughter, Pat (Sharon) Slaughter and Mark Slaughter; grandchildren, Ashley (James) Kimrey-Phillips, Grant Dungan, Molly Dungan (Michael) Novak, Dr. Aja (Nick) Kimrey-Letterly and Cale Kimrey; great grandchildren, Kayne, Graham, Quinn, Malia, Cooper Bear and Elise; and step-grandchildren, Michael Reppin, Niki Chapman, Chad Hamel, Tara Backes and Casey Hamel and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 2002, two brothers, John Thomas Slaughter and Frank Slaughter, grandson Andrew Paul Kimrey and great-granddaughter Angela Rose Novak.

Connie was a 1953 graduate of Sacred Heart Academy in Springfield. She was a lifelong member of the Catholic church where she taught CCD with her husband Paul. Connie loved being a part of all things good. She enjoyed being a Boy Scout leader in LaMoille and Mendota; school volunteer; art lady; Red Cross cook; quilting and sewing clubs; Little Dresses for Africa and LaMoille card club. She especially enjoyed supporting her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and extended family members in any extracurricular endeavors. Everyone enjoyed gobbling down her blonde brownies and maple frosted chocolate cake. So as the CEO of her family, at age 50, Connie decided to give herself a vacation by riding her bike across Iowa (RAGBRAI). She was very proud to be a big sister to six brothers, wife to Paul, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. And in the end, it thrilled her to spend time with all – talking/chatting, listening to live music and vacationing in Door County.

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



John G. Stephenitch

MENDOTA – John G. Stephenitch, 63, of Mendota, passed away March 13, 2023 in his home with family at his side.

Funeral services were Monday, March 20, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Private family only burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Sublette. Visitation was Sunday, March 19 from 1-4 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service on Monday. A memorial Mass was said by Father Fronek at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sublette at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2023.

John was born April 3, 1959 in Mendota to Richard and Rosemary (Shannon) Stephenitch.

He is survived by his significant other Teresa File Dorsey; his sisters, Kathi (Bob) Sheridan of Mendota, Peggy (Dave) Joerger of Ballwin, Mo., Patty (Ron) Contreras of Houston, Texas and Barb (Chris) Notz of Springfield; his brothers, Jim Stephenitch and Gene (Cindy) Stephenitch, both of Mendota; nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews and special children Jody (Jake) Noble, Mike (Jeanette) Dorsey, Brian (Amy) Dorsey, Jared (Taylor) Hitchins and Tonya (Ross) Alf; special grandchildren and special great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

John graduated from Mendota High School in 1977. He graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in business. He co-owned and operated the long-time family business Stephenitch Hardware with his brother Gene. He was a member of Mendota Elks Lodge 1212. John loved watching the Chicago Bears and drag racing.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue or the donor's charity of choice. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Kevin R. Foltyniewicz

PERU – Kevin R. Foltyniewicz, 34, of Peru, formerly of Mendota, passed away March 17, 2023 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, after a short battle with cancer. His loving family was by his side through it all.

Visitation was Tuesday March 21 from 4-7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Mendota. Funeral services were Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Cremation will be accorded, and burial of ashes will be at a later date. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Kevin was born April 3, 1988 in Peru to Holly (Brady) Foltyniewicz. He graduated Mendota High School in 2006.

Kevin will be forever missed by his parents, Nick and Holly (Brady) Christman of Mendota; sisters Kelly Christman of Mendota, Emily Kelly of Princeton and Janelle Foltyniewicz; brothers Eric (Amanda) Foltyniewicz of Mendota, Nicholas Christman of Compton and Ryan Foltyniewicz of Tonica; maternal grandmother Alice Brady of Spring Valley; paternal grandmother Diane Foltyniewicz of Tonica; and waiting patiently by the door, his best fur buddy Marshall.

Kevin was preceded in death by his sister Brenna Christman, his paternal grandmother Nancy Vickrey and paternal grandfather Bob Foltyniewicz.

Kevin worked for most of the telecommunication companies finding Verizon Be Mobile his best fit, and for several years was their District Manager in Peru. Kevin was very active in the community serving first on the Mendota Chamber Board of Directors, Illinois Valley Area Chamber where he served terms as Ambassador, Vice President, and President. Kevin was honored in February of this year with the prestigious 2022 IVAC 40 under Forty award. He raised money and awareness with the Upper Illinois Valley Relay for Life and was a member co-chair of the American Cancer Society Community.

Pallbearers will be Kelly Christman, Nicholas Christman, Eric Foltyniewicz, Ryan Foltyniewicz, Michael Dergance and Blake Frund.

Memorials may be directed to the family to divide among Kevin's favorite charities. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Michael A. Castiglia

MENDOTA – Michael “Mike” A. Castiglia, 87, of Mendota, passed away peacefully March 16, 2023 at Stonecroft Village in Mendota surrounded by family.

Please join us at Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota on Monday, March 27, 2023 to celebrate Michael. There will be a visitation from 10-11 a.m. with a memorial service following at 11 a.m.

Michael was born Aug. 7, 1935, in Spring Valley, to Mike and Theresa (Venturelli) Castiglia. He married Lucille “Lucy” Mobley of Blackstone on Oct. 20, 1956. They enjoyed 31 years of marriage and had four children together. Michael then married Juanita (Bickett) Sondgeroth in 1990. They spent 32 wonderful years together until her unexpected passing in January 2022.

He is survived by his son, Tim Castiglia of Mexia, Texas; step-daughter, Stephanie (Sondgeroth) teDuits of Coralville, Iowa; sister, Cheryl (Alan) Shadensack of Hanibal, Mo.; the mother of his children, Lucy Limberg of Pontiac; daughter-in-law, Yolanda Castiglia of Enfield, Conn.; step-daughter-in-law, Maria Sondgeroth of Utica. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Michael (Kim) Castiglia, Anthony Castiglia, Emily (Austin) McCormick Seneca, Rachel Castiglia, Sarah (Will) McCormick Murphy, Elaina Castiglia, Isabelle teDuits, Hunter teDuits, Ethan teDuits, Cody Sondgeroth, Nikolas Hannen and Brooke Garrett; great-grandchildren Alexander, Jaina and Logan Castiglia, and Wren Murphy and Molly Castiglia.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Juanita Sondgeroth Castiglia, his son, Douglas James, his infant daughter, Debra Marie, his daughter, Amy Beth Castiglia McCormick, his stepson, Eric Sondgeroth and his daughter-in-law, Tammy Crawford Castiglia.

He graduated from LaSalle-Peru High School in 1953. He then went to Illinois State University graduating in August 1957 with a degree in Elementary Education. After that, he attended Northern Illinois University receiving a Master's Degree in Elementary Administration graduating in 1964.

Michael began his teaching career with the Mendota Elementary School District 289 in Compton, in 1957 where he taught third and fourth grade. In 1959, he started teaching eighth grade social studies at Northbrook School. He became principal and assistant to the superintendent at Blackstone and Compton schools from 1968 to 1973. After the Compton school closed in 1973, he continued at Blackstone and Northbrook for three years. In 1976, he took over as principal of Lincoln School for eight years. He became Superintendent of the Mendota Elementary School District in 1984. In 1996 he retired, ending his 39-year career as an educator.

Mike had many civic duties and accomplishments during his career. Some are listed here: He was named to and listed in the Outstanding Young Men of America book in 1968; sixty-year member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Mendota BPOE 1212; long time member of the VFW Auxiliary and Mendota Moose Club. He also received the Illinois Migrant Education Award presented to him for Outstanding Contribution needs of Migrant Children in the State of Illinois June 18, 1992.

Michael was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. He could always make you laugh and had a gift for making you feel significant. Some of his favorite activities were golfing, fishing and sitting outside on his deck having coffee or a cocktail looking out at the lake. He was very fortunate to be able to spend winters during his retirement in Florida with his wife, Juanita, and the numerous friends they had. Michael lived his life to the fullest and was an inspiration to all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Cops4Cancer or the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Burn Ordinance

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

Limited amounts of yard waste material may be burned provided the material is dry and does not create an offensive odor, nuisance or fire hazard due to excessive high winds. Combustible yard waste material may be kindled from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. All fires must be constantly tended by a competent person, until such fire is properly extinguished. The continued smoldering of slow-burning combustible yard waste after 4 p.m. is a nuisance and anyone kindling such a fire that will emit obnoxious odors after 4 p.m. will be considered performing an unlawful act. Burning on Sunday by commercial establishments shall be considered an unlawful act.

See the latest obituaries on our website.

CHOOSING A MEMORIAL IS NO TIME TO SETTLE FOR IMPERFECTION

WE TAKE QUALITY AND WORKMANSHIP VERY SERIOUSLY. WE'RE NOT SURPRISED WHEN OUR CUSTOMERS DO TOO. AFTER ALL, WHEN CHOOSING THE MOST PERMANENT THING YOU'LL EVER BUY, IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO DEMAND PERFECTION. AND WHEN YOU DEAL WITH US, IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO RECEIVE IT.

Mendota Monument Company
606 S. Main St.
539-7276
(800) 845-5809

Artistic Memorials

The Mendota Reporter
Publication No. (USPS 339-100)
Vol. 145, No. 12

A Charter Member of
Mendota Area Chamber
of Commerce
Member Northern Illinois
Newspaper Association
and Illinois Press
Association

The Mendota Reporter (339-100) is published weekly at 703 Illinois Ave., Mendota, IL 61342. Subscription rates are \$56 per year in advance in LaSalle, Lee and Bureau counties and \$76 per year in advance in the United States outside those three counties.

Postmaster: Send address changes to The Mendota Reporter, P.O. Box 300, Mendota, IL 61342. Phone (815) 539-9396.

Where is it... in Mendota?

Can you identify this photo?

HOW TO ENTER:
If you know where this scene is located in Mendota, write the answer briefly and concisely on a slip of paper and drop it off or mail it to The Mendota Reporter Office. All entries must be received no later than noon on Monday. One correct answer will be drawn each week. Prizes must be picked up at the Mendota Reporter Office.

THEN YOU CAN WIN!
The winner will receive:
\$1000 MENDOTA DUCKS
To spend at any Mendota Chamber of Commerce member.

Brought to you each week by:

Eureka Savings BANK
www.eurekasavings.com
1300 13th Ave.
Mendota, IL 61342
Ph. 539-5656

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER:
Plus sign on Financial Plus Credit Union building
Winner - Corbin Doll

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES - BE READY, WITH LEFFELMAN & ASSOCIATES



**MOTOR HOME
PARK MODEL
TRAVEL TRAILER
RECREATIONAL
VEHICLE
BOAT**

See one of our park model and travel trailer insurance specialists today.

We Are Working For You!

Call Julie, Lisa, Mary or Lexi today!

LEFFELMAN & ASSOCIATES INC.
Our Family Protecting Your Family



P.O. BOX 349, Sublette, IL 61367
Sublette 849-5219
LaMoille 638-2171 • Amboy 857-2125

LOCAL AND AREA

New law

Continued from Page A1

"I'm really glad it landed in my lap when it came over to the Senate."

When SB 208 was debated on the floor in January, one key point of opposition was that it would burden small businesses by raising costs.

"My major concern are the little guys. It's the mom-and-pops that have 5, 10, maybe 13 employees, that this has a significant impact on their budgets," Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, R-Jacksonville, said on the House floor.

Pritzker pushed back against this sentiment at the bill signing ceremony.

"Just like bigger businesses, small businesses want their workers to be more productive, to be able to deal with their stresses, emergencies at home, so they can be better and more productive at work," Pritzker said. "I want to encourage anybody who's concerned about that to look at, and remind the workers who work for them, how important it is that we have a law like that that protects workers in the state of Illinois."

The measure does not apply to employees subject to collectively bargained contracts, because time off would be subject to negotiations between the union and the employer.

Ultimately, the measure received a few Republican votes in the House but passed the Senate with only Democratic support.

(Capitol News Illinois is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government. It is distributed to more than 400 newspapers statewide, as well as hundreds of radio and TV stations. It is funded primarily by the Illinois Press Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.)

Tax

Continued from Page A1

"You can see in every single month so far this fiscal year we've actually had a gain where we've generated more revenue in this fiscal year compared to the same time a year ago," Eric Noggle, senior revenue analyst for COGFA, said at the commission's March meeting last week.

COGFA's new estimate of \$51.9 billion in revenues for the current fiscal year that ends June 30 is \$545 million beyond the amount assumed by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget in Pritzker's budget proposal. And its \$50.4 billion estimate for the fiscal year that begins July 1 is \$465 million beyond GOMB's initial estimate.

All told, COGFA now expects the state to end the fiscal year with revenues surpassing their initial estimates by more than \$5 billion. While that's partially because base sales and income tax receipts continue to produce at record levels, it's also because the state's estimates approved last summer were conservative, Pritzker said.

The current fiscal year still has three and a half months left, so COGFA noted in its recent report that the revenue estimate could be bumped even higher if final income tax receipts are stronger than expected as taxpayers file their returns for the year.

But it could also move downward, the commission noted, if those revenues come in lower than expected due to weakening market conditions. They noted other factors could change the state's revenue outlook, including the possibility of another COVID-19 resurgence, a worsening of the war in Ukraine, or a potential recession.

Village message board moving or staying?

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

SUBLETTE — The Sublette Village Board returned to session Monday, March 13 to work through the meeting agenda.

The hot button discussions this month were centered around street projects and renovations, and whether or not the village message board should be moved or remain at its current location.

The village message board was on the agenda because it either needs to be agreed that the board will stay where it is and the electricity payments will be made to the property owner.

However, if the Sublette Village Board doesn't want to pay the electric fees to the owner, the board will need to be moved. The sought after destination is by the grain elevator.

However, this is an easier-said-than-done process as IDOT would have to be contacted for a permit, electricity would need to be available, gaining insurance coverage, and contractors would need to physically move it from the current location to the new one.

Also, there is a strip of lights on the sign

that are out and need replaced.

Reasons to leave the village message board where it is and why to move it were both addressed before the item was tabled.

There was a motion to start the blueprinting process for the 109 W. Main Project, which consists of laying concrete for a parking lot, new sidewalks, and to add a bike rack.

After the official blueprint is made in terms of size of the parking lot and how wide the sidewalks will be, then the bidding process can begin to find contractors to complete the project.

Other items discussed at the meeting included the Sublette Cruise Night being planned for the same night as the Earlville Cruise Night, which could affect attendance, the wrestling program is done using the Ellice Dinges Center for practice and will be storing the mats in a classroom, and the EDC hallways and cafeteria area will need buffed and cleaned.

Also, three Village of Sublette CDs mature by the next meeting. Two of the CDs are worth \$50,000 and one is worth \$15,000. They will be set to a 12-month rate of 3.25 percent at Pioneer State Bank.



Donor Diane Kreiser with IVCC Executive Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley, left, and President Jerry Corcoran. (Photo contributed)

Donation made for IVCC ag complex

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College retiree Diane Kreiser of rural Leonore recently made a \$10,000 donation in memory of her parents Laverne "Bud" and Marjorie Wiesbrock of rural Leonore to the college's agriculture complex campaign.

Mr. Wiesbrock spent his entire adult life farming in the Leonore-Lostant area. They owned two Centen-

nial farms. As a teenager, he founded Wiesbrock Trucking, a company still in business today after 84 years.

Marge Wiesbrock was a secretary/bookkeeper for the trucking company and Wiesbrock farms. The Wiesbrock's also have a son, Dan, of the rural Leonore.

Diane Kreiser worked 30 years at IVCC in the business office, retiring in 2020.

"Throughout her tenure, Diane was always a loyal Foundation donor," IVCC President Jerry Corcoran said. "It is little surprise to me that she would make such a meaningful gift to our ag building campaign and to our students."

The campaign is helping fund phase 2 of the ag complex, a classroom and lab facility adjacent to the new storage facility.

Kish College maintaining its current tuition rate

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to maintain the College's current tuition rate of \$147 per credit hour for the 2023-2024 academic year. This is the third year in a row of no tuition increase.

"Kishwaukee College prides itself on keeping tuition as affordable as possible for its students," said Bob Johnson, Chair of the Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees. "We are proud to be increasing the programs and services offered to support the changing needs of students and our communities with no tuition increase again next year."

Several factors have allowed the College to maintain the same tuition rate, including increased enrollment, increased property tax revenue from local economic development, and fiscal responsibility.

"Kish continues to focus on the needs of our students by providing equitable, student-centered education. We are fortunate to have the resources to support our students and fulfill our purpose of helping them create the life they want," said Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President of Kishwaukee College.

For more information on Kishwaukee College, please visit kish.edu.

Mendota Museums NOW OPEN

with new exhibit

"Timber and Talent"

Display new this season

Children 6-12 can enter the birdhouse making contest!

Entries, free wood and instructions will be at

Hume Carnegie Museum

between 1-4 on Saturdays & Sundays or call 815-539-3373

Hume-Carnegie Museum

hours:

Sat & Sun 1:00-4:00 P.M.

& by appointment

The Union Depot Railroad

Museum hours:

Sat & Sun 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

For private tours

Please call 815-539-3373 - Group tours are welcome

For more information go to our website mendotamuseums.org

or email us at mmhsmuseum@yahoo.com

H&R BLOCK

GETTING YOUR REFUND

STARTS WITH MAKING YOUR APPOINTMENT.

Our tax professionals will get you every credit and deduction you deserve. Visit HRBLOCK.COM to make an appointment today.

PUT OUR EXPERTISE TO WORK FOR YOU.

1313 MERIDEN ST,
MENDOTA, IL 61342
815-539-7610

1400 MIDTOWN RD STE B,
PERU, IL 61354
815-223-0349

15-0267

OBTP#B13696 ©2015 HRB Tax Group, Inc.

03152023

03222023

PORK CHOP BARBECUE

SPONSORED BY

MENDOTA AREA SENIOR SERVICES

Wednesday, APRIL 5, 2023

Serving from 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

AT

Mendota Civic Center

Advance Tickets Are Available at MASS and Mendota Area Banks

MENU INCLUDES

2 BBQ PORK CHOPS POTATO SALAD
BAKED BEANS ROLL & BUTTER COOKIE
\$15.00
Kids Hot Dog Special - \$4.00

~DRIVE THRU ONLY~

Main St. Station

Bar & Grill

714 Main St.
Mendota
815-539-7011
Carry-out & curbside
pick-up always
available.

Friday March 24th

Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce,
Deep Fried Cod and More!

Saturday March 25th-Cook Out
Night, Salad Bar-Potato,
Veggie & Dessert

Stop in Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday afternoons for
Happy Hour-\$2.00 Bottles
3:00-5:00 P.M.

Live Gaming-Win \$\$\$
Slots-Cards-Reel

Visit our Website or Facebook for daily lunch & dinner specials.

www.mainstreetstationbar-grill.com

03202023

AUCTION

ALERT!

Large Public Auction

Saturday, March 25th, 2023

16970 Ferndell Rd, Newark, IL 60541

9AM Start -

Possible Two Auction Rings!

Lifetime Collection of Vintage Tractors, Antique Cars & Trucks, Antiques & Collectibles, Primitives, Tools & Equipment, Farm Collectibles, Gun Collection, Real Estate - Colonial Style 2 Story Home on 8 Acres with 6 Out Buildings, True Tractor & Auto Barn Finds!, Items Dating Back to 1800s

OPEN HOUSE DATES

3-15 & 3-17 - 4pm-6pm

3-19 - 10am-12pm

3-22 & 3-24 - 4pm-6pm

or schedule a private viewing.

- Metal recyclers should be here first thing in the morning.

- Vintage Farm Machinery to sell late morning

- Firearms, Autos, Tractors, & Horse Drawn Wagons sell at 12pm

- Real Estate to sell at 2pm

Check our website to view our drone video for this property.

See website for full content & terms.

Brian DeBolt Auction Service, Inc.

Since 1987

Brian DeBolt, Plano,
IL#440000595, Ph#630-552-4247

Call me for all your
Real Estate & Auction needs!


For more pictures & information visit our website or Facebook

www.deboltauctionservice.com

DeBolt Website

Video of Property

OPINION



The Mendota Reporter

Award-winning Newspaper
IPA/NINA
Ill. Press Assoc./No. Ill. Newspaper Assoc.

Tonja Greenfield, Publisher
Kip Cheek, Managing Editor
Bonnie Morris, News Editor
Jennifer Robinson, Office Manager
Jamie Stanford, Account Executive

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the writer or artist. They do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Reporter management or staff.

Letters to the editor should be typed or hand-printed. They should also be brief. All letters must contain a name, address and telephone number. The editor reserves the right to publish, condense, revise or reject any submissions.

Sacrificing for Lent

By Scott Reeder

Having married a Catholic and now being the only Protestant in a household of six, I’ve learned a few things in the past 20 years.

One of those things I’ve learned is how to bake really good macaroni and cheese during Lent. Like many families we don’t eat meat on Ash Wednesday and the following Fridays leading up to Easter.

A couple of decades ago, I thought these fasts were silly and overly legalistic.

In fact, early in our marriage, I had no problem eating a steak while my wife and kids munched on pasta. To her credit, my wife never said anything to me about it.

My kids, on the other hand, eyed me with envy bordering on irritation.

But as I’ve aged and learned more, I’ve changed my view. It’s a beautiful tradition that can be honoring to God if done not out of obligation but a desire to commemorate.

The problem is so many people don’t fully understand the spiritual practice of fasting. Growing up Protestant, I never once heard a pastor extol the virtues of even a partial fast.

According to abstinence rules within the Catholic Church, meat includes flesh from warm-blooded animals and birds. Fish and other seafood are OK to eat on Lenten Fridays.

There are exceptions. In the New Orleans Diocese, it’s permissible to eat alligator and in Detroit muskrat can be a Lenten Friday entrée. I’m not particularly keen on trying either exception.

Before Vatican II, Catholics abstained from meat on almost all Fridays throughout the year.

Even though I grew up post-Vatican II, my best friend’s family continued the year-round practice.

When I ate at the Reeds on Fridays, on good days it was cheese pizza and on bad ones, pea soup.

Being a rather inquisitive child, I asked my friend’s dad, just why they didn’t eat most types of meat on Fridays. He gave me a rather long explanation about a pope centuries ago wanting to help fishermen out.

Since my dad was a hog farmer, my 10-year-old-self worried that the pope had it in for folks like us. But, no, that isn’t the case.

While it is an interesting, oft-repeated fable within the church, it also happens to be nonsense.

Another explanation I’ve been told by some folks of a more progressive bent is that chickens, hogs and cattle eat grain, so if Catholics abstain from eating their flesh more food will be available for hungry people.

It’s a nice thought. But it also doesn’t hold up to scrutiny. Modern aquaculture feeds soy, corn and rice to farm-raised fish. And some cattle, goats and sheep eat only grass.

Since I’m no theologian, I asked Springfield Bishop Thomas Paprocki to explain the practice.

“We don’t have this visible presence right in front of us where we can actually see and talk to Jesus the way his disciples did,” he said. “So, there is that longing in our hearts to be with Christ, to be present with him. And fasting in a way is analogous to that. When we’re fasting, we get hungry. Hunger is a longing for food. ... We long to be with Christ. We look forward to the day when we’ll be with Christ in his kingdom. But for the time being, we have to grow in the sense of patiently awaiting that day.”

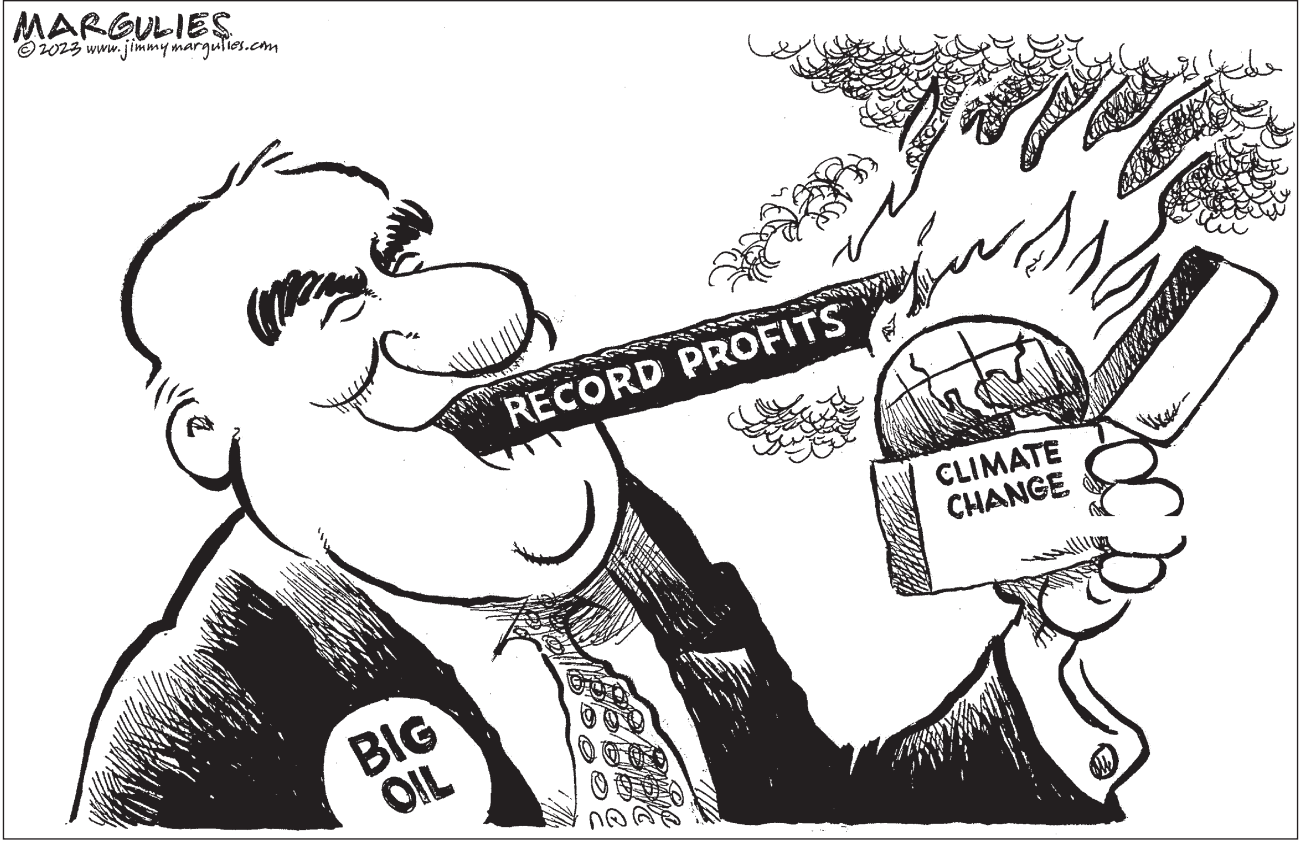
That makes sense. And it’s something I’ll be thinking about as I participate in the partial fast with my family this year.

I occasionally hear folks pooh-pooh the practice. They’ll say a partial fast doesn’t amount to much.

This sort of disparagement of another’s religious practice is perplexing. After all, why should someone care what someone else is giving up? And let’s be honest, most of the folks critical of the practice are not giving up anything themselves.

In a self-centered age, it’s refreshing to see others sacrificing to remember something greater than themselves. Isn’t that the meaning of Lent?

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



Present Reporter office changes – 1920

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from March 22, 1995.)

By Jessica Nashold

Seventy-five years ago, the present Mendota Reporter building was occupied by the City Meat Market & Grocery. In March 1920, plans were announced to combine this building with the adjacent store to the north, recently purchased by William Erbes. George Erbes was proprietor of the market.

Contract for the work, scheduled for April, was awarded to Charles D. Larabee. When consolidation of the two buildings was complete, the store would have frontage of 48 ½ feet.

Centered vestibule entrance would be flanked on either side by large plate glass show windows. Above these, “prison glass fitted with ventilators” would be put in place.

The refrigerator in the original market was being retained and another installed in the new section with capacity of five carloads of hogs and cattle. A new ice machine capable of producing 15 tons of ice daily would furnish refrigeration for both plants. It would be run by a 30-horsepower motor.

The double building was later occupied by National Foods, Ben Franklin, Coast to Coast and an office furniture division of Meyers Furniture Co., after which it was divided into two stores again. The Reporter moved into the south store in 1993 and Dunfrund’s appliances and shoe repair into the north store.

On March 20, 1920, Mendota’s recently acquired fire truck was put to a rugged test. Some doubt was expressed that the truck would be able to answer alarms on muddy streets as well as horses. The fire on March 20 was down in the third ward near St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

Drive Black, in his first experience in the soft roads with the truck, handled it in excellent style and brought it through in good time.

Two days later the truck was called to a house near the high school. On this occasion, the truck had to “cross the sewer ditch six times” in order to reach its objective. Again, Mr. Black

Backtracks & Sidetracks

made “a record trip.”

The public was reminded that the fire truck had the right-of-way with no restriction on its speed.

It is not only dangerous for autos to go ahead of the truck but may result in loss of time to the department.

It was crisis time for the Mendota fairgrounds in March 1920. A dozen businessmen and farmers had bought the grounds, but the meeting on March 17 determined nothing could be done to save the property. The grounds were offered at auction on March 27. The Sun-Bulletin lamented this action.

There is no one to take the lead. This will be the cause if the fairgrounds property is lost and reverts back to farmland.

Apparently, the auctioneers agreed that it would be a shame to sell the fairgrounds. Auctioneers Plumley and McCall offered to contribute \$300 apiece toward a rescue effort. A new organization was subsequently formed and new buildings put up later in the year, allowing the fair to function again.

The high school announced that “poor work cards” were being given out in mid-March. It was hoped that if parents knew their children were in danger of failing “a week or two before report cards came out,” they might be able to “save the pupil from failure” by encouraging better study habits.

Boys who had played football for MTHS in the 1919 season received sweaters. They marched into the assembly hall, wearing the sweaters “and also broad grins.”

We have a good looking team and you should see them now in their purple sweaters with a large white “M” on the front of them.

This was the year that Kenneth M. Snapp resigned as superintendent of Mendota schools to accept a superintendency at Downers Grove. He had been in Mendota for four years and was followed by R.E. Beebe.

William Phalen sold his blacksmith business on Sixth Street to William Angel. Phalen had conducted the business for 45 years. Angel had been with him for eight years.

A spokesman for the state highway department said it was difficult to determine when contracts for additional miles of hard roads could be signed.

The “unknown quantities” they were compelled to deal with were the cost of labor (about 65-70 percent of the total), the uncertainty of getting railroad cars to deliver materials and the “price to be realized” from the sale of state bonds.

Edward and Theodore Yohn moved their barber shop from the basement to the first floor of Hotel Faber. Edward Ossman, a former employee, joined them as a partner in the new location.

The basement room rented by the barbers was rented by John Virgil for a shoe repair shop.

Both Blackstone and Lincoln schools organized Home & School Associations, which functioned much as the Parent & Teacher Associations of later years. At Blackstone, one objective for the Home & School group was purchase of a phonograph.

Among automobile dealers seeking Mendota customers in 1920 were Cannon-Ball Garage (Overland), D.A. Fitch (Hupmobile), Mendota Auto Co. (Ford), Carroll Auto Co. (Chevrolet), Fred Hueter Garage (Dodge) and Fahler’s Garage (Dort). Fahler offered a Dort touring car at \$1,115. The other dealers did not quote prices.

It was reported that 30 carloads of Buicks had passed through Mendota bound for the west. Most Mendota dealers hired locals to drive cars out from the factories or went themselves to pick them up.

In defense of Ronald Reagan

By Rich Lowry

Presumably, Donald Trump will never produce the dark secrets promised about Ron DeSantis’ past. But his team thinks it already has one -- the Florida governor once was a Reagan Republican.

“There’s a pre-Trump Ron and there’s a post-Trump Ron,” someone in the Trump camp told Axios. “He used to be a Reagan Republican. That’s where he comes from. He’s now awkwardly trying to square his views up with the populist nationalist feeling of that party.”

In his CPAC speech doubling down on “MAGA,” Trump said, “We are never going back to the party of Paul Ryan, Karl Rove and Jeb Bush.” He didn’t mention Reagan, but the inclusion of the Gipper in the hall of shame was heavily implied.

This way of thinking in a Republican primary is something new. Once, pretty much every Republican wanted to be a Reagan Republican. If the Trump camp gets its way, Reaganism will have gone from pass√(c) in 2016 to an affirmative vulnerability in 2024.

There are layers to this intra-Republican debate. It is certainly true that conservatives became overly obsessed with identifying themselves with Ronald Reagan and when something becomes an -ism, it is likely to be simplified and ossified.

Then, there’s the sheer passage of time. Reagan left office 34 years ago. As of 2020, more than half of Americans were under age 40, meaning they have no real memory of Reagan.

Neither the pro- nor anti-Reagan side tends to do justice to the real, historical political figure.

Reagan was a free marketeer but wasn’t doctrinaire. He accepted the fact of the New Deal.

He was a free trader, yet acted to protect American automakers and Harley-Davidson from Japanese imports.

If he was hawkish on foreign policy, he was always prudent. He was cautious about deploying U.S. troops overseas and contemplated eliminating nuclear weapons at a summit with Mikhail Gorbachev in Reykjavik.

Although Reagan eventually came to define conventional

Republicanism, he took on his party’s liberal establishment and brought a populist voice to issues like the Panama Canal and crime.

At the end of the day, Reagan’s achievements are momentous and should be acknowledged as such by all Republican factions. He set the predicate for winning the Cold War. He slayed inflation. He ended the energy crisis. He forced a turn to the center by the Democratic Party under Bill Clinton. He changed the mood of the country.

The thoughtless version of Reaganism doesn’t take sufficient account of how circumstances in the country have changed in the last 30 years. Take taxes. The burden of federal income taxes isn’t nearly as heavy on middle-class families as it was in the 1970s and 1980s, when inflation pushed them into ever-higher tax brackets. And Republicans have cut taxes so many times, any positive economic effect of further reductions is limited.

TITLE: Nonetheless, for the longest time, the standard Republican approach to domestic policy, with some differences in emphasis, was to cut taxes and reduce the debt, with everything else fading to the background. As it happens, Trump also ran on these two priorities in 2016, but also plowed new ground -- as other Republicans should -- on a host of issues.

The example of Reagan, like that of all accomplished statesmen, offers broad lessons that can be continually drawn on -- about how to balance prudence and principle, how to affect a large-scale political vision, how to deplore what ails the country without giving in to despair, and how to build coalitions.

The last may be most useful to DeSantis once he enters the nomination battle. To win, he is going to need to get a segment of Trump populists at the same time he locks down Republican voters who like Reagan more than Trump.

The Trump forces are going to try to make DeSantis’ roots in the party of Reagan disqualifying. Instead, played correctly, it can be a strength.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
(c) 2023 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Mendota City Officials

- MAYOR**
David Boelk, 803 Meadowview Drive,815-538-3924
- CITY CLERK**
Emily McConville, 1404 Ben Mar Ave.,815-539-7459
- TREASURER**
Heath Davis, 912 14th Ave.,815-539-7459
- FIRST WARD ALDERMEN**
James Fitzpatrick, 807 Pennsylvania Ave., ...815-538-2474
John Hessenberger, 1406 Hillcrest Drive,815-539-9934
- SECOND WARD ALDERMEN**
John Holland, 902 West Lawn,815-528-5367
Leo Hochstatter, 1102 S. Park Ave.,630-841-1315
- THIRD WARD ALDERMEN**
Kyle Kim, 504 First Ave.,815-538-2414
Jay Miller, 702 First Ave.,757-412-9374
- FOURTH WARD ALDERMEN**
Mark Peasley, 2111 Cedar Ave.,815-252-7243
Vicki Johnson, 206 Ninth St.,815-866-5558

LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC Board adjusts fees; tuition remains the same

OGLESBY – While not increasing the tuition rate for a sixth consecutive year, Illinois Valley Community College trustees on March 9 adjusted the technology fee by \$1.40 and student activities by 60 cents starting this summer.

A full-time student taking 12 hours next fall will see an increase of about \$24, said IVCC Vice President for Business Services and Finance Matt Seaton.

With the combined tuition and universal fee at \$135, a student enrolled in 24 hours will pay about \$3,240 over the fall and spring semesters.

IVCC remains a high-quality, affordable option, Seaton said.

“Our peer colleges had an average tuition rate of nearly \$141 in FY22. Our rates are lower than eight of our ten peers,” Seaton said.

In other action, trustees approved:

- The retirement of nursing instructor Dr. Marjorie Francisco effective May 31, 2024. “I have found this to be the most difficult decision in my 44 years in the nursing profession,” Francisco said. “I will miss the students who kept my passion for teaching and learning burning for the last 18 years.”

- Purchase of a Handheld/Portable X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) Analyzer from Evident Scientific of Waltham, Mass., for \$30,770 to provide ag students in-field analysis of soils,

crops, food, fuels and oils.

- A bookstore remodel project by Franklin Fixtures of Cookeville, Tenn., for \$48,455. The renovation, expected to be completed by fall, will provide a more open shopping experience and will be financed via federal HEERF funds.

- Closed session minutes from Feb. 9.

Trustees learned:

- The annual Employee Recognition Event April 28 at Grand Bear Resort will honor about 90 faculty, staff and administrators for achieving tenure, teaching excellence, years of service, distinguished service and retirees.

- Gov. JB Pritzker’s Feb. 15 budget address was “very encouraging,” IVCC President Jerry Corcoran said. Proposed increases include \$100 million to MAP grants, \$20 million to the community college operating budget; \$10 million for noncredit programs in advanced manufacturing and electric vehicle technologies, \$3.2 million for dual credit programs and \$5.2 million for noncredit workforce training. “The increase in MAP is especially significant because it makes community college free to nearly all who are at or below the median-income level,” Corcoran said.

- The March 3 “Celebrate IVCC Development Day” featured a presentation by President-elect

Tracy Morris.

- Trustee Jane Goetz attended the regional trustees meeting at Heartland Community College that included a presentation by Dr. Barbara Endel entitled “The Future of Work.”

- Non-tenured faculty renewed for 2023-24 are Lyndsey Beetz, interim-dental hygiene; Christina Boughton, Sara Legrenzi, Samantha Whiteaker and Cathy Lenkaitis, nursing; Scott Fox, manufacturing; Jonathan Hubbell, criminal justice; Theresa Molln, welding; Emily Morgan, math; Camden Parks, chemistry; Shannon Slaight Brown, art; Jennifer Timmers, agriculture; and Garrick Whitehead, computer networking and IT.

- Custodians Marla Forbes and Steve Gillio announced plans to retire in 2025. Forbes will retire June 20, 2025 and Gillio Dec. 31, 2025.

- Karina Delgado was hired as Student Services information specialist. She is a graduate of Ottawa High School and Eastern Illinois University.

- Part-time Foundation Assistant/Alumni Coordinator Janice Corrigan resigned Feb. 28 after eight years to accept a full-time position as Director of Operations for the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation.

- Student recruitment specialist Gracelyn Quesse resigned Feb. 8.

Fish fry planned at Dalzell church

DALZELL – St. Thomas More Lenten Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 31, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall, Dalzell.

The menu includes fried fish, fries, coleslaw, bread, dessert and drink.

The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 7 years old and under.

Carry-outs are available by calling 815-252-4377.

Stations of the Cross will be in the Church at 5 p.m.

Don't miss an issue. Subscribe today.
Call 815-539-9396
or stop by our office at 703 Illinois Avenue.

GRASSER'S
PLUMBING & HEATING INC
815-882-2111 • 404 W Main St., McNabb
grassersplumbingheating.com

TAX REFUND COMING? INVEST IN YOUR HEATING & COOLING SYSTEM!

Lowest prices of the year!



Generators also on sale now!

Rebates available!



Call to find out details!

NORTHERN ILLINOIS Seamless Roofing INC.
705 Illinois Ave. Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-5142
nilsroofing.com
DURO-LAST THE WORLD'S BEST ROOF. Authorized Contractor, NRCA • BBB

NEED A JOB?
Check out the “Help Wanted” ads in the Marketplace of **The Mendota Reporter** and **Money Saver** every week!

Smooth Smokes Vape Shop
Tobacco and More
We carry loose tobacco and flavored tobacco for hookahs, cigarettes, cigars, water pipes, e-cigs, vaporizers and e-juices.
Smooth Smokes & Vapor
1001 Main St. Mendota
815-539-3499
Mon. - Sat. 8AM-8PM, Sun. 9AM-7PM
WARNING: THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS NICOTINE. NICOTINE IS AN ADDICTIVE CHEMICAL.

JRD
Janko Realty & Development
Janko Realty currently has **1, 2 and 3 bedroom and studio units** available for rent in Mendota. Please check out our available rentals and applications online at **www.jankorealty.propertyware.com** or call **815-830-4422**.

GARAGE SALE TIME!



It's a great time to have a Garage Sale. If you're planning to get together some of the items you no longer use around your home and set up your own sale, be sure you follow some important basic steps!

- 1. WHAT TO SELL**
Anything that still has usability and some value.
- 2. HOW TO PRICE**
Decide the price of each item and then tag that item.
- 3. LENGTH OF SALE**
Sales from Thursday through Saturday seem best.
- 4. HOW TO SET IT UP**
Make it easy for buyers to view the items and have a central place with sufficient change for them to pay.
- 5. HOW TO ADVERTISE**
The most effective place to reach more people is in The Mendota Reporter. We will be happy to assist you in placing your sale ad.

GARAGE SALE DEADLINES*
THURSDAY, 5 PM-
to appear in Monday's Money Saver
MONDAY, 10 AM -
To appear in Wednesday's Reporter
* On a week with a holiday, deadlines may change. Please call to verify.

The Mendota Reporter
Call 815-539-9396 or stop in the office at 703 Illinois Ave.

9 Reasons to Shop Local

1

Shopping Local Creates Jobs:

The jobs created allow spending in the local economy and help create more jobs.

2

Local independent businesses invest more in our community:

They support local charities, schools and community events which financially impacts our community.

3

Local businesses sell a wide range of great products

at affordable prices and cater to the needs and wants of the community.

4

Shopping Local saves you money and time!

Travel expenses and personal time make the overall cost of items more.

5

Shopping Local retains our community:

Without the support in the local community, restaurants, shops and services are forced to close.

6

Shopping Local retains our distinctiveness:

Local businesses respond quicker to the needs of the customers and stock products to meet the core community's needs.

7

Shopping Local encourages community growth.

By choosing to do business locally you help maintain Mendota's diversity, charm and appeal; which in turn, attracts new community members.

8

Shopping Local invests in community services and city economy.

Your dollars spent in locally-owned businesses have three times the impact on your community as dollars spent outside of Mendota. When shopping locally, you create funds for more city and county services through sales tax. In turn, these funds are invested in neighborhood services including police, fire and ambulance as well as park and library improvements.

9

Local shops value you more:

Local businesses survive by their reputation and repeat business, which means you get a higher standard of service.

**Where are the
AUCTIONS?**

See Page A5!

THE BACK PAGE

GARAGE SALES & NOTICES

LaMoille Community United Methodist Church
DRIVE-THRU TURKEY SUPPER
 73 N. Main St.
Thursday, March 23 4:30-6:30 p.m.
\$12 per person.
 Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, two salads, choice of pie.
No pre-supper ticket sales; no call-in orders.
Drive up and someone will bring food to you.
 2t11msr

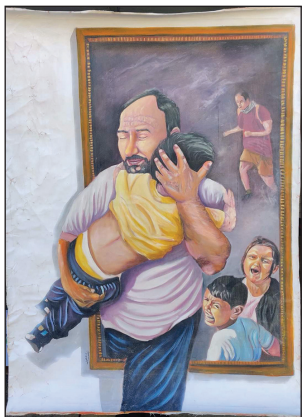
ADVERTISE YOUR GARAGE SALE HERE

POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST
 Lucas A. Kamoss, 25, of 316 S. Fourth St., Earville, was arrested at 6:42 p.m. March 15 on a valid DeKalb County warrant for failure to appear/domestic battery after a traffic stop at Fourth Street and Sixth Avenue. The subject posted bond and was released with a court date.
DISORDERLY CONDUCT
 Zachariah J. Ward, 21, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Apt. 111, Mendota, was charged with disorderly conduct after a disturbance at 6:40 p.m. March 20. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY
 Nicholas R. Henderson, 35, of Arlington, was charged with criminal damage to property after police officers responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of Second Avenue at 9:24 p.m. March 20. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

IVCC hosting art exhibit starting March 27

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College will be hosting an art exhibit by Syrian Refugee Artisan titled, Stamps of Hope, from March 27 to April 14 in room CTC 124. The exhibit will be open to the public each day from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a self-guided tour.
 On Monday, March 27 at noon and 6:30 p.m., Rihab Sawah will present in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre on the war, the artists and their art. Sparkling grape juice and light hors d’oeuvres will be served in the evening.
 Sawah, assistant professor at Lincoln Land Community College, has been bridging the artwork to the United States from Jordan. She said the paintings and drawings capture the hopes



Work done by one of the refugee artists living in the Zaa’tari Refugee Camp.

and dreams of those displaced by the Syrian war that began in 2011.
 Some of the artists used pieces of canvas cut from tent fabric for their work, while others used materials

such as newspapers and cardboard. The UN Commission and International Relief and Development Organization noticed the art and began to provide professional art materials.
 The exhibit and presentation are free and open to the public. All art is for sale with prices ranging from \$25 to \$250. All proceeds go directly to the artists. The ongoing traveling exhibits is sponsored by the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education. Please contact Amanda Cook Fesperman at 815 224-0203 for more information or to purchase art.

Keep your property secure from thieves

MENDOTA – Help prevent yourself from being the victim of a burglary or theft. The Mendota Police Department would like to remind all citizens to secure their property. Always lock your vehicle when it’s parked outside. Lock the doors to your home, garage and sheds even while you are home. Don’t let yourself become a victim by being an easy target.

Thank You

It has been 74 years, but it is now time to bring Cross Body Shop to its end. We are so thankful to Mendota, and all our customers, suppliers, employees, and insurance personel who have been part of our lives and business all these many years. A special thanks to Michael, my lead technician for these last 39 years. He started working for my dad at the age of 17 and has stayed on for these 48 years. His skill, attention to detail, and craftsmanship has contributed greatly to our success. Though our business is closing our connection with Mendota and the surrounding communities will continue. May God bless you all.
 Thank you again.

John & Catherine Cross
 CROSS BODY SHOP

03202023

Chat, text or stop by. It's called service.

Get a quote today



Kurt Bruno
 Agent

1103 Main Street
 Mendota, IL 61342-1668

Bus: 815-539-3878
 Fax: 815-538-5878
 kurt@kurtbruno.com



State Farm
 Bloomington, IL

Sunday & Wednesday Special: 1/4 Fried Chicken with French fries **\$8**

Monday & Wednesday: \$5 margaritas!
Tuesday: Taco Night!

BANQUET ROOM AVAILABLE
 Perfect for parties, weddings, birthdays or any gathering.

We do catering for all occasions!
 Call or stop by for all the details.

EL ZARAPE
 MEXICAN RESTAURANT
 Reservations Accepted

Rt. 251 • Mendota (815) 539-5985
 Open 6 Days A Week
 Sun-Wed. 11am-8pm
 Friday & Sat. 11 am-9pm
 Joe & Ana Arteaga

03132023

ORZECH
Auto Truck And Tow LLC
Compton Illinois

Compton, IL • 815-343-8047

- 24/7 Light/Medium Duty Towing & Recovery
- Mobile Auto Truck Repair
- Emergency Roadside Assistance
 - Jump Starts
 - Fuel Delivery
 - Flat Tire Changes
 - Lock Out Service
- Secure Impound Yard

MAKE YARD WORK DISAPPEAR

Arteaga
Tree Service & Landscaping

Tree Removal • Lawn Care • Mowing
 Stump Grinding • Senior Citizen Discount
 Spring & Fall Clean Up
 Residential & Commercial • Fully Insured

Call For Your Free Estimate!
(815) 878-7504

WANTED!
CLASSIC CARS TOP \$\$\$\$

Mercedes, Porsche, Jaguar, Corvettes, Vintage Cars, Foreign & Domestic, Restored & Unrestored, Hot Rods, Mopars & Vintage Motorcycles
Call Jim at 630-201-8122

MAKE US YOUR
First Choice
 for MRI

At Rochelle Community Hospital, we’re investing in the newest technology to provide you with the most comfortable – and convenient – experience. We offer the latest in digital MRI capabilities, including:

- Greater patient comfort & access**
 - Our wider bore provides the largest patient aperture in the industry
- Increased acceleration**
 - Exam time reduced by up to 60%
 - Up to 99% noise reduction
- Quicker scheduling at our community hospital**
 - Get an appointment sooner at RCH, versus 3-4 weeks at a larger healthcare system
- Enhanced breast imaging capabilities**

Rochelle
 Community Hospital

Experience the difference with our upgraded MRI.

Call **815-562-2181 ext. 1350** to schedule an MRI or visit **rochellehospital.com/mri** for more information.



COMMUNITY MATTERS

ACCURATE TITLE & LICENSE

Setchell Agency, Ltd.
618 6th St. • Mendota
815-539-9311

ASSISTED & INDEPENDENT LIVING

Stonecroft Village
1700 Burlington St.
815-538-5300
stonecroftvillage.com

AUCTIONEERS

McConville Realty & Auctioneering
612 Main St.
815-539-5673

AUTO BODY REPAIR

The Fender Mendors
325 N. 25th Rd., Route 251 S., Peru
815-224-1506

Furar's Body Shop
306 Plaza Dr.
815-539-6075

Specialty Body & Paint
1503 W. Washington St.
815-539-7801
Se Habla Español

AUTO REPAIR

ARS Auto Repair
307 Plaza Dr.
815-538-2412

ASSISTED LIVING

Home Instead
(In Home Non-Medical Care)
815-223-7970
www.homeinstead.com/53b

ATTORNEY

The Cantlin Law Firm
815-433-4712
www.cantlinlaw.com

AUTOMOBILE DEALERS

Mendota Ford
Rt. 251 S.
815-539-9314
www.mendotaford.com

Schimmer, Inc. Buick • Chevy
Rt. 251 S.
815-539-9343
www.schimmergm.com

Vaessen Bros. Chevrolet
505 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Sublette
815-849-5232
www.vaessenbrothers.com

BOOKKEEPING/TAX SERVICE

Baker's Computer & Office Services
4119 N. State Hwy. 251 • Mendota
Ph. 815-538-6290 • Fax 815-538-7032
bakerscomputerservices@frontier.com

CARPENTRY

Jones Home Improvement
Anthony J. Jones
815-539-6175

CARPET & FLOORING

Meyers Furniture & Carpet
1901 S. 13th Ave.
815-539-6263

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce
800 Washington St.
815-539-6507

CONTRACTORS - GENERAL

Mauch Carpentry
705 Illinois Ave.
815-539-7867
License #104005528

DENTISTS

Krenz Dental, Ltd.
Robert Krenz, D.D.S. • Jon Krenz, D.M.D.
704 Indiana Ave. • 815-538-5316

ELECTRICAL

Triple Service
Plumbing, Heating, Cooling, Electric
801 Monroe St.
815-539-3828
IL Lic. #055-041123

ELECTRICAL/CONTRACTING

Carriage House Electric
105 12th St.
815-538-5598

Hilliker Electric, LLC
1417 Franklin Grove
815-456-7036
Emergency Number 815-441-8207

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Eureka Savings Bank
1300 13th Ave.
815-539-5656
Member FDIC

Financial Plus Credit Union
1905 13th Ave.
815-539-3444
Member NCUA-ESI

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

First Federal Savings Bank
1205 Washington St.
815-539-6757
Member FDIC

First State Bank
706 Washington St. • Main
1403 13th Ave. • Plaza
815-538-2265
firststatebank.biz
Member FDIC

FIREPLACES

Maze Lumber
Water Street • Peru
815-223-1742

FLORISTS

Floralcrest Florist & Greenhouse
1207 22nd St.
815-539-9306

FUNERAL HOMES

Wasmer Funeral Home
2112 W. Main St.
815-539-8500

FURNITURE

Meyers Furniture & Carpet
1901 S. 13th Ave.
815-539-6263

GROCERY STORES

Sullivan's Foods
1102 Meriden St.
815-539-9341

GYM

YMCA
Route 251 South • Mendota
815-539-9343

HARDWARE STORES

Stephenitch Do It Best Hardware
Rt. 251 North
815-539-9394

HEALTH CARE CLINIC

Davis Family Health, LLC
1201 Meriden St.
815-538-1800

HEATING & COOLING CONTRACTORS

Campbell Plumbing & Heating
Heating • Cooling • Plumbing
1211 Chicago St.
815-539-5083
In Business 38 Years • IL Lic. #058-097742

Malley Plumbing & Heating
123 South Ottawa Street, Earlville
815-246-6011
IL License #055-009898

Triple Service
Plumbing, Heating, Cooling, Electric
801 Monroe St.
815-539-3828
IL Lic. #055-041123

Walter Bros.
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling
909 Washington St.
815-538-6516
IL Lic. #058-102682

INSURANCE

First State Insurance
715 Washington St. • 815-539-5651

Kurt Bruno State Farm
1103 Main St. • 815-539-3878

Setchell Agency, Ltd.
618 Sixth St. • 815-539-9311

KITCHEN & BATH

Maze Lumber
Water Street • Peru
815-223-1742

Someone's In the Kitchen
1619 N. Main St. • Princeton
815-879-0604
www.somekitchen.com

LIBRARY

Graves-Hume Public Library
1401 W. Main St.
815-538-5142
www.graveshume.org

MATTRESSES

Meyers Furniture & Carpet
1901 S. 13th Ave.
815-539-6263

OFFICE SUPPLY

Pohl's Office Supply & Equipment
809 Washington St.
815-538-5741

OPTOMETRIST

Dr. Tara Van de Wyngaerde
700 14th Ave.
815-539-6291

PET GROOMING

Dirty Dawgs
918 Main St., Ste 2
815-538-2550

PLUMBING CONTRACTORS

Campbell Plumbing & Heating
Heating • Cooling • Plumbing
1211 Chicago St.
815-539-5083
In Business 38 Years • IL Lic. #058-097742

Malley Plumbing & Heating
123 South Ottawa Street, Earlville
815-246-6011
IL License #055-009898

Triple Service
Plumbing, Heating, Cooling, Electric
801 Monroe St.
815-539-3828
IL Lic. #055-041123

Walter Bros.
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling
909 Washington St.
815-538-6516
IL Lic. #058-102682

POST FRAME BUILDERS

N.L. Morton Buildings, Ltd.
203 N. 4099th Road
815-539-9325
New construction & repair

REALTORS

Erbes Realty, LLC
1922 Tower Road • Sublette
815-535-6295 • Lorierbes@gmail.com

Homestead Realty
1316 Lakewood Plaza, #5
815-539-3811

McConville Realty & Auctioneering
612 Main St.
815-539-5673

Town & Country Realty
607 Sixth St.
(815) 539-6635

RESTAURANTS

Cindy's on 34
1300 Raymond Drive
815-539-9000

Main St. Station Bar & Grill
714 Main St.
815-539-7011
www.mainstreetstationbar-grill.com

McDonald's in Mendota
2 locations
Stop in and see us today!!
NOW HIRING - EOE- Locally Owned and Operated by Paul and Mary Breznay

SEAMLESS ROOFING

DuroLast Roofing
705 Illinois Ave.
815-539-5142
License #104005528

SPORTING GOODS/CLOTHING

Sports-N-Stuff
804 Washington St.
815-539-6354

TAX PREPARATION

H&R Block
1313 Meriden St.
815-539-7610
hrblock.com

Setchell Agency, Ltd.
618 Sixth St.
815-539-9311

THRIFT STORES

Nightengales Thrift Shop
708 Jefferson St. • 815-539-6100
Supports Trinity Health Care Clinic • 815-910-0200

TRANSPORTATION

Mendota Area Senior Services
1901 Tom Merwin Drive
815-539-7700

mendotaseniors1978@yahoo.com

TOWING

Gibson Towing
230 E. Lincoln Ave., Leland
815-651-9436

TOWING

Ramer Automotive & Towing
Paul, Matt & Brendan Ramer
4266 E. 4th Road
815-539-5321



City of
Mendota

800 Washington Street
815-539-7459
www.mendota.il.us

FIRST STATE BANK

706 Washington St. and
1304 13th Ave., Mendota
815.538.2265



FIRST STATE INSURANCE

715
Washington Street
815-539-5651



FINANCIAL + plus CREDIT UNION

Membership Open to the Community

Mendota Branch

1905 13th Avenue | Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-3444



Equal Housing Lender
Member FDIC

Ottawa | Peru | Mendota | Morris | Diamond | financialplus.org

Free cheeseburger when you purchase a cheeseburger!

One coupon per customer per visit. Not valid with any other offer. Only redeemable at McDonald's in Mendota.

Now Hiring. EOE



2 locations

Mendota

*Locally owned and operated by Paul & Mary Breznay

Expires 05/31/2023

VETERINARIANS

Ancare Veterinary Clinic
Stephen J. Dullard, DVM ABVP
1205 Sixth Ave.
815-539-3844
www.ancarevet.com

Mendota Companion Animal Centre
Cathy J. Wolf, DVM
Rt. 251 N.
815-539-6601
www.mendotavet.com

WINDOWS & DECKING

Maze Lumber
Water Street • Peru
815-223-1742

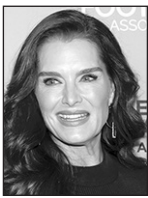


ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD--Brooke Shields (now 57), last seen in the 2021 Netflix rom-com "A Castle For Christmas" (with "The Princess Bride" star Cary Elwes), is the subject of the two-part documentary "Pretty Baby," following the exploitation and sexualization Shields endured as a child actress since the age of 12. The doc was produced by George Stephanopoulos and his wife, Ali Wentworth.



Shields

Shields is currently doing another rom-com for Netflix, titled "Mother of the Bride," with former "iCarly" star Miranda Cosgrove and former "Law & Order" star Benjamin Bratt. Shields was wed to tennis great Andre Agassi from 1997-99, then wed producer/director Chris Henchy in 2001. Henchy and Shields have two daughters.

Chris Pine doesn't know what's become of "Star Trek 4," confessing that he's been kept out of the loop regarding the film. "I don't know

anything," Pine said. "It feels like it's cursed." Paramount took "Star Trek 4" out of production last September, despite claiming that they've got a fantastic script ready to shoot. Pine feels that because "Star Trek 3" only made \$344 million instead of the expected \$1 billion grosses Marvel pictures make, Paramount decided to table it for a while.

However, all that may change when Pine's latest epic "Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" gets released March 31. Originally due July 2021, shooting didn't begin until April 2021, and the film finally wrapped in August 2021. Perhaps Paramount Pictures, who is also releasing "Dungeons," wants to see Pine's box-office pull. A spinoff series consisting of eight episodes is already in the works at Paramount+.

In the meantime, Pine is directing and acting in "Poolman" (the script for which he co-wrote with Ian Gotler). It began shooting in June 2022 and co-stars Annette Bening, Danny DeVito, Ariana DeBose and Jennifer Jason Leigh. Pine plays a character who discovers a sizable water heist, ala "Chinatown" (1974).

Is 21-time Oscar nominee and three-time Oscar winner Meryl Streep slowing down now that she's 73? Her last film in movie houses was "Little Women," in 2019. Then she made streaming films for Netflix -- "The Prom" (2020) and "Don't Look Up" (2021) -- as well as HBO Max's "Let Them All Talk" (2020). They weren't major roles, but you can bet they paid well. Now she's headed to a guest starring role in season three of "Only Murders in the Building." Has she been trapped by the ageism actresses groan about?

Also slowing down is Tom Hanks, who usually gets two or three films under his belt in a year. His last two -- "Elvis" (as Colonel Tom Parker) and Disney's live-action "Pinocchio" (as Geppetto) -- were highly successful. It's surprising he'd take a cameo in Wes Anderson's big star-studded film "Asteroid City." But then again, when you're worth upward of \$400 million, you can do whatever you hank-er to!

By Dana Jackson

Q: I saw a picture in a magazine about Nancy Travis having a new show. What is it about, and when will it air? -- K.A.

A: Nancy Travis' breakout role came in the 1987 blockbuster hit comedy "Three Men and a Baby," followed by its sequel three years later. It starred Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg. She would go on to co-star with Danson in "Becker," one of Danson's many hit sitcoms. She's a talented comedic actress who has made the most out of playing the wife in sitcoms like "The Bill Engvall Show" and "Last Man Standing."

While she hasn't received any Emmy Awards or even nominations during her successful career in Hollywood, in recent years, she's found herself on a critically acclaimed show called "The Kominsky Method." The comedy series, where Travis played an acting student, won a Golden Globe Award in 2021, but alas, that was after she departed the show in 2019.

Next up for Travis is the new western family drama series "Ride," which should be a surefire success

Celebrity Extra

on the Hallmark Channel. According to Deadline.com, Tiera Scovbye ("Riverdale") plays a former rodeo queen struggling to find her place in a powerful family led by a "tough-as-nails family matriarch" (played by Travis).

Also joining the cast are Beau Mirchoff ("Good Trouble"), Sara Garcia ("The Flash") and Jake Foy ("Designated Survivor"). Filmed in gorgeous Alberta, Canada, "Ride" will premiere on the Hallmark Channel on Sunday, March 26 at 9 p.m. ET.

Q: I really love the show "Young Sheldon," but realize it can't go on forever. How old is the actor who plays the lead role? -- J.K.

A: The CBS sitcom "Young Sheldon" is in its sixth season and has one more left on its contract with the network. It could be renewed beyond that time, but even the show's executive producer, Steve Holland, has admitted he has to start thinking about its conclusion sooner rather than later.

Both the character of Sheldon Cooper and his portrayal, actor Iain Armitage, are 14 years old. The precocious Sheldon has

already entered college and will eventually become the genius played by Jim Parsons on "The Big Bang Theory," which aired on CBS for 12 seasons. I would bet that seven seasons will be enough to wrap up the show while still maintaining the same level of comedy since its debut, but nothing is set in stone yet.

Q: When is "Only Murders in the Building" returning for a new season? The first two seasons were so good, so I hope the next mystery is just as compelling and hilarious. -- L.A.

A: Hulu, the streaming service that carries "Only Murders in the Building," recently released a teaser of the show's upcoming season with a very special addition to the cast -- three-time Oscar winner Meryl Streep. She joins the cast of the critically acclaimed series in its third season, and surely she'll fit right in with Steve Martin and Martin Short as they stumble into another murder mystery. Paul Rudd ("Quantum Leap") also returns after his cameo in the season two finale.

On Aug. 8, look for the two-episode season premiere on Hulu.

Couch Theater

"Boston Strangler" (R) -- You might've guessed from the title that this film is based on the true story of the 1960s serial killer the Boston Strangler, who had been linked to the murders of 15 women throughout Boston, Massachusetts. Told through the point of view of reporter Loretta McLaughlin (Keira Knightley), this film follows Loretta as she begins to connect the dots between each murder. As she gathers evidence alongside fellow reporter Jean Cole (Carrie Coon), not only does Loretta try to fight for the perpetrator to be brought to justice; she must also fight to be heard within her own newsroom and within a male-dominated society. Alessandro Nivola and Chris Cooper also star in "Boston Strangler," out now. (Hulu)

"Puss in Boots: The Last Wish" (PG) -- Has the legendary Puss in Boots finally reached his demise? After

the fearless, sword-slinging cat accidentally gets crushed by a bell, his doctor informs him that he only has one of his nine lives left. A now-humbled Puss decides to give retirement a shot, but when he hears about a magical Wishing Star that could possibly return his eight missing lives, he figures he has one last adventure in him. But, as Puss embarks on the journey to the Wishing Star with new friend Perrito and his ex-fiancee Kitty Softpaws, he must outrun Goldilocks and the Three Bears, as well as an assassin wolf who greatly longs to take Puss' last life. Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayek Pinault reprise their roles from the first "Puss in Boots" film, while new additions to the cast include Florence Pugh, Olivia Colman, John Mulaney and Wagner Moura. Out now. (Peacock)

"The Night Agent" (TV-MA) -- This new 10-episode

action thriller series follows a low-level FBI agent named Peter Sutherland (Gabriel Basso). Peter is put in charge of manning the phone for night agents, who are a part of the secret investigative Night Action program by the FBI that operates within the White House. Peter is told by the President's Chief of Staff that this phone rarely rings, but one night, it does -- with CEO Rose Larkin (Luciane Buchanan) on the other line. Rose is faced with intruders attempting to assassinate her, and Peter, as her sole protector, must run to her rescue. The two begin working side by side to uncover who is behind the mysterious plot to put Rose's head on a stake, but with all the action that ensues, Peter could be in well over his head. The first two episodes will be available to stream on March 23. (Netflix)

(c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

• Trivia Test •

1. AD SLOGANS: What company advertises its clothing with the ad slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?
2. SCIENCE: What is the tallest grass in the world?
3. MOVIES: What is the name of the camp in "Friday the 13th"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the term when two water streams join to form a larger stream?
5. INVENTIONS: What is Tim Berners-Lee credited with inventing?
6. ANATOMY: Where are the quadriceps located?
7. LITERATURE: Which poet wrote a six-volume biography of President Lincoln?
8. TELEVISION: Timothy Lovejoy is a minister on which animated TV series?

9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Yaks are native to which region?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Before he was elected president, which of the founding fathers attended the coronation of Napoleon at Notre Dame Cathedral?

Answers

1. Levi's.
2. Bamboo.
3. Camp Crystal Lake.
4. Confluence.
5. World Wide Web.
6. Thighs.
7. Carl Sandburg.
8. "The Simpsons."
9. Tibet, China.
10. James Monroe and his wife Elizabeth.

© 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Blunder
- 5 Sir's partner
- 9 Witty one
- 12 Massage target
- 13 Lamb alias
- 14 "Evil Woman" gp.
- 15 Dairy aisle purchase
- 17 Zodiac feline
- 18 Indiana city
- 19 TV's DeGeneres
- 21 Rejection
- 22 -- buddy
- 24 Bears' hands
- 27 Candy-heart word
- 28 Ashen
- 31 " -- Believer"
- 32 Epoch
- 33 Actress Ruby
- 34 Attire
- 36 The whole enchilada
- 37 Barking mammal
- 38 Dark and gloomy
- 40 "I see"
- 41 "Shrek" princess
- 43 Scents
- 47 Adj. modifier
- 48 Canning jar feature
- 51 King, in Cannes

DOWN

- 1 Stare stupidly
- 2 Twice cuatro
- 3 "Hmm, I guess so"
- 4 Criminals
- 5 Office note
- 6 "The Greatest"
- 7 Be sick
- 8 "This -- no sense!"
- 9 Built to last
- 10 Downwind cheer
- 11 Thug
- 16 Punk-rock subgenre
- 20 Prune
- 22 Strapping
- 23 Track shape
- 24 Pot-bellied pet
- 25 Docs' bloc
- 26 "Dunkirk" or "Platoon," e.g.
- 27 Faucet problem
- 29 Meadow
- 30 Snaky fish
- 35 Chignon
- 37 Sure winner
- 39 "Lady Love" singer Lou
- 40 Branch
- 41 Gambling game
- 42 Pedestal occupant
- 43 Sleek, in car lingo
- 44 Inspiration
- 45 \$ dispensers
- 46 Females
- 49 Sundial numeral
- 50 Author Brown

© 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9				7	2			
		8	3		6			
	2		6			1	5	
2			4					6
		3		2		4		
	4				5		9	
1				8		2		
	3		9					4
		7			1		3	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

© 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

8	3	6	1	5	2	7	9	4
5	1	9	7	6	2	8	3	8
7	9	2	4	8	3	5	6	1
2	6	3	5	9	8	1	7	4
1	8	4	6	2	7	7	3	9
9	7	5	3	1	4	6	8	2
5	1	7	7	1	8	6	9	3
6	4	9	2	3	1	8	5	9
3	2	8	5	4	7	1	9	6

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Member
FDIC

Brought to you each week by

FIRST STATE BANK

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Did you dislike Brussels sprouts in your youth? Turns out they don't taste the same nowadays, thanks to Dutch scientist Hans van Doorn, who figured out which compounds in the sprouts made them bitter, then helped begin the work of selecting seeds that would produce more palatable results.

* The first gun was made in 1,000 AD in China.

* While ostriches can't fly, no bird on Earth can match their speed on land, since they can not only sprint at up to 43 mph, but cover more than 10 feet in a single stride.

* A 50 by 50 foot area of healthy lawn generates enough oxygen to supply a family of four.

* Every year, 1.2 million students drop out of school. That's 7,000 dropouts every day, or one every 26 seconds.

* Notorious gangster and bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd endeared himself to the American public by destroying mortgage papers at the banks he held up, freeing a lot of folks from their debts.

* The First Gulf War in 1991 technically never ended. There was just a ceasefire. The U.K. used that legal loophole to justify entering the Second Gulf War in 2003.

* In 2000, Sony invented a movie critic named David Manning and used his fictional quotes to promote the company's movies. The ruse backfired when Sony ended up paying over \$1.5 million to moviegoers in a class action lawsuit and over \$300,000 to the state of Connecticut, where "David Manning" supposedly worked at a small weekly paper.

* The throne of Denmark is made of narwhal tusks, which were claimed to be unicorn horns, and is flanked by three life-size silver lions, inspired by the legend of King Solomon's throne.

Thought for the Day: "Go out on a limb -- that's where the fruit is." -- Will Rogers

(c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

S	S	E	N	O	N	I	S	E	T	O
E	M	S	I	R	A	V	I	L	I	O
H	I	T	O	M	A	D	E	I	M	A
S	U	M	O	R	A	F	E	N	O	T
L	V	E	S	T	L	A	V	E	N	G
E	E	D	E	R	A	V	E	R	A	I
P	A	L	L	E	S	A	L	E	S	A
N	E	N	E	L	E	O	M	K	O	K
O	E	L	E	K	A	T	E	L	O	H
O	L	E	E	L	I	A	L	E	A	V
A	L	E	M	A	M	A	F	O	O	G

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Happy 21st
Birthday
Michelle!



We love you!
Mom, Dad,
Billie & Susie

1 Column x 4"

\$26 in Reporter Or
Money Saver
\$34 To Run In Both

2 Column x 2"

\$26 in Reporter
Or Money Saver
\$34 To
Run In Both

**FUN
ADS!**
Put A Little Fun
In Someone's Life!

Bring In A Photo With A
Poem, Verse Or Message--or
just a verse or message

(No extra charge for photo)

You can run any size ad \$6⁵⁰
per column inch for Reporter
OR Money Saver
\$8⁵⁰ per column inch in **BOTH**

(See examples)

Call 815-539-9396 for

more information


CONGRATULATIONS!
on passing your State Exams
Carol Ann Smith, RN
Love, Joey



WHO CAN DO IT?

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

AUTO SALES

JP  Mercedes-Benz

Carole Eich
Sales & Leasing Consultant

JP Chevrolet
Nissan - Mercedes-Benz
3675 Frontage Rd.
Peru, IL 61354
815-223-7000 • Fax: 815-224-4288 • www.jpchevy.com

INSURANCE

Still shopping your auto insurance to lower your premium? 1st Auto provides you with the security & expertise to provide you a competitive price for your personal & farm vehicles.

**You're 1st Rate
So You Rate 1st!**

Find out today how much you can save on your Personal Auto Insurance.

1stAuto
A Casualty Insurance Company

Heiting Insurance Agency
1409 E. Main • Mendota • (815) 539-9265

TRANSPORTATION

MASS **Mendota Area Senior Services**

Programs & Services:

- Transportation Services
- Caregiver Support & Services
- Options Counseling
- Lending Closet
- Senior Health Insurance Program
- Educational Opportunities (Computer Lab & Resource Center)
- Advocacy
- Information & Assistance
- Congregate Meal Site
- Senior Center

1901 Tom Merwin Drive, Mendota, IL
815-539-7700 • mendotaseniors1978@yahoo.com

LEAKPROOF ROOFING

GUARANTEED LEAKPROOF ROOFING




Industrial • Commercial • Residential
For low pitched flat roofs
Featuring Duro-Last®

705 Illinois Ave. • 815-539-5142
License #104005528
www.northernillinoisseamlessroofing.com

FUNERAL HOME



Wasmer
FUNERAL HOME
Celebration Of Life Center

 2112 W. Main St.
Mendota
815-539-8500

MOVERS

Meyers will move for you!
Quick, clean, courteous and careful...
Give us a call to move your household!

MEYERS BOY'S MOVING
HWY 251 S. • MENDOTA
815-539-6263

MUFFLERS & BRAKES

MENDOTA Muffler Brakes

All About • Suspensions
MUCH MORE
815-252-9518
Now Carrying New & Used Tires

SMALL ENGINE REPAIR

 **STIHL**
Husqvarna

SALES & SERVICE | SNOWBLOWER REPAIR
205 W. Main St. | Sublette, IL | 815-849-5225
mainstreetrepair16@yahoo.com

AUTO REPAIR



307 Plaza Dr. • 815-538-2412

COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR
SPECIALIZING IN:
Auto Transmission & Computer Diagnostics

 **JASPER**
ENGINES • TRANSMISSIONS



INSURANCE COMPANY



Mendota's ONLY insurance company!
www.MendotaMutual.com

PLUMBING • HEATING • COOLING • ELECTRIC



PLUMBING HEATING COOLING ELECTRIC
INDOOR AIR QUALITY WATER CONDITIONING
DUCT CLEANING • SEALING
24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Triple Service
PLUMBING • HEATING • COOLING • ELECTRIC

 Gabe and Michelle Wade
3rd Generation Owners

TRIPLESERVICEINC.COM 815-539-3828
IL Lic. #055-041123

REAL ESTATE



1922 Tower Rd, Sublette, IL
815-535-6295
Lori Erbes, GRI
Designated Managing Broker



RESALE SHOP

Nightengales Thrift Shop

708 Jefferson St., Mendota
Open 12-3:30
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat
1st and 3rd
Saturday -
1/2 off




GROCERY STORE




We're your full service grocery store!



1102 Meriden St., Mendota • 815-539-9341
Open 6am-10pm • 7 days a week

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

 Chris Holden
Sr. Vice President,
Mortgage Lending
NMLS#461073

 Cory Biers
Sr. Vice President
NMLS#477892

FIRST STATE BANK

 706 Washington St. and 1403 13th Ave., Mendota
815.539.3834
firststatebank.biz 

TREE SERVICE



INSURED AND BONDED

ALBERS TREE SERVICE
JAKE 815-303-3751
JORDAN 815-252-3521

FREE ESTIMATES

CARPENTRY



- New Homes
- Remodeling
- Kitchens
- Baths
- Additions
- Garages
- Drywall
- Ceramic Tile

(815) 539-7867 Dial "KEY-STOP"
License #104005528

INSURANCE





FIRST STATE INSURANCE
Mendota • Earlville
815-539-5651

POST FRAME BUILDINGS



N L Morton Buildings, Ltd.
Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-9325
Jim Stremlau
Commercial - Ag - Residential
New Construction & Repair

HOME SERVICES



Quality First Inspections, LLC
QFINOW.COM

Mark F Stelmack
Owner/Licensed Home Inspector
Mark.Stelmack@qfinow.com

Facebook - Quality First Inspections
Instagram - Quality First Inspections

Phone 815-503-1696

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION



For all your home loan needs, see
Anna Arteaga
NMLS #461075

1300 13th Ave. • Mendota, IL 61342
(815) 539-5656 • www.eurekasavings.com

SENIOR LIVING



A Retirement Community
Senior Living Redefined
1700 Burlington St.
Mendota, IL
815-538-5300

ELECTRIC

 **Mathesius Electric LLC**
Greg Mathesius

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Residential

Authorized Generac Dealer and Services
GENERAC

815-884-9040
Earlville, Illinois

ROOFING

Craftworks Custom Homes
Local Remodeling & Home Repair

- Roofing
- Siding
- Decks
- Additions

Dan Truckenbrod
Call us for a free estimate for all your general contracting needs

815-780-0259 | Craftworkscustomhomes@yahoo.com

Advertise Your Business Here!

Call For Info:
(815) 539-9396



MOVING

FREE ESTIMATES! **HIGHSMITH HAUL AWAY**
& JUNK REMOVAL

815-993-8673

Junk Removal
Estate Cleanouts
Furniture & Appliance Removal

Garage & Basement Cleanout
Light Demolition
& More

MENTION THIS AD AND GET 10% OFF!
HighsmithHaulAway.com

HEATING/COOLING • PLUMBING



(State ID No. 58-100249)
PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.

Heating/Cooling • Plumbing
We Sell & Service All Name Brand Appliances

 815-882-2111
404 W Main St • McNabb
grassersplumbingheating.com

FARM SERVICES/PLOWING

Custom Hay Baling,
Mowing, Raking

Hay, Straw,
Snow Plowing



SCHOENHOLZ FARMS
Call or E-mail Matt for Prices
815-739-1994 or
m.schoenholz81@gmail.com



LOCAL AND AREA

Two keys to your best life ever!

I've been teaching the Word of God for more than 45 years now, and one of the most life-changing things I've learned is that God is always right. No matter what I think, how I feel, or what my circumstances look like, His wisdom and His way of doing things are always the answer to my problems.

One message we see throughout the Bible is, "Do what's right in God's eyes and you'll have a life you enjoy that's worth living. Don't obey God, and you'll have a miserable life." See, it's not the things that happen to us

that determine the quality of our lives; it's how we choose to respond to them that really matters. And trusting God is the key to making right choices that bring us the life He has planned for us.

We can choose to trust God. The truth is, God is the only One we can completely trust to take care of us and do what's best for us at all times, in every situation.

Maybe you're thinking, "Well, I trusted God and He didn't take care of me." I understand how you feel, because I've gone through hard things and didn't get what

I wanted when I thought I should get it, the way I thought it should come. But the question is, were you trusting God to give you what you wanted Him to give you, or what He wanted to give you, in His time and in His way?

Doing what we want and getting our way all the time isn't what will make us happy. Being selfish and self-centered is actually a miserable way to live. We need the Word of God because as we study it and meditate on it, it renews our minds so we think the way He thinks. It also turns our will in God's direction so we want what He wants for us.

The Solutions to Every Problem We Face

Psalm 37:3 (AMPC) says, "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, and truly you shall be fed." This verse tells us the two things we must do that will solve every problem we face: trust God and do good.

God's Word is medicine that brings healing and restoration to our souls. "Trust God" and "Do Good" are the two prescriptions we all need. Our doctor is Jesus, we are His patients, and we can take His medicine as much as we need to. And refills are endless! But there are side effects.



When you trust God, you will experience peace, joy, stability, confidence, and overall better health. When you do good, you'll have extreme happiness and rewards in Heaven.

I know it's not always easy to trust God and do good, but it's the best option because it's the only thing that really works. I know it works because I used to be a mess, and learning how to trust God and obey His Word has literally changed my life!

I wish I could get people to understand how pathetic my life was when I received my first Bible from my mother-in-law. It's so amazing how learning to believe God's Word—to trust Him and obey Him—has taken my brokenness and turned my life into something that can actually be of value to other people.

The Partnership That Guarantees Your Success

Psalm 37:5 (AMPC) says, "Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass." Life in God is a journey,

and we partner with Him by putting our trust in Him (1 Corinthians 1:9). That means when we're dealing with a difficult situation, He may show us something we need to do that will help solve our problem.

I remember when God spoke to my heart that Dave and I should take care of my parents in their old age. This meant we would move them to the city where we live, buy a home for them and provide the care they needed. This was so hard for me because my father had abused me throughout my childhood and my mother had abandoned me by not doing anything to stop it. But God gave me the grace to do it, and one of the results was that my father accepted Christ as his Savior before he died. This is one of the greatest blessings I've ever had!

I want to encourage you to trust God completely in every area of your life. Remember that He is always on your side and He is fighting for you as you go through the challenges in your life. He loves you and has your best interest at heart at all times. No matter what you need or what

your circumstances are, you can live with peace, joy, stability, confidence, and overall better health if you will trust God and do good!

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.

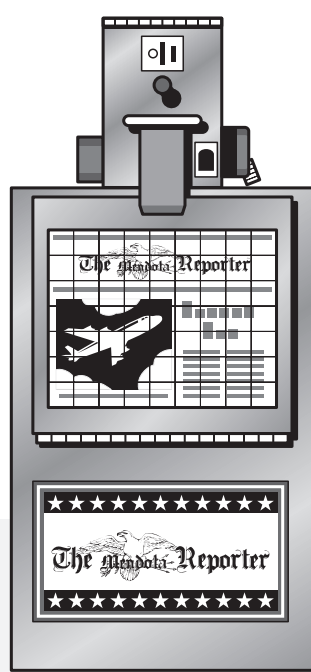
Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 140 books, including *BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND* and *LOVING PEOPLE WHO ARE HARD TO LOVE* (FaithWords). She hosts the *Enjoying Everyday Life* radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

Please note: The views and opinions expressed throughout this publication and/or website are those of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect those of Joyce Meyer Ministries.

We're Spreading The News... All Over Town!

Pick up your copy of The Mendota Reporter at any of these fine locations:

- Bonnell's General Store, Sublette
- Casey's General Store • Earlville BP
- Beck Oil Co. Truck Stop
- Sublette BP, Sublette
- Beck Oil Co.
- Mendota Marathon
- Mendota Food Mart
- Mendota Shell
- Road Ranger, I-39
- Stephenitch Do It Best Hardware
- Sullivan's Foods



The Mendota Reporter
703 Illinois Ave., Mendota, IL
(815) 539-9396
FAX: (815) 539-7862

The Best Got Better.



The Mendota Reporter eEdition—
the same great content, easier to love.
www.mendotareporter.com



- Searchable, portable, convenient
- Back issues available
- Identical in format to paper edition—Flip each page with a single click!
- News when you want it—eEdition is available sooner than home delivery!

Now FREE to all current subscribers!

E-mail jgriffith@mendotareporter.com or call 815-539-9396 for your password today. You can also register online by visiting our website.



P.O. Box 300, 703 Illinois Ave., Mendota, IL 61342
www.mendotareporter.com

OREGON GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS
Oregon, IL Antique Show
OVER 40 DEALERS FROM THE MIDWEST
March 25th & 26th, 2023
Saturday 9am-5pm & Sunday 10am-3pm
• Antique Appraisals Sunday only 10am-2pm (\$5 per item)
• Plenty of Parking
• Door Prizes
• Concessions
• Handicap Accessible
Entry \$6 • \$1 Discount for 1 person with this ad

BLACKHAWK CENTER
1101 W. Jefferson St.,
Oregon, IL 61061

71st Annual

Your Advertising Message Can Reach The ENTIRE STATE OF ILLINOIS
For A Surprisingly Low Cost!
Call Us Today For Details 539-9396

Want to search Illinois legal notices?



Subscribe now to have legal notices emailed to you based on YOUR custom search criteria!

PNI PUBLIC NOTICE ILLINOIS
www.publicnoticeillinois.com

A public service provided by Illinois Newspapers & the Illinois Press Association

Classified Marketplace

FREE!

Sell your household items for free.

Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words - one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



MENDOTA • EARLVILLE • LAMOILLE • TRIUMPH • TROY GROVE • SUBLETTE • COMPTON • WEST BROOKLYN • PAW PAW • LELAND • OHIO

101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF TIMESHARE ESTATE OR ESTATES UNDER SECTION 10-50 OF THE ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE TIMESHARE ACT OF 1999

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

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

LILIANA GUTIERREZ, JOSE BELVIS AND LOURDES VAZQUEZ, 5 RES VILLA DEL CARIBE, PONCE, PUERTO RICO 00728, according to the Mortgage dated August 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 18531, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 20, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00790, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2 LILIANA GUTIERREZ, JOSE BELVIS AND LOURDES VAZQUEZ, 5544 S NEVA AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60638, according to the Mortgage dated August 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 18531, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 20, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00790, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2 LILIANA GUTIERREZ, JOSE BELVIS AND LOURDES VAZQUEZ, 5920 W 55TH ST APT 104, CHICAGO, IL 60638, according to the Mortgage dated August 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 18531, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 20, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00790, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 2 PATRICIA COOPER and JOSEPH J COOPER, 8232 S PEORIA ST APT 2, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Mortgage dated April 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014

09237, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 20, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0415, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 7 JOYCE EVANS-CURTIS and JOYCE EVANS, 13314 S KEDVALE AVE, ROBBINS, IL 60472, according to the Mortgage dated June 11, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 12185, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0095, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 2 JOYCE EVANS-CURTIS and JOYCE EVANS, 3300 HUDSONWOOD DR APT 1117, DENTON, TX 76208, according to the Mortgage dated June 11, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 12185, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0095, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 2 VIOLET E MORRELL, 605 E MAIN ST, STOCKBRIDGE, MI 49285, according to the Mortgage dated May 07, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 09835, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 28, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 7 JESSICA STALLING, STARLEAN PASHA, IZONE PASHA, OLIVIA PASHA AND FAHEEM PASHA, 6776 CHALLENGE LN, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46250, according to the Mortgage dated January 25, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02582, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 10, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01390, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 JESSICA STALLING, STARLEAN PASHA, IZONE PASHA, OLIVIA PASHA AND FAHEEM PASHA, 602 POPLAR ST, MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360, according to the Mortgage dated January 25, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02582, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 10, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01390, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 JESSICA STALLING, STARLEAN PASHA, IZONE PASHA, OLIVIA PASHA AND FAHEEM PASHA, 331 WALKER ST, MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360, according to the Mortgage dated January 25, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02582, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 10, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01390, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 JESSICA STALLING, STARLEAN PASHA, IZONE PASHA, OLIVIA PASHA AND FAHEEM PASHA, 510 S 28TH ST, SOUTH BEND, IN 46615, according to the Mortgage dated January 25, 2015 and recorded under

File No. 2015 02582, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 10, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01390, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 JESSICA STALLING, STARLEAN PASHA, IZONE PASHA, OLIVIA PASHA AND FAHEEM PASHA, 515 E 8TH ST, MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360, according to the Mortgage dated January 25, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 02582, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 10, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01390, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2 TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the mortgage(s) (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be announced at the public auction.

Silverleaf Resorts, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company By: Deborah A. Quirk Its Agent No. 0302 (March 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 24, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Ricci's Auto located at 232 S. Clark Street, Utica, IL 61373. Dated: February 24, 2023. Richard L. Ricci Applicant. No. 0305 (March 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

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

ESTATE OF

)
)
) Theresa M. Myers,
)
) Deceased
) Case No. 2023-PR-34
)
)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Theresa M. Myers of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 17, 2023 to Margaret Halbmaier of 905 Monroe Street, Mendota, IL 61342 and Patrick Myers of 4463 E. 1st Rd., Mendota, IL 61342 whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 15, 2023. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered person-

ally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed. No. 0306 (March 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 21, 2023 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Salinas Mexican Food located at 1001 4th Avenue, Mendota, IL 61342. Dated: February 21, 2023. Raul Salinas Applicant. No. 0307 (March 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

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

)
) NORMA J. SCHWAMBERGER,
) DECEASED.)
) NO. 2023-PR-000029
) CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Norma J. Schwamberger on August 1, 2022, whose address was 303 Garfield Road, LaSalle, IL 61301, Letters of Office were issued February 15, 2023 to Hometown National Bank, 260 Bucklin Street, LaSalle, IL 61301, as Independent Administrator, who attorneys are Schweickert Ganassin Krzak Rundio, LLP, 2101 Marquette Road, Peru, IL 61354.

The estate will be administered without Court Supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Court Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois, or with the representative within six (6) months of the first publication of this notice, any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Court Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney, if any, within 10 days after it has been filed with the Circuit Court Clerk. Heirs and Legatees are hereby further given notice of their rights: (1) to a copy of all documents of record, by request directed to the Clerk of the Court or to the Executor c/o counsel listed below; (2) to petition the Court within 42 days of admission of the will to probate to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will or other evidence; (3) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate; and (4) to petition to terminate independent admission and/or to hold a hearing to resolve any question that may arise during independent administration; and (5) to question or object to any item

included in or omitted from an inventory or account, or to require same. These rights are more fully set forth in the Illinois Probate Act, 755 ILCS 5/28-1 et seq. All filings are to be electronically submitted, with copy to the undersigned, unless electronic filing is excused for cause shown. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscorts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscorts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: February 24, 2023 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 Schweickert Ganassin Krzak Rundio, LLP 2101 Marquette Road Peru, IL 61354 TEL: 815.223.0177 EMAIL: djs@ganassin.com No. 0308 (March 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in

civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscorts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscorts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: September 15, 2022 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0311 (March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscorts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscorts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: September 15, 2022 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0311 (March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: September 15, 2022 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0311 (March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in

civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscorts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <https://www.illinoiscorts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 758, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Circuit Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: September 15, 2022 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0311 (March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: September 15, 2022 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0311 (March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: September 15, 2022 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0311 (March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: September 15, 2022 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0311 (March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Circuit Clerk, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL or with the representative, or both, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claims not filed on or before 6 months from the first publication of this notice are barred. Dated: September 15, 2022 Greg Vaccaro LaSalle County Circuit Clerk Ottawa, IL 61350 No. 0311 (March 15, 22 and 29, 2023)

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 (3/22/2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mendota Township Board meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted. The dates for 2023-2024 are as follows: May 8; June 12; July 10; August 14; September 11; October 9; November 13; December 11; January 8; February 12; March 11; April 8. Linda Corrigan Township Clerk Legal No. 0314 (3/22/2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regularly scheduled Mendota Township Board Meeting of Monday, April 10", 2023, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 11th, 2023; 5:00 p.m. at the Mendota City Council Chambers located at 607-8" Avenue, Mendota, Illinois. Linda Corrigan Town Clerk Legal No. 0315 (3/22/2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 9:00 am, a meeting conducted by Mendota Community Consolidated School District #289 will take place at the District #289 Education Center Boardroom, 1806 Guiles Ave, Mendota, IL 61342. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who will attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are a parent of a home school or a non-public student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Mendota District #289, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Mr. K. Bradley Cox, Superintendent, at 815-539-7631. Legal No. 0316 (3/22/2023)

EVERY MORNING MY HUMAN SHAVES OFF HIS FACE FUR, HE'S FUNNY LIKE THAT.

-TUCK adopted 05-04-11

A PERSON IS THE BEST THING TO HAPPEN TO A SHELTER PET

adopt

theshelterpetproject.org

Ad Council THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Classified Marketplace

FREE!

Sell your household items for free.
Total value of item must be \$200 or less. (15 words
- one week - 7 publications - price must be listed)



MENDOTA • EARLVILLE • LAMOILLE • TRIUMPH • TROY GROVE • SUBLETTE • COMPTON • WEST BROOKLYN • PAW PAW • LELAND • OHIO

101 LEGAL NOTICE

This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

"This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance."

127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

FURMAN'S Lawn Care and Tree Work. Mowing, bushes, spring clean up, weeding and much more. Call Jeremy Furman 815-761-9619. Please leave a message will return call ASAP. Fully insured, in business since 1999. Servicing Rochelle and surrounding areas.

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

301 ANTIQUES

WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

ANTIQUES WANTED: I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.com

307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

BUNDLED Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 815-562-4171 (8AM-NOON ONLY) Rochelle News Leader.

LIKE NEW ProForm CrossWalk Fit 415 Treadmill. Includes user's manual. \$200. Call Joyce 815-456-2839. (03-22-23)

405 HOUSES FOR SALE

ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

515 GARAGES FOR RENT

Mendota
MULTIPLE
Garages for Rent
815-539-3747

203 HELP WANTED

Mendota Swimming Pool is now accepting applications for the 2023 season. Applications may be picked up at the Mendota City Clerk's office, 800 Washington Street, OR the Mendota Civic Center, 1901 Tom Merwin Drive and must be returned by Friday, March 31, 2023.

ADVERTISE WITH US



FIRST STATE BANK

FIRST STATE BANK has a career opportunity for a Controller at its Mendota office. The Controller will provide support to the Chief Financial Officer with day-to-day accounting operations. The Controller is responsible for overseeing the Accounting department. Duties include compiling financial reports based on financial statements and implementing policies and procedures for financial reporting, as well as overseeing and preparing monthly financial, liquidity and capital reports. This person will be responsible for the preparation of quarterly, annual and other regulatory reports. They will act as a liaison for FDIC, internal and external examinations.

Education:

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Finance
- 5+ years Controller experience in a banking/financial environment
- CPA preferred
- Proficient in accounting
- Extensive knowledge of Microsoft Office, specifically in Excel and Fiserv (Preferred)
- Confident, professional demeanor and ability to maintain composure in a busy environment

First State Bank offers a competitive compensation and benefits package.

Apply online at www.firststatebank.biz or email your resume to humanresource@firststatebank.biz or mail to First State Bank, Attn: HR Department, 719 Washington Street, Mendota, IL 61342

Equal Opportunity Employer/Veterans/Disabled

03152023

Recycle



Where is it...
in Mendota?

Identify the local photo on page 4 of
The Mendota Reporter every week & win
\$10 MENDOTA BUCKS!

How well do YOU know Mendota?
Brought to you each week by Eureka Savings Bank.

601 VEHICLES FOR SALE

2020 Chevy Suburban 4x4 LT



2020 Chevy Suburban 4x4 LT, Blue, GM-Certified, 1-owner, Local Trade, Sunroof, Leather Interior, Heated Seats, Media Player and More!

\$46,900

2021 Chevrolet K-1500, Crew LTZ, 4x4 Z71, 31K Miles, Silver.....	\$49,900	2020 Chevrolet Suburban, 4x4, LT, Loaded, 65K Miles, Blue.....	\$46,900
2021 Chevrolet K-1500, Crew LT 4x4 Z71, Leather, 39K Miles, Maroon.....	\$42,900	2018 Chevy K-1500 Crew, 4x4 High Country, Loaded, 74K Miles, Black.....	\$39,900

QUALITY USED CARS, TRUCKS, SUV'S & VANS

2021 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab, Long Box, LT, 4x4, 99K Miles, Red.....	\$37,900	2018 Chevrolet Traverse Premier, AWD, Sunroof, 79K Miles, Black.....	\$28,900
2019 Chevy Suburban 4x4 LTZ, Loaded, 112K Miles, Brown.....	\$41,900	2016 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LT Z71, 128K Miles, Red.....	\$21,900
2019 Chevrolet K-1500 Crew, LT 4x4, 85K Miles, White.....	\$31,900	2012 Ram 1500 Reg Cab Sport Hemi, 4WD, Black.....	\$14,900
2019 Chevy 1500 Dbl Cab RST, 4WD, Z71, Gray.....	\$28,900		

VAESSEN BROTHERS CHEVROLET, INC.

"Great Deals - Great Service Since 1926"

Ally Financing and GMF Financing or Leasing

HIGHWAY 52
SUBLETTE, IL
www.vaessenbrothers.com

(815) 849-5232
1-800-227-5203

FIND NEW ROADS™



501 APARTMENT FOR RENT

MENDOTA - 2 bedroom apartments available now. Rent is based on 30% of adjusted gross income and includes water, sewer & garbage pickup. On site laundry, major appliances, off street parking. Please call 1-800-686-5576.

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider. Equal Housing Opportunity.



Downtown upstairs studio apartment for rent \$450, includes water and garbage, stove and refrigerator. Deposit Required-call 815-910-7011

APARTMENTS FOR RENT: MENDOTA
1 & 2 Bedrooms, Appliances, A/C.
779-201-0532
815-498-2262.

For Rent

Upstairs 1 Bedroom, Kitchen & Bath Refrigerator & Oven included
NO PETS!
400 9th Street
Call
815-866-2235
03202023

Recycle



Recycle



TEXT AND WHATEVER JUST DON'T TEXT AND



STOPTEXTSSTOPWRECKS.ORG



REAL ESTATE SHOWCASE

FREE MARKET ANALYSIS

WE CAN LET YOU KNOW THE MARKET VALUE OF YOUR HOME.

JOE MCCONVILLE	815-910-5673	MARTY MCCONVILLE	815-200-2233
SHARON KIMREY	815-343-3600	MELODY NANZER	815-228-2842



507 11th Ave.,
Mendota



825 E. IL RTE. 34 RD.,
MENDOTA

SOLD!

DO YOU KNOW what the #1 thing is that will affect your home's value?

**IT'S THE AMOUNT OF INVENTORY!
~ SELL NOW!**

**GET WITH PROFESSIONALS AND GET A PLAN!
WE WILL BRING YOU THE DATA TO PRICE YOUR HOME PROPERLY. CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE COMPARATIVE MARKET ANALYSIS!**



McConville
REALTY & AUCTIONEERING

Joe McConville, Designated Managing Broker
612 S. Main St., Mendota • 815-539-5673
E-mail: office@mcconvillerealty.com
mcconvillerealtymendota@gmail.com
Website: www.mcconvillerealty.com

Call one of our Agents to set up your private showing.

Joe McConville, Designated Managing Broker
815-910-5673
Marty McConville, Broker
815-200-2233
Richard McConville,
Broker 815-539-5673
Sharon Kimrey, Broker
815-343-3600
Melody Nanzer, Broker
815-228-2842

FEATURE HOME

Homestead Realty
1316 Lakewood Plaza,
Rte 251 N., Mendota
815-539-3811



SALE PENDING

**1204 Washington St.,
Mendota**

*Wish
List?*

**Contact one of the
Realtors featured on this
page to help you find the home of
YOUR DREAMS!**



Rebecca McPheeters, Designated Managing Broker

**607 Sixth St.,
Mendota
(815) 539-6635**



**Town & Country
Realty**

www.tcrealtysales.net
Evening Phone Numbers

Becky McPheeters, Designated Managing Broker
708-220-3338
Rita Lilja
815-539-9255
Jami Bauer, Broker
815-993-7751
Lori Munson, Broker
815-228-4852



*Helping
people
find homes
since 1983.*



Helping people find homes since 1983.

PHONE (815) 539-3811

1316 Lakewood Plaza
Rte. 251 N. • Mendota

Gloria Cogdal, Designated Managing Broker
Sally Corrigan, Broker - 815-830-8101



BUILDING LOT



408 5TH AVENUE, MENDOTA

**\$18,000 - READY FOR A CORNER
HOUSE IN TOWN?! GREAT
NEIGHBORHOOD!**

**Let Our Expertise Work For You!
Give Gloria And Sally A Call Today!**