

City sells property; taking street bids

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council sold a parcel of property and got the ball rolling on the summer street program at its April 4 regular meeting.

Mayor David Boelk opened three bids for the sale of city property located at 1107 Third Ave. The high bid of \$5,000 was submitted by Dennis Gehant of Amboy and the city accepted. The other two bids were for \$4,000 and \$3,000.

Also from the mayor, it was proclaimed that April 10-16 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman John Hessenberger presented a zoning variance request from Mary Politsch for the construction of a deck at 1201 Monroe St.

The request was approved.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick noted that the bidding process for the 2022 motor fuel tax summer street maintenance program has begun. Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Monday, April 18 at the Mendota city building.

Alderman John Holland presented two annual donation requests, which were approved by the council. The city will donate \$3,500 to Graves-Hume Public Library for its summer reading program and will donate \$3,000 to Mendota YMCA for its SCAMP program.

During Alderman Jay Miller’s report, the council agreed to an ordinance repealing the video gaming terminal push tax.

The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m.



Fishing for trout
Fishing enthusiasts line the shoreline of Lake Mendota while braving the chilly early spring temperatures during the opening weekend of spring trout fishing season in Illinois. Lake Mendota was one of 57 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state that were open for spring trout fishing season, which began on April 2. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the spring season. (Reporter photo)



Street signs added to Illinois Avenue
Re-Imagine Mendota is proud to further enhance Illinois Avenue with three new black aluminum fluted street signs to match the newly designed street scape. Admiring the new street signs are group members, left to right, Lee Stocking, Cari Butler, Aaron Elston, Steve Lauer and Marion Quintana. This was all made possible by donations from the group’s most recent street festival. Re-Imagine Mendota is in the beginning stages of planning its next festival and hopes to see everyone out again. (Photo contributed)

Illinois to get \$1 billion to clean up abandoned coal mine sites

By ZETA CROSS
The Center Square contributor

SPRINGFIELD – Clean up money for abandoned coal mine sites is coming to Illinois.

Thanks to the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed by Congress last fall, Illinois stands to receive \$1 billion in federal funding over the next 15 years to remediate hundreds of acres of distressed land that was used for coal mining prior to 1977.

Projects proposed for LaSalle, Williamson, Saline, Vermillion and Peoria counties will be among the first to be reviewed for the

new funding, according to Amanda Pankau, energy campaign coordinator with the Prairie Rivers Network.

“Abandoned mine lands can mean a lot of different things,” said Pankau.

“There are portals into old underground mines that are super dangerous and need to be covered up and secured. There are high walls – which are like steep cliffs – where they stopped surface mining long ago,” she said. “Those are dangerous.”

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Commodity group leaders push for an expanded use of biofuels

□ Group believes void in oil market can be solved here at home

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

NEW ORLEANS – While the U.S. scrambles to fill the void in the oil market created by the ban of Russian imports, commodity group leaders believe the solution is closer to home than Venezuela or Saudi Arabia.

“If ever there was a time that underscores the need to expand biofuels, this is the time,” Steve Censky, CEO of the American Soybean Association and former USDA deputy secretary, said at Commodity Classic in New Orleans.

“We can grow it. We don’t need to rely on the foreign market,” he noted. “It not only will increase the pool of supply, but we know renewable diesel and biodiesel cut emissions by 60%. Renewable fuels are a win-win.”

Jon Doggett, CEO of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), echoed those comments when it comes to ethanol.

“President Biden doesn’t need to call Venezuela or Saudi Arabia to get more oil,” Doggett said at Classic, billed as America’s largest agricultural and educational experience created by farmers, for farmers. “Why go to them when we have renewable energy here that’s good for the environment?”

Both ag group leaders believe there’s plenty of capacity to expand production of biodiesel and ethanol



With a growing void in U.S. oil markets created by the ban of Russian imports, renewable fuels grown in Illinois could be the solution. (Illinois Farm Bureau file photo)

despite tightening global crop stocks.

If a third of the E10 gasoline sold in the U.S. was ratcheted up to an E15 blend, the increase would more than compensate for all the oil and energy previously imported from Russia, according to Doggett. The U.S. banned energy imports from Russia this month in response to its invasion of Ukraine.

“There’s enough corn and ethanol capacity,” the NCGA leader said. “Let consumers decide if they want to buy E15 by allowing sales year-round.”

A bipartisan group of U.S. senators recently introduced a bill, the Home Front Energy Independence Act, which would do that and more.

The Energy Independence Act would make sales of E15 year-round permanent, create a tax credit for higher blends of biofuels, streamline E15 labeling, provide infrastructure funding and extend the biodiesel tax credit three more years.

“The uncertainty of the situation in Ukraine underscores the need for more homegrown biofuels to displace the oil we import from Russia, reducing our nation’s dependence on foreign oil and improving our energy sector,” said Emily Skor, CEO of Growth Energy.

The ag leaders also called on the Biden administration to work on improved market access for U.S. commodities around the world, particularly China, and maintain risk management tools in the next farm bill.

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■ **City burn pit now open for the season; days & hours given**

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

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

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

LOCAL AND AREA



There was a great turnout of children for the Tweens program, “LEGO Re-imagined” at Graves-Hume Public Library. The next Tweens program is April 25. (Photo contributed)

Tweens build LEGO objects at Graves-Hume

MENDOTA – Graves-Hume Public Library had an amazing turnout for its Tweens program on March 28.

During the “LEGO Reimagined” program, each person was challenged to take LEGOS and build a new object to keep. Some participants built a phone/tablet holder while others built a toothbrush holder or storage box. The options were endless and so was their creativity. The tweens came up with so many creative and unique ideas of what to make with their LEGOS.

“It was great to hear the tweens brainstorming while making their creations,” said Emily Kofoid, Graves-Hume Public Library Director.

“We have a great group of tweens who are not only great kids but exceptional LEGO builders. We’re so thrilled we had a great event

and look forward to the next,” said Carolynn Ohlendorf, Youth Services Manager.

After completing their projects, tweens were invited to stay and enjoy pizza donated by Rosati’s of Mendota.

The next Tweens program will be held on Monday, April 25 at 4 p.m. The theme is “Nerf Course 2.0.” Tweens are asked to bring their own nerf equipment, though the library does have limited library-owned nerf guns to borrow. Please call ahead and reserve your borrowed nerf gun. Pizza and refreshments will be served at 5 p.m.

Registration is encouraged for youth programs. Library programs are open to all. No library card required. Call 815-538-5142 or visit the library. Check out the library’s Facebook page for more details or stop in for a newsletter.

Graves-Hume Book Club meets 3rd Tuesday

MENDOTA – Do you love reading books and discussing them? Graves-Hume Public Library hosts a monthly book club on the third Tuesday of the month (3rd Tuesday Book Discussion).

Joining a book club is a great way to push you out of your comfort zone and introduce you to new kinds of books. Each meeting, drinks



and a snack correlating with the book are served.

April’s pick is *Of Women and Salt* by Gabriela Garcia. Please stop by the library to

pick up a copy and then return for analysis and discussion on Tuesday, April 19 at 1 p.m. or 6 p.m. No registration is required for these programs. Library programs are open to all. No library card required.

For more information, call 815-538-5142 or visit the library. You can also check out the library’s Facebook page for more details or stop in for a newsletter.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Blackstone continues to teach our students about kindness. Our hallways continue to fill up with the kindness chain we are adding to every time we catch a student being kind. In addition, we recently celebrated our KIND KID winners for the month of March. The winners were Bentley Milus, Penelope Gromiuk, Lauren Wujek, Ximena Salinas, Katalina Hernandez, Shandi Matura, Maggie Bloomfield, Eva Eslinger, Syomara Gonzalez, Brynlee Carden, Ruby Diaz-Santos, Jaxon Brown and Robert Bailey.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Tabitha Rodriguez-Chism, Ximena Salinas, Grayson Dean, A’jada Perkins, Maggie Bloomfield, Gage Cordella, Emily Cervantes and Carly Smith. The winners were Cameron Saunders, Aisaiah Arteaga, Natalia Ocampo and Lillian Hansen. Congratulations to all of you!

Blackstone is planning registration for new kindergarten students for the 2022-2023 school year. We are asking parents of new kindergarten students to come to Blackstone to pick up this registration information on Tuesday, April 5th from 3:30-6:00; Wednesday, April 6th from 9:00-2:00 or Thursday, April 7th from 9:00-2:00. If you have any questions about the registration process or if you are unable to attend one of those three times, please contact our office at 539-6888.

Spring break is almost here for students and staff in District #289. There will be no school from April 11th-18th. School will resume on April 19th.

LaMoille man pens first novel

LaMOILLE – LaMoille resident and photographer Hal Adkins is pleased to announce the publication of his first completed novel, entitled, *A Week and a Day*.

It is a work of fiction involving mystery, with layers of fantasy, science fiction, history, nostalgia, and a splash of humor. The plot revolves around a World War II airman who suddenly and inexplicably finds himself away from war and home in more ways than one.

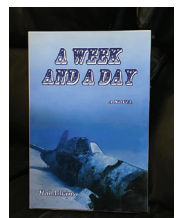
Circumstances force him to rely on two strangers to help in unraveling the mystery and find his way back. Several characters, some very unsavory, cross their path as they trek for days and over 1000 miles in an antique car, searching for answers and a resolution.

After contemplating for a few years on a “what if?” scenario involving a subject matter he found intriguing and considering what a thought-provoking story it might be, the author eventually developed a premise that would fashion the work into a mystery. The writing process began shortly afterward.

Following a creation period consuming more time than it took Adkins to get through high school, the project was recently completed and is now available on Amazon in paperback and e-book, with the paperback version available in limited numbers, locally from the author.

A preview video created by the author is also available for viewing on YouTube.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tx-oDpp9Lipc>



L.E.A.S.E. preschool screenings for Dist. 289 planned April 19

MENDOTA—L.E.A.S.E. will be holding free preschool screenings for Mendota School District 289 on Tuesday, April 19 at First United Methodist Church, 100 E. Sixth St. Mendota. You may make an appointment by calling Jean at 815-433-6433.

The screenings are for children who are 3 (by May 15) or 4 years old. L.E.A.S.E. will screen key developmental areas such as motor development, speech, language, vision, hearing and general readiness.

Only one parent/caregiver should bring the child. The church requests that parents and children wear masks.

All children must be

screened to be eligible for the Preschool for All Program. If your child is currently enrolled in the Mendota District Preschool for All Program, he/she does not need to be screened again. Applications for Mendota School District 289 Preschool for All will be at the screenings. The applications and screenings will be reviewed by the preschool team, and you will be contacted as to whether your child qualifies for preschool or not.

Screenings for children 2 months to 33 months can be scheduled with the Small Steps Program by calling 815-538-1849. The screenings are free and available throughout the year at your convenience.

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LOCAL AND AREA

Mendota student among cast in Eureka College spring musical

EUREKA – Eureka College Fine and Performing Arts will be presenting the Tony Award-winning musical comedy “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” on April 8-9 at Pritchard Theatre.

“The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling” is based on the experiences of Scripps National Spelling Bee participants. The show started out as a collection of improvisational skits about a group of socially-challenged kids aged 9-14 competing for national spelling glory and a chance to go to Washington, D.C.

Originally titled, “C-R-E-P-U-S-C-U-L-E,” “The Bee” morphed into a Broadway musical comedy that went on to win numerous awards, including two Tonys.

Among the cast members is Eureka College student Mason DeFore of Mendota. Eureka Alum Peter Jackson is the musical director, and EC Director of Theater, Nick LoChirco, will be directing his second EC production, following the fall’s charming rendition of “Story Theatre.”

There will be four performances, with the first taking place on Friday, April 8 at 4:30 p.m. and the second at 7 p.m. On Saturday, April 9, the performances will take place at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Times are subject to change and more performances could be added.

Seating will be limited, so to secure tickets, contact tickets@eureka.edu. Tickets are free, but donations are always appreciated. Please be advised that the production has some adult situations and language.

Located in Eureka, and chartered in 1855, Eureka College cultivates excellence in learning, service and leadership while providing students uniquely personalized and custom educational opportunities.

Lee County’s Helms named 2021 IRAP Landowner of the Year

SPRINGFIELD – Lee County resident and conservation advocate Lois Helms is the Illinois Recreational Access Program Landowner of the Year for 2021, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced.

The Landowner of the Year award is presented to a landowner enrolled in the IRAP program who has demonstrated outstanding wildlife management, habitat improvement and conservation practices while allowing public access on their private property through the IRAP initiative.

Helms, who died in early 2022, was a longtime participant in the program with her husband, William, who died in 2016.

The Helms family devoted an exceptional amount of attention to restoring the ecological quality of their property in western Lee County, including adding native tree and grassland plantings, conducting prescribed burns, and removing invasive and non-native species from the property, all while allowing access to youth, first-time hunters, and veteran hunters who otherwise would have nowhere else to hunt.

William, who initially enrolled the couple’s land in IRAP in 2012, wanted to ensure it was cared for and available to youth for recreational and learning opportunities even after his death, according to the couple’s daughter, Mindy Berge.

“We assured our father we would do all we could to keep the property as he wanted it to be, and we have received wonderful support from IRAP,” Berge said, noting that the family intends to remain in the program so that future generations of their family and the public can enjoy the land.

Lois Helms was one of six nominees recognized by IRAP staff for their conservation efforts and stewardship of Illinois’ natural resources, as well as their willingness to allow public access to their land for recreational opportunities. Other 2021 nominees were:

- Father and son Jack and Andrew Robertson (White-side, Morgan, Scott and Macoupin counties)
- Blake Hiltabrand (Bureau County)
- Don Dobrinich (Montgomery County)
- Jonna Krueger (Macoupin County)
- Tom Held (Calhoun County)

“IDNR is grateful for landowners like Lois and her family, who have shown true dedication to improving habitat for wild game and ecologically important species like pollinators,” said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. “We appreciate their enthusiasm for providing new generations with the opportunity to enjoy memorable recreational experiences and learn about land management.”

For more information about the benefits of IRAP and how to enroll, visit https://bit.ly/IDNR_irap.



Lois and William Helms

LaSalle Library plans program on pollinators

LaSALLE – The LaSalle Public Library will present a virtual program on Tuesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. featuring Natalie Martin, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener, and Donna Blomquist, Librarian, for an informational presentation on Pollinator Pathways, a community project funded through #PlantWildflowers Initiative.

The presentation will provide details on the importance of pollinators and how to acquire free, wildflower seed packets through the Library that support pollinator habitats. Learn more about the project, get answers to

questions, and find out how you can participate.

Native wildflowers and grasses once made up the largest natural ecosystem in the United States. In Illinois, today, less than 0.01% remains of the original 21 million acres of prairie. The loss of prairie lands has devastated wild pollinators, who depend on pollen and nectar to survive, and humans on them for more than 150 U.S. food crops and a host of other benefits, including community beautification. Whether it is a window box, a small corner at the back of a yard, a rural fence line, a

garden bed at a school or a public park, individuals and groups are encouraged to participate.

The program will be presented via Zoom and is free and open to all. Pollinator Pathways is funded through #PlantWildflowers Initiative, supported by Howard Hughes Medical Institute’s (HHMI) Tangled Bank Studios, PBS Nature, World Wildlife Fund, and Air Wick Scented Oils.

Register – <https://bit.ly/3qtxoT1>. For more information, please contact the LaSalle Public Library at 815-223-2341.

Cast is announced for Stage 212’s presentation of “Unnecessary Farce”

LaSALLE – There are laughs aplenty as Stage 212 pulls out all the stops with its Spring 2022 production of “Unnecessary Farce,” the riotous adult comedy by Paul Slade Smith.

“Unnecessary Farce” will be presented April 22-24 and April 29-May 1 at Stage 212, 700 First St., LaSalle. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available to the general public for \$15 each beginning April 11, and may be purchased by visiting the box office Monday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon or by calling 815-224-3025 during the same hours. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting stage212.org.

Two inept police officers are tasked with conducting a sting operation on their town’s allegedly embezzling mayor in the local economy motel. Their efforts to get the goods are complicated hilariously by a lovelorn accountant, a hit man, the mayor’s head of security, the mayor’s wife and the mayor himself.

Featured in the cast are Pietro Alfano as Eric Sheridan, Christin Mitchell as Billie

Dwyer, Devon Ford as Karen Brown, Michael Lee as Agent Frank, Brian Steep as Todd, Kelly Johnson as Mary Meekly and, in his first-ever stage appearance, former

Peru mayor Scott Harl as Mayor Meekly.

Production staff includes director Joseph Ennenbach, co-producers Jessica Kreiser and Larry Kelsey, assistant director Theresa Wolfe, stage manager Ella Johns, set construction chief John Scheidecker, set building crew Joshua Robles, Josh Gill, Ronald Cole and Brett Cole, set decorator Glen Gerrard, costumer Joey Santos, prop coordinator Carol McConville, lighting designer and operator Yvette Lucas, sound designer Brian Pross, sound operator Fred Davis and stagehand Brittany Muller.

Masks are currently not required in the building, but that is subject to change based on guidelines from the CDC and IDPH at the time of the production.

“Unnecessary Farce” contains adult language and adult themes, and is not recommended for viewing by children. “Unnecessary Farce” is produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com).



Mendota Weather

April 6, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Showers Likely
High: 59 Low: 40

Thursday
Few Showers
High: 47 Low: 34

Friday
Rain & Snow Possible
High: 40 Low: 29

Saturday
Partly Cloudy
High: 49 Low: 33

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 61 Low: 54

Monday
Few Showers
High: 66 Low: 58

Tuesday
Cloudy
High: 70 Low: 64

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see partly cloudy skies with a 90% chance of showers, high of 59°, humidity of 48%. West southwest wind 11 to 19 mph. The record high for Wednesday is 80° set in 1988. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 40°. West southwest wind 15 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 33°.

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday Hi/Lo Wx	Thursday Hi/Lo Wx
Aurora	59/40 sh	54/34 sh
Champaign	60/40 sh	57/36 sh
Chicago	59/41 sh	54/36 sh
Freeport	57/38 ra	54/33 ra
Joliet	59/41 sh	56/35 sh
Moline	60/40 ra	55/34 ra
Peoria	60/41 sh	57/35 sh
Rockford	58/39 sh	53/33 sh
Springfield	61/41 sh	57/36 sh

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip	Rainfall
Monday	40	24	51/30	0.00"	0.70"
Tuesday	41	31	51/30	0.00"	Normal rainfall 0.65"
Wednesday	61	41	52/31	0.39"	Departure +0.05"
Thursday	38	34	52/31	0.22"	Average temp 39.2°
Friday	45	31	53/31	0.00"	Average normal 41.6°
Saturday	42	34	53/32	0.09"	Departure -2.4°
Sunday	54	33	54/32	0.00"	

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
First 4/9	Wednesday 6:31 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	9:25 a.m.	12:17 a.m.
	Thursday 6:29 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	10:07 a.m.	1:16 a.m.
	Friday 6:27 a.m.	7:29 p.m.	10:57 a.m.	2:11 a.m.
	Saturday 6:26 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	11:53 a.m.	2:58 a.m.
Full 4/16	Sunday 6:24 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	12:54 p.m.	3:39 a.m.
	Monday 6:22 a.m.	7:32 p.m.	1:59 p.m.	4:14 a.m.
	Tuesday 6:21 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	4:43 a.m.

Local UV Index



UV Index

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

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Weather Trivia

What is the coldest recorded temperature in the United States?

Answer: Prospect Creek, Alaska was 80 degrees below zero on Jan. 23, 1971.

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see cloudy skies with widespread rain, highest temperature of 70 in Portsmouth, Ohio. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 88 in Lehigh Acres, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear skies with the highest temperature of 99 in Rio Grande City, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 74 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 95 in Yuma, Ariz.

Weather History

April 6, 1987 - Rain and melting snow caused flooding from New England to Ohio. Flooding in the Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts was the worst in 50 years, causing 42 million dollars in damage.

April 7, 1980 - Severe thunderstorms spawned tornadoes which ripped through central Arkansas. The severe thunderstorms also produced high winds and baseball size hail. Five counties were declared disaster areas by President Carter.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Ellen A. Lorey

ROCKBRIDGE, Wis. — Ellen Ann Agnew Plapp Lorey, 84, of Rockbridge, Wis., formerly of Mendota, died Thursday, March 24, 2022.

Graveside services will be held in the Malta Cemetery in the spring. The Pratt Funeral and Cremation Service of Richland Center, Wis., is assisting the family with their arrangements.

She was born on May 2, 1937, in Leona, Wis., the daughter of Theo and Helen (Jordan) Agnew. Ellen was united in marriage to Gerald Roger Plapp in Leona and he preceded her in death. Ellen was united in marriage to William Lorey in Las Vegas, and she gained three step-children.

Ellen is survived by her children, Sharon L. (Stephen) Miller of Rockbridge, Jeffrey W. Plapp of DeKalb, Gregory A. (Bonnie) Plapp of Rockford; step-children Bill (Dagmar) Lorey of Johns Creek, Ga., Dave (Sue) Lorey of Arlington Heights and Sue Wasmer of Mendota; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren; sister Martha Jean Cockright of Lafayette and many other relatives and friends.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, Theo and Helen, husbands Gerald and William, daughter Christine Wheelock and brother William Agnew.

Ellen and Gerald had four children. She sold Avon for many years. Ellen took care of the church nursery school, member of Beta Sigma Phi, past president of DeKalb Jr Women's Club, and a member of First United Methodist Church of Mendota. She enjoyed golf, bowling and art. Ellen loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She owned the Natural Bridge Store in Rockbridge.



IVCC's Dylan Zupec, left, and Kelly Devert, right, with Illinois Valley Animal Rescue Director Chris Ellberg. IVCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter donated \$500 in appliances to IVAR's April 9 silent auction. (Photo contributed)

IVAR receive items for auction

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapter recently donated \$500 in appliances to Illinois Valley Animal Rescue's April 9 silent auction.

Phi Theta Kappa co-president Dylan Zupec said the group spent the last two semesters working on the IVAR project.

"We volunteered 40 man-hours at Upscale Resale, a thrift store in Spring Valley that donated over \$30,000 to the community this year through their nonprofit orga-

nization, Helping Hands. For our service, we received two \$250 microgrants we used to purchase the appliances for the IVAR auction," Zupec said.

Volunteers included Zupec, co-president Sophia Rucinski, Kelly Devert, Eliza Atkinson, Joe Krakovsky, Ben Johll, Madeline Phillips, Harvey Vela and IVCC Student Recruitment Specialist and PTK advisor Gracelyn Quesse.

IVAR's Annual Building and Fund Auction is 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 9 at Grand Bear Lodge in Utica.

William A. Basil

MENDOTA — William Adolph Basil, 70, of Mendota passed away March 29, 2022 in Springfield Memorial Hospital, following a sudden illness. We are so proud of how hard he fought but sadly it was not to be.

Funeral services were Monday, April 4, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mendota with Rev. Ken Gibson officiating. Burial was at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was Sunday, April 3, 2022 from 1-4 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota and one hour prior to services.

William "Bill" or "Wilbur" was born Nov. 14, 1951 in LaSalle to George and Shirley (Peterlin) Vasilopolis. He grew up in Oglesby and attended LP High School with the class of 1969. On Oct. 10, 1974, he married Linda Mathesius and they had two children, Brian and Michelle.

Bill is survived by his wife Linda of Mendota; son Brian Basil of Mendota; daughter Michelle Hartford of LaMoille; four grandchildren Madison (Austin) O'Sadnick, Chase Billhorn, Reis Hartford and Carsyn Hartford; brother Dennis (Tracy) Basil of Oglesby; brother-in-law Jerry Bima of Oglesby; aunt Jackie Peterlin of Oglesby and uncle Gary (Lana) Peterlin of Oglesby.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Georgia Bima, and two brothers, George "Ronald" Basil and Daniel "Buba" Basil.

He began a 40-year career with J&L Steel, LTV Steel, ISG Steel and Mittal Steel working in water treatment, the galva line and quality control. He was a member of Steelworkers Union. After the Mill closed, Bill drove the Cherry School Bus until he fully retired. Bill was also a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Oglesby Elks Lodge and now the Mendota Elks Lodge. He volunteered for the Mendota Fire Department for 25 years. His favorite activity was attending sports and other events of his kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews. Bill was an organ donor.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Fire and Ambulance, Mendota Lions Club or a favorite animal shelter of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



Florence M. Baird

MENDOTA — Florence M. "Mickey" Baird, 95, of Mendota, passed peacefully from this life on March 29, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at Holy Cross Church, Mendota with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2022 in the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Florence "Mickey" Funfsinn was born July 25, 1926, at home in Troy Grove Township, to Leo V. and Gertrude M. (Schmidt) Funfsinn. She married J. Louis "Louie" Baird on Sept. 1, 1953, in Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Peterstown.

She is survived by one daughter, Pat (Gary) Sessler of Mendota; one son, John (Kris) Baird of Troy Grove; six grandchildren, Amber, Justin and Finn Sessler and Peyton, Bailey and Jace Baird; four great grandchildren, Austin Sessler, Savannah, Storm and Serenity Hannen; and two great-great grandsons, Jacob Hannen and Jackson Clemann. One brother, Leonard Sondgeroth, of Mendota, also survives.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Lou; her parents; one brother, Francis "Smiley" Funfsinn; two sisters, Margaret F. Engels, and Barbara Ann Mann; one granddaughter, Staci J. Sessler in 2020; and one great-granddaughter, Skye Margaret Hannen in 2006.

Mickey grew up during the Depression, working hard on the family farm. She stayed behind to do so, enabling her sister, Margaret, to attend nursing school and attain her RN, the fact of which made Mickey very proud. Finally venturing off the farm, Mickey found she loved interacting with the public, and sought out jobs that enabled her to do so: as a flirty waitress at Faber Hotel, a knowledgeable clerk at the five and dime, and finally as a quick, competent assistant to Dr. Bob Krenz in his dental practice, Mickey had a ready smile, helping hands and a quick happy laugh. Finally, Mickey dove headfirst into what she always claimed was her best and most important job—motherhood. She readily volunteered at school, in parent and youth organizations, and as neighborhood Mom to so many. It was through her daughter that Mickey became involved in Camp Fire, an involvement that she loved and would continue for most of her life. She first became a club leader, then a Committee member and finally joined the Board of Directors, ultimately serving as their President for many years. Mickey also volunteered with Cub Scouts, the Altar Sodality of Holy Cross Church, and as a 'Pink Lady' at Mendota Community Hospital. She could never turn down an opportunity to help others, and as one of the earliest members of Post 4079 Ladies' Auxiliary, and a Life Member, Mickey was active in various positions and activities, including past president of both the local and District organizations, served as State and National Delegate and as the official liaison for the Veterans Memorial Council, notifying members of events, funerals and parades. She served many years as Grave Registrar, placing flags on deceased members' graves at various cemeteries throughout the area - a task her grandchildren loved to share.

With Louie, she took up bowling, and found she truly enjoyed it. She bowled for many years on local teams, traveling leagues, and competed locally, state-wide and nationally — prompting her first plane trip to Arizona!

Although her formal education stopped before graduating high school, she loved numbers, and was a wiz at math. She enjoyed crocheting — sharing holiday pins, baby and full-sized afghans with others, and won several blue ribbons at the Tri-County Fair. She sewed many of her own and her daughter and granddaughters' clothes, becoming adventurous when her grandson demanded equal attention with holiday shirts to match his sisters' dresses. She was meticulous with needlework, and was known for her Christmas fruit cakes.

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



Art and Pop Culture Exhibit now on display in Princeton

PRINCETON — The Prairie Arts Council will host a month-long Art and Pop Culture Exhibit by Austin Burrows.

Burrows, a native of Princeton, began drawing at a young age, but really started taking it seriously after high school. Since high school he has amassed over 20,000 followers on Instagram ([austinburrowsofficial](https://www.instagram.com/austinburrowsofficial)) and made a name for himself in the comic art community. He has quite a few friends that are artists for companies such as Marvel and DC Comics. In addition to his origi-

nal artwork, he plans on displaying some of their work at his April gallery show. Burrows will also be exhibiting some of his comic book memorabilia.

The exhibit will be in the Prairie Arts Center gallery located at 24 Park Avenue East in Princeton. Interested persons may view the exhibit on Saturdays and Sundays through April 30 from 1-4 p.m. Burrows will have a number of items available for sale.

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Obituary

James L. Walzer

ROCKFORD – James Louis Walzer (aka Jim, Waldo, Wally), 72, of Rockford, passed away April 2, 2022, in his home after a long-fought battle with COPD. He outlived every physician's expectation of his health and left this earth quickly, peacefully, exactly how he wanted, in the company of his wife, Cindy, and childhood best friend, Mary Lou Saylor.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Waldo's life. Visitation will take place on Monday, April 11, 2022 from 4-7 p.m. at Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Funeral services will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Merritt Funeral Home with Rev. Darren Loeppky officiating. Cremation rites will follow and private burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Additional visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral.

Jim was born on Sept. 22, 1949, in Spring Valley, to Emmett and Hilda (Becker) Walzer. He was one of eight children (all with "J" names), residing in Mendota, and graduating from Mendota High School with his beloved class of 1967. Jim is survived by his wife Cindy (Pohl) Walzer; siblings Judy Mumbower, Jeanne Zimmerman, Joyce Cramer, Jerry Walzer and Janet (Mark) Mellott; two children, Brandi Walzer Knoepfel, Jamie (Bill) Walzer Pappas and their mother Nancy Walzer, and a beautiful blended family including Nicole (Tim) Mertes, Kym (Hans) van Zanten, Michael (Stephanie) Piller, Sarah (Pete) Shanks, Jason (Corey) Foster, along with 20 grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

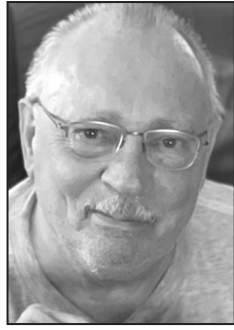
He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmett and Hilda (Becker) Walzer; sister Joann and husband Ron Rebholz; brother-in-law Karl Zimmerman and a sister Jill at birth.

After high school, he attended the two-year tech school in Morrison. From there he was offered a job at Lockheed Martin in St. Louis, in design/engineering. While there he was drafted into the Army and luckily was stationed in Germany for his service. When he was released from the Army he applied for a position at Caterpillar in Aurora, which lasted 15 years. In 1986, he took a design/engineering position with Hamilton Sundstrand in Rockford. He was released on disability in 2009 after a chemical spill in the test area. He served 23 years with Hamilton Sundstrand. He took immense pride in his many Army accomplishments, and received a letter of outstanding service from a commanding officer sent to his parents noting his strength of character and leadership skills. A proud and loyal American, he loved nothing more than his country and his experience serving in the military while stationed in Frankfurt, Germany.

Jim's post-military life transitioned straight into his passion for engineering. A tinkerer-at-heart, his meticulous organizational abilities, creative brainstorming visions, and problem-solving skills led to great success in his career as an engineer. He was a valued employee at Caterpillar in Aurora through 1986, where he met colleagues that became deeply valued, life-long friends. In 1986, Jim took a position with Hamilton Sundstrand (now United Technologies Corp) in Rockford, where he would work as a Senior Lead Mechanical Designer in Aerospace through retirement. Many of his co-workers, friends, and family have fond memories of driving past the Sundstrand plant and spotting his unique Chevy trucks, one colored of rust and one of vivid yellow. Jim enjoyed playing in the company softball league annually and was a big advocate of his employer. He loved discussing upcoming design roll-outs, test phases, gear boxes, space station cooling units, and redesign projects of the Osprey Helicopter with anyone that had a few spare minutes or happened to make eye contact. His excitement for his career was contagious. Among his many accomplishments, his design work helped secure multiple patents on various aircraft, most notably the Joint Strike Fighter F35 and the Titan IVB Rocket. Jim was also known around the office for his practical jokes, clever gift inventions, robust appetite, determined spirit and as a loyal fishing trip participant.

Jim was an avid golfer, softball player, fisherman and bowler. He loved spending time with family, watching his grandchildren excel in their sports, and was always the first to help out a friend, colleague, or neighbor in need of a hand.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Wounded Warriors, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or the COPD Foundation. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.



IVCC to celebrate Community College Month

OGLESBY – A student-led industry fair, spring musical, Earth Day cleanup and Spirit Day highlight Illinois Valley Community College's April celebration of Community College Month.

The national observance showcases how community colleges serve local needs, provide workforce training and seamless transfer to universities.

Community colleges like IVCC deliver higher education to students with the fewest resources and the greatest obstacles to overcome – and ensure a college education is accessible to all.

IVCC's cost for 30 credit hours for the 2022-23 academic year will be \$3,990 compared to \$12,478 at NIU, \$15,240 at SIU-C, \$15,319 at ISU and \$16,688 at UIUC.

IVCC's student-to-faculty ratio is 1:10 and average class size is 12. There are 42 student clubs and academic organizations and a dozen athletic teams for students to choose from.

Students choose from a wide range of majors including accounting, agriculture, automotive, business, CAD, computer networking, criminal justice, cybersecurity, dental, early childhood education, electronics, electricity, engineering, HVAC, manufacturing, medical assistant, nursing, Office Professional, paramedic, truck driver training and welding.

Registration for the fall semester is currently underway. New students should call (815) 224-0360 to make a counseling appointment. Current students can view courses and register online at www.ivcc.edu/webadvisor.

Other events include:
• The 27th annual MIMIC Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 in CTC124-125. Making Industry Meaningful in College (MIMIC) showcases products designed, built and sold by students.
• The opening reception for the IVCC Art Show Case is 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 23. The collection of works by

IVCC students in the E208 Humanities division hallway will be on display through May 9.

• An Earth Day clean-up from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23 will be conducted by IVCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter in partnership with The Perfectly Flawed Foundation. The group will gather at the Illinois and Michigan Canal Lock 14 shelter in LaSalle.

• "Broadway Backward," the theatre department's spring musical, is 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 24 in the Cultural Centre. Tickets are \$10.

• Lori Brown of Buddy's Purpose will present to the One Book, One College program at noon Wednesday, April 27 in the Cultural Centre. Brown will provide insight into how families cope with addiction; the film "Four Good Days" will be shown.

• Spirit Day, Wednesday, April 27 in the courtyard, features food, games, music and information about clubs and organizations.

Mines

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Leftover mine waste – called gob and slurry – is impacting local waterways and community water supplies, not just on the abandoned sites themselves, but also downstream, Pankau said.

"They are leaching polluting chemicals into our water supplies," she said.

When you dig coal, other materials come with it, Pankau added. Pyrite (known as fool's gold) and sulfide minerals are two common ones.

"When these substances are brought to the surface and exposed to oxygen, they create acid that gets in our water," Pankau said. "It's called acid mine drainage."

Coal mining has been an important industry in Illinois since 1810. Today, Illinois is number 4 or 5 on the list of the top coal producing states in the country. Over the years, there have been more than 7,000 coal mines located across 52 of Illinois' 102 counties.

Federal law passed in 1977 – the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act – requires mine operators to adhere to environmental regulations and post bonds so that money is reserved to undo the damage that coal extraction causes.

A tax on coal raised \$9.6 million last year for Illinois' Abandoned Mine Land Program, which is operated by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Over the years, IDNR has used

the tax funding to complete 2,300 remediation projects at 670 former mining sites.

Prior to 1977, however, funds were not set aside for clean-up and no one was deemed responsible for mines that were closed. IDNR has identified 590 former coal mine sites that have unfunded clean-up projects. This year, \$75 million – the first installment of the new federal funding – will be directed at those unfunded sites.

"IDNR will be hiring new folks for more jobs on the ground," Pankau said. "We have to identify what the problems are with surveying and experts. We need to do earth moving work to clean up the problems. We are going to see a lot of different types of jobs created."

Another benefit of the new funding will be the newly reclaimed land that people and communities and businesses can use for a lot of different uses, including farming, building projects and recreation.

"That is an exciting part of this – getting land back to communities and landowners for new projects that they could not do before," Pankau said.

Many older abandoned mines are located on private lands and have yet to be identified and designated for reclamation, Pankau said. She encourages people who know about old mines and potential cleanup sites to contact IDNR to have the sites identified and evaluated.

Biofuels

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"They buy more (sorghum and soybeans) than all other countries put together," Tim Lust, CEO of the National Sorghum Processors, said of Chinese buyers. China also emerged as the top importer of U.S. corn last year and increased purchases of beef from the U.S.

"China lifted restrictions on Russian wheat, but they're still not in compliance with the WTO case we won," said Chandler Goale, CEO of the National Association

of Wheat Growers. "There's still a lot of issues that need to be resolved with China."

The World Trade Organization previously ruled against China's use of tariff-rate quotas for rice, wheat and corn, which the U.S. successfully argued limited market access for American exports.

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Social Security

Workers in your home and Social Security taxes

By Mike Weilt

Do you plan to pay a cleaning person, cook, gardener, babysitter, or other household worker at least \$2,400 in 2022? If you will pay at least \$2,400 to one person during the year, which may include transportation, meals, and housing, you have additional financial responsibilities to consider.

When you pay at least \$2,400 in wages to a household worker, you must do all of the following:

- Deduct Social Security and Medicare taxes from those wages.
- Pay these taxes to the Internal Revenue Service.
- Report the wages to Social Security.

Accurate reporting is

important as employees earn credits toward Social Security benefits and Medicare coverage. You can currently earn Social Security or Medicare credit for every \$1,510 in wages that are reported. Generally, people need 10 years of work to qualify for:

- Retirement benefits (as early as age 62).
- Disability benefits for the worker and the worker's dependents.
- Survivors benefits for the worker's family.
- Medicare benefits.

You can learn more about reporting household worker income by reading Household Workers www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10021.pdf.

(Weilt is the Social Security District Manager in Peru.)

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The definition of white privilege

By Scott Reeder

A few months ago, I was pulled over by a Springfield-area police officer for a minor traffic violation. He shined a flashlight in my car and said, “Mr. Reeder, are you carrying?”

I replied that “no,” my firearm was home locked up in a safe.

He replied “You should always carry. It doesn’t do you any good if it’s home locked up.”

He gave me a verbal warning and sent me on my way. I couldn’t help but wonder how different that encounter might have been if I were Black.

In 2020, I wrote a piece about Rep. Curtis Tarver, D-Chicago, who was pulled over not far from his home for having a burned-out headlight. An officer asked him, “Do you have a gun in the car?” He responded he did and showed them his valid conceal carry permit.

But he says he was still hauled into a police station, handcuffed to a table for seven hours and not allowed to call an attorney. They treated him this way despite knowing he was a lawyer and a state lawmaker.

Nine months later, charges against him were dismissed because it was determined he hadn’t broken any law. But the cops kept his gun.

Tarver is Black. I’m white. He was arrested despite being licensed to carry. I was scolded for not carrying.

That’s the definition of white privilege.

I might add that white privilege isn’t necessarily something someone seeks. And it doesn’t mean you haven’t had struggles in your life. It just means that one of those struggles wasn’t related to the color of your skin.

Sometimes it manifests itself in big ways such as whether one is arrested. But often smaller things are more telling.

Last week, our puppy chewed up my well-worn pair of work boots. I went to my favorite shoe store, a place where I’ve always found the service to be excellent.

There was one other customer there, a Black man with his family. He has a good job as a union dry wall installer, and he too was buying a new pair of boots.

After trying a pair on, I asked if I made the purchase whether they could throw in a free pair of socks. In a rather officious tone – as if he were speaking to an audience, not just me – the manager told me, “We never do that.”

And he pointed at my sales associate and said, “He could be fired if he did that.”

I stepped into the washroom and when I returned the African American family had left. The associate had my boots boxed up and handed me a free pair of socks. He said, “You’re a good customer – you deserve this.”

My first reaction was, “That’s nice, he changed his mind.”

As I drove home, it dawned on me that whole charade was done so they wouldn’t be obliged to also give a free pair of socks to the Black customer who was spending the same amount as me.

White folks, myself included, can be pretty clueless when it comes to the privileges we are extended.

Several years ago, I was driving just south of Springfield Memorial Hospital when I came across a van that had broken down on a side street.

The driver was a young African American man who had recently graduated from high school. He said he had run out of gas and was worried about being late for his job working in a restaurant.

I had him climb in my truck and I drove him to a gas station several blocks away. I got out of the truck and grabbed a nozzle to fill up my gas can.

The young man said, “You can’t do that. This is my neighborhood station and you have to pre-pay.” But it was the station I stopped at routinely on the way to work, and I had never prepaid.

Sure enough, as soon as I stuck the nozzle in the can, gasoline flowed.

I looked at the young man who was dressed in a nice pair of jeans. I had been doing yard work that day and was wearing a pair of bib overalls. So, it wasn’t how I was dressed that got me treated better.

He drove an old van, but I was driving an old pickup. Perhaps I was treated better because I have some gray in my hair, but I doubt it.

It would seem my skin color offered me a privilege that’s denied others. That’s just not right, but it won’t change until more white people realize that the privileges they receive often are denied others.

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

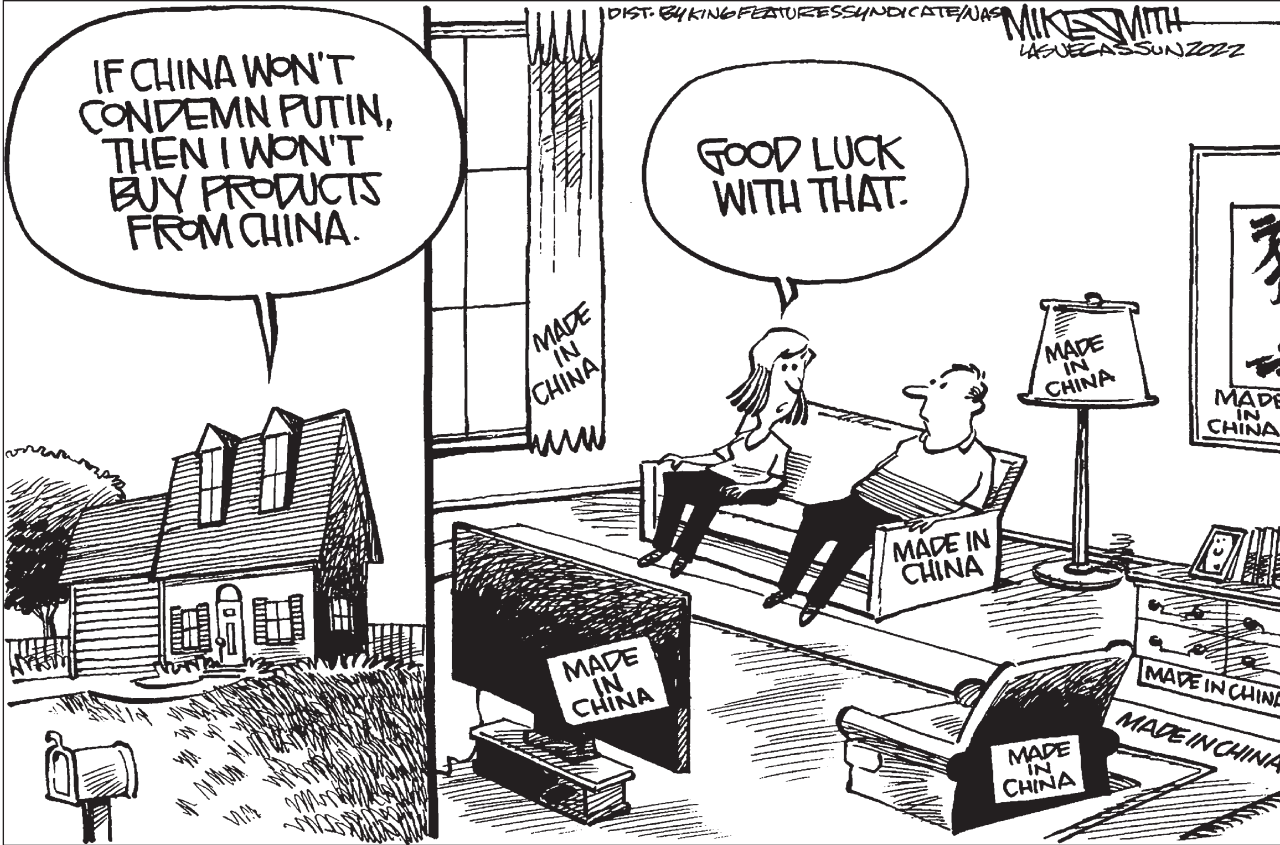
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Mayor Browne seeks salary increase – 1899

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from April 7, 1999.)

By Jessica Nashold

A hundred years ago, Mendota mayors were elected to two-year terms. In April 1899, Mayor Edgar Selwyn Browne had completed his first term and was a candidate for re-election. He expressed the hope that the current mayoral salary of \$100 per year would be increased. He calculated the \$100 was yielding only 28 cents per day. Browne asked if taxpayers would be in favor of being “as honest with him as they wanted him to be with them.” His suggestion: \$300 a year would just about make fair play.

SIDETRACK – Mayor Browne was returned to office every two years until 1905 when he was defeated by Newton Imus.

In Chicago, Carter Harrison Jr. was supported by all the newspapers except the Inter-Ocean in his bid for mayor. Mark Ruggles, editor of The Sun & Mendota Bulletin, aired his view on the subject. He wrote, “The youngster is traveling on his father’s reputation.” Mayor Carter Harrison Sr., killed while in office, had been known for allowing Chicago to be a “wide open town” with all kinds of gambling, all-night saloons and “any form of vice.”

The businessmen of Chicago want it because it brings money to the city.

The Spanish-American War had been concluded, but fighting continued in the Philippines. On March 31, 1899, General McArthur’s troops captured Malolos, but found the rebels “had burned the city and fled.” American casualties were five killed and 43 wounded.

A former Mendotan, “Shiner” Bradey, was in the Navy, serving on the battleship Massachusetts. Frank McGraw was with the regular Army in Cuba and George Mays had sailed to the Philippines aboard the transport Sheridan, by way of the Mediterranean Sea and Suez Canal.

The U.S. Army was bringing back bodies of soldiers who had lost their lives in Cuba and Puerto Rico. In April 1899, a boat docked in New York carrying 681 for interment. Among these casualties was William Kimmel of Walnut, who had died in Puerto Rico. He was accorded a military burial with several encampments taking part. Charles Fischer of Mendota was one of the pallbearers.

Flags at half-mast were to be seen everywhere.

A prediction by the late Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune, was re-printed in The Sun & Mendota Bulletin. He had stated that by the year 1910, Cuba and Puerto Rico would be part of the United States, with state governments. They would be “acquired on a friendly basis.” He also predicted that a canal through Nicaragua would be in operation and the countries of Central America would be either states or territories under U.S. control. He added that Mexico and Canada would also come in by 1910. Wrote Medill –

All of the changes will be brought about by their own interests.

On April 1, 1899, E.G. McIntire assumed charge of the Mendota post office. Changes in postmasters were dictated by the political party of the President and McKinley was a republican. Editor Mark Ruggles commented that McIntire’s predecessor, democrat Charles T. Madden, had been a good postmaster.

Although he doesn’t belong to our political faith, it is but justice to say he made a very good official.

Ed Heiman, who owned the building in which the post office was located, had extended the government’s lease for four more years.

The Mendota Woman’s Club held a winter picnic at the home of Mrs. N.C. Cummings. The women arrived wearing summer attire, some carrying parasols. They were seated on the floor and the table cloth was spread on the carpet.

All enjoyed tempting viands and cramps!

A house on two acres with “lots of fruit” was advertised for rent at \$10 per month.

Mendota residents were urged to place their old tin cans and irons where the teams sent out by the city could “get them handy.” The city was planning only one pickup in 1899.

Have them ready April 20.

Central Union Telephone Co. was moving its exchange to the Walter building on Illinois Avenue, above the Stenger cigar store.

R.S. Dodge was opening a new grocery store in West’s block at the corner of Washington Street and Eighth Avenue.

Starting April 7, 1899, a book auction was conducted in the corner of Main and Washington streets at 2 and 7 p.m. each day. Professor J. Dallas Carr was auctioneer.

More books are arriving daily.

Emphasis was on bibles, dictionaries and educational volumes.

At a meeting of the Hamilton Club in Chicago on April 10, 1899, P.W. Wilcox of Mendota was named an honorary member. The gathering was in honor of Governor Theodore Roosevelt of New York who had distinguished himself as commander of the Rough Riders during the conflict in Cuba. Roosevelt spoke, and –

Those present entirely fell in love with the frankness of the gentleman.

J.A. Powell, proprietor of the Home Dairy, advertised he would be using an aeration on his milk to remove impurities. He promised improved taste over “the old way.”

Try it and satisfy yourself.

Sturman & Ziebarth, cigar makers in the Faber building on Jefferson Street, advertised five-cent cigars under three brand names –

Fine Taste • Little Duke • Snow Flake

Annie Moss, daughter of the late Ben Moss, a florist, announced arrangements had been made with Chicago florists to supply her father’s friends and former customers with cut flowers and floral tributes through her as reasonable rates.

Soil health takes time; start the learning curve now

By Lee Curby and Frank Rademacher

On our central Illinois farms, and on farms across the state, soil health matters.

If we want strong crop yields year after year, for generations, we need productive soil that lasts. Every farmer has his or her own strategy, but for several years now we have put in place conservation practices that work. We plant cover crops, utilize reduced tillage and no-till practices, and closely manage the nutrients applied on our fields each spring.

We see the devastating effects of the changing climate and increasing weed and pest pressures. We need a resilient farm. We know the strategy we take into each growing season will work to get us there.

Today, we see reduced input costs and more dependable fields, showing that our methods are working. But it hasn’t always been that way. It’s been a process that hasn’t been without its hiccups. Our education often treated conservation practices as something nice to have rather than something that could create real value for our farms. We had to learn on the fly what to do when a wet spring made it hard to terminate cover crops and get the cash crop planted. But we started small, field by field and in that way have slowly found a model that works and that we are continuing to improve all the time.

Getting other farmers like us to this point is a work in progress. There is a steep learning curve, and inevitably there will be mishaps and challenges. Every farmer knows we are in the business of risk management, and it takes a few good growing seasons to yield results for proven economic and environmental benefits.

Thankfully, Illinois has a strong support system in place to help us and others embrace conservation. Now it needs our help.

Programs like the Illinois Department of Agriculture’s Sustainable Agriculture Grants have helped farmers like us cover the initial investment that goes into new soil health practices. The Fall Covers for Spring Savings program help reduce the costs of planting cover crops. Planning assistance from Soil and Water Conservation districts not only helps connects farmers to resources that are out there, but it also provides one-on-one support that is responsive to the needs of individual farms.

What’s most important about these critical programs is that they allow farmers to experiment with soil health practices at a pace and a scale that is right for them. Rather than make it an all-or-nothing proposition, these programs give farmers the resources to try things out and find what fits with their operation. As Illinois continues to fall behind its nutrient loss reduction and other soil health and water quality goals, we must find ways to encourage farmers to take more of these first steps.

It’s time for the Illinois General Assembly to join us and help farmers and farmland across Illinois embrace opportunities for conservation success.

We ask legislators to: renew and expand funding and technical assistance offered through the Partners for Conservation Program, Fall Covers for Spring Savings, and Soil and Water Conservation Districts; pass SJR 44 to create Illinois Soil Health Week so that we have time on the calendar every year for education and reflection about how our soils are our most valuable resource; and pass SB 3471, the Partners for Nutrient Loss Reduction Act, so we can update key funding programs to be responsive to the challenges of today and get more data in the hands of technical service providers.

We cannot waste more time because the challenges around us are growing. Securing our long-term soil health will come in little bits, and we need the support and resources now to get more farmers on our journey.

(Lee Curby is a fourth-generation farmer from Auburn, and Frank Rademacher is a third-generation farmer from Gifford.)



ENTERTAINMENT

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- At eight years old, Bradley Cooper dreamed not of acting, but of being an orchestra conductor. Now he's playing one of the best in "Maestro," a biopic about Leonard Bernstein (currently represented by the music in "West Side Story"). The "Maestro" had three children in a "marriage of convenience" to Costa Rican-American Felicia Monteleagre from 1951-1978 (when she died at 56; he died in 1990 at 72). In 1976, the word was "out" about his sexuality because of his affair with a radio station manager. Carey Mulligan plays Felicia, and Matt Bomer (of "White Collar" and "Magic Mike") plays a clarinet player, one of Bernstein's lovers. Bernstein underwent psychoanalysis to cure his gay inversion, but when that failed, he finally "came out" publicly as part of the cure.



B. Cooper

Can't wait to see how they handle that!

Sandra Bullock and Brad Pitt share the same hairdresser, Janice Thompson, and she convinced Brad to do Sandra's film "The Lost City" and suggested he do Sandra's film "Bullet Train" (out July 15). Sandra admitted, "He was our first choice, but we didn't go after him." Did their hairdresser get a commission from either?

Is this the beginning of the end of The Golden Age of Hollywood? It all began in 1989 when Sony bought Columbia Pictures for \$3.4 billion and then MGM's famous Culver City sound stages in 1990. In 2019, Disney bought 20th Century Fox for a mere \$71 billion, which included their Century City studio. At least they were studios gobbling each other up, but now Amazon is acquiring MGM for \$8.5 billion. MGM was founded in 1924 by Marcus Lowe (of Metro Pictures), Samuel Goldwyn and Louis B. Mayer, and they ruled Hollywood

film making.

As Mike Hopkins, senior VP of Prime Video and Amazon Studios, points out, "The real financial value behind this deal is the treasure trove of MGM's catalog, which we plan to reimagine and develop with MGM's talented team." MGM owns EPIX and produces "The Handmaid's Tale" and "Fargo," etc. It produced the James Bond franchise with United Artists, which generated \$16.8 billion, and claims MGM's catalog has more than 4,000 films, including "Moonstruck," "Legally Blonde," "Silence of the Lambs" and "Poltergeist," as well as 17,000 TV shows. But what it doesn't contain is movies you see on TCM, such as "The Wizard of Oz," "Singin' in the Rain" and "Gone With the Wind," which were sold to Ted Turner in a 1986 package that he in turn sold to Warner Brothers (in a co-ownership deal). Can't believe MGM's Leo the Lion now roars for Jeff Bezos.

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By Dana Jackson

Q: Who is Regina Hall, one of the three women who hosted the Oscars this year? I liked the concept of multiple hosts, but I didn't recognize her.

-- E.W.



R. Hall

A: Actress/comedian Regina Hall initially had plans to use her master's degree in journalism from NYU when her acting auditions were more miss than hit. In the early 2000s she had audiences in stitches playing Brenda in the "Scary Movie" films, which were a parody of the "Scream" movies. She was also a regular on the short-lived "Law & Order: LA" series.

Her career has definitely been on the upswing lately, which is likely why she was chosen to host the Academy Awards this year alongside Amy Schumer and Wanda Sykes. Her recent acting roles include playing a stockbroker in "Black Monday," a dark comedy series about 1980s Wall Street; a heartbroken divorcee in "Nine Perfect Strangers"; and a

lifestyle guru in the hit film "Girls Trip."

Hall told "Entertainment Weekly" that she loves doing drama and comedy equally, and she's certainly adept at both. Next up for her is another satire, "Honk for Jesus. Save Your Soul," starring Sterling K. Brown ("This Is Us"), where they play disgraced televangelists.

Q: Now that "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" isn't returning for any new episodes, what can I see its stars in next?

-- G.G.

A: Created by Dan Goor and Michael Schur of "The Office," "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" was a hilariously silly comedy series about detectives starring Andy Samberg (as Jake Peralta) and Andre Braugher (as Capt. Holt). Since the show ended in 2021, "Saturday Night Live" alum Samberg has been doing voice work for animated movies such as "Hotel Transylvania 4" and "Chip 'n' Dale: Rescue Rangers." Braugher is returning to drama as a regular on next season's "The Good Fight."

Terry Crews, who played Terry Jeffords, most recent-

ly hosted "America's Got Talent: Extreme" and can be seen in the upcoming anthology series "Tales of the Walking Dead." Melissa Fumero, who played Amy Santiago, is starring in "Blockbuster," an upcoming Netflix series about the last video store in America.

Q: Being a fan of the long-running series "M*A*S*H," there's something I've always wondered. In the first-season episode titled "The Army-Navy Game," I could swear the voice of the radio play-by-play announcer sounded like game-show great Tom Kennedy. Is that the case?

-- T.M.

A: Although he wasn't listed in the episode credits, the Wikipedia website states that Tom Kennedy did acknowledge in an interview that he was the football commentator for that episode of "M*A*S*H." The game show host ("Name That Tune" and "You Don't Say!") passed away in 2020 at the age of 93. Kennedy also acted in guest-starring roles on TV shows "That Girl," "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" and "Cannon."

Couch Theater

"Trivia Quest" (TV-G) -- Do you, like me, remember the first day you downloaded the game Trivia Crack on your phone? It was an app that took over instantaneously, and everyone would take out parts of their day to play the game and try to beat their friends by answering challenging trivia questions from a range of different topics. Well, now you can play the game on a different platform -- your television! Netflix just premiered the new interactive series "Trivia Quest" that maintains a similar format to the original game by having viewers answer questions via their remote. They can earn points as well as help Willy to save his friends from the evil bad guy, Rocky. (Netflix)

"The Invisible Pilot" (NR) -- A new three-part documentary series dives into the mystery behind the life of pilot Gary Betzner. His career began in crop-dusting, and he was regarded as one of the best pilots in his Top Gun program, walking away from a whopping 11 crashes during his lifetime. He was

also a father and a husband. One day, when Betzner was driving with his family, the car broke down on a bridge and, suddenly, he made the decision to jump off the bridge. His small-town Arkansas community searched for his body in vain, and years later his hidden double life as an international drug smuggler became unraveled for the public to see. And that's just the beginning. "The Invisible Pilot" hails from Academy-nominated executive producer Adam McKay. (HBO Max)

"The Outlaws" (TV-MA) -- From the creator of "The Office," this new British crime thriller/comedy series has just premiered on Amazon Prime. Seven people who have committed minor crimes are forced by the court to come together for a community project in order to pay their dues to society. The project includes restoring an abandoned, run-down building and transforming it into a community center. But these seven people couldn't be more different: a cheeky

old-timer (Christopher Walken), an oddball lawyer, a socialite, a left-wing activist, a right-wing businessman, a "seemingly harmless" young man, Ben, and young woman, Rani. With such a handful of personalities, surely nothing's bound to go awry. Right? (Amazon Prime)

"Slow Horses" (NR) -- River Cartwright, a British MI5 agent who botched a mission, is sent to the Slough House -- basically where the "screw-ups" go. The Slough House, headed by the notorious Jackson Lamb (Gary Oldman), consists of agents completing boring and useless tasks with no sign of excitement in sight. River is miserable, until a hostage gets taken in nearby Regent's Park. As the situation unfolds, River and the other agents in the Slough House are dying to get involved with the action ... and perhaps bring some redemption to the Slough House name. (AppleTV+)

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• Trivia Test •

1. **FOOD & DRINK:** What was the first food eaten in space?
2. **LITERATURE:** A character named Piggy is featured in which 20th-century novel?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** What are the residents of Cyprus called?
4. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many pounds are in a stone?
5. **LANGUAGE:** What does Ph.D stand for?
6. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the color of a giraffe's tongue?
7. **MEDICAL:** What is the common name for onychocryptosis?
8. **HISTORY:** What is a more common name for the 19th-century killer known as the "Whitechapel Murderer"?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the color of "black box-

es" used to record flight data on aircraft?

10. **SCIENCE:** What is considered to be the ideal "room temperature"?

Answers

1. In 1961, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin ate pureed meat and then chocolate sauce.
2. "Lord of the Flies"
3. Cypriots
4. 14
5. Doctor of Philosophy
6. Blue, black or purple
7. Ingrown nail
8. Jack the Ripper
9. Bright orange to aid in recovery
10. 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Justice Dept. agency
- 4 Physician's nickname
- 7 Grating
- 12 Vintage
- 13 Away from WSW
- 14 Mountain crest
- 15 Set afire
- 16 Yosemite peak featured in "Free Solo"
- 18 "CSI" evidence
- 19 Dewy
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- 22 Swiss peak
- 23 Bloke
- 27 Author

- 29 Fleming
- 31 Planet circlers
- 34 Heart line
- 35 Coffeehouse bill collector
- 37 L-P link
- 38 Utah ski resort
- 39 "Yoo- --!"
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- 10 Sch. org
- 37 Gloomy
- 58 Decade parts (Abbr.)
- 11 Hankering
- 40 Sequence
- 21 Martial arts warrior
- 17 Nile vipers
- 42 Tuscany setting
- 43 Hard work
- 23 Swindler
- 24 Guffaw syllable
- 44 Seasonal songs
- 25 Suitable
- 26 Green shade
- 45 Thin nail
- 28 Smile part
- 46 Nick and Nora's dog
- 30 Paint container
- 48 Ambulance initials
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- 49 Napkin's place
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- 51 Mine material

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* A honey badger named Stoffel, resident of a wildlife center in South Africa, was noted not just for repeated escapes from his enclosure, but his stubborn penchant for pursuing much larger animals than himself. After ending up in the clinic after attacking two lions, upon his release, he immediately broke free to attack them again!

* The novelty song "Monster Mash" by Bobby Pickett was banned by the BBC for over a decade on the grounds it was too morbid.

* Sorry, Honey Nut Cheerios fans, your cereal doesn't contain any nuts. While ground almonds used to be included, since 2006 just "natural almond flavor" has been used, and that is typically derived from apricot and peach pits.

* An estimated 5% of the population has never experienced a headache.

* Who needs Red Bull? In the early 1900s, distance runners were given champagne, brandy or even strychnine (rat poison) as a type of "energy drink" during long races.

* Robert Pirsig's "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" holds the world record for being the most-often rejected book to later become a bestseller, with a whopping 121 refusals before a publisher finally agreed to buy it.

* On the moon, the Earth doesn't appear to rise or set, just wobble a bit.

* A Ukrainian couple tried to save their failing relationship by handcuffing themselves together. They lasted about four months before throwing in the towel for good.

* Studies have shown that removing lead from gasoline was a factor leading to the decline of violent crime in 1990s America. Individuals exposed to lead at young ages have numerous conditions and problems with impulse control, all of which may negatively impact their decisions as they reach adulthood.

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THE BACK PAGE

POLICE BLOTTER

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
Hugo Garcia, 40, of 605 Ninth Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Main and Meriden streets at 3:02 p.m. March 29. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DOMESTIC BATTERY
Ashley Vickrey, 29, of 95 U.S. Highway 52, Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to the report of a physical domestic dispute in the 1100 block of Chicago Street at 3:38 p.m. March 29. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail for a bond hearing.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
Jovanie V. Carrillo, 36, of Granville, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and First Street at 9:42 p.m. March 29. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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Motoring public is urged to avoid distracted driving

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is urging the motoring public to focus on the road while driving and to avoid driving distracted. April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

"With the increased use of technological devices, distracted driving has become a serious problem on the roads throughout our state and the nation," said White. "No driver should be texting while driving."

In an effort to further discourage distracted driving, White has instructed the Secretary of State Police to conduct targeted patrols statewide to crack down on distracted drivers.

"The goal is not to write tickets, but to save lives," said White. "We are reminding the public of the dangers of distracted driving, and police will be issuing tickets to motorists who are driving distracted."

Illinois law prohibits the hand-held use of cellphones and electronic devices in vehicles, unless reporting an emergency or while the vehicle is parked. Texting while driving is considered one of the most deadly forms of distracted driving. The penalty for texting while driving results in a moving violation that will be reflected on the motorist's driving record, in addition to fines and court costs.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), distracted driving accounted for 15% of crashes and claimed the lives of 3,142 motorists in the United States in 2019. The NHTSA has reported that sending or reading a text takes a motorist's eyes off the road for an average of five seconds. That means when travelling at 55 mph, a motorist is essentially driving blindly for the length of a football field.

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AgView FS manager David Horras, left, with IVCC ag student Jolene Bobinski, agriculture program coordinator Willard Mott and President Jerry Corcoran. Bobinski is AgView's first "Earn and Learn" intern. (Photo contributed)

IVCC offers internships to agriculture students

OGLESBY – Applications for the 2022 GRAINCO FS and AgView FS "Earn and Learn" programs at Illinois Valley Community College are due April 30.

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IRS reminds taxpayers an extension to file is not an extension to pay taxes

WASHINGTON, D.C. – For most individual taxpayers the tax filing and payment deadline is Monday, April 18, 2022. Those who need more time to file can request an extension to file. Taxpayers must request an extension to file by April 18, or they may face a failure to file penalty. This extension gives them until Oct. 17 to file their tax return. An extension to file is not an extension to pay.

Most taxpayers must pay taxes by April 18 to avoid penalties and interest on the amount owed after that date.

How to request an extension to file

To get an extension to file, the IRS urges taxpayers to do one of the following:

- File Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or by using IRS Free

File on IRS.gov. Individual taxpayers, regardless of income, can use Free File to electronically request an automatic tax-filing extension.

- Submit an electronic payment with Direct Pay, Electronic Federal Tax Payment System or by debit, credit card or digital wallet and select Form 4868 or extension as the payment type. Taxpayers don't need to file Form 4868 when making an electronic payment and indicating it's for an extension. The IRS will automatically count it as an extension.

Some taxpayers may have extra time to file their tax returns and pay any taxes due. This includes some disaster victims, taxpayers living overseas, including members of the military, and eligible support personnel serving in combat zones.

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7 pm – Ecumenical Worship at Mendota First United Methodist

April 15
7 pm – Good Friday Tenebrae Ecumenical Worship at St. John's Lutheran – Rev. Mary Bohall, speaking

April 17
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April 15
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SPORTS



Members of the Holy Cross boys' bowling team, front row, left to right, are Kooper Novak and Brody Hartt. Back row, Grady Jones, Aden Tillman and Alex Holland. (Photo contributed)



Members of the Holy Cross girls' bowling team, left to right, are Addy Allensworth, Lilly Soliman, Peri Manning, Anna Cyrocki and Breanna Martinez. (Photo contributed)

Holy Cross bowlers headed to IESA State Tournament

DIXON – The Holy Cross School boys' bowling team is headed to the state tournament, while three bowlers from the girls' team also moved on to the state finals after they participated in the Dixon Sectional Tournament on April 2 at Plum Hollow Family Center in Dixon.

The Holy Cross boys' state qualifying team consists of Brody Hartt, Grady Jones, Aden Tillman, Alex Holland, Kooper Novak and Nick Sheridan.

The top four scores from the sectional were counted toward the team total. Results for Holy Cross were: 16th place-Brody Hartt 156, 166, 161 – 483; 20th place-Grady Jones 156, 143, 149 – 448; 23rd place-Aden Tillman 151, 144, 149 – 444; 33rd place-Alex Holland 126, 161, 124 – 411.

The top six teams in the sectional that are headed to state are: 1. Freeport 2026; 2. Sycamore 1901; 3. Mt. Morris Rahn 1868; 4. Holy Cross 1786; 5. Rockford Flinn 1785; 6. Loves Park Harlem 1741

In the girls' tournament, three Holy Cross team members were among the top 12 bowlers not on a state qualifying team, thus they earned a trip to the state tournament. They include: 20th place-Breanna Martinez 140, 111, 111 – 362; 23rd place-Lilly Soliman 142, 110, 92 – 344; 28th place-Anna Cyrocki 118, 94, 94 – 306. Peri Manning also participated for Holy Cross and finished in 37th place with scores of 78, 73, 107 – 258.

The Illinois Elementary School Association Bowling State Tournament will be held on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at Town & Country Lanes in Joliet.

Nanez pitches Trojans to win over St. Bede

❑ MHS collects 13 hits in victory

MENDOTA – Mendota held off a late St. Bede rally and downed the Bruins, 6-4, in varsity baseball action on April 4 at Faber Field.



Nanez

Each team tallied a run in the first inning, and then Mendota pushed across four runs in the third and one more in the fourth to grab a 6-1 lead. The scored stayed that way until the seventh when St. Bede scored three times, but it wasn't enough as the Trojans held on for the win.

Mendota banged out 13 hits, 12 of them singles. Krew Bond led the attack with four hits in as many at-bats. He drove in one run. Ted Landgraf had a single and a double, plating one run, while Emilio Perez and Landon Kreiser each had a pair of singles. Ryne Strouss picked up two RBI for Mendota and Cale Strouss also drove in a run.

Izaiah Nanez got the ball to start the contest for Mendota and earned the win. He permitted four hits, one unearned run, walked one and fanned three over five innings. Bond finished up on the hill.

St. Bede blanks Mendota

PERU – The Mendota varsity softball team was blanked by St. Bede, 4-0, on April 4 at Peru.

Payge Pyska fired a four-hitter in leading the St. Bede win. She struck out six and did not issue a walk.

Paige Manning had two of Mendota's hits, both singles. Manning took the loss for the Lady Trojans. The right-hander surrendered seven hits and four earned runs over six innings. She recorded nine strikeouts and gave up one walk.

St. Margaret's hosting 10K, 3-mile fun run/walk April 30

SPRING VALLEY – St. Margaret's Health "Habit for Health" 10K and 3-mile fun run/walk will be held Saturday, April 30. The race begins at 8 a.m. at St. Margaret's Family Health Center, 415 E. Second St., Spring Valley.

The cost to participate is \$30 for the 10K and \$25 for the fun run/walk. Persons that register by April 15 will receive a T-shirt.

For more information,

visit aboutsmh.org/HabitforHealth or register online at runsignup.com/Race/IL/SpringValley/HabitforHealth.

Race-day registration and packet pickup will be from 7-7:50 a.m. in the west pavilion parking lot of St. Margaret's Family Health Center.

More information can also be obtained by calling 815-378-9726 or 815-664-7260.

How to navigate the confusion around stretching before workout

Fitness and health care professionals generally agree that stretching is an important component of an effective workout regimen. However, there remains some confusion as to when to stretch and which stretches athletes should perform to maintain optimal health and flexibility.

For example, Harvard Medical School notes that stretching was once believed necessary to warm up muscles and prepare them for activity. However, the Mayo Clinic now notes that stretching should not be considered a warmup activity. Rather, the general consensus among health care professionals is that individuals should first warm up their bodies for five to 10 minutes with some light exercise, such as low-intensity walking or jogging.

In addition, the Mayo Clinic notes that some research has suggested that pre-

event stretching adversely affects athletes' performance. That may be a concern for competitive athletes and can add to the confusion non-competitive fitness enthusiasts have about the importance of stretching. Individuals who exercise to improve their overall health can stretch after their five- to 10-minute warmup and then again after completing their cardio and strength training. Competitive athletes can consult their coaches and trainers about when to stretch and which stretches to perform.

When stretching, all people, including competitive athletes and individuals who exercise as part of their health care routines, should focus on proper form. Numerous online tutorials indicate how to stretch the various muscle groups in a way that improves flexibility and decreases injury risk.

BOWLING

Mendota Youth 4 League

Standings as of March 17 – 1. Team 5 25-15; 2. Team 6 25-15; 3. Team 1 24-16; 4. Team 2 18-22; 5. Team 4 16-24; 6. Team 3 6-34

Boys' high game (scratch) – Parker Ramer 133, Bentley Bejster 131, Pryar Christmann 105

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Bentley Bejster 278, Parker Ramer 256, Gavin Stamberger 241

Boys' high series (scratch) – Parker Ramer 375, Pryar Christmann 295, Bentley Bejster 280

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Parker Ramer 744, Bentley Bejster 721, Landon Kent 669

Girls' high game (scratch) – Delaney Tucker 84, Chloe Klein 74, Brooklyn Mauch 46

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Brooklyn Mauch 216, Chloe Klein 207, Delaney Tucker 195

Girls' high series (scratch) – Delaney Tucker 245, Chloe Klein 148, Brooklyn Mauch 117

Girls' high series (hdcp) – Brooklyn Mauch 627, Delaney Tucker 578, Chloe Klein 414

Mendota Youth 6 League

Standings as of March 17 – 1. Team 1 34-6; 2. Team 3 20-20; 3. Team 2 17-23; 4. Team 4 0-40

High team game (scratch) – Team 2 308

High team game (hdcp) – Team 2 784

High team series (scratch) – Team 2 909

High team series (hdcp) – Team 2 2337

Boys' high game (scratch) – Aiden Kent-Tucker 237, Kooper Novak 163, Aaron Doyle 149

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Aiden Kent-Tucker 257, Aaron Doyle 235, Kooper Novak 225

Boys' high series (scratch) – Aiden Kent-Tucker 549, Kooper Novak 468, Aaron Doyle 359

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Kooper Novak 654, Aaron Doyle 617, Aiden Kent-Tucker 609

Mendota Elks Bumper League

Standings as of March 21 – 1. Team 5 16-2; 2. Team 4 12-6; 3. Team 6 8-10; 4. Team 1 8-10; 5. Team 2 8-10; 6. Team 3 2-16

High team game (scratch) – Team 4 368, Team 1 283, Team 6 275

High team series (scratch) – Team 4 768, Team 1 683, Team 6 675

Boys' high game (scratch) – Alex Wickstrom 111, Connor Reppin 102, Waylon Beck 97

Boys' high series (scratch) – Alex Wickstrom 211, Connor Reppin 202, Keegan Mauch 200

Girls' high game (scratch) – Jace Ganther 122, Kylee Smith 91, Emilia Farrier 89

Girls' high series (scratch) – Jace Ganther 222, Kylee Smith 191, Emilia Farrier 189

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ORAL HEALTH MONTH

The importance of brushing and flossing

Brushing and flossing ensures the removal of plaque and bacteria, which are culprits in tooth decay and gum disease. Periodontal disease is caused by a buildup of such bacteria and plaque. Brushing removes materials from the surface of the teeth, while floss gets in between teeth where toothbrush bristles cannot reach.

The American Dental Association says that a combination of brushing and flossing is the key to good oral health. While both brushing and flossing are necessary, some oral health experts say that, if done correctly, flossing actually may be slightly more important since it gets to hard-to-reach spots where the most destructive microbes live.

Oral hygiene does not just keep the mouth clean; it also can prevent serious disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says extensive research shows that the bacteria that flourish



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in an unhealthy mouth can harm the rest of the body, potentially contributing to diabetes, respiratory illness and heart disease, which is the leading cause of death in the United States.

Brushing and flossing also can make dental cleanings and examinations go smoothly. Plaque is the precursor to tartar and is sticky, but soft and pliable. Tartar forms when plaque has been left undisturbed. Once on teeth, tartar can't be removed without professional help. By removing plaque before it's had a chance to harden into tartar, people can reduce time spent in the dentist's chair. Furthermore, those who clean their teeth and gums regularly will have a lower risk for gingivitis, which is inflammation and bleeding in the gums.

Flossing and brushing are important components of oral hygiene and also are vital to overall health.



Common causes of toothaches

No matter how smoothly past visits have gone, should a toothache arise, only a dentist can get to the root of the issue.

Toothaches run the gamut from mild to throbbing to unbearably painful. Toothaches may be temporary, but many persist for some time. Here's a look at nine reasons for toothaches.

- **Orthodontic appliances:** A common cause of discomfort, orthodontic devices can cause toothaches. The pain is most noticeable immediately after an adjustment, but it may ease as the mouth grows accustomed to the wires or pressure.

- **Tooth sensitivity:** Despite being hard, teeth actually are porous. Certain conditions may cause the enamel on the outside of teeth to wear away. Exposure of the inner layer of the tooth, called dentin, to the air or foods and beverages may result in pain.

- **Sinus congestion:** Sometimes teeth aren't to blame for mouth pain. Pain that persists in the upper teeth only on both sides of the face may occur due to sinusitis. It often is preceded by nasal congestion.

- **TMJ:** Temporomandibular disorders can cause tooth pain. TMJ may result from injury or trauma to the jaw. Tooth grinding, also known as bruxism, can cause tooth pain.

- **Impacted wisdom teeth:** Wisdom teeth are a dental milestone that takes place between the ages of 17 and 21. Wisdom teeth actually are third molars, and are given the name because they come in at a mature age, according to the American Dental Association. If there isn't enough space for them, wisdom teeth can cause crowding and pain. When molars do not fully erupt, the result is impacted wisdom teeth, which can be very painful.

- **Damaged fillings or dental sealants:** When fillings or sealants come out, vulnerable parts of the teeth become exposed. This can result in pain.

- **Tooth damage:** Dental caries, or cavities, can cause toothache, as can tooth abscesses and tooth fractures.

- **Gum disease:** Gum disease may start with mild inflammation and then become more severe if it is left untreated. The inflammation also may affect the ligament that attaches teeth to the socket in the jaw. This ligament has many nerve fibers. When inflamed, the nerves can get fired up and cause pain.

- **Food:** A kernel of popcorn wedged between teeth or a sharp piece of pizza crust that gets lodged behind a molar can cause pain if not addressed.

Toothaches occur for a variety of reasons. Figuring out the cause can lead to effective relief.

Research reveals impact of COVID-19 on dental hygienists

CHICAGO—Two years into the pandemic with widespread availability of COVID-19 vaccines and a decrease in infections, new studies reveal dental hygienists have low COVID-19 infection rates and high vaccination acceptance. In addition, less than half of dental hygienists that left employment early in the pandemic have returned to the workforce in 2021, and staffing challenges, exacerbated by the pandemic, persist.

The research, published in the February issue of The Journal of Dental Hygiene, is part of collaborative research efforts between the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) and the American Dental Association (ADA) on the impact of COVID-19 on employment, infection prevention and vaccine acceptance among dental hygienists. The data updated findings from a previous longitudinal study conducted over a 12-month period from September 2020 to August 2021 with a panel of 6,976 dental hygienists across the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

"This study of dental hygienists has shown us the profound impact of COVID-19 on clinical practice, as well as the value of disease prevention measures," said JoAnn Gurenlian, R.D.H., M.S., Ph.D., A.F.A.A.O.M., a lead author of the research and ADHA's director of education and research. "Workplace safety is of paramount importance to dental hygienists, and it has an effect on employment patterns. This underscores the need to adhere to infection control guidance and proper PPE."

Infection and Vaccination Rates

Despite initial concerns that dental hygienists were at increased risk of COVID-19, the updated research shows they have a lower COVID-19 cumulative prevalence (8.8%) than the general U.S. population (11.7%). Results also reveal that 75.4% of U.S. dental hygienists have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, a higher proportion than the general public and healthcare workers outside of dentistry overall at the time.

"We're pleased to see that dental hygienists have demonstrated continued low incidence of infection and high vaccination, proving the profession's ability to mitigate risk while providing care in a safe manner," said Cameron G. Estrich, M.P.H., Ph.D., health research analyst with the ADA Science & Research Institute. "Increased vaccine availability and greater supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) should further enable dental teams to continue to follow infection prevention measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission."

Challenges Persist in Employment

As of August 2021, less than half of dental hygienists that left employment during the pandemic had returned to work. According to the study, 7.9% of respondents that had been employed in March 2020 were not working six months later in September 2020. When the study concluded in August 2021, that number decreased to 4.9%.

However, the pandemic has impacted staffing levels in industries across the country, and the dental profession is not exempt.

While the number of hygienists that left the workforce rebounded from a high of 7.9% in 2020 to 4.9% in 2021, a total of 1.6% of study participants no longer intended to work as dental hygienists, possibly representing a permanent reduction of 3,300 dental hygienists nationwide.

"Not unlike many other professions in the United States, challenges persist in dental hygienist employment. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated a voluntary reduction in the dental hygiene workforce and may persist, as some dental hygienists are choosing to permanently leave the profession," said Rachel W. Morrissey, M.A., senior research analyst with the ADA Health Policy Institute (HPI).

Despite recovery in dental practices' patient volume, dentists in the U.S. continue to report recruitment and retention challenges among dental hygienists due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to HPI data. The study authors note that future research should examine workforce levels after the pandemic resolves, as well as employment perspectives of dental hygienists from a qualitative perspective to yield greater understanding of the influencing factors that impact decisions to return to or engage in employment in clinical practice settings.

Future Opportunities for Risk Mitigation

Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and emergence of new variants, the study authors believe opportunities exist for hygienists to play an important role in public health and safety. However, there is a need for ongoing and increased education and policies to support the continued use of PPE and infection control and prevention procedures, as recommended by the CDC and required by government regulatory agencies.

"This research collaboration with the ADA marks an important moment in oral health," said ADHA CEO Ann Battrell, M.S.D.H. "Our shared understanding of what dental hygienists are experiencing provides us with essential evidence-based direction for how we can support safe and supportive workplaces, deliver care safely to patients and help define lasting practice improvements that may emerge from this pandemic."

The ADHA and the ADA will continue to work together to further understand the impact of COVID-19 on the dental team.

About the American Dental Hygienists' Association

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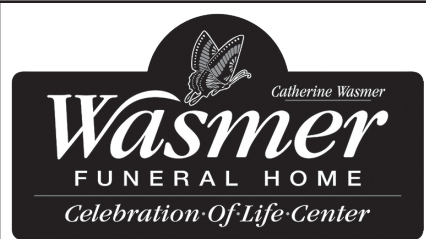
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LOCAL AND AREA

Illinois residents can apply for utility assistance through Help Illinois Families Program

SPRINGFIELD – Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) encouraged families in need to apply for \$150 million in utility bill assistance through the Help Illinois Families Program. All families who meet the criteria and provide required documentation are eligible to receive utility bill assistance for natural gas, propane, and electricity through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Since the launch of the program year in September 2021, more than 230,000 households have received utility assistance so far.

In addition to utilities benefits that are available each year, the \$150 million in available benefits includes an additional \$80 million for the Utility Disconnection Avoidance Program (UDAP) for current year LIHEAP recipients who are in imminent threat of utility shut-off. This expanded safety net through UDAP is expected to support over 50,000 additional resident accounts currently on ICC utilities disconnect lists across the state.

“Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, my administration provided record funding to help families keep a roof over their heads and prevent them from falling behind on their bills,” said Pritzker. “With many Illinoisans still facing hardship brought on by COVID-19, we are making sure Illinoisians

have additional support to prevent utilities disconnections and ensure families in need can make ends meet.”

“Support for families struggling to pay their household bills is still available through our Help Illinois Families program,” said DCEO Director Sylvia I. Garcia. “I urge all Illinoisians in need to visit our website or call our hotline today to apply for assistance; it’s not too late to enroll and receive help with your utility costs.”

Families should visit www.helpillinois-families.com to apply or call the hotline for real-time assistance in over 30 languages at 1-833-711-0374.

“The COVID-19 pandemic combined with high energy prices has put a tremendous financial strain on many consumers. The Illinois Commerce Commission remains very concerned and continues to work with utilities and advocacy groups to protect low-income customers from losing vital utility services,” said ICC Chairman Carrie Zalewski. “If you find it hard to pay your utility bills, please contact your utility company immediately, and take advantage of the resources available through the LIHEAP program and act quickly to apply.”

UDAP provides emergency relief dollars for Illinois customers at risk of service disconnections. Following Governor Pritzker’s

initial UDAP Executive Order in April 2021, more than \$110 million was used to help over 121,000 residential accounts avoid disconnection of services last year.

To be eligible for UDAP, households need to have received LIHEAP benefits between Sept. 1, 2021 and May 31, 2022, and be in imminent threat of disconnection. A UDAP participant may receive a one-time credit, per utility, based on the utility account balance. Assistance can range from \$250 up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Information for Households

The State of Illinois offers various programs to support eligible low-income families with utility assistance. These programs are open to all eligible low-income Illinois families who meet the criteria, including undocumented families. While the amount of support varies based on the needs of individual families, this year’s LIHEAP recipients have received an average of \$930 per household. Through LIHEAP, support for eligible families includes:

- One-time Direct Vendor Payment: All LIHEAP recipients typically receive a one-time payment to help with utilities bills.
- Crisis/Reconnection Assistance: Funding is available for families in heating-related emergency situations.
- Furnace Assistance: Based on funding

availability, Furnace Assistance may be provided to households that do not have an operating furnace for their residence.

• UDAP: UDAP provides support for current year LIHEAP and Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) customers either on a utility’s disconnection list or in imminent threat of disconnection due to an arrearage of \$250 or more. Families who receive LIHEAP benefits automatically qualify for this program and do not need to apply separately.

• Home Weatherization Program: The Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP) helps low income residents and households conserve fuel and reduce energy costs by making their homes and apartments more energy efficient.

Information for Families to Apply

For households interested in the LIHEAP program, the State encourages residents to apply by May 31, 2022.

To apply:

- Visit helpillinoisfamilies.com to fill out and submit a request for services form online OR visit your local agency.
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LOCAL AND AREA

Practical steps to boost your confidence

God has a great plan for each person's life, and He wants us to enjoy every day of our lives. But we can't do it if we live in fear and lack confidence. Confidence is the belief that you're able to do what you need to do or what you want to do. God gives us confidence, but we need to know how to access it by faith.

God-given confidence is actually the grace of God. We usually hear grace defined as God's undeserved favor or God doing something for you that you don't deserve. But it's really more than that.

It was life-changing for me to learn that grace is also God's power, freely given to me, to enable me to do with ease what I could never do on my own with any amount of struggle or effort.

Think about this for a minute. Everyone who accepts Christ as their Savior is taught that we're saved by grace through faith. Ephesians 2:8 (NIV) says, "For it is by grace

you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

But the same way we are saved is the way we are supposed to live. In other words, once we are born again, God wants us to do everything in life by grace through faith.

This has been one of the greatest revelations of my life. I remember how exciting it was to realize that God is not just there to help us when we have an emergency. God wants to be involved in every single thing we do on a daily basis.

There's nothing you're involved in that God doesn't care about, and He wants you to pray and ask Him to help you with every detail of your life. He doesn't want you to live striving in your own effort to do anything. God wants to be your close, personal, intimate friend.

I was a Christian for years before I learned how to access God's grace—His power—to live my everyday life.

First, I had to get an understanding that once I was saved, God didn't expect me to live right by my own strength.

Just as I couldn't "earn" salvation through my own works or effort, I also couldn't really change my heart or behavior in my own strength. Jesus says in John 15:4 (NIV), "No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

Every day we need to come to God and tell Him, "God, I can do nothing without You. Nothing in my life is going to work without You. Apart from You, there is nothing good in me. My confidence is in You. I need You all the time. I believe You and trust You, Lord."

When we humble ourselves before God and ask Him for help, we can access His grace through faith.

To help you do that, I want to share three things that commonly short-circuit our faith, cutting off our access to God's power: com-



plaining, self-pity and pride.

• Complaining is a negative attitude that keeps us from being thankful for all God has done, what He's doing, and what He will do. It is a sin we need to repent of, and then be determined to thank God in all things, at all times. His grace and blessings always outweigh the things we think are wrong in our life.

• Self-pity is simply a "poor me" attitude. It is a form of idolatry because it causes you to focus on yourself and think, "What about me?" We can't be pitiful and powerful at the same time, so let's decide to give up all self-pity.

• Pride takes credit for what God has done

and steals His glory. It makes us independent of God, and we can't bear good fruit apart from Christ.

Before I learned how to live my life by God's grace, I was a mess. I was a nagging wife, manipulative and controlling. And I wasn't satisfied living like that. Then God helped me by opening my eyes to see that I couldn't really change until I started taking His Word seriously, trusting Him to change me.

When I made a firm decision to pray and study the Word in areas where I was weak, then God's grace gave me the power I needed to overcome the things that were wrong. And I keep going forward in

my journey with God the same way today.

God has all the power you need to do anything you need to do. He loves you and wants to give you His power to live your everyday life with joy. Trust His wisdom and goodness, and you'll live with God-given confidence!

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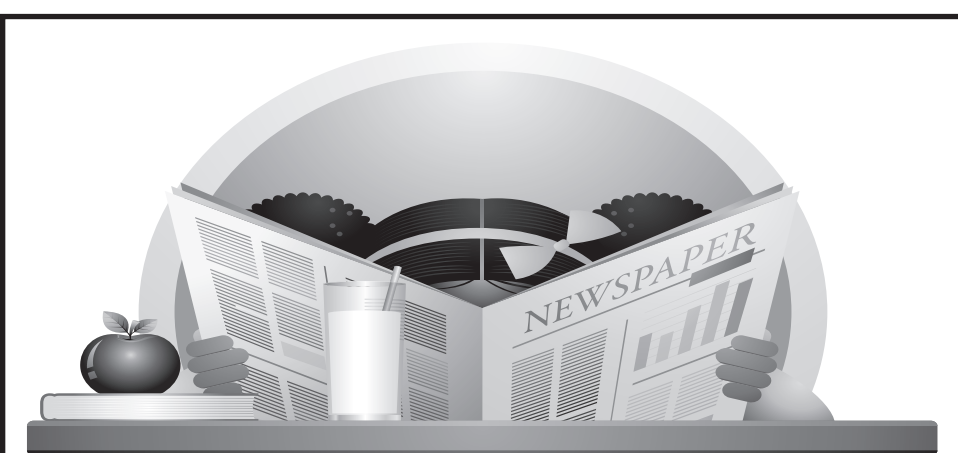
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By virtue of the timeshare instrument of the Fox River Resort, 2558 N. 3653 Road, Sheridan, Illinois 60551 and 770 ILCS 103/1-15 et. seq. establishing managing entity liens for failure to pay assessments and other costs on the timeshare estates held by the owners of the timeshare estates listed below, and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at public auction starting at 11 o'clock a.m. on April 26, 2022, at the east entrance of Etna Road Government Complex, 1707 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL 61350.

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

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LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 17, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0107E, Use Period Number(s) 47, Phase 2
JOHN DAVIS, CYNTHIA DAVIS, 5 MAROON BELLS CT, BOLINGBROOK, IL 60490, according to the Deed dated March 02, 2000 and recorded under File No. R2000 07964, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 31, 2000, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0050, Use Period Number(s) 18, Phase 1
CANDY DONAHUE, MICHAEL DONAHUE, 51203 CENTRAL VILLAGE RD APT 108, CHESTERFIELD, MI 48047, according to the Deed dated September 14, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 22174, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 02, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0076E, Use Period Number(s) 39, Phase 1

EDWARD DONEGAN, HELEN DONEGAN, MELISSA ARLENE DONEGAN, 7402 NORTHWAY DR, HANOVER PARK, IL 60133, according to the Deed dated September 20, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 19384, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 08, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0107, Use Period Number(s) 43, Phase 2
MARQUAS ELLIS, LEANNAH OLSON, 2922 OBSERVATION DR APT 934, FORT WORTH, TX 76135, according to the Deed dated November 05, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 24178, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 23, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0093E, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2
MARQUAS ELLIS, LEANNAH OLSON, 8901 AVRIL CT N APT B, FORT WORTH, TX 76116, according to the Deed dated November 05, 2011 and recorded under File No. R2011 24178, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on November 23, 2011, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0093E, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2
TERRANCE L GUALANDI, ANNETTE GUALANDI, PO BOX 174, GRANVILLE, IL 61326, according to the Deed dated February 22, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 04321, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 11, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0168, Use Period Number(s) 50, Phase 1
DANIEL S KLEIN, DEBORAH J KLEIN, 260 E BUTTERFIELD RD APT 413, ELMHURST, IL 60126, according to the Deed dated August 01, 1999 and recorded under File No. R99 24854, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 24, 1999, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0084, Use Period Number(s) 19, Phase 2
CHARLES KURNS, REBECCA KURNS, 6114 SUNFLOWER

DR, MATTESON, IL 60443, according to the Deed dated September 23, 2004 and recorded under File No. R2004 28161, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on October 14, 2004, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0210, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 4
PATRICIA MARSHALL, WILLIAM HARRIS JR, 15317 ASHLAND AVE, HARVEY, IL 60426, according to the Deed dated February 14, 2013 and recorded under File No. 2013 04751, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 06, 2013, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0098, Use Period Number(s) 13, Phase 2
GEORGIA MC FEE, LASHUNA M MCFEE, 8022 S HARPER AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60619, according to the Deed dated March 05, 2008 and recorded under File No. R2008 06860, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 28, 2008, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0161, Use Period Number(s) 32, Phase 2
M A T T H E W M C D O W E L L JR, HORTENSE MCDOWELL, 10640 S NORMAL AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60628, according to the Deed dated July 21, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 17112, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 09, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0390, Use Period Number(s) 25, Phase 6

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RONALD C MILLER, TARA Y CARTER, PO BOX 174, KEYSVILLE, VA 23947, according to the Deed dated October 01, 2006 and recorded under File No. R2007 03037, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on February 08, 2007, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0006O, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 1
TONY D MITCHELL, MARILYN SMITCHELL, 4323 N 78TH ST APT F202, SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251, according to the Deed dated August 10, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 24921, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 05, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0204, Use Period Number(s) 52, Phase 4
JANICE N SMALL-KELLY, LAVETA T SMALL, 927 GLEN OAK DR, SLEEPY HOLLOW, IL 60118, according to the Deed dated January 03, 2010 and recorded under File No. R2010 01792, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on January 28, 2010, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0065, Use

Period Number(s) 08, Phase 1
CHRIS WILLS, SHARRON WILLS, 2640 GEORGE ST, PEARLAND, TX 77581, according to the Deed dated August 17, 2014 and recorded under File No. 2014 16990, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on September 05, 2014, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0054E, Use Period Number(s) 28, Phase 1
TERMS OF SALE: At the time and location noted above, the timeshare estates listed above will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash. The timeshare estates will be sold in individual lots unless there are no individual bidders, in which case, they may be sold as a group. In the event the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent is the purchaser of one or more of the timeshare estates, the managing entity lienholder or its authorized agent may offset against the purchase price of the timeshare estate(s) an amount equal to all or a portion of the amount due under the managing entity lien(s) (and thus, credit bid).
Other terms may be announced at the public auction.
Fox River Resort Club, An Illinois Not-for-profit Corporation
By: Deborah A. Quirk
Its: Attorney-In-Fact
Explanation
No. 0401 (Legal No. 0401 (4/6, 4/13, 4/20 2022
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 28, 2022 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Hoxsey Seal Coating located at 500 S. Bloomington Road Grand Ridge, IL. 61325.
Dated: March 28, 2022. Randall Hoxsey Applicant.
Legal No. 0402 (4/6, 4/13, 4/20 2022)
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entered.
6. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order Appointing the Representative, you may file a petition with the Court to contest the appointment as provided under §6-21 of the Probate Act (IL Rev. Stat. Ch. 110 ½, Par. 6-21).
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8. The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates i n d e p e n d e n t administration by filing a petition to terminate under § 28-4 of the Probate Act (IL Rev. Stat. Ch. 110 ½, Par. 28-4).
Legal No. 0306 (3/23, 3/30, 4/6 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE
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MATTER)Case
OF THE)No.
ESTATE)22-PR-56
OF)
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SCHAMMEL,)
Deceased.)
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of ANNA E. SCHAMMEL, of Mendota, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2022 to LINDA L. BERRY, 1205 Wisconsin Ave., Mendota, IL 61342, and whose attorney is David M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson Street, Mendota, Illinois 61342.
Claims against the estate may be e-filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, LaSalle County Courthouse, 119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Independent representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or if mailing or delivery of a Claim Notice from the Independent Executor is required, the date stated in that Notice.
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Copies of a claim e-filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been e-filed with the Clerk of Court.
Dated this 24th day of March, 2022.
Greg Vaccaro
Circuit Clerk-LaSalle County Courthouse
119 W. Madison St., Ottawa, IL 61350
David M. Kaleel
Attorney for Executor
806 Jefferson St
Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-5616
kaleel5@frontier.com
Legal No. 0315 (3/30, 4/6, 4/13 2022)

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GINA STOUTDT,
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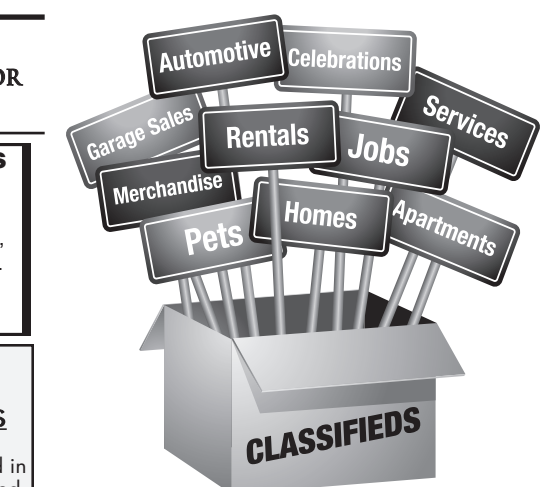
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NOTICE

Sheet Metal local 1 (North) Joint Apprenticeship committee will have applications available between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon Monday May 9, 2022 through May 13, 2022 and Monday, May 16, 2022 through Friday, May 20, 2022 at Illinois Valley Contractors Association, 1120 First Street, La Salle, IL 61301. Applications must be completed, returned in their entirety, and will not be accepted after 12:00 noon on Friday May 20, 2022. **Applications can also be filled out online at smartlocal1.org during the same time period.**

BASIC REQUIREMENTS ARE:

Age: Shall be at least 17 years of age.
Copy of Birth Certificate:
Photo Identification:
EDUCATION: A High school diploma or GED equivalency is mandatory. Applicant must provide an official transcript from their high school. All GED records must be submitted if applicable.
Physical: Shall be physically capable of performing the essential functions of the apprenticeship program without posing a direct threat to the health and safety of the individual or others. Qualified applicants may be subject to a physical examination and/or drug screening upon acceptance into the program at no cost to the applicant.
Jurisdiction: Must be legally eligible to work in the United States of America. Must be a resident of the jurisdictional area of Local #1 North which consist of La Salle, Bureau, Putnam, Marshall and Stark Counties.
Minorities and Females are encouraged to apply
Please note that all previous applicants must re-apply at this time.
Mandatory testing will be on Saturday June 4, 2022 at Illinois Valley Community College



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- 5th Grade Teacher
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If Interested, please call 815-539-7631 for more information or apply at the AppliTrack Employment link in the information box on our website at www.m289.org.



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The Mendota Reporter

Reporter/Designer

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Writing duties include general assignment writing, feature writing, and meeting coverage. A college background or the equivalent, knowledge with Indesign/ CMS systems, experience in writing and excellent grammatical skills are a must for this position.

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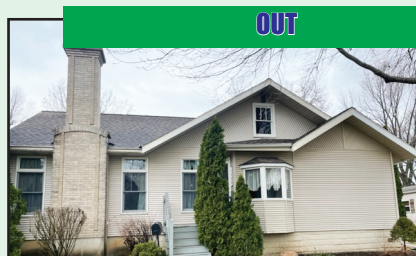
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1210 Jefferson St., Mendota \$141,500

Lots of updates to this 4 bedroom 2 full bath home. Newer 2 1/2 garage with alley access. Newer roof, furnace and AC 3 yrs old, all downstairs windows replace in 2009. New chimney and new electrical box. Kitchen with island. Stove, fridge with extended warranty, microwave, DW and washer and dryer included. Ramp may be removed. Call McConville Realty for all the amenities.



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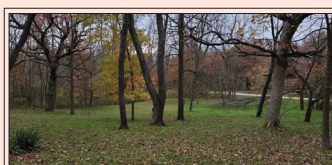
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