



Queen Emma Schultz and King David Garcia ride in the Mendota High School Homecoming parade on Oct. 6. (Reporter photo)

Homecoming festivities wrap up at Mendota H.S.

MENDOTA – Homecoming festivities took place at Mendota High School the week of Oct. 3-8.

The hallway decorating contest began the Friday before Homecoming Week. First place was won by the freshman class, second place went to the senior class, third place went to the junior class and fourth place was the sophomore class.

The 2022 Homecoming Royalty was announced at an all-school assembly on Oct. 3 at the MHS athletic field. David Garcia, son of Gerardo and Librada Garcia, was named the King, and Emma Schultz, daughter of Ryan and Jamie Schultz, was chosen the Queen.

Senior attendants were Rafael Romero, son of Javier and Laura Romero; Naitzy Garcia, daughter of Rafael and Angelica Garcia; Edgar Arteaga, son of Edgar and Aurora Arteaga; and Katlyn Jenner, daughter of Cory and Jennifer Jenner.

Junior attendants were Diego Sandoval, son of Francisco and Guadalupe Sandoval, and Grace Wasmer, daughter of Steve Wasmer and Allison Wasmer.

Sophomore attendants were Angilberto Serrano, son of Leo and Maria Serrano, and Makenzie Bean, daughter of Amber French.

Freshman attendants were Osvaldo Arteaga, son of Edgar and Aurora Arteaga, and Jessica Reel, daughter of Scott and Sharon Reel.

This year's Mini King was Maddux Becker, son of Eric and Veronica Becker, and the Mini Queen was Aria Knowlton, daughter of Andy and Amber Knowlton.

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A flight to never forget

Local veterans board the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – As we get older, the memory starts to fade.

Special, unique, serious, important moments become less special or unique.

Until a gesture is made or said to rekindle the amazing experience.

Many local veterans were flooded with appreciation, thank you's, and all the memories of their military service to the United States of America during the Honor Flight on Oct. 5, which took to the skies, Washington D.C., and war monuments.

"I have a lot of memories from the flight. The main one is when the little children came and shuck my hand," said Mendota native Richard Gambler, 79, who was a weather technician stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. "They gave us things that they made at school. One little girl said, 'I'm honored to meet you.'"

"We got to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I got to see Audie Murphy's grave and I took pictures. We saw the new Airforce Memorial, which is brand new. If it was there for 9-11, the planes never would have hit the Pentagon. They would have hit the arches of the memorial (placed in 2006) because they're so tall (201 to 270 feet)."

Gambler also walked the Vietnam Wall where he searched for his cousin's name.

The veteran had showed interest in joining the Honor Flight, which is ran by non-profit organizations and has brought approximately 244,000 military veterans to Washington D.C. since its inception in 2005, four years



Veterans look at the names on the Vietnam War memorial wall in Washington, D.C., during their Honor Flight trip.



Veterans give a salute during their Honor Flight trip.

ago after he was on one of the 10 buses that travel to Moline to celebrate the veterans before their flight at 5 a.m.

Gambler was thrilled to be on the other side of the appreciation and applause.

He shed a couple of happy tears on the plane as well.

"When we were on the plane coming home, the guy asked, 'What was something you always wanted when you were in the service but never

received?' He answered the question, 'Mail'. They had mail for every single one of us," Gambler said. "My daughters were involved. They were called and my daughters sent them letters to give to me. I didn't know about it. It was a tearjerker."

Each veteran is assigned a guardian to help them through the day as they board the plane at 5 a.m., tour Washington D.C., and return

to Moline at 10:30 p.m.

Ginny Taylor, the administrator at the Mendota Moose Lodge who speaks with veterans every day, was the guardian for Vietnam Veteran, Don Deich.

"It was an amazing experience. It brought me to tears at times," Taylor said. "They never really got the welcome home or the honors because the Vietnam War wasn't an acceptable war and at one time, not considered a war. Those guys felt so honored to be on the flight, go to the memorials, and have people show them appreciation. I don't have the words to explain how amazing it was. It was the best experience of my life."

Taylor has heard countless stories over the years behind the Moose Bar or simply speaking to her patrons.

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Communities need your help

Rural fire departments looking for volunteers to fill positions

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

Life has changed.

Our lives are faster and busier than they've ever been.

It's hard to fit in a visit with friends or family for a cup of coffee, let alone volunteer for an organization or a good cause.

However, local fire departments need volunteer firefighters and EMTs (emergency medical technicians) more than ever.

"When I first joined the staff, there was a waiting list to get on the fire department. Now, we're struggling to find volunteers," said Steve Gilmore, who is the Compton

Fire Department's Assistant Chief and has been on staff since 1985. "No one volunteers for anything anymore. Everyone is busy. All of the fire departments around here are short. It doesn't matter what the organization is, if it's volunteer, the staff is short."

"If people got involved, they'd like it. But, it's hard to get them in there."

Currently, Compton has 16 volunteers with 10-12 of them active on a consistent basis. Gilmore said the department used to have active volunteers somewhere in the mid 20s.

With age setting in as Compton Fire Chief Chuck Montavon is 70 and Gilmore,

69, a younger supporting cast is needed to make sure the community is safe.

"If you're sick or hurt, it's pretty important to get someone there right away to assess the problem. If you need more help than the ambulance that is coming, we can call for help," Gilmore said. "When people call, it's one of their worst days. No one likes to call 911. You don't call 911 for fun."

"When they're having a bad day, it's important to get someone there right away. Just having someone show up in the middle of the night when you're sick helps a lot. It's real important for a fire department like ours to have

volunteers. We have EMTs. We don't have an ambulance. Paw Paw responds to our ambulance calls. We usually have the patient ready to go. Probably 75 percent of the calls are medical these days."

West Brooklyn is in the same situation.

Without having a large population, rural communities need more people to step up.

Erik Bodmer, West Brooklyn Assistant Fire Chief, has been responding to calls for 20 years and has never seen the number of volunteers so low.

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Fire departments all over the area are facing a shortage of volunteers, pleading for people to step up.



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LOCAL AND AREA

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Tuesday, Oct. 4 was Open House for our students and their families. It was exciting to see families attend and the students enjoyed taking their families on a tour and visiting with the staff at Blackstone. It was awesome to see the student work displayed for all to see as well. Thank you to the teachers who did an amazing job to prepare for this event and thank you to the families that took the time to visit your child's school!

The Scholastic Book Fair was held this past week. There were a variety of books and resources available for students and their families to purchase. Thank you to our parent volunteers who worked at the Book Fair. We couldn't have it open without parent volunteers! Thank you also to the many parents who purchased books off of teachers' wish lists for books to use in their classrooms. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The September Principal Award Pizza Lunch was held on Tuesday, Oct. 4. The students invited to the lunch were Jonas Landeros, Maggie Larson, Kylee Smith, Isla Full, Ellie Krisch, Olivia Huang, Elizabeth Feurer, Callan Jordan, Addilyn Hendricks, Mateo Gonzalez, Lylah Cervantes, Keegan Mauch, Fianna

Figueroa, Delaila Casas, Salem Showen and Natalia Chavez.

Our fall fundraiser kicked off on Thursday, Oct. 6. Club's Choice offers a great program that has been very successful at Mendota Elementary in the past. This year we'll once again be selling great-tasting pizzas, the very popular garlic cheese bread, cheese-cakes, breakfast items, holiday gift items, and much more. The money raised from this Club Choice fundraiser will go towards purchasing more playground equipment for our playground. The sale runs through Oct. 18. We appreciate your support to help our schools.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week were Maddux Becker, Graham Phillips, Sofia Ascensio, Alexander Brown, Liam Olsen, Mikey Godina, Jayden Escatel and Jack Perryman. The winners were Laken Weber, Micheal Lemus, Manny Quintana and Karson McLain. Congratulations to all of you!

Trojan spirit was in our school on Thursday, Oct. 6. The school was a sea of purple and gold spirit wear to support the Mendota High School Trojans. Thank you to our students and staff for participating in this school spirit day.

Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15

MENDOTA – Fire Prevention Week™ is October 9-15, and Illinois DCFS is taking this time to remind the public about the importance of creating and practicing a home fire escape plan so they know what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.

In October 2019, DCFS launched a statewide program to provide free smoke alarms to families served by the department. To-date, DCFS has distributed 3,154

smoke alarms to families across Illinois, including 897 this year.

Keeping children safe is our #1 priority and ensuring that every family we serve has a working smoke alarm is an extra layer of protection we can provide," said Illinois DCFS Director Marc D. Smith. "We know smoke alarms save lives, but families also need to be prepared with a plan so they can quickly get out of the house

and to a safe meeting place if the alarm sounds."

According to the National Fire Protection Association:

- Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms.
- More than one-third (38%) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.
- The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke

alarms.

Illinois law requires every household to have smoke alarms within 15 feet of every bedroom and at least one on each floor of the home. Families served by DCFS may request smoke alarms from their caseworker or call their local field office directly to request one.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit www.fpw.org.



Lincoln REACH award

The following students were the September REACH award recipients for Lincoln School. Front row, left to right, are Joree Brown, Raelynn Albers, Jaxon Ohlendorf, Brynlee Carden and Nayeli Carbajal. Middle row, Landon Kent, Briana Zendeli, Jacklynn Ridge, Maddie Strait and Victor Correa. Back row, Kayli Seablom, Aaron Ortega, Lily Skjoldager, Olympia Becker and Mayson Desirena. Not pictured: Nadia Rodriguez. The students were nominated by their classroom teachers and then treated to a special pizza lunch.

MHS, Regional Office of Education focus on mental health

MENDOTA – Join Mendota High School and the Regional Office of Education #35 for a night focused on what parents and caregivers need to know. Learn about the signs and symptoms of mental health issues and how to help young people navigate stress.

The event is scheduled from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 in the MHS cafeteria. The presentation will begin at 6 p.m.

Prizes will be offered and a chance to apply for the Community Wellness YMCA scholarship at the ROE 35 table. Resource booths of local mental health and community agencies will be present, including: North Central Behavioral Health, IL Valley Youth Service Bureau, Community Health Partnership of IL, Safe Journeys, Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living, Life Balance Counseling, Tri-County Opportunities Council, Arukah Institute of Healing/CS Rural, Mendota YMCA, Graves-Hume Public Library, and more.



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Author visits Northbrook

Award-winning author Jordan Sonnenblick came to Northbrook Middle School on Oct. 5. Sonnenblick has written many of our middle school students' favorite books such as *Notes from the Midnight Driver*, *After Ever After* and everyone's absolute favorite, *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie*. He told stories of his experience being a middle schooler with ADD and how important growing up to be a happy adult is. Sonnenblick is not only a great author, he is a great storyteller as well. He told the story of the inspiration for *Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie* to 450 middle schoolers and you could have heard a pin drop. After the assembly, he worked with small groups of students on their writing skills and was able to have lunch with some of the fifth- and sixth-graders. He also presented a book to Stephanie Kleckner, school librarian.

Kish announces scholarship recipients

MALTA – The Kishwaukee College Foundation is pleased to announce the student scholarship recipients for the Fall 2022 semester. The Foundation awarded \$173,137 to 166 Kish students through 286 scholarships.

Scholarship funds are made possible through generous gifts from members of the community, local businesses and industry, and area agencies and associations. Students are selected on a competitive basis, according to each scholarship's specific requirements.

Kishwaukee College students received the following awards:

Charles & Mary Roberts Memorial Endowment – Jessica Solis of Paw Paw
Emma Anderson Fund – Solis

of Paw Paw

Howard & Martha Mullins Memorial Endowment for Nursing — Hannah Nitz of Paw Paw

Pay It Forward Scholarship — Nitz of Paw Paw

Ruth Ashford Pollock Horticulture Fund – Eden Lindenmeyer of Sublette

Students who wished to remain anonymous are omitted from this list.

The online application process for the Spring 2023 Kishwaukee College Foundation scholarships are open now through Friday, Oct. 21. For more information on Foundation scholarships, contact the Kishwaukee College Foundation at 815-825-9803 or visit www.kish.edu/kcfscholarships.

LaSalle Public Library offers Lee Murdock virtual concert

LaSALLE – Sit back and enjoy a free, virtual concert with Folk Musician and Balladeer Lee Murdock on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m., for a program that combines music, song and storytelling, brought to you by LaSalle Public Library.

Murdock, during the virtual concert, will use folk songs to tell the story of commerce on the rivers, canals, and Lake Michigan's shoreline in Illinois, tracing the rise of shipping in the state, from the days of keel boats through today's 1000-foot Lake freighters. In old songs and new, he will sing of lake schooners hauling grain and iron ore, famous river packets delivering their goods and passengers, and canal boatmen who navigated across the Illinois prairie.

He will speak about the shift in shipping technology, from sailing crafts to steam-powered vessels, and tell of the heroic deeds, comical characters, and the beauty of our state's waterways. Hear history through the voices of river rats, schooner-men, lighthouse keepers and fisher-folk, the modern-day sailor, and the environmentalist.

This program is free, open to the public, and will be presented via Zoom. Registration is required. Register - <https://bit.ly/3r6tTBL>. For more information, contact the LaSalle Public Library at 815-223-2341.

About the presenter

Murdock has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories in the Great Lakes. Taking snapshots from history, his songs summon the listener to take a front-row seat, to look through the eyes and into the hearts of individuals who have shaped our heritage on and around the Great Lakes.



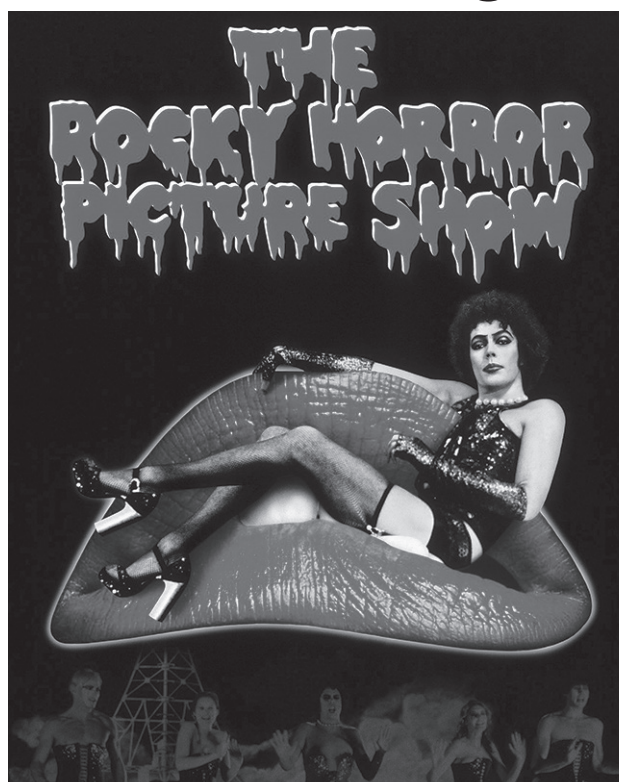
Pizza Lunch winners

Blackstone School has chosen its Principal Award Pizza Lunch winners for the month of September. Front row, left to right, are Jonas Landeros, Maggie Larson, Kylee Smith, Ellie Krishch and Olivia Huang. Middle row, Isla Full, Elizabeth Feurer, Callan Jordan, Addilyn Hendricks, Mateo Gonzalez and Lylah Cervantes-Escatel. Back row, Keegan Mauch, Fianna Figueroa, Delaila Casas, Salem Showen and Natalia Chavez. (Photo contributed)

Festival 56 holding two-night Rocky Horror Picture Show screening

PRINCETON – Festival 56 in Princeton will host a two-night screening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* at the Grace Theater on Friday, Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

If you've never been... you should. You are encouraged to dress in costume and bring your props. If not, there will be prop bags available for purchase at the theater or you can pre-purchase online with your ticket. You can find a list of acceptable props on the Festival 56 ticketing site. Please refrain from bringing rice and fake blood. For tickets, please visit www.festival56.com.



The 2023 From The Heart Cash Calendars are NOW AVAILABLE!!

The proceeds of the sale of the calendars benefit our From The Heart recipients: Pegasus Special Riders, Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, HOPE, Focus House, Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center, CASA, Rochelle Area Community Foundation, Hub City Senior Center & Rochelle Rotary.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Marian C. Crane

MENDOTA – Marian C. Crane, 86, of Mendota, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022 at Heritage Health, Mendota surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral services were Monday, Oct. 10, 2022, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, Mendota with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Burial was in Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was Sunday from 1-4 p.m. in the church. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Marian was born July 17, 1936 in Bloomingdale to Rev. Walter and Alma (Reineke) Kleffman. She was married by her father to Gilbert “Gib” Crane on Sept. 24, 1961, at Trinity United Church of Christ, LaSalle.

Marian is survived by her daughter, Carol Crane of Peru, and two sons, Mark Crane and Alan Crane, both of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband on Aug. 4, 2020.

Marian graduated from LaSalle-Peru High School in 1954. She attended Elmhurst College and business college in St. Louis. She was a secretary at Westclox in LaSalle for several years and worked in the LaSalle Scouting Office where she met her husband. She was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ and First United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She was a Cub Scout leader and supported her daughter in the Ottawa Art League. She loved crafts and cooking. She was a loving wife and mother and put her family’s happiness first. The family was so pleased with the care Marian received and thanks the staff at Heritage Health and OSF Hospice.

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

Donna J. Hinkston

LaSALLE – Donna J. Hinkston, 63, of LaSalle, passed away peacefully and unexpectedly in her home on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, at 2 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.

Donna was born Sept. 25, 1959, in Chicago, to William and Marilyn (Dagley) Pitt. She married Michael Hinkston on June 18, 1990 in Sycamore.

She is survived by her husband; her sister Ada (David) Rhoades, sisters- and brothers-in-law; nieces and nephews; and her mother-in-law Dorothy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother Richard Pitt and a sister Noreen Grosse.


Donna graduated from Larkin High School in Elgin. She enjoyed being a stay-at-home wife. She donated to mission efforts overseas and was very avid in her faith.

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

DEATH NOTICES

The Mendota Reporter will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$50 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to editor@mendotareporter.com.

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James V. Kendall

N. CHARLESTON, S.C. – James V. Kendall, 94, died Sept. 6, 2022, at his home in North Charleston, S.C., after a short illness and long life.

Jim was born April 16, 1928, in Shelbyna, Mo., to Carl and Ruby Peart Kendall.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Niomia; his daughter, Deborah Moore (Burt), his son, Eric Scott (Fred); grandchildren, Andrew Dailing (Michelle), Kristina Frank (Stephen); and four great-grandchildren.

He was in the army stationed at Fort Gordon during the Korean Conflict. He raised his family and worked as a signal maintainer for the Burlington Railroad in Mendota for over 30 years. He was an avid bowler and golfer.

A life gone but not forgotten.

Natural Land Institute seeking public input

ROCKFORD—The Natural Land Institute (NLI) is seeking your help and input.

NLI is seeking reaccreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, a program of the Land Trust Alliance (LTA). The accreditation is important, because it recognizes NLI for meeting or exceeding national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant’s policies and programs.

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. Natural Land Institute is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Natural Land Institute complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/indicator-practices>.

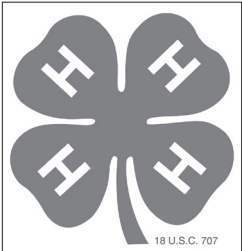
Public comments regarding NLI’s work and how it complies with national quality standards facilitate the accreditation process and helps the commission gauge NLI’s work. You can visit bit.ly/3OGMkGJ to see the national standards.

To submit a comment, visit landtrustaccreditation.org or send an email to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Deadline is December 1, 2022.

The Natural Land Institute is a local, member-supported non-profit whose mission is to create an enduring legacy of natural land in northern Illinois for people, plants and animals. NLI owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public, free of charge, for hiking and wildlife viewing, such as Nygren Wetland Preserve. No tax dollars are used for the acquisition, restoration, or maintenance of NLI properties. For more information, visit www.naturalland.org.

Extraordinary county 4-H volunteers honored

OTTAWA – Illinois 4-H volunteers empower and prepare youth for success as the program relies on its more than 6,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles. Shelly Miller and Sherry Allen, volunteers in Bureau County; Michelle Rich, volunteer in LaSalle County; and Lori Toepper, volunteer from Marshall-Putnam counties, were recently honored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation for their selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program.



The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the statewide Hall of Fame in 2005 to honor and celebrate extraordinary 4-H alumni, volunteers, and former 4-H staff. Those inducted have a track record of exemplary service to 4-H or outstanding career and community achievement and were nominated by either county University of Illinois Extension staff or by the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board. Each inductee receives a commemorative Hall of Fame medallion.

Illinois 4-H programs in Bureau, LaSalle, and Marshall-Putnam counties reach many youths each year through 4-H clubs, camps, educational programs, workshops, and conferences held in communities, schools, parks, and homes. Volunteers fill key leadership and mentoring roles throughout the state.

“The Foundation provides avenues to support the work of Illinois 4-H by accepting financial gifts specifically directed to the program you wish to support,” Barnard said. “Gift planning services are available to those wishing to continue their 4-H legacy.”

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Flight

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She heard new stories on the Honor Flight.

Even new tales from veterans she's knows well and sees on a regular basis.

"I found out Mick and Doug Hartley were drafted together. They had to go report for duty. Mick was put in the Marines and Doug was put into the Army. They are identical twins," Taylor said. "They yelled at Mick, 'What are you doing in this line? You're supposed to be standing over here.' Mick answered, 'That's my twin brother standing over there.' "They told Mick, if he wanted to be in the same branch as his brother, they would put him in the Army. They took the guy who was behind Doug and put him in the Marines and brought Mick to the Army.

"I never knew that. That's a bizarre story."

Taylor made a story of her own as well.

When she was 13, she came into possession of a metal bracelet with a serviceman's name on it who was either a prisoner of war or was missing in action. She found out he was MIA and was from North or South Carolina.

Fast forward to 2022 and the Honor Flight, and Taylor laid the bracelet at the Vietnam War Memorial Wall in his honor.

Phillip Morris gave a special thanks to the guardians who made his Honor Flight an unforgettable experience.

The 83-year-old Amboy resident served in the Army and was stationed in Germany for 2 1/1 years on a unit that dealt with atomic weapons. Morris was around a weapon that was the same size the United States dropped in World War II.

He may agree, his tenure in the Army wasn't as smooth as the Honor Flight.

"It's a long day, but I'd do it again in a heartbeat. When I got out, I never thought that anybody would be honoring veterans this way," Morris said. "I thought you'd sign up for a VFW or an American Legion and that would be about it. Thank God that they have something like the Honor Flight."

"I like being around other veterans because you can talk the talk. When you talk to civilians about your military experiences, they're not able to understand it. This was a fantastic day. No question about it."

Firemen

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"Our department is like every other fire department; we're all lacking volunteers for firefighters and EMTs. We're in the same boat," said Bodmer, who is an assistant chief to his father, West Brooklyn Fire Chief William Bodmer. "People have moved out of town and the young people don't want to volunteer. We are 100 percent volunteer. We don't pay anything because our district doesn't have the funds to do that. A lot of departments pay per call, but we're a small enough district that we don't have the ability to pay."

"The unfortunate situation in West Brooklyn is that we have a very small amount of businesses. This means we don't have a lot of people in town during the day because there are no businesses. That's why we have a problem having volunteers during the day. At night, we have staff, but during the day it's very tough to have staff. We rely on Amboy and Sublette for fire calls and ambulances."

There are pros and cons to everything.

Pros to becoming a volunteer fire fighter or EMT include being able to say you're helping the community, aiding your neighbor in a bad situation, becoming a role model, and using your time productively or in the greater good.

Then there are the negatives.

"It takes a different person who wants to get up in the middle of the night and go to something bad," Gilmore said. "A lot of people are afraid to go to an accident the first couple of times. They don't know what they're going to see. And you see some bad stuff over time."

"It's a little different than volunteering for a community club. To be really involved, you have to drop whatever you're doing and respond to the call. You never know when the call is coming. It takes a different person."

But without those different people responding to calls and challenges we unfortunately go through, there would be no one there for help during the worst days of your or your loved one's lives.

Homecoming

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The 2022 Trojan Hero was also announced at the assembly, with teacher-coach Keegan Hill being chosen for the honor. Hill has dedicated 17 years to coaching and is currently in his fifth year at MHS. He dedicates his time to help students with meeting graduation requirements, time management, positive self-talk, conversational skills, and

nutrition, among other things.

Hill was honored by the Illinois High School Association and Country Financial in 2021 in their partnership to recognize the efforts of educators and coaches/advisors who go beyond the call of duty to positively impact the lives of Illinois high school students inside and outside of the classroom.

In selecting Hill as the Trojan Hero, it was also

IVCC names 21st Century Scholar for 2022

OGLESBY – Gunnar Jauch of Spring Valley was named the Illinois Valley Community College Foundation 21st Century Scholar at a ceremony at Starved Rock Lodge.

Jauch was honored along with three other finalists at the 16th annual 21st Century Scholars Society dinner.

The son of Edward and Dana Jauch will transfer to Belmont University in Nashville next fall to double-major in economics and finance and plans to stay on at the university to pursue its joint, three-year JD/MBA program.

Attending IVCC for two years "has not only been one of the best decisions I've made but also one of the most important," Jauch said.

In his acceptance speech for the \$3,000 first-place award, Jauch credited IVCC basketball coach Chris Herman and economics instructor Rick Pretzsch for their mentorship. It has helped him achieve a 3.9 GPA.

Finalists receiving \$1,500 each were:

• **Chloe Bruce of LaSalle.** The daughter of Tina Innis Bruce will transfer next fall to major in English and plans to pursue a master's in library and information science.

• **Makayla Ritko, a 4.0 GPA student from Lostant,** will transfer to Northern



21st Century Scholar Gunnar Jauch, left, with fellow finalists Makayla Ritko, Eric Lane and Chloe Bruce. (Photo contributed)

Illinois University next fall to pursue a bachelor's in biology. The daughter of Tracy Ritko hopes to one day teach biology.

• **Eric Lane of Peru** is an agriculture major who will transfer to Illinois State to major in agribusiness or crop/soil science. Following graduation, the son of Dave and Lori Lane will farm and work in the ag industry.

Merit award winners receiving \$750 each were:

• **Natalie Orozco of Mendota.** The daughter of Cruz and Valentina Orozco will major in marketing.

• **Haley Roalson of Ottawa.** The daughter of Brent Roalson and Tasha Roalson will major in biology or business.

To qualify, students need a minimum 3.5 GPA as well as extensive college involvement and community service.

The 21st Century Scholars Society was established

in 2007 to honor and reward IVCC's most promising second-year students. It has awarded more than \$220,000 to 191 students including \$9,000 to six scholars this year.

The Society is currently made up of 36 members each contributing \$500 annually.

For information, contact Executive Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley at (815) 224-0466 or fran_brolley@ivcc.edu.

IVCC News Briefs

Open house for Dental Health Center Oct. 26

OGLESBY – The community is invited to tour Illinois Valley Community College's new Dental Health Center at an open house 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26. The facility is located in the upper floor of the gymnasium building.

Dentists will arrive at 6 p.m. to participate in the open house and will stay for an advisory board meeting at 6:30. Dental professionals are welcome to stay for the meeting, said Dental Assisting Program Coordinator Heather Seghi.

The college's new \$1.2 million dental assisting and hygiene lab opened for the fall semester Aug. 15. For information, contact Seghi at (815) 224-0359.

IVCC hosting Library Summit on Nov. 10

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Jacobs Library will host the 2022 Illinois Valley Libraries Summit for employees of public and high school libraries in District 513.

"We invite district library personnel to connect, collaborate, and share ideas with our local library community," said Stephanie Reeder, public services librarian at Jacobs Library.

The event is 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 10 in CTC124-125. Registration is free and open until Oct. 31.

If you are interested in facilitating a discussion, please submit a volunteer form by Oct. 25. Visit libguides.ivcc.edu/ivlibraries for details or contact Reeder at (815) 224-0305 for information.

Participants will share their workflows, resources, challenges, and ideas through a series of discussions. In addition, they will tour the Academic Support Center and explore IVCC's library spaces.

Collaboration opportunities such as Explore and Soar, dual credit library resources, and One Book, One College will be presented. Information on the Illinois Reads Book Festival at IVCC on Saturday Nov. 12 will be provided.

Domestic violence luminary walk set Oct. 27

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley College's One Book, One College continues its collaboration with Safe Journeys of Illinois and Freedom House of Illinois to promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month with an event in Ottawa.

Zonta's Annual Domestic Violence Luminary Walk will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27 starting in Washington Square Park, Ottawa.

After the Zonta Domestic Violence Luminary walk, attendees can meet at First United Methodist Church, 100 W. Jefferson St., Ottawa, to hear speakers from the community discussing domestic violence.

Zonta International is a nonprofit organization advocating for women's equality, education and an end to child marriage and gender-based violence.

For information, visit www.ivcc.edu/onebook or contact Jayne Leipart Guttilla at Jayna_LeipartGuttilla@ivcc.edu.

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noted that he embodies the attributes of a true Trojan Hero with his positive and encouraging quotes on the white board outside his classroom door, and his character to go above and beyond for this students and athletes.

The Homecoming Parade was held on Oct. 6 and the week's festivities concluded with the football game against Kewanee on Oct. 7 and the dance on Oct. 8.

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Give and receive

By Scott Reeder

Grief is a strange thing. You never get over it. You just learn to live with it. I was thinking about that this month when I wrote a story about Dee Stern, a woman who works as a chaplain at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

She has just written a book about helping grieving people: "Comforting the Bereaved Through Listening and Positive Responding."

She has all kinds of terrific advice for what to say and not to say to someone who has suffered a loss.

For example, never say someone "committed" suicide, Stern said. She said the word "committed" conjures thoughts of a criminal act, which suicide is not.

She recalled a lady whose son ended his life and someone went up to her and patted her on the hand and said, "I'm going to pray for you because your son's been damned to hell."

Stern said that is an example of what not to say. Grieving people need a listening ear more than advice, no matter how well intentioned.

"The bereaved are not listened to. They're not allowed to tell their story and they need to tell their story," she said.

As I chatted with Dee, I kept thinking of my own father. When I was growing up, Dad was one of the least empathetic people I knew. He was a good man, but he was often oblivious to the pain around him.

I remember one time when I was 11 or 12; we were vaccinating hogs and his needle was flashing by going from one patient to another. The syringe missed the pig's flank and embedded in my thigh.

"I exclaimed, 'Dad, you gave me the shot!' He grunted and gave the dose to the intended patient. The farmer who observed the interaction still laughs at my father's response.

He didn't say "I'm sorry," or acknowledge the pain he inflicted. (I still wonder what swine disease I've been immunized for.)

Dad was a doer not a listener. If a neighbor died, he'd be one of the people who volunteered to help harvest the crops at no charge to the widow. But if it came to sitting and listening to the widow talk about how much she missed her husband, he was quite uncomfortable.

When I was a young reporter in Galveston, Texas, in the 1980s, the world was in the midst of the AIDS crisis. Being the local newspaper's medical reporter, I wrote a series on the devastating effects of the disease on the city's gay community.

I found myself notebook in hand attending a grief support group for men infected with AIDS. When I mentioned my assignment to my father he exclaimed, "Don't breathe too deep when you're around them."

My dad was a veterinarian. He knew the virus was spread by bodily fluids, not the air. But what creeped him out was the idea of people sitting in a circle and talking about feelings.

After I had published the piece and my parents had read it, my father kind of grunted and didn't have much more to say. (That's how he dealt with things that made him uncomfortable.)

Looking back, I still want to weep for those young men who all surely succumbed to the virus.

One day my mom told me that my dad had volunteered to work as a grief counselor with the Stephen Ministry at our church in Galesburg. When she told me this, I thought it was the worst matchup ever.

But sometimes God calls us out of our weakness, not our strength.

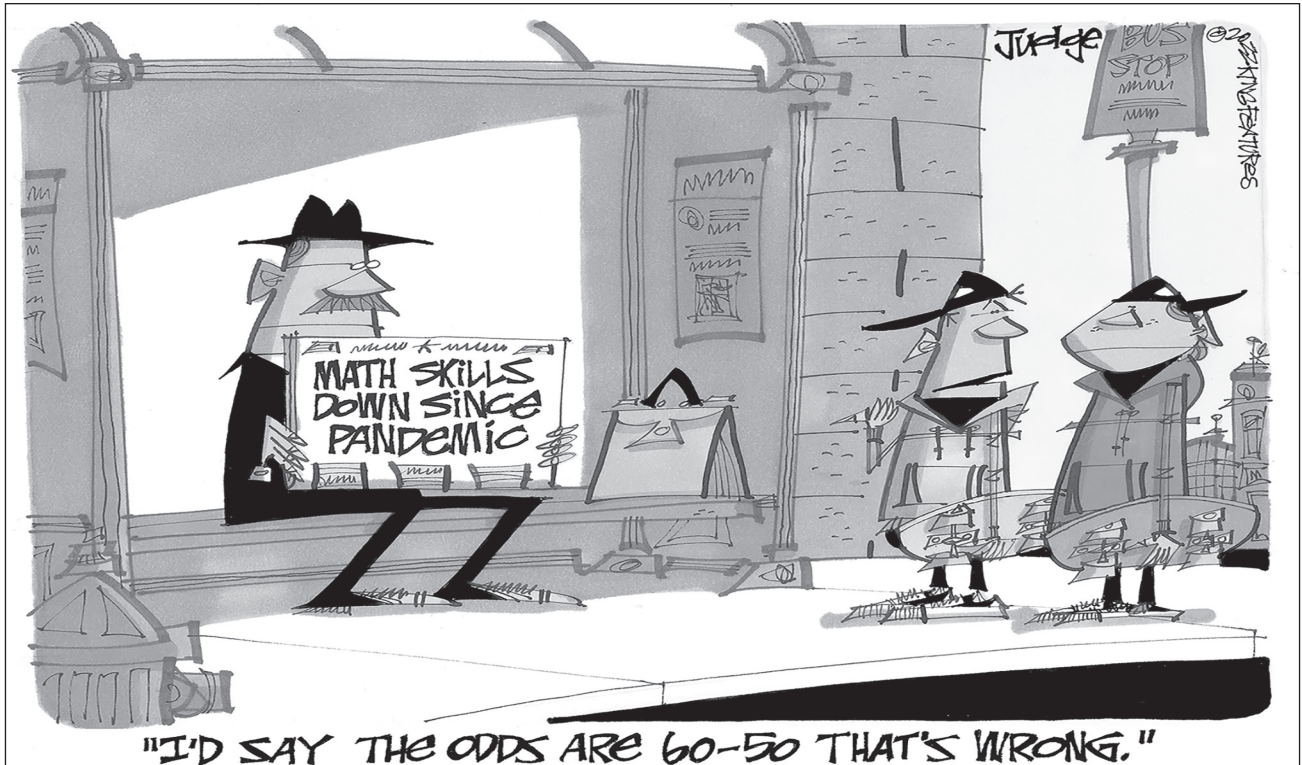
During the decades he worked as a grief counselor, I saw him change. He developed empathy not just for those he was counseling but for humanity as a whole.

He became a caring, empathetic individual. He spent hours every week visiting the bereaved and just listening to them talk about their loss. He took classes in what to say and what not to say.

One of the things he shared with me is never ask someone: "Why?" It comes across as judgmental. To this day, I have no idea who the people were he counseled.

But I can say with certainty that the person most changed wasn't those being counseled but the one doing the counseling. He became an empathetic listener.

Could it be, when we give we receive more in return? (Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.)



Birth of Little League – 1951

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Oct. 9, 1991.)

By Jessica Nashold

Little League came to Mendota in 1952, but groundwork was laid in the fall of 1951. Jaycees were sponsoring the movement and visited other organizations to line up support. In October 1951, Ray Stokes and Christ Troupis told the Lions that the Jaycee goal was four teams. The cost for the first year would be \$250 to cover uniforms and equipment. After that the annual expense would be \$100.

A survey had indicated that at least 100 youngsters wanted to sign up.

The Lions were enthusiastic. Kiwanis and the Elks also agreed to sponsor teams as did H.D. Conkey Co. Conkey expressed willingness to supply a baseball diamond. However, it was finally decided to use the midget race track at the fairgrounds. The city appropriated \$250 to move light poles and pay for power to light the diamond.

Opening day was May 22, 1952.

On Oct. 7, 1951, ladies of the Mendota Community Hospital Auxiliary served Swiss steak dinners at the Mulberry Room at the Elks as a fundraiser. The cost was \$1.50 for adults, 85 cents for children. This project netted \$150.

A food sale was announced for Oct. 13 at the Mendota Auto Co. to which all members whose names began with the letters A through E were asked to bring donations.

Harvest Day was scheduled for Oct. 23 at the hospital.

Jams, jellies and pickles will be handled downstairs. Garden produce is to be left in an unfinished room to the south, upstairs.

Auxiliary members planned to display the feed sacks they were using to make curtains for the hospital in hope of getting further donations.

If you have any sack to match that you can spare, the Auxiliary would appreciate receiving them.

The Reporter carried news of nine Cub Scout dens headed by den mothers. There was also a 10th den that met with den fathers. Guided by Al Jacob, Hank Sauer and Harold Roth, they had a cook-

Backtracks & Sidetracks

out at Lake Mendota on Oct. 13. The boys, who would become Boy Scouts in December, were Tom Roth, Tom Dickey, Tom Jacob, Jimmy Corrigan and Wayne Sauer.

The city was addressing the problem of trains that blocked crossings for more than five minutes. Ald. Harold John said the Sixth Street crossing had been blocked 24 minutes one day.

He said he personally had timed it.

Other aldermen reported similar incidents. Mayor Glenn Momeny said the city would have to serve warrants on conductors of trains exceeding the five-minute limit.

The council decided to issue a warning of such action first and then arrest further violators.

Since the whistle at the waterworks used as a fire alarm was in need of repair, the council considered purchase of an electric horn as a replacement. It would be mounted on top of the city building. Ald. Snyder said the horn would cost about \$70, less than the estimated cost of repairs to the whistle at the waterworks.

Mendota Lutheran Home board members announced that renovation of the old Harris Hospital to bring it into line with standard institutional requirements was in progress. A head matron had been appointed, Mrs. Pauline Kraeft of Milwaukee. Also, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson would be arriving from Amana, Iowa, in December to serve as caretaker and cook.

A canning committee had processed 50 quarts of grape juice to begin stocking the Home pantry and were at work on both sauerkraut and pears.

The white house on the corner east of the future Mendota Lutheran Home was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmielau and their two children.

American Legion members were

shown drawings of a proposed Memorial Home prepared by Mrs. Jack Westerman from architects' specifications. The Legion had purchased a site on Ninth Avenue south of Fifth Street.

The MHS Homecoming game brought a 19-6 victory over Geneseo. The three MHS touchdowns were scored by means of two Walt Klinge passes to Leonard Dunn and one to Ed Peasley. Homecoming king was Doug Sterchi and queen was Mary Sheridan, both juniors. In their court were seniors Jim Gehler and Pat Mealey, sophomores Glen Fischer and Dorothy Lau, and freshmen Don Kessel and Patti Miller.

Ag students from MHS with their instructor Fred Morris visited the Truckenbrod Brothers farm eight miles west of Fitzgerald Airport. They were accompanied by Reporter editor Dick Leiser and his camera. Interesting shots of boys and bees appeared in The Reporter, including one of Dean Waller with a mass of bees in the palm of his hand. Others on the trip were Doug Sterchi, Roger Gillette, Roger Anderson, Duane Fassig, Ronald Montavon and Donald Rod.

The Truckenbrods had 65 hives. One eight-story hive was the best producer with about 300 pounds of surplus honey. The brothers expected to process between five and six tons of honey in 1951 for sale to both wholesalers and retailers.

The brothers reminded those on the tour that the bees' greatest value is not the honey they produce but the fact that they are the major pollinator insect.

Rolling Green subdivision opened an office at 14th Avenue and Memorial Drive where lots were being sold. The advertised cost was \$1,300 for 60-foot frontage.

Bill and Maxine Holliston opened Holliston's Trading Village at their home, 1100 First Ave. They featured used merchandise.

Pinsetters were needed to the Elks Club bowling alley. Boys or girls 16 years of age or older were invited to apply to Dave Reese. The pay was 10 cents per line.

Hispanics weren't what progressives thought

By Rich Lowry

One of the most significant events in American politics is that Hispanics are, in effect, deciding that they are working-class voters rather than ethnic-grievance voters.

This is so momentous because it means that Democrats can't rely on the monolithic Hispanic voting bloc they imagined would guarantee them an enduring electoral majority, and that the shift to the Republicans may be just beginning (the migration of working-class whites to the GOP has been happening over the course of a couple of generations).

An NBC News/Telemundo poll of Hispanics has Democrats ahead of Republicans in the battle for Congress 54-33%. That's a healthy lead, but it's down from prior polls. Democrats led among Latinos by 42 points in October 2012, 38 points in October 2016, and 26 points in October 2020. Detect a trend?

Republicans don't have to win Hispanics outright to change the calculus of American politics, only eat into Democratic margins.

In specific places, they are doing even better. A Sienna College poll shows Gov. Ron DeSantis and Sen. Marco Rubio, both running for reelection in Florida, above 50% among Hispanics. A new poll for The Nevada Independent has Republican Adam Laxalt, challenging Democratic incumbent Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, down by only 2 points among Hispanics.

It wasn't supposed to happen this way. Progressives had Hispanics pegged as "non-white" voters, which meant they'd be animated by the same worldview as Black Americans and become nearly as immovably Democratic. The arbiters of such things even cooked up a new term for Hispanics, "Lat-inx," to signal their assimilation into the hothouse world of "woke" politics, with its kaleidoscope of genders and other bizarre priorities.

Hispanic is an incredibly wide-ranging category including people from different countries and regions who may have lived here for generations or just got here recently.

Generalizations are inevitably simplifications, but it's safe to say they don't have much in common with Black Ameri-

cans, who went through the uniquely searing experience of enslavement and systematic discrimination. Within memory, Black people had to fight for the basic legal protections of citizenship, whereas many Hispanics got here after 1980, when the most fundamental civil rights struggles had already been won.

In a piece for Spectator World, the Republican pollster Patrick Ruffini argues that Hispanics are tracing the basic trajectory of white Catholics as they assimilate, move to the suburbs, and hew to traditional values out of fashion with the nation's elite.

Analyst Ruy Teixeira has noted the clashing cultural attitudes of "strong progressives" and Hispanics. According to Echelon Insights survey, 66% of progressives reject the idea that America is the greatest country in the world; 70% of Hispanics disagree. Asked whether racism is built into our society or comes from individuals, 94% of progressives say it is systemic, and 58% of Hispanics say it is from individuals. The same divides are evident on transgender sports, defunding the police, and the importance of hard work.

The picture is of a constituency that is going to be skeptical of a party that made excuses for the 2020 riots premised on the notion that America is fundamentally corrupt, or that is on board the rush to embrace a nonbinary future. Needless to say, this is not FDR's Democratic Party, which had such a hold on white Catholics for so long.

On the cultural questions in the Echelon survey, Hispanics are much closer to working-class voters than the "wokesters." This shouldn't be a surprise since about 80% of Hispanics over age 25 don't have a four-year degree, whereas hyper-progressives are disproportionately college-educated. Like other working-class voters, Hispanics are focused on the economy, and give President Biden failing grades.

TITLE: None of this means the Hispanic trend toward Republicans is inexorable. Rather, it shows that, despite Democratic hopes, these voters are up for grabs, and their support has to be earned like that of other Americans.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Sondgeroth art exhibit open house planned

PERU – NCI ARTworks will host an opening reception for the month-long exhibit of the work of Brock Sondgeroth from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 at the Westclox building west wing entrance at 400 Fifth St., Peru. The event is free and all are welcome.

Sondgeroth, who is well known and highly respected in the comic book-art realm, obtained his BA in Art Education from Monmouth College in 1997 and his MA in Art Education from Eastern Illinois University in 2017. Since 2008, he has been teaching art at Mendota High School, and in addition to his high-school teaching duties,

he has also provided instruction in all art class for 9-12, including Art 1, Ceramics, Advanced Ceramics, Drawing, Advanced Drawing, Painting, Advanced Painting, Digital Art, and Advanced Digital Art.

In 2019, Sondgeroth and his wife Kim founded their own art wearables company called BKS Art & Textiles LLC. Together they produce original art, embroidery services, custom purses and totes. Brock designs the art and Kim does the embroidery work, which can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/sondgerothBK/> or visit his website at: <https://www.artof-brocksondgeroth.com>.

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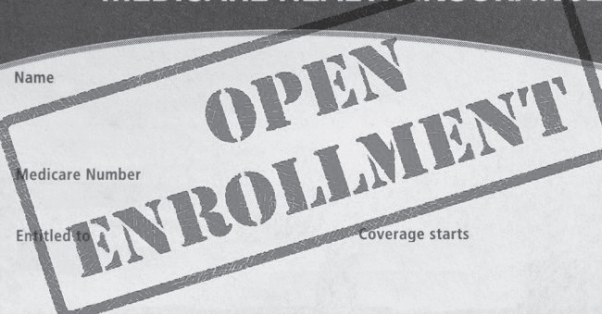
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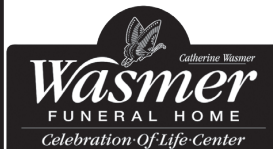
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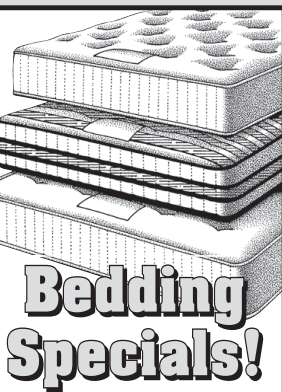
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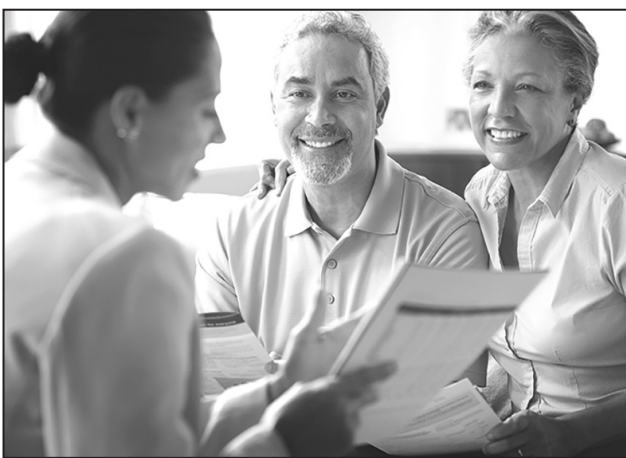
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Life insurance is a component of estate planning that is vital to anyone looking to protect their assets in the event of their death.

What to know about life insurance

Millions of adults go to great lengths to protect their assets. Those measures run the gamut from simple everyday efforts like utilizing two-factor authentication when accessing financial accounts via online or mobile banking apps to more complicated undertakings like estate planning. Life insurance is a component of estate planning that is vital to anyone looking to protect their assets in the event of their death.

Explaining life insurance

Life insurance is both similar to and different from other types of insurance. Like homeowners and auto insurance policies, life insurance provides financial protection in difficult circumstances. A life insurance policy is a contract between an insurance provider and a policy holder that guarantees a payout to beneficiaries designated by the insured individual in the wake of that individual's death.

Personal history

Insurance providers differ, but individuals interested in life insurance can expect to be asked about their medical histories and lifestyle habits when discussing policies. Prospective policy holders will often be asked to sign waivers that allow providers to access their medical records. This is necessary so companies can get an idea of the health of the person applying for life insurance, which will determine the cost of a policy. That information, as well as family history, is important because it can serve as an indicator of future health risks. Some variables, including lifestyle habits like smoking, won't necessarily appear on an individual's medical history. In an effort to address that, insurance providers typically ask prospective policy holders to answer a variety of questions about their lifestyle, including whether or not they smoke and how much alcohol they consume. It's vital that individuals answer these questions honestly, as companies can deny payouts to beneficiaries if they determine policy holders misled them during the application process.

Coverage

Coverage needs vary depending on the individual. Life insurance is intended to provide for loved ones in the aftermath of a policy holder's death. How much money will those individuals need to pay their bills? Young adults who are just starting their families may want more coverage than aging adults who have already paid off their homes and saved a considerable amount for retirement. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners recommends that individuals ask themselves how much of the family income they provide and if anyone else, such as an aging parent, depends on them for financial support. Answering these questions can help individuals determine how much coverage they need.

Types of coverage

Insurance providers offer various types of life insurance policies. Term life policies are among the most popular because they tend to be affordable while offering substantial coverage. There are different types of term life policies, but policies tend to run for anywhere from 10 to 30 years and expire around the time individuals reach retirement age. That's because many people save enough for retirement and don't have the sizable expenses, such as a mortgage, to account for at this point in their lives. That means loved ones won't necessarily need to be provided for in the wake of a policy holder's death.

Permanent life insurance policies last until the policy holder's death so long as he or she continues to pay the premiums on time. Financial advisors can help individuals understand the ins and outs of the various types of permanent life insurance policies, which differ from term life policies because they can serve as investment vehicles and sources of loans in certain instances.

Life insurance is a vital component of asset protection that can offer peace of mind to policy holders who want to ensure their loved ones are provided for in the wake of their death.

Insurance protection for emergency situations

Emergencies, especially storms, can be unpredictable and cause personal injury and costly damage to homes. The right insurance is essential to help mitigate damage from storms and soften the financial blow that such destruction can cause. Not all insurance is the same, and additional policies and riders may help reduce the impact of emergencies.

Homeowners insurance

Standard homeowners insurance policies will cover a wide range of issues. Damage from wildfires, wind storms, tornadoes, ice storms, lightning strikes, hail, power surges, and fallen trees is included. But additional coverage may be needed to cover excessive damage.

Matching siding coverage

Some homeowners may want to replace all of the siding on their homes if parts are damaged and color or siding materials cannot be

matched exactly by patching up damaged areas.

Roof replacement insurance

This insurance will be used to pay for the full replacement of a roof, minus the deductible, which may differ from what's covered through standard homeowners policies.

Sump pump overflow insurance

Sump pumps are designed to engage and pump water out of basements and crawl spaces, helping to avoid flooding in the home. If the power goes out and the sump pump cannot work, or if the sump pump fails, homeowners typically are not covered for any ensuing damage. Sump pump overflow insurance provides additional peace of mind and protection.

Flood insurance

Homeowners insurance may not cover flood damage, especially if a home is in a flood zone. Flood insurance can bridge the gap



of coverage. The National Flood Insurance Program offers building coverage and contents coverage policies. Building coverage will cover carpeting, electrical and plumbing systems, window blinds, foundation walls, and more. Contents coverage protects curtains, personal clothing and furniture, artwork, and appliances, among other things.

Umbrella insurance

According to a nationally-known insurance company, umbrella insurance is extra insurance that provides protection that goes beyond limitations and coverage of

other policies. It can offer coverage for injuries to people staying at your house or renting your property, property damage, personal liability, and certain lawsuits.

Renters insurance

Renters insurance protects renters, yet it is estimated that almost two-thirds of residential lessees in the United States do not carry renters insurance. Renters insurance can protect belongings destroyed in a fire or weather event; provide assistance should someone be injured in your apartment; or it can protect you if you were found legally responsible for damages to someone's property.

Many types of insurance can offer various levels of protection in emergency situations. An insurance representative can walk interested parties through the policies available to customize an insurance package that will offer sufficient protection against emergencies.

Exploring the many benefits of pet insurance

Ensuring the safety and well-being of a companion animal is a big responsibility. Pets need shelter, food, water, and routine medical care at the very least, and some extra TLC can always do a pet good as well.

New pet owners may experience some sticker shock after bringing a furry friend home. According to a Harris Poll conducted in the spring of 2020 on behalf of TD Ameritrade, dog owners spent nearly twice as much on their pets as cat owners — \$1,201 versus \$687 in a single year. One area that can be particularly costly is health care, especially if the pet has a chronic illness or suffers an injury. Pet insurance is an increasingly viable option for those looking to defray medical costs for their pets and safeguard them in the process.

Like other types of insurance, pet insurance is something pet owners purchase hoping they will never have to use it. The TD Ameritrade survey found Millennials or GenXers report spending anywhere from three to 20 times more on pet insurance than Baby Boomers.

Pet owners have various options in regard to insuring their animals. Certain plans only cover veterinary bills that pertain to accidents and illnesses. Plans that also include wellness options tend to be broader and may cover preventative visits, flea and tick products, spaying and neutering, and even dental cleanings.

There are several benefits to getting pet insurance. Many people are not financially prepared for an emergency pet bill that could cost several thousand dollars. Pet

insurance premiums, which are paid over time, can refund a good percentage of out-of-pocket costs to the pet owner. Here's a look at some of the benefits of pet insurance.

- Pick whichever veterinarian you prefer: Unlike human health insurance plans that may require you to stay in a specific network of providers, pet insurance policies enable you to pick any vet you prefer.
- Insure any age or breed of pet: Pet health insurance providers will cover older animals. However, premiums will be lower the earlier you insure your companion animal.
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• Ensures all health needs will be met: Some pet owners may push off or pick and choose treatments for their pets depending on the cost of these procedures. Pet insurance may be the difference between getting your pet the care he or she needs or delaying getting pets the help they need.

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POLICE BLOTTER

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Isaac Leal, 23, of Dalzell, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at First Avenue and Third Street at 5:36 p.m. Oct. 4. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Hermínio Ortiz Herrera, 35, of Aurora, was arrested at 1:05 p.m. Oct. 6 on a valid Kendall County warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with a Kendall County court date.

DRIVING WHILE

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DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

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SPORTS

Tennis doubles team takes 2nd in tourney

MENDOTA – Streator edged Mendota, 3-2, in varsity girls’ tennis action on Oct. 4 at the MHS courts.

Ella Lewis and Natalia Salinas picked up both of MHS’s wins in singles play, losing only one game between the two Lady Trojan players.

Oct. 4
Streator 3, Mendota 2

Singles: No. 1 – Ella Lewis (M) def. Dellinger (S), 6-1, 6-0; No. 2 – Natalia Salinas (M) def. Porter (S), 6-0, 6-0

Doubles: No. 1 – Bourell-Zuniga (S) def. Alexis Finley-Talya Schwaegerman (M), 1-6, 6-3 (12-10); No. 2 – Vickers-Rodriguez (S) def. Isabelle Escatel-Cassie Gonzalez (M), 6-0, 6-0; No. 3 – James-Wahl (S) def. Julia Krueger-Karli Miars (M), 6-3, 6-0

Mendota hosted its own tournament with seven other teams competing on Oct. 8. Coal City took first place with 10 points. The Lady Trojans tied for fifth place with five points.

In No. 1 singles, Mendota’s Lewis won one of three matches, as did Salinas at No. 2 singles.

In doubles action, Alexis

Finley and Talya Schwaegerman picked up two wins in three matches to finish in second place, while Isabelle Escatel and Cassie Gonzalez posted a 1-2 record at No. 2 doubles and were fourth.

Oct. 8 – Mendota Tourney

Coal City 10, Rockford Lutheran 8, Newman 6, Pontiac 6, Mendota 5, St. Bede 5, Princeton 4, Kewanee 4

No. 1 Singles – Nawa (SB) def. Lewis (M), 2-6, 6-0 (10-6); Lewis (M) def. Martinez (K), 10-5; Burger (PO) def. Lewis (M), 7-5, 6-0

No. 2 Singles – Merkel (PR) def. Salinas (M), 6-3, 7-5; Salinas (M) def. Ardis (N), 10-3; Sanchez (K) def. Salinas (M), 6-4, 6-2

No. 1 Doubles – Finley-Schwaegerman (M) def. DeRycke-Minton (K), 6-4, 6-2; Finley-Schwaegerman (M) def. Rhodes-Beattie (N), 6-4, 6-3; Flores-Solis (CC) def. Finley-Schwaegerman (M), 4-6, 6-2 (12-10)

No. 2 Doubles – Escatel-Gonzalez (M) def. Sluis-Sjostrom (RL), 6-0, 6-3; Hall-Jackson (CC) def. Escatel-Gonzalez (M), 6-4, 6-4; Fisher-Kammerer (PR) def. Escatel-Gonzalez (M), 6-3, 5-7 (13-11)

Harriers close regular season

MENDOTA – Cross country runners from Dixon, Streator and DePue joined Mendota for a meet at Lake Mendota on Oct. 5.

The girls’ race of 24 was won by Dixon’s Ava Williams in 22:28. She was followed by Streator teammates Abby Pierce (22:54) and Lily Kupec (24:05).

Competing for the Lady Trojans were Anna Valdes (17th, 26:49), Valerie Valdes (19th, 30:17) and Yuli Valdes (20th, 33:12).

Dixon tallied 23 points to win the meet over Streator (38). Mendota and DePue did not field complete teams.

In the boys’ event, Jack Johnson of Dixon won the 2.96-mile race of 21 runners

in 16:55, ahead of a trio of Mendota harriers – Anthony Kelson (17:07), Dagen Setchell (18:21) and Kody Chase (18:42). Other Trojan competitors were Carlos Olivas (15th, 23:34), Harlan Gallagher (16th, 23:44) and Spencer Kain (17th, 24:36). DePue did not post a team score.

The Dixon boys posted a score of 30 for the win, followed by Mendota (38) and Streator (68).

MHS harriers participated in the 49th Annual Columbus Day Invitational in Amboy on Oct. 10.

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Mendota’s Isaac Smith gets a handful of the jersey of Kewanee’s Ben Taylor while fellow Trojans Jacob Saylor (No. 63) and Charles Heiting (No. 20) move in for assistance on Oct. 7 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Trojans lose overtime heartbreaker, 35-34

MENDOTA – Mendota and Kewanee battled and clawed for 48 minutes, and both teams left everything out on the field. The two teams combined for 125 offensive plays, 78 of them by the Trojans. Ultimately, the outcome of the game came down to two extra-point attempts.

The two teams played to a 28-28 stalemate after regulation, and then in overtime, after both teams scored a touchdown, Kewanee was able to convert its extra-point attempt and Mendota wasn’t, resulting in a 35-34 Boiler victory on a chilly Oct. 7 Homecoming night at the MHS athletic field.

The loss dropped the Trojans to 3-4 overall and 1-3 in the Three Rivers, and dealt a serious blow to their playoff chances. Mendota will have to win its final two regular season games to reach the five-win plateau, which is the magic mark for playoff consideration.

Next for the Trojans
Opponent: Friday, Oct. 14 at Sterling Newman. Kickoff at 7 p.m.

Last year: Newman posted a 24-7 win over Mendota, led by Marcus Williams with 121 yards rushing, 63 receiving and two touchdowns. Newman’s defense bottled up the Trojans, allowing them just 152 yards in the contest.

Last week: Newman edged Hall, 20-18, to run its season record to 4-3 and remain in the hunt for a playoff bid.

Like last week at Sherrard, the Trojans fell behind by two touchdowns, but this time it was the third quarter, not the first like against Sherrard. But like last week, Mendota was able to overcome that deficit when it tallied the final two touchdowns of

regulation, the last one with just 1:48 left in the game to tie the score at 28-all. But Mendota’s two-point pass attempt was incomplete, and the final 1:48 expired with the score deadlocked.

Kewanee won the toss in overtime and elected to go on defense. Per high school rules, the ball was placed on the 10-yard line. The Trojans needed just two plays to cover that yardage, with Anthony Childs running in from 4 yards out. Childs got the ball again when Mendota went for the two-point conversion, but he was stuffed by several Boiler defenders just inches from the goal line.

So, it was Kewanee’s turn from the 10, and like the Trojans, it needed only two plays to reach the end zone. Quarterback Brady Clark hooked up with Garret Pettit on a 10-yard TD pass to knot the score at 34-34. Clark, who was a perfect four-for-four on extra-point kicking attempts on the night, lined up for the

game-winner and just slipped it inside the right upright to seal the win for Kewanee.

The game started out with both teams giving the ball back to their opponent on their first offensive possessions. Mendota turned the ball over on downs at the Boiler 20-yard line and Kewanee punted.

The Trojans started their second series at their own 29, and two sizeable pass plays advanced the ball into Kewanee territory. Quarterback Justin Randolph connected with Ryne Strouss on a 36-yarder and to Braiden Freeman for 15 yards down to the Boiler 20. Isaac Smith followed with a pair of runs and then Childs completed the drive with a 9-yard TD run with 3:42 left in the opening stanza. The extra-point kick was blocked.

Kewanee answered with a four-play, 65-yard scoring

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Princeton’s Christiane Sierens tries to slam a kill spike around the double-block attempt of Mendota’s Grace Wasmer, left, and Kirby Bond on Oct. 6 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Spikers split Three Rivers matches

The Mendota Spikers went 1-1 in Three Rivers Conference play last week. They have a 4-6 record in league matches.

Sterling Newman made short work of the Spikers, 25-9, 25-11, on Oct. 4 at Sterling.

Katie Jenner had eight digs and two assists, while Lily Leifheit also had eight digs.

Mendota and Princeton went the three-set limit and the Spikers pulled out a thrilling 21-25, 25-22, 25-17 victory on Oct. 6 at the MHS gym.

It was an entire team win for Mendota as numerous players were at the top of the statistics chart. Kirby Bond led the net attack with 10 kills, while Grace Wasmer and Reanna Brant had seven kills apiece. Madelyn Becker and Emma Schultz had

good nights at the service line with each picking up four aces. Becker also added 10 digs, while Leifheit and Anna Ramirez collected 13 and 12 digs, respectively. Jenner spearheaded the offense with 21 assists.

The Spikers lost four matches in the Princeton Tournament on Oct. 8. Mendota finished fifth out of five teams. Sherrard took first place.

Defeating Mendota were Sherrard (25-21, 25-13), Princeton (25-20, 25-18), Byron (25-18, 25-19) and Reed-Custer (23-25, 25-23, 15-11).

Jenner was selected to the all-tournament team.

Mendota is 6-16-2 on the season.

Spikers to face Prophetstown in opener of Rock Falls Regional

ROCK FALLS – The Mendota Spikers will participate in the Rock Falls Class 2A Regional Volleyball Tournament to be held Oct. 24, 25, 27.

Action will begin with two matches on Monday, Oct. 24. Sandwich and Stillman Valley will play at 7 p.m. followed by the Spikers battling Prophetstown at 8 p.m. The winner of the first match will meet top-seeded Rock Falls in the first of two matches on Tuesday, Oct. 25, while the Mendota-Prophetstown winner will face Oregon at 8 p.m.

The championship is slated for Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.

The winner of the Rock Falls Regional will advance to the Winnebago Sectional

to take on the champion of the Woodstock Marian Regional at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31. The other sectional teams will come from the Aurora Rosary and Savanna West Carroll regionals.

Rock Falls Class 2A Volleyball Regional

Monday, Oct. 24

1 – (8) Sandwich vs. (9) Stillman Valley – 7 p.m.

2 – (7) Prophetstown [Coop] vs. (10) Mendota – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

3 – (1) Rock Falls vs. Winner Match 1 – 7 p.m.

4 – (4) Oregon vs. Winner Match 2 – 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27

5 – Winner Match 3 vs. Winner Match 4 – 7 p.m. (championship)

MHS hosting varsity volleyball invite

MENDOTA – The Mendota Varsity Rally Volleyball Invitational will be held Saturday, Oct. 15.

The eight-team tournament is divided into two pools. Pool A includes Mendota, Streator, Indian Creek and Peoria Christian. Pool B includes Rockford Christian, Putnam County, Ottawa and Forrester.

Pool play will begin at 8 a.m. and continue at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The finals will start at 12:30 p.m., with the championship match scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

The tournament pairings are as follows:

8 a.m. Matches

Mendota vs. Indian Creek

Rock. Christian vs. Ottawa

Putnam Co. vs. Forrester

9 a.m. Matches

Mendota vs. Peoria Christian

Forrester vs. Ottawa

Streator vs. Indian Creek

10 a.m. Matches

Rock. Christian vs. Forrester

Putnam County vs. Ottawa

Peoria Christian vs. Streator

11 a.m. Matches

Indian Creek vs. Peoria Christian

Rock. Christian vs. Putnam Co.

Streator vs. Mendota

12:30 p.m. Matches

Semifinal Match 1

Semifinal Match 2

5th-Place Match

1:30 p.m. Matches

Championship Match

3rd-Place Match

7th-Place Match

Soccer rolls over Rochelle

MENDOTA – The Mendota Trojans concluded the soccer regular season with a 4-1 triumph over Rochelle on Oct. 6 at the MHS field.

Four players scored one goal apiece for the Trojans – Johnathan Cortez, Johan Cortez, Jasiel Watson and Rafael Romero.

MHS (16-6) opened the regional tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 11. If Mendota was a winner in that game, it will play for the regional championship on Friday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. against either Rock Island Alleman or DePue at the Alleman Sports Complex.

SPORTS

Football

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drive on its ensuing possession, with Alex Duarte finishing off the series on a 32-yard dash to the end zone. Clark's PAT kick made it 7-6.

After both teams exchanged punts, the Trojans embarked on a drive that gave them back the lead. They covered 57 yards in nine plays, the finale being a 1-yard plunge by Childs with 5:15 left before halftime. Randolph hit Freeman for the two-pointer.

Kewanee punted again, but Mendota fumbled the ball back to the Boilers at the Kewanee 26-yard line with 1:34 on the clock. Kewanee was able to put together a speedy eight-play, 74-yard scoring drive as Clark found Cruz Paredes for an 8-yard touchdown pass with just 17 ticks left before intermission. Clark's successful kick tied the game at 14-all.

On Kewanee's ensuing kick, the ball was pooched over the Trojan frontline and settled down in front of the back line. A Kewanee player was able to outrace and then outwrestle Mendota for the football, and the Boilers made the Trojans pay. On the first play, Clark found Landon Mason open for a 30-yard touchdown completion with five seconds to go, and then Clark's kick gave Kewanee a 21-14 lead heading to the locker room.

The Boilers recovered a short kick by Mendota to open the second half and started at the 50-yard line. Five plays later, Kewanee went up by two touchdowns when Pettit scooted in from the 1-yard line and Clark nailed the PAT kick. A 33-yard pass from Clark to Nate Lockett put the Boilers in business.

Each team exchanged turnovers, with Ryne Strouss fumbling the ball back to Kewanee on the kickoff, giving

the Boilers excellent field position at the Trojan 32. But Strouss quickly atoned for his error when he picked off a deflected pass at the goal line to give the ball back to Mendota at its own 20.

From there, the Trojans set off on a crucial drive trailing by two scores and needing to get back in the end zone. A 42-yard pass completion from Randolph to Freeman advanced the ball to the Kewanee 26 to put the Trojans in position for a 15-yard run to the end zone by Childs at the 5:58 mark of the third period. A Randolph-to-Strouss two-point pass was good to make it 28-22.

The fourth quarter turned out to be a whacky one, with the Trojans scoring the only touchdown of the frame. Mendota stopped Kewanee on a fourth-and-one quarterback sneak at the Trojan 40, but Mendota couldn't take advantage and dropped back to punt. A hard rush on Freeman resulted in a Kewanee player getting a fingertip on the punt, which when it fell, tipped off a Boiler player's hands and was recovered by Mendota's Neal Linden at the Kewanee 30. But the Trojans couldn't take advantage of the excellent field position when their third fumble of the game resulted in the third recovery by the Boilers.

Kewanee couldn't do anything on offense and it punted back to the Trojans, who took over possession at their own 27 with 3:27 left in the game. During the drive, Childs picked up a critical first down on a fourth-and-one near the Trojan 40. Also during the drive, Kewanee was flagged for a horse-collar tackle on a Childs run, which advanced the ball to the Boiler 23 with two minutes left.

Childs ran to the 1-yard line and then Randolph bulled into the end zone on a quarterback-keeper to tie the game with 1:48 to go.

Mendota lined up to kick the extra point, but holder Garret Zinke picked up the ball and rolled to his right. He lofted a pass to the end zone that was batted down by a Kewanee defender to keep the score tied and ultimately sending the game to overtime.

The contest was a perfect example of how statistics

don't always tell the story. Mendota piled up 457 yards on offense compared to 276 for Kewanee. The Trojans had 293 rushing yards as Childs went wild for 265 yards on 52 carries. Randolph completed eight passes for 164 yards, with Freeman catching four passes for 108 yards.

• Trojan Yardstick •

KEWANEE 35, MENDOTA 34 OT

Kewanee	7	14	7	0	7	35
Mendota	6	8	8	6	6	34

SCORING SUMMARY

ME - Childs 9 run (kick blocked), 3:42 1Q
 KE - Duarte 32 run (Clark kick), 2:21 1Q
 ME - Childs 1 run (Freeman pass from Randolph), 5:15 2Q
 KE - Paredes 8 pass from Clark (Clark kick), 0:17 2Q
 KE - Mason 30 pass from Clark (Clark kick), 0:05 2Q
 KE - Pettit 1 run (Clark kick), 10:28 3Q
 ME - Childs 15 run (Strouss pass from Randolph), 5:58 3Q
 ME - Randolph 1 run (pass failed), 1:48 4Q
 ME - Childs 4 run (run failed), OT
 KE - Pettit 10 pass from Clark (Clark kick), OT

	ME	KE
First Downs	29	15
Rushes-Yards	61-293	28-135
Passing Yards	164	141
Passes	8-17-0	9-19-1
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Punts-Avg	3-18	6-35
Penalties-Yards	1-15	11-89

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing – MENDOTA: Childs 52-265, Smith 7-25, Randolph 2-3; KEWANEE: Duarte 7-63, Lockett 12-60, Pettit 2-7, Taylor 1-3, Amos 1-1. Clark 5-1.
Passing – MENDOTA: Randolph 8-17-0-164; KEWANEE: Clark 9-19-1-141.
Receiving – MENDOTA: Freeman 4-108, Strouss 1-36, Smith 3-20; KEWANEE: Little 4-55, Lockett 1-33, Mason 1-30, Pettit 2-15, Paredes 1-8.

Three Rivers East Division Football Standings			Friday, Oct. 7	
	TR	OA	Kewanee 35, Mendota 34 OT	
Princeton	5-0	7-0	Princeton 56, St. Bede 7	
St. Bede	3-1	6-1	Newman 20, Hall 18	
Hall	2-2	3-4	Erie-P. 33, Bureau Valley 0	
Sterling Newman	2-2	4-3	Friday, Oct. 14	
Kewanee	2-3	3-4	Mendota at Newman	
Mendota	1-3	3-4	Princeton at Bureau Valley	
Bureau Valley	0-4	1-6	Kewanee at Rockridge	
			Saturday, Oct. 15	
			Hall at St. Bede	

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Harriers

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The freshman-sophomore race was won by Nicolai Martino of Winnebago (13:31). Racing for the Trojans were Travis Mumm (52nd, 18:05) and Kain (65th, 20:10).

In the varsity girls' race, it was Monticello's Mabry Bruhn winning in 17:35. Lady Trojan harriers competing were Anna Valdes (27:27) and Val Valdes (28:59).

Aurora Rosary won the team title with 78 points, edging out Eureka (80).

The varsity boys' race was won by Bryson Grant of Iroquois West in 15:22. Mendota's Kelson medaled at 13th place in a time of 16:41. Olivas also finished for the Trojans in a time of 23:15.

Aurora Central Catholic took top team honors with 67 points, while Eureka's 105 was good for runner up.

BOWLING

Monday Night Mixed League

Standings as of Oct. 3 – 1. CM Farm 10-5; 2. Bad Kats 9-6; 3. Ramer Inc. 9-6; 4. Split Happens 7-8; 5. Leagal Beagles 5-10; 6. Sports-N-Stuff 5-10

High team game (scratch) – Leagal Beagles 680, Split Happens 673, Sports-N-Stuff 667

High team game (hdcp) – Sports-N-Stuff 986, Split Happens 974, Ramer Inc. 944

High team series (scratch) – Sports-N-Stuff 1964, Leagal Beagles 1948, Split Happens 1779

High team series (hdcp) – Sports-N-Stuff 2921, CM Farm 2751, Ramer Inc. 2743

Men's high game (scratch) – Matt Ramer 248, Raul Diaz Jr. 233, Aaron Holocker 203

Men's high game (hdcp) – Raul Diaz Jr. 301, Matt Ramer 261, Chris Frey 256

Men's high series (scratch) – Matt Ramer 678, Ed Roulston 534, Ron Westphal 527

Men's high series (hdcp) – Ed Roulston 732, Matt Ramer 717, Chris Frey 695

Women's high game (scratch) – Dria Kuntz 212, Kim Smith 183, Sarah Westphal 181

Women's high game (hdcp) – Dria Kuntz 291, Hannah Westphal 278, Brenda Westphal 272

Women's high series (scratch) – Brenda Westphal 503, Dria Kuntz 499, Gail Sessler 495

Women's high series (hdcp) – Brenda Westphal 782, Hannah Westphal 778, Audrey Holocker 748

Tuesday Night Men's League

Standings as of Oct. 4 – 1. Black Bros. 11-9; 2. Age Old Organics 11-9; 3. JJ&L Carpentry 10-10; 4. Team 2 8-12

High team game (scratch) – Team 2 1040, Age Old Organics 969, JJ&L Carpentry 920

High team game (hdcp) – Age Old Organics 1135, Team 2 1107, JJ&L Carpentry 1077

High team series (scratch) – Team 2 2878, Age Old Organics 2679, JJ&L Carpentry 2644

High team series (hdcp) – Age Old Organics 3177, JJ&L Carpentry 3115, Team 2 3079

High individual game (scratch) – Nate Bradford 269, Kirk Ross 235, Randy Weathers 232

High individual series (scratch) – Nate Bradford 700, Kirk Ross 659, Scott Novak 644

Wednesday Night Men's League

Standings as of Oct. 5 – 1. Mendota Monument 13-7; 2. Boelk Truck Lines 9.5-10.5; 3. First State Bank 9.5-10.5; 4. O'Donnell Excavating 8-12

High team game (scratch) – First State Bank 1008, Boelk Truck Lines 1002, Mendota Monument 960

High team game (hdcp) – Boelk Truck Lines 1157, First State Bank 1118, O'Donnell Excavating 1063

High team series (scratch) – Mendota Monument 2778, First State Bank 2730, Boelk Truck Lines 2728

High team series (hdcp) – Boelk Truck Lines 3193, O'Donnell Excavating 3080, First State Bank 3060

High individual game (scratch) – Drake O'Donnell 258, Nate Bradford 246, Joe Kennedy 246

High individual series (scratch) – Drake O'Donnell 676, Nate Bradford 670, John Hansen 653

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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD--Something wicked this way comes! The film about the Broadway blockbuster "Wicked," which has grossed \$1 billion after their \$14 million investment, is in pre-production at Elstree Studios in England. Ariana Grande is Glinda (created by Kristin Chenoweth), and Cynthia Erivo is Elphaba (the role that won a Tony Award for Idina Menzel), while Jonathan Bailey -- currently Anthony, Viscount Bridgerton in Netflix's "Bridgerton" series -- is playing Fiyero. Rehearsals began in August, and the film starts shooting in November. Unlike the 2003 Broadway musical, which runs 2 hours and 45 minutes, the film will be in two parts, the first coming Christmas Day 2024 and the second Christmas Day 2025. The Broadway musical won three Tony Awards and is currently the fifth longest running show in Broadway history.

When Robert Mark Kamen wrote the screenplay for "The Karate Kid,"

(1984), he had no idea he'd become the goose who laid the golden egg. The original film cost \$8 million and grossed \$131 million. "Part II," released in 1986, cost \$13 million and grossed \$130 million. "Part III," which cost \$12.5 million, only earned \$38.9 million. When Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith produced "The Karate Kid" starring their son Jaden Smith, the \$40 million film grossed a whopping \$359 million. Meanwhile, "The Karate Kid" saga was reinvented for television as "Cobra Kai," with original stars Ralph Macchio, William Zabka and Martin Kove. The series has amassed more than 50 episodes and is currently available on Netflix.

But, hold onto your hats for the return of a new "Karate Kid," set to open in theaters June 7, 2024. However, of the film, Sony Studios would only say it's not connected to "Cobra Kai," and have not offered if Macchio and Zabka will return to the franchise.

Luke Macfarlane is taking the greatest gamble of his

life. After becoming the darling of Hallmark rom-coms with 14 films, Macfarlane says "A Magical Christmas Village" with Alison Sweeney and Marlo Thomas will likely be his last. The actor explained, "They've been very good to me, but I think I've told my story, for now, with those folks!" Macfarlane's been an out gay actor since he played Scotty Wandall, husband to Kevin Walker (Matthew Rhys), on ABC's series "Brothers & Sisters" (2006-2011).

Hallmark fans totally accepted him playing straight guys in rom-coms. But, Macfarlane now playing a gay man in the first major studio gay rom-com "Bros," opposite Billy Eichner -- with billboards and ads everywhere -- is definitely out there. If the film is a success, Eichner (who wrote "Bros") says a musical rom-com would make a perfect sequel, since Macfarlane and Eichner are both singers. After all, singing is the hallmark of gay romance!

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Couch Theater

"Mr. Harrigan's Phone" (PG-13) -- Spooky movie season continues with this new release out now. Based on a novella from Stephen King's "If It Bleeds" collection, this film follows Craig (Jaeden Martell), a boy who befriends an elderly man named Mr. Harrigan (Donald Sutherland). As their friendship grows, Craig gifts Mr. Harrigan with a cell phone. After the elderly man passes away, Craig gets beat up by a bully. In order to soothe his own spirit, Craig calls Mr. Harrigan's old phone number, confessing that he wishes revenge on the bully. Little does he know, Mr. Harrigan hears him from beyond the grave and is willing to help Craig get exactly what he desires ... with very deadly consequences. (Netflix)

"Dark Places" (R) -- Here's another horror/mystery book-to-film adaptation that seemed to have gone under the radar. "Dark Places" stars Charlize Theron as Libby Day, a woman still wrecked with trauma from the day she discovered her mother and two sisters murdered in their home. Libby, who was 8 at the time,

gets pressured by the police to name her teenage brother, Ben, as the perpetrator of these crimes. Decades later, Ben is still in prison, but Libby gets approached by the head of a true crime club who, after studying the case in depth, believes that there's much more to the story and that her brother is innocent. At first hesitant, but in need of the cash that the club can supply her with, Libby follows the club's leads with every person connected to that night until she finally uncovers the complex truth. (HBO Max)

"Shantaram" (NR) -- Releasing Oct. 14, this 12-episode thriller TV series features Charlie Hunnam ("Sons of Anarchy" and "The Gentleman") as Lin, an ex-convict who escaped prison to reach the city of Bombay, India, where he plans to start anew. However, amid trying to start a new life, crime continues to find him, and he quickly gets himself wrapped into elaborate schemes, leading to a partnership with a crime boss in Afghanistan. Longing for freedom, but unable to find it along the dangerous path he continues to walk along, Lin

battles with severe internal conflict and must eventually decide between doing what's right versus what's easy. (AppleTV+)

"The Lost City" (PG-13) -- This comedy-adventure can provide a bit of a break from the more-intense entertainment choices right now. Sandra Bullock portrays Loretta Cage, a romance novelist who lives a life opposite of the passionate ones her characters live. To promote her latest novel set in a "lost city," Loretta goes on tour with her book's cover model, Alan (Channing Tatum), who the fans are much more interested in. But, in a sudden turn of events, not unlike the ones in her novels, Loretta gets kidnapped by billionaire Abigail Fairfax (Daniel Radcliffe), who thinks Loretta can help him decipher a map leading to a real lost city that is full of treasure. Alan, heavy on looks and low on brains, is the only person who sees Loretta get taken and therefore becomes her only chance of salvation. (Prime Video)

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

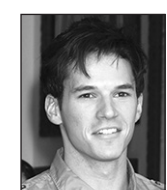
Q: Did Cecily Strong leave "Saturday Night Live"? I know Kate McKinnon and a few others departed. Who are the replacements? -- **L.K.**

A: Fan favorite Cecily Strong has taken a hiatus from "Saturday Night Live," but will return later this season for what will be her 10th year on the show. She's currently appearing in a one-woman stage show produced by her "SNL" boss Lorne Michaels titled "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe." The new season of "SNL" premiered Oct. 1 with host Miles Teller ("Top Gun: Maverick") and four new cast members: Marcello Hernandez, Molly Kearney, Michael Longfellow and Devon Walker. None of them is a household name yet, but give them time.

Season 48 will be a year of transition for "SNL," as it bid farewell to eight performers last May. In addition to McKinnon, gone from "SNL" are Aristotle Athari, Aidy Bryant, Alex Moffat, Kyle Mooney, Chris Redd, Melissa Villaseñor and Pete Davidson. Fortunately, Kenan Thompson, who is the longest-running cast member

with 20 years under his belt, is back, and so is "Weekend Update" host Colin Hanks.

Strong's commitment in L.A. is scheduled to conclude on Oct. 23, so if I had to guess, I'd expect her back on NBC during November sweeps.



M. Hapka

Q: I can't believe they're making a movie about Johnny Depp and Amber Heard. Is it going to be one of those cable TV movies, or will it be in theaters? -- **H.H.**

A: It's only been four months since the verdict was read in the defamation trial involving famous exes Johnny Depp ("Pirates of the Caribbean") and Amber Heard ("Aquaman"), but it didn't take long for Tubi, a streaming service, to make a movie about it. "Hot Take: The Depp/Heard Trial" stars Mark Hapka ("Days of Our Lives") and Megan Davis ("Bones") as the troubled couple during their two-month televised trial, which gripped America earlier this year.

In a recent interview with "Entertainment Weekly,"

Hapka and Davis admitted that taking on these roles was risky for their careers, but that they were promised it would be a fair portrayal. Davis said that seeing the general public's hatred of Heard during the trial broke her heart and made her even more eager to play the biographical role.

"Hot Take" is available to stream now for free on Tubi, a streaming service that doesn't cost a monthly fee, but is supported by ads. You can learn more at TubiTV.com.

Q: Whatever happened to Megyn Kelly after she left Fox News? Is she still doing journalism, or did she go back to practicing law? -- **L.E.**

A: Megyn Kelly left her primetime show "The Kelly File" on Fox News in 2017 for a lucrative deal with NBC as host of the third hour of the "Today" show on weekday mornings. However, the show was canceled after she made some controversial remarks on air. Since then, she's hosted a daily podcast for Sirius XM. Before her broadcast career, Kelly practiced corporate law, but that was in the past.

• Trivia Test •

1. U.S. STATES: How many states border the Great Lakes?
2. MOVIES: What was Buzz Lightyear's original name in the animated movie "Toy Story"?
3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the family dog on "The Brady Bunch"?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What is blind baking?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the two traditional flowers associated with September?
6. HISTORY: Which state divided into two as a result of the U.S. Civil War?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What kind of fear is represented by the condition called chromophobia?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to serve in the

- office who was not elected as vice president or president?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of tigers called?
 10. MUSIC: Who was the first woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
- Answers
1. Eight (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York).
 2. Lunar Larry.
 3. Tiger.
 4. Pre-baking a pie crust without filling.
 5. Aster and morning glory.
 6. Virginia and West Virginia.
 7. Fear of one or more colors.
 8. Gerald Ford.
 9. An ambush.
 10. Aretha Franklin.
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ACROSS

- 1 "Big Blue"
- 4 Twice cuatro
- 8 Tubular pasta
- 12 PBS funder
- 13 Beloved
- 14 Optimist's credo
- 15 Standards
- 17 Profs' degrees
- 18 Finally
- 19 Snooze
- 21 Sound from a hot wok
- 22 "Conga" singer Estefan
- 26 Eastern European cake
- 29 Wager
- 30 Nile reptile
- 31 Novelist Anita
- 32 "Mayday!"
- 33 Ovid's 53
- 34 Hostel
- 35 Farm pen
- 36 Tightly packed
- 37 Illinois city
- 39 Day light
- 40 Corn serving
- 41 Tempt
- 45 Wicked
- 48 Bliss
- 50 News reporter Logan
- 51 Nepal's continent
- 52 "— a Won-



- derful Life"
- 53 Linen source
- 54 Squad
- 55 Command to Rover

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- 1 Early Peruvian
- 2 Ernie's pal
- 3 Postal delivery
- 4 Black Sea port
- 5 Breath mint brand
- 6 "Bali —"
- 7 Vitamin C providers
- 8 Lighter brand
- 9 German pronoun
- 10 Wee bit
- 11 — and outs
- 16 To-do list items
- 20 PC key
- 23 Picnic spoiler
- 24 Egyptian deity
- 25 "... baked in —"
- 26 Radar dot
- 27 First-rate
- 28 U2 lead singer
- 29 Lad
- 32 Ogle
- 33 Slow, in music
- 35 "Chandeller" singer
- 36 "Girls" star Lena
- 38 Chill out
- 39 Old photo tint
- 42 Rainbow
- 43 New York's — Field
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Boxing heavyweight champion Jack Johnson invented the household wrench in 1922.

* The movie title "Death Wish III" was changed to "Death Wish 3" after a survey conducted by the Cannon Group revealed that nearly half of Americans couldn't read Roman numerals.

* Tom Hanks' brother Jim voices "Toy Story's" Woody when his sibling is too busy.

* A hat that doubles as a weapon? Sure, if you're a gum-leaf skeletonizer caterpillar, which wears its old molted heads on top of its noggin and uses them to bat away predators!

* The human jaw can clench with 250 pounds of force.

* Those chocolate-covered caramel candies we fondly know as Milk Duds were originally intended to be perfectly round. But when machines in 1928 couldn't produce them consistently, the misshaped goodies were called "duds," hence their unusual name.

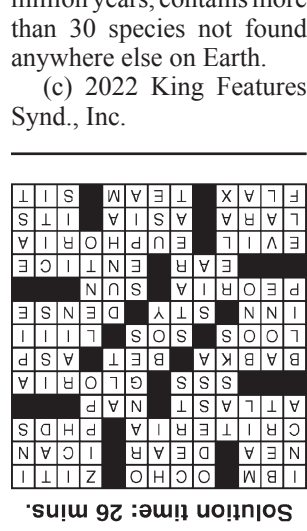
* From the "nothing like planning ahead" files: CNN has prepared a doomsday video, to be played by the last surviving employee. In 2009, a former intern posted the footage online. It shows a low-resolution video of a U.S. Army band playing a mournful rendition of "Near-er My God to Thee."

* The center of the Milky Way tastes like raspberries and smells like rum.

* In the 1970s, Chrysler advertised its luxury cars as containing "Corinthian leather." But spokesman Ricardo Montalban admitted on "Late Night with David Letterman" that the term really meant nothing, as said leather was actually sourced out of New Jersey.

* Romania's Movile Cave, isolated from the outside world for more than 5 million years, contains more than 30 species not found anywhere else on Earth.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Simple keys for learning to think like Jesus thinks

For many years I went to church faithfully, week after week, but I wasn't living a victorious Christian life. I read my Bible every day, served on the evangelism board and went door-to-door telling people about Jesus because I really wanted to serve God. But even though I was doing those things, I was still miserable most of the time.

While I learned a good foundation about salvation—experiencing new life in Christ—through God's grace at my church, I wasn't learning how to be transformed into the image of Christ by renewing my mind, according to God's Word.

It caused me to live in a frustrating cycle: Go to church on Sunday, fight with my husband during the week, get frustrated with my kids a lot and feel miserable, depressed, angry—like a mess—and then go back to church on Sunday to get "right" with God again. I felt like I couldn't be a sane human being.

Ephesians 4:23-24 (AMPC) says to "be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude], and put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image...."

This is so important, because it's impossible to have a positive, peaceful life and at the same time have a negative mind.

But when we take time to renew our minds with God's Word, we learn how to think like God thinks, say what God says, and act like He wants us to act. Then we can have what He wants us to have—abundant life in Christ, filled with His right-



teousness, peace and joy. (See John 10:10 and Romans 14:17.)

How Are You Supposed to Think?

The first thing we need to understand is that when we become new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), what is normal for the world is no longer normal for us. There's a way we're supposed to live that reflects the image of Christ in the world.

For example, many people think it's normal to worry, but as a Christian, worrying is not a normal way of thinking. Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything" (NIV). This doesn't mean we won't ever feel worried, but when we do, we can pray and give it to God so we can have His peace while we go through the challenges of life.

First Corinthians 2:16 (NIV) says "we have the mind of Christ." This means no matter what our circumstances may be, we can have God's wisdom, discernment and peace to guide our decisions in the midst of them.

We can live with these mind-sets:

- The Made-Up Mind:

Colossians 3:2 says to "set your minds and keep them set on what is above...not on the things that are on the earth" (AMPC). The only way we can accomplish what we really want to do in life is by determining what God has put in our hearts to do and then setting our minds to do it. With the help of the Holy Spirit, you can make up your mind and stop over-thinking your decisions.

- The Humble Mind: Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus..." (AMPC). A person with a humble mind is peaceful because they can wait on God's timing and follow His direction; they don't constantly struggle with wondering why or when. And they aren't judgmental or critical of others.

- The Focused Mind: We live in an age of distraction! It's amazing how much information is coming at us most of the time through technology, the media and the busyness of the world around us. I've decided that the world probably isn't going to change, so I have to

change. I'm learning how to keep my mind on what I'm doing, rather than thinking about several things at once or what I want to do next.

You Can Choose

There is a way to have righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit—to have victory in our circumstances and not live based on what the world views as "normal." And it all begins with renewing our minds. The choice is up to us.

Make the decision to spend time each day reading and meditating on God's Word. Pray and ask God to help you understand how to apply the wisdom you discover to your everyday life. As you do your part to renew your mind, God will do His. And you'll love the transformation that comes with having a "normal" mind—the mind of Christ!

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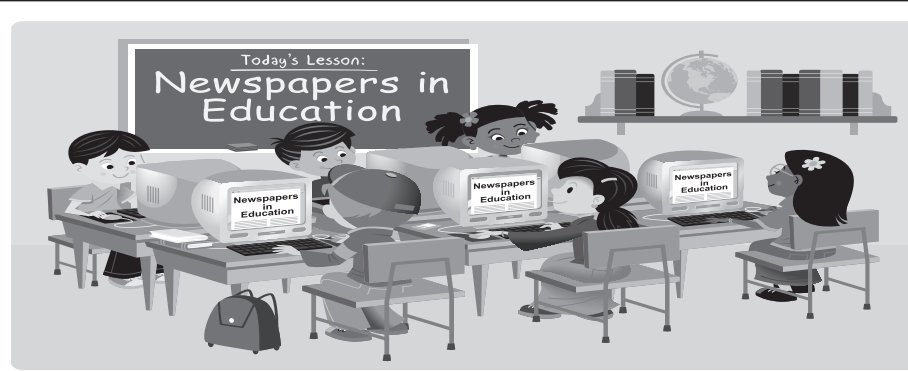


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If I can build a bridge where
fences stand
And light a lamp that other men
might see;
If I can open doors of hope this day
By letting someone know that
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If I can speak in words that seem
to say:
I know the heavy burdens that
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—1 KINGS 8: 57, 58—

Detail of "King Solomon" (1337-41)
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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Song of Solomon
in the Old or New Testament or
neither?

2. From Genesis 19, who prepared
a meal for two in Sodom? Lot,
Abel, Ishmael, Hagar

3. What was the more commonly
known name of Hadassah? Ruth,
Esther, Sarah, Michal

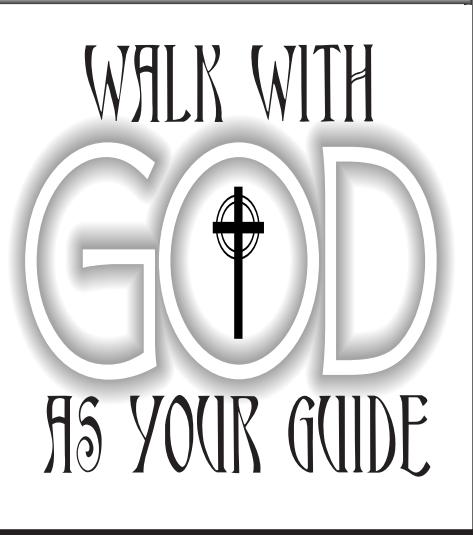
4. From Proverbs 16:18, "Pride
goeth before ..." Failure, Lust,
Destruction, Forgiveness

5. What caused the death of
Samson's wife? Poisoned, Fell off a
cliff, Pushed from a tower, Burned

6. Who was the father of Jacob?
Moses, Isaac, Abraham, Noah

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Lot, 3) Esther,
4) Destruction, 5) Burned, 6) Isaac

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By virtue of Section 10 of the Timeshare Lien and Security Interest Act, 770 ILCS 103/1 et. Seq., and in execution of certain mortgages on the timeshare estates given by the owners of the timeshare estates set forth below for breach of the conditions of said mortgages and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, LaSalle County, Illinois, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgages.

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VINCENT JAMES AND LORRAINE RILEY JAMES, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 5333 W VAN BUREN ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated February 18, 2018 and recorded under File No. 2018 12117, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 07, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0203 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 4
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AUBREY LENARD LUCAS AND ALEXIS BLOSSOM LUCAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 45 DOGWOOD ST, PARK FOREST, IL, 60466, according to the Mortgage dated July 09, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 14596, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0119 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2
AUBREY LENARD LUCAS AND ALEXIS BLOSSOM LUCAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 17750 DEVON DR, COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, IL, 60478, according to the Mortgage dated July 09, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 14596, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0119 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 2
MARGARET PAMILA LUCAS, A SINGLE WOMAN, C/O NEALLY LAW, 122 PARK CENTRAL SQ, SPRINGFIELD, MO, 65806, according to the Mortgage dated June 17, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 17588, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 01, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0221 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 4
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JAMES J MOORE AND ELLA WARD MOORE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 5248 W CONGRESS PKWY APT 2, CHICAGO, IL, 60644, according to the Mortgage dated May 14, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 14445, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 28, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0284 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 4
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JILL C PARKER, A SINGLE WOMAN, 110 VIXEN CIR APT F, BRANSON, MO, 65616, according to the Mortgage dated November 11, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9084, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 06, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0078 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 46, Phase 1
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WILLIAM R P I E C H O W S K I AND AMBER L P I E C H O W S K I , HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 11 BROADWAY STE 1515, NEW YORK, NY, 10004, according to the Mortgage dated February 18, 2018 and recorded under File No. 20180 7718, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0376 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 3
WILLIAM R P I E C H O W S K I AND AMBER L P I E C H O W S K I , HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 441 GREENVIEW LN, OSWEGO, IL, 60543, according to the Mortgage dated February 18, 2018 and recorded under File No. 20180 7718, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0376 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 3
JAMES L PURHAM AND BETTY J PURHAM, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 9036 S MAY ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60620, according to the Mortgage dated September 08, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 2450, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0438 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 7
HALI RAFFERTY A/K/A HALI N RAFFERTY AND TYLER MOORE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 518 W ERIE ST, SPRING VALLEY, IL, 61362, according to the Mortgage dated April 18, 2019 and recorded under File No. 2019 10397, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 20, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0055 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 1
LUIS REBOLLEDO AND LYDIA I REBOLLEDO, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 4914 W WOLFRAM ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60641, according to the Mortgage dated December 30, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017 14417, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 19, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0439 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 7
LUIS REBOLLEDO AND LYDIA I R E B O L L E D O , HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 4914 W WOLFRAM ST, CHICAGO, IL, 60641, according to the Mortgage dated August 18, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 20272, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle

County, Illinois, on December 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0286 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 14, Phase 4
DEBORAH G R I C H A R D S O N AND WILLIE C RICHARDSON, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 359 DANIELLE RD, MATTESON, IL, 60443, according to the Mortgage dated June 26, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 12075, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 09, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0375 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 3
DIANITZA RIVERA, A MARRIED WOMAN, 752 N SUNRISE DR, ROMEVILLE, IL, 60446, according to the Mortgage dated November 27, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 17431, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0056 Frequency Odd, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 1
JOSE A ROSSEL AND JESSICA KAYE ROSSEL, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF S U R V I V O R S H I P, 609 CIRCLE DR, DIAMOND, IL, 60416, according to the Mortgage dated September 11, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20170 8498, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 14, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0041 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 1
SANDRA P SANTIZO, A SINGLE WOMAN, 228 LONGFORD CT, ELGIN, IL, 60120, according to the Mortgage dated March 20, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 10765, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 27, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0129, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 2
LAREIA C SMITH AND JAMES SMITH, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 2121 171ST ST, HAZEL CREST, IL, 60429, according to the Mortgage dated December 30, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017 14428, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 19, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0431 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 51, Phase 7
LAREIA C SMITH AND JAMES SMITH, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 2121 171ST ST, HAZEL CREST, IL, 60429, according to the Mortgage dated July 24, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 11164, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 27, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0431 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 7
THESHA L TERLUNEN AND DAVID ALAN TERLUNEN, WIFE

AND HUSBAND, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, N6534 STATE ROAD 89, WHITEWATER, WI, 53190, according to the Mortgage dated May 14, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 16253, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 13, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0438 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 7
ERIC A THOMAS AND LINDA R THOMAS, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 428 S BARNEWOLT DR, PEORIA, IL, 61604, according to the Mortgage dated January 04, 2019 and recorded under File No. 20190 6099, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 24, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0377 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 51, Phase 3
CAROLYN A TYLER-GARCIA AND OMAR A GARCIA CANO AKA AGCAS, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 1759 N MAYFIELD AVE APT 2, CHICAGO, IL, 60639, according to the Mortgage dated July 11, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 2103, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 30, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0130 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 2
SARAY VEGA-COOPER AND PAUL BRIGANDI, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 65 MALDEN ST UNIT B, WORCESTER, MA, 01606, according to the Mortgage dated October 01, 2019 and recorded under File No. 20200 5384, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 21, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0406 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 6
JONAS TIANGSON VIRAY AND EDEN S VIRAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, C/O RICHARD FRED JOHNSON LAW, 70 W MADISON ST STE 4000, CHICAGO, IL, 60602, according to the Mortgage dated February 26, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 15422, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0288 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 4
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TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. Purchase price shall be paid in full at the time of sale by cash or certified and immediately available funds. In the event the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the mortgage(s) (and thus, credit bid).

Other terms may be announced at the public auction.

Holiday Inn Club Vacations Incorporated
A Delaware corporation
By: Deb Quirk
Its: Agent
Legal No. 1001 (10/5, 10/12, 10/19 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FIRST)No.
STATE)2022
BANK,)FC00
Plaintiff,)0009
v.)Non-
)Residential

ILLINOIS)
HORSE)
PARK)
FOUNDATION)
NFP,)
A not-)
for-profit)
corporation,)
DANIEL T.)
SAMPSON,)
individually,)
(UNKNOWN) TENANTS)

OR)
(OCCUPANTS,))
(UNKNOWN)
(OWNERS AND))
(NON-)
(RECORD)
(CLAIMANTS,))
(Defendants.)

RE-NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above-entitled cause, on May 12, 2022, in favor of First State Bank in the amount of \$50,306.42 (\$41,689.35 in principal, \$1,643.01 in interest, \$50.00 in late fees and \$6,924.06 in other charges) + \$3,147.50 in attorneys' fees + \$1,998.33 in costs (the "Judgment"), Adam Diss, Sheriff of Lee County, or his Deputy, will on October 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at the LaSalle County Sheriff's Office, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL (or by "virtual sale" - call the Sheriff's Office for details) sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said judgment mentioned,

situated in the County of LaSalle, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment to wit:

PARCEL 1: THE EAST 70 FEET OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 1 IN THE VILLAGE OF TRIUMPH, SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF TRIUMPH, SITUATED IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: LOT 2 IN BLOCK 4 IN THE VILLAGE OF TRIUMPH. IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 3: LOT TEN (10), EXCEPT THE WEST 41.3 FEET OF LOT 10 IN BLOCK 5 IN HALL'S SECOND ADDITION, ALL IN THE TOWN OF TRIUMPH, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LASALLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Numbers: 07-17-402-017 (Parcel 1); 07-17-405-002 (Parcel 2); 07-17-406-018 (Parcel 3). COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

3908 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, Illinois
3904 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, Illinois
765 N. 39th Road, Triumph, Illinois

The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Michael A. O'Brien, Esq. (630) 871-9400

The terms of sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due by noon the following day after the sale to the LaSalle County Sheriff.

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The properties are improved by: homes, horse barns and related buildings

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NOTICE-PUBLICATION- JUDICIAL SALE

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Leslie G. Bleifuss
124A South County Farm Road
Wheaton, Illinois 60187
Ph: (630) 871-9400
Fax: (630) 871-9435
Atty. No. 6216625/6224495

WITNESS:
s/ Greg Vaccaro
Greg Vaccaro, Clerk of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court, and the seal thereof, LaSalle, Illinois
Date: September 20, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE

Case No. 2022 FC 9
On October 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. certain real estate commonly known as:

3908 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, Illinois
3904 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, Illinois
765 N. 39th Road, Triumph, Illinois

Will Be Sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash:
The properties consist of: homes, horse barns and related buildings
Contact: Michael A. O'Brien at 630-871-9400

Formal Notice of this Judicial Sale of Real Estate will be found in the Legal Notices section of this

newspaper with the above-mentioned case number.
Legal No. 0907 (9/28, 10/5, 10/12 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 19, 2022 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Above Board Handyman Services located at 19 Cedar Lane Sandwich, IL. 60548.

Dated: September 19, 2022. Edward Koley Applicant.

Legal No. 1002 (10/5, 10/12, 10/19 2022)

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

ESTATE)
OF) C a s e
Betty J.) No.
Worple,) 2022
Deceased) P R - 1 7 5

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Betty J. Worple of Mendota, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on September 22, 2022 to Patsy J. Kresal of 10606 Matthews, P. O. Box 61, Huntley, IL 60142, whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 15, 2023. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Legal No. 1003 (10/5, 10/12, 10/19 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on October 6, 2022 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Jon C. Dees, D.V.M. located at 2322 N. 2879th Road Marseilles, IL. 61341.

Dated: October 6, 2022.
Jon C. Dees Applicant.
Legal No. 1005 (10/12, 10/19, 10/26 2022)

601 VEHICLES FOR SALE

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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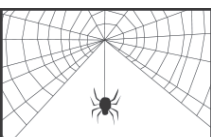
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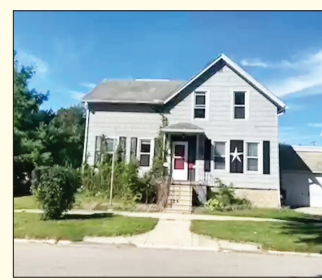
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