



This year's Earlville Cruise Night will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14 in downtown Earlville. (Photos contributed)

Let's go for a cruise

Earlville's 19th annual Cruise Night offers activities for the entire family

By BRANDON LACHANCE
Staff writer

EARLVILLE – Every community searches for town event ideas to bring the community together, bring outsiders into town, and to develop economy.

New to Earlville, Ken Zink offered an idea.

It was put into action in 2003 and it hasn't stopped as the 19th Annual Earlville Cruise Night will start at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

"We moved to Earlville 21-years ago. When I first got there, not knowing anyone, I met Wilma Stillwell. She worked at a local grocery store," Zink said. "I walked in and told her I was new and that I was a photographer. She told me that I needed to be a member of the Earlville Business Association. She said, 'With you being new, you may have some new ideas. We're not doing very well in terms of coming up with activities and we need new activities to pick up our town a couple notches.' She

asked me if I had ideas.

"This was when I was very into car shows. I told her I had an idea and said, 'Let's do a Cruise Night.' She looked at me and asked what it was. I explained that you bring out your car, take it downtown, park it, walk around the town square, meet new friends, and spend money downtown.

"I told her, 'If we do this right, we'll pack the town.' She then told me, 'You don't know this yet, but you're coming in to tell everyone in the EBA about it. She then added that part of the process of getting everyone involved is being the president."

After hesitation and wondering why he should be president, he eventually did become the EBA president.

His now friend, Kevin Zollars, didn't know Zink at all when Zink proposed the Cruise Night idea. They agreed to work together during their first meeting and have been a partnership ever since.



Ken Zink, left, and Kevin Zollars began the Earlville Cruise Night in 2003. Zink came up with the idea to bring people into Earlville and Zollars, not knowing Zink at all, volunteered to be a part of the event.

"The idea for the Cruise Night was originally brought up by Ken Zink and we adopted it because we were searching for things we could do as fundraisers for the town," said Zollars, who owns Tri-County Veterinary Services. "This was almost 20 years ago. I thought, 'Woah, I would totally love to do that with you,' and Ken and I have been partners ever since then.

"When I was in high school, we would cruise

around in our cars and you'd end up in some parking lot. Pretty soon, a couple of your buddies would be there. Then a few more friends would come. Then a carload of girls showed up. It was a big thing that gradually grew throughout the night. There weren't cell phones. It became a meeting thing and something we did for fun."

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Audit: IDPH failed to intervene early on in Vets' Home outbreak

36 died at LaSalle facility in Nov. '20

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A new report from the state's auditor general found more fault with the Illinois Department of Public Health in its response to a deadly COVID-19 outbreak at a state-run veterans home than was found by a previous watchdog report that investigated the matter.

A November 2020 COVID-19 outbreak at the LaSalle Veterans' Home resulted in 36 resident deaths, leading the Illinois House to pass a resolution in April 2021 requesting an audit of the outbreak from Auditor General Frank Mautino's office.

The outbreak also led to the firing or resignations of LaSalle home administrator Angela Mehlbrech, then-director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Linda Chapa LaVia and IDVA chief of staff Tony Kolbeck.

The report released by the auditor general found IDVA did in fact have infection control guidance in place at the time of the outbreak, contradicting an April 26, 2021 report from the Department of Human Services Office of the Inspector General and an outside law firm.

The 2021 OIG report, which was conducted at the request of Gov. JB Pritzker, found leadership deficiencies at IDVA, which led to the director "abdicating" her



responsibilities to subordinates. It also stated the home "did not develop comprehensive COVID-19 policies."

While both reports pointed to staff attending a Halloween party and failing to socially distance as potential causes for the outbreak, the auditor general found "there was no evidence to support that a lack of policies and procedures resulted in a failure to contain the virus."

"The virus hit the home very quickly with a large number of residents and staff positive within a few days," the auditor general report stated. "As a result, it was unclear whether non-adherence to policy caused the virus to spread so quickly or whether the rapid spread was due to other factors."

Other factors may have included community spread, which led to a 212 percent increase in COVID-19 cases in the region from the month prior, or the fact that guidelines at the time did not require rapid COVID-19

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New tax holiday law gives Illinois families, teachers a break when they go back to school

By Ellyse Kelly
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – For teachers and parents alike, buying school necessities can get expensive. As part of the Illinois state budget that begins July 1, parents, students and teachers will get 10 days to purchase school supplies while paying less in sales taxes. The state's sales tax is from 6.25% to 1.25% on clothes and school supplies.

Jason Leahy, executive director of the Illinois Principals Association, said the tax holiday will hopefully help out parents as they get their kids ready for another school year.

"I've got a family of five myself, and when we look at the start of the school year we've got plenty of things we've got to purchase to get ready to go, and so I would say it will definitely be a benefit," Leahy told The Center Square.



The tax holiday will take place Aug. 5-15.

Research shows teachers will often spend hundreds of dollars out of their own pockets on classroom supplies to facilitate the type of instruction they want to provide.

"It's been a long time since I was in the classroom teaching, but it was something that I did," Leahy said. "Because you were trying to protect your supply budget or just knowing there weren't enough dollars there to do the kinds of things you wanted to do

to get the type of learning and impact with your kids, you would buy supplies that you need to get the job done."

One reason why school is still expensive for families is districts charging fees to keep up with expenses, Leahy said.

Leahy said he hopes to see expenses for parents and teachers come down as the state implements evidence-based funding.

Tax holidays like this are not uncommon at both the federal and state levels, Leahy said.

"We've got an opportunity to provide a little relief this year, where the state's finances are healthy or healthier than they have been in the last decade," he said.

Illinois, like other states, received billions in dollars from federal taxpayers over the past two years in COVID-19 relief.

MHS Prom 2022



King, Queen & Court

Mendota High School held its Prom on May 7. Members of the Prom Royalty, left to right, are Manny Trejo, Liam McGann, Christian Tellez, Uziel Angelo, King Emilio Perez, Queen Kendra Frey, Jayla Morris, Allison Stewart, Marah Setchell, Alex Stremlau and Aliza Salinas-Cervantes. (Photo contributed)

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LOCAL AND AREA

HCC Inc. drives harvest efficiency with launch of innovative louver position sensor technology

MENDOTA – HCC Inc., leading manufacturer of complex fabricated assemblies for harvesting equipment, announced its latest invention of the SieveSense™: Autonomous Louver Positioning – a hyper-accurate louver position sensor that enables automatic cleaning shoe adjustments to account for variable crop conditions, terrain environments and cleaning shoe loading conditions. Utilizing closed-loop sensing technology, the SieveSense maximizes harvest efficiency through autonomous louver position adjustments on the fly.

Solution-driven innovation

As a company that began with the simple vision of a Midwest farmer and a storekeeper, it still rings true today that the driving force behind HCC Inc.'s century of success is its people. The idea for the transformative SieveSense was born out of the desire to provide solutions that increase cleaning efficiency by enabling greater autonomy.

"When it comes down to it, it's all about solving problems," explained David Young, Director of Engineering at HCC Inc. "We knew that the way in which combine operators historically interpreted louver position was only an estimate. Then,



SieveSense™: Autonomous Louver Positioning

we simply asked the question, 'what would happen if it were more exact?'"

The answer was clear: increasing the louver position accuracy would result in increased harvest efficiency and less operator workload – a value proposition that will undoubtedly change the future of the agricultural industry.

Accelerating autonomy

Antiquated louver position technology requires the operator to set a one-time louver position with manual updates during operation. SieveSense, on the other hand, autonomously accounts for every variable that can influence the louver position – terrain, crop condition (e.g. moisture), shoe shake, etc. – and utilizes

real-time position. It utilizes algorithms that can adjust on the fly without any involvement from the operator, thus lessening the burden and improving endurance.

Additionally, SieveSense provides the opportunity for predictive maintenance that proactively monitors the overall health of the mechanical system. The internal accelerometer monitors the shoe condition to flag any irregularities or an impending shoe failure, eliminating expensive repairs and downtime.

A technological evolution

Forging the way in an industry often reticent to change, HCC Inc. has been redefining innovation when it comes to agricultural harvesting equipment and

products since its inception in 1883. The company is responsible for inventing the H.D. Hume pickup reel, the first ever commercial grain weaver and the floating cutter bar. Today, HCC Inc. holds over 80 original patents and continues to be the leading manufacturer of sieves and reels for both North and South American combine markets.

"Innovation is not as much about rapid change as it is about smart change," said Young. "What makes the SieveSense revolutionary is the fact that we took technology that already existed and uncovered new ways to apply it to solve real needs for today's farmers."

Looking to the future

As demand for global food distribution grows, HCC Inc. remains focused on productivity – both in manufacturing processes and harvest operation.

"Everything is aimed at efficiency right now," explained Young. "We're not going to grow more corn or soybeans. The challenge is finding ways to do it with fewer people and resources, and HCC Inc. remains committed to developing new processes and products designed to maximize performance."

For more information about HCC Inc., visit www.hccincorporated.com.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

It was Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 2-6. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful staff to work with at Blackstone. They were recognized throughout the week in a variety of ways to show our appreciation for all they do. It amazes me the effort they put forth on a daily basis to meet the needs of all of our students. Thank you to all of our parents for all they did to make our teachers and staff feel extra special during this week. Many students also brought in notes, cards, pictures or gifts for their teachers as well to show their appreciation. Thank you to the parents who took the time to share thank you messages with me to put together for each staff member in the building. Your messages of gratitude were very touching and meaningful! I can tell you that our staff greatly appreciated all that was done for them throughout the week! Our community is lucky to have such fantastic teachers!

Our students and staff were treated to an amazing performance on May 5. We had the privilege of having the Ballet Folklorico De Colores Dance group perform for our students and staff. They showed off their bright, beautiful costumes and shared some of their dances with us. We are very thankful they brought this opportunity to our school.

Congratulations to the students in Mrs. Wixom, Mrs. Higdon, Mrs. Mikolasek, Mrs. Lamps and Mrs. O'Sadnick's classes. They reached their Trimester 3 Paw Pride goal this past week for great behavior. They will be invited to the Dance Party at the end of the school year.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Jaxon Stamberger, Mikey Godina, Sofia Garcia, Meredith McNutt, Mateo Gonzalez, Fernando Sandoval, Ruby Santos-Diaz and Eastyn Pakenham. The winners were Carter Stallings, Jaxx Fromherz, Logan Jones and Layla Martinez.

If you have an incoming kindergarten student for the 2022-2023 school year, don't forget we will have a Kindergarten Registration Night on Wednesday, May 11 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This will be a time for parents to return completed registration paperwork, turn in birth certificates and proof of residency, turn in any completed medical forms, meet staff and take a walk throughout the halls of Blackstone School.

Master showmanship contest set in Princeton

PRINCETON — The Bureau County Farm Bureau and U of I Extension will host the Bureau County Master Showmanship Contest Friday, July 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (or approximately ½ hour after the end of the swine show) in the Swine/Sheep Livestock Barn at the Bureau County Fair Grounds.

The Master Showmanship Contest recognizes 4-H youth who have excelled

at showing animals at the 4-H fair. The participants will be judged on their handling of each of three species of animals: beef, sheep and swine. They also are quizzed by the judge on their knowledge of animal husbandry and livestock production.

The registration deadline for 4-H Participants is Friday, June 24. This can be done online or through the

provided word document at the Extension Office.

A winner from each species will receive recognition and top prizes will be given to the top two overall showmen. The top overall winner will be eligible to represent Bureau County at the Illinois Master Showmanship contest at the Illinois State Fair to be held on Friday, Aug. 12.

• 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.
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LOCAL AND AREA

MHS holds awards assembly

MENDOTA – The annual Mendota High School Awards Assembly was held on May 3 in the gymnasium.

Awards and scholarships were presented to the following students:

Rotary Club Scholarship – Maya Martin, Logan Brandner, Faith Anderson, Aliza Salinas-Cervantes; BPW Scholarship/Nightengale’s – Maya Martin, Paige Manning; Elizabeth Schillinger, Marisol Felix; Lions Club Scholarship – Aliza Salinas-Cervantes; Robert Cooper Award – Ted Landgraf; Klein Family Memorial Ag Scholarship – Elizabeth Schillinger; Hispanic Business Owners’ Association Scholarship – Marisol Felix (O&R Truck & Trailer Repair/Snap-On Tools), Briana Avila (Sachuaya Auto Repair/Snap-On Tools), Giselle Gomez (Juan’s Auto Body/Snap-On Tools), Aliza Salinas-Cervantes (Pita Rey Enterprise/Snap-On Tools); MEA Scholarship – Liam McGann, Faith Anderson, Zachari Compell;

Greg Frey Memorial Award – Christian Tellez; Mendota Quarterback Club Awards – Andy Rivera (Joe Rollins Award), Omar Gonzalez (George “Ted” Lewis Award), Emilio Perez (Ray Jauch Award), Ted Landgraf (Dean Lubbs Award), Christian Tellez (Paul Kimrey Award); Gerald Wood Award – Paige Manning; Kilmartin 3-Sport/4-Year Award – Ted Landgraf, Paige Manning, Emilio Perez; Math Award – Logan Brandner; Science Award – Paige Manning; Science Special Recognition Award – Isabelle Escatel; Selbrede Physics Award – Elizabeth Schillinger; FCS Awards – Ruth Ramirez (Scholar Award), Ted Landgraf (Citizenship Award);

Social Studies Award – Zachari Compell; Student Council Scholarship – Aliza Salinas-Cervantes; Student Council Officers – Aliza Salinas-Cervantes, Elly Buettner, Marah Setchell, Isabelle Escatel; Music Awards – Jacob Ensor (Sousa Award), Faith Anderson, Maya Martin (Arion Award), Trekker Klema (Becker Award); George Diehl Scholarship – Elizabeth Schillinger, Andrew Stamberger; DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award – Elizabeth Schillinger; Sublette Toy Show Scholarship – Elizabeth Schillinger; James Noakes Scholarship – Elizabeth Schillinger; Bohn-Nielsen Scholarship – Logan Brandner; WIU Principal’s Scholarship – Elizabeth Bresley; Women of the Moose Scholarship – Maya Martin; Karen Fischer Scholarship – Elizabeth Schillinger;

Dr. Musick Scholarship – Paige Manning; DLA Architect Scholarship – Aliza Salinas-Cervantes, Ted Landgraf; Don Stephenitch Award – Alex Stremlau; Ashley Scholarship – Maya Martin; Donald White Award – Andrew Stamberger; Don Whitmore Award – Paige Manning; 927 Scholarship – Giselle Gomez; Jim O’Neil Award – Abel Rodriguez; Regional Office of Education Award – Elizabeth Schillinger; DAR Recipient – Alex Stremlau; SAR Recipient – Andrew Stamberger; Teacher of the Year Award – Matt Gehm; Illinois State Scholars – Faith Anderson, Elly Buettner, Ted Landgraf, Paige Manning, Maya Martin, Meredith McConville, Liam McGann, Olivia Ross, Elizabeth Schillinger, Andrew Stamberger, Allison Stewart, Jacob Swope.



New Chamber member

Members of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors and Board welcome the Illinois Valley Hispanic Partnership Council as a new Chamber member. Left to right, are Sara Escatel, Illinois Valley Hispanic Partnership Council; Melinda Temple, Tri-County Opportunities Council; Shelby Weide, Chamber President/CEO; Alan Costas, Community Health Partnership; Christin Atherton, Ambassador; Kim Kennedy, Ambassador; Lee Stocking, Ambassador; Linda Hessenberger, Ambassador; Steve Donnell, Board; Luke O’Brien, Ambassador; and Brad Cox, Ambassador. (Reporter photo)

4-H girls’ empowerment group learns about entrepreneurship

OTTAWA – 4-H is creating future entrepreneurs one step at a time. The GEAR UP girls’ empowerment group recently enjoyed learning about being an entrepreneur with LaSalle County 4-H Youth Development Coordinator, Toni Pienta.

In addition to enjoying motivational presentations from local business entrepreneurs, participants learned how to make a pitch for a product or service and the steps necessary to create a business plan. Many inspiring hopes and dreams were shared as young entrepreneurs planned their future business and service.

In addition to the Entrepreneurship program, 4-H offers a variety of programs in Leadership, Career Read-

iness, Building Your Future, Financial Literacy and many others. To learn more about LaSalle County 4-H clubs and other opportunities call University of Illinois Extension, LaSalle County 815-433-0707 or email Toni Pienta at fusinatt@illinois.edu.

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C. Ganz retiring from First State Bank

MENDOTA – After 42 years of dedicated service, First State Bank wishes to announce the retirement of Connie Ganz, Sr. VP Customer Service. Throughout her tenure, the bank has grown from three branches to 19 through several acquisitions and new market growth.

Ganz started her career in 1980 in the loan installment department and quickly excelled in various roles throughout the bank. She ultimately led the Customer Service Department, was part of the Executive team and also served as Secretary to the Board of Directors.

Over the years, Ganz served as a member of the Mendota Chamber of

Commerce Ambassadors, helped with the Toys for Tots program, participated in March of Dimes events, Relay for Life and Alzheimer’s walks in memory of loved ones. She is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren, taking convertible rides this summer, doing more crafting and relaxing in the north woods.

As Ganz embarks on retirement, First State Bank salutes her for a stellar career in financial services and sincerely thanks her for her contribution to our organization. She has left a permanent mark on the bank and her legacy will live on. Ganz’s last day with First State Bank will be Friday,

May 27. Please join the bank in wishing her well.

First State Bank is a \$1.4 Billion community bank committed to providing value-added offerings, backed by exceptional service to the local communities it serves. It does so by providing a combination of cutting edge banking products and conveniences and also employing local professionals who take the time to get to know each customer’s banking needs on an individual basis. First State Bank has 19 locations throughout North Central Illinois. For more information, visit First State Bank’s website at firststatebank.biz.

Mendota Weather May 11, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Isolated T-storms
High: 89 Low: 68

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 91 Low: 67

Friday
Chance T-storms
High: 87 Low: 63

Saturday
Scattered T-storms
High: 79 Low: 58

Sunday
Scattered T-storms
High: 72 Low: 52

Monday
Mostly Sunny
High: 76 Low: 54

Tuesday
Partly Cloudy
High: 77 Low: 57

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, near record high temperature of 89°, humidity of 55%. Southeast wind 6 to 13 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 91° set in 2011. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an overnight low of 68°. Southeast wind 10 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 30° set in 1966.

Regional Cities

City	Hi/Low	Wx	Hi/Low	Wx
Aurora	84/68	t	90/66	pc
Champaign	91/68	pc	91/64	s
Chicago	74/65	pc	78/65	pc
Freeport	87/69	pc	90/68	pc
Joliet	88/68	pc	90/66	pc
Moline	92/71	t	92/70	s
Peoria	92/71	pc	93/68	pc
Rockford	84/69	t	91/67	pc
Springfield	92/70	pc	91/67	s

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	59	46	65/42	0.00"	0.54"
Tuesday	52	46	65/43	0.36"	1.02"
Wednesday	60	38	66/43	0.00"	
Thursday	55	46	66/43	0.11"	Average temp..... 52.4°
Friday	53	49	66/44	0.07"	Average normal..... 54.6°
Saturday	67	47	66/44	0.00"	Departure..... -2.2°
Sunday	68	48	67/44	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Full 5/16	Wednesday 5:41 a.m.	8:05 p.m.	3:01 p.m.	3:35 a.m.
	Thursday 5:40 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	3:58 a.m.
	Friday 5:39 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	5:21 p.m.	4:21 a.m.
	Saturday 5:38 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	6:36 p.m.	4:46 a.m.
Last 5/22	Sunday 5:37 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	7:55 p.m.	5:14 a.m.
	Monday 5:36 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	9:16 p.m.	5:49 a.m.
	Tuesday 5:35 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	10:34 p.m.	6:31 a.m.

Local UV Index

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

UV Index
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure
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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 88 in Venice, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 94 in Columbia, Miss. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 98 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 77 in Torrington, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 97 in Roswell, N.M.

Weather Trivia

How are the hot Santa Ana winds of California formed?

Answer: They form when pressure forces air down through the mountains.

Weather History

May 11, 1987 - Early morning thunderstorms produced up to four inches of rain in southern Texas, with flooding reported from Maverick County to Eagle Pass. Evening thunderstorms in northern Illinois produced hail the size of golf balls and wind gusts to 70 mph.

May 12, 1971 - Dust storms suddenly reduced visibilities to near zero on Interstate Highway 10 near Casa Grande, Ariz. Chain reaction accidents involving cars and trucks resulted, killing seven people.

In Loving MEMORY

On Memorial Day, we remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us. Our time to remember will be published Wednesday, May 25th, devoted to those who are gone, but not forgotten.

JANE DOE

MAY 1, 1950 - APRIL 23, 2012

You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.

Write your own or select one of the following verses below to accompany your tribute.

- We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
- May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
- Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand
- Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
- The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
- May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
- May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
- You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
- May God's grace shine over you for all time.
- May the Lord bless you with His grace and warm, loving heart.

To remember your loved one in this special way send \$10 per listing. Your special tribute will become a lasting memorial record in the May 25th issue of The Mendota Reporter. Deadline is Friday, May 20th at Noon.

Please publish my tribute in the special Memorial Day page on May 25.

Name of Deceased: _____

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Michael J. Rod

LAFAYETTE, La. — Michael J. Rod, 62, of Lafayette, La., and formerly of Mendota, was called home to be with the Lord on May 3, 2022.

Funeral services were held Monday May 9, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Rev. Brian Kelly officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota with military honors by Mendota VFW Post 4079. Visitation was from 9:30 a.m. until time of services.

Michael was born Dec. 30, 1959 in Ottawa, the son of the late James Ross Rod and the late Patricia (Whitmore) Rod. He was married to Joan Crowley Rod on Jan. 15, 1985 at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Survivors include his three children, Elizabeth Rod of Dallas, Texas, James Rod of Lafayette, La., and Timothy (Claudia) Rod of Springfield, Ore.; and his sister Deb (Michael) Koscielnny of Cary.

Michael started out as a police officer in Mendota. He had a passion for helicopters and went to school for aviation. Michael enlisted in United States Army as a helicopter pilot. In 1989, the family relocated to Clarksville, Tenn. In 1990, he served a tour in the Gulf War. He served in the military until 1995. He relocated to Lafayette, La., pursuing his passion for helicopter aviation and flew helicopters for oil and gas industry until his retirement in 2020.

Michael was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He took pride in being a United States Veteran.

Michael was a Veteran and would like memorials to be directed to Disabled Veterans (donate.dav.org/donate) or Mendota VFW Post 4079. Flowers can be sent to Merritt's Funeral Home in Mendota. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



WIAAA to present Area Plan during public hearings

ROCK ISLAND — Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging (WIAAA) Public Information Document (PID) provides a summary of the FY2023 Area Plan. Each year WIAAA submits an Area Plan to the Illinois Department on Aging requesting federal and state funding to provide home and community-based services for older adults, their caregivers, and adults with disabilities in Bureau, Henderson, Henry, Knox, LaSalle, McDonough, Mercer, Putnam, Rock Island, and Warren counties in Illinois.

The Area Plan is developed by assessing the needs of older adults, their caregivers, and adults with disabilities throughout its Planning & Service Area to identify needs to better plan for the future. Please visit its website: <http://wiaaa.org> to access a copy of the Public Information Document. You can also request an email copy by contacting Vicki Coutant at vcoutant@wiaaa.org or by phone at 309-793-6800 or 1-800-322-1051.

Older adults, grandparents raising grandchildren, aging service providers, public officials and the public are all invited to attend. The virtual public hearings will be held on the following days:

• Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 1-3 p.m. (CDT)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89950779713?pwd=MGhIeGtmdVYwYUQ4cEV0dWtxR1hrZz09>
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IVCC graduation set for May 14

OGLESBY — About 200 graduates are expected to participate in Illinois Valley Community College's 56th annual commencement at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14 in the college gymnasium.

IVCC alumnus Dr. Holly Novak will deliver the keynote address. A 1974 graduate, Novak specializes in heart disease prevention and women's health at HSHS Medical Group Multispecialty Care in Springfield.

Dr. Novak is also one of the most significant donors in IVCC's 98-year history

and is a member of the IVCC Foundation's 21st Century Scholars Society.

Also at commencement:

• Ty Perin, a native of Hudson, Mich., will read his winning Paul Simon Student Essay;

• President Jerry Corcoran will welcome graduates and confer certificates and degrees;

• Vice President for Academic Affairs Gary Roberts will present the Class of 2022;

• Board chair Everett Solon will introduce trustees;

• 2021-22 student trustee Madison Miranda of DePue will present the invocation; and

• 2022-23 student trustee Austin Dille of Ottawa will present the benediction.

Overflow seating will be available for guests in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

"Although Gov. Pritzker's vaccine/test mandate has been extended through May 28, we are delighted to again host an in-person ceremony," said Corcoran.



Veronica Spangler

OSF HealthCare welcomes new primary provider

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare is pleased to add a new primary care provider to its staff to better serve the community of Mendota and surrounding areas.

The addition of Veronica Spangler, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), will ensure increased access for patients in need of a primary care provider at the OSF Medical Group — Family Medicine office at 1404 Washington St. and at 1405 Ste. 600, office in Mendota.

Spangler joins the care team of Mary Chinn, MD, and offers a number of primary care services. She especially loves helping patients meet their health goals. As a primary care provider, she enjoys getting to know her patients and working with them throughout their lives.

She received a Bachelor of Science from Aurora University and a medical degree from Frontier University in Hyden, Ky.

New or existing patient appointments with Spangler or a member of her care team can be made by calling (815) 538-1825.

IVCC offers nursing prerequisite courses

OGLESBY — Students interested in a career in nursing can complete prerequisite courses at Illinois Valley Community College this summer beginning Tuesday, May 31.

Nursing applicants must complete several courses before being considered for admission to the program.

"We have opportunities for students to begin their pursuit of a nursing career this summer," said Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Bonnie Campbell. "Demand for nurses remains high and our graduates enjoy long, rewarding careers."

Seats remain open in online Introduction to Nutri-

tion, ALH 1000, and Human Growth and Development, ALH 1002. There are also summer openings in required face-to-face courses in Anatomy and Physiology, BIO 107, and Microbiology, BIO 101.

Summer and fall registration is underway. Call (815) 224-0447 to register.

See the latest Obituaries at mendotareporter.com

Rockton Pelican Fest celebrates American White Pelicans May 21

ROCKTON — The second annual Rockton Pelican Fest will be held Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Rockton and is presented by the Village of Rockton, JR Finally Art Studio & Gallery, Natural Land Institute and Sinissippi Audubon Society.

It's a free family oriented event that gives people of all ages the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the return of the American White Pelicans to the Rock River and nearby Nygren Wetland Preserve during their migration period.

Stateline Mass Transit District will be providing free shuttle bus service from downtown Rockton to the Nygren Wetland Preserve Wildlife Overlook (3714 W. Rockton Road, Rockton) throughout the festival. A knowledgeable volunteer will be there to greet visitors and to talk about birds and other wildlife. Free guided walking tours of Nygren Wetland will start at the Wildlife Overlook at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. An Early Bird Walk is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. at the Wildlife Overlook presented by Sinissippi Audubon Society.

Rockton Pelican Fest is sponsored by Winnebago County Pheasants Forever and Sinissippi Audubon Society.

For more information about participating businesses and specials, booths and kids activities, and other information visit: www.naturalland.org, www.sinissippiaudubon.org, and www.jillraefinallyart.com.

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Home

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testing prior to entering the home, allowing for asymptomatic spread.

The auditor general's report described the OIG report as "flawed" for its reliance on interviews rather than documentation.

At an unrelated news conference in his office, Pritzker faulted Republicans for questioning mitigation guidance at the time and said the audit failed to convey that IDPH was the "central responsible agency for the entire pandemic."

"So, just while this veterans home was having its outbreak, they were occurring all over the state, in schools, in other nursing homes, in other congregate care settings," he said.

Pritzker said IDPH was following U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance not to visit a congregate facility and risk disease spread when a phone call would suffice. He said he held officials at IDVA accountable and credited new director Terry Prince who took over the job in April 2021 in the wake of the OIG report.

The auditor general report largely focused on a 13-day span at the beginning of November 2020, when the case count grew from four to over 170 at the LaSalle home between residents and staff.

It was Nov. 1, 2020 when Kolbeck, the IDVA chief of staff, reported four cases to the governor's office and the Illinois Department of Public

Health among others. Eleven days later, IDPH performed a site visit at the home. By the next day, IDVA reported 83 residents and 93 staff positives, all but six of which were current, along with 11 resident deaths and four hospitalizations.

The report stated that Sol Flores, deputy governor for health and human services under Pritzker, and an assistant "may not have realized the significance of the outbreak at the LaSalle Veterans' Home as the virus continued to progress through the home."

Flores told auditors that her office thought leadership at IDVA and the home were "communicating and taking actions regarding the employees under their responsibility to ensure things were being done."

The audit further noted that an assistant to Flores emailed Kolbeck on Nov. 2, 2020, to ask if more support was needed from IDPH and if he'd been in contact with the state medical officer.

Kolbeck replied the next day, "I can't think of anything specific we need at LaSalle. You'll see shortly, it's not improving though. I have traded emails with the state medical officer on getting a call with the administrators and her team but we haven't locked in on a date/time yet."

According to the audit, Kolbeck first inquired about a potential site visit on Nov. 9. A response didn't come until Nov. 11, and that was after the medical officer spoke to IDPH's chief of staff, who

relayed that Pritzker "was very concerned and wanted IDPH to visit the home."

The email citing Pritzker's concern came 22 minutes after an IDPH infection control consultant determined that the "processes being done are sound" at the LaSalle home, relaying that an infection control nurse at the home "feels they are doing okay and doesn't feel the need for someone to visit."

The audit postulated that a site visit might have taken even longer without Pritzker's intervention.

The audit also found that IDPH failed to act in the first week of November, "even though it was the largest outbreak in any of the state's congregate care facilities."

It was Kolbeck who reached out to IDPH about the home receiving rapid tests on Nov. 9 and monoclonal antibody treatments on Nov. 11. By the time rapid tests arrived, more than two-thirds of the home's residents had tested positive.

"From the documents reviewed, management at IDPH did not offer any advice or assistance as to how to slow the spread at the home, offer to provide additional rapid COVID-19 tests, and were unsure of the availability of the antibody treatments," the report stated.

The auditor recommended that IDPH should "clearly define its role" in monitoring COVID-19 outbreaks at veterans homes and develop policies and procedures that "clearly identify criteria that mandate IDPH intervention"

at the homes.

IDPH accepted the recommendation, but the department noted antibody treatments were not available for distribution at the time of the LaSalle outbreak and an infection preventionist assigned to IDVA died unexpectedly two weeks prior to the outbreak.

IDPH said its oversight task included communicating with 97 local health departments and preparing for distribution of the vaccine, which arrived one month later.

The audit also recommended IDVA develop policies that mandate timely testing of residents and staff during outbreaks. It outlined testing periods that occurred over three days, extending the time when results would be sent to labs, compounding processing delays.

The audit also recommended that the IDVA director work with IDPH and the governor's office during COVID-19 outbreaks. IDVA agreed with the recommendations.

The report also noted IDVA and IDPH put new policies in place in April 2021 to "establish a comprehensive and integrated infection prevention and control program at all Illinois veterans homes" that included new training requirements.

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IVCC's 2022 McCormack Scholars, left to right, are Ryan Gochanour, Hope Beelman, Andrew Gochanour, Emily Schaibley and Paige Blackburn. The McCormack award is IVCC's highest academic achievement.

5 IVCC students named as McCormack Scholars

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College named five Thomas J. McCormack Scholars this spring including twins.

McCormack Scholars are Hope Beelman of Peru, Paige Blackburn of Spring Valley, Andrew and Ryan Gochanour of Wenona and Emily Schaibley of Marseilles.

To earn the college's highest academic achievement, McCormack's maintain a

minimum 3.75 grade point average in at least 14 hours over three consecutive semesters.

The award honors IVCC's first director, Dr. Thomas J. McCormack, who served LaSalle-Peru-Oglesby Junior College from 1924 to 1932. The Princeton University-educated McCormack was renowned as one of the nation's outstanding educators.

Area students among inductees into IVCC English Honor Society

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Mu Alpha chapter of the Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society for two-year colleges inducted 34 students at its annual induction ceremony April 28.

Among the students recognized were:

Fall 2021: Keina Arteaga, Emme G. Bottom, Aaron Levi Brandner, Rachel Anne Brandner, Izabella S. Nanez, Natalie S. Orozco, Rosevelia Rocha, and Harvey Vela of Mendota;
Spring 2022: Elisabeth J. Farrell of Earlville; Casen E. Cherry of La Moille; Briana Avila and Allison M. Stewart of Mendota; Jonathan J. Schmidt of West Brooklyn.

Madeleine M. Hunter of Standard is the chapter's Fall 2020-Spring 2022 officer,

vice-president and public relations person.

Hunter, along with faculty co-sponsors of Mu Alpha, Dr. Kimberly Radek-Hall and Delores Robinson, led the new members in reciting the pledge and mission. Dean of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Social Sciences, Dr. Lirim Neziroski, opened the ceremony with a congratulatory message for inductees.

Headquartered in Decatur, Ala., SKD has 127 chapters nationwide to recognize and reward outstanding achievement in English language and literature, provide cultural stimulation and promote interest in English on two-year campuses and the communities they serve, and foster English in all its aspects, including creative and critical writing.

Cruise

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Although there are cell phones and social media in 2022, the Cruise Night is still based around the same principals it began with... fun, food, and music.

On May 14, 3D Sound will be DJing, there is a playground for kids, food will be served, a 50/50 will be won, visitors will receive participant door prizes, event T-shirts and hats will be offered, and dash plaques will be given to the first 200 vehicles.

Also, goody bags will be given to the first 200 vehicles and 25 vehicles will be randomly selected for a free professional photograph.

The entry fee per vehicle remains the same as it was in 2003 – \$5.

The entry fee automatically goes toward two vocational scholarships for Earlville High School students as the Earlville Cruise Night awards them to a boy and a girl every year.

"I'm a veterinarian in the area and it's amazing how many of my clients have old cars. Seeing them outside of the office and talk about cars instead of animals sometimes is really fun," Zollars said. "I've made a lot of friends in the veterinarian community that have become friends of mine in the car community."

"I have clients who are mechanics. I told one client, Bruce Kain, about a problem with my 1954 Cadillac. He went to school to work on cars that are now the types you see at car shows and he literally diagnosed my car in my exam room. I'm talking to him about his dog and he's diagnosing my car. He literally, on the spot, told me how to fix the problem."

Lendal Clark, who moved back to Somonauk in 2013 after a stint in Rochelle, has been going to car shows since he was a kid but decided to start showing his 2006 HHR (Heritage High Roof). Now, he loves detailing his vehicle for the showroom floor or better yet, the downtown showcase.

"I just grew up liking cars. My hobby has always been building model cars," said Clark, who went to shows with his wife Glenda before she passed in December of

Earlville Cruise Night is still based around the same principals it began with...fun, food, and music.

2020. "I have over 1,400 model cars that I've built. I honesty just like cars. I started building them when I was 8- or 9-years old. I built a lot of them when I was a kid and when I got out of the Marines in 1968, I got back into the hobby."

"I have people tell me, 'I use to build model cars when I was a kid.' I tell them, 'Yeah, I did too, but I never quit.'"

Clark's HHR isn't a vintage car but he displays it. On the flip side, Clark owned a 1963 Ford Falcon Convertible, a 1965 Chevy Impala, a 1967 Firebird, a Greenbrier Wagon, 1973 Chevelle, 1980 Camaro, and a 1985 Monte Carlo.

Zink has a 1949 Dodge Business Coop that has a special place in his heart.

But his role as a photographer for 25 car shows each year throughout the Midwest doesn't allow him to show it, except for the Earlville Cruise Night

"There is something special about that car. The car was my brother's (Bill) car. He sold it to me; he did not leave it to me," Zink said. "Approximately six or seven months after selling it to me, he passed away from Stage 4 lung cancer and we didn't know he had cancer. I had already bought the car not knowing anything about it. I still have the car and I have no intention of ever selling the car."

"I've always enjoyed cars but having my brother's car really sparked my interest in being a photographer and taking photos of car shows."

Zink and his wife Karen load up a mobile home and take off during car show season (May-October) to offer photo packages of everyone's favorite vehicles.

He's seen multiple rides he could call his favorite, but one that will be seen this year in Earlville has him excited.

"This year on our T-shirt will be an Oldsmobile and it's either a 1950, a 1951, or maybe a year newer," Zink said. "This particular Oldsmobile has a bubble hood. It's the original hood and the same design as the car. What makes it so unique is that there is a glass panel on each side of the hood that's an opening, which allows you to look in and see the motor. There were only seven of these produced."

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We all share humanity

By Scott Reeder

Passover, Ramadan and Lent all came to an end during the past few weeks and I've found myself thinking of the oddest thing: a cow.

When I was about 5, a life-size statue of a cow appeared in our neighbor's front yard. The Hereford stood a silent sentinel on Academy Street in Galesburg and left many perplexed.

Where did it come from? Why was it there? And what was its meaning?

It was the subject of neighborhood discussions. Adults found the need to weigh in among themselves about the inappropriateness of the bovine edifice.

When I'd walk to school, I'd pass right by the creature and stop with friends to look at it. Our tiny hands would stroke its plastic side.

One day after school I asked my mother, "Why is there a cow in front of Davey's house?"

My mother was silent and contemplative for a moment. She said, "Davey's family is a different religion than us. They are Jewish. The cow must be part of their religion. But don't mention it to Davey."

Of course, I did.

"Davey, do you have a cow in your front yard because you're Jewish?"

He gave me a perplexed look and said, "No, my dad belongs to the Jaycees and his friends in the club thought it would be funny to stick a cow in our yard."

My 5-year-old curiosity was quenched, and I went about my day with an answer to my question. I would no longer be confused by the misguided notion that livestock statuary had something to do with modern Judaism.

How did my mother come up with the goofy idea that the cow was some sort of theological statement? It beats me. But her mistake is an all too common one in our society. Too often we make assumptions about those who in some way identify differently than ourselves.

It's a tiresome but all too common exercise.

For example, when I was a college student, my roommate was African American. We both had pictures of our nieces on our desks. Inevitably, when a white person would drop by our room, they would see the picture on his desk and they would say, "Oh my, he's got a kid."

Strangely, no one ever asked my roommate the identity of the person in the photo or assumed that the image on my desk was anyone other than my niece.

They made a judgement about him based on a difference -- in this case race -- rather than facts. The false narrative didn't serve anyone particularly well -- particularly if we are interested in mending divides -- rather than broadening them.

Wouldn't it have been better for someone to just ask my roommate, "Hey, Danny, who is in that photo?"

I'm a 57-year-old. I have never tasted alcohol. And for decades I've put up with people making assumptions about why that is. The most common thought expressed: "Scott doesn't drink because it's against his religion."

Nope. I'm a Christian who recognizes that Jesus drank wine to celebrate, hydrate and commemorate. I don't drink because I had an alcoholic grandparent and have never seen much appealing about the custom. But to each their own.

Last year, my wife and I took a vacation in a nation where the state religion is Islam. A well-meaning friend, who watches a lot of Fox News, took me aside and begged us not to go. She said Muslims hate Americans and our lives would be in danger.

Despite her desperate pleadings we took the trip and found ourselves treated with kindness and hospitality. When we saw customs different than our own, we didn't make assumptions. I'd make conversation and just ask.

I learned a lot not only by asking questions but by observing. For example, I saw a couple who appeared to be Iranian and on their honeymoon. The woman was wearing a black chador, a cloak that extends from head to toe.

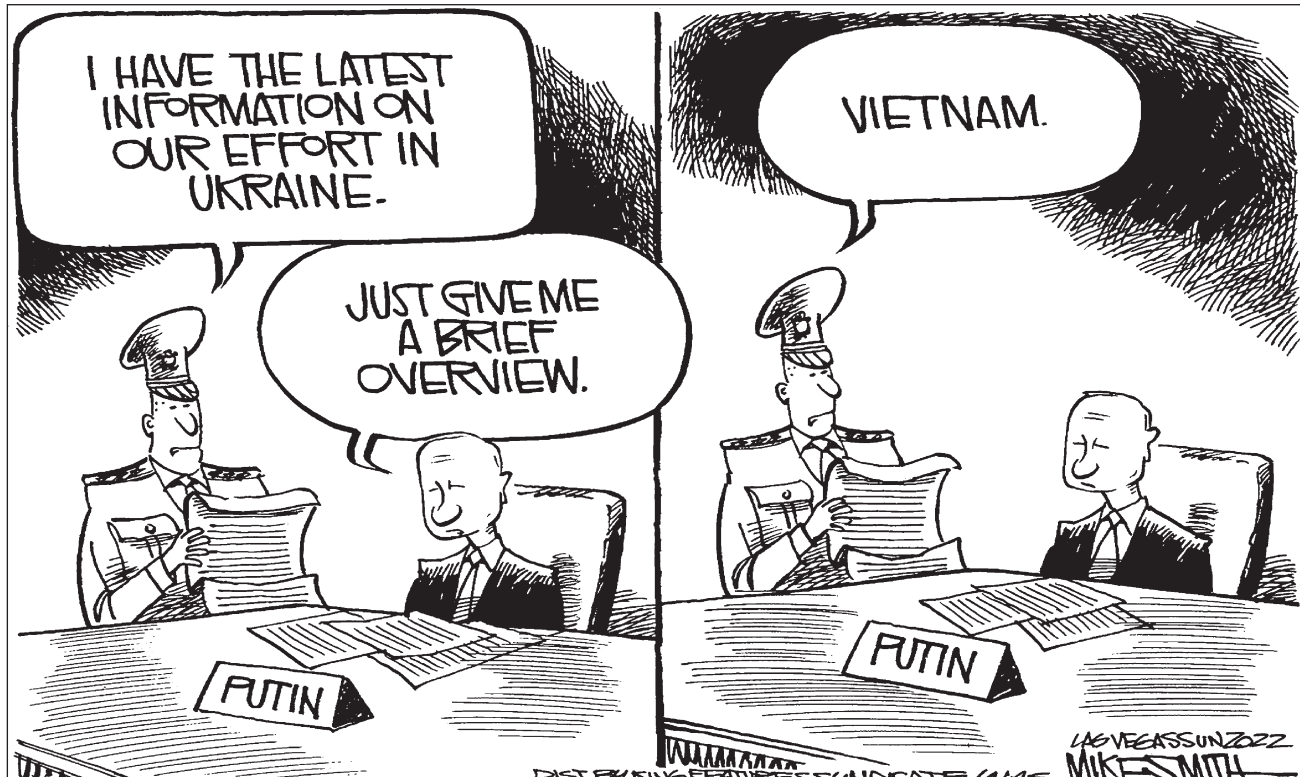
For a person of my generation, the garb inevitably conjures memories of thousands of angry demonstrators outside the U.S. embassy in Tehran shouting "Death to America." But I saw no anger or hatred.

In fact, it was fun to watch her flirt with her groom like honeymooners the world over. And when a wind came off the ocean she would stretch out and let the cool breeze fill her chador as a child might.

It would be easy to focus on the differences between our two cultures. But that small act served as a reminder of our shared humanity.

To quote that great American television philosopher Ted Lasso, "Be curious, not judgmental."

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



Mendota's Centennial plans develop – 1953

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from May 13, 1998.)

By Jessica Nashold

In Mendota's Centennial Year of 1953, planning began in January for the celebration to be held in August. The Centennial Finance Committee, headed by Chris Serup, had set a goal of \$12,000 to fund the many activities involved. In May, The Mendota Reporter began publishing names of the contributors and the amounts contributed, ranging from hundreds donated by businesses to \$5 and under by individuals. By May 7, \$8,925 had been received.

Christ Troupis received the mayoral gavel from Glenn Momeny on May 4, 1953. He expressed appreciation to the voters who had entrusted him with the office, despite his youth. He was 30 at the time.

Aldermen installed that evening were Cal Ekstrom, First Ward; Paul Mealey, Second Ward; Gardner Conaboy, Third Ward; and Russell Edwards, Fourth Ward. Conaboy had been re-elected, the others were new to the council.

Troupis expected to base his administration on being available to the public. He urged critics to voice their complaints to him instead of circulating objections privately. He planned to answer Letters to the Mayor in the pages of The Reporter. Citizens were asked to expect stricter enforcement of driving infractions.

The mayor asked the public not to press city officials to be lenient with reckless and drunk-en drivers.

Kanteen members sponsored a hay-loft party at the Lions Den on May 9, 1953, to which parents were invited. Harold Schlesinger donated the services of his band and a caller was secured the square dancing. A Reporter picture subsequently showed a line of bunny hoppers, led by Kanteen member Rosie Herman, who would in later years be director of the Mendota Chamber of Commerce.

MHS musicians earned a number of "good" and "excellent" ratings at the state contest in Clinton. They also brought back a "superior" rating by the Brass Sextet: Ruth Sollitt, Gene Politsch, Mary Ebbinghaus, Jim Rave, Patti Heininger and Ross Childers.

A shocking assault on the Supreme Court

By Rich Lowry

Despite what you might have learned in high school civics, the Supreme Court really only has one role in our system of government -- to uphold *Roe v. Wade*.

That's the animating sentiment behind the furor over the leak of a Supreme Court opinion drafted for a majority by Justice Samuel Alito overturning the abortion decision.

Left-wing commentators have hailed the shocking leak of the opinion and said that the Court deserves to be burned down and even ended altogether for the offense of finding no constitutional warrant for one of the court's most controversial and consequential decisions of the last half-century.

The leak, assuming it's legitimate (there's little reason to doubt it) and assuming it came from someone on the left of the court (which seems most likely), is a brazen breach of the Court's rules in an attempt to sabotage its deliberations.

The Court has been one of the few institutions in our national life that has managed to maintain a measure of self-respect and integrity. Its oral arguments aren't televised, which always tempts people to play to the cameras. The arguments are invariably civil and substantive, even if intense -- in contrast to what is heard on cable news, social media, or on the floor of Congress. The Court has honored confidentiality as it considers a case and justices write and share their opinions among one another.

The leaker, whether a justice, a clerk or a staffer, clearly intended to engender a huge reaction to try to intimidate a member of the majority into changing his or her mind.

This is how hardball politics works in Congress or in the executive branch, where strategic leaks are the norm and very often no one trusts nobody. It's completely inimical to the spirit of the Supreme Court, which is supposed to decide its cases as a strict matter of law free of political influence.

Tellingly, almost no one on the left criticized the leak. Instead, many praised it as an act of brave defiance that reflects the gravity of the moment.

Backtracks & Sidetracks

The annual MHS Alumni dinner-dance was scheduled for May 16, 1953. Tickets were \$1.50 for the banquet and \$1.50 per couple for the dance. The dinner was prepared and served by the Mendota Community Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. Frank Prescott and Mrs. Glen Lines were co-chairmen. Dancing from 9 until midnight was to the music of the Don Novy Quintette, a popular group on the Northwestern University campus.

The Benton Browns had their faith in humanity restored when bills totaling about \$75 were turned in at Austin Calderwood's Ben Franklin store. The bills had dropped from Mrs. Brown's purse when she extracted a penny for her small daughter to use in the gumball machine at the Ben Franklin entrance. It was Leonard Schwemlein, Holy Cross fifth grader, who saw the bills and turned them in at the store.

Needless to say, Leonard was rewarded.

The Food Center & Lockers, at 805 Illinois Ave., advertised the grand opening of their self-service, the first to be introduced in Mendota. Some of the enticements were 5 pounds, Domino sugar, 49 cents; ground beef, 49 cents per pound; and cigarettes, \$1.95 per carton.

The PTAs of Blackstone and Lincoln schools and the Holy Cross Mothers' Club sponsored a series of matinees at the State Theatre during the summer months. Tickets were \$1.08 for six matinees.

Joseph P. Stremlau hosted a gathering of men at the Faber Hotel Gold Room to organize a Mendota Community Hospital Men's Club with dues of \$1 per year. The club objective was to provide volunteers for heavy work around the hospital and hospital grounds.

The Little League season opened May 11, 1953, at the fairgrounds. Mayor Christ Troupis tossed the first ball. Harold Stephenitch, Little League

president, introduced representatives of companies sponsoring Little League teams.

A Centennial Housing Committee asked Mendotans to indicate what rooms they would make available to visitors during the celebration in August. The committee included Josephine T. Coss, Harry Fahler and Frank Gulick.

Each hostess may set her own rate. Moderate rates were urged.

Plans for a spectacular pageant based on local happenings were underway. It would be called Panorama. The script was to be completed in May and casting for the 25 scenes with 300 players and support groups would be held in June. Panorama would be presented Aug. 13-15.

George Likeness was producer.

A mayoral proclamation was published May 14, 1953, authorizing Bush-leaguers "to take any means, including fines, to persuade Mendota men to remain unshaven until further ordered." Prizes were being offered in six styles of beard and three of mustaches. There would also be a grand prize awarded during the August celebration.

"Uncle Dick" at The Mendota Reporter urged that Chicago Bears fans wishing to have their season tickets renewed to see him right away. The deadline to make a request was May 11.

The M&M Drive Inn on Route 34 near Fourth Avenue opened May 10, 1953. Owners were Paul and Ken Mealey.

The Saints Peter & Paul congregation in Peterstown celebrated the 100th anniversary of its first church. Erected in 1853, it burned in 1865. The replacement was completed in 1872.

New teachers at MHS were E. Howard Beemer, English-drama-journalism; John Davies, history; and Marjorie Dunlap, girls' physical education.

Lt. Col. Arlene Scheidenhelm of Fort Monroe, Va., attended a conference of WAC Staff Advisors in Washington, D.C., on May 11, 1953. She represented Army Field Forces.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: Will “The Equalizer” return for another season? I’m really enjoying it, even though it’s very different from the original series back in the ‘80s.



Q. Latifah

A: The original series ran for four seasons on CBS and starred British actor Edward Woodward as a retired intelligence agent turned private investigator. While Woodward’s character focused on violent offenders, the current series, which stars Queen Latifah, is about an ex-CIA agent turned social justice warrior. Fans of the show might not know that there also have been two motion pictures based on “The Equalizer” starring Denzel Washington.

TVLine.com reports that new showrunners will take over “The Equalizer” for its “all-but-guaranteed season three renewal.” Andrew W. Marlowe and Terri Edda Miller created the modern version based on the Woodward-led eponymous series. The new executives behind the scenes include Joseph C.

Wilson, who has been with the show since season one, so I wouldn’t expect any major changes. “The Equalizer” has about 7.5 million loyal viewers each week, so if it’s not broke, why fix it?

Q: Whatever happened to the sitcom that Kelsey Grammer and Alec Baldwin were doing? Did the tragedy surrounding Baldwin’s movie “Rust” cause producers to cancel the show? -- **L.K.**

A: The untitled comedy series starring sitcom legends Kelsey Grammer (“Frasier”) and Alec Baldwin (“30 Rock”) was finished before it ever got started. ABC passed on the series after viewing the pilot last April, months before the horrific tragedy on the set of Baldwin’s movie “Rust” in which cinematographer Halyna Hutchins lost her life. Baldwin is reportedly doing a movie overseas now, as he faces a lawsuit from Hutchins’ family. His career in the U.S. might not ever recover.

Meanwhile, Grammer’s next project is the upcoming “Flowers in the Attic: The Origin,” a TV miniseries premiering July 9 on Lifetime that also stars another television icon, Harry Hamlin (“L.A. Law”).

Q: What is my all-time favorite actor Nick Nolte doing these days? I loved him in one of my favorite comedies, “Down and Out in Beverly Hills,” and then later in “The Prince of Tides.” I haven’t seen him in recent years, however. -- **K.L.**

A: The now 81-year-old three-time Oscar nominee is still acting. His first major role was back in 1976 in the hit TV drama “Rich Man, Poor Man,” but it wasn’t long before he became a movie star. In 1979, he starred in the satiric football comedy “North Dallas Forty” and followed that with the blockbuster cop comedy “48 Hrs.” opposite Eddie Murphy. In 1991, he wowed audiences in the thriller “Cape Fear,” with Robert DeNiro, and subsequently made us cry in “Prince of Tides” opposite Barbra Streisand.

In recent years, he’s joined the “Star Wars” franchise by voicing the character of Kuil on “The Mandalorian,” and he can be seen in the Spectrum Originals series “Paradise Lost” with Barbara Hershey. Nolte recently finished wrapping up a new action movie with Josh Duhamel called “Blackout.”

Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* Most of us know that pregnancy has its challenges, but one you might not be aware of is that expectant moms attract roughly twice as many mosquito bites. It’s believed this is because they exhale more carbon dioxide and have higher body temperatures than those who aren’t pregnant.

* A Chinese father hired virtual assassins to kill his son’s World of Warcraft character, hoping that would stop the young man from playing after he’d quit his day job.

* American death row prisoners are given a physical to ensure they’re fit enough to die.

* During the 1984 Olympic Summer Games in Los Angeles, McDonald’s announced a promotion offering free food and drink every time an American athlete made it to the medals podium. After the former Soviet Union boycotted the games, it turned out to be quite a costly promotion.

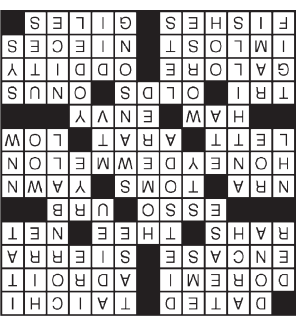
* The French duo Daft Punk took their name from a negative review they received from “Melody Maker” magazine regarding a trio of which they’d previously been members.

* Between 1887 and 1950, American weather forecasters were not allowed to use the word “tornado.”

* A particularly pessimistic fan of football’s Cleveland Browns requested in his obituary that six members of the team serve as pallbearers at his funeral so “the Browns could let him down one last time.”

* In the early 1970s, the first Nike shoe was inspired by ... a waffle. After watching his wife make waffles, the company’s co-founder, Bill Bowerman, poured urethane into a waffle iron to see what would happen. The Waffle Trainer debuted soon after.

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Solution time: 21 mins.

• Trivia Test •

1. GEOGRAPHY: Dubai is the largest city of which country?
2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was President Richard Nixon’s Secret Service code name?
3. TELEVISION: In which year did the first episode of the animated comedy “South Park” air?
4. HISTORY: What was the former name of the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River?
5. MUSIC: Which instrument is Pablo Cassals famous for playing?
6. LITERATURE: What are the names of Harry Potter’s deceased parents in the book series?
7. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase “bona fide” mean?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby fish called?

9. ACRONYMS: What does BMW stand for?
10. MOVIES: What is the song playing in the famous twist scene of “Pulp Fiction”?

Answers

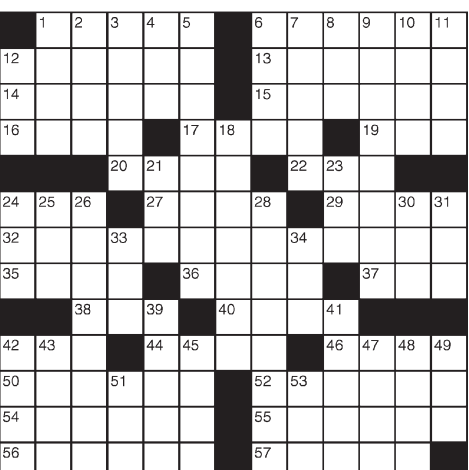
1. United Arab Emirates
2. Searchlight
3. 1997
4. Boulder Dam, for a short time in the 1940s
5. The cello
6. James and Lily
7. In good faith
8. A fry or fingerling
9. Bavarian Motor Works
10. “You Never Can Tell,” Chuck Berry

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- 6 Chinese martial art
- 12 Moolah
- 13 Skillful
- 14 Sheathe
- 15 Mountain chain
- 16 Stadium cheers
- 17 Quaker pronoun
- 19 Profit
- 20 Canadian gas brand
- 22 City area, for short
- 24 Gun lobby org.
- 27 Male turkeys
- 29 Show ennu
- 32 Pale, sweet fruit
- 35 Riga resident
- 36 “I smell —!”
- 37 Despondent
- 38 Hem’s partner
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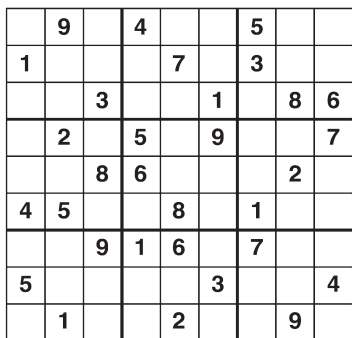
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- 25 Caviar base
- 26 Mounds built by insects
- 28 Final performance
- 30 Romance
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- 33 JFK info
- 34 VJ’s network
- 39 Not as good
- 41 Alpine air?
- 42 Pre-weekend
- 43 Malek of “Bohemian Rhapsody”
- 45 Reply to “Shall we?”
- 47 Pleasing
- 48 Western tribe
- 49 Method (Abbr.)
- 51 Reaction to fireworks
- 53 Cato’s 502

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Ben Affleck is directing and starring with Matt Damon in an untitled film for Amazon in which Damon plays a salesman for a fledgling shoe company named ... Nike. Affleck’s psychological thriller, “Deep Water,” with Ana de Armas, dropped in March, and his “The Flash” film is due in June 2023. Damon is upcoming in “Thor: Love and Thunder” and in Christopher Nolan’s “Oppenheimer” (father of the atomic bomb).

Affleck, a two-time Oscar winner, holds on to longtime relationships. He and Jennifer Lopez first connected in 2002 on “Gigli.” She filed for divorce from Cris Judd that July and by November they were engaged. She was even willing to become Jennifer Affleck! Just days prior to the 2003 wedding, it was called off. In June 2004, Lopez wed Marc Anthony, and Affleck coupled with and married Jennifer Garner the following year.

Flash forward to April 2022, when they officially became re-engaged. Affleck

popped the question while she was in a bubble bath, and they went house hunting in the exclusive Holmby Hills community. For her 52nd birthday, they hid away on a yacht just off the beach from Monaco. Can Bennifer make it this time, or will they call it off again?

In 1959, Billy Wilder’s “Some Like It Hot” premiered with Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon as musicians forced to flee Chicago after witnessing the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre. Disguised in drag, they joined an all-girl band headed to Florida. Their lead singer was Marilyn Monroe (aka Sugar “Kane” Kowalczyk). The film cost \$2.9 million to shoot and grossed \$49 million (about \$480 million today).

In 1972, songwriter Jule Styne (“Gypsy” and “Funny Girl”) and lyricist Bob Merrill (“Carnival” and “Funny Girl”) wrote the music and lyrics for “Sugar,” the Broadway musical of “Some Like It Hot,” starring the late Robert Morse (in the Tony Curtis role), Tony Roberts

(in the Jack Lemmon role) and Elaine Joyce (in the Marilyn Monroe role). It ran 505 performances. In 2002-03, Tony Curtis toured in a national company of “Sugar” (as Osgood Fielding III, the man romantically pursuing Jack Lemmon’s character), which they called “Some Like It Hot: The Musical.”

On Dec. 11, a new “Some Like It Hot: The Musical” will open on Broadway with a score by Marc Shaiman (“Hairspray”), and a book by Tony-winner Matthew Lopez and “Late Night with Seth Myers” staff writer/performer Amber Ruffin (with a show on Peacock). Here’s the twist: While Broadway actor Christian Borle of the TV series “Smash” will play the Tony Curtis role, both the Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe roles will be played by people of color, J. Harrison Ghee and Adrianna Hicks. If audiences don’t warm up to this “Hot,” they can’t blame it on the weather.

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“The Quest” (NR) -- In 2014, a reality competition series called “The Quest” placed contestants in the fantasy land of Everrealm and presented them with a variety of challenges in order to reveal the “One True Hero.” Disney+ decided to revive the one-season competition show, but with a little twist: Contestants would consist only of teenagers from around the U.S. These eight teens must rely on their skills and battle it out to save themselves from elimination after each challenge. The last one standing receives the title of “One True Hero.” “The Quest” is an entertainingly unique competition that people of all ages could follow along to at home. Premieres May 11. (Disney+)

“The Essex Serpent” (TV-14) -- Sharing the same name with the 2016 novel written by Sarah Perry, this series follows Londoner Cora Seaborne (Claire Danes), who moves to Essex to explore the myth of the Essex Serpent, a creature reportedly bringing tragedy to those who’ve needed to speak for their

sins. While trying to learn the truth about the serpent, Cora becomes dangerously close to married local pastor Will Ransome (Tom Hiddleston). As the people of Essex continue to experience horrors within their town, they blame Cora for the serpent’s presence. Division, doubt and fear wreck Cora, Will and the rest of the townsfolk as the serpent’s grip, whether real or metaphorical, only tightens around them. Premieres May 13. (Apple TV+)

“Candy” (TV-MA) -- True-crime drama has been taking center stage lately in movies and TV, and this limited series serves as another example of why the drama and true crime genres work so effectively together. Based off real-life events, Jessica Biel stars as Candy, a well-respected housewife in the 1980s who feels boxed in by her life and begins to crave more from it. With these feelings harboring inside of her, Candy decides to have an affair with Allan, the husband of her best friend, Betty. Afterward, when Betty starts behaving suspiciously

as if she knows of Candy’s betrayal, Betty winds up dead. Candy then becomes a suspect for more than just her secret affair. (Hulu)

“Operation Mincemeat” (PG-13) -- During World War II, the Allied powers hatched a plan to invade Sicily’s southern shore; however, the Nazis received wind of the planned attack, forcing the Allies to rethink their original plan. The Allies then came up with Operation Mincemeat, a scheme to make Germany believe that their target has shifted from Sicily to Greece. The scheme included a corpse carrying fake documents that would wash up on the Spanish shore and get taken in by the Spanish military. If all went accordingly, these documents would then be passed onto Germany through its connection with Spain, proving Greece is the Allied forces’ new target and leaving Sicily free for the Allies to attack. “Operation Mincemeat” depicts the very risky operation once orchestrated in 1943. Premieres May 11. (Netflix)

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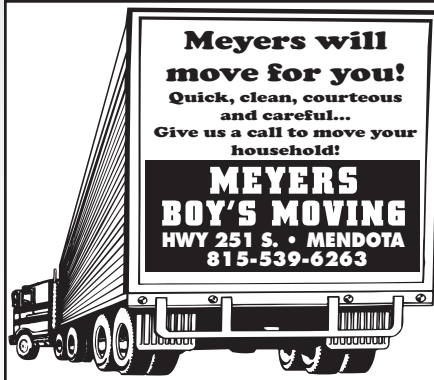


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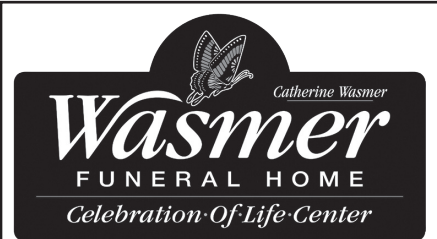
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SOCIAL NEWS



Cinco de Mayo celebration

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated on Main Street in the old True Value building in Mendota on May 5 as a Cinco de Mayo Queen, a Mini-Queen, and a Mini-King were named. Top, a sash is placed on Delailah Casas for being named the Mini-Queen. Naitzy Garcia was named the Queen and Abraham Garcia was selected the Mini-King. There were vendors with free giveaways, information on their services and food trucks outside. (Reporter photos by Brandon LaChance)



Mother's Day Tea

Mothers enjoyed great food and drink, and the opportunity to visit with friends at MASS' Annual Mother's Day Tea on May 6 at the Mendota Civic Center. The event ran annually for five years before Covid-19 paused it for two years. "It was great for everyone to have our tea party again and celebrate great moms," said MASS Director Rayanne Sester. (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

Nature Walk planned at Starved Rock Park

LaSALLE – LaSalle Public Library will host a BioBlitz Nature Discovery Walk at Starved Rock State Park from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 28. Adults and families are invited to experience nature close up in this free fun event that is educational and a real contribution to the scientific community.

Using the free iNaturalist app, participants will observe and photograph flora and fauna as they explore the trails at Starved Rock. Every documented observation can contribute to biodiversity science. From the rarest salamander to backyard birds to common weeds, participants will upload observations to scientific data repositories like the Global Biodiversity Information Facility to help scientists, worldwide, find and use the information.

Participants will meet library staff outside the Starved Rock Visitor Center by 8:15 a.m. Library staff will discuss park rules, trails and terrain, goals of the BioBlitz, as well as assist participants in downloading the free iNaturalist app. As this event is outdoors, participants should dress appropriately for hiking and con-

sider protection from the sun, insects and weather. The BioBlitz will take place rain or shine, unless there is a risk of dangerous weather or heavy downpours. To confirm that the BioBlitz is a "go," the library will confirm via email with all registered participants by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 27.

The BioBlitz Nature Discovery Walk is part of Pollinator Pathways, a community project to provide awareness about wild bees and pollinators. Pollinator Pathways is funded through #PlantWildflowers Initiative, supported by Howard Hughes Medical Institute's (HHMI) Tangled Bank Studios, PBS Nature, World Wildlife Fund, and Air Wick Scented Oils.

This program is free, open to the public, but does require registration. Participation is limited to 50. Register online only at – <https://bit.ly/3sgOXGQ>. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The LaSalle Public Library is located at 305 Marquette, LaSalle, and is ADA compliant and welcoming. For more information, contact the library by calling 815-223-2341.



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First Avenue & Sixth Street, Mendota
Thursday, May 19
Noon-6 p.m.
Friday, May 20
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
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8:30-11 a.m.
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2t19msr

INDOOR GARAGE SALE
707 Fifth Ave., Mendota
Friday, May 13
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, May 14
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
New items added.
Girls' clothes sizes 0-3T, convertible crib, double stroller, Pack-N-Play, glassware, dishes, craft kits, cross stitch material, ceramics to paint, books, miscellaneous furniture, kitchen tables, chest of drawers, bedroom set, dining room table, some tools, flower pots, lots of miscellaneous.
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YARD SALE
337 N. 4250 Road, Mendota
May 20 & 21
8 a.m.-3 p.m.
New items, houseware, décor, games, electric dryer, misc.
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GARAGE SALE/ NOTICE DEADLINES
• Thursday 5 p.m. to appear in Monday's Money Saver.
• Monday 10 a.m. to appear in Wednesday's Reporter.

POLICE BLOTTER

MAN CHARGED
Edward W. Pickford, 29, no address, was charged with presence within school zone by child sex offenders prohibited after police officers conducted an investigation into a report of a registered sex offender being present in a school zone in the 600 block of Sixth Street at 3:44 p.m. May 5. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear before a judge.

WARRANT ARREST
Tyler D. Gulley, 26, of 716 ½ Illinois Ave., Mendota, was arrested May 6 on an outstanding LaSalle County arrest warrant for unlawful presence within a school zone, child sex offender/school zone, a class 4 felony. Gulley's arrest occurred at 605 ½ Sixth St., Mendota. Gulley was additionally charged with the offense of resisting arrest for defying officers' verbal orders and

physical apprehension of his person. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County Jail where he was remanded on a \$5,000/10% bail.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED
Sarah T. Joop, 42, of 503 Seventh Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at Pennsylvania Avenue and Springfield Street at 11:42 a.m. May 8. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
Robert W. McElhone, 39, of Sandwich, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Pennsylvania Avenue and Washington Street at 8:19 p.m. May 8. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.



Rotary Scholarships
Mendota Rotary Club Four-Way Test Award scholarship winners were announced at the May 3 Mendota High School awards assembly. This year's recipients, left to right, are Logan Brandner, Faith Anderson, Maya Martin and Aliza Salinas-Cervantes. The money is to be used for educational expenses. (Photo contributed)

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SPORTS



Mendota's Zoe Finley gets her foot on the plate before the tag of the Kewanee catcher during a three-run third inning for the Lady Trojans on May 9 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Lady Trojans rally past Kewanee, 9-6

□ Bureau Valley blanks Mendota, 7-0

MENDOTA — Offense was hard to come by for the Mendota Lady Trojans as they dropped a 7-0 decision to Bureau Valley in a varsity softball contest on May 4 at the MHS field.

Mendota only managed four hits off of Storm freshman pitcher Madison Smith. Katie Jenner had a pair of singles for the Lady Trojans.

Paige Manning went the distance in the circle for Mendota. She allowed 11 hits, three earned runs and struck out 11. Bureau Valley's Smith fanned 10 Mendota batters.

The Lady Trojans overcame a three-run deficit and downed Kewanee, 9-6, on May 9 at the MHS field.

Kewanee plated two runs in the first and two more in the third, while Mendota pushed across a run in the

second. But Mendota rallied with three runs in the bottom of the third to knot the score, and then it scored four times in the bottom of the fourth to take the lead for good. Zoe Finley's bases loaded triple was the big blow in the fourth.

Kewanee added single lies in the sixth and seventh frames and Mendota scored once in the sixth.

The Lady Trojans collected eight hits, with Jenner (two singles), Ryleigh Sondgeroth (single, double) and Zoe Hanson (two singles) getting two hits apiece. Sondgeroth also drove in three runs.

Manning pitched a complete game for Mendota, giving up eight hits, walking one and striking out 10.

Mendota has a 9-9 overall record and a 5-6 Three Rivers Conference mark.

Trackmen compete at 'Bago

WINNEBAGO — The Mendota boys' track team went up against seven other schools in the Winnebago Invitational on May 6.

The Trojans scored 27 points and finished in seventh place. Galena (144.5) edged out Winnebago (137.5) for the top spot.

Anthony Kelson turned in Mendota's best performance when he ran a time of 46.68 for second place in the 300-meter hurdles. Kelson claimed fourth place in the 110-meter hurdles (19.49) and Travis Mumm was fourth in the 3200-meter run (15:36.66).

May 6
Winnebago Invite

Galena 144.5, Winnebago 137.5, Rockford Christian 114, Byron 91, Dakota 77, Lena-Winslow 75, Mendota 27, Pearl City 13

Mendota 2nd place: Anthony Kelson, 300m hurdles, 46.68

Mendota 4th place: Kelson, 110m hurdles, 19.49; Travis Mumm, 3200m run, 15:36.66

Mendota 5th place: Kody Chase, 800m run, 2:21.67; 4x100 field event relay (Neil Linden, Logan Wujek, Gabe Vallejo, Jose Belmonte), 58.33

Mendota 6th place: Mason Koch, long jump, 16-3

Mendota 7th place: 4x400m relay (Koch, Kelson, Chase, Belmonte), 4:09.52

MHS to battle Bureau Valley in regional softball opener

KEWANEE — The Mendota Lady Trojans have been assigned to the Kewanee Class 2A Regional Softball Tournament to be played May 16, 17, 18 and 20.

There will be two play-in games at sites of the higher seeded team. Mendota will travel to Manlius to take on Bureau Valley at 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 16 and Hall will play at Kewanee.

The Mendota-Bureau Valley winner will advance to the semifinals to meet Prophetstown at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17 at Kewanee. The Hall-Kewanee survivor will play Sherrard on May 18.

The semifinal-round winners will play for the regional championship at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 20.

The champion of the Kewanee Regional will move on to the Tremont Sectional to play the champion of the Farmington Regional. The other sectional participants will come from the Rockridge and Chillicothe IVC regionals.

Kewanee Class 2A Softball Regional

Monday, May 16

1 — Mendota at Bureau Valley — 4:30 p.m.

2 — Hall at Kewanee — 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

3 — Winner 1 vs. Prophetstown — 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18

4 — Winner 2 vs. Sherrard — 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 20

5 — Winner 3 vs. Winner 4 — 4:30 p.m. (championship)



Mendota's Krew Bond delivers a pitch during the Trojans' game with Kewanee on May 9 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

Bureau Valley, Kewanee top Trojans on diamond

MENDOTA — The Mendota Trojans fell to Bureau Valley, 6-1, in varsity baseball action on May 4 at the MHS field.

The game was scoreless until the fourth when Bureau Valley broke through with two runs. The Storm added three more in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Mendota's lone tally came in the bottom of the seventh when Emilio Perez stroked a run-scoring double.

The Trojans totaled seven hits. Izaiah Nanez singled and doubled, and Krew Bond also had a two-bagger.

Nanez got the call on the mound and worked into the sixth inning. He allowed nine hits, six earned runs, walked four and struck out three.

Kewanee rallied in the top of the seventh to hand the Trojans a 3-2 setback on May 9 at the MHS field.

Mendota opened the scoring with an unearned run in the bottom of the second, before Kewanee quickly

knotted the game 1-1 with an unearned run of its own in the top of the third.

The game remained tied until the bottom of the sixth inning when Bond clouted a solo home run to give the Trojans a 2-1 advantage. It was Mendota's first hit of the contest. Ryne Strouss followed with a double to deep right center field, but was left stranded.

Kewanee plated a pair of runs in the top of the seventh, with the go-ahead tally coming on Mendota's second error of the game. The Trojans left the potential tying run at second base in the bottom of the seventh after Ted Landgraf walked to open the frame.

Bond got the start for Mendota and went five innings, allowing three hits and no earned runs. He walked two and struck out six. Nanez came on for the final two frames and was the losing pitcher.

The Trojans are 2-14 overall and 1-10 in the Three Rivers Conference.

Trojans to host Sandwich in first round of Lisle Regional

LISLE — The Mendota Trojans have been assigned to the Lisle (Sr.) Class 2A Regional Baseball Tournament to be played May 16, 18, 19 and 21.

There will be two play-in games at sites of the higher seeded team. Mendota will host Sandwich at 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 16 and Lisle will entertain Elgin St. Edward.

The winner of the Mendota-Sandwich contest will advance to the semifinals to meet Aurora Central Catholic at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 at Lisle. The other first-round winner will play Wheaton Academy at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19.

The semifinal-round winners will battle for the regional championship at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21.

The Lisle (Sr.) Regional champ will move on to the Stillman Valley Sectional to face the winner of the Byron Regional. The other two sectional participants will come from the Richmond-Burton and Winnebago regionals.

Lisle (Sr.) Class 2A

Baseball Regional

Monday, May 16

1 — Sandwich at Mendota — 4:30 p.m.

2 — Elgin St. Edward at Lisle (Sr.) — 4:30 — p.m.

Wednesday, May 18

3 — Winner 1 vs. Aurora Central Catholic — 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

4 — Winner 2 vs. Wheaton Academy — 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 21

5 — Winner 3 vs. Winner 4 — 11 a.m.

(championship)



Second in tournament

Mendota's junior varsity boys' tennis team finished in second place in the East Aurora Invitational on May 7. Second-place finishes went to Matt Miller at No. 3 singles, Dagen Setchell and Trekker Klema at No. 1 doubles, and Johnnie Diaz and Leo Oregon at No. 2 doubles. Team members, front row, left to right, are Jacob Ensor and Trekker Klema. Back row, BJ Bresley, Leo Oregon, Dagen Setchell, Johnnie Diaz, Clay Buffington and Wyatt Sondgeroth. Not pictured: Matt Miller. (Photo contributed)

Finley takes pair of firsts in IV Invite

OTTAWA — Mendota's boys' and girls' track teams competed in the Illinois Valley Invitational on May 9 at Ottawa.

The Lady Trojans finished in fourth place with 39 points. The top three teams were St. Bede (173), Hall (146) and Streator (133).

Alexis Finley turned in a pair of first-place finishes for Mendota. She crossed the finish line ahead of the pack in the 800-meter run (2:57.65) and the 1600-meter run (6:50.86).

The Lady Trojans also took fourth place in four events.

In the boys' meet, Mendota scored 20 points and finished in sixth place. Ottawa (151) and LaSalle-Peru (127) occupied the top two positions.

The Trojans' 4x800 meter relay team had the best finish on the day, taking third place with a time of 9:46.54. Mendota runners were Anthony Kelson, Jacob Carr, Kody Chase and Mason Koch.

Mendota placed fourth in two events.

May 9
Illinois Valley Invite
(girls)

St. Bede 173, Hall 146, Streator 133, Mendota 39

Mendota 1st place: Alexis Finley, 800m run, 2:57.65; Finley, 1600m run, 6:50.86

Mendota 4th place: Grace Wasmer, 200m dash, 31.6; 4x400m relay (Natalie Bodmer, Ashley Caracheo, Finley, Wasmer), 5:27.75; Bodmer, discus, 59-5; Wasmer, long jump, 13-1

Mendota 5th place: Bodmer, 400m dash, 1:18.71

Mendota 6th place: Dessa Komitas, 400m dash, 1:33.05

Mendota 7th place: Wasmer, 100m dash, 14.8; Bodmer, 200m dash, 36.09

Mendota 8th place: Caracheo, 100m dash, 16.96; Komitas, discus, 40-6; Caracheo, long jump, 10-0

(boys)

Ottawa 151, LaSalle-Peru 127, Streator 116, St. Bede 86, Hall 51, Mendota 20

Mendota 3rd place: 4x800m relay (Anthony Kelson, Jacob Carr, Kody Chase, Mason Koch), 9:41.54

Mendota 4th place: Chase, 1600m run, 5:27.98; Koch, long jump, 17-4

Mendota 5th place: Koch, 400m dash, 1:00; 4x400m relay (Kelson, Koch, Chase, Jose Belmonte), 4:12.04

Mendota 6th place: Kelson, 110m hurdles, 19.32; Kelson, 300m hurdles, 47.49

Mendota
F-S Softball

May 9

Mendota 6, Kewanee 6

Mendota hitting: Kirby Bond single; Ella Coss single
Mendota pitching: Ava Eddy 5 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 2 SO

SPORTS

Mendota Little League

(Rookie)
Fighting Irish 2, Mendota Mustangs 0
 Mustangs hitting: B. Pawlowski single, double; C. Reppin 2 singles
 Mustangs pitching: Pawlowski (LP) 2 IP; J. Randolph 2 IP

(Minor)
Mendota Wildcats 14, Tonica Bi-County 8
 Wildcats hitting: H. Coss home run, 2 RBI; E. Arteaga single, double, 2 RBI; B. Aughenbaugh single, double, 2 RBI
 Wildcats pitching: Arteaga 1.1 IP; Aughenbaugh 0.1 IP; F. Bromenschenkel (WP) 1 IP; G. Stamberger 0 IP; E. Godina 1 IP

Peru Eureka Savings 9, Mendota Wildcats 2
 Wildcats hitting: Arteaga single, 1 RBI; Godina single, 1 RBI
 Wildcats pitching: Aughenbaugh (LP) 4 IP; Arteaga 0.2 IP

(Major)
Bi-County Hennepin 10, Mendota Tar Heels 8
 Tar Heels hitting: A. Nanez 2 singles, double, 1 RBI; O. Castaneda double, 2 RBI; W. Aughenbaugh single, 2 RBI
 Tar Heels pitching: Castaneda 2 IP; Nanez (LP), 2 IP

Utica Harmon Farms 20, Mendota Josh Cackley 7
 Josh Cackley hitting: D. Diaz double; C. Doll single, 2 RBI; J. Cackley 2 RBI
 Josh Cackley pitching: Diaz (LP) 2 IP; F. Sessler 2 IP

(Junior)
LaSalle 19, Mendota Sundberg 2



Continuing golf career

Mendota High School senior Ethan Hanaman signs a letter of intent to attend Missouri Baptist University to play golf for the Spartans beginning this fall. Looking on, front row, left to right, are father Matt, Ethan, mother Becki and sister Natalie. Back row, left to right, are Ethan's long-time golf mentor, Craig McConville, MHS coach David Ross and former MHS coach Brian Blumhorst. Ethan will study computer science. Missouri Baptist is a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) university located in St. Louis. (Reporter photo)

MHS trackmen assigned to Rochelle Sectional

ROCHELLE – The Mendota boys' track team has been assigned to the Rochelle Class 2A Sectional to be held Wednesday, May 18. Field events will start at 3:30 p.m. and running events will kick off at 5 p.m.

Other schools in the sectional include Burlington

Central, Dixon, Freeport, Galena, Geneseo, Kaneland, Princeton, Rochelle, Rock Falls, Sterling, Stillman Valley, Sycamore, Wheaton Academy and Wheaton St. Francis.

The IHSA State Track Meet is scheduled for May 26-28 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

MHS netters to play in Ottawa Sectional May 20-21

OTTAWA – The Mendota boys' tennis will compete in the Ottawa Sectional. The action will begin at 1 p.m. Friday, May 20 and continue at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 21.

Other schools in the sectional include Coal City, LaSalle-Peru, Metamora, Morris, Ottawa, St. Bede, Pontiac, Princeton and Streator.

The first four places in both singles and doubles will advance from each sectional tournament to the state final tournament. The state tournament is scheduled for May 26-28. Arlington Heights (Hersey) High School is the host school and competition will be held at surrounding area courts.

Chamber golf scramble set

MENDOTA – The Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Golf Scramble is scheduled for Sunday, June 5 at the Mendota Golf Club.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and a shotgun start will be at 9 a.m. The cost is \$45 for one player and \$180 for a foursome. The fee includes skins game. Entry is limited to the first 36 teams.

Each team must include

four players with a total handicap of 45 or greater. Only one player per team will be allowed a handicap of 9 or less. Proof of handicap is required. Mixed teams are welcome. Men will play from the blue tees and women from the white tees.

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Self-righteousness is believing we are made right with God through our own works. For example, a person might think, "Well, if I read through my Bible every year, then God will be pleased with me." But the truth is we read the Bible because it helps us in

our everyday life, not because it makes us right with God. In the same way, my preaching doesn't make me a righteous person. The only way we are made righteous (right with God) is by having faith in Jesus Christ—it's not something we can ever earn in our own effort.

I used to really struggle with self-righteousness. I remember years ago when the pastor at the church I was attending encouraged us to read through the Bible in a year. Every Sunday he'd ask, "Who's been doing your Bible reading?" Well, I didn't want to be the one not standing up, so I got really serious about it.

We all got a calendar so we could check off the days we read the chapters. As long as I had all my checkmarks, I liked that calendar. But then I got 36 chapters behind and had these big, gaping holes! It was like a nightmare for me.

So one day I decided I was going to catch up, and I zipped right through the chapters. And honestly, when I closed my Bible I felt relieved. But then

I heard the Holy Spirit speak to my heart, saying, "So, what did you learn?" And I realized I could not remember one thing!

God taught me an important lesson that day. He would rather we read one verse and actually get something out of it and connect with Him than read 36 chapters and learn nothing.

The point is we need to have the right motives for the things we do and stop making laws out of tasks that make us feel better about ourselves but are unfruitful.

In 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV), Paul writes, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Every day of my life I say, "I am the righteousness of God in Christ." Now, I'm not righteous because I do everything right—no one is perfect, and none of us do everything right. The Bible says in 1 John 1:8 (NIV), "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."



Now, it's important that we try to do what is right, but God wants us to live through faith in Christ. Then, as we have a personal relationship with Him, He puts the desire in us to do what's right and we can do it by His grace because we want to do it.

In Philippians 3:3 (AMP), Paul explains that we "take pride and exult in Christ Jesus and place no confidence [in what we have or who we are] in the flesh." He says he obeyed the law without fault, and if any person had a reason to have confidence in himself by the law's standard, he had more of a reason than anyone.

In verses 7 through 9 (NIV) of that chapter, Paul goes on to say, "But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ."

What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith."

Paul is saying that in order to have a relationship with Christ, he had to be willing to gather up all of his accomplishments and the things he had worked so hard for and be willing to get rid of them. That's because it's nothing but trash compared to the priceless privilege of knowing Christ as our Lord and Savior.

I want to be clear and

say that what we do matters, but our good works do not make us acceptable to God. We are only made right with Him by putting our faith in Jesus Christ. That's when we can rest in knowing that everything is all right.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

In accordance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Loan Rules, Title 35, Subtitle F, Chapter II, Part 365.330 (State Environmental Review), the IEPA has determined that the proposed project, described below, may be excluded from a detailed environmental impacts review. The Agency may categorically exclude certain types of projects from environmental review if no potential for negative environmental impacts exist. All proposed construction is being conducted in previously disturbed areas and environmental signoffs have been received from all applicable agencies, therefore the proposed project is categorically excluded from a detailed environmental review.

This report is based on information submitted to the IEPA by the City of Mendota. Sources of information include the following documents: 2021 Mendota Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan dated June 2021. This information was submitted by the City of Mendota and was prepared by Deuchler Engineering Corporation.

Part I - Project Information

Loan Applicant: City of Mendota

County: La Salle

Project Name: 2021 Mendota Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan

Project Numbers: L176118

Current Population Served: 6,994 Future Population (20 year): 6,994

The City of Mendota owns and operates a sewer collection system and wastewater treatment plant to provide sanitary services for the City's service area. The majority of the wastewater treatment plant processes were constructed or rehabilitated in 1994 and are now at the end of their useful life and in need of replacement.

Project Description: The City of Mendota's Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan partitions the proposed improvements into 3 phases based on priority, equipment age, and permit timelines. The phases are broken out as follows:

Phase 1: SCADA improvements

- New headworks building with screening, grit removal, flow measurement, and diversion control to the lagoons

Phase 2: Oxygen control upgrades

- Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs)

- New weirs and electrical upgrades for the oxidation ditch

- Splitter box modifications

- New piping, mixers, and electrical upgrades for the final clarifiers

- New blowers, sludge piping, and valves

- Building improvements and electrical upgrades for the solids handling equipment

- Rehabilitation of the excess flow lagoons and excess flow disinfection

- The following general site improvements: site grading; demolition of maintenance building; structural repairs; pavement; non-potable water system; potable water system; and electrical upgrades.

Phase 3: - Installation of a chemical phosphorus removal systems

- Disk filtration

- Polymer mixing

- Alum chemical storage

- UV disinfection

Project location: All construction locations can be seen in the attached project map.

Project Justification: The City of Mendota was issued Violation Notice W-2020-5016 by the IEPA on September 30, 2020 for effluent violations and failure to comply with their NPDES Permit #IL0023221. The violations were addressed through a Compliance Commitment Agreement dated February 11, 2021, which included a new disinfection system and filter rehabilitation, of which all was completed in 2021.

The justification for each of the proposed project phases are as follows:

Phase 1: The existing headworks infrastructure is in poor condition and does not provide adequate preliminary treatment for the Plant, resulting in rags, debris, and grit damaging downstream processes and equipment. The project was partitioned into its own phase because it was deemed the highest priority project and to allow for a quick design and construction timeline.

Phase 2: It is recommended for Phase 2 to be completed by 2025. This allows sufficient time for design, permitting, and construction of the largest phase of improvements. The equipment installed in 1994 will be 30 years of age and in need of replacement

Phase 3: In order to avoid replacing the sand media, it is recommended to complete Phase 3 by 2029. It is recommended to install the phosphorus chemical removal system prior to an anticipated phosphorus effluent condition in 2030.

Project Implementation Schedule: The proposed project is partitioned into 3 phases based on priority, equipment age, and permit time lines. The estimated project implementation schedule for the phases is listed in the table below:

Project Phase	Construction Start	Construction Complete
Phase 1:	March 2023	Fall 2024
Phase 2:	2025	TBD
Phase 3:	2029	TBD

Total Project Cost Estimate: \$26,000,000.00 (with 10% contingency)

Part III - Project Affordability for Residents and Utility Customers

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Construction:	\$6,500,000	\$9,286,000	\$4,762,000
Contingency (10%)	\$650,000	\$928,600	\$476,200
Construction Engineering:	\$575,000	\$742,700	\$380,900
Phase Total:	\$8,300,000	\$11,700,000	\$6,000,000

Construction:	\$20,548,000
Contingency (10%):	\$2,054,800
Design Engineering:	\$1,698,600
Construction Engineering:	\$1,698,600
Project Total:	\$26,000,000

The applicant is proposing to finance the project costs with a loan from the IEPA WPCLP. A \$26,000,000 loan with an estimated interest rate of 1.11% for a twenty (20) year period, would have an annual repayment of approximately \$1,450,233.

The current loan program interest rate is 1.11%. The interest rate adjusts annually on July 1st. All loans are subject to the interest rate in effect at the time a loan agreement is issued. The loan program rules include provisions for incentives such as reduced interest rates, partial principal forgiveness, and extended repayment periods for qualifying applicants. The criteria used to determine incentive qualifications are found in Section 365.210 and 356.250 of the Procedures for Issuing Loans from the WPCLP, which is available on the Agency's website. The final decision for incentive qualifications will be determined at the time a loan agreement is issued using updated Census Bureau and Department of Labor data. Using current data, the City of Mendota is eligible to receive a 0.83% small community interest rate and principal forgiveness of 15% of the initial loan. The Agency adjusts qualifying criteria annually on July 1st and the community specific information is also subject to change. Applicants that qualify for principal forgiveness will not have a repayment obligation for a portion of their loan. Principal forgiveness and/or a reduced interest rate will reduce the loan payment amount and possibly the associated increases to the user charges. Principal forgiveness is not guaranteed until a loan agreement is issued. If the City of Mendota does receive the above referenced IEPA loan program incentive reductions, the possible cost savings to the estimated loan repayments can be calculated as follows: 15% principal forgiveness would subtract \$3,900,000 from the \$26,000,000.00 total estimated project cost, which would leave \$22,100,000 of remaining project cost to be repaid. A \$22,100,000 loan with an estimated interest rate of 0.83% for a twenty (20) year loan repayment period, would have an annual repayment of approximately \$1,199,633.

Source of Loan Repayment: The City of Mendota's user rates are anticipated to increased in order for the City to fund the proposed facility plan improvements.

Current Average Monthly Residential Cost of Service: \$40.89

How is the monthly residential rate/cost of service calculated? For sewer services, residences currently pay a flat monthly fee of \$11.00 with an additional fee of \$4.30 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption. For a residential user using an average of 695 cubic feet of water per month, their bill can be calculated as followed: \$11 + (\$4.30 / 100) (695 c.f) = \$40.89 per month.

Projected Average Monthly Residential Cost of Service: \$54.31

How will the proposed monthly residential rate/cost of service be calculated? For sewer services, it is proposed to raise the rate structure to \$14 per month with the addition of \$5.80 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption. For a residential user using an average of 695 cubic feet of water per month, their projected bill can be calculated as followed: \$14 + (\$5.80 / 100) (695 c.f) = \$54.31 per month.

Number of Customers or Service Connections: The City of Mendota currently has a total of \$2,830 service connections (2,566 residential, 243 public or commercial, and 21 industrial). All customers utilize the same rate structure.

Median Household Income (MHI): \$54,188

Financial Impact of the proposed project: In order to determine the financial impact of the proposed project on the community, a percentage comparison of the MHI to the annual cost for water service is utilized. According to the most recent census information, the average MHI for the City of Mendota is \$54,188. The projected total annual water cost of \$651.72, is 1.20 percent of the MHI for the City's water users. Any amount less than 2.0 percent is considered to be affordable under State and Federal loan program criteria.

Public comments are invited on the proposed project. For further information contact:

Jillian Fowler, Project Manager

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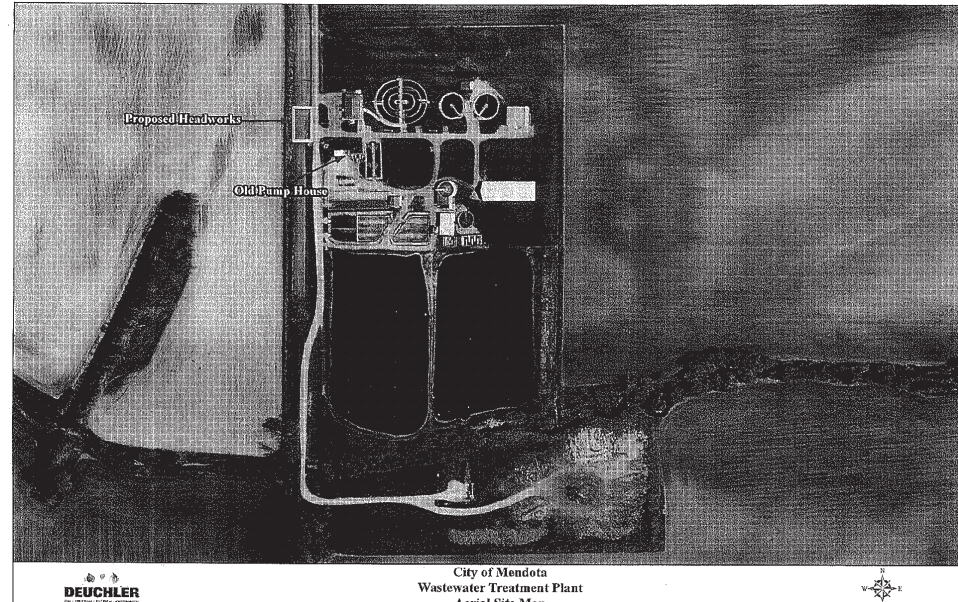
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 19, 2022 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as Thorn Creek Stable located at 2322 N. 287th Road, Marseilles, IL 61341.

Dated: April 19, 2022.
Jon C. Dees Applicant.

Legal No. 0405 (4/27, 5/4, 5/11 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE OF

TIMESHARE ESTATE OR ESTATES UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE TIMESHARE LIEN AND SECURITY INTEREST ACT

By virtue of Section 10 of the Timeshare Lien and Security Interest Act, 770 ILCS 103/1 et. Seq., and in execution of certain mortgages on the timeshare estates given by the owners of the timeshare estates set forth below for breach of the conditions of said mortgages and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, LaSalle County, Illinois, 707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL

61350, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgages.

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

EDWARD C. ABELLERA, A MARRIED MAN, 8800 S HARLEM AVE TRLR 1417, BRIDGEVIEW, IL, 60455, according to the Mortgage dated October 10, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9237, in the Office of the Recorder

of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 09, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0101 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 2 EDWARD L ADAMS, DEBORAH ANN HAGGINS AND LECRECIA L CLAY, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 1007 BOHLAND AVE, BELLWOOD, IL, 60104, according to the Mortgage dated June 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 17575, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 18, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0164 Frequency Odd, Use Period Number(s) 27-O, Phase 1 EDWARD L ADAMS, DEBORAH ANN HAGGINS AND LECRECIA L CLAY, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 5917 W 26TH ST APT 23, CICERO, IL, 60804, according to the Mortgage dated June 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 17575, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 18, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare

estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0164 Frequency Odd, Use Period Number(s) 27-O, Phase 1 ASMAA K I ALAWSI, A SINGLE WOMAN AND MUSTAFA ALAWSI, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 1333 MODAFF RD UNIT A1, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60565, according to the Mortgage dated November 08, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2016 16902, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 04, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0002 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 1 ASMAA K I ALAWSI, A SINGLE WOMAN AND MUSTAFA ALAWSI, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 709 GENEVA AVE, ROMEVILLE, IL, 60446, according to the Mortgage dated November 08, 2015 and recorded under File No. 2016 16902, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 04, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be 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for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 19, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0141 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 2 SHAUN P MALHOTRA, A SINGLE MAN, 1723 W ABLION AVE APT 1, CHICAGO, IL, 60626, according to the Mortgage dated February 28, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 10991, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 26, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0150 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2 KASSANDRA MARTIN, A SINGLE WOMAN, 695 S NELSON AVE, KANKAKEE, IL, 60901, according to the Mortgage dated November 23, 2018 and recorded under File No. 20190 2341, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 06, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0024-O Frequency Odd, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 1 DESTINY M MCKINNEY, A SINGLE WOMAN AND JOSHUA DEE REYMIER REEDY, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 7232 RANDOLPH ST APT 101, FOREST PARK, IL, 60130, according to the Mortgage dated April 22, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 15918, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 11, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0283 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 01, Phase 4 DESTINY M MCKINNEY, A SINGLE WOMAN AND JOSHUA DEE REYMIER REEDY, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 7232 RANDOLPH ST APT 101, FOREST PARK, IL, 60130, according to the Mortgage dated April 22, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 15920, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 11, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0004 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 23, Phase 1 EDGAR D MEDINA GARCIA AND LAURA V TALAMANTES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 6375 RIVERWATER TRL, FORT WORTH, TX, 76179, according to the Mortgage dated March 27, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 20313, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0076 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1 EDGAR D MEDINA GARCIA AND LAURA V TALAMANTES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 4925 FLAT CREEK DR, FORT WORTH, TX,

76179, according to the Mortgage dated March 27, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 20313, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0076 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1 JAMES MORRIS, A SINGLE MAN, 11520 S PRINCETON AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to the Mortgage dated December 10, 2015 and recorded under File No. 20160 5796, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 29, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0439 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 41, Phase 7 TYLA P PARKS, A SINGLE WOMAN, RONA J FORTE AKA RONA J FOURTE, A SINGLE WOMAN AND CATHERINE PARKS, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS BY ENTIRETY, 148 TAMARACK DR, BOLINGBROOK, IL, 60440, according to the Mortgage dated November 27, 2018 and recorded under File No. 20190 2355, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 06, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0414 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 7 MIGUEL RAMIREZ JR AND JESSICA MORALES, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 2308 N HAMLIN AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60647, according to the Mortgage dated February 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20160 9938, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 12, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0134 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2 MIGUEL RAMIREZ JR AND JESSICA MORALES, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 4730 W MONTANA STREET APT B, CHICAGO, IL, 60639, according to the Mortgage dated February 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20160 9938, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 12, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0134 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2 JUAUNTIA L RANDLE, A SINGLE WOMAN, 65 W 59TH ST APT 101, WESTMONT, IL, 60559, according to the Mortgage dated January 30, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 16816, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 20, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0084 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 51, Phase 2 DIANA R SOLIS, A SINGLE WOMAN, 826 N 1380 EAST RD APT 826N, CISSNA PARK, IL, 60924, according to the Mortgage dated

October 29, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 11892, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 07, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0428 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 38, Phase 7 TONYA RENEA WILLIAMS AND JEREMY A WILLIAMS, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 4095 LAWSON RIDGE DR # 2109, MADISON, AL, 35757, according to the Mortgage dated August 07, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2020 10713, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 23, 2020, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0068 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1 MILIKA SUE WORTHY-HUNTER, A SINGLE WOMAN, 827 SW 103RD AVE UNIT 108, PEMBROKE PINES, FL, 33025, according to the Mortgage dated June 24, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 17822, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 03, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0435 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 30, Phase 7

TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. Purchase price shall be paid in full at the time of sale by cash or certified and immediately available funds. In the event the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the holder of the mortgages or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the mortgage(s) (and thus, credit bid).

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Its Agent
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ESTATE OF) C a s e
David L.) No.
Hof,) 2021
Deceased) P163
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of David L. Hof of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 27, 2021 to David A. Hof, 1229 N. Gooding Street, LaSalle, IL 61301 and Timothy G. Hof, 1770 Heathrow Drive, Cookeville, TN 38506, whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division,

LaSalle County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 7, 2022. If a claim notice is mailed or delivered personally to a creditor of the decedent, the creditor's claim may be filed on or before the date stated in the notice, if later than the date shown above. Any claim not filed within the time allowed is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
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PUBLIC NOTICE **NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 26, 2022 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Denault's Storage located at 506 16th Street Mendota, IL. 61342.
Dated: April 26, 2022. Bryan Denault Applicant.
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PUBLIC NOTICE **Notice of Public Hearing**

Ophir Township Road and Bridge Budget Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road purposes, Ophir Township, LaSalle County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022, and ending March 31, 2023 is available for public inspection at the Triumph Community Building, 3907 E. 752nd Road Triumph Illinois. A public hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday June 13, 2022 at the Triumph Community Building.
Bill Pakenham
Ophir Township Clerk
Legal No. 0504 (5/11 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE **Notice of Public Hearing** **Ophir Township Town Budget**

Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Town purposes, Ophir Township, LaSalle County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022, and ending March 31, 2023 is available for public inspection at the Triumph Community Building, 3907 E. 752nd Road Triumph Illinois. A public hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday June 13, 2022 at the Triumph Community Building.
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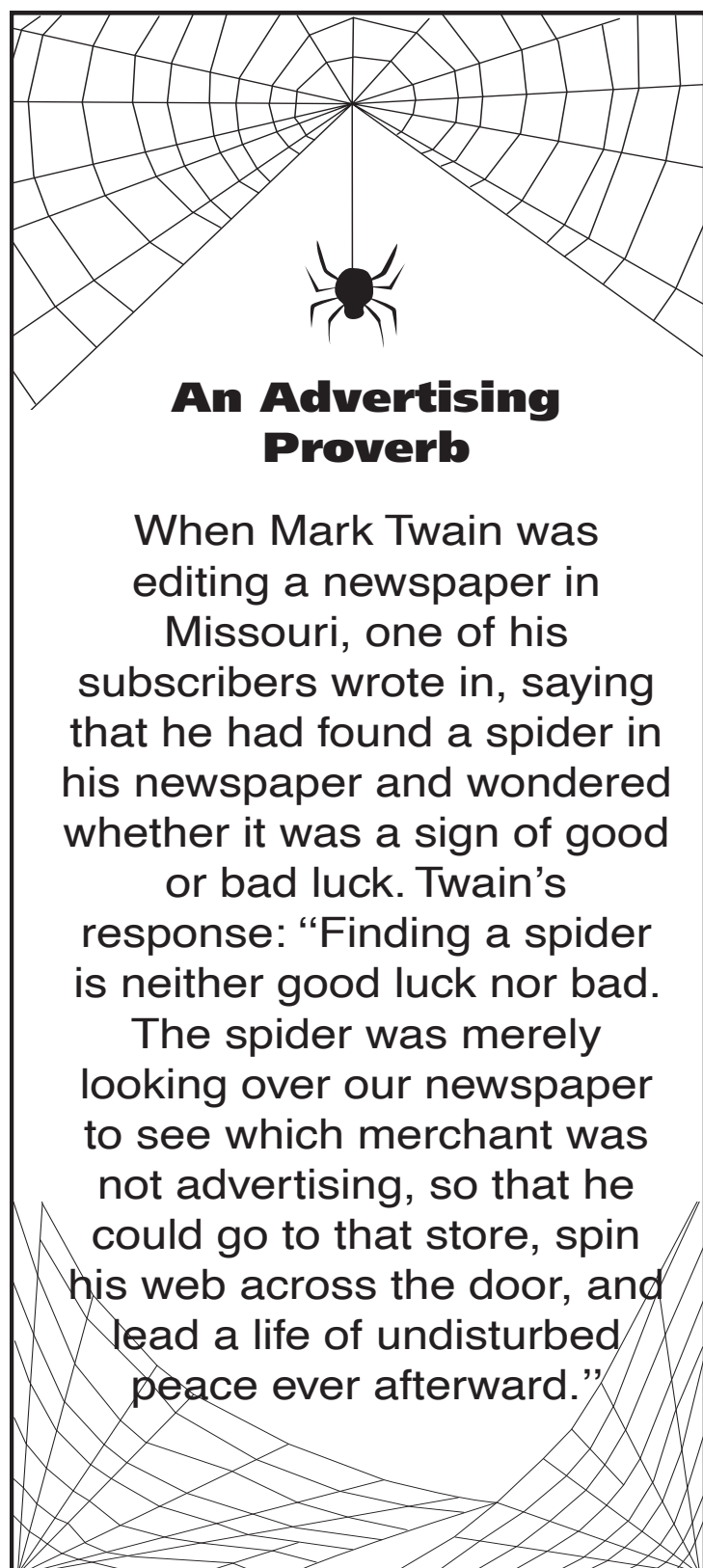
Notice is hereby given by the La Moille CUSD #303 Board of Education that an amended budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 will be on file for public inspection at the school offices from and after May 10, 2022. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:45 p.m. on June 16, 2022 in the La Moille Jr/Sr. High School library.
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Wait til you see this unique home with 6 bedrooms 3 full baths. 1/2 bath in basement. Open stairway, deck on the back of home. Large newer 2 car garage. Nice location. Freshly painted and some new flooring ready to move into. Call McConville for all the amenities.



2517 Woods St., West Brooklyn

\$110,500

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



1210 Jefferson St., Mendota

\$134,000

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



746 Commercial St., Marseilles, IL

\$99,900

Nice home, very clean and tidy. Kitchen has oak cabinets, wood laminate floors in this 2 bedroom home. Large built in oak bookcase and desk in living room. Near the I&M Canal. Call for a showing.

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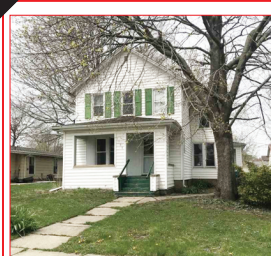
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