



It's got to bee



□ Honey, pollination make bees very valuable resource to our food supply

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Cows, sheep, pigs, goats, chickens, and horses are the animals first associated in a word game when the word, farm, is the topic.

Bees are usually not included.

However, the yellow and black striped insects are very important to Mother Nature and the farming community for many reasons.

Bryon Walters started beekeeping 17 years ago as a hobby and sees the importance of his winged friends more than he ever thought he would.

“The honeybees that we have is actually a European bee. It’s an imported species. The Native Americans used to call them the white man’s flies,” Walters said, who has 15 hives in three different locations around his home located between Mendota and Triumph. “It’s a 100-percent domesticated creature just like Black Angus cattle, Barred-Rock chicken, and a Dotson dog. They’re a manmade creation through breeding and cross breeding.

“The honeybee is responsible for pollinating about 75 percent of the food that we eat in this country. That’s why they are very, very important. We don’t have enough native bees to do all of the heavy pollination. It’s an agricultural animal, it’s not a wild, natural animal.” Pollination is critical.

And for some, so is honey.

When Walters first started with one hive 17 years ago, he produced nine pounds of honey. In 2020, his bees made 945 pounds of honey and last year 358 pounds of sticky, sweet ooze was made.

“We do have bees in the United States, but they don’t store honey the way the European bees do. That’s why we get two services from them. They pollinate our produce



There are 15 hives on Bryon Walters’ property between Mendota and Triumph where he collects loads of honey. With one hive 17 years ago, Walters packaged nine pounds of honey. In 2020, the bees made 945 pounds of honey and in 2021 they made 358 pounds of the sticky, sweet ooze. (Reporter photos by Brandon LaChance)



and flowers, and they produce a surplus of honey,” Walters said. “We’re late in the summer and there is still a lot of activity. They’re bringing in a lot of nectar from Goldenrod, Asters, and other fall flowers.

“I sell the honey at the Mendota Farmer’s Market every Saturday from June until October. I sell it and give it to family. All of our family has as much honey as they can consume,” Walters said. “It’s a good food source. I don’t add sugar to anything I eat. I put honey in there so it’s a healthy food source. Honey is unique because it’s the only food that we eat that’s 100 percent produced from an insect. It never spoils as long as you don’t get water into it.”

Walters adds honey to his tea, and he eats it every morning in what he calls a

porridge, which consists of steel-cut oatmeal, almond milk, and his honey named, Bryon’s Bees Prairie Wild Honey. Walters’ wife, Frieda Walters, uses the honey for sweets and baked goods.

The mixture of honey and oats has dropped Walters’ cholesterol and he has heard local honey helps other health issues as well.

“I have no regrets. It’s been a lot of fun. People really enjoy the honey,” Walters said. “People say they don’t take their allergy medicine anymore because the local honey is good for what they’re allergic to. Doctors will recommend honey, but there isn’t any scientific proof yet and it’s not documented. It’s in the works.

“When someone tells me that they don’t have to take their allergy medicine any-

more, something is working for them.”

There are no regrets for Walters in terms of the time he’s put into his hives.

The green box on the bottom is called the hive brood box, where the queen bee raises their family and where honey and pollen are stored for the wintertime.

The blue bar between the green and white boxes is the Queen Excluder, where the queen does not go to lay brood aka honey.

The white boxes are smaller than the green ones below and they keep the surplus of the honey. This is where Walters does his harvest to package and present to his customers.

In each of his five hives, there are 50,000-75,000 bees

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Mendota H.S. to celebrate Homecoming Week Oct. 3-8

MENDOTA – Homecoming Week 2022 at Mendota High School will be Oct. 3-8. This year’s theme is “Dancing Through the Decades.”

The class Homecoming hallway decorating contest will begin Friday, Sept. 30. Class hallways will be aligned to the theme of Homecoming Week.

The Homecoming assembly will take place on Monday, Oct. 3 at the MHS athletic field. This year’s royalty will be announced and there will be fun games played by the students.



Monday is also “Class Color Day.” Seniors wear red, juniors wear blue, sophomores wear black and freshmen wear green.

Tuesday is “Dress to Impress vs. PJ Day,” Wednesday is “Dancing Through the Decades Day” and Thursday is “Purple & Gold Day.” Everyone is encouraged to wear purple and gold and show their Trojan spirit.

This year’s Homecoming parade will be Thursday at 4 p.m. The parade route begins on Wisconsin Avenue near Meriden Street and will proceed south to Washington Street, east on Washington Street, north on Illinois Avenue, west on Monroe Street and north on Wisconsin Avenue to conclude at the Sullivan’s Foods parking lot.

There will be no school on Friday, however, at 7 p.m., everyone is encouraged to support the Trojans by attending the Homecoming football game against Kewanee.

Homecoming Week festivities will conclude on Saturday, Oct. 8 with the dance from 7-10 p.m. in the MHS gymnasium.

District 280 Board passes FY23 budget

MENDOTA – The Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education passed a new budget at its Sept. 19 regular meeting.

The FY23 budget is projected to have revenue of \$12,641,595 vs. expenses of \$13,131,789 for a negative balance of \$490,194. The negative balance is the result of two major capital improvement projects that were completed over the summer that the Board had approved earlier in the fiscal year. The budget minus the capital improvements projects shows a surplus of over \$340,000 for FY 23. That is compared to the FY22 budget, which showed a final revenue balance of plus \$657,895.

Both the FY22 and FY 23 budgets reflect a substantial increase in Personal Property Replacement (PPR) funding. This is the result of the State making some delayed transfers and a strong local economy as the result of State and Federal stimulus payments. Superintendent Jeff Prusator noted that the substantial increases in the PPR revenue should be viewed as one-time revenue sources and the Board of Education was cautious to use those excess funds on one-time facility repairs and upgrades and to not rely on those funds to pay salaries and benefits.

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Illinois Department on Aging to retirees: Action required to claim property tax rebate

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) is encouraging older adults and retirees who were not required to file an Illinois income tax return for 2021 to claim their property tax rebate of up to \$300 by submitting Form IL-1040-PTR to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

“Many Illinois residents who filed 2021 state income taxes and claimed a property tax credit will automatically receive a property tax rebate under Governor Pritzker’s Illinois Family Relief Plan,” said Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA)



Director Paula Basta. “Older adults and retirees may not realize they can get the rebate as well, but only if they sub-

mit the right paperwork to the State of Illinois.”

Under the Illinois Family Relief Plan passed by the Illinois House and Senate, one-time individual income and property tax rebates will be issued to taxpayers who meet certain income requirements. Homeowners who paid Illinois property taxes in 2021 on their primary residence in 2020 are eligible for the property tax rebate, though they will need to take action in order to claim it if they were not required to file an Illinois income tax return for 2021. Taxpayers who claimed a property tax

credit on their Illinois income tax return for 2021 (IL-1040) using Schedule ICR do not need to take any additional action to receive their property tax rebate.

To claim only the property tax rebate, older adults must complete and submit Form IL-1040-PTR, either by mail or electronically through MyTax Illinois, on or before Oct. 17, 2022. Assistance is available by calling the Illinois Department of Revenue at 1-800-732-8866 or 217-782-3336.

“For older adults on a fixed income, every dollar counts, especially with high

“Not claiming this rebate would be leaving money on the table, and we want to make sure older adults are aware of the steps they need to take to receive it.”

IDoA Director Paula Basta

inflation,” said Basta. “Not claiming this rebate would be leaving money on the table, and we want to make sure older adults are aware of the steps they need to take to receive it.”

IDoA serves and advocates for older Illinoisans and their caregivers by administering quality and culturally appropriate programs that promote partnerships and

encourage independence, dignity, and quality of life. For information about the Department’s programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/programs> or contact the Senior HelpLine toll-free at 1-800-252-8966, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



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Blessing of pets set for October 4 at OSF Saint Paul

MENDOTA – In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, who was known for his love of animals, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center will be hosting a special blessing just for pets. The blessing of animals will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 4, between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. in the OSF Saint Paul Serenity Garden.

The garden and parking lot are located on the hospital’s west side. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier. Deacon George Schramm will bless each of your animals.



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LOCAL AND AREA

Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra season is here

Music tells a story. Music can be uplifting during turbulent times. Music can be enjoyed by yourself or with friends and family.

The Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra wants to celebrate all as it plans to combine these elements and many others during its season featuring five concerts.

The 2022-23 musical calendar is the IVSO's 73rd season presenting a variety of popular, classical, holiday, American, Spanish, and Latin American music under the direction of Daniel Sommerville.

A season subscription provides admission to all five concerts or up to five admissions for any one concert. This year, the IVSO offers tiered pricing that allows those who purchase early the best value. Subscriptions purchased by Oct. 1 cost \$50, a savings of 50% off the price of five individual tickets at \$20 each, between Oct. 2 and Nov. 5 \$75, and after Nov. 5 \$100.

Season tickets may be ordered online at ivso.org. Students in grades K-12 will be admitted free to all concerts. Tick-

ets for college students with ID are \$5 at the door. Here is a look at what will be on a stage near you:

Celebrate the Cinema! Pops Concert

7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1
Illinois Valley Community College Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre

Film and music go hand in hand as you can't watch a movie without music and once music is connected with a movie it is linked forever.

For the first concert of the season, the IVSO is showcasing movie music from different eras.

There will be a presentation of the 1921 silent film *Never Weaken* with live orchestral accompaniment by Robert Israel.

The program also includes music by Erick Korngold, Ennio and Andrea Morricone, John Williams, and others from *The Sea Hawk* (1940), *The Big Country*, *Vertigo*, *Cinema Paradiso*, *Jane Eyre*, and *Jurassic Park*.

Celebrate the Symphony . . . and the Concerto!

Featuring cellist Leonardo Altino

7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5
La Salle-Peru High School Matthiessen Auditorium

The IVSO presents the two greatest forms of instrumental music, the concerto and the symphony: Saint-Saëns Cello Concerto No. 1 in A Minor; Mozart Symphony No. 31, Paris; and Nielsen Symphony No. 2, The Four Temperaments.

Celebrate Joy!

Featuring tenor Roger Amm

3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11
La Salle-Peru High School Auditorium

The holiday season means cheer, joy, and celebration.

Music is key during the most magical time of the year and the IVSO is delivering some of the best of the best: selections from The Messiah; plus The Nutcracker Suite No. 1, Prokofiev's Lieutenant Kijé Suite, Angel's Dance, The Polar Express, Sleigh Ride, and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, narrated by Mr. Amm.

Celebrate Youth!

7 p.m. Saturday, March 11
Ottawa Township High School Auditorium

Featuring winners of the 2023 IVSO Young Performers Competition, *The Wasps* Overture and *March Past of the Kitchen Utensils* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, *Scherzo Fantastique* by Suk, and Copland's *Appalachian Spring*.

Celebrate Culture!

Featuring Kate Tombaugh, mezzo-soprano

3 p.m. Saturday, May 7
Illinois Valley Community College Cultural Center

Celebrate Culture with Illinois Valley favorite Kate Tombaugh, mezzo-soprano, in *Seven Popular Songs* by Spanish composer Manuel de Falla in a concert of Spanish and Latin American music. Also on the program are *The Three-Cornered Hat*, Suite No. 2 by de Falla, Danzón No. 2 by Márquez, *Fandangos* by Sierra, and Four Dances from *Estancia* by Ginastera.

All IVSO concert venues are ADA accessible. Season sponsor is WCMY / WRLX Radio. These programs are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.



Mendota resident hops on the L.A. Poetry Train

Jenny Kindler wasn't expecting a journey across the United States when she was walking in downtown Mendota. However, she saw a flyer for the L.A. Poetry Train, decided it was an enticing adventure, and went aboard the poetry express on Sept. 22 at the Mendota Train Station. "I just happened to see the ad in the Mendota Reporter window. I like poetry, I like trains, and I like to travel. I was just curious so I decided to try it," Kindler said. The Mendota poet entered her selection following the train's theme, some people have never been crazy. The L.A. Poetry Train began in New York and stops at over 60 train stations on its way to Los Angeles. Kindler has taken two short trips to "The City of Angels" and is excited to see more of the city this time around.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Spiritwear order information went home with all students this past week. If parents would like to order their child a Blackstone Bear shirt or sweatshirt, the link to order is <https://blackstonespiritwear22.itemorder.com/>. All orders must be placed online through 4M Graphix. The due date is Monday, October 3.

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All of our students participated in a bus evacuation drill on Sept. 20. This is a state mandated drill that we do each year to discuss bus safety and what to do if there was ever an

emergency while on a school bus. Thank you to Gary and Miguel from the bus garage for their help with this drill.

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The first grade students participated in Fastbridge reading and math fall benchmark testing on Tuesday. We administer benchmark assessments three times per year (fall, winter, spring) to help us monitor student growth. Students will bring home testing results soon. This data is also used to help us plan our curriculum and intervention programs.

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The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Emmett Mellott, Lennon McCully, Melanie Montes, Leila Reyes, Kennedy Piller, Penelope Gromiuk, Jaxon Stamberger and Karson McLain. The winners were Ellie Krisch, Olivia Huang, Fianna Figueroa and Delaila Casas. Congratulations to all of you!

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District #289 had a half day dismissal on Sept. 21. The district used the afternoon to

train staff on school safety and what to do in an emergency. Thank you to the partnership we have with the Mendota Police Department to work with us to ensure all of our students, staff and families are safe while at school.

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Blackstone's open house will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We hope everyone can attend to see our school, meet staff and take a look at what our students have been working on. The book fair will also be open on this night from 5:30-7:00.

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Celebrate the Cinema! Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra starts the concert season on screen

Have you ever seen a movie without music?

They were made in the early 1900s, but as soon as music accompanied film, the two have never been separated.

The Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra, which is beginning its 73rd season, is joining movies and music for their first concert of the musical season with Celebrate the Cinema! Pops Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at Illinois Valley Community College's Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

The program will include selections from composers Erich Korngold in Fanfare from *The Sea Hawk*, Bernard Herrmann in *Vertigo* Prelude, John Williams in Suite from *Jane Eyre*, and Theme from *Jurassic Park*, Brubaker arrangement in *What's Up at the Symphony?* (*Bugs Bunny's Greatest Hits*), Jerome Moross in *The Big Country* Main Title, and Ennio and Andrea Morricone in *Cinema Paradiso*.



The Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra will play music by Robert Israel during the playing of the film, *Never Weaken*. The silent film released in 1921 and starred Harold Lloyd (pictured) and Mildred Davis.

After an intermission, music by Robert Israel will be played to showing of the 1921 silent film *Never Weaken*.

Daniel Sommerville is Music Director and Conductor and will lead over 50 gifted musicians.

Admission is by season subscription or by individual ticket, which are available online at ivso.org or at the

door. Individual ticket price for an adult is \$20, students K-12 are free, and a college student with an ID is \$5. IVCC is ADA accessible.

Maze Lumber is sponsor of Celebrate the Cinema! Season sponsor is WCMY/WRLX Radio.

This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.



Goblins, zombies, ghouls to invade Princeton

PRINCETON — Main Street in Princeton will be full of goblins, zombies and assorted ghouls for the 4th annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, Oct. 8. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

This year the route has expanded, beginning on South Main Street near the Court

House, going north down Main Street to Central Street and then into the Fairgrounds.

The Hocus Pocus Dancing Hags will perform at the Fairgrounds following the parade and Nightmare Haunted attraction will open at 7 p.m.

If anyone would like to

participate in the parade, either with a float or a walking unit, send an email to office@bureaucountyfair.com or call 815-303-2905 after 5 p.m.

Reddick Mansion to host “Ghosts of Ottawa Past”

OTTAWA — Who died at the Reddick Mansion? What was the Tent Colony? These questions and more will be answered at the Reddick Mansion Association's popular “Ghosts of Ottawa Past” program on Friday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 8. Two tours will be given each night at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Because each tour is limited to 20 people, reservations are strongly recommended.

“Every year, we select various episodes from Ottawa's past and bring them to life,” stated Lorraine McCallister, Reddick Mansion Association president and the event's “tour guide” to the past. “It is a fun and unique way to learn something about Ottawa's rich history.” All the scenes will take place either in the Reddick Mansion or on its

grounds with some including audience participation.

McCallister further commented, “Everyone on the board plus volunteers will be taking part in one way or another. I also want to commend board member Darlene Halm who did much of the research and wrote the initial script.”

For reservations, call the Reddick Mansion at 815-433-6100 or visit the website at www.reddickmansion.org. Parking will be reserved on Lafayette Street and on Columbus Street for guests.

All money raised will be used for the preservation and renovation of the Reddick Mansion, located at 100 W. Lafayette St. The Mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, is open for tours and has rental space available for special events.

New \$1,000 Hispanic Scholarship available for Mendota High School seniors

MENDOTA — The Rodolfo Escatel Castañeda Memorial Hispanic Scholarship is available for Mendota High School seniors. The new scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000.

The purpose of the scholarship is to support and empower a deserving high school graduate who plans to enroll full time in an accredited two-year college or four-year university for the academic school year immediately following high school graduation.

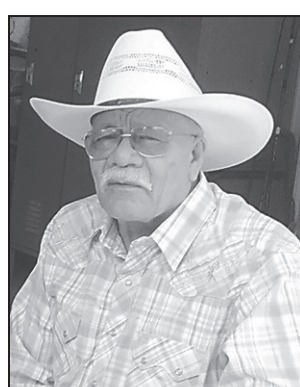
Rodolfo Escatel Castañeda was loved by many during his time here on Earth from 1945-2020. His family misses him dearly and he continues to serve as an inspiration due to his giving nature. He was an immigrant from Mexico, a spouse to Luz Elena, and a loving father to 15 children. He made many sacrifices for others throughout his life and had a beautiful character. In memory of his sincere dedication of helping

others, especially those who recently came from Mexico, the family would like to continue the tradition of giving in his name.

High school senior applicants are being sought for this \$1,000 scholarship who also have a big heart for helping others, whose family has faced a similar journey of immigrating to the U.S. from Mexico, and students with big dreams of making their family proud and continuing to make a positive difference in their community.

This will be an annual scholarship offered to Hispanic students in their senior year at Mendota High School. Please share this information with students who meet the criteria and encourage them to apply.

For more information and criteria, log on to: <https://tinyurl.com/37d-7kz2u>. The deadline to submit an application for consideration is March 20, 2023, at 4 p.m.



The Rodolfo Escatel Castañeda Memorial Hispanic Scholarship is available for this year's Mendota High School seniors. Escatel Castañeda (1945-2020) was a Mexican immigrant who came to Mendota and is remembered for helping others. The scholarship is designed to support a senior who plans to extend their education full-time at a college or university.

For any questions, contact Rachel Tarr at rtarr@mendotahs.org or 815-539-7446 ext. 505.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Patricia M. Kessel

MENDOTA—Patricia M. Kessel, 85, of Mendota, passed away Sept. 22, 2022 in her home.

Visitation was Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022 from 10 a.m. until noon at Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Private burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota with Father Jeff Windy officiating.

Patricia was born Nov. 30, 1936, in LaSalle, to Joseph and Loretta (Wallock) Kralj. She married Leo Kessel on June 17, 1960 in LaSalle.

She is survived by her two sons, Bill (Tammy) Kessel of Steward and Jim Kessel of Peru; one daughter Deb (Tony) Wagner of Mendota; eight grandchildren, Aaron Wagner, Chris Wagner, Lisa Matos, Nathan (Carissa) Kessel, Toni (Zack) Giertych, Stephanie Kessel, Nick Thurnau and Chris (Angela) Thurnau; five great-grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 2003, a daughter Lisa in infancy and her sister Diane Pyska.

Patricia worked at Hart Carter and Westclox for several years. She enjoyed attending car shows and camping with her husband. She loved to crochet and made several afghans, which won blue ribbons at the Mendota Tri-County Fair. She had a soft heart for all animals. Most of all, Patricia was very proud of her family and was the glue that held them together.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue or the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

Donald J. Croisant

LaSALLE—Donald Jacob Croisant, 84, of LaSalle, passed away on Sept. 19, 2022, at St. Margaret's Health, Peru.

Private family only funeral services were held Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota, with Minister Joel Stevenor officiating. He was laid to rest at the Troy Grove Presbyterian Cemetery following the service.

Donald was born in Mendota on Dec. 18, 1937 to Jacob and Fern (Klinefelter) Croisant. He married Leila May Crane on Sept. 29, 1963 at Troy Grove Presbyterian Church. They have enjoyed 59 years of marriage.

Donald is survived by his wife Leila, his children, Dennis (Tuesday) of Hennepin and Bruce of Chillicothe. Grandchildren are Stevie (Nicholas) Thieme of Bozeman, Mont., and Dylan of Hennepin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Fern, and his siblings, Darwin, Evelyn Baker, and Leroy.


Donald was a graduate of LP High School. He was a member of Waltham Presbyterian Church, faithfully sang in the church's choir, and attended Sunday service. Together, Donald and Leila raised their two sons while tending their farm near Dimmick for many years until they retired in 2007.

Donald served in the Illinois Army National Guard as an Infantryman. Donald had a deep passion for music and could play nearly any instrument that fell into his hands. He also loved woodworking, aviation, and joyfully spending countless hours in conversation with his family. His calm demeanor, kind eyes, and gentle heart will be dearly missed.

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

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Rev. Theodore R. Hochstatter

MENDOTA—Rev. Theodore R. Hochstatter, 73, of Africa, formerly of Mendota, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 21, 2022, in Dunlap, Ill.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, Sept. 29 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Mendota. Bishop Louis Tylka will officiate. Burial will follow in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery Peterstown. There will be a visitation from 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at Holy Cross Church, with an additional hour prior to the Mass. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to be assisting the family.

Fr. Ted was born Aug. 7, 1949 in Mendota to Richard and Dorothy (Henkel) Hochstatter. Ted was educated through eighth grade at Sts. Peter and Paul Church and primary school.

Fr. is survived by his three brothers, Joe (Alicia) Hochstatter of Mendota, John (Barb) Hochstatter of Mendota and Ken Hochstatter of Montgomery; two sisters, Susan (Rich) McLaughlin of Mendota and Cathy (Bill) Meyer of Huntley; six nieces and nephews; numerous great nieces and nephews; many cousins; and his aunt, Marian Hochstatter of Mendota.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Fr. Ted attended and graduated St. Joseph's Franciscan Minor Seminary in 1967 and graduated Quincy University in 1972. He was a Child Care Worker in Parnadale, Ohio. Fr. Ted's transitional diaconate ordination was in 1979. He then graduated from St. Meinrad School of Theology in 1980 and was Ordained to the Priesthood on May 24, 1980. Fr. Ted celebrated his first Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul on May 25, 1980.

In September of 1990, Fr. Ted was blessed with meeting Mother Teresa and thereafter began his work with the Missionaries of Charity, beginning in 1993 with a post in Albania. He Con-celebrated Mass with Pope John Paul II in his private chapel in November of 1995, then days later kneeled before Mother Teresa and took his fourth vow of lifelong service to the poor. Fr. Ted arrived in Africa in July of 2001, and it was his home for the remainder of his ministry.

Memorials may be directed to Missionaries of Charity, 506 Hancock St., Peoria, IL 61603. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Norman E. Schlesinger

PLANO—Norman E. Schlesinger, 83, of Plano, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 at Rush Copley Medical Center, Aurora.

A memorial funeral service was held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the First Lutheran Church of Plano, 200 N. Center St. Private interment will take place at a later date in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Compton. Friends visited from 9:30 a.m. until the hour of service at the First Lutheran Church of Plano.

He was born on July 23, 1939 in Welland, the son of Emil and Lucille (Bauman) Schlesinger. Norman was united in marriage on Sept. 17, 1960 to Miss Diane Hoffman and they have spent 62 years happily together.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Schlesinger of Plano; his children, Karen (Stephen) DeBolt of Plano, Linda (James) Strader of Springfield, Jeffrey (Theresa) Schlesinger of Compton and Eric (Fran) Schlesinger of Naperville; his 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; his brother, Mervyn (Kay) Schlesinger of Mendota; and his sister, Donna Ganz-Bauer of West Brooklyn; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Lucille Schlesinger, and his sisters, Lorna Friedel and Charlotte Grewell.

He was a very active member of the First Lutheran Church of Plano. He was the former owner of D & H Ag in Yorkville, and was later employed by the United States Dept. of Agriculture until his retirement. Norman was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, brother, and uncle who will be missed by his family and friends.

Memorials in loving memory of Norman may be directed to the First Lutheran Church of Plano.

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

DEATH NOTICES

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David R. Schroeder

MENDOTA—David R. Schroeder, 82, of Mendota, passed away Sept. 23, 2022, peacefully in his sleep after a lengthy illness, at Stonecroft Village Retirement Community, Mendota.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mendota with services following at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Ken Gibson officiating. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com

Born Aug. 15, 1940 in DeKalb, David was the second child of Fred and Ivy (Whiston) Schroeder.

David is survived by Melanie, his wife of 59 years; son Matthew (Jennifer) Schroeder; daughter Roberta (Scott) Ahlberg; grandchildren Joshua (Kassandra) Schroeder, Molly Schroeder, Joseph Schroeder, Jacob Ahlberg, Samuel Ahlberg, and a great-grandchild due in January. He is also survived by his brother Floyd (Jan) Schroeder and his sister Juanita Challgren.

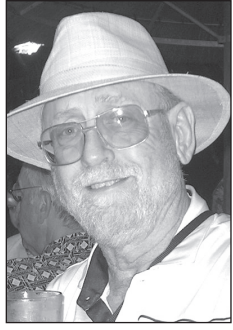
David was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Ralph Schroeder and his son Michael Schroeder.

"That's all part of it...."

He attended DeKalb High School and started working at DeKalb Ag in his teens. While attending college at Northern Illinois, he met Melanie Reckwerdt, the love of his life, and they were married in 1963. That same year, they moved to Mendota where David first worked at the Standard Gas station. He then taught Speech and Theatre at Mendota High School from 1963 to 2000. Theatre was his favorite subject, and he directed over 40 plays and musicals at MHS. After retiring, he enjoyed his vegetable garden, traveling the world with Melanie and their friends, yearly apple trips with family, and attending his grandchildren's music and sporting events.

David could always be found keeping himself busy in one way or another. He, like most Schroeders, never relaxed for long. Despite this he consistently found time to stay up-to-date on the events of his loved ones with his trusty date book. David found happiness in life through its simplicity and loved jokes and laughter. His smile and laugh were quite contagious. He loved baseball, mostly the Los Angeles Dodgers, and could often be seen wearing his Dodgers jacket and one of many Dodgers blue hats. He will be lovingly and laughingly remembered by his loved ones, and his "thumbs up" goodbye will live on with them.

Memorials may be directed to the family for a donation to the Mendota Township High School at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Mendota blood drive collects 60 good units

MENDOTA—The American Red Cross held a blood drive on Sept. 20 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. There were 60 good units collected. There were 47 whole blood and 13 double red cell donations. Your time and donation are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers for the day were Kristi Carroll, Paddy Schwemlein, Margy Frey, Peg Mathesius-Cerveney and Lori Schlesinger. Mendota Subway once again donated sandwich-

es for the luncheon and the Rotary Club also sponsored egg salad sandwiches, BBQ, and chips for the drive. Desserts were furnished by Paddy Schwemlein, Margy Frey, Leann O'Brien, Marlene Simonton and Kristi Carroll.

The next bloodmobile will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Mendota Moose Family Center. If you would like to make an appointment or have questions, please call Lori at 815-866-3582

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LOCAL AND AREA

Bees

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in each hive. If there were 50,000 at each of the hives, there would be 750,000 bees on the Walters' property.

That's the minimum. "I make sure the bees are healthy and that they have enough room in the hives. They get medication in the fall to rid them of mites," Walters said. "Mites are one of the biggest problems. They attach themselves onto a bee's back or trachea. They can be really parasitic and decimate a colony."

"I look for any other kind of ailments that they may have. I make sure they have plenty of pollen and that they're not being sprayed at with insecticide. We don't use any insecticide anywhere."

"We take care of them to make them happy. If they're happy, they're going to produce a lot of extra honey. That's the whole idea, to encourage them to keep making a lot of extra honey."

The beekeeping season starts in March, picks up in April, is full throttle May through September, and then slows down before it ends when flowers are done producing nectar.

This year, Walters said it's going to be an extended honey season, but each year is different.

"The happiest time in my bee keeping lifestyle is in March. When I go out in the wintertime and lift the hood up and I see that they're alive in there, that's a happy time," Walters said.

"The honeybee is responsible for pollinating about 75 percent of the food that we eat in this country. That's why they are very, very important. We don't have enough native bees to do all of the heavy pollination."

—Bryon Walters

"That means they made it through the winter. I know the treatments went right. The queen is in the hive. They had plenty of food throughout the winter."

"That's the happy story. Unfortunately, with beekeeping, you have about a 50/50 chance or less that this happens. Bees are dying out for a multitude of reasons such as pesticides that they're collecting through pollen and nectar and people don't treat for the mites."

Then there is the part most people first associate with bees.

Getting stung. Walters, who first purchased "Beekeeping for Dummies" and then graduated to books that dove into the full process and science of beekeeping, does get stung often.

However, it's not because the bees are bullies, it's because they're being defensive.

"A lot of people get into beekeeping and are out in one or two years for a lot of different reasons," Walters said. "One reason is they didn't do all of the steps they needed to do, and the bees died or left. People also get afraid of being stung. It really

messes with their mind. They don't like that feeling.

"I get stung a lot, but I don't even know it anymore. A lot of times I don't get stung while I'm out there because I work slowly. I get stung when I grab a box and touch one that I didn't know was under the frame. It's usually by accident."

"They're not aggressive. They don't come swarming at you. They're not mad like people say they are. They just defend what they have. They get defensive around the brood boxes because that's where their offspring are and where they're defensive. They don't mind giving up honey because they can make more honey. Treat bees kindly and they'll do the same."

Walters has formed a relationship with his bees.

He doesn't try to overwork them. He doesn't try to stress them by checking the hives every day to see how much is in there.

The beekeeper gives them their space, allows them to produce honey on their time, takes care of them, and then reaps the sweet, healthy, financial benefits of his yellow and black, flying, farming insect.

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"On paper, we have had two back-to-back very strong fiscal years, but it is important to note that the additional PPR revenue that we have seen the last two fiscal years will end at the conclusion of this fiscal year," said Prusator. "We believe this one-time extra revenue has been put to good use as we have made several improvements to our facilities."

"We are keeping our head above water. The finances and fund balances, especially in our four operating funds, continue to be solid at Mendota High School," added Prusator.

Since FY20, District 280 has made over \$4.8 million in improvements to the facility, which is now over 20 years old.

Improvements have included upgrades to gym lights (\$32,916); back and front parking lot resurfacing, connecting the main and vocational buildings, replacing the asphalt shingles with metal roof shingles, upgraded lighting in

the vocational building, renovation of four science classrooms (\$3,494,821); new chiller and HVAC control panel system, enhancement to the parking lots and outside building lights (\$711,984); replacement of one 300-gallon water heater with four tankless water heaters and replacement on five 4-inch control valves (\$53,023); cleaned/repainted/fireproofed auditorium curtains (\$15,640); repaired and painted tennis courts (\$70,000); sanded and painted main gymnasium floor (\$32,515); and drainage improvements to the baseball and softball fields, repairs to the dugouts and press boxes (\$438,000).

Future capital projects include bus garage roof repairs, flat roof repairs, track resurfacing and field turf replacement.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Denise Aughenbaugh said Homecoming Week is Oct. 3-8. This year's Homecoming parade will be on Thursday, Oct. 6 instead of its usual day of Friday, since there will be no school

on Friday, Oct. 7 because of a teacher institute. However, the Homecoming football game will be played at 7 p.m. Friday and the dance will be from 7-10 p.m. Saturday in the gym.

The Curriculum Committee began meeting on Sept. 14 and discussion meetings started Sept. 21. Jim Sundberg is the board representative on the committee.

Aughenbaugh also announced that the Fall play, "The Play That Goes Wrong," is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

The board approved a three-year contract for Aughenbaugh for the superintendent's position, which she will assume starting with the 2023-24 school year.

The board accepted the resignations of Karina Arteaga as a paraprofessional and Kassidi Guerrero as the boys' and girls' bowling coach.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education will be Monday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

IVCC wind ensemble to present free concert Oct. 6

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College's Wind Ensemble will offer a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

The performance will include the music of Leroy Anderson, Johnny Mercer/Jacques

Prevert/Joseph Kosma, Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakoff, Camille Saint-Saens, Robert Sheldon, and

Haydn Wood. Selections will include "The Typewriter," "Autumn Leaves," "Procession of the Nobles," "Bacchanale," "Rhapsodic Celebration," and "Mannin Veen."

Under the direction of conductor Phil Whaley, the ensemble includes IVCC students, local and regional music educators and community members dedicated to the promotion of quality wind and percussion music.

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Community Calendar

OCTOBER 2022

OCT. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 & 31

EXERCISES
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OCT. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 & 31

BINGOCIZE
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OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

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OCT. 3

COMMUNITY BINGO
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 2 PM
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OCT. 4

HOCUS POCUS CRAFT
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 1 PM & 6 PM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142
 Limited space. Must Register.

OCT. 4, 11, 18 & 25

WII BOWLING
 Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
 10:30 AM
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center
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OCT. 4, 11, 18 & 25

EUCHRE
 Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
 12 PM
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center
 \$3 entry fee - cash prizes awarded at end of play.
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

OCT. 4

PLAYER'S (TABLE GAME) OF CHOICE
 Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
 1 PM
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center
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OCT. 5

SMALL FRIES "OUT OF THIS WORLD: SPACE WEEK"
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 4 PM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142
 Audience: 3 yrs old - Kindergarten.

OCT. 5

SHAKE RATTLE & READ "SPACE DAY"
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 11 AM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142
 Audience: Birth - 2 yrs old (siblings welcome).

OCT. 5, 12, 19 & 26

STRENGTH & FITNESS WITH DENNIS
 Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
 11 AM
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center
 For more info call (815) 539-7700
 New program designed to maintain your strength, fitness and well-being. Meet Dennis, the instructor.

OCT. 6

LEGO CLUB
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 4 PM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142
 Audience: 1-8th grade.

OCT. 6 & 20

HEARING CLINIC
 Sponsored by Civic Center & M.A.S.S.
 9:30 AM - 1 PM
 Mendota Civic Center
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 Any questions call Sterling Hearing, Kelly 815-626-3220. M.A.S.S. does offer hearing aid batteries for purchase. Stop in office.



OCT. 6, 13, 20 & 27

POKENO
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 12 PM
 Feik Parlor - Mendota Civic Center
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 For more info call (815) 539-7700

OCT. 6, 13, 20 & 27

QUILT & CRAFT CLUB
 Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
 1 PM
 Feik Parlor - Mendota Civic Center
 Bring your craft items to work on. Visit with others.
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

OCT. 7 & 21

COLOR ME CALM
 Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
 9:30 - 11:30 AM
 Feik Parlor - Mendota Civic Center
 For more info call (815) 539-7700
 M.A.S.S. provides all necessary items for project.

OCT. 7, 14, 21 & 28

BINGO
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 1 PM
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OCT. 11

BUNCO
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 1 PM
 Mendota Civic Center
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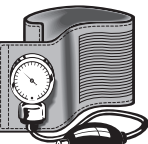
OCT. 11

AGATHA CHRISTIE: A BODY OF EVIDENCE
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 6:30 PM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
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 Join Debra Miller of Historical Women of Letters, as she portrays the author. All ages. No library card required.



OCT. 11 & 25

BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS
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OCT. 13

TOUCH A TRUCK
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 6 PM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142
 Audience: All ages are invited. Spend an evening learning all about work trucks and vehicles.

OCT. 17

LEGO CLUB #2
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 4 PM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142
 Audience: 1-8th grade.



OCT. 18

LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER
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 1 PM
 Feik Parlor - Mendota Civic Center
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

OCT. 18

3RD TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 1 PM & 6 PM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142
 Reading and Discussing: "The Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaiman.

OCT. 19

BBQ PORK CHOP DINNER
 Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
 4:30 PM - 7 PM
 Drive Thru at Mendota Civic Center
 \$15 per meal - Tickets Available at M.A.S.S. office & Mendota Area Banks - Tickets sold at the door.
 For more info call (815) 539-7700
 Drive thru dinner. Get your tickets early!

OCT. 19

SHAKE RATTLE & READ "SPOOKY"
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 11 AM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142
 Audience: Birth - 2 yrs old (siblings welcome).

OCT. 24

TWEENS
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 4 PM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142
 Audience: 5-8 grades. Come create milk jug skeletons. Pizza and refreshments served at 5 PM.

OCT. 25

YAHTZEE
 Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
 1 PM
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center
 For more info call (815) 539-7700

OCT. 25

AFTER SCHOOL MOVIE: "CASPER" PG
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library
 4 PM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142
 Audience: All ages are invited; children under 6 are required to have an adult present. Popcorn will be served.

OCT. 26

MOVIE: "PRACTICAL MAGIC"
 Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library & M.A.S.S.
 3 PM
 1401 W Main St., Mendota
 For more info call (815) 538-5142 or (815) 539-7700
 M.A.S.S. provides snacks and beverages.

OCT. 28

POTLUCK
 Sponsored by M.A.S.S.
 12 PM
 Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center
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Reading creates understanding

By Scott Reeder

As my parents walked down a street in China, a man sidled up next to my mother and asked if they had a Bible.

In accented English, he explained that some Americans brought Bibles to give away in that Communist country. My folks were Illinois hog farmers who over the years visited their counterparts in China, Ukraine, Poland and Denmark to exchange ideas.

When Mom related that story more than 30 years ago, I felt so grateful to live in a nation where the government didn't tell people what they could read.

I'm not sure I live in such a place anymore.

Unfortunately, we live in a society where folks on both the left and right are trying to determine what others can read.

I'm bullheaded enough that when someone tells me not to read something, it's the first thing I add to my reading list.

Years ago, a fellow Protestant mocked me for my curiosity about the Apocrypha, the four books of the Bible recognized by the Catholic Church but not by most Protestant denominations.

My response was to read it. It has helped me understand differences in Catholic and Protestant teachings. It adds greater context to the 400 years before the birth of Jesus and its prose is beautiful.

Today, race is often the fulcrum on the book-banning debate. I recently interviewed the Republican candidate for governor, Darren Bailey, and he said critical race theory shouldn't be taught in schools.

Supporters of teaching "critical race theory" contend race is a social construct, and that racism is not merely the product of individual bias or prejudice, but also something embedded in legal systems and policies. Conservative critics counter that the foundation of the theory is that the United States is fundamentally racist and that it leads students to feel guilty for past actions by white people.

How about letting the kids read the works and decide for themselves?

Critics of Critical Race Theory often point to the "1619 Project," a Pulitzer Prize-winning endeavor by the New York Times Magazine looking at the legacy of 400 years of slavery on what is now the United States.

For Christmas last year, my wife gave me a copy of the "1619 Project." It was a fascinating read. Some conclusions in the book I agreed with. Others I didn't. But that's OK. When you read something, it should provoke thought, not adherence.

I also make a point of reading authors I know I will disagree with. Sometimes, I even read material that I know going in I will find revolting.

For example, in 1995, in the wake of the Oklahoma City Bombing, I entered a bookstore in Davenport, Iowa, and asked if they had a copy of the "Turner Diaries," a racist tome that is said to have inspired the bombers.

The older woman who owned the store narrowed her eyes and snarled, "We don't sell that here. Do you want to bomb something?"

No. But I did want to derive some understanding of what hate motivated the terrorists. When I eventually obtained a copy, I found the ideas it espoused disgusting. But it has given me insight into the warped reasoning behind the white-nationalist movement.

One of my favorite books is "To Kill a Mockingbird." When I read the novel as a teenager, I was mesmerized by the tale of a lawyer standing against a racist legal system in the South. I loved the book so much that when we were expecting our second daughter, I wanted to name her "Scout" after the book's protagonist. (My wife nixed the idea.)

Today, there is a push to ban the book in schools. Some folks don't like it because it uses a racial epithet in the context of the Southern culture of the time. Others say its misogynistic because it's about a false rape accusation. Still others don't like that a white man is cast as the hero trying to save a Black man.

All these criticisms would seem to make good fodder for a discussion in a classroom. Instead, wimpy school administrators are banning its use.

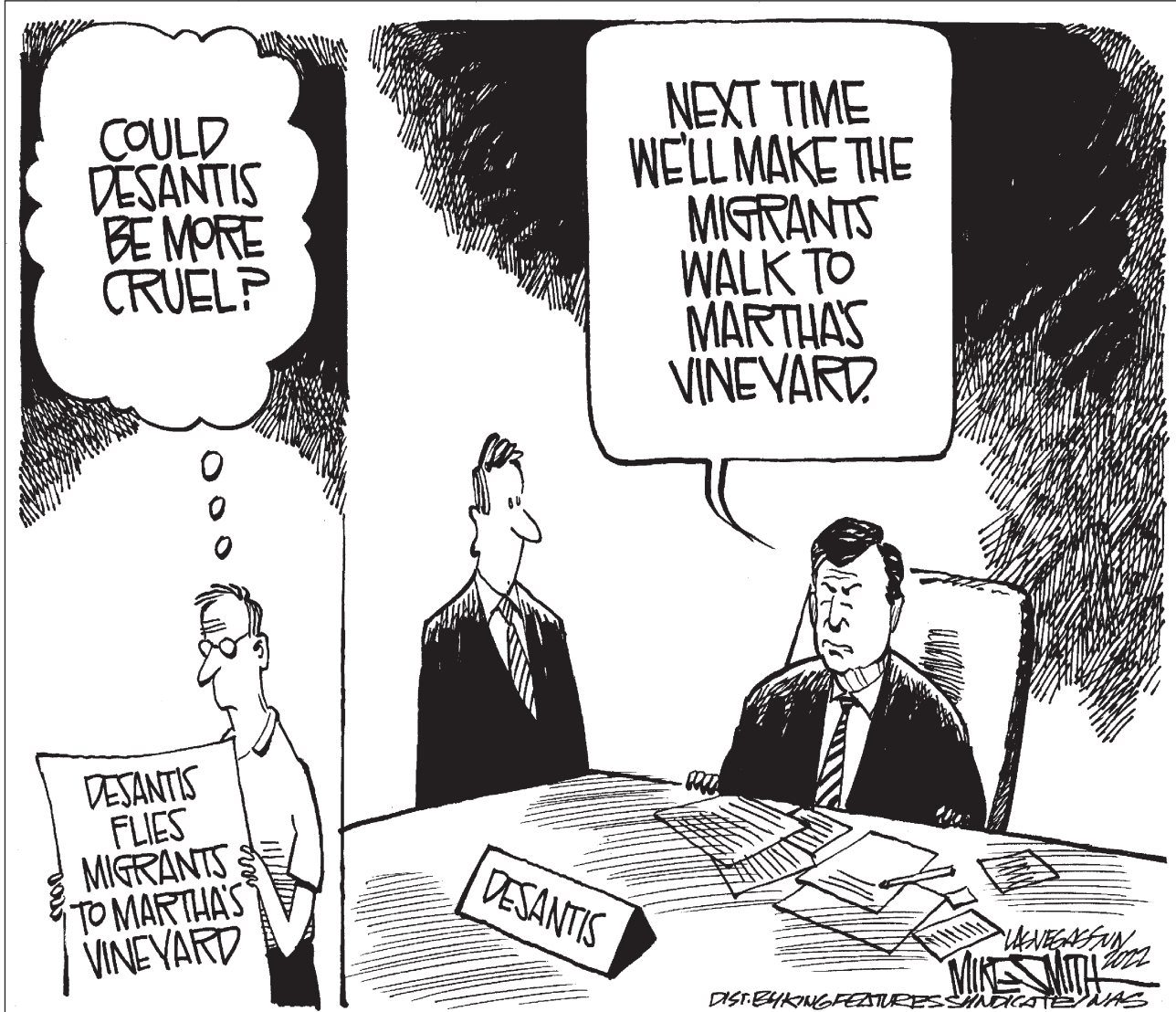
So, what am I reading during Banned Books Week? Well, "Diary of a Misfit" is an excellent non-fiction read. It's about a lesbian journalist returning to rural Louisiana, where she grew up, to create a documentary of a transgender man her grandmother knew in the 1940s.

I'm not done with it, but so far it is a brilliant read.

I'm also reading "Every Good Endeavor" by Timothy Keller, an evangelical pastor who discusses finding spiritual purpose in our work. I enjoy discussing it with others early on Wednesday mornings.

Reading creates bridges of understanding between disparate groups. In our divided society, what could be a better goal?

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The Washington Street crisis of 1940

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from Sept. 26, 1990.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was about this time of year 50 years ago that the Washington Street crisis arose. A contract to widen and repave had been awarded to the Gallagher Asphalt Co. of Thornton by the state highway department. The bid was \$29,000.

When the project began on Sept. 25, the community was shocked to find that men had been brought in from LaSalle and Peru to do this work. Mendota men were not being hired because they were non-union.

That evening, representatives of the Lions Club, Kiwanis and even Business & Professional Women met with the council in a special session to learn why this was being allowed.

Mayor Jacob Spanier said the city had removed itself from the project when it was agreed to turn over the state, as the city's share, the \$14,000 it expected to receive from the motor fuel tax fund.

The service club people thought this was not right. A night telegram of protest with 60 signatures, including all the councilmen, was sent to the director of public buildings and grounds in Springfield.

What the group did not like was the method used by out-of-town union officials telling the people of Mendota what they had to do before they could obtain work.

Another delegation went to LaSalle and were assured that the Government Employment Bureau would be in place in charge of hiring. Some Mendota men would be used if they were available.

The Reporter zeroed in on an old theme – the need for a Chamber of Commerce –

The Lions and Kiwanis clubs filled the breach, but these organizations do not represent

Backtracks & Sidetracks

the rank and file of business interests.

Mendota met Morris at Morris where they played under the lights at the Morris Paper Mill. Baseball had been played on these grounds all summer, creating a veritable dust bowl.

Every time a player went down, dust arose and the entire game was played in a cloud of dust.

The Mendota team, known as Dewitzmen in honor of their coach, Rufus Dewitz, came away with a 25-6 victory. Frank Seno was on the team and scored three touchdowns. His 58-yard run and touchdown was the feature play of the game.

The homecoming game was to be against Sterling. The athletic department and student council arranged free admission for the fathers of all the players on the first teams of both schools. They were also introduced over the amplifying system.

A parade in the afternoon and a dance at the K of C Hall after the game were also on the homecoming agenda. Bill Kobusch's orchestra provided music for the dance.

The Blackstone P.T.A. started off its year with a scramble supper and reception for teachers. Mrs. Alba Krenz was president.

The program included moving pictures of a trip through the west by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rose. Mrs. Rose operated the projector. Mr. Rose did the commentary.

A new flag pole was dedicated at the Conco Engineering plant. The ceremony was attended by all Conco employees, including those who worked at the Conco Press. The high school band was on hand to play the national anthem. Judge B. Harry Reck gave a 10-minute address.

Grocery stores with the exception of three in downtown Mendota agreed to close Thursday afternoons except during the month of December.

Austin Calderwood was named Boy Scout chairman for the Mendota district. Mendota had a total of 98 scouts distributed among the following: Lutheran Troop 101, Gilbert Gehler, scoutmaster; Holy Cross Troop 102, Jack Moulton, scoutmaster; American Legion Troop 110, Ernest Dunn, scoutmaster; Sea Scouts, Ken Butler, skipper; plus two Cub Scout packs sponsored by Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

Band parents held a gala in the high school cafeteria to report on the highly-successful band trip to the New York World's Fair.

Don Mathesius came home from the University of Illinois for a weekend.

He is a member of the university military training group and wore his new army uniform to Mendota.

Mendota Auto Co. unveiled Ford's 1941 models on Sept. 27, 1940. The first 100 children accompanied by parents were to receive a savings bank in the shape of a car.

Playing at the State in late September were Dorothy Lamour and Robert Preston in "Typhoon," Irene Dunne and Cary Grant in "My Favorite Wife" and Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford and Rosalind Russell in "The Women."

Biden's migrant crisis hits the blue states

By Rich Lowry

The nation is having a contentious debate over whether illegal migrants coming over the Southern border should be transported further inland, and if so, where and by whom.

Should they stay in San Antonio or end up in New York City, get bussed to a rural town no one has heard of, or get flown to one the most desirable summer spots in the country?

Although this debate has generated much heat and is of great interest to the local authorities involved, it is really beside the point.

The crux of the matter is that the Biden administration dismantled or downgraded every policy that had established control over the Southern border under his predecessor and is directly responsible for the record number of illegal immigrants flooding into the country. If the influx wasn't so large, there'd be fewer migrants to sign up for the bus trips north and east to blue cities sponsored by Texas and Arizona.

Everyone should agree that it'd be much better if Biden reversed field and sought to control the border. Texas and Arizona would no longer be getting inundated, and therefore would have less incentive to send the migrants further inland. If that were the case, places like Washington, D.C., and New York City wouldn't be receiving thousands of new migrants and wouldn't have to declare emergencies and request the National Guard to help cope.

If the border states are treating migrants as "pawns," give them fewer pieces on the board. If they are engaged in unworthy "stunts," remove the incentive to make theatrical gestures in the first place. Reduce the temperature by controlling the problem at the source.

The truth of the matter is that prior to Texas and Arizona undertaking their programs -- and DeSantis adding his attention-grabbing flights to Martha's Vineyard -- illegal immigrants were already getting moved around the country, with the assent of the Department of Homeland Security. The federal government gives migrants permission to travel within the country, and then private organizations get them

on buses to go to their preferred destinations.

Does anyone think this is how our immigration system should work?

Of course, a Biden crackdown at the border is not in the offing. The administration is steadfastly dishonest about the border. Vice President Kamala Harris says the border is "secure," and any problems only result from "a broken immigration system." Well, yes, the border is secure in the sense that the Mexican equivalent of the 10th Mountain Division isn't going to march over it any day now, but there is no serious effort to exclude the historic tide of migrants.

Democrats are so vested in the "Big Lie" about the border, they don't dare to contradict it, even when they are yelping in pain about having to deal with migrants.

On CNN over the weekend, New York City Mayor Eric Adams called the migrant situation "a humanitarian crisis," yet refused to call out the maestro of this debacle. Asked by Jake Tapper whether it's a crisis that needs more attention from the Biden administration, Adams knew he couldn't go there. "No," he said. "I believe it's a crisis that needs more coordination from our country."

An estimated 1.35 million illegal immigrants have entered the country since Biden's inauguration, and they aren't leaving any time soon.

Biden officials don't want to stop the flow; they just want to manage it better. Asked by Bret Baier of Fox News earlier this year whether the administration seeks to reduce illegal immigration, DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said, "It is the objective of the Biden administration to make sure that we have safe, orderly, and legal pathways for individuals to be able to access our legal system."

In other words, the Biden administration may not want migrants showing up in Martha's Vineyard, but there will be plenty of newcomers settling all over the United States, in a never-ending flow.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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LaSalle County Board

OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

David J. Erbes

DES MOINES, Iowa – David Julian Erbes, 65, passed away Sept. 20, 2022, at home surrounded by family due to complications from cancer.

Services will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. Lunch will immediately follow the service in the Commons. Private interment will be held at a later date at Restland Cemetery in Mendota.

David was born May 3, 1957 to Mary (Anderson) and Charles Erbes. He grew up in Mendota, and graduated from Mendota High School. He went on to attend the University of Illinois and Drake University Law School, graduating in 1984. While attending law school, he met Jennifer Nielsen. They were married in August of 1984. David and Jennifer welcomed two sons, Grant in 1987 and Neil in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer, sons, Grant (Anna Jaeger), son, Neil and grandson, Bryan Erbes, mother, Mary Erbes, sister, Julie Erbes-Pierce (Jeff Pierce) as well as other loving family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Charles and infant daughter, Elizabeth.

David practiced law in the Des Moines area for over 20 years. He left his law practice and went on to work for Lowes in a number of positions.

David was a member and board participant of several organizations over his lifetime: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Masonic Lodge, Blue Lodge (Mendota), Bloomington Consistory, Tebala Shrine, Civic Music Association, Oak Leaf Hockey parents association, Johnston High School Band Parents Association and most recently, Green Meadows West Homeowners Association. A fellow board member remarked, "Dave had a great smile and an easygoing personality that could calm any situation."

David was a man with many interests, which made him a great partner, father and friend. He enjoyed travel, the arts, fishing and hunting. But the joys of music and gardening were his passions throughout his life. He was an excellent vocalist, spending many years singing in the church choir as well as playing trombone. He was always interested in plants and plant adventures took he and Jennifer to many gardens at home and abroad.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in David's honor to: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines Symphony, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation (you may donate online as a memorial tribute).

Online condolences will be welcomed at www.llescares.com.



\$300 million in funding available for Energy Bill Assistance

SPRINGFIELD – Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) are encouraging families in need to apply for \$300 million in available funding for energy bill assistance through the Help Illinois Families program. All families who meet the criteria and provide required documentation are eligible to receive bill assistance for natural gas, propane, and electricity through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

"Every Illinoisan deserves access to reliable energy—regardless of their economic status," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Thanks to LIHEAP, we are making natural gas, propane, and electricity assistance accessible for our state's family that are feeling the squeeze from rising costs of living. My administration has always been—and will always be—committed to making sure that every resident has access to the services they need to keep the lights on."

As of Sept. 1, families can apply by visiting helpillinois-families.com or by visiting their local agency. Families can also call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages.

"Starting Sept. 1, support with energy bills is available

through DCEO's Help Illinois Families program and all households who meet the income threshold are eligible for support with their utility bills," said DCEO Director Sylvia I. Garcia. "Families who earn up to two-times the federal poverty level qualify for help, which means a family of four making around \$55,000 a year or less is eligible. I encourage all Illinois families in need of assistance to visit our website or call our hotline to learn more and apply."

LIHEAP provides one-time payments directly to energy service providers on behalf of recipients. While the amount of support varies based on the needs of individual families, last year's LIHEAP recipients received an average of \$1,330 per household. All families who meet the qualifications and provide proper documentation will receive support until funding is exhausted. Families who earn up to two-times the federal poverty level are eligible to receive support through LIHEAP. A chart with eligible income thresholds can also be found at the website.

Eligibility requirements – Family size (household): 1 - \$2,265 (30-day gross income); 2 - \$3,052; 3 - \$3,838; 4 - \$4,625; 5 - \$5,412; 6 - \$6,198

Key Information for Families to Apply:

- Visit helpillinoisfamilies.com to fill out and submit a request for services form online OR visit your local agency. After you submit the form, someone from your local agency will be in touch.

- Call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance at any point during this process.

- Additional information about eligibility and criteria can be found on the website.

Additional Program Information:

The State of Illinois offers various programs to support eligible low-income families with utility assistance. These programs are open to ALL eligible low-income Illinois families who meet the criteria, including undocumented families. Programs for eligible families include:

- One-time Direct Vendor Payment: All LIHEAP recipients receive a one-time payment.

- Crisis/Reconnection Assistance: Funding is available for families in heating-related emergency situations.

- Furnace Assistance: Based on funding availability, Furnace Assistance may be provided to households that do not have an operating furnace for their residence.

- Home Weatherization Program: The Illinois Home

Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP) helps low income residents and households conserve fuel and reduce energy costs by making their homes and apartments more energy efficient.

- Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program: The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides eligible households with a benefit of up to \$400 for water and wastewater services based on poverty level. Households facing the threat of imminent disconnection, or those that have already been disconnected, may be eligible for a benefit of up to \$1,500. The application for LIHWAP is open through Sept. 30, 2023, pending funding availability.

In addition to LIHEAP and available state resources, the federal government through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) recently unveiled several initiatives designed to lower energy costs for families, including federal rebates for the installation of energy efficient appliances, rebates for families to make improvements for energy efficiency and more.

Last year's LIHEAP funding - which was available from September 2021 through May 2022 - provided a record level of assistance to 302,000 households.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Could it merely be a coincidence that Timothee Chalamet's "Bones & All" (due Nov. 23), directed by "Call Me by Your Name's" Luca Guadagnino, is a film about two cannibals in love, the very thing that sent his "Call Me" co-star Armie Hammer's career off the rails? "Bones & All" contains scenes that involve limb-chewing and gory attacks. In January 2021, a woman posted screenshots of Hammer's alleged messages stating: "I am 100% a cannibal, and I want to eat you," and "I need to drink your blood."

Since the cannibalism never actually happened, the exchanges could have just been naughty banter due to intoxication. Doing damage control, Hammer completed nine months of rehab treatment in December 2021. Still, his wife of 10 years, Elizabeth Chambers, divorced him in December 2020.

Chalamet created a sensation at the Venice Film Festival premiere, wearing

a sparkling, backless red jumpsuit. After the showing, he received a standing ovation. He has upcoming lead roles in "Dune: Part Two" (due November 2023) and "Wonka" (due Dec. 15, 2023). Luca Guadagnino also announced plans for a sequel of "Call Me by Your Name" (without Armie Hammer, who has been relegated to selling timeshares in the Cayman Islands).



B. Fraser

Brendan Fraser was a handsome leading man, who scored with "Encino Man" (1992); "George of the Jungle" (1997); "Gods and Monsters" (1998); "Dudley Do-Right" (1999), "The Mummy" trilogy (1999-2008); the 3D epic "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (2008); and "G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra" (2009). After making 51 films, Fraser faded from view because of injuries he sustained from complicated

stunts for "The Mummy" franchise (which grossed \$1 billion, \$245 million). Fraser also felt he'd been blacklisted because he accused a powerful former president of the Hollywood Foreign Press of "groping" him.

Fraser appeared at the Venice Film Festival for his new film, in which he's a 600-pound man struggling with health issues and trying to reconnect with his estranged daughter. The film, aptly named "The Whale," earned him an eight-and-a-half-minute standing ovation at its premiere, which, when posted on social media, received approximately 16 million views. Dwayne Johnson took to Twitter saying, "Man, this makes me so happy to see this beautiful ovation for Brendan. He supported me coming into his 'Mummy Returns' franchise for my first ever role, which kicked off my Hollywood career. Rooting for all your success, brother."

Prosthetics and CGI helped Fraser become "The Whale." No doubt he'll have a whale of a time getting back to his normal self!

Hollywood

"Blonde" (NC-17) -- In this new biopic based on the novel of the same name, audiences get to see a different side of Hollywood legend Marilyn Monroe. Ana de Armas ("Knives Out") portrays the woman first known as Norma Jeane, as she evolves into the iconic actress we've come to recognize. Bobby Cannavale ("Boardwalk Empire") stars as Joe DiMaggio, Monroe's second husband, and Adrien Brody ("The Pianist") stars as Arthur Miller, her third husband. While the talented de Armas has received praise for her performance, the film itself has received criticism for its excessive nudity. But, with biopics like these, it's far too tricky to please everyone. Check it out for yourself when "Blonde" premieres Sept. 28. (Netflix)

"Hocus Pocus 2" (PG) -- The sequel to the 1993 Halloween favorite "Hocus Pocus" premieres on Sept. 30, right on time for the Halloween season. The Sanderson sisters are back causing mayhem in Salem, as Bette Midler, Kathy Najimy

and Sarah Jessica Parker all reprise their roles from the first film. The sisters are conjured by high school students Becca and Izzy, who unite with others in the town in an attempt to stop the deranged trio of witches. The direct-to-streaming movie doesn't fully excel at bringing back the magical feel of the first film, even with its musical numbers and returning characters, but Disney just can't help themselves when it comes to remakes and sequels. (Disney+)

"Ambulance" (R) -- Jake Gyllenhaal and Yahya Abdul-Mateen II star in this movie directed by Michael Bay (the "Transformers" films and "Armageddon"). Gyllenhaal and Abdul-Mateen play two adoptive brothers, Danny and Will, who agree to execute a \$32 million bank heist together. The heist doesn't go exactly as planned, when LAPD officers swarm the bank to stop the brothers. Will and Danny make a narrow escape on an ambulance, unbeknownst to an EMT (Eiza Gonzalez) onboard

treating a police officer. With four people now stuck in an ambulance on the run, it's hard to tell who will make it out alive. Premiering Sept. 30, "Ambulance" is pure Michael Bay, with big-budget action scenes every step of the way. Premieres Sept. 30. (Prime Video)

"Reasonable Doubt" (NR) -- Defense attorney Jax Stewart (Emayatzy Corinealdi) loves to work with criminals; she welcomes the challenges that come with these clients. Jax tries to balance her career with being a mother and a wife but difficulties with her husband lead to a trial separation. While figuring out how to sail these murky waters, Jax deals with the recent rekindling of a friendship with Damon (Michael Ealy), a client she once defended, as well as a new, perplexing murder case on her hands. The style of this series is quite like "Scandal" and "Little Fires Everywhere," which makes sense with Kerry Washington serving as executive producer. Premieres Sept. 27. (Hulu)

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: I really enjoyed the musical TV series "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend." What is the cast doing now that the show is over? -- F.C.

A: Rachel Bloom, who wrote, produced and starred in the CW network's musical comedy "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" from 2015 to 2019, has several upcoming roles. She's joining the second season of HBO Max's "Julia," which is based on chef Julia Child's origin story on public television in Boston. Bloom can currently be seen in the new comedy "Reboot" on Hulu. She's also written a memoir, "I Want to Be Where the Normal People Are," in which she gets candid about her awkwardness of growing up in Manhattan Beach, California, and her battle with mental illness.

Donna Lynne Champlin, who played Bloom's bestie on "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," most recently co-starred in Showtime's "The First Lady," as Michelle Obama's (Viola Davis) senior advisor. Vincent Rodriguez III, who played Bloom's main crush, Josh, on the show, most recently starred in Prime Video's romantic comedy series "With Love." Santino Fontana, who played Greg,

has had a recurring role on "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," which is also on Prime Video. He's also had a stellar career on Broadway, including the starring role in "Tootsie."



Pat Sajak

Q: Is it true that Pat Sajak is leaving "Wheel of Fortune"? Will it continue with a new host? What about Vanna? -- G.B.

A: After 40 years of spinning the wheel on the hit primetime game show "Wheel of Fortune," Sajak recently hinted on "Entertainment Tonight" that "the end is near," but he gave no specific end date. The show's new executive producer Bellamie Blackstone sees the program, one day, celebrating its 50-year anniversary and beyond. Whether or not Sajak and longtime co-host Vanna White retire before then remains to be seen.

Q: I saw that one of my all-time favorite shows, "M*A*S*H," recently celebrated 50 years since it premiered on TV by posting a current photo of stars

Alan Alda and Mike Farrell together. Are they the only surviving cast members from the series? -- N.R.

A: Believe it or not, four classic television shows all debuted on CBS during the same week in September 1972: "Maude," "The Waltons," "The Bob Newhart Show" and "M*A*S*H." Set during the Korean War, it starred Alan Alda as the wisecracking surgeon Hawkeye Pierce and Wayne Rogers as Trapper John McIntyre. Rogers' character would be spun off into his own show a few years later, and Mike Farrell would then join the cast as B.J. Hunnicutt.

You might recall that "M*A*S*H" was originally an Oscar-nominated film starring Donald Sutherland and Elliott Gould as Hawkeye and Trapper John, respectively. Sally Kellerman played "Hot Lips" Houlihan, and Robert Duvall was Frank Burns in the film -- the same roles Loretta Swit and Larry Linville would memorably play on the series version.

Of the ensemble cast, Swit, Gary Burghoff ("Radar") and Jamie Farr (Klinger) are all still with us. Rogers passed away in 2015, while Linville passed in 2000.

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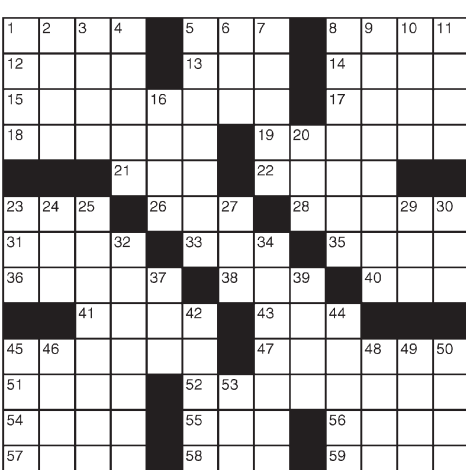
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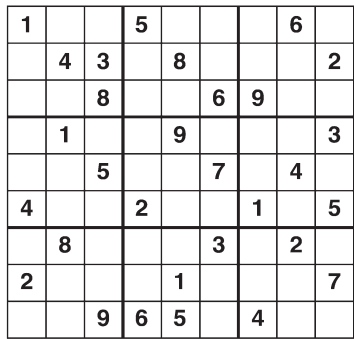
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- 23 "How adorable!"
- 24 Mermaid's home
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by Linda Thistle

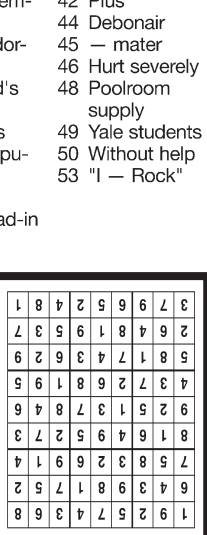


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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* There are more people in Monaco's orchestra than in its army.

* While tanning remains popular despite the documented health risks, the CDC has estimated that if folks under the age of 18 stopped using tanning beds, over 60,000 melanomas and melanoma-related deaths could be prevented.

* In 1987, a man convinced 2.8 million people to send him a penny each for his college education.

* People who play video games are less likely to have nightmares.

* Switzerland is the only country in the world that could fit more than its entire population into bunkers in case of an emergency.

* Eggo waffles were originally called Froffles upon their creation in 1953 -- a portmanteau of "frozen" and "waffles." Customers started calling them Eggos due to their egg flavor, and the company renamed the product two years later.

* Dubai is the most air-conditioned city in the world.

* Maggots and leeches are the first living creatures to be approved by the FDA as medical devices.

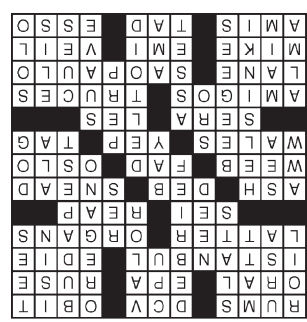
* A 1924 Arizona law made it illegal for donkeys to sleep in bathtubs.

* Crakow shoes, a pointy footwear popular in the 14th century, could get so long that the toe of the shoe had to be attached to the leg with a string so that it wouldn't drag.

* Ever noticed that all ads for the iPhone display a time of 9:41? That's because Steve Jobs first announced the device's launch in 2007 at 9:41 a.m.

* New employees at Google are called Nooglers, and on their first Friday of employment, have to wear a special hat bearing the Google colors and that distinctive moniker.

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LOCAL AND AREA



LaMoille Community Methodist Church submitted a proposal for the 2022 Bureau County Workcamp. Each year the program addresses residential fix-up projects such as installing wheelchair ramps, cleaning and painting exteriors surfaces, and other home improvement projects that could be handled by a team of teens and adult leaders. Recipients of this year's home repair program were elderly, handicapped, and lower income residents of Bureau County. Workcamp grant funds were used to cover material costs related to fixing up and repairing selected applicant's residences. (Photo contributed)

'22 Community Impact grant recipients selected

PRINCETON – Bureau County Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial know how much impact on a community time, effort and equity can have. Therefore, the organizations wanted to recognize those organizations, businesses and people that taking the extra step to better their community and make an impact.

So, in the winter of 2020, both organizations set out to start the Community Impact Grant Program, which was set in place to help various projects improve our communities around the county while creating partnerships with groups and individuals.

Grant proposals were accepted from Jan. 1 through March 1, 2022. The organization or individual applying for the grant must have been based in Bureau County or have operations in the county.

After careful consideration by the committee, \$5,000 was divided and granted to this year's recipients: Princeton High School Music Boosters, Tiskilwa Community Foundation and Bureau County Workcamp, proposal submitted by LaMoille Community Methodist Church.

Congratulations to the 2022 selected organizations for working to make our communities better. Be on the lookout for information in the next few coming months about the 2023 Community Impact Grant. This grant is made possible from funding by the Bureau County Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial Representatives: Ron Behrends, Tyler Hansen, GW Leynaud, Mike Morris, Crane Schafer, Jim Scruggs, TJ Scruggs, and Agency Manager Dan Kniss.



Twelve St. Bede Academy students were selected to earn academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs (CBNRP) for underrepresented students. Front row, left to right, are Lea Asani, Kristal De La Torre, Isabella Villalobos, Gianna Grivetti and Lilylu Rauhfernandez. Middle row, Kylie Cofoid, Anna Lopez, Madelyn Torrance and Daliyah Farris. Back row, Gavin Sandoval, Johnathon Hackney and Landon Jackson. (Photo contributed)

12 St. Bede Academy students recognized by College Board National Recognition Programs

PERU – St. Bede Academy congratulates 11 seniors, Anna Lopez, Gavin Sandoval, Gianna Grivetti, Isabella Villalobos, Johnathon Hackney, Kristal De La Torre, Kylie Cofoid, Landon Jackson, Lea Asani, Lilylu RauhFernandez, and Madelyn Torrance, and one junior Daliyah Farris, who were selected out of 32,000 students from across the country to earn academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs (CBNRP) for underrepresented students. These students were selected for this recognition as a result of their exceptionally high academic achievement and scores on the PSAT-NMSQT and because they also qualify as a member of one or more underrepresented groups such as African American, Hispanic or Latinx, Indigenous and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

Anna Lopez attended Trinity Catholic Academy in LaSalle and is the daughter of Rudy and Carrie Lopez. Gavin Sandoval attended Wallace Grade School in Ottawa and is the son of Guillermo and Jeanette Sandoval. Gianna Grivetti attended Peru Catholic Grade School and is the daughter of Jim and Stephanie Grivetti. Isabella Villalobos attended Holy Cross Grade School in Mendota and is the daughter of Ernesto and Linda Villalobos. Johnathon

Hackney attended Holy Family Grade School in Oglesby and is the son of Daniel and Nicole Hackney. Kristal De La Torre attended Trinity Catholic Academy in La Salle and is the daughter of Esmeralda Avila and Jose De La Torre. Kylie Cofoid attended Peru Parkside School and is the daughter of Scott Rynke and Mandi Cofoid. Landon Jackson attended Trinity Catholic Academy in La Salle and is the son of Laura and Richard Bortz. Lea Asani attended Oglesby Washington School and is the daughter of Shyhyre Asani and Selim Asani. Lilylu RauhFernandez attended Trinity Catholic Academy in La Salle and is the daughter of Elizabeth Rauh. Madelyn Torrance attended Putnam County Junior High and is the daughter of Dean and Theresa Torrance. Daliyah Farris attended Holy Family Grade School in Oglesby and is the daughter of Samantha Sarosinski.

"Our students dedicate themselves to excellence and it is evident in their performance on this national exam as well as in their everyday studies. This is an outstanding and well-deserved accomplishment for these 12 students. We are very proud of them and look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the future," said Nick McLaughlin, St. Bede Academy Principal.

SUBLETTE NEWS

New hair salon to open in Sublette

Jordan Tidmore will be opening a new hair salon in downtown Sublette very soon. The salon will be located at 103 W. Main St. in a building recently purchased by Michael Vaessen. The building has been completely remodeled and a new front has been installed. The salon will be known as Shear Elegance. Tidmore will be offering haircuts for men, women and children, perms, hair color, facials, waxing

and nails. The opening date will be announced soon.

September events in Sublette

The annual Country Car Show was held at Sublette Centennial Park on Sept. 17 and had a display of some unique and interesting cars including a 1929 Pierce Arrow brought by Jack Truckenbrod. There was also a display of Hudson autos as the Chicago-Milwaukee Hudson Club held a meet in conjunction with the show. The show featured Kaiser-Frazer, Willys-Over-

land, Hudson and Nash, but many other makes were on display.

The annual Pullin' in the Park took place on Sept. 18. This event attracted a large number of tractors and trucks for the pull. The event also included food and games for the family.

The Antique Power show was held at Mendota Hills Campground just north of Sublette on Sept. 24-25. This included a large display of old tractors and farm equipment. There were also vendors and demonstrations.

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POLICE BLOTTER

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

Nikko Tooley, 29, of 1555 W. Main St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at Pennsylvania Avenue and West Main Street at 11:58 a.m. Sept. 17. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

Aaron F. Hamrick, 42, of 1218 Jefferson St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at Burlington Street and Illinois Avenue at 6:34 a.m. Sept. 18. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

CANNABIS CHARGE

Lindsay N. Rogers, 36, of Jackson, Mich., was charged with possession of adult use

cannabis in a motor vehicle after a traffic stop at Main and Jefferson streets at 10:30 p.m. Sept. 19. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Philip J. Forst, 35, of 801 ½ Main St., Mendota, was arrested at 3:46 p.m. Sept. 21 on a valid Woodford County warrant for failure to appear/reckless driving. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

WARRANT ARREST

Juan P. Santizo Aranda, 29, of 503 Sixth St., Mendota, was arrested at 12:05 a.m. Sept. 25 on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/domestic battery. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

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.

WEEKLY RECORD

LaSalle County (marriage licenses)

Jarred O. Johnson and Alyson Contreras, both of Mendota; issued Sept. 6, 2022.

Johny T. Longmire and Alison M. Puente, both of LaMoille; issued Sept. 7, 2022.

Tyler J. Ptak of LaSalle and Chelsea R. Dombrowski of Compton; issued Sept. 8, 2022.

Parker R. Matthews and Patience E. Stallings, both of Mendota; issued Sept. 9, 2022.

Kyle J. Truckenbrod of Mendota and Samantha P. Manfredini of Cherry; issued Sept. 13, 2022.

Approval needed for dumpster on the street

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

City Ordinances

Burn Ordinance

MENDOTA – It is unlawful to burn any materials other than small and dried quantities of branches, leaves, weeds or grass at any time. The burning of any material such as rubber, tires, leather, tar paper, old batteries or any material that emits an offensive odor when burned is unlawful within the city limits of Mendota.

Limited amounts of yard waste material may be burned provided the material is dry and does not create an offensive odor, nuisance or fire hazard due to excessive high winds. Combustible yard waste material may be kindled from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only. All fires must be constantly tended by a competent person, until such fire is properly extinguished. The continued smoldering of slow-burning combustible yard waste after 4 p.m. is a nuisance and anyone kindling such a fire that will emit obnoxious odors after 4 p.m. will be considered performing an unlawful act. Burning on Sunday by commercial establishments shall be considered an unlawful act.

Animals-Pet Waste Ordinance

• The purpose of this section is to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the City of Mendota so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

• Requirement for disposal. All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

• Exemptions. Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

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SPORTS



Mendota golfers Owen Aughenbaugh, left, and Drake Dennis were named second-team all-conference after their efforts in the Three Rivers Conference Golf Tournament on Sept. 20. (Photo contributed)

Two MHS golfers earn all-conference honors

Trojans take 6th in league meet

The Mendota varsity golf team finished in the upper half of the pack in the Three Rivers Conference Golf Tournament on Sept. 20 at Highland Springs in Rock Island.

The Trojans had a team total of 341 to take sixth place in the 13-team tournament. The top five finishers were Riverdale (317), Newman (321), Sherrard (327), Princeton (334) and St. Bede (339). Placing behind Mendota were Hall (343), Bureau Valley (347), Monmouth-Roseville (349), Orion (380), Rockridge (393), Kewanee (398) and Erie-Prophetstown (408).

Drake Dennis turned in the low score for Mendota with an 82, which was good enough for 11th place overall. Teammate Owen Aughenbaugh placed 17th in the individual standings with an 83. They were both named second-team all-conference for their efforts.

Also competing for the Trojans were Clay Buffington (88), Brody Hartt (88),

Cale Strauss (91) and Braden McPheeters (96).

Andrew Boland of Sherrard and Jake Delaney of St. Bede tied for the overall low score at 74. Boland defeated Delaney on the second playoff hole to claim the individual title.

Mendota hosted the Modified Ryder Cup on Sept. 24 at the Mendota Golf Club.

Teaming up for the Trojans were Jack Mikolasek-Braden McPheeters with an 87, Dennis-Dominik Stamberger with an 88 and Buffington-Cayden Escatel with a 94.

The duo of Fenza-Rundle from LaSalle-Peru took the top spot with a 74.

Ottawa claimed the team title with a 230, followed by L-P (242), Princeton (244) and St. Bede (245). Other participating teams were Morris (249), Bureau Valley (249), Hall (253), Putnam County (261), Stillman Valley (262), Rock Falls (268), Mendota (269) and Kewanee (296).

Kelson races to win in home harrier meet

The Mendota cross country team hosted runners from Princeton, Amboy, Putnam County, Hall, and St. Bede for a race at Lake Mendota on Sept. 20.

In the girls' race, Princeton harriers Lexi Bohms (23:05) and Kiana Brokow (25:57) took the top two spots in the field of 13, followed by Amboy's Samantha Nauman (27:23, 3rd). Mendota's top finish belonged to Anna Valdes (30:34, 8th).

Princeton was the only school to field a complete team of five runners.

In the boys' race of 25, Mendota's Anthony Kelson was first across the line with a time of 18:02. Tyler McNinch of Amboy was second in 18:13, while Dagen Setchell (19:33) of Mendota was third. Kody Chase also had a top half finish of eighth (20:35) for the Trojans.

Amboy was able to edge out Mendota, 26-29, as the only two teams with five finishers.

Mendota competed against 18 schools in the 19th Annual Boiler Invite on Sept. 24 at Kewanee.

Emily Downing of Cambridge won the girls' three-mile race in 19:25. Participating for Mendota were Anna Valdes (60th, 28:38) and Valerie Valdes (62nd, 28:55).

Chillicothe had the top team girls' score of 60, followed by Cambridge (63) and Lowpoint-Washburn (86).



Mendota's Anthony Kelson and Amboy's Tyler McNinch are stride-for-stride as they race in a cross country meet at Lake Mendota Park on Sept. 20. Kelson beat out McNinch for the top spot. (Reporter photo)

Fifty-eight runners participated in the boys' varsity race, with Brecken Fahrenkrug of Chillicothe taking top honors in 16:57. Kelson (17:33) earned a trophy for

Mendota by placing fifth in a time of 17:33. Also competing for the Trojans were Chase (25th, 20:03) and Carlos Olivas (43rd, 22:27). Chillicothe (40) edged out

Amboy (42) for the team title.

In the JV race, Mendota was represented by Travis Mumm (22:10), Harlan Gallagher (22:56) and Spencer Kain (27:46).

MHS headed to Alleman soccer regional

ROCK ISLAND – The Mendota boys' soccer team will take its number one seed to the Rock Island Alleman Class 1A Regional Soccer Tournament to be held Oct. 11 and Oct. 14 at the Alleman Sports Complex.

The tournament will begin with a play-in game between Princeton and Riverdale at a date yet to be determined. The winner of that match will advance to the semifinals to battle the Trojans at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 in Rock Island. The other semifinal-round game will pit Alleman against DePue.

The two semifinal winners will meet for the regional championship at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

The champion from the Alleman Regional will advance to the Mendota Sectional to meet the winner of the Peoria Christian Regional at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19. The other sectional contest will be between the regional champions at Quincy Notre Dame and Serena.

The sectional final is slated for Saturday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. with the winner moving on to the Chillicothe IVC Supersectional to face the Champaign St. Thomas More Sectional champion on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m.

Rock Island (Alleman)
Class 1A Soccer Regional
1 – (9) Princeton at (7) Port Byron (Riverdale) - Date & time TBA

Tuesday, Oct. 11
2 – (1) Mendota vs. Winner Match 1 – 4:30 p.m.
3 – (4) Rock Island (Alleman) vs. (6) DePue [Coop] – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 14
4 – Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3 – 6 p.m. (championship)

Trojans chalk up two more wins

Mendota cruised to a 7-0 victory over Princeton in varsity boys' soccer action on Sept. 20 at the MHS field.

David Casas led the attack with a pair of goals, while Iker Landeros, Isaac Guzman, Johnathan Cortez, Johan Cortez and Jasiel Watson tallied a goal apiece.

Assists were provided by Izaiah Nanez, Ricky Orozco and Eli Arjes.

The Trojans made the long trek to Monmouth and came away with a 3-1 decision over Monmouth-Roseville on Sept. 24.

Finding the net for Mendota were Johan Cortez, Nanez and Watson.



Mendota's Reanna Brant skies for a kill attempt while Kewanee's Emma Crofton goes up for a block try on Sept. 22 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Bureau Valley, Kewanee topple Spikers

The Mendota Spikers suffered a pair of Three Rivers Conference losses at the MHS gym.

Bureau Valley turned back Mendota, 25-17 25-19, on Sept. 20.

Reanna Brant recorded seven kills for the Spikers and Grace Wasmer added four kills. Katie Jenner collected 14 digs and seven assists, Madelyn Becker supplied seven assists

and Lily Leifheit posted 12 digs.

Kewanee chalked up a 25-14, 25-15 decision over Mendota on Sept. 22. The Spikers fell to 1-5 in league action.

Mendota participated in the Reed-Custer Tournament at Braidwood on Sept. 24. No details were available.

Hall wins shootout over Trojans

Resetich powers Red Devils past Mendota, 66-45

SPRING VALLEY – A player the caliber of Mac Resetich needs to touch the football as often as possible. That's why the Hall coaching staff switched the Red Devil star from running back last year to quarterback this year – so he could get his hands on the ball every offensive play.

The decision was a good one, and Mendota can attest to that. Resetich had a part in an amazing 90 percent of Hall's yardage against the Trojans as the Red Devils outgunned Mendota, 66-45, in a Three Rivers Conference East Division shootout on Sept. 23 at Nesti Stadium in Spring Valley.

With the loss, the Trojans dropped to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in league play, and it means they have to win three of their final four games of the season to have a realistic shot at their second consecutive post-season berth. The same is true for Hall, which stands at 2-3.

Mendota's defense has had its struggles throughout the season, and it had no solution to stopping Resetich. The senior signal-caller made his presence felt less than a minute and a half into the game when he rambled for his first of seven rushing touchdowns on the night. Two of those TDs covered single-digit yardage, while the rest were for 40 yards or more. Mix all of that together, and Resetich's final numbers were astounding.

Out of Hall's 505 total yards, Resetich accounted



Mendota's Ryne Strauss, left, and Isaac Smith try to bring down Hall quarterback Mac Resetich on Sept. 23 at Spring Valley. (Reporter photo)

Next for the Trojans
Opponent: Friday, Sept. 30 at Sherrard. Kickoff at 7 p.m.
Last year: Mendota routed Sherrard, 60-0, on Homecoming night at the MHS field. The Trojans owned a 32-0 halftime lead and then scored 22 points in the third quarter to put the game away. Mendota piled up 476 yards on offense and the Trojan defense limited Sherrard to just 77 yards.
Last week: Sherrard (1-4) picked up its first win of the season with a 26-22 triumph at Morrison.

for 453 of them. And the most impressive part is 427 of those yards came from running the football 30 times for an average of 14.2 yards per tote. He only passed the ball twice and connected once for 26 yards.

As has become customary, the Trojans tried an onside kick to open the game, but Hall was able to recover at the 50-yard line, and it needed only four plays to open the night's scoring.

Resetich did the honors, bolting 46 yards to the end zone with 10:35 showing on the first-quarter clock. The quarterback completed a two-point conversion pass to Gianni Guerrini for a speedy 8-0 Red Devil lead.

Hall's ensuing kick was also short, and Mendota began its initial drive of the game in great field position

SPORTS

Football

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at its own 48. The Trojans made short work of their first possession when they covered 52 yards in five plays, with Isaac Smith running in the final play from 18 yards out. The two-point pass was incomplete. A 30-yard run by Anthony Childs was the big play of the drive.

Mendota gave Hall another short field to work with when the kickoff traveled only 10 yards to the 50. The Red Devils weren't quite as fast scoring their second touchdown when they needed 10 plays and three and a half minutes to get back into the end zone. Joseph Bacidore capped off the drive with a 1-yard run, followed by a Resetich two-point conversion run for a 16-6 Hall lead.

The Trojans used some trickery on their next possession. Facing a punting situation from its own 39, Mendota snapped the ball short to Childs, who zig-zagged his way 25 yards down to the Red Devil 36-yard line and a first down. From there, the Trojans drove the ball down to the 1, where Charles Heiting finished off the series with a 1-yard TD run. Angil Serrano added the PAT kick and Mendota was within a field goal with 23 seconds left in the quarter.

For the third straight time, Mendota's short kickoff resulted in excellent field position for Hall, this time inside Trojan territory at the 49. On Hall's first play, Resetich got loose and went 49 yards to paydirt, and then he hit DeAnthony Weatherspoon with a two-point conversion pass and the Red Devils led 24-13 after one.

The offensive fireworks show continued in the second quarter, with both teams tallying three touchdowns.

Mendota was back in the end zone 27 seconds into the period when Justin Randolph

hooked up with Ryne Strouss on a 39-yard touchdown pass that completed a quick three-play, 60-yard drive. The extra-point kick was no good.

The Red Devils scored the next two touchdowns to open up a 38-19 lead. Resetich ran for 37 yards to the Trojan 20, and then on fourth-and-two from the 12, the Trojans had an opportunity to stifle the Hall drive, but Mendota jumped off-sides and the penalty gave Hall a first down at the 7. From there, Resetich completed the series with a 7-yard run, and then he passed to Bacidore for the two-pointer.

Hall's defense rose up and got the ball back for the offense when it stopped the Trojans on a fourth-and-three at Mendota's 40. During Hall's ensuing possession, Resetich completed his one pass in the game to Joe Schrader that advanced the ball to the 19. Then from the 10, Bacidore scooted across the goal line to increase Hall's lead to 38-19.

But the Trojans responded with a big play on special teams and a defensive take-away to score two straight touchdowns to claw their way back to within a one-score deficit. After Hall's TD, Mendota's Isaac Smith took the Red Devil kickoff 75 yards down the sideline for a Trojan score to make it 38-25.

Then, Smith made his presence felt again, this time on defense when he fell on a Hall fumble at the Mendota 42-yard line with 1:58 left before halftime. The Trojans were able to move the ball down to the Hall 3-yard line, where Strouss gathered in a touchdown pass from Randolph with just six seconds to go. The extra-point kick was no good, but the Trojans looked to be in good shape trailing by just seven points and awaiting the second-half kickoff.

But in a jaw-dropping can't-believe moment, the Red Devils had time for one more play before intermission, and Resetich made the most of it, sprinting 52 yards to the end zone with zeroes showing on the time clock, to give Hall a 44-31 halftime lead.

Three touchdowns were scored in the third period, with Hall getting two of them to take a 58-37 lead to the fourth quarter. Resetich had TD runs of 75 and 5 yards sandwiched around a Mendota scoring play of a 64-yard pass from Randolph to Smith.

Then each team tallied one touchdown in the fourth frame. A Resetich 40-yard TD run and a successful two-point pass made it 66-37.

Heiting completed the Mendota scoring with a 5-yard touchdown run and a two-point run with 2:24 left.

As daunting as Hall's offensive numbers were, the Trojans put up some impressive offensive statistics as well. They finished with 418 yards—219 on the ground and 199 in the air. Childs gained 131 yards rushing on 21 carries, while Randolph completed 14 of 25 passes. Smith, Strouss and Braiden Freeman all had four receptions.

Three Rivers East Division Football Standings

	TR	OA
Princeton	3-0	5-0
St. Bede	2-0	5-0
Hall	1-1	2-3
Sterling Newman	1-1	3-2
Mendota	1-2	2-3
Kewanee	1-2	2-3
Bureau Valley	0-3	1-4

Friday, Sept. 23

Hall 66, Mendota 45
Princeton 56, Kewanee 7
Newman 27, Bureau V. 0
St. Bede 2, Riverdale 0 (for.)

Friday, Sept. 30

Mendota at Sherrard
Hall at Kewanee
Princeton at Newman

Saturday, Oct. 1

Bureau Valley at St. Bede

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HALL 66, MENDOTA 45

Mendota	13	18	6	8	-	45
Hall	24	20	14	8	-	66

SCORING SUMMARY

HA - Resetich 46 run (Guerrini pass from Resetich), 10:35 1Q
ME - Smith 18 run (pass failed), 8:55 1Q
HA - Bacidore 1 run (Resetich run), 4:29 1Q
ME - Heiting 1 run (Serrano kick), 2:37 1Q
HA - Resetich 49 run (Weatherspoon pass from Resetich), 1:17 1Q
ME - Strouss 39 pass from Randolph (kick failed), 11:33 2Q
HA - Resetich 7 run (Bacidore pass from Resetich), 7:44 2Q
HA - Bacidore 10 run (pass failed), 3:45 2Q
ME - Smith 75 kickoff return (pass failed), 3:33 2Q
ME - Strouss 3 pass from Randolph (kick failed), 0:06 2Q
HA - Resetich 52 run (pass failed), 0:00 2Q
HA - Resetich 75 run (Meagher pass from Resetich), 7:35 3Q
ME - Smith 64 pass from Randolph (run failed), 7:21 3Q
HA - Resetich 5 run (pass failed), 1:26 3Q
HA - Resetich 40 run (Schrader pass from Resetich), 7:58 4Q
ME - Heiting 5 run (Heiting run), 2:24 4Q

	ME	HA
First Downs	21	20
Rushes-Yards	34-219	51-481
Passing Yards	199	26
Passes	14-25-0	1-2-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Punts-Avg	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-58	8-73

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Rushing — MENDOTA: Childs 21-131, Smith 7-58, Heiting 6-30; HALL: Resetich 30-429, Bacidore 9-34, Guerrini 3-17, Schrader 6-12, Glynn 3-(minus 11).

Passing — MENDOTA: Doe 14-25-0-199; HALL: Resetich 1-2-0-26.

Receiving — MENDOTA: Smith 4-88, Strouss 4-81, Freeman 4-28, Zinke 1-2, Childs 1-0; HALL: Schrader 1-26.



Mendota's Anna Valdes competes in a home cross country meet on Sept. 20 at Lake Mendota Park. (Reporter photo)

MHS F-S gridders fall to Hall, 16-0

MENDOTA — Hall was a 16-0 winner over Mendota in freshman-sophomore football action on Sept. 26 at the MHS field.

The game was scoreless at halftime and then Hall scored one touchdown each in the third and fourth frames. The TDs came on pass plays of 33 and 11 yards. The Red Devils were successful on both two-point conversions.

Mendota (0-5) outgained Hall, 166-148. The Trojans had 122 yards rushing and 44 passing. Aden Tillman had 12 rushes for 67 yards and Corbin Furar carried 15 times for 41 yards. Tillman completed three passes, with Keegan Beetz gathering in two for 39 yards.

Northbrook soccer

Sept. 19 vs. Ottawa Shepherd "A" game

Northbrook 2, Ottawa 2
Goals: Cesar Casas 2
Assists: Cole Kleckner 1
Saves: Gianni Figueroa 3
"B" game
Northbrook 1, Ottawa 0
Goals: Cesar Hernandez 1
Assists: Favian Romero 1

Sept. 20 vs. Morris Shabbona "A" game

Northbrook 8, Morris 2
Goals: Cesar Casas 6, Cruz Chavez 1, Kevin Herrera 1
Assists: Gael Garcia 1, Cole Kleckner 1
Saves: Gianni Figueroa 2
"B" game
Northbrook 1, Morris 1
Goals: Benoni Hernandez 1
Saves: Christian Collin 1

Sept. 22 @ Ottawa Wallace "A" game

Northbrook 4, Ottawa 0
Goals: Cesar Casas 4
Assists: Cole Kleckner 1
Saves: Gianni Figueroa 3
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Ottawa 2, Northbrook 0
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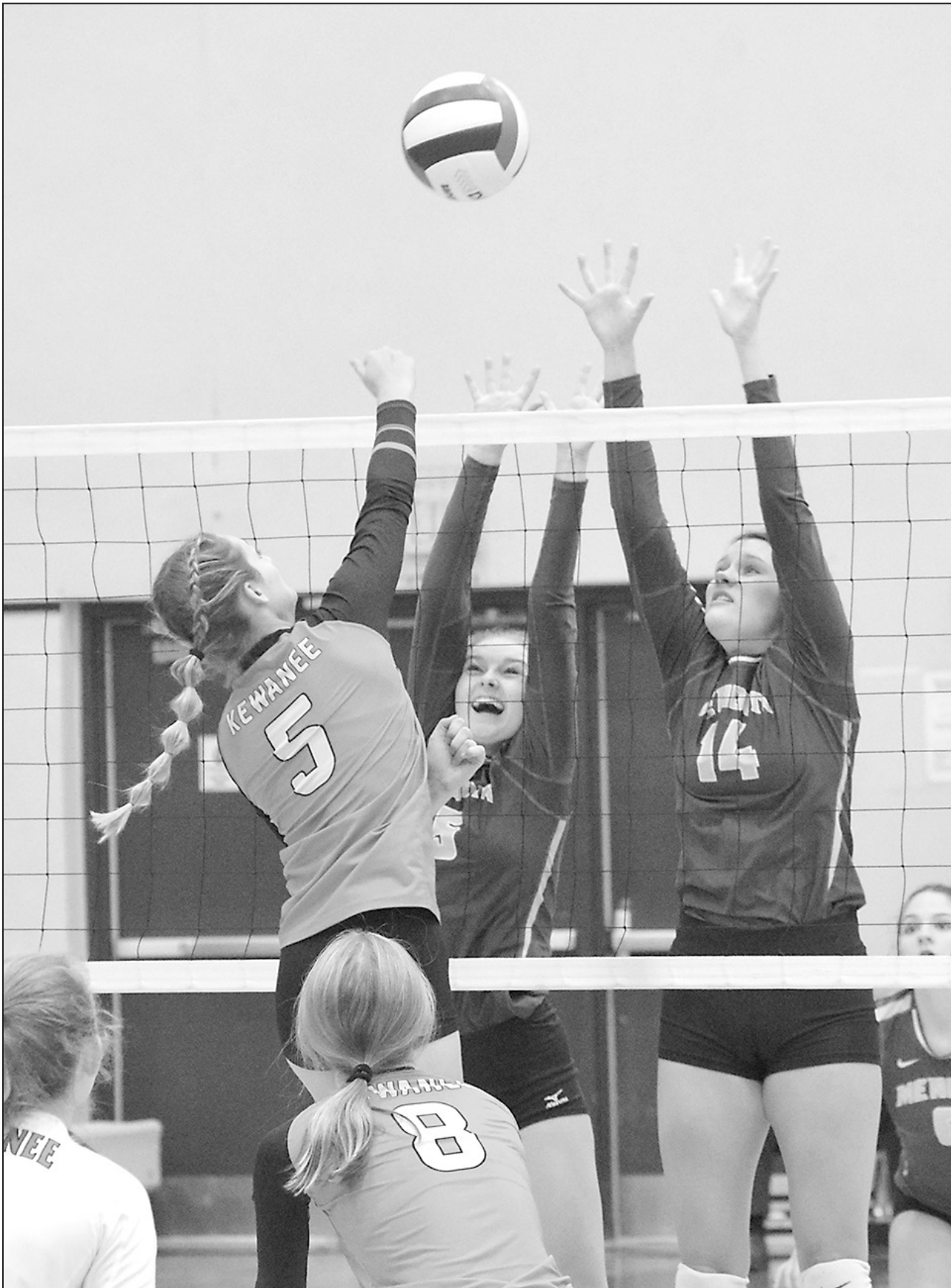
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SPORTS



Mendota's Grace Wasmer, right, and Bria Frey try to stop a kill attempt by Kewanee's Makaela Salisbury on Sept. 22 at the MHS gym. (Reporter photo)

Netters defeat Rockford foes

The Mendota varsity girls' tennis team took care of Rockford Lutheran and Rockford Christian in a triangular meet on Sept. 20 at the MHS courts.

The Lady Trojans were 4-1 winners over Lutheran. MHS swept the doubles competition with Alexis Finley-Talya Schwaegerman, Isabelle Escatel-Cassie Gonzalez and Mariah Figueroa-Lauren Holland teaming up for wins. Natalia Salinas won in singles action for the Lady Trojans.

Mendota won all five matches against Christian. Ella Lewis and Salinas cruised to victory in singles play, while the doubles teams of Finley-Schwaegerman, Escatel-Gonzalez and Figueroa-Holland dominated their matches.

Sept. 20
Mendota 4, Rockford Lutheran 1

Singles: No. 1 – Stram (RL) def. Ella Lewis (M), 6-0, 6-0; No. 2 – Natalia Salinas (M) def. Wilhelm (RL), 6-2, 6-1

Doubles: No. 1 – Alexis Finley-Talya Schwaegerman (M) def. Hillman-Yamanoi (RL), 8-3; No. 2 – Isabelle

Escatel-Cassie Gonzalez (M) def. Sjostrom-Stien (RL), 8-2; No. 3 – Mariah Figueroa-Lauren Holland (M) def. Quinto-Buczkiwicz (RL), 6-5
Mendota 5, Rockford Christian 0

Singles: No. 1 – Lewis (M) def. Helm (RC), 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 – Salinas (M) def. McMahon (RC), 6-1, 6-3

Doubles: No. 1 – Finley-Schwaegerman (M) def. Antczak-Groenwald (RC), 6-1, 6-1; No. 2 – Escatel-Gonzalez (M) def. Buscema-Kirschmann (RC), 6-1, 7-5; No. 3 – Figueroa-Holland (M) def. Powell-Jones (RC), 6-0, 6-0

Mendota was beaten by Ottawa, 5-0, on Sept. 22 at the MHS courts.

Sept. 22
Ottawa 5, Mendota 0

Singles: No. 1 – Cushing (O) def. Lewis (M), 6-0, 6-0; No. 2 – Krug (O) def. Salinas (M), 6-0, 6-0

Doubles: No. 1 – O'Fallon-Smithmeyer (O) def. Finley-Schwaegerman (M), 6-1, 6-2; No. 2 – Heimsoth-Walker (O) def. Escatel-Gonzalez (M), 6-3, 6-1; No. 3 – Moreland-Eichelkraut (O) def. Figueroa-Julia Krueger (M), 6-0, 6-2



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High team game (scratch) – Leagal Beagles 725, Team 6 662, Sports-N-Stuff 621

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Women's high series (hdcp) – Dria Kuntz 684, Connie Yost 679, Dessa Collings 678

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Standings as of Sept. 20 – 1. Black Bros. 8-4; 2. Age Old Organics 6-6; 3. Team 2 5-7; 4. JJ&L Carpentry 5-7

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High team series (scratch) – Mendota Monument 3335, Boelk Truck Lines 2761, First State Bank 2655

High team series (hdcp) – Mendota Monument 3416, Boelk Truck Lines 3205, O'Donnell Excavating 3103

High individual game (scratch) – Kasen Novak 300, Matt Novak 288, Nate Bradford 267

High individual game (hdcp) – Kasen Novak 300, Matt Novak 288, Nate Bradford 267

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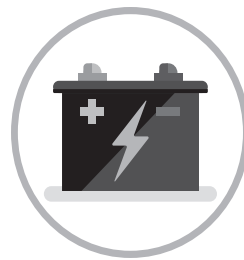
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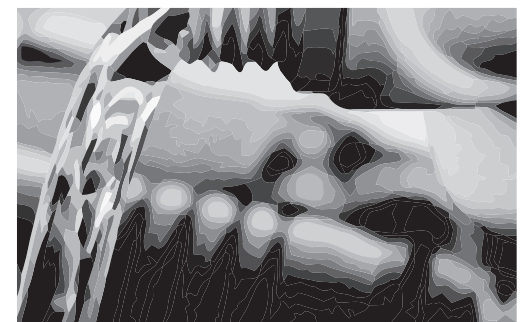
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I've discovered that the best way—the only way—you can have a happy, powerful life is to get your mind off yourself and do something for someone else. Helping people, being a blessing

and adding value to other people's lives is what it means to walk in love and follow the example of Jesus.

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT) says, "Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us..." Jesus—our perfect and holy Savior—gave His life for us, took all of our sin upon Himself, and shed His blood so we could have a personal relationship with Him and become the righteousness of God. That was His gift to us. And once we experi-

ence the gift of salvation, our gift to God is how we live our lives.

Jesus says in John 13:34, "...Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." If we will learn how to follow this one commandment, everything else in our lives will fall into place. Because we can only become everything we're created to be when we live a life filled with God's love.

Be a Good Samaritan

In Luke chapter 10, Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate what it means to love God and your neighbor as yourself. In verses 30-37, we read that a man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho when "he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road."

A priest and a Levite both passed by him and neither stopped to help. Verse 33 says, "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him." Notice that he "felt compassion" for this man and he was moved to do something to help him.

He dressed his wounds and took him to an inn where he could get the care he needed. He paid the innkeeper and told him, "Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you



the next time I'm here" (v. 35).

There are a few things I want you to notice here. First, the Samaritan was traveling the road and was probably going somewhere he needed to be; he had a plan but he was willing to stop and help this man even if it meant his plan was interrupted.

Also, he gave his best effort to make sure the man had good care and then paid for him to get it. He was obviously willing to pay whatever it was going to cost because he told the innkeeper, "If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here." So he was planning to come back and make sure everything the man needed was covered.

This Is Love!

Jesus is showing us in this story what real love looks like. And 1 Corinthians 13 lists the characteristics of God's love: it is patient and kind, never jealous, boastful or rude; it does not demand its own way, is not irritable and keeps no record of being wronged. Love rejoices when truth wins out. It

never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Love never fails!

Now, if you're thinking, "There's no way I can live up to this list!" I want to tell you, "Yes, you can!" You can love others like this because as a born-again Christian, you have everything you need to be like Jesus.

It's not always easy because we have to resist the temptation to be selfish, but 1 John 4:4 says that the Spirit of God in us is greater than our enemy. So in Christ, we have the power we need to live a life of love.

It's important to understand that God is not expecting you to be perfect in your love walk or to do it without His help. What He wants is for you to seek Him through prayer and studying His Word, and as you do, lean on Him for the grace to do what He's asking you to do each day.

God is love, so you can rest in the truth that He is patient with you, He's always with you, He believes in you and will

not give up on you. And with God's love in your life, you can learn how to live a life of love!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-teaching resource Live 2 Love. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

Joyce Meyer is a New York Times bestselling author and founder of Joyce Meyer Ministries, Inc. She has authored more than 140 books, including BATTLEFIELD OF THE MIND and THE POWER OF THANK YOU (FaithWords). She hosts the Enjoying Everyday Life radio and TV programs, which air on hundreds of stations worldwide. For more information, visit www.joycemeyer.org.

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to say:
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JEREMIAH 39: 16-18

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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Peter in the Old
or New Testament or neither?

2. Joel declared, "Beat your
plowshares into swords, and your
pruning hooks into ..." Hooks,
Hammers, Dust, Spears

3. From Genesis 35, who died
giving birth to Benjamin? Rachel,
Leah, Naomi, Ruth

4. Who wrote down the book
of Romans for Paul? Stephen,
Benaiah, Cyrus, Tertius

5. Who was the mother of David?
Not mentioned by name, Sarah,
Rebecca, Leah

6. In Proverbs 23:4, "Labour not
to be ..." ? Wise, Rich, Glorified,
Found

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Spears,
3) Rachel, 4) Tertius, 5) Not
mentioned by name, 6) Rich

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Dated: September 12, 2022. Debra Diane Lewis Applicant. No. 0905 (9/21, 9/28, 10/5 2022)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST STATE BANK, Plaintiff, v. (Non-Residential) ILLINOIS HORSE PARK FOUNDATION) NFP, A not-for-profit corporation, DANIEL T. SAMPSON, individually, (UNKNOWN) TENANTS (OR OCCUPANTS,) UNKNOWN OWNERS AND)

NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. RE-NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

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

PARCEL 1: THE EAST 70 FEET OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 1 IN THE VILLAGE OF TRIUMPH, SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF TRIUMPH, SITUATED IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2: LOT 2 IN BLOCK 4 IN THE VILLAGE OF TRIUMPH. IN LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PARCEL 3: LOT TEN (10), EXCEPT THE WEST 41.3 FEET OF LOT 10 IN BLOCK 5 IN HALL'S SECOND ADDITION, ALL IN THE TOWN OF TRIUMPH, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LASALLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. Permanent Index Numbers: 07-17-402-017 (Parcel 1); 07-17-405-002 (Parcel 2); 07-

17-406-018 (Parcel 3). COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3908 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, Illinois 3904 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, Illinois 765 N. 39th Road, Triumph, Illinois The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Michael A. O'Brien, Esq. (630) 871-9400 The terms of sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due by noon the following day after the sale to the LaSalle County Sheriff. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "As Is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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NOTICE-PUBLICATION-JUDICIAL SALE O'Brien Law Offices, P.C. Michael A. O'Brien Leslie G. Bleifuss 124A South County Farm Road Wheaton, Illinois 60187 Ph: (630) 871-9400 Fax: (630) 871-9435 Atty. No. 6216625/6224495 WITNESS: /s/ Greg Vaccaro Greg Vaccaro, Clerk of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court, and the seal thereof, LaSalle, Illinois Date: September 20, 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE Case No. 2022 FC 9

On October 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. certain real estate commonly known as: 3908 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, Illinois 3904 E. 752nd Road, Triumph, Illinois 765 N. 39th Road, Triumph, Illinois Will Be Sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash: The properties consist of: homes, horse barns and related buildings Contact: Michael A. O'Brien at 630-871-9400 Formal Notice of this Judicial Sale of Real Estate will be found in the Legal Notices section of this newspaper with the above-mentioned case number. Legal No. 0907 (9/28, 10/5, 10/12 2022)



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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

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SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2022

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Local Sources	1000	2,016,156	373,537	148,228	104,914	178,864	0	27,178	311,927	25,633
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	661,565	15,000	0	151,050	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	692,385	19,071	0	825	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		3,370,106	407,608	148,228	256,789	178,864	0	27,178	311,927	25,633
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		2,939,228	338,279	148,525	234,817	105,293	0		257,157	21,602
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	12,710	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2021		187,093	467,105	44,442	155,910	194,732	0	394,060	389,798	75,423
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		617,971	549,144	44,145	177,882	268,303	0	421,238	444,568	79,454
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2022		641,248	549,144	44,145	177,882	268,303	0	421,238	444,568	79,454

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4,273
3,224
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121,505
103,525
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3,161
8,558
5,362
23,449
16,372
35,184
37,706
323,071
27,124
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4,125
3,029
8,287
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15,094
7,642
16,692
15,750
44,345
103,409
9,264
9,157
65,677
24,752
8,496
4,989
24,840
4,161
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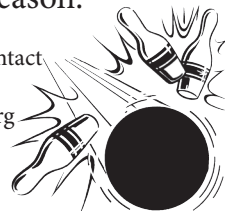
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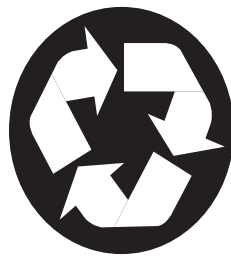
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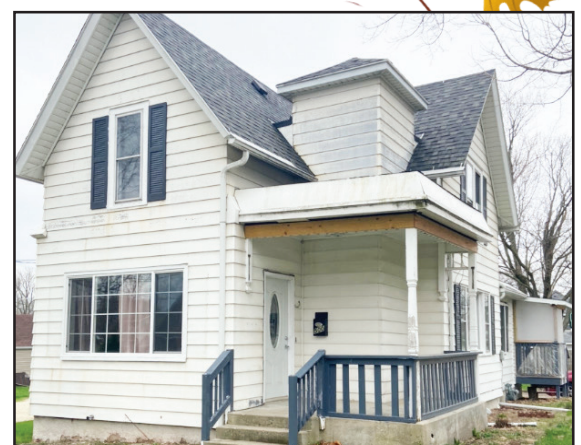
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