



Christmas

GREETINGS

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COVID-19 levels are on the rise in Illinois

86 counties at elevated community level

CHICAGO – With the holiday season underway and COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses continuing to rise across the state, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is urging Illinoisans to take action to protect themselves and their loved ones during the festive season. IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra is reminding the public that basic health precautions are especially important when it comes to protecting members of the family who are most vulnerable to severe outcome, including older family members and the very young. He strongly urges parents to take advantage of the newly authorized bivalent boosters for children six months and older.

According to the CDC, 86 counties in Illinois rated at an elevated level for COVID-19 by the CDC, up from 74 a week ago. Of those, the CDC reported 43 Illinois counties at a High Community Level for COVID-19, up from 29 a week ago; while 43 counties are at Medium Level, compared to 45 last week.

As of Dec. 15, Lee and DeKalb counties were at High Level and Bureau and LaSalle counties were at Low Level.

“Illinois continues to see a dramatic rise in communities at elevated risk levels for COVID-19, including 43 counties that are now at a high risk,” said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. “As we prepare for holiday gatherings with our loved ones, I want to remind Illinoisans that these elevated COVID-19 community levels, along with rising flu levels, are leading to a surge

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of respiratory infections, increased hospitalizations and limited hospital beds. I strongly recommend all Illinoisans take preventative steps to protect themselves and their family and friends, especially those most vulnerable including young children and individuals over 65.

“These preventative measures start with being up-to-date with the COVID-19 bivalent booster that is now authorized for children as young as six months old. Getting your flu shot is very important too. Other important protective steps include COVID-19 testing, especially if visiting someone at risk for severe disease; enhanced ventilation at gatherings; and good hand hygiene. And if you are sick, stay home and consult with your provider about whether you need one of the effective treatments that are available. A high-quality mask or respirator is also recommended and will protect you from COVID-19, the flu and other respiratory viruses. Our hope is for Illinoisans across our state to have a happy and healthy holiday season.”

Vaccination is the key to ending this pandemic. To find a COVID-19 vaccination location near you, go to www.vaccines.gov.

City Council approves 2022 tax levy

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council approved the new tax levy at its Dec. 19 regular meeting.

Alderman John Holland presented information on the 2022 tax levy, which is in the amount of \$2,167,136. That is compared to the 2021 levy amount of \$2,064,729. Holland said the slight increase will have just a plus 0.2%

impact on residents’ tax bill.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick’s report included an intergovernmental agreement between the city and LaSalle County for the cape seal street program. The measure was approved by the council. Fitzpatrick said the agreement with the county aids the city in getting a better price for the work.

Petitions for the April 2023 election were due on

Dec. 19. Petitions were turned in by current aldermen John Hessenberger from the First Ward, John Holland from the Second Ward, Jay Miller from the Third Ward and Mark Peasley from the Fourth Ward. No one else submitted a petition. The treasurer’s position is also up for election in April. Current treasurer Heath Davis, who was appointed to the position, did not turn in a petition.

Mayor David Boelk wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council is Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting schedule for 2023 is as follows: Jan. 3 & 16; Feb. 6 & 21; March 6 & 20; April 3 & 17; May 1 & 15; June 5 & 19; July 3 & 17; Aug. 7 & 21; Sept. 5 & 18; Oct. 2 & 16; Nov. 6 & 20; Dec. 4 & 18.

New year to bring new laws in Illinois

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – By now, almost everyone in Illinois has heard that Jan. 1 will mark the beginning of a significant change in the state’s criminal justice system – the elimination of cash bail.

It’s an issue that dominated the 2022 campaigns and has been both praised and criticized on editorial pages in newspapers across the state. It essentially means that starting Jan. 1, the decision as to whether a criminal suspect should be held in jail while awaiting trial will be based on public safety and the likelihood the suspect will flee rather than their financial ability to post bond.

And while that criminal justice reform has received widespread attention, it is by no means the only new law that will take effect when the calendar turns over to 2023.

For most people who work a minimum wage job, the new year will bring a pay raise to \$13 per hour, a \$1 increase over the current wage. That’s the result of a law Gov. JB Pritzker signed in 2019, his first major legislative

victory after being sworn into office a month earlier. The law will eventually raise the wage to \$15 an hour on Jan. 1, 2025.

The new \$13 hourly rate does not apply to all minimum wage earners. People who receive tips at work will see their base wage rise to \$7.80 an hour. And people younger than 18 who work fewer than 650 hours per year will see their wage go up to \$10.50 an hour.

The higher wage will probably come as welcome news for those who drive a car to and from work. That’s because the new year will also bring higher motor fuel taxes.

The same year Pritzker signed the minimum wage bill, he also signed a multi-year, \$45 billion transportation and capital improvements bill known as “Rebuild Illinois,” which is funded in part with higher motor fuel taxes that are scheduled to increase with



inflation each year.

The adjustment in the tax rate is supposed to take effect on July 1 of each year, the first day of the state’s fiscal year. But last spring, in the face of rising inflation and healthy state revenues, lawmakers authorized a six-month delay in the scheduled increase, putting it off until Jan. 1.

As a result, starting Jan. 1, the motor fuel tax people pay at the pump will go up 3.1 cents per gallon, and then it will increase again when the next regular adjustment date comes around on July 1, 2023.

Criminal law

Several new criminal laws will go into effect Jan. 1, including three that deal with sex offenses.

One of those prevents people who solicit sex from a minor or a person with a severe or profound intellectual disability from asserting a defense that they simply did not know the person was underage or intellectually disabled. House Bill 4593, signed into law May 27, puts the burden of proof on the defendant that they did not know the age or

disability status of the other person, rather than the other way around.

Another new law changes the definition of when a person is “unable to give knowing consent.” Under current law, a person cannot give knowing consent when the accused person “administers any intoxicating or anesthetic substance or any controlled substance” that causes the victim to lose consciousness of the nature of the act.

House Bill 5441, signed June 16, broadens that definition to include when the victim has taken any intoxicating or controlled substance causing them to lose consciousness of the nature of the act, even if the substances were administered by someone else.

Another bill expands certain employment restrictions that apply to convicted child sex offenders. Currently, they are prohibited from being employed by, or even being present at, child day care centers, schools that provide before- and after-school programs for

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Pastor Sandy Smith, Triumph United Methodist Church invites you to Christmas Eve candlelight service

TRIUMPH – The public is invited to join Pastor Sandy Smith and the congregation of the Triumph United Methodist Church for a traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24.

‘Lessons and Carols’ is the theme for this year’s program. This music-filled service will blend many familiar carols with scripture texts that relate to that particular carol.

The program is being held in the afternoon to benefit those persons that do not drive or have to travel to be with family later in the evening.

A free-will offering will be taken and all proceeds will benefit the Mendota Christian Food Pantry. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Front: Rose and Larry Leffelman
Back: Mary Reglin, Julie Burkardt, Lexi Willey, Chris Klein, Riley Klein, Karli Althaus, Lisa Quest

As the year ends, we at Leffelman & Associates have a tradition of reflecting on the past year in our Christmas Card to you. Looking back at our reflections from past years, things have changed a lot! For example, on our 2019 card, we began it with this sentence, “As the US prepares to enter its 125th month of economic expansion – the longest in history – and the American stock markets remain near all-time highs, the Midwest is fighting the elements.” Wow! Things look quite different than what they did 3 years ago! Our farmers have had one of the best crop years ever, but our economy is not so good, to put it mildly. To quote Anne Murray’s song, “We sure could use a little good news today!” As we’ve said before, we feel blessed to be in our little corner of the world where we all come together to support each other. Please continue to support local businesses so we can keep our little corner of the world alive and flourishing. Our product is financial security, and we are here to protect our customers. So, this Christmas Card goes out to you with heartfelt prayers from all of us, that you and your families will have a warm and wonderful Christmas and a new year filled with health and happiness.

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1st place: Daniel Ramirez, Age 8, Mendota



2nd place: Colton Mikulik, Age 10, Mendota



3rd place: Mia Rose Orozco, Age 9, Peru

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L.E.A.S.E. holding preschool screenings on Jan. 3

MENDOTA—L.E.A.S.E. will be holding free preschool screenings at First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St., Mendota, on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, the morning.

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

It is asked that only one parent/caregiver bring the child.

OSF receives award from Chartis Center

MENDOTA – As part of the National Rural Health Day celebration, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center has been recognized with a 2022 Performance Leadership Award for excellence in Patient Perspective. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, the Performance Leadership Awards honor top quartile performance, that is, in the 75th percentile or above among rural hospitals in Quality, Outcomes and Patient Perspective.

“We are extremely honored to receive this leadership award on behalf of our entire team,” said Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center. “We know how important excellent care is to patients from our rural communities, and this recognition is the result of the dedication, compassion and love displayed every day by our Mission Partners at OSF Saint Paul.”

The Performance Leadership Awards are based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX™, the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. INDEX data is trusted and relied upon by rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations and state offices of rural health across the country to measure and monitor performance across several areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

“Although the last two years have placed unprecedented pressure on the rural health safety net, the dedication to serving the community that we’re so accustomed to seeing from rural hospitals across the country hasn’t wavered,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. “Let us celebrate the power of rural on National Rural Health Day and honor the facilities working tirelessly to provide access to high quality healthcare services to their communities.”

OSF HealthCare is an integrated health system owned and operated by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, headquartered in Peoria, Illinois. OSF HealthCare employs nearly 24,000 Mission Partners in 150 locations, including 15 hospitals—ten acute care, five critical access – with 2,089 licensed beds, and two colleges of nursing throughout Illinois and Michigan. The OSF HealthCare physician network employs more than 1,500 primary care, specialist and advanced practice providers. OSF HealthCare, through OSF Home Care Services, operates an extensive network of home health and hospice services. It also owns Pointcore, Inc., comprised of health care-related businesses; OSF HealthCare Foundation, the philanthropic arm for the organization.



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LOCAL AND AREA



Lincoln REACH award - November

Lincoln School's November REACH award recipients have been named. Front row, left to right, are Robert Bailey, Liam Christman, Maggie Bloomfield, Grace Piskie, and Jessica Rivera. Middle row, Aiden Moreno, Nikki Figueroa, Noah Kennicott-Klomp, Jessie Carr, and Miguel Valencia. Back row, Michelle Montes, Eliza Celis, Jaxson Villegas, Cruz Arteaga, Olivia Jomant, and Isabella Silva. (Photo contributed)

Kishwaukee College offering seven short-term training programs in Spring 2023

MALTA—The Kishwaukee College Continuing Education department is offering seven short-term training programs during the Spring 2023 semester. Short-term programs at Kish are designed to provide students with the skills and training needed to meet local workforce demands. The programs range from 11 to 20 weeks and allow students to immediately start a career or build upon their skills with additional training.

Spring 2023 classes will be offered in online, in-person and hybrid formats. Participants will need access to a computer and the internet to participate in programs with an online component. Some programs include an externship/clinical. The short-term training

programs offered in Spring 2023 are:

- Dental Assistant: January 15-April 15 (Online Lecture/In-Person Practice)

Dental assistants are skilled health care professionals who work closely with dentists and dental hygienists to provide quality preventive and corrective dental care and administrative support in dental offices. In-person practice will be conducted from 6-9 pm on Tuesdays in a local dental office.

- Pharmacy Technician: January 15-April 29 (Online)

Pharmacy technicians assist pharmacists with dispensing prescription medication while performing various other duties in a pharmacy setting. Workforce Innovation and

Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Pipeline for the Advancement of the Health Care Workforce Program (PATH) grant funding is available to those who qualify.

- Phlebotomy Technician: (In-Person)

January 23-April 14 (morning session)

March 27-June 16 (night session)

Phlebotomists are skilled health care professionals trained to collect, transport, handle and process blood and other specimens for laboratory analysis using venipuncture and micro-collection techniques. Instruction and in-person practice will be conducted on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (9:30 am-noon or 6-8:30 pm) at Kishwaukee College. PATH

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

The Blackstone music program was held on Dec. 12 at Northbrook School. Mrs. Kieffer, Miss Fairchild (student teacher) and our students did a fantastic job preparing for this program. Thank you to all of the students, parents and families that came to watch. We had a packed house! The students did a beautiful job singing and we appreciate all Mrs. Kieffer, Miss Fairchild and the teachers did to put on this show. Thank you also to the parent volunteers who helped and to Northbrook School for allowing us to use their gym and to their staff and students that helped with set up and take down.

□□□ We enjoyed some holiday fun on our last couple of days before winter break. Students enjoyed fun holiday games and activities in their classrooms along with a movie/pop-

corn party. It was pajama day so that was fun for the students too. For lunch, the whole school enjoyed Rosati's pizza and they frosted cookies for dessert. It was definitely a fun way to celebrate the holidays and kick off winter break.

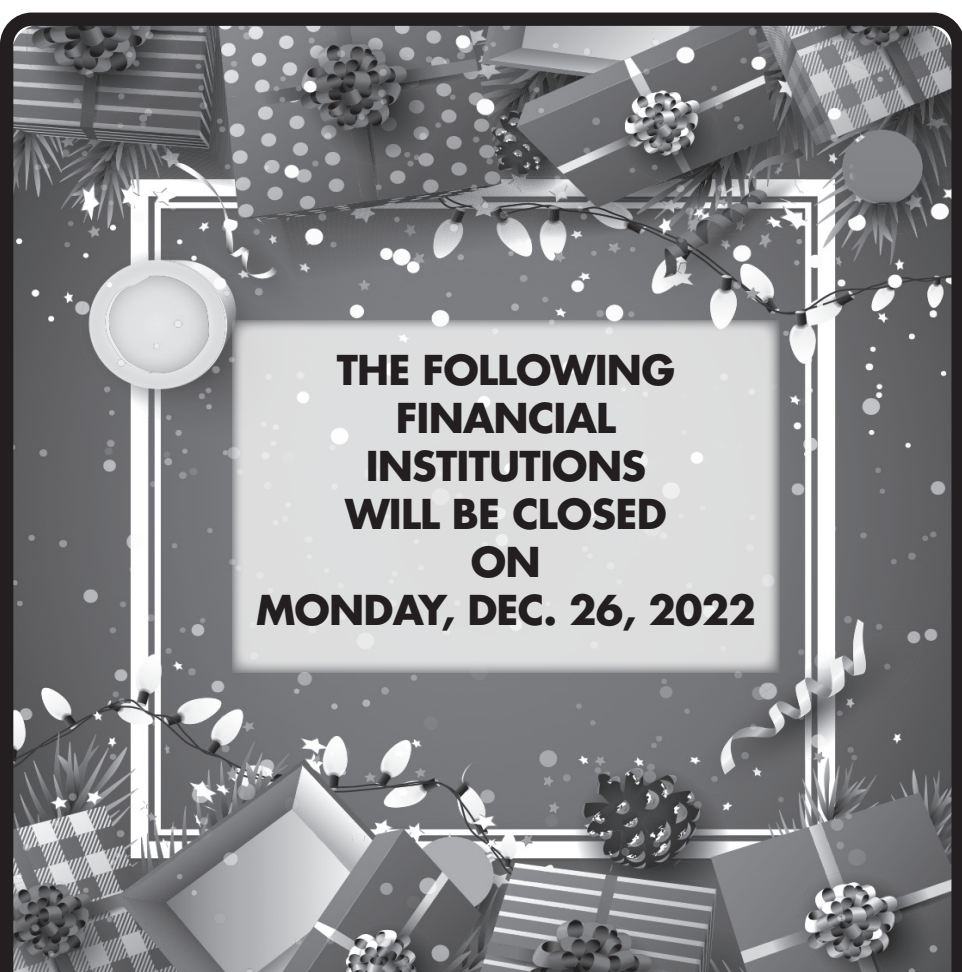
□□□ The students nominated for the principal award this past week were Ja'Nahla Moss, Ailani Pedro, Clara Sanchez, Micheal Lemus, Quincy Ryan, Jaxson Donnelly, Lane Brewer and Tanya Munoz. The winners were Bella Holley, Jonah Carreon, Ximena Salinas and Cian Gaspar. Congratulations to all of you!

□□□ Mrs. Quintana and Mrs. Tillman's students recently spread kindness to others. Their students made cards and placemats for the residents at the nursing home. In addition, they donated crossword

puzzles, pens and some snacks. Thank you for your kind donations to the nursing home. We are sure they will put a smile on the faces of the residents.

□□□ The December KIND KIDS were recognized before winter break. The students chosen this month were Leila Wallace, Maddux Becker, Cameron Brown, Sofia Ascensio, Maggie Larson, Abby Ocampo, Damien Arteaga, Lylah Cervantes-Escatel, Delaila Casas, Kingston Escatel, Mateo Gonzalez and Shandi Matura. We are so proud of the extraordinary kindness these students have shown.

□□□ Winter break will be Dec. 19-Jan. 3. Teachers will return on Tuesday, Jan. 3 for a teacher institute. Students will return on Wednesday, Jan. 4. Happy Holidays!



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Social Security benefits will increase in 2023

By Mike Weill

PERU—Approximately 70 million Americans will see an 8.7% increase in their Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments in 2023. On average, Social Security benefits will increase by more than \$140 per month starting in January.

Federal benefit rates increase when the cost-of-living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI-W). The CPI-W rises when inflation increases, leading to a higher cost-of-living. This change means prices for goods and services, on average, are higher. The cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) helps to offset these costs.

We will mail COLA notices throughout the month of December to retirement, survivors, and disability beneficiaries, SSI recipients, and representative payees. But if you want to know your new benefit amount sooner, you can securely obtain your Social Security COLA notice online using the Message Center in your personal my Social Security account. You can access this information in early December, prior to receiving the mailed notice. Since you will receive the COLA notice online or in the mail, you don't need to contact us to get your new benefit amount.

If you prefer to access your COLA notice online and not receive the mailed notice, you can log in to your personal my Social Security account to opt out by changing your Preferences in the Message Center. You can update your preferences to opt out of the mailed COLA notice, and any other



notices that are available online. Did you know you can receive a text or email alert when there is a new message waiting for you? That way, you always know when we have something important for you – like your COLA notice.

"Medicare premiums are going down and Social Security benefits are going up in 2023, which will give seniors more peace of mind and breathing room. This year's substantial Social Security cost-of-living adjustment is the first time in over a decade that Medicare premiums are not rising and shows that we can provide more support to older Americans who count on the benefits they have earned," Acting Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi said.

January 2023 marks when other changes will happen based on the increase in the national average wage index. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll tax in 2023 will be higher. The retirement earnings test exempt amount will also change in 2023.

Be among the first to know. Sign up for or log in to your personal my Social Security account today. Choose email or text under "Message Center Preferences" to receive courtesy notifications.

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

Jean M. Ritola

SUBLETTE – Jean M. Ritola, 92, of Woodhaven Lakes Sublette, formerly of Dolton, died suddenly Monday, Dec. 12, 2022.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette, Rev. Randy Fronek officiating. Visitation was at the Church on Monday from 9 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements by the Wasmer Funeral Home in Mendota. Burial will be at a later date in Assumption Cemetery in Glenwood.

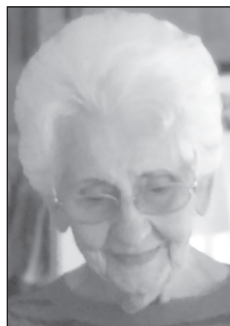
Jean was born June 20, 1930, in Chicago. She was the devoted daughter of John and Mary (Rakausky) Antanaitis, and step-daughter of Marie (Sweeney) Antanaitis. Jean married the love of her life, the late Raymond Ritola, on Dec. 4, 1948, in Chicago following a three-month courtship.

Jean is survived by her children, Philip (Cynthia) Ritola of Cheshire, Conn., Carl (Gail) Ritola of Rolling Prairie, Ind., Mary Lynn Valentin of Sublette, Susan (Paul) Novosel of Crete; grandchildren Erin (Andrew Aversa) Ritola, Sara (William) Foley, Raymond Ritola, Matthew Novosel and Alexander (Brianna) Ritola; great-grandchildren; Auriana and Killian.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, her son Michael, brothers John and Philip Antanaitis.

Jean was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Jean was an active church member. Pre-Covid, Jean volunteered in the church office where she "went to work" three days a week.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: <https://www.stjude.org> as this charity Jean held dear to her heart.



Halcyon M. Faber

LaMOILLE—Halcyon "Sue" Maria (DeVore) Faber, 96, of LaMoille, passed away Monday, Dec. 12, 2022 at Heritage Health, Walnut.

Private family only services were on Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Burial followed in Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota, handled arrangements.

Sue was born June 14, 1926 in Princeton to James and Emma (Veverka) DeVore. She married Glade R. Faber on September 22, 1946 in Princeton.

She is survived by her two daughters, Beverly Faber of Princeton and Ellen (Bill) Stouffer of LaMoille; two sons, Dr. Martin (Linda) Faber and Dr. Arnold (Anne) Faber, both of Princeton; 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1977, two sons, James Faber and Stuart Faber, and two brothers, Robert DeVore and Lawrence DeVore.

She graduated from Princeton High School and attended the University of Illinois. She was a member of Community United Methodist Church and Home Extension. She raised her family on the farm and she enjoyed gardening, flowers, baking, sewing, cross stitch, traveling, her pets and spending time with her grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the Community United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Robert E. Galloway

KEOSAUQUA, Iowa – Robert "Bob" Edward Galloway, 94, of Keosauqua, Iowa, died on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022 at his home with his wife of nearly 34 years by his side.

Visitation was at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, at Pedrick Funeral Home, Keosauqua, with family present from 5-7 p.m. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, at Pedrick Funeral Home in Keosauqua with Rev. Chris Brauns and Pastor Mark Caston officiating. Burial was in Forbes Cemetery North of Keosauqua with military honors by Beer-Barker Post No. 113 American Legion.

Bob was born in Mendota on July 25, 1928, to Carl and Marie Biers Galloway. Bob married Jacqueline Foushee on Jan. 3, 1959 and with her raised three children. They later divorced. He married Sharon McElhinney Brauns on Jan. 6, 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; his sister, Marge of Grayslake; his children, Stanley (Magaly) Bouslog of Friendswood, Texas, Angela Galloway Kettman of Quincy, and Gregory (Gina Maolucci) Galloway of West Cornwall, Conn.; his grandchildren, Miguel Herrera, Trevor Kettman, Yosi, Jared, and Zachary Bouslog; is step-children, Shelley (Mark) Carter, Chris (Jamie) Brauns, MaryDawn (Richard Kotite) Schuck, Danny (Angie) Brauns, Rusty Brauns, and Erin (Chad) Foerch; 19 step-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and numerous friends from coast to coast.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Rebecca Marie, his parents, and six brothers, Francis, Jim, Paul, Kenny, Jack, and Carl Jr.

He attended Holy Cross Elementary School and Mendota Township High School before leaving to join the US Navy Reserves at 17 years of age, serving in the final months of World War II. After the war, he returned to Mendota to finish his high school education, graduating in 1946. He went on to attend Western Illinois University in Macomb, lettering in football his freshman year. Bob was drafted back into military service in 1951, serving an additional 30 months on a troop transport ship during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1953.

As a young man, Bob held many different jobs including working on a railroad gang, at a cement factory, inspecting peas for Del Monte, washing dishes at a sorority house, and tending bar. Bob worked for 26 years as a probation officer in southeast Iowa, organizing the first juvenile probation department in Lee County in 1965. He was appointed chief probation officer for Lee, Henry, Louisa, and Des Moines counties in 1969. After the state took over all county offices in 1985, he was appointed Juvenile Court Services Officer III. He established the first group home for delinquent boys in Lee County at Ft. Madison in 1972, later known as the Nancy Hunt Memorial Home for Boys. Five years later, he was instrumental in forming a group home for delinquent girls in Keokuk, the Helen Ellis Home. The job he loved most was teaching. He taught in Tiskalwa, Burlington, Iowa, the prison in Ft. Madison, Iowa, Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., and finished his teaching career at the age of 87 at Van Buren County High School in Keosauqua, Iowa. He continued to substitute teach until he was 90 years old. His passion for helping children outweighed all other aspects of his life. His impact on his students was so great that many maintained contact with him throughout the years, often reminding him that he had changed their lives. He taught them the importance of words, told them that they were smart, and believed in them. Recently a student from over 60 years ago, dedicated his forthcoming memoir to his mentor and friend, Bob Galloway.

Bob enjoyed bass and trout fishing, was an avid reader, writer, and lifelong learner, continuing to take classes long after completing his master's degree in British Literature from WIU.

Bob was elected to and served on several boards and organizations, including the Keokuk City Council, Keokuk Public Library Board, Limited Resources Council, Keokuk Fine Arts Council, Keokuk Area Chamber of Commerce, Keokuk Rotary Club, Lee County Youth Services, Learning Disabilities Association of Iowa (LDA-I), and Van Buren Historical Society.

Bob was baptized and brought up in the Catholic Church. As an adult, he received believer's baptism at First Baptist Church in Keokuk, Iowa, and most recently attended services at the Bonaparte Baptist Church. Although he had placed his faith in his savior Jesus Christ at the time of his baptism, he grew steadily and his faith deepened for the remainder of his life. Because of this, he faced death without fear. (Hebrews 2:14-16)

Bob felt strongly that flowers were unnecessary and only wished for contributions to benefit children. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bob Galloway Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit students at Van Buren County High School, Culver-Stockton College or St. Jude Children's Hospital in Bob's name may be sent to the home at 16677 Hwy 1, Keosauqua, IA 52565.



IVCC seeks public input on nursing program

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's nursing department will host a site visit for continuing accreditation of its Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

The public is invited to meet with the site visit team and share comments about IVCC's ADN program in-person at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in Room C316 at the college at

815 N. Orlando Smith Road, Oglesby.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted to: Dr. Marsal Stoll, Chief Executive Officer, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3390 Peachtree Road Northeast, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326. Or email comments to Dr. Stoll at mstoll@acenursing.org. All comments should be received by the ACEN by Jan. 24.

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Roof of dock at Lake Mendota
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Mendota snowmobile routes

MENDOTA – For those individuals who are operating snowmobiles throughout the city of Mendota, please obey all traffic laws and show respect for private and public property. Remember, routes are in the curb edge of the roadway only, not the shoulder, through yards or on sidewalks. Those found in violation will be subject to any and all applicable fines, including restitution for any damage done.

Designated snowmobile routes are as follows:

- Cherry Street from First Avenue west to Seventh Avenue
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- Alley between Seventh and Sixth avenues north to Seventh Street

- Seventh Street to Front Street
- Front Street north from Seventh to Eighth streets
- Eighth Street west crossing BNSF railroad tracks
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- Lincoln Avenue from 15th Street south to 12th Street
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- Second Street from 12th Avenue west to 14th Avenue
- 14th Avenue from Second Street south to Division Street
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Drive merry, bright and sober this holiday season

SPRINGFIELD — With the holidays in full swing, Illinois Conservation Police officers are partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation to remind motorists about the dangers of impaired driving.

From Dec. 16 through Jan. 2, law enforcement across Illinois will step up enforcement efforts with a high-visibility “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Drive High, Get a DUI” traffic safety campaign.

“We want everyone in our communities to enjoy the holidays without worrying about the dangers of impaired drivers,” said Illinois Conservation Police Lt. Curt Lewis. “During the campaign, you can expect to see extra safety patrols. We will show zero tolerance for alcohol- and drug-impaired driving to help ensure everyone makes it to and from their holiday festivities safely.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) Fatality Analysis Reporting System, 11,654 people

were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving an alcohol-impaired driver in 2020. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2016 to 2020, with one person killed in an alcohol-related crash every 45 minutes in 2020.

Before the holiday fun begins, make a plan for a sober ride home and remember these tips.

- Designate a sober driver or make a plan to use public transportation or a ride-sharing service to get home safely.

- If available, use your community’s sober ride.

- If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and contact 911.

- Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely. They’ll thank you later.

- Always buckle up!

The holiday enforcement campaign is administered by IDOT with federal highway safety funds managed by NHTSA.

Social Security Admin. launches redesigned website at SSA.gov

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Visitors to SSA.gov will experience a fresh homepage and a new design to help them find what they need more easily.

“SSA.gov is visited by over 180 million people per year and it is one of our most important tools for providing efficient and equitable access to service,” said Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. “Whether providing service in person or online, our goal is to help people understand what they may qualify for and seamlessly transition them to an application process.” Improved self-service capability allows people to skip calling or visiting an office, which helps Social Security staff focus on those visitors who need in-person assistance.

Part of ongoing efforts to improve how the public can do business with the agency, the redesign is intended to provide a clear path to the tasks customers need to accomplish. Many of the most visited sections of SSA.gov are now live with a more user-friendly and task-based approach. New pages and improvements based on public feedback will continue to be unveiled in the coming months.

Visitors to SSA.gov can use interactive tools to:

- Check eligibility for benefits

The new benefit eligibility screener is a convenient and simple way for people to learn if they might be eligible for benefits.

- Save time on Social Security Number (SSN) and card online services

If a person loses their SSN card, they may not need a replacement. In most cases, simply knowing their SSN is enough. If a person does need a replacement card, they may be able to request it online by visiting www.ssa.gov/ssnumber. Individuals can also start an application for an updated card or request an SSN for the first time. People may never need to visit an office and, if they do need to visit an office to complete the application, they will save a lot of time by starting online.

- Start an application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

People can start the application process online and request an appointment to apply for SSI benefits by answering a few questions at www.ssa.gov/benefits/ssi/.

- Apply for Social Se-

curity benefits and other online services

For most benefits, people can apply online or start an application online. In many cases, there are no forms to sign. The agency will review the application and reach out with questions or for more information. Visit www.ssa.gov/onlineservices to apply for retirement, disability, or Medicare.

Many Social Security services do not require the public to take time to visit an office. Using a my Social Security account, a personalized online service, people can start or change direct deposit, or request a replacement SSA-1099. For individuals already receiving Social Security benefits, they can print or download a current Benefit Verification Letter if they need proof of their benefits.

People not yet receiving benefits can use their online account to get a personalized Social Security Statement, which provides their earnings information as well as estimates of their future benefits. The portal also includes a retirement calculator and links to information about other online services. The agency encourages people without a my Social Security account to create one today at www.ssa.gov/myaccount/.

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children or any facility that provides programs or services exclusively for people under age 18.

Senate Bill 3019, signed May 27, expands that to prohibit convicted child sex offenders from working at carnivals, amusement enterprises, county fairs and the State Fair when people under age 18 are present.

Another new law expands the list of professionals who are required to report suspicions of child abuse or neglect. Starting Jan. 1, under Senate Bill 3833, signed May 13, occupational therapists and assistants, physical therapists and assistants, and athletic trainers will be added to that list.

Carjacking

Three new laws taking effect Jan. 1 are intended to address a spike in carjackings around the state. All were signed on May 26.

House Bill 601 expands the crime of possession of burglary tools to include possession, with the intention to enter and steal a vehicle, of devices to unlock or start a vehicle without the key to that vehicle, or devices that capture or duplicate a signal from a key fob to unlock or start the vehicle.

House Bill 3699 expands an existing state council charged with providing grants and financial support to law enforcement agencies to aid in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting carjackers and recover stolen vehicles.

And House Bill 3772 ensures that victims of carjackings are not liable for costs and fines associated with impounding a vehicle that was stolen or hijacked, provided the owner files a police report in a timely manner.

Education

To address a shortage of substitute teachers throughout the state, House Bill 4798, signed April 27, allows students enrolled in approved teacher training programs who have earned at least 90 credit hours to obtain a substitute teaching license. Before, applicants had to hold a bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education.

House Bill 4716, signed May 27, calls on the Illinois State Board of Education to adopt “rigorous learning standards” for classroom and laboratory phases of driver education programs for novice teen drivers. Those will include, at a minimum, the Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards developed by the Association of National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education in association with the National Highway Transportation

Laws

Safety Administration.

Higher education

In an effort to get more people to pursue careers in human services, Senate Bill 3925, signed June 10, establishes a student loan repayment program. Subject to appropriations, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will award loan repayment grants to qualified individuals with an associate degree or higher who works for a human services agency that contracts with or is grant-funded by a state agency that provides “direct or indirect services that ensure that individuals have essential elements to build and maintain physical, emotional, and economic well-being at every phase of life.”

Awards can be made for a maximum of four years. Maximum amounts are \$3,000 per year for someone with an associate degree, \$15,000 per year for a person with a bachelor’s degree and \$25,000 per year for a person with a master’s degree or higher, with a \$5,000 per year add-on if the applicant holds certain professional licenses.

Meanwhile, students currently enrolled in any program at a public university or community college will have access to trained

individuals who can help them apply for federal, state or local assistance based on their financial need. House Bill 4201, signed June 7, requires those institutions to designate a “benefits navigator” to help students identify and determine their eligibility for various benefit programs.

Alzheimer’s care

Senate Bill 3707, signed May 27, requires all employees and people who work for agencies that contract with the Illinois Department on Aging who provide direct services to individuals participating in its Community Care Program to receive at least two hours of training in Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, as well as safety risks, communication and behavior associated with the disease.

Hunting

Starting Jan. 1, deer hunters in Illinois will have a new option for the type of firearm they use. House Bill 4386, signed May 27, authorizes the use of single-shot centerfire rifles — guns that can fire only a single round of ammunition that contains primer in the center of the cartridge and not in the rim of the cartridge. Before, only shotguns, handguns and muzzleloading rifles were allowed.

State symbols

Illinois will have two new official state symbols effective Jan. 1. House Bill 4821 establishes the eastern milksnake as the official state snake. That was an initiative of Gentry Heiple, a snake enthusiast and Carterville Junior High School seventh grader. And House Bill 4261 establishes dolostone as the official state rock. That was an initiative of a group of students from Pleasantdale Middle School and Maplebrook Elementary School.

Vehicles

People who own vehicles that were manufactured in Illinois will be able to apply for a slight break on their registration fees starting Jan. 1. Senate Bill 3609 allows those drivers to apply for a one-time \$25 rebate, “if the vehicle is manufactured in this state and the application for title is made no more than one year after the month in which the vehicle was manufactured.”

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It's never the wrong time to do the right thing

By Scott Reeder

When I read the Christmas story, I always wonder: How was it that Mary came to give birth in a barn?

The Gospels say simply: "There was no room in the inn."

But could it be that the real reason was there wasn't enough room in people's hearts?

Ever since I was a boy participating in church Christmas pageants, I've wondered why didn't someone just say, "Hey, Mary and Joseph, just stay at our house?"

After all, what kind of person would refuse to help a woman in labor?

I found out the answer to that question when I was a young man working in Iowa.

I had just taken a job with a newspaper and the staff was excited to soon be moving into a new building. One cold December night, a desperate woman called the newsroom. She was in labor, and in that era before cell phones, she couldn't get ahold of her husband who was working construction in the building we were moving into.

It was past midnight and she wanted to know if we could reach him. I told my boss that I was caught up with my work and could deliver the three blocks to the construction site to get him.

The night city editor gave me a look of complete contempt. He ordered me to tell her we couldn't help. She was on her own.

At that point in my career, I'd worked at that newspaper for all of six weeks. No sooner had I taken the job than I was frightened that I would lose it.

I must have given him a look of dismay because he responded by shouting, "It's not our problem!"

My millennial friends like to talk about "trigger words" that resurrect past traumas. I'll be honest, I've long thought that was New Age nonsense. But whenever I hear the words, "It's not our problem," I'm triggered with indignation.

I wish I'd had the moral courage to stand up to that editor. But to my shame, I didn't.

I knew what the right thing to do was. I should have helped. I should have defied my boss and walked out of the newsroom and told that husband that his wife needed him.

Instead, I picked up the phone and told the woman I just couldn't help her.

Thirty-three years have passed since I made that statement. I'm still ashamed.

That night, I sat at my desk until 1 a.m. knowing I had betrayed not only my own values, but those in which I had been reared. I grew up in a home where I never heard the phrase, "It's not our problem."

The most offensive part of that statement is "our." It identifies a person with a group, a clan, a race, an employer — that sets itself apart from others. The inference in the statement is if the person was part of "our" group, they'd deserve help. But otherwise, "It's not 'our' problem."

The Bible story about the Good Samaritan isn't just about helping others, it's about reaching across racial, cultural and economic boundaries to aid those from groups other than our own.

Today, I carry two gallons of gasoline, a jack and a host of tools in the back of my pickup to assist stranded motorists.

Sometimes I'm able to help change a tire or give someone enough gas to make it to a service station. One time, I just sat with a young man while his car was engulfed in flames alongside Interstate 55. I couldn't help him much, but at least he knew someone cared.

When I think back 33 years to that woman whom I didn't help, I'm haunted by my inaction. A sin of omission is as bad as one of commission.

Early on, my parents taught my siblings and me that we are our brother and sister's keeper.

I remember when I was a teenager, my dad was driving through a rough neighborhood in my hometown of Galesburg. He saw an older woman lying on a sidewalk. Cars were buzzing by her prone form. He stopped and found she had fallen and broken her hip.

He took five pairs of clean coveralls from his truck and created pillows for her to be comfortable and had someone call an ambulance. He stayed with her until the paramedics carried her — and the coveralls — away.

Helping others means making sacrifices and getting your hands dirty.

It would be easy for me to just shrug and say, "I was just following orders." That's the banality of evil. Hitler's henchmen pled that at Nuremberg. King Herod's soldiers could have made such a claim as they killed the male babies of Bethlehem.

Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "It's never the wrong time to do the right thing." He was right of course. And he certainly paid a price for doing the right thing.

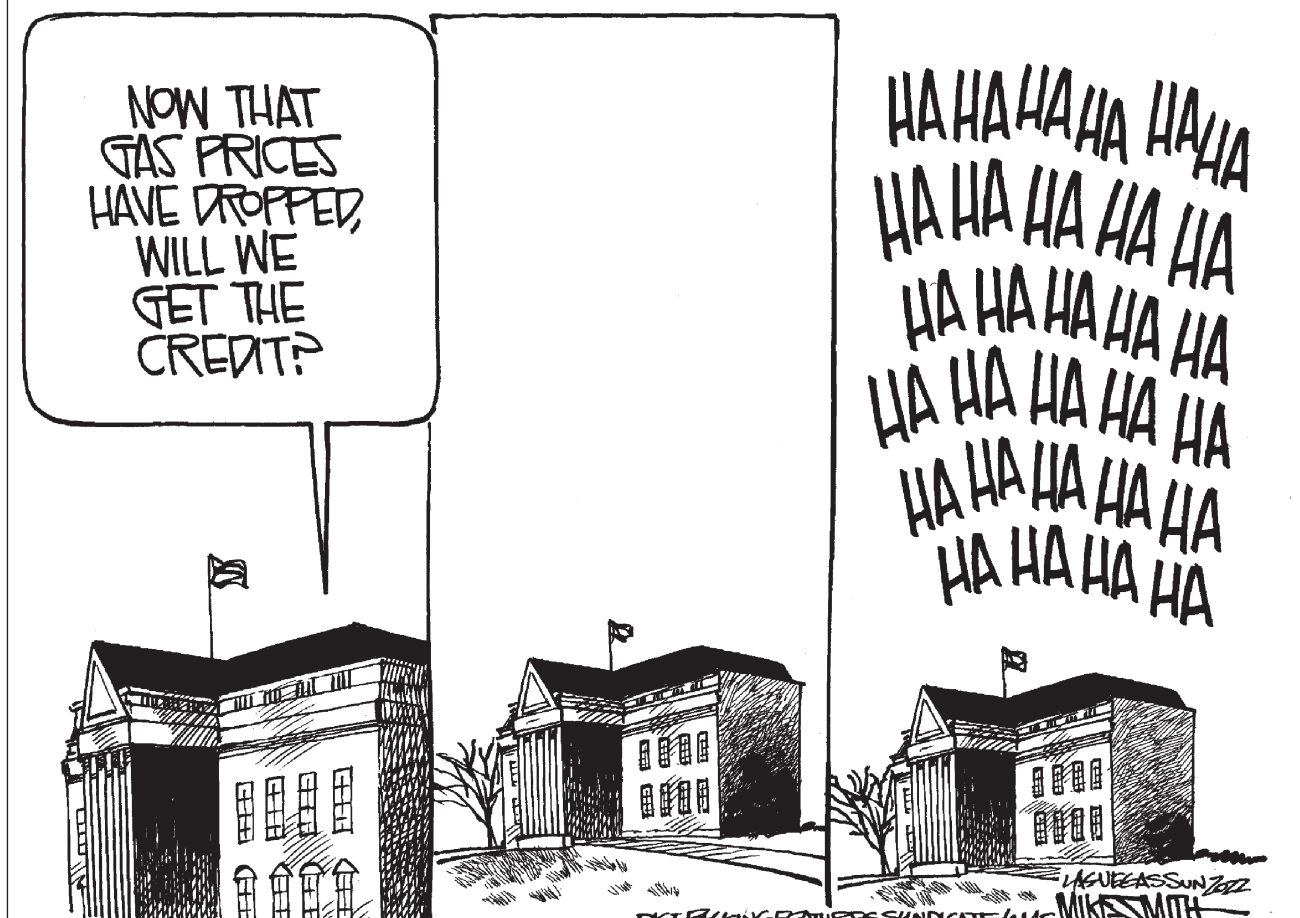
While we may disagree on how best to help someone, we should never delude ourselves that we don't have such an obligation.

Sometimes we have to say "No" to those in authority and pay the price. I should have done that decades ago, but I didn't.

How did things end for that woman in labor? I have no idea. That's what happens when you look away. You don't see how the story ends. As for the editor who said, "It's not our problem," he was out of journalism within a year.

So why do I mention this today? Those who don't learn from their past are condemned to repeat it. I don't want my children to grow up to ever hear me say, "It's not 'our' problem."

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



Federal raids rate Extra – 1932

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Dec. 23, 1992.)

By Jessica Nashold

At three o'clock in the afternoon, on Dec. 22, 1932, seven autos swept into Mendota, carrying Federal prohibition officers.

The men scattered here and there in the business and residential district and their system was such that before the owners were aware of what was going on they were arrested and liquor was being emptied.

This was a Thursday, and The Mendota Reporter for Dec. 22 was already in circulation. But with a few hours, information on the raids had been collected and a rare Extra edition appeared Friday morning with a banner head:

FEDERAL AGENTS RAID MENDOTA

A number of small news items on the front page of the regular edition were removed to make room for a double column account of the raids.

It was learned that two agents had been in Mendota on Dec. 7 and had made "buys" at that time, then obtained warrants to conduct the raids.

The fellows had crowbars with them so they were able to force their way through a door if refused entrance.

It was alleged that Mendota had "80 or more" soft drink parlors, many of them equipped to serve something stronger. Only five raids were completed that afternoon.

At Earl Houk's, Elmer Becket was "minding the store," as Mr. Houk had not yet returned from lunch. When the officers arrived, he telephoned to Houk, who hurried down. Both were taken to Ottawa, but since Becket was not an employee, he was not held.

At the Harold Scharlein residence in the third ward, 1,800 bottles of beer were destroyed. The large supply was on hand in anticipation of Christmas trade.

There was no drain in the basement and the beer remained there, being several inches deep,

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possibly more.

On South Main Street, Minor Pry thought the agents were hold-up men and "showed fight."

He was struck in the jaw by one of the officers, who then showed a gun and gave out the information it was a raid and they were Federal men.

At Pry's establishment, the officers uncapped a thousand bottles of beer, but did not empty them. "The uncapping allowed the gas to escape and thus ruin the beer."

Liquor was found at the Herbert Brothers place of business and at the Francis Lunch Room.

The officers prodded holes in cans containing alcohol. The smell of alcohol permeated the atmosphere so that in adjoining stores the odor was very noticeable.

By this time, several places had been warned and the agents did not find "any evidence" at Art Boisdorf's or Michael Smith's lunch rooms.

The Reporter learned that bonds of \$1,000 or \$500 had been put up by the men taken into custody.

At the time of these raids, Franklin D. Roosevelt was president-elect and by December 1933, a year later, the Eighteenth Amendment had been repealed.

The Colonial Inn at the southeast corner of Washington Street and 13th Avenue was the target for an unusual robbery. Proprietor Kenneth Tidd, Minnie Meisel, a waitress, and J.A. Eckert a customer, were preparing to leave the premises at 11 p.m. when two men entered and ordered them to "stay where they were."

One had a large black revolver. They did not wear masks and

were young men, probably 25 or 30 years of age. The revolver was pointed at the floor.

One man carried out a small slot machine, then another, and placed them in the rear of a Ford Tudor sedan, after which they drove away. Mr. Tidd said there would not be much money in the machines, which were later found along the road south of the fairgrounds.

An unusual aspect of the incident was the fact that two well-lighted oil stations were open for business with people around, but the robbery was not observed.

The athletic department at MHS sponsored a performance of "Cotton Blossom Land," a musical directed by Todd Watson and Dave Reese. Leading roles were played by Margaret Riegel, Edward Meyers and Paul Kerns. High school girls manned the chorus lines. There were 20 musical numbers and the chorus for "Underneath a Harlem Moon" responded to five encores.

The Reporter collected food for delivery to needy families. Ray Possley, manager of the Mendota Milk Products Co., which had opened six months previously, contributed a 30-pound cheese. Rev. Father Wissing donated several sacks of oranges.

Farmers can assist by bringing in potatoes, apples, jelly, canned goods or possibly a chicken or piece of pork.

The food was stored in The Reporter basement where 37 baskets were filled and delivered on Christmas Eve.

Delivering the baskets was not an easy task in the mud and misty rain.

One of the men making deliveries said he had not realized that such dire need existed. He had seen homes with little children sitting around a stove with nothing to eat in sight. The Reporter especially appreciated help in delivering by Frank W. Schmitt.

If he had not done so, the work would not have been completed that night.

Elon Musk is the nation's foremost culture warrior

By Rich Lowry

Elon Musk, who has never called himself a conservative, is now the nation's foremost culture warrior.

That he's achieved this status without espousing anything remotely like social conservatism illustrates how important a set of hothouse progressive pieties have become to the nation's political debate.

We've come a long way from the days of Pat Buchanan or Pat Robertson.

Simply by refusing to play by the rules that so many in corporate America accept without hesitation, Musk has made himself Public Enemy No. 1, a figure of fear and loathing that his critics desperately want to fail and the more humiliatingly so, the better.

Not that Musk is shy. He has taken over Donald Trump's championship belt as the troll who most dominates the consciousness of the country's journalistic elite. His puckish tweet the other day tweaked both the fashionable practice of declaring your pronouns and the secular saint Dr. Anthony Fauci: "My pronouns are Prosecute/Fauci."

This little 5-word haiku of provocation predictably created a storm of "How could he?" outrage.

The Atlantic responded with a piece arguing, as the headline put it, "Elon Musk Is a Far-Right Activist." The only thing the article lacked was a shred of evidence that Musk is either "far-right," or an "activist."

Yes, Musk said before the midterms that he'd vote Republican, but that doesn't make him far-right any more than voting for Democrats necessarily makes someone far-left. News flash: About half the country votes for Republicans.

And he's obviously doing everything he can to garner attention for Twitter as he tries to make it a sustainable business. That's marketing and showmanship, though, not political activism.

In releasing what he calls "The Twitter Files," exposing the decision-making of the company's prior management, Musk hasn't been working with conservatives. One of the writers, Matt Taibbi, is a progressive, while the other, Bari Weiss, is right of center, but by no means a right-winger.

What Taibbi and Weiss share, along with Musk, is an unwillingness to swallow the orthodoxies of the elite media and progressive establishment.

It is this posture that makes Musk an intolerable dissenter. Far right now means saying things that you aren't supposed to say -- not racist things or extreme things -- but things that have been deemed unsayable only recently. Several years ago, no one would have thought it was terrible offense to refuse to adopt the weird obsession with pronouns gaining traction at some liberal-arts colleges; now, it's practically a hate crime.

Musk is also a traitor to his class. The tech elite was supposed to be libertarian but in a left-aligned way, maintaining a belief in the profit motive but otherwise moving along in the slipstream of progressive culture.

Musk has refused to do it and is highlighting what is ultimately a clash of values. It's independent-thinking v. the herd mentality; free speech over and above an ideology of "safety"; a tough-minded focus on work and the bottom line in opposition to the priorities of an entitled woke workforce.

This is all playing out in the battle for the soul of Twitter, assuming it has one. The platform had become a progressive playpen. Woke writers and activists expected it to be run according to their worldview and by rules favorable to their interests -- for good reason.

Not anymore. The fearless, shoot-from-the-hip Musk is, like Trump before him, a barbarian at the gate and a heretic. His takeover of Twitter is like the Vikings sacking the famous English monastery of Wearmouth-Jarrow in the 8th century. Questioning Fauci is like the Albigenians challenging monothemism in the 13th century. Mocking pronouns is like questioning divine-right kingship in the age of absolute monarchies.

This is why the fight over Twitter, which is itself not that important --- "Twitter is not real life," as the cliché has it --- is so heated and bitter. It's ultimately over whether progressive ideology will maintain its default status in elite precincts of America, and whether a high-profile dissenter can survive and thrive.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Sublette residents to see water rate increase

By **TONJA GREENFIELD**
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SUBLETTE — The residents of the Village of Sublette will see their water rates increase beginning in 2023.

The Village of Sublette board met during its regular monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, at the Ellice Dinges Center. All members of the board were present.

In a previous meeting, the board had discussed raising the water rate from \$4.80 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.40 per 1,000 gallons. A motion was made for this increase. A question was raised on whether this increase was enough. Sublette Village President John Stenzel said if the board wanted to, they could do another increase next year, or even sometime again in 2023. All board members approved this increase, except for Sublette Village Trustee Larry Ellis,

who voted no because he thought the rate should be higher. This change will be effective as of Jan. 1, 2023.

In other board news:

- The board approved to keep the tax levy at the same amount as last year, \$15,363. It was mentioned that the levy amount has been the same for about the last 10 years.

- The Sublette Antique Tractor and Farm Toy Show event has been set for March 18-19, 2023.

- Ellis asked the board to purchase a new stove for the Ellice Dinges Center. He said he found a stove for the amount of \$599. Ellis made a motion to purchase the stove, but the motion failed due to a lack of a second to the motion. Other board members expressed that they would like to see this matter go to committee, and to get other prices to compare.

- The board agreed to implement the fee for each video gaming machine in the village for 2023. When COVID hit, the board suspended the fee for the video gaming machines. The current fee is \$25 per machine. Ellis expressed that he thought the fee should be raised. The fee is set in a village ordinance and the ordinance would have to be amended. Board members expressed keeping the fee the same for 2023, but looking at raising it for 2024.

- Three seats on the village board will be up for election in 2023. The petition filing dates were Dec 12-19. The seats up for election are currently held by Scott Hanson, Jeff Myers and MacKenzie Belan.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m., at the Ellice Dinges Center.

Card shower planned for L. Faber's 90th birthday

PRINCETON — Lois Buettner Faber will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Thursday, Dec. 29.

Those wanting to wish her a happy birthday may send cards to Lois Buettner Faber, Aperia Care, 515 S. Sixth St., Princeton, IL 61356.

Snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles are not allowed on MHS property

MENDOTA — Public notice from Mendota High School: Snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles are not allowed on any District 280 school property. Violators will be prosecuted.

MPD: Snowmobilers must stay on designated routes

MENDOTA — The Mendota Police Department would like to remind all snowmobile drivers to stay on the designated routes when traveling through the city.

The snowmobile routes are all clearly marked and are provided for riders to have a safe course of travel. Snowmobiles are prohibited in city

parks, especially near the lakes and dam area. Riding on private property is also prohibited unless permission is given by the property owner.

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Northbrook Students of the Month - October



Northbrook School 5th grade students of the month for October, left to right, are Carson Walzer, Hunter Piller, Albana Imeri. Not pictured: Isayanna Arreola, Jose Chavez.



Northbrook School 6th grade students of the month for October, left to right, are Christopher Salazar-Loera, Romeo Sanchez, Mallory Beck. Not pictured: Sergio Correa, Samantha Stremiau.



Northbrook School 7th grade students of the month for October, left to right, are Tomas Corrigan, Olivia Corrigan, Trinitie Thompson, Dalton Gallagher.



Northbrook School 8th grade students of the month for October, left to right, are Rashaad Mayfield, Javier Hernandez, Benoni Hernandez, Karson Sundberg, Karla Ascencio.

Illinois has website for statewide road conditions this winter

Bookmark GettingAroundIllinois.com

SPRINGFIELD – With cold weather settling in and the first major winter storm of the season potentially on its way, the Illinois Department of Transportation is reminding the public to visit and bookmark GettingAroundIllinois.com for continually updated information on road conditions. Weather can change quickly in Illinois, so whether you're driving a short distance or taking a longer trip, GettingAroundIllinois.com is an essential resource to keep you updated 24/7/365 on road conditions throughout the state all winter long.

"Our No. 1 priority is making sure roads are safe for the motoring public, but you should always prepare yourself before taking any trips," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "Completely clearing roads during and after a weather event can take some time and depends on a variety of factors. We will get the job done, but ask the public to please remain patient during winter weather and always check GettingAroundIllinois.com before driving anywhere for the most updated road conditions."

GettingAroundIllinois.com is available on your computer and optimized for smartphones. The site includes the ability to identify and zoom in on a location, travel route or destination on a state map. Road conditions are recorded by plow drivers out in the field and relayed to GettingAroundIllinois.com through a cloud-based system to provide a general overview on IDOT-maintained highways.

The road conditions map averages more than 2.5 million pageviews during snow-and-ice season, featuring a color scheme of pinks and blues to differentiate from the red, yellow and green of traffic congestion reporting, as well as to increase accessibility for those who have difficulty distinguishing colors.

Like others in the transportation industry, IDOT has seen the demand grow for workers with commercial driver's licenses. The department has positions open for temporary and permanent highway maintainers for snow removal this winter. For more information, visit idot.illinois.gov.

LaSalle County participating in FEMA Community Rating System

OTTAWA – LaSalle County continues to take part in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS). CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

LaSalle County currently has a rating of a class 8. With this class rating, homeowners with flood insurance in unincorporated LaSalle County

save approximately 10% on their flood insurance policy's annually.

To receive credit for one of the activities in the program, LaSalle County must review its flood mitigation strategies annually. This review was completed on Dec. 7, 2022, and the updated 2022 strategies, and other flood mitigation resources, are available for review at the following link: <https://lasallemountyil.gov/lasalle-county-flood-plain-information/>

Lincoln REACH award - December

Lincoln School's December REACH award recipients have been named. Front row, left to right, are Katrina Hilt, Brayden Wickstrom, Ajla Bugiyne, Cason Jordan, Daniel Ramirez and Layla Martinez. Middle row, Gabriela Diaz, Krew Knaff, Lillian Woodraska, Miles Gilkerson and Dana Falcon Santoyo. Back row, Alex Rivera, Daniela Arteaga, Naomi Arteaga, Madison Diaz and Khil Ford. (Photo contributed)



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2022 Christmas and Holy Day Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm St. Theresa
4:00 pm Holy Cross
5:30 pm Sts. Peter & Paul
5:45 pm Holy Cross
12:00 midnight Holy Cross

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

6:30 am Holy Cross
8:00 am St. Theresa
9:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul
11:00 am Holy Cross - Spanish

Sunday, January 1
6:30 am Holy Cross
8:00 am St. Theresa
9:00 am Sts. Peter & Paul

Saturday, December 31

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4:00 pm Holy Cross

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Christmas Church Services

THE BACK PAGE

CARDS OF THANKS

Thanks to all who joined in my birthday celebration and/or remembered me with

cards and greetings. God bless you all.

Mel Harth

POLICE BLOTTER

THEFT

Melony S. Carver, 67, of 1207 Pennsylvania Ave., Mendota, was charged with theft after police officers were dispatched to Subway at 1602 13th Ave., Mendota, at 12:14 p.m. Dec. 12. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

TWO CHARGES

Bethany R. Youssi, 22, of 500 Sixth Ave., Mendota, was charged with criminal trespass to a safe school zone and resisting arrest after police officers were

dispatched to a disturbance call in the 1300 block of Washington Street at 3:19 p.m. Dec. 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Jenna V. Clark, 27, of DeKalb, was arrested at 10:15 a.m. Dec. 16 on a valid DeKalb County warrant for failure to appear/traffic offense after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and East Fourth Road. The subject posted bond and was released with a DeKalb County court date.

Winter Weather Ordinances

MENDOTA – During winter weather conditions, the Mendota Police Department reminds residents to obey the following ordinances:

• Ordinance 41.38 – Parking After Snowfall

It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street in the city at any time after a snowfall of two inches or more has occurred, unless the snow has ceased and has been plowed off or otherwise removed from the street.

Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association found violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for each violation of this ordinance and may be subject to towing said vehicle away. The cost of said towing shall be the obligation and expense

of those violating this Section.

• Ordinance 6.21 – Depositing Snow in Streets

No person within the city shall remove any snow from his private property or from offstreet parking lots or right of way parking into any of the city streets or alleys. This Section does not apply to removal of snow from sidewalks. This Section is specifically directed to, but not limited to gasoline stations, medical and dental clinics, or any other business or corporation which has private parking on the property or in those areas where the berm of the city has been dedicated or given over for parking facilities.

The above ordinances are in place to assist the city of Mendota with snow removal from the city streets.

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For every \$10 spent in a participating business, you will receive one sticker. In order to qualify for the 12 Days of Giving prizes, you must turn in a full card and each card must have stickers from at least FIVE OF THE PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES.

Double Stickers will be handed out during the Mendota Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 3. Be sure to stop by the Mendota Chamber information booth downtown during the event for a special Mendota Chamber Shop Local Sticker.

Bring in your full cards to the Mendota Chamber Office at 800 Washington St., starting Nov. 21. You may also drop off your full card in the city's drop box on Illinois Avenue.

The 12 Days of Giving drawings will begin on Dec. 9 and be held every day, except Sundays, through Dec. 22. There will be 1 winner each day. The daily prizes will include merchandise and gift cards from our participating businesses.

On Dec. 22, the Chamber will draw for the grand prize. All daily winners will be added back into the Dec. 22 drawing. The Grand Prize will include merchandise and gift cards from our participating businesses.

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SPORTS

Soph boys post two more wins

Mendota's sophomore boys' basketball team added two more wins to its total with victories over Bureau Valley and Earlville.

The Trojans took down Bureau Valley, 47-37, in a Three Rivers Conference contest on Dec. 16 at Manlius. Mendota had strong second and fourth quarters to get past the Storm.

Dane Doyle pumped in 12 points to lead the attack, while Aden Tillman connected for 11 points and Braiden Freeman added nine tallies.

After a slow start, the Trojans took off in the second quarter and rolled over Earlville, 52-17, on Dec. 17 at the MHS gym.

Mendota only led by a bucket (7-5) after one period, but a 19-3 second-quarter propelled the Trojans to a 26-8 halftime margin.

Doyle and Freeman dropped in 12 points apiece and Tillman supplied eight markers.

Sophs seeded fourth at Plano

PLANO – The Mendota Trojans will participate in the 12th annual Plano Sophomore Christmas Classic to be held Dec. 27-30.

There are 16 teams in the sophomore tournament with seeds awarded to the top eight teams. Fourth-seeded Mendota will begin tournament action against LaSalle-Peru on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 10:15 a.m. If the Trojans win their first-round game, they will advance to the winner's bracket to play either Morris or Lisle at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28. A first-round loss will send Mendota to the loser's bracket for a 10:15 a.m. game on Dec. 28.

The tournament will continue with eight games on Thursday, Dec. 29 and the finals on Friday, Dec. 30.

Ottawa landed the tournament's top seed.

MHS to face Kaneland in Plano Classic opener

Teams to kick off tourney on Dec. 27

PLANO – The Mendota Trojans will participate in the 59th annual Plano Varsity Christmas Classic on Dec. 27-30.

There are 16 teams in the tournament with seeds awarded to the top eight teams. Unseeded Mendota will begin tournament action against No. 3 seed Kaneland on Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 9 a.m. If the Trojans win their first-round game, they will advance to the winner's bracket to play either Yorkville Christian or Sandwich at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28. A first-round loss will bump Mendota to the loser's bracket for a 10:30 a.m. contest on Dec. 28.

The tournament will continue with eight games on Dec. 29 and the finals on Dec. 30.

Burlington Central is the top seed in the tournament, followed by Aurora Marmion, Kaneland, Peoria Notre Dame, Northridge Prep, Yorkville Christian, Ottawa and Streator.

Plano Varsity Christmas Classic

Tuesday, Dec. 27

- 1 - #3 Kaneland vs. Mendota – 9 a.m.
- 2 - #6 Yorkville Christian vs. Sandwich – 10:30 a.m.
- 3 - #7 Ottawa vs. Lisle – 12:30 p.m.
- 4 - #2 Aurora Marmion vs. Morris – 2 p.m.
- 5 - #5 Northridge Prep vs. Newark – 3:30 p.m.
- 6 - #8 Streator vs. Hinckley-Big Rock – 5:30 p.m.
- 7 - #4 Peoria Notre Dame vs. Plano – 7 p.m.
- 8 - #1 Burlington Central vs. Coal City – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

- 9 – Loser 3 vs. Loser 4 – 9 a.m.
- 10 – Loser 1 vs. Loser 2 – 10:30 a.m.
- 11 – Loser 5 vs. Loser 7 – 12:30 p.m.
- 12 – Loser 6 vs. Loser 8 – 2 p.m.
- 13 – Winner 1 vs. Winner 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- 14 – Winner 3 vs. Winner 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- 15 – Winner 5 vs. Winner 7 – 7 p.m.
- 16 – Winner 6 vs. Winner 8 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29

- 17 – Loser 11 vs. Loser 12 – 9 a.m.
- 18 – Loser 9 vs. Loser 10 – 10:30 a.m.
- 19 – Winner 9 vs. Winner 10 – 12:30 p.m.
- 20 – Winner 11 vs. Winner 12 – 2 p.m.
- 21 – Loser 13 vs. Loser 14 – 3:30 p.m.
- 22 – Loser 15 vs. Loser 16 – 5:30 p.m.
- 23 – Winner 13 vs. Winner 14 – 7 p.m.
- 24 – Winner 15 vs. Winner 16 – 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 30

- 25 – Loser 17 vs. Loser 18 – 9 a.m. (15th place)
- 26 – Winner 17 vs. Winner 18 – 10:30 a.m. (13th place)
- 27 – Loser 19 vs. Loser 20 – 12:15 p.m. (11th place)
- 28 – Loser 21 vs. Loser 22 – 1:45 p.m. (7th place)
- 29 – Winner 19 vs. Winner 20 – 3:15 p.m. (9th, cons.)
- 30 – Winner 21 vs. Winner 22 – 5 p.m. (5th place)
- 31 – Loser 23 vs. Loser 24 – 6:30 p.m. (3rd place)
- 32 – Winner 23 vs. Winner 24 – 8 p.m. (1st place)



Mendota's Cale Strauss has his shot contested by Diego Vazquez of Earlville on Dec. 17 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Trojans handle BV in TRAC opener; beaten by Earlville

Mendota opened its Three Rivers Conference slate with a 56-41 triumph over Bureau Valley on Dec. 16 at Manlius.

The Trojans fell behind 21-17 after the opening stanza, but they turned things around in the second quarter to take a 34-29 halftime lead. Rafael Romero triggered the comeback with 13 points in the period. Mendota took command in the third frame when it outscored the Storm, 16-2.

Romero ended with 23 points to lead all scorers. Cale Strauss dropped in three three-pointers on his way to a 17-point outburst, while Isaac Guzman provided eight markers.

A strong second half lifted Earlville to a 51-41 victory over Mendota in a nonconference contest on Dec. 17 at the MHS gym.

The Trojans were down 18-14 at the half and remained within striking distance for much of the third period before the Red Raiders scored the final five points of the quarter to

take a 36-27 lead into the fourth. Earlville's Diego Vazquez scored seven points in the frame, including a three-pointer to put his team up by nine.

Earlville took its first double-digit lead of the game with 2:08 left on a three-pointer by Ryan Browder.

Romero was saddled with foul trouble much of the game, sitting almost the

entire third quarter with four fouls before finally fouling out in the fourth.

Cale Strauss paced Mendota (5-6) with 13 points, while Izaiah Nanez connected for eight markers. Vazquez led a balanced Earlville attack with 14 points, followed by Griffin Cook with 11 and Adam Waite with nine.

MENDOTA 56, BUREAU V. 41

Mendota (56)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
C. Strauss	6	2-2	4	17
Guzman	3	0-0	2	8
Romero	10	3-6	3	23
Nanez	2	0-1	0	4
R. Strauss	1	0-0	2	2
Stamberger	0	0-0	1	0
Aughenbaugh	1	0-1	2	2
Dewey	0	0-0	3	0
Totals	23	5-10	17	56

EARLVILLE 51, MENDOTA 41

Earlville (51)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Vazquez	5	3-3	2	14
Ga. Cook	2	4-5	3	8
Waite	4	1-2	2	9
T. Fruit	1	0-0	0	2
Gr. Cook	3	3-4	2	11
Browder	3	0-2	3	7
Totals	18	11-16	12	51

Bureau Valley (41)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Balensiefen	4	4-8	3	13
Hulsing	2	0-2	0	4
Wright	0	0-0	1	0
Chhim	1	0-0	2	3
I. Attig	3	0-1	3	8
Dybek	3	0-1	3	6
Endress	2	0-0	3	5
Wagner	1	0-0	0	2
Totals	16	4-12	15	41

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Earlville	8	18	36	51	
Mendota	8	14	27	41	

Three-point goals: Mendota - C. Strauss 3; Earlville - Vazquez 1, Gr. Cook 2, Browder 1

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Mendota	17	34	50	56	
Bureau Valley	21	29	31	41	

Three-point goals: Mendota - C. Strauss 3, Guzman 2; Bureau Valley - Balensiefen 1, Chim 1, I. Attig 2, Endress 1

2 wrestlers place in Stillman Valley Tourney

STILLMAN VALLEY – The Mendota wrestlers competed in the Stillman Valley Holiday Tournament on Dec. 17. There were 13 teams in the tournament.

In junior varsity competition, Mendota's Julian Jordan wrestled five matches and finished in fourth place. He opened the tournament with a loss by pin to Deegan Turner of Johnsburg at 1:30. Jordan then picked up three straight pin wins to make it to the third-place match. He defeated Breck Pearson of Genoa-Kingston (2:27), Noah Camiola of Wheaton Academy

(3:38) and Austin Heath of Amboy (4:56). In the third-place match, Ryan Larson of Johnsburg pinned Jordan at the 1:52 mark.

In varsity action, Rhett Watson of Mendota finished in fifth place in the 145-pound division. He opened up with a pin loss to Princeton's Augie Christiansen in 51 seconds before pinned Max Woodward of Kaneland in 2:27. After a 10-2 loss to Nathan Dalton of Genoa-Kingston, Watson claimed the fifth-place bout with a 11-4 triumph over Will Anliker of Wheaton Academy.



Mendota's Katie Jenner drives to the basket against Mady Olson of Earlville on Dec. 17 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

2022 Illinois firearm deer season preliminary harvest totals 76,854

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 76,854 deer during the seven-day 2022 Illinois Firearm Deer Season that concluded Dec. 4, according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

Comparatively, hunters harvested a final total of 70,411 deer during the firearm season in 2021.

The preliminary harvest

for the second segment of the 2022 firearm season Dec. 1-4 was 24,500, compared with 21,477 during the second season in 2021. The preliminary harvest for the first segment of this year's firearm season Nov. 18-20 was 52,354 deer.

Remaining 2022-23 deer season hunting opportunities in Illinois include:

- Late-winter antlerless-only deer season and

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) deer season, in designated counties only, Dec. 29, 2022, through Jan. 1, 2023, and Jan. 13-15, 2023.

• Archery deer season continues through Jan. 15, 2023.

Details on the late-winter season are available at <https://bit.ly/20222023LWH>.

Details on the CWD season are available at <https://bit.ly/20222023CWDSea>.

Girls top Earlville, 47-31

MENDOTA – Mendota was in control from start to finish in posting a 47-31 win over Earlville in a varsity girls' nonconference match-up on Dec. 17 at the MHS gym.

The Lady Trojans grabbed a 13-6 lead after the first quarter and then opened things up by outscoring the visitors, 11-3, in the second period to take a 24-9 advantage to the locker room.

"Our offense showed up a little better and our defense was awesome," said Mendota coach John Hansen. "It was a solid all-around game."

Katie Jenner led the charge with 19 points, hitting on a pair of shots from three-point range. Cassie Gonzalez was next with 11 points and a team-leading 15 rebounds, while Reanna Brant had nine points, 14 rebounds and

four blocked shots. Jenner and Gonzalez collected five steals apiece. Nevaeh Sansone paced Earlville with 18 points and Mady Olson added 10.

Mendota upped its record to 4-9 on the season.

MENDOTA 47, EARLVILLE 31

Earlville (31)

	FG	FT	Fls	TP
Miller	0	0-0	1	0
Jacobs	0	0-0	2	0
Olson	4	1-2	1	10
Hall	0	0-0	3	0
Campbell	1	0-0	1	3
Sansone	7	2-6	3	18
Totals	12	3-8	11	31

Mendota (47)

	FG	FT	Reb	TP
Jenner	7	3-5	0	19
Zinke	1	0-0	2	2
Wasmer	3	0-0	5	6
Brant	3	3-4	14	9
Gonzalez	3	5-6	15	11
Schultz	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	17	11-15	37	47

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Earlville	6	9	23	31	
Mendota	13	24	39	47	

Three-point goals: Mendota - Jenner 2; Earlville - Olson 1, Campbell 1, Sansone 2

Lady Trojans entered in Amboy Holiday Tourney

MHS opens action vs. Somonauk

AMBOY – The Mendota Lady Trojans will compete in the Amboy Girls' Holiday Basketball Tournament will be held Dec. 27-30.

There are two pools of varsity teams. Mendota, Newman and Somonauk will comprise the Red Pool, while Amboy, Roanoke-Benson, Hall and Serena will be in the Black Pool. There will also be freshman-sophomore games with Amboy, Newman, Hall and Serena making up those teams.

Mendota will begin the tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 27 when it plays Somonauk at 4:30 p.m. The Lady Trojans will return to action 24 hours later when they battle Newman to conclude pool play. Depending on how Mendota does in its first two games will determine when it plays on the final day of the tournament on Friday, Dec. 30.

Amboy Girls' Holiday Tournament

Tuesday, Dec. 27

- 3:00 – Newman vs. Hall (FS) [old gym]
- 3:00 – Amboy vs. Serena (FS) [new gym]
- 4:30 – Mendota vs. Somonauk [old gym]
- 4:30 – Roanoke-Benson vs. Serena [new gym]
- 6:00 – Amboy vs. Hall [new gym]

Wednesday, Dec. 28

- 3:00 – Newman vs. Serena (FS) [old gym]
- 3:00 – Amboy vs. Hall (FS) [new gym]
- 4:30 – Mendota vs. Newman [old gym]
- 4:30 – Hall vs. Serena [new gym]
- 6:00 – Amboy vs. Roanoke-Benson [new gym]

Thursday, Dec. 29

- 3:00 – Amboy vs. Newman (FS) [new gym]
- 3:00 – Hall vs. Serena (FS) [old gym]
- 4:30 – Newman vs. Somonauk [new gym]
- 4:30 – Roanoke-Benson vs. Hall [old gym]
- 6:00 – Amboy vs. Serena [new gym]

Friday, Dec. 30

- 3:00 – Red #3 vs. Black #3 [new gym]
- 4:30 – Red #2 vs. Black #2 [new gym]
- 6:00 – Red #1 vs. Black #1 [new gym]

SPORTS

Mendota H.S. bowling

Dec. 14 vs. Ottawa (varsity boys)
Mendota 3478, Ottawa 2750
Mendota scores: Paxton Bauer 189, 168, 171 – 528; Aiden Kent Tucker 223, 170, 245 – 638; Landon Bauer 245, 219, 277 – 741; Kooper Novak 161, 162, 192 – 515; Clay Buffington 177, 200, 142 – 519; Alex Holland 176, 200, 161 – 537
(junior varsity boys)
Mendota 1598, Ottawa 1403
Mendota scores: BJ Bresley 114, 137, 117 – 368; Nick Sheridan 181, 153, 155 – 489; Caeleb Ensor 120; Trekker Klema 127, 111 – 238; Josh Sonderoth 126; Wyatt Sonderoth 78; Landon Lee 143, 137 – 280; Luis Nunez 71; Zach Giberson 91



Mendota's Grace Wasmer drives to the basket around the defense of Earlville's Lexie Campbell, left, and Jessie Miller on Dec. 17 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

LaMoille H.S. boys' basketball

Dec. 13 vs. Streator Woodland
Woodland 60, LaMoille 32
Stats: Logan Dober 10 points; Eli Keighin 8 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists; Tyler Billhorn 7 points; Ian Sundberg 7 rebounds
Dec. 16 vs. Hinckley-Big Rock
Hinckley-Big Rock 57, LaMoille 30
Stats: Keighin 16 points; Billhorn 7 rebounds

BOWLING

Tuesday Night Men's League
Standings as of Dec. 6 – 1. Black Bros. 38-18; 2. Team 2 27-29; 3. JJ&L Carpentry 24-32; 4. Age Old Organics 23-33
High team game (scratch) – Team 2 1128, JJ&L Carpentry 1062, Black Bros. 1059
High team game (hdcp) – Team 2 1195, Black Bros. 1189, JJ&L Carpentry 1150
High team series (scratch) – Team 2 3154, Black Bros. 2964, JJ&L Carpentry 2952
High team series (hdcp) – Team 2 3355, Black Bros. 3354, JJ&L Carpentry 3216
High individual game (scratch) – Nate Bradford 279, Todd Smith 258, John Hessenberger 257
High individual series (scratch) – Nate Bradford 719, Luke Ross 687, Randy Weathers 674
Wednesday Night Men's League
Standings as of Dec. 7 – 1. First State Bank 32.5-23.5; 2. Boelk Truck Lines 26.5-29.5; 3. O'Donnell Excavating 25-31; 4. Mendota Monument 20-36
High team game (scratch) – Mendota Monument 1104, First State Bank 1006, Boelk Truck Lines 987
High team game (hdcp) – Mendota Monument 1122, First State Bank 1114, Boelk Truck Lines 1106
High team series (scratch) – Mendota Monument 3115, First State Bank 3014, Boelk Truck Lines 2643
High team series (hdcp) – First State Bank 3338, Mendota Monument 3169, O'Donnell Excavating 3012
High individual game (scratch) – Barry Sutton 300, Tyler Schmitt 246, Joe Kennedy 243
High individual series (scratch) – Barry Sutton 665, Joe Kennedy 646, Nate Bradford 637
Monday Night Mixed League
Standings as of Dec. 12 – 1. Split Happens 45-20; 2. CM Farm 37-28; 3. Sports-N-Stuff 36-29; 4. Bad Kats 33-32; 5. Ramer Inc. 24-41; 6. Leagal Beagles 20-45
High team game (scratch) – Split Happens 726, Sports-N-Stuff 697, Leagal Beagles 662
High team game (hdcp) – Split Happens 974, Ramer Inc. 970, Sports-N-Stuff 967
High team series (scratch) – Split Happens 2025, Sports-N-Stuff 2001, Ramer Inc. 1868
High team series (hdcp) – Ramer Inc. 2819, Sports-N-Stuff 2811, Split Happens 2769
Men's high game (scratch) – Matt Ramer 225, Ron Westphal 223, Mike Smith 208
Men's high game (hdcp) – Raul Diaz Jr. 276, Ed Roulston 254, Ron Westphal 252
Men's high series (scratch) – Matt Ramer 615, Ron Westphal 614, Ed Roulston & Bob Thomas 514
Men's high series (hdcp) – Ed Roulston 727, Carl Reistad 712, Raul Diaz Jr. 711
Women's high game (scratch) – Dria Kuntz 214, Hannah Westphal 188, Gail Sessler 186
Women's high game (hdcp) – Dria Kuntz 289, Hannah Westphal 270, Kim Smith 256
Women's high series (scratch) – Gail Sessler 551, Dria Kuntz 544, Hannah Westphal 531
Women's high series (hdcp) – Hannah Westphal 777, Dria Kuntz 769, Gail Sessler 737

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Jessica Lange has played some of the greatest roles in classic literature, such as Maggie in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" (1984), Blanche DuBois in "A Streetcar Named Desire" (multiple productions on stage and screen), Joan Crawford in "Feud: Bette and Joan" (2017), Cora in "The Postman Always Rings Twice" (1981), and Patsy Cline in "Sweet Dreams" (1985). Now, she'll add Mary Tyrone to the list, in Eugene O'Neill's 1956 Pulitzer-Prize-winning play "Long Day's Journey Into Night," set in 1912 Connecticut.

Katharine Hepburn received an Oscar nomination for the 1962 film version, co-starring Sir Ralph Richardson, Jason Robards and Dean Stockwell. In 1982, a made-for-TV movie featured an all-Black cast, starring Ruby Dee. In 1987, Kevin Spacey, Jack Lemmon, Peter Gallagher and Bethel Leslie



Lange

(as Mary Tyrone) were in another made-for-TV film.

Lange has already won a Tony Award for the 2016 Broadway production, co-starring Gabriel Byrne and Michael Shannon. She's currently represented on big screens in "Marlowe," opposite Liam Neeson and Alan Cumming (releasing Feb. 2023). Filming of "Long Day's Journey" was recently completed in County Wicklow, Ireland, doubling as Connecticut. It's not due until Feb. 20, so she'll be the one to beat at the Oscars next year.

Luke Macfarlane gambled when he quit making Hallmark movies to star in the first gay rom-com from a major studio, "Bros," which, despite good reviews, recouped only \$14 million of its \$40 million investment. His last Hallmark film, "A Magical Christmas Village," also starred "That Girl" Marlo Thomas.

Luckily, before "Bros" opened, he portrayed a bouncer in the impending big-screen film "Lone Star Bull," as well as starred in AppleTV+'s upcoming 10-episode comedy series "Platonic," with Rose Byrne

and Seth Rogen.

In 2018, Macfarlane became an American citizen, so he's definitely here to stay. That was also the year he was rumored to have split from his longtime boyfriend, "Prison Break" star Wentworth Miller, but that rumor may have been just to take the heat off their personal lives for a while.

After 22 Hallmark movies, you'd think he'd know how to find a happy ending!

Austin Butler's not waiting for an Oscar nomination to bolster his career. Right after "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood," he hit Broadway with Denzel Washington in Eugene O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh" and then immersed himself for two years in everything Elvis Presley for Baz Luhrmann's "Elvis."

Right after the press tour for "Elvis," Butler took on "Dune: Part Two." He then jumped right into "The Bikeriders," with Tom Hardy and "Killing Eve" star Jodie Comer, and started filming the AppleTV+ American war-drama miniseries "Masters of the Air," with "Fantastic Beasts" star Callum Turner.

Couch Theater

"Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery" (PG-13) -- The success garnered by the 2019 mystery "Knives Out" led Netflix to acquire two standalone sequels, the first of which releases on the streaming platform on Dec. 23. Daniel Craig reprises his role as detective Benoit Blanc in "Glass Onion," as Blanc is mysteriously requested to visit billionaire Miles Bron's (Edward Norton) Greek estate. Miles, who is hosting a group of his friends, conducts a murder mystery party, but Blanc shortly discovers an actual dead body and dives into a full-fledged investigation. Some other faces you might recognize in the film are Janelle Monae, Kathryn Hahn, Leslie Odom Jr., Dave Bautista and Kate Hudson. (Netflix)

"Top Gun: Maverick" (PG-13) -- The sequel to "Top Gun" (1986) will soon be released on Paramount's streaming service for those who haven't yet seen the highest-grossing film of 2022 (or for those who just like to enjoy the nostalgia). Re-

leasing Dec. 22, "Maverick" stars the one and only Tom Cruise, along with Miles Teller, Jennifer Connelly and Val Kilmer. Cruise plays Pete "Maverick" Mitchell training the latest Top Gun graduates on an elite mission. The extensive and impressive action sequences in this film no doubt played a part in its great reception across the U.S. ... Plus, Miles Teller's mustache? 10/10. (Paramount+)

"The Best Man: The Final Chapters" (NR) -- The 1999 film "The Best Man," starring Morris Chestnut, Taye Diggs and Nia Long, is one of my favorite '90s films. A splash of comedy here, a splash of romantic drama there, and a final dancing scene of everyone doing the electric slide -- what more can you ask for? A Christmas sequel to the film was released in 2013, but fans like me who've grown to love these flawed, relatable characters wanted more! So, Peacock is set to release an eight-episode miniseries

Dec. 22 based on the franchise. The characters, who are now in their middle-age stages of life, tackle new challenges as professionals, husbands, wives and parents -- and, ultimately, friends. (Peacock)

"Mack & Rita" (PG-13) -- If you ever wondered what the opposite of a movie like "17 Again" would look like, look no further than this new comedy starring Diane Keaton and Elizabeth Lail. Mack Martin (Lail) always grew up feeling as if she was an older woman trapped in a young woman's body, a feeling that gets accentuated when she goes to Palm Springs for her best friend's bachelorette party. On a whim, Mack decides to try a past life regression and wakes up as the 70-year-old version of herself (portrayed by Keaton). At first frightened in her new body, Mack realizes she feels much more at home at this age, even renaming herself "Rita," and connects with her true, inner self like never before. Out Dec. 23. (Hulu)

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: What is Kit Harrington doing now that "Game of Thrones" is over? I also thought he was hilarious in the Andy Samberg film where he played a tennis pro. Will he do any more comedies like that? -- E.E.



Harrington

A: Back in 2018, when asked if he would want to continue playing the character of Jon Snow after 10 years on "Game of Thrones," Kit Harrington answered, "Not on your life." Apparently, since then, he's had some time to reflect and approached "Thrones" creator George R.R. Martin with an idea for a sequel, and "Snow" was born.

Whenever it comes to fruition, "Snow" (the working title) is sure to be a hit. The "Thrones" prequel series "House of the Dragon" premiered on HBO in August and has averaged 29 million viewers per episode. According to EW.com, other spin-offs awaiting the green light include "Ten Thousand Ships," about Princess Nymeria of the Rhoyan, and "The Sea Snake," about a young Corlys Velary-

on," among others.

I don't see any comedy films or shows in his list of upcoming projects, but one standout is "Mary's Monster," which is about author Mary Shelley and the writing behind her masterpiece "Frankenstein." Harrington will play the monster.

Q: Did they ever decide who the next James Bond will be, since Daniel Craig's portrayal has concluded? The last I heard, Idris Elba was a possibility. -- E.T.

A: According to an article on TimeOut.com, "No Time to Die" producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson said it will be another two years before filming could even begin on another Bond film. This rules out 50-year-old Idris Elba ("Beast"), because they're looking for an actor who will inhabit the role for the next decade. Even Elba has taken himself out of the running, according to what he told the Wall Street Journal in an interview earlier this year: "I look forward to whoever gets it. When I look in the mirror, I don't see James Bond."

Other actors rumored to be the next pick include Tom Hardy ("Venom"), Regé-Jean Page ("Bridgerton") and

Henry Golding ("Crazy Rich Asians"). However, the latest buzz surrounds 32-year-old British actor Aaron Taylor-Johnson ("Bullet Train"). He first made headlines for romancing his future wife, director Sam Taylor-Wood, who is 23 years his senior.

The couple eventually wed and have two children together, and Taylor-Johnson has gone on to establish an impressive acting career beyond gossip headlines.

Q: Is the new "Perry Mason" series returning to HBO anytime soon? I really enjoyed it. Matthew Rhys is always fabulous. -- L.B.

A: It's been two and a half years since season one of "Perry Mason" concluded, leaving fans wondering if it had been canceled. Matthew Rhys, who plays the title character, will once again don his fedora beginning March 6 on HBO and HBO Max.

A new mystery is centered around the murder of a "scion of a powerful oil family." Rhys gained a large following with his Emmy-winning role, Philip Jennings, on "The Americans" from 2013 to 2018. He was also recognized with a Best Actor Emmy nomination during his first season of "Perry Mason."

• Trivia Test •

1. TELEVISION: What is the primary setting of the Netflix series "Bridgerton"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Republic of Maldives located?
3. LITERATURE: What is the subject of Walt Whitman's poem "O Captain! My Captain!"?
4. LANGUAGE: What is the third letter of the Greek alphabet?
5. HISTORY: When was the last time the Liberty Bell rang in Philadelphia?
6. MOVIES: What was Henry Fonda's jury number in "12 Angry Men"?
7. MATH: What is a heptahedron?
8. BUSINESS: In what year did McDonald's introduce the Big Mac to all of its customers?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president tried to ban Christmas trees from the White House?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do bees collect from flowers and use to make honey?

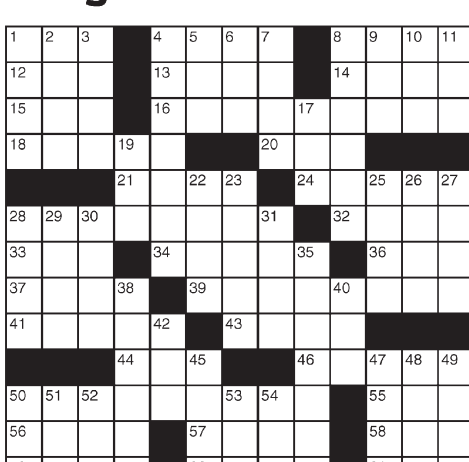
Answers

1. London, England.
 2. Indian Ocean.
 3. The death of President Abraham Lincoln.
 4. Gamma.
 5. 1846.
 6. Juror No. 8.
 7. A polyhedron with seven faces.
 8. 1968.
 9. Theodore Roosevelt.
 10. Nectar.
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King Crossword

ACROSS

1. Feedbag bit
4. Chilled
8. Theatergoer's souvenir
12. Show to a seat, slangily
13. Cleopatra's river
14. Pool base
15. Dance syllable
16. Fabric fastener
18. Klum of "Project Runway"
20. Hide-hair insert
21. Early birds?
24. Apple intruders
28. Wind-driven toy
32. Tidy
33. Altar affirmative
34. Fusses
36. Log chopper
37. Region (Abbr.)
39. Flag-shaped blazer accessory
41. Pago Pago's place
43. Sleuth Wolfe
44. Sphere
46. Lively dance
50. Yankee uniform pattern
55. Squeak stopper



DOWN

1. "That hurts!"
2. Tennis great Arthur
3. Bangkok language
4. Perception
5. Espionage org.
6. Sprite
7. TV chef Paula
8. "Sophie's Choice" author
9. Spigot
10. Swiss canton
11. "— voyage!"
17. AAA job
19. Morning moisture
22. Earth sci.
23. Auto style
25. Harvest
26. Extra-long
27. British gun
28. Plum centers
29. Notion
30. Standard
31. Easy gait
35. Eden tempter
38. Perches
40. Privy
42. Illustrations
45. Telly watcher
47. Earring site
48. "Star Trek" captain
49. Medicinal plant
50. Prof's degree
51. Three, on a sundial
52. Away from SSW
53. "— Little Teapot"
54. Standard

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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!

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* When Ivan the Terrible's young son Dmitry died, a bell was rung to mark the occasion. The bell was later lashed, tried for treason, found guilty and exiled to Siberia. Why? Local legend had it that the bell rang of its own accord, which was considered an evil omen.

* Each team must provide the referee with 24 footballs for each NFL game.

* A neuroscientist suffered a series of strokes that left him with an irresistible urge to rhyme and rap. He made the most of this unusual side effect by going on to pursue freestyle rap and improvisation as a hobby.

* Almost every New York City alley scene in the movies is shot at the same location.

* Nigel Richards won a French Scrabble World Championship without actually knowing how to speak the language. He just memorized words from a French dictionary.

* We hate to disillusion you, but pumpkin spice and pumpkin pie spice contain no pumpkin whatsoever.

* There is an asteroid named after Kurt Vonnegut.

* The world's oldest known rose bush, which grows up the side of Hildesheim Cathedral in Germany, was planted more than 1,000 years ago and even survived a World War II bombing.

* In some cities, road crews use pickle juice or beet juice to combat winter's icy streets.

* Got a mouse problem at your house? Your grocery store might provide a quick and easy answer in the form of bananas. Male mice are scared of their scent -- especially virgin male mice.

* American radio broadcaster Art Bell stayed on air for a world-record-setting 116 hours and 15 minutes as part of a fundraiser to bring 130 Vietnamese orphans to the U.S. for adoption.

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Answers

King Crossword

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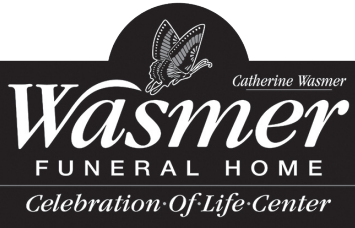
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If this is you—if you feel like you've missed your chance or like your opportunity to have a great life has passed you by—I want you to know something today: With God on your side, it's never too late.

While God Himself never changes, He is a God of change—He is always

doing a new thing and working behind the scenes in our lives to bring about new beginnings. Where we see failure, God sees potential for something new. The minute we stumble and come apart, God is already planning our comeback. When we mess up "Plan A," we don't have to worry—God has a "Plan B"!

I love Isaiah 43:19 (AMP). In this verse, God says, "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."

Take a moment to really let those words sink in and think about this: If it

really wasn't "too late," what are some things you would do? Would you go back to school to earn your degree? Would you reconcile with an old friend or attempt to make up for past mistakes? Would you follow your passion in life—something you're naturally gifted at doing—and try to fulfill your goals and dreams?

Whatever it may be, God wants you to know that it's never too late to begin again and have a great life. He is on your side and, if need be, He can even "put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."

Determination Is a Must

One of the greatest



things we can do to cooperate with God's plan for our lives is stay determined. I've learned that when you feel discouraged, when others doubt or criticize you, and when your dreams seem like they're just never going to happen, that's when you need to keep moving forward.

I'll never forget, many years ago, when I first started talking about the call of God on my life. Some of my friends felt that I must be mistaken, and they actually told me, "Joyce, we really don't think you have the right kind of personality to do this kind of ministry." It was not very encouraging!

But I knew what God had spoken to my heart, and I knew that I had a gift and a passion to teach His Word. So I kept moving forward. As a result, I lost some friends and was eventually asked to leave my church. Even some of my family members turned their backs on me.

Sure, it was difficult in the moment, but I cringe to think where I would be now if I had given up when I felt that rejection. I know I certainly wouldn't be fulfilling God's call on my life now...and I would be miserable because I

wouldn't be following my passion.

I can distinctly remember a particular season during those early years when the Lord continued to encourage me not to quit. There was one Scripture in particular that He kept putting in front of me, and it continues to speak to me today: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9 NIV).

Our enemy, Satan, wants us to quit and give up. The Bible says he is the "father of lies" (see John 8:44). He continually lies to us and tells us things like, "Who do you think you are? That's never going to happen! Do you really believe that God spoke to you? Do you really think you can do that?"

I believe we're actually most tempted to quit when our breakthrough is right around the corner. But if we'll just keep moving forward—if we'll remain steadfast and refuse to give up—we will reach our goal and walk in God's promises.

I'm not sure where you are today. I don't know what disappointments or setbacks you've endured. But I do know this: It's

not over. God loves you, He sees you, and He has a plan to help you begin again. Because with God, it's never too late. He's the God of fresh starts, do-overs, new beginnings, and great finishes.

And with God on your side, it's never too late! ***

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching resource *It's Never Too Late*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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IN THE ESTATE OF)
)
) HECTOR M. LEMUS,
)
) Deceased.
) No. 2022 PR 153
)
)

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No. 1201
(Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2022)

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No. 1202
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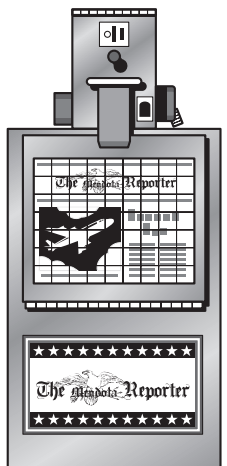
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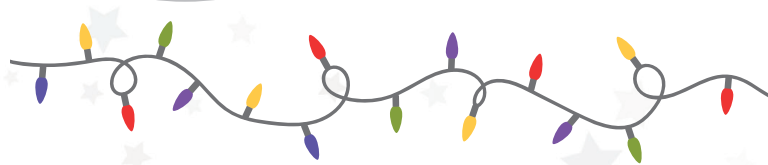
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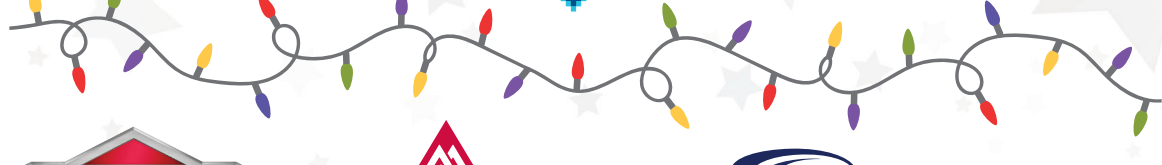
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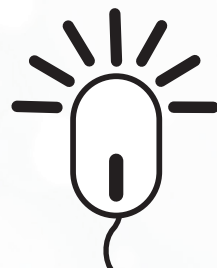


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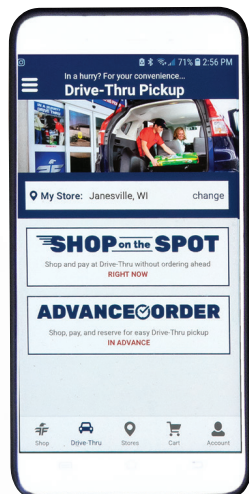


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