



Fred Reutner, who has been fishing since he was 4 years old, is at the Lake Mendota dock seven days a week and hosts fishing expos for kids at Baker Lake in La Salle and other lakes in the Illinois Valley. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

‘Seven Days a Week’

Reutner a fishing fixture of Lake Mendota Sunday to Saturday

By **BRANDON LACHANCE**
Staff Writer

MENDOTA – There are fixtures of Lake Mendota.

There is the lake itself, along with parks on the north and south side, the bridge to cross the street, the dam, the geese, ducks, swans, and of course the dock.

And with the dock comes Fred Reutner (Right-ner).

“This little girl was at Ziggy’s and she kept waiving at me. When it got quiet, I heard her ask, ‘Mom, is that the guy that helped me catch my first fish,’” Reutner said. “The mom answered, ‘I don’t know, let me look.’ She picked up her phone and found the picture from nine years ago.

“She showed me the picture. I don’t know her name. I don’t know half of the kids who come out here. Just two

days ago, I caught a fish, saw a 4-year old boy and a 5-year old girl, and I let them reel in the fish. I put the little bass back in the water, we talked for a little bit, and they said, ‘Thank you.’

“I’ve done that I don’t know how many times. Anybody that wants to catch a fish or needs help, I’ll set them up.”

Reutner, 76, has been Mendota’s fishing guru, teacher, spokesman for decades.

Born and raised in Dimmick, he began fishing at the Vermillion River when he was 4 years old. He ventured to Lake Mendota when he was 13 and has been coming to the dock ever since.

“I think fishing is really important for people. It gives them an opportunity to just take their mind off of things,” said Reutner. “It’s peaceful out here at the lake. I come out here seven days a week.

I’m usually on the dock, but sometimes I’ll go across the lake.

“I used to bring kids from the daycare and residents at the nursing home down to the lake. I had fish fries on Tuesdays. I like to help people and see them happy. I had a person come up and tell me I helped them catch their first fish 26 years ago. Then they asked me, ‘Can you help my 4-year-old daughter catch her first fish. ‘Yeah, bring her over here and let’s catch a fish.’”

Reutner owned Fred’s Bait Shop for 30 years where he helped every kid and person with a fishing license get ready to fish. He threw in tips and advice free of charge.

He is also a large part of many exhibitions in the area as he again gives

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Rt. 251 construction project to wrap up sooner than expected

MASS director gives dire report to council

By **KIP CHEEK**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council heard a report on the progress of road construction in the city and approved several requests at its June 6 regular meeting.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman John Hessenberger presented numerous items for the council’s consideration. Hessenberger said a Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23 in the council chambers to hear a request from MD LLC for a conditional use at 4380 E. Fourth Road for an automobile wrecking yard.

In other action from Hessenberger’s report, the council approved hiring Roberto Martinez for the city’s street department.

Three requests were approved by the council. Mendota High School will use Veterans Park and close appropriate streets around the park for a Mendota Band Block Party on Thursday, June 23. Scott Bickett will hold a Lake Mendota Car Show from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28. The Mendota VFW Auxiliary will have its annual Poppy Days on Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25.

Alderman Jay Miller informed the council of a request for a Class A liquor license for Tony’s in the 700 block of Main Street. The council approved the request

subject to the passing of life-safety code requirements for the building.

Mayor David Boelk said that the 13th Avenue road construction project should be completed by June 17, which is ahead of the original schedule.

The council approved a donation of \$8,000 to the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce for its annual 4th of July fireworks show.

The council also authorized a professional services agreement with the economic development group for TIF 2022.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Greg Kellen asked the council for permission to utilize a shuttle service for the Sweet Corn Festival, which will benefit Special Olympics Illinois. The council approved the request.

Kellen said police officers Will Hansen and Austin O’Sadnick are tentatively scheduled to graduate from the police academy on July 1.

Kellen presented a proposal for a 20-camera security system to be installed at Strauss Park that would cover the swimming pool, ball diamonds, concession stand, playground and other areas. He said the estimated cost for the project is \$90,000. No action was taken.

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Folding the stars & stripes

Stonecroft Village folds old flag; new flag flies high

By **BRANDON LACHANCE**
Staff Writer

MENDOTA – Stonecroft Village Retirement Community had the chance to place a check mark next to two listings on its to-do list.

On May 19, Stonecroft accomplished the feat by replacing its Flag of the United States of America and by presenting a flag-folding demonstration for the residents.

“I went to quite a few military funerals and have watched how they folded the flag,” said Diana Dahlgren, who performed the flag-folding. “I’ve read about it, too, because it was part of military training. We had to know everything about the flag of the United States of America.

“It means a lot to me to be able to share with them

“When someone wants to know about the flag, it makes me feel good and I’ll show them. There were a lot of Stonecroft residents watching me and they enjoyed it.”

—Diana Dahlgren

about the flag. When I see people throwing their flags away, burning them the wrong way, stepping on it, or saying bad things about the flag, it really hits me. When someone wants to know about the flag, it makes me feel good and I’ll show them. There were a lot of Stonecroft residents watching me and they enjoyed it.”

Dahlgren has worked at Stonecroft for the last 15 years.

But before she was assisting residents, she was serving the United States of America

as she wore fatigues from 1983-1997.

For her, it was an honor to fold the old flag and fly the new flag.

“It was the first time I folded the flag at Stonecroft. They enjoyed it,” Dahlgren said. “Some of them didn’t come all the way to the flag, but they were watching. There was a big crowd outside.

“We had to put a new flag up because the one we did have on the flagpole was pretty ripped. In order of Memorial Day, we decided to show them how to properly

fold the flag. I would do it again if they wanted me to; I’d love to.”

Jon Stuckert has only been the Stonecroft Executive Director since the first week of April, but long-tenure under his belt or not, he saw a perfect opportunity to switch out a tattered flag and give the residents a learning opportunity and entertainment at the same time.

“I thought it was awesome and the residents really liked it,” said Stuckert, who became familiar with Stonecroft as a home health therapist hired by residents. “We have residents who served in the military and everyone has at least one family member who has served. I think everyone really appreciated it.

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Diana Dahlgren, left, has worked at Stonecroft for the last 15 years, but beforehand she served in the Army for 14 years. On May 19, she was able to mix the two careers together as she performed a flag folding demonstration for all Stonecroft residents. (Photo contributed)



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Elks plans Flag Day event June 14

MENDOTA – The Mendota Elks Lodge #1212 will hold its annual Flag Day ceremony on Tuesday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at Veteran’s Park in downtown Mendota.

The public is cordially invited to join the Elks in honoring the history of our grand flag.

In case of bad weather, the ceremony will be held at the Elks Lodge, 707 Indiana Ave.



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LOCAL AND AREA



Mendota first responders were the first to respond to a lemonade stand set up on Meadowview Drive in support of Gavin Springsteen through the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, which raises money to help cure childhood cancer. Showing their support by purchasing a cup of lemonade, left to right, are Dennis Rutishauser, fire chief; Brady Rutishauser, firefighter/paramedic; Greg Kellen, police chief, holding Gavin; Daniel Hernandez, police officer; Tyler Kent, deputy police chief; and Joshua Sarver, police sergeant. (Reporter photo)

Gavin's lemonade stand a big success

MENDOTA – A fundraiser to help Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation was a huge success in Mendota on May 31.

The lemonade stand was held in support of 6-year-old Gavin Springsteen, who was diagnosed with stage 4 high risk neuroblastoma in September of 2020 and was given a 40-50% chance of survival. Gavin is the son of Michael and Allie Springsteen of Rock Island. His mom, Allie, is the former Allie Nowlin of Mendota.

The lemonade stand raised \$2,147 to help support neuroblastoma research.

The family is thankful and blessed for everyone's support to help fund research and hopefully make the survival rate for neuroblastoma a better outcome.

There have also been many donations given online, upping the total donation to \$2,792. You can still donate at https://www.alexslemonade.org/mypage/2849339?fbclid=IwAR3BgPWcvdTTris2_kjScg-jpjXD0_WaX3-6HIKjF9oihvARkTkfl-9yc_obU

If you'd like to continue to follow along with Gavin's journey he has a Facebook page: Gavin strong 111.

LaSalle Co. Genealogy Guild to meet June 18

OTTAWA – The monthly meeting of the LaSalle County Genealogy Guild will be Saturday, June 18, at 1 p.m. at the Guild Headquarters, 115 W. Glover St., Ottawa.

The guest speaker will be Steve Szabados who will talk about German Immigrants coming to America.

The German Immigrants have a unique story: When

did the ancestors immigrate? Where and why did they leave? How did they get here? What did they do after they got to America? You may not know the answers to these questions, but it's our challenge to dig out the details of their saga for your family history.

Szabados is a genealogy lecturer and author, having written over 15 genealogy

books. He has been researching his ancestors since 2000 and has traced ancestors back to the 1600 and 1700. His mission is to share his passion for Family History with as many people as he can.

The public is welcome to attend this free event, however, research will not be allowed during the program. Refreshments will be served.

Holy Cross School students win in Elks Americanism Essay Contest

MENDOTA – The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks recently held its 2021-22 Americanism Essay Contest for elementary school students. For this year's contest, the students had to answer the question: "What does it mean to love your Country."

The following are the winners for the Mendota Elks Lodge and who advanced to the district competition in the 5th & 6th grade division.

1st Place – Damien Dissell, Holy Cross School. Son of Dan and Melinda Pekofske. Placed first in the Great Northwest District and advanced to the state competition.

2nd Place – Kyla Muhlstadt, Holy Cross School. Daughter of Mike and Debra Muhlstadt. Placed second in



Winners in the Elks Americanism Essay Contest, left to right, are Damien Dissell, Kyla Muhlstadt and Liam Jones. All three are students at Holy Cross School in Mendota. (Photo contributed)

the Great Northwest District and second at the state competition.

3rd Place – Liam Jones, Holy Cross School. Son of Brad and Kora Jones.

IDNR says use of backyard bird feeders & bird baths may resume

SPRINGFIELD – Bird lovers may resume using backyard feeders and baths effective, wildlife biologists at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) advised.

IDNR originally recommended the use of bird feeders and bird baths be suspended through May 31 in response to the EA H5N1 strain of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in Illinois.

With the annual spring migration of non-resident waterfowl and other migratory bird species complete, the risk of further disease outbreaks among wild bird populations has been minimized. To date, HPAI has not been detected in songbird species.

"The IDNR would like to thank the public for their assistance and cooperation in potentially reducing the spread of HPAI during this critical time," said Chris Jacques, the agency's wildlife disease program manager.

IDNR continues to encourage regular

cleaning of bird feeders and bird baths. People who keep domestic poultry should remain extra vigilant. Further guidance for poultry owners can be found at the following USDA website: [USDAAPHIS | Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(HPAI\)](https://www.usda.gov/hpaa).

And because HPAI may still occur in resident waterfowl, people should avoid feeding ducks and geese. Even under normal conditions, feeding waterfowl can lead to nuisance problems and, consequently, increase rates of disease transmission in wild bird populations.

IDNR first announced HPAI was detected in wild migratory waterfowl (Canada geese) in Illinois in March 2022. Since that time, experts have documented HPAI-related mortalities in wild eagles, double-crested cormorants, snow geese, American white pelicans, red-tailed hawks, mallard ducks, redhead duck, lesser scaup, Canada geese, Ross's geese and turkey vultures in Champaign, Cook, Fulton, Lake, Madison, Peoria, Sangamon and Will counties.

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3M Productions returning to the stage with presentation of 'Frozen JR.' on June 24-25

MENDOTA – For 20 years, the Mendota Education Foundation has used the community theater as venue to produce a summer musical production to raise funds to support the classroom. These classroom grants were written by teachers to bring innovative materials to the Mendota schools.

This year the foundation awarded approximately \$22,000 in grants to provide resources in the classrooms for the 2022-2023 school year. The idea for a foundation was initiated by the Mendota High School Board of Education over 20 years ago, and the organization continues to raise revenues for students and the education community that began when they assisted a project building the new Mendota High School.

Finally, after a two-year hiatus, the Foundation is ready to begin again by easing back in the 3M (Mendota Education Foundation-Mendota Com-

munity Theatre-Mendota High School) shared adventure with the production of Disney's "Frozen JR." The enchanting modern classic from Disney is taking the stage in Mendota on Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m. "Frozen JR." is based on the 2018 Broadway musical, and brings your favorite characters to life, onstage. The show features all of the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway production.

The cast is comprised of performers from Amboy, Coal City, Compton, Earlville, Morris, Mendota, Paw Paw, Troy Grove, Utica, West Chicago. Cast members include Young Anna – Breza Cervantes; Young Elsa – Eva Beetz; Anna – Izzy Kostbade; Hans – Mason Natyshok; Elsa – Molly Fritz; Kristoff – Trekker Klema; Olaf – Sophie Pappas;

Sven – Shelby Bentley; Bishop – James Whitmore; Welselton/Oaken – Gage Richey; King Agnarr – Owen Schroeder; and Queen Iduna – Hannah Rich. Hidden Folk – Karessa Brown, Bridget Cakley, Kyler Carr, Maddox Chaon, Scout Fitzpatrick, Holli Hillstrom, Adelyn Landers, Kennedy McCollom, Mara Ohlendorf, Aleeah Smith, Kennie Stremlau, and Mollie Wilson. Townspeople: Jacqueline Bryson, Kelle Carr, Alex Creager, Delila Kent, Catherine Moench, Cailynn Roderick, Brianna Russell, Samantha Stremlau, and Miranda Wheeler.

Performances are hosted at Mendota High School Auditorium, 2300 W. Main St. Reserved tickets are \$10 for children age 10 and under, and \$15 for all others. They are on sale at Showtix4u.com, search Mendota. For more information, go online to <https://www.facebook.com/MEFSS>.

Mendota Dist. 289 recognizes milestone work anniversaries

MENDOTA – Mendota Elementary School District 289 recognized staff members for milestone work anniversaries at the conclusion of the 2021-22 school year. Those staff members honored were:

30 years – Vanessa Holmes, Petra Estrada
25 years – Amy Prusator
20 years – Heather Waldron, Victoria Gehm, Patricia Nunez, Angela Jackson, Rachel Sabin
15 years – Tonia Gott, Tawnya Blue
10 years – Elizabeth Medina, Cynthia Hemphill, Valerie Chase, Nicole O'Donnell, Todd Schneider, Anthony Goy, Lori Smith
5 years – Mary Kieffer, Emily Clark, Savana Woods

Education Briefs

UW-Whitewater announces Dean's List

WHITEWATER, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater has announced its Dean's List students for the 2022 spring semester.

Among the students achieving the honor are Mia Artman of Mendota, Jenna Stanford of Mendota and Holly Marsh of Earlville.

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

The Registrar's Office reports 3,237 students were selected for the Dean's List for the spring semester. About 11,500 students are currently enrolled at the university's Whitewater and Rock County campuses.

Honor Roll

LaMoille Jr/Sr High School Second Semester Honor Roll 2021-22 High Honor Roll (3.51 - 4.0)

Seniors – Kylee Brown, Carley Collett, Sarah Edwards, Austin Fischer, *Owen Hunter, McKenna Klein, Wyatt Lundquist, Joseph Quest, *Leah Williams

Juniors – *Trinity Betts-Wheeler, *Ella Cherry, *Bella Drummer, *Brooke Lovgren, *Raven McSherry

Sophomores – *Ava Williams, Isabella Wittenauer

Freshmen – Brayden Klein, *Claire Lovgren, *Sadie Quest, Laela Shevokas, Evan Supan

8th Grade – Angela Bejarano, Ella Ryan

7th Grade – Aubrey Sadnick, Chloe Williams

(* denotes min. 4.0)

Honor Roll (3.0 - 3.5)

Seniors – Ki' Ayana Moore, Kiersten Shevokas

Juniors – Jordan Cromwell, Eli Keighin, Kimberly Lemier

Sophomores – Jenessa Karvonen, Donna Sloan, Ian Sundberg

Freshmen – Joel Billhorn, Isabella Fischer, Jack Heinze-roth, Olivia Sadnick, Nickolas Spangler, Tate Sundberg

LaSalle Co. Health Dept. has new administrator

OTTAWA – Bill Johnson, President of the LaSalle County Board of Health, announced that Christine Pozzi, BS, LEHP, has been hired as the new Public Health Administrator.

"Chris Pozzi has a wealth of knowledge and experience that she brings to her new position as Public Health Administrator," said Johnson. "As a long-term employee of the LaSalle County Health Department, her 29 years of

experience is a tremendous asset to the Board of Health."

Pozzi is a LaSalle County native who began her career with the Health Department in 1992 as an Associate Sanitarian. She became a Sanitarian in 1993, and then became the Wastewater Coordinator in 1995. Pozzi then became the Environmental Health Division's Supervising Sanitarian in 2001 and was promoted to Environmental Health Divi-

sion Director in 2016.

Pozzi replaces Julie Kerestes, who retired on June 3. Kerestes has been the Public Health Administrator at the LaSalle County Health Department since 2001. Kerestes and Pozzi have worked very closely together in all aspects of Public Health Administration including administrative and fiscal duties, personnel operations, policy development, and during the COVID pandemic.



Christine Pozzi

Reddick Mansion offering free admission to active military personnel

OTTAWA – The Reddick Mansion will again offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families this summer as part of the Blue Star Museums program. Blue Star Museums is a collaboration of the National Endowments for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to all military

personnel and their families from Armed Forces Day, which was May 21, through Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 5, 2022.

Blue Star Families is a national, nonprofit network of military families from all ranks and services, including guard and reserve, dedicated to supporting, connecting and empowering military families. The complete list of participating museums is

available at www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

According to Lorraine McCallister, President of the Reddick Mansion Association, "The Reddick Mansion is proud to be part of this national appreciation program – it is one way for us to express our gratitude to military families for their sacrifice, service and dedication. We look forward to showing them the Reddick

Mansion – one of Ottawa's and Illinois' cultural treasures."

The Reddick Mansion, built in 1858, is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and is open for tours Friday through Monday with tours given at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Mansion located at 100 W. Lafayette St., Ottawa, also has rental space available for special events.

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Mendota Weather

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Few Showers
High: 73 Low: 55

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 59

Friday
Showers Likely
High: 71 Low: 54

Saturday
Few Showers
High: 73 Low: 53

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 57

Monday
Cloudy
High: 75 Low: 54

Tuesday
Few Showers
High: 76 Low: 57

Local UV Index

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

What is the heat index?

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Answer: It provides a "feels like" temperature factoring in humidity.

June 8, 2022

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers, high temperature of 73°, humidity of 63%. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 95° set in 1963. Expect mostly clear skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 55°. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 44° set in 1975.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	71/53	sh	77/57	pc
Champaign	79/57	t	80/61	s
Chicago	69/55	sh	74/60	pc
Freeport	72/54	sh	76/57	pc
Joliet	72/53	sh	78/58	pc
Moline	78/57	sh	80/61	pc
Peoria	78/57	t	79/61	s
Rockford	70/54	sh	76/57	pc
Springfield	78/59	t	79/62	s

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	90	69	74/52	0.00"	0.03"
Tuesday	84	73	74/53	0.02"	0.83"
Wednesday	75	65	75/53	0.01"	-0.80"
Thursday	78	58	75/53	0.00"	
Friday	83	59	75/54	0.00"	
Saturday	78	56	76/54	0.00"	
Sunday	86	62	76/54	0.00"	

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:22 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	1:51 p.m.	2:00 a.m.
Thursday	5:22 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	2:59 p.m.	2:22 a.m.
Friday	5:22 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	4:11 p.m.	2:45 a.m.
Saturday	5:22 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	5:26 p.m.	3:11 a.m.
Sunday	5:22 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	6:46 p.m.	3:42 a.m.
Monday	5:21 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	8:06 p.m.	4:20 a.m.
Tuesday	5:21 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	9:22 p.m.	5:08 a.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 85 in Washington, D.C. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 99 in Dublin, Ga. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with isolated showers, highest temperature of 106 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 85 in Glens Ferry, Idaho. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 110 in Bullhead City, Ariz.

Weather History

June 8, 1966 - A tornado ripped right through the heart of the capital city of Topeka, Kan., killing 16 people and causing 100 million dollars in damage. The tornado, which struck during the evening, cut a path of near total destruction eight miles long and four blocks wide.

June 9, 1972 - A cloudburst along the eastern slopes of the Black Hills of South Dakota produced as much as 14 inches of rain, resulting in the Rapid City flash flood disaster. The rains, which fell in about four hours time, caused the Canyon Lake Dam to collapse.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Lyndsey M. De Lao

MENDOTA – Lyndsey Michelle De Lao, 39, of Mendota, passed away tragically on Sunday, May 29, 2022 in Mercer, Wis.

Visitation was Monday, June 6, 2022 from 4-8 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church in LaMoille. A brief visitation starting at 10 a.m. preceded the funeral service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 in the church as well. Rev. David Jungnickel officiated. Cremation rites followed the funeral and public burial of ashes will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Lyndsey was born in Mendota on May 5, 1983 to Karen (Flanagan) and Timothy Pakenham. She grew up in the Mendota area and graduated from Mendota High School in 2001. She also earned her Bachelor's in Science of Nursing at IVCC in 2009.

Lyndsey is survived by her husband, Jose De Lao; two daughters, Kya Grace De Lao, and Aliya Brielle De Lao; one son, Kannon Jose De Lao; one sister Kelly (Evan) Donahue; her mother Karen (Flanagan) Cater; and her maternal grandparents, Dan and Barbara Flanagan.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Isabell De Lao; her father, Timothy Pakenham; paternal grandparents, Daniel and Lillian (Krizel) Pakenham; and a cousin, Taryn Pakenham.

Lyndsey began working for AT&T in 2015 as a sales associate. She was recently promoted up one level in her current role for her outstanding performance and commitment to her career and became a Level 2-3 Client Solutions Executive for AT&T Business in their Retail Channel. Lyndsey received many awards and acknowledgements in her career with AT&T. She was a two-time AT&T Business Summit Award winner of which she was extremely proud of.

Lyndsey had many hobbies, which included working out, softball, Jeep rides, camping, and spending quality time with her husband and children. She loved life and lived it to its fullest and will be dearly missed by anyone that had the opportunity to meet her.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences and a Zoom link to view the funeral will available at www.merrittfh.com.



Ella B. Mahar

MENDOTA – Ella Bayne (Shannon) Mahar, 92, of Mendota passed away May 31, 2022 in her home.

A public graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Ella was born Oct. 28, 1929 in Welland, to James and Anita (Warren) Shannon. When she was 19 she married Donald Mahar.

Ella and her husband had three boys, Breck, Barry and Jeffrey. Once in school she went on to work for Harper Wyman for many years and retired from there as well. She was married to Don for almost 60 years prior to his passing on July 2, 2007. She lived in her own home in Mendota for decades. Baynie loved her family and friends and was admired by all who knew her.

Baynie is survived by her sister Joyce, sons Barry, Jeff (Christi), nieces, nephews and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son Breck, two brothers Pat and Jerry and her sister Helen.

Memorials may be directed to Graves-Hume Public Library. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



John R. Erbes

TULSA, Okla. – John Robert Erbes, 75, passed away peacefully on May 27, 2022, in Tulsa, Okla., surrounded by family.

John was born to Robert and Jeanette Erbes on Sept. 13, 1946 in Mendota. He married Debra in 1988 and they raised two daughters in the Hamilton, Ill. area. He graduated from Mendota High School in 1964 and earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1993.

Jack is survived by his wife, Debra; two daughters, Jennifer Hardin (Abbey) and Johnna Erbes (and foster granddaughter, J); and his brother William Erbes (Alex Garcia).

A lifelong Boy Scout, John earned his Eagle Scout Award in 1964, and was the first member of the Mendota Explorer Post to receive the high ranking. He also received the Silver Beaver Award and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. Known by many as "Mountain Jack," a teller of tall tales and campfire stories, John also worked 30 years for Methode Electronics as an Engineering Project Manager, and earned his Green Belt in Six Sigma Technical Problem Solving.

John enjoyed woodworking and gardening at their country home in the Hamilton area. Upon Debra's retirement in 2015, they relocated to Tulsa.

Memorial gifts may be made to Saukenauk Scout Reservation for scout camperships.

"May your trail be strewn with flowers, memories, friends, and happy hours. May the Great Spirits fill your life with peace and happiness." - Mountain Jack



Kristina I. Pittges

MENDOTA – Kristina I. Pittges 78, of Mendota passed away April 20, 2022 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center Mendota.

A Celebration of Life service will be June 11, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Paw Paw Presbyterian Church, Paw Paw, with the Rev. Ken Foster officiating. Memorial visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time at the church. Cremation rites have been accorded. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Kris was born Dec. 26, 1943 in Stockholm, Sweden to Alfred and Brita (Blomberg) Soderlund. She married Frank Mortensen, who preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 2012, then married Steve Pittges, who also preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 2017.

Kris will be missed by her son Robert (Julie) Mortensen of Somanauk; daughter Sue (Mike) Shanta of Reeds Spring, Mo.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Nils Soderlund of Hampshire and Peter Soderlund of Mendota; and two sisters, Ingrid Soderlund of Mendota and Karen Lood of Martinsburg, W.V.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; and three brothers, John David Soderlund, Bengt Soderlund and Anders Soderlund.

During her work career, she was a cross country driver for A1 Expediting. Kris was also a cashier at Rural King and head cashier at Home Depot until her retirement. She was a devoted member of the Paw Paw Presbyterian church and a member of the Red Hat Society.

Memorials may be directed to Showers of Blessing Inc. 4720 N. State Highway 251, Mendota, IL 61342. Kristina donated and believed in this beautiful organization that helps the homeless. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneral-home.com.



Michelle M. Smith

MENDOTA – Michelle M. Smith, 36, passed away unexpectedly on June 2, 2022 in her home.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is handling arrangements.

Michelle was born July 6, 1985 in Sandwich to Clarence and Mary (Hinkston) Smith.

She is survived by her daughter Gracie; her mother Mary Vancil; her brother Rudy; sister Melissa; stepdad Ike; aunts and uncles; and a very special friend Jennifer Sibley.

She attended Sandwich High School and was employed at Beck's for four years.

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



Irma J. Joerger

SPRING VALLEY – Irma J. Joerger, 91, of Spring Valley and formerly of Mendota, passed away June 4, 2022 at Aperia Care, Spring Valley.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday June 18, 2022 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota with Father Peter Pilon officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. on June 18, 2022 the at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota

Irma was born Sept. 2, 1930 in Nashua, Iowa to George and Iris (Osbern) Winter. She married Rufus J. Joerger, Jr. on May 20, 1950 at Holy Cross Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Eich of Spring Valley and Cindy (Bill) Engels of Arizona; two sons, Rick Joerger of Wisconsin and Dick (Laurie) Joerger of LaMoille; seven grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 2018 and one granddaughter in 2010.

Pallbearers will be Jason Engels, Jennifer Jones, Christopher Eich, Joshua Joerger, Zachary Joerger, Joseph Eich and Monica Joerger.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Cross Church. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com



Vote by mail, early voting now offered in Lee County

DIXON – Nancy Petersen, Lee County Clerk and Recorder, has announced that Vote By Mail and Early Voting is now being offered in the Election Department of her office, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E. Second St., Dixon.

Vote by Mail – Signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, June 23, and are available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on

the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

Early Voting – Must be conducted in-person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., and Saturday, June 25, from 9 a.m. until noon. Closed legal holidays.

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Reutner

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pointers and demonstrates how to clean fish.

Reutner performed his cleaning demonstration at the Baker Lake Expo on May 16 in La Salle, was at the Lock 14 Fishing Tournament on June 4 in La Salle and will be at the Mendota Lions Club Kids' Fishing Rodeo on June 12 at Lake Mendota.

Over the years, he has also helped kids in Ottawa, DePue, Spring Valley, and Cedar Point...to name a few.

"At the Baker Lake Expo, we went through about 300 pounds of fish. We did that in one day. We fry them up right there. I caught some of the fish ahead of time to make sure we had enough," said Reutner, who estimates he cleans 60,000 fish per year for himself and others. "I always keep a stock. It gives the kids something better to do than doing drugs. I've been out here helping little kids since I started. I've been helping Lock 14 for a long time. I became a member in 1987.

"I can clean 120 fish in an hour. We were down at Baker Lake when we first started down there. She had a stopwatch. I was showing the kids how to clean fish and it was taking me 45 seconds a fish. She said, 'Sir, there is no way that you're going to do two fish per minute by going that way.'

"I said, 'Mam, I'm not here for show and tell. I'm here to teach the kids how to clean a fish.' I told her to come back at 4 p.m. and I'll have 100 Bluegill ready to go and you can put me on your stopwatch. I cleaned 100 Bluegill in 37.98 minutes. One guy asked, 'Now mam, do you think he can do 20 more fish in the remaining 22 minutes?' I haven't seen that lady since."

Many have seen Reutner cast his No. 18 treble hook with either Velveeta cheese, wax worms, trout worms, night crawlers, or artificial tube steak attached.

But no one has been told to watch their bobber by the fisherman than his daughter Alice Reutner McGraw.

Everyone has a Fred story

By **BRANDON LACHANCE**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – When speaking to Fred Reutner's daughter, Alice Reutner McGraw, and his friend, Steve Schank, for the story, 'Seven Days a Week,' there seemed to be more to the legendary fisherman's story.

Actually, it's more to do with the stories everyone else has about Reutner (Right-ner).

The 76-year-old local icon who was the first Mendota resident to be selected for the All-American Outdoorsman Hall of Fame (2011) has been fishing since he was 4 and has casted into Lake Mendota since he was 13.

Along the way, Reutner has helped any child, teenager, or adult who has ever wanted to speak to him or ask him a question.

Here are a few stories or comments the community had to say about Reutner: **Elizabeth Gleim Zinke, Mendota**

"I love Fred. This isn't a fishing story,

although he has always showed the kids the fish he caught and taught them when we see him at the lake. One day at Sullivan's Foods when Teague was a baby, I ran into get a few things and was holding Teague while pushing the cart. Fred offered to hold T and walk around with me as I shopped."

Michael Galijatovic, Peru

"He always shares information like where to fish, what bait to use, and how to cast. I bet he could rig up a pole in his sleep. He's a super cool guy. He always stops and talks to everyone."

Tanya Gunnoe, Sabraton, West Virginia

"Growing up in Mendota, I have so many memories of Fred. And 20 years later when I came back to Mendota, I got to see him at a fish fry. That man is a legend."

Ariana Navarro, Mendota

"I see him almost every night I work at Ziggy's. Tap water with ice, bowl of soup with a tea spoon – not a soup spoon."

"My dad and Terry Ramer had a joke when my son (Tyler Stewart) was born (he is now 19). My dad would always get Terry's grandchildren to come to the lake and put a pole in their hand," Reutner McGraw said. "Terry would always say, 'Fred, you beat me to it.' Terry said, 'When you have a grandchild, I'm going to beat you to it and get them out there with a pole in their hand.'

"Dad made sure that didn't happen. My son was literally only months old and in a car seat carrier and my dad took him out to the lake and put a pole in his hand. He took a photo and sent it to Terry Ramer and said, 'Got cha'."

"Dad does it because he loves fishing. He instilled that in us kids. I was the second born. I had two brothers (Henry and Freddie Reutner, mother of all three is Fred's ex-wife Kathy Reutner) and both of them have passed away. When we were younger, he would take us fishing. I didn't really appreciate it at the time, but I do now. We all helped dad in the bait shop. He would give us all different jobs to do.

Her job was to run the numbers in the books for

Fred's Bait Shop.

Reutner McGraw appreciates it now because she was such a wiz, she became a CPA (certified public accountant).

As a child she didn't get to see her father as much as she would have liked because the Army veteran who served during Vietnam worked long hours at Wayside Press (R.R. Donnelly) and Motor Wheel.

It wasn't until he approached retirement that Reutner McGraw saw more of her dad and they saw more of the lake.

"He does so much for so many people and doesn't ask for anything in return. So many people look at him, see he's a big guy, and think he's intimidating," Reutner McGraw said. "He's really just a big teddy bear. He's always looking out for the kids. He makes squirrel noises and tries to get the little kids' attention. He has so many wonderful characteristics. He loves kids and he loves sharing the love that he has for everything, including fishing."

When Steve Schank moved from La Salle to Mendota 10 years ago, he met Fred Reutner at the dock.

He had never met Schank before, but Fred greeted him like he has everyone else over

the last 72 years of fishing; with a handshake, a smile, and love for fishing.

"I saw Fred on the dock and I instantly felt comfortable. He reminds me of my grandfather. My dad's dad was a fisherman. I was the first-born grandson. Fred and my grandfather were raised on farms in the same area and coincidentally are both German. I could really relate to him.

"In my opinion, he's an extremely intelligent guy. He's extremely interesting to talk to. The stories that he tells are extraordinary. You can't believe the amount of fish that he harvests from Lake Mendota. There are a lot of kids, teenagers, adults who have a story about Fred. Everyone has a story about Fred.

"He's involved with the lake itself and keeping the lake in balance, which is one of the reasons it's such a great fishing lake. He's a wealth of knowledge when it comes to fishing. He's a real life, along the lines, of a Grizzly Adams. He's a gift and a beautiful thing to Mendota. The day that I don't see Fred on the dock will be a hard day for me. I'll always see Fred on that dock even when he's no longer with us."

Flag

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"I was very excited to learn that we had a 14-year Army veteran on our staff. I thought that was a tremendous opportunity and she did a great job. She taught everyone how to respectfully and appropriately transition between flags.

"The old one was starting to show some wear. It would

have been time anyway, but with Memorial Day we felt it was a good opportunity to make the change."

Stuckert was right thinking it would be a popular event as residents were excited on the mention of the folding showcase days before the event was scheduled.

Originally scheduled for the previous day, May 18, rain pushed the flag-folding.

IVCC students compete at ag conference

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College Ag competed at the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) student judging conference recently.

Students Rilan Rosengren of Ottawa and Madeline-Rose Mudge of LaSalle competed in ag business and ag mechanics at the conference in North Platte, Neb.

Rosengren and Mudge agreed: "This was a great opportunity and learning experience.

The whole process improved our teamwork and collaboration skills. We are thankful IVCC ag was able to attend, compete, and represent at an event at that level."

Mudge and Rosengren attended the conference with IVCC ag program coordinator and instructor Willard Mott. For information about IVCC's program, contact Mott at Willard_mott@ivcc.edu or (815) 224-0413. Summer and fall registration is underway.

Obituaries

Thomas J.M. Christmann

LaSALLE – Thomas Jacob "T.J." Michael Christmann, 24, of LaSalle, passed away Friday, June 3, 2022 from injuries sustained in a vehicular accident.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 3-7 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, Mendota. A private family only service will follow with Rev. Mary Bohall officiating. Everyone is encouraged to wear jeans and T-shirts as that is what T.J. would have wanted. Cremation rites will be accorded after the service. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

He is survived by his mother Angel (Lonny) Eisenberg of Mendota; his father Paul Christmann of Mendota; two sisters Hope Christmann and Ava Christmann; three brothers Samuel Christmann, Pryar Christmann and Liam Christmann; his maternal grandparents Mike and Sherry Kuntzi; his paternal grandparents Bruce and Marge Christmann; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

It's impossible to sum up in just a few paragraphs the incredible amount of life that T.J. lived in his short 24 years; there was so much in him that cannot be conveyed through words alone, but he was proud of his achievements and skills, and will be remembered for much.

In high school, T.J. competed in track and field, and wrestling – a hobby he never abandoned even later in life with no referee present – and enjoyed shop classes. He was student of the year when enrolled in ACC welding, and his instructor, Mr. Villareal, credited him with the invention of the program's tradition of hand-welding metal roses, a practice which he says has produced an innumerable amount of welded roses in the class – some brought to prom as flowers, and more than a few that brought many mothers to tears. Mr. Villareal encouraged T.J. to apply for, and complete, the extremely selective Local Union 597 Hybrid Welding program. After an intensive 18-week course, he graduated to the apprenticeship program. On June 1, 2022, he was promoted to journeyman.

T.J. loved adventure and lived life on the edge. Through hiking, climbing, boating, hunting, and fishing, there is likely no public or private land in the Illinois Valley he left unexplored. He was known for his acerbic wit, clever sense of humor, and fierce loyalty to his friends and family. Some people light up a room upon entering; when T.J. walked in, it was more like a small explosion.

He did not get as much time as he deserved, but he did fill every moment of his life with love and thrill-seeking in the time allowed him. If you were fortunate enough to be loved by T.J., you know that he loved as hard as he played, and he will be deeply missed by many.

TJ's wish to be an organ donor is being fulfilled through Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network.

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



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Senseless census celebration

By **BRAD WEISENSTEIN**
Illinois Policy Institute

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker made a big deal out of “finding” 250,000 hidden Illinoisans during the past decade, claiming the state population was over 13 million in the 2020 Census head count.

“I look forward to celebrating this development with all Illinoisans, including those who routinely badmouth our state,” Pritzker said in a press statement.

Two interesting observations here.

First, Pritzker cheerily embraces the idea of population gain, despite plenty of evidence Illinois is rapidly losing people, and he misinterpreted what the U.S. Census Bureau was saying. Of course, you’d expect him to grab onto the “Illinois is growing” theme, because it lets him ignore the public policy issues that he’s made worse, including \$2,165 in new taxes per family that are driving those families out.

“Move along. Nothing to see here,” Pritzker is saying.

Second, he tried to hush anyone who calls him out for his mistake by expecting even those who “routinely badmouth our state” to join him in his glee. Facts can be troublesome things, but telling the truth is far from badmouthing.

So now for some truth telling.

The U.S. Census Bureau knows counting every person is a problem. For decades, they and experts have argued that there are better, more accurate ways than spending \$14.2 billion to send surveys, knock on doors and try to find every homeless person under a bridge. “One, two, three... 331,893,745.”

So, after they try to count every person in America, they conduct a survey to assess the accuracy of that count. They make a new survey of 160,000 households over 10,000 blocks across the country and gauge the accuracy of the whole count based on that sample count. That survey, the Post-Enumeration Survey, showed Illinois’ total count was likely off by about 2%.

Pritzker’s magic math translates that into 250,000 extra Illinoisans.

All that number really means is there could be more Illinoisans. How many remains a question, because the survey said the head count might have been off by as many as 440,000 people or only 64,000 people. The 2% figure is the midpoint of the accuracy range.

Now let’s look at Pritzker using his number to declare Illinois grew during the past decade.

The U.S. Census Bureau, for the first time, let people report their household information online. It offered surveys in 47 languages. It nearly doubled its advertising for the 2020 count over the 2010 spend.

All that argues for a much more accurate 2020 count, which the Census Bureau said still might be off by 2%. Chances are the 2010 count was much less accurate, and it missed a lot of people the 2020 count found.

Why does all this matter? Because Pritzker wants to pretend Illinois is not losing people. It is, according to other census estimates, surveys by two major moving van companies and the Internal Revenue Service’s numbers.

Annual Census Bureau estimates that start with the 10-year head count and use other federal data plus birth and death records show Illinois is losing. Eight consecutive census estimates have shown Illinois losing people, including a record 114,000 lost in the 2021 estimate. Births and deaths basically cancel each other out in Illinois, so that loss is people moving away.

Zach Meiborg is part of the exodus. He has growing children and a booming trucking company, and he doesn’t see much future for either in Illinois. He’s moving to Houston, Texas.

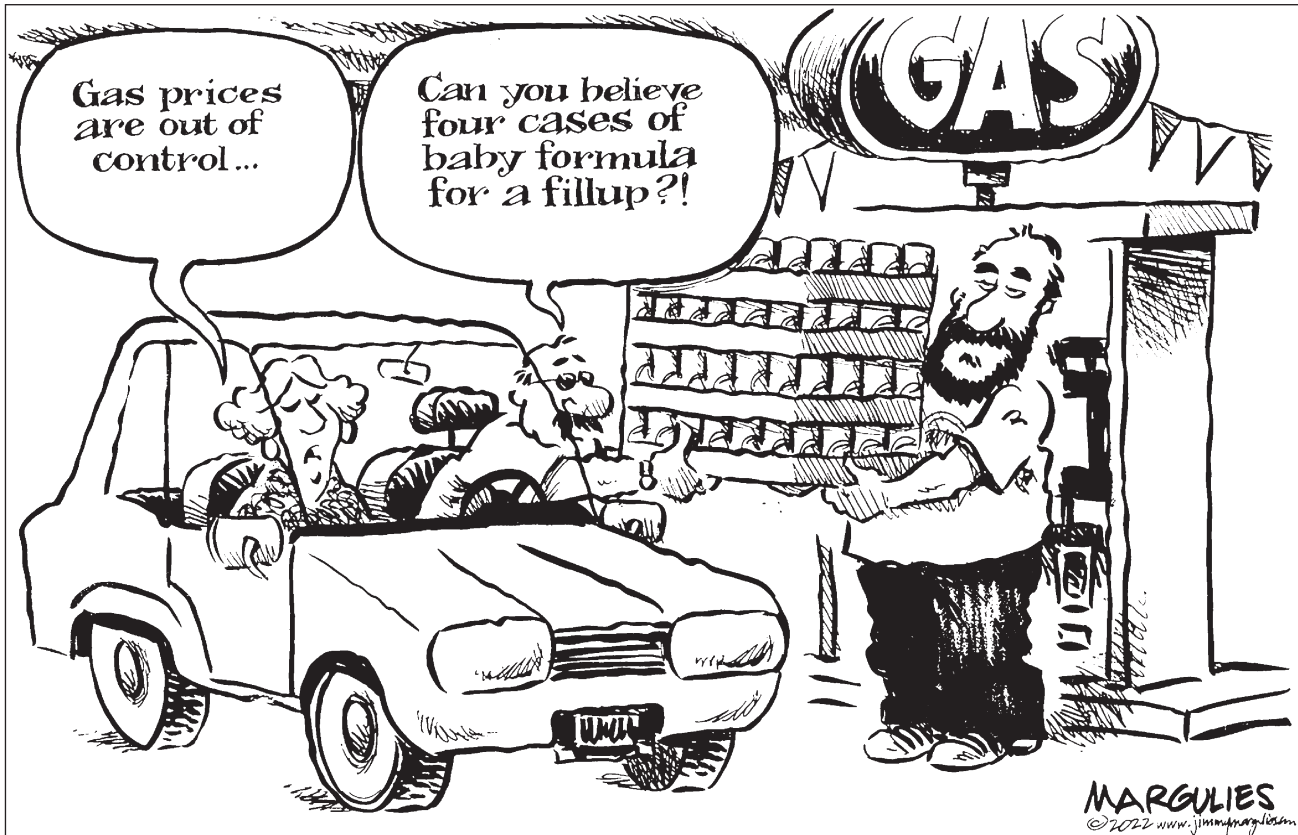
“Corruption and distrust of the state are corrosive to our further business investment in Illinois. With Gov. Pritzker constantly trampling our constitutional rights in particular around attempting to mandate masks, vaccines and redefining the existing laws on the books, the state’s constant corruption scandals, complete administrative mismanagement of unemployment and reckless workers’ comp laws, and an absurdly unbalanced budget are putting Illinois in our rearview mirror,” Meiborg said.

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Meiborg has said it. Surveys have said it. And common sense says there’s a problem when your property taxes are No. 2 in the nation and eat the equivalent of nearly seven monthly house payments, your pandemic jobs recovery lags the nation, and you make no effort to control your state spending or nation-leading pension debt of \$313 billion.

Someone in Springfield better start listening. Otherwise, there really won’t be anything to see here.

(Brad Weisenstein is managing editor of the Illinois Policy Institute, a non-partisan think tank dedicated to liberty principles in Illinois.)



Medal of honor comes to Hume-Carnegie

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from June 12, 2002.)

By **Jessica Nashold**

Though it arrived by a circuitous route, the Congressional Medal of Honor earned by James W. Larabee during the Civil War was donated to the Hume-Carnegie Museum the Sunday before Memorial Day this year.

It had long been known that Larabee was the only recruit from Mendota to receive the medal. A booklet distributed by State Auditor Michael J. Howlett in 1973 listed all of the Medal of Honor recipients from Illinois. At that time, Mary Larabee Frey, a granddaughter, and grandsons Sam and Louis Larabee of the Earlville area did not know what had become of the medal. Mrs. Frey did have the bible that Larabee carried throughout his years in the service.

Enlisting at the age of 17 at Mendota, for three months with Co. H Regimental Illinois Volunteers, Larabee’s first assignment was guarding rail lines in southern Illinois. At the conclusion of his three months, he enlisted in Co. I. 55th Regiment, Illinois Infantry. Participating in the Battle of Shiloh, he was wounded in the arm and given a short furlough. He rejoined his unit in Memphis, and took part in several campaigns, then volunteered to join the May 22, 1863 assault on Graveyard Fort, occupied by Confederates. He was the only man in his unit to do so. Here he suffered neck injuries, which kept him hospitalized to several weeks. He then rejoined his unit and took part in Sherman’s famed March to the Sea.

Larabee received his discharge in August 1865, and in November of that year, married Mary Elizabeth Haight. According to the booklet of Illinois Medal Winners, the Larabees farmed near Earlville until 1900, when they moved to Paw Paw. It was in 1893 that Larabee received his Congressional Medal of Honor, 30 years after his “Gallant Service at Vicksburg, Miss.”

Larabee died in 1907 and his grave in Four Mile Grove Cemetery, northwest of Meriden, originally carried a marker designating him a Medal of Honor recipient. At the time the booklet was published, 1973, the marker had disappeared.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

Although James W. Larabee had left the area at the time of his marriage, one of his sons, Charles D. Larabee, moved his family to Mendota. One of his sons was another James W. Larabee, and Charles was entrusted with the medal to keep for his young son. Tragically, Charles D. Larabee, a contractor who completed work on the Mendota Township High School (following the death of the original contractor during construction), was killed in a car accident, while hurrying home for lunch from a job in Amboy. Not long after that, young James died.

Another of Charles D. Larabee’s children, Mary Lou Larabee Nagel, now living in Arizona, remembers that a decision was reached to place the medal with her brother, Thomas, who also had a son James. Again, fate intervened, with the death of James, at a young age.

When they learned that Mendota had a museum, the Larabees reached a collective decision to make their grandfather’s Congressional Medal of Honor available for viewing there.

Tom Larabee, his son Tom, and their spouses brought the medal to the Hume-Carnegie Museum on May 26, 2002, the Sunday before Memorial Day.

SIDETRACK – The Reporter’s June 28, 1973 account of James W. Larabee’s military service was taken from the booklet, which had been compiled by Robert C. Higgins, Springfield. At that time, copies could be obtained by writing the auditor’s office.

The medal will be of particular interest to descendants of James W. Larabee, when they assemble in Mendota, July 27-28 for the first ever James W. Larabee reunion. It has been organized by Ken Larabee, son of Don Larabee, a MTHS graduate with the class of 1931.

Local coverage of the Civil War years was incomplete. The Mendota Observer had been taken over by Beck & Crook (lawyers), in October 1860. In May 1861, they warned that if advertising did not pick up, they could not continue “drawing on our own pockets” to publish. In mid-June, a group calling itself the Mendota Light Infantry, was drilling on the “commons” east of the Passenger House. The last Mendota Observer appeared on June 26, 1861.

There was no Mendota paper in 1862.

The Mendota Bulletin appeared in 1863. The oldest surviving copy is dated March 31, 1863, and numbered Vol. I, No. 4. Ruggles and Golliday were publishers. The March 31 issue carried a letter dated March 10, 1863, from the commander of a company from Illinois serving in Corinth, Miss. He stated the company had numbered 96 at the outset. It now numbered 51. He wrote that 10 had been killed, four had died of wounds, two of sickness, one had drowned and two had been missing since a battle at Fort Donelson. The rest had been demobilized because of disability.

In March 1864, Captain Heslett returned to Mendota, having been wounded in battle at Hartesville, Tenn., and demobilized. He resumed his former position as head of the Union School in midtown Mendota.

The Chicago Sanitary Commission asked people in the Mendota area to donate onions, potatoes, pickles, sauerkraut and dried fruit for the Hospital Fleet near Vicksburg. Donations left at Black’s store in Mendota would be picked up by Soldiers’ Aid. The troops were suffering from scurvy.

A new draft order was issued for 500,000 men to serve “three years or the duration,” beginning March 10, 1864.

Lincoln was shot April 14, 1865, and died the following day. The Mendota Bulletin carried extensive coverage of an observance in Mendota on April 19, 1865. It involved closing all places of business, draping the town in mourning and a funeral procession. Details can still be read on microfilm at the Graves-Hume Library in Mendota.

Biden – Long-winded & misleading

By **Rich Lowry**

The president of the United States is a blowhard -- again.

If the country thought that it was getting a buttoned-up, by-the-books communicator after four wildly undisciplined years of Donald Trump, it knew nothing about Joseph R. Biden’s long career as Washington’s standout long-winded, seat-of-the-pants, poorly informed, and misleading talker.

Biden blew up two presidential campaigns with his verbal idiocy, and no one thought during his decades as a senator that he was just the statesman the country needed to handle sensitive international questions with precise, cogent communications.

Winston Churchill famously mobilized the English language and sent it into battle. Joe Biden tries to muster the English language but confuses and dispirits it, until the poor language slinks off ready to get its discharge papers and return to civilian life.

Biden’s handling of Russia and China in recent months has been marked by a basic inability to stay within the lines of U.S. policy -- by seeming to give a kind of greenlight to a “minor” Russian incursion into Ukraine, by calling for Vladimir Putin to go, and by committing to defend Taiwan by force.

All these wayward statements required immediate and utterly predictable clean-up by a White House staff that must be on constant alert to explain on a moment’s notice what the president meant after he says something completely different.

Rarely have so few had to clarify so much.

Biden the other day related how a trauma doctor had supposedly told him once that a .22-caliber bullet might, say, lodge in the lung and be removable, whereas a 9 mm “blows the lung out of the body.” It should be stipulated, first of all, that all bullets are dangerous. Still, this was a ridiculous explanation of the relative dangers of the two calibers and gave the impression that Biden was moving on from seeking to ban so-called assault rifles to wanting to prohibit 9 mm pistols, too.

The gaffe joined other notable Biden miscues on guns,

including his bizarre advice several years ago to shoot a shotgun in the air as a means of self-defense and his erroneous insistence that there was a prohibition on the ownership of cannons during the Revolutionary War.

Biden clearly believes that he is some sort of expert on gun policy when he has managed to demonstrate over and over again that he has no idea what he is talking about.

His anecdotes and personal stories are invariably studded with exaggerations or outright fictions. As The Washington Post wrote of a story Biden told about Afghanistan on the campaign trail in 2019, “It appears as though the former vice president has jumbled elements of at least three actual events into one story of bravery, compassion and regret that never happened.”

An NBC News report about Biden’s White House relates that -- showing colossal but typical lack of self-awareness -- Biden resents his staff following him around with a broom and dustpan: “He makes a clear and succinct statement -- only to have aides rush to explain that he actually meant something else.” This, according to Biden, “smothers the authenticity that fueled his rise.”

Uh, no. The sentiment that motivated voters to switch to Biden in 2020 wasn’t, “We’re going to vote for this blustery guy who says anything that comes into his head because that will be such a refreshing change.” Rather, it was, “This guy in his basement seems relatively restrained compared to the blustery guy who says anything that comes into his head.”

Biden is less flagrant than Trump -- he’s not firing top officials on Twitter or making pronouncements based on the last thing he saw on TV. But he’s also less entertaining. Biden imagines himself the adult in the room at the same time that he routinely beclowns himself and makes potentially consequential verbal missteps.

This is, indeed, the authentic Biden, but it’s not inspiring, praiseworthy -- or reassuring.

Rich Lowry is editor-in-chief of the National Review.

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LOCAL AND AREA

NuMark Credit Union to acquire Pioneer State Bank

EARLVILLE – NuMark Credit Union (“NuMark”) of Joliet, and Pioneer State Bank (“Pioneer”) in Earlville, jointly announced June 3 that they have entered into an agreement whereby NuMark will purchase substantially all of the assets and liabilities of Pioneer State Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NBE Bancshares, Inc., in an all-cash transaction.

While the agreement is contingent on obtaining regulatory and Pioneer shareholder approvals, the proposed transaction has been unanimously approved by the boards of directors of both organizations. The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2022. Following the completion of the transaction, Pioneer will liquidate and distribute its remaining assets to NBE Bancshares, Inc. and then NBE Bancshares, Inc. will dissolve and distribute its remaining assets to its stockholders. When the purchase is complete, NuMark will have \$759 million in assets and increase its footprint beyond the Chicagoland area into Central Illinois with a total of 13 branches.

Lloyd Fredendall, President & CEO of NuMark stated “We are excited for the opportunity to partner with Pioneer State Bank and look forward to welcoming their customers and employees into our family. It is clear to us that our organizations share a common vision in that we are both invested in the importance of putting people and community first in all that we do. As we welcome Pioneer customers into the NuMark Credit Union family, we look forward to providing a top-notch experience by focusing on our member-owners’ needs, and offering value-added products, services, and technology in our ongoing quest to help our members do more with their money.”

Michael Stevens, Chairman & CEO of Pioneer commented, “After carefully considering what is best for our employees, customers, shareholders, and the communities we serve, we believe our decision to become a part of NuMark is the best path forward for our organization. We are excited to bring together two organizations focused on exceptional customer service and high value products, as well as a philosophy of strong community support.”

McQueen Financial Advisors served as financial advisor and Luse Gorman, PC served as legal advisor to NuMark Credit Union. Pioneer State Bank was advised by the investment banking firm of Olsen Palmer LLC while Godfrey & Khan, S.C. served as legal advisor.

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With \$624 million in assets, over 140 employees, nine branches, and over 50,000 members, NuMark Credit Union offers a full menu of financial services including mortgages, auto loans, free checking accounts and business loans and deposits. NuMark remains dedicated to putting members first, treating them like family and helping them do more with their money. More information about NuMark Credit Union can be found at www.numarkcu.org.

About Pioneer State Bank

At March 31, 2022, Pioneer State Bank, a full-service community bank founded in 1901, has \$135 million in total assets, \$114 million in deposits, \$81 million in loans, and four branches serving the Earlville, Paw Paw and Sublette communities with exceptional customer service and high-quality products. More information about Pioneer State Bank can be found at www.pioneerstatebank.com.

Midland States Bank announces employee hiring & promotion

EFFINGHAM – Midland States Bank is excited to announce Jayne Hladio



Hladio

has joined as President of Midland Wealth Management and Dena Steele has



Steele

been promoted to Director of Marketing. “We are excited to announce that these leadership positions are held by two women with impressive financial services backgrounds with proven results,” commented Jeffrey Mefford, President of Midland States Bank. “Jayne’s award-winning leadership skills paired with her industry knowledge and Dena’s longtime bank-marketing background will continue to enhance our customers’ experiences.”

As Midland Wealth Management President, Hladio will oversee the group of over 90 professionals and provide strate-

gic leadership, planning, and executive management to achieve the group’s overall objectives. Midland’s wealth service offerings include Investment and Advisory, Trust Administration, and Retirement Plans.

Hladio’s background boasts over 25 years of significant financial services experiences with accomplishments in digital program implementation, accelerated investment revenue, and business model transformation. Her prior roles include SVP for U.S. Bank’s National Wealth Management Group, SVP and Director of Consumer, Investment, and Business Banking for Charter One Bank, and SVP New Market & De Novo Sales Strategy for Fifth Third Bank.

Hladio has received numerous recognitions and awards for her leadership. Hladio earned her MBA

and Management Consulting Certification from Benedictine University, Bachelor of Arts in Finance from University of Northern Iowa. She will be the Bank’s first female President of Wealth Management.

As Director of Marketing, Steele is responsible for driving the Bank’s overall marketing program including strategic development, branding, and lead generation to support business growth. She has over 25 years of marketing experience, nearly 20 of which are exclusive to bank marketing.

Previously at Midland, Steele served as Senior Marketing Manager with a specialization in digital products, commercial services, and commercial lending. She also served as the Director of Marketing and e-Channel Services for Centurion Bank, which Midland acquired in 2017.

Steele earned her Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Northern Illinois University.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- The Cannes Film Festival has proclaimed that the next big star is Austin Butler. The



Butler

Anaheim native cut his acting teeth in 2007 on the Disney Channel in "Hannah Montana" and "iCarly," a run in Broadway's "The Iceman Cometh," the TV series "Switched at Birth" and as Manson family member Tex Watson in "Once Upon a Time ... In Hollywood." Now, at 30, he's about to explode in the title role in Baz Luhrmann's "Elvis," with Tom Hanks as Elvis' manager Colonial Parker, premiering June 24. When "Elvis" was screened at Cannes, despite all the competition, it created a sensation.

Next up for Butler is the \$250 million Apple TV+ miniseries "Masters of the Air," a World War II drama in the same vein as "Band of Brothers" (2001) and "The Pacific" (2010). The co-production

from Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg also stars Callum Turner, Anthony Boyle, Barry Keoghan and Nate Mann. Butler also stars in the upcoming "Dune: Part Two."

English actor Kit Harington, who became a star as Jon Snow in "Game of Thrones" (2011-2019), is currently shooting "Mary's Monster" as her Frankenstein, a film more about female voices, mental health, gender politics and a disenfranchised youth.

Ryan Gosling's "The Gray Man" dropped on Netflix July 15, and his debut as Ken in the "Barbie" film isn't due until July 2023. But he'll play the title role in a film based on the 1980s Lee Majors/Doug Barr series "The Fall Guy" after a major rewrite, since Dwayne Johnson was originally set to play the Lee Majors role.

Move over Nick Jonas (29), your older brother, Joe (32), is taking on a major film role. Nick made six films, plus two very successful "Jumanji" movies, but Joe only

played himself in five films. Now he's set to star in the action war drama "Devotion."

One of his co-stars, Glen Powell, is breaking out because of "Top Gun: Maverick." His earlier films were "The Dark Knight" (2012) and as astronaut John Glenn in "Hidden Figures" (2016). Joe Jonas' other co-star is Jonathan Majors, who scored in the HBO series "Lovecraft," the Disney+ series "Loki" and as Kang the Conqueror in the upcoming "Ant Man and the Wasp: Quantumania," premiering in February 2023.

Rob Reiner has announced "Spinal Tap II," nearly 40 years after the original film opened. Michael McKeon (74), Christopher Guest (74) and Harry Shearer (78) have toured several times through four decades as "Spinal Tap," and now they'll be returning to film the sequel that Reiner (now 75) directs and stars in. Before you think they're too old to play rock stars ... take a look at the Rolling Stones (who are between 74 and 78). Some Rolling Stones gather no moss!

Couch Theater

"Irma Vep" (NR) -- Mira is a successful American movie star who gained most of her fame by acting in box office hits. After growing weary of blockbusters, Mira accepts the role of Irma Vep in a remake of the French silent film "Les Vampires," much to the dismay of her agent, Zelda. Mira travels to France to work under the outlandish director Rene Vidal, and as Mira works to develop her character, Irma's reality eerily starts to merge into Mira's until she is unable to discern which is which. This drama-thriller miniseries depicts the making of "Irma Vep" and the story of its lead actress (played by Alicia Vikander) attempting to come out of it with her sanity. (HBO Max)

"Ms. Marvel" (TV-PG) -- Meet Kamala Khan (Iman Vellani), a 16-year-old high school student in Jersey City. She is artistic, a gamer and, being an Avengers fangirl, even writes superhero fanfiction. But Kamala's prone to living in her own fantasies more than she focuses on making a real-

istic plan for her approaching future. But then, Kamala finds a discarded family heirloom, a bracelet that activates cosmic powers within her, and she finally receives everything she's fantasized about: Kamala can become a superhero. But now that she has her powers, it remains up to Kamala to prove she can bring this dream to life and, eventually, save the world. Episode 1 of this TV miniseries premieres June 8. (Disney+)

"Hustle" (R) -- Another Adam Sandler movie hits Netflix, the same streaming platform that released recent Sandler films like "Uncut Gems" and "Hubie Halloween." In this sports film, we see Sandler more seriously as former 76ers basketball scout Stanley Sugarman, itching to work his way back into the NBA. On a trip to Spain, Stanley meets Bo Cruz, an undiscovered player with superstar talent. Stanley convinces Bo to leave his family and travel back to Philadelphia with him in order to train Bo up in time for the draft. Sure to encounter

obstacles on the way, both Bo and Stanley must rely on their great love for the game to kick off their careers once again. A heart-warming story about how grit, discipline and bending the rules can serve as a game-changer. Premieres June 8. (Netflix)

"Conversations with Friends" (TV-MA) -- Based on the novel of the same name by Sally Rooney, this TV series adaptation from Hulu and the BBC follows the lives of two best friends, Frances and Bobbi, and a married couple, Nick and Melissa. The two pairs meet, and the lines between them all become blurred quite quickly. Frances connects well with Nick, while Bobbi ensues her own flirtation with Melissa. But Frances, having only been with Bobbi romantically, falls down the rabbit hole much quicker than Bobbi does and must deal with the consequences of her actions once she realizes she's in way too deep with Nick. Messy, romantic and dramatic; what else could you ask for? (Hulu)

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: When does the TV series based on the movie "Willow" premiere? How many years ago was the film, and was it based on a book? -- **A.K.**

A: The story of "Willow," which was previously a film that starred Val Kilmer, Warwick Davis and Joanne Whalley, will soon be continued in a series on Disney+. Davis and Whalley will reprise their roles of the sorcerer and warrior queen, respectively, but reportedly not Kilmer, who has voice issues after battling throat cancer. He also wasn't able to travel to Wales to shoot due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. Perhaps if the series moves on to a second season, they'll find a way to include Kilmer.

Ron Howard, the film's director back in 1988, will serve as a producer on the series. He told "Entertainment Weekly," "This isn't a nostalgic throwback. It's a creative lean forward," introducing all-new characters and taking place years after the original.

"Willow" didn't begin as a novel, but according to Ranker.com, it's considered a "watered-down version of 'The Lord of the Rings.'" It's

about a "heroic dwarf who just wants to be a sorcerer, tasked with protecting a baby" from an evil queen.

Kilmer does appear briefly in the new "Top Gun" sequel, reprising his iconic character of "Iceman," and plans to play Mark Twain in a feature film, but that will likely depend on how his voice recovers, if at all.

"Willow" the series begins streaming on Nov. 30 on Disney+.

Q: I was so sad to hear about the passing of actor Ray Liotta. I'm pretty certain I saw him on a daytime soap opera before he starred in classic movies like "Goodfellas." Which soap character did he play? -- **R.B.**

A: Like many stars, Ray Liotta got his first big break on a daytime soap. In his case, it was playing nice guy Joey Perrini on "Another World" from 1978 to 1981. According to Harding Lemay, former head writer of "AW," Liotta stood out among his peers, eliciting a strong response from the audience. Sadly, he passed away in his sleep May 26 at age 67.

Q: Whatever happened to

actor Tim Robbins? He was so good in "Bull Durham" and "Shawshank Redemption," but I haven't watched him in anything since. -- **G.E.**

A: Tim Robbins was one of the biggest movie stars of the '90s. Along with the two notable films you mentioned, he starred in critically acclaimed, indie-type movies like "The Player" and "The Hudsucker Proxy." In the early 2000s, he won the Best Supporting Actor Oscar for "Mystic River," but for the past decade he's been working steadily under the radar.

Robbins and co-star Leslie Mann ("This Is 40") recently departed the upcoming Amazon series "The Power" before it ever really got off the ground. Described as a global sci-fi thriller, it suffered many delays due to the pandemic, and reportedly, Robbins' role was bumped down to a recurring one before his exit. He's quickly bounced back with another series, "Wool," created by Graham Yost ("Justified") for Apple TV+.

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

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Boston College has a policy allowing employees' children to attend for free once they've been accepted. One janitor's five children all made it in, saving the family almost \$700,000 in tuition costs.

* At some point, you've probably promised someone you'd "be there in a jiffy," but did you know that's an actual unit of time? 1/100th of a second, to be precise.

* Bob Ross, known for his TV show "The Joy of Painting," received up to 200 fan letters per day. If regular correspondents failed to keep in touch, he would phone them to make sure they were all right.

* The numbers on a roulette wheel, when added together, sum up to 666.

* The Eco Gym in Rochester, New York, uses cardio equipment that harvests energy from members' workouts as a means of reducing energy costs. Savings are passed on to the members as an incentive to keep coming back for regular exercise.

* Women's fashion changed with the invention of cars, when skirts in the 1900s were shortened to allow women to step into automobiles with more ease.

* The "XXX" that is often used to signify "poison" originated from moonshiners, indicating that their alcohol had been run through the still three times and was now pure and strong.

* In Sweden, millennials are known as the "Curling Generation," after the sport in which teammates sweep the ice in front of their stone to guide it, in the same manner as parents of millennials have swept away obstacles from their children's paths.

* Since snowflakes fall at about the rate of 1.5 mph, every one you see has traveled from 45-60 minutes to reach the ground.

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Answers

— King's Crossword

• Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country owns the Canary Islands?
2. MOVIES: Which movie features the song "Moon River"?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "non ducor, duco" mean in English?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of ducks called?
5. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features a character called Sethe?
6. TELEVISION: What drive-in diner is featured in the 1970s TV sitcom "Happy Days"?
7. MUSIC: When did Lynyrd Skynyrd's anthem "Sweet Home Alabama" chart in the Top 10?
8. U.S. STATES: Which

state's motto is "Eureka"?

9. HISTORY: When did Wyoming give women the right to vote, hold public office and own property?

10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had an estate called The Hermitage?

Answers

1. Spain

2. "Breakfast at Tiffany's"

3. "I am not led, I lead"

4. A raft

5. "Beloved"

6. Arnold's

7. 1974

8. California

9. 1869

10. Andrew Jackson

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by Linda Thistle

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Surf Broadband Solutions

Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors welcome Surf Broadband Solutions as a new member of the Chamber. Front row, left to right, are Brad Cox, Chamber ambassador; Lee Stocking, Chamber ambassador; Surf Construction Manager Chris O'Haver; Surf Community Marketing Manager Jennifer Alvarez; Chamber President/CEO Shelby Weide; Christin Atherton, Chamber ambassador; and Luke O'Brien, Chamber ambassador. Back row, Chamber ambassadors Linda Hessenberger and Erin Lauer.

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Friday, June 10 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, June 11 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Mendota City Ordinance

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MENDOTA—The Mendota Police Department would like to remind home and business owners of city ordinances regarding public nuisances. It is against city ordinance to have accumulations of trash, building materials, abandoned automobiles, machinery, scrap metal, discarded tires, vehicle batteries or any other material that creates a public health hazard on your property. It is also a violation to permit weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes or flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding six inches anywhere in the city. Also, all multi-family structures, including structures that consist of both residential and commercial units, and structures which share a wall or walls with another structure, shall be kept free from infestations of insects (including but not limited to bedbugs, cockroaches and disease-carrying insects), rats or other vermin. The city of Mendota requests anyone who is in violation of the above mentioned nuisance regulations to remove the item(s) from your property. Anyone found in violation will be subject to receiving a citation, which involves a court date and fine.

CARDS OF THANKS

Mendota VFW Post 4079 would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mauch Carpentry Inc. for their assistance with the flag display at Restland, Holy Cross and the Lutheran Cemetery for Memorial Day. You made a real difference. Thanks to Dave Mauch, Lane Mauch, Johnny Erhardt, Tony Brooks, Thaddeus Malott, Chris Patterson and Jarred Johnson.

Mendota City Ordinance



Grass clippings, etc. in streets

No person shall throw, place or leave, or cause or permit to be thrown, placed or left, any ashes, dirt, filth or rubbish, grass clippings, or foreign matter in or upon any street, alley or sidewalk of the City of Mendota. Penalty: Any person violating this section shall be subject to the penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500. Imposition of any penalty for a violation of this section shall not be construed as a waiver of the right of the City to collect the cost of removal of such nuisance where it is necessary for the City to remove such nuisance.

GARAGE SALE/ NOTICE DEADLINES

- Thursday 5 p.m. to appear in Monday's Money Saver.
- Monday 10 a.m. to appear in Wednesday's Reporter.

POLICE BLOTTER

SUSPENDED LICENSE, WARRANT ARREST

Andrew J. Chase, 21, of 205 Sandra Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Washington Street and 13th Avenue at 3:57 p.m. June 2. Also, Chase was arrested at a valid Williamson County arrest warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date and a Williamson County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Ryan J. Eklund, 22, of Princeton, was arrested at 3:57 p.m. June 2 on a valid Henry County arrest warrant for failure to appear/assault. The subject posted bond and

was released with a Henry County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Ismael Ochoa, 33, of Sandwich, was arrested at 11:45 p.m. June 4 on a valid city of Batavia arrest warrant or property damage and a DeKalb County warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with Kane County and DeKalb County court dates.

WARRANT ARREST

Philip T. Dentinger, 48, of Spring, Texas, was arrested at 7:30 p.m. June 5 on a valid city of Rockford arrest warrant for larceny. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

Former Mendota man dies in traffic crash in Tonica

TONICA — A former Mendota man was one of two people killed in a single-vehicle traffic accident on June 3 in Tonica.

According to LaSalle County Coroner Rich Ploch, Thomas J.M. Christmann, 24, of LaSalle, formerly of Mendota, was the driver of a vehicle that crashed at approximately 10:41 p.m. Friday, June 3 at 306

S. First St., Tonica. The LaSalle County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene after receiving the call.

A passenger in Christmann's vehicle, Allyson M. Murray, 21, of Tiskilwa, was also killed in the accident.

The crash remains under investigation by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office and LaSalle County Sheriff's Office.

MHS front entrances are temporarily closed

MENDOTA — As of June 6, the front entrances of Mendota High School will be closed due to parking lot construction. All visitors are requested to use the back parking lots and entrances.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
Due to upcoming vacations, the deadline for the June 15th edition of the Mendota Reporter will be at 4 p.m., Thursday, June 9th.

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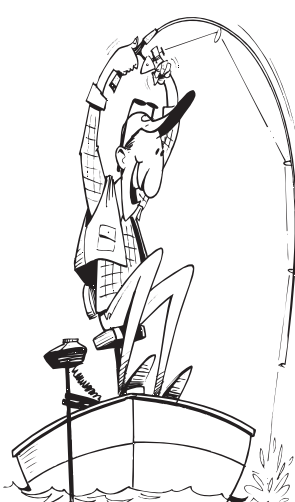
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Spring '22 wild turkey harvest totals announced for Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Turkey hunters harvested a preliminary statewide total of 13,701 wild turkeys during the 2022 Illinois Spring Turkey Season. This year's preliminary harvest total compares with the 2021 statewide turkey harvest of 13,613.

A total of 81,903 permits were sold this year compared to 83,240 in 2021.

The statewide preliminary total includes the 2022 Youth Turkey Season harvest of 1,258 birds, which compares with the 2021 youth harvest of 1,304 turkeys (the record for youth season harvest). The statewide record total harvest for the spring turkey season was set in 2006

when 16,569 turkeys were harvested.

Spring turkey hunting was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties. The 2022 season dates were April 4-May 5 in the South Zone and April 11-May 12 in the North Zone. The Youth Spring Turkey Season was March 26-27 and April 2-3 statewide.

The top five counties for spring wild turkey harvest in 2022 were Jefferson (422), Jo Daviess (416), Pike (368), Randolph (315), and Pope (312).

Totals from area counties include: Bureau (169), DeKalb (15), LaSalle (95), Lee (90), Marshall/Putnam (104), Ogle (191) and Whiteside (130).

QB Club plans June 17 golf outing

MENDOTA – The Mendota Quarterback Club will be sponsoring a public fund-raising event Friday, June 17 at the Mendota Golf Course with its 21st annual QB Club Golf Outing.

The cost is \$100 per person with steak dinner included. The four-person scramble starts with sign-in and lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 1 p.m., with dinner to follow at 5:30 p.m. If you choose not to golf, the steak dinner is available for \$20 per person.

There will be course games on various holes such as closest to the pin, longest drive, longest putt, etc. It is sure to be a fun time for golfers of all skills.

Entry forms are available online at www.mendotaqbclub.com, the Mendota QB Club Facebook page at [facebook.com/MendotaQbClub](https://www.facebook.com/MendotaQbClub) or the Mendota Golf Course.

Each year, the Club donates thousands of dollars to both the Mendota High School and Mendota Youth Football programs, and would appreciate your support. This event is entirely open to the public.

4 MHS girls earn softball all-conference honors

MENDOTA – Four Mendota High School softball players received all-conference recognition from the Three Rivers Athletic Conference-East Division for the 2022 season.

Senior Paige Manning was chosen to the first team as a pitcher and junior Katie Jenner made the first team as an infielder. Junior Emma Schultz was selected to the second team as an outfielder and senior Zoe Finley made the honorable mention squad as an outfielder.

FIRST TEAM

Pitcher – *Katie Bates, Sr., Princeton; *Ady Waldschmidt, So., Newman; Payge Pyszka, Sr., St. Bede; Makela Salisbury, Jr., Kewanee; Paige Manning, Sr., Mendota

Catcher – Lainy Kelly, Sr., Kewanee; Bella Pinter, So., St. Bede

Infielder – *Ryan Stoudt, Sr., St. Bede; *Mackenzie Hecht, Sr., Princeton; Tyra Saylor, Sr., Bureau Valley; Marissa Stevens, Jr., Kewanee; Katie Jenner, Jr., Mendota

Outfielder – *Addie Bontz, Jr., St. Bede; Madison Duhon, So., Newman; Taylor Wetzels, Sr., Princeton; McKensy Stontz, Sr., Kewanee

Utility – *Reagan Stoudt, So., St. Bede
(* indicates unanimous selection)

SECOND TEAM

Pitcher – Maggie Filippini, Sr., Hall; Kendal Bennison, Sr., Kewanee

Catcher – Carlin Brady, Jr., Newman; Olivia Alter, Sr., Princeton

Infielder – Leigh Maynard, Fr., Bureau Valley; Jess Johns, So., Newman; Kelsea Klingenberg, Fr., Princeton; Ella

Hermes, So., St. Bede
Outfielder – Hannah Muehlschlegel, Sr., Princeton; Grace Maschmann, Sr., St. Bede; Emma Schultz, Jr., Mendota
Utility – Madelyn Torrance, Jr., St. Bede

HONORABLE MENTION

Catcher – Darla Kepner, Sr., Bureau Valley

Infielder – Libby Boyles, Sr., Princeton; Reagan Stoudt, So., St. Bede; Abby Peterson, Sr., Princeton

Outfielder – Rachel Brown, Sr., Kewanee; Zoe Finley, Sr., Mendota; Sophia Ely, So., Newman; Rilee Sterling, Sr., Princeton

Final standings: St. Bede 10-2, Princeton 9-3, Kewanee 8-4, Mendota 5-7, Bureau Valley 5-7, Newman 5-7, Hall 0-12

2 Trojans garner baseball all-conference honors

MENDOTA – Two Mendota Trojan baseball players earned all-conference honors from the Three Rivers Athletic Conference-East Division for the 2022 season.

Junior Krew Bond was a unanimous selection as an infielder, while sophomore Izaiah Nanez was chosen to the honorable mention squad as a pitcher.

Bond led the Trojans with a .500 average. He also topped the club in hits (26), home runs (4) and runs batted in (15), and tied for the lead in doubles (6) and triples (1). Nanez paced Mendota in innings pitched (39.2), wins (3) and strikeouts (33).

FIRST TEAM

Pitcher – *Sam Rouse, Jr., Bureau Valley; *Ethan Plym, Sr., Hall; Kyle Wolfe, Jr., Newman; James Conner, Sr., Kewanee

Catcher – *Kyler Lapp, Jr., Hall

Infielder – *Carter Salisbury, Sr., Bureau Valley; *Krew Bond, Jr., Mendota; Grant Koerner, Sr., Newman; Ryan Brucker, Jr., Princeton

Outfielder – Brendan Tunink, So., Newman; Mac Resetich, Jr., Hall; Will Bruno, Sr., Kewanee; Matt Lucas, Sr., Princeton

Utility – Riley Coble, Jr., Hall
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SECOND TEAM

Pitcher – Danny Cihocki, Jr., Princeton; Ean Compton, Sr., Princeton; Payton Dye, So., Hall; Seth Ferrari, So., St. Bede

Catcher – Ethan Van Landuit, Sr., Newman

Infielder – Luke Story, Sr., St. Bede; Nolan Britt, Jr., Newman; Brock Foster, Sr., Bureau Valley; Josh Nimrick, Sr., Kewanee; Brennan Cook, Sr., Newman

Outfielder – Logan Johnson, Sr., Bureau Valley; Gabe Lucas, Sr., Hall; Augie Christiansen, Jr., Princeton

Utility – Jordan Reinhardt, Fr., Princeton

HONORABLE MENTION

Pitcher – Izaiah Nanez, So., Mendota; Max Bryant, So., Hall

Catcher – Sam Wright, Jr., Bureau Valley; Ace Christiansen, Fr., Princeton

Infielder – Jaesen Johns, Jr., Newman; Colin Nave, Sr., St. Bede; Drake Garland, Sr., Hall

Outfielder – Noah Tiska, Sr., Kewanee; Kory Mullen, Sr., Newman

Utility – Cameron Conley, Sr., Kewanee

Final standings: Hall 9-3, Princeton 8-4, Kewanee 7-5, Newman 7-5, Bureau Valley 6-6, St. Bede 3-9, Mendota 2-10

Nominations being accepted for 2022 Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Conservation Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2022 of the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame.

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Some inductees touched the lives of thousands of

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Nominees selected will be inducted into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame in the spring of 2023 at the annual Illinois Conservation Foundation Outdoor Hall of Fame Gala.

Nominations must be submitted on the official Hall of Fame Nomination form by July 11, 2022, to be considered. For more information, contact the Illinois Conservation Foundation at info@ilconservation.org or 217-785-2003. Additional information also may be found online at ilconservation.org/.

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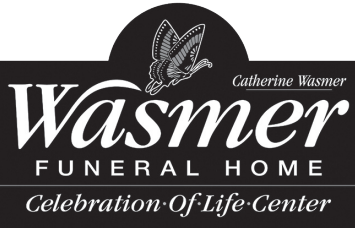
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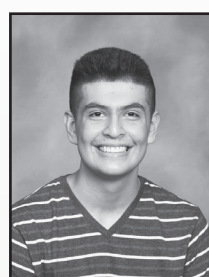
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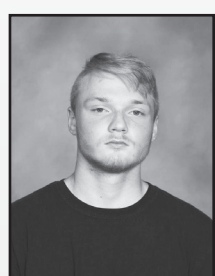
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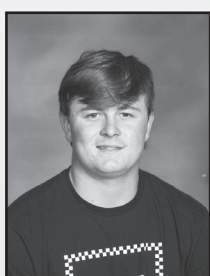
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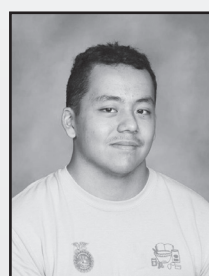
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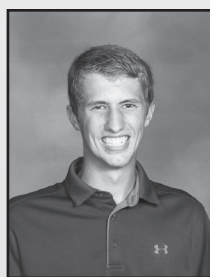
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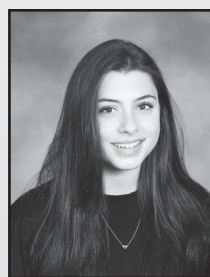
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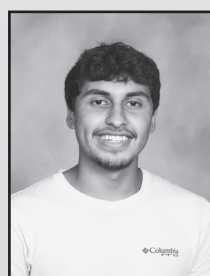
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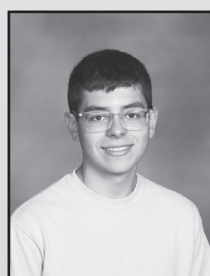
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The key to controlling your feelings

I've learned from experience that feelings are fickle. One day they can be up, one day they can be down, and other days they are just all over the place!

God gave us feelings, and they are not wrong in and of themselves—they are an important part of enjoying life. We don't need to deny that we have them, but we do need to prevent them from controlling us.

In 1 Corinthians 3:3 (AMPC), the apostle Paul is talking to new Christians, and he says, "For you are still [unspiritual,

having the nature] of the flesh [under the control of ordinary impulses]."

The flesh is our desires—what we want, think and feel. And Romans 8:8 says that "those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him."

The Bible is saying that always doing what we feel like doing will hinder us from doing what God wants us to do. We need to get to the place in life where

we are not controlled by our emotions so we won't miss out on His good plan for our lives.

I realize that some people are more emotional than others. However, with God's help, we can get to the point where we obey God and do what His Word says to do—regardless of our feelings.

Let me give you an example. You may know I was sexually abused by my father for years. My mother eventually found out but never confronted him because she was afraid of him. Needless to say, the abuse and pain I experienced as a child deeply affected me, and it took years for the Lord to help me receive emotional healing and truly forgive my parents.

When they reached a point where they needed someone to help take care of them, the Lord spoke to my heart that He wanted us to bring my parents to St. Louis, buy them a house, and take care of them until they died.

I shared it with Dave, secretly hoping he would resist the idea. But he said, "If you think this is what God is leading you to do, then we better obey Him."

We didn't have a lot of money in the bank, and it was going to take most of it to do what God was asking. But the more I prayed, the more the Lord made it clear that He wanted us to take



good care of them and treat them as if they had been the best parents in the world.

So we moved my parents to a house just eight minutes away from us, bought them a car and furniture, and met their every need. My father showed some appreciation, but he still remained the same mean and cranky man he had always been.

But one morning, three years after we had moved them to St. Louis, my mother called to say my father had been crying all week and asked if we could come over. Dave and I went to their house, and that day my father asked me to forgive him for what he had done to me as a child. He cried and cried and also asked Dave to forgive him.

We assured him that we had forgiven him and asked if he wanted to ask God to forgive him so he could begin a relationship with Jesus Christ. He said yes, and we all prayed right there on the spot. Ten days later, I had the great honor of baptizing my father at church.

I can truly say that for the next four years, prior to his death at age 86, I saw a true change in my father. I know without a doubt that he's in Heaven. My mother had asked my forgiveness years before this, and I had the joy of knowing her last years were peaceful.

The point I'm trying to make is when the Lord asked me to help my parents, I certainly didn't feel like doing it. I had a choice to obey Him and do what I knew was right or follow my feelings and miss out on what He wanted to do in their lives and mine in the process.

I want you to take a moment and think about this: Are your feelings preventing you from doing something God has asked you to do? In the moment, it may seem that getting "your way" is the most important thing or that you'll be giving up too much if you go along with God's plan.

But the truth is while you can't always control how you feel, with God's help, you can control what you do. And when you obey God,

He always rewards you beyond anything you can imagine.

I encourage you to pray and ask the Lord for strength in this area. Ask for His help to choose His will over what you want, think or feel in the moment. Because you'll never regret making good decisions, doing things God's way!

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2. From the first chapter of James, what kind of man is like the waves of the sea? Righteous, Doubting, Jealous, Sleeping
3. Which apostle was a tax collector from Capernaum? Andrew, John, James, Matthew
4. From Acts 16, Lydia was a seller of ...? Perfumes, Water, Sandals, Purple
5. Oholah, Oholibah and Rahab were all ...? Queens, Prostitutes, Priests, Vineyards
6. From what church was Silas? Unity, Bethany, Antioch, Trinity

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Doubting; 3) Matthew; 4) Purple; 5) Prostitutes; 6) Antioch

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EMILIO A CALVILLO AND EDNA CALVILLO, 520 BRIGHTON ST, LA PORTE, IN 46350, according to the Mortgage dated June 20, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 12738, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00540, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 1
EMILIO A CALVILLO AND EDNA CALVILLO,

860 TRUMAN ST, HAMMOND, IN 46320, according to the Mortgage dated June 20, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 12738, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 00540, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 1

HUMBERTO CHAPOY-GARZA AND WENDY CHAPOY-GEORGE, 219 BALDWIN AVE, SHARON, PA 16146, according to the Mortgage dated July 02, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13678, 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. 0428, Use Period Number(s) 37, Phase 7
SHAIN CLARK THOMAS CLARK, 4205 WILD CHERRY DR, CARROLLTON, TX 75010, according to the Mortgage dated May 30, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 11268, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 17, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0046E, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1
SHAIN CLARK THOMAS CLARK, C/O MITCHELL REED SUSSMAN, 1053 S PALM CANYON DR, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92264, according to the Mortgage dated May 30, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 11268, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 17, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0046E, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1
WILLIAM COES JR AND ANNETTE COES, 623 CLAY ST, GARY, IN 46403, according to the Mortgage dated July 12, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 16814, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 31, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0089E, Use Period Number(s) 04, Phase 2
MARIA CORTEZ, JUAN CORTEZ AND JUAN CORTEZ, 12949 PEACH TREE WAY, EULESS, TX 76040, according to the Mortgage dated June 19, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 13394, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 17, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0207, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 4
CHRISTINE CUBILLOS AND BARBARA FOX, 16110 HURON ST, CREST HILL, IL 60403, according to the Mortgage dated October 27, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 24734, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 02, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0407, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 6
MIKICA N DAY RILEY, LESLIE COOPER AND LESLIE COOPER, 330 THORNTON DR, FAYETTEVILLE, GA 30214, according to the Mortgage dated June 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 12179, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate

to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1
MIKICA N DAY RILEY, LESLIE COOPER AND LESLIE COOPER, 1866 S LAWDALE AVE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL 60623, according to the Mortgage dated June 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 12179, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 30, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0070, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1
DANIEL DELUNA AND IVONNE DELUNA, 2558 WEST ST, RIVER GROVE, IL 60171, according to the Mortgage dated June 29, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 15567, 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. 0143E, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 2
DERRICK DIAMOND AND JARRET DIAMOND, PO BOX 498081, CHICAGO, IL 60649, according to the Mortgage dated March 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 05996, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 01, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0139O, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2
DERRICK DIAMOND AND JARRET DIAMOND, 9037 S KINGSTON, CHICAGO, IL 60617, according to the Mortgage dated March 15, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 05996, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 01, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0139O, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2
CARLETHA S DONLEY AND ANTHONY DONLEY, 11300 S PARNELL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Mortgage dated February 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 03812, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 03, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0378, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 3
CARLETHA S DONLEY AND ANTHONY DONLEY, 11300 S PARNELL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Mortgage dated February 12, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 03812, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 03, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0407, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 6
SUSAN GARNER AND MATTHEW GARNER, 1235 HARVEY AVE, BERWYN, IL 60402, according to the Mortgage dated May 18, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 11659, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 24, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 7
SUSAN GARNER AND MATTHEW GARNER, 3447 N OSAGE, BERWYN, IL 60634, according to the Mortgage dated May 18, 2014 and recorded

under File No. 2014 11659, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 24, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0425, Use Period Number(s) 36, Phase 7
SUSAN GARNER, MATTHEW GARNER AND LORI A O NEILL, 1235 HARVEY AVE, BERWYN, IL 60402, according to the Mortgage dated October 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24976, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0419, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 7
SUSAN GARNER, MATTHEW GARNER AND LORI A O NEILL, 3447 N OSAGE, BERWYN, IL 60634, according to the Mortgage dated October 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24976, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0419, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 7
CHIQUITA GRIFFIS AND CRYSTAL NOREY, 432 GRANT ST, GARY, IN 46404, according to the Mortgage dated March 14, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 06008, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 01, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0008O, Use Period Number(s) 35, Phase 1
DEBRA HAMILTON AND PAUL S HAMILTON, 2451 ANZIO DR, DALLAS, TX 75224, according to the Mortgage dated April 15, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 09268, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on May 02, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0026E, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1
EULA M HARRIS AND TANEKIA S HARRIS, 840 N LARAMIE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60651, according to the Mortgage dated January 22, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 03820, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 20, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0380, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 3
KIRBY HENDERSON AND DONTA DARDEN, 10903 MAPLE ROCK DR, HUMBLE, TX 77396, according to the Mortgage dated July 26, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 15272, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 11, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201O, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 4
KIRBY HENDERSON AND DONTA DARDEN, 13339 BRIANHEAD CT, VICTORVILLE, CA 92394, according to the Mortgage dated July 26, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 15272, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 11, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0201O, Use Period Number(s) 42, Phase 4
MAURICE HILL AND

JACQUELYNN HILL, 1038 BRADFIELD CT, UNIVERSITY PARK, IL 60484, according to the Mortgage dated April 07, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 08576, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 23, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0088O, Use Period Number(s) 06, Phase 2
J E N N I F E R H O L L E N B A C K, 2231 GARDEN RD, AURORA, IL 60506, according to the Mortgage dated November 7, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 23549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 5, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0394, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 6
J E N N I F E R H O L L E N B A C K, 2231 GARDEN RD, AURORA, IL 60506, according to the Mortgage dated November 7, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 23549, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 5, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0401, Use Period Number(s) 07, Phase 6
CHAD HOLLER AND FELICIA STRAUCH, 4 ORIOLE CT, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702, according to the Mortgage dated June 27, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13277, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 15, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0114O, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2
CHAD HOLLER AND FELICIA STRAUCH, 1308 N RUTLEDGE ST, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702, according to the Mortgage dated June 27, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13277, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 15, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0114O, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2
JAMES A HOWDESHELL SR AND KATHLEEN MARY HOWDESHELL, 6005 ISAAC WAY, CEDAR HILL, MO 63016, according to the Mortgage dated April 11, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 08918, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 28, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0090O, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 2
LESLEY JACKSON, 18609 MAPLE AVE, COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, IL 60478, according to the Mortgage dated October 12, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 20978, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 29, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0065, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1
MANDY JAMES AND SHEILA ROBINSON-DARKE, 4733 TORRANCE BLVD UNIT 501, TORRANCE, CA 90503, according to the Mortgage dated July 12, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 16411, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 01, 2012, are the owners

of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0215, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 4
MICHAEL A JOHNSON AND ROBIN WHITE, 452 GAIL LN, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL 60411, according to the Mortgage dated February 28, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 05584, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 15, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0117O, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 2
WILLIE JONES AND TIFFANY WILKINS, 2261 JASON DR, MONTGOMERY, IL 60538, according to the Mortgage dated February 09, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 03209, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 21, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0107, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2
WILLIE JONES AND TIFFANY WILKINS, 2201 GALLANT FOX CIRCLE, MONTGOMERY, IL 60538, according to the Mortgage dated February 09, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 03209, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 21, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0107, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2
BEVERLY KUOPPALA, 6540 CIRCLEVIEW DR, NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX 76180, according to the Mortgage dated November 24, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24618, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 19, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0167, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 1
ALLEN LEE, 6509 S PEORIA ST APT 2R, CHICAGO, IL 60621, according to the Mortgage dated May 18, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 12194, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 07, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0391, Use Period Number(s) 33, Phase 6
MARVIN LEVI AND YOLANDA JOHNSON, 14 LOCUST CT, CALUMET CITY, IL 60409, according to the Mortgage dated December 06, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 24990, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 26, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0037E, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 1
RICHARD MOBLEY JR AND ANDREA GRANT, 101 SIGLER RD, MC DAVID, FL 32568, according to the Mortgage dated July 22, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 17017, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 08, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0037E, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 1
PAULETTEA MOODY AND CARLIS MOODY, 17 N WATERFORD DR, ROUND LAKE, IL 60073, according to the Mortgage dated August 30, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 21006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 29, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0116O, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 2
JUAN PEREZ-CORIA AND REGINA BERNAL-SANCHEZ, 5648 S PAULINA ST, CHICAGO, IL 60636, according to the Mortgage dated September 09, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 20239, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 06, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0214E, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 4
JENNIFER MAGANA AND RAPHAEL JEFFRIE, 1126 KAREN DR, JOLIET, IL 60431, according to the Mortgage dated June 05, 2014 and recorded

under File No. 2014 11751, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0011, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1
JENNIFER MAGANA AND RAPHAEL JEFFRIE, 10204 SOUTH SANGAMON ST, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Mortgage dated June 05, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 11751, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 25, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0011, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1
MARTIN MIRANDA AND BERENISSE MIRANDA, 948 PRINSTON AVE, ROMEVILLE, IL 60446, according to the Mortgage dated September 23, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 22345, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 17, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0048, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1
MARTIN MIRANDA AND BERENISSE MIRANDA, 13911 ROCKBLUFF WAY, HOMER GLEN, IL 60491, according to the Mortgage dated September 23, 2012 and recorded under File No. 2012 22345, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 17, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0048, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1
RICHARD MOBLEY JR AND ANDREA GRANT, 101 SIGLER RD, MC DAVID, FL 32568, according to the Mortgage dated July 22, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 17017, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 08, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0037E, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 1
RICHARD MOBLEY JR AND ANDREA GRANT, 2641 STEFANI RD, CONTONET FLORIDA, FL 32533, according to the Mortgage dated July 22, 2012 and recorded under File No. R2012 17017, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 08, 2012, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0037E, Use Period Number(s) 44, Phase 1
PAULETTEA MOODY AND CARLIS MOODY, 17 N WATERFORD DR, ROUND LAKE, IL 60073, according to the Mortgage dated August 30, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 21006, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 29, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0116O, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 2
JUAN PEREZ-CORIA AND REGINA BERNAL-SANCHEZ, 5648 S PAULINA ST, CHICAGO, IL 60636, according to the Mortgage dated September 09, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 20239, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 06, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0055O, Use Period Number(s) 17,

Phase 1
DENISE C PITCHFORD, 10121 S CARPENTER ST, CHICAGO, IL 60643, according to the Mortgage dated February 19, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 04476, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 13, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0406, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 6
RAMONA RACHAL, 2253 N LAPORTE AVE 1, CHICAGO, IL 60639, according to the Mortgage dated March 16, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 05774, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 2, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0017E, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1
RAMONA RACHAL, C/O SCHROETER GOLDMARK BENDER, 401 UNION ST, STE 3400, SEATTLE, WA 98101, according to the Mortgage dated March 16, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 05774, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 2, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0017E, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 1
BILLY RANDLE AND YOLANDA LAND, 13905 PARK AVE, DOLTON, IL 60419, according to the Mortgage dated February 18, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2006 07059, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 22, 2006, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0164E, Use Period Number(s) 49, Phase 1
MANUEL REYES, 6301 NEWCASTLE AVE, WESTCHESTER, IL 60154, according to the Mortgage dated November 02, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 25875, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 20, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0126E, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 2
RENAUARD E RICHIE AND JOYCE RICHIE, 17049 VOLLBRECHT RD, SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473, according to the Mortgage dated July 09, 2009 and recorded under File No. R2011 03126, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 07, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0381, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 3
JANICE M ROBERTS AND BARBARA J WILLIAMS, 1647 W LAKE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60612, according to the Mortgage dated February 13, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 03847, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 03, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0369, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 3
JANICE M ROBERTS AND BARBARA J WILLIAMS, 1647 W LAKE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60612, according to the Mortgage dated February 13, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 03847, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 03, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to

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VIVIAN MAIRIM SIERRA AND JONATHAN TALLY, 5524 COURT Q, HANOVER PARK, IL 60133, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13813, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 22, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0284, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 4

VIVIAN MAIRIM SIERRA AND JONATHAN TALLY, 5480 ARLINGTON DR E, HANOVER PARK, IL 60133, according to the Mortgage dated July 05, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2015 13813, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 22, 2015, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0284, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 4

HEATHER STUPAY AND MICHAEL STUPAY, 1006 MOUNTAIN VIEW DR # D, JOLIET, IL 60432, according to the Mortgage dated

August 24, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 17163, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0123, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2

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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).

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Silverleaf Resorts, LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company
By: Deborah A. Quirk
Its: Agent
Legal No. 0601 (6/8, 6/15, 6/22 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Waiver of Administrative Cost Limitations

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of the Mendota Elementary School District #289 in the County of LaSalle, State of Illinois, that a public hearing of said school district will be held on the Limitation of Administrative Costs Waiver. The public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the 16th day June, 2022, at the District #289 Education Center at 1806 Guiles Ave, Mendota, Illinois 61342.

Legal No. 0604 (6/8 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Student Tuition Waiver Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of the Mendota Elementary School District #289 in the County of LaSalle, State of Illinois, that a public hearing of said school district will be held on the Student Tuition Waiver. Mendota Elementary School District #289 is applying for a waiver of the school code (Sections 10-20.12a). This waiver is to enable the district to allow non-resident students whose parents are full-time employees of the district to attend its schools free of charge. A public hearing, as required by law, addressing this issue will be held June 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the District #289 Education Center at 1806 Guiles Ave, Mendota, IL

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Legal No. 0605 (6/8 2022)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)

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JULIE A. BONNELL,
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Deceased.

Case No.: 22 PR 95

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JULIE A. BONNELL, of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 19, 2022 to LINDA KLEIN, 2214 Shady Oaks Rd., West Brooklyn, IL 61378, and whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342. Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Independent representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or if mailing or delivery of a Claim Notice from the Independent Executor is required, the date stated in that Notice. Any claim not filed on or before the above stated dates is barred.

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Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been e-filed with the Clerk of Court. Dated this 19th day of May, 2022.

Greg Vaccaro
Circuit Clerk-LaSalle County Courthouse
119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350
David M. Kaleel
Attorney for Executor
806 Jefferson St
Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-5616
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No. 0511
(5/25, 6/1, 6/8 2022)

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ROCHELLE: 5245 S Mill Pond Rd. Friday June 10th 8am-5pm. Collectibles, Antiques, Housewares, Women's Plus and Men's Clothes, Milk Cans, Rollaway Bed, Microwaves, 2-Burner Bunn Coffee Maker, Milw Sawzall, and More. (06-08-22)

ROCHELLE: 1015 Lakeview Dr. June 9-10-11 8am-5pm. Dining table, 8 chairs, hutch, buffet, rugs and other items. (06-08-22)

ROCHELLE: 1247 Tilton Park Dr. June 9th 8am-2pm. Lawn mower, chest of drawers, clothes, weight machine. (06-08-22)

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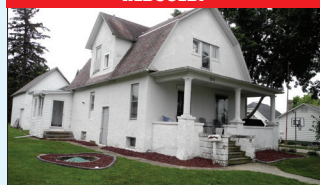
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2517 Woods St., West
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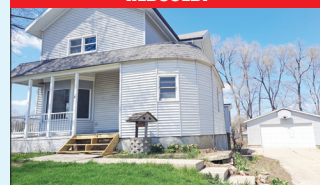
Lovely Dutch Colonial 2 story home with hardwood floors on the first floor with nice woodwork. The foyer leads to a gorgeous open staircase that takes you to 3 large bedrooms. 1st floor master bedroom, Bright airy and clean home with lots of storage. Detached Big 18x30 garage.



1210 Jefferson St.,
Mendota \$134,000

2 1/2 garage with alley access. Newer roof, furnace and AC 3 yrs old, all downstairs windows replace in 2009. New chimney and new electrical box. Kitchen with island. Stove, fridge with extended warranty, microwave, DW and washer and dryer included. Ramp may be removed. Call McConville Realty for all the amenities.

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

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2031 Richardson Rd., Amboy \$269,900

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), 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! Call for a showing!



4 W. Division St., Amboy \$125,000

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