



LaSalle County residents will have the opportunity to discard electronic items at a free electronics recycling event on Sept. 24 in Ottawa.

Electronics recycling event available to county residents

Pre-registration required for Sept. 24 event

OTTAWA – A free electronics recycling event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m.-noon at the LaSalle County Government Center, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa.

Pre-registration is required by going online at <http://lasallecounty.as.me/> or by calling 815-630-4308 Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or Friday from 8 a.m.-noon.

The event is limited to LaSalle County residents only. There is a limit of two televisions per vehicle. Registration is not open to businesses. Oversized loads may be refused.

Accepted items include: cable and satellite receivers, cameras, cash registers, credit card readers, cell phones and accessories, chargers, circuit boards, computer servers, computers and computer parts, copiers/printers/scanners/fax machines/type-writers, DVD/VHS players,

external drives, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, ink and toner cartridges, laptops/tablets/eReaders, mice and keyboards, microwaves, all types of monitors, MP3/iPods etc., networking equipment (modems, switches, routers, hubs), phones and telecom equipment, projectors, rechargeable batteries (lithium ion, Ni-Cd, lead acid, Ni-Mh), stereos/radios/speakers, all types television, uninterrupted power supplies, video game consoles, wire, cable, Christmas lights.

Non-accepted items include: loose alkaline batteries (accepted while contained in electronic devices), liquid containing items, Freon containing items (AC units, dehumidifiers), white goods (refrigerators, freezers), thermostats, light bulbs.

For information not regarding registration, contact the LaSalle County Land Use Department at 815-434-8666.

From Miami to Mendota

Florida native Diaz relocates her entrepreneurship to small town Illinois

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA—If Francheska Diaz would have been asked, “Where is Illinois?” a year ago, she wouldn’t have had an answer.

If asked, “Where is Mendota, Illinois?” she would have been completely clueless.

But after a business opportunity, she not only knows where Mendota, Illinois is on the map, the town has found a place in her heart as she moved her and her two children (Ailani Pedro, 5, and Joniel Navedo, 2) to Mendota on March 24, 2022.

“I have a marketing business, Franchy Networking Services, in Florida and I’m also a pharmacy technician. All I do is medicine and promoting,” said Diaz, 31, who is half Dominican from her dad and half Puerto Rican from her mother. She was born in Puerto Rico and lived in Florida since she was 2 years old. “I used to sell food from my home to businesses. This one guy contracted me to come weekly. I cooked his food weekly until we weren’t in business together anymore.

“Fast forward a year later, he was out here in Mendota, Illinois because he’s a welder and owns his own business. He said, ‘Hey, I need you. I don’t speak as good of English as you do. They’re going to love you. You speak English. You speak Spanish. I need you. Please be my secretary.’

“I told him, ‘Bro, I’m from Florida. What are you talking about Illinois? Where is Illinois? A few months later, in February, he convinced



Francheska Diaz, 31, relocated herself and her two children from Miami to Mendota in March. Diaz is bringing an entrepreneur mindset and happiness to a town she enjoys because it’s safe and has potential. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

me to come visit Mendota. So, here I am in this amazing town. I brought my children to see what life would be for my children if I was to relocate to Mendota.”

Illinois is the first state Diaz has lived in besides Florida.

Mendota is the first town she has ever called home as she lived in massive Miami during her stay in Florida.

Her initial thoughts of Mendota were, there is plenty of opportunity and Illinois weather in February is very nice.

“When I came to visit, I saw so much opportunity. I saw all of these beautiful, abandoned buildings,” Diaz said. “My goal is to be the next Oprah Winfrey. I want

“I’ve never seen snow. It was amazing. My skin is used to radiating sun. This will be my first white Christmas. I’m already buying Christmas things here and there because my house is going to be epic. I want it to look like Santa Claus was born and raised in my house.”

—Francheska Diaz

a hair salon. I’m a pharmacy technician. I own my own marketing business. I’m a mother. I’m a chef. I want to open a Caribbean restaurant and I want to take over some of these abandoned buildings.

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things here and there because my house is going to be epic. I want it to look like Santa Claus was born and raised in my house.”

After the initial visit in February and before the move in March, Diaz did some research.

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Building coming down

Ken Otterbach Excavating digs into the side of the Knauer building on Main Street that was damaged by fire in August. The rest of the building is in the process of being razed as that portion of Main Street remains closed to traffic until the work is completed. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

Farmer’s Market continues to run strong

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Every Saturday from the first Saturday in June until the second Saturday in October, Mendota witnesses something some towns will never see – a farmer’s market.

The Mendota Farmer’s Market has been on the east side of Main Street in downtown Mendota since 2002.

“We are at the peak of the season come August,” said Bryon Walters, who organizes the market and sells his Bryon’s Bees Prairie Wild Honey. “We have 20 vendors today (Aug. 27). We usually average 12-14, so we’re on the high side because garlic is in season, a variety of hot peppers, heirloom tomatoes, and just about anything that can be grown in Illinois can be found at the Mendota Farmer’s Market. There are only six or seven weeks left. We’re in a great, historical



The Mendota Farmer’s Market has been on the east side of Main Street since 2002. It has made some adjustments after the fire. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

location downtown. We usually average between 250-400 visitors.”

Aug. 27 was a different vibe for the market.

The Monday before was the fire that burned down the building on the west side of Main Street, which is directly across from where the farmer’s market usually sets up shop.

With a portion of the street

blocked off with caution tape, the vendor tables and trucks formed a U-shape in their normal parking lot area, actually on Main Street, and in front of the building that used to house Waterfalls and apartments.

“The community really appreciates the market. It’s

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Go Gold Night at MHS football game to benefit childhood cancer research

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.

LOCAL AND AREA

Bubble Festival set Sept. 10 at Discovery Center

ROCKFORD — Enjoy a sudsy day of fusing art and science with a touch of joyful magic at Discovery Center's 2022 Bubble Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10. The Festival will include four live shows by professional bubble artist Ben Jimenez as well as the Bubble-Palooza playground for children after each show.

Jimenez will amaze people of all ages with his 30-minute bubble show as he showcases bubble stunts, shares cool bubble science facts and gets the audience involved. Jimenez uses his bare hands and a few simple tools to create beautiful, humorous, and mind-boggling soap bubble sculptures, does bubble magic, puts people inside bubbles, teaches STEM, and more. After his show, pop over to the Bubble-Palooza Playground to practice your own bubbly tricks as you test your soapy skills with bubble art and science activities.

Morning shows at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. are geared more toward young children, while the 1 and 2 p.m. shows incorporate science principles and are geared toward elementary-age children and older. Tickets are \$3 members; \$5 public (Museum admission extra \$10); free to

children ages 1 and younger.

Jimenez is a professional soap bubble artist from Evanston. After discovering the existence of this unique performance art, he fell in love with it and soon discovered there were no books, classes, or teachers to learn from. Jimenez drew from past experiences as an educator, performing musician, and science enthusiast to infuse art and science with a touch of magic to create Ben's Bubble Show. Jimenez entertains a room full of doctors at a convention as easily and thoroughly as a room full of schoolchildren.

Reservations can be made online at <https://bit.ly/bubblefestival> or by phone at 815-963-6769.

About Discovery Center Museum

Discovery Center Museum is a children's science museum providing math, science and art experiences for all ages with over 250 hand-on exhibits, planetarium, special area for children ages 6 and younger, and an outdoor science park. Discovery Center Museum is the nation's 5th Best Museum for Families according to USA TODAY/10Best.com, and one of 12 museums



Bubble artist Ben Jimenez performs his bubble act on a father and daughter. (Photo contributed)

included in Forbes.com's article, The 12 Best Children's Museums in the U.S. In 2020 Discovery Center earned Trip Advisor's Travelers Choice distinction. The Museum is located inside Riverfront Museum Park, 711 N. Main St., Rockford. General admission to the

Museum is: \$10 adults, \$10 children (ages 2 to 17); free to Museum members and children age 1 and younger. Museum hours are Tuesday-Sunday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For additional information, call (815) 963-6769 or log on to www.discoverycenter-museum.org.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

We have just completed our first full week back to school. We've had a very smooth start to the year. The students are making new friends, meeting staff, learning rules and practicing procedures. It's great to have everyone back in the building and ready to have a fantastic year!

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We have four new staff members at Blackstone this year. They are off to a great start and are already a part of our Blackstone family. We welcome the following new staff members: Presley Fisher (Social Worker), Tim Hopkins (custodian), Amanda Stamberger (paraprofessional) and Faith Schafer (paraprofessional). Welcome new staff members!

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I would like to thank the many community members and businesses who have recently donated school supplies to our students in need at Blackstone. The students were so excited to receive their new supplies. We appreciate this support!

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District #289 went to a new communication tool over the summer. We now use Apptegy to push out phone, text and email notifications. It is also tied to our webpage where we will post important information, pictures, news releases, etc. There is an app you can search for in the App Store or Google Play and search Mendota #289. We encourage you to get the app on your phones if you can. We are still getting familiar with this new tool as we start the school year.

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Schools are required to practice different drills each school year. One of them is a fire drill. The Mendota Fire Department assisted us with a mandated fire drill on Aug. 30. The students and staff did a great job of evacuating the building and following the procedures for the fire drill. Thank you to the Mendota Fire Department for assisting us.

La Salle County to hold Genealogy Guild on Sept. 17

OTTAWA — The September program of the LaSalle County Genealogy Guild will be on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. at the Guild Headquarters, 115 W. Glover St., Ottawa.

The speaker will be Jenny Warner. Learn how to effectively research your ancestors using various online resources, books and records. There are multiple roadblocks to researching Pennsylvania ancestors.

The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served, however research will not be allowed during the program.

For more information, contact Ann Newell at 815-481-5686.

Evans, former UK resident, provides fish & chips, virtually

LaSALLE — The LaSalle Public Library welcomes back Claire Evans, Anglophile and former UK resident, for a virtual presentation on the UK's national dish — Fish & Chips, on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m.

Fish and chips are synonymous with the UK, traditionally a mainstay of

the British working-class diet and even used as "code" for sussing out compatriot troops on the beaches of Normandy. Despite its rebranding as distinctly British fare, fried fish was originally introduced to the UK by persecuted immigrant populations.

In this virtual program,

Evans will look at what lies beneath a nostalgic national dish's contentious international history — from secret fishing grounds, Cod Wars, and overfishing to the difficulty of selling fish in today's political landscape. Additionally, she will discuss sustainably sourced fish and chips, and how to

navigate and appreciate the highlights of a modern "chippy" menu.

This program is free and open to the public. Registration is required. To register, use the following link — <https://bit.ly/3Kzpxfb>. For more information about the program, call the Library at 815-223-2341.

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Martin receives LaSalle County Bar Association 2022 Scholarship

MENDOTA – Maya Martin of Mendota was the recipient of one of the LaSalle County Bar Association 2022 Scholarships. She recently started her college career at Loyola University of Chicago with the goal of a Bachelor's Degree in neuroscience. Her ultimate goal is to obtain a doctorate in the field of neuropsychology and do research in neurodegenerative brain disease. Martin obtained a straight A average in Honors courses all four years in high school. She was the class President,



Maya Martin, second from right, receives a LaSalle County Bar Association scholarship from Jim Reilly, left, LCBA Scholarship Chairman. Maya's parents, Lisa and Jason Martin, help her hold the check. (Photo contributed)

Illinois State Scholar, volunteered with "Feed My Starving Children," and the Boys and Girls Club of America. She was the 2022

Queen of the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival.

She is the daughter of Jason and Lisa Martin of Mendota.

L.E.A.S.E. holding preschool screenings

MENDOTA – L.E.A.S.E. will be holding free preschool screenings for Mendota District #289 at First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St., Mendota, on Thursday, Sept. 15. You may make an appointment by calling Jean at 815-433-6433.

The screenings are for children who are 3 or 4 years old. L.E.A.S.E. will screen key developmental areas such as motor development, speech, language, vision, hearing and general readiness. Only one parent/caregiver should bring the child to the screening.

Farmers' Almanac releases winter prediction for Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – If you are a believer in the Farmers' Almanac winter predictions, you may not want to hear what they have to say about Illinois.

The publication is warning readers that this winter will be filled with plenty of shaking, shivering and shoveling.

Managing editor Sandi Duncan says the forecast comes from a formula that has been used since 1818.

"It uses a variety of factors, including various cycles involving the moon, as well as the sun, planets position and a variety of other factors," Duncan said.

Duncan says Illinois will experience the harshest weather at the first of the year.

"For your area, the middle of January looks like brutally

cold conditions and could bring temperatures as low as minus 20 degrees," she said.

The Farmers' Almanac is issuing a "hot chocolate warning" for people in eastern and southern states. That is because a cold December and a very cold January are expected. They note the good news is that milder temperatures will arrive in February.

Folks in the southeast will also see cold temperatures in January.

"Fortunately for the snowbirds, February will likewise warm the region to near-normal winter season temperatures overall," according to the Almanac.

Checking on another source, the National Oceanic and Atmo-



spheric Administration Climate Prediction Center shows near normal temperatures for Illinois from December through February, but above average precipitation.

"People who follow the Farmers' Almanac forecast say we are about 80 to 85 percent accurate, but I do think they give us a little more leeway than you give your local forecasters," Duncan said.

Everyone is welcome to attend annual Food Service Seminar

LaSALLE – The LaSalle County Health Department will be sponsoring its 28th annual Food Service Seminar on Monday, Sept. 12. The seminar will be held at Senica's Oak Ridge, Rt. 6, LaSalle.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Registration is from 8-8:30 a.m. The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4 p.m. The day will consist of speakers from Orkin Pest Control, the Illinois Department of Public Health, Peoria County Health Department, Lake County Health Department, Sysco/Ecolab and the Village of Hoffman Estates. They will provide information on Pest Control, IDPH Food Program Update, Cold Brew, Risk Based Inspections and Intervention Strategies, Cleaning, Sanitizing and Disinfecting and What to Expect During a Health Inspection.

September is National Food Safety Education Month. It provides an opportunity to raise awareness about steps that can be taken to prevent food poisoning.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that each year roughly 1 in 6 Americans (or 48 million people) get sick, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die of foodborne diseases. Food safety is an important public health priority.

Foodborne illness is a common and costly problem, however, it is preventable. National public health surveillance data provides some insight into the causes of food borne illness, types of implicated foods, and where food borne outbreaks occur. This information is routinely evaluated by local health departments in an effort to implement food safety strategies to prevent and control food borne illness within our community.

Per CDC guidelines, as you prepare and handle food, follow these four steps to help prevent foodborne illness (also called food

poisoning):

- Clean: Wash your hands, utensils, and surfaces often when you cook.

- Separate: Raw meat, turkey, chicken, seafood, and eggs can spread germs. Separate them from cooked food and fresh produce.

- Cook: Use a food thermometer to make sure foods are cooked to an internal temperature that kills germs.

- Chill: Refrigerate perishable foods (foods likely to spoil or go bad quickly) and leftovers within two hours, or within one hour if the food is exposed to temperatures above 90°F (like a hot car or summer picnic).

For more information about National Food Safety Education Month, visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/education-month.html>. To pre-register for the food service seminar, please call the LaSalle County Health Department at (815) 433-3366 or visit www.lasalle-countyil.gov.

4-H workshops available for youth at IV YMCA

PERU – Are you looking for something fun for your child to do once a month? Have you thought about exploring 4-H, but don't know what it's all about? Do you have a busy schedule and need time for yourself? If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, there is a program for you. University of Illinois Extension invites you to participate in the upcoming Clover Buddies: Introduction to 4-H series of workshops.

This experience is for youth ages 5-7 at the Illinois Valley YMCA in Peru on the first Thursday of the month from Oct. 6, 2022 through May 4,

2023 from 4-5 p.m. There are eight sessions to introduce young children to 4-H and all that it has to offer: rockets, nature, art, geology, first aid, robotics, painting, electricity and gardening. All lessons will provide a hands-on learning experience to give youth a spark to explore interests and expand their learning. There is a one-time \$15 materials fee for each participant, and space is limited to the first 20 participants to register. Please go to <https://go.illinois.edu/cloverbuddies> to register by Oct. 3, 2022. You only need to register once for all eight sessions.

This is a great opportunity

for a parent or caregiver to have some free time at the YMCA while their child is busy having fun and learning. For more information, please contact Beth Dellatori at 815-224-3243 or beth5@illinois.edu.

If you have questions or need more information, please call University of Illinois Extension- Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Unit Office at 815-224-0889. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please indicate when registering or contact the Extension office. Extension offices are located in Princeton, Ottawa, Henry and in Oglesby on the IVCC campus.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Ruth E.C. Geuther

LaMOILLE – Ruth Elaine Clara Geuther, 92, of LaMoille, passed away peacefully, Aug. 31, 2022, at Stonecroft Assisted Living, Mendota.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarion with the Rev. Ian Griffith officiating. Burial will be in Clarion Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation was Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. in Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Ruth was born in Lee County on a farm to Gust and Malinda (Grosch) Bauer on Jan. 28, 1930. She attended Bartlett School, 80 rods south until it closed, then went to Sublette Public School 7th and 8th grade. She attended Mendota High School graduating in 1947. She married the “love of her life” Lyle Geuther, Aug. 18, 1948, at Zion Lutheran Church. For 2 ½ years they lived on a farm south of Sublette, then they moved to the Hill Farm on Old Chicago Road in Bureau County in 1951.

She is survived by her four children, Mark (Nora) Geuther, Amy (Ron) McFarlain and Brad (Debra) Geuther all of LaMoille, and Melody Sheahan of Heber City, Utah; 10 grandchildren, Troy (Christy) Geuther of Brentwood, Tenn., Chad (Allison) Geuther of Amboy, Lance (Becky) Geuther of O’Fallan, Mo., Jarod (Megan) Sheahan, Derek (Rene) Sheahan, Sarah (Jason) Rambo all of California, Tyler (Staci) Martin of Ortonville, Mich., Brianna Blanton of Aurora, Jade Geuther of Kentucky and Nigel (Neftali) Lizarraga of Arizona; nine great grandchildren, Elise, Weston Lyle, Cadence and Amelia Geuther, Bryce Martin, Benjamin Sheahan, Omni, Oakley, and Ozzie Lizarraga and two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Beardin of West Brooklyn and May Geuther of Mendota..

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Norman Bauer, one sister Bernadine Kessel and one son-in-law, Phillip Sheahan.

She was a lifelong member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarion, where she was baptized, confirmed and married. She taught Sunday School, was a choir member, Ladies Aid, and Sarah Circle member. She volunteered at Mendota Community Hospital and later OSF Saint Paul Medical Center for over 25 years. She was on the Mendota Lutheran Home Auxiliary board for over 10 years. She worked for Franks Poultry House for 25 years, where she made many lifelong friends. She delivered Meals on Wheels those years with the help of Amy and Cajun Ron. She was a member of the Lee County Home Bureau and 4-H Leader.

After moving to Bureau County, she belonged to Clarion Home Extension for over 50 years. She volunteered for the Red Cross.

Memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery or the family to support her charities. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



James W. Gross

MENDOTA – James W. Gross, 70, of Mendota, formerly of Earlville, passed away Aug. 30, 2022 at OSF Saint Anthony’s Medical Center, Rockford.

Even though James would have preferred a Viking funeral, his family has decided on other options instead. A Celebration of Life will be held at the north end of Lake Mendota on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

James was born in Monroe, Mich., to Raymond and Nada (Middleton) Gross on Oct. 19, 1951.

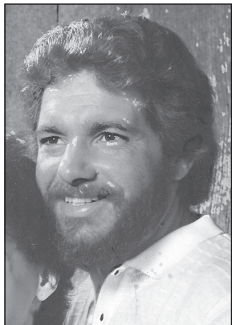
James was a 1970 graduate of Earlville High School. He served in the United States Navy for a brief time before he married Rhonda Bettner on Sept. 5, 1972.

He and Rhonda are parents to one son, Christopher Gross of Mendota; and two daughters Shallen Gross of Mendota and Laurie Gross Adkins, who preceded him in death on April 17, 2012. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Other survivors include two brothers Raymond (Doris) Gross of Corbin, Ky., and Tracy Gross of Cookeville, Tenn.; and two sisters Marsha Wallace of Middlesboro, Ky., and Michelle Gross of Cawood, Ky. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother David and infant brothers Clark and Larry.

James proudly worked as a member of the Chicago Local Carpenter’s Union #272 for over 30 years.

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



Kevin R. McConville

MENDOTA – Kevin R. McConville, 62, of Mendota, passed away Sept. 1, 2022 in his home surrounded by his family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Theresa’s Catholic Church, Earlville with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Kevin was born May 8, 1960 in Mendota to Raymond and Ruth (Gallagher) McConville. He married Sheri Schwingle on June 10, 1983 at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Mendota.

He is survived by his wife Sheri of Mendota; two daughters Brittany (Tim) Cantlin of Earlville and Abby (Mark) Higdon of Mendota; three brothers, Tim (Lori) McConville and Brian (Julie) McConville, both of Mendota, and Ron (Eunice) McConville of Lisle; and five grandchildren, Zoey, Killian and Cavan Cantlin, and Kinzie and Chloe Higdon.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Beth McConville.

Kevin was a 1978 graduate of Mendota High School and a 1980 graduate of Joliet Junior College. He grew up farming and enjoyed planting and harvesting crops in the Triumph area. He also spent his life in the construction business, and later started McConville Construction. He enjoyed playing softball, golfing, watching sporting events and spending time with his family.

Memorials may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



West Nile virus detected in LaSalle County

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Health Department received confirmation that mosquitoes from Grand Ridge tested positive for West Nile virus. The mosquitoes were collected on Aug. 31 and Environmental Health staff conducted the confirmatory test on the mosquitoes at the Health Department. This is the first documented West Nile virus activity in LaSalle County this year.

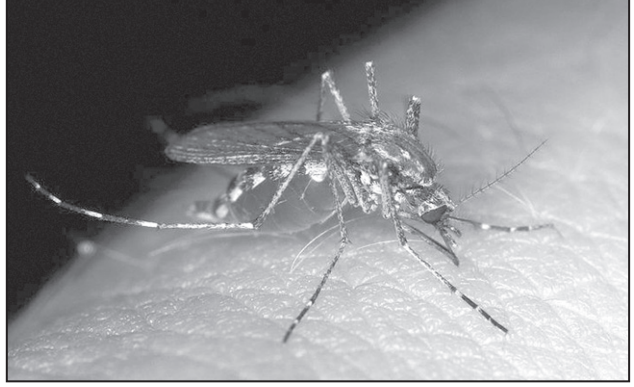
According to Jennifer Osborn, Director of Environmental Health, “This is the time of year we expect to see West Nile virus activity increase. Mosquitoes will

remain active until the first hard frost, so it is important that everyone take precautions to protect themselves from mosquitoes and the viruses they carry. In hot, dry weather, mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus breed in stagnant water and multiply rapidly. The best way to protect yourself against illness is to wear insect repellent, especially during the evening hours, and to get rid of any stagnant water around your home to reduce the number of mosquitoes.”

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of Culex mosquitoes, commonly called a house mosquito, which has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms.

In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 60 and individuals with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

Monitoring for West Nile virus includes laboratory tests for mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, and robins, as well as testing humans with West Nile vi-



rus-like symptoms. People who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, or robin should contact the health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for testing.

There are some simple precautions you can take to Fight the Bite. Precautions include practicing the three “R’s” – reduce, repel and report.

• **REDUCE** - make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut. Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, pet bowls, clogged rain gutters, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

• **REPEL** - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt, and apply an EPA-registered insect re-

pellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535 according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

• **REPORT** – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, old tires, stagnant pools, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The local health department or city government may be able to add larvicide to the water, which will kill any mosquito larvae.

A complete listing of West Nile virus statistics for LaSalle County is available on the Health Department’s web site at www.lasallecountyil.gov. A state-wide listing is available at the Illinois Department of Public Health’s web site at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/west-nile-virus/surveillance> <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm>.

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Back in time
Old photographs of classrooms of students from the Mendota area were on display at the country schoolhouse located at the fairgrounds during the Tri-County Fair held Sept. 1-5. Other displays included pictures of former teachers and an explanation about how to become a teacher. (Reporter photo)

Pollinator Trivia Night set at Franklin Creek Grist Mill

FRANKLIN GROVE – Put your pollinator knowledge to the test at Franklin Creek Conservation Association’s annual Pollinator Trivia Night. The event is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at Franklin Creek Grist Mill, 1893 Twist Road, Franklin Grove.

Work with a team of up to six to see what you really know about this important group of animals. No pollinator knowledge is needed to have fun. Earn prizes for getting the most questions correct or emerging victorious in the bonus games.

Dinner and four rounds of trivia begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$15 per student with valid ID. There will be a maximum of 50 people allowed to register.

To register or for more information, go to <https://www.franklincreekconservation.org/eveningsatthemill.html> or contact Heather at 815-456-2718.

Diaz

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She had questions.

Is Mendota a good place to raise children? What is the crime rate? How bad are taxes?

Could she get her pharmacy transferred from Florida to Illinois?

Diaz’s findings made her think the move was a wise decision and she hasn’t differed from her decision since the three-day drive from Miami to Mendota.

“Mendota is very safe. I appreciate being in a safe environment where I know I’m going to be protected,” Diaz said. “Cops are passing by all the time and they enforce the rules. I love that. I totally love that. I hope I get the opportunity to make this community even wider and cooler by utilizing some of these buildings that have so much potential.”

Diaz has visited all the Mendota businesses and establishments, Starved Rock State Park, Chicago, and neighboring suburbs with her children and fiancé, Jereme Elam.

The Mendota community has made her feel welcome and that this is the right place for Diaz to become Oprah as she plans to expand her Franchy Networking Services, create a Caribbean Restaurant, operate a hair salon, remain a pharmacy technician, open a concession stand and food truck, be a mother, and enjoy life.

“I was very surprised that Illinois is the state of corn. There is an entire three-day festival because corn is amazing,” Diaz said. “Now that I live in the state of corn, I had to represent, so I bought a Mendota Sweet Corn Festival T-Shirt. This is my first year here and I want to celebrate each and every moment.”

“People think it’s a joke that I’m always smiling. If you give people love, you’ll receive three times the love in return. There is no reason to be angry. If we can afford bananas and eggs, which is expensive, then everything will be OK. No reason to be angry.”

Entrepreneur isn’t the only word to describe Diaz. She is also humble.

While waiting to settle her empire in Mendota, Diaz is a cashier at Sullivan’s Foods.

“I was a cashier when I was in college. This is easy work. It’s a side gig for residual income and some pocket cash while I’m getting things started,” Diaz said. “No one likes a sad or angry cashier, so like everything else I do in life, I try to make people smile and know that I care. I’m here to bring smiles.”

“I’m now an Illinoisian. I’m a Mendotan.”

Market

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really lively and colorful down here every Saturday morning, especially when we’re standing in front of the blight of a lost historic structure,” Walters said. “We want everyone to know that Mendota is still alive and kicking very well. We are in peak growing season. Customers can find really good value here. You can’t find any fresher food as some of the items were picked from the garden the very same Saturday morning.”

“A lot of our vendors sell out of their homes or they have home stores. The farmer’s market is exceptional because it brings in a lot of visitors from in town and out of town (15-mile radius), which gets the word out about their product. It also helps the town of Mendota because after customers visit the market, they’ll spend money at other shops or businesses in town. The market gives a lot of exposure to the vendors and the community.”

The farmer’s market gave Jessica Dykstra an opportunity to meet the community.

Dykstra, her husband Alan, and their two sons (Michael, 7, and Gabriel, 4) moved to Mendota two years ago from Thomson, where they could see Iowa from their backyard.

Without knowing a single soul in Mendota, the market presented a perfect opportunity for Dykstra.

“The farmer’s market has been a huge success in

terms of selling my teas and for meeting new friends. It’s been great to get support,” said Dykstra, who moved to Mendota when Alan went from farming in Thomson to working for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at Starved Rock State Park. “People like the teas and I get a lot of repeat customers.”

“On the community end, I don’t know if I’d still want to be here if I didn’t have the farmer’s market. It’s been a great way to make friends and get connections other places. My family got involved in the Waltham Curling Club and I got involved in the Mendota Rotary Club through the farmer’s market. The Mendota Farmer’s Market has really been the catalyst of us feeling at home.”

Paul and Lisa Salander have been on Main Street every Saturday for the last 17 years.

They always offer sweet corn, potatoes, string beans, tomatoes, and peppers. However, if a customer asks for another item, Paul will say, “I’m open to grow anything.”

He’s grown melons – some good and some bad – strawberries in the spring and raspberries in July.

“Personally, I’ve always liked growing things. At least this way, I can get compensated for my time,” said Paul Salander, who has always lived in the Mendota area and currently resides in a home by Triumph with a Mendota address. “I haven’t looked really close at

produce lately, but I think generally speaking, you get more bang for the buck at the farmer’s market.”

“It’s become a labor of love. It’s not that I’m looking to make a living with it. I enjoy doing it. I enjoy seeing the people, especially when you have regulars and you get to know them. When you can form a relationship with your customer, that’s when it’s fun.”

“I think if I would have won the billion-dollar lottery a month or so ago, I would still be at the farmer’s market. It’s just fun to be there on Saturday morning.”

Walters believes the meet and greet type of atmosphere the Mendota Farmer’s Market presents to Dykstra, Salander, and all vendors is a large part of the market’s worth to the community.

Saturday’s from June to October bring people together and help people find valuable items created locally.

“We are thankful for the Mendota Police Department, Mendota officials, the Mendota Fire Department, and the streets and water department for helping us set up. We really appreciate their support,” said Walters. “Everyone is given credit for the Mendota Farmer’s Market.”

If you’re a creator or a grower and would like to become a vendor at the farmer’s market, contact Walters at (815) 252-9605, or message the Mendota Farmers Market Facebook page.

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An opportunity to succeed

By Scott Reeder

When I first met my wife 21 years ago, her mother wasn't so sure about me.

After all, I was a decade older than her daughter and we were engaged to be married within five weeks of meeting. So, she tried to come up with things that might scare me off.

"Has Joan mentioned that she has \$85,000 in student loan debt?" she said to me one day. I replied, "Yes, she has; I still want to marry her."

For those economists reading this column, that's \$142,000 in today's dollars. Add interest paid on top of that and you are talking about really big bucks.

But the debt is now paid off.

And now we have three daughters who will soon be leaving for college themselves.

President Joe Biden's recent announcement that he will unilaterally forgive \$500 billion in student loan debt sounds magnanimous until you figure out it really means folks who either didn't go to college or who have already paid for college will end up footing the bill for someone else's college education.

After all, these are federal loans that are underwritten by the American taxpayer.

The predicament we are now in is not all that different than the housing crisis in 2008.

Back then bank presidents were giving loans to homebuyers who would not likely be able to pay the loan off. Why would a banker do such a thing? Because they could immediately sell off those loans to the federally sponsored organizations Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and leave the taxpayers on the hook if the borrower defaulted.

University presidents are doing the same thing today. They are admitting students into degree programs where there is little chance individuals will earn enough to pay for the cost of their education.

Why would a college president do this? Because students are able to borrow federally backed student loans, and if they can't pay it back, again, the taxpayer is responsible.

The current student loan system contributes to the tuition hyper-inflation we are now experiencing in higher education.

Colleges raise tuition because they know students will cover the cost with borrowed money. Students borrow more money because tuition has been raised. And the self-perpetuating cycle continues.

The interesting thing about this cycle is where the money is going.

"The student/professor ratio has remained unchanged over the years," Antony Davies, a professor of economics at Duquesne University told me a couple years ago. "The growth we have seen is in the area of administrative overhead. More and more people are being hired to do things like make sure the university is complying with government regulations. They have no direct contact with students." Now President Biden says the debt should be forgiven.

This is a reverse Robin Hood program. It is disproportionately benefitting wealthier households at the expense of others. More significantly it does nothing to solve the underlying problem of the cost of education.

The Washington Post noted in an Aug. 24 editorial, "Widely canceling student loan debt is regressive. It takes money from the broader tax base, mostly made up of workers who did not go to college, to subsidize the education debt of people with valuable degrees. Though Mr. Biden's plan includes an income cap, the threshold does not reflect need or earnings potential, meaning white-collar professionals with high future salaries stand to benefit. Student loans, moreover, are a poor proxy for household income: An analysis by policy researcher Jason D. Delisle found that, in 2016, students from high-income and low-income families were just as likely to take on debt for their first year in an undergraduate program -- and students from high-income families borrowed the largest amounts."

So how do we reform the system? The most obvious way is to have student loans underwritten by the college the student is attending rather than the federal government. This would force university administrators to ask tough questions like can someone earning an art degree pay off a \$100,000 debt?

Another option would be for the government to treat colleges the way Biden wants to deal with big pharmaceutical corporations. Since taxpayers foot the bill for medicine purchased through Medicare, he wants to use that clout to negotiate down the price of prescriptions for all of us. Good for him.

But he ought to be doing the same with colleges and universities. If they want their students to be eligible for federally backed student loans and grants, they need to lower the cost of a college education.

In the 1970s, 25 percent of high school graduates between 18 and 25 attended college. Today that number is 50 percent. But don't fool yourself. Kids are not twice as smart as they were back then.

Instead, we are putting more and more people on the path toward credential seeking. Some people even make the mistake of confusing learning with credential seeking.

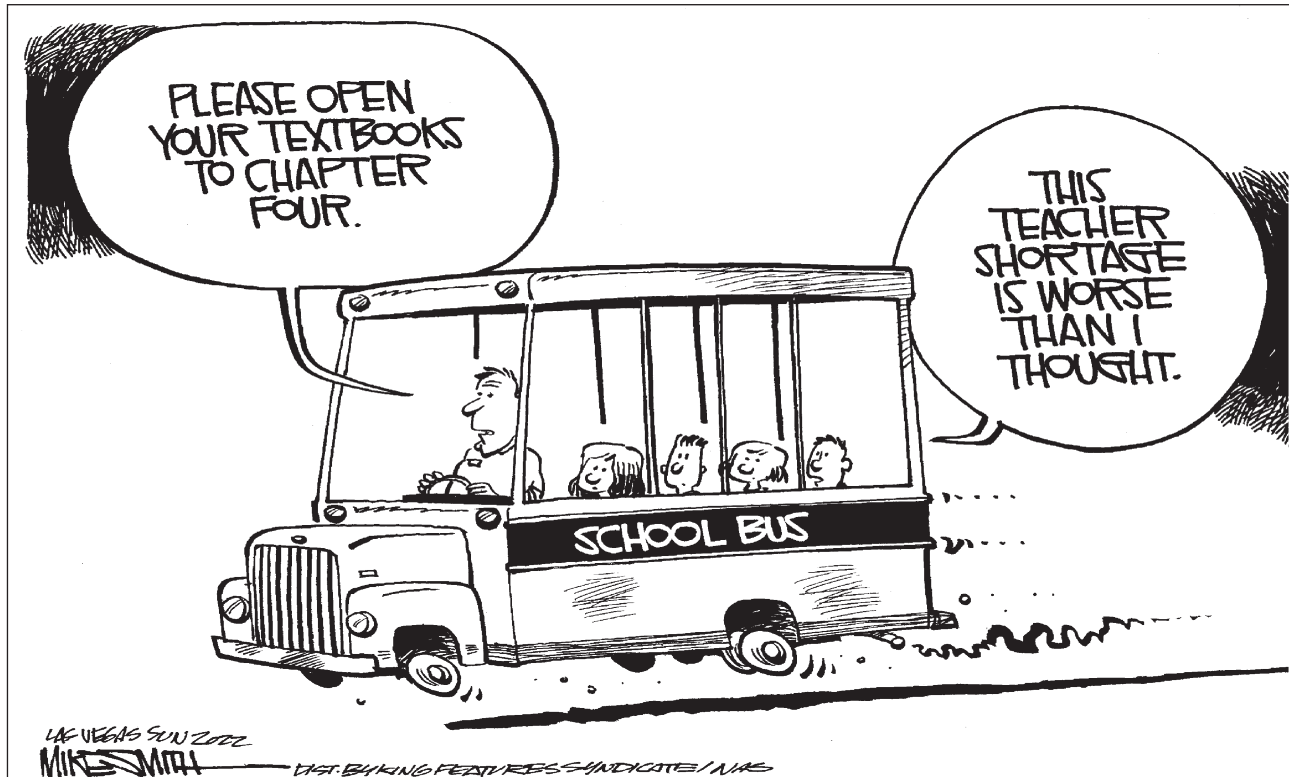
When my dad taught me carpentry and concrete masonry skills as a teenager, that was just as much a learning experience as sitting in a classroom and memorizing the periodic table. But there are some highfalutin folks who don't think much of such learning experiences. To them, education only counts if it comes with a degree (and a price tag) attached.

Trade unions, employers and others offer excellent training opportunities that don't require the assumption of debt. Some of the best journalists I've worked with never attended college. They started at small weeklies and worked their way up.

When a plumber comes to my house, it doesn't matter to me if the person attended college. And yet they are paid well and their work is critical to society.

College isn't for everybody. But opportunities to succeed should be available for everyone.

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



Tri-County Fair broke records – 1986

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Sept. 4, 1996.)

By Jessica Nashold

The 1986 Tri-County Fair set new attendance records. Farm implement and car dealers had exhibits for the first time in several years. Harness racing attracted 140 entries and crowds of 1,500 in the grandstand on three consecutive days. Lee Greenwood, a country music star, and his six-man band performed before 2,500 on Saturday night.

One board member credited the "many volunteers" for making the fair a success.

It was they who built the stage cover, took entries in the floral halls and livestock tents, and worked in the beer tent.

An exhibit of antique tractors included a 1919 Fordson (the oldest) owned by Kaiser Implement, a 1920 Port Huron steam engine (the largest) owned by Neal Drummer and a 4hp Sandwich (the smallest) owned by Rick Bauer. Bauer said –

Only two men are left in Mendota who can work on the old machines and make parts for them – John Tower and Bert Waller.

Chicago radio station WGN broadcast its noon show from the fairgrounds on opening day, with Max Armstrong on the microphone.

One of Gordy Erickson's shadow boxes, containing miniature rooms, earned a best of show. The boxes had been much admired by diners at Erickson's East Side and the waitresses there ignored Erickson's decision not to exhibit them. They did the entering themselves.

There were 80 entries in the demolition derby. Winner was Glenn Johnson of New Milford. Some of the Mendota competitors who survived early heats were Terry Holzner, Tom Mann, Pat Maciejewski and Paul Ramer.

The Reporter camera caught Don Dinges and Larry Henkel, armed with shotguns, as they accompanied the Farmers State Bank safe on a pickup truck while it was being moved from the old building in downtown Sublette to the new building on Route 52. The bank opened its new location on Sept. 8, 1986.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

In service news, it was reported that Spec/4 Scott A. Leffelman graduated from the U.S. Army air assault school at Fort Campbell, Ky. Airman Brian J. Akey graduated from the U.S. Air Force inventory management course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado. First Lt. Timothy J. Rollins was promoted to captain. He was a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, stationed in the Pentagon.

At a meeting of the Downtown Development Committee, attended by 25 property owners, it was decided to proceed with sidewalk replacement in the business district. The estimated cost was \$267,000. Financial institutions had agreed to set aside a fund from which the property owners could borrow at 9 percent with up for five years to repay loans.

The Muscular Dystrophy Telethon and other MD fundraisers brought in \$12,500 in 1986. Bernie Hoscheid of the Mendota Moose was in charge. In special events, the 5K race netted \$267. Kathy Mackin of Mendota and Dennis Summers of Leonore were winners. An auction conducted by Sonny Henry brought in \$2,438 and a pole sit drew \$2,204.

MHS athletic director Paul Kimrey learned that two coaching positions would have to be filled the following year. A new ruling required coaches to be teachers in the high school or in a school feeding students to the high school. Although state certified, Mary Stephenitch, girls' basketball coach, and Mike Wasmer, boys' basketball coach, were not employed by MHS or a feeder school. The new rule would not be enforced during the current season.

The city of Mendota and Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce indicated their intention to work together toward having Mendota declared an Enterprise

Zone. The program would be designed to stimulate economic growth.

The Mendota Zone would be from the Waldorf addition on the west edge of the city, around the southern edge of town to the Hume property on the east.

A joint council-chamber meeting for discussion was scheduled for Sept. 22, 1986.

The former Fahler garage building at 621 Sixth St. was offered at auction on Sept. 11, 1986. Owner was Lester Sondgeroth and Murray Reeser was auctioneer.

The LaSalle County Historical Society sponsored a land cruise on Sept. 7, 1986. Starting at 1 p.m., the narrated bus trip included sites of ghost towns and of the Indian Creek massacre. Jane Mills was director. The cost was \$8 per person, including refreshments.

The LaSalle County School Reorganization Committee recommended that no school consolidations be advocated in 1986. If there is "no plan," the state cannot "override."

But if a plan is submitted, the state can come in and change school boundaries.

Some thought the \$800,000 spent by the state on the Reorganization Committee "could have been used in a better way."

To prevent traffic congestion at fires, Fire Chief Paul Blumhorst suggested a plan for redirecting drivers around a fire in progress. The ESDA would be asked to assist. Blumhorst explained –

We don't mind people watching firemen battle the fire, but we don't need their vehicles blocking fire hydrants.

A report by the Illinois Valley Food Pantry at its annual meeting listed total families served during the year. Mendota families in Mendota Township – 98; Mendota families in Troy Grove Township – 42; Troy Grove families – 10; and Triumph families – 7.

Area farmers shipped 435 bales of hay to drought-stricken Georgia. Transportation was donated by a trucking firm in South Carolina.

Republicans can't run and hide on abortion

By Rich Lowry

The Republican Party only had about a half-century to prepare for the end of Roe v. Wade yet it is still scared and confused now that the late, unlamented decision is no longer with us.

It may be that the media is exaggerating the extent that the Dobbs decision has changed the trajectory of the midterms, but there is no doubt that it has energized Democrats and that pro-lifers suffered a signal defeat in a Kansas referendum in early August.

Some Republicans seem to think they can run and hide from the issue, a cowardly tack that won't work. To the extent that Republicans are vague and non-responsive, Democrats will eagerly fill in the gaps with Handmaid's Tale-level dystopian accusations of extremism.

Other Republicans apparently believe that they can act as if it is still the pre-Dobbs world when staking out maximalist positions -- for instance, bans with no exceptions for rape or incest -- had no significant downside because such proposals would never take effect. No more. Most places, this is politically deadly overreach.

The answer here is, to paraphrase Ronald Reagan, simple, if not necessarily easy. Pro-life Republicans should say that they ultimately seek sweeping protections for unborn life but realize that they have to do much more public persuasion and, in the meantime, support a compromise proposal of some sort, say a gestational limit of 15 weeks.

For pro-lifers, this falls painfully short. But it would be in keeping with the trajectory of successful past campaigns of moral and social reform -- settle for progress in the right direction, occupy politically defensible ground, and then advance over time.

Meanwhile, abortion restrictions are under assault for allegedly not providing broad and clear enough exceptions for the health of the mother. In a viral video out of South Carolina last week, a Republican state representative said he regretted voting for a heartbeat bill, banning abortion after about six weeks, after he heard an excruciating story of a 19-year-old denied care for her miscarriage.

According to Rep. Neal Collins, a doctor told him the usual standard of care would have potentially involved removing the fetus immediately. But the heartbeat bill supposedly prevented that, and the woman went home to expel the fetus on her own and assume enormous health risk.

The South Carolina law, though, like most such restrictions around the country, stipulates that the prohibition "does not apply to a physician who performs a medical procedure that, by any reasonable medical judgment, is designed or intended to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to prevent the serious risk of a substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman."

This should have been ample warrant for the young woman to get the appropriate care (and she did end up returning to the medical facility for the requisite treatment). This looks like a case of a bad reading of the law causing unnecessary medical distress and creating a horror story with considerable political resonance.

In a paper on health exceptions, the pro-life Charlotte Lozier Institute notes: "It would be prudent for state medical boards, state medical societies, state boards of pharmacy, hospital quality committees, and hospital attorneys to provide more detailed guidance to doctors on how to reach a determination that abortion is necessary. Tragically, this type of guidance appears slow in coming."

It'd also help if Democrats stopped lying about these laws, although that's not going to happen. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the other day that the Texas pro-life law will "block medical providers from providing life-saving and health-preserving care," a blatant falsehood. The Texas law has a clear life-of-the-mother exception and explicitly excludes treatment for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies from its definition of abortion.

At the moment, though, such falsehoods are carrying the day. To find their footing, Republicans will have to be courageous and shrewd, two qualities so far in short supply.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA



For years, Mendota Manufacturing & Transfer Co. was the only game in town. It was the “house of the finest lines,” including J.I. Case Threshing Machine Co., International Harvester Machinery & Trucks and New Idea implements. The 1920s were its heydays. Left to right, are John Schaller, president; Julius L. Schaller, secretary-treasurer; and Harry F. Schaller, works superintendent. Picture taken in 1924. (Photos provided by Harry D. Schaller)

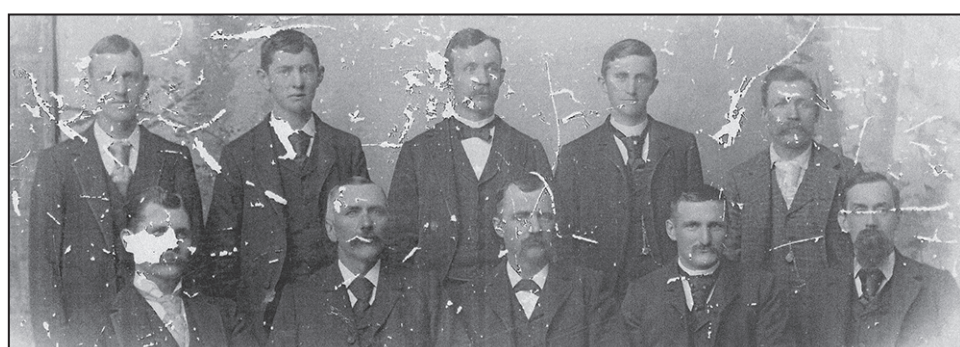
Farm implements & plumbing items were first sold at Knauer building on Main Street

MENDOTA—The Knauer building that was involved in the fire on Main Street on Aug. 22 was built circa 1890 by Louis Knauer’s father to sell farm implements and plumbing supplies.

Son Louis Knauer (1845-1919) was one of the original founders of Mendota Manufacturing & Transfer Co. He was an officer and company secretary. Around 1900, he sold his interest (stock) and went into business with his father on Main Street. The business lasted about 20 years.

Louis Knauer lived at the northeast corner of Fifth Street and 13th Avenue.

(Information provided by Harry D. Schaller)



The original officers and employees of Mendota Manufacturing & Transfer Co. (1889-1977). Front row, left to right, McMahon, Fred Billhorn (president, 1889-1924), Louis Knauer (secretary), John Schaller (treasurer) and John Ogman (foundry manager). Back row, Mike Hotzig (machinist), Ben McEvoy (mechanic), unknown, Herman Gross (inventor) and Joe Ryberg (blacksmith).



Prior to being a Case agent, Mendota Manufacturing & Transfer Co. was an agent for Gaar, Scott & Co. of Richmond, Ind. Trainload of Gaar, Scott & Co. threshing machinery on the Illinois Central railroad tracks near Main Street in Mendota. Picture taken circa 1907.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Dalzell church plans chicken dinner

DALZELL—St. Thomas More Church in Dalzell will have a chicken dinner on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The menu includes baked or fried chicken, spaghetti, salad, bread & butter, dessert, water, coffee lemonade and iced tea. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under. Carry-outs are available.

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MENDOTA—Members of the Mendota Police Department would like to remind citizens of an important safety tip. Whether your vehicle is in your garage, driveway or parked on the street, always keep it locked. Do not leave the keys in the ignition of your vehicle, even if you are only parking it for a short period of time. Do not leave purses, wallets or other valuables in your vehicle, as this attracts unwanted attention from a would-be thief. Please assist the Mendota Police Department to help keep you and your valuables safe.



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IVCC agriculture department, U of I Extension to host Crop Research Field Day on Sept. 23rd

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College Agriculture, in partnership with the University of Illinois Extension, will host a Crop Research Field Day on Friday, Sept. 23 at IVCC's agricultural research plot, 815 N. Orlando Smith Road, Oglesby. The plot serves as a land lab where students gain hands-on experience with crop production and research design. Field day topics include drone technologies, climate updates and forecasts, corn and soybean variety trials and corn rootworm demonstrations. IVCC ag instructor Willard Mott will give an overview of the many research trials conducted at IVCC and provide an update on the ag program's growth. (IVCC will share research progress and report data to the public at the conclusion of the

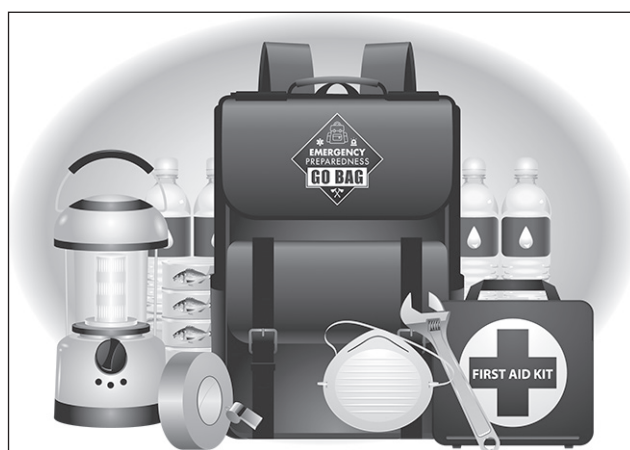
growing season.) University of Illinois Extension Digital Agriculture Specialist Dennis Bowman will demonstrate several drone technologies while Illinois State Climatologist Trent Ford will review the 2022 growing season and share a forecast for the fall and spring. Additional speakers include Dr. Nick Seiter (Extension Entomologist), Phillip Alberti (Commercial Agriculture Educator), and representatives from various seed and equipment providers who will discuss the variety and plant population trials being conducted at the land lab. The demonstration begins at 10 a.m. and concludes by 12:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend to learn about IVCC's program as well as hear from extension specialists on soybean insect, weed, disease and production issues.

Lunch and networking opportunities will be available following the program. The demonstration is free; register by Sept. 21 to enjoy lunch provided by IVCC ag. Register online at go.illinois.edu/ivccfieldday22 or call the Extension at (815) 224-0889. For information, contact Alberti at palberti@illinois.edu. The mission of University of Illinois Extension is to provide practical education you can trust to help people, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future. The Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. Visit its website at https://extension.illinois.edu/blmp. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please indicate when registering or call the Extension.

September is National Preparedness Month

CHICAGO — September is National Preparedness Month, and FEMA Region 5 in Chicago encourages everyone to take the steps to prepare for disasters and create a lasting legacy for future generations. "Prioritizing personal readiness and the things you value should be part of any plan to take care of your loved ones now and in the years ahead," said Tom Sivak, regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "Protecting your legacy doesn't need to be difficult or expensive. Start with simple steps and include each member of your household, so everyone has a part in safeguarding the future." **Lower- or No-Cost Disaster Preparedness Tips**

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may face and what to consider when planning for them.

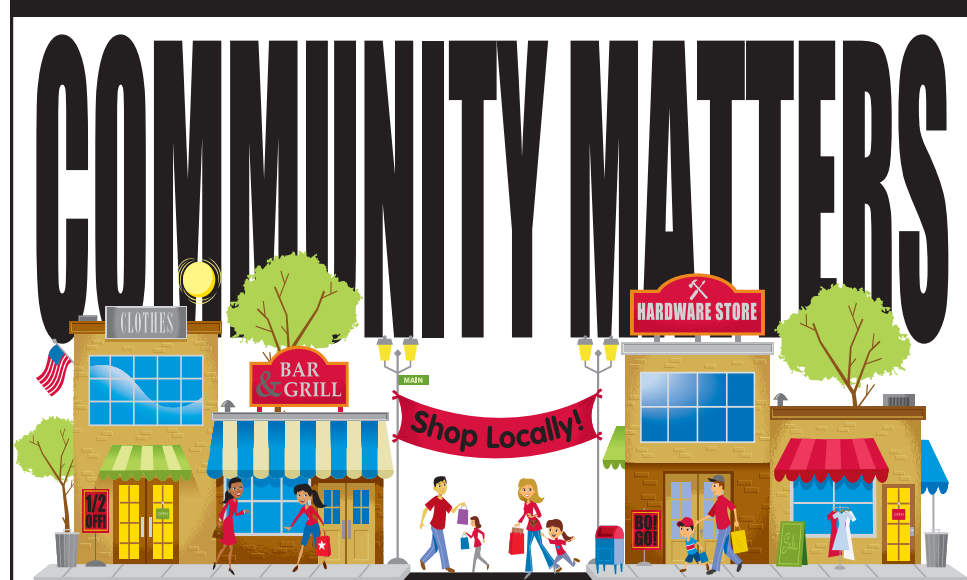
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- Sign up for free emergency alerts in your area to receive life-saving information from your state and local municipality.

- Verify your home is fully insured for the disaster risks in your area. Talk to your insurance agent to ensure there are no gaps in your coverage, but also remember you should shop around to get the best rate. Ask about discounts that may be available and consider increasing the deductibles to reduce

your premiums.

- Make sure everyone in the house knows how to turn off the electricity, gas and water in case of emergency.
- Store important documents and information in a safe place. Items like passports, birth certificates, maps and electronics should be put in a flood-safe place like a high shelf or upper floor in resealable, water-tight plastic bags to help waterproof them. Store important documents like insurance policies digitally. Make sure you put important phone numbers somewhere besides just your cell phone.
- Build your emergency supply kit over time. Start with items you may already have in your home, like a flashlight, extra batteries, copies of important documents, water and non-perishable food. When you go to the grocery store, pick up an extra item each time that you use regularly, especially if it's on sale! Community food banks are a potential resource for food-insecure families to stock their emergency supply kits. Also consider battery-free supplies, like wind-up flashlights and weather radios, and it's a good idea to have an external phone charger at the ready in case of a power outage. For detailed information about how to be ready for the emergencies you may be at risk for visit Ready.gov or our Spanish site at Listo.gov. Learn more about National Preparedness Month by visiting Ready.gov/September.

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8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 10
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POLICE BLOTTER

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William A. Downey, 33, of Marseilles, was arrested on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/resisting a peace officer, a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/possession of drug paraphernalia and a valid Grundy County warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court at 1:41 a.m. Aug. 31. Also, Downey was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at First Avenue and Third Street. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

TWO CHARGES
Merlin B. Stockton, 60, of 1404 Division St., Mendota, was charged with criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct at 12:47 p.m. Aug. 31. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.



Old relics

Old phonographs were on display in the floral hall at the Tri-County Fair held Sept. 1-5 in Mendota. Nighttime grandstand entertainment included truck & tractor pulls, Mega Cross racing, John King country music concert and the grand finale, the always-popular demolition derby on Labor Day. (Reporter photo)

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SPORTS



Mendota's Jasiel Watson (No. 10) draws the Orion goalie away from the net as he attempts a shot on goal on Sept. 2 at the MHS field. Watson scored four goals in the Trojans' 7-0 win. (Reporter photo)

MHS soccer team rolls to 9-0 record

MENDOTA – Mendota cruised to an 8-0 triumph over Riverdale in varsity boys' soccer action on Aug. 30 at the MHS field. Rafael Romero paced the attack with three goals, while

Johnathan Cortez added a pair of tallies. Jasiel Watson (one goal, one assist), Ramiro Palacios (one goal), Izaiah Nanez (one goal, one assist) and Iker Landerso (one assist) also aided in the victory.

The Trojans pulled away in the second half and blanked Orion, 7-0, on Sept. 2 at the MHS field. Mendota held a 2-0 halftime advantage. Watson led the way with

four goals, while Johan Cortez drilled home a pair of goals. Sebastian Carlos had the other tally. Nanez picked up an assist. Martin Murillo was between the pipes for Mendota (9-0).

Three Rivers East Division Football Standings		
	TR	OA
St. Bede	0-0	2-0
Princeton	0-0	2-0
Mendota	0-0	1-1
Hall	0-0	1-1
Kewanee	0-0	1-1
Sterling Newman	0-0	1-1
Bureau Valley	0-0	1-1

Thursday, Sept. 2
Princeton 60, Orion 20

Friday, Sept. 3
Mendota 2, Riverdale 0 (for)
Kewanee 16, Morrison 14
Bureau Valley 20, Sherrard 14
St. Bede 41, Erie-P. 20
Hall 34, Monmouth-R. 24
Rockridge 33, Newman 8

Friday, Sept. 9
Mendota at Bureau Valley
Kewanee at St. Bede
Hall at Princeton
Sterling Newman at Orion



Mendota's Isaac Guzman goes toe-to-toe with an Orion player as they battle for control of the ball on Sept. 2 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

MHS's Kelson earns medal in Oregon Open

Members of the Mendota cross country team traveled to Ottawa's home course at Catlin Park on Aug. 30 to compete against runners from Seneca, Hall, Marquette and the host school. The 3-mile girls' race featured 40 runners and was won by Seneca's Evelyn O'Connor (20:04), followed by teammate Ashley Alsvig (21:08) and Ottawa's Grace Carroll 22:05). Competing for the Lady Trojans were Val Valdes (34:42, 35th) and Anna Valdes (34:50, 36th). Seneca's 23 points took top honors, followed by Ottawa with 38 and Marquette with 74. In the varsity boys' event, Austin Aldridge of Seneca completed the

3-mile course in 17:50, followed by Mendota's Anthony Kelson (18:35), and Seneca's Chris Poyner (18:57). Finishing in the top quarter of the field for Mendota was Dagen Setchell (21:01, 7th). Other Trojan competitors were Travis Mumm (23:55, 22nd), Carlos Olivas (24:59, 23rd), Harlan Gallagher (25:28, 24th) and Spencer Kain (25:32, 25th). Team totals had Seneca first with 31, followed by Ottawa (38) and Mendota (63).

MHS runners joined 28 Northern Illinois schools in the Oregon Open on Sept. 3. There were 110 runners in girls' varsity race. Winnebago teammates

Marissa Roggensack (19:53), Kaylee Woolery (20:10) and Grace Erb (20:22) took the top three places. Mendota was represented by Anna Valdes (33:02) and Val Valdes (33:23). The varsity boys' event included 138 harriers, with the top three spots earned by Riverdale's Tommy Murray (16:18), Weston Forward of Rockford Christian (16:30) and Landis Musser of Riverdale (16:41). Kelson medaled for Mendota with a time of 17:41, earning him 11th place. Other Mendota finishes were Kody Chase (20:41, 81st), Setchell (20:43, 82nd), Gallagher (23:40, 112th), Mumm (23:58, 115th), Olivas (24:49, 119th) and Kain (25:41, 126th).



Mendota soccer player Johnathan Cortez has the advantage to the ball over an Orion player during the two teams' battle on Sept. 2 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Olsen memorial 5K run/walk scheduled for Sept. 11

MENDOTA – The seventh annual 5K Color Run/Walk Memorial for Aaron Olsen will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. The event starts and ends at the Mendota High School baseball field. The course takes participants around Lake Kakusha and Lake Mendota.

Race-day registration is from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and there is no guarantee of a T-shirt. For more information, contact Sue Olsen at 815-993-7378 or email alocol-orrund@gmail.com or Brian Faber at 815-878-7197 or email bofab38@yahoo.com.

Proceeds from the event are used for the Aaron Olsen Memorial Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is given each year to a student who has maintained academic excellence and participated in Aaron's favorite high school sport, baseball.

Spikers drop TRAC opener; post one win in Oregon Tournament

The Mendota Spikers dropped their Three Rivers Conference opener to Bureau Valley, 25-13, 25-17, on Aug. 30 at Manlius. Karsyn Klatt, Reanna Brant and Laylie Denault led the squad with two kills apiece. Madelyn Becker supplied nine digs and two assists, while Lily Leifheit and Ryleigh Sondgeroth added six digs apiece, and Katie Jenner had two assists.

Mendota managed just one win in five matches in the Oregon Tournament on Sept. 2-3. The Spikers split two matches on the opening day of the tournament. They dropped a 25-18-25-10 decision to Durand. Jenner had five kills and 11 assists, while Leifheit had 10 digs. Mendota's win came against Illinois Math & Science Academy, 25-9, 25-14. Denault and Brant had nine and seven kills, respectively. Sondgeroth posted three ace serves and 10 digs, while Leifheit and Jenner had 11 and 10 digs, respectively. Becker topped the team with 11 assists. On day two, Mendota opened with a 25-12, 25-10 setback to Dakota. Brant led with four kills, Jenner had 5 digs and four assists, and Becker added four assists. Erie-Prophetstown downed the Spikers 25-17, 25-18. Brant recorded three kills, Jenner provided nine digs and Becker supplied four assists. The tournament concluded with Pearl City besting the Spikers 25-4, 17-25, 18-16. Leifheit collected three aces and 16 digs, Klatt had seven kills, Becker posted three aces and Jenner had eight assists. Mendota has a 2-5 record.

MHS netters rule over 2 opponents

Girls dominate Kewanee, Sterling

The Mendota girls' tennis team journeyed to Kewanee and shutout the home team, 5-0, on Aug. 30. MHS singles wins went to Ella Lewis and Natalia Salinas. Teaming up for doubles victories were Alexis Finley-Talya Schwaegerman, Isabelle Escatel-Mariah Figueroa and Karli Miars-Julia Krueger.
Aug. 30
Mendota 5, Kewanee 0
Singles: No. 1 – Ella Lewis (M) def. Martinez (K), 4-6, 6-1 (10-8); No. 2 – Natalia Salinas (M) def. Sanchez (K), 4-6, 6-2 (10-3)
Doubles: No. 1 – Alexis Finley-Talya Schwaegerman (M) def. Maxon-Washburn (K), 6-2, 6-1; No. 2 – Isabelle Escatel-Mariah Figueroa (M) def. DeRycke-Minton (K), 6-2, 7-5; No. 3 – Karli Miars-Julia Krueger (M) def. Lang-Espinoza (K), 6-4, 4-1

The Lady Trojans played on their home courts for the first time this season and came away with a 4-1 decision over Sterling. Salinas was a winner in singles action, while Mendota swept all three doubles matches. Teaming up were Finley-Schwaegerman, Escatel-Figueroa and Miars-Krueger.
Sept. 1
Mendota 4, Sterling 1
Singles: No. 1 – Aitken (S) def. Lewis (M), 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 – Salinas (M) def. Morris (S), 6-2, 6-4
Doubles: No. 1 – Finley-Schwaegerman (M) def. Tablante-Dillon (S), 7-5, 1-6 (10-5); No. 2 – Escatel-Figueroa (M) def. Dunn-Hutchinson (S), 6-4, 3-6 (10-6); No. 3 – Miars-Krueger (M) def. Moran-Calderon (S), 6-0, 6-1

Next for the Trojans
Opponent: Friday, Sept. 9 at Bureau Valley. Kickoff at 7 p.m.
Last year: The Trojans rolled to a 42-22 win over the Storm as they piled up 426 total yards on offense and held Bureau Valley to 234. Uzi Angulo rushed for 115 yards and Ted Landgraf passed for 179.
Last week: Bureau Valley (1-1) rallied from a 14-0 deficit to beat Sherrard, 20-14.

Trojan golfers remain on torrid pace; top Rock Falls, 2 league opponents

Mendota's golfers kept up their fine play by turning back Rock Falls, 165-174, in a dual meet on Aug. 31 at Rock Falls. Trojan teammates Clay Buffington and Owen Aughenbaugh shared the meet medalist honors with Carter Dillon of Rock Falls. All three players fired a round of 40. Not far off the pace were MHS's Drake Dennis at 42, Dominik Stamberger at 43 and Cale Strouss with a 44. Brody Hartt (50) completed the Trojan lineup. Mendota also claimed the junior varsity match, 174-204. Mendota's Braden McPheeters and Evan McPheeters were medalists with

43s, along with Jayce Eriks of Rock Falls. Also competing for the Trojans were Dane Doyle (44), Jace Baird (40), Grady Jones (46) and Jack Mikolasek (51).

Mendota chalked up two more wins with a triangular triumph at Orion on Sept. 1. The Trojans shot a 176 to edge Newman by one stroke. Orion checked in with a 193. Aughenbaugh picked up meet medalist honors with a 39. Strouss was next with a 45, while Buffington and Stamberger both had 46s. Hartt (48) and Dennis (51) also competed for the Trojans.

Riverdale holds off F-S gridders, 27-20

PORT BYRON – A fourth-quarter comeback attempt fell short for the Mendota freshman-sophomore football team as it dropped a 27-20 decision to Riverdale on Sept. 5 at Port Byron. Riverdale grabbed a quick 13-0 lead after the opening stanza before the Trojans got on the board at the 6:04 mark of the second period when Giovanni McIntosh gathered in a 12-yard touchdown pass from Aden Tillman. The two-point run attempt was no good.

The Rams managed to answer Mendota's tally with a 34-yard TD run less than minute later, and the home team held a 20-6 halftime advantage. Both teams went scoreless in the third quarter. Riverdale made 27-6 on a 17-yard touchdown run early in the fourth frame before the Trojans scored the final two TDs. Keegan Beetz ran the ensuing kickoff back 74 yards for the Trojans, followed by a Tillman two-point run, and then Stewart raced into the

end zone from 11 yards out with 2:22 left in the game. The two-point run came up short. Mendota (0-2) out-gained Riverdale on offense, 209-201. The Trojans rushed for 150 yards and passed for 59. Tillman picked up 72 yards on the ground in nine attempts, Corbin Furar had 36 yards in 10 tries and Stewart gained 35 yards in 14 totes. Tillman completed 7 of 10 passes, with Gavin Evans gathering in four passes for 35 yards.

LOCAL AND AREA

Renovations on state Capitol in Springfield are underway

Price tag for north wing renovation is \$224 million

By **BETH HUNDSORFER**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Renovations are underway on the north wing of the Illinois Capitol.

Plans include the construction of an underground parking garage, elimination of the circle drive on the north side of the Capitol and the addition of a new entry that improves access and security.

"We are very fortunate that we have a statehouse to be proud of. There are other states that have statehouses that look like a high-rise that you would see in Chicago, so we want to take care of a historic building and, unfortunately, the older buildings are the ones that need the most work," said Andrea Aggertt, director of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol.

The scheduled renovations carry a total price tag of \$224 million already appropriated by the Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan. The Illinois Senate will convene in the Howlett Auditorium after the 2022 spring session and will continue meeting there until January 2025 when renovations are scheduled to be completed.

The plans for the renovations include:

- Updated new stairs to allow for emergency exits directly outdoors.
- New fire alarms, sprinklers and lighting.
- Accessible bathrooms, entryways, door hardware.
- Modernized mechanical, electrical, and heating and ventilation systems.

The purpose of the renovation is to address safety

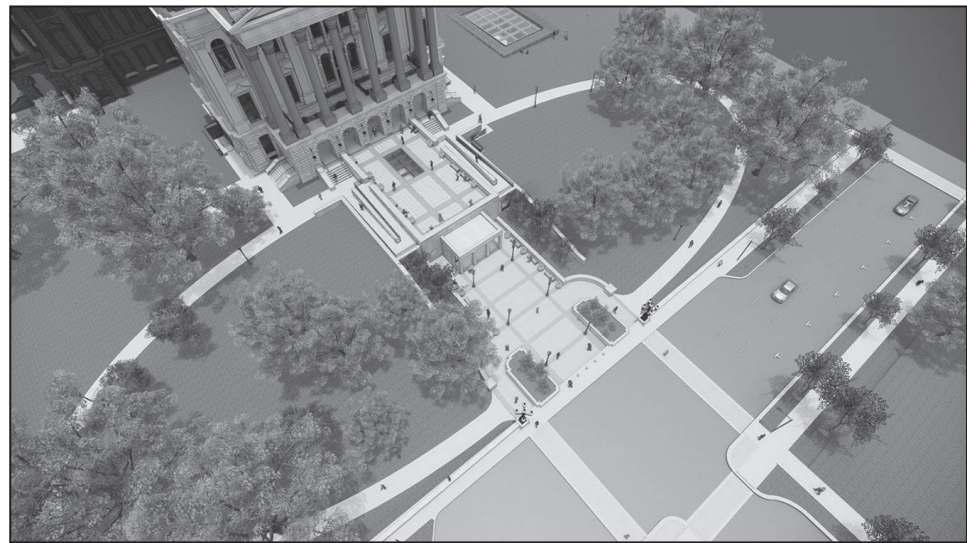
and security concerns, but also to return the historic architectural detail to the Capitol.

The restoration will also return some the history to the building that was completed in 1876 at a cost of \$4.5 million, removing recessed ceilings, non-historic millwork and mezzanines from the north wing.

Construction for the underground parking garage will begin in coming weeks.

The goal of the renovation is to improve security by removing vehicles from close proximity to the building, creating a visitor screen area on the outside of the Capitol structure and installing electronic locking and lockdown capability and duress buttons.

Plans also include an underground conference and



An aerial view of a renovated north entrance to the Illinois Capitol is shown in this artist's rendering. The new entry, part of \$224 million of scheduled renovations, will provide more access and security, according to the Office of the Architect of the Capitol.

meeting room area.

Currently, there is one handicapped accessible entrance to the Capitol.

In 2011, the west wing

of the Capitol underwent a two-year, \$50 million renovation. The renovation met with scrutiny when the price for three mahogany

doors clad in copper was revealed --- \$700,000. The original doors were replaced in the 1970s with glass and aluminum doors.

Where are the AUCTIONS?

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo
HOLLYWOOD -- Despite Johnny Depp's validation after the scandalous trial against his former wife, Amber Heard, Hollywood still considers him untouchable. Disney's considering reversing their decision on completing the upcoming "Pirates of the Caribbean" sequel without him. Depp's had a hard time finding work, so he went to Europe to play King Louis XV in the French film "La Favorite" (set for a theatrical release next year). He's planning to re-brand himself with a return to directing after 25 years, with "Modigliani," about the Italian-born painter and sculptor Amedeo Modigliani. A previous film on Modigliani starring Andy Garcia was made in 2004, and it cost \$208,507, but only grossed \$1.42 million. Depp said, "Modigliani's saga is one I'm incredibly honored to bring to the screen." He does have an insurance policy -- one of his producers is Al Pacino.

In a return to classic gang-

ster films like "Goodfellas" (1990) and, more recently, "The Irishman" (2019), Robert DeNiro has enlisted the talents of several men to write the screenplay for his upcoming film: "Rain Man" director Barry Levinson; "Rocky" franchise producer Irwin Winkler; and Nicholas Pileggi, the 89-year-old author of 1985's "Wiseguy: Life in a Mafia Family" (on which "Goodfellas" was based). The film's about two real-life crime bosses, Vito Genovese and Frank Costello. DeNiro's cast a great actor to be his co-star ... himself! He'll be playing both crime bosses!

If you haven't already heard of Simu Liu, the handsome 33-year-old Canadian actor who starred in "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" (2021), you definitely will now. Needless to say, the actor's in great demand, and has already completed his role in "Barbie," opposite Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling (due next year). He also has the upcoming adventure film "Arthur the

King," second-billed after Mark Wahlberg, as well as the romance film "One True Loves." In addition, the sequel to "The Legend of the Ten Rings" is in its development stages, so his future is looking bright.

Remember when Disney was so squeaky clean, their films could be shown anywhere? Well, this will blow you away. Both "Thor: Love and Thunder" and the animated "Lightyear" have been banned from theaters in Malaysia. Their censorship board asked for cuts to these films, explaining, "We're committed to curtailing the spread of LGBT culture in our country." They added, "We are frustrated our powers are limited and don't cover streaming services like TikTok and Netflix." Disney refused to make any cuts, and in fact, "Lightyear" is already on Malaysian televisions via Disney's streaming service located there called Hotstar. It's so goofy that their judgment is so dwarfed!
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Couch Theater

"Pinocchio" (PG) -- The new live-action retelling of the Disney classic "Pinocchio" has a timely release right on Disney+ Day, which Disney deemed Sept. 8. Tom Hanks stars in this film as Geppetto, an Italian wood-carver who built a puppet named Pinocchio and cared for him as if he were his own son. Pinocchio gets brought to life by the Blue Fairy, much to Geppetto's great joy, but Pinocchio longs for more -- he wishes to become a real boy. The Blue Fairy promises to grant him his wish only if he remains brave, truthful and selfless, a feat that isn't as easy as it seems, especially when Pinocchio embarks upon a journey to the magical place of Pleasure Island where no one's around to enforce the rules. (Disney+)

"Aline" (PG-13) -- Inspired by the life story of legendary Canadian singer Celine Dion, this musical-drama film explores her life like never before, beginning with her early childhood years leading up to

her rise to stardom. A young Aline, who is the fictionalized version of Dion, first achieves success as a young artist under her manager Guy-Klaude, but due to her age, Guy-Klaude advises Aline to wait until she fully matures into an adult before committing to the fame. This decision, no doubt, comes to be a definitive and positive turning point for the singer, both personally and professionally, as she eventually evolves become the angelic singer many people know and love. Premieres Sept. 9. (Prime Video)

"Tell Me Lies" (NR) -- This new thriller-drama series being released on Hulu is based off of Carola Lovering's book of the same name. Grace Van Patten stars as Lucy, a freshman in college who falls for an upperclassman named Stephen, a charming and mysterious man who's able to pierce through Lucy's tough, icy surface. Lucy and Stephen commence a steamy love affair, which turns eerie quickly, as a chain of events

begin to unfold that slowly erodes Lucy's once-sturdy trust in Stephen. Executively produced by Emma Roberts, this series premieres Sept. 7, with episodes releasing weekly every Wednesday. (Hulu)

"I Came By" (TV-MA) -- This week's action film stand-out stars George Mackay ("1917"), Kelly Macdonald ("Boardwalk Empire") and Hugh Bonneville ("Downton Abbey"). Mackay portrays a 23-year-old graffiti artist, known for being part of the movement of street artists who enter the homes of the privileged and rich in their city and write "I Came By" onto their walls. When the graffiti artist decides to tag the home of a well-respected judge (Bonneville) in the area without his usual partner, he is haunted by a dark secret of the judge's that he never intended to learn. Unable to give up the fight, he finds himself in a dangerous game with a judge with great power and rage. Out now! (Netflix)

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson
Q: Is the TV series "Big Sky" coming back this fall, or next year? I can't keep track of all my favorite shows, since they don't all start during the fall TV season. -- **L.Y.**



K. Bunbury

A: Yes, "Big Sky" will return to ABC on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 10 p.m. ET. With each season having a separate storyline, there will also be an expanded title this season -- "Big Sky: Deadly Trails." Constance Zimmer is expected, but not confirmed, to be returning, since last season's story left viewers hanging. According to PrecinctTV.com, Zimmer isn't a series regular and is quite busy, so "this could lead to her not being available to film 'Big Sky' season three." However, I can confirm several big stars who are joining the show this season on a contract basis. Jensen Ackles ("Supernatural") debuted as Beau Arlen at the end of season two, but will be back, along with Jamie-Lynn Sigler ("The Sopranos"). Singer/actress Reba McEntire will play Sunny Bricker, the owner of a "glamping" business whose

customers disappear. Her real-life beau, Rex Linn ("Better Call Saul"), will play opposite her as Sunny's husband, Buck. Rosanna Arquette ("Pulp Fiction") has also signed on to play a con-artist mom.

Despite the show's main plot changing each season, the two main characters, Jenny Hoyt (Katheryn Winnick) and Cassie Dewell (Kylie Bunbury), will continue as the prime investigators.

Q: I saw a preview for a new movie starring Jon Hamm, with the name "Fletcher" in it. Is it a remake of the Chevy Chase film of the same name from years ago? -- **J.G.**
A: "Confess, Fletcher," the upcoming movie directed by Greg Mottola, is not a remake of 1985's "Fletcher" or its sequel, "Fletcher Lives," but it is the same character originally portrayed by Chase. In the 2022 version, Fletcher, as played by Jon Hamm, is a semi-retired investigative journalist who finds himself accused of a string of murders. Hamm's "Mad Men" co-star, John Slattery, also stars in the movie as Fletcher's newspaper editor. According to Mottola, the two characters have a love-hate relationship. Even before Chase

stepped into Fletcher's shoes decades ago, the character was originally conceived by author Gregory McDonald in a series of books. His novel "Confess, Fletcher" was actually published in 1976. The new film is based closer to the character from the books, rather than Chase's portrayal, as Hamm didn't want to just mimic the legendary comedic actor's mannerisms.

Look for "Confess, Fletcher" in theaters and on-demand beginning Sept. 16.

Q: Where has Joe Pesci been? I haven't seen him since "Goodfellas" and "Casino." -- **H.V.**
A: The 79-year-old actor has taken a hiatus from acting every now and again in recent years, but his career is on the upswing once more. He even teamed up with director Martin Scorsese in the 2019 Oscar-nominated film "The Irishman." Next, Pesci will play Pete Davidson's ("Saturday Night Live") grandfather in the new series "Bupkis" on Peacock. It's loosely based on Davidson's life, and will also star Edie Falco ("Nurse Jackie") as Davidson's mom.

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

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne
* Swimmers sweat underwater.
* Shout out to "The Wizard of Oz": Dominic Wilcox designed "No Place Like Home" shoes containing a small GPS unit that can be programmed with a home address. How is it activated? By clicking your heels together three times, of course! A series of LED lights on top of the left shoe will then point you in the direction of home.
* The average person spends 38.5 days brushing their teeth.
* In 1775, a 78-year-old Massachusetts farmer named Samuel Whittemore fired at British soldiers and killed three. Out of ammo, he drew his sword to continue fighting and was shot in the face, bayoneted multiple times, and left for dead. But those pesky Brits had nothing on Whittemore: He was found, was patched up, and lived another 18 years.
* Studies show that about 85% of people breathe out of just one of their nostrils at a time.
* The auto industry used sperm whale oil as an ingredient in automatic transmission fluid until 1973, when Congress passed the Endangered Species Act and banned it.
* More than 40 buildings in New York City, including the General Motors and Empire State buildings, have their own zip code.
* In 2013, a petition requesting that the U.S. government build a Death Star reached 25,000 signatures, the amount required for an official response. That hopeful effort proved to be in vain, however, when the government replied that "the Administration does not support blowing up planets."

* Research found that some neighborhoods containing more dogs had lower levels of crime, likely because of their residents' need to walk or at least let out their canines at all hours.
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Trivia Test

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country in the world without an official capital city?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which Chinese zodiac animal is celebrated in the year 2022?
3. BUSINESS: When did the auction site eBay launch?
4. HISTORY: How many years has Queen Elizabeth been on the throne?
5. MOVIES: Who played Wolverine in the X-Men movie series?
6. U.S. STATES: Which state's motto is "Mountaineers are always free"?
7. ASTRONOMY: What is the only planet in our solar system that isn't named after a Greek-Roman deity?
8. MYTHOLOGY: Which Egyptian god has the head of a jackal?
9. TELEVISION: How many times has the hospital's name changed in the drama "Grey's Anatomy"?
10. RELIGION: Where was the founder of Buddhism born?

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Is it hard for you to trust that God is working on your problem because you can't see everything He's doing? I know that having faith is easy until the devil assaults you with doubt and unbelief. But no matter how hopeless your situation looks or feels, God wants you to know that you can trust Him to do something great. You just have to walk by faith in order to see with your spiritual eyes what you can't see in the natural.

Paul said in Ephesians 1:18-19, "I pray that the

eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe" (NIV).

As long as we believe, God keeps working. So, when we feel discouraged, we need to encourage ourselves that He is doing good things behind the scenes.

In the last couple of years, I've formed a habit of saying, "This is going

to end well." No matter what I am feeling, I'll say, "God is good and He's going to work this out for my good. He's going to teach me something new and I'm going to be a better person than I was before."

I think consistency should be one of our greatest goals as believers—continuously filling our minds with God's Word, thinking positively, being prayerful at all times...obedient, peaceful, joyful. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33 NIV). But we can be glad anyway because we know how the story ends. Jesus continued, saying, "But take heart! I have overcome the world."

A Look into the Unseen

"The kingdom of heaven" is referenced throughout the New Testament. When Jesus began His public ministry, he said, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17 NIV). Like most people would, Jesus' disciples presumed that He was going to set up an earthly kingdom with a palace and a throne. But He rules over an invisible kingdom, in the spiritual realm.

For example, did you know there are angels with us right now? Many of us don't really think about that because we



can't see them with our natural eyes. But just because we can't see them doesn't mean they aren't there. God is a mighty God and He rules over a mighty kingdom.

Psalm 91:11 (AMPC) says, "For He will give His angels [especial] charge over you to accompany and defend and preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service]."

As we become more conscious of the fact that God is always with us and He's assigned His angels to defend and protect us, it should make us feel safer, more empowered to do what He's called us to do, and less likely to give up when things get hard. But here's what we have to remember: No matter what kind of support He gives us, if we don't believe that we have it, then to us, it's as if we don't have it.

Faith Is the Key to Victory

First John 5:4 (NIV) says, "This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."

Hebrews 11:1 tells us how it works: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (KJV). Faith is

a real thing; it has substance. In other words, faith is firmly committed. It refuses to be swayed by our ever-changing emotions or our current circumstances.

For example, if you wake up in the morning and your back is aching, you can't stand your job, and your house is a mess, faith says, "Yes! I'm ready to face this day because I can do whatever I need to do through Christ" (see Philippians 4:13).

If you're in a tough place in your marriage, or your children have drifted away from God, or you have a lifelong dream that is yet to be fulfilled, faith says, "God is working, and this is going to end well."

It won't always be easy, but God will always be with you to help you. And by faith, you can keep believing even before you see the result of what God has been doing all along.

Mark 11:24 (NIV) says, "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Whatever you're going through, I encourage you to live with the positive expectation that something good is going to

happen to you. Keep an "I can" mindset, and stir up your faith, believing God for greater things. And remember, no matter what you see or don't see, God is working in your life.

For more on this topic, order Joyce's three-teaching resource *The Invisible Kingdom*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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3. In 1 Kings 5, how many thousand
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that King Solomon raised? 1, 5, 10,
30
4. What son of Abda was in
charge of the forced labor in
David's kingdom? Baal, Adoniram,
Cyrenius, Phaneul
5. From Exodus 20, how many days
shalt thou labor and do all thy
work? Two, Four, Six, Seven
6. Proverbs 14:23 states, "In all
labor there is ..." Love, Hope, Light,
Profit
ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Two, 3)
30, 4) Adoniram, 5) Six, 6) Profit
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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, 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
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 S PERRY 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 S PERRY 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 SPELLER, 2429 BISSONNET 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
S E R A F I N 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 ANDREASLUIS 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
ANDREA SLUIS, TRUSTEE OF THE ANDREASLUIS 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
ANDREA SLUIS, TRUSTEE OF THE ANDREASLUIS 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
TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien(s) (and thus, credit bid). Other terms may be announced at the public auction.
Fox River Resort Club, An Illinois Not-for-profit Corporation
By: Deborah A. Quirk
Its: Attorney-In-Fact
Explanation
Legal No. 0901 (9/7, 9/14, 9/21 2022)
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 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)
PUBLIC NOTICE
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In the)
Matter)No.
of the)2022
Estate)PR
of)151
THEODORE)
C. ZMUDKA,) Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of THEODORE C. ZMUDKA of LaSalle, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 15, 2022 to ALICE A. JOOP, 1910 14th Street, IL 61354 as independent executor, whose attorneys are DOUGLASB.OLIVERO & ASSOCIATES, 1615 Fourth Street, Peru, IL 61354.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. If claim notice is personally mailed or delivered to a creditor of the above estate, then claim must be filed in the above entitled cause within three months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claims not filed within the above periods are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorneys within ten days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. A copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.
DOUGLAS B. OLIVERO & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys for Estate
1615 Fourth Street
Peru, IL 61354
Telephone: 815/224-2400
Legal No. 0811 (8/24, 8/31, 9/7 2022)
PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST)
STATE)No.
BANK,)2022FC
Plaintiff,)000009
v.)Non
ILLINOIS)Resi-
HORSE)dential
PARK)
FOUNDATION)
NFP,)
Non-)
Residential)
A not-for-)
profi)
corporation,)
DANIEL T.)
SAMPSON,)
individually,)
UNKNOWN)
TENANTS)
OR)
OCCUPANTS,)
UNKNOWN)
OWNERS)
AND)
NON-)
RECORD)
CLAIMANTS,)
Defendants.)
NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above-entitled cause, on May 12, 2022, in favor of First State Bank in the amount of \$50,306.42 (\$1,689.35 in principal, \$1,643.01 in interest, \$50.00 in late fees and \$6,924.06 in other charges) + \$3,147.50 in attorneys' fees + \$1,998.33 (in costs) (the "Judgment"), Adam Diss, Sheriff of Lee County, or his Deputy, will on September 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., at the LaSalle County Sheriff's Office, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL (or by "virtual sale" – call the Sheriff's Office for details) sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of LaSalle, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment to wit:
PARCEL 1: THE EAST 70 FEET OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 1 IN THE VILLAGE OF TRIUMPH, SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF TRIUMPH, SITUATED IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
PARCEL 2: LOT 2 IN BLOCK 4 IN THE VILLAGE OF TRIUMPH.IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.
PARCEL 3: LOT TEN (10), EXCEPT THE WEST 41.3 FEET OF LOT 10 IN BLOCK 5 IN HALL'S SECOND ADDITION, ALL IN THE TOWN OF TRIUMPH, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LASALLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.
Permanent Index Numbers: 07-17-402-017 (Parcel 1); 07-17-405-002 (Parcel 2); 07-17-406-018 (Parcel 3).
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3908 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, Illinois
3904 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, Illinois
765 N. 39th Road, Triumph, Illinois
The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Michael A. O'Brien,

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by cash or certified
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sale and balance is due
by noon the following
day after the sale to the
LaSalle County Sheriff.
The subject property
is subject to real
estate taxes, special
assessments or special
taxes levied against
said real estate and is
offered for sale without
any representation as
to quality or quantity
of title and without
recourse to Plaintiff and
in "As Is" condition. The
sale is further subject
to confirmation by the
court.

The properties are
improved by: homes,
horse barns and related
buildings
The properties may be
inspected prior to sale:
No.

Together with
all buildings and
improvements thereon,
and the tenements,
hereditaments and
appurtenances thereunto.

NOTICE-
PUBLICATION-
JUDICIAL SALE
O'Brien Law Offices,
P.C.

Michael A. O'Brien
Leslie G. Bleifuss

124A South County
Farm Road, Wheaton,
Illinois 60187
Ph: (630) 871-9400
Fax: (630) 871-9435

Atty. No. 6216625/6224495
WITNESS:

/s/ Greg Vaccaro
Greg Vaccaro, Clerk of
the Thirtieth Judicial
Circuit Court, and
the seal thereof,
LaSalle, Illinois

Date: August 22, 2022
NOTICE OF
PUBLICATION OF REAL
ESTATE
Case No. 2022 FC 9
On September 15, 2022
at 10:00 a.m. certain
real estate commonly
known as:
3908 E. 752nd Road,
Triumph, Illinois
3904 E. 752nd Road,
Triumph, Illinois
765 N. 39th Road,
Triumph, Illinois
Will Be Sold at Public
Auction to the highest
bidder for cash:
The properties consist
of: homes, horse barns
and related buildings
Contact: Michael A.
O'Brien at 630-871-
9400
Formal Notice of
this Judicial Sale of
Real Estate will be
found in the Legal
Notices section of this
newspaper with the
above-mentioned case
number.
Legal No. 0814 (8/24,
8/31 9/7 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 trans-
acting the business
known as Maxie's Salon
located at 2104 Main
Street Suite E, Mendo-
ta, IL. 61342.
Dated: August 25,
2022. Bradley Jackson
Applicant.
No. 0815
(8/31, 9/7, 9/14 2022)

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given that on August 25,
2022 a certificate was
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2022. Bradley Jackson
Applicant.
No. 0815
(8/31, 9/7, 9/14 2022)

**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
THIRTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LASALLE COUNTY**
IN RE ESTATE OF
ROBERT A. JAMES,
Deceased. Case Num-
ber 2022 PR 121
INDEPENDENT AD-
MINISTRATION PUB-
LICATION NOTICE TO:
[x] Creditors and
Claimants
[x] Unknown Heirs and
Legatees

1. Notice is given of
the death of Robert A.
James, who died on
June 14, 2022, a resi-
dent of Sandwich, Illi-
nois.
2. The Representative
for the estate and her
address is: Dawn M.
Weekly, 11 E. Center
Street, Sandwich, IL
60548.
3. The Attorney for the
estate is: Dawn M.
Weekly, LEGACY LAW
FIRM, LLC, 11 E. Center
Street, Sandwich, IL
60548.
4. Claims against the
estate may be filed on
or before February 28,
2023. Claims against
the estate may be filed
with the Office of the
Clerk of the Circuit
Court, or with the Rep-
resentative, or both.
Any claim not filed with-

in that period is barred.
Copies of a claim filed
with the Clerk must be
mailed or delivered to
the Representative and
to the attorney within 10
days after it has been
filed.
5. On July 11, 2022 an
Order Admitting the Will
to Probate and/or Ap-
pointing the Represent-
ative was entered.
6. Within 42 days after
the effective date of the
original Order Admitting
the Will to Probate, you
may file a petition with
the Court to require
proof of the validity of
the Will as provided
under section 6-21 of
the Probate Act (IL Rev.
Stat. Ch. 110 ½, Par.
6-21).
7. Within 6 months after

the effective date of the
original Order Admitting
the Will to Probate, you
may file a petition with
the Court to contest the
validity of the Will as
provided under Section
8-1 of the Probate Act
(IL Rev. Stat. Ch. 100
½, Par. 8-1).
8. The estate will be
administered without
Court supervision un-
less an interested party
terminates independent
administration by filing
a petition to terminate
under Section 28-4 of
the Probate Act (IL Rev.
Stat. Ch. 110 ½, Par.
28-4).
No. 0812
(8/24, 8/31, 9/7 2022)

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