



Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips on Route 251/U.S. 52 through Mendota as IDOT has begun construction on the road. Those traveling on the road should also be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. (Reporter photo)

Road work begins on Route 251

□ Project through Mendota will cause delays; to last well into summer

MENDOTA – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that construction on U.S. 52 and Illinois 251 in Mendota was to have begun on April 11, weather permitting. The project runs from south of the Burlington Northern Railroad underpass to the U.S. 52/Illinois 251 split on the north side of Mendota.

Work includes road milling and resurfacing, and reconstruction of ADA sidewalk ramps. Traffic will be controlled by flaggers when workers are present and side streets may occasionally be closed for short periods of time.

This \$1.9 million project is anticipated to be completed by the end of summer.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area, and be prepared for slow and stopped traffic. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices, and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535

miles of highway and 9 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Re-build Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through year two included approximately \$5.2 billion in improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway and 270 bridges, along with 428 additional safety improvements.

For IDOT District 3 updates on Twitter, go to @IDOTDistrict3. View area construction details on IDOT’s traveler information map at www.gettingaroundillinois.com

Illinois passes new \$46.5 billion budget

□ Package includes temporary tax cuts

By **JERRY NOWICKI & PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois lawmakers worked until the early hours of April 9 to pass a \$46.5 billion spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as a \$1.8 billion package of mostly-temporary tax cuts that Democrats said are intended to soften the impact of inflation on working families.

The final proposals surfaced around 9 p.m. Friday, the same time the bills were being discussed by the Senate Executive Committee. Republicans took issue with the late filing of the more than 4,700 pages of legislation outlining spending and tax policy for the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1.

“Everybody in this room knows it’s damn near impossible to know what’s actually happening here without a bill being filed,” Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, said at the hearing that concluded after 10 p.m. “How do you possibly begin to ask questions about something that doesn’t yet exist?”

Democrats didn’t directly answer, but the numbers discussed at the evening hearing and later in floor debate were generally the same ones announced by Gov. JB Pritzker and Democratic leaders in the General Assembly during a Thursday afternoon news conference.

“This budget funds education, health care, public safety, it funds our pension liabilities, and it continues investing in our priorities,” Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, said during floor debate Saturday morning.

Lengthy negotiations between the governor and the leaders occurred throughout the week. A House proposal containing a budget framework was introduced Tuesday night and brought to a House committee Wednesday. But it was not the package that passed by the time lawmakers adjourned.

After 3 a.m. Saturday in the Senate and 5:30 a.m. in the House, lawmakers approved House Bill 900 appropriating funding, House Bill 4700 as what is called the budget implementation bill, and Senate Bill 157 laying out the tax relief proposal and revenue-related measures. The spending plans passed the House. It passed both chambers without Republican support, while the tax relief proposal passed with all but a handful of lawmakers supporting it between the two chambers.

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Paid COVID-19 leave for vaccinated educators signed into law by Pritzker

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Public school, community college and public university employees who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are now entitled to paid administrative leave for any days they miss this school year due to coronavirus-related issues.

Gov. JB Pritzker signed House Bill 1167 into law, which provides those employees as many days off as needed to abide by public health guidelines and mandates related to isolation and exclusion. The law applies to any employee of public educational institutions, including support staff and contractors.

It also applies retroactively to days missed this school year.

“It ensures that if a teacher has done their part to keep their classroom safe for their most vulnerable students, they won’t have to worry for a second about their pay or their paid time off if they get COVID, or if they’re required to isolate, or if the school has moved to e-learning and their work can’t be done at home,” Pritzker said during a bill signing ceremony last week in his Statehouse office.

Lawmakers initially passed a bill



during last year’s fall veto session that provided paid leave for any education employee who had to miss work due to COVID-19, but Pritzker vetoed that measure in January because it also would have applied to unvaccinated employees.

At the same time he issued that veto, however, Pritzker announced he had reached a negotiated agreement with teachers’ unions, school districts, colleges and universities on a bill that would include a vaccine requirement for the benefit.

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Electronics recycling event planned

OTTAWA – A free electronics recycling event will be held Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m.-noon at the LaSalle County Government Center, 707 E. Etna Road, Ottawa. The event is limited to LaSalle County residents only.

Pre-registration is required either online at <https://lasallemounty.as.me/> (preferred registration method) or by calling 815-630-4308 Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-noon. Registration is not open to businesses. Oversized loads may be refused. There is a limit of two televisions per vehicle.

Accepted items are as follows: cable and satellite receivers, cameras, cash registers, credit card readers, cell phones and accessories, chargers, circuit boards, computer servers, computers and computer parts, copiers/printers/scanners/fax machines/typewriters, DVD and VHS players, external drives, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, ink and



An electronics recycling event for LaSalle County residents only is set for April 30 in Ottawa.

toner cartridges, laptops/tablets/e-readers, mice and keyboards, microwaves, all type monitors, MP3/iPods, networking equipment (modems, switches, routers, hubs), phones and telecom equipment, projectors, rechargeable batteries (lithium, ion, Ni-Cd, lead acid, Ni-Mh), stereos/radios/speakers, all type televisions, uninterrupt power supplies, video game consoles, wires, cables and Christmas lights.

Non-accepted items are as follows: loose alkaline batteries (accepted while contained in electronic devices), liquid containing items, Freon containing items (AC units, dehumidifiers), white goods (refrigerators/freezers), thermostats and light bulbs.

For more information not regarding registration, contact the LaSalle County Land Use Department at 815-434-8666.



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Children were able to stuff their own baby chick plush toy, make Easter crafts, and participate in an egg hunt at Graves-Hume Public Library. (Photo contributed)

Children enjoy Easter events at Graves-Hume

MENDOTA — Graves-Hume Public Library recently hosted a special Easter Plush Build and Egg Hunt. Children were able to stuff their own baby chick plush toy, make Easter crafts, and participate in an egg hunt. The Easter Bunny even made a special appearance.

"We had a fabulous event with so many families for our Easter Plush Build & Egg Hunt. As always, it's a joy to see kids having a great time at the library. We're the lucky ones to be able to bring literacy and fun programs

to Mendota residents," said Carolynn Ohlendorf, Youth Services Manager.

The plush toys were originally purchased by Friends of the Library in 2020, but due to the pandemic, the library was not able to offer the program then.

The library is always having many different programs available throughout the month, so check out its Facebook page or stop in for a newsletter. Library programs are open to all. No library card is required. Call 815-538-5142 or visit the library.

Guest appearances scheduled for Mendota BPAC Night on April 26

MENDOTA — Dr. Ferney Ramirez-Hernandez will be at Mendota High School on Tuesday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m. for MHS and Mendota Elementary Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) Night. The presentation will be provided in Spanish. All parents in the Mendota schools are welcome.

Is there an addiction to video games? Problems related to excessive use of video games and social networks will be presented by Dr. Ramirez-Hernandez. Many parents do not have clear and firm rules regarding the use of technology at home, they believe that it is the easiest way to control a child or adolescent. However, they are not aware of the great intellectual and behavioral problems that this brings to their children when they spend too many hours on video games, devices and the Internet. This workshop will analyze the long-term physical, mental and emotional consequences that this entails for children.

For more information, e-mail Lupe Perez at gperez@mendotahs.org or Denise Aughenbaugh at daughenbaugh@mendotahs.org.

NIU staff Araceli López and Susana DasNeves will attend the BPAC meeting to provide an overview to parents of

the MHS-NIU College Prep Bootcamp. Illinois Migrant Services at NIU, Northern Illinois University, Center for P-20 Engagement, Division of Outreach, Engagement, and Regional Development

T., 26 de abril de 2022, 6-8 p.m.

El personal de NIU, Araceli López y Susana DasNeves, estarán en nuestra reunión de BPAC para brindar una descripción general a los padres del Bootcamp de preparación universitaria de MHS-NIU. Servicios para Migrantes de Illinois en NIU, Universidad del Norte de Illinois, Centro para la Participación P-20, División de Difusión, Participación y Desarrollo Regional

Intensidad Horaria: 2 horas. Objetivo: Muchos padres no tienen reglas claras y firmes respecto al uso de la tecnología en casa, creen que es la manera más fácil de controlar a un niño o adolescente. Sin embargo, no son conscientes de las grandes problemáticas a nivel intelectual y de comportamiento que esto trae a sus hijos cuando ellos pasan demasiadas horas en los videojuegos, dispositivos e internet. En este taller analizaremos las consecuencias físicas, mentales y emocionales a largo plazo que esto conlleva para los chicos.

Summer Ag Institute for Educators set for June 6-10 in Bureau Co.

AMBOY — Applications are now available for this year's Summer Agricultural Institute, targeted to pre-school to high school educators who want to expand their classroom curriculum to include topics related to agriculture. The program is offered at several locations around the state including the class in Bureau, Lee, and Whiteside counties. This year's dates for the session offered in Bureau County are June 6-10.

Summer Ag Institute focuses on integrating resources and hands-on activities about agriculture and the environment into existing classroom curriculum. Two Graduate Credits or Professional Development Hours (approximately 30) can be earned upon successful completion of the course.

Participants can expect in-class instruction about agriculture and the entire food and fiber system, consumer issues relating to agriculture, teaching innovations and resources available to them; field trips to farms or other production enterprises and/or agribusinesses; lab activities relating to science and agriculture in the classroom; free teaching materials and more.

The cost for the class is \$100 and enrollment is limited to 30 teachers. If a teacher is a Farm Bureau member or signs up as a member, the class cost only \$80. Applications are available by contacting the Lee County ag literacy coordinator, Katie Pratt, alic.leecfb@comcast.net. Completed applications are due May 6, 2022.

PFC program can assist land users

AMBOY — The Partners For Conservation (PFC) Program is available to assist with sheet and rill erosion exceeding the tolerable soil loss level or with ephemeral/gully erosion, by implementing conservation projects, which conserve soil, provide habitat, protect water quality and reduce flooding. It provides incentives to owners of abandoned wells to properly decommission and seal the wells so the potential for groundwater pollution is reduced or eliminated. And it addresses water quality issues related to sediment, nutrients and other non-point source pollutants.

Any land user is eligible

to apply for and receive state PFC Program assistance provided he/she has a signed agreement or is a Cooperator with the Soil and Water Conservation District and has an agreement or a conservation plan approved by the SWCD on file. Renters of land may also apply for cost-share assistance provided that the landowner or authorized agent of the landowner also signs an agreement for PFC Program monies to be received. To receive PFC Program cost-share monies, the land upon which a land user intends to install eligible practices must meet the criteria for the individual practice. Eligible practices include

but are not limited to Pollinator Habitat, No-till/Strip Till, cover crops, and critical area seeding. Cost-share rates for eligible practices are 75 percent. A site visit will be scheduled to determine what practices would best benefit the land.

Projects will be prioritized at the SWCD Board meeting. Once the project has been approved, construction can begin. Sign-up period ends April 22, 2022.

For more information about the program or to sign-up, please contact the Lee County SWCD at 815-857-3621, ext. 3, or stop in the office at 319 S. Mason, Amboy.

Spaghetti supper planned to benefit Lighted Way Center

LaSALLE — A spaghetti supper to benefit Lighted Way Children's Developmental Center will be held Monday, April 25 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Uptown Grill, 601 First St., LaSalle. The supper will be dine-in or drive-thru. The cost is \$12 per person for the spaghetti meal. There will also be raffle tickets on sale for \$5 and raffle basket tickets for \$1. Only cash or check will be accepted.

For more information, call Lighted Way at 815-224-1345 or email jkreiser@lway1.org.

Mendota Weather

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Showers Likely
High: 71 Low: 37

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
High: 49 Low: 34

Friday
Partly Cloudy
High: 52 Low: 36

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 51 Low: 34

Sunday
Few Showers
High: 48 Low: 32

Monday
Cloudy
High: 47 Low: 29

Tuesday
Mostly Sunny
High: 50 Low: 34

Local UV Index

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

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Weather Trivia

What is the highest temperature ever recorded on Earth?

Answer: The Libyan Desert has reached 136 degrees Fahrenheit.

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 95% chance of showers, high temperature of 71°, humidity of 72%. South wind 18 to 25 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 84° set in 1971. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday night with a 95% chance of showers, overnight low of 37°. Southwest wind 22 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 31°.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	48	40	54/32	0.00"
Tuesday	57	36	54/33	0.27"
Wednesday	56	43	55/33	0.46"
Thursday	44	39	55/33	0.00"
Friday	40	34	56/34	0.00"
Saturday	53	32	56/34	0.00"
Sunday	66	36	57/35	0.00"

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday Hi/Lo Wx	Thursday Hi/Lo Wx
Aurora	71/39 sh	66/35 pc
Champaign	71/40 sh	66/39 s
Chicago	71/41 sh	66/38 pc
Freeport	70/35 sh	66/32 sh
Joliet	72/39 sh	67/37 pc
Moline	71/36 sh	68/34 pc
Peoria	71/38 sh	68/37 s
Rockford	71/36 sh	67/33 pc
Springfield	72/39 t	67/38 s

Rainfall	0.73"
Normal rainfall	0.71"
Departure	+0.02"
Average temp	44.6°
Average normal	44.4°
Departure	+0.2°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Wednesday 4/16	6:19 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	4:13 p.m.	5:10 a.m.	New 4/30
Thursday	6:18 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	5:22 p.m.	5:34 a.m.	
Friday	6:16 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	6:33 p.m.	5:57 a.m.	
Saturday	6:14 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	7:46 p.m.	6:21 a.m.	
Sunday	6:13 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	9:03 p.m.	6:47 a.m.	First 5/8
Monday	6:11 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	10:21 p.m.	7:18 a.m.	
Tuesday	6:10 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	11:39 p.m.	7:55 a.m.	

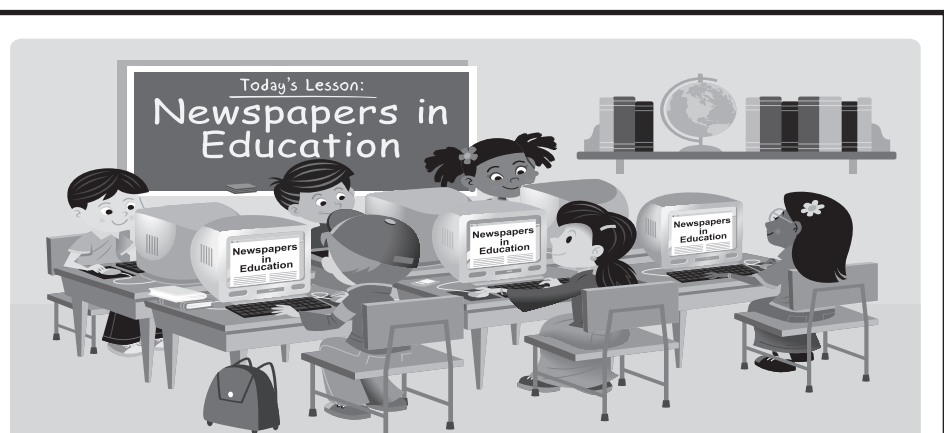
National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 77 in South Point, Ohio. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 90 in Tampa, Fla. The central United States will see partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 97 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies with isolated rain and scattered snow, highest temperature of 58 in Kennewick, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 81 in La Quinta, Calif.

Weather History

April 13, 1986 - A major spring storm quickly intensified, bringing blizzard conditions to much of the Northern Plains region. Up to 18 inches of snow was reported in North Dakota. In South Dakota, winds gusting to 90 mph whipped snow into drifts 15 feet high.

April 14, 1987 - A storm system moving slowly northeastward across the middle of the Mississippi Valley produced severe thunderstorms which spawned three tornadoes around Ottumwa, Iowa and produced up to four inches of rain in southeastern Nebraska.



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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

David V. Bend

La MOILLE – David V. Bend, 71, of La Moille, passed away on March 30, 2022 surrounded by his wife, his brothers and his triplets at DHR Hospital in Edinburg, Texas.

A visitation will be held at Fiocchi Funeral Home in Cherry on Saturday, April 23, from 1-4 p.m. Both during and after the visitation, friends and family are invited to the Holy Trinity Church hall for food and refreshments. A private service will be held at the Holy Trinity cemetery in Cherry on Sunday, April 24 where military rights will be accorded. Cremation took place at Legacy Chapels in Edinburg, Texas.

David was born on April 17, 1950, in Sterling, to Kenneth Bend and Thelma (Bosley) Pottinger. His triplets were born in 1982. David married Mary Lou (Hiland) Bend in Jamaica on Nov. 4, 2003.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lou (Hiland) Bend; his three children, Corinne Bend of Champaign, Justin (Natalie) Bend of Mendota and Brett (Taneeka) Bend of Yorkville; one step-daughter, Erin (Robert) Brenner of Chicago; three brothers, Les (Clarice) Bend of La Moille, Alan Pottinger of Cherry and Tim (Kathy) Bend of St. Charles; five grandchildren, John and Margaret (Justin and Natalie) Bend of Mendota, Avery and Iris (Brett and Taneeka) Bend of Yorkville, and Kira (Taneeka Bend) King of Barrington; one step-grandchild, Malcolm (Erin and Robert) Brenner of Chicago; his first wife and mother of his children, Jacqueline (Hochstatter) Bend of Mendota; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Bend and Thelma (Bosley) Pottinger; his infant sister, Joyce Bend; and his older brother, Raymond (Helen) Bend.

David was a veteran, serving as a Sergeant in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971, during the Vietnam War. In Mendota, he served as a volunteer firefighter, a junior tackle football coach and a Little League baseball coach. He worked at Conco-Tellus, Inc. of Mendota for 25 years. He was a 20-year member of Boilermaker Local 60, working at power generation plants across the country. He retired in 2013. David loved his Pittsburgh Steelers, boating on the Illinois River, riding his motorcycle, camping, golfing, shooting and hunting, loving his grandchildren, and spending every winter since 2014, with Mary Lou and his Wagon City friends, in Mission, Texas.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Fire and Ambulance.

Rainbow Dancer

TULSA, Okla. – Rainbow Dancer, birth name Rhonda HarBoldt, 69, passed away April 1, 2022 in Tulsa Okla.

There will be no funeral held. She is the daughter of Bob and Delores HarBoldt of Mendota.

Survivors include her son Erik Druen of Phoenix, Ariz., niece Alicia Sowell, brother Robert Bear HarBoldt of Mora, Minn., aunt Jackie Uranich, and cousins Sarah Nickleson, Edward Olson and Amanda Olson.

She was a retired Sergeant from the Army, an author and a wellness practitioner.



Garry Hessenberger

SANDWICH – Garry Hessenberger, 71, of Sandwich, passed away peacefully at Willow Crest Nursing Pavilion on Thursday, April 7, 2022.

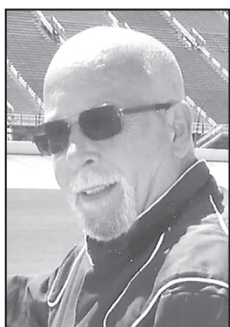
According to Garry's wishes there will be no visitation, and a private burial will be held at a later date. Cremation was entrusted to Burkhardt-Eighner Funeral Home in Sandwich.

Garry was born in Chicago to Frank and Marguerite (Andrews) Hessenberger.

Garry is survived by his wife Ellen; two sons, Mike of Ontario, Calif., and Bryce of Normal; a daughter, Michelle (Jeff) Earl of Strasburg, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He grew up in Mendota and graduated from Mendota High School. After high school he joined the Army and then the Navy. After his years of service, he moved back to Mendota and then to Sandwich and spent the next 30 years working for Caterpillar in Aurora. He retired for a year and then took a position as head maintenance for the Aurora West School District. After working there for eight years, he retired again. Garry enjoyed traveling, going on fishing trips, visiting many states to watch NASCAR races and golfing.

For more information or to sign the online guest book go to www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com.



Federal tax refund may take longer than 21 days

WASHINGTON, D.C.

– The IRS issues most refunds in fewer than 21 days for taxpayers who file electronically and choose direct deposit. However, some returns have errors or need more review and may take longer to process. The IRS works hard to get refunds to taxpayers quickly, but taxpayers shouldn't rely on getting a refund by a certain date.

Things that can delay a refund:

- The return has errors, is incomplete or is affected by identity theft or fraud.
- The return needs a correction to the child tax credit or recovery rebate credit amount.
- The return has a claim filed for an earned income tax credit, additional child tax credit, or includes a Form 8379, Injured Spouse Allocation.
- The time it takes a taxpayer's bank or credit union to post the refund to the taxpayer's account.

The IRS will contact taxpayers by mail if it needs more information to process their return.

The fastest way to get a tax refund is by filing electronically and choosing direct deposit. People who don't have a bank account can learn about opening an account at an FDIC-Insured bank or the National Credit Union Locator tool.

Taxpayers can check the status of their refund online.

To check the status of a refund, taxpayers should use the Where's My Refund? tool on IRS.gov. If taxpayers file electronically, they should wait 24 hours before checking the status of their refund. If taxpayers file a paper return, they should wait four weeks before checking the status.

IRS representatives on the phone and at Taxpayer Assistance Centers can only research the status of a refund if:

- It's been 21 days or more since the taxpayer filed the return electronically.
- It's been six weeks or more since the taxpayer mailed the return.
- The Where's My Refund? tool tells the taxpayer to contact the IRS.

IDOA takes an additional step to protect poultry flocks

❑ Live bird exhibitions and sales canceled due to highly pathogenic avian influenza

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

The Department's emergency rules take effect immediately and may be effective for up to 150 days. However, after 45 days, the Department will re-evaluate based on the avian flu status at the time and may repeal the emergency rules at that point. If the situation requires further cancellation, the Department will continue to evaluate in 45-day increments for up to 150 days.

"Protecting animal health in the state of Illinois remains our number one priority," said Dr. Mark Ernst, IDOA State Veterinarian. "We are optimistic that as the migratory bird season comes to an end, we will see a decrease in exposure for our flocks here in Illinois and our neighboring states, and be able to resume our poultry exhibitions and sales. Until that time, it is essential that we take every step possible to protect poultry flocks in Illinois."

"The decision by IDOA to cancel poultry-related events is an appropriate one. The High Pathogenic Avian Influenza disease, or HPAI, is a very serious one that affects all types of poultry such as laying hens, broilers, and turkeys, as well as waterfowl and gamebirds," said Dr. Kenneth W. Koelkebeck, Professor of Animal Sciences and Extension Specialist in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. "HPAI, has been detected in commercial and small flock poultry and gamebird operations about one-half of the states in the U.S. Because of this, it is imperative for poultry producers to step up their biosecurity measures to reduce the possibility of their birds contracting HPAI on their farms."

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the recent HPAI detections do not present an immediate public health concern. No human cases of these avian influenza viruses have been detected in the United States. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of all poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165 °F is recommended as a general food safety precaution.


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

For more information regarding Avian Influenza including links to the USDA's websites and biosecurity tips, visit IDOA's website at Alerts and Important Animal Health Information - Animal Health and Welfare (illinois.gov).

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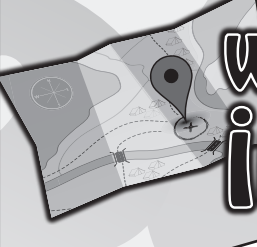

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LOCAL AND AREA

LaSalle Library hosting pop artist

LaSALLE — LaSalle Public Library will host pop artist, Michael Albert, as he leads an upbeat virtual, hands-on collage workshop for adults and families. The virtual presentation will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26.

Cerealism is an art form that Albert has trademarked to describe artwork composed of collages made from recycled cereal boxes. In this virtual program, participants will hear a short introduction by Albert and see examples of his collages, then be able to follow along to create their own collages, using recycled materials. Suggested materials list for the hands-on workshop includes cereal boxes, old magazines or catalogs, scissors, glue, and a cardboard base approximately 8x10.

Albert was born and raised on Long Island, and currently lives and works in White Plains, N.Y. Albert is the author of an artist autobiography titled, "An Artist's America," and is nationally known for making collage artworks from cereal boxes and other printed cardboard consumer brand packages. His work has been described as a cross between Pop Art, Cubism & Recycling.

The program will be presented via Zoom and is free and open to all. Register — <https://bit.ly/37nIOSJ>. For more information, contact the LaSalle Public Library at 815-223-2341.

Educators

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"Work in legislation is difficult. People don't always agree. There are struggles and differences of opinion," said Dan Montgomery, president of the Illinois Federation of Teachers. "And we've seen around the country, and certainly around the state, that those tensions are inflamed during COVID. But this bill is a sign that when you have good public servants of goodwill, who devote themselves to trying to figure out what's the right thing to do, we can all work together and get it done and do it in a way that is better for learning, teaching, and the kids and their communities of the state."

Angela Bulger, a special education paraprofessional in O'Fallon, said she has already missed eight school days this year due to COVID-19 — once when she contracted the virus and again when her 7-year-old daughter was exposed to the virus at school.

"As a new employee, I am allotted 11 sick days," she said. "Without this legislation, any additional days missed because of COVID would also mean a cut in pay because I have no more earned sick days."

The original bill passed the General Assembly in October with near-unanimous support, but the inclusion of a vaccination requirement to be able to receive the benefits sparked Republican opposition. They argued that unvaccinated employees who have to stay home to care for a sick family member would be deprived of a benefit that a vaccinated person in the same position would receive.

But Pritzker defended the vaccine requirement as a way to encourage more people to get vaccinated.

"What we're trying to do, of course, is to encourage people to do the right thing to keep their students safe, to keep the rest of the school safe, by being vaccinated. That's the whole purpose of that provision in the law," he said.

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Budget

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Tax relief plan

Sen. Michael Hastings, D-Frankfort, in the Senate Executive Committee hailed the tax relief package as "probably one of the largest savings to taxpayers that we've seen in the last decade."

All but a handful of Republicans voted for the measure, but the GOP criticized it for consisting of mostly temporary tax relief.

The package would include \$50 checks sent to Illinoisans earning less than \$200,000 annually for single filers and \$100 checks for those filing jointly and earning less than \$400,000. Families would also receive \$100 per dependent up to three.

It would also permanently expand the earned income tax credit to 20 percent of the federal credit, up from 18 percent, at a cost of roughly \$100 million per year. It would extend EITC eligibility to noncitizens who have an individual taxpayer identification number rather than a Social Security number.

It also calls for doubling the property tax rebate to qualifying homeowners, up to \$300 per household, suspending a 2-3 cent motor fuel tax increase for six months, and suspending a 1 percent grocery tax for a year.

The motor fuel tax is the main funding source for road construction projects, so revenues lost from it would be replaced from other state funds.

The budget would also suspend the sales tax on back-to-school items and qualifying clothing items for a 10-day period, Aug. 5-14.

Other details

The Fiscal Year 2023 spending plan also provides for the statutorily required \$350 million in additional funding for public schools through the Evidence Based Funding formula that was originally adopted in 2017. Higher education would see increases as well.

The portion of the state's income tax going to local governments would increase from 6.06 percent to 6.16 percent.

Sims said the budget also included an increase of \$80 million in the Criminal Justice Information Authority, \$90 million to fund three state police cadet classes to provide an additional 300 state troopers, \$33 million for a law enforcement camera grant program and \$10 million for a newly created law enforcement officer recruitment retention pilot program.

The budget also directed an investment of \$235 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding to the Reimagine Public Safety

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Act aimed at early crime intervention.

It directs \$1 billion to the state's "rainy day" fund, which had been spent down to essentially nothing during a two-year budget impasse between Republican former Gov. Bruce Rauner and legislative Democrats. Another \$929 million was dedicated to paying back interfund borrowing.

Sims brought up the impasse during floor debate to contrast the current budget from the two-year period that crippled state finances.

"(The budget) is built on and based on revenues that were higher than expected in the current fiscal year, which will allow us to do some very innovative and positive things for the people of the state of Illinois," Sims said at the earlier committee hearing.

Rep. Greg Harris, D-Chicago, also invoked the impasse during his floor speech in praising the budget.

"This is a balanced budget. It's a responsible budget. I know we're gonna hear a lot of speeches. I know we're gonna hear a lot of stunts," he said. "But for the people of Illinois, Democrats are delivering. Democrats are balancing the budget. Credit rating agencies are noting it, the civic organizations are noting it."

The stronger-than-expected revenue performance created a surplus for the current year and led to increased projections for the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1.

That was due in part to pandemic-triggered shifts in consumer behaviors that led to more spending on taxable goods than services, which are not taxed in the state, increased federal unemployment benefits, which are taxed at the state level, and increased tax revenue due to higher-priced consumer goods relating to inflation.

Those and other factors led to higher performance of sales tax and both personal and corporate income tax revenues, according to a presentation last month from the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, who is running for treasurer, said the pandemic-related revenue windfalls have allowed Democrats to grow funding faster than year-after-year revenues.

"And when this one-time revenue dries up, the only

thing you'll know how to do is go back and raise taxes yet again," he said.

Previous debt relief

A surplus from the current fiscal year funded a large portion of some of the taxpayer relief measures and was also the source for an earlier debt reduction plan passed last month.

That plan included \$1.4 billion to pay down state debts and allocated \$2.7 billion in federal funds to partially pay down a \$4.5 billion hole in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

That debt repayment action directed nearly \$900 million from a current-year budget surplus to paying down past-due group health insurance bills, as well as \$300 million in added pension payments and \$230 million to pay off the debts of the state's College Illinois program.

The budget approved Friday would add another \$200 million to the pension fund beyond statutory requirements, bringing the total added investment this session up to \$500 million.

Still, the proposal left an unaddressed \$1.8 billion hole in the Unemployment Trust Fund, and lawmakers did not take major action to address it. They did, however, push back major insurance premium hikes on employers and benefit cuts to people collecting unemployment until January to allow more time for negotiation.

Grant

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to the tools they need to do their jobs," said Governor JB Pritzker. "I'm proud to be able to provide more than 100 districts with new lifesaving equipment. It's another way we can demonstrate our gratitude for all that they do to help their neighbors live safely."

This program is an innovative approach to a problem that has long caused difficulties for fire departments and not-for-profit ambulance services in Illinois, particularly those that have hardships in generating the necessary revenue for small equipment. The purpose is to allow eligible applicants the opportunity to purchase small equipment that they may otherwise not be able to purchase. The OSFM received 373 applications, requesting around \$8.4 million in funding for this grant period.

"Funding provided from our Small Equipment Grant Program is a huge benefit, especially to our rural volunteer departments in the state. These funds allow departments to purchase important equipment their firefighters/EMTs need to work more effectively and safely while protecting the lives and property of their community members," said Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez.

Most Illinois fire departments, fire protections districts, township fire departments, and stand-alone, nonprofit ambulance service providers were eligible to apply. All fire departments, fire protections districts and township fire department applicants were required to have participated in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for a minimum of two years prior to applying.

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In defense of defense attorneys

By Scott Reeder

Defending the accused shouldn't be a mark of shame. But in the world of politics, there may not be a more loathsome creature than a criminal defense attorney.

I've been thinking about that these past few weeks as I watched Republican Senators attack U.S. Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson and Democrats assail Illinois GOP gubernatorial hopeful Richard Irwin.

Their transgressions? At some point in their careers, they defended people accused of crimes.

Never mind that our Constitution gives defendants an absolute right to legal counsel.

In our monochromatic world of soundbite politics, prosecutors are good and defense attorneys are bad.

The last person to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court with any experience as a defense attorney was Thurgood Marshall, who retired from the bench 31 years ago. And his work as a defense attorney ended in the 1950s.

That's a long time to go without anyone bringing the perspective of a defense attorney into deliberations.

According to a study by the libertarian think tank Cato Institute, defense attorneys are underrepresented among federal judges. As of April 2021, 318 former prosecutors were sitting as federal judges, more than one-third of the 880 total across the country. This was followed by 243 lawyers who had represented the government as "noncriminal courtroom advocates." Among the smallest fractions of those who became federal judges were former criminal defense attorneys – about 76 total – and former public defenders, who numbered only 58, less than 7 percent of all judges.

Considering law is a diverse field encompassing nearly every aspect of the human condition it is disappointing that we draw our justices from such a shallow pool.

The Democratic Governor's Association launched a television ad against Irwin citing his past as a defense attorney.

In a breathless voice, a narrator says Irwin defended people accused of domestic abuse and sexual assault as if they have unearthed some hidden character flaw. Well, lawyers defend people. Sometimes they are innocent and sometimes they are guilty – but all have a right to effective counsel.

The attack is particularly disappointing considering that Gov. J.B. Pritzker is a lawyer himself. He ought to know how important the role of defense attorneys are in our society. (The same could be said of the multitude of Republican lawyers on the U.S. Senate Judiciary committee taking jabs at Ketanji Brown Jackson.)

A couple decades ago I covered an Illinois Supreme Court race in which one candidate boasted that he had never been a defense attorney.

I found it disappointing that this Harvard-educated lawyer embraced the idea of never having defended anyone as a mark of pride, something that would make him a better Supreme Court justice.

After all, when choosing a judge don't we want someone with diverse experiences in a variety of areas of law?

I've spent years tracking police misconduct cases. And in my podcast Suspect Convictions I took an in-depth look at numerous cases of wrongful convictions. Although it is nothing new, it remains a national shame. Our country sends innocent people to prison.

Just consider that a 2019 report by the National Registry of Exonerations found:

- Between 2% and 10% of convicted individuals in US prisons are likely innocent.
- 2,666 people have been exonerated in the US since 1989.
- Proven innocent people have served more than 23,950 years in prison so far.
- Out of 100 sentenced to death, 4 are likely innocent, but only 2 get exonerated.

Protecting the innocent should be the highest calling of those serving in the legal profession. I've met many bright, talented and committed defense attorneys. But I've also met some who have turned their presence as a safety net for the wrongly accused into a hammock of low expectations.

Many of those wrongly accused end up wrongly convicted because of less than zealous work by their attorneys. This underscores the critical need for a vigorous defense bar. We should be praising those who choose this important work – not casting aspersions on their character and fitness for office because they chose to serve defendants.

One of the most zealous advocates for the accused that I have met is John Hanlon, who recently retired as director of the Illinois Innocence Project.

Hanlon expressed disgust for the recent political attacks against members of the defense bar.

"It's politics. That's what's going on pure politics," he said. "It is repeated over and over again depending on what the cycle is and what office the person is seeking. They try to dirty them up with the alleged acts of their clients. And that's just a shame."

Former Scott County, Iowa, prosecutor Bill Davis said it smacks of hypocrisy.

"The people who attack defense attorneys are the same ones who extol the Founding Fathers. Have they forgotten that John Adams represented the British soldiers involved in the Boston Massacre? Our founders made a right to counsel a basic constitutional right. The system would not work without defense attorneys."

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



Razing the old Harris Hospital – 1976

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from April 11, 2001.)

By Jessica Nashold

It was 25 years ago that the J.P. Wetherby Construction Co. brought its equipment to the Harris Hospital for demolition of the 58-year-old building the following day. The date was April 11, 1976, and by a coincidence, it had been on April 11, 1918, that the Harrises welcomed the community to an open house at their new facility. Although privately owned, Harris Hospital served other physicians in the community.

The building had been purchase by Mendota Lutheran Home in 1952. But since then, another larger structure had been built and only a few elderly residents remained in the old hospital.

Rev. E.J. Haanstad, administrator, said two years had been spent investigating alternatives to demolition. But in the end, state-mandated safety regulations made razing inevitable.

The Harris Hospital had been designed by the wife of Dr. O.P. Harris and her brother, Albert Crisler. The builders were Albert and Clarence Crisler. The cost was \$50,000.

Wetherby's men went to work the morning of April 12, 1976, and by the end of the week they said the work was "better than half done."

They estimated 30 or 40 truck-loads of debris would be removed.

When cleared, the site would be used for a one-story addition to house an activity center, food service, storage, maintenance rooms and an emergency generator. Phalen Steel Construction was awarded the contract for an estimated \$150,000.

As the old building came down, it was recalled that Dr. O.P. Harris had been joined by his nephew, Dr. Charles Harris, in 1929. In 1933, it was announced that after July 15, only emergency cases would be admitted and payment would

be required within a few days. This may have been a measure taken because of Dr. O.P. Harris's declining health. He died on Oct. 17, 1933, at the age of 62. Dr. Charles Harris then took over management of the hospital. Both he and Dr. Rowland Musick had offices in the hospital building.

During World War II, Dr. Charlie had an increasing burden, since several local physicians had joined the armed forces. It is last days as a hospital, there were three adult patients and one infant being cared for. They were transferred to the new Mendota Community Hospital on June 14, 1951.

MHS biology classes and students in the ag department were busy planting trees in Snyder's Grove. The state nursery supplied Bronze River Birch, Tulip Poplar, Sycamore and Slippery Dogwood for the low areas. Jack Pine, Red Pine and White Pine were chosen for higher ground. When the project was completed, 3,000 trees would have been planted.

April 16-17, 1976, were the dates for the grand opening of Alexander Lumber Company's new office and display room at 807 Sixth St. They replaced a building damaged by fire. Norm Ogilvie was manager, assisted by Robert Timm. Bookkeeper was Jean Ambler.

The Mendota Reporter held an open house April 23-24, 1976, to mark its 98th birthday and showcase changes in publishing procedures. Staff members led visitors on tours of the building, still located at 702 Illinois Ave., and served cake, coffee and punch. Fifteen visitors between 88 and 98 years of age received lifetime subscriptions to The Reporter. Katherine Rhoades, 97, RR1, Steward, was the oldest guest.

Editor and publisher Mike O'Connor explained the many changes. Owners in 1976 were Jim and Danny Terry.

Motor Wheel and United Automobile

Workers Local 881 ratified a three-year contract on April 14, 1976. It provided for a salary increase and increased benefits.

The Tri-County Fairgrounds provided a rest stop for the Illinois Bicentennial Wagon Train, April 25-27, 1976. The Mendota Bicentennial Committee, chaired by Art Sauer, made arrangements for its entertainment. The train was accompanied to the fairgrounds by a mounted escort. It was greeted by Mayor Murray Reeser and served supper in the Lions Den. In the evening there was community singing to guitar music and dancing.

Eight Mendota businesses had been collecting signatures to a pledge of "rededication to the principles of the founding fathers."

These would be collected by the Wagon Master of the Illinois Train and eventually deposited in a time capsule at Valley Forge.

A three-car accident Easter Sunday evening on Route 51, just south of Mendota, resulted in five fatalities. All victims were riding in a 1966 Chevrolet Malibu.

Betty Gorecki, totally encased in an Easter Bunny costume, visited the nursing homes in a program sponsored by the Mendota Elks. It was part of a nationwide Elks project.

The Cinder Ellas, auxiliary of the Mendota Fire Department, raised \$300 for purchase of a sonar pager, to replace a 10-10 radio.

It will provide better communications during fires and emergencies.

Shirley Johnson, auxiliary president, made the presentation of a \$300 check.

Most retail establishments and all financial institutions in Mendota were closed from noon to 3 p.m. on Good Friday to allow church attendance.

Letters

Community provides excellent opportunities for children

Dear Editor:

Our community's businesses, organizations, and schools are doing an exceptional job of providing opportunities for our children to enjoy. This past week, my daughter was able to meet the Easter bunny at Kurt Bruno's

insurance agency, whose staff did a fantastic job of accommodating a child who was pretty wary. We attended Cinderella at MHS, where students, staff, and parents presented a phenomenal production. With families lined up, the performers patiently

took pictures and answered questions afterwards. Last week, Graves Hume Public Library also put on not one but two children's events, both of which were full, and our week ended with the YMCA's Easter egg hunt at the lake.

At every event, I saw for-

mer students of mine taking charge, running activities and showing off their talents. That made it all the more enjoyable for me.

We look forward to what the summer brings.

Sarah Henkel-Gehant, Amboy

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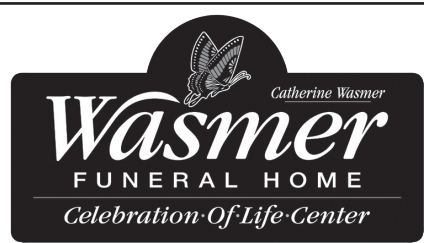
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IVCC hosting One Book, One College on April 27

OGLESBY – The final One Book, One College event for 2021-22 will feature the local nonprofit Buddy's Purpose at noon on Wednesday, April 27 in Illinois Valley Community College's Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre.

Lori Brown, founder of Buddy's Purpose of Cherry and a member of the Perfectly Flawed Foundation, will provide insight into how families cope with a loved one struggling with substance use and addiction.

Brown's talk will be followed by a showing of the feature film "Four Good Days" starring Glenn Close and Mila Kunis. Brown will answer questions after the film.



Lori Brown of Buddy's Purpose.

The event is open to the community. For information, contact the One Book workgroup at onebook@ivcc.edu or Jacobs Library at 815-224-0306.

IVCC faculty partaking in seminar

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College faculty across numerous disciplines are participating in a five-week seminar on Russia and Eastern Europe.

The seminar, which meets for three hours a week for five weeks, offers faculty the opportunity to learn about the region from scholars provided by the Robert F. Byrnes Russian and East European Institute at Indiana University, a partner on the grant.

Amanda Cook Fesperman, coordinator of International and Multicultural Education at IVCC and the grant writer, said participating faculty have committed to working over the summer to develop two-week modules on the region for their classes.

The goal is to improve student global competencies by infusing global materials across campus. Participants teach math, biology, geography, political science, history, psychology, computers, economics, CAD, education and business.

The \$10,000 grant was awarded in 2019 to The IVCC Office of International/Multicultural Education, but programming was delayed due to COVID. However, interest in the region has increased due to the ongoing war in Ukraine, which broke out as the final plans for the

institute were developed.

IVCC also welcomed other member schools in the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Studies and faculty representing over 20 midwestern colleges are participating via Zoom.

The initiative is overseen by the MIIIE, a consortium of community colleges dedicated to faculty development on global topics.

IVCC will use the grant to support global awareness in coursework and will host the 2023 MIIIE Spring Conference for faculty to share their work.

IVCC remains a great place for academic research and scholarship and the grant allows faculty to stay current on global affairs, said Cook Fesperman. "Our students are the ultimate beneficiaries of this work as our classes prepare them for the global marketplace."



Broadway Backwards cast members, left to right, Reid Rynke, Ethan Shaver, Bob Philip (on stage), David Zuniga and Ben Gensler rehearse in the Dr. Mary Margaret Weeg Cultural Centre. (Photo contributed)

IVCC to present spring musical

OGLESBY – When Broadway Backwards debuts on the Illinois Valley Community College stage April 22, the show will mark the return of live theatre to the college for the first time since 2019.

The revue features Broadway showtunes with a twist—men sing songs traditionally sung by female characters in musicals, and women perform showtunes written for men, hence the name, Broadway Backwards.

"Everyone is having fun with the show," said director and choreographer Don Grant Zellmer. "It's a small cast, so there's lots of opportunities for the performers to be very busy and they're getting a kick out of the reversal of roles."

"Everyone is embracing the humor this presents, and it also gives a voice to singers who may not have the opportunity to sing particular music," Grant Zellmer added.

Showtunes include "Freddie My Love" from Grease, "Ladies Who Lunch" from Company, "Hard Knock Life" from Annie – all sung by the men, and "There Is Nothing Like A Dame" from South Pacific, "Greased Lightning" from Grease, and "The Sadder But Wiser Girl" from The Music Man by the women, among many others.

The cast includes IVCC students Macy Anderson and David Zuniga of Oglesby, Lauren Frawley of Hen-

ry, Ben Gensler, Reid Rynke and Sydnee Wright of Peru, Ethan Shaver of Lostant and community member Bob Philip of Peru.

Broadway Backwards plays at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 24. Reserve tickets at www.ivcc.edu/theatre or purchase them at the door one hour prior to performances. All seats are \$10.

Technical director is Chad Brokaw and the show is produced and costumed by Dr. David Kuester.

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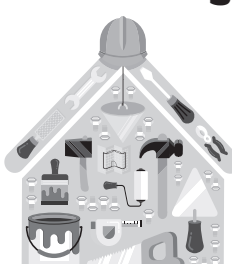
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- Stay away from tall, isolated trees or other tall objects
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Note: A tent or open air building like a picnic shelter will NOT protect you from lightning.



Before a Flood

- Learn whether your home, school or place of work is at risk of flooding
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- Make a family communications plan
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SPORTS

State Champions!

Holy Cross boys bring home top trophy from state bowling tournament

JOLIET – An amazing run to the Illinois Elementary School Association State Bowling Tournament was culminated by a state championship for the Holy Cross School boys’ bowling team. Holy Cross rallied late on day two to claim the state title by 88 pins. The tournament was held April 8-9 at Town & Country Lanes in Joliet.

Holy Cross qualified on day one of the tournament in third place and held that spot for the first couple games on Saturday. The Warriors dug deep and played a great ninth game that put them into first place by a small margin. They continued their excellent play in the 10th game where the four starting bowlers scored a 761, which was the highest boys’ team score of the weekend.

“It was fun to watch and we are very excited and proud of these young men,” said coaches John Holland and Matt Novak.

Holy Cross had two boys that completed all 10 games. Brody Hartt finished in 16th place overall with a total score of 1,776 and Aden Tillman finished in 18th place overall with a total score of 1,742. Super sub Kooper Novak saw action in the fifth game when he completed a game for Grady Jones. Novak also came in during the eighth game for Alex Holland.

“This was a full team effort and all did very well,” added the two coaches.

Holy Cross finished up the tournament with a total score of 6,663. That was 88 pins better than second-place Homer Glen Homer, which had a 6,575. Completing the top 10 teams were New Lenox Liberty (6,463), Freeport (6,323), Oak Park Home-town (6,210), Lockport Oak Prairie (6,207), Loves Park Harlem (6,186), Minooka (6,142), Mt. Morris Rahn (5,984) and Morton (5,794).

Individual game scores for Holy Cross are as follows: Brody Hartt: 155, 196, 180, 145, 159, 173, 188, 177, 201, 202 – 1,776; Aden Tillman: 160, 187, 163, 158,



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

147, 160, 199, 156, 199, 213 – 1,742; Grady Jones: 189, 145, 129, 195, 118, 170, 183, 152, 166, 173 – 1,620; Alex Holland: 138, 142, 162, 112, 176, 159, 169, 113, 181, 173 – 1,525.

The top 10 individual bowlers were as follows:

Caston Dhuse, Ottawa Wallace – 2,054; Landyn Corbin, Normal Chiddix – 1,989; Masen Evans, Loves Park Harlem – 1,975; Tyson Williams, Rockton Stephen

Mack – 1,957; Tyler Moe, Roscoe – 1,926; Charlie Wiedmeyer, Freeport Aquin – 1,911; Jonas Przybylinski, Frankfort Summit Hill – 1,896; Tyler Bishop, Shorewood Troy – 1,853; Ben Dahle, Machesney Park – 1,835; Charlie Ignasiak, Lockport Oak Prairie – 1,830.

Three Holy Cross girls’ team members also competed in the state tournament. Lily Soliman qualified on Friday and played in the final

rounds on Saturday. She had a total score of 1,204 and placed 54th overall. Her 10-game scores were: 100, 124, 163, 132, 123, 116, 107, 109, 130, 100.

Breanna Martinez and Anna Cyrocki also competed for the Warriors on day one of the tournament. They each bowled four games in the first round. Martinez had games of 115, 111, 85 and 101, while Cyrocki’s scores were 72, 74, 100 and 157.

The top 10 individual girls were: Ashlin Teves, Loves Park Harlem – 2,126; Allison Roberts, Loves Park Harlem – 2,017; Mia Atom-ez, Shorewood Troy – 1,872; Samantha French, Shorewood Troy – 1,870; Sarah Doughty, Sterling Challand – 1,823; Addison Brien, Loves Park Harlem – 1,806; Alyvia Matiassek, Homer Glen Homer – 1,802; Gi-anna Mendoza, Shorewood Troy – 1,737; Alexis Born,

Loves Park Harlem – 1,720; Brooke Stroud, Homer Glen Homer – 1,693.

Loves Park Harlem claimed the girls’ team championship with a score of 7,669. The rest of the top 10 included Shorewood Troy (7,158), Homer Glen Homer (6,506), Sycamore (5,721), Machesney Park (5,403), Freeport (5,396), Morton (5,391), Sterling Challand (5,281), Channahon (5,067) and Cicero Unity (5,042).

St. Bede downs MHS girls, 7-2

MENDOTA – The Mendota varsity softball team suffered a 7-2 loss to St. Bede in Three Rivers Conference action on April 11 at Mendota.

St. Bede got an outstanding pitching performance from Ella Hermes, who recorded 17 strikeouts out of the possible 21 outs. She fanned the side in five of the seven frames.

Mendota managed just three hits off of Hermes. Paige Manning had a pair of singles and drove in both runs for the Lady Trojans.

Manning was the losing pitcher, giving up nine hits and four earned runs over seven innings. She struck out nine and walked four. St. Bede held a narrow 3-2 lead before it struck for four runs in the seventh to widen the gap.

Lady Trojans blank DePue

Byron handed the Mendota girls’ soccer team a 4-1 loss on April 11 at the MHS field.

Selina Hernandez tallied the MHS goal, while Naitzy Garcia had nine saves in goal.

Mendota scored a 3-0 shutout over DePue on April 7 at the MHS field.

Vanessa Escatel, Crystal Garcia and Hernandez fired in the goals for the Lady Trojans. Assists went to Isabella Tolentino and Hernandez.

Mendota and Monmouth-Roseville tied 0-0 on April 11 at Monmouth.

Garcia had five saves in goal for Mendota (1-3-2).

St. Bede silences Trojan bats, 5-0

PERU – Two St. Bede pitchers combined to fire a two-hit 5-0 shutout over the Mendota varsity baseball team in Three Rivers Conference play on April 11 at Peru.

Brendan Pillion worked the first five innings and gave up one hit to earn the win. Seth Ferrari allowed a hit over the two innings he was on the mound.

Two Mendota pitchers only permitted three St. Bede safeties, but they issued

eight free passes as the Bruins were able to score four runs in the second inning.

Justin Randolph got the start for the Trojans (2-4). He went two innings and allowed one hit and four earned runs. He struck out two and walked four. Ted Landgraf pitched the final four frames and gave up two hits. He fanned three and walked four.

Landgraf and Landon Kreiser each had a single for Mendota’s lone safeties.

MHS trackmen battle Amboy, Kewanee

AMBOY – The Mendota boys’ track team battled with Amboy and Kewanee in a triangular meet at Amboy on April 5.

Mendota results by event are as follows:

400m dash – JP Belmonte, 5th place, 1:10.5

800m run – Logan Wujek,

6th place, 3:04.44

1600m run – Anthony Kelson, 2nd place, 5:35.46; Kody Chase, 3rd place, 5:46.12; Travis Mumm, 6th place, 7:14.38

1600m relay – Mendota (Mason Koch, Neal Linden, Chase, Kelson), 2nd place, 4:29.95

3200m relay – Mendota (Chase, Jacob Carr, Mumm, Kelson), 2nd place, 10:24

110m high hurdles – Kelson, 2nd place, 19.3

High jump – Koch, 3rd place, 5-0

Long jump – Koch, 6th place, 15-7.25

Sterling doubles up Mendota netters

STERLING – Sterling doubled up Mendota, 6-3, in varsity boys’ tennis action on April 11 at Sterling.

Logan Brandner and Andrew Stam-berger won their singles matches for the Trojans, while the two teamed up in doubles action to pick up a victory.

April 11 Sterling 6, Mendota 3

Singles: No. 1 – Peterson (S) def. Byron Hampton (M), 6-0, 6-1; No. 2 – Pham (S) def. Zach Compell (M), 6-0, 6-0; No. 3 –

Logan Brandner (M) def. Loos (S), 6-2, 6-1; No. 4 – Andrew Stamberger (M) def. Boze (S), 6-4, 6-3; No. 5 – Valentino (S) def. Eulyssec Preciado (M), 6-0, 6-1; No. 6 – Melcher (S) def. Clayton Buffington (M), 6-0, 6-0

Doubles: No. 1 – Brandner-Stamberger (M) def. Valentino-Morris (S), 6-2, 6-2; No. 2 – Loos-Boze (S) def. Parker Guelde-Tyler Valdez (M), 6-3, 6-3; No. 3 – Melcher-Lofgren (S) def. Jacob Ensor-Matt Miller (M), 6-0, 6-1

10K run, 3-mile fun run/walk scheduled in Spring Valley April 30th

SPRING VALLEY – St. Margaret’s Health “Habit for Health” 10K and 3-mile fun run/walk will be held Saturday, April 30. The race begins at 8 a.m. at St. Margaret’s

Family Health Center, 415 E. Second St., Spring Valley.

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

receive a T-shirt.

For more information, visit aboutsmh.org/HabitforHealth or register online at runsignup.com/Race/IL/SpringValley/HabitforHealth.

BOWLING

Mendota Elks Youth 4 League

Standings as of March 31 – 1. Team 5 29-15; 2. Team 6 25-19; 3. Team 1 25-19; 4. Team 2 21-23; 5. Team 4 16-28; 6. Team 3 6-38

High team game (scratch) – Team 6 237

High team game (hdcp) – Team 6 639

High team series (scratch) – Team 6 648

High team series (hdcp) – Team 6 1854

Boys’ high game (scratch) – Parker Ramer 116, Pryar Christmann 111, Gavin Stamberger 109

Boys’ high game (hdcp) – Gavin Stamberger 253, Parker Ramer 233, Maddux McPheeters 227

Boys’ high series (scratch) – Parker Ramer 292, Pryar Christmann 287, Cale Full 245

Boys’ high series (hdcp) – Cale Full 668, Maddux McPheeters 651, Billy Bromenschenkel 648

Girls’ high game (scratch) – Delaney Tucker 107, Brooklyn Mauch 43

Girls’ high game (hdcp) – Delaney Tucker 219, Brooklyn Mauch 212

Girls’ high series (scratch) – Delaney Tucker 287, Brooklyn Mauch 104

Girls’ high series (hdcp) – Delaney Tucker

623, Brooklyn Mauch 611

Mendota Elks Youth 6 League

Standings as of March 31 – 1. Team 1 38-6; 2. Team 3 23-21; 3. Team 2 21-23; 4. Team 4 0-44

High team game (scratch) – Team 3 464, Team 2 411

High team game (hdcp) – Team 2 887, Team 3 832

High team series (scratch) – Team 3 1209, Team 2 1075

High team series (hdcp) – Team 2 2503, Team 3 2313

Boys’ high game (scratch) – Alex Holland 213, Kooper Novak 169, Emiliano Villagomez 154

Boys’ high game (hdcp) – Alex Holland 250, Oliver Turner 243, Emiliano Villagomez 242

Boys’ high series (scratch) – Alex Holland 540, Kooper Novak 460, Emiliano Villagomez 381

Boys’ high series (hdcp) – Caeleb Ensor 663, Alex Holland 651, Oliver Turner 646

Girls’ high game (scratch) – Lexie Saylor 139, Ashlynn Rickels 84

Girls’ high game (hdcp) – Lexie Saylor 238, Ashlynn Rickels 214

Girls’ high series (scratch) – Lexie Saylor 333, Ashlynn Rickels 206

Girls’ high series (hdcp) – Lexie Saylor 630, Ashlynn Rickels 596

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POLICE BLOTTER

DOMESTIC BATTERY
 Jennifer Wehrs, 37, of 1000 First St., Mendota, was charged with domestic battery after police officers responded to a 9-1-1 call for an alleged physical domestic dispute in the 1100 block of Illinois Avenue at 7:20 p.m. April 6. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail to appear for a bond hearing.

DUI, OTHER CHARGES

Christian M. Dean, 18, of 4353 E. Third Road, Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence (A2), improper lane usage, duty to report damage to vehicle or unattended property and two charges of leaving the scene of an accident after police officers were dispatched to the area of Eighth Street and Sixth Avenue at 10:43 p.m. April 10 for the report of a vehicle that had struck a building and a fence. Upon arrival, officers found the offender had left the scene, and after a brief investigation, officers located several vehicles that had also been struck. The offender and vehicle were located within 10 minutes. As a result of the vehicle crash, U.S. 34 was closed for several hours because of a natural gas leak. The subject was released with a notice to appear in LaSalle County court.

WARRANT ARREST

Taivon D. Miles, 28, of Sheridan, was arrested at 3:42 p.m. April 7 on a valid Kendall County arrest warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at Sixth Avenue and Fifth Street. The subject posted bond and was released with a Kendall County court date.

DUI, LEAVING THE SCENE

William D. Glass, 43, of 111 S. 13th Ave., Mendota, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of a property damage accident after police officers investigated a 9-1-1 call of a hit and run traffic accident in the 1200 block of Jefferson Street at 5:29 p.m. April 10. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED

Christopher Martin, 53, of 701 Meadowview Drive, Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended after a traffic stop at First Avenue and 12th Street at 3:44 p.m. April 11. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

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Missing woman found deceased near Paw Paw

PAW PAW — A 37-year-old Paw Paw woman that was reported missing was found deceased in rural Paw Paw. Searchers located the body of Nicole Bruno in a rural creek embankment at approximately 10:40 a.m. April 5.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to rural Paw Paw at 10:17 p.m. April 4 for the report of a missing woman. The family reported having last contact with the woman in late afternoon April 3.

Lee County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the area and were assisted in their search by drone operators from Lee County Emergency Management, Bureau County Emergency Management and the Amboy Fire Department.

After daylight on April 5, the search expanded to include The Lee County Volunteer Core Search and Rescue Team, Amboy Police Department, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, Paw Paw Fire Department, Compton Fire Department and Shabbona Fire Department.

The Lee County Coroner's Office was notified and an autopsy was conducted.

LaSalle County's 2021 final property assessment equalization factor is 1.0000

SPRINGFIELD—LaSalle County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in LaSalle County are at 33.26 percent of market value, based on

sales of properties in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2021 taxes, payable in 2022. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in November 2021 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).


A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local

taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

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Addresses sought for Mendota town-wide garage sales

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Trends to inspire your outdoor living space design in 2022

(BPT) - Since 2020, you've likely spent more time at home than ever before. As a result, you're more conscious of how you use your space and how design can impact your comfort and ease. To give you a bit more variety beyond your home's walls, consider redesigning your outdoor spaces to create a haven for recreation and relaxation. Best of all, outdoor spaces add value to your home if you plan to sell.

If you need ideas on how to revamp your outdoor spaces, consider these top five outdoor design trends for 2022. Get inspired and create your own outdoor oasis.

1. Functionality

Homeowners are prioritizing day-to-day use of their outdoor spaces instead of entertaining, driving a need for functionality. Practical elements like lighting and audio technology can elevate the outdoor space. Other features like shade structures, privacy walls and screens, built-in barbecue grills and Wi-Fi allow you to use the space for working, relaxing, cooking and more.

2. Defined rooms

Whether it's an outdoor kitchen, office or living room, homeowners are leaning toward creating more efficient, defined outdoor spaces. Homeowners want to use outdoor living on a day-to-day basis to unwind, connect with nature and take advantage of the health and well-being benefits the outdoors provide. Having an outdoor office can increase your productivity while decreasing stress as you enjoy the greenery and



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fresh air. Adding an outdoor kitchen may inspire you to make dishes using herbs and veggies you've grown in your garden, and an outdoor living room can help you bring the family together at the end of the school and workday.

3. Monochromatic colors with accents

While lighter, tone-on-tone color palettes remain popular, accent colors and accessories are on the rise. Using cool, monochromatic tones with choice accent

colors can create a brighter or contrasting outdoor living space.

4. Modular design and geometric patterns

Another popular trend is modular, geometric standard patterns composed of clean lines and simple formats. Simple patterns create a modern, uncluttered aesthetic that emphasizes furniture or other focal points in the space. Large format patterns and pavers also lend themselves to this style, allowing for more

efficient installation.

5. Entangled design

As people blend their outdoor spaces to serve as extensions of their homes, many are focusing on entangled design, which combines the surrounding landscape with the hardscape design. Fractured edges with no defined break, natural stone transitions and irregular edges blended with boulders, grass and aggregate create a more natural, organic look that enhances design continuity.



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How to cut costs on home renovations

Do you still have an avocado green kitchen? Is your living room dank and dark? Perhaps there is only one bathroom for a family of six? Answering yes to any of these questions could serve as the catalyst for a home renovation project.

Home improvement projects come in all shapes and sizes—some with huge budgets and others that are more cost-conscious. Regardless of what homeowners hope to achieve with their renovations, a common goal across any price point is a desire to save as much money as possible. Home renovations can be expensive, but there are ways to cut costs.

- Assess the merit of the project. Remodeling magazine annually publishes a "Cost vs. Value Report" that lists the average cost and return on investment homeowners can expect of various types of projects. If you're planning to sell your home soon, it may be best to focus on repairs and renovations that will generate the most substantial ROI.

- Hire a contractor. Even avid do-it-yourselfers can sometimes benefit from a contractor's expertise, particularly for complex tasks.

Don't waste money by trying tough jobs yourself; rely on an experienced contractor who can get supplies for less money and will do the job right the first time. Compare bids from several different contractors and figure out the best value.

- Refurbish existing features. Rather than a complete gut and rebuild, figure out where you can revitalize existing fixtures and more. For example, refinishing existing cabinets can save you up to 50 percent compared with the cost of new cabinetry, according to Angi (formerly Angie's List), a cost comparison and business review resource.

- Choose midgrade materials. Certain materials may be all the rage but they come with a higher price tag. Angi reports that granite counters could be \$60 to \$100 per square foot. However, a composite or laminate that looks like granite and wears well may be \$10 to \$40 per square foot. Figure out where you can choose middle-of-the-road materials for maximum value.

- Avoid peak seasons. You'll pay more to install a deck or a pool right before the outdoor entertaining season. There also may be a premium to get work done right before a major holiday. Therefore, consult the calendar to find an off time for a renovation and book it then to save.

- Do some prep work. You might be able to save by doing some of the demolition and preparatory work yourself. For example, you can tear up old carpeting before the installation of new tile floors. Perhaps you can mend and patch up walls before a paint job.

- Buy a display item. Former showroom kitchens and baths often are sourced at a fraction of their recommended retail prices, according to Real Homes, a home remodel guide based in the United Kingdom. Retailers often update their displays and you may score existing showroom items at a discount.

Renovations can be expensive, but there are many different ways to cut costs.



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BURNING: Only small amounts of yard waste may be burned Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 10am-4pm. The Mendota Burn Pit is located at 1203 S. 7th Ave. The burn pit is available Monday 3pm-6pm, Tuesday 10am-1pm, closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10am-1pm, Friday 10am-1pm & Saturday 10am-1pm

GRASS: When mowing, it is illegal to throw grass clippings into the street. It is a potential storm sewer blockage problem. It is also a violation to have grass growing 6 inches or higher.

ANIMALS: Every owner of a dog or cat is required to pay a license fee of \$5.00 before May 31st. The license will be issued upon providing evidence that the animal is immunized against rabies. After May 31st, a \$10.00 late fee will be added to the license fee. Persons with new dogs or cats acquired during the fiscal year or those persons new to the community will be eligible for the \$5.00 basic fee.

WATER BILLS: Water Bills are mailed on the first day of each month, and are due on the 15th. Automatic debits can be arranged; call the City Clerk's office.

PET WASTE: All pet owners/keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person. Any owner/keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt while such animal is being used for that purpose. Any person(s) who is found to have violated the provisions of the ordinance shall be subject to a fine of no less than \$25 and no more than \$75.

GARAGE SALES: Permits are not required at this time.

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Factors to consider when planning year-round outdoor dining spaces

Al fresco dining is popular in spring and summer, and that popularity reached new heights in the summer of 2020. With the world still grappling with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, some restaurants still offer outdoor dining to patrons. Restrictions imposed because of the pandemic reintroduced many people to the pleasure of outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining may be synonymous with summer, but there's no reason why good meals can't be enjoyed outside year-round. That's especially true when homeowners and hosts take stock of certain factors when planning outdoor dining spaces they intend to use all year long.

• **Lighting:** If you plan to keep outdoor dining going after summer, then some extra lighting may

be necessary. The sun sets in late afternoon/early evening in fall and winter, so you won't be able to rely on natural light to keep the dinner table aglow. Lighting also can make outdoor dining in summer more enjoyable. Outdoor string lights can add a relaxing vibe to a deck or patio. If you intend to string the lights up year-round, make sure poles are sturdy enough to withstand winter winds.

• **Weather:** Table cloths can add a touch of class to outdoor dining tables. But those table cloths are only effective if they remain on the table. Summer breezes might not prove too great a challenge in that regard, but fall, winter and spring weather might make it hard to keep table cloths on the table where they belong. A simple set of table cloth clips can ensure the wind doesn't

blow table cloths around while people are eating or completely off the table when everyone is inside. Hurricane candle holders also can make it easy to maintain the ambiance candles provide without having to worry about the wind extinguishing the candles in one strong gust.

• **Seating:** Guests might have no problem dining on traditional summer barbecue fare like burgers and hot dogs while sitting in camping chairs. But hosts who want to serve meals that require the use of a knife and fork will need to make sure all guests have a seat at the table. A foldable picnic-style table that can be easily stored in a garage or shed can do the trick. In addition, some deck and patio tables are expandable, making them ideal options for hosts who may want to work around social



Outdoor dining can be enjoyed year-round, especially when hosts take steps to prepare their outdoor spaces for four seasons' worth of gatherings.

distancing guidelines and serve holiday meals outside this year.

• **Grill:** Charcoal grill devotees may find it frustrating to keep coals lit long enough to get hot so they can keep enjoying grilled meals after summer and throughout fall,

winter and spring. A hybrid charcoal/grill smoker that does not expose the fire to the elements as much as a traditional charcoal grill can do the trick, and such a grill also gives cooks the chance to slow cook and smoke foods all year long. For those with no special

devotion to charcoal grills, a propane grill can light up in a matter of seconds regardless of the weather.

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Three of the more popular styles, traditional, modern and farmhouse, each have certain key components that can ensure a home ends up with a look homeowners are aiming for.

Key components of three popular home interior styles

Considerable thought goes into designing a home's interior. From which color to paint the walls to the size of the living room couch, homeowners must make a variety of decisions when planning their home interiors.

One way to simplify interior design decisions is to choose a style. Interior design styles run the gamut from traditional to modern, and each style has its own unique look and feel. Though homeowners need not feel beholden to any particular item associated with a given style, three of the more popular styles, traditional, modern and farmhouse, each have certain key components that can ensure a home ends up with a look homeowners are aiming for.

1. Traditional

Homes with a traditional interior style give a formal yet welcoming feel. Many

individuals associate crown molding and wainscoting with traditional interiors, so that's something homeowners aiming for this style should keep in mind. Minimal or modern furniture pieces don't fit with the traditional style, which tends to utilize period pieces made from real wood.

2. Modern

Modern interiors may differ depending on which style of modern homeowners are aiming for. Midcentury modern typically features unique furnishings that some might see as retro. However, many companies now offer updated takes on midcentury modern that call to mind a bygone era but don't make individuals feel as though they're living in a museum. Urban modern is another popular modern style, and home interiors fashioned in this style tend to be light, airy and not crowded with furnishings. Calm, soft tones are a go-to with urban modern

interiors, helping to create the serene settings many homeowners are hoping to create with this style.

3. Farmhouse

Farmhouse has become very popular in recent years. In fact, a recent survey from the interior design service Modsy found that farmhouse was the most popular design style in 26 states. Farmhouse is beloved for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is its association with a simpler lifestyle. The rustic charm of the countryside is never far from the mind when in a home with a farmhouse-inspired interior. Traditional farmhouse and modern farmhouse are different styles, but natural materials and bright colors, particularly white walls, are elements shared by both.

Traditional, modern and farmhouse are three popular home interior styles. Each has its own unique components, and homeowners can supplement their favored style as they see fit.



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Before diving head first into a new home purchase or a big renovation to realize an open-concept dream, consider the pros and cons of this type of setup.

Pros and cons to open-concept homes

Open-concept homes have become increasingly popular in recent years. An open-concept home is one in which the rooms flow into one another with limited obstruction from walls or other barriers. According to the National Association of Home Builders, 84 percent of new single-family homes have fully or partially open layouts.

While they may seem like a new trend, open floor plans are anything but. Early American homes featured open, often one- or two-room units built around the central kitchen/hearth. This maximized warmth and functionality. Homes evolved as incomes grew, and soon homes had several smaller rooms with specialized functions.

What's old has become new again. However, before diving head first into a new home purchase or a big renovation to realize an open-concept dream, consider the pros and cons of this type of setup to determine if it's really right for you.

Advantages of open floor plans

Open floor plans facilitate the flow of natural light throughout a space and can promote air flow, helping to reduce warm or cool pockets

of air in otherwise closed-off rooms.

Open homes make socializing easier, even when people are doing different things. While someone is cooking dinner in the kitchen, he or she can still interact with someone else playing video games in the family room or paying bills in the home office. Entertaining also is easier, as mingling with guests is much more convenient when walls are not getting in the way.

A smaller home can feel much larger if it employs an open concept. The square footage is not divided into smaller quarters, which sometimes are rooms (such as formal dining rooms) that are only used a few times per year. This eliminates underused spaces and opens up sight lines in the layout.

The value of real estate has risen dramatically since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and prospective buyers may prefer an open-concept plan because it can help them minimize building costs.

Disadvantages of open floor plans

Open layouts are not for everyone. The same sense of space that occurs when walls are taken down may make rooms feel cavernous

and less cozy, particularly in homes with ample square footage. In addition, privacy can be hard to come by when all rooms feed into one another.

When the kitchen is not separate from the family room space, that makes it easy for noise to compromise the area's comfort levels. There is no hiding from noise in an open floor plan, as sounds from voices, television shows and appliances tend to echo and blend together. And if the home is a single-story layout, those noises from the main living areas also may carry to adjacent bedrooms.

Smoke and smells are another thing to consider. When something on the stove spills over, a small range hood will not be practical for clearing smoke from a large space. Though the aroma of freshly cooked food is enticing, it can make it hard for cooks to keep guests out of the kitchen.

Open-concept homes are popular, but homeowners should weigh the pluses and minuses to see if this trend is truly right for them.

Did you know?

Homeowners should give due consideration to whether or not plants are considered invasive species before introducing new plants on their properties. According to the National Ocean and Atmospheric Ad-

ministration, invasive species of plants can lead to the extinction of native plants and animals. Invasive plant species also can reduce biodiversity and cause significant fundamental disruptions to local ecosystems. Though non-native plants are often cherished for their unique

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• More than one million burglaries take place in the United States each year. (Source: The Federal Bureau of Investigation)

• More than 137,000 bur-



glaries occurred in Canada in 2020. (Statista)

• Homes without a home security system are 300 percent more likely to be burglarized than homes with such a system. (The National Council for Home Safety and Security)

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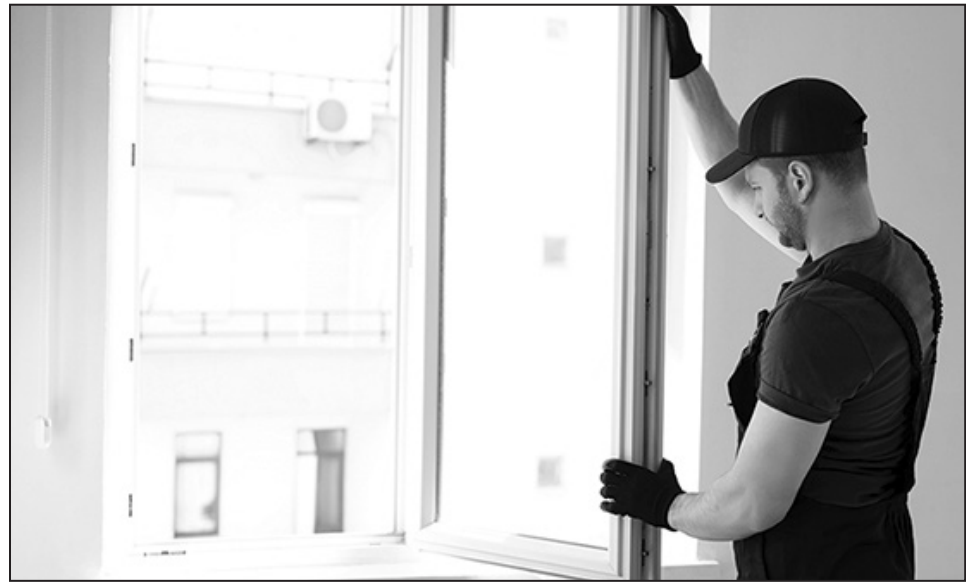
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Other considerations when planning a renovation include writing out a strict budget, gathering inspiration, drawing up to-scale renovation plans, pouring over material reviews, and getting recommendations for reliable professionals to do the job. While not every obstacle can be avoided, planning is a good way to start successfully.



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4. Consider other energy-efficient upgrades. Sometimes older windows can be salvaged, especially if they are not damaged and only moderately drafty. Replacing panes, sash cords, weather stripping, and even glazing may be less expensive than replacing a window. Plus, older homes with attractive windows complement one another. To keep energy bills down, think about adding insulation to the attic and basement — which is a good idea even if you are

7. Proper installation is key to longevity. Replacement windows are only as good as their installation in many cases. Poor installation and orders of standard rather than custom sized windows could result in poor fitting and seals. Homeowners should carefully vet and review window replacement contractors to find the best professionals for the job.

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Rep. Kinzinger announces '22 Congressional Art Contest

Entries must be submitted by April 29

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) announced the start of the 2022 Congressional Art Competition for the 16th Congressional District of Illinois. The Office of Congressman Kinzinger is pleased to begin accepting submissions from all interested high school students that live in the district and want to participate in the 41st year of this congressional competition.

In making this announcement, Congressman Kinzinger released the following statement:

"Each year, we get the opportunity to recognize and encourage artistic talent from students across America through the Congressional Art Competition. And every year, I continue to be amazed by the creativity and quality of artwork students in the 16th District submit. I look forward to seeing the pieces our students create this year to showcase their talents so that the entire country can appreciate the incredible skills from within our district."

The Congressional Art Competition offers high school students from across the country to showcase their artistic abilities and creativity. First-place winners will have

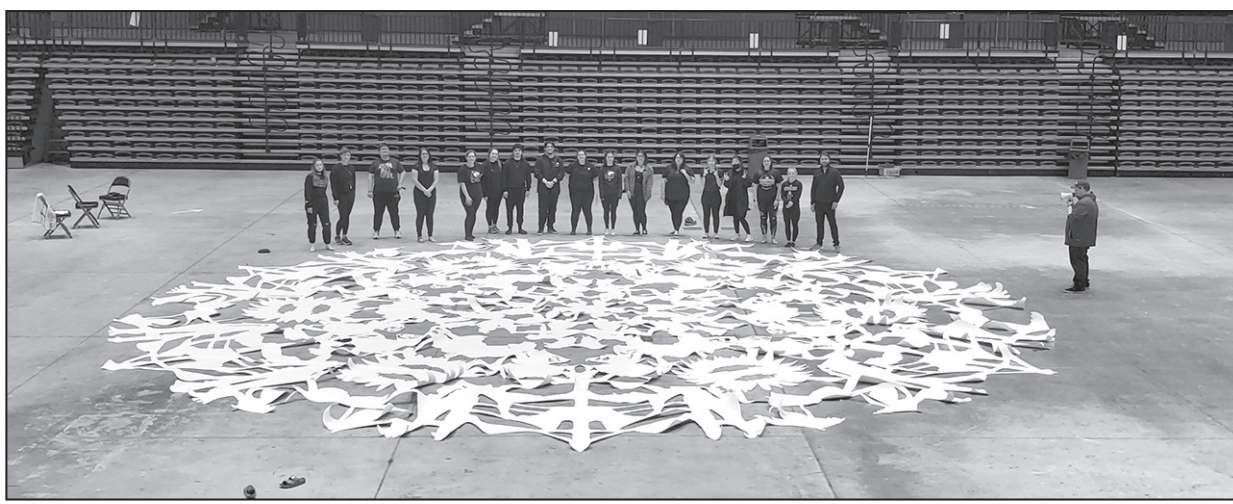


their artwork displayed in the Cannon Tunnel leading to the U.S. Capitol for one full year.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Congressional Institute was unable to host an in-person reception in both 2020 and 2021. If one is possible this year, the winner will be awarded two tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend the official art show opening and a subsequent reception.

The submission deadline for the 41st Annual Congressional Art Competition is Friday, April 29 at 5 p.m. in the Ottawa District Office. All high school students living in Illinois' 16th Congressional District are encouraged to participate.

For more information on the Congressional Art Competition, visit the Congressman's website <https://kinzinger.house.gov/constituent-services/arts-competition.htm>. If you have any additional questions, please call Congressman Kinzinger's Ottawa District Office at (815) 431-9271.



NIU art & design students create giant snowflake

DeKALB—Northern Illinois University School of Art and Design students in ARTD 464 Advanced Photography: Post Production created a paper snowflake

that measured 44 feet, six inches, easily besting the current Guinness of Book of World Record of 20 feet and one-half inch.

The students, led by

Jessica Labatte, associate professor and photography area coordinator toiled for more than ten hours laying out, tracing, cutting and unfolding the snowflake

on the floor of the NIU Convocation Center.

They will submit the official supporting materials to Guinness to have their new world record certified.

Sec. White details 18th annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition

SPRINGFIELD — Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced that entry forms are available for the 18th annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award.

"We created the Illinois Emerging Writers Competition to promote creative writing and provide an outlet for talented writers," White said. "Great poems have the ability to enrich and enhance

our lives, and I am looking forward to celebrating talented poets with this year's competition."

The competition is named in honor of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks, and is co-sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book and Illinois Poet Laureate Angela Jackson.

The competition is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over. Entries must be

postmarked by June 30, 2022. Cash prizes will be awarded for first (\$500), second (\$300) and third place (\$100). Winning poems will be submitted for possible publication in the "Ninth Letter" literary arts journal, "Quiddity International Literary Journal and Public Radio Program" and "RHINO Poetry" magazine.

Winners of the Illinois Emerging Writers Competition

have gone on to achieve other great accomplishments, including winning other prestigious competitions, writing screenplays and publishing books.

Entry forms can be found at ilsos.gov/departments/library/center_for_the_book/emerging-writers.html. For more information, contact Illinois Center for the Book Coordinator Bonnie Matheis at 217-558-2065 or bmatheis@ilsos.gov.

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In today's society, insecurity and self-rejection have reached an all-time high. More than ever before, so many people simply don't like themselves.

Over the years, I have met countless people who believe God is angry with them because they haven't "arrived" at the place of perfection. As a result, they live in a state of perpetual frustration—continually rejecting themselves and feeling bad every time they make a mistake.

But Jesus didn't give His life for us to walk around feeling guilty and

condemned. He wants us to feel good about ourselves and our relationship with Him. And it all starts with discovering our true identity in Christ.

Are You a Believer or an Achiever?

For many years, I tried to please God with my works. It seemed as if I was living on a performance treadmill—always trying to do something to feel good about myself and feel like I was in right standing with Him. In the process, I became weary, worn-out, and unhappy. I would think, "Something is just not working."

I was right. No matter how much we love God and choose to do what's right, we will always be frustrated until we understand this life-changing truth:

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8 NIV).

There is nothing we can do to earn our salvation or right standing with God; we have been made right with Him through our faith in Jesus Christ. A believer that is lacking this understanding is like a jumbo jet on the runway with no gasoline—he has all the equipment but is going nowhere!

In His mercy, God allowed me to see that there was absolutely nothing I could do to make Him love me any more or less than He already did. All He wanted was for me to believe in Jesus, "the one he has sent" (John 6:29 NIV) and receive the righteousness He has provided.

See Yourself Through God's Eyes

In order for us to experience true freedom and grow in our relationship with God, we must learn to accept ourselves right where we are and see ourselves the way God sees us. As we do, we will begin to understand that becoming like Christ is a process that takes time... and God will be faithful to finish the good work



He has started in us (see Philippians 1:6).

Second Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) says, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

This is the basis of self-acceptance—knowing that God accepts us through Jesus and sees us as totally righteous. This does not mean that we don't sin anymore or that we can dismiss it like it's no big deal. It simply means that God loves us even while we are in the process of becoming like Christ—before we have "arrived."

For example, when she was two years old, one of our granddaughters would throw fits when she didn't get her way. She'd throw herself on the ground and scream uncontrollably. Now, even though I disliked her behavior, I still loved her tremendously. I don't stop loving my grandchildren or kick them out of the family because they do wrong things. I love them and work with them to develop the good character I know they need to succeed in life.

The same is true with God, our heavenly Father. He doesn't love our wrong behavior, but He certainly loves us. Romans 5:8 says that He proved His love for us by sending His Son "while we were still sinners." In other words, He didn't wait until we were righteous to send Jesus—He sent Jesus because we would never be righteous without Him!

Put On Your Robe

Isaiah 61:10 (NIV) says, "I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness..."

What does this mean for us? It means when we make mistakes, God literally has us covered with His robe of righteousness. So when the enemy comes against us with thoughts of guilt or condemnation, we can stand firm against his accusations. We can stand on God's Word and say...

"I am the righteousness of God in Christ. I am clothed in His righteousness—not mine. The Bible says that if I

confess my sin, God is faithful to forgive me and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I am loved!" (See 1 John 1:9)

God is on your side, and He wants you to feel good about yourself and the progress you are making. So don't spend your time frustrated because you haven't "arrived." God is not mad at you because you aren't perfect—He is only disappointed if you quit running the race!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's teaching resource *Knowing Who You Are in Christ*. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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worship

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April 16 - 7 p.m. Holy Saturday Prayer
worship

April 17 - 9 a.m. Sunday School;
9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday worship

April 19 - 8:30-11 a.m. Garage sale work
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If I can open doors of hope this day
By letting someone know that
others care;
If I can speak in words that seem
to say:
I know the heavy burdens that
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1. Is the book of John in the Old or
New Testament or neither?

2. In Matthew 17, from where did
Peter get money to pay the temple
tax? Mountaintop, Cupboard,
Fish's mouth, Ground

3. What did the angel who met
Joshua outside Jericho tell him to
remove? Belt, Cloak, Guilt, Shoes

4. From Mark 2 and Luke 5, what
was Matthew's other name?
Simon, Levi, Nergal, Ammon

5. Who/what was Caesarea
Philippi? Julius Caesar's wife,
Town, Tomb, Mountain

6. From Luke 3, how old was Jesus
at His baptism? A baby, 7, 12,
Around 30

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Fish's
mouth; 3) Shoes; 4) Levi; 5) Town;
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Period Number(s) 35,
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Period Number(s) 37,
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2014, are the owners
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Phase 2
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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. 0066, Use
Period Number(s) 16,
Phase 1

JAMES D PARIS,
JANET PARIS, JULIA
M MCVEY, JOANNE
L ALLISON, JERA
S COFIELD, 55
YOUNGS LAKE RD,
KIRKWOOD, IL 61447,
according to the Deed
dated August 29, 2004
and recorded under
File No. R2004 25285,
in the Office of the
Recorder of Deeds for
LaSalle County, Illinois,
on September 16,

2004, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0163, Use
Period Number(s) 20,
Phase 1
JAMES D PARIS,
JANET PARIS, JULIA
M MCVEY, JOANNE
L ALLISON, JERA
S COFIELD, 519
NORTH A STREET,
MONMOUTH, IL 61462,
according to the Deed
dated August 29, 2004
and recorded under
File No. R2004 25285,
in the Office of the
Recorder of Deeds for
LaSalle County, Illinois,
on September 16,
2004, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0163, Use
Period Number(s) 20,
Phase 1

JAMES D PARIS,
JANET PARIS, JULIA
M MCVEY, JOANNE
L ALLISON, JERA
S COFIELD, 1017
CEDAR RIDGE LN,
VERSAILLES, KY
40383, according to
the Deed dated August
29, 2004 and recorded
under File No. R2004
25285, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County,
Illinois, on September
16, 2004, are the
owners of the timeshare
estate to be foreclosed,
more particularly
described as Unit No.
0163, Use Period
Number(s) 20, Phase 1
JAMES D PARIS,
JANET PARIS, JULIA
M MCVEY, JOANNE
L ALLISON, JERA
S COFIELD, 1822

BASKET OAK DR, ST
CHARLES, MO 63303,
according to the Deed
dated August 29, 2004
and recorded under
File No. R2004 25285,
in the Office of the
Recorder of Deeds for
LaSalle County, Illinois,
on September 16,
2004, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0163, Use
Period Number(s) 20,
Phase 1

CLARENCE W
REIELS, DELORES
M REIELS, 9538 S
RICHMOND AVE,
EVERGREEN PARK, IL
60805, according to the
Deed dated January
30, 2013 and recorded
under File No. 2013
05460, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County,
Illinois, on March 14,
2013, are the owners
of the timeshare estate
to be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0406, Use
Period Number(s) 31,
Phase 6

CLARENCE W REIELS,
DELORES M REIELS,
9538 S RICHMOND
AVE, EVERGREEN
PARK, IL 60805,
according to the Deed
dated October 18, 2013
and recorded under File
No. 2013 26444, in the
Office of the Recorder
of Deeds for LaSalle
County, Illinois, on
November 27, 2013,
are the owners of the
timeshare estate to
be foreclosed, more
particularly described
as Unit No. 0103, Use
Period Number(s) 03,
Phase 2

MOISES RODRIGUEZ,
Y O L A N D A
RODRIGUEZ, 1715
BROOKWOOD DR,
WEST CHICAGO, IL
60185, according to
the Deed dated April
09, 2004 and recorded
under File No. R2004
10241, in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds
for LaSalle County,
Illinois, on April 23,
2004, 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

IN THE)
MATTER)Case
OF THE)No.
ESTATE)22-PR-56
OF)
OF)
ANNA E.)
SCHAMMEL,)
Deceased.)
CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of
the death of ANNA
E. SCHAMMEL, of
Mendota, Illinois.
Letters of Office were
issued on March
18, 2022 to LINDA
L. BERRY, 1205
Wisconsin Ave.,
Mendota, IL 61342, and
whose attorney is David
M. Kaleel, 806 Jefferson
Street, Mendota, Illinois
61342.

Claims against the
estate may be e-filed
in the Office of the
Circuit Clerk, Probate
Division, LaSalle
County Courthouse,
119 W. Madison St.,
Ottawa, IL 61350, or
with the Independent
representative, or
both, within 6 months
from the date of the
first publication of this
Notice, or if mailing
or delivery of a Claim
Notice from the
Independent Executor
is required, the date
stated in that Notice.
Any claim not filed on
or before the above stated
dates is barred.

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learn more and to select
a service provider. If
you need additional
help or have trouble
e-filing, visit [http://www.
illinoiscourts.gov/FAZ/
gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAZ/gethelp.asp).
Copies of a claim e-filed
with the Clerk must be
mailed or delivered
to the Independent
Executor and to the
Attorney within ten (10)
days after it has been
e-filed with the Clerk of
Court.
Dated this 18th day of
March, 2022.
Greg Vaccaro
Circuit Clerk-LaSalle
County Courthouse
119 W. Madison St.,
Ottawa, IL 61350
David M. Kaleel
Attorney for Executor
806 Jefferson St
Mendota, IL 61342
815-539-5616
kaleel5@frontier.com
Legal No. 0311 (3/30,
4/6, 4/13 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE

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given that on March 23,
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
Family Roots located at
851 6th Street LaSalle,
IL 61301.
Dated: March 23, 2022.
Jill Bruner Applicant.
Legal No. 0312 (3/30,
4/6, 4/13 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS

IN THE)
MATTER)No.
OF THE)22 PR 58
ESTATE)
OF)
GEORGE)
FOUNTAIN,)
Deceased.)

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the
death of GEORGE
FOUNTAIN, of
Mendota, Illinois.
Letters of Office were
issued on March 24,
2022 to BRENDA L.
DOBBS, 429 First
St., Stillman Valley,
IL 61084, and whose
attorney is David M.
Kaleel, 806 Jefferson
Street, Mendota, Illinois
61342.

Claims against the
estate may be e-filed
in the Office of the
Circuit Clerk, Probate
Division, LaSalle
County Courthouse,
119 W. Madison St.,
Ottawa, IL 61350, or
with the Independent
representative, or
both, within 6 months
from the date of the
first publication of this
Notice, or if mailing
or delivery of a Claim
Notice from the
Independent Executor
is required, the date
stated in that Notice.
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or before the above stated
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of: JACQUE-
LINE LEE CAMILLA
THOMAS,
Deceased.
2022 PR 42
Notice to Creditors
Pursuant to 755 ILCS
5/18-3
YOU ARE HEREBY
NOTIFIED that JAC-
QUELINE LEE CAMIL-
LA THOMAS of
Ottawa, Illinois died on
November 22, 2021 and
that GINA STOUTD,
2921 E 14th Road,
Ottawa, Illinois was ap-
pointed Independent
Administrator of the
Estate of JACQUELINE
LEE
CAMILLA THOMAS on
March 04, 2022. The at-
torney of record for the
Independent
Administrator is THOM-
AS L. JUSTICE, JR. of
THE JUSTICE LAW
FIRM, P.C., 719 Canal
Street, Suite A, Ottawa,
IL 61350.

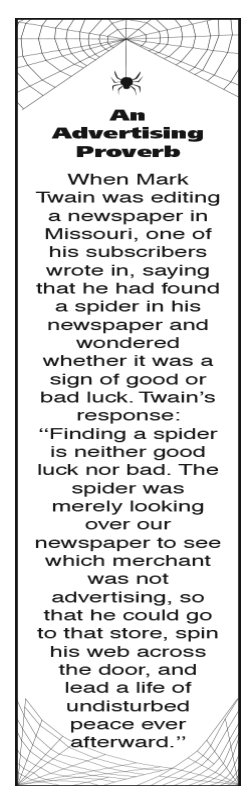
YOU ARE FURTHER
NOTIFIED that claims
must be filed on or be-
fore September 30,
2022, with the Indepen-
dent Administrator or
with the Clerk of the Cir-
cuit Court, 119 W.
Madison Street, Otta-
wa, Illinois 61350, or
both. Any claim not filed
by that date is barred.

If you
file a claim with the
Clerk of the Circuit
Court, within 10 days
after the claim is filed,
you are
required to mail or deliver
a copy of the claim to
the Independent Admin-
istrator and to his
attorney of record and
to file with the Court
proof of any required
mailing or delivery of
copies.

GINA STOUTD,
Independent Adminis-
trator
THOMAS L. JUSTICE,
JR.
ARDC #6286524
THE JUSTICE LAW
FIRM, P.C.
719 Canal Street
Ottawa, IL 61350
815-434-0709
No. 0314
(March 30, April 6, April
13, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is here-
by given that the Road
Commissioner of Troy
Grove Township, Troy
Grove, IL will receive
bids for construction of
a 60' x 120' equipment
shed. Bid specifications
may be obtained upon
request from the Town-
ship Clerk, @ (815)
539-7175. All bids are
to be received by the
Township Clerk on or
before 7:30 P.M. on
Tuesday, May 10, 2022,
and will be opened at
that time. The Road
Commissioner will
make his decision at a
later date and reserves
the right to waive any
technicalities or irregu-
larities and to reject any
and all bids or any part
thereof.
Mike Mathieu
Troy Grove Township
Road Commissioner
Dar Wujek
Troy Grove Township
Clerk
P.O. Box 54
Troy Grove, IL
61372
No. 0403
(April 13 and April 27,
2022)



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04112022

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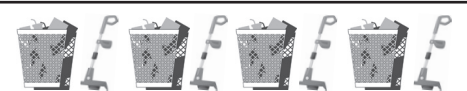
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If Interested, please call 815-539-7631 for more information or apply at the AppliTrack Employment link in the information box on our website at www.m289.org.



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NESTLED IN MENDOTA'S BEAUTIFUL LAKE SUBDIVISION! THIS SPECTACULAR 2100 SQ. FT HOME HAS BEEN METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED AND LOVED BY THE ORIGINAL OWNERS. YOU'LL BE IMPRESSED WHEN YOU STEP INSIDE THE FOYER WITH ALL OF THE PREMIUM FEATURES AND UPGRADES. SITUATED JUST STEPS FROM LAKE KAKUSHA AND LAKE MENDOTA YOU'LL ENJOY THE WALKING TRAILS AND PARKS. AT THE FRONT OF THE HOME THE X-LARGE WINDOWS INFUSE LIGHT INTO THE LARGE LIVING ROOM. ENJOY BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF THE LAKE WHILE VISITING WITH GUEST OR EATING DINNER IN THE DINING ROOM. SLIDING DOOR OPENS ONTO THE SPACIOUS "TIMBER TECH" DECK WITH STAIRCASE LEADING TO PROFESSIONALLY LANDSCAPED YARD. HOME BOAST PRACTICAL EAT IN KITCHEN WITH UPDATES: NEWER CABINETS/SINK/FAUCET/ DISHWASHER/PERGO FLOORING. FINISHING OFF THE MAIN LEVEL IS 3 SPACIOUS BEDROOMS, LOTS OF CLOSET SPACE AND FULL BATHROOM WITH NEWER COUNTER TOP. STEP INTO THE LOWER LEVEL FAMILY ROOM AND ENJOY THE ALL BRICK GAS FIREPLACE. THERE IS PLENTY OF SPACE FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINING! BASEMENT ALSO INCLUDES A FULL BATHROOM AND LAUNDRY ROOM. THE 2 CAR ATTACHED GARAGE OFFERS EXCELLENT FUNCTIONALITY FOR VEHICLES AND STORAGE. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THE HOME WAS RENOVATED WITH MANY UPDATES: FURNACE (2016) CENTRAL AIR (1999) LANDSCAPING (2011) DECK (2007) BATHROOM (2017) KITCHEN (1996) ROOF (2004) CEMENT DRIVEWAY (2005) GARAGE OPENER (2019) SOME NEWER FLOORING UPDATES (1994-2006). WIRING/LIGHTING AND NEWER GARAGE DOORS. WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME BY "THE LAKE"!

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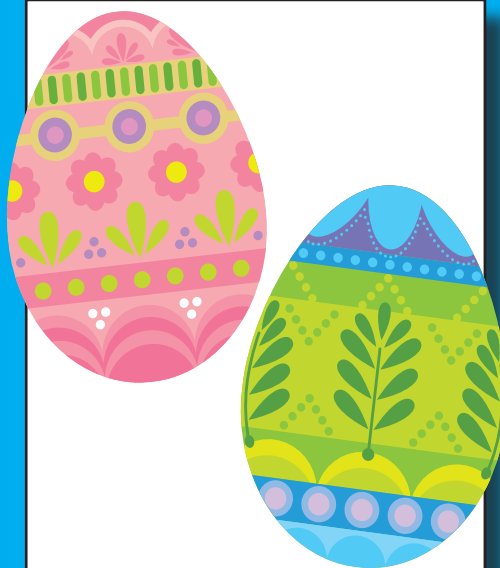
NEW LISTING



MLS# 11367085

1039 N. 45th Rd., Earlville

Great country property with beautiful old farm house, lots of character, old woodwork and very clean. The property also has a 32x64 pole building with concrete floors to go along with the 3 car attached garage and other outbuildings. Call McConville for all the amenities.



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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!



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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MLS# 11359904

1210 Jefferson St., Mendota \$134,000

Lots of updates to this 4 bedroom 2 1/2 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.



MLS# 11321118

220 Morrow St Unit B, Somonauk, \$189,900

Very nice 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath 2 story townhouse in Illowa Farms, Somonauk, IL. 2 car garage. Home is very economical to heat. Upstairs laundry is so convenient. All appliances stay but not warranted. Neutral colors throughout. Call McConville Realty for all the amenities.



MLS#11318247

746 Commercial St., Marseilles, IL \$99,900

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

