

# Museums find direction

□ M. Piller named executive director of Mendota Museum & Historical Society

By BRANDON LACHANCE  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The last calendar year saw the Mendota Museum & Historical Society without a direction as there wasn’t an executive director to guide the sanctuary of history.

This has changed as Madeline Piller was hired for the job and she is full of excitement about her new role.

“We are going to advertise in a different way with the purpose being to connect with the community at more of the ground level,” said Piller, who graduated from Mendota High School in 2011. “We’ve had that boom of the internet where everything was online, and you could see it on your phone. But, just like everything else, people are tiring. People are tired of the influence of the internet and how we interact with people.

“You see that in every sort of experience. When I worked with the park service, I had a boss that said, ‘We may be low for the next few years, but then people who went to camp are old enough to have kids and that cycle will continue.’ We are hoping to cycle into a very thriving historical basis for the love of the community.

“That’s what we want. We want engagement from anyone, from anywhere, and all types of stories. We all make up Mendota. Mendota is not the same as it was 100 years ago. We’re increasing in diversity with people coming in from other places. And just like every other small town, Mendota has a way of doing things that people may not understand. That’s the whole

*“We’re going to follow the mission of the museum, which is to relate things to Mendota, its history, and its culture. It has changed, but it is also almost coming back to its roots.”*

– Madeline Piller

point of studying history and how things started or what was the influence.”

With a Mendota background, Piller went elsewhere to add to her education and life experiences.

She attended the University of Illinois and studied systems biology with a specialty in reinvigorating systems of all kinds – communication, filing, curating, and organization.

After accepting her college diploma, she went to Arizona for five years as part of the Teach for America program before returning to the Illinois Valley and taking over a physics and chemistry classroom at La Salle-Peru High School in January.

When she is not in the classroom, her focus is on the museum.

“You can only sit on your computer for so many hours a day. People want to get out. The theme of the summer and the fall is going to be, ‘Welcome back to the museum’ because we want people to check out our history,” said Piller, who was officially hired as the museum’s executive director on June 1. “We want to bring in the youth and I don’t just mean children. There are 30-year-olds who haven’t been here and may need a hub to interact with

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Madeline Piller gets the opportunity to fulfill a passion of bringing a museum to life, as she is the new executive director at the Mendota Museum. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

# State audit finds unemployment fraud at nearly \$2 billion

□ Agency blames Trump administration

By BETH HUNSDORFER  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A state audit released recently found nearly \$2 billion in federal money intended to help unemployed Illinoisans during the pandemic was lost to fraudulent claims in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security blamed “insufficient and flawed federal guidance” and a lack of controls on a hastily constructed program put together by the Trump administration.

The federally-funded Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program provided up to 39 weeks of benefits for unemployed individuals who ran out of regular unemployment benefits and for self-employed individuals, gig workers and others not eligible for regular unemployment.

The report released by Auditor General Frank Mautino covered much of the life of the program, July 2020 through June 2021.

In the early days of the pandemic, amid business shutdowns and high unemployment, states struggled under a crush of claims from those laid off during those shutdowns. Amid this volume of claims, IDES was forced to try to weed out the fraudulent claims while under pressure to get money into the hands of the recently unemployed.

The Pritzker administration has said the PUA program was designed hastily and does not give employers an opportunity to challenge fraudulent claims because the type of workers applying for benefits do not technically have employers. The PUA program also eliminated existing controls, including income and employment verification, according to a statement by IDES.

Much of the fraud, up to \$163 billion estimated nationwide, involved identity theft.

Scammers filed unemployment claims using false identities and then had the payment method switched from the debit cards that people receive when they qualify for benefits to direct deposit into an account accessible by them.

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# Monarchs up 35% in Mexico: Illinois expert says conservation remains important

By KAY SHIPMAN  
FarmWeek

BLOOMINGTON – More monarch butterflies spent the winter in Mexican mountain forests compared to the previous year, Mexico’s Commission for Protected Areas reported recently.

Known as the eastern monarch population, the monarchs that overwinter in Mexico migrate north through Texas and the Southern Plains, up through the Northern Plains, Illinois and the Midwest before moving into the Great Lakes region.

Mexican officials reported a 35% increase in the forested area where the butterflies stayed. The population covered 7 acres of trees compared to 5.2 acres the previous year. The annual butterfly count doesn’t measure numbers of individual butterflies, but the area they cover when clumped in trees.

Monarch expert David Zaya, a plant ecologist with the Illinois Natural History Survey, reported seeing his first monarchs of the season May 25. Earlier, Zaya had projected the first monarchs would start arriving in Illinois in late May.

“The overwintering monarch butterfly numbers each year should be viewed with an eye to the recent past. Not only should we be looking at the 2.8 hectares (7 acres) from this year, but also at the trends in the last 10 or so years,” Zaya told FarmWeek.

“My takeaway from the reports out of Michoacán (Mexico) is that monarch numbers this year are ‘average’ for the last seven years — actually the median, not exactly the average,” Zaya continued.

“If we’re hit with another extreme year like 2012, or

even worse two extreme years, the species could be on the brink of extinction. For that reason, conservation efforts along the migration route and especially here in their summer breeding range are urgently important,” he said.

Illinoisans can support monarchs by planting flowers, such as coneflowers and black-eyed Susans, for adult butterflies. Their larvae depend on milkweeds and grow on only plants in the milkweed family.

In Zaya’s view, farmers and rural landowners have an opportunity to make an impact because of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and other large-scale conservation programs, which he described as “game changers for pollinator conservation in Illinois.”

“CRP and other pro-

grams like that are going to have a huge impact on conservation of pollinators and other creatures in Illinois,” he continued. “When you create habitat for monarchs and other pollinators, it helps larger wildlife and plants.”

Experts projected this year’s monarch increase could reflect the butterflies’ ability to adapt to more extreme bouts of heat or drought by varying the date when they leave Mexico, according to the Associated Press.

Traditionally, the monarchs arrive in the Mexican forests in early November and leave for the U.S. in March.

Last year, the butterflies left in February and escaped the heat and drought just north of the border that came in April and May. This year, they stayed later until April.



Monarch butterflies have started arriving back in Illinois from their Mexican wintering grounds. Winter numbers increased 35%, Mexican officials recently reported. (Illinois Farm Bureau file photo)

Next year’s numbers might reflect if the delay proved beneficial, according to a government commission spokesman.

Monarch butterflies west of the Rocky Mountains overwinter on the California coast. This year, their

numbers rebounded to more than 250,000 butterflies.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Graves-Hume Library kicking off its Summer Reading Club on July 8th

MENDOTA – Join Graves-Hume Public Library as it kicks off its Summer Reading Club, 2022’s Read Beyond the Beaten Path with Dan Gogh’s Magical Camp Adventure.

Experience the great outdoors in this one-of-a-kind variety show. Artist Dan Gogh will be your guide for engaging camp activities, including searching for magical survival equipment, and amazing nature discoveries. Wander off the beaten path and join Dan Gogh where magic, comedy, and art are all part of the adventure.



This family fun event will be on Friday, July 8 at 6 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the show. This show, along with popcorn and drinks is provided by Friends of the Library. For more information, check out [www.DanGogh.art](http://www.DanGogh.art). This event is open to all. No library card or registration required. For more information, check out the library’s Facebook page or stop in for a newsletter.

## Stage 212 names “Into The Woods” cast

LaSALLE – Stage 212 takes a new look at familiar fairy tales with “Into The Woods,” Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine’s Tony Award-winning hit musical.

“Into The Woods” will be presented July 15-17, July 22-24 and July 29-31 at Stage 212, 700 First St., LaSalle. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available to the general public for \$20 each beginning July 5, and may be purchased by visiting the box office Monday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon or by calling 815-224-3025 during those hours. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting [stage212.org](http://stage212.org). Stage 212 will be following IDPH guidelines for Phase 5.

Inspired by the Brothers Grimm, “Into The Woods” is a dark musical fairy tale with a twist. The story follows a Baker and his wife who have been cursed by a witch and are unable to have children. To reverse the witch’s spell, they must venture into the woods to procure magical items from classic fairy tales.

Featured in the cast are Shea Rathburn as the Narrator, Ashley Hurst as Cinderella, Reid Tomasson as Jack, Simon R. Tiffin as the Baker, Trisha Nicole Bagby as the Baker’s Wife, Megan Cullinan as Cinderella’s Stepmother, Nora Maier as Florinda, Olivia Bergfeld as Lucinda, Kelly Johnson as Jack’s Mother, Kylie Atkins as Little Red Riding

Hood, Serena Rogers as the Witch, Mike Maier as Cinderella’s Father, Karen Lesman as Cinderella’s Mother/Granny, Jeff Sudakov as the Mysterious Man, Jake Jakielski as Cinderella’s Prince/Wolf, Ella Bergfeld as Rapunzel, Griffin Tabor as Rapunzel’s Prince, Fredrick Davis as the Steward, Emily Kmetz as Gretel, Andrew Beer as Pinocchio, Maddie Stanbary as Rumpelstiltskin, Sangita Allen as the Giant’s Wife, Jamie Parks as Briar Rose/Harp, and Emily Boes as Snow White.

Production staff includes director Kevin J. Alleman, assistant director Reid Tomasson, producer Traci Tomasson, production assistants Ella Johns and Grace McCormick, stage manager Mia Carretto, casting consultants Zoe Starkey and Kristyn Szwajka, set construction coordinator Cory Tomasson, dialect coach Sidney Megeff, fight choreographer Grace Irvin, costumer Narissa Keller and makeup/wig coordinators Mary Arellano and Sarah Hunter.

“Into The Woods” features adult themes and content, and parental discretion is advised. Additionally, patrons are advised that the production contains flashing lights and loud sounds. “Into The Woods” is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)

## Welcome to the Chamber



### Big Uproar

Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and Board members welcome Big Uproar as a new Chamber member. Members of the band are Clay Coss, Rusty Stachlewitz, Nate Bradford, Ryan Coss and James Younger. Representatives from the Mendota Chamber welcoming the band are Shelby Weide, President/CEO, Ambassadors Lee Stocking and Dessa Collings, and Board members Michelle Barkman, Rusty Lindenmeyer, Evan Wixom, Kelly Becker, Erica Henry and Matt Meyer. Not pictured, band member Ken Ladenberger. (Photo contributed)



### The Chalet

Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and Board members welcome The Chalet as a new Chamber member. Owners are Brad and Angie Jackson. Cutting the ribbon is their daughter, Grace. Representatives from the Mendota Chamber welcoming the new business are Shelby Weide, President/CEO, Ambassadors Lee Stocking, Christin Atherton and Linda Hessenberger, and Board members Steve Donnell, Michelle Barkman, Evan Wixom and Matt Meyer. (Photo contributed)

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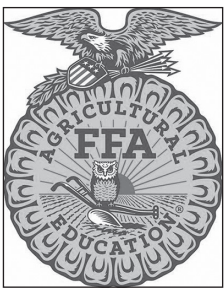
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# LOCAL AND AREA

## \$550,000 appropriation provides FFA dues for Ag Education students

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announced that Future Farmers of America (FFA) dues for every student taking agriculture education classes across the state will be covered starting this fall. The \$550,000 appropriation is spearheaded by State Senator Doris Turner. FFA is a national organization for young adults interested in leadership and agriculture. It has been a priority of the Pritzker administration to make farming and agriculture more accessible, and these dollars help to diversify the make-up of the FFA organization.



The elimination of dues makes Illinois a FFA affiliation membership state, ensuring every student that is enrolled in agricultural education will have FFA membership dues automatically paid, making them a FFA member.

“In Illinois, we’re making it so students can choose their extracurriculars based on what interests them the most, not what they can afford,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “It’s been a priority of mine to make agricultural education more accessible and widely recognized throughout my administration. It’s why I signed into law two measures to include ag classes in our state college admission requirements, and it’s why I’m proud to implement Senator Doris Turner’s initiative to waive FFA membership fees for all Illinois students.”

“I am proud to support the next generation of Illinois agricultural enthusiasts by helping alleviate the financial burden of membership dues,” State Senator Doris Turner (D-Springfield) said. “The more bright minds we can bring in to help solve the agricultural problems of tomorrow, the better we all will be in the future.”

“In 2022, nearly 37,000 students across the state were enrolled in ag classes, but the state’s FFA membership was 23,000 members,” said IDOA Director Jerry Costello. “By removing the cost barrier, this opens up the doors for thousands more students to benefit from what FFA provides, which goes well beyond what can be taught in the classroom.”

“This news couldn’t come at a better time,” said Illinois FFA Executive Director Mindy Bunselmeyer. “Illinois’ number one industry touches so many beyond traditional family farms. FFA continues to expand its mission to prepare our Ag leaders for tomorrow. To announce before students prepare to enter school allows even more future leaders to join our ranks. To have Director Costello share the news with our FFA convention attendees and their families was a great capstone to our week.”

In 2021, Governor Pritzker signed House Bill 3218 and Senate Bill 1624, two measures that add “agriculture education” to the list of acceptable electives that qualify a student for admission to state universities, and “agricultural sciences” to the list of acceptable science courses for admission. The FFA agriculture education program is for students in 7th-12th grade. Currently, over 350 schools across Illinois have a FFA chapter.



AJ McNeeley, left, Nashten Funderberg, center, and Nicholas Klinefelter examine evidence and dust for fingerprints of a mock crime scene during the final day of 4-H Crime and Spy camp. (Photo contributed)

## Summer camp: Cracking the code on crime scene investigation

PRINCETON—Attention to detail, patience, and accuracy were common themes throughout the recently completed 4-H Crime and Spy camp held over June 6-9. During the four-day camp, youth ages 8-18 heard from Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigators on various topics related to their jobs. These topics were translated into hands-on activities in fingerprinting, hidden messages, DNA extraction, and evidence collection.

During the final day of camp, participants broke into groups to process one of four crime scenes where they were able to apply the lessons they had learned over the course of the camp. Through

teamwork, each group photographed the scenes, logged and packaged evidence, and dusted for fingerprints.

“The results of Crime and Spy camp exceeded my expectations,” Danielle Gapinski, Bureau County 4-H Program Coordinator shared. “We were able to witness participants form new friendships, work collaboratively, and even had some grow a genuine interest and excitement for learning more about becoming a CSI. This is why we do what we do, providing youth with a nurturing, safe environment to explore interests.”

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## Starved Rock Media announces IVCC Scholarship

OGLESBY – Starved Rock Media celebrates the life and generosity of Steve Vogler, the original principal shareholder of Starved Rock Media, by announcing a scholarship in his name.

Vogler dedicated his life to WLPO, WAJK & 96.5 as its chief engineer. In death, his generosity has allowed these stations to remain 100 percent locally owned and operated.

Starved Rock Media president and general manager, John Spencer, in association with the Starved Rock County Community Foundation, announces the Stephen Charles Vogler Memorial Scholarship. The \$1,220 award will be given annually to one student majoring in electronics or communications at Illinois Valley Community College.

“Local media plays a

vital role in our community and Starved Rock Media is committed to giving back to the communities we serve,” said Spencer.

The Starved Rock Country Community Foundation connects people who care with causes that matter. More than \$3.7 million in charitable contributions have been made to the foundation, with more than \$1.7 million dollars returned to the community.

## Mendota Weather

June 29, 2022

### Seven Day Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Sunny  
High: 87 Low: 65

**Thursday**  
Sunny  
High: 90 Low: 70

**Friday**  
Scattered T-storms  
High: 87 Low: 65

**Saturday**  
Scattered T-storms  
High: 83 Low: 63

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 82 Low: 64

**Monday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 81 Low: 61

**Tuesday**  
Cloudy  
High: 77 Low: 58

### In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 87°, humidity of 43%. Southwest wind 8 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 96° set in 2012. Expect clear skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 65°. South wind 9 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 47° set in 1989. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high of 90°, humidity of 35%.

### Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	88/65	s	92/70	s
Champaign	88/65	s	92/74	s
Chicago	79/69	s	84/74	s
Freeport	88/65	s	90/67	s
Joliet	88/65	s	92/70	s
Moline	91/69	s	93/72	s
Peoria	89/65	s	92/71	s
Rockford	88/66	s	91/69	s
Springfield	88/65	s	92/73	s

### Last Week's Local Almanac

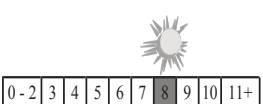
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	91	60	81/58	0.00"	0.63"
Tuesday	95	66	81/59	0.00"	Normal rainfall 0.90"
Wednesday	87	70	81/59	0.00"	Departure -0.27"
Thursday	89	64	81/59	0.00"	Average temp. 75.6°
Friday	89	64	81/59	0.00"	Average normal 70.1°
Saturday	82	66	81/59	0.63"	Departure +5.5°
Sunday	77	58	82/60	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
First 7/6	Wednesday	5:25 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	5:30 a.m.	9:32 p.m.	Last 7/20
	Thursday	5:25 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	6:25 a.m.	10:13 p.m.	
	Friday	5:26 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	7:26 a.m.	10:47 p.m.	
	Saturday	5:26 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	8:28 a.m.	11:16 p.m.	
Full 7/13	Sunday	5:27 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	9:32 a.m.	11:41 p.m.	New 7/28
	Monday	5:28 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	10:35 a.m.	Next Day	
	Tuesday	5:28 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	11:40 a.m.	12:04 a.m.	

### Local UV Index



#### UV Index

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

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### National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 92 in Wood River, Ill. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 94 in Jackson, Miss. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 101 in Zapata, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 95 in Torrington, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 112 in Salton City, Calif.

### Weather Trivia

What type of clouds are the highest in altitude?



Answer: Cirrus.

### Weather History

**June 29, 1954** - Hurricane Alice dumped as much as 27 inches of rain on the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The Rio Grande River at Laredo reached a level 12.6 feet above its previous highest mark, and the roadway of the U.S. 90 bridge was 30 feet below the high water.

**June 30, 1972** - The entire state of Pennsylvania was declared a disaster area as a result of the catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Agnes, which claimed 48 lives and caused 2.1 billion dollars in damage.

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## Roberta R. Faber

GRAND DETOUR – Roberta R. Faber, 82, of Grand Detour, passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at Rock River Hospice & Home in Sterling.

Memorial visitation was from 1 p.m. until time of service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon with Pastor Craig Sipes, officiating. Burial will be at Grand Detour Cemetery in Grand Detour at a later date. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Roberta was born Dec. 4, 1939, in West Brooklyn, the daughter of Leroy and Catherine (Bulfer) Hahn. She married Roland "Rollie" Faber on Aug. 23, 1958, in Killeen, Texas.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Roland "Rollie" Faber of Grand Detour; two children, Lisa (Eldon) Nice of Morrison and Mark Faber of Dixon; three grandchildren, Evan (Lupe) Burchett, Brandy Faber, Leah Nice; two great-grandchildren, Victoria Burchett, Benjamin Burchett; one brother, Francis Hahn of Mendota; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Roberta was preceded in death by her parents; and five sisters, Joanne Chames, Virginia Schnell, Marion Boland, Carol Robinson and Bonnie Sornberger.

She worked as a Registered Nurse for various locations including Dixon State School, Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital and Lee County Health Department prior to her retirement in 2002.

Roberta enjoyed tending to her flower gardens, quilting, cooking and traveling. Most of all she loved being a grandmother and spending time with her grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Rock River Hospice and Home in Sterling.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to [www.prestonschilling.com](http://www.prestonschilling.com).

## Craig F. Becker

SAVANNA – Craig F. Becker, 73, of Savanna, passed away on June 19, 2022 at Mercy One Medical Center, Clinton, Iowa.

Memorial services will be Thursday, June 30, 2022 at noon at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Craig was born Nov. 2, 1948 in Mendota to Roland and Edith (Smith) Becker. He married Tanna Brown.

He is survived by his mother; two sons Brian (Christine) Becker of Bartlett and Matthew (Nicky) Becker of Dixon; daughter Lori Goken of Dixon; two brothers Stephen (Deborah) Becker of Peru and Kevin (Sherrie) Becker of Quincy; and grandchildren David, Melissa, Brock, Everly, Brendan and Bradley.

He was preceded in death by his father, his wife in 2012 and a granddaughter Bailey.

Craig was a 1966 graduate of Mendota High School and served in the Army National Guard. He was a teacher and taught woodworking in high school before teaching Adult GED at the Dixon Correctional Center. He loved woodworking, bird watching and spending time with his family.

Memorials may be made out to Northwestern University and mailed to Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, 420 E. Superior St. 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611.

Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com)



## Wanda S. Weishaar

ASHTON – Wanda Sue (Hotchkiss) Weishaar, 89, of Ashton, passed away on June 23, 2022.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 28, from 6-9 p.m. at Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Home, 601 Richardson Ave., Ashton. A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 29, at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 803 Paddock Ave., Ashton, with a visitation from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Graveside service followed at Ashton Cemetery.

Wanda was born on April 3, 1933 to Claude and Euna Hotchkiss. She graduated from Ashton High School and married Norman Weishaar on July 26, 1951 in Ashton.

Wanda is survived by her daughter, Jan P. (Brad) Zimmerman of Rice Lake, Wis.; two grandsons, Jason William (Kailee) Zimmerman and Ryan Jay (Amanda) Zimmerman; and two great grandchildren, Autumn and Ivy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Norman Weishaar; one son, Jeff Weishaar; one sister, Norma Lee Muhlach; and one brother, Dr. Ronald Hotchkiss.

Earlier in life, she enjoyed riding horses on the family farm. Wanda was an avid homemaker, actively involved in church activities, Women's Circle, prayer chain and the Red Hat Club. In recent years, she helped at her husband's Weishaar Implement business. She enjoyed her family and friends, and dancing to Big Band Music.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Beverage-Lyons Family Funeral Homes.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church in Ashton or the Lions Club.

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## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Earlville students on Aurora U. Dean's List

AURORA – Aurora University has named its Dean's List students for the spring 2022 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher.

Among the students achieving the honor are Hannah Cwikla, Social Work; Catherine Fasking, Mathematics Secondary Education; and Rena Jones, Exercise Science, all of Earlville.

Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution offering students an exceptional education. Aurora University is located on a beautiful 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois, approximately 40 miles from Chicago. The university serves more than 4,000 undergraduate and approximately 2,000 graduate students across more than 50 majors and programs.

### Local students graduate from Bradley U.

PEORIA – Bradley University has announced that more than 900 students earned degrees in May 2022.

Among the graduates are Pamela Taylor of West Brooklyn, BS in Environmental Science Biology, and Samuel Becker of Mendota, BSME in Mechanical Engineering.

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# New law provides \$700 million for state nursing home staffing

By PETER HANCOCK  
*Capitol News Illinois*

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker signed legislation recently that will pump an additional \$700 million annually into Medicaid-funded nursing homes, provided they use that money to increase staff and wages in their facilities.

"This is truly a game changer," Pritzker said at a bill signing ceremony at a Chicago-area nursing home. "Together we've delivered a victory for the communities of residents that you serve."

The payment reform bill, spelled out in a Senate amendment to House Bill 246, is among the first of its kind in the nation, according to Department of Healthcare and Family Services officials. It passed unanimously out of both chambers of the General Assembly, but only after nearly two years of negotiations between the administration and the nursing home industry — negotiations that at times appeared to reach an impasse.

"I'm just I so proud for this administration and this team that we've been able to accomplish this. I don't think anybody really understands how big of a lift this was, and how much of a change it is," HFS Director Theresa Eagleson said during a recent interview.

The Illinois Medicaid program pays for the care of about 70 percent of all the nursing home residents in the state, or roughly 45,000 seniors and disabled individuals.

For years, though, there have been concerns about the quality of care those people receive. HFS officials have cited studies showing Illinois has more understaffed nursing homes by far than any

other state, a problem driven by high turnover rates and low wages.

That problem became especially acute during the COVID-19 pandemic when nursing homes became the source of multiple outbreaks and accounted for a disproportionate number of COVID-related deaths.

"We know that almost half of all COVID-19 related deaths occurred in our nursing homes at the beginning of the pandemic," said Rep. Anna Moeller, D-Elgin, the bill's lead sponsor in the House. "And we've heard tragic stories of overcrowding and understaffing that happens in far too many nursing homes, especially in homes located in Black and Latino communities. We learned how COVID-19 only exacerbated an already chronically bad situation."

Sen. Ann Gillespie, D-Arlington Heights, who carried the bill in the Senate, said that even before the pandemic, many for-profit nursing facilities were reporting profits even as they operated with staffing levels below clinical requirements.

"The data showed long-term care facilities in predominantly Black and Latino communities had among the lowest staffing levels," she said. "And while the situation worsened during the pandemic, the data was clear that this has been happening well before the pandemic ever started."

The estimated \$700 million in new annual funding is split evenly between state and federal funds. Most of the state's portion comes through an increase in the state's nursing home bed tax, which is used to draw down additional federal dollars.

Under the law, nursing homes can qualify for higher payment rates as they hire additional staff to reach certain target levels. The law also establishes new reimbursement rates for services provided by certified nursing assistants, or CNAs, providing them with wage increases based on their years of experience in the profession, rather than their tenure at the specific facility where they work.

The new law also requires more disclosure about the ownership of nursing homes, something that HFS officials said is needed, particularly with for-profit nursing homes. It was also a provision meant to address concerns among nursing home owners that the new payment model could force some nursing homes to close their doors.

"You cannot measure profit if you don't know who owns a facility," HFS deputy director Andy Allison said in a recent interview. "Profit, net and loss, is a function of the definition of the business that you're describing. And you can't define a business if you can't define its ownership, and in particular, common ownership across nursing homes. So the fundamental question of viability, access and serving our customers depends on knowing who owns what."

The new rules still need approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, but Eagleson said she is confident of getting that approval.

"They actually came out and talked to us and were asking us how we can help other states move in this direction," she said.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Museums

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the community and get to know the community they're from or currently live in. We want to be that hub.

"There is a real buoyant feeling in museums to me at this time because they took a really hard hit. But, if you don't die, you have so much to flourish. When certain things die or change, a new turnover happens, which is very important. We're getting a nice turnover of all sorts of things after a long, tragic, tiring, exhausting experience.

"Everybody wants to have fun, a good time, and something different. I'm hoping a different thing can be the museum. It's not right now, but we're moving in that direction."

Piller is very thankful to everyone who has taken part in making the Mendota Museum & Historical Society special and to the volunteers who currently spend their time digging through the catacombs of the town's history.

Without the work done before her, it wouldn't be as easy to grasp the importance of preserving what was here before now.

"We're going to follow the mission of the museum, which is to relate things to Mendota, its history, and its culture. It has changed, but it is also almost coming back to its roots," Piller said. "Our agricultural systems, as

Mendotans, we have a tie to agriculture. I see agriculture picking back up in the school system.

"I'm obsessed. I love it because I love curating and I love organizing. The museum itself, the purpose of the museum, is to merge the living and the dead. It's a kissing point between the two. There is a certain type of magic that happens in a museum, especially at a local museum. You may see your face on someone else. There is a weird heritage thing that comes through.

"My first thought was this was what I wanted to do forever. I wanted to work in museums. The second thing I thought was, we have a lot of work to do. We want the museum to live. We want it to be a living, breathing thing. Because of that, we want to start moving our exhibits quicker, maybe more seasonally. We do our veterans in the fall and that's a thing we change out."

The museum's hours to take a tour and see exhibits on Wild Bill Hickok, Bill Brown, Helen E. Hokinson, Black Bros. Co., and much more are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

If there are any questions about the museum, the business hours are 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon and 2-6 p.m. on Wednesday, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, or call 815-539-3373.

## Fraud

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The audit found that, of the \$3.6 billion in PUA paid out from July 2020 through June 2021, nearly \$1.9 billion was found to be fraudulent, mostly due to identity theft.

"Overpayments associated with identity theft and traditional fraud within the PUA program was unprecedented and resulted in fraudsters using highly sophisticated techniques to take advantage of the current economic condition created by the COVID-19 pandemic," the audit stated.

The audit found IDES:

- Failed to implement general information technology controls over the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.
- Failed to maintain accurate and complete pandemic unemployment assistance claimant data.
- Failed to perform timely cash reconciliations.

IDES responded that the system used to manage the PUA program is independent of the system used to manage regular unemployment benefits. From the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 through the end of 2021, IDES stopped \$40 billion in fraudulent payments from both state and federal programs, according to the agency's statement.

Republicans are calling for hearings related to IDES' handling of the programs and, specifically, whether the agency failed to follow federal recommendations

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for fraud prevention tools made available before the pandemic.

"The Pritzker administration and IDES have refused to disclose the extent to which fraud affected our unemployment system and this audit makes abundantly clear why," said Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, said in a statement. "The loss of nearly \$2 billion, more than half the funds for the PUA program, displays an unprecedented level of negligence by the administration and IDES management. Blaming the previous president's administration is an unacceptable excuse and we need immediate hearings to get to the bottom of this failure."

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## Gov. Pritzker signs legislation to ease property tax burdens on Illinois residents

□ Seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities benefit from simplified process under new law

CHICAGO — Governor JB Pritzker recently signed legislation that streamlines property tax relief for seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities while also encouraging local taxing districts to lower their levy rate, opening the door for hundreds of dollars in individual property tax savings per year.

"Over the past twenty years, property taxes have skyrocketed at a rate far surpassing the increase in home values. For veterans, disabled Illinoisans, and our seniors, that can mean having to choose between basic needs—like healthcare—and losing their homes. That's unacceptable—and needs to change," said Governor JB Pritzker. "This bill expands homestead exemptions for veterans and their spouses, reduces interest rates, and allows for automatic renewal for our disabled homeowners. When I got elected, I promised to address rising property taxes for our residents. I am proud to sign this bill into law—taking another step towards easing the burden of property taxes for our most vulnerable residents."

"Democratic members of the House and Senate have delivered on comprehensive property tax relief and reform," said State Senator Robert Martwick (D-Chicago). "Taxpayers need to know that government is working for them. I am proud to have played a lead role in passing this measure, which during this time of so much uncertainty, ensures that all taxpayers, especially seniors and veterans are getting the relief they deserve."

"The passage of Senate Bill 1975 shows dedication by the members of the Illinois House to reduce property taxes and provide more efficiency in

government," said State Representative Stephanie Kifowit (D-Oswego). "The components of this package assist widows of Veterans, individuals with disabilities, senior citizens and homeowners. In addition, this legislation reduces the red tape for our permanent and totally disabled Veterans, individuals with disabilities and seniors, along with doing our part to reduce property taxes on homeowners."

Senate Bill 1975 increases the general homestead exemption and senior citizens homestead exemption, reduces interest rates on tax deferrals for seniors, and allows for automatic renewal of the homestead exemption for qualified people with disabilities in Cook County. This legislation is effective immediately.

By allowing taxing districts subject to the Property Tax Extension Law Limit (PTELL) to levy less today without losing access to additional property tax revenues in the future, SB 1975 incentivizes taxing districts to opt for the lowest necessary property tax rate — saving property taxpayers hundreds of dollars in savings in property taxes on an annual basis.

Additionally, exemptions for those receiving the Veterans with Disabilities Exemption will auto-renew if the qualifying veteran is deemed permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This legislation also provides for the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran to continue to receive the exemption earned and applied for by the veteran.

### Homestead Exemption

This bill sets maximum homestead exemptions. For tax levy year 2023,

counties bordering Cook County (collar counties) are given a homestead exemption of \$8,000. All other counties will have a maximum homestead exemption of \$6,000. The maximum exemption for counties with 3 million or more inhabitants (Cook County), remains \$10,000.

### Senior Homestead Exemption

It also raises the maximum senior homestead exemption in the collar counties from \$5,000 to \$8,000, aligning them with Cook County's maximum exemption. In all other counties, the maximum senior homestead exemption is \$5,000. Additionally, all seniors who receive SNAP or LILHEAP benefits to automatically qualify for the senior freeze and decreases the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral program interest rate from 6% to 3%.

### Building on a Record of Property Tax Relief

These new laws are the latest in a series of initiatives from the Pritzker administration to reduce the property tax burden for Illinoisans.

Ninety-seven percent of Illinois tax filers will receive hundreds of dollars in property tax and income tax rebates in 2022 because of the \$1 billion in tax relief Governor Pritzker signed into law in April as part of the FY23 balanced budget.

In 2019, Governor Pritzker consolidated roughly 650 downstate and suburban public safety pension funds into two — a solution that evaded governors for more than 70 years and will bring billions more in returns in the coming decades, further opening the door for lower property taxes.

## Illinois ranks No. 1 for units of local government

CHICAGO — Illinois' property tax problem has a clear culprit: taxpayers fund 6,032 units of local government—the most in the nation—a new study shows. That does not include 859 Illinois school districts.

According to the Illinois Policy Institute, 61% of Illinois homeowners live under three layers of local government, with some living under as many as 16. Staffing and serving multiple layers of government then drives up local property taxes.

In comparison, residents in 40 states live under a maximum of two layers of local government. Texas has the second-highest number of units, but with over twice as many people it still operates with 1,762 fewer local governments. California's population is three times that of Illinois' but it has nearly 2,600 fewer government units.

"Consolidating duplicative units of government is the quickest way to provide property tax relief for overburdened homeowners. It is inefficient and unfair for residents to pay two separate tax bills for two sets of government that do the same or similar things," said Adam Schuster, vice president of policy for the Illinois Policy Institute.

An initiative called the Citizens Empowerment Act, introduced by lawmakers for years, would allow residents to put consolidating local governments on local ballots for voters to approve.

Fast facts about government consolidation in Illinois:

- There are 17 townships and municipalities in Illinois that share nearly identical boundaries and services, but create two separate tax burdens.
- Townships and municipalities are the most common government units, yet there are other units, including museum districts, mosquito abatement districts and tuberculosis sanitation districts.
- In 2014, Evanston voted to consolidate their township with the city. The plan saved taxpayers nearly \$800,000 after the first year.

To read more about Illinois' many units of government, visit [illinoisconsolidation.org](http://illinoisconsolidation.org).

## 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.

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## Constructive compromise is gone

By Scott Reeder

Mary Miller frightens me. Yes, I'm talking about the member of Congress from Southern Illinois who is running against Rodney Davis for the Republican nomination in the 15th Congressional District.

She is not pitching policies. She is selling anger. But I could also say it is the same about a whole host of candidates on the far left or far right who mix anger, pandering and rigid orthodoxies.

You may remember Miller as the person who quoted Adolf Hitler on her third day in office and said his efforts to indoctrinate the young were worthy of emulation.

It doesn't surprise me that there are people like Miller in politics. After all, I've been covering politics for more than 35 years. I've encountered plenty of cranks and conspiracy theorists during that time.

But the difference is that until recently, no one took those folks seriously. And then they began winning elections.

Today, extremists are redefining both political parties. And the country is not the better for it.

There are too many folks interested in stirring up anger but too few willing to get stuff done. The era of constructive compromise seems to be a memory of a bygone time.

My political leanings are not a secret. I believe in limited government, low taxes and protecting individual liberties. That said, I split my ticket between Republicans and Democrats in just about every election. There are good people in both parties.

I even vote for folks I often don't agree with. For example, the late Sen. Paul Simon was far more liberal than me. But he consistently earned my vote because he exhibited integrity in how he conducted himself. He was also a thoughtful individual who considered all sides of an issue.

The older I get, the more I'm convinced the key to progress is electing good people who think independently and act with integrity.

Miller is not one of those people. She is running in the Republican primary against Rodney Davis, a conservative Republican from Taylorville. By all accounts Davis knows how to bring home the bacon to his district. If he is re-elected, he's in line to be a committee chair. And most folks, no matter their political persuasion consider him to be a serious member of Congress.

But Miller, quite literally, has the Trump card. The 45th president has endorsed her and held a rally for her June 25 in Quincy – three days before election day.

Miller is a member of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus along with others including Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Georgian known for comparing COVID mask mandates to steps the Nazis took to control the Jewish population during the Holocaust. Greene is said to have lobbied Trump to endorse Miller.

Lord, help us. Miller, Greene and Lauren Boebert, the congresswoman from Colorado who falsely accused a Muslim member of Congress of being a terrorist, are card-carrying members of the Kook Klux Klan.

The 15th District was drawn by Democrats to consolidate Republican votes. Quincy is the biggest city in the horseshoe shaped district that covers one-third of the state's counties including much of Sangamon.

Robin Johnson, a lecturer at Monmouth College and a Democratic consultant on rural voting behaviors, lives in the 15th and perceives an angry electorate.

"I see Mary Miller and Darren Bailey signs all over the place. I sense there is a real appetite for insurgent candidates. Could Trump's visit make a difference? Yes. In a close race, it certainly could. And we know in the areas where he had rallies he boosted his own vote totals. Whether that translates over to candidates he is campaigning for, we really don't know yet."

Davis is traditional, much like his old boss, John Shimkus. By no leap of the imagination is Davis anything but a conservative. Whether it's taxes, guns, abortion or any of the other GOP litmus tests he comes out solidly on the right. But he has avoided the confrontational far-right politics.

In other words, he's gentlemanly with those he disagrees with. And he seeks consensus to get things done.

Miller goes for the flash. She is more about capturing headlines and soundbites than seeking legislative achievements. It is a race between hard work and Hollywood. Or maybe it's a choice between steak and sizzle.

A lot of political pundits have written Miller's candidacy off. I'm not one of them. There is a real chance she can win. She is trying to tap into a pervasive disillusionment permeating rural America.

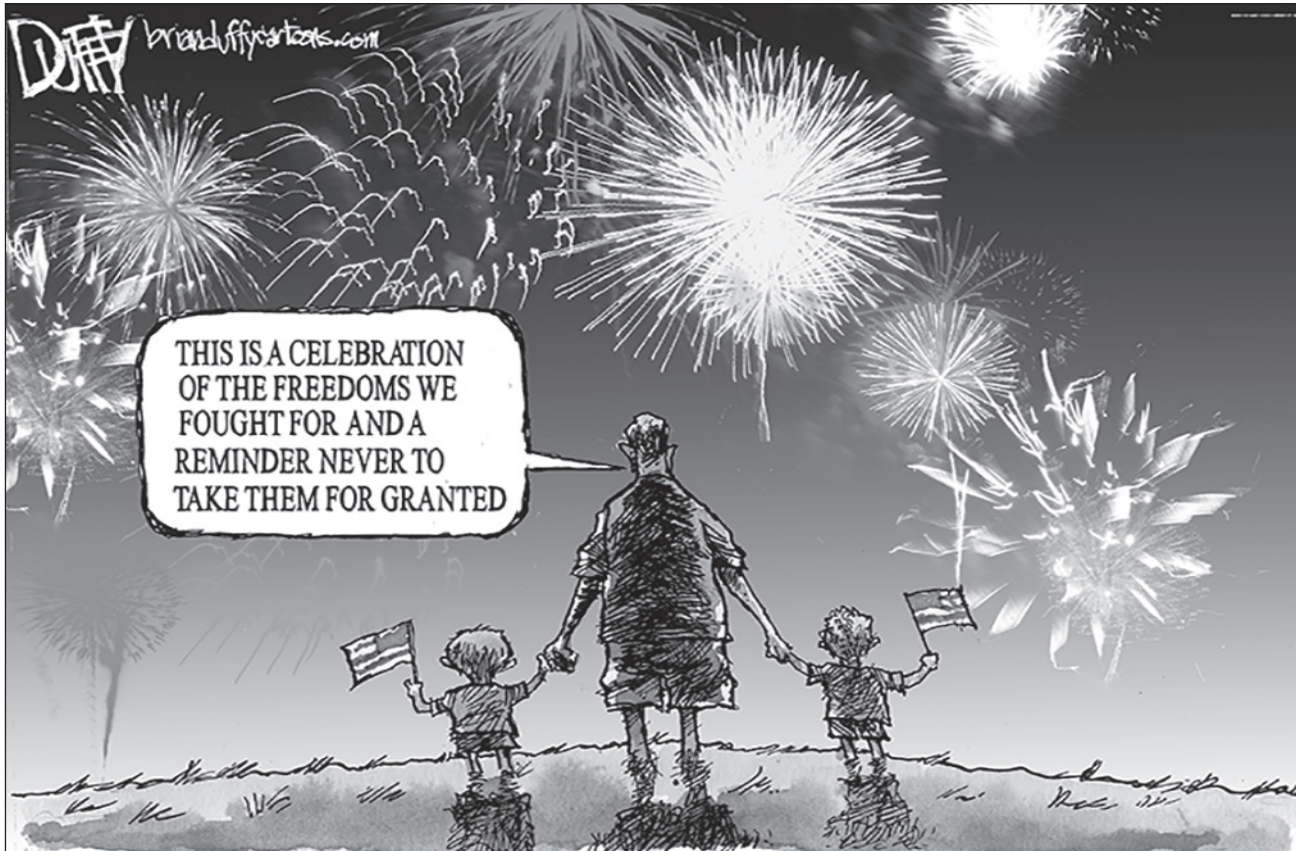
I know of which I speak. I live in the 15th District, grew up on a hog farm and reside in a village of 650. I know rural America.

Republican consultant Patrick Pfingsten said Miller is a member of the Trump personality cult. "Miller is part of a group of people who are content on raising cane, but never getting anything done."

He added, "And at some point that playbook is gonna run out of plays. The dude's 76 years old and one Big Mac away from having a grabber. So, he's not gonna be around forever. And I have a really hard time believing that the party is forever in the eyes of Trump."

The question rural voters – and all of us face – is do we give in to the temptation of anger or the desire to get things done?

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



## Anthony Dollar introduced – 1979

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from June 29, 1994.)

By Jessica Nashold

Fifteen years have passed since the introduction of the Susan B. Anthony dollar. On July 6, 1979, the first 200 customers at Mendota's three financial institutions received a free Anthony dollar by presenting a coupon clipped from The Mendota Reporter. The distribution took seven minutes.

On the week of July 11, 1979, the National Bank of Mendota offered the first 1,000 customers an opportunity to buy a Susan B. Anthony dollar for 79 cents, "limit one to a customer."

The new coin was larger than a quarter but smaller than a half-dollar. It had an 11-sided inner border and would be easier to handle than paper bills.

Susan B. Hackel, Director of the Mint, looked forward to substantial savings "providing that consumer acceptance meets expectations."

The costs of minting the Anthony dollar was 60 percent less than the cost of minting an Eisenhower dollar. Another saving of \$50 million a year could be anticipated by reduction of the costs of printing, processing and destruction of dollar bills, provided Anthony dollars took their place.

However, the Susan B. Anthony dollar failed to gain the "consumer acceptance" that Mint Director Hackel had hoped to see. Despite its larger size, the Anthony dollar was continually being confused with the quarter, causing considerable aggravation.

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Susan B. Anthony was well known in this area. A cousin of hers, Susan Hoxie Richardson, lived in Earlville, and was first president of the Earlville Suffrage Association organized there in 1855. A marker erected in 1940 in Earlville's Dodge Park identifies that group as the first Woman's Suffrage Association organized in Illinois.

On March 28, 1870, Miss Anthony appeared at Pool's Hall, located in what later became Hotel Faber. She had just organized a Woman's Suffrage Association with 600 members in Peoria before coming to Mendota. She shared her platform with Phineas W. Wilcox, "the Mendota orator." She lectured on

### Backtracks & Sidetracks

"Work, Wages and The Ballot," and Wilcox was there to refute arguments put forth by Miss Anthony.

When she said women should receive "equal pay for equal service," Wilcox responded that "no man would pay full price for a coat made by a woman tailor, because the woman tailor could not make as good a coat as a man."

**A great hissing arose from the audience until Miss Anthony herself rose and asked that any of her friends who might be joining in the disturbance "forbear."**

Wilcox continued that just having the ballot would not help women. They would have to develop equal skill to receive equal pay.

Anthony received nationwide publicity for her cause when she and 15 other women registered to vote in Rochester, N.Y., and cast ballots in a national election. They were arrested. Anthony argued that the Fourteenth Amendment did not limit voting rights to "men only." Women, too, were citizens.

As a consequence, she appeared before a judge, but he declared her "not competent to testify in her own case" and dismissed the jury. When sentenced to a fine of \$100 and cost of prosecution, she replied –

**May it please your Honor, I shall never pay a dollar of your unjust penalty...and I shall earnestly continue to urge all women to the recognition that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God.**

It is said she did not pay the fine and spent 33 more years working for the woman's suffrage cause.

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An Audrey Lawrence feature was published in The Reporter in 1979. It concerned a parachute jump made by Merle Pine in 1929, 50 years before, during a Fourth of July celebration at Kakusha Park. He was a rural mail carrier and Leo Hochstatter had persuaded him to make the jump when Gilbert

Schneider had "second thoughts." Pine was planning to be married in three months. He was being offered \$50. He explained –

**I wanted that \$50 to use for a payment on a new car I had just bought.**

The exhibition chute was made of thin silk and had no rip cord. The plane was a Piper Cub piloted by Clark Seyller. It took off from a field across the road from Kakusha Park and Pine landed without incident not far from there.

He and his wife later operated Tum-ble Inn for a year and he recalled that after dances at Kakusha, youngsters would come in and split big 10 cent hamburgers, washing them down with nickel bottles of pop.

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The grade school board met on June 28, 1979, and voted to reinstate band instruction and vocal music. They had been dropped as an economy measure. Some wanted to give industrial arts classes priority over music.

Board member Tom Setchell reminded the board that when they had sought voter approval of a five-year plan, it had included reinstating the band. He added that Eben Campbell, band instructor, might leave if there were further delay.

Board member Ron Mueller resigned as he was leaving the community. Another board member was urgently sought. A seventh member was important "as a tiebreaker" in controversial situations.

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On June 29, 1979, UAW Local 881 rejected a contract offer from Motor Wheel by a vote of 133-72. The strike had been going on for three months. Local president Eugene Thomas tried to explain –

**It gets down to them making up for the last three years. The agreement in 1976 was poorly negotiated.**

On July 13, a contract was approved and forward to Washington, D.C. Some of the terms exceeded President Jimmy Carter's guidelines to control inflation. As there was considerable delay getting final word from Washington, the workers returned to their jobs on July 25, while waiting.

## The GOP needs to get beyond 2020

By Rich Lowry

It's understandable that Democrats would want to constantly revisit Jan. 6 -- to invoke it, investigate it and sacralize it even.

It's a mystery, at least from a certain level of abstraction, why Republicans would want to have anything to do with that day or want to fixate on the 2020 election.

The party is on the cusp of a midterm triumph, has enormous openings on the economy and education thanks to Biden administration stumbles and left-wing overreach, is making inroads among Hispanic voters, and has a well-stocked political bench that Democrats should envy.

Yet the GOP is stuck litigating the past almost entirely because its putative leader in Mara-a-lago is incapable of admitting error or defeat and will never stop trying to excuse and explain away his infamous conduct after November 2020.

You can argue that Jan. 6 wasn't an insurrection; that the composition of the committee is unfair and lacks the adversarial element that has always been presumed to be central to the workings of such bodies; that the revelations or supposed revelations from the committee are being overhyped; and that Trump, whatever his failings, didn't commit crimes and shouldn't be charged with one.

In fact, I agree with every one of those propositions. But none of them make Jan. 6 any better or make it good.

It's not quite true, as is often said, that every election is about the future. Republicans waved the bloody shirt of the Civil War for years. Democrats ran against Herbert Hoover for as long as they could. Republicans still talk about Jimmy Carter.

In all of these instances, though, a party made a focal point of a low and embarrassing moment for the other side, not its own.

Revisionist historians and writers might pop up to defend the legacy of a Hoover or Carter or argue that they'd been misrepresented or unfairly maligned. Still, the parties moved on and focused on making new memories.

This is what Trump doesn't want to allow Republicans to do. With his knack for blunt-force marketing (Fake News, Russia Hoax), he believes he can deflect any attack and redefine the terms of debate to his liking. And he's not wrong. He's brought much of his party along with him in his insistence that 2020 was stolen.

His attitude toward Jan. 6 hasn't gotten more defensive with time, but more fulsome. In a statement last week, he called it "the greatest movement in the history of the country to Make America Great Again." His 12-page memo in response to the initial hearings doubled down on his fantastical case against the election, as if to confirm every harsh thing former Attorney General Bill Barr said about him.

Trump is acting on an entirely personal and selfish priority. There's no principle at stake in embracing the Jan. 6 mob or advancing 2020 conspiracy theories.

It's possible to defend free speech and assembly, obviously, without defending a breach of the U.S. Capitol. It's possible to support tightening up the security around voting without believing massive fraud changed the result in 2020.

If Trump is the Republican candidate again in 2024, even in the unlikely event that he wanted to memory hole Jan. 6, it wouldn't happen. The Democrats would bring it up unrelentingly. Perhaps it wouldn't work, but why would Republicans want risk it or even deal with the complication?

Again, this is a vulnerability unique to Trump. No other prospective 2024 candidate would have to excuse Jan. 6 and parrot the most outlandish claims about the 2020 election, not Ron DeSantis, not Mike Pence, not Tom Cotton, not Nikki Haley. If none of these candidates would sound like Liz Cheney, they wouldn't be inextricably linked to bonkers events four years prior, either.

They'd be free of the 2020 albatross and of any obligation to defend the indefensible, leaving the obsession with Jan. 6 to congressional Democrats -- and Donald J. Trump.

Rich Lowry is editor-in-chief of the National Review. (c) 2022 by King Features Synd., Inc.



# LOCAL AND AREA



Rita Haefner

## R. Haefner to celebrate 95th birthday July 7

WEST BROOKLYN — Rita Haefner of West Brooklyn and former H.F. Gehant Bank employee until the age of 80, will celebrate her 95th birthday on Thursday, July 7 with a family dinner.

Those who would like to wish her a happy birthday may send cards to Rita Haefner, PO Box 32, West Brooklyn, IL 61378.

## Report: Inflation giving Illinoisans a massive pay cut

By KEVIN BESSLER

*The Center Square*

SPRINGFIELD — With the highest inflation rates in 40 years, most Illinoisans' wages are not keeping up.

According to the Illinois Policy Institute, the average worker in Illinois needed a pay raise of \$5,360 to match the price increases on goods and services this past year, but the average worker received a raise of \$3,164. Essentially, the average Illinoisan took a pay cut of \$2,200.

"We do know that wage growth is slower in Illinois than in other states," said Bryce Hill, senior research analyst for the Illinois Policy Institute. "It is very likely that inflation is taking a larger chunk out of Illinoisans' income than it is in other states."

Most of the U.S. has been seeing just "slight or modest" economic growth over the past two months, according to a Federal Reserve report released earlier this month. In addition to broader views on the economy, the report said most districts showed price increases rising at a "strong or robust" pace.

Illinois Policy Institute experts say record spending and abundant federal stimulus coupled with supply chain issues and pent-up demand from the pandemic contributed to the current inflationary environment.

"We kind of have this perfect storm now of things that are exacerbating the inflation problem and then you have the fundamental problem, which is we just threw a bunch of money into the system and at the same time, we didn't see the prolonged contraction that we were expecting," Hill said.

The average price for a gallon of gas in Illinois now averages \$5.26. As a result, the average Illinois worker is expected to pay more than \$1,000 more for gas this year.

When the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced that food prices in April had increased by nearly 11% year over year, the largest 12-month percentage increase in more than 40 years, it wasn't a surprise to any Illinoisan who has shopped for groceries lately.

Hill adds a large portion of the expenses are necessary, so right now there is no way around paying the inflated prices.

"That leads to cutbacks in other recreational and leisure activities, which ultimately lowers the quality of life for Illinoisans today and in the future," he said.



## Celebrate 4th of July safely

SPRINGFIELD—Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays, like the 4th of July. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. Fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers.

Here are Fireworks Facts from the National Fire Protection Association:

- More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- Burns account for 44 percent of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- Children ages 10-14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36 percent) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Consider these ideas to get into the patriotic spirit without fireworks:

- \* Use glow sticks. They glow in the dark, are a safe alternative to a sparkler and are fun for all ages.
- \* Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
- \* Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bug spray.
- \* Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
- \* Make a patriotic craft with the family.
- \* Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.

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JULY 2022

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Enjoy this mini musical performance and stay for a book read by Ms. Carolyn and Holly For more info call (815) 538-5142</p> <p><b>July 1 &amp; 15</b> COLOR ME CALM Sponsored by M.A.S.S. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center All necessary supplies will be provided For more info call (815) 539-7700</p> <p><b>July 1, 8, 15, 22 &amp; 29</b> WORD GAMES Sponsored by M.A.S.S. 10 AM - 11 AM Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700</p> <p><b>July 1, 8, 15, 22 &amp; 29</b> BINGO Sponsored by M.A.S.S. 1 PM Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700</p> <p><b>July 5</b> TABLE GAME - PLAYER'S CHOICE Sponsored by M.A.S.S. 1 PM Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700</p> <p><b>July 5, 12, 19 &amp; 26</b> EUCHRE Sponsored by M.A.S.S. 12 PM Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center Pay \$3 at beginning of play. Prizes awarded at the end of games. 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For more info call (815) 538-5142</p> <p><b>July 12 &amp; 26</b> BLOOD PRESSURE &amp; BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS 11 AM - 12 PM Feik Senior Parlor For more info call (815) 539-7700</p> <p><b>July 12</b> LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER Sponsored by M.A.S.S. 1 PM Feik Senior Parlor For more info call (815) 539-7700</p> <p><b>July 15</b> FRIDAY FAMILY EVENT: BOUNCE HOUSE, FACE PAINTING &amp; SNOW CONES Graves-Hume Public Library 6 PM Graves-Hume Public Library For more info call (815) 538-5142 Families and kids of all ages are invited. There will be two bounce houses and a snowcone machine provided by Big Time Rental of Paw Paw. Face Painting will be brought to you by Mendota High School's Interact Club. No registration or card required.</p> <p><b>July 15</b> LUNCH IN THE PARK Sponsored by M.A.S.S. 11 AM - 1 PM Veteran's Park For more information call (815) 539-7700</p> <p><b>July 18</b> MOVIES MONDAYS: RACE FOR YOUR LIFE CHARLIE BROWN (G) Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 3 PM Grave-Hume Public Library All ages invited. Children under 6 are required to have an adult present. For more info call (815) 538-5142</p> <p><b>July 19</b> 3RD TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 1 PM &amp; 6 PM Graves-Hume Public Library Pick up a book at the library before discussion - July discussion on "Driving Miss Norma"</p> <p><b>July 19</b> YAHTZEE Sponsored by M.A.S.S. 1 PM Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700</p>	<p><b>July 22</b> LUNCH IN THE PARK Sponsored by Mendota Rotary Club 11 AM - 1:30 PM Veteran's Park For more info call (815) 539-7743 Menu: Hot dog lunch \$5; Brat lunch \$6; Burger lunch \$6; Pork chop lunch \$7. Lunches include sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. Ala carte menu available. Proceeds benefit youth in the community.</p> <p><b>July 22</b> SUMMER POTLUCK Sponsored by M.A.S.S. 12 PM Feik Parlor - Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700 Please bring your own table service, utensils and a dish to pass.</p> <p><b>July 22</b> FRIDAY FAMILY EVENT: AXE ADVENTURE FOR ADULTS, MENDOTA YMCA OUTDOOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES &amp; TACO GUZMAN Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 6 PM Graves-Hume Public Library lawn For more info call (815) 538-5142 Families and kids of all ages invited. We will have Axe Adventures for adults sponsored by Rock Wood Products of Mendota and youth activities provided by Mendota YMCA. Taco Guzman will be serving up orders between 5-8, so bring cash. No library card or registration required.</p> <p><b>July 25</b> LET'S CRAFT TOGETHER Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 1 &amp; 6 PM Graves-Hume Public Library Registration required. Use twigs, pressed flowers to create your one-of-a-kind picture frame. For more info call (815) 538-5142</p> <p><b>July 25</b> MOVIE MONDAYS: DADDY DAY CAMP (PG) Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 3 PM Graves-Hume Public Library All ages invited. Children 6 and under are required to have an adult present. For more info call (815) 538-5142</p> <p><b>July 26</b> BUNCO Sponsored by M.A.S.S. 1 PM Feik Senior Parlor – Mendota Civic Center For more info call (815) 539-7700</p> <p><b>July 27</b> MOVIE: BEST YEARS OF OUR LIFE (1946) Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 3 PM Graves-Hume Public Library M.A.S.S. will provide snacks and beverages For more info call (815) 539-7700</p> <p><b>July 29</b> SUMMER READING CLUB FINALE Sponsored by Graves-Hume Public Library 6 PM Graves-Hume Public Library Lawn Families and kids of all ages are invited. Mary Macaroni is back and ready to entertain us with her fun, silly, quirky show. 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## POLICE BLOTTER

### DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Laura C. Kaufman, 35, of 7190 2500 North Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Main and Meriden streets at 2:02 p.m. June 20. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Connor J. Carreon, 29, of 1309 Guiles Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Plaza Drive and William Way at 9:05 a.m. June 21. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

Devonte L. Williams, 27, of Granville, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at Illinois Avenue and Springfield Street at 7:33 p.m. June 23. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Rory A. Waldrop, 27, of Ottawa, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Sixth Street and Eighth Avenue at 11:45 a.m. June 25. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

### WARRANT ARREST

Avery J. Barrett, 27, of 038 North 4453 Road, Mendota, was arrested at 6:48 p.m. June 25 on a valid Lee County warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court and a valid Lee County warrant for failure to appear/driving while under the influence. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

## CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Merrill Marquis would like to extend a huge thank you to all the EMTs, doctors, nurses and staff of OSF Saint Paul and Saint Anthony, all our many family and friends for all the food, cards, flowers and other offers of love and support during this very difficult time. Also, the Wasmer Funeral Home, Pastor Mary and

the Methodist Church, and the VFW. We are so very blessed to have you in our lives. We appreciate everything, no matter how big or small. God bless you all. We love you dearly.

**Cheryl, Matt, Maurine, Mason, Morgan, Michelle, Tony, Ava, Addisyn, Mike & Amanda**

## Burn Pit hours

MENDOTA—Incinerator (burn pit) hours for the city of Mendota are as follows:

- Monday – 3-6 p.m.
- Tuesday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Friday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The incinerator is located south of Mendota near the sewage treatment plant.



### Good times on Illinois Avenue

Re-Imagine Mendota and Raising the Depot groups held a “Taste of Mendota & Street Dance” on June 18 in the 700 block of Illinois Avenue in downtown Mendota. A crowd estimated at 250-300 people enjoyed the music of local band ‘Big Uprior’ and was also able to enjoy the cuisine of local food vendors. The event raised approximately \$2,500, which will go toward the Raising the Depot art mural project. (Photo contributed)

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## 4-H members from LaSalle County take aim during Summer Sizzle Shoot

HENRY – Illinois 4-H members showed focus and a steady hand as they competed for top honors in the annual Summer Sizzle Shoot held June 4 at the Chillicothe Sportsman's Club. Nearly 75 youth from nine counties participated in the Illinois 4-H shooting sports contest, organized by 4-H volunteers in LaSalle, Marshall, and Putnam counties.

"These young people continue to practice and build their shooting sports skill as they also learn to cooperate and work together," said Anne Scheel, University of Illinois Extension 4-H program coordinator for Marshall and Putnam counties. "Shooting sports teaches patience, resiliency, focus, and determination."

Youth interested in joining the 4-H program may contact Toni Pienta, LaSalle County Extension 4-H coordinator, at 815-433-0707.

Three age divisions separated the youth who competed in air rifle, .22 rifle, shotgun, and archery.

### Air rifle

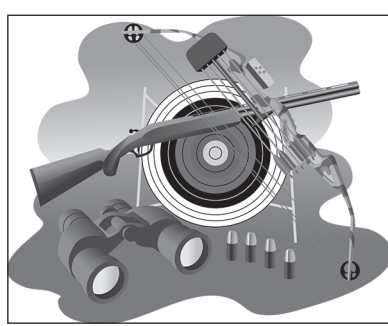
Winners in the junior air rifle division include Colton Nuske, first; Charlotte Wilson, second; Logan Wilhelms, third; Eoin Rickey, fourth; and Korra Wilson, fifth. The top five finishers were all from LaSalle County 4-H.

Two DeKalb County 4-H members finished at the top of the intermediate air rifle division. Placing first was Carson Underwood and Madelynn Swanson finished second. Rounding out the top five were LaSalle County youth, Lillian Bernabei, third; Reagan Carlson, fourth; and Avery Sherman, fifth.

### .22 Rifle

Logan Siegmann of Marshall-Putnam 4-H placed first in the junior .22 rifle division, followed by Colton Nuske of LaSalle County in second.

In the intermediate division of .22 rifle, the winners include Kane Mosley of LaSalle County, first; Juanita Haines of LaSalle County, second; Eoban Rickey of LaSalle County, third; Waylon Lindstrom of



Marshall-Putnam counties, fourth; and Reagan Carlson of LaSalle County, fifth.

Christina Snook placed first in the senior .22 rifle division. She participates in LaSalle County 4-H.

### Shotgun

Henry Neri of LaSalle County claimed first place in the junior shotgun division, followed by Kale Lindstrom of Marshall-Putnam County 4-H in second place and Easton Frank of Rock Island County in third.

Four LaSalle County 4-H members were in the top five placings of the intermediate shotgun division. Those youth include Steven Hladovcak, first; Madalynn O'Connell, second; Annika Michlik, fourth; and Brayden Wilson, fifth. Finishing third was Marshall-Putnam counties 4-H member Layne Whited.

In a close contest, Durham Switzer of Edgar County earned the top place in the senior shotgun contest. Other top finishers are Hunter Lane of LaSalle County, second; Alexander Welch of Stark County, third; Hueston Wilson of LaSalle County, fourth; and Julia Kruger of LaSalle County, fifth.

### Sighted Archery

In the sighted archery contest, Cullen Meyer of LaSalle County claimed victory in the junior division. Additional winners include Bo Neri of LaSalle County, second; Mario Bernabei of LaSalle County, third; Caleb Fugman of DeKalb County, fourth; and Cooper Hattan of Marshall-Putnam counties, fifth.

CJ Richards, Stark County 4-H member, took first place in the intermediate sighted archery

division. Other winners include Landon Sawin of LaSalle County, second; Piper Brodbeck of LaSalle County, third; Mitchell Tjaden of Marshall-Putnam counties, fourth; and Tate Sundberg of LaSalle County, fifth.

In the senior division, Ian Sundberg took first place with the highest score of the day. Ian is a member in LaSalle County. Additional winners include Sarah Daughtery of Marshall-Putnam counties, second; and Travis Broers of Montgomery County, third.

### Non-Sighted Archery

Top junior archers using a non-sighted bow include Kaitlyn Schaer of Marshall-Putnam counties, first; Asher Fugman of DeKalb County, second; Lillian Lindstrom of Marshall-Putnam counties, third; Jacob Bangert of LaSalle County, tied for fourth; David Horsley of Stark County, tied for fourth; and Preston Taylor of Ogle County, fifth.

Riggins Shafer of Stark County took a commanding lead in the intermediate non-sighted archery contest, followed by Kiryn Schaer of Marshall-Putnam counties, second; and Kendra Story Marshall-Putnam counties, third.

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## IDPH warns public to avoid tick bites as summer season gets underway

SPRINGFIELD – With the summer season getting into full swing, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding all Illinoisans to take precautions against tick bites to prevent contracting illnesses such as Lyme disease, spotted fever group rickettsiosis, tularemia, ehrlichiosis, and babesiosis.

To avoid tick bites, people should conduct a thorough tick-check for themselves, their children and their pets after spending time in areas ticks are known to inhabit, such as in and near wooded areas, tall grass, and brush. Removing ticks within a 24-hour period reduces the risk of potential disease transmission.

IDPH has an agreement with the Illinois Natural History Survey Medical Entomology Laboratory (INHS MEL) to conduct active tick surveillance across the State. Ticks are collected and tested by the INHS MEL. The results are displayed on an interactive Tick Surveillance Map that documents the counties in Illinois where the different tick species have been confirmed and the types of pathogens present in those ticks.

Public health officials offer the following additional tips for how to avoid tickborne illnesses and have a healthy time in the outdoors:

- Learn about tick removal and symptom awareness (IDPH website).
- Walk in the center of trails. Avoid wooded, bushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.
- Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to find. Tuck long pants into socks and boots.
- Apply an EPA-regis-



tered insect repellent containing 20% DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus according to label directions.

- Conduct full-body tick checks on family members (underarms, ears, belly button, behind knees, between legs, waist, hair and scalp) every two to three hours. Also check any gear or pets taken on outings.

- Put your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes (or one hour for damp clothes) to kill ticks.

- Bathe or shower within two hours after coming indoors.

- If you find a tick on yourself, it is often helpful to keep the tick for species identification. Place the tick in rubbing alcohol or in a sealed bag/container to bring to your healthcare provider, or you can submit the tick sample, or photos of ticks, to the INHS MEL for identification. Submission information can be found on the INHS MEL website.

If you become ill with fever and/or rash after being in an area where ticks may have been, contact your health care provider. Some tick-borne illnesses can be life-threatening. For example, if untreated Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever may cause death as quickly as five days after symptom onset.

For more information on Lyme disease and tick prevention, please visit the IDPH website.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** I saw that there is another movie or series coming out on Marilyn Monroe. The actress does resemble her with the wig, but who is she and what does she look like without it? -- *N.L.*

**A:** There have been many films, both on television and in theaters, about movie star Marilyn Monroe, but the newest one, "Blonde," is a product of Netflix and will star Ana de Armas. It's based on the novel of the same name by Joyce Carol Oates, which, according to "The New Yorker," is not a biography of Monroe, but instead "rearranges and invents the details of Monroe's life in order to achieve a deeper poetic and spiritual truth."

The film is an acting showcase for de Armas, who is probably best known for dating Ben Affleck during the pandemic, but she's also earned accolades from critics, including a Golden Globe nomination for her role in "Knives Out" opposite Daniel Craig. She again starred with Craig in his final Bond film, "No Time to Die." Ana de Armas is a Cu-

ban-born brunette with big brown eyes. In the preview for "Blonde," she does an excellent job resembling Marilyn with the help of a platinum wig, but also masters the flirtatious giggle of the starlet as she looks into a mirror. The film also stars Adrien Brody ("The Pianist"), Julianne Nicholson ("Mare of Easttown") and Bobby Cannavale ("Nurse Jackie"). It will premiere Sept. 23 on Netflix.

**Q:** Whatever happened to actor Matthew Fox? I was a big fan of "Party of Five" and "Lost," but I haven't seen him in anything for quite a while. -- *O.S.*

**A:** After the hit series "Lost" ended in 2010, Matthew Fox starred in the post-World War II film "Emperor," with Tommy Lee Jones, and a handful of other projects, but essentially retired from acting in 2015. This followed his DUI arrest and, prior to that, an assault claim by a female bus driver in which charges were later dropped.

Fox took a break to spend time with his wife and kids until a project came along

that sparked his interest, which turns out to be the upcoming series on Peacock called "Last Light." According to TVLine.com, it's about "a world plunged into crisis when oil suppliers are jeopardized" and co-stars Joanne Froggatt ("Downton Abbey"). A premiere date has not been announced.

**Q:** Will there be another season of "The Gilded Age" with Christine Baranski? I love period pieces and hope for more! -- *Z.D.*

**A:** Yes, HBO officially confirmed in February that there will be a season two of "The Gilded Age," the tale about a penniless 19th-century young woman (Louisa Jacobson) who moves from rural Pennsylvania to New York City to live with her aunts in high society. While there is no premiere date yet, filming has begun in New York and Rhode Island.

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

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## • Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Sweden?
2. HISTORY: What was the whole name of the nation once called U.S.S.R.?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did July 4 become a federal holiday?
4. FOOD & DRINK: Which fruit is used to make the cocktail mixer grenadine?
5. U.S. STATES: In which state is Niagara Falls located?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only mammal that can fly?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which two presidents died within hours of each other on July 4 -- the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence?
8. TELEVISION: What was Beaver's real first name on the "Leave It to Beaver" sitcom?

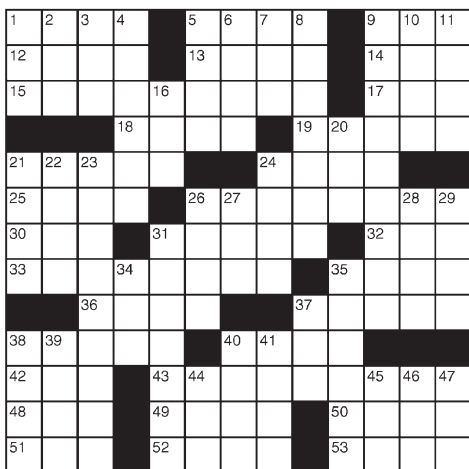
9. LITERATURE: Which 1977 horror novel features a hotel called The Overlook?
  10. MOVIES: Which 1967 movie tagline is, "They're young ... they're in love ... and they kill people?"
- Answers
1. Stockholm
  2. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
  3. 1870
  4. Pomegranate
  5. New York
  6. Bats
  7. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
  8. Theodore
  9. "The Shining"
  10. "Bonnie and Clyde"

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- 17 Retrieve
- 18 Ruby and Sandra
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- 21 Buy more Time?
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- 25 New Mexico resort
- 26 Monotonous
- 30 Work unit
- 31 Chair designer Charles
- 32 Odometer start
- 33 Winter road clearer
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  - 35 Nymph pursuers
  - 37 Tool set
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  - 40 Baseball's Tommie
  - 41 Weevil's target
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by Linda Thistle

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## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- "Joker" opened in October 2019, grossed \$1.7 billion, received 11 Oscar nominations, won two, including best actor for Joaquin Phoenix, and then silence. Usually when a film is a runaway hit like, say, "Top Gun: Maverick," sequel talk starts immediately, but there was no sequel talk for "Joker" ... until now!

Director Todd Phillips has written (with Scott Silver) and will direct the sequel, "Joker: Folie à Deux" (a French medical term for a rare mental disorder in which two people share the same delusion). Even though we haven't heard much from Phoenix, he's been busy completing "Disappointment Blvd.," with Parker Posey, Nathan Lane and Patti LuPone, and then immersed himself in creating his "Napoleon," as directed by Ridley Scott for Apple TV+. Among actors who've portrayed Napoleon are Marlon Brando ("Desiree," 1954), Rod Steiger ("Waterloo," 1970), Ian Holm ("The Emperor's New Clothes," 2001) and Christian Clavier

("Napoleon," 2002). Joaquin has some mighty big shoes to fill.

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Speaking of "Top Gun: Maverick," there is a big legal dogfight brewing between Paramount Pictures and the Israeli-based widow and son of Ehud Yonay, the man who wrote the original article in California Magazine in 1983 that "Top Gun" was based on. Paramount says the copyright expired after 35 years and it didn't need to be renewed. It plans to "vigorously fight" because the Yonays believe their copyright was still in effect and want big bucks.

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Hats off to Matthew McConaughey for standing up in front of the whole world "As a father, gun owner and a Texan from Uvalde." McConaughey, who now lives in Austin, called for all Americans to "step up for change in gun responsibility, including enacting background checks, red flag laws and upping the age requirement to 21." He further added, "I don't support gun control, I support gun responsibility." He

took time from making films while he considered running for governor of Texas, but after careful consideration, he reconsidered.

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If you're old enough to remember "The Munsters" TV series, which ran from 1964-66, it probably just brought a smile to your face. If you don't remember the original series, there were five films from 1966-1996. Rob Zombie, who wrote and directed "House of 1000 Corpses" (2003) and two highly profitable "Halloween" sequels in 2007 and 2009 (both starring Malcolm McDowell of "A Clockwork Orange" fame), has written and is directing "The Munsters," with Jeff Daniel Phillips as Herman, Sheri Moon Zombie (his wife) as Lili, and Daniel Roebuck as Grandpa. Both Pat Priest and Butch Patrick (the original Munster children) have cameos in the movie. Zombie is producing the film for Peacock and promises it will be faithful to the original series. Even Frankenstein never had it this good!

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## Couch Theater

"Father of the Bride" (PG-13) -- A new "Father of the Bride" film is now out on streaming! The original version of this film first released in 1950, followed by the popular 1991 remake starring Steve Martin. In 2022, Andy Garcia assumes the father of the bride role, with Gloria Estefan as the mother of the bride. Their characters, Billy and Ingrid, are in the middle of a marriage separation when their daughter, Sofia, announces she's newly engaged, having proposed to her boyfriend, Adan. Even though Billy doesn't fully approve of the engagement, he offers to pay for their wedding and keep up a happy-go-lucky facade with Ingrid until the wedding is over. With all the love in the air, can Billy and Ingrid's story still stand a chance? (HBO Max)

"Baymax!" (TV-G) -- You might remember the cuddly robot Baymax from Disney's 2014 film "Big Hero 6." Well, adventures with Baymax and the Big

Hero 6 cast return for the whole family to enjoy in a new spinoff series. Baymax hasn't changed much from when we last saw him -- still a bit clueless, but always ready to help those around the fictional city of San Fransokyo. Maya Rudolph reprises her voice role as Aunt Cass, while comedian-writer Jaboukie Young-White joins the cast. The first episode of "Baymax!" hits streaming on June 29. (Disney+)

"Halftime" (TV-MA) -- On her journey to performing the halftime show of Super Bowl LIV alongside Shakira, superstar Jennifer Lopez simultaneously participates in heavy award-season promotion for her movie "Hustlers." While J.Lo reaches one milestone in her career by getting the halftime gig, she still feels she must prove her worthiness -- as an actress, as a performer and as a female celebrity to be taken seriously. Whether you believe she is underappreciated or not,

in this documentary, J.Lo excels in establishing the fact that she truly is one of the hardest working women in her industry. And that, at the very least, should command more respect. (Netflix)

"My Fake Boyfriend" (R) -- A young man named Andrew is having a hard time trying to let go of his ex, Nico. Andrew often feels neglected and mistreated by Nico, to the point where his best friends, Jake and Kelly, decide to take matters into their own hands. Jake digitally creates Cristiano, a persona that appears online as Andrew's new man, causing Nico to finally understand what it feels like to be cast off for someone new. But when Andrew organically meets someone new (and real), time starts ticking to get rid of Cristiano and his digital footprint. It's not as easy as it sounds, though, when your faux boyfriend has 1.6 million followers. (Prime Video)

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## The best way to love others and yourself

I believe that other than the gospel regarding salvation through faith in Christ, learning to walk in love is the most important lesson in God's Word. Jesus says that love is the most important commandment (Mark 12:28-31). The apostle Paul writes that love is the greatest thing (1 Corinthians 13:13), and he tells Timothy that the purpose of their instruction is love that comes from a pure heart (1 Timothy 1:5). If I were only allowed

to teach three messages for the remainder of my life, the first would be that we are saved by grace through our faith in Jesus, and by it we are justified and made right with God. The second would be the importance of spending regular quality time with God. And the third would be receiving God's love, loving Him in return, and walking in love with other people. Thankfully I don't have to limit my teaching to three subjects; I share this only to show you

how important I believe walking in love is. After we are saved by grace, if we were to focus on this alone, we would avoid most of our problems. Love does no harm to anyone. And people who walk in love cannot be unhappy, because they don't have their minds on themselves but on what they can do for God and others. I have often said that we cannot be both selfish and happy at the same time.

The kind of love I'm talking about is not a carnal love. It is not a feeling, although it may include feelings. It is the same kind of love God gives to us—unconditional, everlasting, and powerful. It is called the "royal law" of liberty (James 2:8) because the person who truly loves others will not break any of God's commandments. If we love God as we should, we will happily obey Him, and one of His commands is that we should love one another. As a matter of fact, Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35 NIV). In Galatians 5:13-15, the apostle Paul says, "You, my brothers and



sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."

Love is something that can be seen and felt. It is displayed in a variety of ways. Love is patient, and it always believes the best. Love helps others, it gives, and it is quick to forgive. This is a very basic list, but just those five qualities of love are plenty to think about and ask God to help us do.

I highly recommend that we all major in walking in love. This requires intentionality and saying no to self regularly, but the rewards of peace, joy, and greater fulfillment will always outweigh the sacrifices we make. Let us remember that Jesus said what we have done to others, we have done to Him (Matthew 25:40, 45). That

is a thought-provoking statement and one that we should take time to meditate on.

The last few verses of Galatians 5 gives us a warning from Paul that if we bite and devour (fight and argue with) one another, it may consume us. It seems today that a large percentage of the population is angry or resentful about something, and Christians are certainly not immune to these negative feelings.

Anger is dangerous because it can devour and consume us, and it often becomes all we think about. The truth is staying angry with your enemies is like taking poison and hoping it will hurt the person who hurt you. I like to say, "Do yourself a favor and forgive." And Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

This really is the best way to live. And when we do, we're following Paul's instruction in Galatians 5:13-14, to "serve

one another humbly in love" and to love others as we love ourselves.

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.....

Rev. Mary Bohall, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Worship

In-person & on Facebook at:  
Mendota First United  
Methodist Church

July 2 - Welker Hall reserved  
July 3 - 9:30 a.m. Worship - in-person/  
Facebook live  
July 4 - Office closed  
July 6 - 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. District  
Superintendent interviews

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808 Jefferson St.  
.....

Pastor Jeff Brace  
jbrace8459@gmail.com

Church office (815) 538-2186

Facebook: Mendota Zion United  
Methodist Church

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Sunday School for Preschool - 6th grade  
in fellowship hall during worship service  
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during Sunday services)

TUESDAY - Prayer group 6 p.m.  
FRIDAY - Youth group 6 p.m.



If I Can

By William Arthur Ward

If I can write one verse of truth today  
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If I can push one needless cloud away  
And help men live as children  
of the King:  
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Or warm a place where friendship  
needs to be;  
If I can build a bridge where  
fences stand  
And light a lamp that other men  
might see;  
If I can open doors of hope this day  
By letting someone know that  
others care;  
If I can speak in words that seem  
to say:  
I know the heavy burdens that  
you bear.  
If I can guide a pilgrim on his way  
Or pause to bid him stay for food  
and rest;  
If I can do these, Father, this I pray:  
"O let me do them with my very best."

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Sunday Worship

WEDNESDAY

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SUNDAY

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Worship

WEDNESDAY

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Worship  
Evening Service

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CHURCH

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(815) 539-5626  
.....

Rev. Ken Gibson, Pastor

E-mail: office@stjohnsmendota.org

Website:  
www.stjohnsmendota.org

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Proverbs 15:3

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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

July 3 - 10 a.m. Worship;  
11 a.m. Fellowship  
July 4 - Office closed  
July 6 - 7 p.m. Bible study (Zoom)

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July 1 - 9:30 a.m. Bible study

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

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

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

2. What does the shortest verse  
in the Bible (KJV) say Jesus did?  
Walked, Prayed, Preached, Wept

3. Which false prophet wore  
a yoke which Jeremiah broke?  
Bar-Jesus, Jezebel, Hananiah,  
Zedekiah

4. What was Bartimaeus healed  
of in Mark 10? Demons, Leprosy,  
Blindness, Deafness

5. From Psalms 135, who was  
king of Bashan? Ur, Og, Tu, Za

6. Who was exiled to the land of  
Nod? Cain, Abel, Abraham, Aaron

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Wept (John  
11:35); 3) Hananiah; 4) Blindness;  
5) Og (135:11); 6) Cain

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## 101 LEGALS

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS  
(IN THE )  
MATTER )Case  
OF THE )No.  
ESTATE )21 P  
OF )212  
LUELLA )  
BURKE, )  
Deceased.)

### NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL ACCOUNT AND REPORT

Notice is given to Rick Calvo, address unknown, that the Final Account and Report of the administrator of the Estate of Luella Burke, Jerry Burke, was filed on June 9, 2022 and that if no objection is filed within 42 days after said filing date, the administrator will be discharged and the estate closed.  
David M. Kaleel  
Attorney for Administrator  
806 Jefferson St.  
Mendota, IL 61342  
No. 0607 (June 22, 29, July 6)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
LEE COUNTY, DIXON, ILLINOIS  
(IN RE )  
THE )No.  
ESTATE )22  
OF: ) P R  
ALLAN W. )29  
ZIMMERMAN, )  
Deceased.)

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of Allan W. Zimmerman, late, of Compton. Letters of Office were issued on June 15, 2022, to Charlene A. Zimmerman, whose attorney is Apington, Kaufman, McClintock, Steele & Barry, Ltd., 160 Marquette St., P.O. Box 517, LaSalle, IL 61301. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk, Circuit Court, in the Lee County Courthouse, Dixon, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 29, 2022, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 29th day of June, 2022.  
AMY JOHNSON  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
309 S. Galena Ave., Suite 320  
Dixon, IL 61021  
Legal No. 0608 (6/29, 7/6, 7/13 2022)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Mendota Plan Commission will hold a public hearing at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, July 11, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at 607 8th Avenue, Mendota, Illinois.

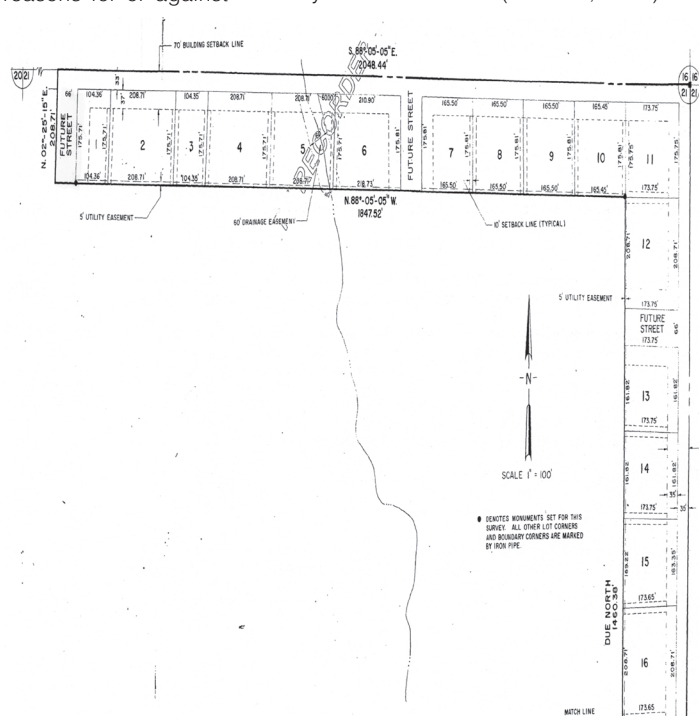
The agenda includes:  
1. Consider amending the text of Articles IV, VII and XII of the Zoning Chapter of the Mendota Municipal Code to allow solar farms as a permitted use in Conservation-Recreation Districts.  
Copies of the proposed amendments are on file and available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office located at 800 Washington Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342.  
No. 0609  
(June 29, 2022)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the State of Illinois Compiled Statutes, the Mendota Township Highway Commissioner will hold a public hearing on July 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to examine the road vacation in Guilfoyle Subdivision and to hear reasons for or against

vacating the right of way as designated on the plat and described on the attached Exhibit A. The hearing will be held at Mendota Township Building, 4499 E. 250th Road, Mendota, IL 61342. The legal description of the right of way to be vacated is as follows:  
The Future Street as shown on the Plat of Guilfoyle Subdivision

in Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois and described as that Future Street being 66 feet wide and 175.71 feet on the West Side of said Future Street and 175.71 on the East Side of said Future Street all as shown on the attached Plat of Subdivision.  
No. 0610  
(June 29, 2022)



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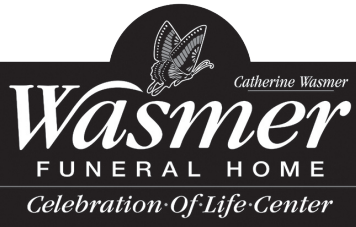
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