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ONE DOLLAR, 25 CENTS



Colored flags in Mendota yards are marking utility line locations in preparation for the installation of fiber optic broadband internet lines.

Fiber optic internet lines to be installed in Mendota

By KIP CHEEK Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council handled several items of business at its May 2 regular meeting.

Mayor David Boelk said that some Mendota residents have probably noticed small colored utility flags stuck in their yards. Boelk said the flags are marking off where utility lines are located, as the installation of fiber optic broadband internet lines will begin soon. Surf Broadband Solutions will be installing the lines to offer its services to the community.

The mayor said the installation process could take six to nine months, and he added that residents should not call the city clerk's office asking about the flags in their yards.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

During Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick's report, the council approved the employment of Nate Kim as the chief operator of the city's waste water treatment plant.

Alderman John Holland presented an ordinance amending the annual wage ordinance to reflect the hiring of Kim, which was approved by the council.

Alderman Jay Miller presented several items for the council's consideration. The council approved a resolution providing for review of decision of local commissioner on the record. It also approved an ordinance amending chapter 110 of the Municipal Code (alcoholic beverage), which sets forth in much more detail the powers of the mayor as the liquor commissioner.

Alderman Mark Peasley commended city employees Tim Kimrey and Nick Stremlau for taking care of a street light issue.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m.

From softball to soldier

☐ Mendota's Klema turns in softball uniform for military fatigues

By BRANDON LACHANCE Staff writer

MENDOTA – While Rylee Klema attended Mendota High School she knew there were two things she planned to do with her life after graduation in May 2018.

She wanted to continue playing softball in college and she wanted to enlist in the Army and be a part of the ROTC program.

Klema accomplished both as she joined the program and the softball team at Rockford University.

Fast forward to April 24, 2022 and she was the starting pitcher for the second game of a Senior Night double-header

On April 28, she left Illinois to begin her deployment with the Army.

"It went by so fast. Honestly, I remember being a freshman on the softball field and the next thing you know it's Senior Night," Klema said. "I don't know where the time went. I remember Senior Night in high school like it was yesterday. And then four years later I'm doing it again. That's crazy."

In Game 1 of the Senior Night doubleheader, Rockford University defeated Lakeland University, 3-2.

Klema was hoping to leave the Sunday night action with another win, but Lakeland's bats came alive and defeated Rockford, 12-5.

In the loss, Klema had eight hits, six runs – five earned – no walks, and no strikeouts in four innings.

"This season I've been struggling with a lot of



Rylee Klema delivers a pitch for the Rockford University softball team. She has swapped her uniform for military fatigues.

shoulder problems. It actually started last season and they've just been getting worse," said Klema, who hit and pitched at MHS but only took to the circle after her freshman year at RU. "Going into Senior Night and our last home game, I just wanted to be able to do the best I knew I was able to do even with the shoulder problems. I was kind of fighting through those during the game, but I wanted to be able to play one more home game.

"I wanted to play well in front of my dad (Larry Klema) because it was only the second game he got to see this season. Emotions were high. It wasn't easy going through the game knowing that I have done better and that this was the best I have right now.

"I'm happy I got to finish with the group I was with. They made it all the better. I knew I had a great team to back me up in the circle. I had a lot of people come out and watch me, which was awesome that they made the drive. It was nice being able to have one last home game with everyone that was there. I invited quite a few people. The people I wanted to see during that game. Everyone showed up and I couldn't have been happier. Seeing everyone after the game and all of the support, it was really great."

Rockford University played four away games before she left. She pitched in two of them as she struck out four and only allowed four hits and one earned run in a 6-1 victory over Dominican University on April 26 and she suffered a 2-1 loss to Concordia University Wisconsin on April 27 after giving up six hits and two earned runs.

Klema ended her season with a 5-10 record. Her deployment forced her to miss the last four games of the regular season and the

Now it's time to represent the red, white, and blue.

"I will do some training for the first month and then we're going to head over-

See Klema, Page A5

Legislation adopted aimed at easing state's teacher shortage

☐ Statewide vacancy rate was 1.5% in 2021, according to ISBE

By PETER HANCOCK Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov.
JB Pritzker signed a package
of bills recently aimed at

of bills recently aimed at easing the state's shortage of teachers and other education professionals, even as a new report shows Illinois just added a record number of new teachers to its ranks.

Speaking in the library of Springfield High School just blocks from the Capitol, Pritzker said that while the education workforce picture is improving, more work still needs to be done.

"In Illinois, schools still have more than 2,100 unfilled teaching positions statewide," he said. "That includes 15 unfilled teaching slots here in Springfield and 64 in Decatur, with similar need for paraprofessional



positions. With new tools though, and new funding at their disposal, districts all across the state are working to find new ways to bring people into this profession and to encourage them to stay there."

Pritzker signed four bills, including House Bill 4246,

which lowers the cost of renewing a lapsed educator license to \$50 instead of \$500; House Bill 4798, allowing currently enrolled teaching students with at least 90 credit hours to be li-

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State offers \$309 million assistance program for Illinois homeowners

☐ Homeowners impacted by pandemic encouraged to apply

CHICAGO – Governor JB Pritzker joined leaders from the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) to highlight the opening of the Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF), which provides up to \$30,000 for homeowners who have fallen behind on their monthly housing payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This free assistance fund will provide \$309 million in total to cover a multitude of housing costs including past due mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance, and delinquent homeowner and/or condo association fees.

Homeowners can find more information on program eligibility and begin an application atwww.illinoishousinghelp.org. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. More than 4,000 homeowners seeking assistance have already applied.

"More than 5,000 homeowners struggling to make ends meet have applied for assistance, and I want Illinoisans to know there is still mortgage assistance available

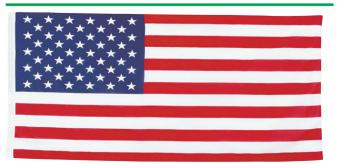


for several thousand more," said Pritzker. "A good life, a good job, the ability for kids to focus in their classrooms — it all starts with having a roof over your head. And we know that especially for families of color, maintaining home ownership can be a way to a better path for you so build up personal assets and open up more doors for your children. It's crucial that we protect family stability from getting washed away by the pandemic."

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LaMoille planning Paws in the Park & playground opening

LaMOILLE-Paws in the Park and a grand opening of the playground will be held Saturday, May 14 at LaMoille Park. Registration is at 8:45 a.m. and the start time

Bring your furry friend for puppy-friendly activities. There is no charge to participate. You are asked to leash all dogs and ensure vaccinations are up to date.

Judging categories include youngest dog, oldest dog, largest dog, tiniest dog, best trick, best costume and owner look-alike.

Pet-friendly activities include pooch pie eating, musical chairs and agility/ obstacle course.

The barkery (bake sale) will be open with dog treats and human refreshments available for sale. Following the dog event,

at approximately 10 a.m., a

community ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held to celebrate the grand opening of the playground. All families are welcome to come play.



Blackstone Pizza Lunch

The April Principal Award Pizza Lunch was held on April 29 at Blackstone School in Mendota. Students invited to the lunch, front row, left to right, are Cameron Saunders, Aisaiah Arteaga, Ximena Rojo, Jackson Perryman, Liam Olsen. Middle row, Kale Smith, Killian Sebby, Camila Flores, Valeria Gomez, Natalia Ocampo. Back row, Lillian Hansen, Jessica Rivera, Brynlee Carden, Ajla Bugiyne, Manuel Aburto, Delilah Hermosillo, Gracie Jomant. (Photo contributed)

Chamber accepting reservations for Sweet Corn craft show

MENDOTA – The very popular Crafters Market Place and Flea Market will again be featured at Mendota's 75th Annual Sweet Corn Festival. The dates have been set for Aug. 13-14.

Artists, craftsmen and flea market dealers from around the Midwest are expected to fill the 200 spaces at this year's event. Reserved spaces for the show are available and applications are being accepted.

Anyone wishing a space must reserve it in advance by calling, e-mailing or writing the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce office, phone (815) 539-6507, bbiers@ mendotachamber.com, P.O. Box 620, Mendota, IL 61342.

Spaces are approximately 10' by 10' and are \$80 for the weekend. Sending in your application and check will reserve your space. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. There are also one-day spaces available for Saturday only at \$40 per space.

The event will be held in Veterans' Park on Rt. 34 and in the Mendota Elks Club Parking Lot on Indiana Avenue as well as on the adjacent Jefferson Street. The two show areas are about 1/2 block apart and are in downtown Mendota, right in the heart of all the Sweet Corn Festival activities.

Dealers are asked to provide their own props for display, and no food will be served in the craft and flea

The Mendota Chamber also has Street Booth Space for the three and a half days of the Fest for food, merchandise, commercial vendors, etc. These spaces are on the midways, beginning at \$200 for a 10-foot frontage for the duration.

This year marks the 75th Annual Sweet Corn Festival held in Mendota. The midway will open Thursday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. and the festival will continue through Sunday evening Aug. 14. A detailed calendar of events can be found at www.sweetcornfestival. com. The Sweet Corn Festival is one of the largest harvest festivals in the state and attracts over 55,000 people. It peaks on Sunday with the serving of tons of FREE hot buttered sweet corn.

The Chamber also has 50/50 tickets on sale at the Mendota Chamber Office or they can be purchased online.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

☐ Congratulations to Mrs. Quintana's kindergarten students. They reached their Trimester 3 Paw Pride goal this past week for great behavior. They will be invited to the Dance Party at the end of the school year.

☐ The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Quincy Ryan, Jax Topolewski, Lauren Wujek, Nancy Martinez, Isabel Reyes, Mia Phillips, Gulianna Salinas and Cason Jordan. The winners were Killian Sebby, Camila Flores, Delilah Hermosillo and Gracie Jomant. Congratulations to all of you!

☐ The April principal award pizza lunch was held on Friday, April 29. The students invited to the lunch were Cameron Saunders, Aisaiah Arteaga, Ximena Rojo, Jackson Perryman, Liam Olsen, Kale Smith, Killian Sebby, Camila Flores, Valeria Gomez, Natalia Ocampo, Lillian Hansen, Jessica Rivera, Brynlee Carden, Ajla Bugiyne, Manuel Aburto, Delilah Hermosillo and Gracie Jomant. A picture of these students is in this week's Mendota Reporter.

☐ Parents, don't forget that online registration is now taking place for the 2022-2023 school year. Students currently in K-7th grade should be registered as soon as possible. If you have any questions or trouble with the registration process, please contact our office for assistance.

☐ If you have an incoming kindergarten student for the 2022-2023 school year, mark your calendar for a night you don't want to miss. We will have a Kindergarten Registration Night on Wednesday, May 11 from 5:30-6:30. This will be a time for parents to return completed registration paperwork, turn in birth certificates and proof of residency, turn in any completed medical forms, meet staff and take a walk throughout the halls of Blackstone School. If you have a child coming, but you haven't picked up a registration packet, please call our office to pick one up before May 11.

Rotary presents scholarships to Mendota High School seniors

MENDOTA-Rotary Club president-elect Alisa Stewart presented a check in the amount of \$500 for the Four-Way Test Award scholarship at the Mendota High School Awards Assembly on May 3. The money is to be used for educational expenses.

This year's winners were Faith Anderson, daughter of Mike and Kara Anderson; Logan Brandner, son of Dave and Dorothy Brandner; Aliza Salinas-Cervantes, daughter of Eric and Gracie Cervantes; and Maya Martin, daughter

of Jason and Lisa Martin. The Four-Way Test of

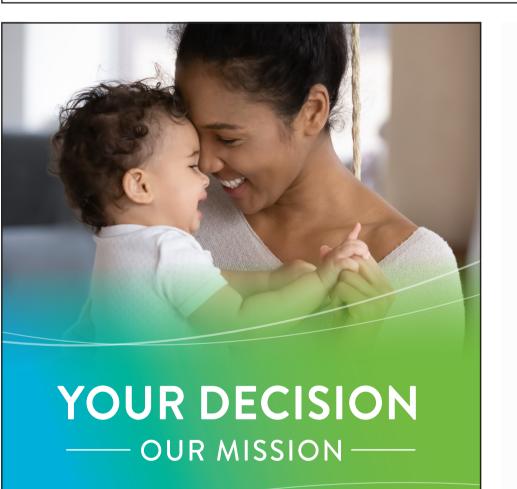
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• Is it FAIR to all concerned?

· Will it build GOOD-WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

• Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Rotary Club of Mendota extends appreciation to the businesses who displayed its scholarship donation jars and to those who donated.



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Hepatitis A vaccine

• Two doses around 12 and 18 months of age will help prevent liver disease.

HPV vaccine

• Two doses around age 11 or 12 – for both girls and boys – will help prevent more than 90% of HPV-related cancers later in life.

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Historic photos from Illinois State Archives now accessible online

SPRINGFIELD-Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that the Illinois State Archives has placed more than 21,000 historic photographs from the Eddie Winfred "Doc" Helm Photo Collection online. The photos are from the 1940s to

"Doc Helm served as the state photographer from 1941 to 1992 and he took photos of historic and dayto-day events at the state Capitol in Springfield and throughout the state," said White. "However, because the Archives only had the negatives of these photos, the collection has rarely been seen. This new online collection will change that."

White, who serves as the State Archivist and the State Librarian, said the Illinois State Archives received a \$60,000 grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) in 2020 to scan the photographs, create a finding aid for them and place them online for public use. The photos are now on the Illinois Digital Archives website that is operated by the State Library.

The grant funded the purchase of a scanner and the salaries of contractual workers, most of whom were masters-level students from the University of Illinois-Springfield History Department.



Then-senator Joe Biden on a trip to Illinois in the 1970s. This is one of thousands of historic photos available for viewing on the Illinois State Archives website.

Included in the photographs are pictures of at least six U. S. presidents on visits to Springfield (Presidents Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter and Joe Biden, who at the time was a U.S. Senator), as well as Illinois politicians and government officials. There are also photographs of the state fair, local parades, state institutions and visitors to the state Capitol, including school groups, fraternal organizations and celebrities.

White noted that one benefit of the grant was the Archives' staff learning all that the collection contained. For example, when the grant began, Archives' staff estimated that there were 21,000 negatives in the collection; however, the collection contains more than 40,000 negatives, almost twice the size of the original estimate.

The funding for the project came from the NHPRC's Access to Historical Records

Grant, which promotes access to records that highlight a better understanding of our state's or country's democracy, history and culture.

The collection is available on the Illinois Digital Archives website athttp://www. idaillinois.org/digital/collection/DocHelm/search/. The photos are searchable in several ways and are available for download free of charge. If there is a need for better quality scans for a publication, please call (217) 782-4866.

sponsorship packages are also available. Registration

is suggested by June 3.

Registration after the deadline will be accepted if space is available. For more information, contact the Bureau County Farm Bureau, (815) 875-6468.

Tractor Trek in Bureau Co. to benefit ag in classroom

PRINCETON – The Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation is putting the final touches on plans for its 10th annual Tractor Trek. The Tractor Trek will be held on Saturday, June 11, rain or shine! This year the event will be leaving from Bureau Valley High School in Manlius for the 54-mile ride through the northwestern portion of Bureau County.

Participants will have the opportunity to share the exciting event with other antique tractor enthusiasts as they travel through a portion of Bureau County. Pre-registration is required by completing a registration form by June 3. There is a registration fee of \$50.

Refreshments, lunch, and a fun-filled experience will be provided. The deadline to register is soon, space is limited. If you would like more information, you may contact the Bureau County Farm Bureau at (815) 875-6468.

All proceeds will benefit the Bureau County Farm Bureau Foundation, Ag in the Classroom Program.

LaSalle Library hosting authors

LaSALLE - LaSalle Public Library, in partnership with Illinois Libraries, will virtually host bestselling author and musician, Michelle Zauner, in conversation with Jessica Hopper, Chicago-based music critic and author, on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. Zauner will discuss her

memoir, "Crying in H Mart," and her music career. Zauner's memoir about growing up Korean American, losing her mother, and forging her own identity, was a New York Times notable book of the year. As a Grammy-nominated musician, she has won acclaim from major music outlets around the world. She is best known as a singer and guitarist who creates dreamy, shoegaze-inspired indie pop under the name Japanese Breakfast. Her releases include Psychopomp, Soft Sounds from Another Planet, and Jubilee.

In a career spanning more than 20 years, Hopper has earned acclaim as a provocative music journalist. She has written for GQ, Rolling Stone, The New York Times Magazine, The Guardian, Elle, and more. She was formerly the editorial director at MTV News, and an editor at Pitchfork. Hopper is the author of several books including The Girls Guide To Rocking, named a Notable Book for Young Readers by the American Library Association.

The program is free and open to the public, and made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration of public libraries. Illinois Libraries Present is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology

Register under "LaSalle Public Library" at https://bit. ly/May18_MichelleZauner.

Area Farm Bureaus planning golf outing from the tournament will and Lee counties. So, support this event, several

PRINCETON - Bureau and Lee County Farm Bureaus will be hosting their 13th Annual Golf Outing for supporters of Ag in the Classroom. The outing will be held on Thursday, June 23 at Spring Creek Golf Course in Spring Valley. The tournament will be a shot-gun start, four-person scramble. Tee time is 9 a.m. and lunch (provided by COUNTRY Financial) will be served for all teams during the event. Proceeds

benefit the Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom programs.

Today's youth are two and three generations removed from the farm. That's why it is so important to bring agriculture awareness to local students. Supporting the Ag in the Classroom program helps to provide free agriculture materials, presentations and resources to local teachers and classrooms in Bureau

whether you consider yourself "good on the green" or just want to have a fun day out, this is the tournament for you.

Polish up your clubs and support a good cause. Team fees are \$250 for Basic Registration, \$275 for Super Registration and \$300 for Premium Registration. Registration includes 18-holes of golf, ½ cart and lunch. If you are not a golfer, but would like to

Mendota Weather **Seven Day Forecast In-Depth Forecast Regional Cities**

High: 61 Low: 45

Thursday Few Showers High: 60 Low: 50

Wednesday

Partly Cloudy



Friday Showers Likely



High: 59 Low: 46 Saturday



High: 64 Low: 50 Sunday Mostly Cloudy

High: 72 Low: 65



Monday Mostly Cloudy High: 73 Low: 66



Tuesday
Few Showers High: 72 Low: 67

Local UV Index



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

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Weather Trivia What are the two

types

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weather satellites?

orbiting. Answer: Geo-stationary and polar

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Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 61° humidity of 57%. Northeast wind 11 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 85° set in 1969. Expec mostly cloudy skies Wednesday nigh with a 30% chance of showers overnight low of 45°. East northeas wind 10 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 29° set in 2005.

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Aurora	58/41	mc	60/49	sh
Champaign	64/51	mc	66/54	sh
Chicago	52/43	mc	55/48	sh
Freeport	61/42	pc	56/46	sh
Joliet	59/42	mc	62/51	sh
Moline	64/48	pc	59/50	sh
Peoria	64/51	mc	63/52	sh
Rockford	61/40	pc	58/47	sh
Springfield	64/54	mc	67/54	sh

		L	ast Weel	k's Loc	cal Almanac
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Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	<u>Day</u>	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset		
First 🕞	Wednesday	5:49 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	8:02 a.m.	Next Day	(a)	Last
5/8 💝	Thursday	5:48 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	8:48 a.m.	12:03 a.m.	(F)	5/22
	Friday	5:47 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	9:42 a.m.	12:53 a.m.		
	Saturday	5:45 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	10:41 a.m.	1:36 a.m.		
Full Sys	Sunday	5:44 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	11:43 a.m.	2:13 a.m.		New
5/16	Monday	5:43 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	12:48 p.m.	2:44 a.m.		5/30

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers, highest temperature of 79 in Leonardtown, Md. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 90 in Hinesville, Ga. The central United States will see mostly cloudy skies with scattered

5:42 a.m. 8:04 p.m. 1:54 p.m. 3:11 a.m.

showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 95 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered rain, highest temperature of 79 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 97 in La Quinta, Calif.

Weather History

May 4, 1977 - A tornado 500 yards in width struck Pleasant Hill, Mo. severely damaging the high school and grade school. Only minor injuries were reported among the more than 1,000 teachers and students, due to excellent warnings and prior tornado drills.

May 5, 1989 - Thunderstorms swept across Georgia and the Carolinas during the late afternoon and evening hours, spawning 17 tornadoes. A tornado at Toccoa, Ga. injured 15 people. A tornado at Chesnee, S.C. killed two and injured

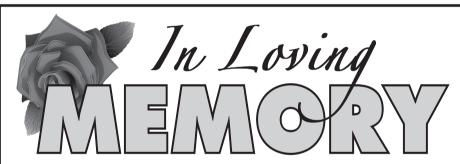
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On Memorial Day, we remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us. Our time to remember will be published Wednesday, May 25th, devoted to those who are gone, but not forgotten.

JANE DOE You were a light in our life forever in our h	MAY 1, 1950 - APRIL 23, 2012 life that burns
forever in our h	earts.

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

- We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
- May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.

you until we meet again.

- Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand 3. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with
- The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
- May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
- May God's grace shine over you for all time. 10. May the Lord bless you with His grace and warm, loving heart.

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

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

Please use Verse #	$_$ I have included my own Verse (write below)
Date of Birth:	Date of Passing:
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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Marcus E. Schmidt 🔙

WICHITA, Kan. - Marcus E. Schmidt, 75, of Wichita, Kan., dedicated and loving husband and father, retired Veterans Administration Prosthetics Chief, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022.

Private family services were held.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Schmidt of Wichita, Kan.; sons, Peter L. Schmidt of Wichita, Dwight (Irene) Brandt of Cresthill, and Eric (Jenny) Schmidt of Lamar, Ind.; and four

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Edith Schmidt.

Marcus graduated from Mendota High School in 1964. He served in the military and in 1967 received a severe gunshot wound to the head, earning him the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service.

The family wishes you make donations to a charity of your choice in his memory.

Downing and Lahey Mortuary - West Chapel, Wichita, Kan., handled arrangements.

Donna Swanson

OHIO – Donna Swanson 86, of Ohio, Ill., passed away April 28, 2022 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center of Peoria.

Visitation will take place from 2-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Garland Funeral Home of Walnut. The funeral service will take place at 3:30 p.m. following the visitation at the funeral home. Burial will be at Union Cemetery in Ohio.

She was born on May 30, 1935 in

Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of John and Dorothy (Walwer) Walker. She married Charles Swanson on March 26, 1960, in Ohio.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Swanson of Ohio; two sons, Jim (Diana) Kinnamon of Dwight and Robert (Linda) Swanson of Mendota; one sister, Pat (Elmer) Barkman of Florida; three grandchildren, Angela (Roy) Rodrick of Dwight, Erika Kinnamon of Streator and Brandon (Ashley) Swanson of Peru; five great-grandchildren and one more on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Chuck

Swanson; one brother, John Walker Jr.; and one sister, Sandy In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the

Ohio, Ill. Fire Department and Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago.

Earlville Cruise Night promises fun for the whole family May 14 EARLVILLE – It's time

for all special interest cars. trucks, or motorcycles to take the annual cruise through downtown Earlville during the Earlville Cruise Night at 5:30 p.m., Saturday May 14.

The non-profit event benefiting the Earlville Business Association and its scholarships, which featured 300 vehicles in recent years, is planned for everyone to have a fun, exciting night full of attractions, prizes, and rewards.

There will be a DJ, park, food, and a playground for

A 50/50 raffle will be drawn, and participant door prizes will be awarded.

Dash plaques and goody bags will be received by the first 200 vehicles. A free professional photograph will be randomly selected to 25

Event T-shirts and hats will be available for purchase.

Registration is \$5 and will include a free NSRA safety inspection.

For additional information, contact Kevin Zollars at (815) 246-9545 or Ken Zink at (815) 739-9431.

Ottawa Concert Association hosting Broadway stars

OTTAWA – Broadway stars Josh Young and Emily Padgett will bring an inspiring collection of Broadway favorites to Ottawa, performing for the Ottawa Concert Association as a highlight of the 2021-2022

Young & Padgett will perform on Sunday, May 15 at Central Intermediate School, 711 E. McKinley Road, Ottawa, at 7 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to see these dynamic veteran performers.

If you are already a member, you are in for a phenomenal show featuring Broadway classics and contemporary favorites. Accompanied by piano, this husband and wife power couple will perform solos and duets ranging from Phantom of the Opera to Oklahoma, West Side Story to Les Miserables, and Cats to Guys & Dolls.

Young is a Tony nominated performer best known for portraying Judas in the revival of Jesus Christ Superstar. He starred in West Side Story and Les Miserable on national tours. Padgett is an actress, singer and dancer, Broadway veteran, known for performances in Side Show, Rock of Ages, and originating the role of Lucy Grant in Martin & Brickell's Bright Star. Together on stage the charismatic connection of this couple provides an intimate evening of Broadway brought to Ottawa.

Ticket information can be obtained by calling 815-228-6474.



Broadway stars Josh Young and Emily Padgett

LaSalle Co. Genealogy Guild plans May 21 meeting

OTTAWA – The monthly meeting of the LaSalle County Genealogy Guild will be Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. at the Guild headquarters, 115 W. Glover St., Ottawa.

The guest speaker will be Jacquie Schattner who will tell speak about Emigration & Immigration "crossing the pond is easier than you think."

She will explain how to find stories, birth, marriage and death announcements, including children whose births or deaths occurred between censuses. Directories provide occupations, place of birth, deaths and family relationships.

Schattner has been actively researching her family's ancestors since 1996 and also volunteered at the Family History Center in Schaumburg for 15 years. She teaches beginning genealogy at area libraries and is active in several genealogy societies.

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

Sublette's Vaessen awarded IAA Foundation scholarship

BLOOMINGTON — Students can count on support of scholarships for college tuition during the 2022-2023 school year, courtesy of the IAA Foundation.

The charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation is awarding \$138,000 to 77 students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields. Students are selected based on their academic achievements, leadership involvement,

professional career goals and overall commitment to success.

"It is a privilege to invest in students who represent a strong and vibrant future and will contribute significantly to agriculture," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation.

Margaret Vaessen, Sublette, was one of this year's recipients and was awarded a Collegiate Farm Bureau Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. A full listing of recipients can be found at www.iaafoundation.org.

Annually, the Illinois Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus combine to award more than \$1,000,000 in scholarship support.

"We work to expand our scholarship program each year to support more students as they pursue careers in agriculture," Smith said. "Through generous farm gifts and contributions from

individuals, farm families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, and others who support our industry, we continue to see diversification growth in our program."

For more information on the IAA Foundation scholarship program, how to establish a scholarship, or to donate to a scholarship fund, visit the IAA Foundation's website at www. iaafoundation.org or call 309-557-2232.

LaSalle Library presenting program on Britain's hidden treasures May 17

LaSALLE - The LaSalle Public Library will be hosting Claire Evans for a unique virtual program about Britain's hidden treasures on Tuesday, May 17, at 6 p.m.

During a walk in his fam-

ily's farm during pandemic lockdowns in 2020, a man noticed unusual pottery shards that ultimately led to the excavation of one of the largest, best preserved Roman villa mosaic floors

ever found in Europe. Jackpot historical finds aren't uncommon in Britain thanks to its rich history – Viking hordes, Bronze Age villages, and even King Richard III buried under a grocery store

parking lot. Claire will take the audience on a tour of the country's most interesting archeological finds. The event is free and

open to the public. Register at https://bit.ly/3MqR5Dw.



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Homeowners

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"Housing is a right, not a privilege. Illinois was among the first in the nation to aid families struggling to hold on to this right during a housing crisis exacerbated by the pandemic," said Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton. "This program continues our focus on providing resources where needed and putting families first."

Administered by the IHDA, the ILHAF program was developed by the state of Illinois to assist homeowners facing mortgage delinquency, default, or foreclosure so they can remain in their homes while regaining their financial footing. To qualify, homeowners must have experienced a financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on or after Jan. 21, 2020. They must also currently own and occupy their Illinois home as their primary residence, be at least 30 days behind on housing expenses, and have a household income at or below 150% of the Area Median Income. Homeowners in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the health and economic effects of the pandemic will be prioritized in the distribution of assistance. "We know that families

across Illinois are still facing financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we want everyone to know that housing help is here," said IHDA Executive Director Kristin Faust. "If you are behind on your mortgage, don't wait to act. If approved, the assistance is provided as a grant, which does not need to be repaid, so we encourage all struggling homeowners to apply for this grant today.' To assist homeowners fac-

ing language or technological barriers, IHDA has partnered with more than 35 non-profit housing counseling agencies, community-based organizations, and legal aid groups across Illinois to help. This technical assistance is free and available in more than 37 languages, including American Sign Language. A list of these agencies offering assistance can be found online at www.illinoishousinghelp. org or call 866-454-3571 to connect with a ILHAF program partner. In order to be approved,

homeowners must have consulted with a HUD-certified housing counselor or spoke to their mortgage servicer about their mitigation options beginning January 1, 2022. A certificate from a HUD-certified housing counselor or a letter from a mortgage servicer detailing efforts to resolve the delinquency is required for review. IHDA encourages homeowners to still apply even if their session has not been completed, they are able to submit their certificate and/or letter even after applying.

When applying, homeowners should also have the following documentation

• Proof of identification, including but not limited to a driver's license, state ID, permanent residency card or other form of ID.

· Proof of household income, including but not limited to tax returns, pay stubs, or other documentation.

 Proof of occupancy, including but not limited to a bank statement, cell phone bill, credit/debit card statement, or other documentation.

• Proof of ownership, including but not limited to a property tax bill, property deed, or other documentation.

• Delinquency statement, including but not limited to a mortgage statement, property tax statement, insurance statement, or HOA/Condo

Association statement. More information on the application process, including videos on how to apply, a complete list of required documents, and a list of participating housing counselors, can be found at www. illinoishousinghelp.org.

In addition, the Illinois Rental Payment Program (ILRPP), also administered by IHDA, continues to support renters who have been unable to pay their rent due to the pandemic. Now in its second round, the ILRPP has provided more \$67 million to 8,640 renters in 2022 and approved payments are expected to continue into early summer.

For renters who continue to struggle to make their monthly payments, the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) is currently accepting applications for emergency rental assistance. Households looking for assistance should contact an IDHS Service Provider Agency and ask about rental assistance. Provider Agencies will help determine eligibility and assist with the application process. A list of Provider Agencies, as well as organizations helping with utility bills, free legal aid and additional services can be found at www.illinoisrentalassistance.com/. Additionally, IDHS is

responsible for leading the statewide Court-Based Program in collaboration with IHDA and All Chicago. The program serves 101 Illinois counties, except for Cook County which is served by Cook County government and the City of Chicago. IDHS continues to accept applications for rental assistance. With the support of the federal Emergency Rental Assistance funds, as of March 31, IDHS has provided \$59.9 million in rent and utility assistance to 12,287 households.

ILHAF is federally funded through an allocation to the state of Illinois in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2). This program builds upon several homeowner and renter assistance efforts undertaken by the Pritzker administration, including the Emergency Mortgage and Rental Assistance Programs in 2020 and the Illinois Rental Payment Program in 2021. Together, these programs will deliver more than \$1 billion in emergency rent and mortgage payment assistance to Illinois households during the pandemic.

Pritzker defends mandated gas pump sticker in face of expected lawsuit

By GREG BISHOP

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. J.B. Pritzker is defending the stickers gas stations must post about a delayed gas tax increase despite a First Amendment lawsuit that is being drafted and expected to be filed soon. Last week, after the governor signed the

state budget package requiring the stickers announcing the delayed tax, the Illinois Fuel and Retail Association's Josh Sharp said to expect a lawsuit. "The state of Illinois is seeking to force

businesses under the threat of fines and criminal penalties to post political speech," Sharp said, also pointing out this is an election year. The fine would be \$500 a day for

non-compliance. The sticker must read "As of July 1, 2022, the State of Illinois has suspended the inflation adjustment to the motor fuel tax through December 31, 2022. The price on this pump should reflect the suspension of the tax increase." "There's no political speech involved

there, at all," Pritzker said. "And, here's what we're doing. We're lowering the impact on people of the rise in prices of gas all across the world, but lowering the impact for the people here in Illinois."

Illinois has among the highest gas taxes in the nation. The average savings from delaying the annual increase could be two to three cents a gallon for six months before it's set to increase on Jan. 1, and then increase again July 1, 2023.

Asked why there wasn't a required sticker for when the gas tax doubled in 2019, Pritzker didn't respond. In Pritzker's first year in office, the governor signed a bill into law that increased the state's gas tax from 19 cents a gallon to 38 cents. The legislation also included an automatic annual increase in the state's gas tax tied to the rate of inflation.

As to a looming lawsuit over what retailers say is compelled speech, Pritzker said it's not a new concept.

"It's the same sticker that was put on under the Republican governor 20 years ago, when the gas tax was cut," Pritzker said. "Same exact one."

Sharp said what happened 20 years ago

"What happened two decades ago I'm not really sure about and I think there was strong pushback from our members then. We didn't, to my knowledge, go to court to fight it, but this time we are," Sharp said. "We just think it is very inappropriate to put this kind of requirement in place when you have state elections taking place in

Sharp said the lawsuit is being drafted and will be filed soon. The budget year

There will also be a year-long grocery tax decrease, going from 1% to zero percent. Grocery stores have to post signage or print on receipts the tax has been lowered, but there's no penalty for non-compliance.

seas," said Klema. "We'll

Klema

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be overseas for nine months. When we come back, we're going to do some debriefings. Then I'll finally get to come home. It'll be 10 months to a year before I'm back home. "There is a lot of emo-

tions toward it. I'm excited to go and do something and serve my country. I want to help out in any way I can. I'm also very nervous. I've never done this before. I've never been to Florida. I don't know what to expect. I'm going into it – not quite like basic training-but in similar fashion. "I don't want to go off

of other people's opinions. I want to make my own story out of this experience. When I first found out I was being deployed, I thought, 'It's about time', because I knew it was going to happen. I just didn't know when it was going to happen. I wasn't too surprised because there was talk about going to other places in the past." The anxiousness or nerves

of being deployed didn't hit home with Klema until the final week when she could see Senior Night and deployment on her schedule. When her deployment is

over in the spring of 2023, she already has plans inked upon her return.

Klema plans to work the rest of 2023 and then return to Rockford University in spring of 2024 so she can finish her last semester to earn her Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice with a minor in psychology.

And depending on her shoulder, she wants to return to the circle.



Teacher

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censed as substitute teachers; Senate Bill 3988, lowering the minimum age to become a paraprofessional in grades eight or below to 18 instead of 19; and Senate Bill 3907, allowing short-term substitute teachers to teach up to 15 consecutive days in a classroom instead of just five. Those bills come on top

of numerous other measures the state has taken in recent years to lure more people into the teaching profession.

Pritzker noted that the budget bill he signed into law April 19 increases funding for minority teacher scholarships to \$4.2 million. And starting next year, the minimum annual salary for firstyear teachers will increase to \$40,000 due to a bill he signed in 2019.

"That law, combined with proper funding and all the work to remove barriers for qualified people to enter this profession, is increasing the ranks of teachers across our state even now," Pritzker

According to a new report from the Illinois State Board of Education, those efforts appear to be having ISBE's most recent Un-

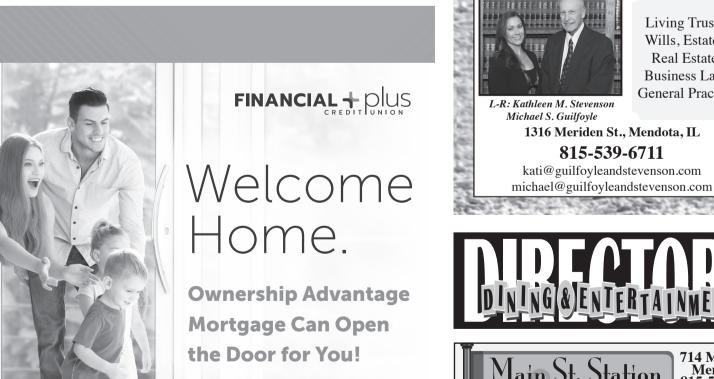
filled Positions Survey, released April 21, shows Illinois schools hired a record 5,676 new teachers in the fall of 2021, the most ever recorded in a single year and more than in the past five years combined. That was enough to lower the statewide vacancy rate to just 1.5 percent. But the survey also showed

schools in Illinois still have more than 2,100 unfilled teaching positions, mostly concentrated in chronically struggling schools, underfunded schools and those serving low-income communities.

"Our low-income, bilingual and special education students have the least access to the teachers they need to grow and thrive," State Superintendent Carmen Ayala said at the news conference. "We also have a severe shortage of substitute teachers, as was noted, and need an additional 2,400 paraprofessionals to fully meet our students' needs in the classrooms."

A survey conducted in 2021 by the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools found 88 percent of local school districts believed they had a teacher shortage problem while 96 percent reported problems finding enough substitute teachers. (Capitol News Illinois

is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government and distributed to more than 400 newspapers statewide. It is funded primarily by the Illinois Press Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.)



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Expressing beliefs

By Scott Reeder

Our society has developed quite a bit of consternation over folks who kneel on football fields.

First there was quarterback Colin Kaepernick kneeling during the National Anthem in protest of police

Donald Trump's response: "Get that son of a bitch off the field.'

On April 25, the U.S. Supreme Court heard the case of Joseph Kennedy, a Bremerton, Wa., high school football coach who was suspended from his job after repeatedly kneeling on the football field and praying after games. It made some school officials uncomfortable.

But here's the rub; the only speech worth defending is that which makes people uncomfortable.

Writers at the left-of-center publication Slate are wringing their hands over the prospect of a praying coach. They have conjured up some vast right-wing conspiracy that would turn public schools into religious indoctrination zones if the high court rules in Kennedy's favor. While I do identify as an Evangelical Christian, there

is something about these types of public prayers that make me uneasy. I think of Jesus' admonition in the book of Matthew: "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

So, if someone were to ask me if I believe this is an effective way for Coach Kennedy to share his faith, I'd say "No." But if I were asked if he should be allowed to express himself in this way, I'd say, "Yes."

I feel much the same about Kaepernick. I personally can't see myself kneeling during the National Anthem. But I fully acknowledge racism and brutality remain enormous problems in law enforcement. I've uncovered many such instances during the past 35 years.

That said, I support Kaepernick. He and other athletes should be able to peacefully petition their government in the manner they see fit.

Sadly, varying factions in our society on both the left and the right want to silence those who they don't agree with. That approach is the antithesis of a free society.

When in doubt, side with free expression.

I began my journalism career covering the University of Texas Medical Branch for the Galveston Daily News. Shortly before I took over the beat, a university cop arrested a Muslim person for kneeling and praying

My reaction at the time was that was stupid. Why would the government interfere with that man's ability

Some might say that the difference is that Coach Kennedy is in a position of authority and his actions violate the separation of church and state.

But the problem with that argument is that we don't live in an antiseptic society. A math teacher wearing a yarmulke, a principal with an Ash Wednesday cross on his forehead or a history instructor donning a hijab also are expressing their faith in state-sanctioned environments.

Would we really want to prohibit such acts? I think not. One anonymous athlete said he felt compelled to kneel with Kennedy because he feared if he didn't he would lose playing time.

But Virginia Tech University soccer player Kiersten Hening claims she was booted from the team last year when she refused to kneel during the National Anthem.

No one should ever feel coerced to express themselves in a manner untrue to their conscience. But no one should be barred from freely expressing their beliefs either.

Figuring out where to draw the line between the two; that's the hard part.

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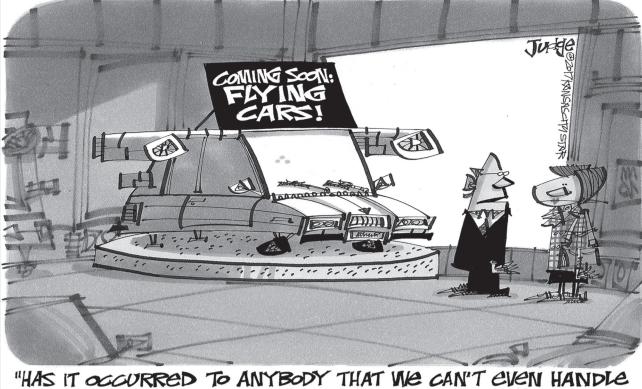
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CARS THAT JUST GO BACK AND FORTH?"

The U.S. enters World War

Backtracks

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from May 1, 2002.) By Jessica Nashold

When the United States entered the war, which had raged in Europe for several years, on April 6, 1917, its local impact was not long in being recognized. The Mendota Sun-Bulletin, on April 12, noted that Germans in LaSalle County, applying for citizenship, would not be admitted when their hearing came up

If the war is still on.

There were 10 immigrants from Germany waiting for naturalization in La-Salle County, but none from Mendota.

Mail addressed to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Luxembourg, Bulgaria or Turkey would not be accepted after April 9. If this mail was already in the postal system, it would be returned to senders. However, if no return address was indicated, it would go to the dead letter office. Countries other than Germany were included in the ban because their mail from the U.S. went to Germany first.

A military census was conducted in New York to determine the ownership of autos, trucks, motorcycles, cattle and firearms. In case they were needed, the government would be able to find them.

A food shortage was anticipated and it was suggested that vacant lots around town be used as gardens. Clerks in stores might be given a half day off each week to work in these gardens.

Corn was selling at \$2 per bushel for both white and yellow. Previously, white was selling a few cents higher than yellow.

A mass meeting on April 27, 1917, in the Palace Theatre (now Jerry's Flower Barn), explained the work of the YMCA in dealing with homesick young soldiers and protecting them from the bad influences. Financial support for the work of the YMCA was desired.

Three Mendota doctors were enrolled to be on call in the Medical Corps, after passing tests administered at the Peru Hospital. They could be commissioned as first lieutenants if called up. They were doctors J.C. Corbus, C.E. Cook

Sidetracks

and O.P. Harris. Before the Sun-Bulletin went to press (May 3, 1917), Dr. W.B. McDonald had also been approved for the medical reserve.

If called, they will earn \$2,200 per year.

Boys 18 years of age could enlist without the consent of their parents. Under that age, they would not be accepted "under any circumstance." Men who had married since April 2, 1917, would not be exempt from military service. Raymond Full, a clerk at Potter's

dry goods store, went to Chicago and enlisted.

Congress passed a \$7 million bond and certificate issue to fund war work. Citizens were advised to be careful about criticizing the government. A secret service man, on a train out of Chicago, prevented a "critic" from leaving the train at his stop in Sterling. He was taken to Rock Island, where the secret service man hoped to "change his attitude."

It was noted that Indians in Montana and the Dakotas had been conducting war dances, and 5,000 had already enlisted.

The Needlework Guild of America organized a chapter in Mendota at the home of Mrs. D.C. Haskell. Although men, women and children were eligible to join, the Mendota chapter was largely in the hands of women. At the May 6, 1917 meeting in the Faber Hotel Parlors on the second floor, everyone was asked to bring scraps of cotton so the "first active service in the Guild will begin."

The Women's Relief Corps offered a silk flag to the boy or girl in the eighth grade who submitted the best essay on the topic, "One Country, One Flag." The essays were due May 15, 1917.

Let everyone try for the prize.

A bill was introduced in Congress to pay \$20 per month to widows or former widows of Civil War veterans. This may have helped widows who had remarried.

Statistics were released showing LaSalle County was the third highest in corn production in Illinois. Champaign and Iroquois counties ranked first and second.

The population of LaSalle County in 1917 was 90,132. In the spring of 1917, Mendota

began considering the purchase of an "auto truck" for the fire department. The model favored was one to which an engine could be attached, capable of pumping water from the main quickly, instead of drawing water from "all the mains in the city. **Cost – about \$5,000**

The driver of the team that hauled

the hose wagon owned the team himself and valued it at \$500.

They are well worth it.

It was said the Chicago fire department was in the market for 35 horses.

Coal dealers in Mendota, feeling that a shortage might develop, served notice that in the future, all business would be conducted on a cash only basis. The signers: Feik Fuel, Stoldorf & Nauman, J.C. Simpson Co. and Henry Landau.

increase in pay for section hands. They would now receive \$2 per day.

The Illinois Central announced an

Bernie Katzwinkel, superintendent at Restland Cemetery, published a

Do not go down the sod road. Use the gravel roads.

"Please be gentleman enough to regard the notice."

A dumping ground was available to citizens of Mendota for disposal of garbage. It was to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please keep these dates in mind.

Let Disney be an example

By Rich Lowry

Just like that, tyranny has descended on Florida.

The state legislature, with the support of Gov. Ron DeSantis, voted to repeal the "special independent district" enjoyed by Disney for half a century.

This is a sign, we are told, of the advent of an American authoritarianism that brooks no dissent -- Disney criticizes a measure supported by the Florida GOP, the so-called Don't Say Gay bill, and immediately gets targeted.

There's a reason this fight escalated to this point, though. Disney was the aggressor in the battle over the education bill, lied about it, and pledged to work to repeal it.

Even though the bill had nothing to do with Disney whatsoever -- nothing to do with its product, its business model, or its employees. The company got pushed into its stance based on pressure from a woke segment of its employees and from progressives on the outside. Disney's case against the bill relied on the smear that

the legislation somehow threatened gay or trans people. In fact, the law merely seeks to exclude inappropriate material from being taught to young children in the classroom -- an objective that once would have been considered utterly banal. "Classroom instruction," the law says, "by school person-

nel or third parties on sexual orientation or gender identity may not occur in kindergarten through grade 3 or in a manner that is not age appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with state standards. Based on that, Disney went to the mattresses. And it did

so, not to serve its shareholders, enhance its profitability, protect its intellectual property, or align itself with its vast and politically diverse customer base. This was, shockingly, an iconic American brand making itself into a free-floating weapon of woke cultural politics

in response to the social and political influence of a small number of vocal progressives. Like so many companies before, Disney calculated the risk/reward of gratuitously taking up a left-wing political

and cultural fight and considered it all reward, no risk. The

Florida legislature decided to convince it that it was wrong

Republicans have fantasized about exacting revenge on woke corporations before, but to no effect. Disney's problem is that it had a glaring vulnerability in the form of an arrangement that can easily be portrayed as a special favor.

The provisions allowing Disney to govern itself in its special independent district are so extensive that one analyst refers to the so-called Reedy Creek Improvement District as "the Vatican with mouse ears."

"Never before or since has such outlandish dominion been given to a private corporation," Florida writer Carl Hiaasen notes in his book "Team Rodent." "Disney owns its own utilities. It administers its own planning and zoning. It composes its own building codes and employs its own inspectors. It maintains its own fire department. It even has the authority to levy taxes."

For good measure, it can build its own airport and nuclear power plant.

Now, that's all scheduled to go away in a year's time. Obviously, it is not a good practice for government to retaliate against a business, even a business enjoying a special status.

This fight could have welcome effects, though, if it convinces Disney that it made a mistake by allowing itself to get bullied and cajoled into becoming a combatant in the culture war, or if it convinces other corporations that there's a potential price to be paid for joining woke mobs. Republicans don't want corporations to become tools in

advancing their agenda; they just want them to exit the culture wars and focus, once again, on their business, an outcome that would lower the temperature in the country's cultural fights at least a little. Ideally, Disney and the Florida legislature work out a

renewal of the company's special district before it is set to expire, and the house of mouse -- and other corporations seduced into making themselves de facto left-wing pressure groups -- resolves to stick to its core competency and mission.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2020 by King Features Synd., Inc.

Mendota student to study abroad through IVCC international program

OGLESBY - This summer, Illinois Valley Community College students' Sabrina Belmonte of Mendota and Raven Bridges of LaSalle will be taking advantage the college's study abroad opportunities.

Bridges is a first-year student looking to graduate with her AS and then transfer to the University of Illinois for Biomedical Engineering. She will be traveling to France. While there, she will be taking French I and staying in a private dorm sharing a communal kitchen with other study abroad students.

Bridges chose France initially for her love of Johnny Depp, but also because of the culture. She took two years of French in high school and felt a longing to experience the country herself.

"I am looking forward to meeting new people and having the chance to grow socially as I become more diverse in my travels and networks," Bridges said.

Belmonte, a first-year marketing student will be



IVCC students Sabrina Belmonte, left, and Raven Bridges will be studying abroad this summer. (Photo contributed)

studying in Costa Rica, where she will be immersed in the culture of a Spanish-speaking community.

As someone who studied Spanish all four-years of high school and speaks it at home, Belmonte hopes to become fully bilingual.

While in Costa Rica, she will be staying with a host family while taking a history course and intermediate Spanish.

Belmonte received a \$500 Founders Scholarship

through the Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs.

"Studying abroad is only my first adventure. I plan to continue traveling when I receive my degree. I've always wanted to travel and IVCC has given me the opportunity to achieve my dreams."

For information about IVCC's study abroad program, contact IVCC political science instructor Amanda Cook-FespermanatAmanda CookFesperman@ivcc.edu.

Contest winner.

Sam Bowne

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Supply drive for IV PADS

Illinois Valley Community College nursing instructors Chrissy Boughton, left, and Tracey Antle led a month-long campaign that collected a cartload of supplies for IV PADS. The drive was the idea of students in Mental Health Nursing who are required to do alternative clinical hours. "On their reflection sheet, students expressed a desire to help more," said Boughton. "Mrs. Antle and I took the students' desire to help and created this service project. We had a great turnout and are hoping to make it an annual event." (Photo contributed)



IVCC names essay contest winner

OGLESBY – Freshman Ty Perin described how Illinois Valley Community College changed his life in his winning Paul Simon Student Essay submission.

A native of Hudson, Mich., Perin accepted an offer to play baseball at IVCC last summer. Beyond fulfilling a dream to play in college, he found an institution with "a close to home feel."

Perin is studying geology and pursuing both the AA and AS degrees. After three years at IVCC, he plans to transfer to a university to major in aviation and minor in geology.

He has embraced campus life and believes it is the key to excelling in college.

He is the Eagles' shortstop, Student Government Association Vice-President, geology lab assistant, student worker in admissions and a Student Ambassador. He's also a member of IVCC's social media marketing team, Hype Crew – and his picture has been featured in numerous IVCC ads and posts.

"Moving to the area forced me to get involved," Perin says. "IVCC gave me the chance to explore each of my interests, no matter how diverse they are."

Perin will read his essay at the college's 56th annual commencement at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14. In addition, his essay has been submitted for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association statewide Simon award.



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ending on Thursday May 19th 2022 @ 6:00 pm. (soft close)

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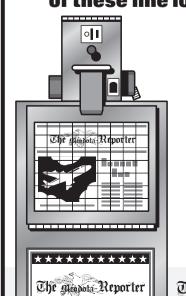
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MOTHER'S DAY

Holy Cross 2nd Grade Mrs. Weber

Dear Mom, I love you because you cook for me. You cuddle me and help me with my tests. You take care of me. Love you mom.

Love, Rose

Dear Mommy,

I love you because you cook ramen noodles. You help me with spelling. I like to go to Disney with you.

Love. Isabel

Dear Mom.

I love you because we get to make slime and play with slime. You tuck me in and help me with my homework. You let me get a piece of candy.

Love, Zoe

Dear Mom,

I love you because you cook dinner, you help me with homework and you read with me. I love when we go bike riding together and play games. I love you.

Love, Juliana

Dear Mommy,

I love you mom because we do facemasks. I like to do manicure and go shopping with you. We love to watch good movies and we watch Fuller House.

Love, **Bridget Cackley**

Dear Mommy,

I love you mom because you help me and go shopping with me. I love your hair cut and I like your spaghetti

Love. Addison

Dear Mom,

I love you mom because you help me. You shop with me. You cook dinner sometimes. My favorite food you make is raviolis. You take care of me.

Love, Eliana

Dear Mom,

I love you because I bake with you, I shop with you and make crafts with you. Love,

Carissa

Dear Mom,

I love you mom because you make spaghetti, you buy me nice clothes and we look alike. Love you mom. Love,

Kinsley

Dear Mom,

I love you because you sleep with me, you take me to school and you watch movies with me.

Love, Ellyn

Dear Mom,

Thank you for buying presents. Thank you for Pokemon. Thank you for letting us choose a pool.

Love, Noah

Lincoln 2nd Grade Mrs. Becker

Dear Mom,

I love when you give me hugs. My favorite thing about you is you love me. You help me with my homework. You teach me how to do a handstand. You make me my favorite noodles. You take me to a jumpy place. My favorite things to do with you are sometimes we go get our toenails painted.

Love, Aleeah Smith Dear Mom,

I love when you let me get a toy when we go to the store. My favorite thing about you is that you let me help you cook. You teach me how to read when I don't know what the word is. You make me cupcakes on my birthday. You take me to fun places on my birthday. My favorite things to do with you are to play games with you. Love,

Ella Escatel

Dear Mom,

I love you for being a good cook. My favorite thing about you is you're the best at play with me. You help me get smarter. You teach me how to play games. You make food that is good food. You take me to the school. My favorite things to do with mom are help her with my sister.

Love, Erin Sheppard

Dear Mom,

I love when you tickle my sister. My favorite thing about you is you're a baker. You help me with my homework. You teach me how to cook. You make me cookies and brownies. You take me to the park. I like to cuddle with you and cook with. Love,

Kailey Rich

Dear Mom,

I love when my mom helps me with my homework. My favorite thing about is you love me know matter what. You help me when I ask for help. You teach me how to write in cursive. You make me some food when I'm hungry. You take me to the bus when it's time for school. My favorite thing to do with my mom is to go to my trampoline with her.

Love, Lilly Woodraska

Dear Mom,

I love when you help me do a lot of my homework. My favorite thing about you is when you help me fix my toys. You help me when I am stuck on a word. You teach me how to tie my shoes. You take me to a trampoline park.

Love, Miles Gilkerson

Dear Mom,

I love when you give gifts to me and my brother. My favorite thing about you is she plays escape the volcano. You help me if I get hurt on the swing and slide. You teach me to tell the time. You make me TV dinners every lunch and dinner. You take me to the trampoline park. My favorite things to do with you are to build a giant lego robot.

Love, Oliver Davis

Dear Mom,

I love when she makes me cookies. My favorite thing about you is when my mom makes funny faces. You help me clean the house. You teach me new games. You make me my favorite food spaghetti. You take me swimming. My favorite thing to do with you are make cookies.

Love. Samuel Saylor

Dear Mom,

I love when you make me and dad food. My favorite thing about you is you are loving and caring. You help me be brave and strong. You teach me about life. You make me happy because you take to Chucky Cheese. You take me to cool places. My favorite thing to do with you are playing games and snuggling.

Love, Lindsey Boege

Dear Mom,

I love you so much because whenever I am I will always be with you. The love you give me makes me

very happy. And when you play video games and play Monopoly. And I love when you and me play Minecraft or play Kraby and the Forgotten Land.

> Love, Peter Dunfrund

Dear Mom,

I love when you make good stories. My favorite thing about you is when you are in a good mood. You help me when I don't know the answer. You teach me plus and times. You make me peanut butter and jelly for lunch. You take me to pirates cay. My favorite thing to do with you is play board games and play with my car and play uno.

Love, Gunner Owens

Dear Mom, I love when my mom is kind to me. My favorite thing about mom is when she takes me to Sullivan's and Walmart. She teaches me how to speedwalk run and walk. She makes me cookies, brownies, cake and cupcakes. My favorite things to do with my mom is playing Tic Tac Toe.

Lovem Tool Fromherz

Dear Mom, I love when you play outside with me. My favorite thing about you is that you make me happy because you tuck me in at night. You help me with homework. You teach me how to do math. You make me lunch at the weekend. You take me home from school. My favorite thing to do with you are playing games and baking me food. Love.

Alexander Wickstrom

Dear Mom,

I love when you buy me and riley stuff. My favorite thing about you is you are nice. You help me with my homework. You teach me how to make omlets. You make me pizza and cheese sticks. You take me to Walmart. My favorite things to do with you are play connect tour and monopoly.

Love, Xander Swanson

Dear Grandma, I love when you take me to the park. My favorite thing about you are when you take me out for dinner. You help me with my homework. You teach me math so I can be smarter. You make your famous French toast. You take me outside with my dog. My favorite things to do with you is going to the store because I get a toy.

Love, Dylan Read

Dear Mom and Aunt, I love when you let me to play on my kindle. My favorite thing about you is nice. You help me when I am struggling how to ride a bike. You make me read a chapter in a book. You take me when I am going to get my ears pierced. My favorite things to do with you is going to sky. Love,

Holli Hillstrom

Dear Mom,

Hove when you cook food and I love when you take me to the park. My favorite thing about you is that you are the best mom because we go to the mall together. You help me with cleaning and you help me with homework. You teach me Spanish because I am having a hard time with speaking.

Love, Aubree Dinges

Dear Mom,

I love when you make me dinner. My favorite thing about you is you are a talented painter. You help me with my homework. You teach me how to stay clean.

You make me laugh. You take me to China House. My favorite things to do with you are to play games and to make dinner.

Love, Cameron Countryman

Dear Mommy,

I love when you help me with my homework. My favorite thing about you is you make me feel better. You help me feel happy because you help me learn. You teach me to be helpful. You make me happy when you smile. You take me to the park with my sisters. My favorite things to do with you are play video games with me and go have ice cream.

Love, Nevaeh Wallace

Dear Mom,

I love when you make me dinner. My favorite thing about you is you can help me. You help me with my homework. You teach me how to be a good brother. You make me happy. You take me to the park. My favorite things to do with you is go to the store to get water.

Love, Christian Potter

Dear Mom,

I love when you play with me. We love the game Guess Who? My favorite thing about you is when you take me to see my cat Joey. You help me read harder words. You teach me how to clean my braces. You make me Pizza Pockets when we are home. You take me to my grandmas so we can play games. My favorite things to do with you are coloring with chalk, listening to music and making silly crafts.

Love, Addie Landers

Dear Mom,

I love you when you drive me to school. My favorite thing about you is when I sleep with her. You help me open the door. You teach me how to wash the dishes. You make me pizza. You take me to the mall. My favorite things to do with you are help clean up and play games.

Love, Lanya Sykes Dear Mom,

I love when you cook. My favorite thing about you is when you help me with my homework. You help me clean my room. You teach me math at home. You make me pasta. You take me to Walmart. My favorite things to do with you are to play learning games and go outside with you.

Love, Olivia Lopez

Dear Mom, I love when you let me help you put the dishes away. My favorite thing about you is your words that you say to me. She helps me with the dishes and my room. She teaches me how to do my homework. She makes me happy for her and it makes me proud. She takes me to school and she takes me to my dad family. My favorite things to do with you is to play games with you on the weekend.

Love, Nina Escatel



Lincoln 2nd Grade Mrs. Blue

Dear Mom,

You take me to school. I love you because you play with me and protect me so much. You take care of me. I love you very much and I mean it. Happy Mother's I love you,

Raelynn

Dear Grandma,

I love when my grandma cooks me spaghetti for dinner. My favorite thing about my grandma is you take care of me. You help me do my homework. You teach me how to do math. You make me have fun and giggle. You take me to Target.

I love you, Damian

Dear Mom,

I love when you hug me and hang out with me. I love when you go to the store with me and you're there for me. My favorite thing about you is you help me. You help me when I trip and ride my bike. You teach me how to do math. You make me laugh because you make funny faces. You take me to stores and to the movies. My favorite things to do with you are watch a movie together, go to the park, and cooking.

I love you, Jessica

Dear Mom,

I love when you give the best hugs. My favorite thing about you is that you make me happy. You help me with my math. You teach me about exercise. You make me chicken. You take me to Target.

I love you, Draco

Dear Mom, I love when you give me a kiss and hugs. You help me when I am hurt. You taught me how to walk when I was a baby. You even make me hapby and you go to my favorite

places. I love to paint with

you. Happy Mother's Day! I love you, **Paris**

Dear Mom, I love you. I love when you make me my favorite meal. My favorite thing about you is that you are so nice to me and Jerni. I love you. You help me with my homework. You make me pasta salad. You are the best and take me to fun places. I

was bad and I'm sorry. I love you, Triniti

Dear Mom,

I love when you watch y baseball practice. I love when you help me with my homework. I love when you play with me when Miles has soccer practice. I love when you play catch with me with the football. I love you,

Brody

Dear Mom,

I love when you help me learn to do better in school. And it's fun when you take me to a restaurant. My favorite thing about you is when you love me and when you play with me. You help me learn how to read a walk when I was little. You take me to a water park in the summer and the Ozarks. My favorite things to do with you are to watch a movie with just you and me. I love you to the moon and

back! Happy Mother's Day!

I love you, Lina

Dear Mom,

I love when you make sausage, bacon, and eggs for me. I love when you let me do the dishes. I love when we do the dishes together. I love when we play catch together.

I love you, Kayden

Dear Mom,

I love when you play with me. My favorite thing about you is your personality. You taught me how to tie my shoes. You help me do reading homework. You make me happy when you do something funny. You take me on vacation. My favorite things to do with you are arts and crafts and play with you.

I love you, Landon

Dear Mom, I love when you make

cheeseburgers for dinner and let me go to bed. I love when you play outside with me and my dogs.

I love you, Evan

Dear Mom,

I love when you go on a bike ride with me. My favorite thing about you is you keep me safe. You help me with my homework. You teach me how to cook brownies. You make me happy on my birthday. You take me to the doctor when I am sick. My favorite things to do with you are to go for bike rides and to go swimming.

> I love you, Brogan

Dear Mom,

I love when you appreciate me. My favorite thing about you is you make me happy. You teach me to see if my ideas are good. You make me dinner every night. You take me to school. My favorite thing to do with you is play video games.

I love you, Jacob

Dear Mom,

I love it when you cuddle with me. My favorite thing about you is all of you. You help me with my homework. You teach me how to spell hard words. You make me happy when you comfort me. You take me to the doctors. My favorite things to do with you are cuddle and do stuff together. Happy Mother's Day!

> I love you, Aubrey

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MOTHER'S DAY

Dear Mom,

I love when you let me bake. My favorite thing about you is that you are nice to me and your personality. You help me with things that are hard for me. You teach me how to bake desserts. You make my favorite food. Happy Mother's Day!

I love you, Lily

Dear Mom,

I love it when you do my nails. My favorite thing about you is when you cuddle with me in the hammock. I love it when you help me with my homework. I love it when you taught me how to make pancakes. You make me my favorite food. You take me to the Sweet Corn Festival every summer. I love riding

I love you, Ariel

bikes with you.

Dear Mom, I love when you make me

laugh. I love when you burp really loud. It is funny! You are always supportive, sweet and I mean, so sweet. You help me do my homework and you help me pull out my tooth. You taught me how to read and tie my shoes. You make corndogs and mashed potatoes. You take me to the dentist and to the doctor. My favorite thing to do with you is going on bike rides.

I love you, Lyla

Dear Mom,

I love when you help me with my homework. My favorite thing about you is your personality. You help me read better. You taught me how to ride a bike with no training wheels. You make me feel better. You take me to the park, and I love it. My favorite things to do with you are to go swimming and play basketball.

I love you, Brayden

Dear Mom,

I love when my mom takes me to go see a semi. My favorite thing about my mom is that she's sweet. She helps me do stuff I can't do. She taught me how to fly a kite. She makes me lasagna. She takes me to school and walks me around the yard. My favorite thing to do with my Mom is to go to water

I love you, Mason

parks.

Dear Mom,

I love when you make

delicious dinner. That is so good. My favorite thing about you is picking nice clothes. You help me with my homework when I have a problem. You teach me hard time when I don't know with you. You make me happy when you hug me. You take me to lunch and dinner sometimes. My favorite thing to do

with you is playing games. I love you, Mayra

Dear Mom,

I love when you wrestle with me. My favorite thing about you is when you make me laugh. You help me with homework. You teach me reading and math at the same time. You make me taco dreadeose. My favorite thing to do with you is when you give me hugs and kisses.

I love you, Jayden

Dear Mom,

I love when you help me. You are nice. I love when you help me and when you help me tie my shoes. You make me laugh. I love when you watch me jump in the pool. Happy Mother's Day!

I love you, Wyatt

Dear Mom,

I love when you let me do chores. My favorite thing about you is you helping me with stuff. You help me with my math homework. You taught me how to make a cupcake. You make me brownies. You take me to the movie theater. My favorite thing to do with you is puzzles.

I love you, Tyler

Dear Mom,

I love when my mom gives me hugs. She gets me to bed and showed me how to tie my shoes. She gets me food when I'm hungry. She takes me to the store. We watch movies together. I love when she gives me medicine when I'm sick. I love when you take me to school.

I love you, Kamara

Dear Mom,

You go to the China House and you are kind. You help with my room and you taught me to ride my bike with no training wheels. You take me shopping with you. My favorite things with you is going to the park, going shopping, and the China House. I love you,

Dear Mom,

I love when you help me clean my room. My favorite thing about you is when you make us breakfast. You help me when I am hurt. You teach me how to cook. You make my happy all of the time. You take me to the movies. My favorite thing to do with you is going to my friends.

I love you, Olivia





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Lincoln 2nd Grade Mrs. Buettners

My mom is as pretty as a rainbow. She is as sweet as a chunky monkey. She is as smart as a scientist. But most of all, she is as special as a bunny.

Mayson Desirena

Let me tell you about my mom. She is 36 years old. She likes to cook. The best thing she cooks is pork chops. Her favorite food is pizza. Her favorite things to do to relax are sleeping and watching TV. We like to color together. She is really good at driving. As you can see, my mom is special because I love mom. Sophia McLain

My mom is as pretty as a flower and as sweet as candy. She is as smart as a math genius. But most of all, she is

a special superwoman. Aubrielle Rodriguez-Chism

Let me tell you about my mom. My mom is 29 years old. The best thing she cooks is soup. Her favorite food is tacos. Her favorite thing to do to relax is watch TV. We like to play together. She is really good at taking care of me. As you can see, my mom is special because I love her. Jaylah Sotelo

My mom is as pretty as the sunset.

Dominic Pearl

My mom is as pretty as a flower. She is as sweet as a butterfly. She is as smart as a teacher. But most of all, she is special because she helps me. Katrina Hilt

My mom is as pretty as Drift. She is as sweet as marshmallows. She is as smart as an apple. But most of all, she is as special as chocolate.

Ayden Stallings



Dear Mom,

I love my mom. Happy Mother's Day! You're the best mom ever in the world. You make me happy.

Love, Ariarah Garcia

Dear Mom,

I love you mom. Your cooking is the best. You work so hard for us. I enjoy you so much. You are so fun. Thank you for food, clothes, and a home. I wish you a happy Mother's Day.

Love, Jersie Carr

Dear Mommy,

I love you. Thank you so much. I can't wait to celebrate Mother's Day with you. Thank you so much for having me. I love when we cuddle.

Love Sawyer Becker

after us. You're a great mom to me and my brother. I love when you cuddle with me. I hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day. I love you, Love,

Jude Borelli

love. Your kind and you do a lot of things for us. You take care of me and my sister. You're the best mom ever and the greatest mom ever. You make the best food ever and you take care of our animals. You love animals and give the animals food. You saved two baby squirrels. You are a super Mom and your voice is pretty. I wish you a happy Mother's Day.

Emiliano Perez

Aribella Hernandez

Dear Mom,

You are so wonderful. Thank you for my clothes. Thank you for my food. I love you so, so, so, so, so, so much. Thank you for the home. Thank you for the chapling. Thank you for taking us to the water park. Love,

Evelyn Quintana

Dear Mom,

I love you so much. work so hard for us.

Love,

I am so thankful you made me. Thank you for busting your butt. You make me spoiled. You bust your butt for four girls, plus a dog and my dad! I wish you could give me only four weeks off of school, please. I will even get off of your phone for four weeks. And I repeat, only me.

Alexxa Figueroa

Dear Mom,

I could cry. You make us good and yummy food. I'm so thankful that I know all of my siblings. I love you so, so, so, so, so, so, so, so, so, so much!

Love.

Dear Mom,

You are so kind to me. I love it when we read together. If I get sick or hurt, you make me feel better. You work so hard just to put a roof over my head. I love it when we watch movies together. I love your smile. I love you from the bottom of my heart, through the top of my head. Thank you for all of my toys. I love movies just like you. I hope you have a great Mother's Day!

Dear Mom,

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Thank you for looking

Dear Mommy, You're the Mom that I

Love,

Dear Mom,

I love you. You do something fun. You make me happy Happy Mother's Day. Love.

You're the best Mom ever. I will love you forever. You

Kaleb Grim

Dear Mommy,

I love you so much that

Jayvon Moss

Love,

Harrison Coss

You work so hard to make

Sunday, books to me. Happy Mother's Day! Love, Gabby Diaz

> Dear Mother, You are so wonderful for

helping us. I love living with you. Thank you for helping me and others. You do so many things. We wish you a

Happy Mother's Day!

Love, Alistair Ward

Dear Mom,

You give us all food. You downloaded Minecraft. You work so hard. You let me go to the library. You let me play

Battleship.

me happy. You're the pretti-

est in the world. I wish you a

Happy Mother's Day. I wish

I could celebrate with you

every day. I am so happy that

you are in the family. I love

when you cuddle. You are

the best Mom in the world.

I wish I could celebrate this

day every day. Happy Moth-

I love you. I loved it when

we went to watch Sonic 2

and when we went together

to the water park and Six

Flags. I love you through

and through. I will love you

forever. I loved it when you

made a pizza. It was so good.

Thank you for everything.

Thank you for being a

great Mom to me and my

sisters, and for buying shel-

ter. I always wanted a Mom

like you. I want to thank you

again. I am lucky to have a

Mom like you. Happy Moth-

Me and Geno both love

you so much. You work so

hard and you're the best

Mother ever. Happy Moth-

er's Day! I love you so much.

We're thankful for you. We

wish you a Happy Mother's

I love you so much. I

love that you're my Mother.

I love that you're so helpful

to other people. Mom, you

are the best Mom I could ever

ask for. I wish you a Happy

Mother's Day! Do you think

you could give us candy?

Mackenzie Fielder

I love you so much. You make me so happy. I love

that you do so much. I love

when you make me dinner.

I love that you do so much

and you're the best Mom

ever. Happy Mother's Day!

I love you with all my

heart. I love you because

you gave me birth. I love you

because you are my Mom. I

love you because you keep

me safe. Happy Mother's

You're the best person in

the world. I'm so thankful

to have you in my life. I

know it is hard to take care

of three kids, but we all love

you. Thank you for all you

have done for us. I wish you

Thank you for all the

amazing things you have

done for me. I love the fights

between you and dad. Thank

you for buying my food.

Thank you for reading my

a Happy Mother's Day!

Kingston Quiroga

Dear Mom,

Love,

Aubrey Gambrel

Dear Mommy,

Day! You're the best.

Bailee Lambert

Dear Mom,

Love,

Love,

Love,

Day!

Love,

Ruben Celis

Dear Mom,

Dear Mom,

Happy Mother's Day.

Caia Cocanour

Dear Mom,

Love,

er's Day!

Love,

Jaclynn Ridge

Dear Mom,

er's Day.

Love,

Maddie Strait

Dear Mom,

Love, Jack Bend

Dear Mommy, Thank you for all the amazing things you do. You snuggle, hug, and you love me so, so, so, so very much.

Love you, Kennedy McCollom

Dear Mama,

I love you so much. You are a good mom to me and my brother. I like when you make pizza. I love everything about you. Happy Mother's Day!

Jacklyn Silva

Lincoln

2nd Grade Mrs. Estrada 🚳

Dear Mama, Me gusta mucho cuando

mi mama me hace carinos. Lo que mas me gusta de me mama es cuando ella esta conmigo. Ella me ayuda a lavarme los dientes. Ella me ensena a limpiar lo casa. Ella me hace mi comida favorite. Ella me lleva al doctor. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con me mama es jugar con ella y comercon ella.

> Escrito por, Daniella Arteaga

Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me ayuda a limpiar con toallas. Lo que mas me gusta de me mama es cuando cosind tamales y pozole. Ella me ayuda a hacer me tared de math. Ella me ensena su nueva caro. Ella me hace mi comida favorite. Ella me lleva a Target y Walmart. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es mirar The Good Dinosaur con palomitas.

Escrito por, Emilio Arteaga

Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama abraza a mis hermanos. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es que me quiere. Ella me ayuda a limpiar la casa. Ella me ensena a lavar los platos. Ella me hace la comida como sopa y huevo. Ella me lleva a la tienda Walmart. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es ver la tevelvision con ella.

Escritor por, Anyela Batres

Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama cuando ella me abraza con carino. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es que ella respecta a nuestra familia. Ella me ayuda a leer un cuento. Ella me ensena a recoger mi cuatro. Ella me hace tamales cuando tengo hambre. Ella me lleva al la iglesia. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es pintar con ella cuando tamos

relajados. Escrito por, Victor Correa

Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me lleva a su trabajo. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es que es buena conmigo. Ella me ayuda a hacer la tarea de math. Ella me ensena a leer. Ella me hacer de comer. Ella me lleva al parquet con mis hermanos. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es jugar conmigo.

Dana Falcon

Escrito por (nombre),

Dear Mama, Me gusta mucho cuando

mi mama me hace mis cosas para mi como limpia mi cuatro y lipia la casa. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es hace to do para I y me compra to do. Ella me ayuda a hacer mi tareqylas cosas. Ella me ensena hacer la ropa y doblarla. Ella me hace mi favorito

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comida cado semana. Ella me lleva me lleva a la tienda y me comira lo que quicro. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es que me lleva a lla iglesia y comemos y nos divertimos.

Escrito por, Julian Garcia

Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama cuando mi mama cosine rica comida. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es cuando mi mama me ayuda a limpiar afuera. Ella me ayuda a limpiar el piso de mi casa. Ella me ensena aprender. Ella me hace reir. Ella me lleva en el parque. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es dormir con ella.

Escrito por, Allen Hernandez

Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama hace muchos cosasa como que ella hace mucha comida. Lo que mas me gusta de mim mama es yo la quiero mucho a mi mama. Ela me ayuda a hacer tarea. Ella me ensena estudiar mucho. Ela me hace hamburgers y papas. Ella me lleva a las tiendas. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es que mi quede con mi mama.

Escrito por, Roberto Lopez

Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me cosine marucha y quesadillas. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es que me abraze. Ella me ayuda a hacer mi tarea de math. Ella me ensena a cosinar. Ella me hace mi cabello muy bonito. Ella me lleva al Dollar General. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es dormirme

Escrito por, Daniela Magallanes

Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama me da muchos besos. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es ella me da abrazos. Ella me ayuda hacer comida como tamales. Ella me ensena hacer la ropa. Ella me hace tacas. Ella me lleva a el parque. Los que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es me ayuda haer mi tareq. Escrito por,

Mayra Ocampo

Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama hace mi cama cuando yo no estoy con ella. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es que nos quiere mucho a hosotros. Ella me

ayuda a limpiar uhas veces. Ella mme ensena a pensar y me ayuda. Ella me hace feliz unas veces. Ella me lleva a las tiendas. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es que ella me da carino y to le doy todo mi amor.

Escrito por, Israel Rivera Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama cuandro rie a latele. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es cuando me da dinero. Ella me ayuda a lavar mis mamos. Ella me ensena fotos cuando soy un bebe. Ella me hace tamales con chile. Ella me lleva a la Walmart. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es cuando mi mama compra juguetes.

Escrito por, Emiliano Ruiz

Dear Mama,

Me gusta mucho cuando mi mama hace tamlaes los de dulce. Lo que mas me gusta de mi mama es agarra los vasos estan altos. Ella me ayuda a recoger cosas pesadas. Ella me ensena cosinar. Ella me hace reir. Ella me lleva tienda. Lo que mas me gusta hacer con mi mama es cosinar y ayu da con mi tareade math.

Escrito por, Miguel Valencia Lincoln 2nd Grade Mrs. Sondgeroth

Dear Mom,

I love when you hug me. My favorite thing about you is when you tickle me. You help me feel better when I am hurt. You teach me good manners. You make me tamales. You take me shopping. My favorite thing to do with you is help you clean. You are the best mom in the world. Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Santiago Ocampo-Gonzalez

Dear Mom.

I love when you snuggle with me. My favorite thing about you is your hugs and kisses. You help me with my homework. You teach me math. You make me feel good. You take me to the park. my favorite thing to do with you is to help you with my brother. You are the prettiest mom in the world. You are so sweet and kind. Happy Mother's Day. I love you mom.

Love, Hazel Simpson

Dear Mom,

I love when you are kind and sweet My favorite thing about you is that you are sweet. You help me learn badminton. You teach me history. You make me noodles to eat. You take me to the Lincoln Memorial. My favorite thing to do with you is to sleep with you. I love you so much. You are so nice. Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Austin Wire

Dear Mommy,

I love when you hug me every night. My favorite thing about you is your love. You help me wake up in the morning. You teach me math. You help me feel happy and grateful and supported. You take me to the mall sometimes. My favorite thing to do with you is to make pancakes together. I love you mommy, so much, forever. Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Sophia Dunley

Dear Mom,

I love when you buy me legos. My favorite thing about you is your smile. You help me feed the chickens. You teach me how to be responsible. You make me laugh. You take me to the store to get groceries. My favorite thing to do with you is to hang out and help me pick out my clothes. You are the best mom in the universe. Happy Mother's Day.

> Love, Abel Diaz

Dear Mom,

I love when you let me stay after school. My favorite thing about you is your laugh. You help me with my homework. You teach me how to tie my shoes and ride my bike. You make me food. You take me to the stores. My

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favorite thing to do with you is to play games. I love you. I like you and you make me laugh. Happy Mother's Day.

Krew Knaff

Dear Mom,

I love when you take care of me. My favorite thing about you is your love. You help me clean. You teach me math. You make me smile. You take me everywhere. My favorite thing to do with you is cook. I love you always. I will never ever not love you mom. Happy Mother's Day. Love.

Izaiah Lopez

Dear Mom,

I love when you snuggle with me. My favorite thing about you is when you hug and kiss me. You help me with my homework. You teach me how to ride my bike without training wheels. You make me smile with lots of joy. You take me to the hair and nail salon. My favorite thing to do with you is cooking together. I love when you take care of me. Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Briana Zendeli

Dear Mom, I love when you paint my nails. My favorite thing about you is your hugs and kisses. You help me with my homework. You teach me new things. You make me happy. You take me to the park. My favorite thing to do with you is to make chicken with you. I love, love, love you and you are the best mom. Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Addison Gaspar

Dear Mom,

I love when you make me smile. My favorite thing about you is everything. You help me with my homework. You teach me a lot of stuff. You make me laugh a lot. You take me on vacations. My favorite thing to do with you is read. You are the best. Happy Mother's Day.

Love. Connor Stevenson Dear Mom,

I love when you smile. My favorite thing about you is your hugs. You help me with my homework. You teach me to make your coffee. You make me smile. You take me to my friends. My favorite thing to do with you is snuggle. Happy Mother's Day.

Emerson Kent

Dear Mom,

I love when you tuck me in. My favorite thing about you is your hugs and kisses. You help me pick out my clothes. You teach me how to make slushies. You make me really happy. You take me bowling. My favorite thing to do with you is to help you do laundry, cook and lay down with you. I love you so much. You are the best mom in the history of the world. Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Kennedy Mellott

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Dear Mom,

I love when you play with me. My favorite thing about you is that you give me ice cream. You help me when I get sad. You teach me math and reading. You make me the best pizza. You take me to Pizza Hut. My favorite thing to do with you is to ride our bikes. You are special to me, mom. Happy Mother's Day. Love.

Aiden Moreno

Dear Mom,

I love when you hug me every day. My favorite thing about you is your love. You help me with my shoes. You

teach me about behaving. You make me smile every time. You take me to the playground. My favorite thing to do with you is to bake cookies. You are my sunshine. I love you so much. Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Emilia Farrier

Dear Mom,

I love when you feed me. My favorite thing about you is when you play with me. You help me with homework. You teach me how to do homework. You make me happy. You take me to baseball. My favorite thing to do with you is play. I love when you ride bikes. Happy Mother's Day. Love,

Easton Pyse

Dear Mom,

I love when you tickle me. My favorite thing about you is your hugs and kisses. You help me with homework. You teach me to cook. You make me feel safe. You take me to my dad's. my favorite thing to do with you is to watch TV. You are the best mom ever. I am very happy that I am born to the best mom. Happy Mother's Day. Love,

Charles Fordham

Dear Mom,

I love when you cuddle with me. My favorite thing about you is your cooking. You help me doing homework. You teach me how to make hot chocolate. You make me laugh. You take me to school. My favorite thing to do with you is play outside. You are the best. Happy Mother's Day.

> Love, Liam Venegas

Dear Mom,

I love when you paint with me. My favorite thing about you is that you are nice. You help me with homework. You teach me to cook. You make me smart. You take me to home. My favorite thing to do with you is to play. I love you. You are so nice that you're the best mother in history. Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Josiah Enoch

Dear Mom,

I love when you play games with me so much. My favorite thing about you is when you take me out for donuts. You help me with my homework. You teach me math. You make me food. You take me out for dinner. My favorite thing to do with you is to help you cook, do laundry and make the beds. You are the best mom I have ever had in my living body. I love you. Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Maddox Chaon

Dear Mom.

I love when you take care of me. My favorite thing help me get better grades. You teach me how to wash dishes. You make me smile. You take me to stores. My favorite thing to do with you is when we go on vacations. You are the best mom in the history of the work and

you are so special. Happy

about you is what you do. You

Love, Nikki Figueroa

Mother's Day.

Dear Mom,

I love when you care about me and brought me into this world. My favorite thing about you is your heart, care and support. You help me have the best life. You teach me good how to be a good person. You make me a good daughter. You take me to Disneyland and more. My favorite thing to do with you is live a happy life with you. You are a very, very good mommy. Happy Mother's Day.

Love, Bella Granados

Dear Mom,

I love when you put me in bed. My favorite thing about you is your love and niceness. You help me do my room. You teach me to cook. You make me happy. My favorite thing to do with you is to play games. You are the best mom.

Love, Aria Erving

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POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST

Emily L. Elwell, 19, of 205 Sandra Ave., Apt. H1, Mendota, was arrested at 6:36 a.m. April 26 on an active Lee County warrant for failure to appear/traffic offense (speeding). The subject posted bond and was released with a Lee County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

Nicholas A. Trenholm, 42, of Dixon, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at Michigan Avenue and Burlington Street at 10:14 a.m. April 28. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

Nakieta A. Urban, 21, of 710 Carolyn Drive, Mendota, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at Lakewood Drive and Park Road at 4:38 p.m. April 28. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

City Ordinance

Grass clippings, etc. in streets

No person shall throw, place or leave, or cause or permit to be thrown, placed or left, any ashes, dirt, filth or rubbish, grass clippings, or foreign matter in or upon any street, alley or sidewalk of the City of Mendota.

Penalty: Any person violating this section shall be subject to the penalty of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500. Imposition of any penalty for a violation of this section shall not be construed as a waiver of the right of the City to collect the cost of removal of such nuisance where it is necessary for the City to remove such nuisance.

Permission is needed for dumpster on the street

MENDOTA – All dumpsters needing to be placed on Mendota city streets are required to be cleared with Nick Stremlau of the streets, parks and public property departments. Please call 815-539-7287 for approval before placing dumpsters on city streets.

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May 8th

LaSalle County Health Department begins dead bird surveillance

OTTAWA – While mosquitoes have not been shown to transmit COVID-19, they can transmit other diseases such as West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis virus, and La Crosse encephalitis virus. While spending time outdoors, please remember to wear an EPA-registered insect repellent to help prevent mosquito bites.

The LaSalle County Health Department has begun collecting dead crows, blue jays, and robins and will continue this process until Oct. 15, 2022. Dead birds are important sentinels for early detection of West Nile virus activity. West Nile virus generally appears in birds and mosquitoes before it is transmitted to humans. Over the past 20 years, West Nile virus activity has been documented throughout LaSalle County. If you find a dead bird, please contact the Health Department's Environmental Health Division at 815-433-3366. Below are the criteria the Health Department uses to determine if a bird is eligible to submit for testing:

• The bird is dead and the carcass is in good condition. Birds should be dead for less than 48 hours prior to collection, and have not started decomposing (no strong odor, no

bloating, no maggots, eyes are not deflated or dried). The bird has no obvious cause

of death. Birds with obvious injuries such as wounds or missing parts should not be submitted for testing. Crushed carcasses and birds found along roadways are not acceptable. The bird must be one that is acceptable for testing. At this time, the Health Department is only collecting

crows, blue jays, and robins. To help

identify the type of bird, please visit

https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-ser-

vices/diseases-and-conditions/west-

nile-virus/dead-bird-collection for bird identification information. As in past years, Health Department staff is getting ready to begin testing mosquitoes for West Nile virus. The mosquito collection and testing

equipment was purchased with grant money. The Health Department also utilized the grant money to purchase a large quantity of mosquito larvicide, which is used to treat potential mosquito breeding sites. The larvicide will be distributed to licensed mosquito control applicators from local municipalities and villages throughout

For additional information on West Nile virus, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit our website at www.

lasallecounty.org. The LaSalle County Health Department does not collect and test birds for Avian Flu. To report sick or dead domestic/owner poultry to: The Illinois Department of Agriculture at 217-782-4944 or USDA APHIS Veterinary Services at 1-866-536-7593

To report sick or dead wild birds (5 or more) to: your local IDNR District Wildlife Biologist or USDA Wildlife Services at 1-866-487-3297.

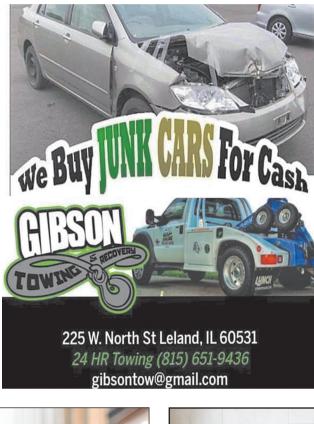
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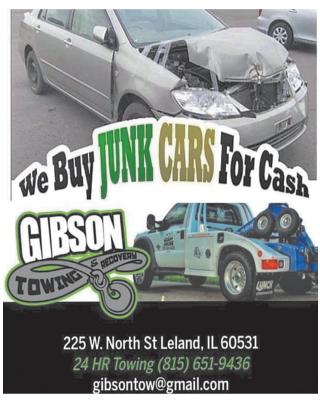
MENDOTA – The city of Mendota reminds you that it is unlawful under city ordinance 42.34 to hang, lean, or place any advertising materials on any street

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.







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New business in Mendota





Power Care Rehabilitation in Mendota held an open house on April 30. The new business is located in the old Mendota Lutheran Home. Power Care Rehabilitation is a physical, occupational and speech therapy services company. It focuses on modern approaches to enhance the biological, psychosocial and physical well-being of its patients. Power Care Rehabilitation treats balance, weakness, deconditioning, post-operative surgeries, pain from arthritis, back pain, fibromyalgia, knee, hip, shoulder and sciatica pain. It specializes in pain management for most conditions associated with joints and muscles. Power Care Rehabilitation accepts Medicare, most major insurances, low-cost private pay, and is workman's comp certified. Therapy can be done in the comfort of your home or outpatient clinic location. (Reporter photos by Jamie Stanford)



Alyssa McCauley, third from front left, with her students in Turkey. (Photo contributed)

Mendota's McCauley speaks about teaching journey from US to Turkey

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College alumnus and Fulbright Scholar Alyssa McCauley of Mendota recently spoke to the college's Multicultural Education class on her teaching journey from the U.S. to Turkey.

McCauley graduated from IVCC in 2018 with her AA and AS degrees. From there, she transferred to Illinois State University where she majored in Secondary English Education and minored in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

During her undergraduate career, McCauley gained experience in teaching through field-based work, summer education and student teaching. She worked in schools across Illinois such as University High School in Normal, Heartland College in Normal and Chicago's Farragut Career Academy and Benito Juarez.

McCauley said, "In my undergraduate experiences, I was supported by mentors who inspired me to face challenges that felt out of reach. It was through their patience and feedback that I continued to develop my skills, flexibility, resilience, and teaching philosophy."

McCauley encourages future teachers to listen first, don't compare one experience to another, and ask questions.

Her mentor, Dr. Lisya Seloni, helped her

understand the beauty and complexity of multilingualism and multiculturalism that encouraged her to apply for the prestigious Fulbright Scholars Award and to go to Turkey. McCauley accepted a position at Eskişehir

Osmangazi Üniversitesi, in Eskişehir, Turkey. She left in September and is expected to come

"The past nine months have been life-changing in terms of my growth as an educator and as an intercultural communicator."

McCauley will be teaching at LaSalle-Peru Township High School this fall. As someone who grew up in the Illinois Valley, she is looking forward to teaching in the community that helped raise her.

For information on IVCC's Education Psychology program, contact Jill Urban-Bollis at (815) 224-0429.





PET WEEK



Wobbly Cat Syndrome: An interesting but harmless condition

While most cats are nimble and graceful, some are born with a rare condition commonly known as "Wobbly Cat Syndrome" that affects their ability to balance. But despite a lack of coordination, these cats can live full and happy lives like any others.

Dr. Joseph Mankin, a clinical associate professor in neurology at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, goes into detail on this condition, technically called cerebellar hypoplasia, and how owners can make life easier for affected cats.

"Cerebellar hypoplasia is a condition in which the cerebellum, the part of the brain that is responsible for coordination and balance, does not develop properly," Mankin said. "It results in cats that have exaggerated movements of their legs and head, as those movements are normally controlled by the cerebellum." The main clinical sign of this condition

is ataxia, or a lack of coordination. This is usually seen as wobbling when standing or walking, as well as jerking movements of the head while eating or drinking.

This condition is not contagious and does not develop over time; if a cat has cerebellar hypoplasia, it will be present from birth. "The most common cause is an in-utero

infection with the feline panleukopenia virus," Mankin said. "The virus attacks the developing cerebellum, resulting in a cerebellum that is not able to form properly."

If a cat without cerebellar hypoplasia suddenly becomes wobbly or shows a lack of balance, or if a cat with the condition has symptoms that become worse than usual, it should be examined by a veterinarian, as there is most likely another factor causing the issue.

While this condition has no treatment or cure, it usually does not cause cats any serious or harmful effects.

"These cats can live long and healthy lives; they just look a bit funny when they walk around," Mankin said. "As they grow older, they may learn to compensate for their cerebellar dysfunction and although their clinical signs will not go away, they may improve greatly."

Despite some small changes in their environment, cats with cerebellar hypoplasia typically do not need any medication or

"These cats should ideally be kept indoors and in a place where they are less likely to fall or injure themselves," Mankin said.

Overall, cerebellar hypoplasia is nothing to fear and can even be seen as an endearing trait of these uncoordinated kitties. As long as an owner is willing to keep an eye out for hazards and be patient with a cat that moves a little slower than most, this condition should have no negative impact on their bond with their feline friend.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the web at vetmed.tamu.edu/news/pettalk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

Scratching the surface of atopic dermatitis

For many people and pets, spring (aka "allergy season") is a time of excessive sneezing, itching, and scratching. For some pets, however, their allergy season is never ending, lasting into summer, fall, and winter.

Veterinary dermatologist Dr. Adam Patterson, a clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, discusses allergic skin disease and how to best relieve the itch for affected pets, which can include dogs, cats, horses, and other species.

"Environmental allergy, aka atopic dermatitis, is a skin condition in which the immune system overly reacts to the pollens of grasses, trees, and weeds, as well as to indoor substances like house dust mites, mold, and dander," he said. "Clinical signs may be seasonal or year-round in presentation."

Of these allergens, the most common to affect pets in central Texas are dust mites and grasses, as well as cedar and oak pollen. Many pets are also allergic to flea bites, which can perpetuate the effects of atopic dermatitis.

Unlike people who experience lots of sneezing and runny eyes with allergies, pets' main sign of atopic dermatitis is itching. In addition to scratching, pets may try to relieve an itch by rubbing, licking, chewing, biting, head shaking, or scooting.

"Common itchy body areas include the face, ears, paws, armpits, groin, rump, and anal region," Patterson said. "Every pet has its own fective over the long haul, itch tolerance, which means Patterson said. the intensity and reason(s)

for your pet's itch may not be the same as another animal." Recurring bacterial and/or yeast skin infections—which appear as red and/or black skin, red bumps, pimples, scabs, dander, hair loss, or thickening skin-often accompany allergic skin disease.

len ears that may leak pus. If a pet is showing any of these signs, a veterinarian can help determine the various causes.

Similarly, owners may also

notice recurring ear infections

that cause itchy red and swol-

If atopic dermatitis is determined to be the cause, in addition to itch relief medications, initial treatments may include baths, flea prevention, and anti-infection medication, as well as a possible change in diet.

"Given the safety and effect of many allergy medications today, dogs in central Texas should have allergy signs for at least five to six months out of the year before considering skin testing for environmental allergies in order for the diagnostic tests and treatment to be cost ef-

If the condition is left untreated, it can have mild to serious consequences.

"It can cause unrelenting itch, odor, remodeling of the ear canal (an increase in skin thickness and collapse of the ear canal), and multi-antibiotic resistant bacterial skin infections," Patterson said. "Ear canal removal, an expensive surgery, may be required."

To avoid excessive, costly treatments and extra discomfort for your pet, make sure to talk to your veterinarian if your pet is showing signs of an environmental allergy to determine a plan, which could even include referral to a veterinary dermatologist. Getting rid of that annoying itch will help make spring, and possibly the entire year, more enjoyable for everyone.

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No more creepy crawlies: Keep reptiles safe from parasites

Household chores are an important, but often looked, part of our daily lives.

For our reptilian friends, though, having a safe and tidy environment is one of the best prevention methods against parasitic infections, according to Dr. Ashley Navarrette, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences.

Navarrette says that reptiles living in unsanitary environments are at a greater risk of contracting intestinal parasites, as these diseases are most often transmitted via the fecal-oral route. Typically,

this is seen as a reptile ingesting contaminated eggs, insects, or other materials found in fecal material.

Parasite transmission also has been known to occur through wounds in a reptile's skin.

Most captive reptiles get parasites from contact with other reptiles. This means it is imperative that owners are diligent in having veterinarian screenings of new reptiles entering the home,

in addition to maintaining a clean environment for them to live in.

"So many disease processes can be prevented by proper husbandry," Navarrette said.

Because reptile owners are not able to actually see many of the microscopic intestinal parasites that veterinarians are concerned with, it is important that owners are able to spot tell-tale signs of parasitic infections

While clinical signs tend to vary from parasite to parasite, common symptoms are regurgitation, weight loss, diarrhea, bloating, and

"If your reptile is suspected to have intestinal parasites, do not wait long to see your veterinarian," Navarrette said. "Often, once reptiles start showing clinical signs, the disease is pretty advanced."

In addition to a clean environment, another preventative measure owners can take is feeding their reptiles an appropriate diet. When an under-nourished animal experiences other health concerns, they tend to suffer more than those well fed because of their lack of reserves, potentially leading to an increased mortality risk.

Even if owners do not believe their reptile has a parasitic infection, Navarrette recommends that reptiles have a fecal examination by a veterinarian every six to 12 months as a preventative step.

Cleaning up after our pets may not always be the most of entertaining of chores, but for a reptile, it is one of the easiest ways to keep them safe from parasites or other diseases. The simple steps of proper cage management and nutrition will help our reptilian friends live long and healthy lives.

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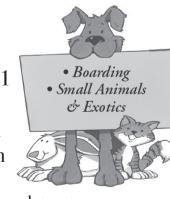
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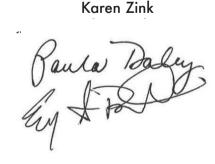
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SPORTS



Mendota's Anthony Kelson, left, clears the final hurdle on his way to a second-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles in a home meet on April 29. (Reporter photos)

Princeton, L-P claim Gooden Lite crowns

MENDOTA - The Mendota boys' and girls' track teams hosted five other schools for the Don Gooden Lite Invitational on April 29 at the MHS track.

Princeton captured the boys' team title with 152.5 points. Mendota was sixth with 39 points.

The girls' team championship went to LaSalle-Peru with 167 points. The Lady Trojans finished sixth with 32 points.

The best finish on the day for the Trojans went to Anthony Kelson, who raced to a second-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 19.66. Mendota also had a third-place finish by the 4x800 meter relay team. The foursome comprised of Kody Chase, Jacob Carr, Mason Koch and Kelson ran a time of 10:05.29.

Mendota's girls had a pair of third-place finishes. Alexis Finley took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:57.53, while the 4x400 meter relay squad was third in 5:27.97. Runners were Natalie Bodmer, Finley, Grace Wasmer and Dessa Komitas.

April 29 **Gooden Lite Invite** (Boys)

Princeton 152.5, LaSalle-Peru 140, Streator 115, St. Bede 113.5, Hall 87, Mendota 39

Mendota 2nd place: Anthony Kelson, 110m hurdles, 19.66

Mendota 3rd place: 4x800m relay (Kody Chase, Jacob Carr, Mason Koch, Kelson), 10:05.29

Mendota 4th place: Kelson, 300m hurdles, 48.81; 4x400m relay (Koch, Jose Belmonte, Chase, Kelson), 4:07.16

Mendota 5th place: Chase, 1600m run, 5:39.29

Mendota 6th place: Travis Mumm, 3200m run, 15:32.57; Koch, long jump,

Mendota 7th place: Koch, 400m dash, 59.97; Logan Wujek, 800m run, 2:58.29

Mendota 8th place: Carr, 800m run, 2:59.41 (Girls)

LaSalle-Peru 167, Princeton 154, St. Bede 105, Hall 79, Streator 58, Mendota 32

Mendota 3rd place: Alexis Finley, 800m run, 2:57.53; 4x400m relay (Natalie Bodmer, Finley, Grace Wasmer, Dessa Komitas), 5:27.97

Mendota 4th place: Bodmer, 400m dash, 1:18.04;



jump competition during a home meet on April 29.

Finley, 1600m run, 6:46.95 Mendota 6th place: Wasmer, 300m hurdles, 1:03.18 Mendota 7th place: Wasmer, 100m dash, 15.32;

Komitas, 400m dash, 1:33.35 Mendota 8th place: Wasmer, long jump, 13-0

Princeton, Orion down Lady Trojans

Deuces were wild for Princeton as it scored two runs in five different innings to down Mendota, 10-5, in varsity softball action on April 26 at the MHS field.

Princeton scored two runs in the first, third, fourth, fifth and sixth frames. Mendota had single tallies in the second and third innings before pushing across three runs in the bottom of the seventh. The visitors outhit Men-

dota, 12-8. Ava Eddy had a

pair of singles for the Lady

Trojans, while Katie Jenner doubled. Paige Manning and Zoe Finley both drove in a pair of runs for Mendota. Manning was tagged with the loss. She pitched six innings and allowed 10 hits and five earned runs. She walked

A late rally came up short

two and struck out five.

for Mendota in an 8-5 setback to Orion on April 30 at the MHS field.

Orion scored in each of the first four innings and held a 7-0 lead before the Lady Trojans got on the board with two runs in the bottom. Mendota added one in the sixth and two in the seventh.

Finley had two singles for the Lady Trojans among the team's seven safeties. Manning had a triple, while Jenner and Gracie Zinke both doubled

Ryleigh Sondgeroth started in the circle and was relieved by Manning in the fourth. Orion totaled 10 hits. Sondgeroth allowed nine hits, four earned runs, walked one and struck out two. Manning permitted a hit and an unearned run in three-plus innings.

Trojans fall to Orion, Newman on diamond Sterling Newman had

too much firepower and toppled Mendota, 16-7, in a varsity baseball contest on April 28 at Sterling. The game was tied at 4-4

in the fifth when Newman plated eight runs to pull Newman outhit the Tro-

jans, 11-9, although only one of the Comets' hits was for extra bases (double). Mendota had three extra-base hits. Ryne Strouss

tripled, singled and drove in four runs, while Izaiah Nanez and Krew Bond both doubled. Braiden Freeman added a pair of singles. Bond pitched into the fourth inning and took the

loss. He gave up seven hits, eight earned runs, walked one and fanned six. Landon Kreiser and Dominik Stamberger also had stints on the mound.

Orion slugged its way past the Trojans, 10-1, on April 30 at the MHS field.

The Chargers had just six hits, but four of them were for extra bases. They

had two homers and two Orion grabbed a quick

3-0 lead in the first and then added three more in the fifth. Mendota got its lone tally in the bottom of the fifth when Justin Randolph clouted a solo homer. The Trojans (2-12) had just three hits in the contest. Randolph was the los-

hits and six runs over five frames. He walked six and struck out five. Ted Landgraf pitched the final two innings. In the second game of the day, Orion's varsity topped

ing pitcher, giving up two

Mendota's junior varsity, 6-4, in a five-inning contest. Orion scored five of its runs in the fifth. Mendota collected six hits, all singles. Josh Figueroa had two singles

Aughenbaugh also laced a pair of singles. Freeman was the starting pitcher, going three innings before Aughenbaugh and Jace Baird came on in relief. Aughenbaugh took

and three RBI, while Owen

Girls' track in Geneseo Sectional

the loss.

GENESEO - The Mendota Lady Trojans have been assigned to the Geneseo Class 2A Girls' Track Sectional to be held Wednesday, May 11. Field events will kick off the sectional at 4 p.m.

Other teams competing at Geneseo are Coal City, Dixon, Galena, Galesburg, Geneseo, Kewanee, LaSalle-Peru, Monmouth-Roseville, Morris, Ottawa, Plano, Princeton, Rock Falls, Sandwich, Sterling and Streator.

The IHSA State Track Meet is scheduled for May 19-21 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Mental Agility's Corsetti to serve as keynote speaker at 2022 IHSA Officials Conference

BLOOMINGTON - The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) is proud to announce that Gordon Corsetti will serve as its keynote speaker at the 2022 IHSA Officials Conference. The 2022 IHSA Officials

Conference will be held on July 8-9 at Normal Community West High School in Normal. Corsetti is slated to highlight the conference's opening session at 7 p.m. on July 8. Corsetti is a nationally

acclaimed speaker and accomplished lacrosse official who owns and operates Mental Agility, a mental health and wellness website that features blog posts, workshops, resources, and speaking engagements led by Corsetti.

"Mental health and wellness is obviously a very topical issue given all that we have endured over the past few years," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "We are excited to welcome Gordon to shed further light on these issues with his unique style. The fact that he is a respected official and will be able to connect and provide further perspective to our audience is an added bonus."

Corsetti, who resides in Georgia, sums up Mental

Agility on the website by saying, "I live with clinical depression and generalized anxiety disorder. I suffered for years until I learned how to attack my depressed thoughts and gain mastery over them. Now, I share methods to help those with and without mental illness live more fulfilling lives. Through public speaking engagements and workshops, I teach breath work, body

awareness, mindfulness,

meditation, and how to re-

main calm and grounded in

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any situation.' The 2022 IHSA Officials Conference agenda, including a list of all sessions and speakers will be posted on IHSA.org soon. However, another speaker who is already confirmed to present in July is NFHS Director of Officiating Services, Dana Pappas. Pappas will speak on Title IX and the recruitment and mentoring of officials

"It is no secret that we are struggling to attract and retain officials right now, so we are eager to welcome Dana and hear her national perspective on this issue," said IHSA Assistant Executive Director Sam Knox, who oversees the IHSA Officials Department and has officiated IHSA baseball and basketball for over 25 years. "Being able to improve as officials, as people, and to exchange ideas on important topics is what this conference is all about."

The IHSA Officials Conference annually draws over 700 attendees, as officials from around the state gather to collaborate in general and sport-specific officiating workshop sessions. In addition, they share firsthand experiences to better prepare fellow officials, while also enjoying a variety of networking activities.

Conference registration opened on May 1.



Heading to Eureka

Isabella Tolentino, front center, signs to play soccer at Eureka College beginning this fall. Looking on are her parents, Jose and Vanessa Tolentino, and Mendota High School head soccer coach Nick Myers. Tolentino, a senior at MHS, will study criminal justice and pre-law at Eureka College. (Reporter photo)

SPORTS

Weightlifting tips for beginners

Strength training is a vital component of an effective exercise regimen. Guidelines from the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion recommend adults include moderate- to high-intensity strength training activities in their workout regimens at least twice per

Individuals with little weightlifting experience may not recognize the value of strength training, which is often associated with building as much muscle as possible. Though strength training helps build muscle, it's also a great way to burn fat. Muscle increases resting metabolic rate, which means individuals who engage in strength training will burn more fat during rest than they would if they did not include such exercise in their workout regimens. Stronger muscles also provide more support to bones and connective tissues, which reduces injury risk. That's an especially important benefit for aging men and women. As valuable as strength

training is, it's imperative that individuals approach weightlifting and other strength-building exercises with a measure of caution. Improper form or going too hard too soon can increase injury risk. Beginners can heed these tips as they acclimate to strength training.

· Work with a personal trainer. Proper form is imperative to avoiding injury while strength training, and personal trainers can guide individuals through an assortment of exercises to make sure they're performing them correctly. If a long-term commitment to a personal trainer is beyond your financial means, find a trainer with limited commitment packages or one



who lets clients pay on a session-by-session basis. Many fitness facilities include one or two free personal trainer consultations for new members, so take advantage of these opportunities when they're offered. If you plan to work out at home, ask a friend with weightlifting experience to show you the correct form or watch online

• Begin with light weight. Beginners should avoid reaching for the heaviest dumbbells on the rack. Mastering form is vital at the beginning stages of a new strength training program, so go for lighter weights and gradually add weight as your body acclimates. If you find yourself completing a set

without much effort, you can add a little more weight. But start with light weight and build from there.

 Warm up with some light cardio prior to lifting any weight. Fitness experts note that some light warmup prior to a strength training workout increases range of motion, decreases injury risk and contributes to more permanent change in muscles. Keep warmup sessions to between five and 10 minutes, opting for anything from a low-intensity jog on a treadmill or session on an elliptical. After warming up, perform some stretches that target the muscles you'll be focusing on during your workout. A trainer or online tutorial can be good sources of stretches to perform before working out a particular muscle group.

• Recognize the need for recovery. Rest and recovery is vital for any athlete, and that includes strength training beginners who are not yet lifting a lot of weight. Rest helps to build lean muscle tissue and prevents injuries. When planning a strength training regimen, ensure muscles get adequate rest by never working out the same muscle groups on consecutive days.

Strength training beginners should take things slowly and gradually change their routines as their bodies become more acclimated to exercises designed to make them stronger.

Girls' soccer ties 'Bago, Stillman V.

Mendota and Winnebago played to a 1-1 tie in varsity girls' soccer action on April 26 at Winnebago.

Selina Hernandez scored Mendota's goal, while goal keeper Naitzy Garcia had seven saves.

The Lady Trojans and Stillman Valley battled to a 0-0 draw on April 28 at the MHS field.

Both teams had their chances to get the goahead goal, but neither could get a ball past the goal tenders.

Garcia had 11 saves for Mendota.

Lady Trojans assigned to Alleman soccer regional

ROCK ISLAND - The Mendota High School girls' soccer team will compete in the Rock Island Alleman Class 1A Regional to be held May 10 and 13. Two matches will be played on Tuesday, May 10. Alleman and DePue will meet at 4:30 p.m. and Mendota and Indian

Creek will square off at 6:30 p.m. The two winners will play for the regional championship at 5 p.m. Friday, May 13. The regional champion will advance to the Hinckley-Big Rock Sectional to take on the winner of the Byron Sectional

on Wednesday, May 18 at 5 p.m. **Rock Island Alleman Soccer Regional**

Tuesday, May 10

- 1 Rock Island Alleman vs. DePue 4:30 p.m.
- 2 Indian Creek vs. Mendota 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 13
- 3 Winner 1 vs. Winner 2 5 p.m. (championship)

Mendota netters edge Princeton, 3-2

MENDOTA - The Mendota Trojan netters defeated Princeton, 3-2, on April 28 at the MHS courts.

Mendota was victorious in all three doubles matches. Teaming up were Logan Brandner-Andrew Stamberger, Tyler Valdez-Zach Compell and Parker Guelde-Jacob Ensor.

April 28 Mendota 3, Princeton 2

Singles: No. 1 - Phillips (P) def. Byron Hampton (M), 6-3, 6-4; No. 2 - Mallery (P) def. Eulysses Preciado (M), 6-1, 6-2

Doubles: No. 1 - Lo-

gan Brandner-Andrew Stamberger (M) def. Orwig-Dressler (P), 6-1, 6-1; No. 2 - Tyler Valdez-Zach Compell (M) def. Sims-Schneider (P), 6-1, 6-3; No. 3 - Parker Guelde-Jacob Ensor (M) def. Orwig-Anderson (P), 6-2, 6-2

Mendota F-S Softball

<u> April 2</u>6 Mendota 7, Princeton 6

Hitting: Ella Martin sin-

gle, triple, 1 RBI; Lea Turner

double, 1 RBI; Lily Bokus double, 1 RBI

Pitching: Ava Eddy (WP), 3 IP 3 H, 5 R, 2 ER, 6 BB, 5 SO



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ENTERTAINMENT

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD--Margot Robbie is aflame! As if playing the immortal Barbie (to

Ryan Gosling's Ken), along with Will Ferrell, wasn't crazy enough, she's got three more films com-



Robbie

ing. Premiering Nov. 4 is the period comedy "Canterbury Glass," directed by David O. Russell, with Anya Taylor-Joy, Christian Bale, Zoe Saldana, Robert De Niro, Rami Malek, Michael Shannon, Chris Rock and Taylor Swift. Then "La La Land's" Oscar-winning director Damien Chazelle steered her through "Babylon," co-starring Katherine Waterson, Brad Pitt, Olivia Wilde and Tobey Maguire, and Wes Anderson's "Asteroid City," boasting five Oscar winners, but no release date. Robbie received Oscar nominations for "I, Tonya" (2018)

"Westworld's" Thandiwe Newton, currently in "All

and "Bombshell" (2020).

the Old Knives," with Chris Pine, has withdrawn as Channing Tatum's main squeeze in "Magic Mike's Last Dance," saying it's due to "having to handle family matters." Salma Hayek, hot off a buzz from "House of Gucci" and "Eternals," and due in "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish," is assuming her role.

Hollywood

Eddie Murphy has signed to star as Axel Foley once again in "Beverly Hills Cop 4" for Netflix, with Jerry Bruckheimer producing again. They have their work cut out for them; the original "Cop" grossed \$316 million in 1984, "Cop 2" dipped to \$276 million and "Cop 3" sank to \$119 million. Murphy has already completed "You People," written by and co-starring Jonah Hill (with Kenya Barris, who is directing). It also has Julia Louis-Dreyfus, David Duchovny and Rhea Pearlman.

Johnny Depp and Amber Heard are finally having their days in court. Depp filed a \$50 million defamation suit against Heard in a Virginia court. It took weeks to set up a jury for the case, and

it's expected to drag on for six weeks or more, unless these actors keep padding their parts and speeches when they take the stand and testify on their own behalf. The press circus outside is worth it alone.

Depp's last film, "Minamata," made in 2020, was released in February to a mere \$1.7 million gross. His next project is supposed to be an untitled film directed by French actress and director Maiwenn Le Besco in which he'd play King Louis XV. It probably can't start until the trial is resolved.

Amber Heard is second-billed behind title star Jason Momoa in the upcoming "Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom," due March 17, 2023. This sequel also stars Nicole Kidman, Patrick Wilson, Dolph Lundgren and Willem Dafoe. Apparently, the idea for this sequel came from Momoa, who gets story credit with David Leslie Johnson-McGoldrick. Depp, who fell in love with Amber at first look, probably wishes, after their violent shouting matches, that she could seen but not HEARD!

Couch Theater

"The Offer" (TV-MA) -- How do you know when a film has surpassed every level of success to reach a legendary status like none other? The answer is when Hollywood decides to create a 10-episode series about how the film even came to be. Of course, I'm talking about "The Godfather." In this new biographical miniseries, the filmmaking behind the classic 1972 crime movie gets explored, from how badly Paramount needed a hit at the time to how real-life mobsters were angered about the portrayal of Italians as gangsters. "The Offer" also dives into how Marlon Brando and Francis Ford Coppola became part of the project and helped to turn the film into a massive success that would be remembered for decades to come. Streaming now. (Paramount+)

"Marmaduke" (TV-Y7) -- Based on the long-running comic strip, this CGI-animated film follows the goofy antics of a Great Dane dog named Marmaduke, whose

escapades, while entertaining, usually cause accidents, damages or other types of turmoil. So, when a video of Marmaduke goes viral, infamous dog trainer Guy Hilton takes on the challenge of transforming this dog who's always up to no good into a championship-winning pet. The titular character is voiced by "Saturday Night Live's" Pete Davidson, while other voices include J.K. Simmons and David Koechner. A perfect movie night for the entire family. Premieres May 6. (Netflix)

"Shining Girls" (TV-MA) Aspiring reporter Kirby Mazrachi was once attacked by a mysterious man, and since her attack, her present constantly shifts in front of her. Kirby's appearance, her interactions with others, even her pets, can all change or morph, never staying the same for too long. After the body of a young woman is found with marks in the same place as Kirby's after her attack, she decides to join another reporter, Dan,

in catching the killer and uncovering the truth before the list of victims grows further. This psychologically thrilling series is full of mind-bending twists, and with Elisabeth Moss ("The Handmaid's Tale") as the leading lady, there's no doubt that "Shining Girls" will be a hair-raising watch. (Apple

"The Staircase" (TV-MA) -- Not a lot of buzz has surrounded this star-studded true-crime miniseries, but "The Staircase" has the potential to be one of the best drama series released this year. Starring Colin Firth and Toni Collette as married $couple\,Michael\,and\,Kathleen$ Peterson, "The Staircase' begins just before Kathleen's sudden death -- at the bottom of a staircase in their home. All fingers immediately point to Michael as the perpetrator, so he enlists the help of a documentary crew in order to tell his side of the story and restore the dynamic of his family back to normal. Premieres May 5. (HBO Max)

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q: When is "Stranger Things" returning to Netflix, and will this be the final season? I don't necessarily want it to end, but I also don't want them to drag it out. -- L.S. A: After a two-year hia-

tus, which is very long even in the streaming world, "Stranger Things" will return with the first batch of new episodes beginning May 27. The latter half of season four will be available beginning July 1. This won't be the final season, though, as the series is expected to conclude after season five. According to Entertain-

ment Weekly, showrunner Matt Duffer promises that viewers will "learn more this season than we ever have about our mythology." It's also the first time the teens as a group will be in separate time zones, as Joyce (Winona Ryder) has escaped from Indiana with her sons, along with Eleven (Millie Bobby Brown), to California. In addition, new characters will be introduced, including Robert Englund as Victor Creel and Jamie Campbell Bower as Peter Ballard. But have no fear, the rest of the boys will still be at the forefront of the mystery back in the town of Hawkins.

Duffer stated at a television panel that he chose the West Coast because he always wanted an "'E.T.'-esque suburb aesthetic."

Q: I can't believe there's another series or movie about Watergate. What could they possibly be telling us that we don't already know? -- M.M.

A: There are actually two major projects focused on Watergate, as the White House scandal approaches its 50th anniversary. First up is "Gaslit," an eight-part series currently airing on Starz. It promises to focus on several individuals whose stories really haven't been told, including that of Attorney General John Mitchell, played by an unrecognizable Sean Penn, and his wife, Martha, played by Julia Roberts.

Another star-studded cast leads HBO's upcoming fivepart series "White House Plumbers." This project focuses on the infamous burglary and its well-known masterminds, G. Gordon Liddy (Justin Theroux) and E. Howard Hunt (Woody Harrelson). An HBO release date hasn't been announced yet.

Q: Whatever happened to

actor Robert Sean Leonard from "Dead Poets Society"? I was just watching the movie the other day and realized I haven't seen him in years. -- *C.P*.

A: "Dead Poets Society," starring Robin Williams, debuted in movie theaters in 1989, and Robert Sean Leonard has been acting steadily ever since, although initially in movies that have mostly been forgotten. For the past two decades, he's accumulated an impressive career in television, first as Dr. James Wilson on the hit medical drama "House" opposite Hugh Laurie. Leonard also had a recurring role as an assistant district attorney on "Law & Order: SVU" from 2015 to 2016.

He recently landed a role as a series regular on season two of "The Gilded Age," the much buzzed about HBO Max series set in the late 1800s. He'll play a reverend from Boston when the show returns for its sophomore season sometime in 2023.

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

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* "White noise" is named

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white is a mixture of many

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By Lucie Winborne

• Trivia 9. ARCHITECTURE: How 1. SCIENCE: What is an

- organism that depends entirely upon another organism for its existence? 2. HISTORY: When did the
- Suez Canal open? 3. GEOGRAPHY: What nation's second largest island is
- called Mindanao? 4. GENERAL KNOWL-EDGE: Where was sherry in-
- vented? 5. MUSIC: Who was known
- as "the king of swing" 6. DISCOVERIES: In what century was the ancient city of Troy rediscovered by archaeol-
- ogists? 7. GOVERNMENT: Who was the longest-serving U.S. House
- 8. MOVIES: Who directed the movie "It Happened One Night"?

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all sound frequencies at once. * Some of the first soccer balls were made of clothing

filled with rubble.

- * A young Bangladeshi woman with two uteruses gave birth to twins less than a month after having a son.
- * "Jazz on bones" or "Ribs" were bootleg vinyl recordings made from old X-rays with holes burned in the middle from cigarettes, used in the '50s and '60s to smuggle banned music into the Soviet Union.
- * A vending machine offering live crabs debuted in 2010 in Nanjing, China, with sales of around 200 per day and a promised refund of three live crabs for any dead one dispensed.
- * While enough was known about Halley's Comet in 1910 to predict its arrival, rumors about its dangers were so extensive that some people bought comet umbrellas and anti-comet pills in an attempt to protect themselves from it.

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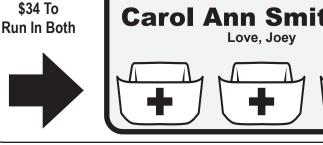
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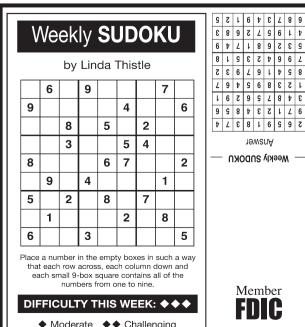
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all of us have experienced a setback or endured a significant loss. Maybe that's where you are today; perhaps you've lost a job, a relationship, or even someone or something you love.

If so, I want to encourage you with Matthew 5:4. Jesus says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be

odd. I wondered, How can we be blessed if we are mourning? Then God helped me understand that our times of pain are actually perfect opportunities to receive and experience His supernatural comfort.

In fact, having a problem is one of the best places to begin again. Why? Because God's comfort goes far beyond any ordinary kind of comfort. He is the only One

who can carry you through the pain and help you to actually become a better, more powerful person than you were before.

With God's help, we can look at our pain as an opportunity. I believe we can have an attitude that says, "This may be tough right now, but I will never give up. I'm really hurting, but I'm going to bounce back!"

Decide to Drive the Bus

I remember a conversation I had with a woman who told me, "Joyce, life has just thrown me under the bus." Almost without thinking, I responded, "My life used to be the same way, but I decided to drive the bus."

I wasn't trying to be flippant or insensitive to her hardship—I wanted to helpher. So I explained that when things go wrong, the enemy wants us to spend the rest of our lives under the bus, feeling sorry for ourselves. But God's plan is for us to bounce back, get in the driver's seat, then go pick up other hurting people who are under the bus.

I'm not saying we shouldn't grieve after a loss or tragedy, but we just don't want to get stuck there.

From the Pit to the Palace

Just look at the life of Joseph in Genesis chapters 37 - 50. As a young man,

Joseph had great dreams for his life. But his older brothers hated him and sold him into slavery, and he was taken to Egypt. But Joseph refused to give up. He found

great favor with his master,

Potiphar, and was eventual-

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Years later, when Joseph was falsely accused of trying to seduce Potiphar's wife, he was thrown in jail. But he still didn't give up. And when the time was right, the Lord eventually gave Joseph an opportunity

to interpret a dream for Pha-

raoh, who then promoted

him to be the highest official

in Egypt! Joseph literally went from the pit to the palace. And when a famine struck the land, the Lord used Joseph to save his family and

the entire house of Israel. Romans 8:28 says, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." When we refuse to give up, the greatest tragedy of our life can actually turn out to be one of the greatest blessings.

Some of my greatest victories have come out of difficult times when I had to press through and seek God for His help and comfort.

I'm grateful that I didn't give up during those times because I wouldn't have the privilege of helping people the way I do today.

I know it's not easy, but I want you to see that your attitude and response to the problems you face can make all the difference for you and so many others.

The Source of ALL Comfort

When you are hurting, run to God—the "Father of compassion and the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3). Spend time in His Word, talk to Him in prayer, and choose to worship Him even when you don't feel like it.

The Lord will often use others to comfort us. But even those people who are extremely close to us cannot give us everything we need all the time. When we expect others to do for us what only God can do, we have our expectations in the wrong place, and we will be disappointed. However, the Bible says those who put their hope in the Lord will never be disappointed (Isaiah 49:23).

Psalm 34:18 says, "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted...." He sees every hurt, every injustice, and every disappointment. If we let Him, He will take the

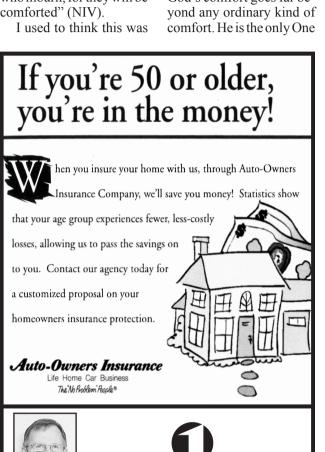
bad things that happen and work them out for our good.

Be determined to never, ever give up on God. He's the only One who can take your pain and turn it into a blessing in every storm in your life.

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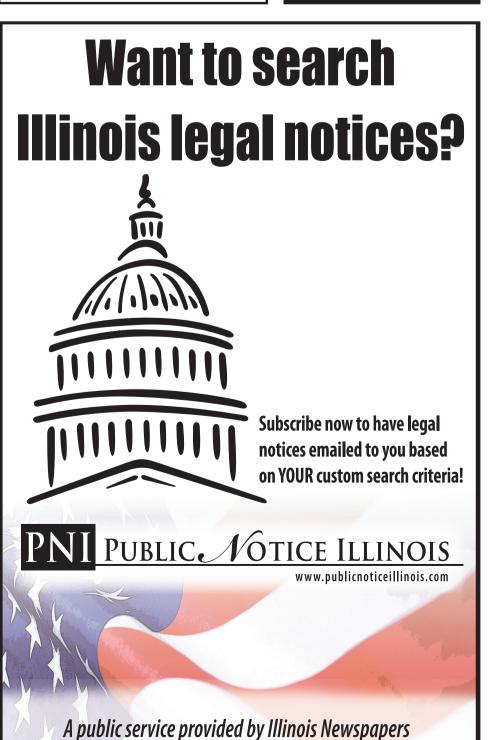
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might see; If I can open doors of hope this day

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New Testament or neither? 2. After being banished, which king

had his hair grow as long as eagles' feathers? Solomon, Herod, Asa, Nebuchadnezzar

3. Along with all in the household, who was spared during the fall of Jericho? Deborah, Miriam, Abigail,

4. The River Nile was turned to blood on which of the 10 plagues of Egypt? 1st, 2nd, 5th, 10th

5. Who made the infamous golden calf that the Israelites worshiped? Aaron, Moses, Enoch, Abraham 6. From 2 Kings 2:11, what took

Elijah into heaven? Arrow, Flood,

Whirlwind, Boat

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; Nebuchadnezzar; 3) Rahab; 4) 1st; 5) Aaron; 6) Whirlwind

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

and provisions in the EDWARD ABELLERA. MARRIED MAN, 8800 S HARLEM AVE TRLR IL, 60455, according to the Mortgage dated October 10, 2017 and recorded under File No. 20180 9237, in the and recorded Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle Illinois, on County, July 09, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed. more particularly described Unit No. 0101 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 2 EDWARD L ADAMS, ANN DEBORAH **HAGGINS** LECRECIA L CLAY, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP, 1007 **BOHLAND** AVE, BELLWOOD, IL, 60104. according to the Mortgage dated June 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 17575, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November

18, 2016,

more

owners of the timeshare

estate to be foreclosed.

described as, Unit No.

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0164 Frequency Odd, Use Period Number(s) 27-O. Phase 1 EDWARD L ADAMS, DEBORAH ANN **HAGGINS** AND CLAY, LECRECIA L AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 5917 W 26TH ST APT 23, CICERO, IL, 60804, according to the Mortgage dated June 05, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2016 17575, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November are the 18, 2016, owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed. more particularly described as, Unit No. 0164 Frequency Odd, Use Period Number(s) 27-O. Phase 1 ASMAA K I ALAWSI, A SINGLE WOMAN AND MUSTAFA ALAWSI,

A SINGLE MAN, AS

JOINT TENANTS WITH

RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, 1333 MODAFF RD UNIT A1, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60565, according to the Mortgage dated November 08, 2015 recorded under File No. 2016 16902, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described No. 0002 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 1 ASMAA K I ALAWSI, A SINGLE WOMAN AND ALAWSI.

A SINGLE MAN, AS **TENANTS** WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP, GENEVA AVE, ROMEOVILLE. IL. 60446, according to Mortgage dated 2015 recorded under File No. 2016 16902, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 04, 2016, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly as, Unit No. 0002 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 08, Phase 1 LYNN **CATHY**

ALLISON-ZEINE **AKA CATHY ALLISON-ZEINE** SINGLE WOMAN, 2208 SAVANNA RD, BLOOMINGTON. 61705, according Mortgage dated November 14, 2016 File No. 2017 13448, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 31, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0101 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 26, Phase 2 ARELI M ARIAS AND

JESUS H PARTIDAAKA J HECTOR PARTIDA. WIFE AND HUSBAND. AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP, WILD INDIGO AVE. ROMEOVILLE. IL, 60446, according to the Mortgage dated under File No. 2017 20283, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0043 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1

ARELI M ARIAS AND JESUS H PARTIDA AKA J HECTOR PARTIDA. WIFE AND HUSBAND. AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP, 253 GALEWOOD DR. BOLINGBROOK. IL. 60440, according to Mortgage dated November 04, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 20283, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 21, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to foreclosed, more particularly described as. Unit No. 0043 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 21, Phase 1 OMAR ARROYO AND **LESLIE** ARROYO. HUSBAND AND WIFE.

AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP, 4643 N SPRINGFIELD AVE. CHICAGO. IL. 60625, according to the Mortgage dated July 18, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20180 2497, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 02, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0116 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 2 THEODIS LEE COOK

AND PATRICIA TYUS

JOINT

COOK. AS

FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP MATTESON. 60443. according to the Mortgage dated 2015 and recorded under File No. 2017 13063, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 25, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more described as, Unit No. 0438 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 7 THEODIS LEE COOK COOK, AS **TENANTS**

AND PATRICIA TYUS JOINT WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP CHICAGO. 60644. according to dated the Mortgage and recorded under File No. 2017 13063, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on August 25, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0438 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 7 THOMAS A EDWARDS

MARCIA EDWARDS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT **TENANTS** WITH SURVIVORSHIP, **CHEYENNE** GURNEE, 60031, according to the Mortgage dated July 09, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 15691, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds LaSalle Illinois, on October 06, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0430 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 15, Phase 7

THOMAS A EDWARDS EDWARDS, AS JOINT **TENANTS** WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, **CHEYENNE** GURNEE. IL. 60031, according to the Mortgage dated July 09, 2016 and recorded under File No. 20170 4949, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on April 12, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0426AB Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 31, Phase 7 MICHAEL THOMAS

 G O O D M A N **THOMAS** AKA GOODMAN AND HEATHER GOODMAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP. OF 401 LOCUST ST, MALDEN, IL, 61337, according to the Mortgage dated April 30, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 17642, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds County, for LaSalle Illinois, on November 01, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed. more particularly described as, Unit No. 0435 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 7 **THOMAS** MICHAEL GOODMAN AKA **THOMAS** GOODMAN AND **HEATHER** GOODMAN. HUSBAND AND WIFE. AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP, PO BOX 95, MALDEN, IL, 61337, according to the Mortgage dated April 30, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 17642, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 01, 2017,

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timeshare estate to

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Frequency Annual, Use

Phase 7 WILLIAM G GUZIK AND CAROL J EELLS-GUZIK, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT **TENANTS** WITH SURVIVORSHIP, **CUYLER** Ν AVE. OAK PARK. IL. 60302, according to the Mortgage November 25. and recorded under File No. 20180 7701, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on June 20, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare as, Unit

estate to be foreclosed, No. 0434 Frequency Annual. Use Period Number(s) 03, Phase 7 HAYWOOD LEE-HAYWOOD, FULL RIGHTS HUSBAND AND WIFE. JAREESE K LEE. A SINGLE WOMAN AND A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP, PARK COUNTRY **CLUB** for LaSalle HILLS. 60478. according the Mortgage dated May 05, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2018 12111, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds Phase 1 Illinois, on September 07, 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, particularly as, Unit

described No. 0426 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 27, Phase 7 HAYWOOD LEE-HAYWOOD, HUSBAND AND WIFE. JAREESE K LEE, A SINGLE WOMAN AND Office of the Recorder A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP, AMANDA LITHONIA, GA, 30058. according Mortgage dated May 05, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2018 12111, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds

Illinois, on September 07. 2018, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, particularly described No. 0426 Frequency Annual, Period Use Number(s) 27, Phase 7 MICHAEL D HUGHES, SINGLE **30TH** AVE, BELLWOOD, IL. 60104, according to the Mortgage dated July 03, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 20086, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County,

for LaSalle

19, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, particularly described as, No. 0141 Frequency Annual. Use Period Number(s) 29, Phase 2 SHAUN P MALHOTRA, A SINGLE MAN, 1723 W ABLION AVE APT CHICAGO. IL. 60626, according to the Mortgage dated

Illinois, on December

February 28, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 10991, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on July 26, 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, particularly as, Unit described No. 0150 Frequency Annual. Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2 KASSANDRA MARTIN, A SINGLE WOMAN,

695 S NELSON AVE, KANKAKEE. IL. 60901, according to Mortgage dated November 23, 2018 and recorded under File No. 20190 2341. in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 06, 2019, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more

particularly described

as, Unit No. 0024-O

Frequency Odd, Use

Period Number(s) 27, Annual, Use Period Number(s) 20, Phase 7 DESTINY **MIGUEL** MCKINNEY, A SINGLE JR AND MORALES, AS JOINT WOMAN AND JOSHUA

Period Number(s) 25, DEE REYMIER REEDY, TENANTS A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH SURVIVORSHIP, 7232 RANDOLPH ST APT 101, FOREST PARK, IL. 60130, according to the Mortgage dated April 22, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 15918, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 11. 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as. Unit No. 0283 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 01, MCKINNEY, A SINGLE WOMAN AND JOSHUA DEE REYMIER REEDY,

A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH SURVIVORSHIP. 7232 RANDOLPH ST APT 101, FOREST PARK, IL, 60130, according to the Mortgage dated April 22, 2017 and recorded under File No. 2017 15920, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds County. Illinois, on October 11. 2017, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as, Unit No. 0004 Frequency Annual, Use Period Number(s) 23, EDGAR D MEDINA GARCIA AND LAURA TALAMANTES. HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP. 6375 RIVERWATER TRL, FORT WORTH, TX, 76179, according to the Mortgage dated March 27, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2017 20313, in the

Period Number(s) 51, of Deeds for LaSalle Illinois, Phase 2 DIANA R SOLIS, A December 21, 2017. SINGLE WOMAN, 826 are the owners of the timeshare estate to N 1380 EAST RD APT 826N, CISSNA PARK, foreclosed, more IL. 60924, according particularly described Unit No. 0076 to the Mortgage dated Frequency Even, Use October 29, 2016 and recorded under File Period Number(s) 20, Phase 1 No. 2017 11892, in the EDGAR D MEDINA Office of the Recorder GARCIA AND LAURA of Deeds for LaSalle TALAMANTES, County, HUSBAND AND WIFE, August 07, 2017, are AS JOINT TENANTS the owners of the WITH FULL RIGHTS timeshare estate SURVIVORSHIP. be foreclosed, more 4925 FLAT CREEK DR, particularly described FORT WORTH, TX, as, Unit No. 0428

76179, according to the Frequency Annual, Use Mortgage dated March Period Number(s) 38, 27, 2016 and recorded Phase 7 **TONYA** under File No. 2017 20313, in the Office of WILLIAMS JEREMY A WILLIAMS, the Recorder of Deeds AS JOINT TENANTS for LaSalle County. Illinois, on December WITH FULL RIGHTS SURVIVORSHIP, 21, 2017, are the 4095 LAWSON RIDGE owners of the timeshare DR # 2109. MADISON. estate to be foreclosed. more particularly AL, 35757, according described as, Unit No. 0076 Frequency Even, Use Period Number(s) 20. Phase 1

to the Mortgage dated August 07, 2016 and recorded under File No. 2020 10713, in the MORRIS, **JAMES** Office of the Recorder SINGLE of Deeds for LaSalle MAN, 11520 S PRINCETON County, Illinois, on July 23, 2020, are the AVE, CHICAGO, IL, 60628, according to owners of the timeshare the Mortgage dated estate to be foreclosed. December 10, 2015 particularly described and recorded under File as, Unit No. 20160 5796, in the No. 0068 Frequency Office of the Recorder Annual. Use Period of Deeds for LaSalle Number(s) 20, Phase 1 County, Illinois, on MILIKA SUE WORTHY-April 29, 2016, are the HUNTER, A SINGLE owners of the timeshare WOMAN, 827 103RD AVE UNIT 108, estate to be foreclosed. particularly more PEMBROKE PINES. described as, Unit FL, 33025, according No. 0439 Frequency to the Mortgage dated Annual, Use Period June 24, 2016 and Number(s) 41, Phase 7 recorded under File TYLA P PARKS, A No. 2017 17822, in the SINGLE WOMAN, Office of the Recorder RONA J FORTE AKA of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on RONA J FOURTE, A November 03, 2017, SINGLE WOMAN AND CATHERINE PARKS. are the owners of the SINGLE WOMAN, timeshare estate to AS JOINT TENANTS be foreclosed, more ENTIRETY, 148 particularly described **TAMARACK** DR. as. Unit No. 0435 BOLINGBROOK, Frequency Annual, Use 60440, according to Period Number(s) 30, the Mortgage dated November 27, 2018 and recorded under File

No. 20190 2355, in the

Office of the Recorder

of Deeds for LaSalle

County, Illinois, on

March 06, 2019, are the

owners of the timeshare

estate to be foreclosed,

No. 0414 Frequency

particularly

as, Unit

RAMIREZ

JESSICA

more

described

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SURVIVORSHIP

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July 12, 2016, are the

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estate to be foreclosed,

No. 0134 Frequency

Annual, Use Period

Number(s) 13, Phase 2

MORALES, AS JOINT

FULL RIGHTS OF

SURVIVORSHIP, 4730

W MONTANA STREET

APT B, CHICAGO, IL,

60639, according to

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A SINGLE WOMAN

65 W 59TH ST APT

101, WESTMONT, IL,

60559, according to

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Letters of Office were

to David A. Hof, 1229 and Timothy G. Hof, 1770 Heathrow Drive. Cookeville, TN 38506, attorney Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street. Mendota, IL 61342. Claims estate may be filed in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

5/11, 5/18 2022)

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