

Fire destroys buildings on Main Street

□ Former restaurant, apartment buildings devastated by blaze

MENDOTA – Fire destroyed an apartment building and a former restaurant at 812 Main St., Mendota, on Aug. 22.

The initial fire call was received by the Mendota Fire Department at 1:21 p.m. and the first truck rolled on the scene two minutes later. Upon arrival, firefighters observed smoke coming from the roof of the former Waterfalls restaurant. The former restaurant is attached to two apartment buildings.

Firefighters were alerted that the blaze began in the area of apartments 7 and 8, and the initial report was that occupants and animals were trapped in apartment 8. Four people managed to make it to the back of the building and were rescued out windows.

Different layers of ceiling inside the apartment building made it difficult for firefighters to pinpoint the location of the fire. Holes were cut into the roof of the Waterfalls building and aerial trucks began applying water from the top.

At approximately 5:55 p.m., the roof of the Waterfalls building collapsed. A majority of the roof of the apartment building right next to Waterfalls also fell.

Firefighters continued working on putting out the blaze for the next six hours and left the scene at 12:15

a.m. Several fire and emergency personnel remained on the scene throughout the early morning hours of Aug. 23 to make sure the blaze did not reignite and that no one entered the structure.

What turned into a seven-alarm fire and a four-alarm EMS response saw fire and emergency personnel descend on Mendota from all across the area. Fire engines were on scene from Mendota, Mendota-Troy Grove, Sublette, Earlville, LaSalle, Compton, Amboy, LaMoille, Paw Paw, Arlington, Leland, West Brooklyn, Oglesby, Wallace, Cherry and Ladd. Aerial trucks were utilized from Mendota, Peru, LaSalle, Spring Valley and Princeton. Personnel and equipment from Shabbona, Somonauk and Sandwich also aided the cause. In addition, personnel from Mercy Health, MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), ILEAS (Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System), Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Mendota street and water departments helped during the blaze. Also, several businesses and individuals supplied food and water to fire and emergency personnel.

Two firemen were treated and released for minor injuries. The State Fire Marshal is investigating to determine the cause of the fire.



A firefighter on the Spring Valley Fire Department aerial truck shoots water toward the roof of structures at 812 Main St., Mendota, during a blaze on Aug. 22. (Reporter photos by Brandon LaChance)



Right, firefighters ascend the ladder of an aerial truck to get to the roof of the former Waterfalls restaurant building on Main Street. Above, the aftermath of the blaze that tore through the former restaurant and apartment buildings.



Ballet Folklorico de Colores will take its talents to a festival in Colorado.

Nightengales offers a very sweet exchange with local dance group

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

MENDOTA—Ballet Folklorico de Colores has been wearing colorful, decorative attire while they dance through Illinois Valley streets.

When an opportunity arose to share their talent and model their outfits elsewhere in part of a festival in Colorado, some of the dancers wanted the experience and to showcase their love of dance.

However, the trip would cost \$2,400 for the hotel, not including food or the gas for the two vans (estimation of \$500 per van).

“We were contacted about performing at a festival in Colorado. They wanted our group because we’re very diverse as we have

one dancer in a wheelchair, white women, Hispanic women, and children as young as 3-4 years old. It’s quite an honor to be invited,” said Dr. Mary Chinn, who can’t go on the trip because of a prior engagement. “We really enjoy dancing and I’m thankful I get to dance with them. I’ve learned so much about the culture and different types of dancing. I’ve delivered many of the children I dance with.”

Dr. Chinn, who is a primary care doctor through OSF Healthcare, has been dancing with the Mexican folk lore group for three years.

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Compton man helps raise money for African school on a trip to Tanzania

□ Adventure includes hike up 19,341 foot Mount Kilimanjaro

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Staff writer

COMPTON – Jon Yambert has hiked all over the United States of America.

But he had never done anything like the adventure he took on in May as he was one of 15 people to travel to Tanzania as part of a fundraising trip for Tanzania Development Support.

“The trip was unusual, we went there, and it was meeting 15 people who you’ve never met before. We became friends because we were together for two weeks. You get to know everyone very well.

“We were at a hotel in Arusha, Tanzania and two days later we started a 6 ½ day hike up Mount Kilimanjaro. We hiked 19,341 feet up the (dormant volcano). We spent five days going up the mountain because they want you to go slowly so you can get acclimated to the altitude.

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Jon Yambert, 65, of Compton, went on a trip to Tanzania, Africa in May for a fundraising project for a Catholic school in part of the Tanzania Development Support. He raised \$2,000 and the group of 15 travelers raised \$36,000 as a collective. During the trip, Yambert hiked 19,341 feet of Mount Kilimanjaro and saw lions, zebras, elephants, giraffes, cheetahs, hyenas, and other wildlife at Serengeti National Park. (Photo contributed)



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LOCAL AND AREA

Youth learn the importance of pollinators



Lilly Lindstrom observes native plants in the garden during the Pollinator Celebration at Hall High School. (Photo contributed)

SPRING VALLEY – Did you know that one out of every three bites of food we eat exists because of pollinators like bees, butterflies, birds, and bats? Staff at University of Illinois Extension is aware of this fact, and wanted to share this, and other facts, with local youth. On July 28, the 4-H and Master Gardener/Master Naturalist staff held a pollinator experience called *Pollinator Celebration* at Hall High School in Spring Valley. The goal for this program was to teach youth the importance of pollinators in our environment and their importance in our world.

The program began with exploring the pollinator gardens at Hall High School and observing native flowers through identification markers, observation forms, and sketches. The garden was in bloom with Black-Eyed Susan's, Coneflowers, Rattlesnake Masters, Milkweed varieties, and many others for the youth to observe. After getting a sense of the type of flowers in the garden, participants learned about flower traits and which pollinators prefer them, and why. For instance, bats prefer fragrant, white flowers that open at night, while flies

prefer flowers with unpleasant odors. Once the types of pollinators and flower traits were discussed, participants made their own tissue paper flowers and matched their flowers with pollinators that would be attracted to each. They also got to observe different flower species, pollinator parts, and pollen under microscopes.

After learning about the topic, participants made their own pocket greenhouses with baggies and cotton balls to grow their own plants. They also made seeds bombs, which was a messy, fun project. The seed bombs were taken home to dry and "throw" into areas void of plant life. The group discussed places like ditches, empty areas in their backyards, or empty gardens to place the seed bombs and watch them grow. Participants left the program with extra seeds, a Pollinator Ag Mag, information on Pollinator Pathways (a pollinator tracking program), and extra observation sheets. The message was clear: what they learned during the pollinator celebration was meant to be continued and shared!

With the Monarch butterfly recently being added to the endangered species

list, and the importance of pollinators to our food access, University of Illinois 4-H and Master Gardener/Master Naturalist programs are dedicated to providing youth and adults with more opportunities to learn about pollinators and native plants. The *Pollinator Celebration* is just one of many planned throughout the year.

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La Salle Public Library awarded \$40,000 Project Next Generation Grant

LaSALLE – The LaSalle Public Library is delighted to announce that for an eighth year, the Library has been awarded a Project Next Generation grant for youth, ages 11 to 14, from the Illinois Secretary of State, Jesse White and the State Library.

The grant, "Project Next Generation: Destination Discoveries," in the amount of \$40,000 will provide

funding for a six-week Autumn backyard astronomy program that incorporates both daytime and nighttime astronomy. It also funds a six-week Spring program that explores the concept of "change" in Illinois through the forces of Nature, through human interaction, and humans and their environment.

The Autumn and Spring

programs are hands-on, mentor-supported, distance-learning enrichment experiences, structured to offer unique and flexible learning opportunities using science/technology kits, and independent and group field trip experiences. Each program will serve 18 participants and are free and open to the public.

Participants who suc-

cessfully complete either or both programs will receive an invitation to attend an all-expense paid field trip to either the Adler Planetarium in Chicago (Autumn) and/or the Burpee Museum of Natural History in Rockford (Spring). Additionally, as part of the Spring program, participants and their families may elect to participate in

optional, independent field trips to the Illinois State Museum in Springfield, the John Deere Historic Site in Grand Detour, and the Dixon Waterfowl Refuge in Hennepin. These sites offer free admission and round-trip mileage for these trips will be reimbursable when the participant completes site activities related to the Spring program.

More information about the Autumn program will be announced in September, with announcements for the Spring program coming in February 2023.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Carus hosts two STEM camps, unveils “Pack the School” Challenge

PERU – July was a busy month as Carus LLC celebrated 20 years of Summer Science Camp, introduced a new one-day camp for younger students and started a school supply challenge for Illinois Valley businesses.

The Carus Summer Science Camp at St. Bede Academy featured a full week of STEM programming for incoming sixth-grade students. The camp was led by local science teachers Dan Fitzpatrick and Angelique Depenbrock, with support from several volunteers.

“A STEM education can open so many doors for young students and that is why we passionately support Summer Science Camp and other education initiatives,” said Carus LLC President and CEO, Andy Johnston. Summer camps are an American tradition, but many did not survive the pandemic. “That made celebrating the 20th anniversary of Carus Summer Science Camp even more special,” said Johnston.

Graduates of Illinois Valley’s popular Summer Science Camp celebrated with a huge graduation party at St. Bede Academy. Past graduates



Carus Summer Science Camp graduates with Camp Director Dan Fitzpatrick and Camp Staff.

joined in the celebration, along with a special STEM career panel to mark the camp’s 20th anniversary. “Campers enjoyed hearing from panelists who use science and technology every day at work,” said Carus Communications Manager, JoLynn Anzels. “It’s great for students in sixth grade to start thinking about their future career path, and this year we wanted to bring that same opportunity to younger students.”

Carus also expanded its partnership with Illinois Valley Community College to introduce a new one-day science

camp for students ages 6, 7 and 8. Carus chemists Rachel Dawson-Hince and Akila Karunanayake hosted the “Science ‘Fun’damentals” camp for young students as part of IVCC’s summer camp series. Students explored the states of matter, learned basic lab safety rules and discussed the process of the scientific method. Campers also learned about the Periodic Table of Elements and created bouncy balls using the power of chemistry.

This summer, Carus unveiled the first ever “Pack the School Challenge” in the Illinois Valley. Carus employees

at the Peru headquarters and LaSalle manufacturing site teamed up to collect \$879 in employee donations for a school supply drive benefiting Northwest Elementary School in LaSalle. Carus matched the employee donations bringing the total to nearly \$2,000 in school supplies.

Carus employees saw an opportunity to make a bigger impact, and they turned to Facebook to challenge another local business to donate school supplies to a teacher or school in the community. Machinery Maintenance, Inc. stepped up to the challenge and donated nearly \$1,000 in school supplies to local teachers, then went on to challenge two more businesses.

“The idea came from an employee event planning meeting,” said Ashley Swengel, Marketing and Communications Specialist. “The start of the school year can be stressful for families, and when the team came up with this idea, we knew it would be a great thing for the community. We’re excited to see other Illinois Valley businesses step up to the challenge to support local schools and teachers.”



Donation to Fire Dept.

Eureka Savings Bank recently made a donation to the Mendota Fire Department as part of its July Jeans Day collection. Left to right, are Chief Dennis Rutishauser, firefighter/paramedic Brady Rutishauser, and Anna Arteaga and Jesse Arellano from Eureka Savings Bank.



Community Health Partners

Representatives from Community Health Partners cut the ribbon for their new mobile health care unit and new facility on Aug. 9 at 1201 Main St., Mendota. The mobile unit will station in Mendota, but it will aid five other CHP locations.

Tri-County Opportunities Council announces start of energy assistance program

ROCK FALLS – The Tri-County Opportunities Council, as administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program in Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark and Whiteside counties, announces that funds are available to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane and electric bills, and furnace assistance.

The program will begin Sept. 1, 2022 for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis through May 31, 2023. There will be no priority groups this program year. Households in need are encouraged to apply. Households must be at or

below 200% of the federal poverty level to receive a benefit from the LIHEAP program. Beginning Sept. 1, 2022, there will be an option to accept a one-time payment to your utility provider. Median income and the number of persons living in the household are used to determine eligibility and assistance. The income guidelines are as follows: 1 person - \$2,265 (30-day gross income); 2 - \$3,052; 3 - \$3,838; 4 - \$4,625. Go to tcchelps.org to know income limits for households with five members and more.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides one-time benefits to income eligible homeowners and renters

with energy bills and for reconnection of energy service. Propane customers are encouraged to apply when the program opens in September to take greater advantage of lower propane prices. Propane prices typically increase during the winter months so by applying early, propane customers will see their LIHEAP benefit go farther.

Applications will be taken at Princeton, Savanna, Stretator, Ottawa, LaSalle, Dixon, Lacon, Oregon, Rochelle, Wyoming and Rock Falls offices and applications can be taken by appointment, fax, email and mail.

To submit an application, you must provide all documentation required:

- Proof of gross income from all household members for the prior 30-day period beginning with the date of application.

- Proof of Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without an SSN or ITIN can still apply and Tri-County Opportunities Council will advise accordingly.

- A copy of current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.

- A copy of rental agreement (if renting) showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount and landlord contact.

- Other documents may be needed based on your household situation. If you have questions regarding this, call the TCOC office.

Water and sewer cost assistance is available this year in the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). You can apply for water and sewer assistance on the same application as

LIHEAP. Bring your water bill(s) with you to your LIHEAP appointment. Help with arrearages is available as well as rate reduction assistance of \$100-\$400, depending upon your income level. Prior year recipients are eligible to re-apply.

Call Tri-County Opportunities Council at 1-800-323-5434 for outreach locations and schedules, and for information on what documents are needed to apply and different ways to submit your application.

Mendota Weather

Aug. 24, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 82 Low: 62

Thursday
Isolated T-storms
High: 79 Low: 63

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 60

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 82 Low: 64

Sunday
Chance T-storms
High: 83 Low: 66

Monday
Few Showers
High: 85 Low: 67

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 88 Low: 71

Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate,
6-7: High, 8-10: Very High,
11+: Extreme Exposure
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Weather Trivia

When was the first weather satellite launched?

Answer: On April 1, 1960, TIROS I was launched in the United States.

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 82°, humidity of 57%. Southeast wind 2 to 5 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 96° set in 1968. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 62°. Light winds. The record low for Wednesday night is 48° set in 1987.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Low	Wx	Hi/Low	Wx
Aurora	84/63	s	82/63	t
Champaign	84/63	s	87/66	pc
Chicago	79/66	s	77/68	sh
Freeport	82/60	s	77/60	t
Joliet	84/63	s	83/64	t
Moline	84/66	pc	82/64	t
Peoria	86/66	s	86/66	pc
Rockford	83/61	s	77/61	t
Springfield	85/64	s	87/66	pc

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	78	60	80/59	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	81	58	80/59	0.00"	0.97"
Wednesday	81	54	80/59	0.00"	-0.97"
Thursday	82	58	80/59	0.00"	
Friday	83	59	80/59	0.00"	
Saturday	73	65	80/59	0.00"	
Sunday	79	65	79/59	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 8/27	6:14 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	3:10 a.m.	6:50 p.m.	Full 9/10
Wednesday	6:15 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	4:12 a.m.	7:22 p.m.	
Thursday	6:16 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	5:16 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	Last 9/17
Friday	6:17 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	6:20 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	
Saturday	6:18 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	7:25 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	
Monday	6:19 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:57 p.m.	
Tuesday	6:20 a.m.	7:32 p.m.	9:36 a.m.	9:19 p.m.	

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 88 in Philadelphia, Pa. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 94 in Pine Hills, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 99 in Roma, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 101 in Clarkston, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 106 in Searles Valley, Calif.

Weather History

Aug. 24, 1989 - Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in eastern Montana and western sections of the Dakotas. Thunderstorms in Montana produced wind gusts to 76 mph at Jordan and golf ball size hail at Rock Springs.

Aug. 25, 1987 - Morning thunderstorms produced heavy rain in eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa. Stanton, Iowa reported 10.5 inches of rain. Water was reported up to the handle of automobiles west of Greenwood, Neb.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Marcella E. Pry

SUBLETTE – Marcella “Sally” E. Pry, formerly of Sublette, passed away peacefully on July 27, 2022, after a brief illness at Treasure Coast Hospice, Stuart, Fla., with her loving family at her side.

A memorial Mass will be Wednesday Aug. 31, 2022 at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Sublette. Visitation will be in the church from 10 a.m. until service time. Rev. Randy Fronek will officiate, and inurnment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Sublette. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Sally was born March 7, 1923 in Amboy to Charles and Anna (Lauer) Becker. She married Floyd “Tug” W. Pry on July 5, 1940. She will be deeply missed by her daughter Ruth Ann Payne of Suwanne, Ga.; her son Stanley (Darlene) Pry of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; grandchildren Kent (Sherry) Payne of St. Charles, Krista (Steve) Feldman of Foster City, Calif., and Angela (Adam) Gallien of Sugar Hill, Ga.; great-grandchildren Jessica (Marques) Martin of Puyallup, Wash., Cully and (Francesca) Payne of St. Charles, Shana (Alex) Nitzel of Sugar Hill, Ga., Katlyn (Jerone) Steckel of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Quinten (Maura) Payne of Maitland, Fla.; great-great-grandchildren Ezekiel and Rylee Martin, Evalena Nitzel and Tatum Steckel.

Sally was preceded by her parents, husband, daughter Sharon A. Pry, son-in-law James L. Payne, two sisters, Dolores Weber and Monica Berkeley, and brother Charles Becker.

Sally was very active in her community and church. If Sally was in attendance at an event, you would be greeted by her beautiful smile and gentle welcoming way. She organized the Sublette Country Squares and was instrumental in the group providing entertainment for the area Nursing and Senior facilities. She was a Sublette Fire Department Fire Belle and the Sublette Senior Citizens club. Sally was a devoted member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church where she belonged to St. Anne's Sodality and taught religion for many years. Committed to her community she was selected Person of the Year in Sublette.

Memorials may be directed to Treasure Coast Hospice Foundation 1201 SE Indian St., Stuart, FLA 34997. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Betty J. Worple

MENDOTA – Betty J. Worple, 76, of Mendota, passed away Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Private burial will be at Steward Cemetery, Steward. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

She was born on March 25, 1946 in Steward, to the late John Henry Trout and Mamie (May) Trout.

Betty is survived by her children; Allen Chris (Vhadz) Worple, and Joseph “Toby” Tobias (Deirdre) Worple; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and her living siblings Rev. Luella Loveless, Patsy Jo (William) Kresal and Beverly (Wayman) Thompson.

She was preceded in death by her children Ellen Rogers and Johnathon Matthew Worple, her brothers James E. Trout, George E. Trout, Charles Trout, and John F. Trout and her sisters, Mary Lou Lance and Martha Brittingham.

Betty played piano and organ for many churches and denominations around Elma, Iowa and Mendota. She was loved and respected by so many of her family. She will truly be missed by many.

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



Thomas J. Sampson

EARLVILLE – Thomas J. Sampson, 64 of Earlville passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2022 in OSF St. Anthony Medical Center.

A Celebration of Life Service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday Aug. 27, 2022 at the Triumph Community Center located at 3907 E. 752nd Road, Triumph. Refreshments and fellowship will follow until 5 p.m. Casual dress is preferred, and storytelling encouraged. Tom enjoyed a good story, and his mischievous smile could light up a room.

Tom was born March 6, 1958 in Ottawa to Myron and Lois R. (Madden) Sampson. He graduated Mendota High School in 1976 and went on to receive his Associates Degree from IVCC. Tom married Gloria Preibis on Sept. 8, 1995 in Sycamore.

Tom is survived by his wife Gloria of Earlville, son Cole Sampson of Chicago, sister Sheila Sampson of Oswego, and brother Dan (Amy) Sampson of Triumph.

He is preceded in death by his parents and Aunt Pat Janz. Raised on the family farm, he was always involved in farming. Tom would drive the horses in the horse and carriage business for local festivals, weddings and city rides in Chicago. He worked with the Illinois Tollway, IDOT and many years with Del Monte. Recent years found him working the family farm plant to harvest and helping his wife Gloria with their Alpaca herd and shop. He was a member of the Illinois Valley Horseman's Association, Waltham Curling Club, Mendota Moose and was a 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus.

Memorials may be directed to the family to be used for a scholarship at Mendota High Schools Ag Dept. in Tom's name. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



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Once you connect your card, you will be able to

check out or reserve materials. Libby will allow you to check out up to five items at a time and reserve up to six items. Axis 360 will allow five checkouts and five holds. Once you've borrowed a title, you have two weeks to read or listen. At the end of the two weeks, the title will automatically be returned. If you need more time, you can renew the item as long as another patron doesn't have a hold on it. You may also return items early if you finish them.

If you need help with the apps, don't hesitate to stop by Graves-Hume Public Library. A library staff member will be happy to show you how to login and use the apps.

Dixon awarded grant to renovate Historic Dixon Theatre

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$1.2 million grant to the Historic Dixon Theatre Group, Dixon, to boost tourism by renovating the 100-year-old Historic Dixon Theatre. This grant is funded by the American Rescue Plan.

This grant will support improvements to ensure the theatre's continued significance as an economic driver for the region. The EDA investment will be matched with \$300,000 in local funds and is expected to create or retain 75 jobs and generate \$250,000 in private investment, according to grantee estimates.

“President Biden recognizes the vital contribution the travel and tourism industry makes to the American economy,” said Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. “This EDA

investment underscores the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to helping this critical sector not only recover from the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic but build back stronger and more equitably for the future.”

“The Economic Development Administration plays an important role in supporting community-led economic development strategies designed to boost coronavirus recovery and response efforts,” said Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development Alejandra Y. Castillo. “Enhancements at the Historic Dixon Theatre will ensure the long-term viability of the theater as a critical source of tourism-based economic development in the region.”

“The Historic Dixon Theatre is one of our state's overlooked treasures,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “I am thankful the federal govern-

ment prioritized funding for its renovation, building on my administration's Rebuild Illinois Main Street and Downtown Capital program – a \$50 million effort to revitalize Main Streets across the state. We look forward to welcoming visitors to Dixon to enjoy this historic venue in the near future and encourage travelers to take additional time to explore all of the exciting destinations the state of Illinois has to offer.”

“The American Rescue Plan I worked to pass is helping to accelerate the recovery of Illinois' performing arts industry,” said Senator Dick Durbin. “These federal funds are an investment in the long-term economic growth of the city of Dixon and will bolster tourism for years to come.”

“Preserving local art venues is not only important for the creativity and culture of the Dixon community but can also

be an economic driver for the region,” said Senator Tammy Duckworth. “With this federal support from the Democrat-backed American Rescue Plan, the Historic Dixon Theater can continue to serve as a community hub while supporting local jobs for hardworking families.”

This project is funded under EDA's \$240 million competitive American Rescue Plan Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation program. EDA awarded \$510 million in grants to all 50 states and territories in 2021. The two programs are designed to accelerate the recovery of communities that rely on the travel, tourism and outdoor recreation sectors. Effective May 26, 2022, EDA has officially closed all of its American Rescue Plan programs for applications. The \$3 billion program funding will be awarded on a rolling basis through Sept. 30, 2022.

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Dance

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Knowing how much the festival would mean to the 10- to 12-year-old dancers from Mendota and Spring Valley who absolutely want to go, Dr. Chinn, Rosa Villa (the dance group's director who is going to Colorado) and other Folklorico de Colores members began brainstorming fundraising ideas.

Then Dr. Chinn thought of her old friend Kim Abel and her volunteer work with Trinity Healthcare and Nightengales Thrift Shop.

"Kim and I've been friends for a long time. We need some help and so does she, so I contacted her so we could work together," Dr. Chinn said. "It's wonderful. It's very difficult to come up with ways to raise money. We did do a little fest at Purple Park (Strouss Park in Mendota) where we danced and raised a little money. We've danced in Spring Valley.

"It's difficult, so the \$1,000 we can make with Trinity is a good contribution for our plans. It's a great help because the girls really want to take the trip."

Trinity and Nightengales, which is in the same building and ran together but are

separate non-profit organizations, offers other groups, organizations, or non-profits the chance for additional funding.

Abel was more than happy to help, as long as the dancers could assist her as well.

"No group or organization ever has enough volunteers," Abel said. "Before of COVID-19, we started a program where a group would come in on a Saturday to help us out and we would give them all the money that was made, or we would double it. COVID came and is still here, so we don't really want huge groups, but a few helpers are always needed. "Now, we offer the group, organization, or agency \$1,000 for 24 hours of community service. We will not offer this to individuals. But, if a group is trying to raise money for a cause or fundraiser, they can donate 24 hours of their time for a check."

The program has been part of Nightengales for many years, but it stopped once COVID-19 appeared.

Now, as our society bounces back, so is the helpful program. Abel and company have worked with

the VFW, the Mendota Garden Club and Business & Professional Women in the past.

As Abel would put it, it's a great way to help the community, just like other Trinity/Nightengales involvement.

"The Trinity Clinic still exists because we are so well supported by the community with wonderful donations," Abel said. "We've been so well supported we're trying to find ways to give it back to the community.

"This year, we paid for the free swimming at the city pool. We had kids come in one summer and they asked if they could work because they wanted to make money to go to the pool. At the time, I just gave them some money, but I thought about all the other kids who were probably going through the same thing. We started paying for free night swim. This summer it's kind of got mixed up with lifeguard shortage. We decided to just pay for all of it. It's wonderful because as a clinic we should be supporting healthy things.

"We want to support a healthy lifestyle and groups and organizations in the community."



New faculty members at Mendota High School for the 2022-23 school year, front row, left to right, are Liz Zinke and Allison Fox. Back row, James Younger, Cody Zinke, Kyle Lopez and Dave Roden. (Photo contributed)

MHS District 280 welcomes new staff members

MENDOTA—Six new teachers and several other staff members began the 2022-23 school year at Mendota High School on Aug. 10.

Allison Fox is joining the PE/Health Department. Fox brings over 12 years of teaching experience. She taught the majority of her career at Dixon High School. Fox earned a Master's Degree in Physical Education from Northern Illinois University.

Kyle Lopez is both an alumnus and now a teacher in the Career and Technical Education department. Lopez earned his B.S. in Technology and Engineering Education from Illinois State University. He has also earned an Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology from IVCC.

David Roden is joining the MHS Team as a School Social Worker. Roden earned a Master of Social Work from the University of Iowa and a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Theatre from the University of Miami. He has an extensive background of experience. Most recently, he has worked as the Lead Therapist at the Senior Behavioral Wellness program in Princeton and as a School Social Worker for the Henry-Stark County Special Education District.

James Younger is the Choir Director and Assistant Band Director. Younger has 26

years of music education experience, and he taught most recently with District 289. Younger will be the Drama Sponsor and will also be assisting Mrs. Baker in the supervision of a music student teacher this fall. He is an MHS alumnus.

Cody Zinke will be returning to MHS as a teacher this fall. Zinke is completing the licensure process to teach math and physical education. He will be formally recommended to the MHS Board of Education upon receipt of his IL license. He is a recent graduate of the University of West Florida, TeacherReady professional Teacher Certification Program. Prior to this, Zinke has earned a Master of Science in Exercise Science and Bachelor of Arts in Health & Human Physiology-Exercise Science.

Elizabeth Zinke is also returning as an MHS alumnus and now teacher in the Special Education department. She earned a Master of Science in Special Education from Western Illinois University, and she holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from WIU. Most recently, she has worked at Amboy High School as a Special Education Teacher and Case Manager.

Joining the MHS paraprofessional staff is Karina Arteaga and an addition to the kitchen staff is Rocio Figueroa.

Tanzania

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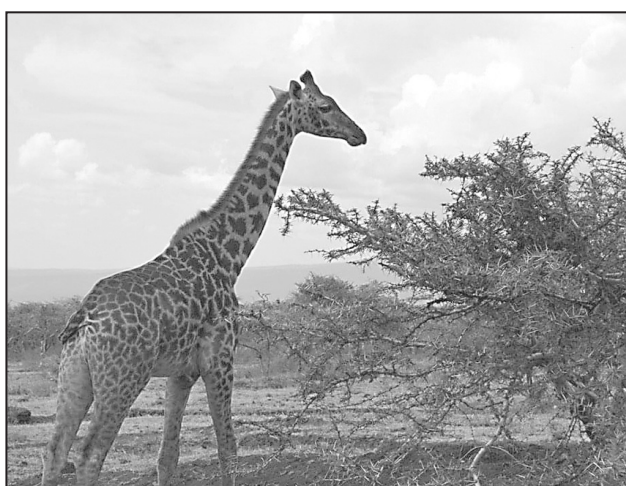
"I'm an experienced hiker, but this was the first I've been above 14,300 feet. I've hiked a lot in Colorado, the Wind River Range (Wyoming), and the Appalachian Mountains (1,500 miles along the United States and Canada east coast), but this was a whole other animal, completely.

"What was also different besides the altitude was, in the United States, you can hike anywhere you'd like without having anyone with you. There, the government requires you use their private company outfitters because it's a great source of employment and they're there to help make sure you're safe."

Yambert, 65, from Compton, was part of the fundraising efforts for St. Paul Primary School in Musoma, Tanzania, which is run by Father Robert Luvakubandi. Father Robert earned a Master's Degree from the University of Notre Dame and has become friends with Yambert.

The 15 people representing Tanzania Development Support, which is located in DeKalb, were from all over America including DeKalb, Texas, Maryland, Idaho, and Milwaukee.

The group raised approximately \$36,000 for the school as it spends its money



on people that otherwise wouldn't have opportunities for an education.

"In large parts of Tanzania, a family only sends the oldest son to school," Yambert said. "They concentrate on raising money so girls can go to school also to hopefully increase their economic opportunities also."

On the hiking trip, Yambert and his new friends were joined by 51 porters.

Each individual had their own day bag, but the porters set up the tents, talked to the travelers to make sure they were coherent in the altitude, made sure people were hydrated, and read oxygen levels in their blood to make sure they could handle the climb.

Yambert was aware society and the environment in Africa was going to be different than Compton.

Now, the visions he saw on TV and movies, or read about are now real-life images and memories.

"With Africa, you have to understand you're in a country that is not as wealthy as some of their neighbors such as Kenya," Yambert said. "Southeast Africa is a different part of the world and you have to change the way you look at the world and when it comes to accommodations and travel.

"If you're not by a big city, you're going to be on a dirt road. We traveled 100-200 miles on dirt roads. You're going to see people walking to a water source with containers for water and then see them walking back. When you're driving through villages, you can tell the difference if they're a Christian, Catholic, or Muslim village."



State Farm makes donation

Kurt Bruno State Farm donated \$1,000 worth of sport and outdoors equipment to Mendota District 289 for the new school year. This will provide all three schools with new jump ropes, kickballs, tether balls, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, hula hoops and frisbees. Left to right, are Lincoln School Principal Dr. David Lawrence, Northbrook School Principal Paula Daley, Blackstone School Principal Stacy Kelly and State Farm Insurance Agent, Kurt Bruno. (Photo contributed)

THANK you so much for your generous donation to our Summer Reading Club "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" 2022 year. We had so much fun planning our theme this year, we decided we would turn into "Camp Graves-Hume Library"; so naturally everything we did had a camp focus. In total, we had 197 babies-adults register and 155, 350 minutes read which is almost 2,590 hours. WOW! That just about doubled our minutes/hours from 2021.

We truly look forward to our Summer Reading Club every year and we know that without support from our community, this program wouldn't be as successful as it has been. Our whole goal is to provide the community with engaging activities and incentives to read in hopes that it helps curb the "summer slide". Children who participate in summer reading programs and read a minimum of six books over the summer score higher in reading and math when they return to school according to iReadProgram.org The children alone read a total of 42, 490 MINUTES or 708 HOURS; that is by far more than 6 books each.

With that said, we would love to thank these businesses for their commitment enabling us to provide our community with a FREE Summer Reading Club program:

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The companies who played a large role in bringing some entertainment to the Library are as follows: Friends of the Library sponsored Summer Reading Club kick-off program with "Dan Gogh's Magical Camp Adventure."

Nightengales sponsored Friday's Family Fun Event week 1 and Grades 1-4 Week 2 program with Rockford's Discovery Center's "Forces in Motion: The Fascinating Physics Show."

Meriden Grain sponsored Grades 1-4 Week 3 program with "Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles".

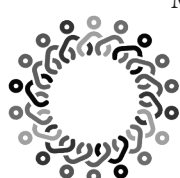
Starved Rock Wood Products sponsored Friday's Family Fun Event week 2's Mobile Adventure Company's Axe Adventure. The YMCA of Mendota co-hosted this evening with activities for the youth.

Lions Club sponsored Shake Rattle & Read's Week 3 program with Northern Illinois University's Lorado Taft Field Campus "Exploring Animals" program.

Mayor Boelk & Members of City Council/City of Mendota sponsored Summer Reading Club Finale program with Mary Macaroni's "Music & Magic Show with Instrument Petting Zoo" in addition to overall support with program materials & snacks. Sullivan's Foods of Mendota sponsored ice cream treats at our Grand Finale program with Mary Macaroni's "Music & Magic Show with Instrument Petting Zoo."

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Graves becomes a District Library – 1989

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Aug. 18, 1999.)

By Jessica Nashold

Ten years ago, the Graves Public Library had been a district library with a district board. Funds for Social Security, retirement and insurance for the library staff, formerly taken care of in the city budget, were now included as a district expense. At its Aug. 9, 1989, meeting, the district board approved a levy of \$78,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1989 and extending through June 30, 1990.

The district held a five-year option on a possible site for a new library. Board member Ken Kurth suggested it might be well to determine if this property contained any oil-soaked ground, since several nearby areas were being investigated by the EPA.

Meantime, repairs on the existing library were being addressed. Bids on repairing the ceiling in the back entry were being solicited and the front steps were being patched.

The fee for non-resident library patrons was discussed. Before increasing the existing \$14 per year, it was hoped a suitable clause to benefit low income borrowers could be included. The board wanted to encourage use of the library.

It is concerned about people who cannot afford a non-resident fee.

The 1989 Sweet Corn Festival began with the Sweet Corn Queen competition on the evening of Aug. 11. Laurie Dalton was crowned queen and her attendants were Katy Doughty and Holly Vaughan. Intermission entertainment was provided by the MHS Rhythm Express. On Aug. 12, a mini-queen was chosen, Danielle Ganz, while Adam Holdenrid was mini-king. Parade marshal Larry Biittner selected the Mendota Community Theatre float for first place among organizations. It displayed inventive use of corn with a Wizard of Oz theme.

Attendance in 1989 was estimated at 50,000 and 50 tons of sweet corn were provided by Del Monte.

Doris and Ken Butler, owners of the recently discontinued Time Was

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Museum, presented a check for \$25,000 to the Mendota Civic Center. As they found it impossible to return all of the contributions to the museum to their original owners, they explained –

By this means, their contributions will, become an investment in the Civic Center.

The National Bank of Mendota purchased \$132,000 in life safety bonds for District 280. Walt Zukowski, school district attorney, attended the Aug. 14, 1989 board meeting, bringing the necessary documents to make the purchase official. The work contemplated included replacement of band room and cafeteria windows, repair of stage and floor, two outside doors near the cafeteria, sophomore lockers, bleachers in gym as well as painting gym walls and resurfacing gym floor.

Principal Robert Cooper told the board that student IDs for the 1989-90 would include a picture.

The pictures will be taken during registration.

On Aug. 9, 1989, city workers mowed Apple Orchard Park to clear a site for a basketball court.

John and Carol Kellen broke ground on Aug. 14, 1989, for Lakeview Condominium on the site of the former Chalet. Four buildings were planned, the first to be completed in January 1990 and second in March 1990.

The ceremony was witnessed by realtors Thelma Hutchinson and Betty Tieman, Bob May, vice president of the First State Bank, Verona Whitmore, Chamber president and contractor Bill Schmidt.

The city of Mendota gave approval for a transfer station to deal with garbage since the LaSalle-Peru landfill was

slated to be shut down. Wirth Disposal agreed to provide all equipment and labor necessary to operate the station.

Prudential Insurance Co. moved its office to 724 Main St. Richard Phalen was registered representative and Michelle Phalen was secretary.

Mendota Jaycees purchased \$900-\$1,000 worth of instructional videotapes for the Mendota Police Department. They were to be used in connection with the DARE program, combatting drugs, especially among school-age children. Officer Lonnie Kent headed the program.

Reporter editor Dan Becker asked readers for advice on how to maintain his status as a non-smoker. He had successfully completed one week without what he termed “a nicotine stick.”

Black Bros. acquired equipment enabling them to make, recover or recondition rolls for their roll application machines on the premises. The rolls had previously been made or recovered out of town. The new equipment was operated by computer, with Tony Rapp in charge.

Moms Are People Too met Aug. 17, 1989 in the Mendota Community Hospital Auxiliary Room, and installed Paula King as president.

All mothers of preschool children in the Mendota area are eligible for membership.

Del Monte Foods awarded a 50-year pin to Bobby L. Burnette, production manager at a Del Monte plant in Crystal City, Texas. Burnette began his Del Monte career as a weight and fill inspector in the Mendota plant on June 12, 1959, and later became canning room boss here. In 1970, he transferred to Rochelle and in 1986 to Crystal City.

Ed and Erna Kromm, 2014 Stroble Ave., earned the Mendota Men’s Garden Club award for Garden of the Month in August 1989.

Merrick Garland is on a path to the abyss

By Rich Lowry

Does Attorney General Merrick Garland know that he is investigating the man most likely to be the opponent of the president he serves? Does he realize that the intense political pressure campaign that he’s under to indict that man has been plainly visible to everyone? Does he care?

If we can’t know where Garland is ultimately heading in his probe of Jan. 6 and the documents seized from Mar-a-Lago, all indications are that he is preparing the ground for an indictment of Donald J. Trump.

The former president is inflammatory and mendacious as a matter of course, but in this case, it is the mild-mannered former judge who came within a hair’s breadth of a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court who is rehearsing for the role of arsonist.

An indictment of Trump would be one of the most consequential acts by the Justice Department in decades, and Garland has a flagrant conflict of interest and is likely to have to use an adventurous legal theory to try to nail Trump -- at the same time, the legitimacy of his institution is increasingly in doubt.

This is not a promising formula. An attorney general shouldn’t consider the prospect of reaping the whirlwind and think, “Bring it on.”

The Jan. 6 committee, elected Democrats, and the media have been braying for Garland to move against Trump. President Biden himself has reportedly told aides in private that Garland should indict Trump. “Garland Faces Growing Pressure as Jan. 6 Investigation Widens,” The New York Times reported earlier this year.

It would take truly cursed independence and enormous moral and political courage not to take the path of least resistance and give in to these voices. Garland appears to be bending, presumably on his way to breaking.

It is amazing that he’s gotten this far without feeling a prick of conscience about his own status. I have no use for special counsels as a general matter, but how can an attorney

general make highly sensitive determinations that will quite probably affect the state of play of the next presidential election without realizing he has a profound conflict of interest?

It’d be one thing if Trump had shot someone on Fifth Avenue -- a clean, no-doubt crime that wouldn’t require any novel theories or difficult-to-probe contentions about his state of mind to prosecute.

In contrast, Trump’s Jan. 6 offenses involve alleged crimes, like obstructing Congress or defrauding the U.S., that are going to involve tricky questions about his motives and where the legitimate exercise of his powers ends and the supposed criminality begins.

Needless to say, the country is not prepared to adjudicate such questions in a calm, high-minded manner. It will be the O.J. Simpson trial meets the Hiss-Chambers case, with a presidential race not in the background, but very much in the foreground.

The fact of the matter is that while Trump’s moral blame-worthiness for Jan. 6 is not in doubt, his legal culpability is. It’s easy to write an op-ed or say on cable TV that Trump incited an insurrection. As a legal matter, though, Trump didn’t come close to crossing the line to incitement, which has very specific and high standards under law.

Even his infamous Georgia phone call looks different on the close reading it would get as part of any court case -- by the end of the call, his lawyers were only asking that the secretary of state’s office tell them why their count of suspected fraudulent votes was off.

In an environment of ever-spiraling political conflict, it’s difficult for anyone to exercise forbearance -- to realize the most emotionally satisfying course isn’t necessarily the correct one and to be constrained by the public interest, even if that enrages his or her own side.

Merrick Garland can still err on the side of statesmanship. He looks set, though, to choose the abyss.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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IVCC Board approves \$37.5 million FY 23 budget

OGLESBY – Following a public hearing, the Illinois Valley Community College board gave final approval to a \$37.5 million budget for fiscal 2023 at its Aug. 18 meeting.

The budget represents an 8 percent increase in revenue over 2022, due mainly to \$4.1 million in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF). Expenditures are \$39 million, a 13 percent increase, again due primarily to HEERF expenses.

IVCC can point to a number of positive fiscal signs going into the academic year, President Jerry Corcoran said.

“By controlling costs we’ve been able to freeze tuition the past five years,” he said.

“We’ve provided students with millions of dollars in assistance through financial aid, HEERF and scholarships. Much-needed facilities enhancements have been completed and on top of everything – we have zero debt.”

In other business, the board approved:

- The hiring of Dr. Camden Parks as chemistry instructor to replace Dr. Promise K. Yong. Parks taught previously in Michigan at Grand Rapids Community College and Grand Valley State University.

- Appointment of nursing instructor Sara Legrenzi effective Aug. 29. Legrenzi earned her RN at IVCC and her bachelor’s in nursing from Western Governor’s. She has worked in a variety of healthcare settings including over 10 years in social work.

- The appointment of financial aid specialist Miguel Hermosillo as interim bursar. Assistant controller/bursar Carolyn Chapman resigned July 8.

- Purchase of \$50,000 in WEX fuel cards for the Truck Driver Training program.

- Janitorial supplies from Home Depot Pro of Peoria for \$35,000 through the Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative.

- Elevator maintenance from ThyssenKrupp Elevator of Peoria for \$31,531.

- Purchase of Coursedog for master scheduling and room bookings for \$110,550 (paid for through HEERF).

- Microsoft maintenance and sup-

port from CDW for \$37,000.

- An 18-month marketing campaign with Interact Communications. Interact has worked with more than 700 community colleges – including IVCC – and serves two-year colleges exclusively. Interact’s \$42,000 fee will be covered by a \$220,000 ICCB Bridge grant.

- Seeking bids for ag equipment totaling nearly \$95,000. Ag will upgrade its soil nutrient testing with an “Inductively-coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometer” for \$64,000 and its in-field, real-time soil analysis with a “Handheld/Portable X-ray Fluorescence (XRF) Analyzer” for \$30,000.

- Seeking proposals for a bookstore textbook and online course management vendor. The bookstore will retain management of non-textbook products.

- Compensation enhancements for administrators and support staff including retirement incentives, four remote work days a year and paid leave increments as short as two hours (down from the previous minimum of four). Retirement options mirror those in the contract signed this summer with faculty represented by AFT Local 1810. Qualifying employees can choose one-, two- or three-year packages.

- Closed session minutes from July 14.

Trustees learned:

- There were 140 summer graduates earning 167 degrees and certificates compared to 167 graduates earning 187 degrees and certificates in summer 2021.

- IVCC ag is now licensed to operate under the Community College Cannabis Vocational Pilot Program.

- In fiscal 2022, Continuing Education and Business Services served 2,268 students through 372 courses. “We are meeting IVCC’s mission by offering community enrichment, continuing education and professional development to district residents and our business and industry partners,” said Director Jennifer Scheri.

- IVCC extended its \$1 million cyber liability coverage with CFC for \$9,850.

- Campus maps will be upgraded by Modern Campus.

- IVCC is partnering with Voltus

Energy to curb electricity at peak demand times. The college will receive \$22,000 annually to participate and an additional \$16,000 per reduction event.

- Part-time dental assisting instructor Katie Henkel resigned this summer and writing tutor Ethan Frobish resigned July 26.

- Kira Pfeffinger was hired as Early Childhood Education support coordinator. Pfeffinger was Tri-County Opportunities Council Center Director in Streator.

- Hunter Elias has been hired as accounting clerk-payables/cashier. Elias attended IVCC before earning his bachelor’s in accountancy at NIU.

- Board policies regarding “refund of tuition and fees” and “withdrawal from class” were revised.

- 73 IVCC graduates were honored Aug. 12 at the NECA-IBEW Joint Apprenticeship graduation ceremony in Joliet. Each of the students finished their apprenticeship and earned an AAS degree.

- Ten nursing graduates were honored July 21 at the LPN Pinning ceremony.

- Corcoran credited Director of Learning Resources Dr. Patrice Hess and others for organizing fall all-staff activities Aug. 11. The president also lauded Vice President for Students Services Mark Grzybowski and his team for coordinating Welcome Week activities.

- Corcoran praised Vice President for Business Services and Finance Matt Seaton and others for completing facility enhancements in time for the start of classes including: reopening the fitness center and providing childcare, food service, classroom furniture, way-finding signage and laptops for faculty.

- Corcoran, who announced he will retire July 1, 2023, said to trustees, “I will do everything I can to work closely with (presidential search consultant) Dr. James Carlson and the board to make sure the transition to a new president will be smooth and seamless. When former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced he would not run for a third term, he said, ‘Being the mayor of Chicago is the job of a lifetime, not a job for a lifetime.’”

New IVCC computer coordinator committed to success of students

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College’s new computer networking and information technology program coordinator Garrick Whitehead is committed to the success of students and others.

“Our students and their families are trusting us to provide them with educational and support services which will empower them to improve their quality of life and be successful,” said Whitehead.

“Students will come away from our program knowing they made the right decision educationally, personally and professionally. They will know we care about them and their future.”

Whitehead was hired April 14 and will work alongside cybersecurity instructor Nancy McDonnell.

“With Garrick and Nancy, our computer networking and cybersecurity programs are strong,” said Dean of Workforce Development Shane

Lange. “Both are highly-experienced and passionate. They will engage students with real-world applications and forward-thinking.”

A cybersecurity program mentor for Western Governors State, Whitehead has been teaching since 2010. He has 20 years industry experience including as a computer application specialist for Auburn University at Montgomery, Ala. He began his career in 1990 as a police officer for the Chicago

Housing Authority Police Department.

Whitehead brings to IVCC expertise in network and system administration, operating systems and security. He has master’s degrees in information system management and business administration and a bachelor’s in computer information systems. He has also managed personnel and IT projects within various industries in the U.S. and Philippines.

LaSalle County Land Use Dept. seeking community input on plan

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Land Use Department is nearing completion of the draft LaSalle County Comprehensive Plan update. Community input is an important part of the comprehensive planning process, therefore, resident/landowner feedback on some the important issues/themes affecting LaSalle County is requested. The survey will provide vital feedback that will be reviewed and incorporated into the final Plan.

- The survey is available through the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5LYZ3PD>

- A survey link is also available on the front page of www.lasallecountyil.gov



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SOCIAL NEWS



Betty Phalen

B. Phalen to celebrate 90th birthday with an open house

MENDOTA – Betty Phalen of Mendota will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

An open house is planned for 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 at Main Street Station in Mendota. Everyone is invited to attend.

Those wanting to wish her a happy birthday may send cards to Betty Phalen, 1006 S. Park Ave., Mendota, IL 61342.

Phalen has five children, Brad, Brian (Holly), Craig (Luci), Kevin (Kim) and Todd (Lynn). She also has 14 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Labor Day Mass planned at Maytown

MAYTOWN – There will be a mass offered on Labor Day at St. Michael's Cemetery - Sandy Hill, located off of Sublette Road, east of Rockford Road, in May Township at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 5. Please bring your lawn chair. Everyone is welcome.

Stage 212 to present “Delval Divas”

LaSALLE – Stage 212 finds laughs behind bars with its Off-Season production of Barbara Pease Weber's “Delval Divas.” Stage 212 is thrilled to bring this hilarious comedy, recently produced at Princeton's Prairie Art Center with the same cast and same director, to its patrons.

“Delval Divas” will be presented Sept. 23-25 at Stage 212, 700 First St., LaSalle. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. The Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available to the general public for \$15 each beginning Aug. 29, and may be purchased by visiting the box office Monday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon or by calling 815-224-3025 during those hours. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting stage212.org. Stage 212 will be following IDPH guidelines for Phase 5.

Stella Wild, MBA; Linda Robertson, MD, PhD; Rosemary Adams, JD/MBA; and Beth Ziegler, MBA have some things in common. Besides being educated, successful and professional women, they also share the same address. It isn't a swanky high-rise apartment building or a beachfront condo; they reside at the Delaware Valley Federal Correctional Facility, a low-level security prison for white- and pink-collar criminals. Add in a new inmate charged with murder, a missing warden and the threat of being transferred to the less-than-glamorous Black Rock Federal Prison and the Divas look to save Delval, solve a murder and reunite on a Roman holiday.

Featured in the cast are Karin Hansen as Stella, Jill Marti as Linda, Kathy Hepner as Rosemary, Bobette Roberson as Sharon, Jennifer Walk as Beth and Ellen Marincic as Lucille.

Production staff includes director Ellen Marincic, producer Caryn Brown, set decorator Jill Marti and light operator Yvette Lucas.

“Delval Divas” is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com.



MHS Class of 1957

The Mendota High School Class of 1957 held its 65th reunion on Aug. 12 at the Mendota Civic Center. There were 40 people in attendance, 26 of which were members of the Class of 1957. Front row, left to right, are Judy (Palmatier) Kessinger, Jim Poisel, Brenda (Burley) Dickey, Rose (Foster) Kenneke, Betty (Kidd) Roegner, Shirley (Truckenbrod) Kaminsky, Annette Truckenbrod, Linda (Kidd) Buettner, Joyce (Hopkins) Fassig, Marlene (McCollum) Cook, Bill Walters and Norman Fassig. Back row, Richard Althaus, Bob Montavon, Eugene Klein, Neal Scott, Roland Faber, Jim Franklin, John Kuehl, Avery Merriman, Art Frey, David Wulf, Bill Guilfoyle, Jim Bader, Dennis Hagemann and Jack Kilmartin. (Photo contributed)

Peru Library celebrating Deaf Awareness Month with Matlin

PERU – Peru Library and libraries across the state will celebrate Deaf Awareness month on Wednesday Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Peru Library will host

deaf advocate and actress Marlee Matlin virtually for a discussion about her trailblazing acting career and advocacy.

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Mendota Reporter for Sept. 7 - deadline is **Thursday, Sept. 1 at Noon.**

The Mendota Reporter office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 in honor of Labor Day. We will reopen at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

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THE BACK PAGE

POLICE BLOTTER

DOMESTIC BATTERY
Neal G. Stewart, 39, of 709 Meriden St., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to the Stewart address for the report of a domestic battery at 5:54 p.m. Aug. 20. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge.

**DRIVING WHILE
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Reesa A. Pam, 33, of Gurnee, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at U.S. 34 and First Avenue at 8 a.m. Aug. 21. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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Fire causes considerable damage to Mendota house

MENDOTA – Fire caused extensive damage to a house at 910 Fifth Ave., Mendota, on Aug. 21.
The call was received by the Mendota Fire Department at 4:01 p.m. and personnel arrived five minutes later. The last unit was cleared at 7:30 p.m.
Upon arrival, firefighters observed heavy smoke coming from the house. Entry was gained into the basement through the garage and fire had burned through the flooring above the electrical panel approximately three floor joists from the wall. The electrical panel was

burned completely off the wall and was on the ground.
The homeowner stated that power was lost to half of the house during a storm on Aug. 19. Nothing was found during the night and the residents left the house early Saturday morning, and had not seen or smelled anything. When one of the home's occupants returned, he encountered heavy smoke upon opening the front door.
There was heavy smoke damage to the entire structure. Damage to the property and contents was estimated at \$150,000.

Permission needed for dumpster on street

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

Back-to-school is time to review emergency preparedness plans

SPRINGFIELD – As millions of children and college students go back to school this month, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) recommends that all families review their own emergency preparedness plans and school safety plans. Whether your children are in school, on a bus, at music practice, or with their traveling sports league teams, planning and shared information is critical.

"Severe weather and other emergencies can happen at any time," said IEMA Deputy Director Scott Swinford. "Parents should especially discuss with their children where to go for shelter, who to communicate with, and how to communicate with them during an emergency."

Here are some tips to better prepare for the upcoming school year:

- Teach children with cell phones about "Text First, Talk Later." The "IM OK" text message gets through phone congestion easier than phone calls do.
- Explain the basics of weather preparedness for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, fire evacuation, flash flooding, etc.

- Make a family communications plan.
- Update your emergency contact information on file at your child's school.
- Consider adding a relative or trusted friend to the school's information file as they may have to pick your kids up during an emergency.
- Fill out a backpack emergency card for your student's backpack and your wallet.
- Learn more about school plans for disaster or emergency reunification.
- Encourage young



students to take emergency drills seriously and ask questions to help them remember what to do.

- Encourage any college student to make a disaster preparedness kit.
- Speak to college students about ensuring that they are signed up for weather alerts and opt-in alert warning services at college.
- Download and discuss the free Safe-2Help Illinois helpline and app.

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SPORTS

Area 5K run/walk schedule

Sylvan Shuffle 5K Run/Walk Aug. 27 in Amboy

AMBOY – The Sylvan Shuffle 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27 in Amboy, during Amboy Depot Days. The event begins at 8 a.m. on the Amboy High School track and proceeds through town before finishing in front of the historic train dept.

The Amboy Education Foundation sponsors this annual 5K as one of three fundraisers to benefit Amboy District Schools. AEF President, Mark Becker and his team of volunteers are the organizers of the event. To register, enter “Sylvan Shuffle” into a search engine or go to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Amboy/SylvanShuffle>.

If a 5K isn’t your thing, but you’d still like to support the students and teachers at Amboy schools, you can make an online donation at the RunSignUp website or mail a check to: Amboy Education Foundation, PO Box 46, Amboy, IL 61310.

5K Color Run/Walk planned Sept. 11 in Mendota

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

The registration fee of \$30 is due by Aug. 31 to guarantee a T-shirt. Race-day registration is from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and there is no guarantee of a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Sue Olsen at 815-993-7378 or email alocolorrun@gmail.com or Brian Faber at 815-878-7197 or email bofab38@yahoo.com.

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

Aden Lamps Foundation 5K run/walk Sept. 3-11

The Aden Lamps Foundation will host its 10th annual 5K run/walk during the week of Sept. 3-11. This 5K will be the final one for the foundation. The walk/run will be virtual again this year. Participants can choose to complete the walk/run at their location of choice.

Registration fee for adults is \$20 and registration is open until Sept. 11. The cost for children ages 14 and under is \$15. The fee includes a T-shirt for all ages. There will be two male/female awards per age group for those who submit their time and qualify for an award.

Tickets for raffle baskets and 50/50 can be purchased in person at the Hall High School cafeteria on Sept. 10 between 9 a.m.-noon. If participants register by Aug. 25, their T-shirt will be available for pick-up on that day. T-shirts and medals will be mailed or delivered after Sept. 11.

The Aden Lamps Foundation helps spread awareness for SUID (Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths). The Foundation was started in 2014 by Aden’s mother, Ashley Lamps, and since the inception, the foundation has been able to purchase 9,260 sleep sacks and 7,920 safe sleep board books.

For more information, contact Ashley Lamps at 815-712-7701 or adenlampsfoundation@gmail.com. Information can also be found at www.facebook.com/adenlampsfoundation or at www.safesleepforaden.org.

Trojans blast Sandwich, 14-0

SANDWICH – The Mendota Trojan boys’ soccer team was in mid-season form as it blasted Sandwich, 14-0, in the season-opener on Aug. 22 at Sandwich. Mendota led

13-0 at the half.

Jasiel Watson led the attack with three goals and one assist. Scoring two goals were Isaac Guzman, Rafael Romero, Johnathan Cortez

and Johan Cortez. Picking up one goal each were Izaiah Nanez, Edgar Arteaga and Ramiro Palacios. Assists went to Watson (one), Johan Cortez (two), Izaiah Nanez

(four), Arteaga (two), Eli Arjes (one) and Iker Landeros (two).

Mateo Goy was in goal and had three saves in the shutout victory.

Golfers take down Sandwich; 8th in LP Invite

The Mendota varsity and junior varsity golf teams took down Sandwich in a dual meet on Aug. 16 at Sandwich.

In varsity competition, the Trojans fired a 177 to edge the host school by five strokes.

Clay Buffington led the charge for Mendota with a sizzling round of 38, which earned him meet medalist honors. It was a personal best round for the MHS senior. Three Trojans shot in the 40s to help lead the team to victory—Cale Strouss with a 45, Owen Aughenbaugh with a 46 and Brody Hartt with a 48. Drake Dennis (50) and Braden McPheeters completed

the Trojan lineup.

Mendota’s junior varsity team rolled over Sandwich, 196-228.

Evan McPheeters turned in the low score for the Trojans and in the round with a 46. Dominik Stamberger was just one shot back at 47, while Dane Doyle carded a 49. Jack Mikolasek (54), Grady Jones (55) and Nick Sheridan (60) also competed for Mendota.

Mendota competed in the L-P Cavalier Invite on Aug. 18 at Senica’s Oak Ridge in LaSalle. The Trojans finished eighth in the standings out of 11 teams with a round of 354.

Aughenbaugh recorded the low

score for the Trojans with an 84, which good enough for 22nd place overall. Buffington was one shot back with an 85 (26th place), while Hartt took 36th place with a round of 89. Braden McPheeters (96, 53rd place), Dennis (103, 64th place) and Strouss (104, 66th place) also participated for Mendota.

Drake Kaufman of Ottawa was the individual champion with a sizzling round of 68.

Team standings were as follows: Ottawa 298, L-P 318, Sycamore 322, Morris 324, Metamora 330, Hall 338, Rochelle 342, Mendota 354, Sandwich 363, Serena 365, L-P “B” 389.



Meet the Trojans

Mendota’s varsity football team goes through a scrimmage during ‘Meet the Trojans’ Night on Aug. 19. The football, volleyball and soccer teams all showed off their pre-season form as they prepare for the 2022 schedule.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Matthew McConaughey's finally back at work on his first film since 2019's "The Gentlemen." Ironically, it's called "Dallas Sting," and it's a fact-based film about the Dallas High School girls' soccer team headed for the 1984 women's soccer competition in China. Did McConaughey pick this one because "Dallas" is in the title? After all, it was "Dallas Buyer's Club" (2013) that gave him his Oscar.



Ann Dowd

with Emmy-winner Ann Dowd (Aunt Lydia in "The Handmaid's Tale"), Leslie Odom Jr., and Ellen Burstyn (now 89) from the original film. Burstyn just completed the comedy-drama "Three Months," which stars South African/Australian pop singer Troye Sivan, Judy Greer and Louis Gossett Jr. Leslie Odom Jr. is due soon in "Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery," which is Daniel Craig's first post-007 role. It also stars Edward Norton, Kate Hudson, Janelle Monae and Dave Bautista.

Meanwhile, Amazon's rebooting the 1992 classic "Road House," which starred Patrick Swayze and Sam Elliott. This time, it'll star Jake Gyllenhaal (coming soon in an untitled Guy Ritchie film), along with Billy Magnussen and Travis Van Winkle. And, Hulu has committed to a reboot of the 1988 classic "Working Girl," which earned Oscar nominations for three of its female stars -- Melanie Griffith, Sigourney Weaver and Joan Cusack -- with Harrison Ford in the lead male role.

Then, there's the untitled film based on a short story of H.P. Lovecraft's, starring Heather Graham and "Re-Animator" star Barbara Crampton, a queen of horror in such films as "Chopping Mall," "From Beyond" and "Puppet Master." Also a part of the cast is Bruce Davidson, who starred in "Willard," the film that introduced the rat, Ben, and gave Michael Jackson a worldwide hit.

Other "not so classic" films being remade are "Highlander," "Big Trouble in Little China," "Alien Nation," "The Toxic Avenger," "Flash Gordon," Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Commando" and Chevy Chase's hit "Fletch." Then, there's "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Lost Boys," "The Bodyguard" and -- the big shocker -- a remake of "My Fair Lady." Maybe you'll enjoy seeing some of your favorites brought back! Peter Allen, once married to Liza Minnelli, wrote a song in 1974 called "Everything Old Is New Again." They should let sleeping dogs lie!

Couch Theater

"Disobedience" (R) -- Ronit (Rachel Weisz), a photographer in New York, travels to London after the sudden passing of her father, the Rav Krushka. Arriving back at the Orthodox Jewish community that she has been estranged from for so long, Ronit reunites with two of her old friends, Dovid (Alessandro Nivola) and Esti (Rachel McAdams), who now happen to be married to each other. As Ronit attempts to tie up her late father's loose ends, she and Esti become very close, just like they were when they were young girls, in a way that is completely unacceptable within their community. A slow burn at first, this romantic drama dives into themes of forbidden love, religious and societal ideals, and learning to accept one's true self. Premieres Aug. 26. (Netflix)

"House of the Dragon" (TV-MA) -- Three years after the series finale of one of the biggest TV shows of all time, the first episode of the prequel series to "Game of Thrones" has now premiered

on streaming services. Set 300 years before the time of the beloved Mother of Dragons, Daenerys Targaryen, "House of the Dragon" mainly focuses on the history leading up to the end of the Targaryens' rule over the Iron Throne. When the question emerges of who is to assume power after the current king, Viserys I, three potential candidates -- the king's firstborn child, his brother and his cousin -- make their respective stances. But, only one will win the war to rule the Iron Throne. (HBO Max)

"Samaritan" (PG-13) -- There once was a man named Samaritan, whose feats were so incredible that he was well known throughout his city as a superhero -- that was, until he went missing and was pronounced dead in battle. Twenty-five years later, a young boy named Sam is in the middle of getting jumped on the street by neighborhood bullies when Joe, a garbage man, comes to his rescue and sends the bullies running for the hills. Sam's convinced

Joe is actually Samaritan and, when proved right, hesitantly gets taken under the irritable old man's wing. But, little does Joe know, all it can take is one kid to show him that Samaritan shouldn't have to hide anymore. Starring Sylvester Stallone and Javon Walton ("Euphoria"), this action film premieres on Aug. 26. (Prime Video)

"Bad Sisters" (TV-MA) -- Some people would do anything to protect their siblings, even if their siblings don't outrightly ask them to. That's the case with the four Garvey sisters, who have had enough of seeing their fifth sister suffer in an abusive marriage. Now, a good sister might suggest couples' therapy or a separation period, but as the series' title claims, there are no good sisters here. So, the Garvey girls decide to speed up the end of this marriage with a much-faster means: murder. The first two episodes of this comedy-thriller series are out now. (AppleTV+)

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Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Is LeAnn Rimes still doing music? I remember seeing her on a billboard for a concert at a local casino a while back, but nothing since. -- F.N.



A: It's been 25 years since LeAnn Rimes shot to stardom at the age of 13 with her hit song "Blue." Growing up in the public eye took its toll on her, and she sought help years later for depression, anxiety and codependency. She's much happier and healthier now, with husband/actor Eddie Cibrian ("Hot in Cleveland") and stepsons Mason and Jake. She's even made amends with Eddie's ex-wife, Brandi Glanville ("Real Housewives of Beverly Hills").

After taking a break from show business during the isolating pandemic, Rimes is preparing to release a new album, "God's Work," on Sept. 16, and she's already in the midst of her tour. You can find tour dates and other information at www.LeAnnRimes.com.

Q: Is it true that they are reviving "The Love Boat"? Will it have celebrity guest stars like the original did? It's a shame the late Gavin MacLeod can't be a part of it. -- Y.R.

A: Yes, "The Love Boat" is the latest nostalgic reboot of an old TV show, but with a twist. It won't be a drama with celebrities like Charo looking for fictional love. Instead, according to TV Guide, the new version will be a reality show where "singles set sail on a real Princess cruise ship and, as they visit exotic Mediterranean ports, pair up to test their chemistry with challenges."

Real-life husband and wife Jerry O'Connell and Rebecca Romijn are hosts of the dating show, and while you won't see Gavin MacLeod, who played Capt. Stubing and passed away last year, you will see other familiar faces. Jill Whelan, who played little Vicki Stubing, and Ted Lange, who played bartender Isaac, will pop in to offer words of advice to the contestants.

"The Real Love Boat" premieres Oct. 5 at 9 p.m. ET on CBS.

Q: Is Mark Harmon ever coming back to "NCIS"? -- **

He was still featured in the opening credits last season, so it makes me think he'll eventually return. -- K.L.

A: When we saw Leroy Jethro Gibbs, played by Mark Harmon, cast his fishing line into the chilly Alaskan waters on Oct. 11 of last year, it seemed like a permanent retirement for the character. That was just four episodes into the 19th season of "NCIS," and he's remained off-screen ever since -- despite being in the opening credit sequence for the remainder of the season.

CBS entertainment president Kelly Kahl explained to TVLine that season 19 was a "transition year for TV's most watched drama," but that it might not be the end for Gibbs. There's a good chance he'll be taken out of the credits for season 20, but that doesn't mean he can't pop back in for a guest appearance or more.

Season 20 of "NCIS" will premiere on Sept. 19 at 9 p.m. ET on CBS.

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

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• Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many independent countries are in Africa today?
2. TELEVISION: What was the name of the hospital in the sitcom "Scrubs"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The secret government site called Area 51 is located in which U.S. state?
4. ANATOMY: What is the rarest human blood type?
5. HISTORY: Demolition of the Berlin Wall started in which year?
6. LANGUAGE: What is a polyglot?
7. MOVIES: In which Disney animated movie does the character Maleficent appear?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What kind of crop did Jimmy Carter

- raise as a farmer?
 9. MUSIC: Which instrument is Bartolomeo Cristofori credited with inventing?
 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do you call a group of horses or ponies that is used or owned by one person?
- Answers
1. 54.
 2. Sacred Heart.
 3. Nevada.
 4. AB negative.
 5. 1989.
 6. A person who can speak multiple languages.
 7. "Sleeping Beauty."
 8. Peanuts.
 9. The piano.
 10. A string.
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5 Dandy guy
8 Espy
12 Part of Q.E.D.
13 Lennon's lady
14 Frau's mate
15 Mater lead-in
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17 Notion
18 Head honcho
20 Desolate
22 Presidential nickname
23 Dol. fractions
24 "Toodle-oo!"
27 Shun liquor
32 Actress
33 Thurman
34 Hostel
35 Gifted
38 "Roots" author Haley
39 Altar affirmative
40 Sushi fish
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53 Spoken
54 "As I see it," to a texter
55 Cold War initials

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by Linda Thistle

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Venus rotates so slowly that a single day on the planet lasts longer than a year.

* While over 50 million Americans have signed up with a local gym, according to one study of 2,000 such members, 50% admitted they didn't even exercise when they got there but instead preferred to spend their time hanging out with friends or checking out the opposite sex.

* Cherry farmers hire helicopter pilots to air-dry their trees after it rains so the fruit won't split open.

* Toe wrestling has been a sport in several countries since the '70s, with men's and women's divisions and even a World Championship. Players attempt to pin and hold down their opponent's bare toes for three seconds. Best two out of three rounds wins!

* Speaking of feet, the overwhelming fear of those appendages is called podophobia.

* Cartoon canine Scooby Doo's excessive use of the letter "R" is the result of a speech disorder known as rhotacization.

* The first public phone call on an Apple iPhone was a prank. On a San Francisco stage, Steve Jobs opened Google Maps, located a nearby Starbucks, and placed an order for 4,000 lattes, then told the surprised barista he was just joking and hung up.

* Classical composer Franz Schubert was nicknamed "Little Mushroom" for his short stature and wide girth.

* New York has been destroyed in more movies than any other city.

* A dating app called Hater that began as a joke in 2016 matched potential couples according to their dislikes. While it launched to respectable success, it only lasted a couple of years. Perhaps it was the name?

* Statistically, the most dangerous job one can hold in America is president.

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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THE 2022 SPIKERS



- Aug. 23 – Putnam County – 5 p.m.
- Aug. 25 – at Amboy – 5 p.m.
- Aug. 30 – at Bureau Valley – 5 p.m.
- Sept. 2 – at Oregon Tourney (v) – 4 p.m.
- Sept. 3 – at Oregon Tourney (v) – 8 a.m.
- Sept. 6 – at Hall – 5 p.m.
- Sept. 8 – at Princeton – 5 p.m.
- Sept. 10 – Mendota Rally Invite (so) – 8 a.m.
- Sept. 13 – Newman – 5 p.m.
- Sept. 14 – Sandwich – 5 p.m.
- Sept. 17 – at Ottawa Tourney (fr) – 8 a.m.
- Sept. 20 – Bureau Valley – 5 p.m.
- Sept. 22 – Kewanee – 5 p.m.
- Sept. 24 – at Reed-Custer Tourney (v) – 9 a.m.
- Sept. 24 – at Byron Tourney (fr) – 9 a.m.
- Sept. 27 – Hall – 5 p.m.
- Sept. 29 – at St. Bede – 5 p.m.
- Oct. 1 – at Byron Tourney (so) – 9 a.m.
- Oct. 1 – Mendota Rally Invite (fr) – 8 a.m.
- Oct. 4 – at Newman – 5 p.m.
- Oct. 6 – Princeton – 5 p.m.
- Oct. 8 – at Princeton Invite (v) – 8 a.m.
- Oct. 8 – at Pecatonica Tourney (so) – 8:30 a.m.
- Oct. 11 – at Kewanee – 5 p.m.
- Oct. 15 – Mendota Rally Invite (v) – 8 a.m.
- Oct. 15 – at Fulton Tourney (so) – 8 a.m.
- Oct. 18 – St. Bede – 5 p.m.
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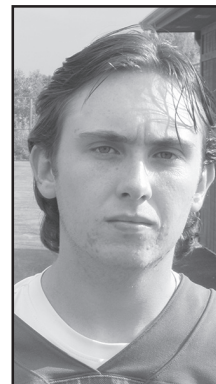


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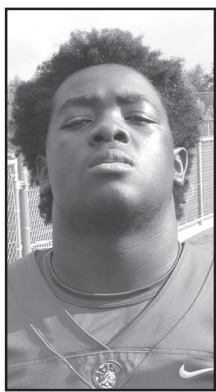
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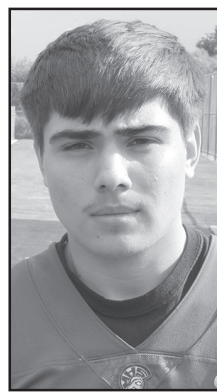
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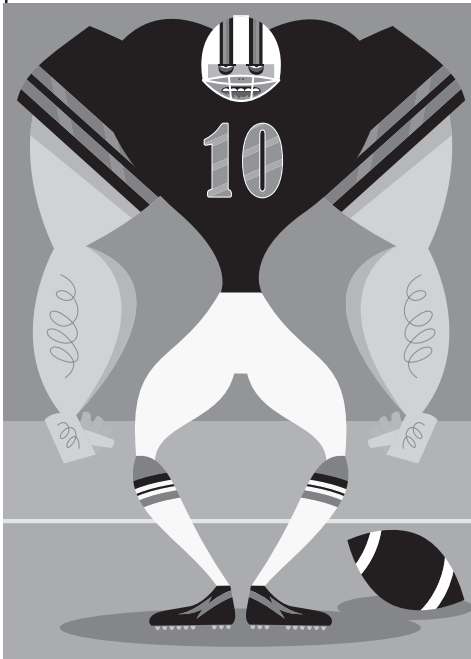


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Varsity Football

Aug. 26 – at Erie-Prophetstown* – 7 p.m.

Sept. 2 – OPEN

Sept. 9 – at Bureau Valley – 7 p.m.

Sept. 16 – Princeton – 7 p.m.

Sept. 23 – at Hall – 7 p.m.

Oct. 1 – at Sherrard – 1 p.m.

Oct. 7 – Kewanee – 7 p.m.

Oct. 14 – at Sterling Newman – 7 p.m.

Oct. 21 – St. Bede – 7 p.m.

(* game is at Prophetstown H.S.)



LOCAL AND AREA

God has more for you than meets the eye

Being a Christian and following God is a great adventure. It's also challenging because, to people who don't believe in Christ, we seem a bit odd in our way of thinking and doing things, like we're upside down compared to how the world generally operates. But the truth is, we're part of "the upside-down kingdom that is right-side up."

During His ministry on Earth, Jesus' message was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17 NIV). His disciples believed Jesus had come to set up an earthly kingdom and rule the world, but that isn't what He was

talking about at all.

The disciples didn't get it. They were thinking in physical terms, not spiritual ones.

As believers in Jesus who are born again, we are new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17); we belong to God and are part of His kingdom (Colossians 1:12-14). The kingdom of God is unseen to the natural eye, and it is eternal.

Developing Spiritual Vision

The apostle Paul talked about seeing the unseen. In 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, he said, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being

renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (NIV).

Paul had been beaten, shipwrecked, imprisoned, and gone hungry many times, yet he considered these experiences to be "light and momentary troubles." He believed this because the kingdom of God—what is eternal—was more real to him than this earthly realm—what is temporary.

This is hard for us because we are so accustomed to only believing what we can see with our natural eyes, and if we don't see God doing something, we assume He isn't doing anything. But instead of just looking at the world around us and our problems, we can learn to think about and see with spiritual eyes what God is in the process of doing in the midst of it all.

I've discovered that when I'm feeling discouraged because I've been praying for something a long time and I'm weary of waiting for breakthrough, instead of getting down in the



dumps, I can stir up my faith and say, "God is working!"

If you want to have a steady flow of joy in your life and "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding" (Philippians 4:7 NIV), learn how to believe what you can't see more than what you can see.

Open the Eyes of My Heart

In Ephesians 1:18, Paul prayed "that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you" (NIV). The eyes of your heart can see the unseen realm of the spirit and give you hope—a confident expectation of God's goodness in your life—in every situation.

With this kind of hope, when hard times come, we can look beyond what we see in the world around us and realize that there are good things going on. God has done, and He's doing, so many things in our lives! For example...

He loves us and has good plans for us to give

us hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

He's always with us and will never leave us or forsake us. (Deuteronomy 31:6; Hebrews 13:5)

Jesus paid the price to heal and restore every kind of brokenness in our lives. (Isaiah 53 and 61)

And He's preparing a place for us so we can be with Him throughout eternity! (John 14:2-3)

THIS is the truth we need to live by.

Refuse to Give Up!

I wonder what God is up to in your life. I know it's easy to get discouraged and fearful when hard times come and it seems things will never change. But if you're a believer in Christ and you're praying according to the truth in God's Word, then you can be assured He is working. So don't stop believing when the answer doesn't come as quickly as you'd like.

Keep believing no matter how long it takes. And remember that just because you haven't seen the final outcome yet, it doesn't mean God isn't

doing something. Make a determined decision to trust Him and believe what He says no matter what you think or feel or how things look. And pray for God to enlighten the eyes of your heart so you "know the hope to which he has called you" in His kingdom.

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Aug. 28 - 9:30 a.m. Worship - in-person
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FRIDAY - Youth group 6 p.m.

If I Can

By William Arthur Ward

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If I can push one needless cloud away
And help men live as children
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If I can lend someone a helping hand
Or warm a place where friendship
needs to be;
If I can build a bridge where
fences stand
And light a lamp that other men
might see;
If I can open doors of hope this day
By letting someone know that
others care;
If I can speak in words that seem
to say:
I know the heavy burdens that
you bear.
If I can guide a pilgrim on his way
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and rest;
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2 CHRONICLES 16: 9

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

2. From Luke 13, where was the
tower that killed 18 people when
it collapsed? Babel, Shechem,
Hananeel, Siloam

3. Which biblical Philistine city is
often heard today with the word
"strip"? Sunset, Corinth, Gaza,
Derbe

4. From 1 Samuel 16, how many
boys did Jesse have? 4, 8, 11, 14

5. Which apostle did Satan enter
into? Judas, Thomas, James,
Peter

6. Uriah had what occupation?
Servant, Carpenter, Shepherd,
Soldier

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Siloam, 3)
Gaza, 4) 8, 5) Judas, 6) Soldier

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June 28, 2022

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No. 0803
(08/17, 08/24, 08/31,
2022)

NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby
given that on August 10,
2022 a certificate was
filed in the Office of the
County Clerk of LaSalle
County, Illinois, setting
forth the names and
post-office addresses of

all persons owning, con-
ducting and transacting
the business known as
Dollars & Sense Tax
Matters located at 340
Main Street Marseilles,
IL. 61341.
Dated: August 10,
2022. Arie Overocker
Applicant.
No. 0805
(8/17, 8/24, 8/31 2022)

NOTICE
Notice of Lien Sale by
Auction
The property of William
Giza Units 21, 23, 33
will be sold September
3, 2022 at 8 am at 3323
Chicago Road, Paw
Paw, IL.
No. 0807
(8/17, 8/24 2022)

NOTICE
Notice of Lien Sale by
Auction
The property of Cindy
Wilde Units 3 will be
sold September 3 at 8
am at 3323 Chicago
Road, Paw Paw, IL.
No. 0808
(8/17, 8/24 2022)

NOTICE
Notice of Lien Sale by
Auction
The property of Robert
Zizas Units 24 will be
sold September 3 at 8
am at 3323 Chicago
Road, Paw Paw, IL.
No. 0809
(8/17, 8/24 2022)

NOTICE
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Auction
The property of Noelle
Riva Units 19 will be
sold September 3 at 8
am at 3323 Chicago
Road, Paw Paw, IL.
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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY

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

1. Notice is given of
the death of Robert A.
James, who died on
June 14, 2022, a resi-
dent of Sandwich, Illi-
nois.

2. The Representative
for the estate and her
address is: Dawn M.
Weekly, 11 E. Center
Street, Sandwich, IL
60548.

3. The Attorney for the
estate is: Dawn M.
Weekly, LEGACY LAW
FIRM, LLC, 11 E. Center
Street, Sandwich, IL
60548.

4. Claims against the
estate may be filed on
or before February 28,
2023. Claims against
the estate may be filed
with the Office of the
Clerk of the Circuit
Court, or with the Rep-
resentative, or both.

Any claim not filed with-
in that period is barred.
Copies of a claim filed
with the Clerk must be
mailed or delivered to
the Representative and
to the attorney within 10
days after it has been
filed.

5. On July 11, 2022 an
Order Admitting the Will
to Probate and/or Ap-
pointing the Representa-
tive was entered.

6. Within 42 days after
the effective date of the
original Order Admitting
the Will to Probate, you
may file a petition with
the Court to require
proof of the validity of
the Will as provided
under section 6-21 of
the Probate Act (IL Rev.
Stat. Ch. 110 ½, Par.
6-21).

7. Within 6 months after
the effective date of the
original Order Admitting
the Will to Probate, you
may file a petition with
the Court to contest the
validity of the Will as
provided under Section
8-1 of the Probate Act
(IL Rev. Stat. Ch. 100
½, Par. 8-1).

8. The estate will be
administered without
Court supervision un-
less an interested party
terminates independent
administration by filing
a petition to terminate
under Section 28-4 of
the Probate Act (IL Rev.
Stat. Ch. 110 ½, Par.
28-4).

No. 0812
(8/24, 8/31, 9/7 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN by the LaMoille
C.U.S.D. #303 Board
of Education that a
budget for the fiscal
year beginning July 1,
2022 will be on file for
public inspection at the
school offices from and
after August 18, 2022.

Notice is further given
that a public hearing
on said budget will be
held at 6:45 p.m. on
September 22, 2022 in
the LaMoille High
School library.

Legal No. 0813 (8/24
2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

FIRST)
STATE)No.
BANK,)2022FC
Plaintiff,)000009
v.)Non
ILLINOIS)Resi-
HORSE)dential
PARK)
)
FOUNDATION)
NFP,)
Non-)
Residential)
A not-for-)
profi)
)
corporation,)
DANIEL T.)
)
SAMPSON,)
individually,)
UNKNOWN)
TENANTS)
)
OR)
OCCUPANTS,)
UNKNOWN)
OWNERS)
AND)
NON-)
RECORD)
CLAIMANTS,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL
SALE OF REAL
ESTATE MORTGAGE

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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 September 15,
2022 at 10:00 a.m.,
at the LaSalle County
Sheriff's Office, 707
Etna Road, Ottawa, IL
(or by "virtual sale" -
call the Sheriff's Office
for details) sell at public
auction to the highest
bidder for cash, all and
singular, the following
described premises and
real estate in the said
judgment mentioned,
situated in the County of
LaSalle, State of Illinois,
or so much thereof as
shall be sufficient to
satisfy said Judgment
to wit:

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

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

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

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

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

The person to contact
for information
regarding this property
is: Michael A. O'Brien,
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.

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

The properties may be
inspected prior to sale:
No.

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

NOTICE-
PUBLICATION-
JUDICIAL SALE

O'Brien Law Offices,
P.C.
Michael A. O'Brien
Leslie G. Bleifuss
124A South County
Farm Road, Wheaton,
Illinois 60187
Ph: (630) 871-9400
Fax: (630) 871-9435
Atty. No.

6216625/6224495
WITNESS:
/s/ Greg Vaccaro
Greg Vaccaro, Clerk of
the Thirteenth Judicial
Circuit Court, and
the seal thereof,
LaSalle, Illinois
Date: August 22, 2022

NOTICE OF
PUBLICATION
AUCTION OF REAL
ESTATE

Case No. 2022 FC 9
On September 15, 2022
at 10:00 a.m. certain
real estate commonly
known as:

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

Will Be Sold at Public
Auction to the highest
bidder for cash:
The properties consist
of: homes, horse barns
and related buildings
Contact: Michael A.
O'Brien at 630-871-
9400
Formal Notice of
this Judicial Sale of
Real Estate will be
found in the Legal
Notices section of this
newspaper with the
above-mentioned case
number.

Legal No. 0814 (8/24,
8/31 9/7 2022)

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3904 E. 752nd Road,
Triumph, Illinois
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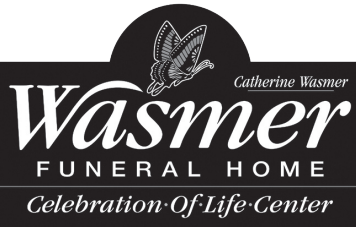
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Move right into this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Rehabbed 3 yrs. ago. Open floor plan. 1st floor bedroom, first floor laundry. Appliances stay. Unique ceiling fans and lighting adds to decor. Wooden deck. Alley access. New roof, newer furnace. Call for all the amenities. McConville Realty 815 539-5673.



408 12th St., Mendota
\$129,900

Wait til you see this unique home with 6 bedrooms 3 full baths. 1/2 bath in basement. Open stairway, deck on the back of home. Large newer 2 car garage. Nice location. Freshly painted and some new flooring ready to move into. Call McConville for all the amenities.

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FEATURE HOME

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1316 Lakewood Plaza, Rte 251 N., Mendota
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800 4TH AVENUE MENDOTA--NEW LISTING!!!!

This solid house boasts 3 BDR's, 2 BA's, a screened back porch, full basement, and OPEN CONCEPT living on the main level. This property is situated on a nice corner lot, next to a school, for easy mornings for a bus transfer, also has a nice oversized one car garage. Just needs your finishing touches!

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NEW LISTING! Country living at it's best! Sit back on one of the 2 decks and watch the sunrise and sunset! You'll love this quiet 1 acre parcel on a blacktop road. 3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, large open floor plan, sunroom and first floor laundry room make this property perfect in so many ways! Walk-out basement has partially finished spaces - cooking made easy in large kitchen with lots of counter space - cupboards, stainless steel appliances and island with seating. Mendota School District. This property will not dissappoint!



NEW LISTING! WELCOME HOME TO 1001 3RD STREET, this 3 bedroom home sits on a large lot with recent updated landscaping! From the moment you step inside, you'll fall in love with the newest updates including a tray tongue and groove wood ceiling in dining room. The living and dining areas lend themselves effortlessly to the stylish kitchen with NEWER cabinetry, updated stainless-steel appliances and luxe granite countertops. Find even more entertainment space outside in the large backyard, new exterior doors, heated garage, NEW Full Bathroom in -AND- NEW Laundry Room with sink and epoxy floor in lower level. There's so much to see in this beautifully finished home with updates INCLUDING Roof (2011) Carpeting (2018), Kitchen, All 3 Bathrooms, Garage Doors, Garage Door Openers, Windows (2015) and Furnace (2009)! ALL APPLIANCES STAY!



NEW LISTING! Build your dream home on this beautiful 2.77 Acre double Lot. Close to the Mendota Golf Course, Mendota School District. Beautiful Country Subdivision with open space. Lots can be sold separately. 1 lot measures 1.25 Acres the other lot is 1.52 Acres.

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146 W Park St., Amboy \$136,400

4 Beautiful lots on a corner in Amboy. This 1/5 story home has been completely remodeled. Features 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room with electric wall fireplace and rope lighting around crown molding, first floor laundry, dream kitchen with garbage disposal, pantry and crown molding on ceiling, open room upstairs for enjoyment, 1 car detached garage, central air, heat, roof redone in 2019. Call today for a showing!



2031 Richardson Rd., Amboy \$249,500

Don't let his one get away! Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch style manufactured 1990 Patriot mobile home and 3 car attached garage is waiting for you! Multiple storage areas, laundry room, work area. Seller has repainted and put vinyl flooring throughout. All appliances and a freezer stay. Furnace and central air (11-2018), generac generator for shop and house, extra deep 24x36 Amish built Shop with 2 overhead doors (9x10 & 7x10) has lots of storage/work area and well pump room. Flagpole and flag. This beautiful country setting has many mature trees, garden and flowering trees. 1-12x18 storage shed & 1-12x42 shed, firepit, back deck, patio and landscaping throughout! LP TANK IS RENTED. All ready for you to move into! You won't find another yard this spacious at this price!



221 N. Mason Ave., Amboy \$139,900

Beautiful family home that has been used for a business. Zoned residential. Gorgeous hardwood floors, with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath front enclosed area for entertaining, kitchen with an island and oak cupboards, refrigerator is negotiable, dishwasher, water softener, central air/furnace, furnace(2021), main floor laundry, central vac needs a new hose, large living room, office with 1/2 bath. The French doors lead to porch and office area. The back deck over looks the extra lot, in the back yard is grape vine, dog run, amazing circle drive and lots of parking, a 2.5 car detached garage that's heated with a big workshop area. Call today for a private showing.



605 2nd St., MENDOTA
2 BDR, 2 car garage,
brick ranch



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