



Maya Martin, center, was chosen the Queen of the 75th annual Sweet Corn Festival during the pageant on Aug. 12. Aliza Salinas-Cervantes, left, and Paige Manning were named attendants. (Reporter photo)

## ‘It was amazing’

❑ Sweet Corn Festival lives up to expectations and more

By BRANDON LaCHANCE  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – Driving through downtown Mendota on the Monday after the Sweet Corn Festival plays tricks on your mind.

The quiet, clean streets and the normal smelling air of Monday doesn’t do justice of the packed streets, corn dog aroma tickling your nose, or kids and families laughing after a ride or a game during the Thursday-Sunday action of a festival that just celebrated its 75th Anniversary.

“It went awesome. It was amazing. The weather was great. We had a few little rain showers, but for the most part the weather was great,” said Shelby Weide, President/CEO of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. “There is nothing better than it being in the 70s for a festival and not the 90s or 100s.”

“Thursday night, our numbers were larger than previous years just by seeing the crowds. Friday was good. Saturday was better. By Sunday, the amount of people that were on the parade route was just awesome.

“There were long lines for just about everything. I talked to a lot of the vendors yesterday. We give the street booths the opportunity to

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—Shelby Weide, Chamber President/CEO

pre-register for next year. A lot of them said their numbers were better than they had been in the last couple of years. All in all, it was very well attended.”

There isn’t an attendance counter or a viable way to keep track of the number of people who came downtown. By estimation, the numbers went up.

“We keep kind of an estimate. I just talked to Mendota Police Chief Greg Kellen and we were talking about the amazing crowds that were here on Sunday,” Weide said. “We thought it was definitely better than last year as we were coming off of Covid-19.

“I would shoot to say we had 60,000. Usually, we’re around 50,000. I think we reached 60,000 easily. We definitely had 10,000-15,000 more people this year.”

50/50

The event everyone wants to be associated with happened Sunday as the 2022 Mendota Sweet Corn Queen,

Maya Martin, dove her hand in the tumbler to pull winning 50/50 tickets.

“I was kind of nervous at the beginning because I’m pulling a ticket for big money,” Martin said. “But it really wasn’t that bad and I’m glad I helped some people. I made sure they could see my hands so no one could say I was cheating.”

Jennifer Escatel was the big winner as her ticket earned her \$21,120. Linda Minnick, Sandy Acevedo, and Stephanie Torres had tickets selected of \$500 each.

Safety

At a festival of any size, there can be safety issues or problems when thousands of people come together. This year’s Sweet Corn Festival came and went without any issues downtown.

“I didn’t hear of any problems downtown at the festival. When I talked to Chief Kellen (Monday)

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## Man arrested on AMTRAK

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department charged a Florida man after he reportedly said he had a gun while he was a passenger on an AMTRAK train that stopped in Mendota at 4:17 p.m. Aug. 14.

Baird Douglas McNeil, 41, of Tallahassee, Fla., was charged with a Class A misdemeanor of disorderly conduct after an investigation revealed that a statement in which McNeil implied he had a firearm was made to passengers on board the train. Baird and his property were searched and no weapon was located.

The Mendota Police Department was alerted by AMTRAK authorities of a passenger reporting to have a gun on board train number 3, a westbound commercial passenger train to California. Officers arrived at the scene and evacuated the Mendota Railroad Depot and parking lot. Officers boarded the AMTRAK train and were directed to McNeil.

The Amtrak train was delayed in Mendota for approximately 40 minutes while the investigation was being conducted. Baird was transported to the Mendota Police Department, served this citation and released with a Sept. 17 court date.

## Police officer hired, variance approved

By KIP CHEEK  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council welcomed a new member to the Mendota Police Department and approved a zoning variance request at its Aug. 15 regular meeting.

Dave McNally, a member of the Police & Fire Commission, administered the oath of office to Jeramiah Ellison as a new part-time officer with the Mendota Police Department. Ellison, 32, is from Yorkville and will work with TRI-DENT, the area’s drug enforcement task force.

Alderman Jay Miller presented a license request from the Tri-County Fair Association for a beer/wine garden, which was approved by the council.

Alderman John Holland gave the results of a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in regard to a zoning variance request from Beck’s BP on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Per the Zoning Board’s recommendation, the council approved the variance, which is a setback on the south side of the lot from 40 feet to 20 feet.



Dave McNally, right, of the Police & Fire Commission, gives the oath of office to new part-time police officer Jeramiah Ellison. (Reporter photo)

Also from Holland’s report, the council agreed to an annexation petition from Schweickert Farms, LLC.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor David Boelk announced that spray patching of roads in the city will begin at the end of this week or the beginning of next week, and that seal coating of certain alleys will start Aug. 29.

Boelk said the city will send a letter to Surf Broadband Solutions expressing

its dissatisfaction with the way Surf repaired holes in grassy areas throughout the city after the installation of fiber optic internet lines.

Boelk issued a special thanks to everyone involved in putting on another successful Sweet Corn Festival.

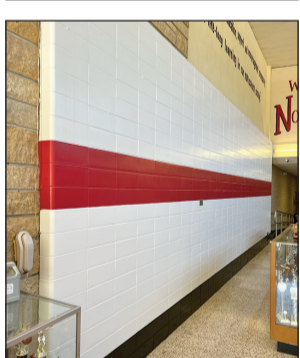
The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

## Transformations made at Dist. 289 campus buildings

MENDOTA – The Mendota Elementary School District #289 campus has been through some massive transformations this summer. Each building will now be fully air conditioned on the first day of school. What this means for the elementary community is no more early out days for heat. What this means for students and staff is a comfortable learning environment, where they can spend hot days focused on learning.

Additionally, Northbrook is getting a new roof over the 7-8 wing, and a paint crew has started painting the old ceramic tile in the building. To celebrate Northbrook’s dramatic change, Ms. Daley and Mr. Burdette will be hosting an open house for the community on Friday, Aug. 26 from 5-7 p.m. The community is invited to come and see the entrance and gym, so that everyone can see the hard work put in by an amazing painting crew. The District will also be welcoming its new band director, Chris Hansen, to Northbrook on Aug. 26.

At Blackstone, the north drop-off lane has been repaved, and the children are anticipating the installation



Northbrook entrance before, top, and after.

of some new playground equipment this fall. The south sidewalks at Lincoln have been redone, keeping children safer on their way to the playground.

“After a rough couple of COVID years in the schools, all of these transformations are incredibly positive and exciting,” said Daley. “We couldn’t be more grateful to our school board and superintendent for their support in making Mendota Elementary a wonderful place to learn.”

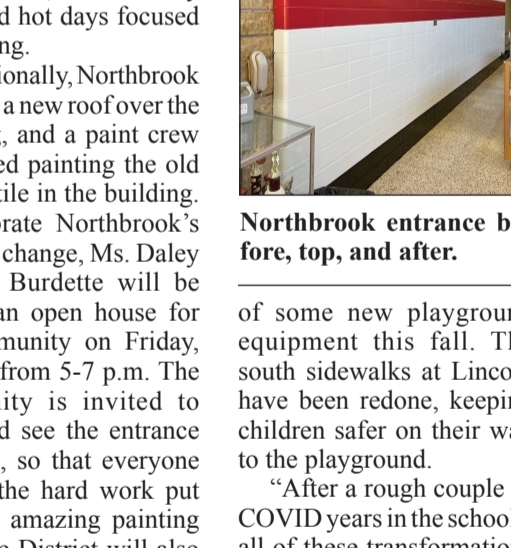


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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Upholding family legacy

Maya Martin follows mother's footsteps, crowned 2022 Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Queen



By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – With high school graduation behind her, Maya Martin had one more feat to accomplish before moving to Chicago to attend Loyola University.

The 18-year old Mendota native wanted to be the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Queen just like her mother had been.

“My mother, Lisa Aughenbaugh-Martin, was crowned queen in 1995. I always knew I would be in the pageant,” said Martin, whose father is Jason Martin. “Going into it, there wasn’t pressure but I did want to uphold that standard. Being born and raised in Mendota, it means a lot especially to the older generation. Walking around and visiting them, they get really excited.”

“The kids get really excited also. I’ve had a lot of fun this weekend. Right after the pageant was done, we took a lap around the Sweet Corn Festival in our pageant dresses. We couldn’t get five feet and we would stop and talk to people for five minutes. We would walk five more feet and stop to talk and take a picture.”

“It has been exhausting, but it’s been one of the best weekends of my life. It has been so amazing.”

Actually, Friday, Aug. 12 wasn’t the first time Martin had been crowned queen.

The memories of the first time made her want to try her hardest to wear a tiara again.

“I don’t think I’ve missed a single Sweet Corn Festival in my 18 years of living,” Martin said. “When I was younger, I did the Mini Queen Pageant and I was crowned Mini Queen in 2009. Perri Stachlewitz was Mini Queen in 2008 and



Left, Maya Martin is an expression of surprise after hearing her name announced as the 2022 Sweet Corn Festival Queen. Last year’s queen, Perris Stachlewitz, prepares to put the tiara in place. Above, Maya Martin serves free sweet corn to festival-goers after the grand parade on Sunday. (Reporter photos by Kip Cheek)

she handed her crown off to me for Mini Queen. Last year, Perri Stachlewitz was crowned Sweet Corn Festival Queen and she handed her crown off to me this year.

“In the pageant, I got to be with some of my best friends. We all got to be together and it was really cool to see everyone get dressed up and talk about themselves. I was queened with some of my best friends, Aliza Salinas-Cervantes and Paige Manning, as my attendants.”

Martin was very active in high school and plans to remain active in the community.

She was a big part of the Mendota High School music program over the last four years as she was a member of the choir, show choir, and Madrigals. Martin, an avid reader who grew up in the Mendota Graves-Hume Library, also played volleyball for four years and basketball for two years.

The 2022 Sweet Corn Queen, who was wearing corn earrings and a corn pin on her sash, was also the Interact Club president, which led to her sponsorship for the festival.

During the summer she worked at Woodhaven Lakes in Sublette to save up for Chicago and her neuroscience studies at Loyola University. Her long-term plan is to become a neuropsychologist, but she knows she has many years of schooling ahead of her.

Martin comes from a large family as her grandmother has nine siblings.

They may be spread all over the country, but when it comes time for the Sweet Corn Festival and the pageant, they all migrate back to Mendota.

“In my thank you speech I said, ‘And to my family who is taking half of the facility.’ I’m so lucky to have the amount of support that I had,” Martin said. “People from my church, St. John’s Lutheran Church, were there rooting for me.”

“That’s the great thing about Mendota. It doesn’t matter what happens, everyone wants to see you succeed. There is always that support system at home. Even once I go to Chicago, I’ll always come back here.”

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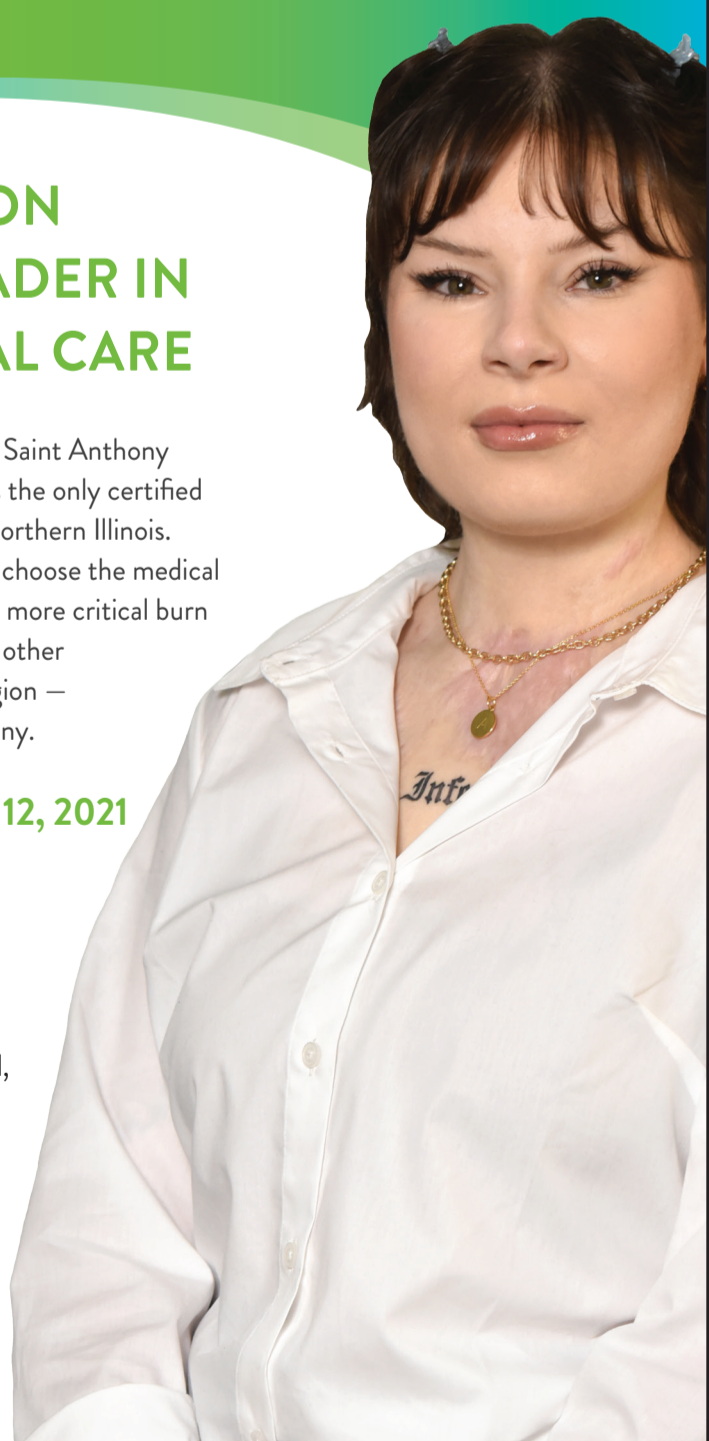
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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Red Cross' tips to keep students safe as they head back to school

PERU—School bells will be calling students back to the classroom soon and the American Red Cross of Illinois River Valley has steps everyone can take to help kids remain safe as they head back to school.

As parents get ready for the start of a new school year, it's a good time to think about emergencies, such as weather-related disasters, and draw up an emergency plan for their household. Know what the emergency plan is at your child's school and develop a family emergency plan so everyone will know who to contact and where to go if something happens during the school day. Details are available at [redcross.org/prepare](http://redcross.org/prepare).

"There are a lot of things to think about for the start of a busy new school year, but don't forget to include safety," said Brian McDaniel, Executive Director of the Red Cross of Illinois River Valley. "We ask parents and guardians to consider familiarizing their children with these measures to help keep them safe as they head back to school."

### Cell Phones A Distraction

The National Safety Council (NSC) reports distracted walking can be dangerous, even deadly. Teach your students the following:

- Don't text or talk on your phone while walking. If you must text, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk.
- Never cross the street while using an electronic device.
- Do not walk with headphones in your ears.
- Drivers can be distracted too. Never use a phone while driving. Help keep children safe by eliminating all distractions.

### Taking The Bus

- Students should get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive. Young children should be supervised.
- Board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant instructs them to get on. They should only board their bus, never an alternate one.
- All students should stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.

### Walking To School

- Cross the street at the corner, obeying traffic signals and staying in the crosswalk.
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Use a route along which the school has placed crossing guards.
- Parents, walk with young children and those taking new routes or attending new schools, for the first week to ensure they know how to get there safely. Arrange for the kids to walk to school with a friend or classmate.

### Going By Car

- Everyone should always wear a seat belt.
- Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly (typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4'9"), and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.
- If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts.

### Riding A Bike

There may be more young people on bikes as the school bells ring. They should:

## American Red Cross

- Wear a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.
- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, in a single file.
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street.
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding.

### Slow Down

Drivers should slow down, especially in residential areas and school zones, and know what the yellow and red bus signals mean. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop, that motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.

### Keep Little Ones Safe

Keeping all students safe is the primary concern

for everyone, but there are special steps for parents of younger kids and those going to school for the first time:

- Make sure the child knows their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to call 911.
- Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.

### Red Cross First Aid

Finally, download the free Red Cross First Aid app for instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies. You can find it by searching for 'American Red Cross' in your app store or at [redcross.org/apps](http://redcross.org/apps). Learn and practice First Aid and CPR/AED skills by taking a course ([redcross.org/takeaclass](http://redcross.org/takeaclass)) so you can help save a life.

### About the American Red Cross

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## 2022 Sweet Corn Festival Parade Winners

**Queen's Trophy**  
Mendota Museum & Historical Society

**Grand Marshall Trophy**  
Mendota VFW Post 4079

**Commercial**  
1<sup>st</sup> Ges Sound  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nicor Gas  
3<sup>rd</sup> Financial Plus Credit Union

**Best use of Sweet Corn**  
1<sup>st</sup> Peru Federal Savings  
2<sup>nd</sup> Casey's  
3<sup>rd</sup> Stonecroft Village

**Musical Units**  
1<sup>st</sup> Mendota High School Band  
2<sup>nd</sup> Navy Band

**Performance**  
1<sup>st</sup> Navy Band  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mendota VFW Color Guard  
3<sup>rd</sup> De Colores Dancers

**Organization**  
1<sup>st</sup> Navy Band  
2<sup>nd</sup> Stamberger Courting Buggy  
3<sup>rd</sup> St. John Lutheran Float

**Antique Vehicle**  
1<sup>st</sup> John Noble, 1930 Ford Model-A Truck  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tina Kittleson, 1936 Ford Farm Truck

**Antique Farm Tractor**  
1<sup>st</sup> Dwight Frick, 1965 Minneapolis Moline U-302  
2<sup>nd</sup> C. Hamrick, 1949 Farmall H  
3<sup>rd</sup> Stamberger, Courting Buggy

## Back-to-School Bash set at Graves-Hume Public Library

MENDOTA – Graves-Hume Public Library will host a Back-to-School Bash at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26. There will be two bounce houses and a snow cone machine provided by Big Time Rentals of Paw Paw. In addition, face-painting will be provided by Mendota High School's Interact Club.

Special thanks to them for volunteering their time and expertise in face painting!

Stop by the library lawn to join the fun. This event is free and open to all. No library card or registration required. Call 815-538-5142 or stop by the library for more information.

Mendota Weather

Aug. 17, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday

Mostly Sunny

High: 79 Low: 57

Thursday

Mostly Sunny

High: 78 Low: 60

Friday

Chance T-storms

High: 80 Low: 61

Saturday

Scattered T-storms

High: 78 Low: 62

Sunday

Chance T-storms

High: 75 Low: 60

Monday

Partly Cloudy

High: 76 Low: 59

Tuesday

Few Showers

High: 78 Low: 63

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly sunny skies, high of 79°, humidity of 60%. Northeast wind 6 to 9 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 98° set in 1988. Expect clear skies Wednesday night, overnight low of 57°. North northeast wind 2 to 6 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 46° set in 1976. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny, high of 78°, humidity of 60%.

Regional Cities

	Wednesday	Thursday
City	Hi/Lo Wx	Hi/Lo Wx
Aurora	80/58 pc	82/60 s
Champaign	82/59 pc	84/60 s
Chicago	78/65 pc	80/65 s
Freeport	77/56 pc	79/60 s
Joliet	81/59 pc	82/60 s
Moline	80/59 s	82/63 pc
Peoria	83/60 s	84/63 s
Rockford	79/56 pc	79/60 s
Springfield	82/60 s	83/62 s

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	80	68	80/60	0.00"	0.00"
Tuesday	78	64	80/60	0.00"	Normal rainfall 0.88"
Wednesday	81	56	80/60	0.00"	Departure -0.88"
Thursday	80	61	80/60	0.00"	Average temp 69.8°
Friday	72	54	80/60	0.00"	Average normal 70.0°
Saturday	81	60	80/60	0.00"	Departure -0.2°
Sunday	75	67	80/60	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday 8/19	6:07 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	10:58 p.m.	12:23 p.m.
Thursday	6:08 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	11:25 p.m.	1:29 p.m.
Friday	6:09 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	11:57 p.m.	2:34 p.m.
Saturday	6:10 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	Prev Day	3:36 p.m.
Sunday	6:11 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	12:35 a.m.	4:34 p.m.
Monday	6:12 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	1:20 a.m.	5:27 p.m.
Tuesday	6:13 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	2:12 a.m.	6:12 p.m.

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

UV Index

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

[www.WhatsOurWeather.com](http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com)

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 85 in East Peoria, Ill. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 94 in Orlando, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 103 in Austin, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 108 in Clarkston, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 108 in Redding, Calif.

Weather Trivia

Where is the hottest place in the atmosphere?

Answer: The thermosphere, or the ionosphere.

Weather History

Aug. 17, 1915 - A hurricane hit Galveston, Texas with wind gusts to 120 mph and a 12-foot storm surge. The storm claimed 275 lives, including 42 on Galveston Island, with most deaths due to drowning. Of 250 homes outside the seawall, just 10 percent were left standing.

Aug. 18, 1983 - Hurricane Alicia ravaged southeastern Texas. The hurricane caused more than three billion dollars property damage, making it one of the costliest hurricanes in the history of the United States. Just 13 people were killed, but 1800 others were injured.

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## Sheryl M. McDaniel

KINGSMOUNTAIN, Ky. — Sheryl Marie (Becker) McDaniel, 63, of Kings Mountain, Ky., formerly of LaMoille, died Aug. 10, 2022, at Stanford Health Care in Stanford, Ky., following a long illness.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Sheryl was born Nov. 26, 1958, in Elizabethtown, Ky., to Robert and Dona (Stabler) Becker. She graduated from LaMoille Community High School in 1976 and was a fuel desk attendant for Kroger's in Georgia for many years.

She is survived by her mother, Dona of LaMoille; the love of her life, Dwaine Cross of Kings Mountain; three children, Kimberly Souba of Geneseo, David (Tracy Dutton) of Neponset, and Katie (Matthew) of Spring Valley; four granddaughters; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jim (Kelly) Becker of Ohio and John (Valorie) Becker of Rio, Wis.; two sisters, Mary Anne (Dave) Schwingle of LaMoille and Elizabeth Becker (Pete Porter) of Batavia; grandmother, Marie Stabler of Sterling; several nieces and nephews; and several aunts and uncles.

Sheryl was preceded in death by her father, Robert.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital.



## Lowell F. Ambler

MENDOTA — Lowell F. Ambler, 79, of Mendota, passed away Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, surrounded by family, after an extended illness.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date, to be announced, when all of his children can be in attendance. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Lowell was born Oct. 12, 1942 to James and Mildred (Neighbor) Ambler. He married his late wife Shirley Cronin and they had two sons, Max Ambler and Troy (Irene) Ambler, and a daughter Carrie (Ambler) Becker. He is also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren whom he adored.

Lowell was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Madge Patterson, his cherished wife Shirley Ambler and his grandson Dalton Ambler.

Lowell served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran of War. He became an Illinois State Police Officer and went on to become the Chief of Police in Earlville, where he retired.

Lowell loved spending time with his family and friends, with his fun-loving sense of humor, sitting around telling good old stories about golfing or Muskie fishing in Hayward, Wis. He was loved by all and will be dearly missed.

Any condolences can be sent to 429 Houston St., Ottawa, IL 61350 in care of Carrie Becker. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



## Carroll J. Rogers

OTTAWA — Carroll J. Rogers, 79, of Ottawa, passed away peacefully, Saturday Aug. 13, 2022, surrounded by family, at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, Rockford.

Per her request, services will not be held. She will be laid to rest at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota assisted the family.

She was born Dec. 26, 1942 in Dixon to Estelle Eugene Fenwick and Elsie H. (Stahl) Bragg.

She is survived by her sisters Mary Ellen Rider of Fargo, N.D. and Lynn Rebuck of Cape Coral, Fla.; daughter Robey Robinson of Ottawa; sons Kirby Rogers of Port Tabacco, Md., and Stephen Rogers and wife Kelli of Everson, Wash. She is a grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of 10.

Memorial contributions may be made to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue in lieu of flowers. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



## Burdette B. Holt

TROY GROVE — Burdette Beamsley Holt, 68, died on Aug. 7, 2022 in Mendota.

Funeral services and interment were private. Arrangements entrusted to the M J Suerth Funeral Home, Chicago.

Burdette was born Sept. 6, 1953 at Lakeland Hospital in Elkhorn, Wis.

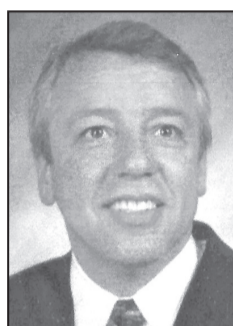
Survivors include his sister, Margaret A. Holt, his brother, John T. Holt and his sister-in-law, Peggy Murphy. Burdette also has an aunt and many surviving cousins in Wisconsin and Colorado. He also has a close-knit family of funeral home friends throughout the Chicago area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Burdette Waldo Holt and Nancy Jane Beamsley Holt; his paternal grandparents, Burdette J. Holt and Eva Waldo Holt; his maternal grandparents, John Henry Beamsley and Emma Marie Miller Beamsley.

He attended Jackson Elementary School, Dunhan School, Park School, and graduated in 1971 from Delavan-Darien High School in Delavan, Wis. Burdette went on to college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison graduating with a degree in agricultural economics. Over the years he has worked as a farmer, factory worker, and salesman, and then at the age of 45 decided to completely change occupations.

He attended and graduated from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago in 1998. Burdette was employed by a few funeral homes on the northwest side of Chicago and suburbs. Then in 2007, he started a funeral transfer service, "American Mortuary Service." In about 2010, Burdette purchased a farm in Troy Grove, where he lived for the last six years. It was the love and dream of his life.

Memorials may be made in care of John T. Holt. W6895 Hazel Ridge Road, Delavan, WI 53115.



## Ralph L. Schultz

MENDOTA — Dad wanted us to let you know that it is time for him to be with Lolla, his wife of 62 years. Ralph L. Schultz passed away on Aug. 14, 2022 at Heritage Health, Mendota, not long after celebrating his 94th birthday.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the Paw Paw United Methodist Church with Rev. Dana Cox officiating. Cremation rites will be held after the funeral and private burial will be at Melugin Grove Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 4-7 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Ralph was born on Aug. 5, 1928, in LaMoille Township to Otto and Bessie (Hicks) Schultz, the youngest of nine children: Claude, Frank, Clarence, Harry, Irene (Stewart), Ruth (Hoffman-Haefner), Garney, and Crystal (Alexander), all of whom preceded him in death.

Ralph married the love of his life, Lolla Faye Cox on Oct. 26, 1951. Ralph and Lolla raised their family in Compton. They were the proud parents of Mike (Sue) Schultz, Cheryl (Steve) Argubright, Keith (Carol) Schultz and Kevin (Deb) Schultz. They have eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Ralph was a friend to many and valued his customers to whom he delivered fuel when working for Lee FS. He was a skilled electrician, owner and operator of Ralph Schultz and Sons Electric. He enjoyed working for his customers and mentoring the next generation of electricians.

Ralph was community-minded. He was a Compton Village Trustee, Elks Club member and member of Compton United Methodist Church where he served on the board for many years as well as many other committees. Ralph never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone. Ralph and Lolla enjoyed travel and time with family and friends. Ralph will be missed by many.

Memorials will be designated to Mendota Area Senior Services. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



## Nominees sought for Lee Co. Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award

AMBOY — The success of the Lee County Farm Bureau is only possible with the hard work and dedication of its members. There are countless members who have spent many nights, many weekends, and many hours over the years, volunteering their time because they believe in the mission of Farm Bureau and for the betterment of agriculture.

The Lee County Farm Bureau wants to recognize its members for their years of loyal service and for the impact that they have had in agriculture and the community. The Lee County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize an individual or couple who has shown exemplary leadership and service to Farm Bureau, agriculture, and farmers in Lee County and beyond.

People are encouraged to nominate someone who you believe is deserving of this recognition. A short nomination application is available on the Lee County Farm Bureau website, [www.leeecfb.org](http://www.leeecfb.org), and is due to the Lee County Farm Bureau by Sept. 1, 2022.

For more information, please call (815) 857-3531 or email [leeecfb@comcast.net](mailto:leeecfb@comcast.net).

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### M. DeFore named to university Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Mount Mary University in Milwaukee, Wis., has named its Spring 2022 Dean's List. Among the students making the list is Mary DeFore of Utica, a 2021 graduate of Mendota High School, majoring in business administration.

The Dean's List honors full-time students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or better while taking 12 or more credits during the recent semester. Part-time students are eligible for the Dean's List when they have earned a 3.6 GPA or better while completing at least 6 credits.


Mount Mary University leads the Midwest for supporting and graduating students of all backgrounds.

### P. Taylor recognized by Bradley University

PEORIA — Pamela Taylor of West Brooklyn was recognized by Bradley University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Taylor was awarded the LAS Award in Environmental Science and 2021 Undergraduate Summer Research & Artistry Award.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Festival

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morning, we were talking about the beer garden,” said Weide. “We always worry about it because it’s so event and we don’t want anything negative to be attached to it. “He said there were a few incidents in town, but not at the festival. That’s a normal situation. But the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival went smoothly.”

### Parade

Sunday of the annual event is famous for the parade. This year was no different as the number of entries and the size of the crowd exceeded normal standards.

“We had a few more than 80 entries this year. Last year, we were in the high 60s,” Weide said. “We always get a pretty good turnout of area places that come and participate. We have other towns that send their queens to represent their communities.

“There were a lot of politicians. It is an election year and we have a few more on those years. Next year, we’ll get the Democratic and Republican Parties in general. This year, we had individual candidates. You know when it’s an election year in November.

“Bradley Fritts (running for State Representative) chatted with Kellen. He told the chief that he’s been to many parades this year and by far, Mendota was one of the best he’s been at. We heard from several entrants that they loved the parade and they were surprised about the size of it.”

### Diversity

All cultures have always been accepted at the Sweet Corn Festival, but maybe not showcased.

This year Ballet Folklorico de Colores highlighted their dancing talents in the parade and Mariachi Real Tecalitlan, a mariachi band, performed on stage Saturday night.

“I was happy one of our board members (Marion Quintana) brought in a mariachi band to us,” Weide said. “I thought it was nice to have that. I would like to see a little bit more different things because we do have a diverse community. I think it’s good to provide entertainment for everyone’s culture.”

Weide added performers and musicians have reached out about next year’s festival.

### Who is Batman

“Batman, Anna, and Elsa were here, and I don’t know who they were or where they came from. They just showed up,” Weide said. “It was great for us because the kids loved it. They were not part of the program and they weren’t hired by us.

“But I’d like to find out who they are because it would be great to have characters walking around for the kids in the future. If anyone knows who they are, I’d like to know.”

### Sponsorship

“We could not do this without all of the sponsors that we have,” Weide said. “We had a tremendous amount of backing and sponsorship from our businesses and the community. We have a great board of directors and ambassadors, and other volunteers that helped.

“Without that kind of support, we would not be able to do what we’re doing. I have to give a heartfelt thank you to them.”

There were 36 major sponsors this year, in which they have a set dollar amount and the businesses’ logo is displayed all throughout the festival. There were 20 more sponsors, which also had signage for their donation.



## 2021 tax extension filers don’t need to wait until October 17

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Internal Revenue Service is reminding the estimated 19 million taxpayers who requested an extension to file their 2021 tax return that they don’t have to wait until mid-October to file. If a taxpayer has all the necessary information to file an accurate return, they can file electronically at any time before the October deadline and avoid a last-minute rush to file.

Taxpayers who requested more time to file an accurate return have until Oct. 17, 2022. Those who have what they need to file, however, should file as soon as possible to avoid delays in processing their return.

Taxpayers who have questions can get help with most tax issues online or by phone. The IRS.gov website has free and easy to use online tools and resources to help taxpayers get answers 24 hours a day. Voice bots help callers navigate interactive voice responses to simple payment or notice questions, and quickly get responses to Frequently Asked Questions.

The Interactive Tax Assistant is a tool that provides answers to several tax law questions specific to individual circumstances based on input. It can determine if an individual must file a tax return, their filing status, if they can claim a dependent, if an

income type is taxable, and their eligibility to claim a credit or deduct certain expenses.

### Electronic filing options

The IRS advises individuals who still need to file a 2021 tax return to file electronically and, if due a refund, to choose direct deposit.

Filing electronically is fast, accurate and secure, and when an individual chooses direct deposit, their refund goes directly from the IRS into their bank or financial account getting them their refund in the fastest time possible. If they have a prepaid debit card, they may be able to have their refund applied to the card by providing the account and routing number to the IRS. The IRS processes most e-filed returns and issues direct deposit refunds in less than 21 days.

Eligible individuals can use the IRS Free File program to prepare and file their 2021 federal tax return for free. Taxpayers can choose the brand-name tax preparation software company that is best for them. Some even offer free state tax return preparation. Those who earned more than \$73,000 have the option to use IRS Free File Fillable Forms.

MilTax online software is also available for members of the military and certain veterans, regardless

of income. This software is offered through the Department of Defense. Eligible taxpayers can use MilTax to prepare and electronically file their federal tax returns and up to three state returns for free.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

The IRS’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free basic tax return preparation to people who generally make \$58,000 or less and people with disabilities or limited English-speaking taxpayers. While the majority of these sites are only open through the end of the filing season, taxpayers can use the VITA Site Locator tool to see if there’s a community-based site staffed by IRS-trained and certified volunteers still open near them.

### Tax professionals

There are also various types of tax return preparers who can help, including certified public accountants, enrolled agents, attorneys and others who don’t have a professional credential.

Taxpayers should choose a tax preparer wisely. For individuals who want help with their taxes, the IRS online directory can assist in finding a tax professional in their area.

### Get current on taxes

The IRS sends correspondence to a taxpayer’s last known address,

usually the address from their most recently filed tax return. If the taxpayer moves and does not send a change of address to the IRS, they may not receive an IRS notice and could miss the deadline to respond.

There’s no penalty for not filing a return if due a refund, but there’s also no statute of limitations for assessing and collecting taxes due if no return has been filed.

Interest is charged on any tax not paid by the April due date and will accrue until paid in full. Individual taxpayers are charged the federal short-term interest rate plus 3 percentage points, currently 5% per year, compounded daily. Penalties will accrue for each month tax remains unpaid until maxed out at 25% of the unpaid tax.

Submitting a tax return and paying any amount owed as soon as possible can help taxpayers avoid further interest and penalties.

Taxpayers who owe taxes can review all payment options online. These include paying taxes through an Online Account with IRS Direct Pay or paying by debit card, credit card or digital wallet. The IRS has options for people who can’t pay their taxes, including applying for a payment plan on IRS.gov.

## IVCC names room after former graduate

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College honored the late Rick Rynke in a recent ceremony, 60 years after he graduated from IVCC predecessor LaSalle-Peru-Oglesby Junior College.

Rynke’s classmate and friend, William Taylor of Bonita Springs, Fla., donated to the IVCC Foundation to have a space in the Student Life Center named “Rick’s Room.”

Taylor and Rynke were lifelong friends who played euchre and hearts over lunch hour in LPO’s student lounge.

Taylor went on to a successful career with Big 4 accounting firm Deloitte and Rynke, became an executive for IGA (the Independent Grocers Alliance) and later co-owned grocery stores in southern Illinois with his son. Rynke began his career at the A & P in LaSalle and ended it with ownership of stores in Robinson, Oblong, Newton and Greenup.

Rynke died March 28 in Monticello at age 79.

“Rick was easy-going and had a terrific smile,” said his



Ron Rynke, left, IVCC SGA President Nicolette Kendall and Rich Rynke. Kendall hung the plaque honoring Rick Rynke in the Student Life Center. (Photo contributed)

brother Ron of Peru. “He was the hero of the family.”

Ron was accompanied at the ceremony by his wife Jolene and son Roger, brother Rich of LaSalle, and his wife Maxine and their son Scott.

IVCC President Jerry Corcoran read the plaque inscription: “‘Rick’s Room.’ This space is named in memory of Roderick ‘Rick’ Rynke, a 1962 graduate of IVCC predecessor LPO Junior College.

“A Peru native, Mr. Rynke went on to become a successful grocery store owner and

was named IGA’s 2007 International Retailer of the Year.

“Classmate and friend William Taylor, who sponsored Rick’s memorial, said the two spent many joyful hours in LPO’s student lounge playing cards.”

Executive Director of Community Relations and Development Fran Brolley thanked Taylor for creating the honorarium and sharing memories of his friend. IVCC hopes to establish an annual euchre tournament for students, faculty and staff in Rynke’s name.

## IVCC seeking singers to fill choir positions

OGLESBY – The Illinois Valley Community College choir is looking for singers from the community to join its group on Monday evenings.

Choir director Jenilyn Roether said the group meets 6 to 7:40 p.m. Mondays in Room D223. New members will be accepted through Aug. 29.

“Anyone 16 and older may join,” said Roether. “No experience is necessary, but a love of singing is!”

Fall semester culminates with a concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28. For information, email jenilyn\_roether@ivcc.edu or call (815) 224-0223 and leave a message.

## Paw Paw Firefighter’s Assoc. serving food for fundraiser

PAW PAW – The Paw Paw Firefighter’s Association will be in front of Flanagan’s Bank, serving food Friday, Sept. 2 and Saturday, Sept. 3 from 6-10 p.m. for their fund-raiser.

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## A reporter speaks up

By Scott Reeder

Who would sacrifice a job they loved to reveal a wrong committed against a child?

Very few would. In fact, in my 35 years in journalism, I've met only one such person. Just one.

In our society, we talk a good game about how much we treasure children. But it's a lie. Kids are violated and large institutions sweep it under the rug every day. As a reporter, I have seen it happen over and over.

The sexual violation of a child is the most horrific act imaginable. I should know. I was violated when I was just 12 years old. It is a pain that has hung over me for decades.

I have written about teachers, cops, coaches, pastors, scout leaders, tutors and others who have sexually abused youngsters.

And time after time, powerful institutions worked hard to cover up the crimes.

But Michael Leathers was a good man who did something. The Chatham man died Aug. 3 at age 62 of a heart attack.

He spent 20 years as a public relations person at Springfield Memorial Hospital. And he did a good job there. But his first love was newspapers.

Back in 2002, he was the editor of Illinois Baptist, a newspaper covering Southern Baptist congregations across the Land of Lincoln. Before that, he was a reporter for the Alton Telegraph.

When he learned that a pastor, Leslie Mason, was criminally charged with sexually abusing girls in the southern Illinois town of Olney, he reported it. One of the girls apparently was only 13 years old.

Instead of receiving praise for informing Baptists about a potential predator in their midst, he found himself in a room with a lawyer and his boss, Glenn Akins, who then ran the Illinois Baptist State Association.

They wanted him gone.

I wish I could say I found this response surprising. But those in power often find comfortable ignorance preferable to hard truth.

During my own career, editors have called me obsessed, pedophiles have threatened suicide, lawyers have threatened to sue and victims keep calling because they want their story told.

My response is always the same: If newspapers don't hold those in power accountable, who will?

Leathers understood this as well.

I learned of his courageous stand in 2019 when newspapers in Houston and San Antonio published a damning exposé of how Southern Baptist churches had repeatedly covered up pastors who abused children. Leathers' story was included. Next, the New York Times wrote about what a brave man he was.

And a couple of days later, I found myself having lunch with Leathers and interviewing him for this column.

According to Leathers, Akins offered a peculiar complaint about the story: That writing about one pastor who committed sex crimes was unfair because that "ignores many others who have done the same thing."

Forrest Gump could have come up with a smarter excuse. By the way, I reached out to Akins on Aug. 8 — he didn't get back to me.

But sitting across from Leathers, I sensed heartbreak — 17 years after he lost his job. He not only lost his career in newspapers but no longer felt comfortable in church.

I invited him to join a Bible study I'm a part of, but he shook his head and said, "It wouldn't be like the Southern Baptists — that was special."

Michael's widow, Tammy, said he came to forgive those who fired him and he continued to love Jesus.

"People would ask how his faith had remained so strong after all that had happened to him. And he would say, I put my faith in God, not in men," she said.

In case you're inclined to mark his dismissal as some sort of misunderstanding, it wasn't. Leathers knew his boss didn't want the story to appear in the newspaper. But he said when he was hired he was assured of editorial autonomy. So, he published the story anyway.

Southern Baptist leaders are hardly unique in how they responded to predators in their midst.

We have seen this story play out time and time again with school boards, churches, scouting groups, teacher unions and sports teams. Powerful institutions often don't want the truth told.

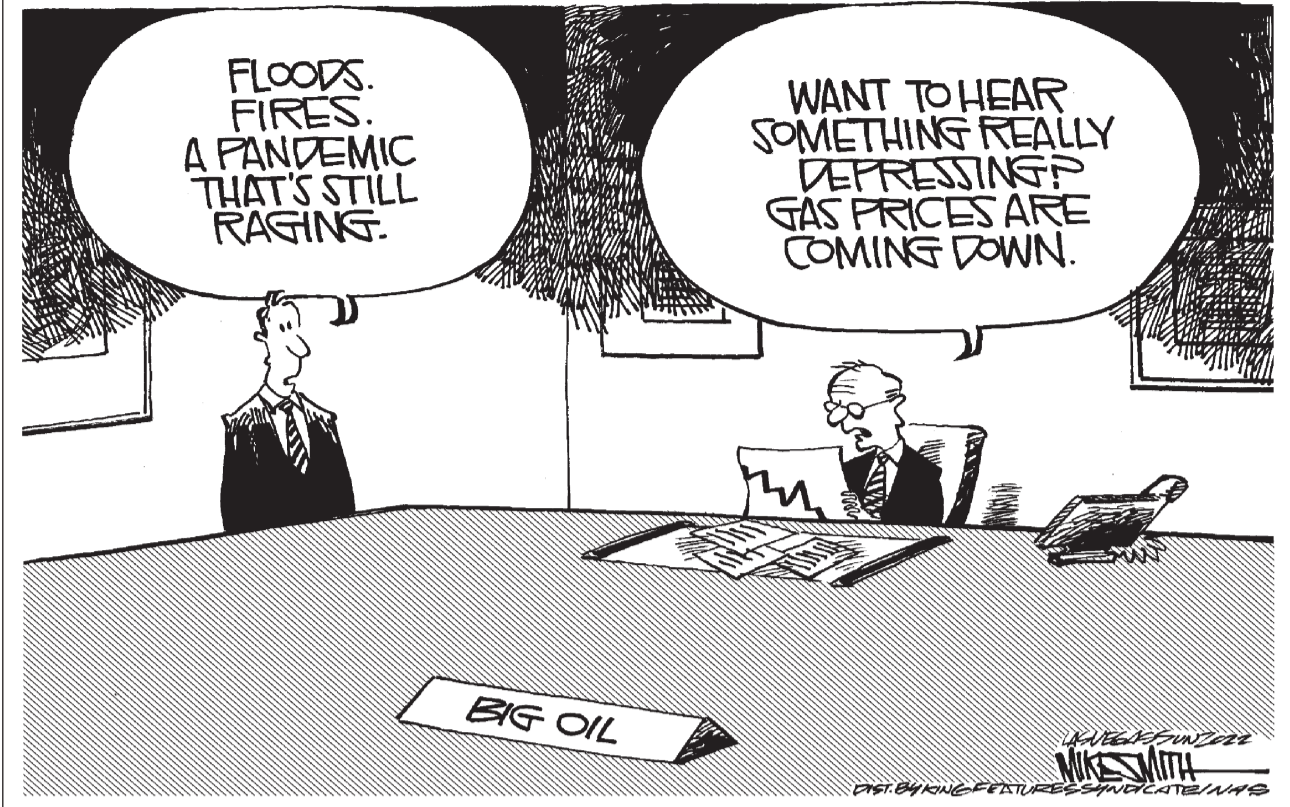
"I think there is a tendency for people in leadership to want to protect the institution by covering things up," Michael Leathers told me. "The interesting thing is that when I wrote the story, I got plenty of positive feedback from laypeople in various congregations. They get it. It was people in positions of authority who had problems with me writing the story."

Leslie Mason, the pastor Leathers wrote about, was sentenced to seven years in prison. Upon being released from prison he began working as a pastor again.

Glenn Akins, the boss who gave Leathers the boot, is now assistant executive director of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

As for Leathers, a service was scheduled for him at a Chatham reception hall on Aug. 10. No pastor was slated to speak.

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



## Graf Zeppelin passes over Mendota — 1929

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from Aug. 18, 2004.)

By Jessica Nashold

Mendotans were puzzled when the fire whistle blew, one afternoon in August, 75 years ago. There was no fire. It was soon disclosed that the Graf Zeppelin, making a "round-the-world" flight, was approaching Mendota, on its way to Chicago. The date was Aug. 28, 1929, and the time was 3:10 p.m.

Clark Seyller had recently opened an airport on the west edge of Mendota, across from Kakusha Park. He sprang into action, inviting Robert Conkey to join him in tracking the Graf Zeppelin by plane. He took his plane to 3,000 feet, and found he was above the dirigible. He quickly dropped to 2,000 feet, and flew along beside it. The Mendota men could plainly see the passengers, enjoying their trip. Although the Zeppelin was travelling at 65 miles per hour, from the ground it appeared to be scarcely moving. It was propelled by five motors, attended by mechanics. Seyller followed the Zeppelin to Waterman, near DeKalb, then returned to the airport.

People in cars drove north, hoping for a better view. One driver said the dirigible was directly overhead, when he reached Henkel.

The progress of the Graf Zeppelin was being reported on radio broadcasts. It arrived in Lakehurst, N.J., shortly after 5 a.m. on Aug. 29.

In news accounts, the Zeppelin was referred to as "The Zep."

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When it was time to lay the cornerstone for the new Lincoln School, the Board asked the local Masonic Lodge to take charge. They in turn secured state participation in the ceremony.

Two platforms were erected. One was for the visiting Masonic dignitaries. The second platform held a piano and seats for the high school band, as well as local speakers. There were chairs for some of the spectators, but many had to stand.

A box was to be placed in the cornerstone containing items of historic interest. There was a copy of the Aug.

### Backtracks & Sidetracks

22, 1929 issue of The Mendota Reporter, and clippings reporting the meetings that led to the decision to build. There was a current copy of Eleven Bells, the local publication of the Elks Club. Names of the Mendota City Council members and membership lists of all organizations were placed in the box. There was a history of the Departmental School, by Miss Florence Andrews, principal. Two long-time teachers, Miss Alice Browne and Miss Eva Rice, submitted a paper they called "Envisions of the Far Future." Businesses were represented by advertising and brochures.

Speakers of the day included M.E. Steele, superintendent of schools, who stressed that progress was the key word for the new building. Otto Kieselbach, who had been associated with Mendota schools for more than 50 years, commented on changes in education during the span of time. D.C. Tower, president of the school board, thanked the workmen who were erecting the school, for their unflinching interest. He mentioned Mr. Deane, the foreman, and Mr. Sullivan, the master mason. He called the new Lincoln School —

The best to be found.

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The Inderrieden Canning Co. was ready to receive the 1929 harvest of sweet corn, about the third week in August. Representatives had visited the farms where the corn was being raised, to indicate just when it should be delivered to the plant. It was believed the yield would be exceptionally good. Farmers might have some fields producing as much as nine tones to the acre.

The canning season was expected to last about six weeks. Many men and women would be needed to do the work. At times, they would have to work

far into the night to deal with the corn brought in during the day.

Local labor will always be given preference.

However, workers coming in from out of town may also be needed.

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The Daggett Motor Co. of Chicago opened a Pontiac-Oakland agency in Mendota in August 1929. Mr. J.S. Martin was in charge of sales. The company took display space in the Heiman Garage, located across the street from the Tower factory. Martin said there would soon be information on these two General Motors products in The Mendota Reporter.

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A new Elgin motor-driven street sweeper, purchased by the city of Mendota, arrived in August 1929. A representative of the company came with it to instruct Herman Harjes, superintendent of streets, in its operation. Nearly all of the paved streets in Mendota were swept by the new equipment at least once, the first week. It was found that the spray of water released was not sufficient for thorough cleaning in one sweep. Results after the second sweep were usually satisfactory. The sweeper weighed about five tons and cost \$6,500 with a \$100 allowance for the old sweeper.

It had not been used for a number of years.

SIDETRACK — This may explain why it took at least two "sweeps" to deal with accumulated debris.

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Reichardt's Sandwich Shop advertised itself as "The Coolest Place in Town."

Three electric fans had been installed.

SIDETRACK — The sandwich shop had opened when Prohibition put an end to the sale of beer. Reichardt's was located on the corner of Main and Sixth streets. For a time, the sandwich shop was operated by John Jacob and his wife, the former Irene Gilchrist, a teacher at Blackstone School.

## Give a 'Hey, I love you' every day ending in Y

By Brandon LaChance

We should always show love.

This is going to sound harsh at first, until I have time to explain myself.

So, bear with me.

But being blatantly honest, from the beginning of time, people have died.

Whether it was a spear, arrow, or bullet during a war, a plague, malaria, a king's order to behead, a hunting accident where a deer or a moose install its antler into your abdomen, epilepsy, diabetes, carriage or car accident, cancer, a tragic summer vacation terror, an America's Most Wanted worthy murder, a tally on a serial killer's list, drowning in a hurricane, burning in a volcano, twisting in a tornado, explosion, suffocating, and the list could expand to the end of this column.

The list of ways someone's life could end is endless. I know this sounds negative and pessimistic, but at the same time, it's reality. We are all going to leave or be taken (depending on your religious believes) at some point.

The positive side, and to a lot of people the reason we are here in the first place, is life.

We all — absolutely every living, breathing organism and life form — are given the opportunity to accomplish amazing feats while we shake hands with Mother Nature, get Vitamin D from the sun, and walk the land of Earth. It can be academically, athletically, spiritually, financially, emotionally, or compassionately to name a few.

We will focus on the compassion side of things as we have all felt heart strings being plucked as of late.

How could we have a column about death and life in the 2020s without using the noun, adjective, nightmare, non-stop meme, joke, serious pandemic known as COVID-19?

Since March 2020 we have lived in fear, made fun of, respected or disrespected the virus that has dug itself into every corner of our lives.

Let's face it, there is no dining room table in the world that hasn't had COVID-19 screamed or mumbled over its surface. There isn't a stand-up comedian on your Netflix watch list that hasn't used the pandemic's name through a microphone. Add in the unfortunate normal life-taking accidents,

circumstances, and situations, with economic and political struggles we've endured, and man, we're all exhausted, irritated, angry, depressed, and ready for five too many drinks at the end of a Tuesday.

(There was the oppressing climax, here is the happy solution and ending with sarcasm, humor, and love.)

The one constant — the most positive, important constant — is our family and loved ones.

They've always been here. And you've been there for them (hopefully).

From the beginning of my time, I've had my family and loved ones.

From the beginning of your time, you've had your family and loved ones.

So, why through something like a pandemic, tragedy or an extremely unfortunate situation is it the only time we are thanking our family members for loving us?

We should not need a passing or a funeral to cherish and appreciate the people we love.

Tell them right now, as you are reading this, that you love them. Well, you're almost done, so right after you finish reading:

Send your brother or sister a text...hey (sweet explicit) I love you. Add even if I hate you right now, if you must.

Call your mother and grandmother and fill them in with what's been going on in your life and tell them how much you miss them or that you'll be over for Sunday dinner whether they will be home or not.

If they previously didn't plan to be, I bet they will be next Sunday.

Tweet, Snap Chat, Instagram or Facebook your best friend about how you'll dominate him or her during the fantasy football season.

Just show love.

Always.

We shouldn't need a dramatic, sad reason to appreciate, thank and love the people who have been there for or with us whether it be from Day 1, Day 365, Day 899, Day 3,000, or day right now, because we never know when any of the above listed causes of grievance is going to happen to yourself or to one of them.

They deserve a, 'Hey, I love you' on every day ending with a Y and during all moods and emojis.

With that being said, and in the way, I say things...

Yo, I love you.

# LOCAL AND AREA

## Auditions set for IVCC fall theatre production

OGLESBY – Auditions for “Mame!,” Illinois Valley Community College’s fall theatre production are at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28 and Monday, Aug. 29.

The theatre department’s first major musical since 2019’s record-breaking season of “Mamma Mia!” and “Elf-The Musical,” Mame! will be staged Nov. 10-20.

Those auditioning should prepare a song (up-tempo preferred), as well as a short cutting of a ballad, said director and choreographer Don Grant Zellmer. Choreography will be taught, and actors will read selected scenes from the script to audition.

Resumes of performing experience are appreciated but not expected. For questions, contact Zellmer at dongrantzellmer1@yahoo.com.

With music and lyrics by Jerry Herman (creator of “Hello, Dolly,” “La Cage Aux Folles,” “The Grand Tour,” among many others), Mame! is one of Herman’s biggest hits, and starred

Angela Lansbury when it opened on Broadway.

“We’re looking for a large cast of all ages,” said Zellmer. “Mame is a colorful character who is friends with an eclectic mix of all walks of life and lives her best life every single day.”

Community members, students, faculty and area performers are encouraged to audition as the musical features many mature performers in addition to younger actors and a large singing and dancing ensemble.

Zellmer is also searching for “Young Patrick,” a 10-year-old boy who sings and has many scenes.

The three principal women are Mame, her aging Broadway star best friend Vera Charles, and the mousy Agnes Gooch, who Mame and Vera transform. Men include Mame’s love interest, Beauregard, her college age nephew, Patrick, her banker, butler, all of which are singing parts. A handful of non-singing roles are also available.



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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Vote by mail for November election is now underway

By **ANDREW HENSEL**  
*The Center Square*

SPRINGFIELD – Vote-by-mail applications for the Nov. 8 general election is now underway, along with the new ability to permanently request mail-in ballots.

All registered Illinois voters are eligible to vote by mail due to a new state law allowing voters to tell their election authority they permanently want to receive mail-in ballots.

Illinoisans looking to vote by mail can apply online.

Voters can use the Illinois State Board of Elections website and then choose their local election jurisdiction from the menu under “select a jurisdiction.” If the local election authority has an online process, follow the directions there.

Bryce Hill, an economic researcher with the Illinois Policy Institute, said a higher number of voters turn out when there is a mail-in option.

“We actually see an increase of about two percent in voter turnout,” Hill said. “For Illinois, that would mean an extra 215,000 votes on an annual basis.”

Hill said the more voters, the better for Illinois.

“It allows more votes for down-ballot measures that determine things like property taxes, and a whole variety of things where increased voter participation is a good thing and voter awareness and education is a good thing.”

Voters can also request a vote-by-mail application from their local election authority, print it out from the local election authority’s website, then return the application by mail. Applications sent by mail must be received by Nov. 3.

Voters who opt-in to mail in voting can still go to a ballot box if they choose not to vote by mail. The general election will be held on Nov. 8.



## Rochelle WWII Museum will be open on Aug. 20th

ROCHELLE – The Roberts Armory World War II Museum will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20, as part of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival in Rochelle.

The museum displays artifacts from WWII, specializing in the history of the 70th Tank Battalion, 10th Mountain Division of WWII as well as local veterans from WWII. The museum is only open three times a year. There is no admission charge.

To find the museum, go to the intersection of Route 251 and Intermodal drive in Rochelle. (An Army truck is at this intersection.) Just follow the signs, about 3 miles to the museum. More information is available at <http://www.robertsarmory.com>.

## Reddick Mansion to host “Architectural & Historical Scavenger Hunt of Ottawa”

OTTAWA – Join the Reddick Mansion Association for its popular “Architectural and Historical Scavenger Hunt of Ottawa” on Sunday, Aug. 21, starting at 3 p.m. at the Mansion.

Hosted once again by RMA board member, Steve Novario, the scavenger hunt will begin at the Mansion where participants will receive a packet of photos and clues of architectural and historical highlights throughout Ottawa. People will have approximately one and a half hours to walk or drive around to identify as many photos as possible. A

map, water, and snacks will be provided, as well.

According to Novario, “Two of the categories this year include ‘You Can Leave Your Hat On’ and ‘Stairway to Heaven.’ Some of the photos will be easily recognized, but others will require participants to look at local landmarks from new and different perspectives.”

At 4:45 p.m., the teams will check back in at the Mansion where the winners will be determined and prizes awarded. It is recommended that participants park along Columbus Street

next to the Mansion.

The cost is \$10 per person. Individuals or teams are welcome to participate. Please contact the Reddick Mansion at 815-433-6100 or visit our website, [www.reddickmansion.org](http://www.reddickmansion.org), for more information and to reserve your space.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

**WARRANT ARREST**  
 Ethan A. Brown, 26, of 728 ½ Main St., Mendota, was arrested at 6:50 p.m. Aug. 9 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/domestic battery. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**AGGRAVATED BATTERY TO PEACE OFFICER**  
 Myron T. Lesley, 23, of 404 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was charged with aggravated battery to a peace officer at 2:38 a.m. Aug. 13 after an offense in the 800 block of Main Street. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

**DOMESTIC BATTERY**  
 Jennifer L. Lesley, 49, of 404 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery at 2:38 a.m. Aug. 13 after an offense in the 800 block of Main Street. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

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**CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY**  
 Alejandro Madrigal Puga, 23, of DePue, was charged with criminal damage to state supported property after the subject jumped onto a Mendota Police Department squad car in the 700 block of Washington Street at 3:32 a.m. Aug. 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**DOMESTIC BATTERY, RESISTING OFFICER**  
 Anil D. Bhate, 42, of 1718 Hillcrest Drive, Mendota, was charged with domestic battery and resisting a peace officer after an incident in the 1700 block of Hillcrest Drive at 7:10 p.m. Aug. 14. Further charges are pending in the incident. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

## Lee Co. stepping up traffic safety efforts Aug. 19-Sept. 6

DIXON – As families and friends plan their end-of-summer celebrations for Labor Day weekend, Lee County Sheriff's Office is partnering with the Illinois State Police and law enforcement across the state to stop impaired driving and help save lives.

"We'll be out in force to keep impaired drivers off the roads with the goal of ensuring our community's residents and visitors make it home safely once the parties end," said Sgt. Derek Ranken. "If you'll be celebrating, we urge you to plan ahead for a sober ride."

The high-visibility "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign runs from Aug. 19 through the early-morning hours of Sept. 6. During this period, law enforcement will be stepping up efforts focused on impaired, unbuckled and distracted drivers.

Before the party starts, remember to designate a

sober driver and don't let friends or family members drive impaired. Other important tips include:

- If you're hosting, make sure all your guests designate a sober driver in advance, or arrange ride-sharing or another sober ride home. Also, serve lots of food and include non-alcoholic beverages at

the party.

- If you do not have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home, call a cab, or stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

- Don't let friends leave your sight if you think they are about to drive impaired.

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# SPORTS



## Lions donation to MHS Soccer Fund

The Mendota Lions Club donated \$5,000 to the Mendota High School Soccer Fund. The money will be used to purchase new uniforms for the boys' team in time for the upcoming season. Left to right, are David Costello, Lions Club; Nick Myers, MHS soccer coach; Zach Ross, Lions Club; Chris Ossman, Lions Club president; Evan Wixom, Lions Club secretary; and Zach Hunt, Lions Club. (Reporter photo)

## Area 5K Run/Walk schedule

### Color Run/Walk 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.

### Sylvan Shuffle 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.

## Mendota High School Fall Sports Schedules

### Golf

Aug. 15 – at Princeton – 4 p.m.  
 Aug. 16 – at Sandwich – 4 p.m.  
 Aug. 18 – at LaSalle-Peru – 1 p.m.  
 Aug. 23 – Rockridge – 4 p.m.  
 Aug. 25 – at Rochelle – 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 29 – at Erie – 4 p.m.  
 Aug. 31 – at Rock Falls – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 1 – at Orion – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 6 – Princeton, Hall – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 8 – at Morrison (Deer Valley) – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 13 – at Monmouth-Roseville – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 14 – at Bureau Valley (Hidden Lake) – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 15 – LaSalle-Peru – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 17 – at Princeton – 8 a.m.  
 Sept. 19 – at St. Bede – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 – TRAC Conference Meet at Highland Springs, Rock Island – 10 a.m.  
 Sept. 22 – Ottawa – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 – Mendota Modified Ryder Cup – 8:30 a.m.  
 Sept. 28 – Regional

### 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.)

### Sophomore Football

Aug. 29 – Erie – 5 p.m.  
 Sept. 5 – OPEN  
 Sept. 12 – Bureau Valley – 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 19 – at Princeton – 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 26 – Hall – 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 – Sherrard – 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 10 – at Kewanee – 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 17 – Sterling Newman – 5:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 24 – at St. Bede – 5:30 p.m.

### Volleyball

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.  
 Oct. 24-28 – Regional

### Boys' Soccer

Aug. 22 – at Sandwich – 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 24 – at Somonauk – 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 26 – at Oregon Tourney – 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 27 – at Oregon Tourney – 10 a.m.  
 Aug. 29 – at DePue – 4:30 p.m.  
 Aug. 30 – Riverdale – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 3 – Orion – 11 a.m.  
 Sept. 7 – Kewanee – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 12 – at Yorkville – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 14 – Bloomington Central Catholic – 6 p.m.  
 Sept. 19 – Streator – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 – Princeton – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 – LaSalle-Peru – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 – at Monmouth-Roseville – 10:30 a.m.  
 Sept. 27 – at Dixon – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 – Great River Classic @ Burlington, Iowa  
 Oct. 5 – at Stillman Valley – 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 6 – Rochelle – 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 8-16 – Regional

### Girls' Tennis

Aug. 23 – at Pontiac – 4 p.m.  
 Aug. 25 – at LaSalle-Peru – 4 p.m.  
 Aug. 27 – at Newman – 9 a.m.  
 Aug. 30 – at Kewanee – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 1 – Sterling – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 3 – at Coal City Tourney – 8 a.m.  
 Sept. 6 – Newman – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 8 – Princeton – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 12 – at Coal City – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 13 – at Dixon – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 20 – Mendota Triangular – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 22 – Ottawa – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 – at LaSalle-Peru Invite – 8:30 a.m.  
 Sept. 26 – at Rochelle – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 29 – at Morris – 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 3 – Geneseo – 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 4 – Streator – 4:30 p.m.  
 Oct. 8 – Mendota Varsity Tourney – 8 a.m.  
 Oct. 14-15 – Sectional

### Cross Country

Aug. 25 – at Genoa-Kingston – 5:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 3 – at Oregon – 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 6 – at Winnebago – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 10 – at Princeton Invite – 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 13 – at LaSalle-Peru – 4:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 17 – at Bureau Valley Invite – 9 a.m.  
 Sept. 20 – Amboy, Hall, Princeton, Putnam County, St. Bede – 4 p.m.  
 Sept. 24 – at Kewanee Invite – 9:30 a.m.  
 Sept. 27 – TRAC Meet at Erie – 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 1 – at Streator – 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 5 – Dixon, Hall, Marquette, Oregon, Streator – 4 p.m.  
 Oct. 10 – at Amboy Columbus Day Invite – 9 a.m.  
 Oct. 22 – Regional

## Season tickets on sale for Mendota fall sports

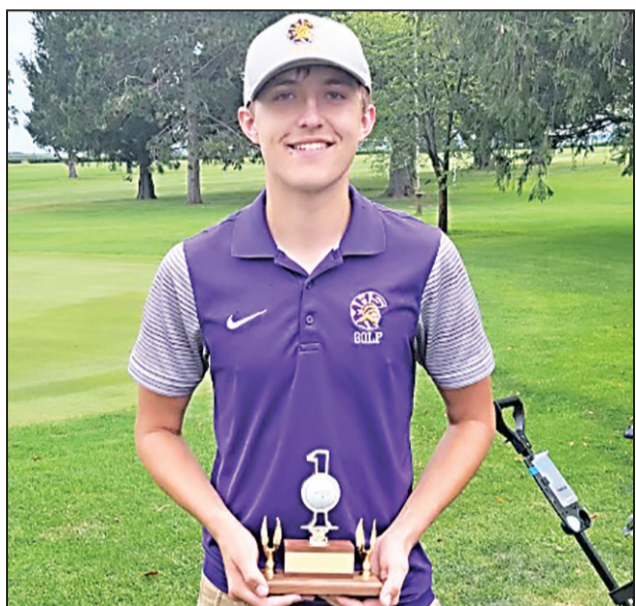
MENDOTA – The Mendota Trojans and Spikers will soon open another exciting football and volleyball season.

Season tickets will be available at a savings to you. Adult season ticket price for football is \$16 and volleyball is \$32. This is a dollar less than buying tickets at the gate. Tournaments are not included. Children below high school age and senior citizens (65+) are \$8 for football and \$16 for volleyball (\$2 per game). Adult tickets will cost \$5 per game at the gate. Children and senior citizens will cost \$3 per game at the gate.

Also available is an All-Season Athletic Ticket, which is good for admission to all regular non-tournament home scheduled athletic events for the entire 2022-23 school year. The ticket price is \$55 for adults, and \$35 for children and senior citizens.

Per IHSA by-laws, season and all-season athletic tickets do not include admission to any IHSA regional or sectional games that are hosted by MHS.

Season tickets are on sale in the high school business office. Office hours run from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mail orders for previous ticket holders will be accepted.



Jack Mikolasek scored a hole-in-one on Aug. 15 at Princeton.

## Princeton tops MHS golfers

PRINCETON – The Mendota High School golf team opened the season with a triangular at Wynton Hills in Princeton on Aug. 15. The host Tigers had the low score in the varsity contest with a 169. The Trojans checked in next with a 183 and Putnam County tallied a 205.

Clay Buffington paced the Trojans with a 43, followed by Drake Dennis with a 45 and Braden McPheeters with a 46. Rounding out the lineup were Brody Hartt (49), Owen Aughenbaugh (50) and Dane Doyle (53).

Jaden Eggers of Princeton

claimed medalist honors with a 40.

In the junior varsity competition, Princeton edged out Mendota, 197-199. Putnam County finished with a 265.

Cale Strauss led the way for the Trojans with a 44. His score was good enough for medalist honors. Dominik Stamberger checked in next with a 48, followed by Evan McPheeters (51), Jack Mikolasek (56), Grady Jones (57) and Alex Holland (63).

The highlight of the meet came from Mikolasek, who recorded a hole-in-one on the No. 7 hole.

## Weigel Broadcasting Co., IHSA & NFHS Network announce TV partnership

BLOOMINGTON – Weigel Broadcasting, the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and its digital broadcast partner the NFHS Network have joined together on a new multi-year partnership for IHSA State Final Football and Basketball broadcasts.

Weigel Broadcasting Co. is a Chicago-based media company. Broadcasts will air on Weigel's Chicago flagship station WCIU CW26 along with WMEU The U in Chicago and on the company's St. Louis station, KNLC Decades 24.5, along with other affiliates statewide in Illinois. Weigel is a long-time supporter and broadcaster of high school sports.

"We welcome the opportunity to highlight the best of high school football and basketball in Illinois on statewide broadcast television," said Steven Farber, Weigel Broadcasting Senior Vice President of Operations.

"We are beyond excited to partner with Weigel Broadcasting to continue the tradition of televising the IHSA Football, Girls' Basketball, and Boys' Basketball State Finals," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "Weigel has deep roots in covering IHSA sports and clearly values the community aspects surrounding high school sports that make them so special. I am confident that Weigel's vision will serve our viewers well and we are eager to kick off the partnership with the IHSA Football Playoff Pairing Show in October."

"The NFHS Network and the IHSA have had a wonderful partnership over the

last many years, and we're really excited to be adding Weigel Broadcasting to that mix. The NFHS Network's OTT platform for digital viewing combined with the Weigel Broadcasting powered IHSA TV Network, will blanket the state of Illinois in Football and Basketball Championship coverage," added Michael White, EVP, Content and Production for the NFHS Network.

The network debuts Saturday, Oct. 22 with the Football Playoff Pairing Show live at 7 p.m. listing matchups of all statewide playoff games. Coverage continues Friday, Nov. 25 with the Class 1A-4A Football Championship games, followed by the Class 5A-8A Football Championship games on Saturday, Nov. 26, all live from Memorial Stadium at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Live coverage of the Girls' and Boys' Basketball Championships will air later in the school year.

IHSA Network affiliates in addition to the Weigel stations in Chicago and St. Louis include Gray stations WEEK NBC 25.1 and WEEK CW 25.3 Peoria-Bloomington, The Stateline CW WIFR 23.5 in Rockford, and WGEM Quincy CW 10.2 FOX 10.3, along with Nexstar stations WCIX 49 Springfield-Champaign-Decatur and The Quad Cities CW, channel 26.1. Paxton Media WPSD NBC 6.1/Local Classic 6.2 (Paducah, Ky.) is the network affiliate serving southern Illinois including Harrisburg/Carbondale.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Is "Indiana Jones 5" Harrison Ford's last film? Five-time-



Ford

Oscar-winning composer John Williams let it drop, as he announced that he'd be retiring after this film, that he believed Ford would be retiring as well. After five Indiana Jones films and a career spanning over 57 films, Ford's earned the right to do nothing. For the first four "Indiana Jones" films written by George Lucas, Steven Spielberg served as director, but "Indiana Jones 5" will not be directed by Spielberg or written by Lucas. Spielberg once said he'd never make an "Indiana Jones" film without George Lucas. Spielberg's kept his word -- in February 2020, Spielberg passed the baton to director James Mangold, who helmed "Walk the Line," "The Wolverine" and "Ford v Ferrari" (among others). The story's been written by

Mangold, along with Jez and John-Henry Butterworth, who were also writers for "Ford v Ferrari." Originally set in 2016 for a 2019 release, it'll now open July 2023, with Ford, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Mads Mikkelsen, Toby Jones and Antonio Banderas. Filming began in June 2021 and wrapped this past February. \*\*\*

Fans of "That '70s Show" will get to revisit the series when it morphs into "That '90s Show." It's now set in 1995 and focuses on the offspring of Eric Forman and Donna Pinciotti. Ashton Kutcher, Mila Kunis, Topher Grace, Laura Prepon and Wilmer Valderama (now a regular on "NCIS") will be returning as guest stars. Kutcher, currently on-screen in "Vengeance" with B.J. Novak and Issa Rae, stars in James Franco's upcoming film "The Long Home," with Josh Hutcherson, Courtney Love, Timothy Hutton and Josh Hartnett. "The Long Home" was completed in 2017 and remains in limbo, awaiting a distributor. We'll see his Netflix rom-com

"Your Place or Mine," with Reese Witherspoon, Tig Notaro and Steve Zahn, long before that. Kutcher's wife, Mila Kunis, stars with Finn Wittrock, Connie Britton and Jennifer Beals in Netflix's "Luckiest Girl Alive," dropping later this year. \*\*\*

In the late '70s, I was a columnist for the legendary "Photoplay" magazine, which presented their awards on Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show" to such stars as John Wayne and Ann-Margret. I needed a date for the posh after-party and asked Sally Struthers. She'd just begun playing Gloria in "All in the Family," and she accepted. Sally's taking on Cloris Leachman's classic Frau Blucher role in London's version of Mel Brooks' hit Broadway musical "Young Frankenstein" at La Mirada Theatre in Southern California come September. Can little Gloria make horses rear up like Cloris Leachman did, or will that take special coaching?

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## Couch Theater

"Look Both Ways" (TV-14) -- The night of college graduation can leave fresh graduates feeling nervous about their future. It can be even more nerve-wracking for a young woman like Natalie (Lili Reinhart), who -- in the midst of celebrating -- takes a pregnancy test after getting an inkling that she might have a baby on the way. If the test is positive, Natalie would stay in her hometown and raise her child, but if negative, she would pursue acting in Los Angeles like she's always dreamed. In life, only one scenario can truly await her, but with a bit of creative storytelling and movie magic, viewers get to see both realities unfold for her simultaneously throughout the film. Premieres Aug. 17. (Netflix)

"On the Count of Three" (R) -- In his directorial debut, stand-up comedian Jerrod Carmichael aimed quite high with this gritty comedy film, starring himself and Christopher Abbott as two friends, Val and Kevin, who make a suicide pact. Val and Kevin agree that it'll be the easiest

answer to their difficult life problems and wish to spend their last day together to do whatever they want. However, the two assume they can do this without any consequences and end up wreaking havoc in the last 24 hours leading up to their final moments. Full of dark humor and raw human emotion, "On the Count of Three" is one of those movies that will make you laugh and make you cry, probably at the same time. Releases on Aug. 17. (Hulu)

"The Princess" (NR) -- Decades after her passing, Diana, Princess of Wales, still serves as an icon in media all around the world, with series like "The Crown" and films like "Spencer" giving their own interpretations of the well-beloved, tragedy-stricken princess. Now, in this newly released documentary, an emphasis is placed on how the media swarmed around Diana, thus spawning a (still-prevalent) unhealthy obsession with the royal family. This documentary uses many years of public footage of Diana leading up to her funeral

and, like many of the pieces focusing on her story, goes to show how the institution meant to protect her instead miserably failed her. (HBO Max)

"She-Hulk: Attorney at Law" (TV-14) -- Another Marvel series premieres on Disney+ on Aug. 17! Jennifer Walters (Tatiana Maslany) was content with her life and work as a lawyer, until she got contaminated with her cousin Bruce Banner's blood. Now having the ability to transform into She-Hulk, Jennifer has to learn the way of the Hulk. Bruce quickly teaches Jennifer how to master control over her new powers, and with such a strong calling to her work, she just wants to suppress the person inside her and go back to her normal life. But with a 6-foot-tall green version of herself tucked away, she's forced to admit that she's no longer just an attorney -- she's a superhero. She's She-Hulk, and it's time for her to step up to the plate. (Disney+)

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## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Whatever happened to the movie adaptation of the nonfiction book "The Devil in the White City"? I remember hearing years ago that Tom Cruise was going to star in it, but as far as I know, the movie never did come out. -- **K.L.**



Reeves

A: There's been a recent development in the saga of adapting Erik Larson's best-selling book "The Devil in the White City" to film, but first, let's review how we got there. Tom Cruise initially secured the rights to the book, which is set during the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. Time runs out, and Cruise's deal expires. According to "Chicago" magazine, Leonardo DiCaprio acquired the film rights in 2010, with Martin Scorsese set to direct. In 2019, the project was reimaged as a series, DiCaprio and Scorsese still attached, with an eventual home on Hulu.

Recently, a casting announcement was made. Keanu Reeves ("The Matrix Resurrections") will play architect Daniel Burnham, but no other cast members

have been announced, most notably who will play serial killer H.H. Holmes.

Hulu plans for the eight-episode limited series to air sometime in 2024. \*\*\*

Q: I was so shocked and sorry to hear that Anne Heche was involved in a terrible car accident recently. I've loved her ever since she played twins on a soap opera decades ago. What were their names again? -- **L.O.**

A: Actress Anne Heche first became a household name among soap fans when she played twins Vicky and Marley on "Another World" from 1987 to 1991. She won a Daytime Emmy Award, and then went on to have a successful movie career, namely "Six Days, Seven Nights" opposite Harrison Ford, "Donnie Brasco" with Johnny Depp, and even a remake of "Psycho," where she played the Marion Crane (Janet Leigh) role.

Heche also had a successful primetime television career with regular roles in "Everwood," "Nip/Tuck" and "Men in Trees." She's also in the upcoming, highly anticipated HBO series "The Idol," starring The Weeknd and Lily-Rose Depp.

Heche has been honest about her demons. Her mem-

oir "Call Me Crazy" talks frankly about the abuse she suffered from her father, as well as her continued struggles with mental health. Her recent car accident, in which she had to be rescued from her burning vehicle after she crashed it into a house, has left her future uncertain.

As of this writing, she remains in critical condition. Thankfully, no one inside of the home her vehicle slammed into was harmed. \*\*\*

Q: When are the Primetime Emmy Awards this year? What show has the most nominations? I hope there's a variety of winners. -- **I.P.**

A: The 74th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards will air live on Monday, Sept. 12, from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. It will be broadcasted on NBC beginning at 8 p.m. ET, while also streaming live on Peacock. "Succession," "Ted Lasso" and "The White Lotus" earned the most nominations. "Squid Game" has 14 nominations, the most ever for a foreign-language show. For a full list, visit the official site at [www.emmys.com](http://www.emmys.com).

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFW5, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

## • Trivia Test •

1. LITERATURE: What inanimate item does the crocodile swallow in the children's classic "Peter Pan"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which modern countries make up the ancient land known as Thracia?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the symbol used in the zodiac sign Libra?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is in the scientific order chiroptera?
5. MEDICINE: What is the Latin notation for taking a medication twice a day?
6. MOVIES: What is the name of Will Smith's character in "Independence Day"?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which flavor is predominant in the liqueur limoncello?
8. MEASUREMENTS: What is 10 milligrams equal to in centigrams?
9. TELEVISION: In which decade is "The Goldbergs" sitcom set?
10. MATH: What is the equivalent of the Roman numeral MCMLX?

Answers

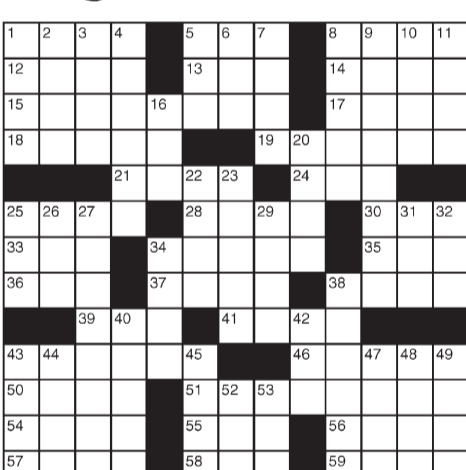
1. A clock.
  2. Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey.
  3. The scales.
  4. Bats.
  5. b.i.d. (bis in die).
  6. Capt. Steven Hiller.
  7. Lemon.
  8. 1 centigram.
  9. 1980s.
  10. 1,960.
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Felines
- 5 Discoverer's call
- 8 Brewer's kiln
- 12 Owl call
- 13 Massage
- 14 Leg joint
- 15 Not-so-noble protagonist
- 17 Rat --
- 18 Green sauce
- 19 Realm
- 21 Penny
- 24 Help
- 25 Persian leader
- 28 Knitter's need
- 30 Assoc.
- 33 Bit of wit
- 34 Rehab process

- 35 -- chi
- 36 Even so
- 37 Slanted type (Abbr.)
- 38 Darned
- 39 Hollywood's Lupino
- 41 Take five
- 43 Burning
- 46 Leslie of "Gigi"
- 50 Songs for one
- 51 Daughter of Oedipus
- 54 Mon. follower
- 55 Half of XIV
- 56 Send forth



### DOWN

- 1 Bloke
- 2 First-rate
- 3 Youngsters
- 4 Do needle-work
- 5 Raw mineral
- 6 "Ben- --"
- 7 Slender woodwind
- 8 Giraffe's kin
- 9 Poison remedy
- 10 Char
- 11 Head, to Henri
- 16 Weeding tool
- 20 Tailless cat
- 22 Russian refusal
- 23 Early
- 25 Covert agent
- 26 Coloration
- 27 Cuba,
- 29 Actor's quest
- 31 Cold and damp
- 32 Tonic's mixer
- 34 Actress
- 38 Put on, as a play
- 40 Dagwood's dog
- 42 High school subj.
- 43 Wine region
- 44 Boxing match
- 45 Roof overhang
- 47 Former Dallas QB Tony
- 48 Taking action
- 49 Tennis barriers
- 52 Wee bite
- 53 Spanish aunt

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answer

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## Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

\* Only 2% of the world's population have green eyes, but they weren't born with them. The hue takes from six months to three years to show up in children.

\* Donnie Dunagan, who as a child actor supplied the voice of Disney's Bambi, went on to become a highly decorated major in the U.S. Marines -- and kept his movie role a secret for his entire 25-year military career.

\* An Australian ground bird known as the lyrebird can mimic just about anything, from a crying baby to machinery.

\* About 6,000 years ago, the barren Sahara Desert was actually a lush green forest.

\* "Loganamnesia" is a word to describe an obsession with recalling a specific word that has been forgotten.

\* Legend has it that Tate's Hell State Park, a 202,000-acre forest/swamp in Florida, got its curious name from a man who was lost in its wilderness and after finally emerging told a passerby, "My name is Cebe Tate, and I just came from hell" before collapsing.

\* In 2016, the NFL returned more than \$700,000 of taxpayer money it had been paid by the U.S. Defense Department to honor the military at games.

\* A Colombian man died after a parasitic worm that had invaded his gut developed cancer, which in turn spread through the man's body. \*\*\*

Thought for the Day: "No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars or sailed an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit." -- Helen Keller

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## How you can have a perfect heart

Your heart is the most important part of you. It's not only a physical organ that keeps your blood pumping, but when the Bible refers to the heart, it's talking about who you really are. Each person has an inner and an outer life. There's the person we show to everybody around us and the part of us that only God can see, the part He really cares about.

The Bible tells us to have a perfect heart. Matthew 5:48 (NIV) says, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." If you're a perfectionist, this is a scary verse, because it's a struggle to always try to be perfect. But this is not what it means to be perfect, according to Scripture.

The Amplified Bible translation of Matthew 5:48 says, "...Be perfect [growing into spiritual maturity both in mind and character, actively

integrating godly values into your daily life], as your heavenly Father is perfect." A person with a perfect heart is someone who loves God and always wants to grow.

**What God Is Really Looking For**  
Second Chronicles 16:9 (NIV) says, "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him." This verse doesn't say that God can only work through those who are perfect but through those who are "fully committed to him."

Just as we don't have to make ourselves perfect before we come to Christ (which we couldn't do anyway), we don't need to behave perfectly in every area of our life before God will work in us and through us. When I first started teaching a home Bible study years

ago, I wore short shorts and smoked while I taught the Word, sitting on my living room floor.

I had a lot of growing to do, but I really loved God and wanted to please Him. He met me right where I was and worked with me to get me where I needed to be. I'll always have room to grow in my walk with Christ while I'm on this earth, and I'm so thankful that God keeps working in me and through me on every level of my journey, every day of my life.

**How Committed Are You?**

A person with a perfect heart is someone who loves God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, and who is fully committed to Him. The question is: What areas of your life have you been holding back from God? Have you been giving Him your time, praying and study-

ing the Word? Do you give of yourself to others, helping to meet their needs as you're able? Are you managing your finances the way God wants you to, living within your means, saving, spending and giving as He puts it on your heart to do so?

It's important to remember that whatever God asks us to do, it's always for our good. Initially, it may feel sacrificial, giving up things we like or want. But as we obey God, we find later on that there was so much more we didn't even know about, and what God wanted was much better for us in the long run.

More than anything else, the Bible says God wants us to love Him (Luke 10:27), and loves sacrifices and obeys. The more we love Jesus, the easier it is to obey and trust Him, because when you really love someone, you want to please them and make them happy. What makes God happy is helping you do anything that will give you a better life.

**Give Your Heart a Self-examination**

It's possible to appear to be doing one thing while your



heart is somewhere else. You can smile and act like you're good on the outside, while on the inside, it's a different story. I remember times when I was in church, singing "I Surrender All" with my hands in the air, and thinking, "If Dave thinks I'm cooking something for him today, he's got another thing coming."

We all need to have a meeting with ourselves once in a while to examine what's really in our hearts. In Mark 7:15, Jesus says, "Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them." This verse makes it clear that it's what comes out of a person's heart that really matters.

My goal with this message is to help you make a committed decision to love God with all of your heart, and to fall in love with Him more and more every day.

As you do, you'll discover how it's the key to having a heart that's more like His... a perfect heart.

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By William Arthur Ward

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And help men live as children  
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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  
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11 a.m. Window dedication & reception  
Spencer Lawrence, preacher

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Wednesday Evening Gathering:

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10:30 a.m. Worship at First

Aug. 19 - 9:30 a.m. Bible study

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

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Eutychus in the Old or New Testament or neither?  
2. Who sent word to Pontius Pilate to leave Jesus alone after having a dream about Him? Servant, Soldier, Pilate's wife, Priest  
3. From Zechariah 1, what type of tree surrounded a man on a red horse? Fig, Cedar, Sycamore, Myrtle  
4. According to Romans 11, whose loss meant riches for the Gentiles? Caesar, Lucifer, Israel, Syria  
5. In Genesis 25, what was the name of Isaac's older half-brother? Noah, Ishmael, Ezekiel, Micah  
6. Who had a miraculous well open up to him after battle? Samson, David, Aaron, Uriah  
ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Pilate's wife, 3) Myrtle, 4) Israel, 5) Ishmael, 6) Samson

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# MARKETPLACE

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

By virtue of 770 ILCS 103/10-15 et. seq and in execution of certain mortgages on the timeshare estates given by the owners of the timeshare estates set forth below for breach of the conditions of said mortgages and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on August 23, 2022, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgages.

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

BRYAN BARRON, 560 Evangeline Dr, Vidor, TX 77662, according to the Mortgage dated August 11, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 18833, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 23, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0412, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 7  
BRYAN BARRON, C/O CLAPP BUSINESS LAW 9040 TOWN CENTER PKWY, LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34202, according to the Mortgage dated August 11, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 18833, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 23, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0412, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 7  
NORMAN BASCOMB, 613 Ingraham Ave, Calumet City, IL 60409, according to the Mortgage dated September 20, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 25206, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 07, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0281, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 4  
NORMAN BASCOMB, C/O CLEGG & FAULKNER PC 15 LAWNDALE ST, HAMMOND, IN 46324, according to the Mortgage dated September 20, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2009 25206, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 07, 2009, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0281, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 4  
SHERRY BLAIR AND JOHN A MUCHA, 1249 LAKEVIEW

AVE, WHITING, IN 46394, according to the Mortgage dated September 22, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 21999, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 12, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01230, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 2  
SHERRY BLAIR AND JOHN A MUCHA, 6537 CALIFORNIA AVE, HAMMOND, IN 46323, according to the Mortgage dated September 22, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 21999, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 12, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01230, Use Period Number(s) 11, Phase 2  
REBECCA BOWDEN, 6670 Gladys Ave, Beaumont, TX 77706, according to the Mortgage dated October 06, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 20829, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 28, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0423, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 7  
REBECCA BOWDEN, C/O BARTLETT & BECK 1103 N 1ST ST, CONROE, TX 77301, according to the Mortgage dated October 06, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 20829, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 28, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0423, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 7  
RICHARD DARDEN AND LASHAWNDR FOUNTAIN, 1501 E 71ST PL APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60619, according to the Mortgage dated July 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 15806, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 19, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 7  
RICHARD DARDEN AND LASHAWNDR FOUNTAIN, 151 S ALBANY AVE UNIT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60612, according to the Mortgage dated July 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 15806, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 19, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 7  
MATTHEW DEVERNA AND SARAH DEVERNA, 9007 Safe Haven Pl, Spring Hill, TN 37174, according to the Mortgage dated December 14, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28650, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 31, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0147E, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 2  
M A T T H E W DEVERNA AND SARAH DEVERNA, C/O ROBERT S GITMEID & ASSOC 11 BROADWAY STE 1677, NEW YORK, NY 10004, according to the Mortgage dated December 14, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28650, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for

LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 31, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0147E, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 2  
MAUREEN ELLIOTT, 1157 Thatcher Trl, West Dundee, IL 60118, according to the Mortgage dated March 06, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 05268, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 24, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0407, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 6  
MAUREEN ELLIOTT, C/O ABRAMS LAW FIRM 1401 MARVIN RD NE STE 307, LACEY, WA 98516, according to the Mortgage dated March 06, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 05268, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 24, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0407, Use Period Number(s) 05, Phase 6  
WINIFRED FRENCH, 627 E 84th St, Chicago, IL 60619, according to the Mortgage dated April 09, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07714, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 24, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0392, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 6

WINIFRED FRENCH, C/O TAYLOR MOORE LAW LLC 431 S JEFFERSON AVE STE 116B, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65806, according to the Mortgage dated April 09, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07714, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 24, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0392, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 6  
WINIFRED FRENCH, 627 E 84th St, Chicago, IL 60619, according to the Mortgage dated April 09, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07714, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 24, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0399, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 6  
WINIFRED FRENCH, C/O TAYLOR MOORE LAW LLC 431 S JEFFERSON AVE STE 116B, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65806, according to the Mortgage dated April 09, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 07714, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 24, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0399, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 6  
VINCENT GRECO, 44 Oak St Apt 1, Harrison, NY 10528, according to the Mortgage dated March 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09076, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 14, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0390, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 6  
VINCENT GRECO, C/O FINN LAW GROUP 8380 BAY PINES BLVD, ST PETERSBURG, FL 33709, according to the Mortgage dated March 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 09076, in the Office of

the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 14, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0390, Use Period Number(s) 02, Phase 6  
S H A R L I N E HAUGHTON, 1808 Hartrey Ave, Evanston, IL 60201, according to the Mortgage dated December 04, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28135, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 24, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 16, Phase 7  
S H A R L I N E HAUGHTON, C/O SHIMANOVSKY MOSCARDINI LLP 130 S JEFFERSON ST STE 350, CHICAGO, IL 60661, according to the Mortgage dated December 04, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28135, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 24, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 7  
S H A R L I N E HAUGHTON, C/O SHIMANOVSKY MOSCARDINI LLP 130 S JEFFERSON ST STE 350, CHICAGO, IL 60661, according to the Mortgage dated December 04, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 28135, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 24, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0416, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 7  
SUMMER HEINE AND JEFFERY HEINE, 1611 LARSON ST, SYCAMORE, IL 60178, according to the Mortgage dated May 06, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 11048, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 24, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0116E, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 2  
MARIA HERNANDEZ, 500 W Huntington Commons Rd Apt 158, Mount Prospect, IL 60056, according to the Mortgage dated June 29, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 15599, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 17, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0116E, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 2  
MARIA HERNANDEZ, C/O ROBERT S GITMEID & ASSOC 11 BROADWAY STE 1677, NEW YORK, NY 10004, according to the Mortgage dated June 29, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 15599, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 17, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0116E, Use

Period Number(s) 07, Phase 2  
NOAH LARSON, 2002 Windy Trl, San Antonio, TX 78232, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13712, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0427, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 7  
NOAH LARSON, C/O SCRIVNER LAW FIRM 1440 STATE HIGHWAY 248 STE Q # 451, BRANSON, MO 65616, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13712, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 21, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0427, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 7  
VICTOR MAYA AND NORMA MIRANDA, 637 Glenview Ave, Highland Park, IL 60035, according to the Mortgage dated May 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 10892, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 10, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0219, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 4  
VICTOR MAYA AND NORMA MIRANDA, C/O ABRAMS LAW FIRM 1401 MARVIN RD NE STE 307, LACEY, WA 98516, according to the Mortgage dated May 23, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 10892, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 10, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0219, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 4  
EDWARD C PETERSON, 8123 S Oglesby Ave, Chicago, IL 60617, according to the Mortgage dated March 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 06768, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0424, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 7  
EDWARD C PETERSON, C/O NEALLY LAW 122 PARK CENTRAL SQ, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65806, according to the Mortgage dated March 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 06768, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0424, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 7  
JOYCE THOMPSON AND DERWIN JOHNSON, 1043 W 103rd Pl, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Mortgage dated September 20, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 19519, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0222, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 4  
JOYCE THOMPSON AND DERWIN JOHNSON, C/O ROBERT S GITMEID & ASSOC 11 BROADWAY STE 1677, NEW YORK, NY 10004, according to the Mortgage dated September 20, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 19519, in the Office of the

Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0222, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 4  
SIDNEY TURNER AND PAULETTE TURNER, 402 JEFFERY AVE, CALUMET CITY, IL 60409, according to the Mortgage dated April 27, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 08875, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 14, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 2  
CALVIN WHITELOW, 11328 S Prairie Ave, Chicago, IL 60628, according to the Mortgage dated October 19, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 24395, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0393, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 6  
CALVIN WHITELOW, C/O FREDRICK & ROGERS 1903 E BATTLEFIELD ST, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804, according to the Mortgage dated October 19, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 24395, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0393, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 6  
CALVIN WHITELOW, C/O FREDRICK & ROGERS 1903 E BATTLEFIELD ST, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804, according to the Mortgage dated April 30, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 10906, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 18, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0073, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 1  
CALVIN WHITELOW, C/O FREDRICK & ROGERS 1903 E BATTLEFIELD ST, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804, according to the Mortgage dated April 30, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 10906, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 18, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0073, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 1  
CALVIN WHITELOW, 11328 S Prairie Ave, Chicago, IL 60628, according to the Mortgage dated October 19, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 24395, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0397, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 6  
CALVIN WHITELOW, C/O FREDRICK & ROGERS 1903 E BATTLEFIELD ST, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804, according to the Mortgage dated October 19, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 24395, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 31, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0397, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 6  
NAOMI S WIERINGA-BOGYO AND ROBERT A BOGYO, 532 S

Park Rd, Lombard, IL 60148, according to the Mortgage dated May 12, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14692, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 08, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 3  
NAOMI S WIERINGA-BOGYO AND ROBERT A BOGYO, C/O FREDRICK & ROGERS 1903 E BATTLEFIELD ST, SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804, according to the Mortgage dated May 12, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 14692, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 08, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0374, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 3  
DANIEL WILK AND BRENDA WILK, 6321 GAYNELLE RD, TINLEY PARK, IL 60477, according to the Mortgage dated March 08, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 06953, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 14, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 01060, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 2  
JOHN W WILLIAMS AND VANESSA A WILLIAMS, 4021 W ARTHINGTON 1ST FL, CHICAGO, IL 60624, according to the Mortgage dated March 16, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 06808, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 16, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0424, Use Period Number(s) 22, Phase 7  
TROY WINSTON, KENYETTA FERRELL-WINSTON AND PIERSE FERRELL, 9335 S EAST END AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60617, according to the Mortgage dated June 19, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 15014, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 08, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0016, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 1

TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the mortgage(s) (and thus, credit bid).  
Other terms may be announced at the public auction.  
Silverleaf Resorts, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company  
By: Deborah A. Quirk  
Its Agent  
Legal No. 0801 (8/3, 8/10, 8/17 2022)  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SS  
COUNTY OF LASALLE  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT FOR THE  
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
LASALLE COUNTY,

ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOSEPH E. SANDERS, Deceased  
GENERAL NO. 2022 PR 00138  
PUBLICATION NOTICE  
NOTICE OF CLAIM AND ADMISSION OF WILL  
AND APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE (INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION)  
TO: Creditors and Claimants  
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of the within named. Letters of Office have been issued as set forth herein to the appropriate representative, whose attorney is as shown:  
Decedent: JOSEPH E. SANDERS  
Illinois Veterans Home at LaSalle  
LaSalle, Illinois  
Date of Death: June 28, 2022  
Type of Letters issued: Testamentary - Independent Executor  
Issued to: JAMES E. SANDERS, 4470 W Lake of the Falls Road, Mercer, Wisconsin, 54547  
Attorney For Estate: THOMAS W. GRANT, Attorney at Law, 200 Hillcrest Avenue, Yorkville, Illinois, 60560; (630)553-0088.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of LaSalle County, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 West Madison Street, Ottawa, Illinois, 61350, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of first publication of this Notice of Claim. Any claim not filed within 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 ten (10) days after it has been filed. Letters of Office were issued on August 5, 2022. On August 4, 2022, an Order was entered admitting the Will to Probate and appointing the Representative. Within forty-two (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 by testimony of witnesses to the Will in open Court or other evidence as provided in Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). Within six (6) months after the effective date of the 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 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1). The Estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). DATED: August 8, 2022.  
BY: /s/ Thomas W. Grant  
Attorney for Estate  
Thomas W. Grant  
Attorney at Law  
200 Hillcrest Avenue  
Yorkville, IL 60560  
(630) 553-0088  
Atty Reg No 01035002  
twgrantlaw@sbcglobal.net  
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, conducting 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)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
There will be a Budget and Appropriations public hearing for Graves-Hume Public Library District on Thursday, September 08, 2022 at 6:45p.m., at Graves-Hume Public Library, 1401 W. Main St., Mendota, Illinois. Notice is further given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be available for inspection from August 12, 2022 to the day of public hearing at the above address during normal working hours. Dated this 11th day of August, 2022.  
Kim Abel, Secretary  
No. 0806  
(08/17, 2022)

**ANNUAL SUPERVISORS REPORT**  
**TROY GROVE TOWNSHIP**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING 3/31/2022**

REVENUE SUMMARY (ALL FUNDS)  
Property Taxes \$105,540.40; Replacement taxes \$359,323.66; Other income \$30,996.16  
TOTAL REVENUES \$495,860.22  
Vendors over \$5,000: (ALL FUNDS)  
Grainco FS \$9,435.32; LaFarge North America \$10,465.51; Midstate Asphalt Repair \$6,763.00; TOIRMA \$10,741.00; Waste Management \$7,574.74; H&H Builders \$7,600.00; First State Bank \$17,717.19; Mike Mathieu \$27,706.00; Karen Stremlau \$9,723.00; Darlene Wujek \$6,945.00. All other expenses: \$177,095.06  
TOTAL EXPENSES \$291,765.82  
SUMMARY BY FUND

Open	Gen. Town	Road & Bridge	Gen. Assistance	Special Bridge
Income	28,139.03	287,679.41	9,346.69	122,223.74
Expenses	128,641.36	345,372.41	2,131.56	19,807.42
Ending	83,629.29	208,136.53	0	0
	73,151.10	424,915.29	11,478.25	142,031.16

Karen Stremlau, Supervisor Troy Grove Township, Date 8-9-2022  
Legal 0804 (08/17/2022)

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**113 FINANCIAL**

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**119 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS**

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

**103 AUCTIONS**

**301 ANTIQUES**

**ANTIQUES WANTED:**  
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**OUTDOOR Adult Wooden Bench Swing With Metal Frame, \$25**  
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**405 HOUSES FOR SALE**

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When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

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- Mondays at 10 a.m. to start in Wednesday Mendota Reporter
- Thursdays at 5 p.m. to start in Monday Money Saver

All classified marketplace line ads will appear in the following 7 print publications and on 5 high-traffic newspaper websites:  
• Rochelle News-Leader • Ogle County Life • Rochelle Shopping News • Ashton Gazette • Amboy News • Mendota Reporter • Mendota Money Saver

**Call for pricing that starts at \$32.99 for private party ads and \$44.60 for commercial business ads and \$15.99 for garage sale ads.**

**DISCLAIMER:**

If your advertisement appears incorrectly, notify us immediately. We will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion, and will only credit customer for one insertion.

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**601 VEHICLES FOR SALE**

**REDUCED PRICE 2020 Chevy 1500 Double Cab ZTZ 4x4**

2020 Chevy 1500 Double Cab LTZ 4x4, 53K Miles, Silver. Was \$46,500 Now \$43,500. GM Certified, 1 Owner, Leather, Heated/Cooled Seats, Bedliner, Running Boards

**\$43,500**

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- 12-Month/12,000-Mile Bumper-to-Bumper Warranty
- 6-Year/100,000-Mile Powertrain Limited Warranty
- 24/7 Roadside Assistance
- 172-Point Vehicle Inspection and Reconditioning Process
- 3-Day/150-Mile Customer Satisfaction Guarantee

2020 Chevy 1500 Double Cab, LTZ, 4x4, 53K miles, 1-owner, Silver..\$43,500	2018 Chevy Equinox AWD Premier, 67K miles, 1-owner, Loaded, Black ..\$25,900
2019 Chevy Equinox, FWD LT, 46K miles, 1-owner, Tan.....\$24,900	2017 Chevy 1500 Double Cab LTZ, 4x4, 2017, 40K Miles, Silver.....\$37,900

**QUALITY USED CARS, TRUCKS, SUV'S & VANS**

2018 Ram 2500 Reg. Cab SLT, Diesel W/9 1/2 ft. Western Plow, 1-owner. .... \$45,900	2017 Chevy Colorado Z71, 4WD, 80K Miles, Gray.....\$26,900
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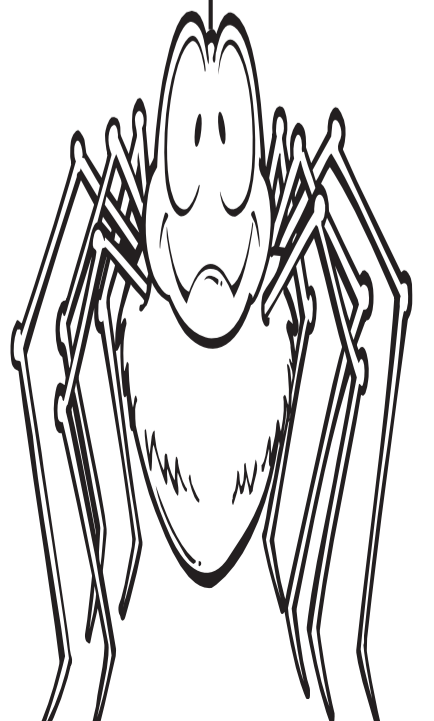
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**Friday, Aug. 26th Starting at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Tractors & Equipment**  
**John Deere 4555 2 wheel drive tractor.** 2-Owner with only 5430 hrs. Quad Range, 3 remotes 1000 PTO, 3pt. Tractor will sell with 10 bolt duals, rear weights, quick hitch and 4 front weights. Always stored inside.  
**John Deere 5045D 2wheel drive tractor.** w/ JD 512 loader, only 200 One owner hours! Tractor has single hyd, 3pt, PTO, 16.9-24 rear tires and is in great shape. Always stored inside.  
**Brent 472 Grain Cart.** Very good shape, has surloc roll tarp, ag tires. Always stored inside.  
**Brent 544 Gravity wagon,** side dump, just like new condition.  
**John Deere 980** 26ft field cult. W/ 3 tine harrow, walking tandems, very good condition. John Deere MX 6 3pt mower, very good condition, stored inside; IH 18ft 3pt Vibra Shank Field cult. w. tine harrow; Wood Flare Box wagon on older JD gear, w/ IH endgate seeder; Kory 6872 running gear;  
**Trailer - Truck - Shop Tools**  
1993 Chevy 1500 Z71 4wd pick-up truck, regular cab, short box with topper, 157,900 miles, Runs and drives good; Atlas 18ft enclosed cargo trailer, rear fold down door, and side door. Trailer has some bumps and bruises in the rear door and side. Great dry storage; Winpower PTO generator on cart, works fine; 10 JD front suitcase works, for 50 series tractors; Rims off grain gart misc tires and rims, Aluminum ext. ladder, wood ladder; Cutting torch and cart; Lincoln welder; Craftsman tool box and Craftsman tool roller cabinet; Alkota 3850 hot water pressure washer; medium and light duty shelving. We will have a Hay rack full of hand tools, chains binders, cords, socket sets, long handle tools, jacks & other farm related tools & hardware items accumulated after years of farming.  
**Auctioneers Note: This equipment was used in a smaller operation and has had light use by the owner. This will not be a long auction, so be there on Time! We can help load on sale day, so bring your trucks and trailers!**  
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# REAL ESTATE SHOWCASE FEATURE HOME



520 GRANT ST., EARLVILLE, IL  
\$209,900

Beautiful 2 story home with 4 bedrooms, full bath on 2nd level and 1/2 bath on main with a full basement. Natural woodwork with a fabulous open staircase, hardwood floors and gas fireplace, could be wood. Kitchen has new cabinets and custom countertops. Insulated 2 car garage. Home is in process of being painted inside. Home is in a lovely well established neighborhood with lots of trees. Water heater just installed recently and roof put on Nov 2021. Call for all the amenities, taurants, shopping, and the train! Let's take a look! MLS#11486674

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**303 North St., Earlville, IL**  
**\$159,900**

Lovely 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch (split design) open concept. Spacious light and airy. This well cared for home leaves nothing for you to do but move in. Large oversized 2 + car garage with a mud room and utility room. Sitting on a large corner lot. Can close quickly. Call. MLS#11487258



**NEW LISTING!!!**  
**800 4TH AVENUE, MENDOTA**  
3 BDR, 2BA HOME WITH OPEN CONCEPT LIVING, DINING, AND DEN!!! LOADS OF STORAGE!!!



**PENDING!!!**  
**404 13TH AVENUE, MENDOTA**  
COUNTRY LIVING -BUT IN TOWN!!!!



**PENDING!!!**  
**224 HUBBARD STREET, AMBOY**  
1 BDR COTTAGE, BIG LOT, NEWER 25X40 STEEL BUILDING!!



**605 2ND STREET, MENDOTA**  
NICE 2 BDR BRICK RANCH WITH NEARLY NEW 2 CAR GARAGE!!



**CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE COMPARATIVE MARKET ANALYSIS!**



**2031 Richardson Rd., Amboy**  
**\$250,000**

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 \$147,500**

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.



**804 W. Prairieview St., Sublette**  
**\$255,000**

CALLING ALL INVESTORS! This property is located on a high traffic count and high visibility Road! Great opportunity to start your own business! Paved area for parking. Used to be a trailer sales. Parcel 19-22-09-300-008 is vacant commercial land .077, and 19-22-09-402-006 is improved commercial with 1.62 Ac of land. Wick building 30x88 used for storage with 3 season porch and deck with durability roof, Misc. building 24x34 with garage area, old septic, natural gas and bath room! Great for storage. Both buildings sold as is. Office building 36x46 with two overhead doors, storage area, 250 gal propane tank, 3 ton air conditioner, bath room, desks included and a septic. Built in 2007. Call today for a showing!



**4 W. Division St., Amboy \$114,500**

Great 1900 sq ft building on approximately 1/2 acre, that can be used for storage, office, or store front. There is blacktop for parking in front and grassy area in back for storage or conversion to more parking. This property is being sold AS IS.

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