



In search of treats
A unicorn greets trick-or-treaters in downtown Mendota during a mild and dry Halloween on Oct. 31. Ghosts, goblins, witches and monsters of all kinds roamed the streets throughout the town for a Chamber-sponsored event in the afternoon and then the city-wide trick-or-treat time in the evening. There were also several trunk-or-treat events for children to enjoy. (Reporter photo)



Mendota to honor its veterans with Nov. 11 event in Veterans Park

□ Mendota H.S. freshman to deliver address

MENDOTA – The Mendota Veterans Day program will be held Friday, Nov. 11, in Veterans Park, downtown Mendota. The Mendota High School Band will provide music beginning at 10:45 a.m. and the program starts promptly at 11 a.m.

The Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad, its Auxiliary and Mendota American Legion Post 540 will participate in the program.

Everyone is welcome to this service, whose purpose is to honor and remember all Veterans, both alive and deceased for their commitment and contribution to our present way of life, and the benefits of liberty and freedom on both domestic and foreign soil.

The program schedule is as follows:

- Introductions: Bill Hunt, Past Commander, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Presentation of Colors: Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad and Mendota American Legion Post 540
- National Anthem: Mendota High School Band, Director Paula Baker
- Pledge of Allegiance: Audience
- Invocation: Mick Hartley, VFW Post 4079 Past Commander
- Musical Selection: Mendota High School Band
- Veterans Day Address: Spencer Kain, Mendota High School
- Firing of Volley: Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad
- Taps: Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad
- Benediction: Mick Hartley, VFW Post 4079 Past Commander

Early voting expands as campaign season in Illinois enters final days

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Early voting hours and locations have greatly expanded across the state as the campaign season enters its final stretch.

Polling places opened across the city of Chicago as well. Information on early voting for each local election authority can be found on the Illinois State Board of Elections website here, or by visiting elections.il.gov.

According to the state elections board, 265,937 of the 795,085 requested mail ballots had been returned as of the final week in October, while 66,934 early votes had been cast and 1,009 grace period votes cast.

The candidates for governor, meanwhile, continued their final pushes to get out the voters that have not yet cast a ballot.

For Gov. JB Pritzker, the recent public appearances included a stop in Rock Island County, where he appeared with Democratic 17th Congressional District candidate Eric Sorensen to support that candidate over his GOP rival, Esther Joy



King. Sorensen and Pritzker emphasized their support for abortion rights.

Also, the governor rallied with teacher unions in Peoria, then in Urbana, speaking to some of the Democratic Party's most important backers. That was the governor's latest labor union stop, following a appearance before the International Union of Electric Engineers Local 150 in suburban Countryside.

"I really mean it, democracy is on the line and that's not an exaggeration," Pritzker said in Urbana alongside state lawmakers and representatives of the Illinois and American Federation of Teachers labor unions. "You see, people like Darren Bailey – election deniers and insurrectionist supporters – are on the ballot. Fundamental freedoms are under attack and Donald Trump is waiting in the wings to take the reins of power in 2024."

That Bailey is too extreme for Illinois is a message Pritzker has emphasized throughout the campaign, and he has remained on the attack against his conservative rival even as recent polls have shown the incumbent with a double-digit lead. As of Oct. 18, the political handicapping website FiveThirtyEight, which aggregates data from multiple polls, estimated

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On air: Trojan Times News

□ Mendota High School students produce a podcast

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

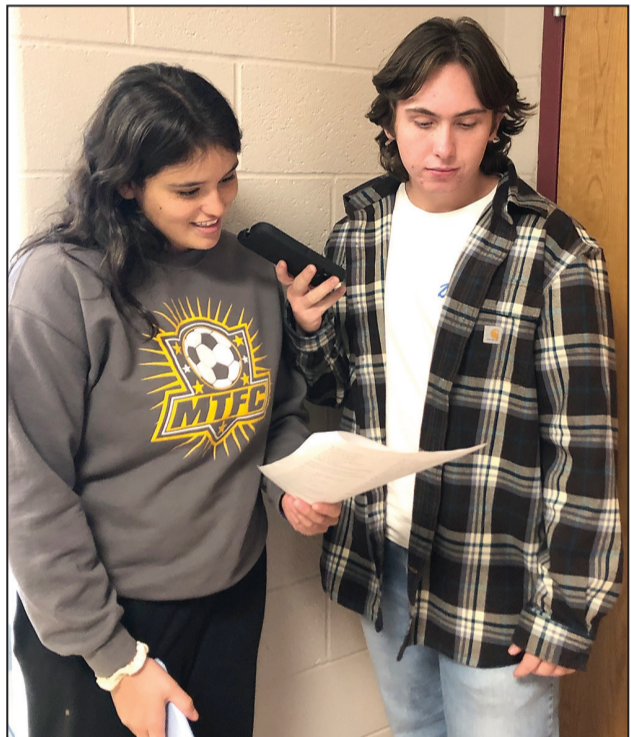
MENDOTA – Ideas were being thrown around on how to get people more involved in or aware of school functions and happenings.

Mendota High School science teacher Nicole Cromwell had heard a few that could work at MHS and decided to try one.

A new podcast, Trojan Times News, was born.

"I just finished a second master's degree in educational leadership," said Cromwell, who teaches chemistry and anatomy. "They're always talking about how do we communicate better with parents or how do we get parents more involved? Parents visit and volunteer a lot at younger ages, but in high school, a lot of parents think they can't help their kids in chemistry, so they don't know how to help."

"I listen to a lot of podcasts and thought there might be newer technology we could use. I thought a short podcast would be a good way to reach out to parents to let them know the most



Naitzy Garcia, left, and Neal Linden record an episode of Mendota High School's new podcast, Trojan Times News. (Photo contributed)

important parts of what's happening."

The unofficial, trial plan is to produce an episode of Trojan Times News in both English and Spanish once a

week – which may take time to happen as scheduling and wrinkles need ironed out –

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LOCAL AND AREA



Lincoln REACH Award winners
Lincoln School has named its REACH Award recipients for October. Front row, left to right, are Jaylah Sotelo, Rodolfo Romero, Waylon Beck, Gwendolyn Pecher, Maddux Brown and Camilo Murillo. Middle row, Ella Escatel, Connor Stevenson, Aubrey Mathieu, Jacob Lengsfeld and Allen Hernandez. Back row, Jake Allen, Mason Fielder, Kaylynn Read, Nadia Rodriguez and Bradley Betz. Not pictured: Olivia Jomant. (Photo contributed)



Blackstone pizza lunch
Blackstone School celebrated its October principal award winners with a pizza lunch on Oct. 27. Front row, left to right, are Laken Weber, Micheal Lemus, Abram Fenwick, Emiliano Valdez and Joaquin Otero. Middle row, Alias Francis, Sophia Martinez, Samantha Guerrero, Manny Quintana and Ed Kofoid. Back row, Kenia Fernandez, Karson McLain, Aubrianna Muro, Athena Aquino, Phoenix Orseno and Shandi Matura. (Photo contributed)

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Thank you to those parents that attended parent/teacher conferences on Oct. 24 and 26. We appreciate that you took time out of your busy schedules to come talk about your child's progress so far this school year. If there were any parents unable to attend on these two days provided, please contact your child's teacher to set up a different conference time. Our goal is to meet

with each child's parents to keep the communication open between home and school.

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We celebrated Red Ribbon Week at Blackstone Oct. 24-27. Blackstone School, like many other schools that week, worked on spreading the message that we live a better life without the use of drugs. This message is essential to the health of our students and to

the quality of life in our community. We had themes for each day and had dress up days to go with each one. We had great participation from students and staff.

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Students at Blackstone can earn Paw Pride certificates for demonstrating good behavior throughout the building. This is part of our positive behavior program. Each trimester we set a goal and a reward is given

to the classes that reach their goal. Congratulations to Mrs. Mikolasek and Miss Akre's students for reaching their goal. They will earn their reward with me at the end of the trimester. We have many other classes that are super close to reaching their goal too.

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The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Shea Sheppard, Elliot Clark,

Jofiel Mandujano, Mia Wegener, Bently Milus, Sofia Garcia, Sadee Gonzalez and Olivia Mathieu. The winners were Sophia Martinez, Samantha Guerrero, Phoenix Orseno and Shandi Matura. Congratulations to all of you!

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We celebrated our October principal award winners with a pizza lunch on Oct. 27. The students invited to the lunch were

Laken Weber, Micheal Lemus, Abram Fenwick, Emiliano Valdez, Joaquin Otero, Alias Francis, Sophia Martinez, Samantha Guerrero, Manny Quintana, Karson McLain, Ed Kofoid, Aubrianna Muro, Kenia Fernandez, Athena Aquino, Phoenix Orseno and Shandi Matura. The students enjoyed their celebratory lunch. A picture of the winners is in this week's Mendota Reporter.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Cellist, Leonardo Altino, to perform with Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra

LaSALLE – The esteemed cellist Leonardo Altino is coming to perform Concerto No. 1 in A Minor by Camille Saint-Saëns with the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra in its upcoming concert. The concert will be held at the LaSalle-Peru High School Matthiessen Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.

The orchestra's conductor, Daniel Sommerville, is very excited for the opportunity to collaborate with the cello soloist, and rightfully so.

Leonardo Altino, an American-Brazilian cellist, has a reputation that precedes himself. Not only was he a child prodigy of

sorts, traveling the world and winning multiple prestigious competitions, but has been praised by The Strad magazine for his "exceptional musical intelligence and an exceptionally cultivated sound."

Altino is no stranger to giving stellar performances, performing with the Boston Symphony, Odense Symphony, Wisconsin Chamber, Filarmônica de Minas Gerais, Carmel Symphony, Memphis Symphony, Montgomery Symphony, Symphony Pro Musica, Sinfônica Brasileira, Sinfônica Nacional do Brasil, Sinfônica Nacional de Chile, Sinfônica de São Paulo, and the Virtuosi

Festival orchestras...just to name a few.

Currently, Altino is an Associate Lecturer in Music at the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, where he teaches cello and chamber music. He continues to teach in many festivals around the world including the Brevard Music Center, Masterworks Festival, Academia y Festival Nuevo Mundo in Venezuela, and Festival de Inverno Campos do Jordão and Festival Virtuosi in Brazil.

Two of the greatest musical forms of instrumental music are the Symphony and the Concerto, both multi-movement forms

where the composer creates a journey in sound—a story that pulls us along emotionally, allowing us to experience feelings ranging from great triumph all the way to tender, heartfelt emotion. The program also includes Symphony No. 31 in D Major by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Symphony No. 4 in D Minor by Robert Schumann. The program is roughly 70 minutes long and showcases the unique musical style of the three composers.

This concert is sponsored by the family of Phyllis Jacobson, a longtime IVSO percussionist and supporter of the symphony who passed away

on Oct. 27, 2020. Phyllis was heavily involved in the IVSO over the years and saw two of her sons become members of the symphony as well.

Admission is by season subscription or individual ticket available online at ivso.org or at the door: adults \$20, students K-12th free, and college students with an ID \$5. L-P High School is ADA accessible.

The IVSO Season Sponsor is WCMY/WRKX Radio in Ottawa. In addition to the concert sponsorship by the Phyllis H. Jacobson Family, this program is partially supported by a grant from The Illinois Arts Council Agency.



Cellist Leonardo Altino is performing with the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

Stage 212 presents "Farce of Nature"

LaSALLE – Stage 212 goes on a fishing trip - for big laughs - when the hilarious Southern-fried comedy "Farce of Nature" by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten takes the stage.

"Farce of Nature" will be presented Nov. 11-13 and Nov. 18-20 at Stage 212, 700 First St., LaSalle. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available to the general public for \$15 each beginning Oct. 31, and may be purchased by visiting the box office Monday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon or by calling 815-224-3025 during the same hours. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting stage212.org. Stage 212 will be following IDPH guidelines for Phase 5.

D. Gene Wilburn is the owner of the Reel 'Em Inn, the finest little fishing lodge in the Ozarks where business is down, tourists are few, and the lone guest who's just checked in is only there because he's in the witness protection

program. Add in D. Gene's romantically frustrated wife, his feisty sister and an assortment of other colorful characters, and the result is a deliciously funny romp where love blossoms, truths are revealed and the lives of all change in incredible and surprising ways.

Featured in the cast are Cyn- dy Bruch as Wanelle Wilburn, Mark Nowakowski as D. Gene Wilburn, Amber Skinner as Jenna Sealy, Karen Leifheit as Maxine Suggs, Cleetus Friedman as Carmine DeLuca, Justin Choi as Ty Wilburn, Sangita Allen as Lola Barbosa, Scott Harl as Sonny Barbosa and Jennifer Rexius as Roxanne Thorne.

Production staff includes director Greg Tullis, producer Tracy Daugherty, assistant director Jennifer Rexius, costumer R. J. Newell, prop coordinator Kathy Heenan, lighting designer and operator Yvette Lucas and sound operator Andrew Paden.

"Farce of Nature" is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York.

Graves-Hume Library hosting fall activities

MENDOTA – Graves-Hume Public Library is once again partnering up with the University of Illinois Extension 4-H for two fun Fall activities.

On Monday, Nov. 7, will be the making of a Fall Clay Sculpture and on Monday, Nov. 14, will be the creation of a Fall Wreath. Both events will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Registration is required for both events. Please call 815-538-5142 to register. These programs are open to ages 8-18.

Rochelle Museum open on Nov. 6

ROCHELLE – The Roberts Armory World War II museum in Rochelle will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6.

The Higgins Boat will be available for viewing, weather permitting. The museum displays artifacts from WWII, specializing in the history of the 70th Tank Battalion, 10th Mountain Division and local area veterans of WWII.

The museum is open to the public three times each year: Memorial Day, the

Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival and the Sunday before Veterans Day. There is no admission charge. The museum address is 2090 Brush Grove Road, Rochelle. To find the museum, go to the intersection of Route 251 and Intermodal Drive in Rochelle. (An Army truck is at this intersection.) Just follow the signs, west about 3 miles to the museum.

More information is available at <http://www.robertsarmory.com>.

Book Sale at Princeton Library

PRINCETON – Friends of the Princeton Public Library will be hosting a Fall Book Sale on Thursday, Nov. 10 through Saturday, Nov. 12. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, which is Bag Day.

Over 8,000 quality used books, both hardcover and paperback, are for sale. All books have been cleaned and sorted into over 30 categories for easy shopping. Included are current best sellers, cookbooks, mys- teries, children's and young adult books, history and science. Puzzles, CDs and DVDs will also be for sale.

The Princeton Public Library is located at 698 E. Peru St. Sales are held in the Friends of the Library sale room. Patrons may enter through the front door of the library and follow the signs to the sale. All hardcover and children's books are located in the sale room. Paperbacks, puzzles, CDs and DVDs are located in the adjoining area of the library.

Last LaSalle County Genealogy Guild Meeting of 2022

OTTAWA – The last meeting of the LaSalle County Genealogy Guild for 2022 will be a potluck "ethnic" dinner. It will be at noon on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Guild Headquarters, 115 W. Glover St., Ottawa.

The public is invited to attend. Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring a side dish to pass using one of their old family recipes for everyone to enjoy. The main course, drinks and table service will be provided.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Michael J. Hinkston

LaSALLE – Michael J. Hinkston, 62, of LaSalle, passed away, Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022 in his home.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 at 4 p.m. at United Pentecostal Church, Mendota with Pastor James Duncan officiating. Private graveside services will be held at Johnson Grove Cemetery, Waterman, at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Michael was born Nov. 6, 1959 in Sandwich to Edwin and Dorothy (Elkin) Hinkston. He married Donna Pitt on June 18, 1990 in Sycamore.

Mike is survived by his mother Dorothy Fessler of Mendota; three brothers, Pete (Mary) Hinkston of Mendota, Bill (Bonnie) Hinkston of Texas and Tracy (Sandy) Hinkston of Dayton, Ill.; three sisters, Pat Abell of Texas, Mary (Ike) Vancil of Plano and Becky Gulley of Mendota; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by father Edwin, his wife Donna on Oct. 6, 2022, his brother Don Hinkston and his sister Kim Parker.

Michael attended school in Rollo. He graduated from Leland High School in 1978. He worked for Illinois Valley Drywall from 2000-2010. Mike later helped Frank Fouts from 2010 until present. He would help absolutely anyone in need, friends and strangers alike.

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

Rebecca M. Kenny

MENDOTA – Rebecca “Becky” Marie (Dye) Kenny, 67, of Mendota, passed away at home on her farm-house on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022.

A private graveside service for immediate family will be conducted on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022 at Wisner Cemetery with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Becky was born in Princeton on Jan. 31, 1955, the daughter of Ed and Marie (Dahlin) Dye of Princeton. Becky was the mother of three, Tracy McLaughlin, Charles McLaughlin and Danielle McLaughlin.

Becky is survived by her husband, Russell Kenny of Mendota; her daughter Tracy (McLaughlin) Jenkins and stepsons Danny Kenny, Shaun Kenny and Derrick Kenny; eight grandchildren, Charles Jenkins, Noah Jenkins, Madison Smith, Hanna Miller, Skyler Kenny, Tyler Kenny, Devon Kenny and Kaiden Kenny; three brothers, Daniel Cartwright, Rick Dapauw and Lee Depauw.

She was preceded in death by her parents her son Charles McLaughlin and her daughter Danielle Smith

Becky was the proud and well-respected owner of The Hub Tavern in Mendota for over 20 years. She was well known throughout the community for her hard work, her dedication to helping those in need and her compassion for animals. Spending time with her family was the most important part of her life. She will be greatly missed by her family and many in the community.

Memorials may be directed to the family and can be mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Sandra K. DeNault

TROY, N.H. – Sandra K. DeNault, 79, of Troy, N.H., passed away on Oct. 5, 2022, at Cheshire Medical Center following a brief illness.

In honoring Sandra’s wishes, there will be no calling hours. Services will be privately held at the convenience of the family. Sandra’s final resting place will be on the beautiful property at The Cathedral of The Pines, located in Rindge, N.H.

Sandra was born Sept. 3, 1943, in Decatur, a daughter to the late Jonathon and Mary Katherine (Wheeler) DeNault.

Sandra will be lovingly remembered by her dearest niece, Ti-Tye M. DeNault of Floral, Ala.; sister, Bonnie Wunsh-Cotter of Opp, Ala.; nephew, Michael F. DeNault Jr. of Opp, Ala.; cousin, Shelby Livingston of Illinois; three great-nieces, four great-nephews, four great-great nieces, and her beloved pets, elda Jane and Mali Boo Kitty, as well as many friends.

She grew up in Illinois and graduated from LaMoille High School later earning her degree in Radiology from Illinois Valley Community College. Sandra was an avid world traveler and spent time seeing France, Germany, Russia, New Zealand, Whales, Scotland, Australia before living in North Finchly, England, eventually making her way back to the United States and spending 25 years in Mendota, before finally settling in her forever home in New Hampshire. She worked as a Radiologist at Monadnock Community Hospital up to her retirement in 1993.

In Sandra’s free time, she belonged to various book clubs, was on the Harmon Town Board, as well as a member of the British Poet Society. Sandra was a self-proclaimed eclectic individual with a love of the arts including honing her knowledge as a historian, gemologist, artist, and writer. She loved to collect doll houses and beautiful stones, with black opals being her favorite.

To leave a condolence for the family, or share a memory please visit www.cournoyerfh.com.



Lilly V. Galloway

LaMOILLE – Lilly V. Galloway, 13-day-old daughter of Barrett and Renae (Molln) Galloway, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

A public graveside service was held at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 31, 2022 at Calvary Cemetery, Arlington with Father Thadeus Tran officiating.

Lilly is survived by her parents of LaMoille; her brother Louis Galloway and her twin sister Lucy Galloway; her maternal grandparents, Eldon and Jackie Molln of Ohio, Ill.; and her paternal grandparents, Bruce and Wanda Galloway of LaMoille.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Dolores M. Doden

AMBOY – Dolores M. Doden, 86, of Amboy, gained her wings and joined her beloved family on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022.

The funeral services will be on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be on Friday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to the time of the service at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Dolores Mae Noble was born in Amboy on April 14, 1936, the daughter of Floyd W. Noble Sr. and Marjorie Violetta Clayton.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, JoAnn Haley, Durand, sons-in-law, Kerry Schaefer, of Roanoke, Ind., and Jeffrey Ohlendorf, of Amboy; step-daughters, Debra (Michael) Wise and Barbara Diederich; step-brothers, Charles (Charity) Noble of Atlanta, Ga., and Brian Noble of Las Vegas, Nev.; grandchildren, Jeremy Haley, Denver, Colo., Matthew (Serah Elizabeth) Haley, Winston-Salem, N.C., Curtis (Sonia) Haley, of Newark, Daniel (Charity) of Freeport, Fla., Nicholas (Andrea) Schaefer of Mendota, Thomas (Sara Beth) Schaefer of Mendota, Alicia (Brian) Robbins of LaSalle, Robert (Carolyn) Ohlendorf of Mendota, Anthony (Molly) Ohlendorf of Mendota, Rachel Zissler of Pecatonica, and Kyle Zissler of Durand; 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; sisters-in-law Kaye Noble of Mascot, Tenn., and Darlene Hinkle of Shorewood; many nieces and nephews; and a host of loyal friends.

Delores was predeceased by her parents; her son Frank Leroy Haley Jr., on Oct. 29, 2017; her daughter, Janece “Jan” Marie Schaefer, in 2015; her daughter, Suzanne “Sue” Lynn Ohlendorf, in 2018; and her son, David “Dave” Allan Haley, in 2019. She is also preceded in death by her sister, Dorothy (Ernest) Jeanblanc; and brothers, Keith (Dorothy) Noble, Donald (Jeannie) Noble, James (Beverly) Noble, Floyd Noble Jr. and Richard (Dorothy) Noble.

Delores was an artist and won many awards for her artwork while in school. She graduated from Amboy High School in 1954 and married her high school sweetheart, Frankie Leroy Michael Haley, on Aug. 14, 1954. During their marriage, Frankie and “Dee” were in a band called the Mel-O-Dees where she sang and played the guitar. They were the parents of four children. After Frank’s death in 1974, Dee went to work as a legal secretary for a Dixon engineering firm. On Feb. 25, 1977, Delores married Robert Doden, owner of Doden Silos in Mendota, where they made their home until Bob’s death in 1996.

Due to complications from diabetes, Dee entered the Mendota Lutheran Home in 2009 and remained there until they closed, and she moved to the Franklin Grove Nursing Home where her smiles and hugs made her one of the favorites.

OSF revises mask policy

MENDOTA – OSF HealthCare has revised masking requirements for patients, visitors, and Mission Partners (employees) in its health care facilities in the wake of changes to State of Illinois requirements and CDC recommendations related to COVID-19.

Patients and visitors are not required to wear a mask unless the community transmission level of the county where the facility is located is high. Patients and visitors will be asked to mask if they have a suspected or confirmed COVID infection, have symptoms of a respiratory infection (e.g., those with runny nose, cough, sneeze) or have had close contact or an exposure to someone with COVID during the past 10 days.


For Mission Partners who are vaccinated for COVID-19, masks are not required unless the community transmission level is high. Unvaccinated Mission Partners who received exemptions based on religious or medical grounds must continue to wear a mask at all times, regardless of the transmission level.

OSF HealthCare leaders continue to monitor COVID-19 transmission levels throughout the communities it serves and will make adjustments if levels change. Some communities with OSF HealthCare facilities are currently in areas considered with high transmission and will continue to mask as before.

Any Mission Partner or visitor is welcomed to mask, and masks will continue to be available, even when community transmission levels are not high in their county.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Mendota to flush fire hydrants for 2 weeks starting Nov. 7th

MENDOTA – The city of Mendota Water Department will begin its annual fire hydrant flushing activities on Monday, Nov. 7. The work will continue approximately 15 days and will be performed between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Water Department wishes to remind everyone that red or rusty colored water can occur even when flushing activities are not in your immediate area. Residents are encouraged to check their water prior to routine household activities such as laundry. If laundry staining does occur, do not dry the affected clothing as this will “set” the stain. Clothing should

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Fire hydrant flushing is an important part of the Water Department’s maintenance program of the water distribution system. The most important aspect of this program is the assurance of properly operating fire hydrants in the event of an emergency. Unfortunately, during this necessary maintenance procedure, discolored water can occur.

The Water Department appreciates your patience and apologizes for any inconvenience that may result from flushing activities. For more information, call 815-539-6307.

Podcast

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with them running less than five minutes.

The time limit is to benefit parents as they’re on their commute to work or while they’re listening to their phone.

Parents are the focus as the school news needs to find them.

“Back in the day, the newspaper used to have a section where high school kids would write stories and they were published,” Cromwell said. “This is kind of like that but for the new generation. They’re excited, but very nervous. The first episode went on the Mendota High School website. We were asked to use a different anchor so it could post straight to Spotify. Last week we did our first Spotify podcast. The kids were thinking, ‘Hey, this is exciting, but they, everyone can hear me on Spotify.’

“We have a good start, but it is in its infancy. It’s turning into an entire school collaboration. Brock Sondgeroth, the art teacher, created our logo. We use different teachers to help us. A couple classes, entire classes, are working on an episode. It’s growing fast.”

All three episodes of the podcast have been overseen by Cromwell and her Trojan Town News partner, Kristi Barajas. Barajas, a special education and math teacher, also oversees the Mendota yearbook.

When Cromwell took the podcast idea to principal Denise Aughenbaugh, it just seemed like Barajas would be a perfect fit.

“I already do the interviewing and some of the same processes with the yearbook. We felt merging the interviewing, interaction, and a podcast would work,” Barajas said. “The ultimate goal is to sit back and have the kids run it 100 percent. This is volunteer work on our part and fitting in time to meet with the kids can be tricky. We’re trying to iron it out. We really want it to be driven by them where they come up with the ideas, doing the interviews, coming up with the questions, and combining all of the information for an episode.

“I think we’re covering topics that are happening and coming up to get more news information out there. We’ve definitely spit-balled some ideas of interviewing board members, teachers, and captains of sports teams. “It’s building the community within the school and pushing it out to the Mendota community.”

Other techniques, strategies, and brainstorming have been laid on the blueprint as the teachers may include a theme song.

As Trojan Times News keeps marching, other ideas will also form to help get all MHS news and information to parents and all listeners.

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Blood drive set Nov. 11 at OSF

MENDOTA - OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center will host a community blood drive with ImpactLife, the provider of blood components for local hospitals. The blood drive will be from noon-5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 at 1401 E. 12th St., inside Conference Room C.

To schedule an appointment, email Katie Gott at Katie.L.gott@osfhealthcare.org or online at www.blood-

center.org.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. is required to donate. For questions about eligibility, please call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before Sept. 16, 2022, are eligible to give at this drive.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Local students earn UW-Whitewater scholarships

WHITEWATER, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater has announced scholarship recipients receiving financial awards for the 2022-23 academic year.

Area students receiving awards include Mia Artman of Mendota, who was awarded the Chancellor Scholar, and Matthew Greuter of Mendota, who received the Music Special Talent Scholarship. Both students are studying music.

“On behalf of the UW-Whitewater Foundation, we send our deepest congratulations to this year’s scholarship winners, who represent the very best in academic, co-curricular and service excellence across all of our colleges and departments,” said Sandy Dunst, interim president of the UW-Whitewater Foundation. “Over the years, many people and organizations have donated funds to make these financial awards a reality. Their kindness and generosity have contributed to the success of our Warhawks and we’re extremely grateful for their support.”

The UW-Whitewater Foundation awarded more than \$2.5 million in scholarships to students. More information can be found at uwv.edu/scholarships.

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Pritzker’s average lead at 14.3 percentage points, 49.5 percent to 35.2 percent. It had the Libertarian candidate, Scott Schluter, at about 6.4 percent.

Bailey’s campaign released its own sponsored poll, which was logged by FiveThirtyEight, that showed him trailing Pritzker by about two percentage points—a drastic outlier from multiple nonpartisan polls.

In his daily Facebook video – a method of virtual outreach that reaches in the thousands to tens of thousands of watchers daily – Bailey contended he was in the lead.

“Cindy and I and many of our prayer warriors across the state, we dedicate Tuesday to prayer and fasting and just waiting, you know, to see what deception and what lies and what tricks JB Pritzker has up his sleeve in these next two weeks because he knows he’s losing,” he said.

The Republican spent a day last week greeting voters at the Belmont train station in Chicago while his Twitter account spent the early part of the week retweeting stories about shootings in the city that he has repeatedly described as a “hellhole.”

He spent the previous week on a “get out the vote” bus tour, stopping in 16 cities and towns across the state, including Anna, Belleville, Springfield, Champaign, Arthur, Joliet, Aurora and Naperville.

At a Springfield stop, Bailey once again mentioned a “zero based budget” as his plan for balancing state finances, although he has persistently refused to name any state spending cuts he would look to implement if elected. He has said that will

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—Gov. JB Pritzker

be determined by the agency heads he hires to replace the current agency directors he plans to fire. He has said he will plan to name the replacement candidates after the election.

Bailey told Crain’s Chicago Business in an interview that he believes schools receive too much state funding, and he has since stated that he believes administrators are paid too much. Administrative salaries are set by local school boards.

“Anytime public school hears the word ‘more funding’ which JB Pritzker loves to toss money at problems without any transparency or any accountability, everyone automatically thinks of more administration,” Bailey, a former school board member in Clay County who frequently voted to raise local property tax levies, said in his Springfield stop.

“We’ve got to slash administrative costs and we’ve got to get that money to go to the classrooms,” he added. “Because the vast majority of our students all across Illinois cannot read, they cannot write, they cannot do math at grade level and that must change.”

His response is to “come in with a totally new approach to government because nothing’s working right,” he said.

Pritzker, meanwhile, tout-

ed his first-term legislative wins to the union members in Urbana, highlighting the increased minimum wage to \$15 hourly by 2025, protections for women seeking abortions in Illinois, the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act that increases investment in renewable energy, and the requirement that LGBTQ and Asian American history be taught in Illinois schools.

He also pointed to the legalization of recreational marijuana and the fact that spending for Monetary Award Program grants for Illinois college students has increased by \$200 million under his term.

“We’re going to have to fight for what we believe in,” Pritzker said. “We’re up against a wave of election deniers, anti-choice extremists who will stop at nothing to turn back the clock and send us back to the Dark Ages. It’s easy to feel scared about the future when you think of all that. But if we fight like hell for the next two weeks and win this election, we can get back the radical right wing and take our country back.”

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Do You Know An AMERICAN HERO?

The Mendota Reporter is again putting together a section featuring Veterans and military personnel and would like you to send or bring us a military picture of yourself or favorite military hero along with a short biography of their service history, present or past.

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Our FREE special section featuring your own local heroes will be published on Nov. 9th.

Deadline for submitting Photos/Information is Thursday, Nov. 3.


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Union workers see property tax threat from Illinois amendment vote

By BRAD WEISENSTEIN
Illinois Policy Institute

If American labor has a golden patron, it surely must be President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. But FDR had pretty distinct views about private-sector labor unions versus government unions.

“The very nature and purposes of Government make it impossible for administrative officials to represent fully or to bind the employer in mutual discussions with Government employee organizations. The employer is the whole people, who speak by means of laws enacted by their representatives in Congress,” Roosevelt wrote in 1937.

He said government workers are public servants, so government unions would work against public service. He was right, and in Illinois we’ve seen why as the public serves government workers. It has resulted in the nation’s second-highest property taxes and No. 7 combined state and local tax burden.

Government unions spent millions on state political campaigns, creating a system of benefits that Illinois taxpayers cannot afford: state pensions that eat 25% of the state budget yet still are owed \$313 billion. When their golden patron, Mike Madigan, was deposed and indicted, they needed a new path to power.

Enter Amendment 1, a proposed change to the Illinois Constitution at the top of the Nov. 8 ballot.

While the government unions are calling it a “Workers’ Rights Amendment,” others with solid labor credentials see it as a threat to working families.

Anthony Travis comes from a strong union family and was a union steward for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

“Union bosses could ask local municipalities to pay their mortgage, pay their rent. The Chicago Teachers Union went on strike and argued for housing assistance in 2019,” Travis said. “The precedent has been set, and this amendment opens a Pandora’s box of what else union bosses could ask for and have us pay for.”

The Rev. Phalese Binion nearly lost her house to high property taxes. If Amendment 1 passes, she sees ever-increasing taxes as taxpayers try to satisfy greater government union contract demands.

“I am a former union member myself, and there are laws in place to protect union workers anyway, so who is this amendment really going to help?” she said. “The commercial they have for the ‘Workers’ Rights Amendment’ is very misleading. They do not share that it only applies to government workers. In all honesty, if the gentleman standing in their ad isn’t a union boss, Amendment 1 won’t help him.”

Jerome Cooper was a union electrician who retired with a fixed income when he became disabled.

“Higher property taxes from Amendment 1 would mean I’m gonna have to leave Illinois because I can’t afford to stay here. The same goes for most of my elderly neighbors,” Cooper said. “It’d be devastating.”

As FDR said, there’s a difference between supporting the advances private-sector unions gave all American workers, and supporting government unions that will only serve a select few. Illinois voters face a request to become the only state that protects this special interest with its state constitution.

Voters also face a question of raising their property taxes.

If property taxes simply continue to increase at their long-run average rate, the typical homeowner will pay over \$2,100 in additional property taxes during the next four years. Amendment 1 would likely accelerate that by expanding the bargaining power of government union bosses to negotiate a near-endless array of subjects, ultimately forcing residents to pay the bill for costly contract concessions that carry more weight than state law.

Illinois’ working families don’t need to carry a heavier tax burden. Travis, Rev. Binion and Cooper shouldn’t need to worry about government workers pricing them out of their homes.

(Brad Weisenstein is managing editor of the Illinois Policy Institute.)

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Ceremony for new Interstate 39 – 1984

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Nov. 2, 1994.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was 10 years ago, on Oct. 30, 1984, that a crowd gathered to celebrate opening of a 12-mile stretch of the new north-south highway between Interstate 80 and U.S. 34.

The ceremonies were held on the new road, about a mile north of I-80. Senator Charles Percy was there as well as State Rep. Peg Breslin, State Senator John Grothberg and Secretary of Transportation John Kramer. Governor Jim Thompson arrived a bit late by helicopter.

All the dignitaries and many others wore Interstate 39 buttons. This was to be the designation of the new road, which had previously been called “412 Freeway” and also the generic “North-South Freeway.”

It was announced that on Dec. 7, bids would be taken for construction of the next segment, from Mendota to the East-West Tollway.

The fall of 1984 was very wet indeed. Contrasting with a normal corn harvest completion of 90 percent by the first of November in LaSalle County, only 60 percent of the corn was in. Moisture was running from 20-27 percent and the corn had to be dried before storage.

Soybean harvest was on hold.

The humidity has been too high and the beans too “chewy” to combine.

The Business & Professional Woman’s Club announced its choice for 1984 Woman of the Year. it was Verona Whitmore, vice president and trust officer at the National Bank of Mendota, where she had been employed since 1947.

Verona expressed surprise at receiving the honor. Her comment –

I never have seen myself as women of the year.

However, the BPW did.

The annual Chamber of Commerce meeting was held at the Chalet, Jack Robison was Chamber president and

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Shirlean Hackman was executive director.

James “Stymie” Schmidt received the Chamber’s Outstanding Service Award. His work in behalf of Little League and other community services were cited. The Beautification Award went to the Parkway Family Restaurant, remodeled during the year.

The Crossroads Counseling Center at St. John’s Lutheran parish hall was added to the list of organizations selected to receive some funding from United Way. Director Jerry Tews said the Center had counseled 300-325 families during the year, involving 485 sessions. He was being assisted by two part-time counselors, a specialist in children’s problems and a specialist in substance abuse.

Fees at Crossroads were adjusted according to ability to pay.

A proposed civic center for Mendota was the main topic at the Nov. 5, 1984 council meeting.

Alderman Don Jones had been receiving calls about the proposal, all negative. There was some speculation that if a community building were not erected, the \$350,000 Dora Feik legacy might go to NOA or MASS, both benefiting senior citizens.

Alderman Martin Masear had been fielding questions as to how the building would be used and how it would be supported. Alderman Del Knowlton wondered if hiring a full-time manager would increase revenues.

Alderman Peg Truckenbrod had been told by one senior citizen that “she didn’t think Mrs. Feik ever intended the city to become involved in such a financial hassle.”

Someone suggested that if a civic center were to be built and “didn’t work out,” it could be put to some other use

or even eventually sold.

Acting Mayor James Strouss reminded the aldermen that construction would have to start by May 1, 1985, and an application for additional state funding would have to be made soon.

He felt it would be an injustice to the people in favor of it (the civic center) if the council backed out now.

The AEC Group Inc. was authorized to carry the project to the “application stage.”

Mendota Spikers took the regional championship and the Trojans finished off the 1984 season with a 21-0 victory over the Hall Red Devils.

Ann Tastad, the only girl on Mendota’s cross country team, advanced to sectional with a time of 14:17 over a 2.1-mile course in the DeKalb Regional.

Six Trojans were chosen for the NCIC Southwest Division all-conference squad: Scott Novak, Kevin Larsen, John Booker, Todd O’Sadnick, Bob Clark and Eric Worsley.

Fifteen MHS band and choir students were chosen by audition to perform in IMEA concerts at Chillicothe on Nov. 3, 1984.

An Audrey Lawrence feature on fall fashions pictured a variety of styles on local models: Geneva Knowlton, Barb Guilfoyle, Tina Davis and Kathy Owens. Garments were from Westernman’s, Spurgeon’s, Nome’s Apparel and Mendota Sport Shop.

Versatility was the key word for outfits that could go from casual to dressy with a few clever adjustments.

An election survey in the Trojan Tattler showed 80.5 percent favoring the Reagan-Bush ticket and 18 percent for Mondale-Ferrara. The remaining 1.5 percent were undecided. The 200 students surveyed said their choice was influenced by TV, the debates and to some extent by commentators’ assessments. Only few felt they were swayed by appearance or personality.

Great art is not an enemy of the climate

By Rich Lowry

Climate activists have found a new target -- the greatest masterpieces in the history of Western art.

Heretofore, no one thought that Claude Monet’s “Haystacks” -- a sublime series studying the changes in light and color on haystacks in a field -- or Vincent Van Gogh’s “Sunflowers” -- a painting that is instantly recognizable and forever associated these flowers with the troubled artist -- had harmed anyone, let alone had anything to do with the alleged climate emergency.

But that was before activists showed up at museums to splatter these works with tomato soup or mashed potatoes, part of a trend of protests directed at some of the most recognizable works in the Western artistic canon.

The actions are a new low, which is saying something. The level of childishness involved makes Greta Thunberg look prudent and statesmanlike by comparison.

Fortunately, museums have had the forethought to idiot-proof their major works with special protective glass. The activists say they don’t seek to harm the art, although they are not people one would naturally nominate to make fine-grained decisions about the consequences of their stunts involving spray paint, glue and foodstuffs in close proximity to delicate, priceless treasures.

Margaret Klein Salamon, the executive director of the Climate Emergency Fund, told Buzzfeed News that the protests only make sense because the activists are thinking things are “so bad that I’m gonna do this crazy thing and glue myself to a painting or a frame.”

In other words, they are channeling the famous line from Otter in the movie “Animal House” -- “this situation absolutely requires a really futile and stupid gesture be done on somebody’s part.”

It’s not the Taliban blowing up the Bamiyan Buddha statues, but the nihilistic spirit is the same.

The protesters have asked, “What is worth more, art or life?” This is a particularly juvenile false choice. Art doesn’t hurt or kill anyone. To the contrary, representational art is

part of the warp and woof of humanity -- look no further than the 30,000-year-old paintings from the Chauvet Cave in southeastern France -- and profoundly enriches life.

The juxtaposition of pieces of art of great subtlety and power, whose value has stood the test of time, with often pale, ill-kempt kids ranting hysterically is comical. The beauty and mystery of Sandro Botticelli’s “Primavera” and the pathos of the statue Laocoön and His Sons -- both works that have been targeted recently -- inevitably diminish anyone using the art as a cheap platform for publicity.

The protesters make strained connections between the art and their causes. A copy of the Leonardo da Vinci painting “The Last Supper” at the Royal Academy in London was on the hit list, as a news report put it, “because people around the world are experiencing a food crisis.” Evidently, no one told the activists that the point of the last supper is not the food.

One of the protestors targeting the Monet painting in a museum in Potsdam, Germany, declared: “Science says we won’t be able to feed our families by 2050. This painting will be worth nothing if we have to fight over food.”

By that logic, there is no act of cultural desecration that isn’t justified. Why not sandblast the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, sledgehammer Michelangelo’s David, or bulldoze Notre Dame because they’ll all be worthless in the climate dystopia awaiting us?

The activists are quite pleased with the attention they are getting. It’s not true, though, that all publicity is good publicity. What they are really putting on display is their own recklessness and fanaticism.

On their own terms, they should think about how having easy access to the most awe-inspiring works of arts ever fashioned by mankind is the ultimate privilege. There are no world-class art museums in, say, Micronesia.

So maybe some respect and gratitude for the timeless contributions of true geniuses is in order, but that would require some perspective and decency, wouldn’t it?

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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TRI-COUNTY NEWS

Paw Paw School creates "Buddy-Up" program

PAW PAW – The Paw Paw School Board met in regular session on Oct. 18.

Mrs. Coomer presented a new program called the "Buddy-Up" program created by the teachers to group up elementary school children with junior high students. The students participate in various activities or projects together. Each older student is paired with a young child as their buddy.

In September, the older children met with their new buddy, and had a learning time of what the school procedures are, and where particular rooms are located, such as the principal's, nurse's, gym, and library. Buddy programs enhance children's cooperative learning behaviors such as taking turns, listening, sharing knowledge, praising others' efforts, helping one another, and completing a task. As the older students assume the role of teacher, they are motivated to do their best. They experience pride in their ability to be helpful.

Buddy activities will take place once a month throughout the school year.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of joining the IESA – Illinois Elementary School Association for junior high sports teams.

Kim Siemers is the Instructional Coach and organizes and facilitates interventions for students struggling in academics, social-emotional behaviors, or absenteeism. The goal is to intervene early so students can catch up with their grade-level peers.

A Literacy-night and a Math-night are planned for this Fall. Math night was Oct. 26 and Family Reading Night will be Nov. 10. Families are invited to come and participate in various activities and games related to Math and Literacy.

Kern Lawn Care has been contracted for school snow removal.

A Community Forum meeting will be scheduled in January. No date had been set yet.

Eighth Grade Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24.

Broken playground borders will be replaced in the near future.

SUBLETTE NEWS

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST IN SUBLETTE

Area residents are invited to deck your home with the most TREEmendous decorations for the Sublette Christmas Decorating Contest. Sign up by Dec. 10 for a chance to win a prize. Judging will be Dec. 17. Sign-up sheets are available at Bonnell's General Store, Pioneer State Bank and the Post Office. Everyone is urged to light up the town for the Christmas season.

SUBLETTE BUSINESS MEETING

The Sublette Business Association met on Oct. 25 at the Ellice Dinges Center. The group discussed upcoming events in the village including the annual Christmas in the Village, the Christmas Decorating Contest and Shop Small Stores, which will be held in November. It was also noted that Sublette has several new businesses opening including McGraw Tax and More, Shear Elegance beauty salon and a new travel trailer dealership.

HONOR ROLL

St. Bede Academy

PERU – St. Bede Academy in Peru announced its honor roll for the first marking period of the 2022-2023 school year. Nick McLaughlin, principal of St. Bede, recognizes those students who attained the Academy's fall honor roll and is proud of their accomplishments.

Seniors: Hayden Arkins, Ali Arslan, Lea Asani, Addison Bontz, John Brady, Ryan Brady, Kylie Cofoid, Kristal De La Torre, Alyssa Engels, Gianna Grivetti, George Guo, Lexi Heemstra, Arianna Heersink, Callan Hueneburg, Mason Hurst, Anh Huynh, Landon Jackson, Shuxuan Li, Anna Lopez, Nathan Lough, Abigail Michels, Ryan Migliorini, Mia Morrow, Morgan Nawa, Brendan Pillion, Lily Lu Rauh Fernandez, Emily Robbins, Zoe Roebuck, Gavin Sandoval, Alyssa Schirz, Ava Stone, Celeste Thompson, Madelyn Torrance, Alyssa Torri, Isabella Villalobos, Ben Wallace, Macy Zeglis, Xinyi Zhai

Juniors: Alex Ankiewicz, Johnna Bogatitus, Bella Boggio, Ali Bosnich, Macklin Brady, Ella Burris, Summer Conlin, Madelyne Dalton, Rubi De La Torre, Erin Dove, Tessa Dugosh, Ella Englehaupt, Evan Englehaupt, Evan Entrican, Aleah Espel, Daliyah Farris, Milana Gayan, Molly

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NOV. 10
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LOCAL AND AREA

Voters will decide on 'right to unionize' constitutional amendment

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois voters will be asked in November to decide whether the right of workers to form unions and engage in collective bargaining should be enshrined in the state constitution.

The first clause of the amendment contains two sentences. The first would establish a “fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate wages, hours, and working conditions, and to promote their economic welfare and safety at work.”

The second would prohibit the state or any local unit of government from enacting “any law that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety.”

The provision is intended to prevent passage of any state or local “right to work” laws, which prohibit employers from requiring workers to be union members to keep their jobs.

The second clause states that the amendment would be controlling over another part of the constitution that spells

out the powers of home rule units of local government, meaning those units of government would still be subject to the amendment.

Lawmakers approved putting the measure on the ballot during the 2021 spring session. The resolution passed both chambers with bipartisan support: 49-7 in the Senate and 80-30 in the House.

Like any constitutional issue, however, there is considerable disagreement over what those words mean and what effects they would have if the amendment is adopted.

The proposal is supported by several large labor unions, but it has drawn opposition from groups such as the Illinois Association of School Boards, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

To gather a sense of the arguments for and against the measure, the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors convened an online forum with Joe Bowen, communications director for a Vote Yes for Workers Rights, the only organized political committee campaigning on the issue. They also spoke with Mailee Smith, director of labor policy and a staff attorney with the Illinois Policy Institute, a conservative think tank that

opposes the measure.

Bowen and Smith were asked at the outset what they believe the amendment would mean and the implications of adopting it.

“The workers’ rights amendment will guarantee your fundamental rights in the workplace to organize and bargain collectively with your coworkers to negotiate for things like better pay, safer working conditions, and crucially, it will also protect Illinois voters from politicians who try to take away their rights in the future,” Bowen said.

He said it gives Illinois workers an opportunity “to vote for themselves on Nov. 8.”

“It will enshrine protections that most of us are already enjoying while extending protection to workers who don’t currently have it,” Bowen said. “It will be a tremendous win for our workers as well as our entire economy and local communities.”

Smith, on the other hand, asserted that the amendment would apply only to public-sector workers because private-sector workers are already covered by the National Labor Relations Act, which would supersede any state law or state constitutional provision.

As a result, she argued that it would drive up local property taxes by giving public employee unions power to negotiate a broader range of

issues, including “economic welfare,” which isn’t defined in the amendment or other state law.

“And it’s not defined in other similar laws like the National Labor Relations Act,” she said. “That could mean things like the expansion of affordable housing or positions on rent abatement could be demanded by government unions.”

She also said the provision preempting right-to-work laws could have unintended consequences.

“It prohibits lawmakers, as the people’s representatives, from ever enacting reforms or fixes,” she said. “So if lawmakers decide down the line, ‘Oh, wow, we didn’t mean economic welfare to mean all of these broad subjects,’ they could never go back and define what economic welfare actually is because they’d be prohibited in the amendment itself from doing that.”

Bowen countered that the amendment has nothing to do with taxes but, instead, protects only the right of workers to organize and bargain collectively in the workplace.

If it were adopted, he said, it would apply uniformly statewide to all workers in both the public and private sectors. He also said it would protect workers from politicians who attempt to enact right-to-work laws, a reference to former Republi-

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can Gov. Bruce Rauner, who tried unsuccessfully to push such legislation through the General Assembly.

Finally, he suggested that the rights spelled out in federal law could change or be repealed at any time, referring to the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that overturned the right to abortion that had been established under Roe v. Wade.

“And I think it’s critically important at a time when we don’t know what’s going to happen tomorrow – and we’ve seen a lot of unpredictability and rights under attack, both federally and here in Illinois – to make sure that these rights stay in a lockbox and that they’re safe for workers for generations to come,” he said.

As a follow-up, the two were asked to identify what rights workers would have under the amendment that they don’t already have under existing law.

Bowen said the amendment would protect existing rights and extend them to “hundreds of thousands” of workers who aren’t covered under existing law. He said it’s important to guarantee bargaining rights now and into the future, considering “we spend almost half of our lives in the workplace.”

“Whether or not you have the ability to earn a good living, to stay safe on the job, it really impacts every part of your life,” he said. “So making sure that we guarantee these protections in the Illinois Constitution is critically important.”

Smith argued that elevating collective bargaining

rights to the level of the constitution would put labor agreements beyond the reach of existing statutes that apply to public employee contracts.

“If a teachers union didn’t want to have background checks as part of the job application process, they could write that into their contract,” she said. “It could keep government union contracts a secret. They could actually void the (Freedom of Information Act) law that requires government union contracts to be open to the public, simply by writing that provision into the contract.”

Bowen initially declined to respond to that assertion, but later in the discussion said, “I don’t believe it’s legally permissible to enter into a contract that violates state or federal law.”

Constitutional amendments have two paths to passage in Illinois. If the measure receives 60 percent of the vote from those voting on the question, it passes. But if it fails to reach the 60 percent threshold on the question but still musters “yes” votes from more than half of those voting in the election, it would still pass.

Election Day is Nov. 8, but early voting has already begun. More information is available at local election authorities.

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OBITUARY

Adella R. Timm

MENDOTA – Adella Rose (Fouth) Timm, 94, of Mendota, passed away Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022 at the Mueller Funeral Home, Peru with Rev. Ian Griffith, of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarion, officiating. Burial will follow in Peru City Cemetery. Visitation will be held 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Timm was born on April 11, 1928 in People's Hospital, Peru to Arthur William and Rose (Hahn) Fouth. She attended Park Grade School, a one-room country school and graduated from LaMoille High School in 1946. Adella married her high school sweetheart, Robert L. Timm on Aug. 7, 1948. After his service in the United States Army from January 1952 to December 1953 and returning from Korea, they built their home in LaMoille.

Survivors include her nephews, Ronnie (Melissa) Fetzer of rural Arlington, Brian (Melissa) Sondgeroth of Las Vegas, Nev., and Ben (Beth) Sondgeroth of Sublette; nieces, Julie (Bruce) Barganz of Mukwonago, Wis., Brenda Dye of Malden, Theresa (Kiedock) Kim of Biggs, Calif., Paula Henkel of West Brooklyn, Cynthia Daley of Oroville, Calif., Beth (John) Donahue of Huntington Beach, Calif., Susan (Charles) Ritler of Brookfield, Wis., Paula (Robert) Schneider of River Hills, Wis., Karen Singer and Lisa (John) Schneider, both of Wauwatosa, Wis., and Dawn (Dave) Truckenbrod of Waterloo, Neb.; many great nieces and nephews; and numerous great great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her father in November 2000; her mother in April 2001; sisters, Corrine Fetzer in September 2015, Norma Sondgeroth in June 2018, and Luella Shackelford in January 2019; brothers-in-law, Merle Fetzer, Eugene Sondgeroth, and Leonard Timm; and a nephew, Rick Bauer.

Adella worked in Princeton at a jewelry store for 34 years. When she retired, her and her husband enjoyed auto travel to national parks in the west and Alaska, fishing, boating, and cross country skiing in Wisconsin and Michigan. After Robert's death on Jan. 22, 2002, she and her sister, Luella, continued to travel by auto, bus, and train to visit family. When her sister could no longer live alone, they lived together in LaMoille and in 2016 they both moved to the Mendota Lutheran Home. After Luella's death on Jan. 29, 2019, Adella moved to Stonecraft Village, Mendota.

Pallbearers will be Ronnie Fetzer, Bruce Barganz, Ben Sondgeroth, Derek Fetzer, Alycia Carroll, and Ashlee Dye.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clarion (LaMoille); Stonecraft Village, Mendota; or to the donor's choice.

The online guestbook may be viewed and remembrances shared at www.MuellerFH.com.



“Explore IVCC” event scheduled Nov. 9 for prospective spring semester enrollees

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College opens its classrooms and labs for “Explore IVCC” from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9. Attendance is encouraged for anyone considering enrolling in spring.

Agriculture, early childhood education, automotive technology, welding, criminal justice, nursing, music, education, and electrical are among the disciplines represented.

Student services represented include Learning Resources, Financial Aid, Career Services, and the Center for Accessibility and Neurodiversity. Representatives from the Natural Sciences and Business and Workforce Development divisions are also expected.

The free event for students and parents begins at 5:30 with a panel of current students sharing their experiences in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

Deans and faculty will discuss majors and offer tours of labs and classrooms and counselors will be available to discuss academic programs. Free, limited-edition IVCC T-shirts will be provided.



IVCC students Rosy Rocha, left, and Keina Arteaga, in the limited-edition T-shirts that will be given away at “Explore IVCC” Nov. 9. (Photo contributed)

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explore or call (815) 224-0439. Spring registration began Nov. 1.

Free diabetic programs offered in Ottawa

OTTAWA—OSF Medical Group—Family Medicine is pleased to offer free one-hour diabetic programs hosted by Anne Lauterjung, certified diabetes care and education specialist, on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at noon at OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. Lauterjung will present how medications help make a difference in your diabetes management. You can attend in person or participate virtually.

The program is open to all patients and community members. Participants can gather in meeting rooms 2 and 3 at OSF Saint Elizabeth or meet virtually via Microsoft Teams. Teams is an online meeting platform you can use from a smartphone, tablet, or computer from the comfort of your home. Advance registration is required since space is limited.

An invitation and directions will be emailed to each participant. You can register on the OSF Saint Elizabeth website under classes and events or at <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-elizabeth/calendar/register/6281/>

Community members can also join Lauterjung on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m. at the North Ottawa Kroger's, 2701 Columbus St., Ottawa, for an on-site store tour. Lauterjung will present information on cracking the code on affordable and healthier food choices as you walk the supermarket aisles. Class size is limited, so registration is required by going to <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-elizabeth/calendar/register/6277/>

For more information about these events, contact Anne Lauterjung on weekdays at (815) 431-3263.

Seminar for lady landowners planned in Princeton

PRINCETON – Are you a female landowner or a female farmer who would like to learn more about your rights as a landowner when it comes to unsolicited contracts, trespass and more? Plan to join attend the seventh annual Lady Landowner seminar set to take place at the Bureau County Metro Center, 837 Park Avenue West, Princeton on Friday, Nov. 18. The seminar will begin at 9 a.m. and includes light refreshments.

The guest speaker for the morning will be Garrett Thalgott, Illinois Farm Bureau Office of General Counsel. During his presentation, he will discuss how to protect yourself and your family when discussing wind, solar, pipeline and transmission line contracts, as well as carbon sequestration and trespass.

This free seminar is being supported by Bureau County Farm Bureau, Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau, Bureau County U of I Extension, Bureau County Farm Service Agency, Bureau County Soil and Water Conservation District, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Reservations are required by contacting the Bureau County Farm Bureau at (815) 875-6468 or the Marshall – Putnam Farm Bureau at (309) 364-2501 before Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Christmas Through the Eyes of A Child

The Mendota Reporter would like to announce we are bringing back our popular “Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child” promotion.

Two children, one boy and one girl, between the ages of 4 and 7 who live in Mendota and the surrounding area will be selected to have their pictures taken at various stores to promote Christmas gift ideas!

Each child selected will receive a \$25 CASH PRIZE. For a child to enter the contest, the Reporter needs a picture of the child (which may be picked up after Nov. 30) along with the child's name, age, address, telephone number, parents' names and the times the child is available for pictures.

Entries can be brought to the Reporter office at 703 Illinois Ave., Mendota, or mailed to The Mendota Reporter, P.O. Box 300, Mendota, IL 61342.

Deadline for entry is Noon Friday, Nov. 4. Winners will be notified by phone. Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, Nov. 16 and the Christmas section will be published on Wed., Nov. 30.

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POLICE BLOTTER

SUSPENDED LICENSE, WARRANT ARREST

Emily R. Sanchez, 30, of 708 Pennsylvania Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at 10th Avenue and Washington Street at 3:07 p.m. Oct. 18. Also, Sanchez was arrested on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/driving while under the influence and a valid Indiana State warrant for failure to appear/driving while under the influence. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Pollyvonne Morrissey Dredrich, 50, of 906 Third Ave., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call for a verbal domestic at 5:45 p.m. Oct. 25. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

VIOLATION OF BAIL BOND

Ellasha D. Porter, 28, of 205 Sandra Ave., Mendota, was charged with violation of bail bond at 12:50 a.m. Oct. 27. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

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SPORTS

MHS's Kelson earns berth in IHSA state cross country meet

OREGON – Mendota cross country runner Anthony Kelson earned a trip to the state meet after his performance in the Oregon Class 1A Sectional on Oct. 29.



Kelson

The top 10 runners to finish that are not members of a qualifying team earn a bid to the state meet and Kelson was in the eighth individual qualifier spot. He ran a time of 17:26. The MHS sophomore was the 17th overall runner.

The top seven individual qualifiers were Nicolai Martino of Winnebago (17:03.5), Aiden Ruiz of Dakota (17:16.3), Elijah House of Bureau Valley (17:16.6), Jose Gomez

of Rock Falls (17:18.9) Anthony Valdivia of Rock Falls (17:19.4), Tim Starwalt of Byron (17:20.4) and Austin Aldridge of Seneca (17:22.9). Finishing in the ninth and 10th spots were Carson Jones of Polo (17:28.9) and Kyle Gnewach of Rockford Lutheran (17:35.4).

The top six teams in the sectional also qualify for the state meet. Port Byron Riverdale won the team title with 33 points, followed by Rockford Christian (112), Pontiac (151), Sandwich (174), Mercer County (199) and Sterling Newman (204).

Tommy Murray of Riverdale was the overall individual champion with a time of 16:07.3.

Kelson will run in the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 5 at Detweiler Park in Peoria. Racetime is 10 a.m.

BOWLING

Thursday 4 Youth League

Standings as of Oct. 20 – 1. Team 5 8-0; 2. Team 2 5-3; 3. Team 4 4-4; 4. Team 1 2-6; 5. Team 3 1-7

High team game (scratch) – Team 5 270, Team 3 251, Team 4 233

High team game (hdcp) – Team 5 668, Team 2 638, Team 3 628

High team series (scratch) – Team 3 681, Team 5 675, Team 4 636

High team series (hdcp) – Team 5 1869, Team 2 1856, Team 3 1812

Boys' high game (scratch) – Parker Ramer 137, Lincoln Daley 104, Gavin Stambarger 94

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Parker Ramer 247, Lincoln Daley 245, Aaron Manion 220

Boys' high series (scratch) – Parker Ramer 330, Lincoln Daley 243, Jaxen Daley 239

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Lincoln Daley 666, Parker Ramer 660, Aaron Manion 610

Girls' high game (scratch) – Brooklyn Mauch 65

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Brooklyn Mauch 220

Girls' high series (scratch) – Brooklyn Mauch 168

Girls' high series (hdcp) – Brooklyn Mauch 633

Thursday 6 Youth League

Standings as of Oct. 20 – 1. Team 1 6-2; 2. Team 2 4-4; 3. Team 3 4-4

High team game (scratch) – Team 3 572, Team 1 356, Team 2 336

High team game (hdcp) – Team 3 696, Team 1 621, Team 2 600

High team series (scratch) – Team 3 1329, Team 1 1011, Team 2 938

High team series (hdcp) – Team 1 1806, Team 2 1730, Team 3 1701

Boys' high game (scratch) – Alex Holland 228, Kooper Novak 213, Oliver Turner 140

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Kooper Novak 258, Oliver Turner 244, Alex Holland 243

Boys' high series (scratch) – Alex Holland 516, Kooper Novak 465, Oliver Turner 360

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Oliver Turner 672, Kooper Novak 600, Toby Bulen 564

Girls' high game (scratch) – Lauren Holland 178, Ashlynn Martin 81

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Lauren Holland 225, Ashlynn Martin 194

Girls' high series (scratch) – Lauren Holland 461, Ashlynn Martin 219

Girls' high series (hdcp) – Lauren Holland 602, Ashlynn Martin 558

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Oct. 24 – 1. Split Happens 19-11; 2. CM Farm 19-11; 3. Bad Kats 18-12; 4. Leagal Beagles 14-16; 5. Ramer Inc. 11-19; 6. Sports-N-Stuff 9-21

High team game (scratch) – Leagal Beagles 779, Split Happens 745, Sports-N-Stuff 667

High team game (hdcp) – Split Happens 1030, Leagal Beagles 1024, Sports-N-Stuff 961

High team series (scratch) – Split Happens 2078, Leagal Beagles 2003, Sports-N-Stuff 1872

High team series (hdcp) – Split Happens 2933, Bad Kats 2764, CM Farm 2755

Men's high game (scratch) – Ron Westphal 246, Mike Smith 216, Bob Thomas 215

Men's high game (hdcp) – Ron Westphal 288, Bob Thomas 285, Raul Diaz Jr. 270

Men's high series (scratch) – Ron Westphal 622, Bob Thomas 616, Matt Ramer 611

Men's high series (hdcp) – Bob Thomas 826, Ron Westphal 748, Brendan Ramer 719

Women's high game (scratch) – Audrey Holocker 223, Jessica Robinson 211, Sarah Westphal 203

Women's high game (hdcp) – Audrey Holocker 303, Sarah Westphal 286, Jessica Robinson 281

Women's high series (scratch) – Jessica Robinson 534, Audrey Holocker 498, Gail Sessler 489

Women's high series (hdcp) – Stephanie Ramer 767, Dessa Collings 748, Jessica Robinson 744

9 Trojans gain all-TRAC soccer honors

MENDOTA – Nine Mendota boys' soccer players were recognized by the Three Rivers Athletic Conference with all-conference honors for the 2022 season.

Six of the nine were selected to the first team. They include seniors Rafael Romero, Jasiel Watson, Johnathan Cortez and Martin Murillo, junior Izaiah Nanez and freshman Johan Cortez. Chosen to the second team were sophomores Mauricio Martinez and David Casas, while senior Ricky Orozco was

an honorable mention selection.

FIRST TEAM

Rafael Romero, Mendota; Jasiel Watson, Mendota; Johnathan Cortez, Mendota; Izaiah Nanez, Mendota; Johan Cortez, Mendota; Martin Murillo, Mendota; Matthew Sims, Princeton; Rafa Tomas Francisco, Monmouth-Roseville; Ozzy Carmona, Monmouth-Roseville; James Rogniski, Kewanee; Cristian Cazares, Kewanee; Aiden Sensabaugh, Riverdale; Cole Kimball, Orion-Sherrard; Alyus Johnson, Orion-Sherrard

SECOND TEAM

Mauricio Martinez, Mendota; David Casas, Mendota; Francisco Moreno, DePue; Bawi Thang, Monmouth-Roseville; Bruntsh Bolese, Monmouth-Roseville; Zep Mang, Monmouth-Roseville; Michael Smallwood, Princeton; Chase Sims, Princeton; Elijah Bermudez, Kewanee; Jack Coombes, Kewanee; Trey Erdmann, Orion-Sherrard; Pat Gannon, Riverdale

HONORABLE MENTION

Ricky Orozco, Mendota

Amboy rolls in 8-man playoff opener

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

AMBOY – Celebrations and high-fives were aplenty Oct. 29 in Amboy as the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team won its 8-man first-round playoff game, 48-0, against Farmer City Blue Ridge.

The No. 5-seeded Clippers (8-2) led 28-0 after the first, 42-0 at halftime and scored once more against the No. 12-seeded Knights in the fourth quarter on a Josh McKendry run.

There were celebrations about each touchdown, advancing to the second round of the playoffs, and the return of senior quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer.

"We started off a little slow. We had some big plays here and there," said Lindenmeyer, who has been out since a Week 4 leg injury against Milford/Cissna Park. "Overall, we didn't do very well in the first quarter. We picked it up in the second quarter and got back to doing what we needed to do."

"I think I started slow. I slowly started to get back in the groove and find the rhythm that I need. Hopefully, it continues for the second playoff game. It was a lot different atmosphere being involved in the game and being a part of the win. It's nice being back."

Lindenmeyer will have a chance to settle the score of the 40-30 loss to Milford, the first Clippers' loss of the season, in the second round of the playoffs as A-L-O takes on the Bearcats at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sam Fanning Stadium in Milford.

"Moving on in the playoffs, we need to stick together as a team. We need a strong mindset overall," Lindenmeyer said. "We need to learn each other better, flow better, and everything just needs to really come together and stay tight like a puzzle. If we can do that, we'll have success."

Clippers coach Scott Payne was more than happy to have his lone senior back on the field.

The offense picked up 408 total yards with Lindenmeyer throwing 8-of-12 for 144 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

Junior Landon Whelchel ran for 110 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries, while also returning a kickoff 80 yards to the end zone.

Sophomore Quinn Lefelman had four carries for 89 yards and a 53-yard touchdown.

"Tucker looked good in his first game back throwing the football. We still made a few mental mistakes. We need to get those cleaned up before the next round," said Payne. "All year long, we were one of the least penalized teams. All of a sudden (Saturday), we seemed like we were holding every other play. We'll work on that and get it cleaned up



Amboy's Brennan Blaine tries to snag a pass while being defended by Farmer City Blue Ridge's Trenton Smith (No. 51) and Corbin Colbert during the first round of the 8-Man Playoffs on Oct. 29 at the AHS field. Blaine was unable to come down with the catch. (Reporter photo)

before next week.

"Our offensive and defensive line did a great job (Saturday). They controlled the line of scrimmage. We shut down their big fullback, Jamison Berkler, and I think we did a really good job of stopping their inside trap game."

Amboy had seven penalties for 100 yards while Blue Ridge had three whistles against it for 30 yards. The Clippers recovered two Knights fumbles and only gave up one interception.

Junior tight end Brennan Blaine took credit for 114 of Lindenmeyer's yards as he had four grabs and two touchdowns.

"It was nice to have Tucker back for this game. We wanted him to play with us in the playoffs," Blaine said. "Eddie Jones (sophomore backup quarterback who started during Lindenmeyer's injury) did good, held it down, and did the best he could, but Tucker is a senior and he's had more experience in the playoffs."

"When we were in our Trips formation, Blue Ridge did a good job of double teaming me. I don't think I caught one pass out of that formation. I was guarded every time I caught the ball, Tucker just hit me with some nice throws."

Blaine realizes teams have



Amboy quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer eludes the tackle try by Farmer City Blue Ridge's Riley Pruitt during the first round of the 8-Man Playoffs on Oct. 29 at the AHS field. (Reporter photo)

watched film and know what him and Lindenmeyer are capable of doing on the field.

He also knows it doesn't change the game plan.

"We're going to have to play through it. We know it's going to be tough the rest of the way through," Blaine said. "We have Milford next week. They're a great team and we already lost to them once. We hope to see a different outcome this time."

"Whelchel was running well against Blue Ridge. Our line picked up the blocks.

Quinn caught a couple of passes. It's nice moving the ball and getting it to other guys. It really helps our offense open up we'll keep it going in the playoffs."

If you ask Payne what the difference of a regular season Week 4 loss and a second-round playoff victory against Milford will be, he doesn't hesitate.

"What's going to be different is we have Tucker Lindenmeyer dressing," Payne said. "That's going to help us out tremendously."

Little 10 names top soccer players for '22

EARLVILLE – The Little Ten Conference soccer coaches have recognized the all-conference selections for the 2022 season.

• **Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy**—Conference Champions, Conference Tournament Champions: **Julius Wardlow (Sr...F)--11 goals, 7 assists; Repeat Unanimous Selection; **Dean Barrow (Sr...F)--15 goals, 8 assists; **Zander Davidson (Sr...D)--CB for defense with 1.6 GAA and .75 GAA vs conference opponents; **Aidan Fraas (Sr...D)--CB for defense with 1.6 GAA and .75 GAA vs conference opponents; Diego Montes (Sr...MF)--2 goals, 8 assists; Raymond

Schumacher (Jr...F/MF)--6 goals, 2 assists

• **Somonauk-Leland Coop**—Conference Runner-up (3-way tie), Conference Tournament Runner-up: **Lance Grandgeorge (Jr...MF)--40 goals, 6 assists; 3-Time Unanimous Selection; **Carson Bahrey (Jr...D)--top defender also had 3 goals, 6 assists; **Luke Rader (Jr...MF)--13 goals, 24 assists

• **Serena**—Conference Runner-up (3-way tie), Conference Tournament 3rd Place, IHSA Class 1A Regional Champions: **Camden Figgins (Sr...MF/F)--28 goals, 17 assists; Repeat Unanimous Selection; **Tanner Faivre (Jr...F)--46 goals, 24 assists; Repeat Unanimous Selection;

**Bradley Armour (Sr...D)--top defender also had 2 goals, 2 assists; Richie Armour (Jr...MF)--16 goals, 12 assists

• **Earlville**—Conference Runner-up (3-way tie): **Garett Cook (Sr...GK)--205 saves, 5 shutouts; 3-Time Unanimous Selection; **Diego Vazquez (Sr...MF/F)--29 goals, 14 assists; 3-Time Unanimous Selection; **Griffin Cook (Jr...F/MF)--21 goals, 21 assists

• **DePue-Hall Coop**: **Francisco Moreno (Jr...F)--22 goals, 12 assists; Repeat Unanimous Selection

• **Hinckley-Big Rock**: Tyler Smith (Jr...MF/D/GK)--20 goals, 8 assists (**Denotes unanimous selection)

5K walk/run set in Waterman

WATERMAN – The Waterman Lions Club will hold its 16th annual Gobbler Gallop 5K walk/run on Saturday, Nov. 19 through the scenic streets of Waterman.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the Indian Creek Middle School located 335 E. Garfield St. in Waterman. Packet pick-up and same-day registration begins at the Middle School at 7:30 a.m. The pre-registration fee is \$30, and the first 150 pre-registered participants will receive an official race T-shirt. Same-day registration is \$35 and T-shirts will be given while supplies last. Participants can register at: gobblergallop5K.com.

Proceeds will be used to help fund various Waterman Lions Club projects and programs.

Friday, November 11, 2022

The Mendota Veterans Day program will be held Friday, November 11, 2022 in Veterans Park, downtown Mendota beginning at 10:45 with music provided by the Mendota High School Band. Program starts promptly at 11:00 a.m.

The Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad, its Auxiliary and Mendota American Legion Post 540 will participate in the program.

Everyone is welcome to this service. Our purpose is to honor and remember all Veterans, both alive and deceased for their commitment and contribution to our present way of life, and the benefits of liberty and freedom on both domestic and foreign soil.

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- Introduction: Bill Hunt, Past Commander, U.S. Navy veteran
- Presentation of Colors: Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad and Mendota American Legion Post 540
 - National Anthem: Mendota High School band, Director Paula Baker
 - Pledge of Allegiance: Audience
- Invocation: Mick Hartley VFW Post 4079 Past Commander
 - Musical Selection: Mendota High School band
- Veterans Day Address: Spencer Kain, Mendota High School
 - Firing of Volley: Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad
 - Tap: Mendota VFW Post 4079 Veterans Memorial Squad
- Benediction: Mick Hartley VFW Post 4079 Past Commander

Everyone is welcome to the service, the purpose of which is to honor and remember all veterans, both alive and deceased, for their commitment and contribution to our present way of life, and the benefits of liberty and freedom on both domestic and foreign soil.

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Kenneth Branagh will direct and play Agatha Christie's master detective Hercule Poirot a third time, as he did for "Murder on the Orient Express" in 2017 (\$55 million cost with a \$352.8 million gross) and "Death on the Nile" in 2022 (\$90 million cost with a \$137.3 million gross). Both were remakes of previous all-star films. He's chosen a lesser-known book of Agatha Christie's -- "A Haunting in Venice," set in the post-WWII era.



Lansbury

Directed by Sidney Lumet, the original "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974) starred Albert Finney as Poirot, along with Ingrid Bergman, Lauren Bacall, Sean Connery, Martin Balsam, Vanessa Redgrave and Anthony Perkins. "Death On The Nile" (1978) was directed by John Guillermin and starred Peter Ustinov as Poirot, Bette Davis, Maggie Smith, David Niven, Mia

Farrow, Simon MacCorkindale and Angela Lansbury. Branagh boasts that he's assembled an all-star cast with Jamie Dornan, Tina Fey, Michelle Yeoh, Ali Khan, Emma Laird, Kelly Reilly and Riccardo Scamarcio. Is that an all-star cast?

Shocking to see that none of Angela Lansbury's obituaries on Oct. 11, mentioned she'd completed a role in the sequel to "Knives Out" titled, "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery," starring Daniel Craig (returning as Benoit Blanc), Edward Norton, Janelle Monae, Kathryn Hahn, Leslie Odom Jr., Kate Hudson, Dave Bautista and, of course, Angela Lansbury! Now, that's an all-star cast!

In case you've wondered why Agatha Christie's greatest success, "The Mouse-trap," was never made into a movie: In 1959, a film starring Tyrone Power and Maria Schell was shelved because Christie had other plans for it. The play opened in London in 1952 and ran uninterrupted until March 2020, when it was shuttered by the pandemic. "The Mouse-

trap" reopened in May 2021 and has been going strong from there. Off-Broadway's longest running hit, "The Fantasticks," pales by comparison, with a 1960 opening running 42 years and 17,162 performances (until 2002). The 2000 film, directed by Michael Ritchie and starring Joel Grey, was a critical and box office failure. Christie knew what she was doing ... it was no mystery to her!

A last word about Angela Lansbury -- fans of "Murder, She Wrote" can't imagine how much Angela and her character, Jessica Fletcher, were alike. Thanks to my friendship with the legendary Esme Chandlee, an MGM publicist during the Golden Age of Hollywood who handled Elizabeth Taylor, Ann Miller, Jane Powell and Angela (among many others), I was invited to many lunches and dinners with Esme and Angela. Angela had the ability to make anyone feel accepted and welcomed in her world. I never wanted those meals to end. The angels are the lucky ones now!

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I'm really enjoying the new show "Fire Country." However, I always worry that a show I invest my time in will be canceled. How is this one doing with its ratings? -- **U.T.**



Max Thieriot

A: CBS recently ordered full seasons for three of its new series: "East New York," "So Help Me Todd," and "Fire Country," so that should give you a vote of confidence. According to TVLine.com, the network didn't announce specifically what constitutes a "full season" for these particular shows, but I would say it stands a very good chance of being renewed for its second season as well.

"Fire Country" stars Max Thieriot ("SEAL Team") as a recently released prison inmate fighting brush fires out west. It had the highest-rated season premiere this fall for a network television show. It also airs on Friday nights, which is not an ideal time slot, since people not only have a lot of options for entertainment as the weekend

approaches. But with more than 8 million viewers tuning in, I would call it a win for CBS.

Thieriot himself has a lot invested in his new series, as he's not just starring in it, but he also co-created the series with producer Jerry Bruckheimer.

Thieriot's interest behind the camera began with directing an episode of "Bates Motel," a series on A&E starring Vera Farmiga and Freddie Highmore. Thieriot played Dylan, the half-brother of the infamous Norman Bates. He then went on to direct a couple episodes of "SEAL Team."

Q: Could you give me some information on Gabe Rygaard from "Ax Men" and Darrell Ward from "Ice Road Truckers"? -- **S.W.**

A: Gabe Rygaard was the owner of Rygaard Logging after his father, Craig, retired at the end of season six of the reality series "Ax Men." Sadly, Rygaard died in a car accident in 2016 in Washington, where he lived. "Ax Men" aired on the History channel for 10 seasons. Rygaard's death occurred after filming was completed for the ninth

season. After a three-year hiatus, the show returned for just one more season.

Another tragedy struck the families of the History Channel when Darrell Ward of the "Ice Road Truckers" fame died in a plane crash, also in 2016. He was piloting a single-engine Cessna on the way back from a fan event in Dallas when it crashed in Montana. Ironically, just before his death, he was set to start filming a new documentary series about plane wreckage locations.

Q: I think Niecy Nash is fantastic in "The Rookie." What else has she been in?

-- **L.P.**

A: Niecy Nash has been acting on screen since the mid-1990s, but it was her hilarious role in the ensemble comedy "Reno 911!" that put her on the map. Since then, she's effortlessly switched from comedy to drama in memorable lead and supporting roles, including two limited series on Netflix: "When They See Us" and "Dahmer -- Monster."

Nash is no doubt thrilled to learn that ABC just renewed "The Rookie: Feds" for a total of 22 episodes this season.

Couch Theater

"The Watcher" (TV-MA) -- If you're looking for a new TV show to binge, look no further than this mystery thriller out now. Based on a true story, this seven-episode series focuses on the Brannock family, who relocated from New York after finding their dream home in a quiet suburb in New Jersey. Shortly after they move in, the Brannocks begin receiving disturbing letters in the mail from someone called "The Watcher," who claims to be watching them, and their house, from a distance. These letters, followed by odd interactions with their neighbors, leave the Brannocks to question their move. But, little do they know that once they had set their sights on the house, they would never be able to just walk away. (Netflix)

"The White Lotus Season 2" (TV-MA) -- The huge success that followed the limited series "The White Lotus" led to its renewal by HBO as an anthology series, prompting a second season with a mostly new set of

characters. Jennifer Coolidge reprises her role as Tanya, Michael Imperioli ("The Sopranos") portrays a new troubled character named Dominic Di Grasso and Aubrey Plaza ("Parks and Recreation") stars as Harper Spiller. The second season is set in the White Lotus resort based in Sicily and explores a range of tough relationship dynamics similar to the ones viewers encountered at the Hawaii resort during the first season. The first episode of the season is out now. (HBO Max)

"Selena Gomez: My Mind & Me" (R) -- From director Alek Keshishian ("Madonna: Truth or Dare"), this documentary film zooms in on the past six years of Selena Gomez's career in Hollywood. Gomez reached a turning point in her life when she was diagnosed with lupus. After having battled depression and anxiety for years leading up to this point, the young star knew she needed to reset and regain her power back, so she fo-

cused her efforts on learning how to stabilize her mental health. This documentary shows a vulnerable, raw side to Gomez in a way meant to inspire others as she reaches a breakthrough in her personal and professional life. Out Nov. 4. (AppleTV+)

"My Policeman" (R) -- Another notch on Harry Styles' acting belt this year is the romantic drama film "My Policeman," based on the 2012 novel by Bethan Roberts. In Brighton, England, during the 1950s, Tom Burgess (played by Styles) is a policeman who's deeply within the closet but marries schoolteacher Marion Taylor (Emma Corrin) in order to maintain the image that he's a heterosexual man. However, Tom is in love with a museum curator named Patrick, and by choosing to marry Marion, he swears all three of them to secrecy. But can either relationship truly thrive this way, or will Tom have to sacrifice for love? "My Policeman" is available to stream Nov. 4. (Prime Video)

• Trivia Test •

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal is believed to have the most powerful bite in the world?
2. TELEVISION: Where is the Dunder Mifflin office located in "The Office"?
3. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century horror novel is set in the Overlook Hotel?
4. MUSIC: Before his solo career, singer Harry Styles was part of which boy band?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital city of Denmark?
6. MOVIES: Which book is the 1922 silent film "Nosferatu" based upon?
7. BUSINESS: Which company goes by the nickname "Big Blue"?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS:

Which state has produced the most presidents (8) by birth?

9. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the tympanic membrane?

10. U.S. STATES: Which state features a full-size replica of the Parthenon?

Answers

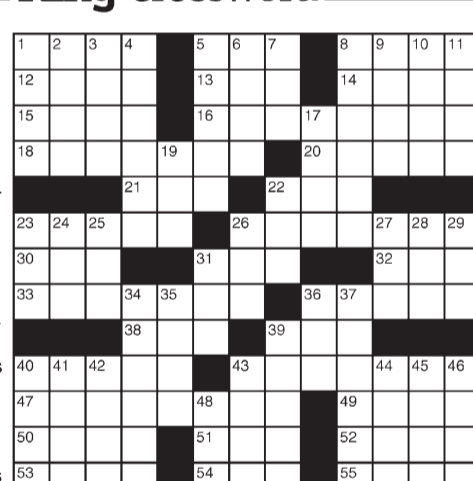
1. Saltwater crocodile.
2. Scranton, Pennsylvania.
3. "The Shining."
4. One Direction.
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8. Virginia.
9. Eardrum.
10. Tennessee.

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King Crossword

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- 1 Whispered "Hey!"
- 5 Cacophony
- 8 Last write-up
- 12 Jazz singer James
- 13 Punk rock offshoot
- 14 Indy event
- 15 Meander
- 16 Has a portion (of)
- 18 Seeming contradiction
- 20 Small earrings
- 21 Allow
- 22 -- Paulo
- 23 Social worker's load
- 26 Talkative birds
- 30 Half of bi-
- 31 Levy
- 32 French article
- 33 Layered desert
- 36 Media barrage
- 38 Dog tags, e.g.
- 39 Sheep call
- 40 Acid in proteins
- 43 Lets off
- 47 Sunshades
- 49 "Phooey!"
- 50 Earth Day subj.
- 51 "A mouse!"
- 52 Outside (Pref.)
- 53 Painter



- 10 On the rocks
- 11 Hardy heroine
- 17 Despot
- 19 -- Moines
- 22 Swing band instrument
- 23 Drink holder
- 24 Santa -- winds
- 25 Knight's address
- 26 Bit of butter
- 27 Gigi's "yes" format
- 28 Stick with a kick
- 29 "who?"
- 31 Poetic contraction
- 34 Closing number
- 35 Big fusses
- 36 Saloon
- 37 Firetruck necessity
- 39 Soaks up the sun
- 40 Unoriginal one
- 41 Spiked club
- 42 Pressing need
- 43 Entreaty
- 44 Killer whale
- 45 D.C. baseball team
- 46 Halt
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* In 2015, Colin Furze invented a creative alarm that would literally throw its user out of bed.

* A study in which researchers scanned actors' brains while they answered questions revealed that their brain activity differed depending on whether they spoke as themselves or as the character they were portraying.

* Female ferrets will die if they go as long as a year without mating, due to elevated estrogen levels.

* Prior to 2011, any drink in Russia with less than 10% alcohol content was legally classified as a soft drink.

* On Aug. 20, 2013, a group of students from Delaware built the tallest Lego tower in the world, standing at 112 feet tall and consisting of more than 500,000 pieces.

* Not that we think you're likely to drop an ant from the Empire State Building, but if you do, you should know ahead of time that it will walk away unharmed. Due to its proportions and tough exoskeleton, its terminal velocity won't be enough to kill or hurt it on impact.

* If the sun explodes, we won't know it until just over eight minutes afterward.

* Pretty much everyone finds TV ads annoying, but at least they don't normally last too long -- with the exception of a commercial for Old Spice that aired in Brazil in 2018 and ran a staggering 14 hours, earning it a Guinness World Record for the longest TV ad ever.

* In the early 1900s, tug of war, pigeon shooting and pistol dueling were Olympic sports.

* Studies suggest that "Huh?" is the closest thing humans have to a universal word. This expression is understood and used in almost every language.

Thought for the Day: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." -- Winston Churchill

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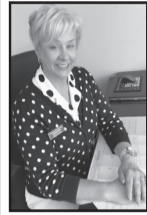
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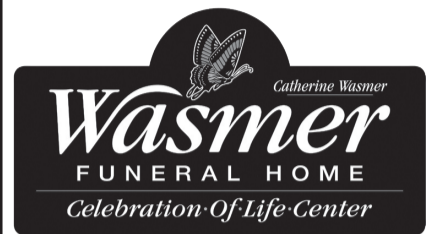


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LOCAL AND AREA

Know God, know peace

People look for happiness in a lot of places. Many chase after a bigger house, a nicer car or a better paying job, while others seek education, marriage or other achievements with great passion.

While it's certainly not wrong to desire these things, there is only one thing in life that can give us true peace, joy and fulfillment—God.

Matthew 6:33 is truly a scripture to live by. Jesus says, "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides"

(AMPC).

Seeking the kingdom includes seeking God Himself and craving an intimate relationship with Him. It's about wanting to know Him and not just what He can do for you. There is quite a difference between seeking possessions and seeking God.

I can still remember a time years ago when I had a lot of the "things" I wanted, but I still wasn't a very happy person. The truth is, no matter what you have, if you don't have the peace, joy and fulfillment that only God can give, then you really don't have anything at all!

Romans 14:17 sums this up perfectly. It says, "The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (NIV).

True satisfaction doesn't come from the outside—from all of the things we can do or buy—but it comes from within. God wants us to live with His righteousness, peace and joy. They are Kingdom benefits, and they are part of our inheritance as God's children.

The "Right" Way to Live

So many people—and even many Christians—walk around feeling vaguely guilty most of the time. They feel like they've made too many mistakes and can never quite measure up. But that's not what God wants for us.

Second Corinthians 5:21 says, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (NIV).

As we begin to truly understand our righteousness "in Christ"—or being right with God—we will no longer wallow in guilt and condemnation or feel like we have to earn God's forgiveness. Instead, we can live with the confidence and security that God knows us better than anyone, and He loves and approves of us.

Supernatural Peace

I once heard a very famous actor being interviewed about his life



and career.

I'll never forget one of his responses. He was asked, "Is there anything in life you haven't achieved...something you still want?" He simply answered, "Inner peace."

You see, true peace only comes through a relationship with Jesus Christ. God offers us His peace that "transcends all understanding" (Philippians 4:7 NIV). It doesn't come from our circumstances, and it's not something we can buy.

God's peace is vital to us because life is unpredictable. When the storms of life come, there is only one Person who can give us peace in the midst of the storm.

Jesus is the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6), and as you spend time with Him in prayer and by studying His Word, you will sense His supernatural peace that transcends all understanding.

Joy for the Journey

John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)" (AMPC).

God wants us to enjoy our lives! That used to be a big problem for me because of the sexual, physical and emotional abuse I endured growing up. As a result, I never really got to be a kid, and I never truly understood what it meant to enjoy my life.

However, joy is part of God's kingdom package (see Psalm 16:11 and Romans 14:17). Like His peace, we can receive and live with God's joy in every circumstance, regardless of what is going on around us.

The dictionary partially defines joy as "a calm delight" and "extreme merriment." I particularly like "a calm delight" because even when we're not doing something we consider exciting, we can still have the joy of the Lord deep inside of our soul.

God wants us to experience His joy and satisfaction every single day. In fact, Nehemiah 8:10 says, "...The joy of the Lord is your strength" (NIV). Through the ups and downs of everyday life, God wants to strengthen us for the journey and experience His delight in everything we do.

I encourage you to

put God first in your life. Develop a relationship with Him and ask for His guidance and direction. Because there is a way to truly enjoy your life, and it's all found "in Him."

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Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been e-filed with the Clerk of the Court.

GREG VACCARO CIRCUIT CLERK-LASALLE COUNTY LASALLE COUNTY COURT HOUSE 119 WEST MADISON STREET OTTAWA, IL 61350 David M. Kaleel Attorney at Law 806 Jefferson St. Mendota, IL 61342 (815) 539-5616 kaleel5@frontier.com Legal No. 1008 (10/19, 10/26, 11/2 2022)

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BARNETT S KOLTON, A SINGLE MAN, 9395 LANDINGS LN UNIT 404, DES PLAINES, IL, 60016, according to the Mortgage dated June 16, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 14941, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 05, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate

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By: Deborah A. Quirk Its: Agent Legal No. 1101 (11/2, 11/9, 11/16 2022)

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NEW LISTING
334 S. Chicago Ave. Ladd, IL
\$240,000
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Nice 3 bedroom brick ranch home on corner lot. 1 1/2 bath, 2 car attached garage. Situated on 4 Lots. Family room in basement. Edge of town. Small town living at its best.

FREE MARKET ANALYSIS

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