

Pohar takes readers to “Chateau Merlot”

□ Mendota native sharing first published book at Graves-Hume Library

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

MENDOTA—When Kari Pohar (Lemmer) was going through the Mendota school system, she thought being a writer was something she wanted to do.

Although it was fun and she could write, Mendota High School (Class of 1999), Illinois Valley Community College, and Northern Illinois University brought her a bachelor’s degree in psychology, a minor in sociology, and a master’s degree in counseling.

Even her current job as a community connections grant coordinator at a Catholic charity in Round Lake where she plans programs and events for adults older than 60, doesn’t scream writer.

Now, Pohar is presenting her first published novel, “Chateau Merlot” at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17 at Graves-Hume Public Library

in Mendota and at 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 17 at the Peru Public Library.

“My dream was to always be a writer. When I was in seventh grade, Mrs. (Kelly) Poremba at Northbrook introduced me to creative writing and I loved it,” said Pohar, who has lived in Grayslake for 15 years with her husband Nick Pohar (1999 La Salle-Peru High School graduate) and their two children, Nolan (8) and Kaiya (6). “At the time, I said, ‘This is what I want to do.’ But, I did absolutely nothing to actually get me to that point. I didn’t get an English degree or take creative writing classes. I didn’t help myself in anyway going into college.

“Once I got into grad school, I wrote a ton, but it was essays and thesis. Once I graduated grad school, the Grayslake Library had a writer’s group. I joined it in 2011. I was writing primarily short stories.”

Pohar continued to write stories for library groups.

In 2018, she submitted



her first short story to be considered for an anthology.

“The Horror Siblings” was accepted in the anthology, “Window: The Inner Circle Writer’s Group Children Anthology 2018.”

“It was a play on our last name. When I was pregnant with my son, we came up with funny nicknames for him that we knew we would never use,” Pohar said. “My husband had come up with Jebediah Isiah, so his name would be Jedi. So, I came up with Edgar Allan Pohar.

“I thought mine was a much better funny name.

People told me, ‘That really works, you should use it.’ I could not do that to my child, so instead I wrote a short story about three, 6-year-old Pohar children named after classic horror authors or creators.

“There was Edgar Allan Pohar, Braham Harker Pohar, and Mary Shelly Pohar.”

Since 2018, Pohar has had eight stories published in anthologies and her last short story tied for third at a writer’s contest in Mundelein.

The new novel artist is extremely proud of her newest creation, “Chateau Merlot.”

“I wrote it in June of 2019 as a short story. It was 1,700 words start to finish. The library group said, ‘You need to expand this story. We know you can write a short story but challenge yourself and make this longer.’

“Every November is National Novel Writing Month. It’s a non-profit website that encourages writers to write their first draft in a month.

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The area behind the sand volleyball courts at the west edge of Lake Mendota Park is targeted for a dog park. (Reporter photo)

Council takes action on establishing a dog park

□ Election packets available Sept. 20

By **KIP CHEEK**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council took action toward establishing a dog park and hired a new employee at its Sept. 6 regular meeting.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick presented a recommendation to hire Jeff Schillinger to the city’s Public Works Department, which was approved by the council.

Alderman Kyle Kim’s report included a proposed ordinance regarding additional costs for ambulance billing. The council approved the ordinance, which increases the cost for treatment during non-transport calls and also for refusals.

Alderman Jay Miller informed the council of a request from Beck Oil Co. for a Class D liquor license. The council approved the measure for Beck’s I-39 location.

Alderman Mark Peasley said three bids were submitted for fencing around a planned dog park in Mendota. The park is targeted for the area behind the sand volleyball court at the west edge of Lake Mendota Park. The low bid of \$17,500 was

accepted from A & K Fence of Peru for five-foot tall chain link fencing with black vinyl coating. The fenced area will be 100x200 feet and will be sectioned off for large dogs and small dogs. There will also be an unleashing area and agility obstacles for the dogs to play. It is hoped that the fencing can be installed before the end of the year. More work on the park will likely be needed next spring.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor David Boelk claimed that Sept. 17-23 is Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Constitution Week.

Also during the mayor’s report, the council approved a resolution to include compensation as IMRF earnings.

OTHER ITEMS

City Clerk Emily McConville stated that information packets will be available at her office starting Tuesday, Sept. 20 for the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election.

Fire Chief Dennis Rutishauser gave a report to the council regarding the Aug. 22 fire in the 800 block of Main Street. The street is now open to traffic.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Income and property tax rebates begin in Illinois

By **KEVIN BESSLER**
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Called an election-year gimmick by some, tax rebate checks started going out to Illinois taxpayers on Sept. 12. Critics say permanent tax relief is needed in one of the highest taxes states in the country.

The money is being given back as part of the Illinois Relief Plan, a \$1.8 billion aid package Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law in the spring.

To qualify, a person must have been an Illinois resident in 2021 with an adjusted gross income under \$200,000 for individual tax filers and under \$400,000 for those who filed as couples.

Taxpayers who filed as a single person on their returns will be eligible to receive \$50, and those who filed joint returns will receive \$100. If you claimed dependents, you will receive an additional \$100 per dependent with a maximum of \$300.

“Whether you had to pay or you got money back, it doesn’t matter,” Illinois Comptroller Susanna Mendoza said. “Everyone who filed will be getting a tax rebate.”

Illinois residents who paid state property taxes last year on a primary residence will be getting rebates as well. Adjusted gross income must be under \$250,000 for single filers and under \$500,000 for those who filed as couples. The amount of this rebate depends on the amount of property taxes paid.

State officials said the distribution of the checks should take about two months.

State Sen. Dan McConchie, R-Hawthorne Woods, thinks the rebates are all about election year posturing.

“The plan has checks arrive just before the election and then tax reductions expire right after the election,” McConchie said.

State Sen. Darren Bailey, R-Xenia, Pritzker’s opponent in the November election, said taxpayers need permanent relief, not a one-time election year gimmick.

“It’s an absolute gimmick, and I have been calling that out since these bills hit the Senate floor,” Bailey said. “It’s too little, too late.”

Research by the Illinois Policy Institute found that Illinois families are paying more than \$2,100 in new state taxes since 2019, overshadowing the average of \$556 in temporary tax relief.



Pritzker

LaSalle County Health Department has booster doses of Bivalent Vaccine

OTTAWA – The FDA has amended the emergency use authorizations (EUA) of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to authorize bivalent formulations of the vaccine. LaSalle County Health Department will begin offering booster doses on a weekly basis, by appointment only. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Moderna will be offered, and on Wednesdays, it will be Pfizer.

The bivalent COVID-19 boosters are ready to administer now that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has voted



to recommend them and the CDC has endorsed them. The bivalent boosters contain the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5

strains of COVID-19.

Bivalent vaccines can be used as a single booster dose at least two months following a primary series or booster vaccination. The bivalent COVID-19 boosters have been authorized for people ages 12 years+ (Pfizer-BioNTech) and for people ages 18 years+ (Moderna) who have completed the primary series.

To schedule an appointment for a booster dose vaccination, log on to www.lasallecountyil.gov and click on the “COVID-19 Vaccine Information” icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a

booster dose of the bivalent.

Important Things to Remember

- You must have your vaccination record card for your appointment.
- If you do not have it, please visit IDPH Vax Verify at: https://idphportal.illinois.gov/s/?language=en_US to get a copy of your vaccination record.
- Day of Appointment Instructions
- If you do not feel well the day of your appointment, do not come to the vaccination clinic.
- Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time.
- The Health Department

is located at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa. COVID-19 booster vaccinations will be given in the Vaccination Trailer (look for the yellow sign), which is located next to the COVID Testing Trailer and is in the Health Department’s parking lot.

- All attendees will need to wear a face covering.
- All attendees must follow instructions and maintain social distancing.
- If the patient is under the age of 18, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Bring a copy of your printed ticket or a screen-

shot of the ticket on your phone. Bring your vaccination record card. You must have an appointment to get vaccinated.

• If you need assistance, please bring someone with you. Otherwise, only people receiving the vaccine are asked to come to the clinic. Individuals should wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for injection.

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department’s website at www.lasallecountyil.gov.

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LOCAL AND AREA

La Salle Co. Farm Bureau Foundation holding Prep, Freeze, Cook Fundraiser

OTTAWA – Support the LaSalle County Farm Bureau Foundation and enjoy great meals through its Prep, Freeze, Cook Fundraiser.

The Freezer Meals offers 10 prepackaged meals. There are two options to choose from:

- Option 1. Serves 4-5 people for \$181.80
- Option 2. Serves 2 people for \$90.90

The 10 meals are Meat Lovers Breakfast Casserole, Ham & Potato Corn Chowder Soup, Pineapple Salsa Pork Roast, Lemon Chicken and Broccoli, Bacon Cheddar Meatloaf, Cheesy Chicken Sour Cream Enchilada Casserole, Pirate Chicken, Cheeseburger Soup, Pork Ragout, and Cranberry Meatballs.

These meals are prepared locally at one of the Prep, Freeze, Cook locations in central Illinois using fresh ingredients – no preservatives. The 10 meals will be in a box for easy

pick-up. All you to do is drive through to pick up your order on Tuesday, Oct. 4 between 4-6 p.m. at the LaSalle County Farm Bureau parking lot. Then just follow the easy heating instructions on every meal and enjoy.

Orders are due by Friday, Sept. 23, by noon. To order these meals, contact the LaSalle County Farm Bureau Foundation at (815) 433-0371. The meals may be ordered with a check made payable to LaSalle County Farm Bureau Foundation, Attn: Karol Vaughn, 4201 Columbus St., Ottawa, IL 61350 or credit card by calling the office at (815) 433-0371.

The fundraiser helps the Farm Bureau Foundation continue its Ag-In-The-Classroom program that provides free lessons and supplies to fourth grade students in LaSalle County.

“Be a Backyard Astonomer” coming to La Salle Public Library Sept. 17

LaSALLE–LaSallePublic Library will host a showcase event for Project Next Generation: Destination Discoveries “Be a Backyard Astronomer” program, on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. especially for youth ages 11 through 14 years and their families.

“Be a Backyard Astronomer” is a grant-funded, six-week, independent, Mentor-supported, distance kit learning program that includes hands-on science and technology activities about daytime and nighttime astronomy.

At the showcase event, visitors will have an opportunity to find out about the “Be a Backyard Astronomer” program, meet the Mentor, browse the kit contents and activities, learn about a field trip opportunity to Chicago’s Adler Planetarium, register for one of 18 spaces available in the “Be a Backyard Astronomer” program, conduct a simple series of experiments in the power of Ultra-Violet (UV) rays, and watch a Glowforge CNC Laser Cutter/Engraver in action.

Funding for Project Next Generation: Destination Discoveries is provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

The showcase event is free and open to the public. The LaSalle Public Library is located at 305 Marquette St., LaSalle, and is ADA welcome and compliant. For more information, please call the Library at 815-223-2341.

OSF Hosting community blood drive Friday, Sept. 16

MENDOTA–OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center will host a community blood drive on Friday, Sept. 16 from noon-5 p.m. at 1401 E. 12th St., inside Conference Room C.

To donate, contact Katie Gott at 815-539-1422 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 3572 to locate the drive.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo ID is required to donate. For information about eligibility, call ImpactLife at 1-800-747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before July

22, 2022 are eligible to give at this drive.

Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors.

ImpactLife is the provider of blood and blood components to more than 125 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. It is the exclusive provider to Illinois Valley Community Hospital, OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, OSFHealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center and OSF Center for Health.

Welcome to the Chamber



The Captain Thomas John Heitman Memorial
Tom and Mary Heitman, third and fourth from the left, received a plaque for becoming members of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. The memorial pays honor and respect to their son, Marines 1st Lt. Thomas Heitman, by fulfilling his wishes to provide scholarships to ROTC students. Representing the Mendota chamber in the photo are (left to right) Erin Lauer, Lee Stocking, Shelby Weide, Christin Atherton, and Dessa Collings.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Starting this past week, we began our principal award program. Teachers will nominate one student from their class that is deserving of the principal’s award each week. This student can earn this achievement by making good choices, being a great friend and working to the best of their ability.

The students nominated for this week’s principal award included Joe Clark, Parker Krager, Noah Garcia, Laurel Dunfrund, Damien Arteaga, Jonah Randolph, Paola Arteaga and Katalina Hernandez. The winners were Jonas Landeros, Maggie Larson, Addilyn Hendricks and Mateo Gonzalez. Congratulations to all of you!

I will once again keep our school’s web page updated throughout the year with important dates, information and events at Blackstone. The district website is www.mendota289.org. Please take time to check out the district, Blackstone and teacher webpages to keep up to date on what is going on in school.

Blackstone School is always happy to have volunteers! If you are ever looking to volunteer at school, please contact our office. We’re always looking for volunteers to work with our students or with special events.

Looking ahead, there will be an early dismissal on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Kindergarten will be dismissed at 11:25 and first grade at 11:35 for a teacher institute. No lunches will be served at school on this day.



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LOCAL AND AREA

Carus LLC announces \$20 million investment in La Salle

PERU – State and local leaders visited Carus LLC to witness the announcement of a major expansion in its LaSalle manufacturing facility. With a total investment of \$20 million, the plant will be modernized, and additional production capacity will be added.

The construction work for the expansion at the LaSalle manufacturing site has already begun and is expected to be operational by the end of the year.

Allen Gibbs, Carus LLC Vice President of Operations, says the project is driven by a commitment to quality, sustainability, and customer service. “We are upgrading and expanding our facility and continue to modernize operations with a focus on reducing waste and maximizing sustainability.”

State Senator Sue Rezin said, “This investment not only contributes significant

dollars to the city of LaSalle and surrounding region, it has a multiplying effect because it gives others confidence to invest in our region and state.”

State Representative Lance Yednock said, “With a job-creating manufacturer like Carus making an investment of this proportion, this will help our region in so many ways to make this a better place to live and work.”

Other local leaders were also in attendance, including Mayor Jeff Grove of LaSalle, Mayor Ken Kolowski of Peru, and Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce President Bill Zens. The group was joined by Mark Denzler, President & CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers Association and Mark Biel, CEO of the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois.

“We are very grateful for employers like Carus who



Elected officials and local leaders tour the new construction project at Carus LLC in LaSalle. (Photo contributed)

contribute such a significant amount to our city; it definitely strengthens our ability to serve the community better,” commented Mayor Grove.

Ever since the LaSalle plant was built by Edward

Carus in 1915, the company has continuously invested in new processes and equipment and become a world market leader with its products, which are being sold around the world. Carus operates several manufacturing

facilities in other locations in the country.

“Despite many political uncertainties and economic challenges, my family and I are pleased that this expansion is happening in LaSalle,” said Inga Carus,

Chairman of Carus LLC. “It is another investment in the future of Carus, its employees, as well as in LaSalle and Starved Rock Country. We would like to be a manufacturer in LaSalle for another 100 years.”

About Carus

Carus LLC was founded in 1915 in LaSalle, Illinois, and is a family-owned manufacturer of chemical products used by cities and companies around the world for environmental applications. Carus provides products and services used for water treatment, wastewater, air purification, and soil remediation. Carus is a member of the American Chemistry Council, and actively participates in the industry’s award-winning Responsible Care® initiative, sharing a common commitment to improve environmental, health, safety, and security performance.

Habitat ReStore-Peru holding refinishing classes

PERU – Habitat ReStore-Peru is hosting free antique refinishing classes in September. The classes are every Thursday in September from 4:30-6 p.m. and are open to the general public at Habitat ReStore-Peru’s Miller Community Center, 1011 Shooting Park Road (behind Walgreen’s).

Furniture selection and restoration techniques will be taught by Steve Esme, an expert furniture restoration specialist.

The public is also invited to participate in Habitat ReStore-Peru’s special “RePurpose for a Reason” program. Take anything from the store for \$70 or less, take it home to refinish/repurpose it, and then return it to the store as a donation for the program.

For more information about the refinishing class, contact Jessica Brayfield at 815-434-2041 during regular business hours.

Transportation Committee Meeting to be held at Mendota Moose Lodge on Friday, Sept. 23

MENDOTA – The next Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) - Region 3 - Transportation Committee Meeting (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam counties) will be held on Friday, Sept. 23 at 10 a.m. at Mendota Moose Lodge, 211 E. 12th St., Mendota. Individuals with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend, especially human service organizations serving individuals who use public transportation. If you would like further information, please contact hstp@ncicg.org or call 815-433-5830.

HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans.

MHS honoring Childhood Cancer Awareness Month with GO GOLD Night

MENDOTA – September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. In honor of all those who have fought or are currently battling childhood cancer, Mendota High School will host a GO

GOLD Night at the MHS football game on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. vs. the Princeton Tigers.

There will be a bake sale with tons of delicious treats, a 50/50 raffle, photo opportunities, and

small giveaways for the students. Everyone is asked to dress in gold for the night.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

New FFA member grant program announced by the Lee County Farm Bureau Young Leadership Committee

AMBOY – The Lee County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee is announcing a new grant program for FFA members.

The Young Leader Com-

mittee will award up to 10 \$75 grants to go toward the purchase of FFA official dress. Funds will be paid to the FFA chapter. To qualify, students must be a freshman

or sophomore attending a Lee County school or be a Lee County resident.

For more information, contact the Lee County Farm Bureau (815) 857-3531.

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- 1993 - Hester Full
- 1994 - Joyce McDonald
- 1995 - Barb Christopher
- 1996 - Jack Arkins
- 1997 - Johnny Arteaga
- 1998 - Bob Francis
- 1999 - Sheila Bettner
- 2000 - Nellie Needs
- 2001 - Bob Barnett
- 2002 - Donna Johnson
- 2003 - James “Stymie” Schmidt
- 2004 - Sherry Kuntzi
- 2005 - Steve Dinges
- 2006 - Jackie Emm
- 2007 - Ann Buchanan
- 2008 - Dave Fitzgerald
- 2009 - Rayanne Sester
- 2010 - Linda Basil
- 2011 - Carolyn Motter
- 2012 - Charlotte Delhotal
- 2013 - Lori Simonton & Sarah Dalton
- 2014 - Cheryl Barr
- 2015 - Rita Borelli & Wendy Letterly
- 2016 - Lynn Carbone
- 2017 - Ashley Brooks
- 2018 - Colleen Myers
- 2019 - Sidney Engels
- 2020 - Nancy Bogle
- 2021 - Jamie Bromenschenkel

TOM MERWIN “GOLD STAR” EMPLOYEE AWARD

Remember when getting a “Gold Star” meant you’d done a “Great Job”? IT STILL DOES!

We’re looking for that “Gold Star” Employee! Someone who makes you glad to do business in Mendota!

The MENDOTA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE MENDOTA REPORTER in a joint project, are seeking nominations from the customers of the retail, service and professional businesses in the community for that outstanding employee in Mendota!

This is your opportunity to recognize that kind, courteous, competent and efficient employee who cashes your check, fills your order, answers the phone, brings your food or processes your paperwork every day.

Nominations must come from the general public - The Customer - for this “Gold Star Employee.”

The winner will be determined by the board of directors of the Mendota Area Chamber from those nominations received, and their decision will be final. Winner will be announced at the Mendota Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022.

For questions, email Shelby Weide at sweide@mendotachamber.com. (Store owners are not eligible.)

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I Think (Name) _____
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Deserves a “Gold Star” because _____

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(my phone #) _____
(we may call for additional information)

Nomination forms must be returned to the Mendota Area Chamber Office, Box 620, Mendota, IL by Monday, Oct. 3, 2022. You may also drop them in the water bill slot on Illinois Ave., or bring them into the office during the hours from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Past Gold Star Award Winners may be nominated, but are ineligible to win again.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Sabra Garten

SUBLETTE – Sabra “Susie” Garten, 82, of Sublette, passed away Sept. 3, 2022 at River View Rehab Center in Elgin.

At her request, there will be no services. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

She was born March 17, 1940 in Mendota to Raymond and Lillian (Etheridge) Nance.

She is survived by her two sons, Alan (Patricia Fitzgerald) Childs and Kyle Garten, and two grandchildren, Tyan (Amber Villejo) Childs and Paige Ellis.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Harold “Duke” Garten.

Susie loved animals and she worked for Sauk Valley Humane Society for many years. She was also a member of Mendota T.O.P.S.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Arnold L. Horn

ROCHESTER – Arnold Lloyd Horn, 92, of Rochester, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022.

A celebration of the life was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. His family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 7 and an hour prior to his services on Thursday. Pastor Rod Ruberg officiated. Burial followed in the Rochester, IOOF Cemetery.

Arnold was born on Sept. 17, 1929, to Alden John William Horn and Gertrude Leora Brock in Marshall County, Ind., and spent his childhood working on the family farm in Mendota. Arnold and Kay were married on Dec. 27, 1959, at the Bethlehem Baptist Church and were married over 62 years.

He is survived by two loving daughters and sons-in-law, Kristy and Ian Sheeler and Beth and Myron Cohagan; two amazing grandchildren, Abigail and her husband Jacob Richard, and Evan Cohagan; one precocious great-granddaughter, Madison Marie Richard; and a sister and her family, Wilma Jean Stamberger of Rochester.

He is preceded in death by baby brother Horn, a sister, Maxine Horn, and his parents.

After spending time in Trieste, Italy during the Korean War, he returned to Rochester where he met Ruth Kay Harvey at the root beer stand where she was a carhop. The two could be seen tooling around Rochester in Arnold’s pink convertible in the mid-1950s, Arnold with a sly grin on his face.

Arnold was a lifetime farmer, lover of all things out-of-doors, an avid hunter and gun enthusiast. At any time on the farm there may have been a dog, cats, pigs, a cow, and even a pony. Arnold could be found tinkering in his shed or swapping stories with his buddies over coffee. He retired from farming in the late 1990s and moved into Rochester where he has resided with Kay since 2004. Arnold attended Riverview Community Church and he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-granddaughter. His grandson Evan inherited his mechanical skills and surprised Grandpa Arnold by restoring his 1936 Farmall F-12 and 1929 Case L tractors.

Until recently he could be seen on his daily drives, starting first at the Streamliner for a breaded tenderloin, then out to the farms and past the country school where the Mennonite children would wave as he drove by.



Mary A. McKeague

ALEXIS – Mary Alice McKeague, 93, of Alexis, passed away Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022 at the Knox County Nursing Home, Knoxville.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 at the Alexis United Presbyterian Church, Alexis. Interment will be at Alexis Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2022 at the Alexis United Presbyterian Church.

Mary Alice was born Aug. 15, 1929 at her family home near Little York, the daughter of Samuel “Woodie” and Leota Dare (Purlee) Timberlake. She was raised and educated in Little York, Galesburg and the Alexis areas, graduating from Alexis High School in 1948. She later graduated from the Galesburg Cottage Hospital School of Nursing in 1951.

Mary Alice married John Robert McKeague on Feb. 14, 1952 at the family residence in North Henderson. He passed away March 13, 2001.

Survivors include her daughter, Teresa L. “Terri” McKeague of Knoxville, and son, Michael J. (Julie) McKeague of Mendota. Also surviving are two grandchildren, John (Katy Hall) McKeague of LaSalle and Erin (Rick) Perez of Flower Mound, Texas; 3 great-grandchildren, Kate Perez, Brynn Perez and Knox Perez; her sister, Carol Berry of Glendora, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and her infant sister, Ruth Timberlake.

Mary Alice was a Registered Nurse at the Galesburg Cottage Hospital for 33 years before retiring in 1991.

She was an active member of the Alexis United Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Alexis Women’s Club. She enjoyed gardening, walking, following local area and college sports teams. She also was a member of a local Bridge card club.

Memorials may be given to the Alexis United Presbyterian Church or the Alexis-North Henderson Ambulance and sent to the funeral home. McGuire & Davies Funeral Home and Crematory, Monmouth, is in charge of the arrangements.

For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit, www.mcguireanddaviesfuneralhome.com.



Arthur V. Anderson

PLANO – Arthur V. Anderson, 84, of Plano, passed away Thursday, July 7, 2022 peacefully at his home.

A Celebration of Life will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, 7671 Clubhouse Drive, Yorkville. A visitation will be held from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the golf club.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1938 in LaSalle, the son of Charles and Ava (Thomson) Anderson. Arthur was united in marriage in Lockport, on Nov. 24, 1962, to Corrine Longhini and they spent almost 60 years happily together.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Corrine of Plano; his children, Eric (Stan Zuba) Anderson, Marsha (Tim) Spidle, Timothy (Stefanie) Anderson, and Heath (Alette) Anderson; his grandchildren, Courtney (Dave) Simpson, Nathaniel Spidle, Logan (Nhi) Spidle, Valerie, Rebecca, Bethany and Samuel Anderson; also his two great-grandsons, Gage and Ryker Simpson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Ava Anderson; his brother, Roger Anderson; his father and mother-in-law, Anthony and Marguerite Longhini; his sisters-in-law, Mary Lynn Knight and Jane Foster; and his brother-in-law, Gilbert Knight.

He was raised in Triumph and graduated from Mendota High school in 1956. Art enjoyed golfing, woodworking, antiques, playing cards, auctions and spending time with his family, friends, and grandchildren. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Army. He was formerly employed as a Tool Maker, until his retirement in 1992, by Caterpillar, Inc. Arthur later worked in construction.

In recent years, he enjoyed working on old automobiles at Steve’s British Connection in Sandwich. Anderson was a former member of the Waltham Curling Club. He enjoyed many winters in Winter Haven, Fla., and summers in Pentwater, Mich. Arthur was a loving husband, father, grandfather, step great-grandfather, brother and uncle, who will be deeply missed by his family and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

Arrangements by Nelson Funeral Homes & Crematory, www.NelsonFuneralHomes.com or (630) 552-7211.



Sublette’s Pullin’ in the Park rescheduled to September 18

SUBLETTE – Pullin’ in the Park scheduled for Sept. 11 in Sublette was postponed due to the weather. It will now be held on Sunday, Sept. 18 behind Ellice Dinges School. Check-in is at 8 a.m. and the pull starts at 11 a.m. There will be activities for children, including games and a bounce house.

The Sublette Country Car Show will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Satur-

day, Sept. 17. The location is moved to Sublette Centennial Park rather than along U.S. 52. The show will feature Kaiser-Frazer, Willys-Overland, and Hudson and Nash, but all makes of antique, classic and special interest cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. There may even be a few tractors at the show. There will be no judging. Food will be available and there will be a 50/50 drawing.

Please see more
Obituaries on Page A7.

William R. Schmeh

MURRAY, Ky. – William Raymond Schmeh, 77, of Murray, Ky., passed away Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church in Mendota at noon on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022. Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. until just before services at Wasmer Funeral Home.

William (Bill) was born on March 1, 1945 in LaSalle to Raymond and Teresa (Dzurison) Schmeh. He graduated Mendota High School in 1963, received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Northern Illinois University and obtained a Master’s in Business Administration at Loyola University Chicago while raising three young children.

He will be forever missed by his three daughters, Marcey (Marc) Zolner of Carmel, Ind., Tina (Matt) Harrison of Carmel, Ind., and Kimberly Schmeh of Denver, Colo.; his two sons, Jeffrey (Kandie) Schmeh of Irvine, Calif., and Kevin Schmeh of Aurora; eight grandchildren; brother David Schmeh of Succasunna, N.J.; and sister RaeAnn Pedersen of Sugar Grove.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents.

Bill was a Marketing Executive for Ace Hardware Corporation for 24 years and then worked for Phase III Inc. before retiring in 2005. He loved the outdoors and spent his free time hiking, fishing, boating, and enjoying nature. He loved to drive the Kentucky roads looking for wildlife. Bill was a faithful member of the Catholic church.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Cross Church. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Carleton B. Mann

FORT MYERS, Fla. – Carleton (Carlie) B. Mann, formerly of Mendota, passed away Sept. 3, 2022, in Fort Myers, Fla.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC hosting College 101 on Sept. 28th

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Admissions Office hosts College 101 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 in Room CTC124.

This event will inform anyone interested in the college search process – including parents and guardians of current high school students. The agenda includes college application and admission timelines, types of colleges, majors and financial aid. Guests will have an opportunity to ask questions one-on-one at 6:30.

For information or to RSVP, go to www.ivcc.edu/visit.

Book

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The goal is to write 50,000 words in a month so that you have your first draft. You can edit, cut, and rewrite, but it gives you a starting point. I wrote 50,000 words of Chateau in November of 2019."

With having two young children, Pohar wrote the majority of the book, edited, and rewrote from 5-6 a.m. in the morning before they would wake up.

And maybe she didn't want to confuse what Nolan and Kaiya would eat compared to her novel characters.

"I enjoy writing in the paranormal genre. It is a vampire book because there are vampires in it, but it primarily surrounds the humans in the story," Pohar said. "The point of view is from the main human and how he gets into the Chateau."

"The Chateau Merlot is a luxury apartment building that is owned by a vampire named Angelica. That's where she houses her humans like a wine cellar. There is a blood type hierarchy. The most common blood types are going to be less desirable, like O positive. AB negative is the least common, so they would get the penthouse apartment, they get paid more and all of the other perks."

Pohar's creativity and imagination also led to the creation of a vampire phone application in the story called, Once Bitten.

The vampires use the app to find people to feed off of and to come stay in the chateau.

When the novel was finished, Pohar sent it in for traditional publishing, but she was rejected.

Rejecting future negativity, the new author self-published "Chateau Merlot" through Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) and it can be found and purchased on Amazon as a paperback, E-book, or for Kindle Unlimited, and it's also available on the Barnes and Noble and Target websites.

Currently, approximately 500 copies of Pohar's first novel are in people's hands or on their kindles.

Pohar is excited to share her vampire tale with the town where her dream to write was first sparked.

"I don't think it was ever something I could do. When I reached out to the library, I said, 'I'd love to come,'" Pohar said. "My dad, Dan Lemmer, still lives in Mendota and not too far away from the library. The email I got back was saying how Graves-Hume was so excited to have me. I instantly said, 'Holy cow, this is actually happening.'"

"I'm not in Mendota all that frequently. Every time I'm there, I never see people I know. This time will be different because people have already told me, 'I'm coming to this.'"

"I'm excited to come to my hometown and show off my book."

Gas bill payment assistance available to eligible households

NAPERVILLE – Now is the time to start preparing for cooler weather, which can result in higher heating costs as thermostats go up and natural gas usage increases to keep homes comfortable and warm. Nicor Gas offers bill payment assistance programs to help offset winter heating costs when eligible household budgets may not be able to keep up with the increased heating demands.

Enrollment for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is underway now. The federal and state-funded energy assistance program provides income-eligible households with monetary relief for their energy bills. Eligibility is based on several factors, including household size and income up to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, which for a family of four equates to a gross monthly income of \$4,625 or less. For more information or to locate a local Community Action Agency to apply, call 877-411-9276 (WARM).

Other energy assistance programs and options available to Nicor Gas customers include:

- Nicor Gas Sharing Program, which is administered by the Salvation Army and funded by Nicor Gas and its customers, provides eligible customers a grant up to \$500, based on account balance. To apply, contact a Salvation Army office listed at nicorgas.com/EnergyAssistance or call 773-205-3520.

- Nicor Gas Energy Aide Program provides one-time grants up to \$350 to eligible customers with past due balances; the grants do not need to be paid back. Contact a local Community Action Agency to apply.

- Nicor Gas Budget Plan can help customers avoid unpredictable bills from month to month and even out the seasonal highs and lows of natural gas use. To learn more about the Budget Plan and how it works, visit nicorgas.com/BudgetPlan.

- Payment arrangements provide eligible customers with more time to pay past-due balances and help avoid possible service disconnection. Customers can check their eligibility for a payment arrangement by visiting nicorgas.com/MyAccount.

Every family deserves reliable energy at a price they can afford. That's why Nicor Gas is proactively working to provide payment options and resources to help customers manage natural gas bills and more through the Community Connection Center (C3). The dedicated C3 team at Nicor Gas helps customers navigate energy assistance and energy efficiency options, as well as other basic needs such as food and housing. Customers can contact the C3 team via email at cccinfo@nicorgas.com or submit an assistance request form at nicorgas.com/CCC.

Throughout the season, customers may be eligible for one of more programs and can access the Energy Assistance Programs Flier and Worksheet can help maximize the benefits available to them.



IVCC's Hispanic Leadership Team will host Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15-Oct. 15. (Photo contributed)

Activities planned at IVCC to mark Hispanic Heritage Month

OGLESBY – Hispanic Heritage Month activities at Illinois Valley Community College include a student showcase, immigration services, Latino-inspired cuisine and more.

The Sept. 15-Oct. 15 celebration opens with "IVCC Hispanic Student Showcase" at noon Friday, Sept. 16 in Room C316. Hispanic students will share their heritage and customs; food and drink will be served.

Jon Breslin of Via-Valley Immigrant Advocates in Ottawa will present "Immigration updates and services" at noon Monday, Sept. 19 in CTC124. The nonprofit agency offers low-cost immigration services to students and families. Food and drink will be served.

"Jalapeno's Food Demonstration" is at noon Monday, Sept. 26 in CTC123. Guests

will learn the basics of cooking traditional Mexican food.

"Make Your Own Pinata Workshop" is noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 in CTC124-125. Participants will learn the origin of the pinata and make one from scratch. Food and drink will be served.

The month concludes with "Taste of the Illinois Valley" at noon Wednesday, Oct. 5 in CTC124. Guests will sample Latino-inspired cuisine and learn traditional dances.

For information, call Sara Escatel at (815) 224-0355. The celebration is hosted by IVCC's Hispanic Leadership Team and sponsored by IVCC's DEI Committee and Illinois Valley Hispanic Partnership Council.

IVCC offers computer basics/internet safety course

OGLESBY – A "Computer Basics and Internet Safety" course will be offered by Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education Center in September.

The four-session class meets from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 23 through Oct. 14, in Room A323.

The course features basic Windows 10 tools including My Computer, Recycle Bin, ways to customize your desktop and how to run multiple programs and use shortcuts.

In addition, participants will install programs, check their hard disk drive, delete and restore files and change mouse settings. An internet

overview and safety practices will be covered.

Instructor Doreen Balzarini will work at a comfortable pace. A textbook is required and can be purchased at <https://www.ivccbookstore.com/category/10002562>. Cost of the course, ID number 550, is \$129.

Sec. of State White reminds motorists about Scott's Law

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is once again calling on drivers to "move over" when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle or any stopped vehicle displaying flashing lights.

The Move Over Law, also known as Scott's Law, is designed to protect law enforcement, emergency responders and other drivers who are stopped on the side of roadways. White's office added a reminder about this important law on all driver's license renewal notices in 2019.

"If you see a vehicle stopped on the side of

the road, reduce speed and change lanes, if possible," said White. "We have a responsibility to drive safely, and we have a duty to protect those who protect us by moving over when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle. It is the law."

Motorists convicted of violating the Move Over Law face a minimum fine of \$100 up to \$10,000 and the offense goes on the motorist's driving record. A violator's driver's license is suspended for 24 months in the event of a fatality and six months in the event of personal injury.



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A lack of accountability

By Scott Reeder

Should it take more than eight years to fire state employees involved in the beating of a disabled patient in an Illinois state facility?

It’s a question that begs to be asked in the wake of an investigation conducted by several news organizations: Lee Enterprises, Capitol News Illinois and ProPublica.

Here is the set up for the investigation:

“As Blaine Reichard rose from a breakfast table at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in southern Illinois, a worker ordered him to pull up his sagging pants.

A 24-year-old man with developmental disabilities, Reichard was accustomed to workers at the state-run residential facility telling him what to do. But this time he didn’t obey.

‘I’m a gangsta! This is how we do it where I am from!’ responded Reichard, who, despite his street-tough defiance, still slept with a teddy bear.”

Multiple witnesses told the Illinois State Police that shortly after this exchange, Reichard was taken to the floor, held down by four mental health techs and repeatedly punched in the face.

One of the employees has pleaded guilty to a felony and the three others have pleaded guilty to misdemeanors. But almost eight years after the beating none have been fired or disciplined in the workplace.

None.

According to the investigation, “After pleading guilty, the three (misdemeanants) returned to work at Choate, mowing lawns, cooking or doing laundry. About three years ago, their status returned to administrative leave. They no longer do any work at Choate, but they still receive a state paycheck today. Since the incident, taxpayers have paid the trio more than \$1 million combined. Their annual salaries range between \$50,000 and \$54,000, IDHS records show.”

Will they be fired? Well, the state is still considering the matter – eight years after the beating. Eight years.

Molly Parker, one of the investigative reporters involved in the case, said the union representing the employees got them bumped to paid administrative leave -- rather than keeping them working at the center in positions where they were not in contact with patients while awaiting a decision on whether they should be disciplined.

Oh, and by the way these men are still receiving health insurance benefits and credit toward their pensions.

Is anyone advocating for the taxpayers who are paying these men to do nothing? It would appear not.

As for the lone felon in the group, he was suspended without pay when he was charged in 2016 and he remained on the state payroll during the 15-month period between the time of the incident and the time he was charged, collecting nearly \$56,000 while on administrative leave.

Public employees are often called to do challenging work. Whether it’s teaching a classroom of third graders, writing speeding tickets, incarcerating criminals or caring for developmentally delayed people in state institutions, most do what is asked of them.

But how do we address those who violate the rules and bring harm to those in their care?

Accountability is lacking. Some point their fingers at a bureaucracy that moves at a slug’s pace. Others blame union contracts that they say make punishing bad employees difficult.

I’m not going to weigh in on why accountability is lacking – only that it is.

And few in public office are doing anything to better hold bad employees to account.

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

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Good news for Motor Wheel – 1986

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Sept. 12, 2001.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was front page news on Sept. 17, 1986 when Motor Wheel was selected to produce wheels for the Diamond Star auto assembly plant in Normal. In 1986, Motor Wheel had 200 employees, working three shifts.

They are very, very happy about the contract.

The George Kerasotes Co. offered to donate the State Theatre building to the city of Mendota. There were some strings attached. The city would have to accept the building “as is.” It would have to pay any legal fees connected with the transfer of the property, and also excuse Kerasotes from any liability associated with it. If the building were to be demolished, it would be done at city expense.

A house on the southeast corner of 12th Avenue and Fourth Street, as well as the house immediately south of it, were razed Sept. 16, 1986. Both had been condemned, but owner Dan Heiman said he has been trying to sell the property. Heiman had been last to live in the corner house, which had been vacant for some time. His wife’s mother had lived in the house next door.

Prior to demolition, these houses had been purchased by William Phalen.
They were over 100 years old.

A two-story brick on the south side of Sixth Street, just east of the tracks, was purchased at auction on Sept. 16, 1986, by Schmidt & Elsesser, builders & designers. The winning figure was \$50,000.

Built by Martin Fahler as a garage, it had later housed Lauter’s garment factory. Schmidt & Elsesser planned to convert the space to offices and shops.
SIDETRACK – In bright sunlight, the Fahler name, with the Lauter name painted over it, can still be discerned above the front entrance.

When Ted Lewis retired from his long association with Mendota High School at the end of the 1985-86 school year, he was honored at a dinner and eve-

Backtracks & Sidetracks

ning of entertainment on Nov. 7, 1986. He had spent 39 years at MHS, many of them as coach and athletic director.

A new business, Moore’s Appliance, opened at 911 Sixth Ave. Co-owners were Susan and Karen Moore. The store was a branch of Jake’s TV & Appliance in Utica.

Jake’s TV had formerly been located in Mendota.

Mendota Reporter sports editor Kip Cheek was honored at an awards luncheon during the Illinois Press Association Fall Convention in Springfield. It was held Sept. 12, 1986.

Chamber of Commerce director Shirlean Hackman declared Sept. 22-29, 1986, Chamber of Commerce Week. To mark the event, 26 MHS students had an opportunity to spend a day in a local business or service.

A chamber mixer was held in the new offices of the Mendota-Troy Grove-Clarion Farmers’ Insurance Co. on Main Street.

It was held after hours.

Chamber membership in 1986 was 200.

A Rapid Automatic Prosecution System (RAPS) was installed in the LaSalle County State’s Attorney’s office in Ottawa. It was largely funded by a grant.

Without this system, the county would have needed additional staff.

In service news, Spec. 4 John Gard received an Army Achievement Medal in West Germany. He was serving as a nuclear, biological and chemical specialist with the 37th Armor.

The Job Training Partnership Agency (JTPA) in Mendota received an additional \$129,242. This was a reward for exceed-

ing the 1985 Program Year standards.

Winners from Mendota in the Men’s Garden Club sunflower contest in 1986 were Michael Clark and Emily Zolper. With a sunflower 22 ¼ inches in diameter, Michael took first. Emily placed third.

In the pumpkin contest, Danielle Jones, age 7, of West Brooklyn entered the 34-pound prize winner.

When Dean Lubbs, head coach of the football Trojans, was hospitalized early in the 1986 season, all was not lost. Stepping in to coach the varsity was Mike Wasmer, assisted by Ken Funfsinn and George Pohl.

In a game with Aurora Central Catholic, the Trojans prevailed, 20-7. Scoring for Mendota were Tony Bond with two touchdowns and Eric Worsley with a touchdown and two points after.

The Spikers were celebrating “Two Conference Thrillers.” Providing the thrills were Liz Breitzman, Julie Kreiling, Maria Gehant and Stacy Hansen. Coach Stephenitch was pleased with their performance.

On Sept. 19, 20, 21, 1986, the Dyas Drive-in west of Earlville was featuring “One Crazy Summer” and Karate Kid II,” which was being held over. The screen lit up at 7:30. Admission price was not quoted.

Northbrook Elementary Parents’ Organization (NEPO) elected officers on Sept. 1, 1986. Joyce Bentley, president; Susan Lawrence, secretary; Judy Edwards, treasurer.

A spokesman for Combined Communication Services announced that a new press and building expansion were being planned.

The MHS Board of Education increased pay for substitute teachers from \$30 to \$45 per day.

Dr. R.H. Musick, in his Mendota Reporter column on medical topics, discussed blood clots in the lungs. He wrote that they occurred more frequently than commonly diagnosed.

Who says bipartisan cooperation is dead?

By Rich Lowry

Joe Biden and Donald Trump are proving that even sworn enemies can cooperate to promote one another’s political interests.

President Biden, with his criticism, and his Department of Justice, with its search of Mar-a-lago and related investigation, have boosted Trump’s profile to the benefit of both Biden and his party and of Donald Trump.

Everyone wins, except Republicans increasingly worried about the midterms and anyone hoping that the GOP would turn the page in 2024.

Several weeks ago, Republicans were nervous that Trump would announce his latest presidential bid prior to the midterms. Now, it is almost irrelevant -- Democrats and the DOJ have effectively announced for him.

Whenever things aren’t going well for a White House or a political campaign, the natural advice is to try to change the subject. This often doesn’t work -- the maneuver is too obvious, or the new hoped-for subject can’t possibly compete with the old unwelcome subject.

That’s not the case here. Trump is something everyone wants to talk about: people who love him, people who hate him, journalists whose work gets more clicks and viewership, and of course, above all, Trump himself, who has never found any other topic quite as compelling or important.

To the extent Republican officials and candidates identify themselves with Trump’s delusions about 2020 and get sucked into debating whether the FBI should exist, they are creating vulnerabilities or distractions where none need exist.

According to a new CBS News poll, 47% of voters say that how they feel about Trump will have “a lot” of influence on how they vote. Independents who say that Trump is a factor for them are voting to oppose him by a 4-1 margin.

All of this is good for Democrats in general and Biden in particular. If the president can define himself as the last, best obstacle to Trump returning to the White House, it helps

quell the extensive doubts about him within his own party. Biden is barely above 40% approval in polling averages, a nightmarish position, and yet he’s only down 2.2% in a hypothetical rematch with Trump in 2024, according to RealClearPolitics.

Trump is his life-preserver and comfort blanket, providing a political boost based on the easiest political argument in the world -- “See that guy over there obsessed with fanciful theories about the 2020 election? I may not be a very good president. But at least I’m not him.”

Meanwhile, the Trump phenomenon has always been a form of political jujitsu, using the force deployed against it as a source of strength. The more Trump is called names and investigated, the better. Not to make light of it, but if the FBI had shown up at Mar-a-lago with an armored vehicle and a couple of helicopters, Trump’s lead over Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, which had dwindled before jumping back up after the search, would be all but insurmountable.

If Trump is bolstered by Biden’s hostility, he also benefits from his weakness. Trump’s favorable rating is about 40%, a poor showing that would be enough to make him the underdog against any president who hadn’t been cratering over the past year. Trump doesn’t just narrowly beat Biden in prospective 2024 polling, he handily defeats Vice President Kamala Harris. There’s being fortunate in your enemies, then there’s hitting the jackpot.

So Trump and Biden compensate for one another’s weaknesses, and they are effectively working together to get Trump nominated -- which Trump wants because it’s the first step back to the White House and Biden wants because Trump would be the riskiest GOP candidate in a general election.

It’s not the most edifying relationship. Indeed, it’s a de facto partnership toward a demoralizing re-run of 2020. But neither Trump nor Biden is as likely to get where they want to go without the other.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Edward S. Kuczek

MENDOTA – Edward Stanley Kuczek, 102, of Mendota, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022 at his home.

Mass of Christian burial will be held Friday, Sept. 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Peterstown with Father Peter Pilon and Father Jeff Windy officiating. Burial will be in Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Mr. Kuczek was born in Chicago to Joseph and Josephine (Bialek) Kuczek on Nov. 11, 1919. He attended St. Ann's Catholic Grammar School and then went to Harrison Technical High School graduating in 1938.

He is survived by his two sons, Edward Kuczek, Jr. of Mendota and William Kuczek of Toluca.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 2020, his parents, two brothers and his in-laws.

After high school, he went to work for Sears and Roebuck at their original mail order plant as a warehouseman. Because he saw World War II coming, he quit his job before Pearl Harbor and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was trained as a radio man and was assigned to 8th Fighter Control, 5th Air Force in the Pacific. He made five invasion landings with the Marine Corps Units.

After the war, he immediately went back to his old job two days after coming home. Having malaria four times overseas kept him sick for 10 years after. Once he regained his health he was introduced to Jane Bakula. He and Jane were married at St. Bruno's Catholic Church in Chicago in 1959.

Since he inherited his father's dream, a farm, Ed, Jane and their two sons came to Mendota in 1972. They moved to their current farm in Peterstown in 1984.

Ed was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. He greatly enjoyed bowling at the Mendota Elks Lodge in both league and Monday afternoon seniors. Ed raised Montadale sheep and had a great knack with animals. Ed was the last member of the Foxholers. This group were the survivors of the Pacific landings. A tighter group could not be found. Ed was also a lifelong fan of the Chicago White Sox.

Memorials may be directed to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church or Masses. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Mendota native McKenzie has devoted his life to Scouting

OTTAWA – The Ottawa District of Three Fires Council recently created the John "Mac" McKenzie Spirit of Scouting award to honor John McKenzie, an Eagle Scout who has dedicated his life to the Boy Scouts of America's program for youth. The aim of this special award is to recognize Scout leaders who display unconditional devotion and enduring commitment to youth and leaders, much as McKenzie has done for the last 72 years. This award was first and recently bestowed on Bob Bucciarelli of Bartlett.

McKenzie was born in Decatur and grew up in Mendota. At age 9 – the youngest age at that time to join Cub Scouts – he joined Pack 106. At age 12, McKenzie graduated to Troop 106. He earned the coveted Eagle rank on April 6, 1950. That same year, he attended the National



Jamboree at Valley Forge and seeing two U.S. Presidents – President Truman and, at the time, General Eisenhower.

McKenzie graduated from Mendota High School in 1954. Once he reached 18, he joined the Army, was stationed in Europe and was part of the Drum & Bugle Corp. After his service, he attended Illinois State University, married, and had two children by the time he grad-

uated. He pursued a teaching career that saw him working with middle schooler and high schoolers. He spent 31 years as a classroom teacher and then was a substitute teacher for 29 more years.

In 1962, McKenzie and his wife, Doris, moved to Aurora, where they raised their five children. All four of his sons are Eagle Scouts, all are 50+ year veteran Scouters, and one received the District Award of Merit.

In 1971, McKenzie became active again in Scouting when his oldest son joined Troop 11 (chartered by Wesley Men's Club) in Aurora. He quickly became Scoutmaster, as the position opened. After that, he served on the Troop Committee and as Committee Chair. Over the years, he has held various positions, including district advancement chairperson, district chairperson, summer

camp program director and camp director. In addition, he is a mentor for adult Scout leaders (both volunteers and professionals).

McKenzie's efforts have been recognized with many prestigious awards, including Silver Beaver (1977), Distinguished Eagle (1986), Silver Antelope (1989) and Council Alumnus of the Year (2019).

"Now I raise money," McKenzie stated, matter-of-factly.

Over the years, McKenzie has developed relationships with Scouters and non-Scouting families. While he does not disclose his own giving publicly, he has been recognized for his yearly efforts to raise a significant amount of donations. His never-ending efforts for donations to his beloved program help ensure its longevity and the impact it has on today's youth, instilling leadership skills and character.

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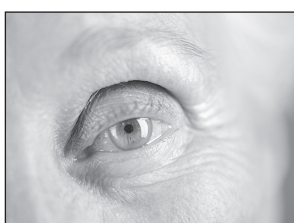
Learning more about cataracts

Individuals' bodies, including their eyes, change with age. Vision can become less sharp as a person ages. Some aging individuals also experience difficulty seeing in bright light or in the evening. Cataracts may be to blame for these vision changes.

The National Eye Institute estimates that, by 2050, the number of people in the United States with cataracts is expected to reach roughly 50 million. Those projections suggest now is a great time for people of all ages to learn more about cataracts.

What causes cataracts?

The American Academy of Ophthalmology says normal changes in the eye occur after turning 40. Notably, normal proteins in the lens — the clear portion of the eye that sits behind the pupil — begin to break down, leading to a gradual cloudiness of the lens. Most cataracts are related to aging.



However, babies, children and middle-aged adults also can experience cataracts from birth or related to specific medical conditions, offers Johns Hopkins Medicine. An injury to the eye also may cause cataracts.

Symptoms of cataracts

Individuals with cataracts may begin to experience diminished vision. Harvard Medical School says cataracts typically do not cause any symptoms until they have grown large enough to affect vision. Afterwards, symptoms can include:

- Double vision
- Cloudy or blurry vision
- Seeing halos around lights

- Increased glare sensitivity
- Colors appearing faded or yellow
- Requiring more light to read
- Difficulty seeing well at night

Cataract development

Cataracts tend to form gradually. A cataract may be in one eye or both. It may be possible to slow down the development of cataracts by protecting the eyes from sunlight. Wearing sunglasses that filter out UV rays or regular eyeglasses with anti-UV coating can help. Proper treatment for diabetes and quitting smoking can help reduce risk of cataract development as well.

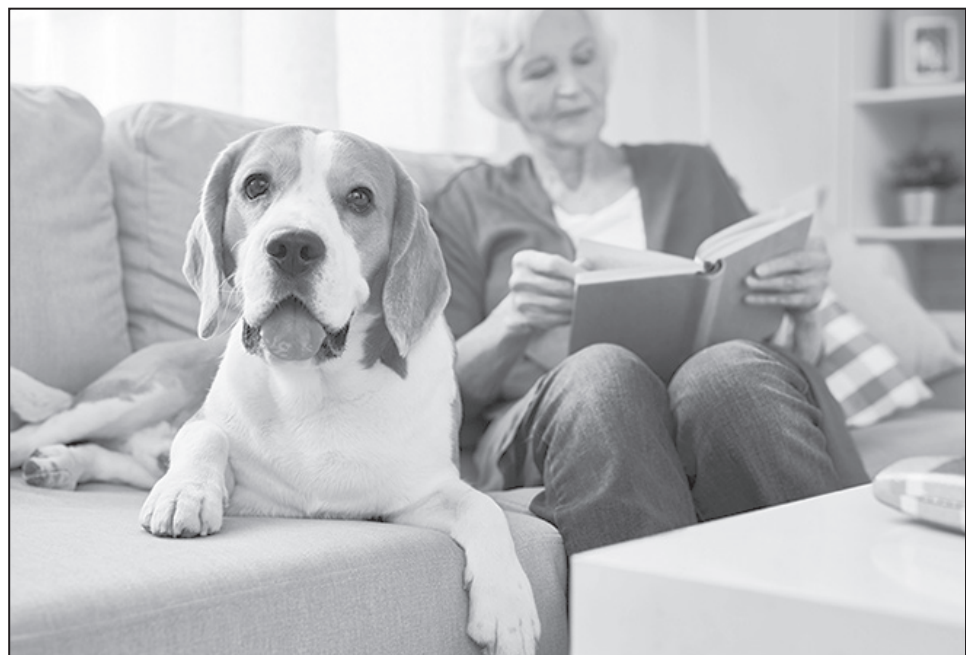
Cataract diagnosis and treatment

An eye doctor will examine dilated eyes to diagnose cataracts. A slit-lamp microscope can make it easier to spot abnormalities, states the AOA.

The eye professional will consider age and the severity of cataracts to determine a treatment strategy. Early loss of vision due to cataracts may be mitigated by stronger lighting or a change in eyeglasses or contact lens prescription.

Johns Hopkins says cataract surgery is one of the most common eye surgeries. It is safe and effective. An ophthalmologist will remove the cloudy lens and replace it with an artificial, clear lens. If cataracts are present in both eyes, each surgery will be performed separately. A possible complication of cataract surgery is when a part of the natural lens that is not taken out during surgery becomes cloudy and blurs eyesight. This can be remedied with a laser treatment.

Cataracts are a common byproduct of aging, but they can be successfully managed to improve eyesight outcomes.



Individuals can embrace some strategies to stay mentally sharp in retirement.

Staying mentally sharp after retirement

If asked to describe how they envision retirement, many professionals might reference travel, time spent with grandchildren and various recreational pursuits. Few, if any, would mention cognitive decline. However, cognitive decline poses a significant threat to aging men and women, especially during retirement.

Researchers have long since recognized that certain cognitive abilities begin to decline with advanced age, even among elderly individuals who are healthy. However, despite that decline, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that dementias like Alzheimer's disease are not an inevitable part of aging. In fact, the CDC estimates that as many as 40 percent of dementia cases may be prevented or delayed. In addition, the CDC reports that it's not uncommon for routine memory, skills and knowledge to stabilize or even improve as the brain ages.

That's good news for retirees who want to spend their post-work life pursuing

their passions and hobbies. Individuals also can embrace some strategies to stay mentally sharp in retirement.

- Consider delaying retirement. Even if early retirement is a dream, it might be better to work a little longer than you had planned. A 2021 study published in the journal SSM - Population Health found that postponed retirement is beneficial to cognitive function for all genders, races/ethnicities, educational levels, and professional status. The study reported that individuals who waited until age 67 to retire experienced less cognitive decline than those who retired prior to turning 67.

- Make exercise part of your retirement routine. A lack of structure may seem enticing to individuals who have spent decades working. However, many retirees find that little structure loses its appeal quickly after calling it quits. When creating a new routine in retirement, include regular exercise. According to the Mayo Clinic, studies indicate that

people who are physically active are less likely to experience a decline in their mental function. So, daily exercise not only gives retirees something to do, but also benefits their brains.

- Enroll in an adult education course. A 2014 study published in the journal JAMA Neurology examined the association between lifetime intellectual enrichment and cognitive decline in the older population. The study's authors found that higher levels of late-life cognitive activity were associated with higher levels of cognition. The study's authors concluded that lifetime intellectual enrichment might delay the onset of cognitive impairment. Retirees can look into adult learning programs at local colleges and universities to see if anything piques their interest.

Retirement can be everything professionals hope it will be, especially for those who make a concerted effort to maintain optimal cognitive function after they call it a career.



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Show thanks toward seniors

Senior citizens account for a significant percentage of the overall population. Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau released in 2020 indicate the nation's 65-and-older population had grown by more than one-third over the preceding decade. By 2050, the number of senior citizens is expected to be close to 90 million.

People are living longer than ever, and as individuals age, the demand for senior services continues to grow — as does the need to be patient and respect the elderly. There are many ways to show seniors just how much they're appreciated.

1. Help with chores. Lend a hand with chores around the house that may have grown difficult for seniors. This can include mowing the lawn, weeding garden beds, shoveling snow, raking leaves, or even taking the garbage pails in and out on collection days.

2. Visit more often. Frequent visits are one of the simplest ways to show seniors you care. Whether seniors live in a private home or managed care facility, visitors brighten their days, especially if they no longer get out and about as frequently as they once did. Spending time together and sharing stories can bring smiles to the faces of older adults.

3. Plan activities with seniors in mind. When organizing parties and special events, consider the needs of seniors on the guest list. Add music from their era to playlists or DJ requests. Seat seniors with mobility issues near exits and restrooms.

4. Thank seniors. Find any reason to thank a senior. Perhaps someone served in the military or volunteered their time with children. Celebrate accomplishments.

5. Prepare a meal. Invite a special senior over for a home-cooked meal with the family. Make it a regular occurrence on the calendar. If he or she cannot get out easily, bring a hot meal over to his or her place, instead.

SENIOR PERSPECTIVES

Outdoor activities that are perfect for seniors

The great outdoors beckons people of all ages. Fresh air can be hard to resist and the benefits of spending time outdoors are so numerous that it behooves anyone, including seniors, to answer the call of nature.

According to researchers with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, human beings benefit both physically and psychologically from spending time in nature. Such experiences can reduce stress and help lower heart rates, potentially decreasing individuals' risk for cardiovascular disease. In addition, the Forest Service notes that spending time outside in green spaces has been linked to a lower risk of depression.

Seniors who are retired or even aging empty nesters who are still in the workforce can make great use of their free time by venturing into the great outdoors. The following are a handful of senior-friendly outdoor activities that provide a great reason to get off the couch and take in all that Mother Nature has to offer.

• **Hiking:** Hiking provides a great workout and an ideal opportunity to spend time in an idyllic setting. The U.S. National Park Service notes that hiking helps individuals build stronger muscles and bones, improves their sense of balance, has a positive

effect on heart health, and can decrease the risk of certain respiratory problems. Hiking is an especially attractive outdoor activity for seniors, as many parks feature trails with varying degrees of difficulty, ensuring there's a trail for seniors whether they're seasoned or novice hikers.

• **Water aerobics:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that water-based exercises can be especially helpful individuals with chronic diseases, a category many seniors fall into. The CDC notes that one study published in the journal *Arthritis & Rheumatology* found that improves the use of joints affected by arthritis without worsening symptoms. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also notes that swimming can lead to improved health for people with diabetes and heart disease. Seniors can reap these benefits by going for a dip in their own backyard pools or a local body of water, such as a lake or ocean. Many swim clubs also offer discounted memberships to seniors, making these another great and affordable way to reap the benefits of swimming.

• **Fishing:** Of course, not all outdoor activities need to make seniors huff and puff. Fishing provides a great reason to get outdoors, and many individuals devoted



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to fishing report feeling less stressed after a day spent casting for their favorite fish. Individuals who consume what they catch also can benefit by improving their diets, as the American Heart Association notes that consuming certain types of fish has been linked to a

lower risk for heart disease and obesity.

• **Volunteering:** Local environmental groups often sponsor cleanups at parks and waterfront attractions like beaches and lakes. Volunteering with such organizations is a great way to get outside and give back, and

working with like-minded individuals can be a great way for seniors to meet new people. In addition, a national study sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service in 2019 found that 88 percent of Senior Corps volunteers who initially

reported a lack of companionship reported a decrease in feelings of isolation after volunteering.

The opportunities for seniors to enjoy the great outdoors are endless. Taking advantage of such chances can benefit seniors in myriad ways.

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POLICE BLOTTER

BATTERY

Alexandria K. Fox, 24, of 763 N. 4050th Road, Mendota, was charged with battery after police officers responded to a disturbance at McDonald's at 2701 E. 12th St. at 6:20 p.m. Sept. 3. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Ericka A. Flores Avila, 21, of 202 Cherry St., Apt. B4, Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a two-vehicle accident at Chicago Street and Illinois Avenue at 8:31 p.m. Sept. 4. The subject was released with LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Ondrea L. Ward, 29, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Apt. 137, Mendota, was arrested at 6:16 p.m. Sept. 10 on a valid Ogle County warrant for probation violation. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

Disaster plan should include your family pets

SPRINGFIELD - While every household should have a disaster supply kit stocked with food, water, flashlights and batteries, homes with pets need to take additional steps when planning for disasters. Whether an emergency forces people to seek shelter within the home or evacuate, advanced planning can ensure the safety of your animals.

"A family's disaster supply kit should address the needs of every family member, including your pets," said a spokesperson for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). "Every emergency situation is stressful, particularly for animals. But if you have a kit and a plan, you can help your pet stay safe."

The IEMA recommends that pet owners should stock a pet preparedness kit with items such as:

- At least a three-day supply of food and water
- Extra supplies of pet medicines
- Copies of pet registration, vaccinations and other important documents
- Photo of your pet in case you are separated during an emergency
- Pet first-aid kit, including cotton bandage rolls, tape, antibiotic ointment, flea and tick prevention and isopropyl alcohol
- Collar with ID tag, harness or leash
- Crate or other pet carrier in case of evacuation
- Pet litter and box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach for pet's sanitation needs
- Toys, treats or other familiar items to help lessen your pet's stress during the emergency

For more information about pet preparedness, visit the Ready Illinois website at www.ReadyIllinois.gov.

Make sure your CO detectors are in working order

SPRINGFIELD - The Office of the State Fire Marshal warns residents across the state to pay special attention to the distinct signals sent by carbon monoxide alarms when their life has expired. Frequently, people may believe that a beep coming out of their CO means it's time for a battery change, when in fact it means that the device needs to be replaced.

"It is extremely important to pay attention to the different beeps that come out of a dead CO alarm. We want to ensure that our residents understand the difference in order to take immediate action and prevent a tragedy," said a spokesperson from the Illinois State Fire Marshal's office. "Carbon monoxide is known as the silent killer. The replacement of dead carbon monoxide detectors is also a life saver."

Since January 2007, it has been an Illinois law to have a properly functioning CO

alarm in all dwelling units. The law requires that detectors must have battery power as the primary or secondary power supply. They cannot be solely electric powered.

Many carbon monoxide detectors now in service were made prior to the incorporation of the new requirements and may not have an end-of-life signal.

Carbon monoxide is the number one cause of poisoning deaths in the nation, claiming approximately 300 lives a year, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Because CO is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas, it can kill people before they realize its presence. It can be produced by gas or oil appliances such as furnaces, clothes dryers, water heaters, ovens, space

heaters or, in some cases, by fireplaces and wood-burning stoves.

OSFM advises consumers that if their CO alarms were manufactured before August 2009, prior to the incorporation of the new requirements, they may not have the end-of-life feature. In addition, residents who have a carbon monoxide detector installed for more than three years should look for the manufacturing date, which may be found on the outside back of the alarm or visit the company's website for further information. If none can be found, the device should be replaced without any hesitation.

Carbon monoxide alarms should be tested every month by pushing the test button. If the alarm goes off, follow the basic steps:

- If your CO detector activates, evacuate everyone from your home immediately leaving the door open for

ventilation on your way out and then call 911.

- Do not re-enter until experts have investigated the problem and declared it safe to return.

Other important tips:

- Ensure that household appliances are installed and running correctly. Have a professional technician check fuel-burning appliances, furnaces, chimneys and vents at least annually for blockages, corrosion, debris and faulty connections.

- Check appliances in the home that use natural gas, oil, wood and kerosene such as water heaters, clothes dryers, ranges, ovens, gas-powered refrigerators and pilot lights.

- Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in a room with closed doors or windows or in rooms where people are sleeping.

- Check venting systems to the outside for cracks and blockages such as flues, chimneys and fireplaces.

- Make sure space heaters are vented properly.

- Never operate generators indoors.

- Never burn charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent.

- Never use gasoline-powered tools and engines indoors.

- Never use gas-powered appliances such as an oven or clothes dryer for heating a home.

- Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even if the garage door is open.

For additional information about carbon monoxide poisoning, visit the OSFM webpage at www.sfm.illinois.gov or the National Fire Protection Association.

Prohibited Parking

MENDOTA - The City of Mendota reminds citizens that Chapter 41.49 of the Mendota Municipal Code in regard to Prohibited Parking reads as follows:

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SPORTS



The Mendota soccer team was presented a \$100 check for winning one of two games in the Body Armor Showdown in Schaumburg. The team donated the check to Cops for Cancer. (Photo contributed)

MHS soccer team splits 4 games; stands at 11-2

The Mendota varsity boys' soccer team finally allowed a goal 10 games into the season, but still came away with a convincing 7-1 victory over Kewanee on Sept. 7 at the MHS field.

Jasiel Watson was a one-man wrecking crew for the Trojans as he drilled in six of the seven goals. Ramiro Palacios had the other tally for Mendota. Assists went to Izaiah Nanez, Johnathan Cortez and David Casas.

Mendota played two games in the Body Armor Showdown in Schaumburg on Sept. 10.

The Trojans lost the opener, 1-0, to North Shore Country Day.

In the second contest, Mendota came back to secure a 5-2 triumph over Crystal

Lake Prairie Ridge. Watson and Johnathan Cortez each collected a pair of goals, while Johan Cortez scored the other goal. Johnathan Cortez also had a pair of assists and Martin Murillo added one assist.

By winning the second game, Mendota's team received a \$100 check for the charity of its choice, which was Cops for Cancer.

The Trojans dropped a 3-1 decision at Yorkville on Sept. 12.

Yorkville led 2-0 with 10 minutes left when Nanez scored to get the Trojans on the board and cut the deficit in half. But the Foxes tallied on a free kick with one minute to go to seal the win.

Mendota is 11-2 on the season.

Spikers go 1-1 in league matches

Mendota split a pair volleyball matches in Three Rivers Conference action last week.

The Spikers made short work of Hall, 25-16, 25-10, on Sept. 6 at Spring Valley.

Leading the attack for Mendota were Reanna Brant with six kills, Laylie Denault with three ace serves, Lily Leifheit with 14 digs, Katie Jenner with nine assists, and Madelyn Becker with eight assists and eight digs.

Princeton downed the Spikers 25-10, 25-22 on Sept. 8 at Princeton.

Brant collected six kills and three blocks, Becker supplied seven digs and seven assists, and Jenner picked up seven digs. Mendota is 3-6 overall and 1-2 in conference play.



Mendota blockers give Isaac Smith plenty of room to run during the Trojans' convincing 49-23 win over Bureau Valley on Sept. 9 at Manlius. (Reporter photo)

Trojans score early, often in Bureau Valley rout

Next for the Trojans
Opponent: Friday, Sept. 16 vs. Princeton at MHS field. Kickoff at 7 p.m.

Last year: Mendota held a brief 7-0 lead before Princeton reeled off 28 straight points for a 28-7 win. The Trojans gained 235 yards of offense compared to 288 for the Tigers. Mendota quarterback Ted Landgraf picked up 73 yards rushing and threw for 90.

Last week: Princeton whipped rival Hall, 55-20, to improve its record to 3-0.

less than a minute when a fumble was pounced on by Mendota's Garret Zinke at the Bureau Valley 36. Mendota needed just two plays to get back in the end zone, the second one being a 34-yard dart to paydirt by Anthony Childs. Serrano added the PAT kick.

The third Bureau Valley turnover came on its next series when the Trojan defense literally took the ball away from Storm running back Mason Goossens and Smith grabbed it in mid-air. He was off to the races for a 56-yard fumble return, followed by a Serrano extra-point kick, and Mendota led 21-0 at the 5:23 mark of the first period.

The Trojans weren't through with their first-quarter point barrage. Mendota got the ball back, not off of a Bureau Valley turnover, but after the Trojan defense stood firm on a fourth-and-one from the Storm 37-yard line that was held to no gain.

Mendota made it 28-0 when quarterback Justin Randolph connected with Braiden Freeman on a 23-yard touchdown strike with 2:38 left in the period. Serrano's extra-point kick split the uprights.

Bureau Valley tallied the next eight points, getting on the board when Randolph was tackled in the end zone for a safety four seconds into

the second quarter. Then after the Trojans kicked off to Bureau Valley, the Storm went 36 yards in 10 plays, scoring its first TD of the night on a 9-yard run by Helms. The two-point pass attempt was incomplete.

The Trojans wrapped up the first-half scoring when they embarked on a six-play, 61-yard drive, capped off by a 5-yard touchdown run by Smith. Serrano's PAT kick made it 35-8 at the break. A 37-yard pass completion from Randolph to Freeman highlighted the scoring drive.

The second half started with the Trojans set to attempt their first punt of the game, however, the snap from center sailed over the head of Freeman and he was tackled at the Mendota 4-yard line. But Bureau Valley could not prosper from its excellent field position, when on the second play from scrimmage, Mendota's Ryne Strauss picked off a Helms

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Mendota's Mariah Figueroa connects on a nifty backhand shot during a doubles match against Princeton on Sept. 8 at the MHS courts. (Reporter photo)

MHS lady netters capture 4-1 wins over Newman, Princeton

MENDOTA – Mendota scored a 4-1 triumph over Sterling Newman in girls' tennis action on Sept. 6 at the MHS courts.

Ella Lewis and Natalia Salinas took care of their Newman opponents in singles action, while MHS doubles wins went to the teams of Alexis Finley-Talya Schwaegerman and Isabelle Escatel-Mariah Figueroa.

Sept. 6
Mendota 4, Newman 1
Singles: No. 1 – Ella Lewis (M) def. Oswald (N), 4-6, 6-3 (10-7); No. 2 – Natalia Salinas (M) def. Rhodes (N), 6-3, 6-4
Doubles: No. 1 – Alexis Finley-Talya Schwaegerman (M) def. Beattie-Zigler (N), 4-6, 6-3 (10-7); No. 2 – Isabelle Escatel-Mariah Figueroa (M) def. Ardis-Chavera (N), 6-2, 6-2; No. 3 – Murray-Burger (N) def. Karli Miars-Julia Krueger (M), 6-4, 6-4

Mendota hosted Princeton on Sept. 8 and came away with another 4-1 victory.

Lewis claimed the No. 1 singles win by sweeping her Princeton opponent in 12 games. The Lady Trojans won all three doubles matches with the teams of Finley-Schwaegerman, Escatel-Figueroa and Miars-Krueger.

Sept. 8
Mendota 4, Princeton 1
Singles: No. 1 – Lewis (M) def. Leoze (P), 6-0, 6-0; No. 2 – Merkel (P) def. Salinas (M), 4-6, 6-4 (10-8)
Doubles: No. 1 – Finley-Schwaegerman (M) def. Schneider-Winner (P), 6-3, 6-0; No. 2 – Escatel-Figueroa (M) def. Fisher-Kammerer (P), 6-1, 6-4; No. 3 – Miars-Krueger (M) def. Ward-Goodale (P), 6-7, 6-4 (10-8)

MHS harriers earn medals in invites

Mendota High School's cross country team traveled to Fuller Forest in Rockford on Sept. 6 to compete against eight Northern Illinois schools.

In the girl's race, Winnebago took the top three places on the 2.05-mile course, with Kaylee Woolery (12:00) finishing first. Mendota's top finish was Anna Valdes (18:10, 25th). Val Valdes (19:25) and Yuli Valdes (21:56) also competed for the Lady Trojans.

Winnebago had the top team score (15) followed by Durand (62) and Genoa Kingston (63).

In the 53-member boys' event, Nicolai Martino of Winnebago took top honors in a time of 11:07, while Mendota's Anthony Kelson (11:09) was second. Dagen Setchell (12:18, 15th) was in the top quarter for Mendota. Additional Mendota finishers were Travis Mumm (14:06), Harlan Gallagher (14:11) Carlos Olivas (15:18) and Spencer Kain (15:33).

Winnebago's 24 points were ahead of Durand's 72 and Mendota's 86 points. They were joined by Lanark (67), Genoa (106), and Woodstock Marion (124).

Mendota competed against 19 area schools for this year's running of the Gary Coates Invitational on Sept. 10 at Princeton.

In the boys' freshman-sophomore run, Braysin Bond of LaSalle-Peru was tops in the field with a time of 11:34 on the 1.9-mile course. Medaling for Mendota were Mumm (12:57, 14th), Gallagher (13:57, 21st) and Cain (14:39, 25th).

Mercer County's Eden Mueller covered the 3-mile course in 18:42 to win the girls' heat. Mendota's top finish belonged to Anna Valdez (28:49).



Mendota's Kody Chase was one of three medalists for the Trojans in the Gary Coates Invitational on Sept. 10 at Princeton. (Photo courtesy of Bureau County Republican)

Sherrard's girls' team posted 43 points to place first, while Mercer County was second with 50 and Lowpoint-Washburn was third with 82.

In the varsity boys' race, 76 athletes battled it out, with Kyler McNinch of Amboy winning, traversing the 3-mile course in 16:45. Kelson's time of 17:10

was good for fifth place for the Trojans. Also medaling for Mendota were Kody Chase (19:13, 24th) and Setchell (19:14, 25th). Olivas ran 23:41, placing 64th.

Sterling Newman's boys won the team title with 52 points, followed by Mercer County (63) and Amboy (77). Mendota did not post a team score.

SPORTS

Football

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pass in the end zone and returned it to the 11-yard line.

From there, the Trojans marched 89 yards in nine plays, the last 44 yards covered by Smith on a bolt to the end zone with 4:51 left in the quarter. Serrano tackled on the extra-point kick for a 42-8 Mendota lead.

The Trojans scored their final touchdown 45 seconds into the fourth frame when Childs powered into the end zone from 5 yards out, followed by a Serrano PAT kick. The Randolph-to-Freeman connection struck again during the drive, this time for 52 yards to get Mendota in the red zone. With the 41-point spread, the remainder of the game was played with a running clock.

Bureau Valley scored the final 15 points of the contest. Another safety when Randolph was tackled in the end zone was sandwiched between touchdown runs of 3 yards by Goossens and 2 yards by Beau Spencer.

The Trojans concluded the night with 352 yards on offense, featuring a balanced attack of 148 yards rushing and 204 passing. Childs churned out 106 yards on 17 totes, while Randolph completed 13 of 20 passes and no interceptions. Freeman

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MENDOTA 49, BUREAU VALLEY 23

Mendota	28	7	7	7	-	49
Bureau Valley	0	8	0	15	-	23

SCORING SUMMARY

ME - Belmonte 1 run (Serrano kick), 8:18 1Q
 ME - Childs 34 run (Serrano kick), 6:34 1Q
 ME - Smith 56 fumble return (Serrano kick), 5:23 1Q
 ME - Freeman 23 pass from Randolph (Serrano kick), 2:38 1Q
 BV - Safety, Randolph tackled in end zone, 11:56 2Q
 BV - Helms 9 run (pass failed), 6:51 2Q
 ME - Smith 5 run (Serrano kick), 4:41 2Q
 ME - Smith 44 run (Serrano kick), 4:51 3Q
 ME - Childs 5 run (Serrano kick), 11:15 4Q
 BV - Goossens 3 run (kick failed), 7:41 4Q
 BV - Safety, Randolph tackled in end zone, 5:03 4Q
 BV - Spencer 2 run (Shane kick), 1:25 4Q

	ME	BV
First Downs	21	15
Rushes-Yards	35-148	41-193
Passing Yards	204	18
Passes	13-20-0	2-9-2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Punts-Avg	0-0	2-23
Penalties-Yards	6-62	6-40

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing – MENDOTA: Childs 17-106, Smith 3-51, Belmonte 10-18, Randolph 4-0, Freeman 1-(minus 27); BUREAU VALLEY: Goossens 20-51, Endress 10-49, Attig 3-40, Shane 1-22, Spencer 2-12, Novak 3-12, Helms 2-7.

Passing – MENDOTA: Randolph 13-20-0-204; BUREAU VALLEY: Helms 2-9-2-18.

Receiving – MENDOTA: Freeman 7-158, Smith 3-25, Zinke 1-12, Strouss 1-9, Childs 1-0; BUREAU VALLEY: Endress 1-12, Goossens 1-6.

hauled in seven aerials for 158 yards.

Mendota's defense lim-

ited Bureau Valley to 211 yards, with 193 of those coming on the ground.

Bureau V. blanks F-S Trojans, 14-0

MENDOTA – Bureau Valley blanked the Mendota freshman-sophomore football team, 14-0, on Sept. 12 at the MHS field. The Trojans dropped to 0-3 on the season.

The Storm led 6-0 at the half on a 31-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter.

The score remained that way until 8:30 left in the game when Bureau Valley found the end zone on a 27-yard run, followed by a two-point conversion run.

Mendota ran 33 offensive plays and managed only 57 yards. Corbin Furar had 32 yards rushing and Keegan Stewart added 31 yards.

Bureau Valley's offense gained 171 yards, all on the ground.

Three Rivers East Division Football Standings

	TR	QA
Princeton	1-0	3-0
St. Bede	1-0	3-0
Mendota	1-0	2-1
Sterling Newman	0-0	2-1
Hall	0-1	1-2
Bureau Valley	0-1	1-2
Kewanee	0-1	1-2

Friday, Sept. 9

Mendota 49, Bureau V. 23
 Princeton 55, Hall 20
 St. Bede 34, Kewanee 20
 Newman 13, Orion 12

Friday, Sept. 16

Princeton at Mendota
 Bureau Valley at Kewanee
 St. Bede at Newman
 Hall at Morrison



Mendota's Talya Schwaegerman zeroes in on the ball for a backhand shot during a doubles match against Princeton on Sept. 8 at the MHS courts. (Reporter photo)



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SPORTS

Trojan golfers take 2nd in three triangulars

Mendota battled Three Rivers Conference opponents Princeton and Hall in golf action on Sept. 6 at the Mendota Golf Club. The Trojans and Tigers both finished with scores of 175, but the overall victory went to Princeton based on a lower fifth score tiebreaker. Hall had a 194.

Owen Aughenbaugh of Mendota claimed meet-medalist honors with a 38. Checking in next for the Trojans was Clay Buffington with a 44, followed by Brody Hartt (45), Dominik Stamberger (48), Cale Strouss (49) and Evan McPheeters (50).

Mendota easily won the junior varsity competition with a 180. Princeton shot a 203 and Hall had a 251.

The Trojans' Drake Dennis turned in the low score with a 40. Also in the lineup for Mendota were Dane Doyle (44), Jack Mikolasek (47), Braden McPheeters (49), Grady Jones (49) and Jace Baird (50).

Mendota's varsity squad finished second in a trian-

gular at Lake Erie Country Club on Sept. 7. Riverdale took the top spot with a 160, while the Trojans turned in a 177. Erie-Prophetstown had a 188.

Aughenbaugh paced the Trojans with a 42, while the other three scores counting toward the team total went to Buffington (44), Strouss (45) and Hartt (46). Stamberger (47) and Dennis (52) finished out the Mendota lineup.

It was another second-place triangular finish for the Trojans as they scored a 172 compared to St. Bede's 160 on Sept. 8 at Morrison. The host team ended with a 224.

Aughenbaugh shot a sizzling 37 to lead the Trojans, but it was one shot off of meet medalist as St. Bede's Brandon Pillon had a 36. Buffington took second for Mendota with a 42, while Hartt (43) and Stamberger (50) completed the top four. Evan McPheeters (51) and Strouss (54) also competed for the Trojans, who are 11-4 overall and 6-3 in the Three



Mendota's freshman golfers earned medals in the Three Rivers Conference meet on Sept. 12 at Kewanee. Left to right, are Nick Sheridan, Kooper Novak, Brody Hartt and Dane Doyle. (Photo contributed)

Rivers Conference.

Mendota's freshmen competed in the Three Rivers Conference Freshman Tournament on Sept. 12 at

Kewanee.

Finishing in the top 10 for the Trojans were Hartt, (2nd, 44), Doyle (3rd, 45), Nick Sheridan (6th, 50) and Kooper Novak (9th, 50).

Mendota Golf Club league winners named for 2022 season

MENDOTA—The Mendota Golf Club league winners for the 2022 season have been announced.

Monday 4:30

1st – Chad Hochstatter & Kyle Knaff; 2nd place – Kevin McPheeters &

Randy Politsch; 3rd place – Clint O'Brien & Tyler Full

Tuesday 5:00

1st place – Roger Simkins & Dr. Don Piller; 2nd place – Josh Roulston & Dan Falcon

Wednesday 4:30

1st place – Jason Schultz & Brandon Scheppers; 2nd place – Cody Phalen & Mark Higdon; 3rd place – Eli Otterbach & Owen Wixom

Wednesday 3:30

1st place – Tom Martin & George Thompson; 2nd

place – Dave Mammen & Ed Jasper

Thursday 5 p.m.

1st place – Amy Smith & Rita Kellen; 2nd place – Angie Farraher & Jodi Manning; 3rd place – Jamie Bromenschenkel & Megan Kneebone

Northbrook School soccer

Aug. 25 vs. DeKalb Huntley

DeKalb 3, Northbrook 2

"B" game

Northbrook 5, DeKalb 3

Aug. 30 vs. LaSalle Lincoln

Northbrook 4, LaSalle 0

"B" game

Northbrook 3, LaSalle 3

Sept. 1 at Earlville

Northbrook 8, Earlville 0

Sept. 3 – Earlville Round Robin

(Pool Play)

Northbrook 7, Plano 0

Northbrook 9, Earlville 0

(Championship)

Northbrook 3, Leland 0

Sept. 6 vs. DeKalb Clinton Rosette

Northbrook 9, DeKalb 0

Goals: Cesar Casas 3, Ruben Hinojosa 3, Benoni Hernandez 1, Gael Garcia 1, Kevin Herrera 1

Assists: Benoni Hernandez 1, Cole Kleckner 1, Omar Nanez 1, Aaron Venegas 1

"B" game

Northbrook 1, DeKalb 1

Goals: Cesar Hernandez 1

Sept. 8 vs. Plano

Northbrook 6, Plano 0

Goals: Cesar Casas 3, Cole Kleckner 2, Kevin Herrera 1

Assists: Cruz Chaves 2, Herrera 1

"B" game

Northbrook 2, Plano 0

Goals: Emiliano Villagomez 2

IDNR to conduct public informational meetings about Chronic Wasting Disease in northern Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will host a series of public meetings throughout northern Illinois to provide updated information about Chronic Wasting Disease, its effect on future deer populations and IDNR's efforts to control the disease.

IDNR staff will be available to answer questions about the disease, commonly referred to as CWD. Landowners, hunters and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend. CWD is an important issue that will continue to dominate future deer management discussions in northern Illinois.

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ston counties. Affected counties include Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will and Winnebago.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will begin at 7 p.m. with a 45-minute presentation and discussion to follow. Upcoming meetings include:

- Monday, Sept. 19, Starved Rock State Park Visitors Center, 2668 E. 873 Road, Oglesby

- Wednesday, Sept. 21, Des Plaines Conservation Area, 30550 S. Boathouse Road, Wilmington

- Saturday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m., Stockton Township Library, 140 W. Benton Ave., Stockton

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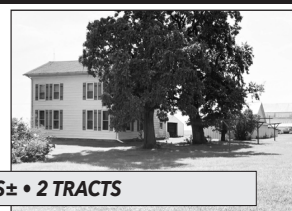
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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Move over, Tom Cruise, your aspirations to become a musical movie star at 60 are being challenged by 26-year-old Tom Holland



Holland

(from the latest "Spider-Man" films). While Cruise hasn't announced his project yet, Holland has committed to star in an untitled biopic on Fred Astaire. Unlike Cruise, who only toyed with singing in movies until he played a rock star in "Rock of Ages," Holland portrayed the titular character in "Billy Elliot the Musical," from 2008-2010 on stage in London. Ironically, Jamie Bell, who played the role of Billy Elliot in the 2000 film, is also set to star in an Astaire biopic for Amazon titled "Fred & Ginger."

But, first, Holland has to deal with his mental health, admitting, "I find Instagram and Twitter to be overstimulating, to be overwhelming ... I spiral when I read things

said about me online, and ultimately, it's very detrimental to my mental state. So, I decided to take a step back and delete the app." Social media was instrumental in catapulting his film "Uncharted," with Mark Wahlberg (a \$120 million cost that lead to \$406.7 million grosses.) All this time, no one made a film about Fred Astaire, and now, there's three in the works ... tap, tap, tap!

Bill Paxton was an amazing actor and a wonderful human being. Some of his most popular films were "Weird Science" (1985), "Aliens" (1986), "Tombstone" (1993), "True Lies" (1994), "Apollo 13" (1995), "Twister" (1996) and "Edge of Tomorrow" (2014). In early 2017, he entered Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to correct a damaged aortic heart valve caused by rheumatic fever that began at 14 years old. His family alleges the open-heart surgery was botched and caused him to suffer a fatal stroke on Feb. 25, 2017.

Paxton's family sued the hospital, and a week before

heading into a Los Angeles courtroom to decide the matter, Cedars settled for an undisclosed amount, which must have been more than the \$1 million that the anesthesiologist's medical group paid them before their court date. The times I was fortunate to be in Bill Paxton's company, he was cheerful, funny and an all-around regular guy who happened to be a movie star. It was a great loss.

In 1985, Paramount Pictures made a film based on the popular board game "Clue." Despite casting some of the best comedic talents of the day -- like Eileen Brennan, Tim Curry, Madeline Kahn, Christopher Lloyd, Michael McKean, Martin Mull and Lesley Ann Warren -- the film fell short \$400,000 of recouping its \$14.6 million cost. Now, a remake of "Clue" is in the works, starring Ryan Reynolds. Will the creators improve on the screenplay of the original, or are they "Clue-less?"

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Couch Theater

"Thor: Love and Thunder" (PG-13) -- The fourth film about Marvel's much-beloved god of thunder is now out on streaming. Taika Waititi returned after directing the previous sequel ("Ragnarok"), which became the most successful film of the series so far. With the vision of making this a more romantic journey for Thor's (Chris Hemsworth) character, Waititi brought back Thor's ex-girlfriend, Jane Foster (Natalie Portman), who gains her own powers and can now wield Thor's old hammer. Funny enough, Christian Bale ("The Dark Knight" trilogy) decided to dip his toes into yet another superhero universe but, this time, as a villain! He plays the angry, god-killing Gorr, who Thor, Jane and Valkyrie all must team up to defeat. (Disney+)

"Firebird" (R) -- This critically acclaimed war film follows Sergey (Tom Prior), a private in Estonia's air force under the Soviet regime. Sergey gets assigned to serve under an officer named Roman (Oleg Zagorodnii), and Roman and Sergey feel an

undeniable attraction toward each other. They pursue their romantic feelings, all while knowing that they could be imprisoned in a labor camp because of their actions. Sergey and Roman attempt to keep their romance under wraps, but a secret like theirs could only be kept quiet for so long, especially as their feelings continue to build for each other over time. Premieres Sept. 16. (Prime Video)

"Do Revenge" (TV-MA) -- High school students Drea and Eleanor couldn't be more different. Drea (Camila Mendes) built an ideal life for herself, which -- in a teenager's language -- means having the perfect boyfriend, the perfect friend group and the perfect look. Meanwhile, Eleanor (Maya Hawke) is quirky and eccentric, as well as a bit of a misfit after a malicious rumor about her gets spread over the entire school. When Drea gets outcast after her boyfriend leaks a nude video of her, she convinces Eleanor to team up and exact revenge from the people who've bullied and alienated them. For fans of

shows like "Stranger Things," "Riverdale," "13 Reasons Why" and "Euphoria," you'll enjoy seeing a lot of familiar, favorite faces in this comedy out on Sept. 16. (Netflix)

"Moonfall" (PG-13) -- A conspiracy theorist named K.C. Houseman (John Bradley, "Game of Thrones") discovers that the Moon has been knocked out of its orbit around Earth. He shares his findings with Brian Harper (Patrick Wilson), an astronaut who was fired from NASA after his mission to the moon went wrong. Being disgraced, Brian initially can't provide much help, so K.C. has no other choice but to announce on social media the impending collision that the Moon will make with the Earth. As his announcement incites great panic, NASA steps in and begins working side-by-side with K.C. and Brian to save the world from incoming disaster. Halle Berry also stars in this sci-fi action film as NASA deputy director Jocinda Fowler. (HBO Max)

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Is the legal drama "Bull" being renewed, or has it been canceled? -- **D.K.**

A: After six seasons on CBS, "Bull," starring Michael Weatherly, has called it quits. Showrunner Glenn Gordon Caron and actor Freddy Rodriguez, who played Benny, left after five seasons following a workplace investigation. According to Deadline.com, Weatherly himself was accused of sexual harassment by former co-star Eliza Dushku, but he remained the star of the series for one more renewal.



Weatherly

In Weatherly's words, via Twitter, it was "time to pursue new creative challenges and bring his [character's] story to a close. It's been an honor to work with this talented cast, crew and writing/producing team, who helped reinvent the legal drama. Stay tuned for a big series finish."

The series finale took place in May 2022 in a way that was satisfying to the majority of the show's fans. As for Dushku, she played J.P. Nunnally, the head of

a criminal defense firm, for only three episodes. She appeared to have retired from acting, but told "People" magazine in 2021 that she hasn't quit acting, despite relocating to Boston, getting a degree in holistic psychology and marrying real estate executive Peter Palandjian.

As for Weatherly, it's not confirmed, but he could very well pop up on "NCIS" again, which returns to CBS for its 20th season, beginning Sept. 19.

Q: Olivia Colman is one of the greatest actresses I've ever seen. I didn't even hear of her until about five years ago, and to me, she's as good as Meryl Streep. How long has she been acting professionally? -- **M.P.**

A: Olivia Colman has been well-known to British audiences for the past two decades, years before she took home her Academy and Emmy awards here in the U.S. In 2011, she appeared opposite Streep's Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady," several years before Colman herself would take home the Oscar for her role as Queen Anne in "The Favourite." After that, she became the critics' darling, winning numerous awards for her portrayal of

Queen Elizabeth II in the Netflix series "The Crown." In the past two years, she's been nominated for two more Oscars ("The Father" and "The Lost Daughter"), and has several upcoming projects that will likely garner more accolades -- including "Wonka," starring Timothee Chalamet.

Q: What's happening "Days of Our Lives"? I hear it's been canceled. How many years did it air? -- **W.C.**

A: After 57 years, the daytime soap "Days of Our Lives" will no longer air weekday afternoons on NBC. Instead, beginning Sept. 12, viewers must subscribe to Peacock Premium to get their daily dose of shenanigans in Salem.

Fortunately, the streaming service is very affordable, at just \$4.99 a month. Peacock also airs many of its primetime shows the day after they air on NBC, so if you miss an episode of "Chicago Fire" this fall, you can stream it the next day on Peacock. For more information, visit PeacockTV.com.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFW5, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Which European country has the largest population?
 2. HISTORY: The storming of the Bastille took place in which country in 1789?
 3. ASTRONOMY: What is the brightest star in any constellation called?
 4. MYTHOLOGY: Who is Thor's father in Norse mythology?
 5. COMICS: Where is the superhero Aquaman from?
 6. MOVIES: How many characters does Mike Myers play in the "Goldmember" movie?
 7. LITERATURE: How many lines does a haiku poem have?
 8. TELEVISION: What was the name of the ranch on the 1960s western "Bonanza"?
 9. U.S. STATES: Which state's official animal is the raccoon?
 10. BUSINESS: What is the Ford Mustang automobile named after?
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1. Russia.
 2. France. It is celebrated on July 14.
 3. Alpha.
 4. Odin.
 5. Atlantis.
 6. Four (Austin Powers, Dr. Evil, Fat Bastard and Goldmember).
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 9. Tennessee.
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13 Get older

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16 Sailor

17 Air outlet

18 Attempts

20 Judicial garb

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28 Macaroon ingredient

32 Wilderness

33 Road pioneer

34 Unoriginal one

36 Actress Arthur

37 Hindu royal

38 Gold-loving king

39 Country named for an imaginary line

41 Eye, slangily

43 Tax form ID

44 One of the Fab Four

46 Cairo's nation

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56 Shrek, for one

57 Part of TNT

58 Dance move

59 Pitch

60 Chatter

61 Wedding words

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29 Mayberry moppet

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40 Exploit

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by Linda Thistle

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with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

The love message is the power of the Gospel. It's so simple: Love God and love your neighbor as you love yourself. We often think we need someone to love us, but what we really need is someone to love. The world

is desperate for real love, so it isn't hard to find someone who needs to be loved.

We live in a society that drives people to selfishness. So much of the advertising we see and hear influences us to want more and more and to never be satisfied with what we have. But the more selfish and self-centered we are, the less power we have to do good and help others.

The good news is we have what we need in Christ to overcome a selfish "What about me?!" mindset and lifestyle. We have the power of God's love! It's the answer to every dilemma and problem in our society today. And as Christians, our goal is to represent Christ in the world and show His love.

What True Love Truly Is

Love is not just a feeling, or a theory, or a nice word. It's action—it's the way you treat people...what you do for others. Love will always cost you something: time, energy, effort, money, giving up your pride, doing what's right when you don't feel like it, keeping a good attitude when you don't get your way.

Loving the way God loves means you love when there's nothing in it for you; it's all about giving out and not expecting anything in return. We're called to



outreach, not in-reach. Real love is about dying to self and living to love others.

Before you can love others, you have to experience God's love in your own life, because you can't give away something you don't have. Then you have to be willing to ask God to teach you to love the way He loves. When you do this, God will enable you to reach out and help someone else. I know this works because I've lived it.

My Journey to Finding True Love

I used to be selfish, self-centered, always thinking about how I could get my way. And I was miserable. See, I loved God and wanted to love people, but no matter how hard I tried to be sweet and nice to everybody, all of my trying was getting me nowhere. I was cranky, hard to get along with and impatient. God showed me the problem was that I didn't like myself because of the shame of my past. I grew up in an abusive home, and I felt guilty, condemned and ashamed because of it. I had to accept God's love for me before I could love anyone else.

So I decided to study God's love in the Word,

pray for God to change my heart, and confess what His Word says about His love for me. Every day I would say out loud, "God loves me," and I would say it over and over to purposely keep this truth in my heart throughout the day. After a year of doing this, I finally got a revelation about God's love for me.

Now I am able to trust God's love for me and love others the way Jesus taught us to love. I don't do it perfectly all the time, but I've come a long way and am making progress every day. My prayer is, "God, show me how I can help others. Make me a blessing everywhere I go. I want to live to love You and others."

Every day I look for ways to add value to people I come in contact with. I can honestly say that learning how to love others with God's love has made me the happiest I've ever been! The truth is you can't be selfish and also be happy or have peace.

Make it your goal each day to pursue God's love and then give it away. First Corinthians 14:1 (AMPC) says to "eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your

aim, your great quest]." So go after it with all your might, and ask God to make you a blessing everywhere you go! You can do something to help someone. You can live to love, just like Jesus.

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Ray Fischer, Jose Lopez,
and Hector Diaz, Deacons
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HOLY CROSS, MENDOTA

Weekday Mass
Weekend Mass
Confession

STS. PETER AND PAUL,
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Weekend Mass
Confession

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

100 E. Sixth St.
(815) 538-5587
.....

Rev. Mary Bohall, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Worship

In-person & on Facebook at:
Mendota First United
Methodist Church

Sept. 15 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m. L.E.A.S.E.
preschool screenings
Sept. 16 - 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fall Garage
Sale
Sept. 17 - 8:30-11 a.m. Fall Garage Sale
Sept. 18 - 8:45 a.m. New member class;
9 a.m. Sunday School resumes;
9:30 a.m. Worship
Sept. 21 - Annual Church Conference
reports due to office

ZION UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

808 Jefferson St.
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Pastor Jeff Brace
jbrace8459@gmail.com

Church office (815) 538-2186

Facebook: Mendota Zion United
Methodist Church

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Sunday School for Preschool - 6th grade
in fellowship hall during worship service
(Parking lot worship available on 90.9 FM
during Sunday services)

TUESDAY - Prayer group 6 p.m.
FRIDAY - Youth group 6 p.m.

If I Can

By William Arthur Ward

If I can write one verse of truth today
Or give my fellow man a song to sing;
If I can push one needless cloud away
And help men live as children
of the King:
If I can lend someone a helping hand
Or warm a place where friendship
needs to be;
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
others care;
If I can speak in words that seem
to say:
I know the heavy burdens that
you bear.
If I can guide a pilgrim on his way
Or pause to bid him stay for food
and rest;
If I can do these, Father, this I pray:
"O let me do them with my very best."

UNITED PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH

Route 251 North
(815) 539-6861
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Rev. Charles Yeakel, Pastor

E-mail: mendotaupc@yahoo.com
www.mendotaupc.org

SUNDAY: Christian Education
Sunday Worship

WEDNESDAY

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Pastor Steve Breedlove

SUNDAY
Sunday school
Worship

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service

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Rt. 251 at Lake Mendota
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Sunday School
Worship

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Brian Kelly, Pastor

www.mendotabiblechurch.org

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Sunday School
Worship
Evening Service

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH

607 Tenth Ave.
(815) 539-5626
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Rev. Ken Gibson, Pastor

E-mail: office@stjohnsmendota.org

Website:
www.stjohnsmendota.org

Schedule:
9 a.m. Sunday Worship in person
and online via Facebook and Zoom

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NOTE: Please contact your individual church regarding online services or for other church-related information.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! And blessed is your advice and blessed are you, because you have kept me this day from coming to bloodshed and from avenging myself with my own hand."

Detail of "David and Abigail" by Antonio Molinari (1655-1704)

1 SAMUEL 25:32, 33

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

1003 5th St.
(815) 538-5603
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Website: fpcmendota.com
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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Sept. 15 - 6:30 p.m. Webelos
Sept. 18 - 10 a.m. Worship/Baptism;
11 a.m. Fellowship
Rev. Spencer Lawrence, preacher

Facebook page
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Wednesday Evening Gathering:

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"He is the Head of the Body, the
Church . . . That in everything He
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1107 Main St.
(815) 993-2462
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Dave Manion Jim McDowell
Wayne Shuman

Please join us for . . .

Sunday Bible Study (all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Church Builders 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 6 p.m.
Men's Ministry
Ladies & Mens Bible Study
Thursday 6 p.m.

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COMPTON

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
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398 Church Road, Compton
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Worship at Immanuel
10:30 a.m. Worship at First

SEASON OF CREATION

Sept. 18 - Ocean & Lake Sunday

Sept. 15 - 5 p.m. Church Council meets
Sept. 16 - 9:30 a.m. Bible study
Sept. 17 - 8-11 a.m. Volunteer at
N.I.C.E.

Online "devotional service" videos
continue every Sunday at
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COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

La Moille
(815) 638-2348
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Pastor David Jungnickel

E-mail: lamoillecumc@gmail.com

SUNDAY WORSHIP
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery available

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Pastor Brian Hamiel
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our risen Savior."

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9 a.m.
SUNDAY SERVICE - 10 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT - 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of III Chronicles in the
Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What "holy" thing did Paul tell
Timothy that Christians should
lift up in prayer? Hearts, Hands,
Voices, Children
3. From 2 Kings 9, which king of
Israel drove his chariots like a
madman? Manasseh, Ahasuerus,
Zimri, Jehu
4. Who succeeded Belshazzar as
king of the Chaldeans? David,
Darius, Daniel, Daegel
5. What place was known as the
"Land of Promise"? Israel, Canaan,
Babylon, New Jerusalem
6. Who was the brother of Moses?
Noah, Aaron, Eli, Seth
ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Hands,
3) Jehu, 4) Darius, 5) Canaan, 6)
Aaron

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and 770 ILCS 103/1-15 et. seq. establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on September 27, 2022, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

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

KRISTEN BARKOSKI AND MICHAEL TRESTER, 6257 CARLSBAD DR, TINLEY PARK, IL 60477, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 13067, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 19, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0132E, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 2
KRISTEN BARKOSKI AND MICHAEL TRESTER, 4348 WATERS EDGE DR, ISLAND LAKE, IL 60042, according to the Deed dated June 02, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 13067, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 19, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0056E, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 1
EMILY BOCKSTAHLER AND WILLIAM BOCKSTAHLER, 15222 PINE DR, OAK FOREST,

IL 60452, according to the Deed dated July 18, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14834, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0404, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 6
EMILY BOCKSTAHLER AND WILLIAM BOCKSTAHLER, 15222 PINE DR, OAK FOREST, IL 60452, according to the Deed dated July 18, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 14834, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0404, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 6
ROBERT L CASTRO AKA ROBERT CASTRO, 1301 N WESTERN AVE UNIT 112, LAKE FOREST, IL 60045, according to the Deed dated January 09, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 08150, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 19, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0137E, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2
WILFINE DELA CRUZ AND BARBARA DELA CRUZ, 2604 JUNIPER DR, EULESS, TX 76039, according to the Deed dated December 30, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2011 02963, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 04, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076O, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 1
CHONA EDRADAN AKA CHONA B EDRADAN, PO BOX 531024, ORLANDO, FL 32853, according to the Deed dated August 20, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 25040, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0053E, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 1
CHARLES B GAMMONS SR, 10052 S LOWE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Deed dated August 30, 1998 and recorded under File No. R98 26682, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 04, 1998, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0164E, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 1
JOHN GOODHUE AND REBA GOODHUE, 8470 BUSSEY RD, SILSBEE, TX 77656, according to the Deed dated August 05, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 21207, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 20, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0404, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 6
JOHN GOODHUE AND REBA GOODHUE, 8514 BUSSEY RD, SILSBEE, TX 77656, according to the Deed dated August 05, 2013 and recorded under

File No. 2013 21207, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 20, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0404, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 6
DOROTHY M GORDON AND WALTER GORDON, 418 S PARK BLVD, STREAMWOOD, IL 60107, according to the Deed dated December 28, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2006 03492, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 09, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 3
ROBERT J GORZ, 25821 MERION DR, MONEE, IL 60449, according to the Deed dated September 07, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 29831, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 28, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0384, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 3
DAVID A GREEN SR AND ANN DANIEL, 2413 20TH ST, NORTH CHICAGO, IL 60064, according to the Deed dated January 08, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 01550, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 25, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0402, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 6
RONALD HOWARD AND JILL HOWARD, 1007 S 3RD AVE, MAYWOOD, IL 60153, according to the Deed dated December 26, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2010 00697, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 13, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0286, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 4
RONALD HOWARD AND JILL HOWARD, 375 MIAMI ST, PARK FOREST, IL 60466, according to the Deed dated December 26, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2010 00697, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 13, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0286, Use Period Number(s) 17, Phase 4
RONALD HOWARD AND JILL HOWARD, 1007 S 3RD AVE, MAYWOOD, IL 60153, according to the Deed dated December 26, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2010 00697, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 13, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0281, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 4
RONALD HOWARD AND JILL HOWARD, 375 MIAMI ST, PARK FOREST, IL 60466, according to the Deed dated December 26, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2010 00697, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 13,

2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0281, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 4
BYRON H JORDAN SR, 7530 PEACEFUL BROOK ST, LAS VEGAS, NV 89131, according to the Deed dated April 21, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 09754, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 07, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0200, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 4
DWAYNE R LEE AND DEBRA T LEE, 617 E ASH ST, GRIFFITH, IN 46319, according to the Deed dated October 16, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 29018, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 02, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0132E, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 2
DWAYNE R LEE AND DEBRA T LEE, 2330 W 157TH ST, MARKHAM, IL 60426, according to the Deed dated October 16, 2005 and recorded under File No. R2005 29018, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 02, 2005, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0132E, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 2
MAYRA MARQUEZ AND JUAN MARQUEZ, 3325 W 71ST ST, CHICAGO, IL 60629, according to the Deed dated June 25, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13334, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 16, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0093E, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2
MAYRA MARQUEZ AND JUAN MARQUEZ, 7128 S ALBANY AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60629, according to the Deed dated June 25, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13334, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 16, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0093E, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 2
GEORGIA MCFEE AND LASHUNA M MCFEE, 8022 S HARPER AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60619, according to the Deed dated July 03, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 16068, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 17, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0387, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 6
JOSEPH J MROCZEK AND LAUREL MROCZEK, 817 GRAND AVE, AURORA, IL 60506, according to the Deed dated April 24, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2004 12239, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 11, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0125O, Use

Period Number(s) 16, Phase 2
VERONICA MUNOZ AND JOSE CAMACHO, 2500 S 58TH AVE, CICERO, IL 60804, according to the Deed dated August 20, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 23727, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 15, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0044O, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 1
SHARON M OVERTON, ERIC D WILSON SR AND SHANNA WILSON, 7135 SPERRY AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60621, according to the Deed dated May 22, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2004 15455, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 10, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0062, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1
SHARON M OVERTON, ERIC D WILSON SR AND SHANNA WILSON, 7123 SPERRY AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60621, according to the Deed dated May 22, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2004 15455, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 10, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0062, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 1
IGOR PASHIN, 22405 N PRAIRIE RD, LINCOLNSHIRE, IL 60069, according to the Deed dated July 25, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 21808, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 25, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0370, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 3
IGOR PASHIN, C/O CLARKE & BUSCH LTD 120 W EASTMAN ST STE 101, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004, according to the Deed dated July 25, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 21808, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 25, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0370, Use Period Number(s) 34, Phase 3
BRENDA FAYE PROWELL, 1438 W 99TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Deed dated April 16, 2003 and recorded under File No. R2003 15131, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 08, 2003, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0125E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 2
SAKILE RAMIR AND VERNON BISNONNET ST APT 178, HOUSTON, TX 77005, according to the Deed dated February 10, 2001 and recorded under File No. R2001 04695, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 23, 2001, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0128, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2
KENNETH G RITSON

AND CATHERINE RITSON, 118-460 MAYFAIR AVE, OSHAWA, ONTARIO, L1G2Y2, CANADA, according to the Deed dated January 26, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 05226, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 13, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0405, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 6
KENNETH G RITSON AND CATHERINE RITSON, 118-460 MAYFAIR AVE, OSHAWA, ONTARIO, L1G2Y2, CANADA, according to the Deed dated January 26, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 05226, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 13, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0071, Use Period Number(s) 24, Phase 1
SERAFIN RODRIGUEZ, 1809 N MULLIGAN AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60639, according to the Deed dated December 11, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 26755, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 29, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0008E, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 1
IRIS SANTIAGO AND YANIRA PAGAN, 3116 PIGEON COVE ST, DELTONA, FL 32738, according to the Deed dated June 18, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13808, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 22, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0105O, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2
IRIS SANTIAGO AND YANIRA PAGAN, 1287 WAYNE DR, DES PLAINES, IL 60018, according to the Deed dated June 18, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13808, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 22, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0105O, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 2
ANDREA SLUIS, TRUSTEE OF THE ANDREA SLUIS LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 18, 2015, 15918 DREXEL AVE, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60743, according to the Deed dated December 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28217, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2013,

are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 7
ANDREA SLUIS, TRUSTEE OF THE ANDREA SLUIS LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 18, 2015, 15918 DREXEL AVE, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60743, according to the Deed dated December 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28217, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 7
ANDREA SLUIS, TRUSTEE OF THE ANDREA SLUIS LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 18, 2015, C/O HISKES DILLNER & ET AL 16231 WAUSAU AVE, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473, according to the Deed dated December 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28217, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 7
AVA VOGELMANN AND VALLARIE VOGELMANN, 1811 HERMITAGE DR, NEW LENOX, IL 60451, according to the Deed dated June 08, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 11776, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0030O, Use Period Number(s) 45, Phase 1
CHARLES W WINTERS AND SHEILA R WINTERS, 9743 S YALE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Deed dated May 26, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 15543, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 22, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0025E, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1

COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Kathy Francis, Plaintiff vs. Haris Khan, Defendant
No. 2022DN000068
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN YOU, Haris Khan, defendant, that this case has been commenced in this court by the plaintiff against you for divorce and other relief. The case is continued for status/pretrial on Nov. 1, 2022, at 9:30 AM before Karen Eiten in room 410 via Zoom Meeting. The petitioner's motion for Service by Publication was granted. Greg Vaccaro, Clerk of the Circuit Court of LaSalle County, Illinois. Filed Aug. 26, 2022. Legal No. 0902 (9/7, 9/14, 9/21 2022)

NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on August 25, 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 Maxie's Salon located at 2104 Main Street Suite E, Mendota, IL. 61342.
Dated: August 25, 2022. Bradley Jackson Applicant.
No. 0815 (8/31, 9/7, 9/14 2022)

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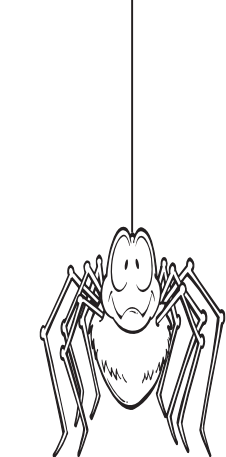
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