



Jennie Espinoza, center, didn't think she would get accepted for the Mendota Business Professional Women scholarship given to women returning to school, but when she did, she put it to good use and now has a bachelor's and master's degree from Northern Illinois University. Espinoza celebrated the scholarship with MBPW's Jeri Atherton, left, and Paula Daley, MBPW member and principal at Northbrook School, where Espinoza used to be a secretary. (Photo contributed)

## Mendota BPW group offering scholarship

Woman returning to school will be recipient

By BRANDON LaCHANCE  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota Business and Professional Women have supported girls and women who want to receive an education for over two decades with scholarships.

In the spring, the scholarship applications are directed to students who are just graduating high school, while the fall application is directed toward women who are jumping back into school mode.

"This year we were able to give more money in the spring because Kim Abel, with Nightengales, made a donation and we were able to give away five, \$750 scholarships in the spring to high school graduating girls," said Jeri Atherton, a retired Mendota High School counsellor who has been with the MBPW for over 20 years and has been in charge of scholarships for most of her tenure. "We have \$500 for a woman in the fall. We like to help a woman returning to school for career education.

"This year, we'd like to give the scholarship to someone in the medical field if possible because the money was donated in honor of Patty Moyer, who volunteers two days a week at Nightengales."

Although the medical field is preferred, all women in Mendota and the surrounding area should apply.

The application for the fall scholarship is on the Mendota Business and Professional Women Facebook page or ask Atherton to send the application through email at athertonj64@gmail.com. Atherton is accepting

finished application until Nov. 1 through email or in the mail to Jeri Atherton, 1100 S. Park Ave., Mendota IL 61342.

"We do not specify how this money is to be used and that is very unusual," Atherton said. "We don't care if they use it for gasoline, books, or shoes. We don't care as long as they use it to promote their well-being in their education. And honestly, gasoline may be the biggest thing these days. Most of them travel. They travel to Illinois Valley Community College and to Northern Illinois University. A long time ago, we had one travel to Aurora College.

"It thrills me to see how these women go on and contribute to our community. They all live here. We gave a scholarship to a woman from LaMoille a few years ago and she is a social worker for the state of Illinois. How much better can we get."

Jennie Espinoza, a 1999 MHS graduate who earned a bachelor's degree (in 2020) and a master's degree (this past May) from Northern Illinois University, didn't think she was going to be selected when she applied for the MBPW.

But when she was, her appreciation put the scholarship to good use.

"It gave me more motivation to keep going because it's hard to be a parent and a wife, and then add a student," said Espinoza, who is a behavior therapist at St. Margaret's Midtown Health Center in Peru. "It gave me motivation and hope to con-

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## Area communities receive COVID-19 relief funds

□ \$371 million in funding distributed to small local governments

SPRINGFIELD – Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced that more than 1,200 small cities, towns, and villages across Illinois - Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs) - will receive \$371 million as part of the second round of funding through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) specifically designated for NEUs. NEUs are receiving a total of \$742 million between the first and second funding allocations.

"As communities continue to recover from the pandemic, we are issuing the second round of federal funding for a total of \$742 million specifically designated for smaller localities," said Governor JB Pritzker. "This critical funding will help localities cover remaining pandemic-related costs incurred while supporting communities in every region of the state."

Area communities receiving funding and their total amount are: Amboy - \$315,852.47; Arlington - \$24,631.32; Compton - \$38,511.95; Earlville - \$215,966.34; LaMoille - \$92,401.48; Leland - \$124,381.37; Mendota - \$951,776.04; Ohio - \$65,320.64; Paw Paw - \$115,399.79; Sublette - \$57,291.63; Troy Grove - \$32,388.14; West Brooklyn - \$18,099.26.

Through ARPA, in accordance with federal rules, COVID-19 relief funding was provided directly to



localities with a population above 50,000 while states distributed relief funds to NEUs – which are cities, towns and villages that did not receive direct aid from the federal government. NEUs received funding as part of the first tranche in the fall of 2021 and recipients who claimed funds last year will automatically receive the second half of funding. The funding can be used to cover expenses incurred while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Under Governor Pritzker's leadership, Illinois has leveraged all opportunities to support our communities and accelerate a strong economic recovery," said DCEO Director Sylvia I. Garcia. "The funding issued today is part of billions of dollars of support that has been provided to small cities and towns across Illinois. This final round of

Federal funding will serve as additional resources for communities that have incurred unexpected costs due to the pandemic."

The funds can be used to cover revenue losses and the costs of responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or to its negative economic impacts on households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest-hit by the crisis. These funds can also be used to invest in building, maintaining, or upgrading water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

During the first round of funding, localities were required to claim their allotments and unclaimed funds were re-distributed to other recipients. During the first

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## Law enforcement community opposed to cashless bail

By ANDREW HENSEL  
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Members of Illinois' law enforcement community are united against a new law taking effect Jan. 1 that eliminates cash bail under most circumstances.

At a recent town hall meeting, the Illinois Freedom Caucus focused on what the SAFE-T Act does, what it means for Illinois communities, and what citizens can do to repeal it.

Several Republican Illinois lawmakers, law enforcement officers and states' attorneys from across the state as well as county judges participated.

Macon County State's Attorney Scott Rueter said that under the SAFE T Act, many criminals, including violent offenders, would not be putting people in jail while they await trial.



"One of the main things in the law is that you can only be detained for offenses in which if you are convicted, you have to go to prison," Rueter said. "Things like first-time arson and first-time burglary are not detainable offenses under the act."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the bill into law last year. It will abolish cash bail on Jan. 1, making Illinois the

**"This is going to lead to people having to make snap judgments on these matters and make snap judgments on whether somebody, in legal terms, is a threat to their community."**

—State Rep. Blaine Wilhour

first state in the country to do so. The bill also includes a provision that will allow most people charged with crimes, including some violent felonies, to be released without posting bail.

For violent offenders, prosecutors will have to submit a request for detention and persuade a judge that the offender poses a threat to public safety. The state also is required to provide each suspect a hearing within 48 hours to determine if the suspect should be released.

State Rep. and IFC member Blaine Wilhour said the act would result in officials

having to make quick decisions on what to do with alleged criminals.

"This is going to lead to people having to make snap judgments on these matters and make snap judgments on whether somebody, in legal terms, is a threat to their community," Wilhour said.

Pritzker's team did not return a request for comment.

Under the law, many non-violent offenders cannot even be taken into custody, law enforcement officials argue.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Historic Bishop Hill holding 50th Jordbruksdagarna Sept. 24-25

BISHOP HILL — Bishop Hill's annual 19th century harvest festival Jordbruksdagarna (pronounced yord-brooks-DAH-ga-na) will take place Saturday, Sept. 24 and Sunday, Sept. 25. As always, there will be a variety of traditional craft demonstrations, food, vendors, and hands-on activities for the children during the 50th Jordbruksdagarna (Swedish for "earth work days") from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Demonstrations, hands-on activities, play, and music are all free.

In the village park, artisans will make rope, process flax, carve wood, forge metal, make butter, and more. Vendors will also be selling farm produce, pumpkins, pioneer popcorn, baked goods, crafts, and much more in the park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Musical performances will include Hammer and Pick at noon and 2 p.m., and the Nordic Dancers at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day at the gazebo. There will be a petting zoo located in the northwest corner of the park. Old-fashioned children's games will also be conducted in the park at 2 p.m. each day.

Jordbruksdagarna is not just located in the park but all over Bishop Hill. For example, the BHHA will be selling fall door swags and nachos by the Colony Store. At the Colony School, the Old Settlers' Association will be serving their famous Colony Stew. Uncle Bud Apple Cider Slushie will be next to the Carpenter Building. Behind the Bjorklund Hotel



from noon to 4 p.m. each day, visitors, especially children, can try their hand at shelling corn, making bricks, pressing apples into cider, and creating a cornhusk doll. Visitors can explore Henry County's agricultural heritage at the Henry County Historical Museum, where a variety of antique tractors and implements will be on display outdoors. Each day at the Henry County Historical Museum, the Bishop Hill Agricultural Association will demonstrate corn picking at 11 a.m., have an antique tractor parade around town at noon, conduct a kid pedal tractor pull at 12:30 p.m., and corn shelling at 1 p.m. In addition, the Agricultural Association will harvest canola at 1 p.m. each day at the Albert Krans Livery Stable Museum. Corben Strand will be displaying his handmade one-of-a-kind farm landscape at the Steeple Building Museum. People movers will also be available to transport people around town to

experience many of the activities, museums, and stores that Bishop Hill has to offer.

On Saturday only, Swedish singer and songwriter Johan Johansson will perform songs about Swedish history at the Steeple Building Museum starting at 10 a.m. Following this free concert, the BHHA Acting Troupe will perform their Bishop Hill Colony history skit To America at the Steeple Building starting at 11 a.m. Author Lilly Setterdahl will be having a book signing on the porch of the Steeple Building as well from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. She will be featuring her latest book Until the Lights Come Back On. Finally, the Bishop Hill Methodist Church will be having a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by the Steeple Building.

For more details about Jordbruksdagarna activities, call 309 927-3899, email bhha@mymetc.net, check the Bishop Hill Heritage Association Facebook page, or view [www.visitbishophill.com](http://www.visitbishophill.com).



### Pohar introduces Chateau Merlot

Mendota native Kari Pohar (Lemmer) introduced her first novel, "Chateau Merlot", to avid readers on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Graves-Hume Public Library in Mendota. Pohar, a 1999 Mendota High School graduate, has had eight short stories published in anthologies and took advice from a writer's group to turn this story into a novel. "Chateau Merlot" is available on Amazon, Kindle, and the Barnes and Noble, Wal-Mart, and Target websites. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

## "Hello Pumpkin" painting class hosted by Starved Rock Country Welcome Center

UTICA — The Starved Rock Country Welcome Center is hosting a "Hello, Pumpkin" painting class on Monday, Sept. 26, from 6-8 p.m. Jyllian Ossola, local artist and experienced instructor, will direct attendees as they complete their 16" x 18" pumpkin-shaped door hanger.

"This piece will be done with step-by-step instruction and as much help as needed so that each artist will go home with their own original piece of art to proudly display or give away," said Ossola. "The completed project will be a large pumpkin sign with a decorative fabric bow that will look great on a front porch, entryway or fence."

Ossola, originally from Utica, has been "hosting" painting classes for several years. She also offers painting sessions

through IVCC and teaches after-school art classes in Putnam County. Examples of some of her other projects can be found at her Facebook page, Flipping Vintage 17.

Everything will be provided to complete the wall hangers that evening. Ossola also recommends that old clothes or a paint shirt be worn.

A specialty soup bar with all the trimmings, Boggio's apple cider and dessert will be provided for all participants.

This painting class is designed for men or women of any skill level. Limited spaces are available and pre-registration is necessary. Cost is \$35 per person and pre-payment is required. Please call the Starved Rock Country Welcome Center at 815-667-4356 or stop by the Welcome Center, 248 W. Canal St., Utica, any day between noon and 6 p.m. to register.

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## Master Gardener Program offering workshop at Utica Public Library

UTICA – The University of Illinois Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam Master Gardener program will be offering a workshop on Fall bulbs, entitled Bulbs: Basics, Myths and Truth at the Utica Public Library on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 5 p.m. Contact the Utica Public Library, located at 224 Mill St., Utica, at (815) 667-4509 to ensure your space and materials.

Participants will learn about the proper planting, care, and maintenance of Spring flowering bulbs. Flowering bulbs are very easy to grow if you know a few important tips.

Plan to attend this work-

shop and enjoy the garden cheer as your bulbs begin to bloom from mid-winter through summer. Take home a bulb-forcing kit to enjoy through the winter. Learn about bulb selection, care and how to keep your bulbs coming back year after year.

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## GROWMARK announces 2023 Essay Contest theme

BLOOMINGTON – The theme for the 2023 GROWMARK Essay Contest is: “How can ag cooperatives stay relevant to future generations?” The contest is open to all high school FFA members in the United States.

This is the 30th year for the program, sponsored by the GROWMARK System and FS member cooperatives, in conjunction with state FFA leaders, to help young people develop their writing skills, learn about current issues affecting agriculture, and understand the unique role of cooperatives.

Essays should be submitted online at [www.bit.ly/GMKEssay2023](http://www.bit.ly/GMKEssay2023).

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The deadline for all submissions is midnight Central time on Oct. 28, 2022. Additional program details have been sent to agriculture teachers and are online at [www.growmark.com](http://www.growmark.com).

One national winner will receive a \$1000 award, and their FFA chapter will receive \$750. Four national runners-up will each receive \$500, and their chapters will receive \$300. States with at least 25 essays submitted will also have a state winner selected. Each school may submit one essay.

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## Thirteenth Judicial Circuit judges donate toward local education

OTTAWA – The judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, which is comprised of Bureau, Grundy and LaSalle counties, have joined a statewide initiative sponsored by the Illinois Judges Association to help local students in need prepare for success in the school year.

A donation by the judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit to the Regional Office of Education for their Student Services Department will provide much-needed supplies to assist local students.

LaSalle County is among the counties served by the Regional Office of Education

#35. The judges’ donation will provide school supplies for students experiencing hardships. Regional Superintendent Christopher Dvorak thanked the judges.

“The contributions of the judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit will assist some of the most needy students of LaSalle County succeed in the coming school year,” said Dvorak.

Chief Judge H. Chris Ryan stated that he is “proud that all the judges of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit contributed to provide students in need with the greater possibility of success.”

## Blackstone School Report

*Stacy Kelly, Principal*

Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who have responded to the volunteer form that was shared. We appreciate your support of our school. If you signed up, we will contact you throughout the school year to help as needed.

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The students nominated for the principal award were Leila Wallace, Jorge Castaneda, Cainan Sellers, Antonio Vergara, Koreeann Riniker, Ruben Calamaco, Amy Lopez and Hayden Wheeler. The winners were Kylee Smith, Isla Full, Lylah Cervantes-Escatel and Keegan Mauch. Congratulations to all of you!

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Our students and staff practiced a severe weather shelter in place drill this past week. We hope we never have to implement these procedures, but the students did a great job and I’m confident they are prepared if there was ever a weather emergency.

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We are currently finalizing a school spiritwear store. Parents should be on the lookout for an order form coming home soon for our students and parents who would like to show off some Blackstone school spirit.

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Looking ahead, we have a busy schedule coming up the week of Oct. 3. We will host a Scholastic Book Fair throughout the week. Volunteer notes will go home with students. We would appreciate parent volunteers to help us run the book fair. We couldn’t have the book fair without parent support!

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In addition, mark your calendars for Blackstone’s open house. It will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 5:30-6:30. We hope everyone can attend to see our school, meet staff and take a look at what our students have been working on.

## Graves-Hume Public Library to present Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom

MENDOTA – Graves-Hume Public Library will present an exciting and informative program, Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom, on Monday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Adults and children alike will enjoy hearing a first-hand account from Abraham Lincoln himself of the history of the United States of America during his time, from his childhood on the frontier to the 12 turbulent years from 1854 to 1865, which nearly destroyed our young nation but eventually resulted in a “new birth of freedom.”

Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable



resemblance to “the Great Emancipator” and who is extremely knowledgeable about his life and times. He quotes from his best-known speeches and writings and talks about his inspiring

story. Mr. Wood has been portraying Mr. Lincoln since the year 2000, and on a professional basis since 2015.

For more information visit [www.mrlincoln.com](http://www.mrlincoln.com).

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## Arlene H. Archer

MENDOTA – Arlene H. (Bialas) Archer, 80, passed away peacefully on Sept. 13, 2022 at Heritage Manor, Mendota.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Compton with Rev. Jeff Schlesinger officiating. Visitation was Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022 from 1-3 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Arlene's wishes were that her body be donated to science for medical research.

Arlene was born in Amboy on Dec. 7, 1941 to Herman and Rose (Kretschmer) Bialas. She was the youngest of three siblings. She married Ramon E. (Bud) Archer on May 1, 1960 and they were married for 60 years.

Arlene is survived by her children, Melissa (Ron) Blum and Gregg (Chris) Archer. Grandchildren are Allie (Dan), Matt (Emily), Robert (Lydia), Alex (Philippa), Lexie (Justin), Kristin (Dougie), Tyler, Jacklynn (Jacob), Emily, Anthony, Kayden, and Mackenna. Great-grandchildren are Bentley, Paislee, Kinsley, Faith, and Orion. She also had many nieces and nephews, their children, and grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Don (Jean) Bialas of Waterman.

She was preceded in death by her parents Herman and Rose, her sister Berneice Webb, and her beloved husband Bud.

Arlene was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church near Compton, serving as a Sunday School teacher, VBS teacher, choir member, and President and Secretary of WELCA. Arlene graduated from Mendota High School in 1959. She worked for Fasco Mills Co., then at Alexander Lumber Co. as bookkeeper. She worked at various jobs in bookkeeping at Compton Ag Services, Sondgeroth Construction, and Redcliff Construction. She and Bud raised their two children and farmed together by Compton from the mid-1960s until they moved to Mendota in 1994. She then worked for Mendota Lutheran Home as an activity aide for 28 years. She loved camping, working on puzzles, using the computer, doing word searches, and being with her family, grandchildren, and good friends.

Arlene touched a great many lives through her kind, loving, friendly nature, including during all those years as an activity aide at the Lutheran Home. She had a 60-year marriage with Bud that continues to inspire all who knew them. The Melissa and Gregg consider her the very epitome of a loving and supportive Mom. She will always be loved and missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

Memorials may be directed to Parkinson's Foundation. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



## Final RE tax payment timelines outlined

OTTAWA – LaSalle County Treasurer James L. Spelich has announced final timelines for payment of this year's real estate taxes.

If your taxes are not paid in the Treasurer's office by Friday, Sept. 30, 2022 you will receive a certified letter. A \$10 certified letter fee is added to any payments received in the Treasurer's office after Sept. 30.

Please note, that the

interest changes after the 7th of each month. Due to the timing of the letters, they will reflect interest as of Oct. 8. For amount due, call the Treasurer's office at 815-434-8219 option 4 or refer to your tax bill. The \$10 Certified letter fee must be included in your payment after Sept. 30.

The last day to pay by personal checks and echeck online is Sept. 30. After that date, the Treasurer's office

will only accept certified funds; cashier's check, money order, credit card or cash. You can pay by credit card online until Sunday, Nov. 13. You will be able to pay by credit card in the Treasurer's office until Monday, Nov. 14, no later than 3 p.m.

The last day to pay before your name is published in the newspaper is Friday, Oct. 14. The week of Oct. 17, all unpaid taxes

will be published in local newspapers.

The last day to pay your taxes before they are sold at the tax sale is Monday, Nov. 14. The drop box will be closed on Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. All payments must be in the Treasurer's office by 4:30 p.m. Nov. 14. No payments, even postmarked payments, will be accepted after Nov. 14. All unpaid taxes will be sold Tuesday, Nov. 15.

## LaSalle, Ogle county residents asked to collect ash seeds for regional forest health efforts

Got ash? Researchers sure hope you do.

Ever since the emerald ash borer arrived outside Detroit in 2002, the invasive pest has been spreading across the country, ravaging ash populations in its wake. The shiny green beetle had reached most of Michigan's lower peninsula by the mid 2000s, and a decade later had reached nearly all of Ohio, Indiana, northern Illinois, southern Wisconsin and more. Researchers estimate that a mature ash tree can die from a borer attack in about six years, which means some areas in the Midwest have been missing their trees for a while, while others are just starting to watch their ash disappear.

Since the emerald ash borer arrived in the U.S., researchers have been working to understand the biology of the beetle and ways to stop its spread. Although certain pesticides seem to slow it down, tens of millions of ash have been lost and the end of the devastation is not yet in sight. Even where humans can easily adjust to the loss, wildlife that rely on the trees may not be so fortunate. That's why forestry professionals are starting to consider other ways to prevent an ash-free future.

"We're fighting back while planning ahead," says Rachel Kappler, forest health coordinator for the Great Lakes Basin (GLB) Forest Health Collaborative. "We're collecting seeds from ash trees that might be resistant to the beetles, relying on the help of private citizens to help locate the trees. Our hope is that a tree breeding program will allow restoration and reforestation efforts to save the species — and save our forests."

### Restoring Forests Lost

In January 2021, ecologists, foresters and other conservation professionals from across the Great Lakes Region launched a new collaborative effort to

save the ash and other trees currently affected by invasive pests. The GLB Forest Health Collaborative's goal is to unite efforts to breed ash, American beech and eastern hemlock trees that are pest-resistant and can be widely used to restore our forests.

As word has spread, some landowners have begun sending Kappler reports of their trees directly. But many more are using the popular citizen science app, TreeSnap, to submit their observations. By downloading the app onto their smartphones, any person can submit an observation of any tree they observe. TreeSnap data is used for a wide variety of research projects nationwide, while the GLB Forest Health Collaborative watches specifically for observations of native, naturally growing American beech, eastern hemlock and various ash species. When someone submits a healthy, mature tree in an otherwise pest-infested area — what they call a lingering tree — they take notice.

Once a healthy tree, like an ash, has been reported, the research team may plan a visit to confirm that it's truly a lingering tree. If it is, they collect either seeds or a sample of the tree in the form of a cutting they can bring back to their base at the Holden Arboretum outside Cleveland, Ohio, for propagation of test trees. If the tree passes the test, and isn't affected by emerald ash borers, it can be used for breeding pest-resistant trees.

Seeds Wanted from Local Counties  
This fall, the GLB Forest Health Collaborative is expanding their seed collection efforts for ash trees. They're targeting trees from places in which the emerald ash borer was detected in 2010 or earlier, since those areas should have already seen widespread tree death — significantly increasing the odds that any remaining large, healthy trees have

resistance to the beetles.

Twenty-six counties are particularly important for ash seed collection this fall. Among the counties are LaSalle, Ogle, McHenry, Stephenson, Jo Daviess and Will in Illinois.

Ash seeds need to be collected while they're mature, which happens in late summer and fall. The trees make winged helicopter seeds like maples, which are called samaras. Proper collection of ash seeds does require following a few guidelines, but it's not difficult. Experts recommend:

- Wait until September for black ash and October for all other ash
- Collect seeds directly off of trees with pole pruners
- Don't pick up seeds off the ground, as they have been rejected by the tree early and are likely bad
- Put up to one gallon of seed in a paper bag and store below 70°F before shipping it to the GLB Forest Health Collaborative.

For those wanting more information, ash seed collection guidelines from the U.S. Forest Service and ash seed collection resources are available online. And for anyone not comfortable or able to collect seeds themselves, help is available through the GLB Forest Health Collaborative, says Kappler. Their experts can walk you through the process or put you in touch with a county forester in your area who may be able to stop by to collect the seeds.

"We couldn't do this work without the private landowners who let us know where potentially resistant trees might be," says Kappler. "Without these trees, we wouldn't have our breeding program."

For more information or to report a tree or collect seeds, please contact Rachel Kappler at [rkappler@holdenfg.org](mailto:rkappler@holdenfg.org).

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## BPW

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...tinue and finish what I set my mind to do.”

Going back to school after a break is not easy.

Without the support of her husband of 22 years, Rene Espinoza, and their children Adrian (graduated from University of Illinois in May), Bianca, who is attending University of St. Francis, and Isaac, a middle school student, Espinoza doesn’t know if she would have applied for the scholarship, went back to school, or finished her education.

“I wouldn’t have been able to do this without my husband’s support. He has been the one suffering this entire time, too,” Espinoza said. “It shows you don’t have to know exactly what you want to do when you graduate high school. In my mind, I wanted to be a teacher. That was my goal. Life happened and things changed. You find what you’re meant to do.”

Espinoza only received the MBPW scholarship during her education journey.

She’ll never forget the assistance and how it helped her education and her mindset toward the community.

“This was the only scholarship I applied for or received. I did try at NIU, but I didn’t get the few I applied for. I used the scholarship for gas and books since I was commuting three times a week from Mendota to DeKalb,” Espinoza said. “I feel like a lot of people think that since they can’t check off a box that they won’t qualify for a scholarship. I didn’t think I was going to get the scholarship from BPW, but I suggest to other people to not be afraid and try.”

“You never know. You could be selected, and the money helps with your future goals. Don’t be afraid to put yourself out there. I was very grateful for that scholarship. It shows that being part of a small community, it is looking for ways to help out others. I was very grateful for that and in return I want to give back to the community. I probably won’t be able to give out scholarships, but I want to give back.”

## Bail

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Effingham County Sheriff Paul Kuhns said the consequences for law enforcement making the wrong decision could impact how their jobs are done.

“I know something my officers worry about is if you take someone into custody unlawfully, then you’re dealing with a Fourth Amendment violation,” Kuhns said. “That’s scary. That is not something we want to be involved in.”

State Rep. Adam Neimerg told The Center Square that the majority of Illinois residents oppose the measure.

“When you look at the radical left and what they have done to the state of Illinois, a majority of Illinoisans are against it and we are seeing that with the SAFE T Act,” Neimerg said.

The law goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

## Signs

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Finally from Holland’s report, the council approved a 10-year franchise agreement with Comcast for cable television service.

Alderman John Hassenberger’s report included the approval of an ordinance annexing Schweickert property into the city. The property is located east of Plano Molding.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, Oct. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

## IVCC Board names presidential search committee

OGLESBY – The Illinois Valley Community College board appointed a 12-member presidential search advisory committee Thursday that includes community leaders, trustees and IVCC faculty, staff and administrators.

The committee includes LaSalle County Regional Office of Education Supt. Chris Dvorak; trustees Jane Goetz and Bill Hunt; student trustee Austin Dille; instructors Art Koudelka, Tracy Lee and Mike Phillips; Foundation President Dr. Susan Schmitt; administrators Dr. Gary Roberts and Jennifer Scheri; and staff members Dr. Kathy Hart and Marlene Merkel.

Led by search consultant and former Seneca High School Supt. Dr. Jim Carlson, the committee will review applications, select semi-finalists and conduct round 1 interviews before recommending a slate of candidates to the board.

From that list, the board will select 3-5 candidates for final interviews before choosing IVCC’s 11th president. Applications are due by Oct. 9 at [www.ivcc.edu/presidentialsearch](http://www.ivcc.edu/presidentialsearch); the board expects to name a president by the end of the fall semester.

In a related action, trustees approved Dr. Jerry Corcoran’s retirement request. Corcoran, president the past 14 years, announced Aug. 18 he will retire June 30 after 33 years at the college.

In a letter, Corcoran said, “My love for being on a college campus began in 1970 (at the University of Illinois) and has never gone away. So many of the students I have met have been inspirational and I have enjoyed watching them achieve their academic and career goals.

“Our financial position is strong,

facilities are beautiful, we have the best technology money can buy and a well-deserved reputation for quality.”

In other business, the board approved:

- The annual \$10,000 match for the Project Success TRiO grant to help participants with tuition, books and supplies. Project Success serves about 160 low-income and first-generation students as well as students with physical or learning disabilities.

- A master plan update by DKA Architects of Chicago for approximately \$30,000. The plan was last updated in 2018.

- Phase 1 of a farm tiling project not to exceed \$100,000. The project will begin after harvest and cover about half the tiling needed.

- Hiring Scott Fox as manufacturing and advanced machining instructor effective Sept. 9. Fox, a former part-time IVCC instructor, has 23 years of experience in manufacturing.

- Resignation of nursing instructor Jessie Bouxsein effective Oct. 7.

- Details regarding filing nominating petitions for the April 4 trustee election. Petitions must be filed 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 12-16 or 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19 with board secretary Judy Day in Room C301. Seats held by Bill Hunt, Dr. Maureen Rebholz and Angie Stevenson are up for election for six-year terms.

- Closed session minutes from Aug. 18.

The board also learned:

- That IVCC is a member of a consortium that will share in a \$5 million federal Strengthening Community Colleges Training grant to be used for

manufacturing and logistics needs. The college will also receive a \$580,000 grant to support a Pipeline for the Advancement of the Healthcare Workforce initiative. Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Bonnie Campbell was credited for helping design both projects.

- Campbell, who is retiring from full-time work at the end of September, was recognized for 25 years of service to the college.

- A tentative five-year agreement has been reached with Constellation Energy Nuclear Power Station (formerly Exelon) that will increase the plant’s value 14 percent – resulting in an additional \$235,000 in property taxes to IVCC beginning in FY24.

- Sarah Goetz has been hired as Student Services information specialist and Mark Cotter as Truck Driver Training specialist.

- Pending Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) approval, the dental hygiene will admit students in fall 2023 and begin second-year hygiene courses in fall 2024.

- The 26th annual scholarship recognition reception Sept. 1 drew a record 441 scholarship recipients, donors and guests to the gym. Corcoran credited Foundation and Community Relations staff Fran Brolley, Donna Swiskoski, Janice Corrigan and Samantha Manahan and volunteers Angie Dunlap, Peggy Schneider, Aseret Loveland, Gracelyn Quesse, Susan Monroe, Ashlee Fitzpatrick, Kim Herout, and Chad Brokaw.

Corcoran said, “There’s something magical about seeing generous donors and their scholarship recipients meeting for the first time. It often leads to relationships that last a lifetime.”

## Funds

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round, 99.9 percent of funds were claimed by eligible communities with less than 0.1 percent redistributed.

ARPA established the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to provide a critical source of relief for local governments, including smaller governments, which had not received direct fiscal assistance from the federal government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic prior to the passage of ARPA. States, including Illinois, are receiving funding from the U.S. Treasury Department to distribute to smaller local governments on a per-capita basis. Larger cities and counties already received funding directly from the federal government.

Communities will receive the same amount of funding as the first round. Each local government receiving funds will be required to provide a project expenditure report to the U.S. Treasury by the end of April, then annually thereafter. Each must follow all federal compliance and reporting responsibilities. DCEO will continue to help local governments navigate the reporting requirements.

## National 4-H Week is Oct. 2-8

STERLING – 4-H members in Illinois will join the 6 million youth across the country in celebrating National 4-H Week Oct. 2-8. Clubs around Illinois celebrate this week by highlighting the remarkable 4-H youth in their communities and showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people.

Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth program for the University of Illinois Extension and the largest out-of-school youth organization in Illinois. 4-H youth development programs challenge youth to “learn by doing” with fun, hands-on activities. Kids can learn, practice, and demonstrate new skills while exploring the interests that are important to them.

In 4-H, youth are brought together in clubs, led by caring adults, who welcome them as a part of the larger 4-H family. Illinois 4-H members range in age from 8 to 18. Youth who are 5 to 7 years of age may join 4-H as a Cloverbud member.

During National 4-H Week, clubs have been challenged to show their 4-H spirit with a family Facebook challenge and a window/club display competition in their communities.

**About Illinois 4-H:** Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth development program of University of Illinois Extension and administered through the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. 4-H grows true leaders, youth who are empowered for life today and prepared for a career tomorrow. The hands-on approach in 4-H gives young people guidance, tools, and encouragement, and then puts them in the driver’s seat to make great things happen. Independent research confirms the unparalleled impact of the 4-H experience, demonstrating that young people are four times more likely to contribute to their communities; two times more likely to make healthier choices; two times more likely to be civically active; and two times more likely to participate in STEM programs.

**About Extension:** Illinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.

## IVAC’s 40 under Forty nominations now open

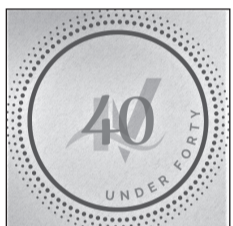
PERU – The Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that nominations for the Chambers first annual 40 Under Forty recognition are now open.

IVAC is seeking nominations for those individuals who live or work in LaSalle, Bureau, or Putnam counties and are making an incredible difference in our communities whether it be through the work they do, time they volunteer, or leadership they provide.

If you know someone who lives or works in LaSalle, Bureau, or Putnam counties and is involved in local organizations and will be 39 years old or younger on Dec. 31, 2022, please take the time to nominate them.

Nominations close on Friday, Oct. 14, and it is hoped everyone does his or her part to acknowledge and support this group of people who are out there making a difference and setting themselves up to lead our communities now and into the future.

To nominate, visit [www.ivaced.org/40underforty](http://www.ivaced.org/40underforty) complete the nomination and submit.



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## Hazards of a journalist

By Scott Reeder

A former colleague of mine was stabbed to death in his yard this month, apparently for writing something someone didn't like.



Reeder

His name was Jeff German and he was a crackjack reporter who spent a career covering crime and corruption in Las Vegas. We worked together at the Las Vegas Sun some 23 years ago.

I won't lie to you and tell you we were close. Jeff was one of an assortment of newsroom characters I've worked with over the years.

He believed he deserved a private office in the shabby building where we worked. So, he erected makeshift walls around his desk, which was topped with piles of books, documents, notebooks and other journalistic debris.

I never heard him say a bad word about anyone — except for the reporter with the same beat at the other newspaper in town. To hear Jeff tell it, that fellow was Satan incarnate the purveyor of numerous journalistic transgressions — and not to be trusted.

That just shows you how much things have changed in the news business. Newsrooms are leaner now. And the struggle isn't so much to beat the competition but to write the best story that one can with the resources at hand.

We're competing against ourselves.

German's reporting was phenomenal. When I worked with him, his adept reporting essentially solved the murder of casino boss Ted Binion. Looking back, I'm amazed at what he was able to accomplish. Law enforcement essentially followed his lead on one of the highest profile murders in the state's history.

Recently, a county official blamed German for an election loss. He had written an exposé about the official and malfeasance in his office. An informed and angry electorate went to the polls and tossed him out of office.

The official, Robert Telles, has been charged with murder.

Authorities said his DNA matched specimens found at the scene of the crime. A GMC Denali registered to Telles's wife and parked at his home was picked up on surveillance video near German's home before and after his killing. A straw hat allegedly used by Telles to disguise himself was found during a search of his home and car.

German was 69 when he died. He was part of that vanishing breed of characters who used to populate newsrooms.

Just about every newsroom I've worked in has had such folks. To them journalism wasn't a vocation — it was a calling. No one ever entered the profession for the prestige or the money. There is little of either.

But newsrooms were a happy habitat for those who marched to a different drummer.

I think of a Texas county government reporter I worked with who drilled a hole in the floor of his van and attached a hose and funnel so he wouldn't have to stop for bathroom breaks between assignments.

Or there was the Texas photographer who, while on assignment at the mall, stood on a park bench and spoke in tongues. (He remains the most gifted shooter I've ever known.)

Or in Nevada there was the reporter who married a woman who was always threatening suicide — when he was on deadline. She would have a gun to her head threatening to shoot, while he would be trying to talk her down on the phone while simultaneously pounding out a city council story on deadline.

I've never met a journalist who handled deadline pressures better.

All of these people are long gone from newspapers. And some have left this life. But each was a gifted newspaper person who I'm proud to have called a friend.

Newspaper work is hard. The hours are long and irregular. Your mistakes are public. And the criticism is constant. But the reward is making a difference.

Las Vegas is a better community for the decades Jeff German kept an eye on corrupt politicians and underworld figures.

Was he quirky? Yes. Tenacious? Certainly. Courageous? Absolutely.

Communities across this nation are the better because of people like German.

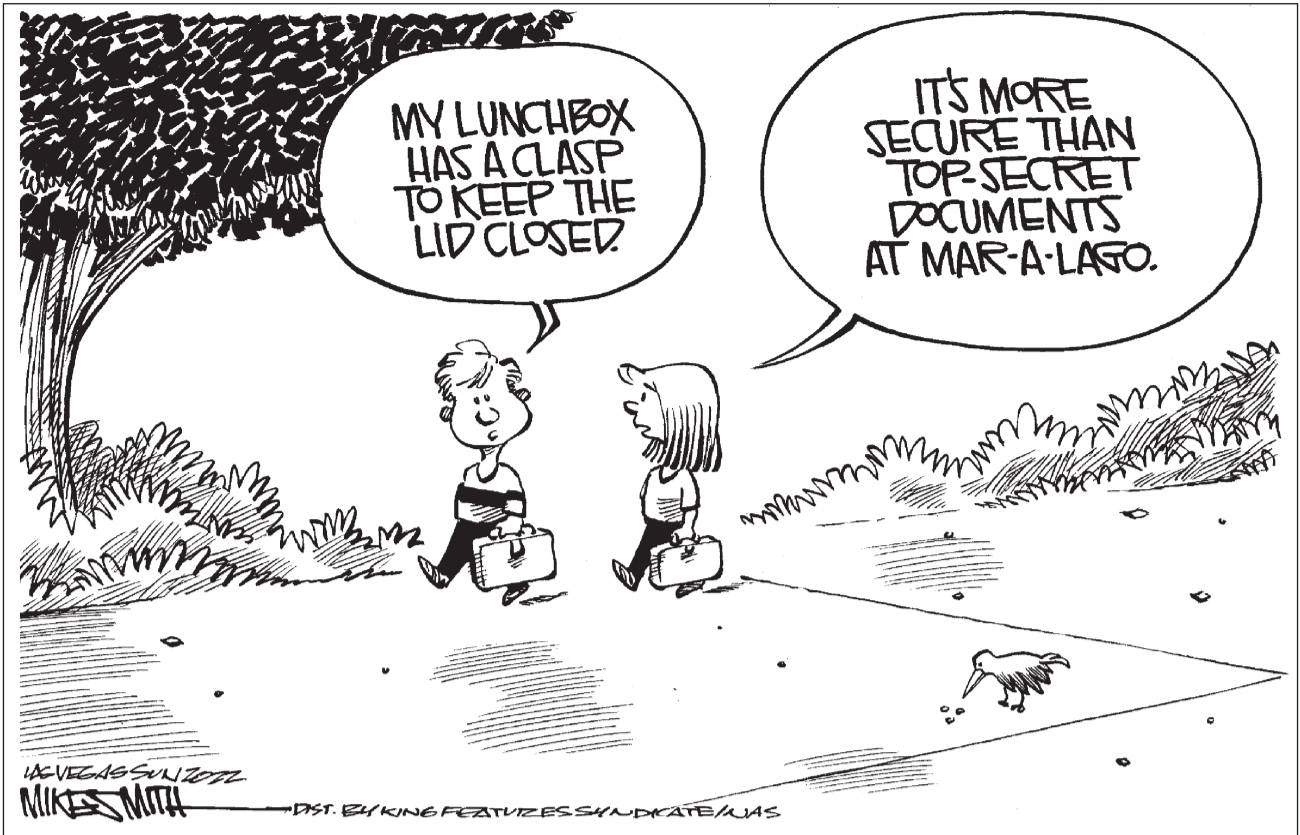
When one thinks of German or the five Annapolis, Md., journalists killed in their newsroom in 2018 the loss is obvious and profound. Their lives were sacrificed because someone didn't like what they wrote.

We mourn not just the loss of their lives but the silencing of their voices.

Other newsroom voices are silenced not with a bullet or a knife but with an accountant's pen.

Regardless, the question remains the same: When a watchdog's voice dies, who will hold those in power accountable?

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



## More about the Big Bands – 1930s

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Sept. 21, 1994.)

By Jessica Nashold

Not all the big band names who played at Puritan Park were mentioned in a recent column on the subject. To continue.

On Memorial Day 1929, Guy Lombardo was at Puritan. Admission to the park was 50 cents and dancing for the evening was \$1 per couple. Al Katz and his Victor recording orchestra was booked for July 10 and Wayne King played on Aug. 11.

The Ipana Troubadors were in Mendota on Sept. 22, and on Sept. 29, Ray Miller from the College Inn at Hotel Sherman in Chicago was here.

The Reporter emphasized that law and order was a priority.

**The management of the dance pavilions desire to have their places kept as orderly as possible and deputy sheriffs are on hand each evening they are open.**

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During 1930, Ted Weems played on June 4 and on Oct. 7, Puritan scored a real coup, outbidding all others for an appearance by Paul Whiteman with his 19-piece orchestra.

Although rain interfered with attendance that night, those who were there found it a memorable experience.

**From the very first number until after midnight the people were constantly being entertained. It was a rare treat.**

Many came to Mendota from distant cities that evening, drawn by Whiteman's celebrity as a performer with the Ziegfield Follies and in "The Jazz Singer." Under contract to Victor —

**He has made and sold vastly more records than any other recorder in the world.**

Whitman returned to Puritan on May 10, 1931. This time he brought 27 entertainers and musicians. Features included Mildred Bailey — Queen of Blues; Jack Fulton — Prince of Ballads; Paul Sisters — Court Harmonizers; King's Jesters — Troubadors of Boop-Boop-a-Doop.

Some of the bands made Hotel Faber their headquarters while playing in area pavilions. Ben Bernie, "The Old Maestro," and his orchestra spent a weekend

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at the Faber in 1931. They traveled in a large motor bus.

Other big bands playing Puritan in 1931 were Coon-Sanders and Herbie Kay. It was mentioned that Herbie Kay was only 24 years old and the members of his band had an average age of 21 or 22.

**"They know what the young people like."**

Art Kassel & His Kassells in the Air were in Mendota June 14, 1931, while Husk O'Hare & His Genial Gentlemen of the Air played on July 1. Wayne King was with us on July 19.

One hot evening in July, there was dancing in the swimming pool as well as in the pavilion.

On Aug. 2, 1931, Ted Fio-Rito was the attraction. Fioi-Rito was composer of several well-known numbers: "Toot Toot Tootsie," "Charley, My Boy," and "Laugh Clown Laugh."

Next came Louis Panico on Aug. 9, identified as leader of the Canton Tea Garden Orchestra.

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During 1932, the big name bands visiting Puritan were Herbie Kay on June 5, Husk O'Hare on June 26, Wayne King on July 3 and Art Kassel on Aug. 7.

Walter Winchell wrote of Husk O'Hare —

**Dance band leaders, and especially Husk O'Hare, inspire more marriages than moonlight nights, glorious sunsets or the darkened interiors of movie houses. O'Hare has the softest, dreamiest and most romantic music of all.**

As things turned out, Art Kassel may have been the last of the big name band leaders to play at Puritan. However, advertising sometimes stated that a big name band would appear, without indicating which one. No mention can be found of Cab Calloway, for example, although some remember hearing his band in Mendota.

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In 1933, Mendota, with the rest of the country, was coping with depression and Puritan featured Depression Dances. Admission was 15 cents for gents, 10 cents for ladies and dancing was free. Some of the bands appearing in the Puritan pavilion during the last weeks before the big fire were Hollywood Play Girls, Iowa Blue Devils, Sword's Ten Collegians, Hinkey's Royal Commanders, Paul Lester and Lloyd Hoelle.

On Aug. 22, 1933, a benefit for the Holy Cross building fund was held at Puritan — a card party, ice cream social and dance for which Ed Bieser's orchestra furnished the music.

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After the fire, a dance floor was erected under a tent west of the tea room, and dancing continued through September 1933, followed by roller skating.

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Meantime, at Kakusha, the Log Cabin had its grand opening on Saturday noon, Aug. 19, 1933, and dancing continued at the Kakusha pavilion until 1953.

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Many may remember a small local group, the Arabian Knights, who made their first public appearance at the Sublette Armory on June 18, 1931. The initial group included Robert Ellington on piano, Henry Zolper on saxophone, Donald Bader on violin, Glenn E. Koropp on trumpet and Arthur Walters on drums. From time to time, the personnel changed.

In the fall of 1933, the group played for weekly dances from 8-11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Admission was 25 cents for men, 10 cents for ladies.

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During this period, the National Bank of Mendota was just getting established. Beer licenses became available at \$100 a year. Gasoline was 16.6 cents a gallon and 10-pack cartons of Lucky Strike, Old Gold, Chesterfield or Camel cigarettes were priced at \$1.15.

Able-bodied men on relief were offered a chance to work for the city of Mendota at the rate of \$1.25 for a six-hour day. The sum of \$1.00 was credited toward the relief and 25 cents was paid in cash. Relief would be denied any able-bodied man refusing to "render service." The wage was later increased to 30 cents per hour.

## In Ukraine, there's no substitute for hard power

By Rich Lowry

The ongoing Ukrainian counter-offensive, if successful, could reshape the war and the geopolitical contours of Europe.

It is a testament to Ukrainian pluck and staying power but, above all, to the advanced weapons that the West has put in the hands of the Ukrainians.

Soft power, the coinage of political scientist Joseph Nye for the ability of a country to get others to do what it wants without coercion, is important; hard power is absolutely indispensable.

This is easy to forget in a West that believes deeply in democratic ideals and moral example. Even if it is true, as optimists believe, that the arc of moral history bends toward justice, an armored division can smash and bend it back.

The history of the West is in part the history of arms races, in fortresses, cannons, ships, rifles, aircrafts and much else.

Empires have risen and fallen on the strength of military hardware. Cities have conquered or been destroyed. Armies have triumphed or dissolved.

After the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy had bucketfuls of soft power. He was the most admired man in the world. He spoke at the United Nations, to Congress and other national legislative bodies, and even at the Grammys. What did that get him? It helped solidify the good will of Western countries, which was essential. He constantly tried to leverage that sentiment, though, for the hardheaded priority of more weapons.

Zelenskyy could still be admired in death, or in a Russian prison, or as an exile. Yet, if he wanted to continue to be admired as the leader of an independent country, he needed sheer firepower.

Ukraine's cause hasn't gotten any more just or inspiring over the last couple of months; it's gotten better armed.

Ukraine couldn't win a straight-up artillery fight with the Russians, and in fact it was losing one in a grinding war of attrition. AHIMARS, or high mobility artillery rocket system, versus artillery fight, though, is a different matter.

The Ukrainians have used these long-range, precision systems provided by the U.S. to hit Russian artillery parks, ammunition dumps and logistical hubs. The strikes have caused breakdowns in Russia's fuel and ammunition supplies as well as in the cohesion of its troops and command-and-control.

The Ukraine war has been a conflict of stark phases and strategic adjustments and re-adjustments. The Russians will presumably have their answer to the current Ukrainian push, and if they don't, one reason will be that they are running out of those pillars of hard power -- men and materiel.

Paul Lockhart writes in "Firepower," his book about the history of weapons of war: "Technological sophistication and military might are, to be sure, not synonymous but closely connected, and military might is a vital factor in the calculus of international relations. Great powers tend to have great weapons, or at least a lot of really good weapons."

We should be mindful of this, not just in the assistance we provide to Ukraine but in our priorities for ourselves. Our military budget needs to be much bigger, and our defense industrial base is wholly insufficient to the new, more threatening international environment. We would run out of rockets quickly in a war with China. Even supporting Ukraine at the current level has been a strain.

The United States is a marvel of soft power, binding allies to us, attracting people all over the world who want to come here, and reaching the most far-flung places in the world. What we've been able to provide Ukraine that has been most telling, though, hasn't been diplomatic or moral support, rather a system that can put a rocket directly on a target up to 50 miles away.

That's been the game changer, as better, more sophisticated military technology has always been from long bows, to arquebuses, to fighter jets. There is simply no substitute for hard power.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# TRI-COUNTY NEWS

## Rhode Island man finds his great-grandma's gravesite at Evergreen Cem.

SUBLETTE — On Tuesday, Aug. 16, some Sublette residents had a visit from a man that had found contacts through the internet searching for the gravesite of his great-grandmother, Mattie Hewitt.

Coming from Providence, R.I., Charlie Hewitt met with Don Dinges, Chris Leffelman, Doug Erbes, and Maurice Zimmerlein. John Stenzel was unable to attend. After lunch at La Fiesta and a tour of the village, including the Union Church that Mattie attended, the Sublette Evergreen Cemetery on Inlet Road was visited, and where the gravesite was found.

Charlie's interest in his family history stemmed from his possession of Mattie's daily diary from 1881 and several photos of that era. She passed away in 1882 at age 34, shortly after giving birth to a surviving son.



Coming from Providence, R.I., Charlie Hewitt, stands before his great-grandmother's gravesite. (Photo contributed)

## Sublette residents concerned for public safety

By TONJAGREENFIELD  
Publisher

SUBLETTE — Sublette residents expressed their concerns for public safety to the Sublette Village Board and a Lee County Sheriff's Deputy at a recent meeting.

The Sublette Village Board met for its monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 12. All members were present except trustees Mackenzie Belan and Jeff Meyers.

Sublette resident Marlene Egler brought to the board's attention that the people are disregarding the stop sign at South Front Street. Egler said people drive right through the stop sign all day, every day, and voiced that if people aren't going to use it, then the village should just get rid of it.

Egler said she is concerned about her granddaughter running across the road and right in front of a driver speeding by. She also mentioned a toddler who lives across the corner.

"When they go through the stop sign they go fast," Egler said. "Those cars, they don't watch, they just go. Someone is eventually going to get killed."

Lee County Sheriff Matt McGrail was at the meeting and addressed Egler's concerns. He said it's not up to the sheriff's department to decide if a stop sign should be in the village or not. He did say that disobeying the stop sign is an enforceable offense. He told the board that the sheriff's office has two deputies patrolling the county during the day, and there were three deputies on patrol during the village meeting.

Sublette Village President John Stenzel asked Egler if the stop sign was helping.

Egler said most people will come up very slowly, but there are certain drivers who deliberately go through fast.

Stenzel suggested the sheriff's office do some patrolling, and recommended if residents see someone consistently running the stop sign to call the sheriff's office.

McGrail said the department does what they can with the complaints they receive.

Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel said it's constantly in the morning around 7-8 a.m., and after Amboy High School football practice. She said a specific driver, who is a high school student, sees you, flips you off and then steps on the gas.

Kessel asked the sheriff's deputy to come down and patrol in Sublette, even one day a week.

"Let them know someone is here once in a while," Kessel said.

McGrail said the sheriff's office could do enforcement at that stop sign for a week straight, and then three months later, you will still see that problem.

Stenzel said maybe the village should make every street 20 mph. He added that people know when the cops are working in the village.

Sublette Village Treasurer Will Klein said that he thinks if you give the offender a ticket, they may think twice before doing it again.

Stenzel said he appreciates all that the deputies do and that maybe if a couple of key people get a ticket it will change what is happening.

McGrail said the department would like to do more drug enforcement in the county, and that meth is a huge problem. He added that there are other villages/towns in the county that have worse problems than Sublette.

Sublette resident Lori Hansen spoke up at the mention of drugs, saying the sheriff's department needs to look at the street she lives on.

"I should not be afraid to live in my house," Hansen said. "I'm tired of it. I'm terrified to be in our own house."

She told the board she would like to see a police presence in the village.

Stenzel reminded residents that they need to call the sheriff's office when they see something suspicious.

McGrail said he would take the concerns from this meeting to his higher ups. He also recommended residents call their Lee County Board members about their concerns as well.

Stenzel suggested the village have a community meeting, inviting the sheriff's department down, where the public can come and learn what to look for. He also suggested the village pay for a deputy to patrol the village on a regular basis.

McGrail said Paw Paw currently contracts with the sheriff's office for 40 hours a week for patrolling.

No action was taken after the discussion.

In other board news, the Sublette Christmas in the Village will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 4. Plans are underway and include a lighted parade and Santa.

## Paw Paw Village Board handles business

PAW PAW — Leah Cuniff, Michelle Fay and Bella Shambaugh requested a donation from the Village of Paw Paw to assist in supporting the Boys' and Girls' Club before-and-after school activities for students. The program offers a safe environment, healthy snacks, help with homework, craft projects, and group activities. They are in Room 303 up on the hill. They are available Monday through Friday 6:30-8 a.m. and 3-5:30 p.m.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, it is illegal to connect/discharge sump pumps into the local sewer line. If households were allowed to deposit their sump pump discharge, the sewer lines would be frequently overburdened by the influx of water during rainy months. This would lead to cases where both sewer water and rainwater were expunged into the water

surfaces without any filtration or refinement. The whole process increases the pollution of areas the water was deposited into, so the sump pump discharge being connected to sewer water is illegal. Connecting it to a storm drain still functions well and is fully legal, but the connection to actual sewer lines is not permitted.

Replacement of the clinic roof will be covered by insurance. Asbestos abatement will be covered by TIF funds.

The bank has installed a post with bags for dog leavings. The Village will install similar posts in the parks. Please use them and pick up after your animals.

Village water and sewer rates are going to be increased to cover the cost of updating the sewer and water testing and maintenance equipment.

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### New Sublette business

The Village of Sublette recently welcomed its newest business. McGraw Tax Prep and More is located at 113 W. Main St., Sublette. Presenting an American flag to new owner, Alice and John McGraw, is Sublette Village President John Stenzel, left. The business, owned by Alice McGraw, specializes in tax preparation, sales taxes, payroll services and monthly accounting/bookkeeping. Outside of tax season, the business hours will be by appointment only. During tax season, the business hours will be Tuesday and Thursday, 4-8 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-6 p.m., with additional times available by appointment. A grand opening celebration will be held from 1-3 p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 25. For more information, call 815-994-0609, or email mcgrawtax@outlook.com or like them on Facebook at McGraw Tax Prep and More. (Photo contributed)

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# SOCIAL SECURITY

## Do you qualify for Social Security spouse's benefits?

By Mike Weitl

Social Security benefits are a crucial part of millions of Americans' retirement income. If you don't have enough Social Security credits to qualify for benefits on your own record, you may be able to receive benefits on your spouse's record.

To qualify for spouse's benefits, you must be one of the following:

- 62 years of age or older.
- Any age and have in your care a child younger than age 16, or who has a disability and is entitled to receive benefits on your spouse's record.

Your full spouse's benefit could be up to one-half the amount your spouse is entitled to receive at their full retirement age. If you choose to receive your spouse's benefits before you reach full retirement age, you will get a permanently reduced benefit.

If you wait until you reach full retirement age to receive benefits, you'll receive your full spouse's benefit amount, which is up to one-half the amount your spouse can receive. You'll also get your full spouse's benefit if you are under full retirement age, but care for a child and one of the following applies:

- The child is younger than age 16.

• The child has a disability and is entitled to receive benefits on your spouse's record.

If you're eligible to receive retirement benefits on your own record, we will pay that amount first. If your benefits as a spouse are higher than your own retirement benefits, you will get a combination of benefits that equal the higher spouse benefit.

For example, Sandy qualifies for a retirement benefit of \$1,000 and a spouse's benefit of \$1,250. At her full retirement age, she will receive her own \$1,000 retirement benefit. We will add \$250 from her spouse's benefit, for a total of \$1,250.

Want to apply for either your or your spouse's benefits? Are you at least 61 years and nine months old? If you answered yes to both, visit [www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement) to get started today.

Are you divorced from a marriage that lasted at least 10 years? You may be able to get benefits on your former spouse's record. You can find out more by visiting [www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html](http://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/divspouse.html) for more information.

*(Weitl is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)*

## Expand your Social Security knowledge with these terms

By Mike Weitl

We strive to explain your benefits using easy-to-understand, plain language. The Plain Writing Act of 2010 requires federal agencies to communicate information clearly in a way "the public can understand and use." This can be particularly challenging when talking about complicated programs like Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicare.

Take a moment to learn a few common Social Security terms and acronyms.

**COLA:** This stands for "Cost-of-Living Adjustment." With COLAs, Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits keep pace with inflation. Most years, your monthly benefit amount will get a

COLA, which usually means extra money.

**Credits:** As you work and pay Social Security taxes, you earn credits — previously called "Quarters of Coverage" — that count toward your eligibility for future Social Security benefits. You can earn a maximum of four credits each year. Most people need 40 credits to qualify for benefits. Younger people need fewer credits to qualify for disability or survivors' benefits. For more information, see Social Security Credits at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10072.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10072.pdf).

**Earnings Record:** This is the chronological history of the amount of money you earned each year during your working lifetime. Your credits remain on your

Social Security earnings record even when you change jobs or have no earnings for a period of time. Review your earnings record with a personal my Social Security account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

**FICA:** This stands for "Federal Insurance Contributions Act." It's the tax withheld from your wages that funds the Social Security and Medicare programs.

Now, if any of these terms or acronyms comes up in conversation, you can help explain what they mean. Visit our online glossary at [www.ssa.gov/agency/glossary](http://www.ssa.gov/agency/glossary) to learn more of our terminology and deepen your understanding of how Social Security works for you.

*(Weitl is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)*

## Top five fraud and scam prevention tools

By Mike Weitl

With the right anti-fraud information, you can help protect those you love. Here are the five most important resources about Social Security scams that you should know about:

- Find out how to spot fake calls and emails and what to do if you get one on our Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams page at [www.ssa.gov/scam](http://www.ssa.gov/scam).

- Learn about phone scams and how to report them on our Office of the Inspector General's Scam Awareness page at [oig.ssa.gov/scam](http://oig.ssa.gov/scam).

- Read about protecting your Social Security number from identity theft at [blog.ssa.gov/protecting-your-social-security-number-from-identity-theft](http://blog.ssa.gov/protecting-your-social-security-number-from-identity-theft).
- Create your personal my Social Security

account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) to help you keep track of your records and identify any suspicious activity.

- Visit our Fraud Prevention and Reporting page at [www.ssa.gov/fraud](http://www.ssa.gov/fraud) to understand how we combat fraud.

Please share these resources about scams with your friends and family — and help us spread the word on social media.

## Social Security Question & Answer

### GENERAL

**Question:**

How can I get a copy of my Social Security Statement?

**Answer:**

You can get your personal Social Security Statement online by using your personal my Social Security account. If you don't yet have an account, you can easily create one. Your online Statement gives you secure and convenient access to your earnings records. It also shows estimates for retirement, disability, and survivors benefits you and your family may be eligible for.

To set up or use your account to get your online Social Security Statement, go to [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

We also mail Statements to workers age 60 and over who aren't receiving Social Security benefits and do not yet have a my Social Security account. We mail the Statements three months prior to your birthday.

**Question:**

I'm expecting a baby soon. What do I need to do to get a Social Security number for my baby?

**Answer:**

Apply for a number at the hospital when you apply for your baby's birth certificate. The state agency that issues birth certificates will share your child's information with us and we will mail the Social Security card to you. You can learn more about the Social Security number and card by reading our online publication Social Security Numbers for Children, available at [www.ssa.gov/pubs](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs).

### RETIREMENT

**Question:**

I am receiving Social Security retirement benefits and I recently went back to work. Do I have to pay Social Security (FICA) taxes on my income?

**Answer:**

Yes. By law, your employer must withhold FICA taxes from your paycheck. Although you are retired, you do receive credit for those new earnings. Each year Social Security automatically credits the new earnings and, if your new earnings are higher than in any earlier year used to calculate your current benefit, your monthly benefit could increase. For more information, visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Question:**

I plan to retire soon. When are Social Security benefits paid?

**Answer:**

Social Security benefits are paid each month. Generally, new retirees receive their benefits on either the second, third, or fourth Wednesday of each month, depending on the day in the month the retiree was born. If you receive benefits as a spouse, your benefit payment date will be determined by your spouse's birth date.

Day of month born: 1-10, second Wednesday; 11-20, third Wednesday; 21-31, fourth Wednesday.

### DISABILITY

**Question:**

I have a 38-year-old son who has been disabled by cerebral palsy since birth. I plan to apply for retirement benefits. Will he be eligible for benefits as my disabled child?

**Answer:**

Yes. In general, an adult disabled before age 22 may be eligible for child's benefits if a parent is deceased or starts receiving retirement or disability benefits. We consider this a "child's" benefit because we pay it on the parent's Social Security earnings record.

The "adult child" — including an adopted child, or, in some cases, a stepchild, grandchild, or step grandchild — must be unmarried, age 18 or older, and have a disability that started before age 22.

**Question:**

I applied for disability benefits, but was denied. I'd like to appeal. Can I do it online?

**Answer:**

Yes. In fact, the best way to file a Social Security appeal is online. Our online appeal process is convenient and secure. Just go to [www.ssa.gov/disability/appeal](http://www.ssa.gov/disability/appeal) to appeal the decision. For people who don't have access to the internet, you can call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to schedule an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to file your appeal.

### SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

**Question:**

I'm 38 years old and have been approved to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits. I was surprised to learn that my payment will be reduced because I live with my mom. Why's that?

**Answer:**

SSI is a needs-based program, so any other income you receive—including non-monetary income such as help with your bills or other expenses—can have an effect on your benefit payment. Your SSI payments may be

reduced if you are receiving food, shelter, or monetary assistance. If you move, or if the situation in your mom's household changes, be sure to contact Social Security. For more information, visit [www.ssa.gov/ssi](http://www.ssa.gov/ssi).

**Question:**

My brother died recently and left me some money. Will this inheritance affect my SSI benefits?

**Answer:**

We consider the money inherited from your brother as income for the month you receive it. That could make you ineligible for SSI that month, depending on the amount of the inheritance. If you keep the money into the next month, it becomes a part of your resources. You cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources and remain eligible for SSI. You should call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and report the inheritance. Representatives can tell you how the inheritance might affect your SSI eligibility. Find out more at [www.ssa.gov/ssi](http://www.ssa.gov/ssi).

### MEDICARE

**Question:**

I found out that my daughter submitted incorrect information about my resources when she completed my Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs. How can I get my application changed now to show the correct amount?

**Answer:**

You can call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and let us know. We will match information on your application with data from other federal agencies. If there is a discrepancy that requires verification, we will contact you. For additional information about Medicare prescription drug plans or enrollment periods, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-633-4227.

**Question:**

If I call 1-800-772-1213, can a Social Security representative take my application for Medicare prescription drug help over the phone?

**Answer:**

If an interviewer is available when you call the 800 number, he or she can take your application over the phone. If an interviewer is not immediately available, we can schedule a telephone appointment for you. For the fastest and most convenient way to apply for Medicare prescription drug help, go online to [www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp](http://www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp).

## You can apply for Medicare online

By Mike Weitl

You can apply for Medicare online even if you are not ready to start your retirement benefits. Applying online is quick and easy. There are no forms to sign, and we usually do not require additional documentation. We'll process your application and contact you if we need more information.

Knowing when to apply for Medicare is very important! You must apply during your limited initial enrollment period. If you're eligible for Medicare at age 65, your initial enrollment period begins three months before your 65th birthday and ends three months after that date. If you miss your initial enrollment period, you may have to pay a higher monthly premium. Visit [www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare) to apply for Medicare and find other important information.

If you were unable to enroll or disenroll in Medicare

because you could not reach us by phone after January 1, 2022, you will be granted additional time, through December 30, 2022. This additional time applies to the 2022 General Enrollment Period, Initial Enrollment Period, and Special Enrollment Period.

Some people who receive Medicare benefits may qualify for Extra Help with their Medicare prescription drug plan costs, including the monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and co-payments. To qualify for Extra Help, you must receive Medicare, have limited resources and income, and reside in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Read our publication Understanding the Extra Help with Your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan for more information at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10508.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10508.pdf).

The Medicare website has answers to your questions and other helpful resources

including:

- What does Medicare cover? Find out at [www.medicare.gov/what-medicare-covers](http://www.medicare.gov/what-medicare-covers).

- Where do I find forms to file a Medicare appeal? Visit [www.medicare.gov/claims-appeals/how-do-i-file-an-appeal](http://www.medicare.gov/claims-appeals/how-do-i-file-an-appeal) for more.

- How can I let someone else talk to Medicare on my behalf? Learn more at [www.medicare.gov/claims-appeals/file-an-appeal/can-someone-file-an-appeal-for-me](http://www.medicare.gov/claims-appeals/file-an-appeal/can-someone-file-an-appeal-for-me).

- What do Medicare health and prescription drug plans cost in my area, and what services do they offer? Check out [www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

- Which doctors, health care providers, and sup-

pliers participate in Medicare? See [www.medicare.gov/forms-help-resources/find-compare-doctors-hospitals-other-providers](http://www.medicare.gov/forms-help-resources/find-compare-doctors-hospitals-other-providers) for the answers.

- Where can I learn more about a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D) and enroll? Visit [www.medicare.gov/drug-coverage-part-d/how-to-get-prescription-drug-coverage](http://www.medicare.gov/drug-coverage-part-d/how-to-get-prescription-drug-coverage).

- Where can I find a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy in my area? Find the answers at [www.medicare.gov/medigap-supplemental-insurance-plans](http://www.medicare.gov/medigap-supplemental-insurance-plans).

Please share these helpful resources with friends and family today.

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**8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day**  
**Maps available.**  
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**PAW PAW TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALES**  
**Friday, Sept. 23 & Saturday, Sept. 24**  
**8 a.m.-3 p.m. each day**  
**Some sales will be on Friday. All sales will be on Saturday.**  
**Maps will be available at local businesses as well as our Facebook page.**  
**1t38msr**



**HOUSEHOLD ESTATE SALE**  
**638 Church Road, Compton**  
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**GARAGE SALE/ NOTICE DEADLINES**  
 • Thursday 5 p.m. to appear in Monday's Money Saver.  
 • Monday 10 a.m. to appear in Wednesday's Reporter.

## CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to Mendota, Troy Grove, Earlville and all the surrounding community fire departments, EMS personnel and OSF Saint Paul Medical Center for all the help you gave getting me re-established after the recent fire. I am truly grateful and thankful for all of you during my time of need.  
**James McCully**

## Incinerator hours

MENDOTA—Incinerator (burn pit) hours for the city of Mendota are as follows:  
 • Monday – 3-6 p.m.  
 • Tuesday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 • Thursday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 • Friday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 • Saturday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 The incinerator is located south of Mendota near the sewage treatment plant.

## POLICE BLOTTER

**DRIVER TICKETED**  
 Rachel N. Carter, 36, of 1105 Sixth St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended, no insurance, improper display of registration and violation of child passenger protection act (child not in safety seat) after a traffic stop at Fourth Avenue and Sixth Street at 5:18 p.m. Sept. 13. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**WARRANT ARREST**  
 Troy W. Cade, 51, of 1512 Guiles Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 12:47 p.m. Sept. 14 on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/reckless conduct. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**Permission needed for dumpster on street**  
 MENDOTA – All dumpsters needing to be placed on Mendota city streets are required to be cleared with Nick Stremlau of the streets, parks and public property departments. Please call 815-539-7287 for approval before placing dumpsters on city streets.

## Nuisance ordinance

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department would like to remind home and business owners of city ordinances regarding public nuisances.

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# SPORTS



Mendota's Jasiel Watson is in a battle for the ball with Bloomington Central Catholic's Brad Torry during a soccer game on Sept. 14 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

## BCC blanks kickers, 2-0; Trojans wallop Streator

MENDOTA – In a rematch of last year's supersectional battle, Bloomington Central Catholic made the trek to Mendota for a regular-season showdown between two of the state's top Class 1A soccer teams. Unfortunately for the Trojans, it was the Saints that came out on top again, this time by a 2-0 count on Sept. 14 at the MHS field. Central Catholic defeated Mendota 3-2 in a penalty kick thriller in last year's supersectional. Central Catholic scored a goal in each half. The first goal came with 19:05 left in the first half when the Saints tallied on a header off of a corner kick.

The Trojans came out strong in the second half and had four excellent scoring opportunities in the first three minutes that were all saved by Saint goalkeeper Auston Koch. Central Catholic made it 2-0 with 12 minutes left before one last comeback attempt by Mendota. The Trojans' Rafael Romero put two great headers on goal in the last 10 minutes, with one just missing wide and the

other being saved by the keeper.

Martin Murillo had seven saves in goal for the Trojans.

"We played well and had multiple chances to score in the game, but just failed to capitalize on those chances," said Mendota coach Nick Myers. "BCC played excellent defense and did not make any big mistakes during the game, making it difficult for our offense to break them down."

"It's great to play this type of competition in the middle of the season to get us ready for post-season games."

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The Trojans got back on the winning track with a 7-0 triumph over Streator on Sept. 19 at the MHS field.

Jasiel Watson led the attack with three goals, while Mauricio Martinez had a pair of goals and an assist. Johan Cortez also found the net. Other assists went to Martin Murillo, Isaac Guzman and Sebastian Carlos.

Mendota improved its record to 12-3.

## MHS netters turn back Coal City

Dixon shutout the Mendota Lady Trojans, 5-0, in varsity girls' tennis action on Sept. 13 at Dixon.

**Sept. 13**  
**Dixon 5, Mendota 0**  
**Singles:** No. 1 – Arjes (D) def. Ella Lewis (M), 6-0, 6-0; No. 2 – Stees (D) def. Natalia Salinas (M), 6-3, 6-1  
**Doubles:** No. 1 – Kuehl-Ferguson (D) def. Alexis Finley-Talya Schwaegerman (M), 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 – Kemmeran-Tefiku (D) def. Isabelle Escatel-Karli Miars (M), 6-0, 6-0; No. 3 – Gingras-Alsarama (D) def. Makayla Lara-Julia Krueger (M), 6-0, 6-2  
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The Lady Trojans edged Coal City, 3-2, on Sept. 16 at Coal City.

Natalia Salinas won in singles action for Mendota, while the doubles teams of Alexis Finley-Talya Schwaegerman and Isabelle Escatel-Cassie Gonzalez also came out victorious.

**Sept. 16**  
**Mendota 3, Coal City 2**  
**Singles:** No. 1 – Stiles (CC) def. Lewis (M), 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 – Salinas (M) def. Kurtz (CC), 6-2, 6-1  
**Doubles:** No. 1 – Finley-Schwaegerman (M) def. Hall-Jackson (CC), 7-5, 7-6; No. 2 – Escatel-Gonzalez (M) def. Solis-Flores (CC) 7-6, 6-3; No. 3 – Peacock-Hir (CC) def. Lara-Krueger (M), 6-1, 6-1

## Powerful Princeton dominates Trojans, 70-21

MENDOTA – Trailing high-powered Princeton by just a 7-0 count after a whacky first quarter had Mendota feeling pretty good about itself. Then came the second quarter.

The Tigers were suddenly uncaged in the second stanza as they tallied an astounding 49 points on their way to a 70-21 triumph over the Trojans in Three Rivers Conference East Division action on Sept. 16 at the MHS field.

The loss evened Mendota's records at 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the league, while Princeton remained undefeated at 4-0, 2-0.

In what can be described as a bizarre first quarter saw only one touchdown scored, that by the Tigers. A Mendota onside kick to open the game was recovered by the Trojans' Isaac Smith, only to have Princeton recover a fumble on Mendota's first play from scrimmage. Then on Princeton's first offensive play of the night, it fumbled and Mendota's Angil Serrano pounced on it at Mendota's 43-yard line. Oh, and a dog ran onto the field, briefly halting play.

Things finally settled down, and the Tigers tallied the only touchdown of the first quarter on a 17-yard pass from Teegan Davis to Andrew Peacock with 8:39 left in the first. Carlos Benavidez added the extra-point kick.

The rest of the first period went scoreless, although the Trojans had a great scoring opportunity when Princeton fumbled the ball away to Mendota for a second time, this time recovered by Dean Gilbert at the Tiger 29-yard line. After the first quarter

**Next for the Trojans**  
**Opponent:** Friday, Sept. 23 vs. Hall at Spring Valley. Kickoff at 7 p.m.  
**Last year:** Mendota rallied from a two-touchdown deficit in the second half by scoring three straight touchdowns to pull out a 43-34 thriller over Hall. The Trojans piled up 436 yards on offense with QB Ted Landgra running for 164 and passing for 56.  
**Last week:** Hall dropped to 1-3 on the season after a 38-32 loss to Morrison in a Three Rivers crossover game.

ended, Serrano attempted a 29-yard field goal that just sailed wide left.

After that, the Tigers went wild. There were eight touchdowns scored in the second quarter, seven of them by Princeton. Four of the seven were on long pass plays from Davis to his big 6-4 target Noah LaPorte.

Taking over at their own 20 after the missed field goal, Davis and LaPorte hooked up for an 80-yard touchdown strike, followed by a Benavidez PAT to make it 14-0.

Mendota turned the ball over on downs on its ensuing possession at the Princeton 46-yard line, and the Tigers needed just five plays to find the end zone, capped off by a 39-yard TD run by Davis. Benavidez's kick was good.

The Trojans got on the board on their next series and it took just one play – a 70-yard touchdown scamper by Anthony Childs at the 6:25

## Golfers face tough competition

Mendota's golfers went up against two Three Rivers Conference opponents in a triangular meet at Monmouth on Sept. 13. The host school shot a sizzling 162 to claim top honors, followed by the Trojans at 170 and Kewanee with a 205.

Owen Aughenbaugh continued to pace the Trojans with a low score of 38. Clay Buffington was next with a 41, while Braden McPheeters turned in a 45 and Cale Strouss carded a 46. Evan McPheeters and Brody Hartt both had a 47 for Mendota.

John Jusczyk of Monmouth was the medalist with a 36.

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Three teams posted three outstanding scores with Sherrard taking the top spot in a triangular at Sheffield on Sept. 14. Sherrard had four of the six players score in the 30s and ended with a 151. The Storm took second with a 160 and the Trojans carded a 170.

Aughenbaugh led Mendota golfers with a 37, two shots off the medalist score. Braden McPheeters checked in with a 42, followed by Hartt at 44 and Strouss at 47. Buffington and Evan McPheeters each had 48s for Mendota.

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LaSalle-Peru edged the Trojans, 180-182, on Sept.



Mendota's Owen Aughenbaugh watches his putt head toward the cup during a dual meet with LaSalle-Peru on Sept. 15 at the Mendota Golf Club. (Reporter photo)

15 at the Mendota Golf Club.

Aughenbaugh's 44 paced Mendota, followed by 46s from Dominik Stamberger, Strouss and Drake Dennis. Other participants for the Trojans were Hartt (49), Braden McPheeters (51), Buffington (55) and Evan McPheeters (56).

Carter Fenza of L-P was the medalist with a 43.

Mendota posted a 185-206 win over L-P in junior varsity action.

Jack Mikolasek of the Trojans claimed meet medalist honors with a 42. Also in the lineup for Mendota were Cayden Escatel (47), Dane Doyle (48), Jace Baird (48), Grady Jones (51) and Nick Sheridan (57).

## MHS hosting golf regional Sept. 28

MENDOTA – Mendota will host the Mendota Class 2A Regional Golf Tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the Mendota Golf Club.

In addition to the Trojans, other teams in the regional are Dixon, Freeport,

LaSalle-Peru, Ottawa, Rochelle, Rock Falls, Sterling and Stillman Valley.

The top three teams and the first 10 best scoring players not members of a qualifying team will advance to the sectional. The

sectional will be hosted by Sterling High School and played at Emerald Hill Golf Course on Monday, Oct. 3.

Other regionals feeding into the Sterling Sectional are Burlington Central, Vernon Hills and Marengo.

## Princeton races past Trojan F-S gridders, 54-0

PRINCETON – The Mendota freshman-sophomore football team dropped a 54-0 decision at Princeton on Sept. 19.

Princeton zoomed out to a 28-0 first-quarter lead on touchdown runs of 33, 57 and 64 yards, and a punt return for a touchdown of 55 yards. The home team added two more TDs in the second period on 9 and 36 yard runs.

The Tigers completed the scoring with one touchdown each in the third and fourth frames of 61 and 18 yards.

Mendota's offense was totally stymied by Princeton as it had a negative 4 yards for the game. Quarterback Aden Tillman completed two passes for 35 yards, but the Trojans had negative 39 yards rushing. Giovanni McIntosh had two pass receptions for Mendota (0-4).

Princeton running back Casey Etheridge churned out 191 yards rushing on just four carries as the Tigers accumulated 378 total yards.



Mendota's Anthony Childs gets past the Princeton line and into the clear on his way to a 70-yard touchdown run on Sept. 16 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

mark. Serrano's extra-point kick made it 21-7.

With half of the second quarter gone, it seemed unfathomable that 35 more points could be scored, but indeed it happened, and all on the Princeton side of the scoreboard.

Mendota's kick after its touchdown went just 8 yards and Princeton took possession at the Trojan

48. On the first play, Davis found LaPorte for a 48-yard TD strike, followed by a Benavidez PAT.

Princeton got the ball back 22 seconds later when LaPorte intercepted a deflected pass from Justin Randolph at the Mendota 39. Six plays later, Davis squirted into the end zone from the 1-yard line and Benavidez kicked the extra point.

The Trojan offense turned the ball over on downs on its next possession and Princeton needed less than a minute to go 40 yards, the final play being a 13-yard pass from Davis to LaPorte with 2:48 left in the half. Benavidez was perfect on the PAT kick.

# SPORTS

## Football

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The Tigers had two more interceptions before halftime and turned both into scores. Brady Byers got one at his own 35 and then the Davis-to-LaPorte connection struck again, this time for a 65-yard TD. Then with 23 seconds left, Davis, who's headed to Eastern Illinois University next year, swiped a pass and returned it 42 yards to paydirt. Benavidez hit both extra-point kicks and Princeton took a 56-7 lead to the locker room.

With the more than 40-point separation, the entire second half was played with a running clock.

Each team scored a third-quarter touchdown. Mendota's was a 68-yard pass from Randolph to Ryne Strouss. Serrano added the PAT kick.

Princeton answered when Peacock found the end zone from 53 yards out. Benavidez's kick split the uprights.

The same held true in the fourth, as both teams put a TD on the board.

Casey Etheridge had a 19-yard touchdown scamper for the Tigers and Benavidez completed a perfect night kicking.

Mendota scored the final touchdown on a 72-yard pass from Randolph to Childs with 1:49 left. Serrano boot- ed the extra point.

The Trojans finished with 298 total yards compared to 535 for Princeton. Childs ran it 15 times for 111 yards, while Randolph completed 6 of 17 passes for 174 yards. Childs, Strouss and Smith each had two receptions.

Davis was a perfect 8 of 8 passing for 310 yards. LaPorte reeled in four aeri- als for 206 yards.

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#### PRINCETON 70, MENDOTA 21

Princeton	7	49	7	7	-	70
Mendota	0	7	7	7	-	21

#### SCORING SUMMARY

**PR** - Peacock 17 pass from Davis (Benavidez kick), 8:39 1Q  
**PR** - LaPorte 80 pass from Davis (Benavidez kick), 10:42 2Q  
**PR** - Davis 39 run (Benavidez kick), 6:45 2Q  
**ME** - Childs 70 run (Serrano kick), 6:25 2Q  
**PR** - LaPorte 48 pass from Davis (Benavidez kick), 6:12 2Q  
**PR** - Davis 1 run (Benavidez kick), 4:27 2Q  
**PR** - LaPorte 13 pass from Davis (Benavidez kick), 2:48 2Q  
**PR** - LaPorte 65 pass from Davis (Benavidez kick), 1:46 2Q  
**PR** - Davis 42 interception return (Benavidez kick), 0:23 2Q  
**ME** - Strouss 68 pass from Randolph (Serrano kick), 8:01 3Q  
**PR** - Peacock 53 run (Benavidez kick), 5:01 3Q  
**PR** - Etheridge 19 run (Benavidez kick), 3:02 4Q  
**ME** - Childs 72 pass from Randolph (Serrano kick), 1:49 4Q

	ME	PR
First Downs	8	17
Rushes-Yards	28-124	29-231
Passing Yards	174	310
Passes	6-17-3	8-8-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-2
Punts-Avg	3-31	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	7-55

#### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

**Rushing** - MENDOTA: Childs 15-111, Smith 6-15, Belmonte 3-10, Randolph 4-(minus 12); PRINCETON: Peacock 2-65, Davis 5-65, Etheridge 6-52, Arkels 1-13, Winn 4-13, Lott 4-9, Hickey 3-7, Christiansen 2-4, Green 1-3, Driscoll 1-0.

**Passing** - MENDOTA: Randolph 6-17-3-174; PRINCETON: Davis 8-8-0-310.

**Receiving** - MENDOTA: Childs 2-74, Strouss 2-73, Smith 2-27; PRINCETON: LaPorte 4-206, Cihocki 2-55, Byers 1-32, Peacock 1-17.

#### Three Rivers East Division Football Standings

	TR	OA
Princeton	2-0	4-0
St. Bede	2-0	4-0
Mendota	1-1	2-2
Kewanee	1-1	2-2
Hall	0-1	1-3
Sterling Newman	0-1	2-2
Bureau Valley	0-2	1-3

**Friday, Sept. 16**  
Princeton 70, Mendota 21  
Kewanee 40, Bureau V. 7  
St. Bede 34, Newman 8  
Morrison 38, Hall 32

**Friday, Sept. 23**  
Mendota at Hall  
Kewanee at Princeton  
Newman at Bureau Valley  
St. Bede 2, Riverdale 0 (for)

## BOWLING

#### Wednesday Night Men's League

Standings as of Sept. 7 - 1. First State Bank 4-0; 2. Mendota Monument 2-2; 3. Boelk Truck Lines 2-2; 4. O'Donnell Excavating 0-4

High team game (scratch) - Mendota Monument 973, First State Bank 966, Boelk Truck Lines 944

High team game (hdcp) - Boelk Truck Lines 1063, First State Bank 1047, Mendota Monument 1031

High team series (scratch) - Mendota Monument 2843, First State Bank 2825, Boelk Truck Lines 2641

High team series (hdcp) - First State Bank 3068, Mendota Monument 3017, Boelk Truck Lines 2998

High individual game (scratch) - Tim Dessing 233, Erik Schmitt 231, James Andrews 223

High individual series (hdcp) - Erik Schmitt 677, Nate Bradford 634, Tim Dessing 625

#### Tuesday Night Men's League

Standings as of Sept. 13 - 1. Team 2 5-3; 2. Black Bros. 4-4; 3. Age Old Organics 4-4; 4. JJ&L Carpentry 3-5

High team game (scratch) - Team 2 1058, Black Bros. 927, JJ&L Carpentry 918

High team game (hdcp) - Team 2 1123, Black Bros. 1116, JJ&L Carpentry 1008

High team series (scratch) - Team 2 2981, JJ&L Carpentry 2589, Black Bros. 2585

High team series (hdcp) - Team 2 3176, Black Bros. 3152, JJ&L Carpentry 2859

High individual game (scratch) - Todd Smith 269, Beau Wixom 248, Nate Bradford 238

High individual game (hdcp) - Todd Smith 269, Beau Wixom 248, Scott Novak 224

High individual series (scratch) - Todd Smith 691, Nate Bradford 631, Beau Wixom 623

High individual series (hdcp) - Todd Smith 691, Beau Wixom 623, Zach Meyers 588

#### Wednesday Night Men's League

Standings as of Sept. 14 - 1. Mendota Monument 5-3; 2. First State Bank 5-3; 3. O'Donnell Excavating 4-4; 4. Boelk Truck Lines 2-6

High team game (scratch) - Mendota Monument 1086, First State Bank 1055, Boelk Truck Lines 881

High team game (hdcp) - Mendota Monument 1191, First State Bank 1154, O'Donnell Excavating 1059

High team series (scratch) - Mendota Monument 3058, First State Bank 2975, Boelk Truck Lines 2621

High team series (hdcp) - Mendota Monument 3373, First State Bank 3272, O'Donnell Excavating 3146

High individual game (scratch) - Erik Schmitt 279, Nate Bradford 268, Joe Kennedy 254

High individual game (hdcp) - Erik Schmitt 279, Nate Bradford 268, Joe Kennedy 254

High individual series (scratch) - Erik Schmitt 759, Nate Bradford 717, Tim Dessing 659

High individual series (hdcp) - Erik Schmitt 759, Nate Bradford 717, Tim Dessing 659

## Harriers race at Peru, in BV Invitational

Mendota's cross country team traveled to Baker Park in Peru to compete against several area schools on Sept. 13.

The girls' race featured 60 participants, and was won by Ottawa's Grace Carroll in a time of 22:00. Mendota's top time belonged to Anna Valdez (31:19, 43rd).

Ottawa won the team totals with 21 points, followed by St. Bede (88), LaSalle-Peru (90), Fieldcrest (91), Marquette (93) and Streator (132).

A total of 48 boys battled it out in the second race, with Streator's Kody Danko winning in 16:55. Mendota's Anthony Kelson was second to cross the finish line in a time of 17:58.

Also running for the Trojans were Dagen Setchell (11th, 19:51), Kody Chase (16th, 21:03), Travis Mumm (27th, 23:20), Harlan Gallagher (35th, 24:50), Carlos Olivas (37th, 25:02) and Spencer Kain (39th, 25:54).

L-P's 36 points topped the field, followed by Ottawa (53), Mendota (64) and Streator (71).

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Mendota was entered in the Bureau Valley Invitational on Sept. 17 at Manlius.

Four Trojans participated in the varsity boys' race, which had a total of 157 runners. Kelson led Mendota with a 15th-place finish in a time of 17:31.7. Also racing for the Trojans were Setchell (66th, 19:46.7), Chase (90th, 20:31.5) and Olivas (127th, 23:09.6).

The top five placing teams were Elmwood (70), Sandwich (94), Rock Falls (113), Mercer County (140) and Rock Island Alleman (147).

Two Lady Trojans were in the girls' race. They included Anna Valdes (139th, 29:55.1) and Val Valdes (145th, 31:31.4).

A total of 161 runners were in the girls' competition, which was won by Elmwood with 87 points. The rest of the top five included Rock Falls (98), Seneca (115), Sandwich (117) and Sherrard (119).

In the freshman-sophomore boys' race, three Trojans were entered in the race. Mumm was 40th in 18:28.7, Gallagher was 41st in 18:31.5 and Kain placed 57th in 21:10.3.

Princeville earned the top spot in the team standings with 38 points, followed by Erie-Prophetstown (78), Bureau Valley (82), LaSalle-Peru (88), Polo (90) and Kewanee Wethersfield (100).



Mendota's Izaiah Nanez heads the ball as Jose Joseph of Bloomington Central Catholic closes in during a soccer game on Sept. 14 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

## Spikers fall to Newman, Sandwich

MENDOTA - The Mendota Spikers were beaten in a pair of home matches last week.

The Spikers hosted Sterling Newman on Sept. 13 and suffered a 25-16, 25-20 setback in Three Rivers

Conference play. Mendota is 1-3 in conference play.

Reanna Brant led the squad with seven kills and Madelyn Becker collected eight assists. Lily Leifheit and Katie Jenner supplied 11 and nine digs, respec-

tively.

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Sandwich downed the Spikers, 25-19, 25-12 in nonconference action on Sept. 14 at the MHS gym.

Mendota has a 3-8 overall record.

## Mendota Golf Club league winners named

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

#### Monday 4:30

1st - Chad Hochstatter & Kyle Knaff; 2nd place - Kevin McPheeters & Randy Politsch; 3rd place - Clint O'Brien & Tyler Full

#### Tuesday 2:00

1st place - Ron Reger & Herb Buchanan; 2nd place - Jim Wade & Curt Faber

#### Tuesday 5:00

1st place - Roger Simkins & Dr. Don Pill- er; 2nd place - Josh Roulston & Dan Falcon

#### Wednesday 4:30

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

#### Wednesday 3:30

1st place - Tom Martin & George Thompson; 2nd place - Dave Mammen & Ed Jasper

#### Thursday 5:00

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

## Northbrook School soccer

**Sept. 13 vs. Sandwich Northbrook 11, Sandwich 1**

Goals: Omar Nanez 1, Cesar Casas 2, Emiliano Villagomez 2, Cole Kleckner 1, Abel Nanez 1, Gianni Figueroa 1, Gael Garcia 1, Benoni Hernandez 1, Cesar Hernandez 1

Assists: Omar Nanez 2, Cole Kleckner 1, Abel Nanez 1, Liam Sheppard 1, Jorge Valdez 1

**Sept. 15 @ LaSalle Lincoln Northbrook 6, LaSalle 1**

Goals: Cesar Casas 2, Kevin Herrera 2, Cole Kleckner 1, Omar Nanez 1

Assists: Cole Kleckner 1, Omar Nanez 1, Hugo Falcon 1

**Sept. 17 @ DeKalb Game 1 Northbrook 6, Belvidere South 0**

Goals: Omar Nanez 3, Cesar Casas 1, Kevin Herrera 1, Cole Kleckner 1

Assists: Omar Nanez 1, Cesar Casas 1, Kevin Herrera 1, Emiliano Villagomez 1

**Game 2 Northbrook 3, DeKalb CR 2**

Goals: Cesar Casas 3, Assists: Cole Kleckner 3, Saves: Gianni Figueroa 3



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## God's plan in your broken places

There's a story about a little boy who was very poor and needed shoes. He was standing in front of a shoe store, barefoot and shivering with cold. A woman approached him and asked him why he was standing there, looking through the window. He told her, "Well, ma'am, I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes."

The woman took the boy into the store, washed his dirty, bare feet and put new socks and shoes on them. The boy was so touched by her compassion that he asked her, "Ma'am, are you God's wife?" He assumed if she

showed him that kind of love, she must be related to God.

This story is one of the best examples of what it means to walk in love. And our goal as Christians is to show God's love so people see Jesus shining through us.

### It Starts with Communion

Matthew 26:26 (NASB) says, "...Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.'" It's interesting to see here that Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and then gave it to the

disciples.

We usually refer to this scripture when we have communion to remind us of the sacrifice He made for us. And just as He gave His life and was broken for us, we must be broken so we can live for Him.

We don't like to think about God breaking us, but it's really a wonderful thing. See, when we're born again, the seed of God's nature—all that He is—is planted in our spirits.

First Peter 1:23 says, "You have been born again not of seed which is perishable, but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God." And 1 John 3:9 tells us that as believers, "God's seed [His principle of life, the essence of His righteous character] remains [permanently] in us (AMP).

This means we have what it takes to be like Jesus and love others the way He loves us. But we all need God to do a work in our souls for us to be able to walk in love. We have to grow spiritually for our soul—mind, will and emotions—to be molded into the image of Christ.

We don't need to pray for God to give us love, because we already have His love in us. We need to pray for Him to show us how to walk in love...for God to do whatever He needs to do in our lives so His love can flow through us to others. When we do, He will deal with whatever is in us that is standing in the



way: pride, unforgiveness, selfishness, insecurity, fear or any other ungodly attitude or behavior.

### How Brokenness Works

Isaiah 64:8 says, "O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our Potter, and we all are the work of Your hand" (AMP). I know what it's like to be broken and molded by God. I used to have so many problems; I was hard to get along with and harsh. There were a lot of things I didn't understand because I had been mistreated, and I thought it was good to be hard and not let anyone push me around. I believed everyone else had a problem, not me.

I remember praying so diligently for God to change my husband, Dave, because if he would just be the way I wanted him to be, then I would be happy. But one day God spoke to my heart so strongly and said, "Dave is not the problem." My response was, "Well, who is? It's just me and him. What do You mean Dave is not the problem?"

It was devastating to

realize that I was the problem, but it was also the beginning of a beautiful work God wanted to do in me.

Even though I was hurting and hard to get along with, I really loved God and wanted to live for Him, but I had to give Him control so He could mold me into His image. I began to pray things like, "God, do whatever You need to do in my life to change me. I'm the clay and You are the Potter. Romans 8:29 says You foreordained me to be molded into the image of Jesus, and I want to be everything You've created me to be."

The journey hasn't been easy, but I can honestly say that the hardest times in my life became blessings because God used them to bring me close to Him so I could know Him and grow spiritually. That's His plan for all of His children.

I want to encourage you today to spend time with God and search out the promises He has for you in His Word. Trust His wisdom and do what He shows you to do. As you put your faith in God to

break you, mold you and make you what He's created you to be, the Potter will make you an amazing work of His hand!

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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. 01050, 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. 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.

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By: Deborah A. Quirk  
Its: Attorney-In-Fact  
Explanation  
Legal No. 0901 (9/7, 9/14, 9/21 2022)

ANDREA SLUIS, TRUSTEE OF THE ANDREA SLUIS LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 18, 2015, 15918 DREXEL AVE, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60743, according to the Deed dated December 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28217, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 7

ANDREA SLUIS, TRUSTEE OF THE ANDREA SLUIS LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 18, 2015, C/O HISKES DILLNER & ET AL 16231 WAUSAU AVE, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473, according to the Deed dated December 06, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28217, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 7

AVA VOGELMANN AND VALLARIE VOGELMANN, 1811 HERMITAGE DR, NEW LENOX, IL 60451, according to the Deed dated June 08, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 11776, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00300, 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

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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)

**ORDINANCE NO. 090822-01**  
**AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF LASALLE, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Graves-Hume Public Library District of the County of LaSalle, State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purposes, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the ordinance, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Graves-Hume Public Library District and it is effective immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Mendota, Illinois this 8th day of September, 2022.

Posted: September 08, 2022  
Rick White  
President of the Board of Trustees of Graves-Hume Public Library District  
ATTEST:  
Kim Abel  
Secretary  
No. 0903  
(Sept. 21, 2022)

**NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 12, 2022 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Magnum Opus located at 1003 1st Avenue, Mendota, IL. 61342.  
Dated: September 12, 2022. Debra Diane Lewis Applicant.  
No. 0905  
(9/21, 9/28, 10/5 2022)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Public Notice is hereby given that on September 16, 2022 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Personalitee's located at 721 LaSalle Street, Ottawa, IL. 61350.  
Dated: September 16, 2022. Joshua Callaway & Mary Kaye Partridge Applicants.  
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### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

#### ORDINANCE 090822-2 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2022 AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2023

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, of the County of LaSalle, State of Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared a tentative form of the Annual Budget and Appropriation for said Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 and the same has been conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on September 8, 2022, notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publishing notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the Graves-Hume Public Library District; and WHEREAS, all other legal requirements have been duly complied with by the Board of Trustees, Graves-Hume Public Library District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF LaSALLE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section I: That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated for the specified Library Purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated are as follows; to-wit:

FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/35-5]:

1. For payroll	\$189,000.00
2. For professional services	\$5,000.00
3. For travel	\$300.00
4. For books and materials	\$25,300.00
5. For contractual services	\$4,500.00
6. For legal services	\$2,500.00
7. For equipment and machine supplies	\$4,000.00
8. For new equipment	\$5,000.00
9. For automation & computer expenses	\$8,000.00
10. For building improvements & equipment	\$14,000.00
11. For telecommunications	\$2,000.00
12. For utilities	\$13,500.00
13. For continuing education	\$300.00
14. For publishing/public relations	\$1,300.00
15. For dues and memberships	\$1,000.00
16. For printing and postage	\$300.00
17. For programming & summer reading	\$9,500.00
18. For operating supplies	\$3,100.00
19. For technology & internet	\$17 500.00
20. For miscellaneous expenses	\$5,000.00
21. For contingencies	\$10,000.00

TOTAL \$321,100.00  
FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND PURPOSES [40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-110.1]:

1. Social Security & Medicare	\$16,000.00
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TOTAL \$16,000.00  
FOR ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND [40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-171]:

1. Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	\$22,000.00
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TOTAL \$22,000.00  
FOR AUDIT PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/30-45 and 50 ILCS 310/9]:

1. Contractual Services-Audit	\$3,000.00
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TOTAL \$3,000.00  
FOR LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, [745 ILCS 10/9-107]:

1. Insurance (inc. liability; property damage; workers' comp.; unemployment comp. & treasurer's bond)	\$ 10,000.00
2. Legal Fees	\$ 500.00
3. Risk Management/Loss Control program	\$ 10,000.00
4. Contingency	\$1,500.00

TOTAL \$22,000.00  
FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35-5]:

1. Building Maintenance services	\$19,000.00
2. Building Maintenance supplies	\$3,000.00

#### TOTAL \$22,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF A WORKING CASH FUND [75 ILCS 16/35-35]:

I. For Working Cash Fund \$82,000.00  
TOTAL \$82,000.00  
FOR SPECIAL RESERVE FUND [75 ILCS 16/40-50]:

1. Special Reserve Fund Plan	\$400,000.00
2. Contingency	\$10,000.00

TOTAL \$410,000.00  
Section 2: Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the following estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal year:

Projected cash on hand July 1, 2022

Special Reserve Fund	\$104,900.00
From Working Cash Fund	\$410,000.00
Self Insurance Reserve Fund	\$1,530.00
Miscellaneous gifts and donations	\$18,000.00
Income of interest	\$12,000.00
Special purpose grants	\$10,400.00
Personal Property Replacement funds	\$8,500.00
TIF Income	\$16,000.00
Photocopy, cards, fax, and miscellaneous	\$25,300.00

Tax for General Corporate Library purposes \$126,000.00  
Tax for Social Security purposes \$16,000.00  
Tax for Ill. Municipal Fund purposes \$22,000.00  
Tax for Audit purposes \$3,000.00  
Tax for Liability and Insurance \$20,470.00  
Tax for Working Cash Fund purposes \$42,000.00  
Tax for Maintenance purposes \$16,800.00  
Expected cash on hand June 30, 2023 \$0  
Section 3: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund, and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Section 4: The Secretary of the Graves-Hume Public Library District is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within this library district.  
Section 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.  
Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Graves-Hume Public Library District and approved by the President thereof this 8th day of September, 2022.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRAVES-HUME PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
By: Rick White, President  
ATTEST: Kim Abel, Secretary  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
)SS.  
COUNTY OF LaSALLE)

CERTIFICATE  
I, Kim Abel, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified and now acting Secretary of the Graves-Hume Public Library District in the County of LaSalle and State of Illinois; that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 090822-2 for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

I further certify that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof held on the 8th day of September, 2022; that said Ordinance was duly passed by yea and nay vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having voted yea on the adoption and passage thereof and approved in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to the notice and publication thereof as required by law.

I further certify that said Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance contains an estimate of revenues, by sources, anticipated to be received by the Graves-Hume Public Library District in the fiscal year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Graves-Hume Public Library District, at Mendota, Illinois, this 8th day of September, 2022.

Kim Abel, Secretary, Graves-Hume Public Library District  
Legal No. 0904  
(Sept. 21, 2022)

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