

District 280 makes changes to student handbook for ‘22-23

□ Summer school classes set to start

By Reporter staff

MENDOTA – Information about the student handbook, summer school and personnel matters were among the items handled by the Mendota High School District 280 Board of Education at its May 16 regular meeting.

Assistant Principal Joe Masini presented the proposed Student Handbook changes for the 2022-23 school year, which were approved by the board. Among the changes are:

- Attendance policies: attendance for all students is expected for period 8 and homeroom. Mental or behavioral health days will be given for up to five days.
- Disciplinary measures (drug abuse); refusal to use breathalyzer): if a student gives a staff member reasonable suspicion to suspect that the student is under the influence of alcohol, the student will be asked by the principal or assistant principal to blow into a breathalyzer. If a student refuses to take the breathalyzer, this will be taken as an admission of being under the influence and the student will be subject to all discipline for an alcohol violation.
- Tardy policy: being tardy to school in the morning would result in points being assigned with no warnings.
- Dress code: heavy, winter coats are not to be worn to class at any time.
- Identification cards:

each student is required to have on their person their school-issued ID.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Principal Denise Aughenbaugh reported on the MHS graduation ceremony, which took place on May 14. The school was back to its regular ticket distribution and each graduate received 13 tickets to accommodate for the 118 graduates.

Aughenbaugh said summer school credit retrieval is offered May 24 to June 21. Math/Science is offered in two sections. Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science and Earth Science is for fall and spring semesters. English is two sections per day, while English I, English II, American Literature and senior levels of English is for both semesters and all levels, from basic, regular to honors.

She said a hybrid format is being used to motivate and encourage student success. “Students who are working daily on Edmentum may only be required to attend two days in-person and work remotely the other three days,” Aughenbaugh said. Everyone is attending five days in-person the first week, and they may continue the five-day format if they choose. If/when a student is not making adequate progress, they will also be required to attend five days in-person.

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Lincoln Relays



End-of-year fun!

Lincoln Elementary School fourth-graders pounded the Northbrook Track on May 17 as they ran the annual Lincoln Relays. Mrs. Klein’s class wore red T-shirts, Mrs. Novak’s room dressed in yellow, Mrs. Chase was represented in blue, green was the color for Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Menzel’s kids wore purple. The students took part in various track and field events, including the three-legged race. Competing in that race, left to right, are Wyatt Zimmerman and Maddux McPheeters (blue), Arianna Francis and Avi Batchelor (yellow), Jaylen Olivarrez and Issac Baltazar (red), Jordan Olivarez and Victor Solorzano (green), and Kendra Mullins and Damian Figueroa (purple). (Reporter photo by Brandon LaChance)

Illinois property tax bills have grown 268% since 1990

By KEVIN BESSLER

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois property taxes have far outpaced household incomes and home values since 1990, a Wirepoints analysis shows.

Tax bills per household have grown 268% since 1990, while average home values have grown 114%.

According to the nonprofit Wirepoints, the average household now owes nearly \$4,400 in residential taxes each year, up from \$1,200 in 1990.

In 2020, property taxes ate up 5.9% of median household incomes in Illinois. Thirty years ago, property tax bills consumed just 3.6% of incomes.

Wirepoints president Ted Dabrowski said Gov. J.B. Pritzker promised to address property taxes when he was elected, but it hasn’t happened.

“We only see new bills and new laws come out of Springfield, and they always raise spending and they always raise property taxes and they always raise pension costs, so there is nothing good there for taxpayers,” Dabrowski said.

As for their impact on home prices, Dabrowski said property taxes have contributed to Illinois suffering

the nation’s third worst growth in inflation-adjusted home values over the past two decades, up just 3%.

“Our home values over the last 20 years have barely kept up with inflation, so there is really no gain for homeowners in Illinois,” Dabrowski said. “You

compare that to Texas and Florida, their home prices after adjusting for inflation are up over 40%.”

Wirepoints also looked at tax data county by county. Lake County residents are burdened with the highest property tax rates in Illinois at 7.8% of income. DuPage County and Will County are second and third highest, respectively.

The Lincoln Institute Land Policy found that the city of Aurora assesses its residents with an effective property tax rate of 3.25% – the highest of the 53 big cities in its study.

“The state’s punishing tax numbers and Illinois’ outlier position nationally make an overwhelming case for reforming the cost drivers of Illinois’ property tax crisis, from pensions to public sector collective bargaining laws to education spending,” Dabrowski said.

Census Bureau: Illinois may have been undercounted in 2020 census

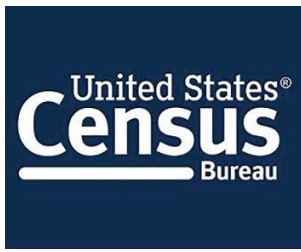
By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Census Bureau released new survey data last week suggesting the population of Illinois may have been undercounted by nearly 2 percent in the 2020 headcount.

That was one of the findings of the Census Bureau’s Post-Enumeration Survey, or PES, something the bureau does after each decennial census to assess the quality of the census data. The results do not change the official population numbers of any state, nor do they affect congressional reapportionment, but they do help guide the bureau in its planning for the next decennial census.

“The release of these PES estimates assists us in understanding how well we did this decade, state by state, in our efforts to count everyone living in the United States,” Census Bureau Director



Robert L. Santos said in a news release. “Transparency is a critical aspect of scientific integrity. That is why we are releasing these results to the public.”

According to the survey, Illinois, with a 1.97 percent undercount, was among six states with “statistically significant” undercounts. There were eight states with statistically significant overcounts, while 36 states had neither an undercount nor overcount.

The other states with undercounts were all located in the South: Arkansas at 5.04 percent; Florida at 3.48 percent; Mississippi at 4.11 percent; Tennessee at 4.78

percent; and Texas at 1.92 percent.

States with population overcounts included Delaware at 5.45 percent; Hawaii at 6.79 percent; Massachusetts at 2.24 percent; Minnesota at 3.84 percent; New York at 3.44 percent; Ohio at 1.49 percent; Rhode Island at 5.05 percent; and Utah at 2.59 percent.

There was no statistically significant undercount or overcount for 36 states, Washington, D.C., or the nation as a whole.

In Illinois, the official 2020 census showed the state’s population as 12,812,508. That was a decline of 18,124, or 0.1 percent, from the 2010 census. As a result of the state’s population loss, combined with large gains in some other states, Illinois lost one of its congressional seats, leaving the state with only 17 U.S. House seats.

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–Gov. JB Pritzker

However, if Illinois really was undercounted by 1.97 percent, as the survey suggests, that would have meant that the population actually grew by more than 257,000, putting it at just over 13 million.

The population loss that Illinois did see was smaller than many people had predicted. During the 10 years leading up to the census, annual population estimates released by the Census Bureau were showing the population could drop by as much as 1.23 percent – 10 times more than it actually did.

In response to those concerns, Gov. JB Pritzker signed an executive order in

2019 committing \$29 million to census outreach projects to encourage and help people to fill out their census forms.

Pritzker released a statement hailing the survey results as good news, but also expressing frustration that the state’s growth was not reflected in the official census.

“While it is disappointing that these numbers were not reflected in the initial count, I have already spoken to members of our congressional delegation and will work tirelessly to ensure Illinois receives its fair share of federal funding,” he said. “I look forward to celebrating this development with all Illinoisans, including those

who routinely badmouth our state.”

During a media briefing ahead of the survey release, Census Bureau officials emphasized that no census is ever perfect, and no survey is perfect either.

They also noted that the quality of the 2020 census was affected by unique factors that included the pandemic and wildfires in the West that damaged air quality and made it difficult for census workers to go door-to-door to gather data from those who had not filled out their census forms.

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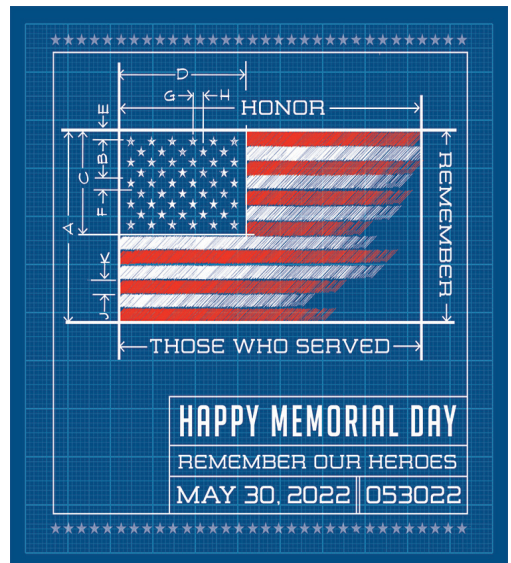


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LOCAL AND AREA

Northbrook School April Students of the Month



Northbrook School April Students of the Month in fifth grade, left to right, are Ari Gambrel, Tatjana Rucker, Derrick Snyder, Ember Castaneda, Sebastian Arteaga.



Northbrook School April Students of the Month in sixth grade, left to right, are Hayden Cunefare, Chandler Gambrel, Rylee Woods, Dalton Gallagher.



Northbrook School April Students of the Month in seventh grade, left to right, are Christopher Salazar, Julisa Coronel, Madrick Musgrove, Briuza Cervantes, Gianni Figueroa.



Northbrook School April students of the Month in eighth grade, left to right, are Ally Denault, Damien Garcia (7th), Sydney Tolley, Devin Desoto, Janae Carr.

Two MHS students to attend Girls State

MENDOTA – Two deserving Mendota High School students have been selected to attend the Illini Girls State held at Eastern Illinois University in June. The program, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, is designed to teach young women to understand and appreciate their roles as United States citizens. Approximately 600 11th grade girls from

around the state will attend the week-long leadership seminar. Mendota High School students attending Girls State this year include Isabelle Escatel, daughter of Isidro and Carrie Escatel of Mendota, sponsored by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 4079, and Alex Medina, daughter of Felicita Casas of Mendota, sponsored by the Mendota Elks Lodge.



Isabelle Escatel



Alex Medina

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Students brought home the 2021-2022 elementary yearbooks this past week if they ordered one. The students and staff are enjoying looking at the yearbooks full of great memories from this school year. Inter-State Studios did a great job with printing the books. We did have a few extra, but we sold out very quickly. Thanks to all who ordered a yearbook.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Parker Watson, Sadee Gonzalez, Spencer Nelson, Shandi Matura, Waylon Beck, Nayeli Carbajal, Joree Bowne and Lylyana Silva. The winners were Hayden Wheeler, Emiliano Moreno, Josiah Vernon and Liam Christmann. Congratulations to all of you!

Congratulations to the students in Mrs. Kramer’s class. They reached their Trimester 3 Paw Pride goal this past week for great behavior. They will be invited to the Dance Party the last week of school.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to donate food or drinks for our end of year picnic. We had a great response and had so many people volunteer to help right away. If you signed up to donate something, we are asking to have it to Blackstone by Friday, May 27. We will enjoy our school-wide picnic lunch on Tuesday, May 31.

It’s hard to believe the school year is winding down. There will be no school on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. We will have a full day of school on May 31 and June 1. The last day for students is Thursday, June 2. Kindergarten will dismiss at 1:20 and 1st grade at 1:30.

Memorial Day service set

MENDOTA – The Mendota Memorial Day program will be held Monday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. at Restland Cemetery Memorial Gardens. The Veterans’ Memorial Council, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4079, its Auxiliary and American Legion Post 540 will be participating.

These organizations welcome everyone to this service for the purpose of honoring and remembering all veterans resting on domestic or foreign soil, for their commitment and unselfish contribution to our present way of life with liberty and freedom for all.

The program is as follows:

- Opening address by

- master of ceremonies Bill Hunt, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Presentation of Colors/Raising of the Flag by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- National Anthem by Mendota Alumni Band
- Invocation by Jay Miller, associate pastor, Victory Baptist Church of Mendota, U.S. Navy Veteran
- Musical selection by Mendota Alumni Band
- Roll call of deceased veterans since last Memorial Day by Harold Olsen
- Laying of the wreaths by VFW Post 4079 Auxiliary
- Firing of the volley by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- Taps by Veterans’ Memorial Council
- Benediction by Pastor Miller

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LOCAL AND AREA

Stage 212 looking for children to audition for Lion King Jr.

LaSALLE – Stage 212 has announced auditions for the 2022 Children’s Theater production, “Disney’s The Lion King, Jr.” will take place Friday, June 10 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 11 at 10 a.m. (attend one) at the theater, 700 First St. in LaSalle. Callbacks will be held on Sunday, June 12 at noon. A full production by kids, for kids, “Disney’s The Lion King, Jr.” is open to all children entering grades 4 through 9.

Director Ella Johns will cast approximately 30 children in a variety of lead and supporting roles. Kids will be taught a musical piece and short dance to perform as part of the audition. Some auditioners will be asked to read from the script. No advance preparation is necessary, but kids should come dressed in comfortable clothes with shoes suitable for dancing (no sandals or flip-flops). Those auditioning should complete the online registration form at stage212.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

Rehearsals for “Disney’s The Lion King, Jr.” will be on Monday, Wednesday, Friday during the day. Performances will be Aug. 11-14. All auditioners should bring a calendar with their summer conflicts.

For more information, visit Stage 212 online at stage212.org, or on Facebook.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

A. Marshall named to SNHU Dean’s List
MANCHESTER, N.H. – Amy Marshall of Earlville has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Winter 2022 Dean’s List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits over two consecutive terms (EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6).

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 165,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the “Most Innovative” regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

SNHU announces Winter 2022 President’s List
MANCHESTER, N.H. – Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2022 President’s List: Garret Patti of Compton and Charles Jaworski of West Brooklyn.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits over two consecutive terms (EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6).

WIU names Dean’s List students
MACOMB/MOLINE – A total of 1,080 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2022 Spring Dean’s List. The total includes 107 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

Among the students making the Dean’s List are Madeline Hewitt of LaMoille, and Leah Metcalf and Elizabeth Orwig, both of Ohio.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

K. Shevokas earns associate degree
OGLESBY – La Moille High School senior Kiersten Shevokas earned an associate degree from Illinois Valley Community College on May 14 as part of La Moille’s College and Career Start program. Shevokas took dual credit courses at IVCC and La Moille to earn 63 college credits while simultaneously earning high school credit. She will graduate from LHS on May 27. More than 800 students took IVCC dual credit courses at 17 district high schools this year.



IVCC ag ambassadors include, left to right, Rilan Rosengren, Madeline-Rose Mudge, Harley Sterling, Perris Stachlewitz and ag program coordinator Willard Mott. Rosengren, Sterling and Stachlewitz are returning in the fall; Mudge is transferring to Iowa State University to pursue a bachelor’s in ag studies. (Photo contributed)

Mendota’s Stachlewitz named agriculture ambassador at IVCC

OGLESBY – For the first time, Illinois Valley Community College agriculture ambassadors will accompany the college’s admission’s staff on high school visits next fall.

Ambassadors expected to participate include Rilan Rosengren of Ottawa, Harley Sterling of LaSalle and Perris Stachlewitz of Mendota.

“We could not ask for better champions to help promote our program to high school prospects than our own students,” said IVCC ag program coordinator and instructor Willard Mott.

“Rilan, Perris and Harley can speak firsthand about the limitless opportunities in agriculture and about the supportive nature of our program,” said Mott.

Ambassadors will accompany student recruitment specialist Gracelyn Quesse and others on visits to district schools.

Mott said IVCC’s district is home to some

of the top-flight high school ag programs in the state. Ambassador outreach can make a difference in all schools.

“Ambassadors will make personal connections with prospects and encourage them to attend IVCC. Peer-to-peer recruiting is a powerful tool,” said Mott.

High school ag programs (completely or partially) within IVCC’s district include Bureau Valley, Earlville, Fieldcrest, Henry Senachwine, La Moille, Marquette Academy, Mendota, Midland, Ottawa, Princeton, Putnam County, Seneca, Serena, Streator and Woodland.

IVCC ag enrollment has grown three straight years. Fall 2021 enrollment was up 47 percent over fall 2020 and credit hours nearly doubled. The program relaunched in 2016 with nine students.

For information, contact Mott at Willard_mott@ivcc.edu or (815) 224-0413. Summer and fall registration is underway.

Mendota Weather May 25, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Showers Likely
High: 72 Low: 55

Thursday
Few Showers
High: 65 Low: 51

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 74 Low: 58

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 80 Low: 66

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 85 Low: 72

Monday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 87 Low: 73

Tuesday
Sunny
High: 88 Low: 75

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 85% chance of showers, high of 72°, humidity of 77%. Southeast wind 15 to 19 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 93° set in 2010. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an 85% chance of showers, overnight low of 55°. South southwest wind 9 to 17 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 32° set in 1992.

Regional Cities

	Wednesday	Thursday
City	Hi/Lo Wx	Hi/Lo Wx
Aurora	74/57 sh	67/53 sh
Champaign	77/58 sh	69/54 sh
Chicago	73/59 sh	68/55 sh
Freeport	67/53 sh	64/49 sh
Joliet	75/58 sh	67/53 sh
Moline	70/53 sh	67/52 sh
Peoria	75/57 sh	67/53 t
Rockford	69/54 sh	65/50 sh
Springfield	76/57 sh	72/54 t

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	78	52	69/47	0.00"	0.45"
Tuesday	73	54	70/48	0.00"	0.94"
Wednesday	70	55	70/48	0.10"	0.49"
Thursday	86	60	70/48	0.00"	64.0°
Friday	86	57	71/49	0.14"	59.3°
Saturday	60	54	71/49	0.21"	4.7°
Sunday	64	47	71/49	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 5/30	Wednesday	5:28 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	3:17 a.m.	3:39 p.m.	Full 6/14
	Thursday	5:28 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	3:38 a.m.	4:43 p.m.	
	Friday	5:27 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	4:00 a.m.	5:47 p.m.	
	Saturday	5:26 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	4:24 a.m.	6:51 p.m.	
First 6/7	Sunday	5:26 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	4:50 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	Last 6/20
	Monday	5:25 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	5:22 a.m.	8:57 p.m.	
	Tuesday	5:25 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	5:59 a.m.	9:56 p.m.	

Local UV Index

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UV Index

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

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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 85 in Ironton, Ohio. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 94 in Tampa, Fla. The central United States will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 101 in Study Butte, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 86 in Selma, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 112 in Furnace Creek, Calif.

Weather Trivia

At what time of day do most tornadoes hit?

Answers: Between 5 and 6 p.m.

Weather History

May 25, 1955 - Two tornadoes struck the town of Blackwell, Okla. within a few minutes time during the late evening. The tornadoes killed 18 people and injured more than 500 others. Early the next morning, a tornado virtually obliterated the small community of Udall, Kan.

May 26, 1917 - A tornado touched down near Louisiana, Mo. about noon and remained on the ground for a distance of 293 miles, finally lifting seven hours and 20 minutes later in eastern Jennings County, Ind. The twister cut a path of destruction two and a half miles wide.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Bonnie Morris Friend

La SALLE – Bonnie Jean Morris Friend (Welch), 68, of La Salle, died as she lived, peacefully and happy to be at home, on May 17, 2022, accompanied by her partner of 26 years Jerry Friend Sr. and her two born children.

A Celebration of the Life of Bonnie Jean Morris Friend was held from 3-7 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at her house located at 629 Fifth St. in La Salle. The Hurst Funeral Home in La Salle is assisting the family with arrangements.

She was born in Peoria on June 16, 1953 to Mildred [Mlakar] (super-mom) and Gerald Welch (union carpenter Foreman/BA). She lived between Peoria and Peru as her father's work dictated until the family permanently settled in Peru close to her grandparents and extended family in 1965.

Bonnie is survived by her life partner, Jerry Friend Sr.; her two born children, Destin and Oriel Morris and two heart children, Jerry "Chip" Friend Jr. and Frank Friend; her grandchildren, Kaya Haddix Morris, Madison Friend and Nina Friend; her father Gerald Welch; and her two nieces, Jacey Etscheid and Terri Welch.

She was an avid reader, learner and enthusiast of all things art related and highly skilled in each of those pursuits. She attended Catholic primary schools and then attended L-P High School where she graduated class of 1971. She went on to earn her AA degree from IVCC in 1986.

Bonnie married Bruce Joseph Morris in July 1973 and they embarked on adventures ranging from dwelling in a Christian hippie commune in St. Augustine, Fla., to subsisting as a seamstress and leather crafts-person in Appleton, Wis., where in 1976 they welcomed their first born, Destin. They soon moved back to the Illinois Valley and in June of 1978, they welcomed their second born, Oriel Star, while living and working at St Bede.

Yearning for more adventure, they packed up the family in the summer of 1984 and moved back to Florida, this time settling down on Anna Maria Island where they started their business, "Island Cleaning and Maintenance Service."

Bonnie and Bruce divorced in 1997.

Bonnie started an antiques business and later met her life and new adventure partner, Jerry Friend Sr. in 1998. Bonnie and Jerry moved back to Illinois together to care for her mom, Millie, in 2000 and bought their beloved forever home in La Salle in 2006. Bonnie and Jerry's adventures included hunting the local area for antique and vintage treasures, then hosting massive yard sales to make space for more while always prioritizing having fun and laughing together. She spent the past 16 years very happily fussing around her house with remodeling, decorating and gardening.

Bonnie worked for over 21 years at The Mendota Reporter where she took great pride in her craft. She started as a social editor later becoming the editor-in-chief and earned statewide awards for her stories. She loved sharing the stories and events of Mendota and beyond through writing and photography, and relished the sense of providing benefit to her community with her thoughtful talents and skills.

Online condolences may be viewed and remembrances shared at www.hurstfuneralhomes.com.



Marilyn K. Chaon

NORMAL – Marilyn Kay (Masters) Chaon, 80, passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in Normal.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Susan Schneider officiating. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was held one hour prior to the funeral.

Marilyn was the daughter of Robert and Elma (Lang) Masters.

She was married to Robert "Bob" Chaon who preceded her in death. They had four children, Jeff Chaon, Byron Chaon, who preceded her in death, and his wife Paula, Cindy (Tom) Miller, and Mike (Kim) Chaon. She has nine grandchildren, Mike, Ricky, Tim, Morgan, Genevieve, Blaze, Mitch, EJ, and Jimmy.

Marilyn has one brother, Robert "Bob" Masters.

Marilyn loved her family, reading, nurturing flowers/plants/animals, socializing, and her Chicago Cubbies. She had always had a passion for horses. When she was a little girl she followed the horse-drawn milk wagon around her neighborhood just so she could spend time with the horse. In 1990 her husband, Bob, bought her a horse of her own for her birthday. Shifty-lue was her name. Marilyn loved that horse and all it represented. Unfortunately for Marilyn, Shifty-lue loved Bob. Marilyn only rode her once. With her green thumb and love for gardening, she could make just about anything grow and flourish. She is now at peace.

Memorials may be directed to any animal shelter of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



William F. Carver

MENDOTA – William F. Carver, 68, of Mendota, died unexpectedly in his home on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 24 at 11 a.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota, with Rev. Jeff Brace officiating. Burial was at Greenfield Cemetery, LaMoille. Visitation was Monday, May 23 from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Bill, or Buck as many knew him, was born on July 6, 1953, in Spring Valley to Everett H. Carver and Naida Noy Carver. Bill was married to Melony S. Bothe in Rockton on June 25, 1986. Bill and Melony have been residents of Mendota for 35 years.

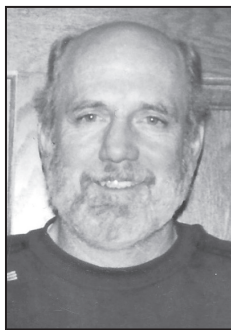
Bill is survived by his wife Melony; his four children, Dana Carver, Ashleigh Carver, Garrett Carver, Brenna Carver; and his eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He grew up on the family farm in LaMoille and was one of five children: Gerald (Dorothy) Carver, James (Bert) Carver, Linda (Roger) Harvey, and Beverly Carver.

Bill was an avid arrowhead collector and loved to paint. He was a kind, loving man who was happy living a simple life at home.

Memorials may be directed to the LaMoille Lions Club. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Carol A. Borchelt

MENDOTA – Carol Anne (Reeve) Borchelt, 78, passed peacefully from this life on Sunday, May 22, 2022 in Mendota.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services per her wishes.

Carol was born Aug. 20, 1943, in Morris, to Sydney and Marjorie (Roseland) Reeve. She married the love of her life, Keith Borchelt, on May 27, 1968 in Morris and they had two children, Sean and Tricia.

Carol is survived by her son Sean (Jodie) Borchelt and daughter Tricia (Matthew) Guelde, both of Mendota; six grandchildren Gage (Kelly) Borchelt, Elijah (Bethany) Borchelt, Ethan Guelde, Olivia Borchelt, Emma Guelde and Parker Guelde; one great-grandson, Beau Thomas Borchelt; brother Syd Reeve of Morris; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith Borchelt in 2017, her parents Syd and Marge and her sister Patricia "Pat" (Reeve) Lee.

Carol stayed at home to raise her children, and her family was everything to her.

Memorials may be directed to Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com



Illinois 4-H county fair poultry shows move to virtual format

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announced that it will continue to enforce emergency rules prohibiting the sale or exhibiting of poultry and poultry products at swap meets, exhibitions, flea markets, and auction markets in Illinois to prevent the spread of avian influenza.

The Department's emergency rules took effect on April 5, 2022. The emergency rules may be effective for up to 150 days, however, the Department is evaluating the need for the emergency rules every 45 days based on the most up to date avian influenza information. At the close of the first 45-day period, the Department has determined that the emergency rules should remain in effect as avian influenza has been detected in the State as recently as May 17, 2022. The Department will continue to evaluate in 45-day increments for up to 150 days.

In conjunction with this announcement, Illinois 4-H will move all county fair 4-H poultry shows to an alternate format while the emergency rules are in place. If and when the emergency rules are lifted,

4-H will return to live shows. "We want all youth to know they will still have an opportunity to exhibit and share what they've learned in their 4-H poultry project this year," said Dr. Lisa Diaz, University of Illinois Extension 4-H Director.

A decision regarding State Fair poultry shows will be made by June 17.

"The extended waterfowl migration, cooler average temperatures, and increased rainfall this spring, are factors contributing to the identification of additional detections in Illinois," said Dr. Mark Ernst, IDOA State Veterinarian. "It is our hope that within the coming weeks, migration will be completed, the weather will be consistently warmer and drier, and the risk for spread will be dramatically lower."

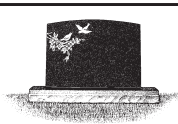
Flock owners, managers, or veterinarians should report any unusual findings in domestic poultry such as increase in mortality, decrease in water consumption, decrease in egg production, or respiratory signs including coughing and sneezing immediately to the IDOA at 217-782-4944 or the USDA at 866-536-7593.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Mendota's Belmonte earns scholarship to study abroad

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Sabrina Belmonte of Mendota is a recipient of the highly-competitive U.S. State Department-sponsored Gilman Program scholarship to aid in her study abroad to Costa Rica this summer.

The Gilman Program offers grants for undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue credit-bearing academic studies or career-oriented international internships.



Belmonte

With State Department sponsorships, participants may be contacted by representatives of the U.S. embassy or consulate to attend diplomatic receptions, presentations on U.S. higher education and network opportunities with peers.

Belmonte, a first-year business student, will be taking a history course and intermediate Spanish. She chose Costa Rica for its culture and to enhance her Spanish-speaking skills.

"My career goal is to help minorities start their businesses across the world. Belmonte continues, "Between family, friends, IVCC, and now the Gilman Scholarship, I'm able to achieve my dreams."

IVCC speech instructor and coordinator of student activities Cory Tomasson said, "I am excited for Sabrina. With her knowledge, drive, and character, she will thrive as an ambassador for IVCC in Costa Rica."

For information about IVCC's study abroad program, contact IVCC Study Abroad Coordinator Amanda Cook-Fesperman at Amanda_CookFesperman@ivcc.edu.

IVCC graduates hear from former student

OGLESBY – At Illinois Valley Community College commencement on May 14, Dr. Holly Novak challenged graduates to "continue to be open, search, dream and pay attention."

"You are the future. It will be your generation to hopefully save our environment, protect the truth, battle misinformation, protect our democracy," Dr. Novak said, adding, "Work for social justice, racial justice, economic equality and gender equality."

An estimated 190 graduates participated in the 56th annual ceremony in the gym.

A 1974 IVCC graduate, Novak went on to major in biology at the University of Illinois before medical school at Southern Illinois University. Today she specializes in heart disease prevention and women's health at HSHS Medical Group Multispecialty Care in Springfield.

She is one of the most significant donors in IVCC's history.

"IVCC has been very important to me and it is a school that I love. My connection to IVCC is more than education, my family history dates back much further," she told graduates.

Novak's parents, Bill and Bernadine, met at IVCC predecessor LPO Junior College and were the school's homecoming King and Queen in 1940.

"In 1940, only 3.8 percent of college students were women. My parents' class had 99 graduates and 32 were women. That was 10 times the national average. I really want you to appreciate this accomplishment. This small college was so far ahead because it is committed to the community and education."

Novak credited the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for outlawing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex,



IVCC alumnus Dr. Holly Novak delivers the keynote address at the college's graduation ceremony on May 14.

and national origin – and Title IX for prohibiting sex-based discrimination in schools or educational programs receiving federal funding.

"These laws changed our world," Novak said. "We followed our dreams, breaking ceilings, stepping out of boxes. We had no sense of entitlement; we had passion for our dreams. We charged forth, with no path to follow, so we made our own paths. And it worked."

She reserved special praise for her dad.

"My father, a history teacher and the legendary football coach, Bill Novak, was also the best father ever; he did not put any limits on the dreams of his children."

Novak said she always wanted to become a physician and her sister Kim a veterinarian.

"He did not tell us this was impossible. Rather, he supported and encouraged. How lucky I am to have been part of a family that supported education for women."

She closed by encouraging graduates to be bold.

"Don't wait for someone to show you the way. Follow your own dreams! As you go through life, don't lose the wonder of the miracles that surround you. Go after your goals and dreams and enjoy the journey."

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sition, film, weather and climate, geography, history; children's literature, management, marketing, algebra, STEM math, math for liberal arts, statistics, technical math, psychology (including social and abnormal), child growth and development, strategies for college, sociology and speech.

Summer and fall enrollment is underway at (815) 224-0447 or www.ivcc.edu/register.

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Aughenbaugh continued by stating that driver's education begins June 9. The classroom instruction will conclude on July 7. Behind-the-wheel driving may extend after July 7.

IVCC dual credit summer speech begins on multiple days with three sections of courses.

The summer band program will run June 1-23. The "Band Block Party" concert will be Thursday, June 23 at 4 p.m. at Veteran's Park. There will be a Concert Band performance followed by a 7 p.m. Jazz Band performance.

Aughenbaugh said she has been gathering information from students and faculty about areas of improvement and school improvement needs. As of the board meeting, the student survey had 197 results and the faculty survey had 31 responses out of 41 teachers.

"A few areas we need to research and consider updating or revising would be the parent teacher student conferences and attendance by families, final exam structure, period 8 intervention structure and the home-

school communication/connection," said Aughenbaugh.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Jeff Prusator presented a consideration to accept bids for buses. The board agreed to purchase four buses – two for fiscal year 2022 and two for fiscal year 2023 – for a price of \$76,500 per bus minus trade-in.

The first reading of new Board of Education policies was presented.

The board tabled the purchase of a riding lawn mower.

PERSONNEL

The board accepted the resignation of Halley Hoffman, Spanish/Math teacher, at the conclusion of the school year. She has accepted a position in the Lockport School District.

The board accepted the resignations of Jenn Masini, School Improvement Committee and Web Page coordinator; Eric Masini, Drama sponsor; and Bill Corrigan, bus driver, effective May 31. Math teacher Jayne Barnes gave her retirement notice effective at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year.

The board hired Janice Campbell for the School Improvement Committee.

Census

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But even in normal years, they said, reporting errors occur. While people who fill out the census forms are supposed to report the names and ages of people living in the household on April 1 of the census year, overcounts can occur when they include a person who dies before that date or a child born shortly after that date. Undercounts occur when people do not report everyone in the household or fail to fill out the census form at all.

The survey data released last week did not identify the causes of undercounts or overcounts within any particular state, nor did it identify the cities, counties or regions within a state where the count may have been inaccurate. On a national level,

however, officials said undercounts generally occur within the Black population, Hispanic or Latino population, American Indian and Alaska Native populations living on reservations and the demographic group that reported being of "some other race."

Overcounts, they said, tend to occur in the white, non-Hispanic population and the Asian population.

They also noted that the 2020 census undercounted children, especially young children ages 0-4.

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Remembering my butterfly net

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD — Memorial Day has me thinking about of all things: butterflies.

I remember when I was in grade school I took an elective science class over the summer. It was pretty cool for an 11-year-old boy. We got to dissect mice, capture snakes and taxidermy fish.

But the best part of the class involved bugs.

We captured all kinds of creepy crawly things, stuck them in a jar with a cotton ball soaked in alcohol and then mounted them on Styrofoam with a straight pin.

When it came time to capture butterflies, I was at a disadvantage. I didn't have a net.

Back in 1975, Osco sold nets for \$5 apiece.

My father was a successful farmer and a veterinarian. But he was also a child of the Great Depression. Frugality defined him and when he learned the price of the net, he balked.

I was ordered to get a stretch of No. 9 wire from the farm's shop and bring it to him. He fashioned it into a giant hoop with a handle on it.

"Go get a pair of your mother's pantyhose from her dresser," he said as he finished shaping the last part of the wire with a pair of pliers.

When I fished through the pantyhose drawer, I looked for the pair with the biggest stain. After all, why ruin a new pair? (I may have been taking a summer science class, but there still was a lot my 11-year-old mind had yet to comprehend.)

Dad slid the elastic waistband over the hoop and, presto, I had my own net.

I was then dispatched into the yard to catch moths and butterflies at my leisure.

The hose caught a stout wind and both legs flapped like an air sock near a landing strip.

As butterflies glided by I swung with much enthusiasm, but not much coordination. Soon I was drawing an audience of hired men and other passersby.

And then my mother arrived home from running errands and spotted me, pantyhose and all, in the front yard.

She rolled down the car window and gasped, "What are you doing?"

"Catching butterflies with this net Dad made me."

"Put it away, now."

"But, Mom I've got to catch butterflies for my school project."

"Now!"

Soon she marched into the kitchen and said to my father, "Don, what have you done?"

"I made Scott a butterfly net," my perplexed father replied.

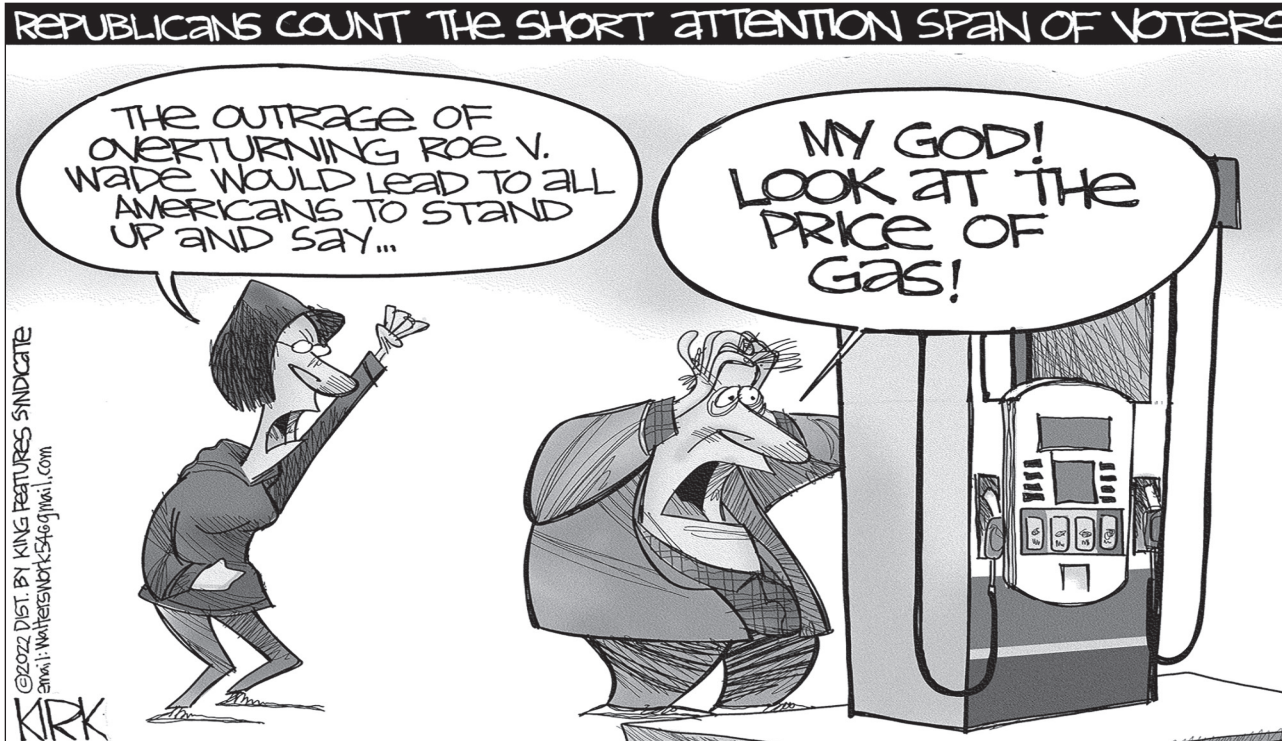
That was Dad, practical to the core. He was always looking for ways to get things done for the least amount possible. And Mom, the other half of the business, was busy reigning in his more "creative" impulses.

Before the day was out, I was catching butterflies with a store-bought net. And not only had I added monarchs and swallowtails to my assortment of bugs on Styrofoam, but I had yet another tale to add to a collection of family stories.

When I stand over my parents' grave this Memorial Day, I won't be thinking about deathbeds or final words. I'll be remembering pantyhose and butterflies.

I love and miss you, Mom and Dad.

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



Gala graduation for country schools – 1928

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from May 28, 2003.)

By Jessica Nashold

The one-room country school house in this area is just a memory now. But in 1928, 17 eighth-graders from 12 rural schools, received their diplomas from W.R. Foster.

LaSalle County Superintendent of Schools, in the Mendota Township High School auditorium. The teachers in these schools had managed to drill their students, working together, to present an operetta, "The Magic Gingerbread."

On June 1, the big night, the auditorium was crowded with proud parents, enjoying their talented children. They also heard Superintendent Foster speak of contributions to the well-being of our country, made by men who had received their early education in rural schools. Nevertheless, he was in favor of phasing them out and giving the sons and daughters of farmers access to town schools. In the meantime, he hoped to see school years lengthened to nine months, from the current eight months.

The teachers of the 1928 students that night in June were Esther Miller, Mrs. Snow, Isabelle Billings, Mrs. R. Billings, Elinda Kohl, Lois Clinite, Mrs. Richard Stenger, Anna Kaminky, Gertrude Turk, Lucille Bauman, Mrs. Art Zimmerman and Lillian Burke.

The Puritan Park swimming pool opened for the season on June 3, 1928, at 1 p.m. It had been filled with water several days before and warmed by the sun to an ideal temperature. For the opening, the Hoosier Bell Hops, an 11-piece band, had been secured to present a free concert.

Kakusha Park management, not to be outdone, announced it would soon dam the creek running through its property and excavate an area for swimming as well as boating. A second road into the park, from the southwest corner, was planned, after which the existing road would become an exit.

The Troy Grove Pleasure Park opened June 6, 1928. It would feature Saturday night dances throughout the summer, often with local bands.

For years, Feik's ice wagon had

Backtracks & Sidetracks

been a familiar sight on the streets of Mendota during summer months. In 1928, it was Purity Ice Cream Co. that announced the "ice route" would open June 1. Customers could buy books containing coupons for 1,000 pounds of ice for \$6.50. There would be a discount if paid within four days of its issue. Signs indicating the number of pounds of ice desired had to be posted in windows by 9 a.m.

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The Don Hopkins Players offered dramas in a tent pitched on a vacant lot at Sixth Street and Fifth Avenue. One play was entitled "Saintly Hypocrites & Honest Sinners." The Reporter warmly endorsed the Don Hopkins troupe. "Every member of the company is an artist and also very nice people."

SIDETRACK – The Don Hopkins Players returned to Mendota year after year. Leading man, Dave Reese, married Hazel Mae Nisley, daughter of Reporter co-owner and editor, George M. Nisley, and became part of the community.

Boots Gillette and two fellow pilots flew three airplanes from Lomax, Ill., to the airfield in Hinckley. As they passed over the Mendota business district about 7 p.m. on May 24, 1928, Boots dropped 30 Mendota Reporters from his plane. He also flew low over the home of his parents. Mrs. Katherine Brecht picked up one of the Reporters near her home on the corner of Sixth Street and First Avenue.

Probably more will be found.

Veterans of Civil, Spanish-American and World Wars were honored at a memorial service on May 27, 1928, at the Baptist church. E.W. Annable, the pastor,

spoke eloquently of the veterans' contributions. Commander H.A. Buel and Civil War veterans, H.H. Eby and John Bellinghausen were still able to attend.

A farewell banquet for coach H.E. Meyers was arranged by MTHS lettermen between 1924 and 1928. It was attended by all the boys who had participated in athletics while Meyers was a coach. James Dubbs was toastmaster. He called on former superintendent, M.E. Steele, as well as several of the boys. The coach was presented a traveling bag.

Seven Mendota athletes who had been accepted into the National Athletic Honorary Society received their certificates of honor. They were Lloyd Richert, Wesley Wright, James Boyle, Gabriel Betz, Elmer Brown, Harold Goebel and Russell Stockley.

Several Mendota boys were enrolled in summer camp for public school boys near Mercer, Wis. They were Don Van Etten, Frank Larabee, Alan Huss, Corbus McCray, George and Rodney Whitmore. Major F.E. Beales was in command of the camp. George Little, director of athletics at the University of Wisconsin, had charge of camp programs, including football, basketball, swimming and track & field. Construction of the camp was nearing completion in June 1928, and would open in July.

Farmers of northern Illinois were urged "to leave their work for a day" to attend a meeting on the grounds of the DeKalb High School, June 2, 1928. This meeting was to protest President Calvin Coolidge's veto of the McNary Haugen Bill, which would have benefited farmers.

Thousands are expected.

The Regenhart Construction Co. began hauling gravel and cement to their mixing machine on May 26, 1928. They were starting 2 ½ miles north of the cemeteries and would work toward town.

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A MTHS alumni meeting was scheduled for June 8, 1928. Annual dues were 50 cents, dinner was \$1.

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Take time for solemnity and remembrance this Memorial Day

Dear Editor:

Growing up in Mendota in the post-war years was a very difficult time when compared to the political and social atmosphere of today. World War II and Korea had common thread almost all Americans could identify with and support – that of rescuing the world from tyranny. Almost any occasion would call for a parade, involving lots of flags, uniformed veterans, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, bands, etc. A very high degree of patriotism was exhibited.

Then came conflicts that were less popular, sometimes with objectives not well-defined and resulting in ambiguous outcomes. Our military

successes of the past now seemed beyond our capabilities. This had everything to do with domestic political will, and nothing to do with the brave men and women the country sent into action.

So, now we Baby Boomers view a country we don't always recognize or understand, with less patriotism, more division, legions of phony heroes from Hollywood, sports and certainly politics. We read that a significant percentage of our younger citizenry would prefer Socialism to Capitalism, the former the biggest lie of the 20th century and the latter (with all its faults) the system responsible for bringing billions out of poverty and

allowing the U.S. to remain the arsenal of democracy in a very dangerous world.

Parents often tend to sit on the sidelines and hope that someone else will take on the challenges of forming their children into knowledgeable, responsible citizens. We can't rely solely on the schools in this formation. I suspect we would all be dismayed at the lack of Civics and U.S. History courses in the present-day curriculum. So, parents and grandparents need to be better mentors for our children and grandchildren to ensure that our heritage and this wonderful experiment given to us by the founders will continue. Sadly, current events in Eu-

rope remind us that the world around us isn't all rainbows and marigolds.

One opportunity would be to extend an invitation to attend one of the area Memorial Day ceremonies. It wouldn't hurt these kids to drop their 24/7 electronics habits for a half-hour to witness a little solemnity and remembrance. Listen to the roll call of deceased veterans. Those individuals were your neighbors and friends, and once upon a time donned a uniform to defend all of us.

The local service will be held Monday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. at Restland Cemetery in Mendota.

J.P. Elston,
Mendota

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June 16, 1945 - Sept. 9, 2021

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we shared will always remain.*

Barbi Purvis

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Dec. 18, 1922 - March 6, 1990

*Thank you for the wonderful days we
shared together. My prayers will be with
you until we meet again.*

Your loving family

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*I think of you every minute of the day, oh how I
miss you. But I know God is holding you in His
arms until we meet again.*

Robert Larsen

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*Forever missed, never forgotten.
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

From your loving family

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that burns forever in our hearts.*

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July 19, 1940 - July 31, 2020

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you in the palm of His hand.*

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that burns forever in our hearts.*

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June 7, 1918 - Dec. 21, 2006

*The days may come and go,
but the times we shared will always remain.*

Your loving family



LOCAL AND AREA

SUBLETTE NEWS

MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER IN SUBLETTE

Mick Hartley of Mendota will be the speaker at the Sublette Memorial Day Service to be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 30 in front of Ellice Dinges Center.

Hartley grew up in Compton. He is a member and past commander of Mendota VFW Post 4079. He served in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970.

Poths Lavelle American Legion will give the presentation of colors and perform the firing of the volley. Larry Leffelman will be master of ceremonies.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS PLANNED

Father Randy Fronek will offer a Memorial Day Mass at 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 30 at St. Mary's Cemetery in Sublette. Anyone attending may bring a lawn chair.

CRUISE RAINED OUT

Due to the all-day rain, only four cars were on display for Sublette's Cruise 'N Show on May 21.

City Ordinance

MENDOTA – The city of Mendota reminds you that it is unlawful under city ordinance 42.34 to hang, lean, or place any advertising materials on any street lamp, post, telephone or electric light pole within the city limits of Mendota. This includes garage sale notices.

This statute was designed to keep our neighborhoods clean and free of trash and debris. The city of Mendota officials ask for your cooperation in this matter.

IVCC Board hires school resource officer

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College will enhance campus security by contracting with Oglesby for a full-time police officer.

Trustees approved spending of \$70,624 in fiscal 2023 and \$72,068 in 2024 for full-time police presence. IVCC is currently contracting with Oglesby for police 20 hours a week for \$33,600 annually.

The intergovernmental agreement calls for a full-time "School Resource Officer" from June 1, 2022 through April 2025.

In other action, the board approved the retirement of Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Bonnie Campbell effective Oct. 1. Over a 25-year career, Campbell also served as a dean, division chair, director of nursing and nursing instructor.

"I am proud of my work in health careers, predominantly in nursing, and equally proud of my unwavering support of Career and Technical Education and adult students," Campbell said in her retirement letter. "There is still much to do, but I am leaving those 'worlds' in very good and capable hands."

In other business, the board approved:

- A three-year agreement with Transformative Growth Counseling Services for counseling for \$315,000. The action is related to the Mental Health Early Action On Campus Act and the expenditure will be covered primarily by TORT funds.

- Purchase of an additional 50 monitors and 82 hub monitors for \$33,000 from HEERF. In April, trustees approved HEERF purchases of 350 desktop computers and related equipment for \$453,000. Going forward, IVCC will replace 25 percent of its computers annually.

- The \$1.55 million bid of Lo Destro Construction Company of Chicago for

a renovation of CETLA. The Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Assessment serves faculty through workshops, technical support, orientations and professional development.

- Asbestos abatement in D201, the new CETLA/ fine arts space, for \$175,800 by Colfax Corporation of Chicago.

- Expenditure of \$35,000 for a cardiac monitor/defibrillator for EMS. The monitor will be used in the paramedic course and will allow training and testing at twice the current pace.

- Additional equipment for the dental program for \$135,000. Last summer, trustees approved over \$800,000 to move dental assisting into the upper gym. Dental hygiene begins in fall 2023.

- Renewal of the Blackboard Learn subscription for 2022-23 for \$57,351.

- Transition of the administrative software system Ellucian to cloud-based over the next two years to enhance security and accessibility. Cost is estimated at \$1.2 million.

- Changes to the board's investment policy to allow maximum returns on fund balances.

- Closed session minutes from April 14.

- A negotiated retirement agreement with English instructor Jennifer Bubb effective at the end of the 2022-23 academic year.

- Approval of a five-year collective bargaining agreement with SEIU Local 138, the union representing 16 members of the maintenance and custodial staff.

The board learned:

- IVCC recently hosted visits from state legislators Sen. Sue Rezin, Rep. Lance Yednock and Rep. David Welter.

- Corcoran credited student Lydia Walker of Seneca for the success of the April



Oglesby Police School Resource Officer Randy Leininger, right, speaks with incoming freshmen Payton Giordano, left, and Mia Waters, both of Oglesby. Leininger will be assigned to IVCC full-time beginning June 1. (Photo contributed)

20 MIMIC Fair that featured five student-manufactured products for sale.

- State and federal grants being pursued include a \$3 million EDA grant for the Ag Complex; a \$1.8 million grant for a nursing lab expansion through U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth; \$250,000 for a greenhouse project through U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger; \$218,000 for farmland tiling through LaSalle County; \$3.2 million for IT enhancements and security through HEERF; and a \$1 million USDA grant to share coursework with 10 district high schools via distance learning.

- Early Childhood Education program coordinator Tammy Landgraf is working on a three-year, \$650,000 equity pay project.

- At a recent planning

committee meeting, Vice President for Academic Affairs Gary Roberts reported on accreditation, high school yield rates and transfer data. "Gary has brought fresh ideas regarding the 'Middle College' concept that worked well for him in Michigan and now he'd like to replicate that here. Our legislators love the idea," said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran.

- Part-time Community Relations assistant Dave Dodge retired April 27 after 16 years and part-time enrollment services assistant Lori White resigned April 29.

- Adult Education administrative assistant Susan Martyn is retiring June 30. "I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate the opportunities this position has provided me over the last eight years," Martyn said in

a letter to Director of Adult Education Sara Escatel.

- Vice President for Business Services and Finance Matt Seaton recommended the college continue 24-hour, seven-day-a-week coverage from Allied Universal, IVCC's security force since 2011. Allied will add Behavior Detection Officers to its college staff.

- Four part-time vacancies in the admissions and cashier departments will be combined into two full-time positions.

- Trustee Jane Goetz of Ottawa was recognized by the Illinois Community College Trustees Association as a "Trustee Education Award" winner for participating in 15 or more ICCTA seminars. She will be among honorees at the organization's June 10 banquet in Chicago.

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SOCIAL NEWS



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Borell

Amboy couple to hold 60th anniversary celebration Mass

AMBOY – Albert and Norma Borell of Amboy will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a celebration Mass on Sunday, June 5 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette.

Albert Borell Jr. and Normajeane Bulfer were united in marriage June 2, 1962 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sublette. They have five children, eight grand-children and five great-grand-children.

Anyone wishing to send cards may address them to: 1035 Inlet Road, Amboy, IL 61310.

Once again, Liam and Olivia are top baby names for new parents

SPRINGFIELD – Olivia and Liam are America's most popular baby names in 2021. Liam has been the top choice for new parents for five years in a row, and Olivia has topped the list for three years. Once again, during this unprecedented time, parents chose to stick with familiar names. Out of both Top 10 lists combined, only one name changed, with Theodore replacing Alexander in popularity. The name Theodore joins the Top 10 list for the first time – welcome to the club “Teddy!”

Top 10 boys' names: Liam, Noah, Oliver, Elijah, James, William, Benjamin, Lucas, Henry, Theodore.

Top 10 girls' names: Olivia, Emma, Charlotte, Amelia, Ava, Sophia, Isabella, Mia, Evelyn, Harper.

For all of the top baby names of 2021, and to see where your name ranks, go to Social Security's website, www.socialsecurity.gov.

Acting Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi encourages everyone to enjoy the baby names list and, while online, create a my Social Security account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. my Social Security, born 10 years ago this month, is

a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing while receiving Social Security benefits.

Over the decade, more than 69 million people have signed up and benefited from the many secure and convenient self-service options. People who set up their my Social Security account have access to additional personalized services. They can request a replacement Social Security card online if they meet certain requirements. If they already receive Social Security benefits, they can start or change direct deposit online, request a replacement SSA-1099, and if they need proof of their benefits, they can print or download a current Benefit Verification Letter from their account.

People not yet receiving benefits can use their online account to get a personalized Social Security Statement, which provides their earnings information as well as estimates of their future benefits. The portal also includes a retirement estimator and links to information about other online services, such as applications for retirement, disability, and Medicare benefits.



Memorial Day services set in Compton and West Brooklyn

COMPTON – The Compton-West Brooklyn American Legion Post #657 will hold two Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 30.

The first service will begin at 10 a.m. at Melugins Grove Cemetery, Compton. Those in attendance are encouraged to bring their worn out or torn flags for disposal at the flag-burning ceremony.

The second service will begin at 11 a.m. at West Brooklyn Cemetery.



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DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
Alyssa J. Byers, 21, of 1007 Green Ridge Ave., Earlville, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Main and Monroe streets at 10 a.m. May 13. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED
Henry L. Thompson, 21, of 812 Main St., Apt. 7, Mendota, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at Eighth and Main streets at 7:27 p.m. May 16. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED
Javier Hernandez, 30, of 1502 Illinois Ave., Mendota,

was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Meriden Street and Indiana Avenue at 9:26 p.m. May 16. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
Laura M. Frederici, 40, of Streator, was arrested at 1:55 a.m. May 17 on a valid LaSalle County warrant for failure to appear/displaying a false insurance card. The subject was unable to post bond and was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

WARRANT ARREST
Christian M. Colby, 22, of 1006 Fourth Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 5:22 p.m. May 18 on a valid Kendall County arrest warrant for driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and

was released with a Kendall County court date.

WARRANT ARREST
Tony Munoz, 31, of 111 S. 13th Ave., Lot D15, Mendota, was arrested at 4:55 p.m. May 20 on a valid Lee County failure to appear warrant for petition to revoke for driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with a Lee County court date.

VIOLATION OF ORDER OF PROTECTION
Terence L. Miller, 34, of 241 Maple St., Apt. 3, Paw Paw, was charged with violation of order of protection after police officers responded to 407 Fourth St., Mendota, for the report of a violation of an order of protection. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

Lemonade stand fundraiser set for 6-year-old battling cancer

MENDOTA – A fundraiser to help Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation will be held Tuesday, May 31 from 4-7 p.m. at 804 Meadowview Drive, Mendota. Six-year-old Gavin Springsteen is battling neuroblastoma and the money raised during Gavin's lemonade stand will go directly toward neuroblastoma research. Gavin is the son of Michael and Allie Springsteen of Rock Island. His mom, Allie, is the former Allie Nowlin of Mendota.

The lemonade stand is a part of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation annual event to raise money to help cure childhood cancer.

More than 1,000 grants are funded at nearly 150 institutions for this cause. The ALSF Grant Program funds research every step of the way – from early stage innovative research all the way through to lifesaving clinical trials for kids with cancer.

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ALSF is also the only childhood cancer research organization that has been given the NCI peer-reviewed funder designation for rigorous selection of research grants.

When you donate, you are a part of the cutting-edge research breakthroughs that will ultimately help kids beat cancer.

If you can't make it in person, you can make a donation by logging on to the ALSF website at https://www.alexslimonade.org/mypage/2849339?fbclid=IwAR3VRFTcYOcN711y-O5CzroJ631am4wb8fMqyYN2t0gdrdRynx_EvOdedy0



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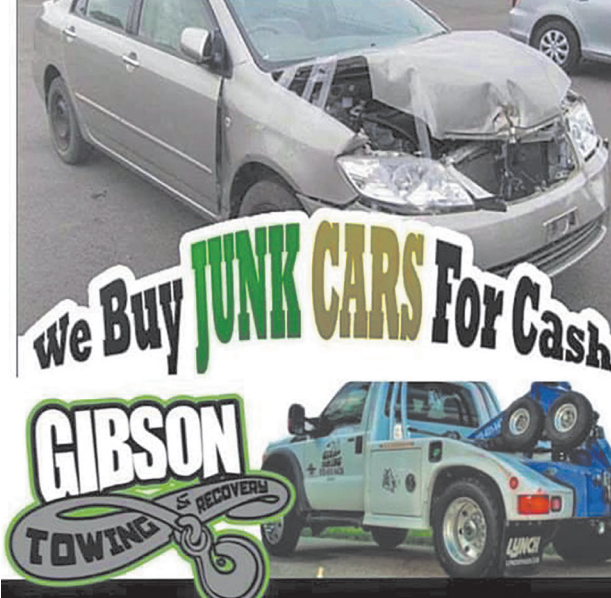
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- Presentation of colors/raising of the flag by Veterans' Memorial Council
 - National Anthem by Mendota Alumni Band
- Invocation by Associate Pastor Jay Miller of Victory Baptist Church in Mendota, U.S. Navy Veteran
 - Musical selection by Mendota Alumni Band
- Roll call of deceased Veterans since last Memorial Day by Harold Olsen
 - Laying of the wreaths by VFW Post 4079 Auxiliary
 - Firing of the volley by Veterans' Memorial Council
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SPORTS

Brandner-Stamberger doubles duo headed to state tennis tournament

❑ Mendota players take 4th place in Ottawa Sectional

OTTAWA—Mendota's doubles team of Logan Brandner and Andrew Stamberger has qualified for the IHSA Class 1A Boys' State Tennis Tournament after placing fourth in the Ottawa Sectional held May 20 and May 23.

The senior duo won two of four matches, winning their first two and dropping their final two. The top four places qualify for the state meet.

Brandner-Stamberger started off the sectional with a 6-1, 6-0 triumph over Trenton Acuncius and Brady Flanagan of St. Bede. They advanced to the semifinal-round with a 6-0, 6-0 verdict over Cooper Wahl and Quinn Baker of Streator.

In the semifinals, the Metamora duo of Mason Walker and Cole Morris defeated Brandner-Stamberger, 6-4, 6-3, to send the MHS team to the third-place match. In that match, Andrew Bollis and Joe Pohar of LaSalle-Peru teamed up to top

Brandner-Stamberger, 6-4, 6-4.

Mendota's other doubles team of Tyler Valdez and Parker Guelde was beaten in its only match, 6-1, 6-0, by Reid Orwig and Jackson Dressler of Princeton.

The Trojans also had two singles players and they both dropped their only match. Byron Hampton lost 6-0, 6-0 to Alexander Schroff of Metamora and Zach Compell fell by a 6-2, 6-3 count to Nolan Mallery of Princeton.

Metamora claimed the sectional team title with 35 points, easily outdistancing second-place Streator with 16 points. Princeton took third place with 14 points, followed by Ottawa (12), L-P (10), Mendota (8), Morris (4), Pontiac (4), St. Bede (4) and Coal City (0).

The state tennis tournament will be held May 26-28 hosted by Arlington Heights Hersey High School and played on various courts in the Arlington Heights area.

Northbrook's Carlos races to 1st place in state track meet

❑ Eighth-grader sets records in claiming 400m dash title

EAST PEORIA — Two Northbrook School boys competed in the Illinois Elementary School Association State Track & Field Meet on May 20-21 in East Peoria.

Sebastian Carlos, an eighth-grader, entered the state meet as the No. 1 seed in the 400-meter dash with his personal best qualifying time of 55.26. Carlos improved on his best time with an official clocking of 53.98 and that was enough to become the IESA Class 3A eighth-grade boys 400-meter dash state champion. In achieving a personal best time in winning the state title, Carlos also set an IESA Class 3A eighth-grade boys new class record and also a Northbrook School record.

Seventh-grader Madrick Musgrove participated in the discus event at the state meet and he finished in 14th place overall with a throw of 80-0.

Northbrook's track team is coached by Troy Bauer, Heather Friedlein, Matt Chalfin and Hanna Gallagher.



Northbrook School eighth-grader Sebastian Carlos with his state champion medal. (Photo contributed)

Aurora Central takes out Trojans in Lisle Regional semifinals, 11-4

AURORA—Mendota fell behind 9-0 and never could catch up in absorbing an 11-4 loss to Aurora Central Catholic in the semifinal-round of the Lisle Class 2A Regional Baseball Tournament on May 18 at Aurora.

Aurora Central opened the scoring when it sent nine batters to the plate and scored five runs in the second inning.

The Chargers batted around again in the third inning and plated four runs

to forge into a 9-0 lead.

Mendota went scoreless through five innings before pushing across two runs in the top of the sixth. Krew Bond drew a one-out walk and Jace Baird followed with a single. Dominik Stamberger brought both runners home when he drilled a solid double. The Trojans threatened to score more in the frame, but came up empty.

The Chargers quickly built their lead back to nine

with two tallies in the bottom of the sixth before Mendota closed out the scoring with a two-run seventh. Bond smashed a two-run homer to account for the Trojans' two runs.

Izaiah Nanez pitched the first three innings for Mendota and was tagged with the loss. Ted Landgraf finished out the game on the hill.

The Trojans closed out the season with a 5-16 overall record.

Sweet Corn Fest Golf Scramble set for June 5th

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.

Highlights of the event include cash prizes, a 50/50 raffle and Schimmer GM's hole-in-one contest for a chance to win a brand new vehicle. All participants will have the opportunity to shoot for a hole-in-one on hole #9. Also, food will be available in addition to a cash bar.

Entry forms can be obtained by calling the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce at 815-539-6507, on the Chamber website at www.mendotachamber.com or by stopping by the Mendota Golf Course.

Quarterback Club Golf fundraiser planned June 17

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

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

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

Entry forms are available online at www.mendotaqbclub.com, the Mendota QB Club Facebook page at facebook.com/MendotaQBClub or the Mendota Golf Course.

MHS trackmen finish up season in sectional

ROCHELLE — The Mendota boys' track team wrapped up the season in the Rochelle Class 2A Sectional Track & Field meet on May 18.

Two Mendota relay teams had the best finishes on the day for the Trojans, both taking 13th place. The 4x400 squad ran a time of 4:02.49. Competitors were Anthony Kelson, Mason Koch, Kody Chase and Jose Belmonte. The 4x800 relay of Kelson, Logan Wujek, Chase and Jacob Carr was clocked in 10:09.62.

Kelson placed 18th in both hurdles events. His time was 19.17 in the 110-meter hurdles and 48.55 in the 300-meter hurdles.

Burlington Central won the team championship with 96 points, topping Kaneland, which scored 89.5. Princeton came in third with 66 points, followed by Sycamore with 60, and Geneseo and Galena with 52 apiece. Completing the team scoring were Sterling (42), Dixon (41), Rock Falls (20), Wheaton Academy (15), Freeport (15), Rochelle (6) and Wheaton St. Francis (3.5). Mendota did not score any team points.



Two Northbrook School track team members competed in the IESA state meet May 20-21 in East Peoria. Left to right, are coach Heather Friedlein, seventh-grader Madrick Musgrove, coach Troy Bauer, eighth-grader Sebastian Carlos and coach Matt Chalfin. (Photo contributed)



IVCC softball signee

Zoe Finley, front center, a 2022 graduate of Mendota High School, signs a letter of intent to attend Illinois Valley Community College to play softball beginning with the 2022-23 school year as her parents, Carrie and Adam Finley, look on. Also at the signing are MHS head coach Joel Perez, back left, and Cory Tomasson, IVCC head coach. (Reporter photo)

IDNR reminds boaters to wear life jackets, boat sober

SPRINGFIELD — As the summer boating season approaches, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources conservation police are reminding people to wear life jackets anytime they're on the water and to only operate boats while sober.

The message to "Wear It!" is timed with National Safe Boating Week, May 21-27.

"The 'Wear It!' message is a simple and easy message to understand," said Illinois Conservation Police Lt. Curt Lewis, who is the state's boating law administrator. "Wearing a life jacket isn't just a reminder for everyone on a motorboat; it's also important for everyone who enjoys paddle sports, such as kayaks, canoes, and stand-up paddleboards."

In 2021 there were 93 reportable boating accidents on Illinois waters, resulting in 28 injuries and 16 fatalities, according to statistics compiled by the conservation police.

In 2020, there were 81 boating accidents with 21 fatalities and 36 injuries. And in 2019, there were 72 accidents with 14 fatalities and 42 injuries. (Annual boating accident statistics are compiled based on the federal fiscal year Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.)

Boating accident reports indicate most accidents occur between noon and 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays between June and August. Conditions are usually clear with good visibility, light

winds and calm water. Most accidents involve operators between the ages of 20 and 40 who have more than 100 hours of boating experience but little or no classroom boating safety instruction. They also usually involve open motorboats cruising in a careless or reckless manner, culminating in a collision with another boat.

"With Memorial Day weekend approaching and boating season getting underway, everyone enjoying the waterways needs to make safety their priority," Lewis said. "Wearing a life jacket can save your life, and staying sober while operating a boat is not only common sense, it's the law."

As part of the Illinois Conservation Police boating safety enforcement effort, officers also strictly enforce laws regarding operating under the influence (OUI) for boat operators.

Operating a boat under the influence is in some ways riskier than operating a motor vehicle under the influence, Lewis said. On waterways, there are no lane markers, boats have no seatbelts, and there is little protection for occupants should a collision occur.

In 2021 Illinois Conservation Police officers arrested 65 boaters for operating under the influence (OUI), a 36% decrease from 2020.

SPORTS



State-bound

Caden Eller, a junior at Marquette Academy in Ottawa, takes one of his attempts in the long jump during the Seneca Class 1A Sectional Track & Field Meet on May 18. He earned first place in the event with a distance of 6.65 meters (21-8) and will compete in the IHSA State Track & Field Meet to be held May 26-28 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Caden is the son of Chris and Jennifer Eller of Mendota and Melissa Rauh of Ottawa. (Photo contributed)

Boating

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Four of the 16 boating-related fatalities in Illinois in 2021 involved alcohol or drug impairment. The other 12 who died were not wearing life jackets or vests.

Illinois law requires that personal floatation devices, or PFDs—which are life jackets or life vests—be available for each person aboard a boat or other watercraft.

Effective June 1, 2022, no person may operate a watercraft unless everyone under the age of 13 on the deck or in an open watercraft is wearing an approved and appropriately sized PFD. The requirement does not apply to people who are inside a cabin or below the top deck on a watercraft, on an anchored watercraft that is a platform for swimming or diving, or aboard a charter “passenger for hire” watercraft with a licensed captain.

Illinois law requires everyone to wear a PFD while operating a personal watercraft or jet ski.

Lewis stressed that the most proactive action boaters can take to ensure their safety on the water is to wear a Coast Guard-approved PFD of the appropriate size and in serviceable condition.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources offers free boating safety courses that provide a review of boating laws and regulations, as well as instruction on the safe and attentive operation of watercraft. The department encourages boaters of all ages to take a safety course. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1998, must pass a course and have a valid Boating Safety Certificate to operate a motorboat (with over 10 horsepower). State law also requires boating safety edu-

cation for people ages 12 to 17 to operate a motorboat.

Free safety courses are taught by volunteer instructors and are available throughout Illinois. Find a schedule of courses at <https://bit.ly/IDNRSafeBoating>. For a fee, online boating safety courses are also available.

National Safe Boating Week is observed each year during the week leading up to the Memorial Day holiday weekend. For more information on the campaign, visit safeboatingcampaign.com.



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Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Has James Bond bombed? When you've made five James



D. Craig

now 54, must have felt he needed to drastically change his career direction now that he's no longer 007. Why he chose Shakespeare's "Macbeth," post-Bond, must be because of director Sam Gold, who promised this Broadway production would be innovative and different. In view of Denzel Washington's Oscar nomination for HIS "Macbeth" film, it was a gutsy decision for Craig.

However, critics were waiting with their little hatchets! One called the production "uninvolving, ponderous and a real blunderball." His leading lady, Ruth Negga as Lady Macbeth, came off much better, and critics proclaimed, "She stole

the show with her mellifluous voice and the requisite intensity for the woman plotting to kill King Duncan!"

Barbara Broccoli, Bond films producer, produced this show, but admits she's still searching for the next 007. Her short list has Tom Hardy, Henry Cavill, Idris Elba and "Euphoria" star Jacob Elordi, who's Australian, 6-foot-5 and just turning 25. He's no stranger to sequels; he starred in "The Kissing Booth 1, 2 and 3." Craig's not crying, however; he got a \$100 million paycheck to reprise his role as Detective Benoit Blanc in a pair of "Knives Out" sequels.

Not on any Bond list is 38-year-old Chris Hemsworth, 6-foot-3 and built better than Craig. Hemsworth has completed two Netflix films, the sci-fi thriller "Spiderhead," with Miles Teller, and a sequel to the action thriller "Extraction." He's also prepping the \$65 million "Furiosa," a "Mad Max" prequel, for a May 2024 release. But first we'll see "Thor: Love and Thunder," premiering July 8.

I caught "The Batman" on HBO Max and was pleasantly surprised how perfectly suited Robert Pattinson is in the title role, and how entertaining and compelling the film is. We're looking forward to his next two "Batman" films!

The music world is going out of its mind because of an upcoming auction of a 300-year-old Stradivarius violin reputed to have been used to create the Oscar-winning score of "The Wizard of Oz." The Rolls Royce of violins is expected to bring a winning bid of up to \$20 million.

The Stradivarius belonged to Odessa-born Toscha Seidel (1899-1962), considered one of the greatest violinists of the 20th century. Seidel used his violin to play on the scores of two other MGM films: "The Great Waltz" (1938), with Louise Rainer and Miliza Korjus, and "Intermezzo" (1939), with Ingrid Bergman and Leslie Howard. Though there are still about 600 Stradivarius violins worldwide, one sold in 2011 for \$15.9 million.

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"Navalny" (R) -- As a force behind Russian opposition against the Kremlin, Alexei Navalny is recognized worldwide as a leader in organizing the Russian people against Vladimir Putin. But those who rally against Putin know that this fight comes with severe consequences. At first, Navalny was blacklisted, but as this opposition gained more traction, he became a red dot on Putin's radar. Mistakenly thinking that Putin wouldn't be foolish to attempt assassination on someone so public, Navalny was poisoned in 2020 and hospitalized, where he then fought for his life and was able to prevail. However, this fearless man refuses to stop his fight against the Kremlin. Follow Alexei Navalny's journey in a new award-winning documentary film. Streaming May 26. (HBO Max)

"Obi-Wan Kenobi" (TV-PG) -- Taking place 10 years after "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith," when the villainous Darth Vader emerged, Jedi Master Obi-Wan Kenobi

watches over a very young Luke Skywalker on Tatooine. Obi-Wan pleads with Owen, Luke's uncle, to keep Luke hidden until Obi-Wan can train Luke himself. Meanwhile, Obi-Wan embarks on an escapade as he is forced to run from the dark side that desperately searches after him. Ewan McGregor and Hayden Christensen reprise their roles from the prequel trilogy as Obi-Wan and Darth Vader, respectively. The first two episodes of this limited series premiere Friday, May 27. (Disney+)

"Emergency" (R) -- The trend of college comedies has died down since the early 2010s, which brought us movies like "Neighbors" and "Pitch Perfect." But this satire film from Amazon might reawaken the college comedy subgenre and shake things up! Two college students, Sean and Kunle, set a challenge to hit seven parties in one night. With their plans solidified, they head home to pregame and change after class when they find an unconscious girl in the living room. Now

with a completely different mission in mind, Sean and Kunle must figure out how to safely rid themselves of the girl, all without knowing that her friends are attempting to track her through her phone. Premieres May 27. (Prime Video)

"Stranger Things 4, Vol. 1" (TV-14) -- "Stranger Things" has had quite the dedicated following from its start, and as the years go on in this smashing success of a show, it's wonderful to see how the story and cast evolve and out-do its previous seasons. The fourth season begins six months after the Battle of Starcourt, and our favorite group of friends are separated throughout Hawkins, Indiana; California; and Russia. The Upside Down, however, still leaks through to Hawkins and infiltrates their hometown to a point where no one can ignore what's happening for much longer, including a powerless Eleven back in California. Volume 1 of "Stranger Things 4" premieres May 27. (Netflix)

By Dana Jackson

Q: I keep seeing Julianne Hough on commercials. Didn't she used to be a pro on "Dancing With the Stars"? Will she ever return? -- **K.L.**

A: Julianne Hough won two titles as a pro dancer on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars," where she started at just 18 years old. She danced for four seasons and later became one of the judges. Hough soon graduated to feature films, first in movies like a remake of "Footloose," where she could show off her talents on foot, and later in romance flicks like "Safe Haven" opposite Josh Duhamel.

In 2016, she played Sandy in the live television production of "Grease." Not unlike many of her peers, her career slowed down during the pandemic. She told People magazine that she did a lot of soul searching during that time, which included an amicable divorce from retired hockey pro Brooks Laich. She's focused on two of her businesses, Fresh Vine Wine and KINRGY, a dance-fitness program.

With no plans to return to "DWTS," Hough is loving her latest role -- Broadway star. However, it's not a musical,

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as one would expect, but a satirical political comedy called "POTUS." She told People magazine that her "POTUS" co-stars Vanessa Williams ("The Good Wife") and Rachel Dratch ("Saturday Night Live") have "really shown me what friendship is."

Q: I loved Retta, the actress, when she played Donna on "Parks and Recreation" and then later when she starred as Ruby on "Good Girls." What's next for her? -- **P.E.**

A: Born Marietta Sirleaf, comedian-actress Retta started doing stand-up comedy in Raleigh, North Carolina, after graduating from Duke University. She then moved to Los Angeles to try her luck and was soon cast as Donna Meagle on the NBC comedy "Parks and Recreation." That small background role grew into a series regular, where she spent seven seasons stealing scenes. After that she had another small role that graduated into a bigger one on Bravo's scripted series "Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce."

Retta hit another home run with "Good Girls," the NBC series about three sub-

urban best friends who one day decide to rob a grocery store. The show ended after four seasons, but she recently signed a "talent holding deal" with NBCUniversal, meaning she will "collaborate exclusively" with NBCU Television to find projects where she can star on its various entertainment platforms.

Q: Why did Alton Brown leave the Food Network? Is he leaving TV altogether? -- **J.C.**

A: Best known as the host of "Good Eats" on the Food Network for 14 seasons, Alton Brown decided to follow his other love, the "Iron Chef" franchise, to Netflix. He was a huge fan of the original "Iron Chef" series in Japan and then became part of its American version in several on-air capacities.

You can see Brown as one of the hosts of Netflix's "Iron Chef: Quest for an Iron Legend" beginning Wednesday, June 15.

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

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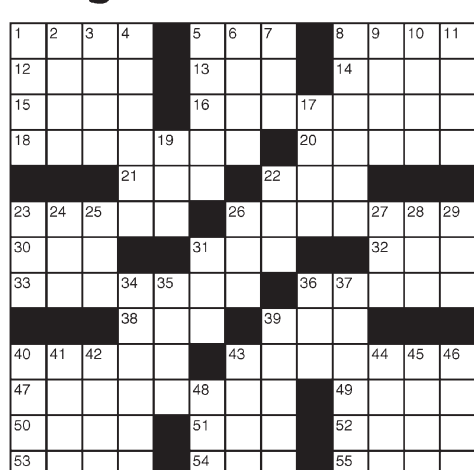
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* Idaho is the only U.S. state to explicitly declare that cannibalism is illegal.

* In 2001, the FBI warned Russell Crowe that al-Qaeda were planning to kidnap him as part of a "cultural destabilization plot." For nearly two years, the agency guarded the actor in public, but refused to provide him with any details about the threat.

* In Germany, folks who urinate in the streets are called "wildpinklers," meaning "free pee-ers."

* Gorillas sing happy songs while they eat -- louder when enjoying a favorite food.

* Talk about election fraud! In 2013, police in the Maldives arrested a coconut for loitering near a polling station during the presidential election. The fruit's offense? Locals feared it might have been imbued with a magic spell to influence the election, as there was a Surah (chapter from the Quran) written on it. The coconut was released upon being found to be fake.

* In 2014, over 2.8 million American dogs were on an antidepressant drug similar to Prozac.

* Alarmed neighbors of a couple in Sydney, Australia, called the police after hearing a woman screaming, furniture crashing and a man shouting: "I'm going to kill you, you're dead! Die! Die!" When the law arrived on the scene they found, however, not a typical case of domestic violence, but a frenzied attempt to kill a spider.

* Now here's a good reason to call your plumber: A leaky faucet dripping once every second can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water in a year -- enough for 180 showers!

* The U.S. government gave Indiana University \$1 million to study ... memes.

Thought for the Day: "Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games."

--Babe Ruth

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WOMEN'S HEALTH

Treatment options for fibromyalgia

Fibromyalgia is a clinical syndrome that presents as widespread body pain. If left untreated, fibromyalgia is a potentially debilitating condition.

Middle age women are especially vulnerable to fibromyalgia, and early diagnosis is key so that treatments can begin. Treatment is likely to be more effective if introduced early, according to a 2017 study in the journal Australian Prescriber.

The Mayo Clinic says doctors attempting to diagnose pain used to check 18 specific points on the body to determine if pain was linked to fibromyalgia. However, newer guidelines from the American College of Rheumatology no longer require a tender point exam for diagnosis. Instead, the condition is considered present when widespread pain throughout the body lasts for at least three months.

Newly diagnosed fibromyalgia patients may have many questions about the illness and their treatment options. Fibromyalgia symptoms wax and wane, so Johns Hopkins Medicine



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says treatment strategies continually need to evolve and are tailored specifically to each patient's needs. However, treatment strategies tend to fall into four broad categories: education; symptom management; cognitive behavior therapy; and complementary approaches. Symptom management

tends to include a variety of medications. The Mayo Clinic says doctors will recommend pain relievers such as acetaminophen, ibuprofen and naproxen sodium, which are available over-the-counter. Opioid pain relievers usually are not recommended because of side effects and risk of dependence.

Antidepressants are the most frequently used and best studied drugs for the treatment of fibromyalgia, indicates Johns Hopkins. They are effective in treating pain, sleep disturbances, fatigue, and depression. Anti-seizure drugs often are useful to reduce certain types of pain.

In addition to medications, complementary approaches include physical therapy, acupressure, massage, acupuncture, hypnosis, osteopathic manipulation, and other techniques. Cognitive behavior therapy also may help those with fibromyalgia manage their condition by applying relaxation therapy and cognitive pain management, among other techniques.

Speaking with a mental health counselor also can give individuals additional tools for dealing with painful and stressful situations that arise due to fibromyalgia.

Fibromyalgia affects many people, notably women. There is no cure, but various treatments can relieve pain and assist with other symptoms.



Understanding cataracts

Individuals' bodies, including their eyes, change with age. Vision can become less sharp as a person ages. Some aging individuals also experience difficulty seeing in bright light or in the evening. Cataracts may be to blame for these vision changes.

The National Eye Institute estimates that, by 2050, the number of people in the United States with cataracts is expected to reach roughly 50 million. Those projections suggest now is a great time for people of all ages to learn more about cataracts.

What causes cataracts?

The American Academy of Ophthalmology says normal changes in the eye occur after turning 40. Notably, normal proteins in the lens — the clear portion of the eye that sits behind the pupil — begin to break down, leading to a gradual cloudiness of the lens. Most cataracts are related to aging. However, babies, children and middle-aged adults also can experience cataracts from birth or related to specific medical conditions, offers Johns Hopkins Medicine. An injury to the eye also may cause cataracts.

Symptoms of cataracts

Individuals with cataracts may begin to experience diminished vision. Harvard Medical School says cataracts typically do not cause any symptoms until they have grown large enough to affect vision. Afterwards, symptoms can include:

- Double vision
- Cloudy or blurry vision
- Seeing halos around lights
- Increased glare sensitivity
- Colors appearing faded or yellow
- Requiring more light

to read

- Difficulty seeing well at night

Cataract development

Cataracts tend to form gradually. A cataract may be in one eye or both. It may be possible to slow down the development of cataracts by protecting the eyes from sunlight. Wearing sunglasses that filter out UV rays or regular eyeglasses with anti-UV coating can help. Proper treatment for diabetes and quitting smoking can help reduce risk of cataract development as well.

Cataract diagnosis and treatment

An eye doctor will examine dilated eyes to diagnose cataracts. A slit-lamp microscope can make it easier to spot abnormalities, states the AOA.

The eye professional will consider age and the severity of cataracts to determine a treatment strategy. Early loss of vision due to cataracts may be mitigated by stronger lighting or a change in eyeglasses or contact lens prescription.

Johns Hopkins says cataract surgery is one of the most common eye surgeries. It is safe and effective. An ophthalmologist will remove the cloudy lens and replace it with an artificial, clear lens. If cataracts are present in both eyes, each surgery will be performed separately. A possible complication of cataract surgery is when a part of the natural lens that is not taken out during surgery becomes cloudy and blurs eyesight. This can be remedied with a laser treatment.

Cataracts are a common byproduct of aging, but they can be successfully managed to improve eyesight outcomes.



The many health benefits of dairy

Many people recall the slogan "Milk, it does a body good." But as different health fads have emerged since that slogan was first uttered, including an increased availability of dairy alternatives, dairy has been somewhat pushed aside, leaving many people to question if it is a friend or foe.

According to Vasanti Malik, a nutrition research scientist with the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, dairy isn't necessary for maintaining optimal health for humans. However, it is one of the best and easiest ways to get ample amounts of vitamin D, protein and calcium, each of which keeps vital organs, muscles and bones functioning properly. Here's a deeper look at dairy in the average diet.

What is dairy?

Dairy products consist of a variety of products that are from mammals, including cows, goats and sheep. These include milk, yogurt, cheese, kefir, ice cream, butter, ghee, cream, cream cheese, sour cream, whey products, and casein. Dairy products are often categorized as "regular," "whole," "reduced fat," "low-fat," or "skim." These characterizations indicate the fat content in a given item.

Nutritional benefits of dairy

Dairy products are nutrient-dense and great sources of protein, calcium and vitamins. Protein builds and repairs muscle tissue; carbohydrates in milk provide energy; and calcium and phosphorus can help strengthen bones and teeth. Vitamin D helps promote the absorption of calcium. Dairy also contains riboflavin, vitamin A, pantothenic acid, potassium and niacin. One eight-ounce serving of milk contains the recommended daily values of these nutrients based on guidelines from the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

Bone health

Dairy protein and calcium may play critical roles in bone health and density, helping to reduce the risk for osteoporosis, states the Dairy Alliance. Eating and drinking foods rich in calcium may offset a possible protein-calcium loss that occurs with aging, thus protecting bone health.

Heart health benefits

Some people avoid dairy because of perceptions that it is bad for cardiac health. A report presented at the 2018 Congress of the European Society of Cardiology that looked at 20 studies involving around 25,000 people found no association between the consumption of most dairy products (including whole fat varieties) and cardiovascular disease. The only exception was milk, but the results showed one would have to drink almost a liter of milk a day for a higher risk of cardiovascular disease. Still, the American Heart Association recommends adults choose fat-free or low-fat dairy products whenever possible. Also, a 2018 study published in the British Journal of Nutrition found men who ate plenty of fermented dairy products like yogurt and cheese had a smaller risk of coronary artery disease than men who ate less.

Additional benefits of dairy include a reduced risk of childhood obesity and an improvement in body composition and weight loss during energy restriction in adults, according to a 2016 report in the Journal of Food and Nutrition Research.

Dairy provides many health benefits. People concerned about their overall health should work recommended dairy servings into their daily diets.

5 ways to pamper yourself more often

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many people scrambling for ways to unwind without risking their health or the health of others. Opportunities to let loose and have fun have been stymied by the cancellation of concerts, theater shows, sporting events, family holidays, and so much more in the name of public safety. Individuals can look to coping strategies to find silver linings. Pampering oneself can be a healthy and enjoyable endeavor to explore.

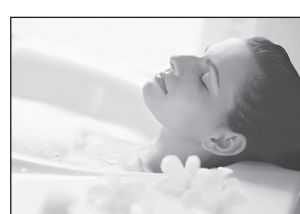
Pampering means different things to different people. Pampering involves indulging in self-care strategies to improve mental, physical and emotional health. Pampering can provide a respite from stress, enabling one to switch off his or her brain for a bit. Rest assured that pampering doesn't have to involve big expenses, and many pampering sessions can take place right at home. The following are five pampering ideas to explore.

1. Take a nap

Getting enough restful sleep is essential for your overall health. The Sleep Foundation says people who work multiple jobs or for extended hours may not have enough time for sufficient sleep, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates one in three American adults do not get enough sleep. Getting seven or more hours of sleep per night is important, but you also can add to your sleep bank by taking short naps in the early afternoon. A nap can reduce stress and elevate the mood. Stick to a snooze of 30 minutes or less.

2. Indulge in a luxurious practical item

Instead of splurging on something that is whimsical



or unnecessary, allocate some disposable dollars to something functional — but put a luxurious spin on it. Think of buying a set of silk bedsheets or indulge on a high-end cut of meat for a family dinner. You'll feel rewarded without feeling guilty that you were wasteful.

3. Schedule a salon service

Hair, nail or skin services enable you to get away from home for an hour or more and devote time all to yourself. Plus, you'll have the benefit of walking out of the salon looking like the best version of yourself.

4. Take a hot bath

People may be pressed for time when engaging in their daily beauty and grooming routines. A 10-minute shower before work might not provide the relaxation and sense of escape you need. Set aside a time in the evening to soak in the tub and let stress as well as aches and pains melt away in the water. Scent the water with essential oils for a relaxing aromatherapy session.

5. Find a simple pleasure

Display fresh flowers on the table, listen to some favorite music while cleaning the house or plan a homemade meal for yourself accompanied by a fine wine. Planning for a simple pleasure once or twice a week gives you something to look forward to.

Pampering comes in many shapes and forms and is an effective way to reduce stress.

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You can be pitiful or powerful

Do you want to be happy—I mean, really happy? I believe that deep down we all want to be happy and enjoy our lives. We can spend a lot of time and energy trying to do things that will make us happy, but our own efforts will never truly satisfy us. That's because God doesn't want our minds to be on ourselves all the time. He wants us to look past the things that are happening in our own lives and reach out to others and bless them. Because when our focus is on ourselves, we usually end

up feeling sorry for ourselves and get caught up in self-pity.

I used to have a real problem with self-pity. I felt sorry for myself because I'd been abused by my dad, and sometimes I felt sorry for myself when my husband, Dave, would go out and play golf while I stayed home with our kids. I wasted so many days having pity parties for all types of reasons.

In the first few years of our marriage, Dave tried to keep me happy, while I carried on with a bad attitude. But one day he finally told me, "You

know what? I'm not spending my life trying to make you happy. You can get happy or not get happy, but I'm going to be happy. I'm not going to feel sorry for you because it won't help you." And you know, even though it was really hard to hear at the time, it was the best thing he could have said to me. Because when you struggle with self-pity, if other people feel sorry for you it just feeds the problem.

Now that doesn't mean we can never be sad. But we need to understand that if we hang on to our pain for too long, it can become self-pity, and we can become addicted to it. The good news is God gives us the tools to work through our feelings in a healthy way and not let them control us.

When God was dealing with me about having a pitiful attitude, He brought me to Galatians 5:19-21 (AMP), which gives a list of things the Bible calls sin. It says, "Now the practices of the sinful nature are clearly evident: they are sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality (total irresponsibility, lack of self-control), idolatry, sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions [that promote heresies], envy, drunkenness, riotous behavior, and other things like these."

As I was studying those scriptures, I got an eye-opening revelation: Self-pity is idolatry. When we feel sorry for ourselves, we turn inward and idolize ourselves...essentially



everything becomes about "me." People who are focused on themselves never see what they can and should be doing for other people.

We should have compassion for other people who are hurting. In the Bible, there are times when Jesus was moved with compassion, and then He would go and help people. If we have compassion toward others and keep our mind off of ourselves, we will be much happier. We will also trust God to meet our needs and bring justice in our lives when we are hurting or mistreated, rather than getting into self-pity.

The Bible says in Hebrews 11:6 (AMP), "But without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him." That means God rewards those who are faithful and who wait on Him. If you've been hurt and you have put your trust and confidence in

God as you seek Him, you have a reward coming!

I want to encourage you to keep a notebook of your blessings, the special little things that God does for you, prayers that He answers. And when you're tempted to have a pity party, read that book and have a talk with yourself.

King David talked to himself when he started to feel depressed. He said, "Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become restless and disturbed within me? Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence" (Psalm 42:5 AMP).

I am so thankful that God is working in my life, taking what has happened to me and using it to help other people. The best treatment in the world for sadness and self-pity is to help somebody else. That's when we get our minds off of our own problems and trust God to help us and do what's best for us.

No matter what happens, be determined—with God's help—to keep a good atti-

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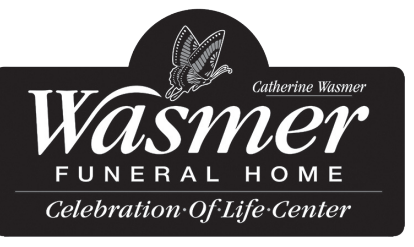
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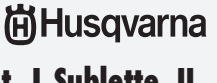
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