

COVID cases slowly rising throughout state

IDPH says public should be vigilant

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) issued a warning that COVID-19 case rates are slowly rising in many areas of the state and that members of the public should be paying close attention to conditions in their local communities and staying up-to-date on their vaccination status.



“While hospitalizations and deaths tied to COVID-19 remain stable at this time, we are seeing a slow increase in cases in many areas of the state,” said Acting IDPH Director Amaal Tokars. “This is a reminder that we all need to remain vigilant and remain up to date on our vaccination status. This is especially important for those who are at higher risk for serious outcomes.”

Tokars stressed that vaccination is the most effective tool we have to fight the virus – and that it is easy to find a COVID-19 vaccination location near you by either calling your local health provider or going to [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).

The State of Illinois remains strongly positioned to respond in the event of a new COVID-19 surge. The state stockpile of tests has been replenished, with more than 1.5 million rapid tests on hand, and a half a million more on the way. In addition, hospitals, schools, and long-term care facilities have been urged take steps to increase their current testing capacity.

The state is also supporting pharmacies and healthcare providers in efforts to increase their inventories of the various FDA-authorized treatments in case of another

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City budget adopted; street bid awarded

General fund well into the black; new street method to be used this summer

By KIP CHEEK  
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota City Council adopted a new budget and approved a bid for the summer street maintenance program at its April 18 regular meeting.

ALDERMANIC REPORTS

Alderman Jay Miller presented a list of FY23 license renewals, which were approved by the council.

Alderman John Holland gave figures for the FY23 budget. In the General Fund, revenue is projected at \$7,619,716 and expenses are estimated at \$6,968,839 for a positive balance of \$650,877. The council agreed to adopt the new budget.

Also during Holland’s report, the council approved the annual wage ordinance and finalized the sale of municipally owned real property at 1107 Third Ave. to Dennis Gehant in the amount of \$5,000.

Alderman Jim Fitzpatrick said that two bids were received for the motor fuel tax summer street maintenance program. The low bid was awarded to AC Pavement Striping of Elgin in the amount of \$82,051. A different form of redoing the streets will be used this summer. A



cape seal oil and chip method will be laid down and then a seal coat put over the top of it. One block of this process is about one-third of the cost of applying hot asphalt.

Streets scheduled to be done are as follows: Pennsylvania Avenue from West Main Street to Meriden Street; Indiana Avenue from Chicago Street to Burlington Street; Indiana Avenue from Burlington Street to Monroe Street; Indiana Avenue from Monroe Street to Jefferson Street; Michigan Avenue from Burlington Street to Monroe Street; Michigan Avenue from Monroe Street to Jefferson Street; Fourth Street from 12th Avenue to 11th Avenue; Fourth Street

from 11th Avenue to 10th Avenue; Third Street from 10th Avenue to Ninth Avenue; Second Street from 13th Avenue to 14th Avenue; 14th Avenue from Second Street to Frostwood Drive; Frostwood Drive from 14th Avenue to east end.

In other items from Fitzpatrick’s report, the council approved a request from the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Fireworks Tag Day on Saturday, June 18 at the intersection of Main and Meriden streets. A request from the Chamber was also approved to use Lake Mendota Park for the 4th of July fireworks celebration on Saturday, June 25.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Greg Kellen presented a personnel training report to the council. The following officers have attended various training programs since March:

Sgt. Joshua Sarver and Officer Daniel Hernandez, Street Cop Training, March 11 in Crystal Lake; SRO Chad Hochstatter, Advanced Digital Threat Assessment, March 22 online; Chief Greg Kellen and Deputy Chief Tyler Kent, Executive Summit Leadership, March 22 in Bloomington; Officer Ryan Krewer, Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, March 31 in Peru; Officer Zach Urbanski and Officer Randy Tucker, Use of Force Conference, April 4-8 in Franklin, Tenn.; Officer Seth Martin and Officer Hernandez, Field Training Officer Certification, April 4-8 in Crystal Lake.

Kellen added that Will Hansen and Austin O’Sadnick are into their third week at the police academy in Glen Ellyn. He also informed the council that certain mandated training exercises will be able to be held in-house, which will be more beneficial and cost-effective.

The next regular city council meeting will be Monday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m.



Spring surprise

The daffodils in the planter areas in the 700 block of Illinois Avenue have begun peeking out and received a rude awakening when a thin blanket of snow descended on the Mendota area on April 17. The snow didn’t last long, however, and the temperatures are expected to soar into the upper 60s and low 70s by the end of the week, which will help the blooming process of the daffodils. (Reporter photo)

Illinois Chamber: Record inflation hurting large and small businesses

Yearly inflation hit four-decade high of 8.5% in March

By ZETA CROSS  
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois businesses are reeling from record high inflation.

The yearly inflation rate hit 8.5% in March – a four-decade high, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Combined with the cascade of labor shortages, rising gas and rent, Illinois businesses are struggling.

“Inflation has been a shock to the system,” Clark Kaericher, senior vice president of government affairs at the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, told The Center Square. “That is the biggest increase since December of 1981.”

Gas prices are up 43%. “The cost to transport goods needed for manufacture and to sell on store shelves got substantially more expensive,” forcing businesses to raise prices, he said.

We all see the increases at the gas pump, but prices have also jumped everywhere, Kaericher said. Anybody who is out buying things is feeling the impact of rising inflation.

“There is nothing that



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has gotten cheaper,” he said. “Everything has gotten more expensive, by varying degrees ... but none of it by small degrees.”

The cost of a new car is up 12.6%.

“That is the biggest-ever increase in the (yearly) price of new cars in American history,” Kaericher said.

Another stunning price rise: the cost of rent. Rents in Illinois are up 5.1% this year, the largest yearly increase since 1991.

“The last time that rents increased at this rate, Marky Mark and Wilson Phillips had number one hits,” Kaericher said.

All businesses – whether small or large – are reeling from higher input costs, Kaericher said. At the same time, there is a labor shortage and labor costs are going up.

Wages are rising. Normally, that would be a cause for celebration, Kaericher said.

“Businesses want to give their employees 6 and 7% raises, and in a normal year that would be fantastic,” Kaericher said. “In this year, employees are still at a loss of 2 to 3% because of the price of living.”

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## Kiddie train power

Mendota Museum & Historical Society member Jim Mathesius, left, presents Alan Russell, Union Depot Railroad Museum President, with the keys to the JD lawn tractor, which will be used to power the Union Depot kiddie train for the Mendota Railroad Crossing Day and Country Fair on June 18. The lawn tractor will have a constructed cover to look like a steam locomotive and will pull eight kiddie cars in the train. The cars are almost done and Union Depot volunteers will begin building the locomotive. (Photo contributed)

## MHS sets April 29th meeting to outline special education services

MENDOTA – A meeting conducted by Mendota High School District 280 will take place at Mendota High School's Board Room at 2300 W. Main St., at 9 a.m. Friday, April 29.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the

district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2022-2023 school year.

If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who

has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Mendota High School, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Jeff Prusator at 815-539-7446.

## Hazardous waste event set May 21 in Ottawa

OTTAWA – A household hazardous waste event will be held Saturday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the LaSalle County Government Center, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa. Participants should enter at the east entrance. The event is open to all Illinois residents.

Accepted items are: oil-based paints, household batteries, used motor oil, paint thinners, herbicides, lawn chemicals, insecticides, solvents, pesticides, anti-freeze, old gasoline, hobby chemicals, pool chemicals, aerosol paints and pesticides, cleaning products, fluorescent lamp bulbs, mercury, drain cleaners, acids, corrosives, unwanted medications (excludes controlled substances).

Items not accepted are: latex paint, agricultural wastes, propane tanks, business/commercial sector wastes, smoke detectors, explosives/ammunition, farm machinery oil, fireworks, fire extinguishers, controlled substances, bio-hazard waste/medical waste/sharps, lead acid batteries, institutional wastes, electronics, tires.

Pre-registration is required through online only. The direct registration link is <https://events.juware.com/ILIDPH/405bd6a4-43fc-4914-a10c-1820077f35a1/>

Registration link also available at [www.lasalle-county.org](http://www.lasalle-county.org).

Registration is not open to businesses.

Event questions can be directed to LaSalle County Land Use Department at 815-434-8666 or [landuse@lasallecounty.org](mailto:landuse@lasallecounty.org).



## Shaving for a cause

Ryder Woods, a seventh grader at Northbrook School, gets his head shaved during the 15th annual St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser on March 27 at Senica's Oak Ridge in LaSalle. The event is held to raise money for childhood cancer research. Woods, who has participated in St. Baldrick's for five years, was the top fund-raiser with \$2,448.10. A total of 15 participants raised \$9,500 during this year's event. (Photo contributed)

## Graves-Hume Library plans class on "Mindful Eating"

MENDOTA – Graves-Hume Public Library is inviting the public to join a discussion on mindful eating. Susan Glassman, University of Illinois Extension nutrition and wellness educator, will present an interactive class, "Mindful Eating: Is your mind full, or mindful?" from 1-2 p.m. Monday, April 25, at the Graves-Hume Public

Glassman

Library, 1401 W. Main St.

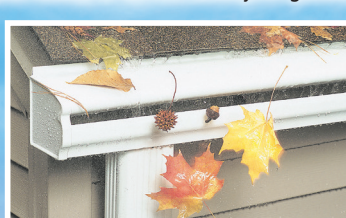
Participants will learn the benefits of slowing down while eating to experience and savor each bite. They will explore the who, what, when, where, why and how of eating, and expand their food knowledge to include an awareness of smell, taste, texture and environment. Join them as they sample a recipe and take home information.

Registration is open to all; no library card required. To register, call Graves-Hume Public Library at 815-538-5142.

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The Equal Opportunity in Housing Committee members recently attended a luncheon by recognizing April as Fair Housing Month. (Photo contributed)

## Illini Valley Association of REALTORS® recognizes April as Fair Housing Month

PERU – The Illini Valley Association of REALTORS® is recognizing Fair Housing Month this April by asking area Mayors and Village Presidents to sign proclamations declaring April as Fair Housing Month, thereby showing their commitment to affirmative action in promoting fair housing for all in their communities.

Realtors® around the country are commemorating the 54th anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act in effort to further nationwide progress toward ending housing discrimination in the United States.

“April is Fair Housing Month, when we honor the struggle so many Americans have been involved in to secure equitable housing opportunity in the United States,” said Christine Dahm, 2022 President of the Illini Valley Association of REALTORS®. “That effort continues to this day, and the Illini Valley Realtors® Association is proud to play a leading role in helping to secure diverse, inclusive communities throughout LaSalle, Bureau and Putnam counties.”

The Mayors and Village Presidents who signed proclamations declaring April as Fair Housing Month are as follows: Lance Korter, Village President, Cedar Point; Robert McCook, Village President, Cherry; Jared Baker, Village President, Granville; Kevin Coleman, Village President, Hennepin; Jeff Bergfield, Village President, Henry; John Sullivan, Village President, Kangley; Frank Cattani, Village President, Ladd; Edward Miranda, Village President, Manlius; Frank Niewinski, Village President, Mark; Brandy Sandberg, Village President, McNabb; David W. Boelk, Mayor, City of Mendota; Dominic Rivara, Mayor, City of Oglesby; Charles Thomas, Village President, Ohio; Ken Kolowski, Mayor, City of Peru; John Ziel, Village President, Seatonville; Jeff Olson, Mayor, City of Seneca; Margaret Strothman, Village President, Sheridan; Tara Bedei, Mayor, City of Streator; Kevin Sluder, Village President, Tonica; Ryan Rosenthal, Village President, Walnut.

The National Association of REALTORS® kicked off

Fair Housing Month recently with a packed calendar of events, new resources, and policy initiatives designed to empower its 1.5 million members to help expand homeownership and support diverse, inclusive communities.

Each April, Realtors® across the country observe the anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 with events designed to educate about housing discrimination and segregation, recommitting to expanding equal access to housing.

Visit <https://www.nar.org/fair-housing> to learn more about the nationwide Fair Housing initiatives developed by NAR.

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The Illini Valley Association of REALTORS® is one of more than 1,800 local boards and associations of REALTORS® that comprise the National Association of REALTORS®. As the nation’s largest trade association, NAR is “The Voice for Real Estate,” representing nearly 750,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.



Participants in the 2021 Earth Day clean-up in LaSalle. (Photo contributed)

## The Perfectly Flawed Foundation celebrating Earth Day with annual community clean-up

LaSALLE – The Perfectly Flawed Foundation will be hosting its 6th Annual Community Cleanup on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check-in will be at the Illinois-Michigan Canal Lock 14 shelter in LaSalle.

There will be suggested areas to clean up along the canal. Participants should come prepared with long pants, long sleeves, and work gloves. Garbage bags will be provided. Local partners will also be on-site with a variety of fun, interesting and educational resources for people of all ages. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Those that are not able to join in person can contribute remotely. Take a picture of yourself, or a group, or your family doing something to help your community. Whether it’s cleaning up trash, beautifying your yard, planting a garden, or helping others in need. Post pictures to Instagram or Facebook using the hashtag #perfectlyflawedearthday for a chance to win some great giveaways.

Since its inception in 2017, the mission of

The Perfectly Flawed Foundation has grown and evolved. What hasn’t changed is the commitment to helping people living meaningful lives by finding their purpose. When The Perfectly Flawed Foundation began in 2017, the Earth Day Cleanup was the organization’s first event. It embodied the guiding principle of “any positive change” and that anyone can make a difference in their community.

Five years later, The Perfectly Flawed Foundation is proud to continue its Earth Day Cleanup celebration. This community event allows the foundation to give back to the community in a way that benefits all its citizens. Most of all it reminds the community that no contribution is too small.

The Perfectly Flawed Foundation’s programs are made possible by generous community supporters. If you or your organization would like to be listed as a sponsor our event or contribute in other ways, contact The Perfectly Flawed Foundation at 815-830-8675. <https://www.perfectlyflawed.org/>

## LaSalle Library hosting event with Offerman

LaSALLE – Tune in via Zoom on Wednesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. when the LaSalle Public Library, in partnership with Illinois Libraries Presents, virtually hosts actor/author, Nick Offerman, in conversation with musician/author, Jeff Tweedy. They will be discussing Offerman’s most recent book, “Where the

Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside.”

The program is free and open to the public, and made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration of public libraries. ILP is funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a

Department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Free and open to all. Please register under “LaSalle Public Library.” Register – [https://bit.ly/April27\\_NickOfferman](https://bit.ly/April27_NickOfferman).

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| <b>Wednesday</b><br>Showers Likely<br>High: 56 Low: 45 | Wednesday we will see cloudy skies with an 85% chance of showers, high temperature of 56°, humidity of 71%. South southeast wind 14 to 23 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 82° set in 2005. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday night with an 85% chance of showers, overnight low of 45°. Southwest wind 7 to 21 mph. The record low for Wednesday night is 26° set in 2018. | <table> <tr> <th>City</th><th>Hi/Lo</th><th>Wx</th></tr> <tr> <td>Aurora</td><td>57/46</td><td>sh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Champaign</td><td>58/50</td><td>sh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Chicago</td><td>57/49</td><td>sh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Freeport</td><td>52/42</td><td>sh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joliet</td><td>58/48</td><td>sh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Moline</td><td>55/43</td><td>sh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Peoria</td><td>56/47</td><td>sh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rockford</td><td>54/44</td><td>sh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Springfield</td><td>58/50</td><td>sh</td></tr> </table> | City | Hi/Lo | Wx | Aurora | 57/46 | sh | Champaign | 58/50 | sh | Chicago | 57/49 | sh | Freeport | 52/42 | sh | Joliet | 58/48 | sh | Moline | 55/43 | sh | Peoria | 56/47 | sh | Rockford | 54/44 | sh | Springfield | 58/50 | sh |
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| <b>Friday</b><br>Few Showers<br>High: 65 Low: 59       |   |   |      |       |    |        |       |    |           |       |    |         |       |    |          |       |    |        |       |    |        |       |    |        |       |    |          |       |    |             |       |    |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>Few Showers<br>High: 78 Low: 56     |   |   |      |       |    |        |       |    |           |       |    |         |       |    |          |       |    |        |       |    |        |       |    |        |       |    |          |       |    |             |       |    |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>Few Showers<br>High: 70 Low: 43       |   |   |      |       |    |        |       |    |           |       |    |         |       |    |          |       |    |        |       |    |        |       |    |        |       |    |          |       |    |             |       |    |
| <b>Monday</b><br>Sunny<br>High: 68 Low: 40             |   |   |      |       |    |        |       |    |           |       |    |         |       |    |          |       |    |        |       |    |        |       |    |        |       |    |          |       |    |             |       |    |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>Partly Cloudy<br>High: 66 Low: 41    |   |   |      |       |    |        |       |    |           |       |    |         |       |    |          |       |    |        |       |    |        |       |    |        |       |    |          |       |    |             |       |    |

### Last Week's Local Almanac

| Date      | Hi | Lo | Normals | Precip | Rainfall             |
|-----------|----|----|---------|--------|----------------------|
| Monday    | 62 | 48 | 57/35   | 0.00"  | 0.65"                |
| Tuesday   | 68 | 41 | 58/35   | 0.00"  | 0.75"                |
| Wednesday | 71 | 37 | 58/36   | 0.43"  | -0.10"               |
| Thursday  | 53 | 35 | 59/36   | 0.00"  |                      |
| Friday    | 55 | 39 | 59/36   | 0.00"  | Average temp. 47.4°  |
| Saturday  | 49 | 31 | 59/37   | 0.00"  | Average normal 47.3° |
| Sunday    | 47 | 28 | 60/37   | 0.22"  | Departure +0.1°      |

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day       | Sunrise   | Sunset    | Moonrise   | Moonset    |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Wednesday | 6:08 a.m. | 7:42 p.m. | Prev Day   | 8:42 a.m.  |
| Thursday  | 6:07 a.m. | 7:43 p.m. | 12:51 a.m. | 9:38 a.m.  |
| Friday    | 6:05 a.m. | 7:44 p.m. | 1:54 a.m.  | 10:45 a.m. |
| Saturday  | 6:04 a.m. | 7:45 p.m. | 2:45 a.m.  | 11:57 a.m. |
| Sunday    | 6:02 a.m. | 7:46 p.m. | 3:25 a.m.  | 1:11 p.m.  |
| Monday    | 6:01 a.m. | 7:47 p.m. | 3:58 a.m.  | 2:23 p.m.  |
| Tuesday   | 6:00 a.m. | 7:49 p.m. | 4:25 a.m.  | 3:33 p.m.  |

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers, highest temperature of 66 in Cairo, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 85 in North Port, Fla. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 93 in Presidio, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly cloudy skies with isolated rain, highest temperature of 67 in Umatilla, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 94 in Chandler, Ariz.

### Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure  
[www.WhatsOurWeather.com](http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com)

### Weather Trivia

What is the greatest amount of rain to fall within 24 hours in the United States?

Answer: Alvin, Texas holds the record with 43 inches falling in August 1911.

### Weather History

**April 20, 1989** - The temperature at Las Animas, Colo. soared to 100 degrees to establish a state record for April. Twenty-two cities in the central and southwestern United States reported record high temperatures for the date.

**April 21, 1958** - Portions of Montana were in the midst of a spring snowburst. Snowfall amounts ranged up to 55 inches at Red Lodge, 61 inches at Nye Mine, and 72 inches at Mystic Lake.

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## Merrill E. Marquis

MENDOTA—Merrill E. Marquis, 79, of Mendota, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2022 at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center Mendota with his family at his bedside.

Visitation was Monday April 18, 2022 from 6-8 p.m. at Wasmer Funeral Home and an additional hour prior to services in the church. Services were Tuesday April 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Mendota. Rev. Mary Bohall officiated, and burial followed at Wisner Cemetery. Mendota V.F.W. Post #4079 conducted full military rites. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Merrill was born April 9, 1943 in Princeton, to Richard and Marian (Strait) Marquis. He graduated from Buda High School in 1961. Merrill proudly served in the United States Army from 1964-1966. On May 12, 1973, he married the love of his life, Cheryl (Knopp), at the First Presbyterian Church in Mendota.

Merrill will be forever missed by his wife Cheryl of Mendota; two sons, Matt (Maurine) Marquis of Mendota and Mike (Amanda Thompson) Marquis of Mendota; daughter Michelle (Tony) Jones of Mendota; four grandchildren, Mason Marquis, Morgan Marquis, Ava Jones, Addisyn Jones; and sister Mary Ethyl Forth of Bloomington.

He was preceded by his parents; an infant sister Velma and sister Shelby Mechling; brother Edwin "Dick" Marquis; and two brothers-in-law, Melvin Forth and Dwaine Mechling.

After his military service, he began his career with the railroad. Merrill started with the CB&Q railroad that later became the Burlington Northern. After 30 plus years working in every facet of the railroad, he "retired" and helped his family establish a screen printing and embroidery business. Starting out a Matt's Custom Caps and Shirts in 1987, the business grew and in 1991 was renamed Dynamic Designs. He continued to help with the expansion and hands on tasks of the business. In 2008 Dynamic Designs became 4M Graphix and they moved to a larger retail location in Mendota. Merrill continued assisting Matt and his family up until his passing. He continued and was an instrumental part in the growth and success of the family business, and he will be missed every day.

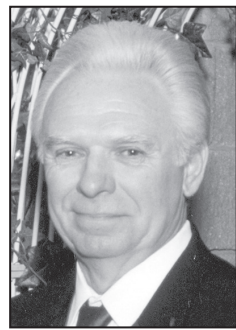
While the work wasn't always easy, Merrill enjoyed what he did and was proud of his hard work and the example he left his family. One of his legacies was the work ethic he inspired in his family. Merrill was passionate about his kids and his grandkids sports. He attended virtually every game in which his grandkids played. He loved Illini basketball and sports in general. During the 1960s and 70s he attended numerous Indy 500 races with his father and family. He traveled to the local short track asphalt races in the 1980s, then started following dirt track racing all over the Midwest from the late 1980s until his passing. Merrill and his son Matt attended the World 100 dirt track race at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio every September from 1987 until 2020. The World 100 was his favorite yearly journey.

Pallbearers will be his grandson Mason Marquis, nephews Tim Marquis and Dan Marquis, and family friends Fred Pohl, Mark Jones, and Matt Russell.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

## Notice - Allan Zimmerman

The Allan Zimmerman visitation and funeral has been postponed due to an illness in the family. A new date will be announced at www.merrittfh.com as soon as possible.



## Charles G. Kuebel

MENDOTA—Charles G. Kuebel, 98, of Mendota, formerly of Sublette, passed away April 16, 2022 in his home surrounded by his family.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Sublette. Rev. Randy Fronek will officiate, and burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Sublette. Full military honors will be conducted by Mendota V.F.W. Post #4079. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 20, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall, 201 Locust St., Sublette.

Charlie was born July 15, 1923 in Mendota to Charles J. and Elizabeth (Dinges) Kuebel. He graduated from Amboy High School in 1941. Charlie proudly served in the United States Army in WWII. On May 22, 1947, he married the love of his life, Florence Spitz, at Holy Cross Church in Mendota.

Charlie will be missed by his sons, Bernard (Kathy) Kuebel of Peru and Tony (Kathy) Kuebel of Fulton; daughters Cheryl (Tom) Nauman of Amboy and Patsy (John) Marks of Earlville; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and three sisters-in-law, Mary Kuebel, Carlene Schuhler and Rita (Dave) Jones.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Florence of 73 years; four sisters, Mary Truckenbrod, Millie Leffelman, Rose Biederstedt and Rita Spitz; one brother in infancy; and three brothers, Joe Kuebel, Roy Kuebel and Fritz Kuebel.

From 1946-1960 he worked for Black Bros. as a self-taught draftsman. Charlie worked at the Kuebel Family Farm until he and Florence moved to Mendota on Dec. 23, 2017. He was a devoted member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, served as a board member of the Sublette Elevator, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Pallbearers will be Cody Marks, Casey Marks, Johnny Marks, Aaron Kuebel, Matt Kuebel, Ben Kuebel, Jared Kuebel and Jesse Nauman.

Memorials may be directed to Breast Cancer Research or American Heart Association. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

## Aaron L. Metcalf

AMBOY—Aaron L. Metcalf, 41, of Amboy died Friday, April 15, 2022 at his home.

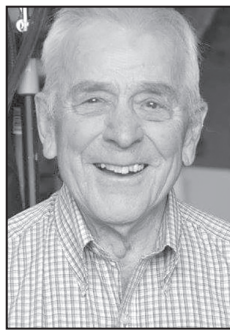
Visitation will be on Thursday April 21, 2022 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A reception will follow at the Amboy Community Building and all are invited.

He was born Jan. 9, 1981 in Rice Lake, Wis., the son of Billy Joe and Anne (Miller) Metcalf. He had worked at Ray-O-Vac in Dixon, and CHS and Zekelman's, both in Rochelle.

Aaron is survived by his "Honey" Missy Hobbs of Amboy; his parents Billy Joe and Anne of Ohio, Ill.; one son, Hunter Metcalf of California; Missy's children, Autumn Welch, Chloe Welch and Stephen Gascoigne; two brothers, Nathan (Sarah) Metcalf and Justin Metcalf; three sisters, Kristina (Jeff) Rabacchi, Joanne (Tim) Rios, Leah Metcalf and Jaimie Metcalf; and several nieces and nephews.

Aaron was a veteran of the Navy and had served on the USS Nimitz. Because of his time in the Navy, Aaron loved the ocean and in civilian life enjoyed boating and socializing with family and friends.

A memorial has been established. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com



## Novak named IVCC's Distinguished Alumnus

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's 2022 Distinguished Alumnus is Dr. Holly Novak, a 1974 graduate who has gone on to an illustrious career in cardiology.

Early in her career, Dr. Novak founded a cardiac catheterization laboratory and an open-heart surgery program at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington. She accomplished this before she had her first cardiology partner, working independently for five years and 'on call' constantly to build the practice.

Today she specializes in heart disease prevention and women's health at HSHS Medical Group Multispecialty Care in Springfield and also sees patients in Clinton, Jacksonville and Rushville.

Dr. Novak is also one of the most significant donors in IVCC's 98-year history and is a member of the IVCC Foundation's 21st Century Scholars Society.

In conjunction with the IVCC commendation, she has been nominated for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Distinguished Alumnus Award and will be honored at the organization's annual convention and banquet in Chicago in June.

IVCC graduates will get a chance to hear from Dr. Novak and learn of her IVCC experiences when she delivers the keynote address at the college's 56th annual commencement at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

Following IVCC, Novak graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1976 and Southern Illinois University Medical School in 1979 before completing her residency at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

She helped found a Springfield parents' group for children with disabilities.

Novak attended IVCC when most classes were held in temporary east campus buildings while the permanent campus was being built.

"The majority of my IVCC career was spent in those buildings: cold in the winter, hot in the summer. It was there I learned the basics of biology and chemistry. I did not come to IVCC to find myself or to find direction. I was laser-focused on medical school," she says.

"My most amazing memory of IVCC is that I had no car, worked two-to-three part-time jobs and did not miss class. Not sure how I did that," she recalls. "IVCC prepared me for 300-level classes at the U of I, then medical school at SIU."

"There was never any question I would start my college career at IVCC. As the youngest of three, financially it was the best option. More importantly, it is a family tradition."

Novak's parents, Bill and Bernadine, met at IVCC predecessor LPO Junior College and were the school's homecoming King and Queen in 1940. They raised three children and Bill went on to a hall of fame football coaching career at Ottawa High School.

"My father put no limitations on his children," Dr. Novak says.

Novak's sister, Dr. Kim Novak, went on from IVCC to become a veterinarian in Ottawa and Streator and brother Kerry attended IVCC on his way to becoming Starved Rock State Park site superintendent. He is now retired.



Dr. Novak

## IVCC's 41st annual Adult Education Recognition event planned May 18th

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's 41st annual Adult Education Recognition Event is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

Students who passed a High School Equivalency test, obtained U.S. citizenship, completed a Bridge to Careers

program or the ICAPS (Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System) are invited to participate.

The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Ralph Scriba Conference Center, CTC124-125.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## COVID

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surge. IDPH is advising providers to assess their patients quickly, within five days of the onset of symptoms, after a COVID-19 diagnosis to determine if they are eligible for treatment.

IDPH is also reminding the public about the recent guidance from the CDC that authorized a second booster dose for certain segments of the population at least four months after the first booster dose. This includes adults over 50 years of age, and people who are immunocompromised - those with a poor ability to fight infections - over 12 years old.

State health officials are stressing the following precautions, which are critically important for those who are at high risk for serious illness:

- Get vaccinated and stay up-to-date on recommended booster shots to protect yourself, your loved ones and friends.
- If you are in an area with rising COVID-19 infections, wear a mask if entering indoor spaces with other people present and consider avoiding large gatherings.
- Stick to well-ventilated areas if you are not wearing a mask indoors around other people.
- If you feel flu-like symptoms, self-isolate and stay home from work as well as social gatherings; and obtain a test as quickly as possible.
- If you test positive, talk to your provider immediately so you can get COVID-19 treatment within five days of starting to feel sick. Also, communicate about the positive result with any persons you have been in close contact within two days of falling sick or testing positive.
- Continue to frequently wash your hands and cover coughs and sneezes.

For more information, go to: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19.html>.

The federal government recently established a new website that provides an all-purpose toolkit that provides information on how to obtain masks, treatment, vaccines and testing resources for all areas of the country at: <https://www.covid.gov/>.

## Inflation

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Businesses are taking on tremendous costs to pay higher wages, and employees are still worse off, he said.

"Everybody loses," Kaericher said.

Inputs are more expensive so businesses have to raise prices. Profits are static or they lose money.

"Everything has gotten substantially more expensive," Kaericher said.

So what is the answer? The "brutal cure" of rising interest rates, Kaericher said. The Federal Reserve is gradually tightening the screws on spending with incremental hikes in interest rates. The question is: How high will interest rates go before inflation is under control?

"The last time we have successfully combated inflation at this rate was the very painful period of the Carter presidency," Kaericher said. "We do not want to see the return of those days."

The chamber is telling its members to "be conservative with their forecasting" and hope for the best.

"We are hoping that this is a one-year blip in the road," Kaericher said. "But unless you have a working crystal ball, nobody knows that for sure."



**Izabella Nanez of Mendota studies on her laptop in IVCC's Student Center. Summer online and in-person classes begin May 16. (Photo contributed)**

## IVCC offering summer online classes beginning May 16th

OGLESBY – More than 40 online summer classes will be offered at Illinois Valley Community College beginning May 16. Most courses are transfer-eligible.

"We have a wide range of courses in business, physical and social sciences, liberal arts and mathematics," said Director of Learning Resources Patrice Hess. "I believe university students home for the summer will find our courses attractive and affordable."

IVCC will offer courses in accounting, nutrition, health, wellness, human growth and development, art, environment, business, criminal justice, computers, Microsoft Office, economics (including micro and macro), English composition, film, weather and climate, geography, history;

Children's literature,

management, marketing, algebra, STEM math, math for liberal arts, statistics, technical math, psychology (including social and abnormal), child growth and development, strategies for college, sociology and speech.

The summer 2022 schedule continues IVCC's dramatic two-year increase in online offerings.

Hess said from fall 2019 to fall 2021, the college increased online sections 53 percent and online enrollments were up 86 percent from 890 to 1657. The number of online students grew 68 percent from 569 students to 956 and credit hours spiked 82 percent from 2655 to 4837.

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

## Reddick Mansion hosting author Stout

OTTAWA – Steve Stout, author of The Starved Rock Murders, will be talking about his updated book on Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. at the Reddick Mansion, 100 W. Lafayette St., Ottawa. Stout was featured in the recent HBO documentary Murders at Starved Rock, which was another attempt to analyze the details about this decades-old tragedy. After his presentation, Stout will answer questions from the audience.

On March 14, 1960, three middle-aged women from Riverside, Ill., checked into Starved Rock Lodge for a long weekend. After having lunch in the lodge's dining room, the women set off on a hike to one of the park's iconic canyons. They were never seen alive again. Two days later, their bludgeoned bodies were found in a small cavern deep in St. Louis Canyon. The ensuing manhunt and trial captivated the nation, and the story is still doing so 62 years later.

The event is free of charge, although the Reddick Mansion Association (RMA) is asking for a \$5 donation at the door. Because seating is limited, it is strongly advised to make reservations by calling 815-433-6100 or emailing [contact@reddickmansion.org](mailto:contact@reddickmansion.org). Stout's book will also be available for purchase after his presentation.

## Illinois Education Assoc. passes legislation to combat teacher and support staff shortage

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Education Association (IEA) worked with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle and the governor's office to ensure the passage of several pieces of pro-public education legislation during the 2021-22 legislative session in Springfield. This legislation will mean stronger K-12 schools and stronger community colleges and universities for our students, and it will help us address the growing teacher and education support staff shortages in our state.

"We are about to end our second full school year during the COVID-19 pandemic. These have been the hardest years of most of our educators' careers and are also likely the most difficult two years of our students' learning careers. Our lawmakers recognized that. They acknowledged that not with mere words, but with action. We thank you for standing by our teachers, support staff, students and communities," IEA President Kathi Griffin said. "This legislative session brought positive change to every Illinois student from pre-school through college. The legislative initiatives passed by the General Assembly also help to address some of the problems that are leading to the teacher and support staff shortages that are now at a crisis level. But as much great work as we've done, more still needs to be done to keep our outstanding, experienced educators in their schools and higher education institutions and to attract bright, ambitious young minds to the profession. We look forward to continuing this important work."

Legislation passed by lawmakers this session that will have a positive impact on public education:

- Threat Assessment Law Update (HB 4994) – This bill ensures safe schools for all Illinois students. It's a collaboration between IEA and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. The legislation will mean school district administrations are monitored by Regional Offices of Education to make sure

they are in compliance with Illinois' Threat Assessment Law. That law is designed to help prevent active shooter situations and violence in our schools.

- COVID Admin Days and Paycheck Protection (HB 1167) – HB 1167 will provide COVID administrative days to teachers and education support staff who are either vaccinated or who are federally exempt from the vaccine. This ensures teachers and support staff will not have to use sick days for COVID related absences. It also restores any previously used sick days educators may have taken. Included in this legislation is paycheck protection for hourly school employees in the event a school closes for an emergency.

- Special Education Co-Op Bill (HB 3709) – This bill protects collective bargaining rights for special education teachers and support staff by ensuring seniority is maintained when a special education co-op is dissolved or combined with another special education co-op.

- Mental Health Days (HB 4742) – HB 4742 provides education employees can use sick days for mental health related reasons.

- Increased education funding, full pension payment and monies to address teacher shortage (HB 900)

-Lawmakers allocated an additional \$350 million dollars for public education, which means the evidenced-based funding model for K-12 schools was fully funded.

-The legislature approved sending the state's full payment and additional funding to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS).

-After years of nearly stagnant funding for universities and community colleges, lawmakers approved a significant increase in higher education funding.

-Also included is \$400,000 for the Educators Rising Program, which is the community-based movement that encourages Illinois high school students to choose to become teachers.

## IV YMCA hosting Healthy Kids Day

PERU – The Illinois Valley YMCA will host a Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 30 from 9-11 a.m. at the Peru YMCA location, 300 Walnut Drive. The event is free and open to the public.

Some of the events will include games, prizes, Tae

KwonDo demonstrations, tumbling demonstrations, preschool and Y Tykes tours, yoga demonstrations, a K-9 demonstration and more. There will also be a chance to win a new bicycle, one boys and one girls.

Area agencies will

have a representative on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Following the activities, an open swim will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## What's in the budget?

By Scott Reeder

Illinois politicians talk a lot about transparency but rarely practice it – even amongst themselves.

State budgets are negotiated behind closed doors between whomever is governor and legislative leaders. Sometimes members of the minority party are included, but other times, such as this year, not so much.

This month, once a budget agreement was reached behind those locked doors, lawmakers found themselves voting on a 3,400-page, \$46.5 billion operating budget a few hours later.

Think any of them knew exactly what they were voting on? No way.

Is this unusual in Springfield? No. But it has never served the public well.

Whether the governor's last name happens to be Pritzker, Rauner, Quinn, Blagojevich or Ryan, the secrecy persists.

I first began covering the General Assembly in 1988. I can say both Republicans and Democrats are guilty of this practice. "Good-government-type" politicians and political hacks are equally guilty, too.

"They didn't talk to Republicans during the budgeting process at all, and they don't need to," Sen. Neil Anderson, R-Andalusia, said. "Why would they? This is kind of the result you get: a closed-door budget to make sure everybody in their caucus is happy."

In politics, knowledge is power.

Taxpayers and bondholders deserve to know how our money is being spent. But the budget document is so opaque it is often hard to discern whether major new initiatives have been slipped into the spending plan – even if those voting on it had adequate time to review it.

For example, back in 2005, the General Assembly rejected spending state money on stem-cell research. Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who favored the measure, snuck \$10 million in stem-cell research spending into the budget by labeling it "scientific research."

Lawmakers were understandably angry when they figured out they had been tricked into voting for something they had opposed.

Blagojevich shrugged and said the end justified the means.

And there is the rub. Deception is often the key to legislative success. The closed-door process benefits political insiders, legislative power brokers and a host of special interests. But it rarely benefits voters.

It shows contempt not just for the minority party but also for the rank-and-file lawmakers of the majority party, who are derisively referred to as "mushrooms" because they are kept in the dark and fed a lot of er, um manure.

The budget was hurriedly debated and voted on during an all-night session. Why? Well, if they act fast – before lawmakers and constituents have reviewed the spending plans contents – they can beat any possible new opposition.

"You're trying to track everything and there's a lot of last-minute changes because you know, amendments get filed at the last possible moment," state Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, said. "And it does make it very difficult to know exactly what's in there. I'm sure we'll see things coming out over the next several weeks about things that were tucked in there or mistakes that were made."

His view was echoed by state Rep. Sandy Hamilton, R-Springfield. "We can do better than this to improve transparency. After all, the budget is spending taxpayers' money. The people of Illinois should have far more input."

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## Friday night shopping introduced – 1967

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's *Backtracks & Sidetracks* column reprinted from April 23, 1997.)

By Jessica Nashold

In the year 1967, Mendota merchants acknowledged that the old familiar Saturday night shopping had gone into decline. They agreed to cooperate on something new – Friday night shopping in Mendota. On Friday, stores would be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Even the banks would adjust their hours. By closing at noon on Thursday, they could offer banking services from 5-8 p.m. on Friday nights in addition to the regular 9 to 3 hours.

The new schedule would be launched on May 5, 1967. To introduce the new hours, cash drawings were announced for May 12 and May 19. On May 5, between 5 and 9 p.m., shoppers 16 years of age and older could register at their favorite shopping locations. Drawings for prizes of \$50, \$20 and \$10 would be held promptly at 8 p.m. on May 12 in front of the First State Bank and again on May 19 in front of the National Bank of Mendota.

**Winners will not have to be present to qualify.**

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Bags of new quarters being shipped from the San Francisco mint were transferred to a Burlington flat car in Omaha, with Chicago the destination. The bags were in containers and each contained \$1,000 in quarters. At Mendota, loose coins were observed on the platform and it was discovered the door on one container had opened. Eleven bags were missing.

Section hands were immediately instructed to patrol the tracks between Mendota and Kewanee where it was believed the container door had sprung open. Of the \$11,000 in coins scattered along the tracks, \$7,500 was found. Of this amount, a total of \$1,400 was picked up near Arlington and \$633 in the vicinity of Clarion.

The money was turned in to station agent Don Selbrede at Mendota, who transferred it to a Railway Express representative from Chicago.

**The container was resealed at Mendota and the train continued on its way.**

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Mendota Community Hospital was awarded a federal grant of \$295,680 for construction purposed in December

## Backtracks & Sidetracks

1966. To receive this funding, work would have to begin in 1967. Planning began for an east wing with X-ray, physical therapy and laboratory facilities to bring MCH up to required standards. The wing would also provide space for 12 private rooms with baths and 12 two-bed rooms.

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On April 23, 1967, Dr. Harlan Peithman, who headed the music department at MHS from 1930-37, returned as guest conductor during the spring symphony concert. Before the concert, the Peithmans were honored at a dinner at Sam's Steak House, arranged by the MHS alumni committee. A reception for the Peithmans was held at the school following the performance.

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The Reporter carried Babson's syndicated column in 1967 and in April he expressed alarm at the rate gold reserves were dwindling.

**Since the close of World War II, the U.S. has been redeeming dollars in gold for foreign holders at \$35 per ounce.**

Babson wrote that the International Monetary Fund should find a broader base than "just the dollar" when making allotments. As for the U.S. –

**We shall have to learn to limit our world commitments.**

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The Illinois Bankers' Association continued to oppose branch banking, which was favored by two Chicago loop banks.

**There is no need for branching. There is no need for it.**

The effect, small banks insisted, was always to reduce competition.

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A tornado on April 21, 1967, caused most damage in the Belvidere area where 50 were killed and hundreds injured. Former Mendota residents living in Belvidere were among those suffering extensive property damage.

Locally, the transmission lines were downed at Ohio and Sublette resulting in a power outage in Mendota from

4:30 to 7.

**Civil Defense volunteers patrolled the business areas during the outage.**

CD members later held a meeting to discuss the need for a siren to be sounded during emergencies.

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A snowstorm on April 16, 1967, was measured at three inches, bringing the 1966-67 snowfall to a record 66.5 inches for the season. The previous record set in the 1951-52 season was 66.4 inches.

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Postal savings at the Mendota post office had been discontinued on March 28, 1966. It was now announced that interest on remaining deposits would cease on April 27, 1967. Postmaster Ralph Jacob said 27 depositors had a total of \$8,840 at the Mendota office and he urged them to come in and collect. Nationwide, \$90 million remained in postal savings accounts.

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Illiniwek campers met April 23, 1967, at the south edge of Mendota on Route 51 and held a "delittering walk" as far as the five-mile station. A truck was provided by the state highway department to haul away the ton of litter collected.

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Prescott Brothers announced they would be conducting State Truck Testing Station No. 236 to take care of mandatory testing of Class A trucks. The test was required by May 1, 1967.

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Motor Wheel advertised "Good Jobs at Top Rates." An hourly wage of \$2.58 was quoted.

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Six car dealers cooperated on a Spring Auto Show at which 24 models were displayed the Main Street parking lot north of the Illinois Central Freight House. The dealers were Faber Motor Co., Lorack Chevrolet, Prescott Brothers, R & R Ford Sales, Schimmer Pontiac and Widmer & Sons. This was the first show of its kind in Mendota.

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The city pickup truck was struck by an Illinois Central freight at the Seventh Avenue crossing. The truck was pushed 80 feet along the track.

**A box car blocked the driver's view of the approaching train.**

William Corrigan and Norman C. Dalton were "shaken by the impact."

## Where Russia goes, brutality follows

By Rich Lowry

Russia has found just the man to lead its ongoing assault on Ukraine, Gen. Aleksandr Dvornikov.

The top-level general takes over a war that had no single overall commander and as the Russian military has suffered embarrassing setbacks, retreating from its planned siege of Kyiv.

Dvornikov has led the Russian forces in the south and east of Ukraine, which Moscow will now make its main objective, and perfectly encapsulates the remorseless and long-running brutality of the Russian military.

He became known as the Butcher of Syria for his role leading the Russian campaign in Syria, most notoriously the reduction of Aleppo.

A United Nations human rights official called that city, after the Russians were done with it, "a slaughterhouse." He depicted "a gruesome locus of pain and fear, where the lifeless bodies of small children are trapped under streets of rubble and pregnant women deliberately bombed."

That ghastly description, of course, sounds all too familiar. Naturally enough, the Russian government honored Dvornikov for his bloody handiwork in Syria as a "hero of the Russian federation."

Bucha is another tragic place name in a long catalogue of Russians atrocities -- perpetrated against foreigners and its own people, perpetrated when the Soviets struggled for control during their rule, and afterward, perpetrated with relatively primitive military technology and with the most up-to-date modern firepower.

Where the Russian military goes, war crimes are sure to follow. It is a reflection of a twisted Russian political culture that has never developed an appreciation for individual worth, democratic accountability, or humanitarian norms. Vladimir Putin is not to be confused with Lenin or Stalin -- he paints his horrors on a much smaller canvas. But his cold-eyed brutality is characteristically Russian.

For the last 100 years, Russia has been a brutalized and brutalizing country. It suffered nearly 3.5 million deaths in World War I, another 8 million dead in the Russian Civil War,

and then 27 million more in World War II.

The founder of the Soviet state, Lenin, was a theorist and practitioner of "mass terror." After the Revolution, the civil war between the Bolsheviks and their opponents was a series of atrocities. Then came the cataract of unspeakable violence in the death struggle with the Nazis.

The Red Army's decisive march to Berlin at the end of the war was one long, pitiless war crime. The Russians raped 2 million German women. According to historian Antony Beevor, author of "The Fall of Berlin 1945," one doctor believed that of 100,000 women raped in the city, 10,000 died as a consequence, many by suicide.

The English-speaking world features its share of shameful and brutal acts, but nothing on the mind-numbing scale of such depravities. And the crimes in the U.S. and elsewhere are looked back on with shame, whether slavery or the expropriation of indigenous people. In contrast, in the 21st century, when more civilized practices are supposed to have prevailed, Putin is adding more disgraceful blots to Russia's woeful record.

What kind of force considers a hospital a legitimate military target? Terrorist groups -- and the Russian military.

In Syria a few years ago, Russia bombed four hospitals in 12 hours, a savage performance forecasting the treatment they'd mete out to Ukraine. According to The New York Times, Syrian health care workers believed that a United Nations "humanitarian deconfliction" list containing the locations of hospitals was used as a target list by Russian forces.

Of course, Russia leveled the city of Grozny in the late 1990s, killing thousands of civilians. Its soldiers raped and tortured.

What the Russian lacks in planning and proficiency, it makes up in barbarity and utter disregard for humanity. War is hell, but almost all advanced nations try to keep it within some bounds of decency. Russia is an outlier. For it, the cruelty is the point -- and the reflexive practice.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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# LOCAL AND AREA

## Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble presenting “A Kaleidoscope of Colors” concert April 23

PERU—The Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble under the direction of Sue Gillio will present “A Kaleidoscope of Color” concert on Saturday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Zion United Church of Christ, Peru.

Free will offerings will be accepted with money going to the flute scholarship fund to assist flutists who would like to attend the Summer Flute Retreat in Peru June 19-25. Music performed will feature a color in the title of the piece and will conclude with a great arrangement of “Colors of the Wind.”

Performers include Lois Croasdale, Spring Valley; Catherine Engels, Emily Kmetz, LaSalle; Kathy Gage, Keokuk, Iowa; Maggie Ferguson, Aubrey Garretson, Sue Johnson, Gabby Mosley, Maddie Vescogni, Peru; Tony Grunstad, Natalie Lindig, Ottawa; Eileen Hagenbuch, Utica; Kendra Herman, Kendra Olson, Seneca; Jan Hoge, Wenona; Julie Pleskovitch, Oglesby; Donna Robinson, Princeton; Ava Rosengren, Serena; Jamie Valadez, Dalmazell

The concert is sponsored by Music Suite 408, North Central Illinois ARTworks and the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble.

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Music Suite 408 in Peru is the “home base” for the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble, which was established in the summer of 1991. The ensemble is one of the flute ensembles at Music Suite 408 ranging in age from 6 years through adult. The Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble has performed annually in April as part of the “Music at the Mansion” series at the Hegeler Carus Mansion; on television for the Easter Seals Telethon, LaSalle Christmas Open House, City of Peru Maud Powell Arts Celebrations,



Seneca’s Oak Ridge, Deer Park Country Club, Hunter’s Ridge Country Club, Reddick Mansion, St. Margaret’s Auxiliary Dinner, Morton Grove Library, Liberty Village in Streator, Princeton & Peru, Ottawa Community Hospital Cancer Survivor Breakfast, Hornbaker’s Gardens and various private parties and seasonal gatherings. Additionally, the IVFE has performed as one of three ensembles invited to the 37th Annual Principals Association 3-Day Conference at the Peoria Civic Center and have performed at the Chicago Flute Festival in 2001 (Wheeling) and 2009 (Evanston). The IVFE has produced three CDs ~ “In the Mood for Flutes”, (2005) “Christmas Tidings” (2009) and “Flute Spangled Spectacular (June 2012).

Sue Gillio, an Oglesby native, is the owner of Music Suite 408 and director of the Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble. She received her BA and MA from Western Illinois University with emphasis in flute performance where she studied with Gerald Carey. She is Principal flute of the Illinois Valley Symphony, and has performed in the Quad City Symphony, Heartland Philharmonic, Knox-Galesburg Symphony, DuPage

Symphony and the Peoria Symphony. She has been a featured soloist with the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony, Illinois Valley Youth Symphony, Mendota High School Band, Illinois Valley Community College Wind Ensemble and guest soloist with members of the Chicago Symphony and Northwest Indiana Symphony at St. Xavier College in Chicago performing “Brandenburg Concerto #5” by J.S. Bach. She has been the featured soloist with the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra in 2006 and again in 2014. Internationally, Ms. Gillio has performed in Italy as part of the Rome Festival Orchestra (1998, 2004). She is on faculty at Illinois Valley Community College, executive board of North Central Illinois ARTworks and is a member of the Chicago Flute Club, Quad City Flute Association, Rockford Flute Club and National Flute Association where she has performed at conventions in Columbus, Ohio (2000) and Dallas, Texas (2001). She has been published in the Flute Talk periodical, the Pipeline of the Chicago Flute Club and will be the featured educator in the May 2016 Flute Talk. She founded the Annual Summer Flute Retreat and is on the faculty of the Summer Flute Camp at Westminster Choir Con-

servatory in Princeton, New Jersey. She was awarded the 2014 Entrepreneur of the Year by the Illinois Small Business Development Center and OMNI ARTS 2017 Excellence Award.

All Illinois Valley Flute Ensemble performances are on a donation basis, which enables the groups to purchase new music, help with the upkeep of instruments and provides full or partial scholarships to the Summer Flute Retreat and other summer music opportunities for flute students.

NCI ARTworks is a regional arts agency, a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and expanding the arts community in LaSalle, Bureau, and Putnam Counties through artistic collaboration, educational outreach, and art space development. Its mission also is to create venues which support public and private education, community events, economic development, and cultural tourism. ARTworks’ vision is to foster communication between artists, arts organizations, and arts educators. NCI ARTworks is located in the Westclox ARTworks Center in the west wing of the Westclox building in Peru. The organization is supported, in part, by the Illinois Arts Council Agency. For more information visit [www.nciartworks.com](http://www.nciartworks.com).



## Celebrate Earth Day the Dairy Way at the Discovery Center

ROCKFORD – Discovery Center in Rockford got milk – and lots of it – as they celebrate the creamy concoction and all the wonderful dairy products that come from it on Saturday, April 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for Earth Day the Dairy Way.

Local farmers and representatives from Midwest Dairy and the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau will have hands-on activities for guests and introduce them to how farmers use sustainability techniques to help take care of our big beautiful planet. Children can meet a real calf, play Dairy Trivia Plinko, make butter, create a garden in a glove, sample cottage cheese courtesy of Prairie Farms, and more! Families can chat with real farmers and explore life on a farm in the Ag-Zibit gallery where guests can “milk” cows, operate a combine, climb aboard a real tractor, move grain, gather eggs and more. Thanks to support from Midwest Dairy, the Ag-Zibit gallery will be unveiling new and updated exhibits for guests to enjoy!

Earth Day the Dairy Way is sponsored by Midwest Dairy.

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- Thursday 5 p.m. to appear in Monday's Money Saver.
- Monday 10 a.m. to appear in Wednesday's Reporter.

## CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who made our Mendota Area Senior Services Pork Chop BBQ such a success! We apologize to those we had to turn away; we will add more dinners next time! Thanks to our volunteers for their hard work and dedication. You are awesome! Mendota Area Senior Services appreciates our community of Mendota and the surrounding areas for their continued support of our organization.

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## Sign Ordinance

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

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## POLICE BLOTTER

**NO VALID LICENSE**  
 Gerardo Hernandez, 42, of West Chicago, was charged with no valid driver's license after police officers investigated the report of several subjects using suspected fraudulent checks in the 1300 block of Meriden Street at 3:38 p.m. April 13. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**TWO CHARGES**  
 Danielle A. Untz, 33, of LaSalle, was charged with criminal trespass to a resi-

dence and resisting a peace officer after police officers responded to the South 13th Avenue trailer park for a call to service at 2:01 a.m. April 15. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

**REVOKED LICENSE**  
 Aaron F. Hamrick, 42, of 1218 Jefferson St., Mendota, was charged with driving while license revoked after a call to service at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Monroe Street at 8:55 a.m. April 16. The subject was released with a LaSalle

County court date.  
**REGISTRATION CHARGE**  
 Erick Rosales, 28, of LaSalle, was charged with unlawful display of registration, a Class A misdemeanor, after a traffic stop at First Street and Eighth Avenue at 2:49 p.m. April 17. During the stop, officers learned the registration on the vehicle was reported stolen and not assigned to the unit Rosales was driving. Request for additional charges are under review by the LaSalle County States Attorney's Office.

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# SPORTS

## Netters nip Morris

The Mendota varsity boys' tennis team edged Morris, 3-2.

Picking up wins for the Trojans were Byron Hampton in singles play, and the doubles teams of Logan Brandner-Andrew Stamberger and Tyler Valdez-Parker Guelde.

### Mendota 3, Morris 2

**Singles:** No. 1 – Byron Hampton (Me) def. Ahearn (Mo), 5-7, 6-3 (10-5); No. 2 – Moffitt (Mo) def. Zach Compell (Me), 3-6, 6-1 (10-5).

**Doubles:** No. 1 – Logan Brandner-Andrew Stamberger (Me) def. Bzdill-Kitchell (Mo), 6-0, 6-4; No. 2 – Tyler Valdez-Parker Guelde (Me) def. Berman-Hairald (Mo), 6-2, 6-0; No. 3 – Duffy-

Temme (Mo) def. Matt Miller-Clayton Buffington (Me), 6-4, 7-5.

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Streator picked up a 3-2 win over the Trojans.

Mendota's victories came from the doubles teams of Valdez-Guelde and Jacob Ensor-Miller.

### Streator 3, Mendota 2

**Singles:** No. 1 – Rashid (S) def. Brandner (M), 6-1, 6-2; No. 2 – Beck (S) def. Hampton (M), 6-4, 6-3.

**Doubles:** No. 1 – Wahl-Christensen (S) def. Eulysses Preciado-Compell (M), 6-4, 4-6 (10-7); No. 2 – Valdez-Guelde (M) def. Baker-Vogel (S), 6-3, 6-4; No. 3 – Ensor-Miller (M) def. Sorensen-Gallik (S), 6-4, 6-0.



Mendota's Vanessa Escatel, right, catches the Genoa-Kingston goalie (No. 99) out of the net and sends in a goal during soccer action on April 15 at the MHS field. (Reporter photo)

## Mendota girls lose, tie on soccer field

The Mendota girls' soccer team dropped a narrow 2-1 contest to Genoa-Kingston on April 16 at the MHS field.

Vanessa Escatel booted home Mendota's lone goal and the game was tied at 1-1 at the half. Genoa-Kingston scored

the winning goal with 17 seconds left in the contest.

Mendota was a 2-0 winner in the junior varsity game.

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Mendota and Ottawa battled to a 2-2 tie on April 18 at Ottawa.

Selina Hernandez and Cassie Gonzalez scored the goals for the Lady Trojans, and Isabella Tolentino picked up an assist.

Naitzy Garcia was between the pipes and recorded 18 goalie saves.

Mendota has a 1-5-3 overall record.

## Trackmen compete at Hall

SPRING VALLEY – The Mendota boys' track team participated in the Rollie Morris Invitational at Spring Valley on April 16. The Trojans scored 6.5 points. Streator won the meet with 92 points.

Mendota's top finish belonged to Anthony Kelson, who took fifth place in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 49.6.

### April 16 – Morris Invite

**Streator 92, Stillman Valley 84, Aurora Central Catholic 83, Lowpoint-Washburn 77, Amboy-LaMoille 75, Hall 68.5, Bureau Valley 52.5, Rockridge 52, St. Bede 51.5, Fieldcrest 24, Putnam County 16, Newark 11, Somonauk 8, Mendota 6.5**

**Mendota 5th place:** Anthony Kelson, 300m hurdles, 49.6

**Mendota 7th place:** Mason Koch, high jump, 5-0

**Mendota 8th place:** 4x800m relay (Kelson, Kody Chase, Jacob Carr, Travis Mumm), 10:17.7

## Lady Trojans whip Hall twice; edge Oregon

Ryleigh Sondgeroth used her arm and her bat to lead the Mendota varsity softball team to an 18-1 drubbing of Hall on April 12 at Spring Valley. The game was stopped after three innings.

Sondgeroth had two hits in Mendota's 16-hit attack, including a home run. She also drove in three runs.

In the circle, Sondgeroth allowed four hits and no earned runs. She struck out seven and did not issue a walk.

The Lady Trojans had numerous players with a multi-hit game. Emma Schultz had a pair of singles, a double and two RBI, while Zoe Finley collected two doubles and three runs batted in. Picking up two singles apiece were Paige Manning, Bailey Baird (three RBI), Madelyn Becker and Zoe Hanson.

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Mendota had the bats booming again as it walloped Hall, 18-8, on April 14 at Strouss Park. The game ended in the sixth by the 10-run rule. Despite cold temperatures and a howling wind, the Lady Trojans were able to pound out 17 hits.

Katie Jenner led off the game with a single and Sondgeroth followed with a two-run homer to give Mendota a 2-1 lead. Zoe Finley added a solo home run in the first.

Hall tied the game in the second and took a 4-3 lead in the fourth, but it was all Mendota after that. The Lady Trojans four runs in the fourth and four in the fifth, and then pushed across seven runs in the sixth to end the game.

Jenner clouted a two-run homer in the fourth inning and Madelyn Becker drilled a solo homer in the sixth.

Jenner, Finley and Becker each collected three hits for Mendota, while Sondgeroth and Baird had two apiece.

Sondgeroth went the distance in the circle to gain the victory. She allowed seven hits, three earned runs, struck out seven and walked six.

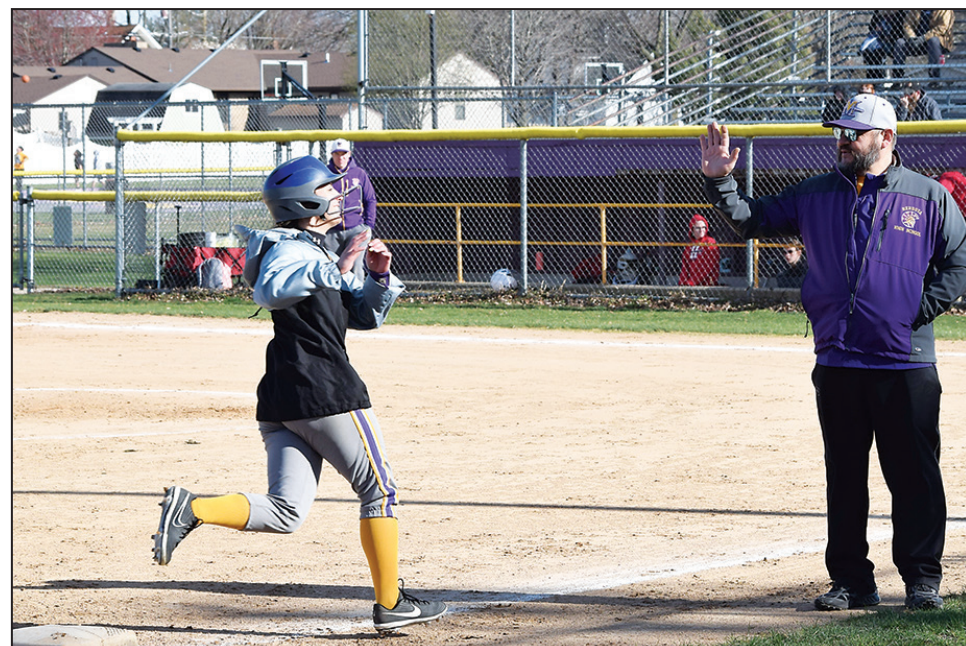
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Mendota played two games at Oregon on April 16 – one against the host school and the other against North Boone.

The Lady Trojans were 6-4 winners over Oregon in eight innings. The game was knotted at 3-3 after regulation. Mendota scored three times in the eighth and Oregon plated a pair.



Mendota's Ryleigh Sondgeroth delivers a pitch during an 18-8 win over Hall on April 14 at Strouss Park. (Reporter photo)



Zoe Finley rounds third base and awaits a high-five from coach Joel Perez after she hit a solo home run against Hall on April 14 at Strouss Park. (Reporter photo)

Each team had 10 hits. Baird had three singles, while Jenner singled and doubled. Emma Schultz also had a double for Mendota. Taylor Kelly had a pair of runs batted in for the Lady Trojans.

Manning pitched all eight innings to chalk up the win. She permitted two earned runs, struck out seven and did not issue a walk.

North Boone won by the 10-run rule over Mendota,

11-1. The game went five innings.

Finley doubled to plate Mendota's run. The Lady Trojans managed only four hits.

Sondgeroth was the losing pitcher.

## Mendota F-S Softball

### April 12 at Hall

Mendota 15, Hall 0  
Hitting – Ava Eddy 2 singles, double; Ella Martin

2 singles

Pitching – Eddy 4 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 7 SO  
MHS 12 runs in first inning.

## Young hunters harvest 1,258 turkeys in state

SPRINGFIELD – Youth turkey hunters harvested a preliminary total of 1,258 birds during the 2022 Illinois youth turkey season March 26-27 and April 2-3.

In 2021, a total of 1,304 turkeys were taken. The record total was set in 2020 when 1,733 turkeys were harvested.

This year, a total of 5,032 youth turkey permits were issued, compared to 5,589 in 2020. The top five counties for harvest during the 2022 youth season were Jefferson (54), Randolph (45), Marion (44), Adams (36) and Pope (30).



The harvest total for area counties is as follows: Bureau (16), DeKalb (0), LaSalle (3), Lee (5), Ogle (13), Putnam (2), Whiteside (4).

## BOWLING

### Mendota Elks Youth 4 League

Standings as of April 7 – 1. Team 5 33-15; 2. Team 1 28-20; 3. Team 6 26-22; 4. Team 2 25-23; 5. Team 4 16-32; 6. Team 3 6-42

Boys' high game (scratch) – Parker Ramer 117, Pryar Christmann 109, Jaxen Daley 88

Boys' high game (hdcp) – Parker Ramer 233, Mad-dux McPheeters 230, Lyn-colin Daley & Gavin Stam-berger 229

Boys' high series (scratch) – Parker Ramer 260, Pryar Christmann 258, Jaxen Daley 237

Boys' high series (hdcp) – Landon Kent 665, Mad-dux McPheeters 659, Lyn-colin Daley 648

Girls' high game (scratch) – Delaney Tuck-er 86, Brooklyn Mauch 52

Girls' high game (hdcp) – Brooklyn Mauch 220, Delaney Tucker 197

Girls' high series (scratch) – Delaney Tucker 217, Brooklyn Mauch 152

Girls' high series (hdcp) – Brooklyn Mauch 656, Delaney Tucker 550

### Mendota Elks Youth 6 League

Standings as of April 7 – 1. Team 1 41-7; 2. Team

3 24-24; 3. Team 2 24-24; 4. Team 4 0-48

High team game (scratch)

– Team 3 480, Team 2 375

High team game (hdcp)

– Team 3 854, Team 2 845

High team series

(scratch) – Team 3 1302,

Team 2 1066

High team series (hdcp)

– Team 2 2476, Team 3

2424

Boys' high game (scratch)

– Aiden Kent-Tucker 186,

Alex Holland 185, Kooper

Novak 161

Boys' high game (hdcp)

– Aaron Doyle 225, Dawson

McPheeters 223, Oliver

Turner 221

Boys' high se-

ries (scratch) – Aiden

Kent-Tucker 526, Alex

Holland 453, Kooper No-

vak 435

Boys' high series (hdcp)

– Dawson McPheeters 657,

Emiliano Villagomez 634,

Oliver Turner 615

Girls' high game

(scratch) – Lexie Saylor

122, Ashlynn Rickels 102

Girls' high game (hdcp) –

Ashlynn Rickels 232, Lexie

Saylor 220

Girls' high series

(scratch) – Lexie Saylor

344, Ashlynn Rickels 222

Girls' high series (hdcp)

– Lexie Saylor 638, Ashlynn

Rickels 612



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

**HOLLYWOOD --** We thought it was unusual that Bruce Willis had seven films that went straight to video last year. Even stranger, nine more are going straight to video this year, starting with "Fortress: Sniper's Eye" this month. Best guess is that Willis was diagnosed with aphasia two years ago. Aphasia robs you of the ability to communicate, speak, write and understand language, both verbal and written. It's often caused by a stroke or head injury.

In our column last July, we wrote, "Willis must have hit the pandemic running." At the time, he'd already had five films completed and was shooting four more simultaneously. We now realize he must have known his diagnosis. Since then, he's completed eight more films going directly to video. Willis has had great hits like the "Moonlighting" TV series and the "Die Hard" movie franchise.

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Was "West Side Story" on Steven Spielberg's bucket list? He revealed, "Over the last 40 years of my career, if not longer, I've always said a musical was the one thing I haven't done." However, Spielberg admitted that the musical numbers were harder to shoot than the beach landing in "Saving Private Ryan," which may have colored his decision. But there's still another genre on his bucket list ... "One genre I haven't tackled yet is a Western. So, who knows, maybe I'll be putting on spurs one day." He then added, "I have a few in development right now!"

Spielberg says he'll never direct another musical, even though he'll be producing, with Oprah Winfrey and Quincy Jones, the musical version of "The Color Purple," the 1985 film he directed that made Oprah a movie star. They've already lined up Taraji P. Henson to play Shug Avery.

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Original "West Side Story" Oscar winner Rita More-

no recently voiced she felt Natalie Wood should not have been cast as Maria, adding, "I hate that, again, Maria isn't being represented by a Puerto Rican actress." Natalie Wood was cast for four big reasons: 1) She was a huge star, and they raised a lot of money on her name; 2) Maria was very similar to Wood's role in "Rebel Without a Cause," opposite James Dean; 3) She was a smash opposite Warren Beatty in "Splendor in the Grass"; and 4) The original film made six times its cost, while the 2021 version is still \$25 million short of its cost.

In the new film version, Moreno plays Valentina, the widow of an older Jewish man who runs the candy store Tony lives under, and the Jets, who've demonstrated their hatred for Puerto Ricans, hang out in HER store. We'd say that's more of a liberty than a white girl playing Maria. Ouchie chihuahua!

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## Couch Theater

"Captive Audience" (NR) -- Many might still remember the case of Steven Stayner, a 7-year-old who, in 1972, was abducted on his way home from school. Stayner returned home nearly a decade later, and as if their lives hadn't already been transformed enough, he and his family consequently received tons of media attention. These events left quite the impact on them in unprecedented ways; almost two decades later, Stayner's older brother shockingly committed a series of murders, leading to the deaths of four women. The limited documentary series "Captive Audience" dives into the duality of the Stayner family by breaking down the dark and multifaceted stories of a man regarded as a hero versus his brother who, in the shadows, emerges as a villain. From executive producers The Russo Brothers. Premieres April 21. (Hulu)

"Cheaper by the Dozen" (PG) -- The 2022 remake of the family classic "Cheaper by the Dozen" is out now! The Disney+ original stars Zach Braff and Gabrielle

Union as married couple Paul and Zoey Baker, who have nine children between them. Add in Paul's nephew, Seth, who gets taken in after his mother checks into rehab, and -- you guessed it -- that makes a dozen people in just one house! The phrase "never a dull moment" sums up the Baker house and their daily adventures in attempting to take on life as a 12-some. (Disney+)

"White Hot: The Rise & Fall of Abercrombie & Fitch" (NR) -- Ah, the era of Abercrombie & Fitch. If you, like me, don't recall what caused this perfume-infested, dimly lighted store to be erased from most shopping centers across the nation, then Netflix has the perfect documentary film for you. "White Hot" examines the exclusionary politics behind the Abercrombie & Fitch brand when it was at its highest point in American fashion. The models, the store employees, even the CEOs all had to fit into this "All-American" look that only reflected a certain percentage of our diverse population. The question

remains, with the brand now showing efforts in improving inclusivity within the company, will Abercrombie & Fitch evolve past this "White Hot" time in its history? Premieres April 19. (Netflix)

"They Call Me Magic" (NR) -- Earvin "Magic" Johnson's career in basketball only scratches the surface of his achievements. In a four-part documentary series, Johnson takes the spotlight, starting from his days playing ball with the Lakers leading up to the fateful day he announced his retirement, all the way to his involvement within several of the communities he serves. Johnson has become an advocate of those living with the HIV virus. He works as a leader in greenlighting projects that provide direct help to the Black community and also has made strides in helping to end gang violence. "They Call Me Magic" showcases just how many barriers Johnson has broken throughout the legacy of his life. Premieres April 22. (Apple TV+)

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## Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

**Q:** I just finished watching "Severance" on Apple TV+. I was glued to the show the whole time. Who played Helly? I've never seen her before, and she was terrific. -- **K.W.**



**Britt Lower**

**A:** Britt Lower is the actress who played Helly in "Severance," a new streaming series on Apple TV+ that is gaining traction with viewers. It quietly debuted in February with the season finale in April. All 10 episodes are available on Apple TV+ to binge or space out however you'd like.

All the performers were compelling, but Lower in particular caught viewers' eyes ever since she appeared sprawled on a conference desk in the opening scene. She started out doing improv before landing primetime guest-starring roles on shows like "Law & Order: SVU." Her first series regular job was as Tanya in "Unforgettable," which starred Poppy Montgomery as a woman who solves crimes using her miraculous recall of memory. Lower's other credits

include multiple episodes of short-lived series like "Man Seeking Woman" and "High Maintenance."

"Severance" is definitely the project that's put her on the map. It stars Adam Scott ("Parks and Recreation"), Patricia Arquette, John Turturro and Christopher Walken, and the less of the premise I give away, the better.

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**Q:** Is the NBC series "La Brea" ever returning with more new episodes? -- **R.W.**

**A:** "La Brea" is about a group of people who fall into a sinkhole in Los Angeles and are transported 12,000 years into the past. It stars Natalie Zea ("Justified") and Eoin Macken ("The Night Shift") and was a big hit for its short 10-episode run. However, the season finale aired back in November 2021, so it's really tested the patience of fans eager for the story to continue.

Fortunately, "La Brea" has been given the greenlight for a second season with 14 episodes. "TVLine" reported that "given the sci-fi series' need for extensive postproduction VFX (visual effects), this bigger batch of episodes might be split into two halves so that season two can pre-

miere sooner (meaning, this fall) rather than later." Filming is expected to resume in Australia this spring.

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**Q:** When is "The Umbrella Academy" returning to Netflix? I know it usually takes about a year between seasons on Netflix, but it's been much longer with this show. -- **O.R.**

**A:** Season two of "The Umbrella Academy," starring Elliot Page, concluded with a big cliffhanger in August 2020, making it almost two years for new episodes. Just as with "La Brea," the postproduction for "The Umbrella Academy" is much lengthier than your average series. Visual effects supervisor Everett Burrell told the website Gold Derby that "a lot of the feature film-effects tools have now trickled down to the TV industry," which results in "bigger and more epic-looking" shows, which of course takes time. Look for season three to debut June 22, 2022, on Netflix.

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

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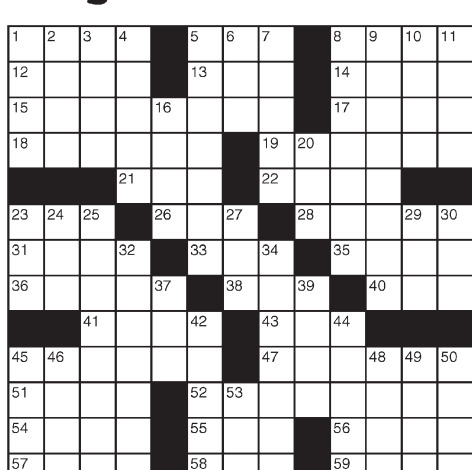
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- 5 Bygone jet
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- 13 Historic period
- 14 "Peter Pan" pooch
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- 18 Darkens
- 18 Skip
- 19 "Delicious" crop
- 21 Three, in Rome
- 22 Hold sway
- 23 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 26 Stitch
- 28 Justice Ruth -- Ginsburg
- 31 Missing
- 33 Pouch
- 35 Shrill barks
- 36 Toy (with)
- 38 Prattle
- 40 Make lace
- 41 Beer, slangily
- 43 Capote nickname
- 45 Black Sea port
- 47 Indigenous
- 51 Accomplishes
- 52 "Yes?"
- 54 Garfield's pal
- 55 Napoleon's



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by Linda Thistle

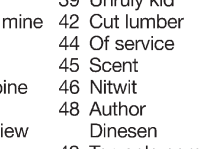
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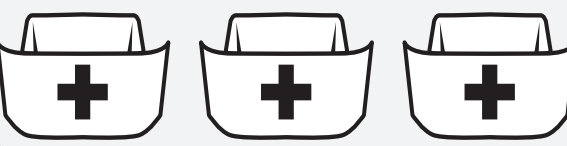
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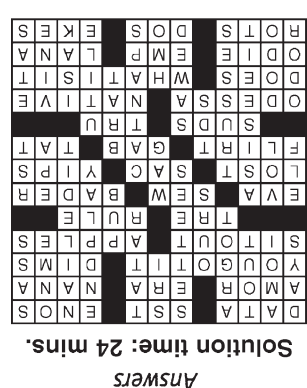
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## • Safety Belt Law, Child Passenger Protection Act

Safety belts save thousands of lives each year. Illinois law requires all drivers and passengers to buckle up, regardless of where they sit in a vehicle.

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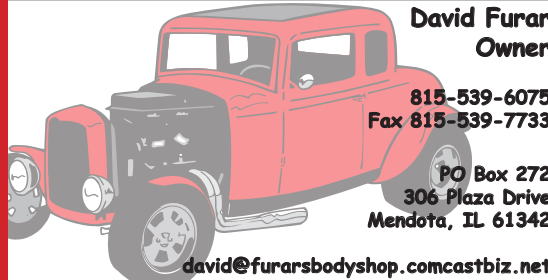


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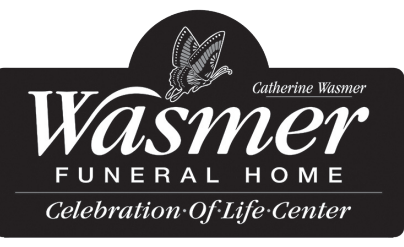
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# TRI-COUNTY/LOCAL

## Sublette Board looks into downtown repairs

By **TONJAGREENFIELD**  
Publisher

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette is getting costs to replace the damaged posts and cement in downtown Sublette.

The Sublette Village Board held its monthly meeting on April 11 at the Ellice Dinges Center. All members were present except Sublette Village Trustee Larry Ellis.

Sublette Village Trustee Bob Bulfer told the board there are 24 posts that are rotted off downtown and some cement work also needs to be completed. He said he contacted a company and a representative will be coming out to give a cost estimate for the work needed to be done.

### High speed internet

Sublette Village Board President John Stenzel said another company, Rice Broadband, has approached the village about bringing internet into the village.

Sublette Village Treasurer Will Klein told the board that the residents of Sublette have many options for internet now, naming IT Works, Frontier, Riseband and Heartland Cable Broadband.

Under old business, the village decided to remove

Surf Broadband from the agenda until the board heard what the residents of the village want. Surf Broadband had also approached the village about bringing in high speed internet.

In other board news:

- The board will be getting quotes for the roof and gutters of the Ellice Dinges Center. The current roof was installed in 2001 and had a 20-year warranty.

- Don Dinges reported to the board that the annual Toy Show was a huge success. He added that appreciation goes to the new committee, that they did a great job running the toy show. Dinges said the Sip and Stroll event that was planned for the end of April, has been postponed to June. He told the board that Sublette had been ranked second in Lee County sales tax for many years, but slipped to third place in 2021.

- The village has set Saturday, April 23 as the annual village clean-up day. Sign-up sheets will be available at the post office and Bonnell's General Store.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, at 7 p.m., in the Ellice Dinges Center.

## Paw Paw Board hears about high-speed internet

PAW PAW — The Paw Paw Village Board met in regular session on April 13.

It was announced that the annual town-wide garage sales will be Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24.

Michael Marty, of Rise Broadband, presented information on his company bringing underground fiber-optic high-speed broadband service to Paw Paw. The Board will research his proposal further, and discuss it in the next months. If approved, installation would start in 2023.

A Brookside resident called to the Board's attention the uneven surface of last Fall's tar-and-chip work on their street. This caused rocks being plowed into people's grass, and difficulty walking/driving down the street.

The garbage rate increase has gone into effect — now \$32.57 every-two-months.

The Board is considering installing a new roof on the Lions Park restroom building. It is looking into the benefits and cost of a steel roof.

Sidewalk replacement will begin when the weather is amenable.

The Paw Paw Library's Summer Reading Program will start June 14, with a kick-off event June 17. This summer's theme is from the iREAD program called "Read Beyond the Beaten Path."

## State announces \$309 million assistance program for Illinois homeowners impacted by COVID-19

### Homeowners in the state can apply for up to \$30,000 in assistance

CHICAGO—Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) announced the Illinois Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF) will open on April 11, to help homeowners who have fallen behind on mortgage payments and related housing expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible households will be able to apply for up to \$30,000 in free assistance to pay past due mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance, and delinquent homeowner and/or condo association fees. Homeowners in need of assistance can find more information on program eligibility and how they can prepare to apply at [www.illinoishousinghelp.org](http://www.illinoishousinghelp.org). Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

"Illinois was the fastest state in the nation to respond to the housing crisis brought on by the pandemic, and with the need still high, we're building on that legacy of leadership in 2022," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Another \$309 million to struggling mortgage owners in their homes is going out the door this spring. A good life, a good job, the ability to focus in a classroom — it all starts with a roof over your head. And that's what every Illinoisan deserves."

"This program will help to combat the economic stress brought on by the pandemic and provide relief to thousands of families," said Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton. "Our administration continues to set our sights on supporting Illinois families because housing is a right and we are committed to ensuring just that."

Administered by IHDA, ILHAF is designed to help homeowners avoid mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, and help prevent displacement of households experiencing financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Homeowners in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the health and economic effects of the pandemic will be prioritized in the distribution of assistance, and IHDA has partnered

with organizations across the state to help homeowners in hard-hit communities apply and receive their fair share of support. This technical assistance is provided at no cost and is available in more than 37 languages, including American Sign Language. Homeowners who need help preparing for their application can visit [www.illinoishousinghelp.org](http://www.illinoishousinghelp.org) or call 866-454-3571 to connect with a ILHAF program partner.

"With the support of Governor Pritzker, IHDA has delivered emergency housing payments on behalf of 120,000 Illinois renters and homeowners since the pandemic began, and the ILHAF program will build on these efforts to provide much-needed relief to households who need it most," IHDA Executive Director Kristin Faust said. "The next few weeks are critical for homeowners to become informed and collect the documents they need to apply. If you are behind on your payments, don't wait. Reach out to a counselor and prepare for your application today."

To qualify for ILHAF, Illinois homeowners must have experienced a financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as lost income or increased expenses, on or after Jan. 21, 2020. They must also currently own and occupy their home in Illinois as their primary residence, be at least 30 days late on their mortgage or other homeowner expenses, and have a household income at or below 150% of the area median income.

With the ILHAF application date approaching, there are important steps homeowners can take today to prepare. Homeowners should consult with a HUD-certified housing counselor or talk to their mortgage servicer about mitigation options as soon as possible. A certificate from a HUD-certified housing counselor or a letter from a mortgage servicer detailing efforts to resolve the delinquency is required to apply for ILHAF assistance.

In preparation for applying for

ILHAF assistance, homeowners should also have the following documentation ready:

- Proof of identification, including but not limited to a driver's license, state ID, permanent residency card or other form of ID.
- Proof of household income, including but not limited to tax returns, pay stubs, or other documentation.
- Proof of occupancy, including but not limited to a bank statement, cell phone bill, credit/debit card statement, or other documentation.
- Proof of ownership, including but not limited to a property tax bill, property deed, or other documentation.
- Delinquency statement, including but not limited to a mortgage statement, property tax statement, insurance statement, or HOA/Condo Association statement.

More information on the application process, a complete list of required documents, and a list of participating housing counselors can be found at [www.illinoishousinghelp.org](http://www.illinoishousinghelp.org).

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ILHAF is funded by \$309 in federal funds allocated to the state by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. After seeking input from a range of stakeholders including members of the Illinois General Assembly, municipal officials, housing advocacy organizations, and Illinois residents, IHDA submitted an ILHAF plan to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and received approval to build the proposed program in December 2021. The initiative builds upon several homeowner and renter assistance efforts undertaken by the Pritzker administration, including the Emergency Mortgage and Rental Assistance Programs in 2020 and the Illinois Rental Payment Program in 2021. Together these programs will deliver more than \$1 billion in emergency rent and mortgage payment assistance to Illinois households during the pandemic.

For more information and updates on the program, please visit [www.illinoishousinghelp.org](http://www.illinoishousinghelp.org).

## Peru Library to show documentary

PERU — Stateville Calling, an Emmy-nominated documentary exploring parole reform and the struggle of aging incarcerated people in

Illinois, will be screened on Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. at Peru Public Library. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with ambassa-

dors from Illinois Prisoner Project.

For more information, email [eschaub@perulibrary.org](mailto:eschaub@perulibrary.org) or visit [perulibrary.org/events](http://perulibrary.org/events).

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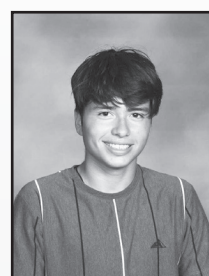
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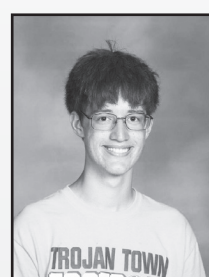
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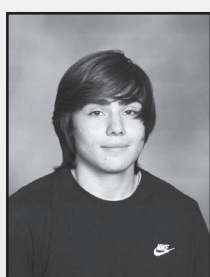
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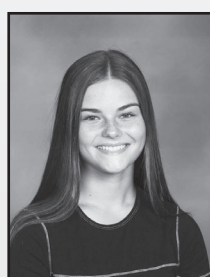
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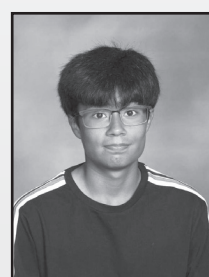
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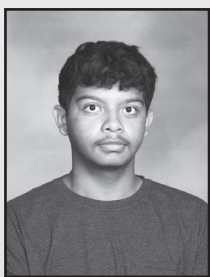
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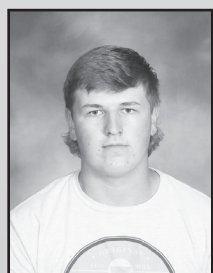
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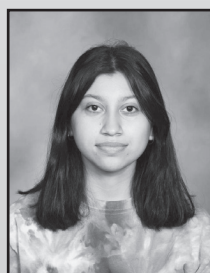
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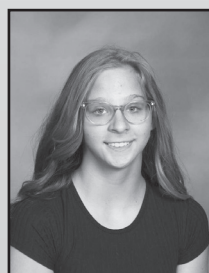
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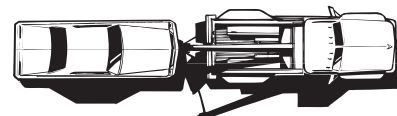
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Because I was sexually abused by my father throughout my childhood, I believed I was damaged goods and could only have a second-class life. I was so insecure and thought no one could really love me or accept me. I believed my worth was based on what I did; the only time I felt good about myself was when I worked hard and was productive.

But as I became serious about my relationship with God and began studying His Word more diligently, I discovered that my past didn't have to determine who I am or what my future

would be like. Learning about God's love for me and who I am in Christ changed everything!

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." And John 10:10 says Jesus came that we "may have life, and have it to the full."

If you have a poor self-image, you won't be able to fulfill God's plans or enjoy your life. Because you can't live with His peace and know your true value to Him if you are insecure and have

a low opinion of yourself.

Discovering who we are in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17) is the key to becoming who God created us to be and making a difference in this world. It's the key to really understanding the truth that the less we think about ourselves, the happier we will be.

### **Die to Self and Find a Life Worth Living**

I remember when God dealt with me about my selfish, self-centered, "What about me?!" attitude. He spoke to my heart one day and said, "You're selfish. You've studied My Word about spiritual warfare, healing, having power and authority as a believer in Christ...but how much time have you studied about My love?"

It made me realize I would never be happy and have peace until I learned to love like Jesus loves.

When we know and experience God's love, we can share it with others. Imagine what the world would be like if everyone who calls themselves a Christian would really love each other with His love. Think about it: There would be no gossip, no judgment or criticism, no exclusive attitudes that make others feel rejected, and people's needs would be met much more than they are.

The truth is serving others is God's ultimate



plan for our lives. And Jesus gave us very real, practical examples of how to love others like He loves us by serving them.

### **Loving Others "to the Highest Degree"**

John 13:1 says Jesus "loved them...to the highest degree" (AMPC). In the following verses, He demonstrates what it means to love others like this.

In those days, there were servants who washed people's feet when they came to visit. It's likely they were considered the lowliest servants in the household. Now Jesus, the Son of God Himself, got up from supper, took the servant's towel, and proceeded to wash the disciples' feet. His message to them was to love one another by being a servant, because God wants His love to flow through us and touch other people's lives.

Love is not just a feeling or a theory; it's a decision we make and an action we take. It's so important for us to study what the Bible teaches about God's love so we can learn to love like

Jesus—to be a servant who "washes feet" by helping others.

### **Loving Others Like Jesus Loves**

Matthew 7:12 (NIV) says, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...." Showing God's love means investing in the lives of others by giving them support, encouraging them, helping to meet their needs as we're able to do so.

It's easy to want to help people you like or those you want to impress, but when it comes to doing something for someone you don't know or even your family, it can be a different story. We have to realize we're naturally selfish, and we must make a conscious decision to think of others on purpose or we'll miss many opportunities to serve them.

I want to encourage you to read John 13 and pay close attention to what Jesus did and what He said. Spend some time studying scriptures about God's love and pray for Him to show you ways you can serve the people in your life. You'll

probably find it's easier and more simple than you thought it would be to help make someone's life better.

God wants us to enjoy our lives, and the key is to die to self, get over being the center of our world, and focus on helping someone every day. When you do this, you'll discover you're actually more secure, content, peaceful and happy than you've ever been in your life!

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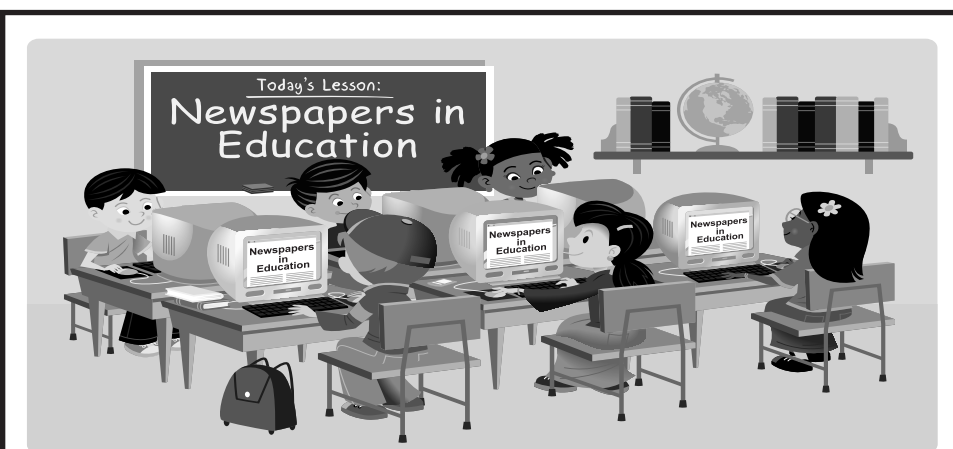
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Each timeshare estate is a 1.923% and/or 0.9615% undivided interest (each, a "Unit") as tenant-in-common at Fox River Resort, a vacation ownership project in LaSalle County, Illinois, as per the recorded plat(s) thereof and according to the Amended 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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HARRY L CANNON, DOROTHY M CANNON, 1414 W 77TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620, according to the Deed dated November 06, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 36035, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for LaSalle County, Illinois, on December 13, 2002, are the owners of the timeshare estate to be foreclosed, more particularly described as Unit No. 0129, Use Period Number(s) 48, Phase 2  
ALAIN P COUTARD, 1743 W ARTHUR AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60626, according to the Deed dated August 22, 2002 and recorded under File No. R2002 29374, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for

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

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. 0414, Use Period Number(s) 12, Phase 7  
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. 00060, Use Period Number(s) 09, Phase 1  
TONY D MITCHELL, MARILYN MITCHELL, 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)  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs  
Town Fund I, Peggy Reddick, Supervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022.  
BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2021 \$383,897.84  
MM \$360,976.46  
Checking \$22,921.38  
R E V E N U E S :  
Property Tax \$ 1 9 0 , 8 2 6 . 7 6  
R e p l a c e m e n t Tax \$20,119.17  
Interest MM \$1,221.10  
Interest Checking \$19.40  
Old Computer \$200.00  
TIF Reimbursement \$3,000.00  
TOTAL REVENUE: \$215,386.43  
EXPENDITURES:  
ASSESSOR: Office Supplies: \$1,682.72  
Postage: \$290.00  
Software & License: \$5,531.60  
Telephone: \$1,590.56  
Trvl & Training: \$645.34  
Digital Internet: \$1,935.43  
Miscellaneous: \$588.33  
Printing/Publishing: \$264.00  
Net Pay: \$24,398.53  
Fed Tax: \$122.00  
Medicare: \$810.00  
Social Security: \$3,463.42  
State: \$1,218.81  
U n e m p l o y m e n t Tax: \$143.87  
ASSESSOR EXPEN- DITURES: \$42,684.61  
S U P E R V I S O R : Administration: Telephone: \$1,590.45  
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State: \$1,218.81  
U n e m p l o y m e n t Tax: \$143.87  
ASSESSOR EXPEN- DITURES: \$42,684.61  
S U P E R V I S O R : Administration: Telephone: \$1,590.45  
Trvl & Training: \$100.00

Utilities: \$3,844.78  
Postage: \$382.00  
Publishing: \$1,163.26  
Bldg Maintenance: \$2,008.56  
Dues: \$668.51  
Insurance: \$4,211.00  
Office Supplies: \$3,211.84  
Audit: \$7,200.00  
Miscellaneous: \$716.39  
Digital Internet: \$87.86  
Legal Fee: \$1,200.00  
Equipment Maint.: \$358.70  
Net Pay: \$82,738.36  
Fed Tax: \$8,066.00  
Medicare: \$3,010.50  
Soc Sec: \$12,872.52  
State: \$5,009.57  
SUPERVISOR EXPEN- DITURES: \$138,440.30  
TOTAL EXPENDI- TURES: \$181,124.91  
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2022 \$418,159.36  
MM: \$406,343.49  
CHKG: \$11,815.87

S U P E R V I S O R ' S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS  
GENERAL ASSIS- TANCE FUND  
I, Peggy Reddick, Su- pervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the follow- ing statement is a cor- rect report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022.  
BEGINNING BAL- ANCE: April 1, 2021 \$69,112.64  
MM \$66,978.34  
Checking \$2,134.30  
REVENUES:  
Property Tax: \$5,009.68  
Interest MM: \$156.49  
Interest Checking: \$4.25  
TOTAL REVENUE: \$5,170.42  
EXPENDITURES:  
Food: \$3,472.86  
Insurance: \$1,645.00  
Shelter: \$3,352.88  
Utilities: \$458.79  
Telephone: \$219.03  
Internet: \$89.98  
TOTAL EXPENDI- TURES: \$9,238.54  
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2022 \$65,044.52  
MM \$62,144.51  
CHKG \$2,900.01

ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNU- AL REPORT  
EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING FUND  
To the Highway Com- missioner, Mendota Township, Road Dis- trict, LaSalle County, Illinois.  
I, Peggy Reddick, Su- pervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022.  
BEGINNING BAL- ANCE: April 1, 2021 \$149,210.25  
REVENUES:  
Property Tax: \$5,510.48  
Interest Income: \$153.14  
TOTAL REVENUE: \$5,663.62  
EXPENDITURES:  
Equipment: Backhoe: \$22,200.00  
TOTAL EXPENDI- TURES: \$22,200.00  
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2022 \$132,673.87  
The treasurer shall present this report of itemized receipts and disbursements annually within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year to the Highway Commis- sioner of the district. This report is not re- quired to be published in a newspaper. (605 ILCS 5/6-205)  
Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of April, 2022  
Peggy Reddick  
Treasurer

ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNU- AL REPORT  
SOCIAL SECURITY FUND  
To the Highway Com- missioner, Mendota Township, Road District, LaSalle County, Illinois.  
I, Peggy Reddick, Super- visor of Mendota Town- ship, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022  
BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2021 \$18,575.21  
REVENUES:  
Property Tax: \$2,010.20  
Interest Income: \$18.88  
TOTAL REVENUE: \$2,029.08  
EXPENDITURES:  
Social Sec/Medicare: \$2,389.48  
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2022  
Peggy Reddick  
Treasurer  
ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNU- AL REPORT  
AUDIT FUND  
To the Highway Com- missioner, Mendota Township, Road Dis- trict, LaSalle County, Illinois.  
I, Peggy Reddick, Su- pervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022.  
BEGINNING BAL- ANCE: April 1, 2021 \$3,362.11  
REVENUES:  
Property Tax: \$5,009.69  
Interest MM: \$6.61  
TOTAL REVENUE: \$5,016.30  
EXPENDITURES:  
TOTAL EXPENDI- TURES: \$0.00  
ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2022 \$8,378.41  
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ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND

To the Highway Commissioner, Mendota Township, Road District, LaSalle County, Illinois.

I, Peggy Reddick, Supervisor of Mendota Township, LaSalle County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022.

BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2021 \$13,084.31

REVENUES: Property Tax: \$5,510.48 Interest Income: \$11.86 TOIRMA: \$1,393.00

TOTAL REVENUE: \$6,915.34

EXPENDITURES: Insurance TOIRMA: \$5,469.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$5,469.00

ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2022 \$14,530.65

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Subscribed and sworn

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BEGINNING BALANCE: April 1, 2021 \$116,516.88

REVENUES: Property Tax: \$20,008.14 Interest: \$137.63

TOTAL REVENUE: \$20,145.77

EXPENDITURES: Bridge: \$102,541.33

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$102,541.33

ENDING BALANCE: March 31, 2022 \$34,121.32

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Legal 0404  
April 20, 2022

### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

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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 ApplTrack Employment link in the information box on our website at [www.m289.org](http://www.m289.org).

### Part-Time Driver Position Available

Applications are now being accepted for a part-time driver to transport clients to and from medical appointments and other locations. Flexible hours, valid driver's license and background check required.

Apply in person at:  
Mendota Area Senior Services  
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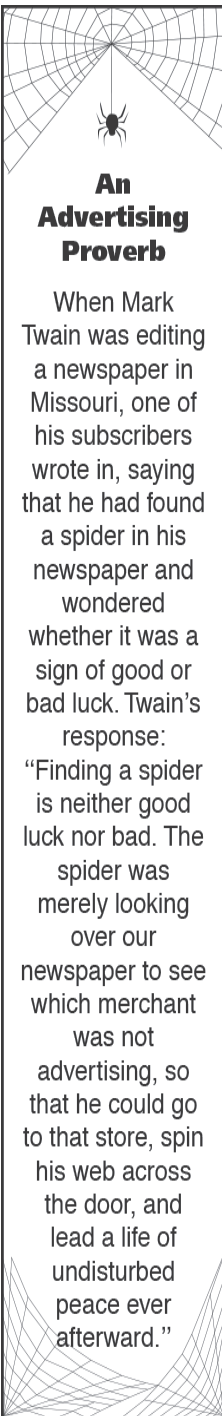
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2019 GMC AT4 Sierra Crew Cab 4x4, Loaded, Leather Interior, Multiflex Tailgate, Sunroof, Heated/Cooled Seats, 36K Miles, Gray and More!

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# REAL ESTATE SHOWCASE



MLS# 11359904

**1210 Jefferson St., Mendota \$134,000**  
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.

## FREE MARKET ANALYSIS

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**\*Owner Relocating\***  
**2517 Woods St., West Brooklyn \$110,500**

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



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**CALL US WITH ALL OF YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS!**



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## FEATURE HOME



**230 S. Mason Ave., Amboy \$115,900**

Beautiful corner lot with an affordable home that's ready to move into. This home features 3 bedrooms, laundry, living room, dining room and office/den. Large back yard with garden, parking on side of home, concrete patio for entertaining and a fenced area for animals. Features a garage lovers dream, 32x50 garage/shop with radiant heat in floor-boiler heat, 3 overhead doors, and built in shelving. Seller selling 9000 lb lift separate for \$1,500. Call today for a viewing!

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**27858 2600 East St., Van Orin \$64,900**

Ranch style home with curb appeal. Why Rent when you can own! This open living/dining area, kitchen, 2 bedroom, one bath home comes with all appliances and is ready to move into. Features an attached garage that can be converted into a family room/master bedroom. There is a car port for parking, shed in back for all your storage. Call today for a showing!



**25 W. Milton St., Amboy \$28,500**

Build your dream home on these 4 lots with another lot available on Commercial to add to the Milton Street lots. Garage located on one lot. \* Same lot owner for the lot on Commercial 02-15-22-179-010 RE taxes \$61.24 Buy all 5. Call today for a showing! This includes for all 5 lots!



**919 Missouri Drive, Dixon, Lost Nation \$17,000**

A HOME BUILDERS DREAM! (917 & 919 Missouri) Double lot located in Lost Nation. This is the perfect land to build your dream home on. Lots are wooded and close to Lost Lake, Lost Nations private 80 acre stocked lake. Lost Nation is a gated community with so many opportunities, schedule an appointment to see it's true beauty! Active HOA.

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| Building lot - Close to beautiful golf course.....         | \$19,900              |
| Mendota - downtown business area .....                     | \$34,900              |
| Mendota - 3 bdr. 1 car garage .....                        | <b>SOLD</b> \$72,000  |
| Mendota - 2 bdr. close to school - garage, fenced yard ... | <b>SOLD</b> \$74,500  |
| Mendota - 4bdr. - 1.5 bath - fenced yard .....             | <b>SOLD</b> \$98,000  |
| Mendota - 3 bdr. 1.5 bath - 2 c. garage .....              | <b>SOLD</b> \$110,000 |
| Mendota - 2 bdr. Completely remodeled .....                | <b>SOLD</b> \$133,000 |
| Mendota - 3bdr. 1.5 bath totally redone .....              | <b>SOLD</b> \$146,000 |
| Mendota - 3 bdr. 2 bath - great location .....             | <b>SOLD</b> \$206,000 |



**Question of the Week**

Should I get pre-approved for a mortgage? Pre-approval shows sellers you are a serious, qualified buyer and gives them confidence you will not run into problems getting financing during the home purchase.

Pre-approval is taken much more seriously by sellers because a qualified lender will verify all of your information. Lenders will consider your credit score, credit history, debt-to-income ratio, employment history and assets and liabilities.

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