



New banners on Illinois Avenue

Decorative banner flags now adorn the light posts on Illinois Avenue in downtown Mendota. The banner flags were purchased by the Mendota Garden Club, and the city bought the hardware to mount the flags. The hardware is capable of holding larger flags also. It is hoped that other groups/organizations will sponsor additional seasonal flags or custom flags with their own logo. Anyone interested can contact either the city at 815-539-7459 or Steve Lauer of the Garden Club at 815-343-7364. In the meantime, the Garden Club is happy to make the street look alive and cared for. (Reporter photo)

Two officers join MPD

Fire response fees adjusted

By KIP CHEEK
Staff writer

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department welcomed two new officers to its team at the March 21 meeting of the Mendota City Council.

Brian Ehlert and Austin O’Sadnick took the oath of office from Dave McNally, chairman of the Police & Fire Commission.

Ehlert is originally from the Aurora area. He has served with the Bureau County Sheriff’s Department and also for a city police department in the state of Ohio. He has been a part-time officer with the Mendota department and will now serve in a full-time capacity. Ehlert has already graduated from the police academy and will be on the road patrolling on his own in 45 to 60 days.

O’Sadnick is a Mendota native, having graduated from Mendota High School in 2013. He is also a graduate of IVCC. O’Sadnick will begin at the police academy in Glen Ellyn on March 28.

Alderman Kyle Kim presented a pair of ordinances that the council approved.

The council amended Chapter 29 Section 2 of the Municipal Code regarding fees for non-emergency medical assistance. If the Mendota Fire Department responds to a call for assistance at an assisted living, skilled nursing or similar institutional residence facility to provide non-emergency assistance for a person who does not require any emergency medical services but only needs assistance such as the lifting of a patient, the following charges will apply: first assistance call - no charge; second assistance call - \$150; third and each subsequent call - \$300.

The council amended Chapter 22 Section



Dave McNally gives the oath of office to Brian Ehlert, top, and Austin O’Sadnick, who are joining the Mendota Police Department. (Reporter photos)

2 of the Municipal Code regarding fees for fire false alarms. Any person, firm or corporation having a fire alarm or fire sensor shall

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Illinois State Scholars named for Mendota H.S. class of ‘22

12 seniors recognized for outstanding academic achievement

MENDOTA—Mendota High School Principal Denise Aughenbaugh has announced that 12 students from the MHS graduating class of 2022 have been designated as Illinois State Scholars.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state’s college access and financial aid agency, presents this recognition of academic achievement to exceptional Illinois high school students annually. State Scholars are selected annually based on standardized test scores combined with sixth semester class rank. These exceptional students rank in approximately the top 10 percent of graduates from Illinois high schools.

MHS seniors achieving the honor of Illinois State Scholar for 2022 are Faith Anderson, Elly Buettner, Ted Landgraf, Paige Manning, Maya Martin, Meredith McConville, Liam McGann, Olivia Ross, Elizabeth Schillinger, Andrew Stamberger, Allison Stewart and Jacob Swope.

Anderson is the daughter of Mike and Kara Anderson of Mendota.

Her activities and awards include Drama Club, IMEA all-state choir, madrigals, Children and Family Ministry volunteer, Illinois Leadership Seminar, Mad Hatter recipient, BNC all-conference choir, solo & ensemble contest, American Legion Auxiliary award and Illini Girls State.

Her future plans are to attend Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., and major in education.

Buettner is the daughter of Doug and Allison Buettner of Mendota.

Her activities and awards include Spanish Club, Student Council, math team, volleyball, class officer, Yearbook Club, National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society.

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Illinois State Scholars for the Mendota High School class of 2022 include, front row, left to right, Elizabeth Schillinger, Olivia Ross, Elly Buettner, Maya Martin and Faith Anderson. Back row, Ted Landgraf, Jacob Swope, Andrew Stamberger, Liam McGann and Paige Manning. Not pictured: Meredith McConville, Allison Stewart. (Reporter photo)



Sublette Antique Tractor and Toy Show returns with a bang

SUBLETTE—It was a tale of two weather days for the 40th annual Sublette Antique Tractor and Toy Show held March 19-20.

The opening day was rainy, cool, and blustery but that didn’t dampen the spirits of the visitors who braved the conditions as they walked down Main Street. The first day of spring brought sunshine on Sunday and gave everyone a better opportunity to wander around and

gaze at the impressive variety of tractors including John Deere, New Holland, Case, Ford and International Harvester, the featured brand of the event. Some classics were completely restored, while others were in original condition dating back to the 1940s and 50s.

If your passion is toys, five buildings including the Sublette Community Building, Ellice Dinges Center, and Farmers Elevator Shed

were filled with miniature fun-size tractors, trucks, and cars. Completely using up every square inch of the stage of the community building, father and son ‘Double Collectors’ as their business card states, displayed an incredible array of Hot Wheels, Johnny Lightning, Greenlight, and Ertl cars, trucks, toys, and pedal cars, more than two thousand in all. You would think that it would take days to set up, but

according to Randy Withrow that wasn’t the case.

“My father Paul and I have a good system of setting up and it only takes a couple of hours,” he said. “Hopefully we’ll sell a lot and the takdown will be even quicker.”

If you were looking to buy, items ranged in price from a buck to hundreds of dollars.

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LOCAL AND AREA

MHS Interact, FFA students hosting a tree-planting event

MENDOTA – The Interact Clubs and FFA from Mendota High School are hosting a Tree-Planting event. Tree-Planting helps students plant trees to offset the amount of paper used in the school. The students' goal this year is 200 trees, which will offset 2 million pieces of paper used at school each year.

By using this website – <http://www.treeplanting-portal.com/> – people can go online and order a tree. Each tree costs \$5. The club is collecting donations to offset the \$5 cost so hopefully the day of the event the students can give people back their

money.

“We are really excited to bring our community together for such a great cause after such a long time apart,” said Maya Martin, Interact President.

The Interact Club is the high school portion of the Rotary Club of Mendota with over 30 members. It is a thriving service organization run by students. Alisa Stewart, Mendota High School science teacher, sponsors the club.

“You can't imagine how fortunate we are in Mendota to have so many kids willing to give back to the community,” stated Stewart.



Mendota High School students in the Interact Club and FFA are having a Tree-Planting event. Left to right, are Grace Wasmer, Ashley Garcia, Dessa Komitas, Abby Kuntz, Isabelle Escatel (Interact Club Treasurer), Alexis Escatel, Karli Mairs, Aliza Salinas-Cervantes (Interact Club Secretary) and Maya Martin (Interact Club President). (Photo contributed)

Household hazardous waste discarding event set for May 21

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

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



tions (excludes controlled substances).

Items not accepted are: latex paint, agricultural

wastes, propane tanks, business/commercial sector wastes, smoke detectors, explosives/ammunition,

farm machinery oil, fireworks, fire extinguishers, controlled substances, bio-hazard waste/medical waste/sharps, lead acid batteries, institutional wastes, electronics, tires.

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

Registration link also available at www.lasalle-county.org.

Registration is not open to businesses.

Event questions can be directed to LaSalle County Land Use Department at 815-434-8666 or landuse@lasallecounty.org.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Thursday was St. Patrick's Day and our students and staff were all dressed in green that day. The students enjoyed a variety of different activities. The leprechaun visited many classrooms and left treats and some messes for the students. Miss Akre's first grade students designed leprechaun traps, but they had no luck in catching the leprechaun!

Mrs. O'Sadnick's first grade WIN (What I Need) reading group has been busy practicing their reading skills. They have been recording themselves reading books and sharing that with other classes in the building along with Northbrook preschool. In addition, they have been busy going to kindergarten classrooms to read to them. The students have enjoyed this learning experience and it's great practice reading to others.

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Jace Ganther, Aubrianna Muro, Micah Farley, Matthew Krisch, Camilo Murillo, Aniyah Williams, Grace Piskie and Eastyn Pakenham. The winners were Valeria Gomez, Olivia Mathieu, Avery Foltyniewicz and Averie Falcon. Congratulations to all of you!

There is an early dismissal coming up on Friday, March 25. Kindergarten students will dismiss at 1:20 and first graders at 1:30. We will be serving lunch on this day.

We are beginning to plan for kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year. Once plans are finalized, information will be shared on the Blackstone webpage at www.mendota289.org, on the district Facebook page and in the newspaper.

Lee County Historical & Genealogical Society returning to in-person programs

DIXON – The Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society is opening again. Its first program will be Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at the society's office, 113 S. Hennepin Ave., Dixon.

Dan Wykes, a well-known Sauk Valley area historian, will present a program, “The Spaulding Company and the History of Baseball.”

There is no admission fee, the building

is handicapped accessible and the public is welcome. There is ample parking space directly across the street. Out of respect for others, please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated and boosted.

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LOCAL AND AREA

HONOR ROLL

Holy Cross School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

8th Grade High Honors

Addyson Allensworth, Maren Atherton, Alex Beetz, Anna Cyrocki, Laylie Denault, Dane Doyle, Mae Hagenbuch, Brody Hartt, Alex Holland, Addisyn Jones, Grady Jones, Gabriella Lewis, Peri Manning, Breanna Martinez, Kooper Novak, Lily Soliman, Ryan Soliman, Joseph Stewart, Aden Tillman,

8th Grade Honors

Josh Shakespeare, Nick Sheridan

7th Grade High Honors

Emily Diaz, Elaina Koch, Kara Miars, Alexandrew Tillman, Carter Wujek

7th Grade Honors

James Whitmore

6th Grade High Honors

Komen Denault, Corbin Doll, Karson Doyle, Bear Fitzpatrick, Leah Henkel, Kaylee MacDonald, Gaby Martinez, Kamilah Preciado, Maddox Rosales, Elsie Soliman, Ross Sondgeroth, Cole Tillman, Charley Wilson

6th Grade Honors

Hayley Diaz, Giselle Gonzalez, Shea Kreiser, Abby Magallanes, Ashlynn Rickels

5th Grade High Honors

Claire Atherton, Raegan Atherton, William Aughenbaugh, Eva Beetz, Joseph Cackley, Abigail Delao, Elesea Denk, Damien Dissell, Cal Doyle, Quinn Eddy, Liam Jones, Catherine Moench, Kyla Muhlstadt, Yulisia Quintana

4th Grade B.U.G. Roll

Leo Engels, Olivia Frank,

Lillee Monterastelli, Molly Wilson

3rd Grade B.U.G. Roll

Nicole Cervantes, Samantha Escatel, Paul Hochstatter, Sofia Lemus

2nd Grade B.U.G. Roll

Carissa Doll, Addison Mathesius, Juliana Ortiz

1st Grade B.U.G. Roll

Adan Delao, Frank Hochstatter, Cecilia Ortiz, Brooks Pawlowski, Ella Wujek

Kindergarten B.U.G. Roll

Stella Beetz, Sydney Beet, Emmersen Piller

LaSalle County Farm Bureau Foundation plans freezer meal fundraiser

OTTAWA – The LaSalle County Farm Bureau Foundation is having a freezer meals fundraiser. The freezer meals fundraiser offers 10 prepackaged meals. There are 2 options to choose from: Option 1 – serves four to five people for \$181.80; Option 2 – serves two people for \$90.90

The 10 meals are cheesy ham & potato soup, sausage breakfast casserole, cheesy chicken & potatoes, apple rosemary pork roast, creamy Tuscan garlic chicken, Mississippi mud pork roast, savory meatloaf, brown sugar hickory casserole, bacon Caesar chicken casserole, BBQ pulled pork.

These meals are prepared locally at one of the Prep, Freeze, Cook locations in Central Illinois using fresh ingredients – no preservatives. The 10 meals will be in a box for easy pick-up. All you to do is drive-thru to pick up your order on Thursday, April 7 between 4 and 6 p.m. at the LaSalle County Farm Bureau parking lot. Then just follow the easy heating



instructions on every meal and enjoy.

Orders are due by Monday, March 28, 2022 by noon. To order these meals, contact the LaSalle County Farm Bureau Foundation at (815) 433-0371. The meals may be ordered with a check made payable to LaSalle County Farm Bureau Foundation or credit card.

This fundraiser helps the Foundation continue its Ag-In-The-Classroom program that provides free lessons and supplies to fourth grade students in LaSalle County.

For more information on the program, please contact Kayla Kiefer at (815) 433-0371 or khinrichs@lcfb.org

EDUCATION BRIEFS

U of I names graduates, Dean's List students

CHAMPAIGN – The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has named its fall and winter graduates, and its fall semester Dean's List students.

Fall 2021 graduates include Esmeralda Arteaga of Mendota, bachelor of science in psychology, and Bryar Lindenmeyer of Mendota, bachelor of science in civil engineering.

Fall 2021 Dean's list members include Margaret Vaessen of Sublette, a freshman in the College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences.

December 2021 graduates include Brigantia O'Sadnick of Sublette, bachelor of science in photography.

Manning attends Dubuque scholars program

DUBUQUE, Iowa – More than 50 high school seniors attended the University of Dubuque's Second Century Scholars Program on Feb. 18 on campus.

Among the students attending the program was Paige Manning, a senior at Mendota High School. She is the daughter of Steve and Valerie Manning.

The program awards two renewable full-tuition scholarships as well as significant one-time scholarships to incoming first-year University of Dubuque (UD) students who show a wide-ranging curiosity about their world, a strong capacity for self-discipline, and a passion for academic excellence in service to their communities.

"These are students who will perpetuate the Mission of the University of Dubuque in thought, word, and deed," said Lara Fluhr, director of admission at UD.

In order to be considered for a Second Century Scholars Award, students must have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.7 and participate in the scholars' day on campus. The day included a series of interviews and a writing exercise. Additionally, students learned about the UD's Scholar-Leader Honors Program and met with faculty and students. The day concluded with a dinner and recognition ceremony.

Students were presented a Certificate of Achievement

by UD Chairman of the Board of Trustees Joseph Chlapaty (C'68, DHL'98) and his spouse, Linda, during the recognition ceremony.

K. Meloy chosen to IWU Fall 2021 Dean's List

BLOOMINGTON – Kennedy Meloy of Earlville was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2021-22 academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University. Meloy is a junior majoring in Nursing.

Meloy was among 734 students from 28 states and 17 countries named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0 for straight As.

Founded in 1850, Illinois Wesleyan is a nationally recognized, highly selective liberal arts university. The University is exclusively undergraduate and enrolls approximately 1,700 students from across the nation and around the globe.

M. DeFore named to Mount Mary Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Mary E. DeFore of Utica, a 2021 graduate of Mendota High School, has been named to the Mount Mary University Fall 2021 Dean's List. She is studying business administration.

The Dean's List honors full-time students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or better while taking 12 or more credits during the recent semester. Part-time students are eligible for the Dean's List when they have earned a 3.6 GPA or better while completing at least 6 credits.

Mount Mary University leads the Midwest for supporting and graduating students of all backgrounds. According to the 2022 Best Colleges Report by U.S. News and World Report, Mount Mary is ranked #1 in the Midwest as the top-performing school for social mobility, ensuring undergraduate women of all backgrounds succeed.

Sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Mount Mary is a diverse and inclusive urban Catholic university located in Milwaukee, Wis., committed to social justice through more than 30 undergraduate majors for women and 10 graduate programs for women and men. Visit mtmary.edu.

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Mendota Weather

March 23, 2022

Seven Day Forecast

Wednesday
Showers Likely
High: 53 Low: 35

Thursday
Scattered Rain
High: 41 Low: 34

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 52 Low: 32

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 45 Low: 26

Sunday
Partly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 27

Monday
Few Showers
High: 46 Low: 26

Tuesday
Few Showers
High: 47 Low: 29

In-Depth Forecast

Wednesday we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 95% chance of showers, high temperature of 53°, humidity of 85%. South southwest wind 6 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for Wednesday is 80° set in 2012. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday night with an 80% chance of showers, overnight low of 35°. Northwest wind 10 mph. The wind chill for Wednesday night could reach 30°.

Last Week's Local Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	64	36	43/25	0.00"
Tuesday	61	33	44/25	0.00"
Wednesday	71	39	44/26	0.00"
Thursday	71	47	45/26	0.00"
Friday	47	41	45/26	0.13"
Saturday	49	35	46/27	0.02"
Sunday	65	33	46/27	0.00"

Regional Cities

City	Wednesday		Thursday	
	Hi/Lo	Wx	Hi/Lo	Wx
Aurora	55/37	ra	50/35	rs
Champaign	61/39	ra	56/35	ra
Chicago	54/38	ra	50/36	ra
Freeport	50/36	ra	46/32	ra
Joliet	58/38	ra	55/35	sh
Moline	53/36	ra	49/32	ra
Peoria	59/38	ra	56/35	ra
Rockford	48/35	ra	41/32	rs
Springfield	58/38	ra	55/35	ra

Rainfall 0.15"
Normal rainfall 0.57"
Departure -0.42"

Average temp 49.4°
Average normal 35.4°
Departure +14.0°

Data as reported from Peru, Ill.

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Last 3/25	Wednesday	6:54 a.m.	7:12 p.m.	12:37 a.m.	9:59 a.m.	First 4/9
	Thursday	6:52 a.m.	7:13 p.m.	1:51 a.m.	10:47 a.m.	
	Friday	6:51 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	2:59 a.m.	11:46 a.m.	
	Saturday	6:49 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	3:57 a.m.	12:54 p.m.	
New 4/1	Sunday	6:47 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	4:44 a.m.	2:07 p.m.	Full 4/16
	Monday	6:46 a.m.	7:17 p.m.	5:23 a.m.	3:21 p.m.	
	Tuesday	6:44 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	5:54 a.m.	4:34 p.m.	

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

UV Index

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

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Weather Trivia

Does carrying an umbrella increase your chances of being struck by lightning?

Answer: Probably, but standing next to a metal object will make it more likely.

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see cloudy skies with widespread showers and isolated thunderstorms, highest temperature of 65 in Jeffersonville, Ind. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 88 in Tampa, Fla. The central United States will see partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 75 in Laredo, Texas. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with the highest temperature of 72 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see clear skies with the highest temperature of 90 in San Bernardino, Calif.

Weather History

March 23, 1913 - A vicious tornado hit the city of Omaha, Neb. The tornado struck during the late afternoon on Easter Sunday, and in just 12 minutes it cut a path of total destruction five miles long and two blocks wide, killing 94 people and causing 3.5 million dollars in damage.

March 24, 1989 - Low pressure off the coast of Virginia brought heavy rain to the mid-Atlantic Coast states and heavy snow to the northern Appalachians. Cape Hatteras, N.C. was soaked with 5.2 inches of rain in 24 hours, and snowfall totals in Vermont ranged up to 12 inches.

Who's Left in the Mendota NCAA Contest?

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Texas Tech

Sports-N-Stuff

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Maze Lumber

North Carolina

JC's Headquarters

UCLA

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Purdue

Financial Plus Credit Union

Saint Peter's

First State Insurance

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Vaessen Bros

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Steven A. Alexander

MENDOTA – Steven A. Alexander, 61, of Mendota, passed away March 17, 2022 at Aperion Care, Spring Valley.

There will be no services and burial will be private. Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota is assisting the family.

Steven was born April 30, 1960 in Mauston, Wis., to Ralph and Evelyn (Dallman) Alexander.

He is survived by his sister Lora Alexander of Amboy and his brother Scott Alexander of LaSalle.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Diane “Sue” (Clark) Alexander in 2018, whom he was married to for over 35 years, and his parents.

Steven graduated from Mendota High School in 1979 and received his bachelor’s degree from Northern Illinois University. During his working career, he was employed by Mendota Community Hospital and OSF Saint Paul Medical Center.

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



Esther M. Lachat

DIXON – Esther Marie Lachat, 80, of Dixon, formerly of Bemidji, Minn., passed away on March 19, 2022.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Funeral services will be on Thursday March 24, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. prior to mass on March 24, at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1942 in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of Joseph and Leona M. (Klein) Lachat.

Esther is survived by her grandson John, her siblings Eugene Lachat of Ozark, Ark., Francis (Dean Ann) Lachat of Amboy, Eileen Helfrich of Dodge City, Kan., Nora Woolley of Braselton, Ga., Jerome Lachat of Braselton, Ga., Therese (Chester) Smith of Franklin Grove, David (JoAnn) Lachat of Olympia, Wash., Joseph (Pat) Lachat of Franklin Gove, Michele (Larry) Houghtby of Waterman, Christina (David) Shaw of Amboy, her aunt Darlene Klein of Metamora, and uncle Norbert (Rose) Lachat of Russia, Ohio. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, along with many great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, significant other Andrew Janssen, and their daughter Andrea Janssen.

A memorial has been established to the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.



IVCC to bring back full-time food service in August

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College will again have a full-time food service starting with the fall semester Aug. 15.

Board members approved a one-year contract with Arbor Management to provide full food service for \$2,500 a month. Arbor presently works with Mendota, Rochelle and Streator high schools, among others, said Vice President for Business Services Matt Seaton.

Until Arbor opens in the cafeteria and cyber cafe in fall, IVCC will again schedule food trucks for late spring and summer.

The meeting began with a presentation on student demographics by Vice President for Student Services Mark Grzybowski.

IVCC continues to do a good job recruiting recent high school graduates, Grzybowski said. Last fall, 18-year-olds accounted for 23.2 percent of total enrollment, up 2 percent from 2018.

“This indicates the positive impact we are making with our traditional high

school age students,” Grzybowski said.

IVCC President Jerry Corcoran agreed saying, “Our outreach to high school students is paying off. Thanks again to the board for supporting a tuition freeze for another year and allowing the administration to continue exploring incentive-retention programs with resources from HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund).”

“I urge high school students and their parents to take advantage of these opportunities while they can,” Corcoran added.

In other action, the board placed the Process Operators certificate on inactive status. The program was created to address a perceived need for lab technicians in industry but student demand never materialized.

The board learned:

- Non-tenured faculty renewed for the coming academic year were Christina Boughton and Samantha Whiteaker, nursing; Cathy Lenkaitis, nursing lab; Jon-

athan Hubbell, criminal justice; Nancy McDonnell, cybersecurity; Theresa Molln, welding; Emily Morgan, math; Rick Pretzsch, economics; Charles Raimondi, electricity and electronics; and Kaity Ritter, Certified Medical Assistant.

- Early Childhood Education’s accreditation with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has been deactivated. As a “Gateways-Entitled Institution” the program now reports to Gateways.

- Tracy Schwemlein was hired as staff accountant in the Business Office and Angela Partridge as an administrative assistant in Student Services.

- IVCC’s financial aid default rate dropped from 7.9 percent in 2018 to 2.2 percent in 2019, said IVCC President Jerry Corcoran. The primary reason for the decrease was the pause in student loan repayments due to COVID-19. There is a three-year lag in default reporting.

- The annual employee

recognition reception is Friday, April 22 at Grand Bear Resort in Utica. Social Hour begins at 4 p.m. with hors d’oeuvres at 4:30 and awards at 5:30.

- Automotive technology instructor Art Koudelka won the 2022 Stephen Charry Teaching Excellence award and Human Resources administrative assistant Paula Hallock the Connie Skerston Memorial Award for Support Staff Distinguished Service. Both will be recognized at the April 22 event.

- A Feb. 23 Black History Month event featured David “DJ” Lee discussing the influence of Hip Hop and Rap on American Culture. The Edible Car Contest, that same day, drew a crowd of competing schools and guests.

- A staff development day included an active shooter presentation by Oglesby police.

- Corcoran and Seaton met recently with Oglesby officials to discuss, among other things, contracting for a full-time Oglesby police officer on campus.

America’s beloved Purple Martins return to Illinois

ERIE, Pa. – In a sure sign of spring’s arrival, the first Purple Martins of the year have been spotted in Illinois.

The birds were seen on March 1 in Millstadt near St. Louis by a Purple Martin enthusiast – one of many throughout the eastern and central United States who track and report on the birds’ annual migration on behalf of the Purple Martin Conservation Association. The migration of these unique birds can be reported and tracked through a community science project called the Scout-Arrival Study.

“The first Purple Martin arrivals of the season are always an exciting event,” said Joe Siegrist, President of the Purple Martin Conservation Association. “Tracking the migration is not only fun, it also provides us with valuable information that helps inform our research and strengthen our efforts to make sure we’re doing everything possible to sustain the population of these amazing birds.”

North America’s largest species of swallow, Purple Martins winter in the rainforests of Brazil before making up to a 7,000-mile migration north into the eastern United States and Canada.

The annual migration is a testament to the martins’ resilience as well as the unwavering dedication of thousands of ‘martin landlords’ who maintain multi-compartment nest ‘condos’ that are essential for the birds’ survival. Once widespread in rural America, this species, that eats billions of flying insects annually, has been disappearing at an alarming rate, experiencing a loss of one-third of its population over the last 50 years.

“The decline seems to be the combination of a few factors: nesting habitat loss, competing invasive species, decreasing prey availability, and climate change,” said Siegrist. “Over the majority of the Purple Martins’ range, they are unable to nest naturally any longer. Human-provided nest boxes are the only thing keeping the species alive east of the Rocky Mountains.”

Siegrist says the very survival of the species is due in large part to scores of dedicated conservationists who invest their time, money and hearts into maintaining housing for the martins.

“The landlords provide critical shelter for the martins,” Siegrist said. “In return, they are rewarded with a

family-like bond with the birds who return to the same colony year after year like clockwork.”

To follow along with the Purple Martins’ migration and learn more about how you can help ensure the future of Purple Martins, visit www.purplemartin.org. In addition, people interested in learning more about how to attract and care for Purple Martins can receive a free booklet by contacting the Purple Martin Conservation Association by emailing info@purplemartin.org or calling 814-833-7656.

Based in Erie, Pa. the Purple Martin Conservation Association is an international tax exempt, nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of the Purple Martin through scientific research, state of the art wildlife management techniques and public education.

The PMCA serves as a centralized data-gathering and information source on the species, serving both the scientist and Purple Martin enthusiast. The PMCA’s mission is educating martin enthusiasts in the proper techniques for managing this human-dependent species.

IVCC offering vaccine clinic

OGLESBY – Walk-ins are welcome but advanced registration is encouraged for a free COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Illinois Valley Community College from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29 in Room CTC124.

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Her future plans are to attend Marquette University in Milwaukee and major in accounting.

Landgraf is the son of Mitch and Tammy Landgraf of Mendota.

Among his activities and awards are Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Illini Boys' State, Homecoming attendant, band, math team, football, basketball, baseball, Illinois State Scholar, MHS Honor Banquet, student helper, Pulley commendations, Interact, volunteer in numerous organizations and events.

His future plans are to attend the University of Illinois and major in computer science.

Manning is the daughter of Steve and Valerie Manning of Mendota.

Her activities and awards include volleyball, basketball, softball, Scholastic Bowl, academic team, math team, National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society.

Her future plans are to attend the University of Dubuque and major in biology with a goal of becoming a physician's assistant in orthopedics. She will also be a member of the softball team.

Martin is the daughter of Jason and Lisa Martin of Mendota.

Her activities and awards include National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, math team, volleyball, academic challenge, class president, Interact, Student Council, ILMEA all-state choir, madrigals, school musicals and plays, Lions Honor Banquet, Homecoming attendant, Drama Club, BNC all-conference choir, MHS Honor Banquet, Homecoming and Prom committees.

Her future plans are to attend Loyola University in Chicago and major in neuroscience and psychology and pursue a graduate degree in neuropsychology.

McConville is the daughter of Joe McConville and Emily McConville of Mendota.

Among her activities and awards are volleyball, Student Council, math team, Yearbook Club, Interact, Spanish Club and volunteering in the community.

Her future plans are to attend the University of Illinois-Chicago with an

undecided major.

McGann is the son of Patrick and Kimberly McGann of Earlville.

His activities and awards include golf, band, choir, school plays and musicals, madrigals, National Honor Society and Illinois State Scholar.

His future plans are the attend IVCC and then transfer to a four-year school to become a high school/middle school history teacher.

Ross is the daughter of Kirk and Kathy Ross of Mendota.

Her activities and awards include Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, John Becker Award, all-state choir, band, madrigals, Drama Club and bowling.

Her future plans are to attend a four-year university and major in psychology.

Schillinger is the daughter of Jeff and Cathy Schillinger of Earlville.

Her activities and awards include FFA, band, academic challenge, Interact, National Honor Society, Illinois State Scholar, Illinois FFA state degree, madrigals, tae kwon do and pumpkin stand owner.

Her future plans are to attend a four-year university and major in plant sciences.

Stamberger is the son of Jayson and Rebecca Stamberger of LaMoille.

Among his activities and awards are FFA, Drama Club, school plays, choir, band, madrigals, solo & ensemble, cross country, tennis, 4-H, technology team, math team, National Honor Society, Illinois State Scholar, SAR Award and Lions Honor Banquet.

His future plans are to attend college and major in mechanical engineering.

Stewart is the daughter of Jason and Cheryl Stewart of Mendota.

Her activities and awards include cheerleading, Spanish Club, math team, Spanish National Honor Society, National Honor Society and Illinois State Scholar.

Her future plans are to attend a four-year university and major in psychology and neuroscience to become a psychiatrist.

Swope is the son of Mark Swope of West Brooklyn and Rebecca Bond of Mendota.

His activities and awards include academic challenge and Illinois State Scholar.

His future plans are to attend IVCC.

Crowded GOP field lines up to challenge Pritzker, Stratton

By PETER HANCOCK
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Seven teams of Republicans and one team of Democrats have lined up to challenge Gov. JB Pritzker and Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton in the 2022 elections.

March 14 was the deadline for candidates to turn in their nominating petitions to the Illinois State Board of Elections to get their names on the June 28 primary ballot.

Candidates who were in line at 8 a.m. on the first day of filing, March 7, will enter a lottery for a chance to have their names listed first on the ballot. But those who filed in the final hour before 5 p.m. Monday, March 14, have a chance to be listed last on the ballot.

Some studies have suggested being listed first or last in a crowded field of candidates improves a candidate's chances, especially in races where the candidates have low name recognition.

The State Board of Elections was to have certified the petitions March 21. In the meantime, candidates and party officials may try to challenge other candidates' petition signatures.

Among the last to file in the governor's race were Republicans Jesse Sullivan, of Petersburg, and his running mate Kathleen Murphy, of Warrenville.

"To be honest, it's not a beautiful day today and any day I don't have to be next to a bunch of other politicians and we get to be outsiders stepping into this race, it's a good, day," Sullivan said to reporters outside the State Board of Elections office in Springfield just before turning in his petitions.

"Yeah, we're not looking for a photo op with Gov. Pritzker. We were looking to turn in the best petitions possible to represent the people who worked so hard to help us get them," Murphy said.

Sullivan, a political newcomer and owner of the venture capital firm Alter Global LLC, and Murphy, a former spokeswoman for former state Rep. and 2018 GOP gubernatorial hopeful Jeanne Ives, will face formidable competitors for the 2022 nomination.

Those include Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin and his running mate, state Rep. Avery Bourne, of Morrisville.

Another late filer was GOP gubernatorial candidate Max Solomon, of Hazel Crest, and his running mate, Latasha Fields, of Chicago. According to his website, Solomon is a native of Nigeria who now practices law in the Chicago area, while Fields is the founder of Christian Home Educators Support System.

They join other teams of candidates who filed earlier: state Sen. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, and his running mate Stephanie Trussell of Lisle; Bull Valley businessman Gary Rabine and his running mate Aaron Del Mar of Palatine; former state Sen. Paul Schimpf, of Waterloo, and his running mate Carolyn Schofield of Crystal Lake; and the team of Emily Johnson, of Wheaton, and Bret Mahlen, of Orland Park, members of the group We Are the People Illinois, which has called for investigations into unfounded claims of voter fraud in the 2020 elections. The website for the group identifies it as consisting of "over 200 people."

One other GOP candidate, Keisha Smith, of Country Club Hills, filed for governor without a running mate, something that a State Board of Elections spokesman said could be grounds for objection and disqualification because state law requires candidates for governor and lieutenant governor to run as a team.

Pritzker and Stratton also face one challenge from within their own party, Beverly Miles, a nurse and U.S. Army veteran from Chicago, and her running mate Karla Shaw.

Constitutional officers
Illinois voters this year will also choose candidates for other constitutional offices. The most contentious of those will likely be for the office of secretary of state, where incumbent Jesse White is stepping down after six terms in office.

On the Democratic side, former state Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias and Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia appear to be the leading

candidates, while Chicago Alderman David Moore and charity director Sidney Moore, of Homewood, are also in the race.

On the Republican side, former U.S. Attorney John Milhiser, of Springfield, and state Rep. Dan Brady, of Bloomington, are competing for the nomination. Also in the race is former Chicago police officer Michelle Turney, who also affiliates with the group We Are the People Illinois.

In the race for attorney general, three Republicans have lined up to challenge incumbent Democrat Kwame Raoul. They include Thomas DeVore, the southern Illinois lawyer best known for his lawsuits challenging Pritzker's COVID-19 mitigations; Deerfield attorney Steve Kim; and David Shestokas, a former assistant state's attorney for Cook County who is a hearing officer for the Chicago Board of Elections.

In the race for state treasurer, Republican state Rep. Tom Demmer, of Dixon, and Lake Bluff resident Patrice McDermund, also of We Are the People Illinois, will vie to challenge incumbent Democrat Michael Frerichs.

And in the race for Illinois comptroller, Republicans Shannon Teresi, a certified public accountant from Crystal Lake, and Michael Kinney, of Carol Stream, will compete for the nomination to challenge incumbent Democrat Susana Mendoza.

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The next regular meeting of the Mendota City Council will be Monday, April 4 at 5:30 p.m.

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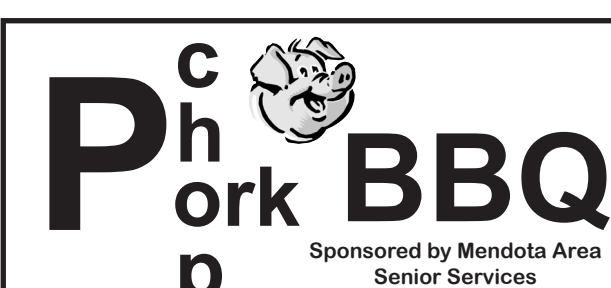
If you preferred something a little different, there were choices for almost all tastes, like vintage Hesston Rodeo belt buckles, homemade quilts, made-to-order decorative wood carvings, gourmet dog treats, and the old reliable Avon products. The passion and dedication of the participants wasn't lost on first-time show guest Shannon Sloane from Zionsville Ind.

"I think that the extensive collections are very impressive and they seem to have a lot of time and money invested," Sloane shared. "It's fun to see people's hobbies and what they have to say and offer. I'm glad that I came."

A 50-50 raffle, food booths run by the area 4-H clubs, a fireman's-hosted pancake breakfast and the proceeds from this fundraiser, help benefit the community of approximately 450 residents.

"Our slogan has been that we are 'the small town with the big tractor and toy show,'" explained Sublette Village President John Stenzel. "We hope to carry on this tradition for many years to come."

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Politicians’ spouses often targeted

By Scott Reeder

SPRINGFIELD – I always feel bad for the spouses. When politicians get charged with a crime, the political powers that be go after their mates too.

Early this month, Gov. JB Pritzker booted Shirley Madigan from her position as chair of the Illinois Arts Council. It’s a position that she served well and ably in for 37 years.



When she took that job, Ronald Reagan was president, J.B. Pritzker was in high school and House Speaker Chris Welch was in the third grade.

In the decades I covered state government, I’ve never heard a bad word about her. Ever.

She has done remarkable work on behalf of the people of Illinois

bringing art programs throughout the Land of Lincoln. For example, last month my oldest daughter competed in a poetry recital sponsored by the Arts Council.

And she has developed partnerships with public television to educate viewers about Illinois artists. The job is voluntary. She has never received a dime for her work but has contributed mightily.

But this month Pritzker said he wants to take the council in a new direction and fired her. No one believes the governor. He gave her the boot because her husband former Speaker Mike Madigan is in trouble and Pritzker wants to distance himself.

So, a few hours before Mike Madigan was indicted on corruption charges, Pritzker picked up the phone and called him to let him know his wife was fired. Oh, they dressed it up a bit and let her submit her resignation. But you get the idea.

The implications of the conversation were clear: a powerful man was talking to a once powerful man and letting him know his wife’s fate. She wasn’t a part of the conversation. She was treated as an appendage, not someone contributing in her own right, not even worthy of being spoken to directly when being let go.

It smacks of sexism.

Now, I’ll be the first to say that the governor has every right to put whoever he wants into that job. And no one owns a job forever. But one has to ask if this is a gracious way to cut someone loose. Her only transgression would appear to be that she is married to the wrong fellow.

No doubt, some will say she almost certainly wouldn’t have received the position if it wasn’t for her husband. I won’t argue that. But I’ll also point out that anyone who gets elected to high office in Illinois or serves in a prestigious post like heading the Arts Council is there because they have the backing of powerful, influential people.

A few years ago, I heard similar sentiments expressed against Illinois Chief Justice Anne Burke.

“Illinois voters should be appalled that Justice Burke has been named chief justice in the wake of her husband being under federal investigation. It’s scandalous that we would have a couple like that, the wife of an indicted alderman sitting as the Chief Justice of our Supreme Court. In Illinois, you just can’t make it up,” former state Rep. Jeanne Ives told the DuPage Policy Journal.

Anne’s husband, Ed Burke is Chicago’s longest-serving alderman. He faces 14 federal corruption charges.

And let me emphasize this: Both Burke and Madigan are merely accused of breaking the law. They have not stood trial or been convicted of a crime. In the United States of America, a person is innocent until proven guilty.

Regular readers of this column know my strong libertarian sentiments. I’m skeptical of government. I’m not a fan of either Mike Madigan or Ed Burke’s political philosophies.

That’s OK. In a democracy, we want diverse points of view in the public forum. While I admire the work and intellect of Anne Burke and Shirley Madigan, I haven’t always agreed with their positions, either. But this isn’t a defense or an endorsement of either person’s policy positions.

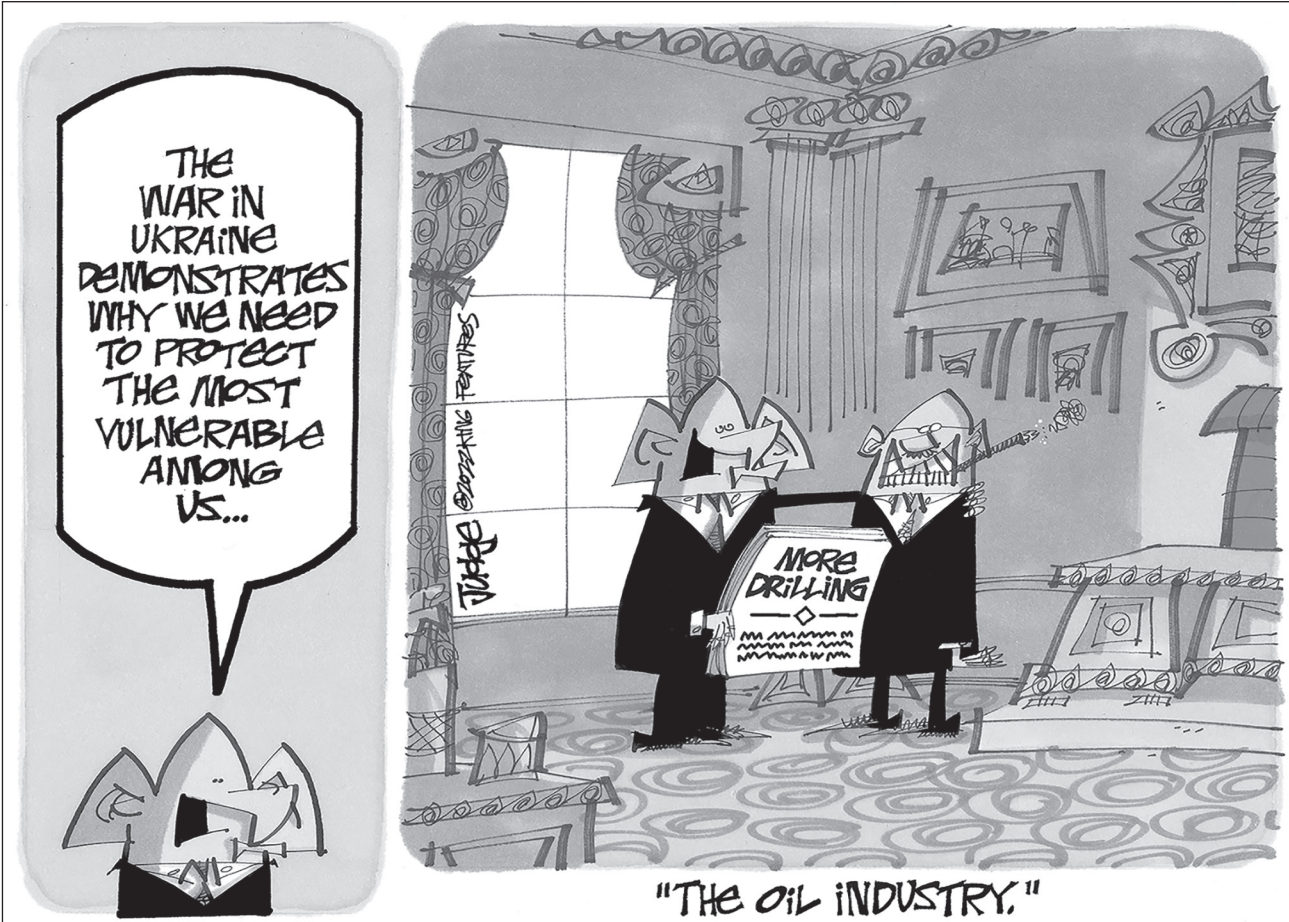
It’s merely an observation that in the American legal system relatives of those accused of crimes are not punished simply for their kinship. And the American sense of fair play would seem to command that should be the case for public life as well.

Even after her husband, former Gov. George Ryan, went to prison, his wife Lura Lynn continued to serve on the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. She was instrumental in helping make the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum a reality.

President Barack Obama sought her out when he spoke in Springfield to honor our sixteenth president. That was a kindness that spoke well of the man. He gained nothing by talking to the wife of a convicted politician. But that didn’t stop him from according her the dignity and respect she deserved.

It sets an example of graciousness worthy of emulation.

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



Third Ward round-up – 1951

(The following is from Jessica Nashold’s Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from March 21, 2001.)

By Jessica Nashold

There was excitement in the Third Ward 50 years ago. An eastbound truck on Sixth Street was turning left onto Sixth Avenue about 5:30 p.m. when a rack broke loose, releasing 15 hogs and four cows. One calf was a casualty, and local residents joined in a round-up of the others. They were herded down to the Tri-County Fairgrounds where the cows spent the night in the cattle barn. The hogs were returned to the truck and later both cattle and hogs were loaded into a second truck to continue on their way.

Among programs designed to benefit the hospital building fund drive was an appearance by the Gamma Phi Circus from Illinois State Normal University on March 15, 1951. This was sponsored by the Lions Club and held in the MHS gym.

In a school-wide election, Jean Herbert was chosen by her fellow students to be Circus Queen. Her court included Helen Bunton, Nancy Gove, Evelyn Sollitt and Susann Schmitt. The crowd was gratifying.

Children gave their places in the bleachers to adults, and sat on the floor.

Postmaster Etta Lutz informed Mendotans that a recent surge in chain letters would not be tolerated by the post office department.

These letters were in the form of prayers and in many cases included names of officers in local lodges. Postmaster Lutz said penalties would be substantial.

Writers had better heed this warning.

Kiwanis organized an Easter Egg Hunt at the MHS athletic field. Oden Jordal was in charge and called for volunteers to dye 60 dozen eggs and help hide them in the field. A large crowd

Backtracks & Sidetracks

of boys and girls ranging from toddlers through sixth grade participated. The starting whistle was blown at 2 p.m. Easter Sunday afternoon.

On March 15, 1951, contributions totaling \$6,450 would secure an anonymous \$10,000 donation to the hospital fund drive. This \$16,450 was the amount still needed to complete the hospital.

Mayor Glenn Momeny issued a proclamation that on Good Friday, March 23, 1951, all business activity, insofar as possible, would cease in the city between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. This would enable the business community to attend religious services during those hours.

Navy Mothers were planning a “Jelly Shower” for wounded veterans with a goal of 200 jars of jam and jelly in the local unit. They also organized a sewing day to cut and stitch “scuffies” for which there was a never-ending demand.

The spring of 1951 brought California Packing Corporation advice from the U.S. Department of Defense. A large percentage of the 1951 pack would be needed to feed the Armed Forces.

All food processing plants in the Midwest were being urged to “pack to the limit of capacity.”

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A Holy Cross basketball team earned the Bishop Schlarman traveling trophy

in the Peoria Diocese Tournament. The team also earned the championship trophy in the Illinois Valley Parochial Tournament. Dick McMahon was holding his MVP trophy in a team picture, which included players, coaches and the Very Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Wissing.

Local physicians administered tuberculosis tests at Mendota High School. They were assisted by Maryland Pope, school nurse, Mrs. Rollins, Marilee Emerick, Sue Yost, Norma Kaufman and Mary Wolfe.

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Those attending a St. Patrick’s Day party at the Kanteen on March 17, 1951, were required to wear something green. They danced to music of Schlesinger’s Band. Admission was 10 cents.

The Mendota Reporter carried numerous help wanted ads in 1951, while the U.S. was involved in a United Nations action to protect South Korea from the Communist North.

Mendota Trouser Co. wanted girls and women to operate power sewing machines and men skilled in cutting and pressing. Illinois Farm Supply needed men in the feed mill and office help.

Conco Engineering Works advertised for both men and women for “defense work.” At Black Bros., both assemblers and mechanics were wanted. They also desired a man or woman with “a good command of the English language” to dictate promotional business letters. California Packing Corp. needed both men and women for work in the plant.

The Mendota Rural Tavern Association, representing seven taverns outside city limits, took advertising space to persuade voters to vote NO on a referendum that would virtually put them out of business. In the election there were 214 NO votes and 79 YES votes.

Trump didn’t cause the Ukraine War

By Rich Lowry

More than a year into the Biden presidency, Vladimir Putin has invaded a sovereign neighboring country and, of course, everyone knows who’s to blame -- Biden’s predecessor.

In an instance of misdirection for the ages, a spate of commentary has pointed the finger at Donald Trump for supposedly creating the predicate for Putin’s brutalizing of Ukraine.

There’s no doubt that Trump has long had an apparently uncontrollable reflex to say warm things about Vladimir Putin. He foolishly mused about pulling out of NATO. And his withholding of aid to Ukraine for a partisan political purpose -- to pressure the Ukrainian government to uncover dirt related to the Bidens -- was a tawdry abuse of power (and led to his first impeachment).

No one should hold Trump up as a paragon, but to blame him for sparking a delayed-fuse geopolitical cataclysm that just happened to explode on Biden’s watch is wholly ridiculous.

Trump critic retired Lt. Col Alexander Vindman, who had a star turn as a witness at Trump’s first impeachment, says Trump emboldened Putin and left Ukraine unprepared to defend itself. Former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch says Trump sent the world the message that Ukraine was a mere pawn. A piece in The New York Review of Books says Trump “paved Putin’s way.”

There is no support for this argument in a world where facts and logic -- or basic chronology -- mean something.

First of all, Russia had grabbed Crimea and started a long-running war in Eastern Ukraine in 2014, long before anyone had any idea that Donald Trump would run for president, let alone win. It clearly didn’t take Trump to give Putin the idea that he could get away with invading Ukraine -- he invaded Ukraine and got away with it under the administration of Barack Obama, when, by the way, Joe Biden was vice president.

It is now widely acknowledged that the sanctions back then were too timid, a concession that Obama officials let Putin off too lightly. Surely, that must have figured into the Russian leader’s calculation whether to invade yet again.

Then, there’s the fact that Barack Obama steadfastly resisted providing Ukraine lethal aid -- after it had already been invaded. Bipartisan opposition to Obama didn’t move him. He believed deeply in the appeaser’s logic that it would be too “provocative” to give Ukraine weapons simply to defend itself.

Again, Trump had nothing to do with this misbegotten decision; indeed, he criticized it.

Trump’s offense in 2019 was to delay military aid -- including Javelin missiles -- that Congress had approved for Ukraine, in a reversal of Obama’s policy. If Trump never should have engaged in this self-interested gamesmanship, he released the assistance by September 2019.

Another line of argument is that Putin didn’t invade Ukraine during the Trump administration because the Russian leader was already getting everything he wanted from Trump, including the destabilization of NATO. The outward expression of Trump’s doubts about the alliance, though, largely took the form of loud complaints about European countries skimping on defense spending, which were completely justified.

Indeed, it’s perverse that Angela Merkel was made into a great heroine of Western statesmanship at the same time she maintained a pathetic level of defense spending and deepened Germany’s energy dependence on Russia in a way that was more dangerous than anything Trump said or tweeted.

And it wasn’t Trump who told Biden to execute a humiliating withdrawal from Afghanistan, to give Putin the gift of a summit after he menaced Ukraine the first time, to remove sanctions on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, to speak forthrightly about Western divisions at a pre-invasion press conference, or to forgo preemptive sanctions.

All of that is on Biden, and all of it -- especially the Afghan fiasco -- had to make an impression on Putin. Now, it may well have been that Putin was undeterrable, but that makes it all the more outlandish and dumb to blame a former U.S. president for his depredations.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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IVCC News Briefs

Summer, fall sign-up dates planned

OGLESBY—Registration for Illinois Valley Community College summer courses begins Thursday, March 31 and fall opens Wednesday, April 6.

New students should call (815) 224-0360 to make a counseling appointment. Counselors are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Current students can view course information and register online at www.ivcc.edu/webadvisor.

Summer Session A begins May 16, B session May 31 and C June 8. Fall semester begins Aug. 15.

IVCC offers fabrication course

OGLESBY—Fundamentals of Fabrication is being offered 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, March 31 to May 5 at Illinois Valley Community College and Streator High School.

The course is approved by a select group of manufacturers in Streator and will enhance a participants' chances for hire with the companies.

Students will learn basic fabrication skills to create prototypes. Emphasis is placed on shop safety, safe tool use, measuring devices, blueprint reading, shearing, bending, rolling and press brake use. Students will use saw and plasma materials and make their own toolbox.

The first three sessions are in IVCC's welding classroom and lab in Building J and the last three are in Streator High School's welding lab. Class ID is 235; cost is \$349.

For information, contact IVCC Business Training Specialist Jennifer Sowers at jennifer_sowers@ivcc.edu or (815) 224-0280.

Sublette Board hears from wrestling club, cable provider

By TONJA GREENFIELD
Publisher

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette is working up a contract for the Clipper Wrestling Club to use the Ellice Dinges Center for practice starting this fall.

Brent Montavon and Jennifer Phelps from the Clipper Wrestling Club attended the monthly Sublette Village Board meeting on Monday, March 14, in the Ellice Dinges Center. The Sublette board has been looking into the possibility of the club renting the EDC for practice. All members of the board were present except trustee Jeff Myers.

Montavon told the board that the club was looking for a place for practice. He said the season starts Nov. 1 and is done in March. He said the club was looking to use the EDC four nights a week for practice, with practices averages an hour and half to two hours. He said they can

use the Amboy High School for free but if the school is shut down for any reason, they cannot use the facility.

He added that the Mendota wrestling club shut down, so he was trying to find a central location where the area wrestlers could come together for practice. He said the goal is to grow the wrestling program.

He proposed the club paying the village \$2,000 for a rental fee and \$400 for a storage fee for the mats. The mats are currently being housed at the Amboy Junior High.

Phelps said the club comes with its own insurance and that the parents of the wrestlers would sign waivers so the village would not be responsible for injuries.

Board members expressed agreement over the terms presented, and asked for time to fine tune the rental agreement for the club.

Heartland Cable

Jim Frances of Heartland Cable Broadband spoke to the board about the services Heartland Cable offers to the Sublette residents. Frances was asked to speak to the board because another company, Surf Broadband Solutions, has approached the village about putting fiber optic internet in Sublette.

Frances told the board that Heartland has more than 22,000 feet of cable in the village. He added that there are currently 95 internet customers and 80 television customers. He said he can sell customers a plan up to 500 mb, adding he has two customers who do 100 mb. Frances said the cost for 10 mb is \$39.99, 25 mb is \$49.99, 50 mb is \$75, and 100 mb is \$100 per month.

He also told the board that if fiber was installed it would probably be 100 percent underground.

Stenzel mentioned that if the village ever established

its own sewer system and needed to run sewer lines to every residents, that would be the time to run fiber lines.

Stenzel asked the board what they wanted to do about Surf Broadband. Village trustee Julie Kessel said the board should wait to do anything. Village trustee Larry Ellis voiced the village should do nothing with the company. Stenzel recommended leaving the discussion open for one month.

In other board news:

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

- Garbage rates went up from \$11.54 per month to \$12 per month as of March 1.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m., in the Ellice Dinges Center.

Paw Paw News

SPRING FLING SET FOR MAY 14

The Paw Paw Garden Club is taking orders for flats and hanging baskets.

Annual flats are \$17 with 48 plants in a flat. Among the flowers available will be petunias, marigolds, snapdragons and more.

Ten-inch hanging baskets will be offered for \$20, with million bells, petunias, impatiens and more.

Order blanks are available at the Paw Paw Library, or by calling Michelle Fay at 815-258-7324 or 815-627-2041.

Orders must be received by Saturday, March 26 and can be picked up on May 14 at the annual Spring Fling Plant Sale.

There will be vendors at the Spring Fling, inside and out, 8 a.m.-noon, at the Paw Paw Community Building.

District will be hosting author Jenny Lawson. The event will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 30 at 7 p.m.

The Award-winning humorist will discuss her most recent memoir, "Broken (in the best possible way)."

Her previous books, "Let's Pretend This Never Happened," and "Furiously Happy," were New York Times bestsellers.

Joining her will be R. Eric Thomas, a national best-selling author, playwright and screenwriter.

This event is presented in partnership with Illinois Libraries Present, through a grant by the Illinois State Library, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

For more information, visit pawpawlibrary.org or call 815-627-9396.



Pride of Paw Paw

Samantha Katschke, center, joined the Pride of Paw Paw on March 17. After serving the community for eight years as a Leo, she will continue to do so as Paw Paw's Lion Samantha. She is congratulated by Lion members Kevin Larimore and Mary Mendoza. (Photo contributed)

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Property will be sold as a single unit, for inspection of property contact Chris Wegener Auctioneer, 815-451-2820

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Auctioneers note, Due to the untimely passing of Hally Brown, Brenda has no further use for items being offered and has decided to clean out the wood working shop. The tools are well maintained in excellent condition as he was using the tools up to his passing. It is evident that Hally loved to spend time in his shop and anyone who wanted to use a tool or make a cut was always welcomed.

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Celebrity Extra

She later tried her hand at network television with "The Geena Davis Show" and "Commander in Chief," both of which were soon canceled. She then recurred on "Gray's Anatomy" as Dr.

• Trivia Test •

1. LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay"?
2. TELEVISION: Eric Taylor was the dad in which 2000s TV drama?
3. MATH: What is the Arabic number equivalent of the Roman numerals MDCCLXXVI?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Tyrrenhen Sea located?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient in the canned product SPAM?
6. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product did football player Joe Greene promote in the "Meet Joe Greene" TV commercial?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How fast do honeybees fly?
8. MOVIES: Who was the female counterpart in the

10. **EXPLORERS:** Which early European explorer named the Pacific Ocean?

Abstract

- Answers
1. Robert Frost
 2. "Friday Night Lights"
 3. 1776
 4. Between the west coast of Italy and the islands of Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica
 5. Pork
 6. Coca-Cola
 7. 20 mph
 8. Vincent van Gogh (by actor Kirk Douglas)
 9. 1953
 10. Ferdinand Magellan

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9 Old map letters
12 Fred's dancing partner
13 Goat
14 Salt Lake athlete
15 Lightweight wood
16 "Lust for Life" punk rocker
18 Duration
20 Sea predator
21 "I'm not im-pressed"
23 Poseidon's home
24 Serpentine
25 "— a roll!"
27 Lend a hand
29 Live-in nanny
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- * Actor Joe Pesci was a singer and guitar player in his early 20s and once played in the same band (called Joey Dee and the Starlites) as Jimi Hendrix.

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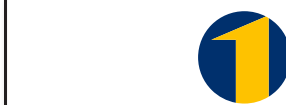
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Addresses sought for garage sales

MENDOTA—The second annual Mendota Town-wide Garage Sales will take place Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those interested in having their addresses added to the list and advertised should contact Heather at (815)990-5577. The deadline is April 24.

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Thursday, March 24
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GARAGE SALE/ NOTICE DEADLINES

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

THREE CHARGES

Gabriel B. Botello, 25, of 137 U.S. Route 34, Mendota, was charged with reckless conduct, reckless driving and criminal damage to property at 8:16 p.m. March 13 after an investigation into an incident that occurred in the area of Washington Street and Veterans Way. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID

DRIVER'S LICENSE
Alejandro T. Caba Del Burrio, 23, of 507 15th Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at Burlington Street and Indiana Avenue at 4:44 p.m. March 14. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

POLICE BLOTTER

WARRANT ARREST, WEAPONS CHARGE

Matthew J. Watson, 32, of 722 ½ Main St., Mendota, was arrested at 10:47 p.m. March 14 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for unlawful delivery of a controlled substance. Also, Watson was charged with unlawful use of weapons. The subject was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

WARRANT ARREST

James S. King, 51, of 603 10th Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 6:24 a.m. March 17 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/battery. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Emily B. Silva, 25, of 806 Monroe St., Mendota, was

arrested at 9:20 p.m. March 17 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE

LICENSE SUSPENDED
Venacya Hackner, 31, of 100 S. Ninth Ave., Apt. 113, Mendota, was charged with driving while license suspended at 5:57 p.m. March 18. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

NO VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE

Andrea Molina, 20, of 800 Fifth Ave., Mendota, was charged with no valid driver's license after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and Third Street at 5:13

a.m. March 20. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED

Marcos D. Lopez, 29, of 180 E. U.S. Route 52, Mendota, was charged with driving while license revoked after a traffic stop at 13th Avenue and U.S. Route 52 at 3:25 p.m. March 21. The subject was released with a LaSalle County court date.

WARRANT ARREST

Edgar Sandoval, 40, of 108 Third Ave., Mendota, was arrested at 6:38 p.m. March 21 on a valid LaSalle County arrest warrant for failure to appear/driving while license suspended. The subject posted bond and was released with a LaSalle County court date.

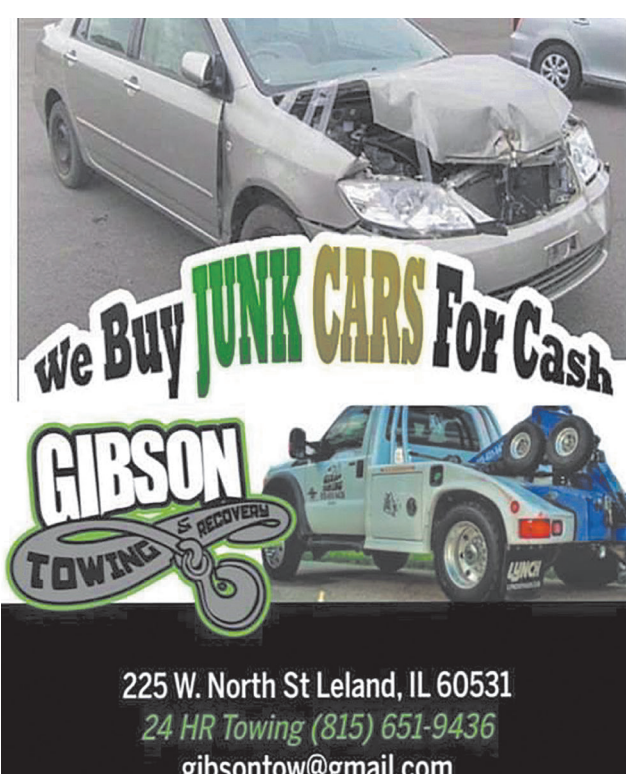
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SPORTS

Holy Cross School bowling

Waltham Invitational – March 12

Boys
Team standings: Holy Cross 1 3465 FMS 3260, Dixon 1 3228, Carl Sandburg 3173, Holy Cross 2 2807, Holy Family 2657, CEL 2461, Combo Team 2282, Trinity 2205, Dixon Mix 2059, WES 1 1985, WES 2 1875

Holy Cross 1 scores: 2nd place, Alex Holland-158, 127, 154, 220, 136, 172 – 967; 4th place, Grady Jones-169,97,164,131,152, 175 – 888; 10th place, Aden Tillman-132, 175, 124, 149, 159, 91 – 830; 12th place, Brody Hartt-132, 112, 101, 125, 139, 171 – 780

Holy Cross 2 scores: 13th place, Kooper Novak-95, 161, 157, 112, 155, 98 – 778; 18th place, Nick Sheridan-115, 104, 92, 110, 132, 138 – 691; 19th place, Alex Beetz-101,98,101,145,116, 123 – 684; 21st place, Dane Doyle-124, 119, 109, 102, 98, 102 – 654

Girls
Team standings: Dixon 2819, FMS 2808, Holy Cross 2243, WES 1 1904, RSM 1809, WES 2 1265

Holy Cross scores: 5th place, Breanna Martinez-106, 73, 119, 119, 108, 112 – 637; 8th place, Lily Soliman-94,127,87,84,119, 75 – 586; 10th place, Peri Manning-66, 135, 64, 105, 77, 114 – 561; 15th place, Anna Cyrocki-77, 72, 82, 88, 75, 65 – 459

Freeport Tournament – March 19

Boys
Team standings: Holy Cross 3820, Freeport MS 3726, Freeport CS 3603, Harlem 3603, Holy Cross 2 3239, Freeport 2 2366, Waltham 2307, Freeport 1 2109

Holy Cross scores: 1st place, Brody Hartt, 1125; 5th place, Grady Jones 961; Alex Holland 896; Aden Tillman 838; Nick Sheridan 829; Ryan Soliman 802

Girls
Team standings: Harlem Orange 4424, Harlem Black 3571, Freeport MS 2930, Freeport Mixed 2505, Holy Cross 2455, Waltham 2032

Holy Cross scores: Lily Soliman 657, Peri Manning 633, Kara Miars 483



Holy Cross 1 bowling team finished in first place out of 12 teams in the Waltham Invitational on March 12. Front is Brody Hartt. Back row, left to right, are Aden Tillman, Alex Holland and Grady Jones. (Photo contributed)

Trackmen compete in Sycamore indoor meet

SYCAMORE–The Mendota boys’ track team participated in the Sycamore Indoor Meet on March 19.

Anthony Kelson had the best finish on the day for the Trojans, taking second place in the freshman-sophomore 55-meter hurdles with a time of 10.27.

Teammate Mason Koch took third place in the freshman-sophomore high jump at 1.52 meters.

Results for Mendota competitors are as follows:

V 55m dash: Mason Koch, 17th place, 7.72; Neal Linden, 21st place, 8.45

FS 55m dash: Diego Sandoval, 16th place, 8.58; Brandon Leadley, 17th place, 8.79

V 200m dash: Linden, 18th place, 31.30

FS 200m dash: Leadley, 17th place, 32.98

FS 400m dash: Albert

Harris, 19th place, 1:42.35

V 800m run: Jacob Carr, 16th place, 2:44.34

FS 800m run: Travis Mumm, 13th place, 3:03.40

V 1600m run: Anthony Kelson, 6th place, 5:27.15; Kody Chase, 8th place, 5:36.06

FS 1600m run: Logan

Wujek, 14th place, 7:18.10; Mumm, 15th place, 7:24.61

FS 55m hurdles: Kelson, 2nd place, 10.27

V 4x800 relay: Chase, Wujek, Carr, Kelson, 6th place, 11:24.46

V shot put: Jose Rocha, 7th place, 11.24m; Harris, 19th place, 9.15m

FS shot put: Sandoval, 16th place, 7.97m; Gabe Vallejo, 17th place, 7.12m

FS high jump: Koch, 3rd place, 1.52m

FS long jump: Koch, 6th place, 4.95m

Girls’ soccer falls to Streator

STREATOR–The Mendota Lady Trojans fell to Streator, 8-1, in varsity soccer action on March 21 at Streator.

Emily Stewart scored the lone goal for the Lady Trojans. The junior varsity contest ended in a 0-0 tie.

BOWLING

Mendota Elks Bumper League

Standings as of March 7 – 1. Team 5 14-2; 2. Team 4 10-6; 3. Team 6 8-8; 4. Team 1 8-8; 5. Team 2 8-8; 6. Team 3 0-16

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

High team game (hdcp) – Team 4 768, Team 1 683, Team 6 675

Boys’ high game (scratch) – Alex Wickstrom 111, Waylon Beck 97, Keegan Mauch 91

Boys’ high game (hdcp) – Alex Wickstrom 211, Keegan Mauch 200, Waylon Beck 197

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

Girls’ high game (hdcp) – Jace Ganther 222, Kylee Smith 191, Emilia Farrier 189

Lady Trojans rout Plano

MENDOTA – It was a successful start to the softball season for the Mendota Lady Trojans as they romped over Plano, 18-1, on March 21 at Strouss Park. The game was called after the top of the fourth because of the 10-run rule.

Mendota’s bats were cooking from the outset as it scored nine runs in the bottom of the first to take command. The Lady Trojans tacked on seven more runs in the second and pushed across two tallies

in the third.

Mendota totaled seven hits, with Bailey Baird picking up a pair of singles and Paige Manning ripping a double and driving in two runs. Ava Eddy also had two runs batted in with a single.

Manning got the ball in the circle and allowed just three hits and no earned runs in four innings. She struck out seven and walked one. Mendota benefited from 10 walks issued by two Plano pitchers.

Plano sinks Trojans, 10-6

PLANO – The Mendota varsity baseball team dropped its season-opener, 10-6, at Plano on March 21. The game was halted after six innings because of darkness.

Plano opened the scoring with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first. Mendota pushed across single tallies in the second and third frames to knot the score, but the Reapers erupted for five runs in the bottom of the fourth to forge in front. The Trojans pulled to within one with a run in the fifth and three in the sixth before Plano scored three

times in the bottom of the sixth, and the game ended there.

The Trojans picked up five hits, led by Izaiah Nanez with two singles and an RBI. Emilio Perez added a double for Mendota.

Dominik Stamberger got the call on the hill for Mendota and pitched into the fourth inning before being relieved by Landon Kreiser. Stamberger

allowed seven hits, seven earned runs, struck out five and walked three in absorbing the loss. Kreiser pitched an inning and a third, then gave way to Ryne Strouss.



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I think it's interesting to note here that Jesus said He would "ease and relieve and refresh" our souls, not our bodies. It sounds like He's saying we need to give our souls a vacation.

The Inner and Outer Lives

We all have two lives: an inner life and an outer life. Your inner life is your soul life, which includes your mind, will and emotions. Your outer life is your physical life. And while God cares about every detail of your life, He is more concerned with your inner life than your outer life.

I have found that it's possible to give your body rest but not your soul. For example, have you ever had trouble going to sleep because you

were worrying about a problem and couldn't stop thinking about it? This kind of activity just wears us out inwardly. We can also wear out our souls with too many thoughts running on in our minds, too many decisions to make, too much talking, and too much multitasking. Worry, fear, excessive concern about what other people think and insecurity are also common reasons people are worn-out and don't have any peace.

I remember when I used to be jealous of Dave and the peace he had. I was worn-out most of the time, worrying about problems but he wasn't. We had the same problems, but while they wore me out, Dave was still peaceful and happy because he would cast his cares on God. One of his favorite scriptures is 1 Peter 5:7, which says, "Cast all your anxiety on [God] because he cares for you" (NIV). And even now, anytime someone goes to Dave with a problem, he'll encour-

age them to "cast your care" and give them that scripture.

It used to make me so mad when he wouldn't get upset when I was upset, but eventually, I got to the place where I was desperate to have what he had. So I prayed and told God I would do whatever I had to do to be peaceful, and He taught me how to change my approach to life.

The Revelation That Changed My Life

I came to realize that the world is not going to change, the devil is not going to change, and all of the people who bother me probably aren't going to change, so I have to decide to change.

In John 14:27 (AMP), Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give...to you. ...Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]" So we



can be peaceful and make the decision not to be troubled, afraid, agitated and disturbed, but it won't just happen automatically.

The truth is, we won't have peace if we don't pursue it on purpose, because there will always be opportunities to get upset or offended about something. For example, you lose your car keys when you're running late, or you get caught in a traffic jam, or someone at work gets the promotion you wanted, or the electric bill is higher than you expected it to be...and on and on. There can be an endless cycle of stuff that happens that we can get upset about.

We also have to remember that we have an enemy who wants to keep us worn-out. The devil is a peace stealer and he works hard to set us up to get upset. But we can learn how to change our approach so we don't live upset all of the time. And

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The Key to Living in Peace

Jesus didn't conform to the world—He walked in the Spirit. When He felt tired and pressured from the crowds who wanted Him to help them, He took time to walk away and get rest. He spent time in prayer, alone with the Father, because He knew He wouldn't be any good to anybody if He didn't get refreshed.

It's so easy to let other people's needs and emergencies control and manipulate us. And when we let others run our lives, we can get to the point that we're falling apart! It's not wrong to want to help or please people, but we need to take care of ourselves, calm down and stop getting upset about things that usually don't really matter anyway.

Make the decision today to commit your ways to the Lord and

rest in Him. Cast your cares on Him, knowing He loves and cares about you all the time, in every situation of your life. He'll meet you where you are and ease, relieve and refresh your soul!

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96.58 feet to the Point
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Township Nineteen (19)
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of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 5; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 33 seconds East on the South line of the said Southeast Quarter a distance of 1086.18 feet to the Southwesterly right of way line of F. A. Route 694, Section 74 RS-2 & 73 RS-4 (U.S. Route 52); thence North 50 degrees 56 minutes 26 seconds West on said right of way line a distance of 396.68 feet; thence North 60 degrees 59 minutes 19 seconds West on said right of way line a distance of 82.61 feet; thence North 55 degrees 40 minutes 24 seconds West on said right of way line a distance of 246.15 feet; thence North 49 degrees 34 minutes 19 seconds West on said right of way line a distance of 162.54 feet to the Easterly right of way line of Green Wing Road as established on said F.A. Route 694, Section 74 RS-2 & 73 RS-4; thence South 22 degrees 19 minutes 52 seconds West on said Easterly right of way line a distance of 100.24 feet; thence South 08 degrees 22 minutes 18 seconds West on said right of way line a distance of 77.70 feet; thence South 03 degrees 14 minutes 20 seconds East on said right of way line a distance of 159.30 feet; thence South 17 degrees 09 minutes 25 seconds West on said right of way line a distance of 51.93 feet to a point on the West line of said Southeast Quarter of Section 5, 344.62 feet North of the Southwester corner thereof; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 32.63 feet to the centerline of said Green Wing Road; thence South 01 degrees 28 minutes 11 seconds East on said centerline a distance of 344.56 feet more or less to a point on the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 33 seconds East on said South line a distance of 31.52 feet to the said point of beginning, all situated in Lee County, Illinois.

(For purposes of this description the South line of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5 has been assigned a bearing of North 88 degrees 28 minutes 22 seconds East).

F U R T H E R EXCEPTING therefrom the following: A parcel of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 19 North 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, consisting of two tracts of land, described as follows:

Tract One: Commencing at the North Quarter Corner of said Section 5; thence Southerly on the East Line of the West Half of said Section 5, said line having a bearing of South 1 degree 17 minutes 08 seconds East, a distance of 1,135.060 meters (3723.94 feet) to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land, said point being the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 5; thence Westerly on the North Line of the Southeast Quarter of said Southwest Quarter, said line having a bearing of South 88 degrees 39 minutes 02 seconds West, a distance of 29.894 meter (98.08 feet) to a point; thence

Southwesterly on a line having a bearing of South 17 degrees 40 minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 38.530 meters (126.41 feet) to a point; thence Southwesterly on a line having a bearing of South 46 degrees 06 minutes 24 seconds West, a distance of 17.367 meters (56.98 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 55 degrees 31 minutes 14 seconds West, a distance of 82.290 meters (269.98 feet) to a point in the North line of the Southeast Quarter of said Southwest Quarter; thence Westerly on the North Line of the Southeast Quarter of said Southwest Quarter, said line having a bearing of South 88 degrees 39 minutes 02 seconds West, a distance of 66.044 meters (216.68 feet) to a point; thence Southeasterly on a line having a bearing of South 50 degrees 42 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 34.932 meters (114.61 feet) to a point; thence Southeasterly on a line having a bearing of South 53 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 88.920 meters (291.73 feet) to a point in the Southwest Line of the premises conveyed to the Woodhaven Association from Ralph Leffelman by Warranty Deed recorded 6 February 1992 as Document No. 509364 in Book 9202 at Page 368 in the Recorder's Office of Lee County; thence Northwesterly on the Southwest Line of said premises so conveyed, said line having a bearing of North 45 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds West, a distance of 80.246 meters (263.27 feet) to a point in the Southwesterly Right-of-Way Line of a public highway designated F.A. Route 694 (US 52); thence Southeasterly on said Southwesterly Right-of-Way Line, said line having a bearing of South 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 352.167 meters (1155.40 feet) to the East Corner of said premises so conveyed; thence Southwesterly on the Southeast Line of said Premises so conveyed said line having a bearing of South 35 degrees 52 minutes 07 seconds West, a distance of 6.112 meters (20.05 feet) to the South Corner of said premises so conveyed; thence Northwesterly on the Southwest Line of said premises so conveyed said line having a bearing of North 63 degrees 46 minutes 43 seconds West, a distance of 11.225 meters (36.83 feet) to a point; thence Southeasterly on a line having a bearing of South 49 degrees 34 minutes 19 seconds East, a distance of 49.542 meters (162.54 feet) to a point; thence Southeasterly on a line having a bearing of South 55 degrees 40 minutes 24 seconds East, a distance of 75.027 meters (246.15 feet) to a point; thence Southeasterly on a line having a bearing of South 60 degrees 59 minutes 19 seconds East, a distance of 25.179 meters (82.61 feet) to a point; thence Southeasterly on a line having a bearing of South 50 degrees 56 minutes 26 seconds East, a distance of 120.909 meters (396.68 feet) to a point in the South Line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 5; thence Easterly on the South

Line of said Southeast Quarter, said line having a bearing of North 88 degrees 38 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 85.361 meters (280.06 feet) to a point thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 53 degrees 34 minutes 22 seconds West, a distance of 13.702 meters (44.95 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 150.000 meters (492.13 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 52 degrees 46 minutes 15 seconds West, a distance of 125.036 meters (410.22 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 60 degrees 59 minutes 19 seconds West, a distance of 75.538 meters (247.83 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of 50.00 meters (164.04 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 49 degrees 54 minutes 25 seconds West, a distance of 125.248 meters (410.92 feet) to a point; thence Northeastly on a line having a bearing of North 13 degrees 37 minutes 29 seconds East, a distance of 75.234 meters (246.83 feet) to a point in the North Line of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 5; thence Westerly on the North Line of the South Half of said Southeast Quarter, said line having a bearing of South 88 degrees 39 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 8.480 meters (27.82 feet) to the Point of Beginning.

Tract Two: Commencing at the South Quarter Corner of said Section 5; thence Northerly on the West line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 5, said line having a bearing of North 1 degree 17 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 105.042 meters (344.62 feet) to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence Northeastly on a line having a bearing of North 17 degrees 09 minutes 25 seconds East, a distance of 15.829 meters (51.93 feet) to a point; thence Northerly on a line having a bearing of North 3 degrees 14 minutes 20 seconds West, a distance of 48.555 meters (159.03 feet) to a point; thence Northerly on a line having a bearing of North 8 degrees 22 minutes 18 seconds East, a distance of 23.684 meters (77.70 feet) to a point; thence Northeastly on a line having a bearing of North 22 degrees 19 minutes 52 seconds East, a distance of 30.554 meters (100.24 feet) to a point in the Southwest Line of the premises, conveyed to the Woodhaven Association from Ralph Leffelman by Warranty Deed recorded 6 February 1992 as Document No. 509364 in Book 9202 at Page 368 in the Recorder's Office of Lee County; thence Northwesterly on the Southwest Line of said premises so conveyed, said line having a bearing of North 63 degrees 46 minutes 43 seconds West, a distance of 22.060 meters (72.38 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on the Southwest Line of said premises so

conveyed, said line having a bearing of North 46 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds West, a distance of 12.712 meters (41.71 feet) to a point; thence Southerly on a line having a bearing of South 9 degrees 59 minutes 55 seconds West, a distance of 58.878 meters (225.98 feet) to a point; thence Southerly on a line having a bearing of South 2 degrees 36 minutes 41 seconds West, a distance of 51.709 meters (169.65 feet) to a point; thence Southeasterly on a line having a bearing of South 21 degrees 42 minutes 27 seconds East, a distance of 15.987 meters (52.45 feet) to a point in the Westerly Right-of-Way Line of a public road designated Green Wing Road; thence Easterly on a line having a bearing of North 88 degrees 31 minutes 49 seconds East, a distance of 20.414 meters (70.26 feet) to a Point of Beginning. (For the purposes of this description, the West Line of the West Half of said Section 5 has been assigned the bearing of South 0 degrees 17 minutes 08 seconds East.) All situated in Lee County, Illinois.

E X C E P T I N G THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South Line of said Southeast Quarter, being South 88 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 1201.73 feet from the Southeast Corner thereof; thence continuing South 88 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 50.37 feet to the Easterly right of way line of F. A. Route 694 (US 52); thence North 53 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 45.87 feet; thence North 54 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 420.54 feet; thence North 35 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 136.00 feet; thence South 54 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 215.00 feet; thence South 35 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 106.00 feet; thence South 54 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 291.51 feet to the point of beginning.

Any and all interest in the South One-half of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of part of Section Five, Township Nineteen North Range 11 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois.

SAVE AND EXCEPT that certain parcel described in Instrument No. 2021004016, Official Public Records, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Part of the South Half of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the North Quarter Corner of said Section 5; thence Southerly, along the West Line of the East Half of said Section 5, a distance of 3,723.94 feet to the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 5;

thence Easterly, along the North Line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, at an angle of 89 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds, measured clockwise from the last described course, 27.82 feet to the point of beginning, of the hereinafter described tract of land, said point being on the Easterly right of way line of a public road known as Green Wing Road; thence continuing along the last described course, 359.31 feet; thence Southerly perpendicular to the last described course, 223.81 feet; thence Westerly perpendicular to the last described course, 419.17 feet to the said Easterly right of way line of Green Wing Road; thence Northerly, along said right of way line, 231.68 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.00 acres more or less. Subject to that land used for public road purposes and any easements of record, all situated in Sublette Township, Lee County, Illinois.

Permanent Index Number(s): Part of 19-22-05-400-010

SAVE AND EXCEPT that certain parcel described in Instrument No. 2006-008493, Official Public Records, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South Line of said Southeast Quarter, bearing South 88 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 1201.73 feet from the southeast corner thereof; thence continuing South 88 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 50.37 feet to the Easterly right of way line of F. A. Route 694 (US 52); thence North 53 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 45.87 feet; thence North 54 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 420.54 feet; thence North 35 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 136.00 feet; thence South 54 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 215.00 feet; thence South 35 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 106.00 feet; thence South 54 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 291.51 feet to the point of beginning.

Any and all interest in the South One-half of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of part of Section Five, Township Nineteen North Range 11 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois.

SAVE AND EXCEPT that certain parcel described in Instrument No. 2021004016, Official Public Records, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Part of the South Half of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the North Quarter Corner of said Section 5; thence Southerly, along the West Line of the East Half of said Section 5, a distance of 3,723.94 feet to the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 5;

thence Easterly, along the North Line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, at an angle of 89 degrees 56 minutes 10 seconds, measured clockwise from the last described course, 27.82 feet to the point of beginning, of the hereinafter described tract of land, said point being on the Easterly right of way line of a public road known as Green Wing Road; thence continuing along the last described course, 359.31 feet; thence Southerly perpendicular to the last described course, 223.81 feet; thence Westerly perpendicular to the last described course, 419.17 feet to the said Easterly right of way line of Green Wing Road; thence Northerly, along said right of way line, 231.68 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.00 acres more or less. Subject to that land used for public road purposes and any easements of record, all situated in Sublette Township, Lee County, Illinois.

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SAVE AND EXCEPT that certain parcel described in Instrument No. 2006-008493, Official Public Records, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois described as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of said Southeast Quarter, bearing South 88 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 1201.73 feet from the southeast corner thereof; thence continuing South 88 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 50.37 feet to the Easterly right of way line of F. A. Route 694 (US 52); thence North 53 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 45.87 feet; thence North 54 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 420.54 feet; thence North 35 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 136.00 feet; thence South 54 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 215.00 feet; thence South 35 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 106.00 feet; thence South 54 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 291.51 feet to the point of beginning.

Any and all interest in the South One-half of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of part of Section Five, Township Nineteen North Range 11 East of the 4th Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois.

SAVE AND EXCEPT that certain parcel described in Instrument No. 2021004016, Official Public Records, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Part of the South Half of Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the North Quarter Corner of said Section 5; thence Southerly, along the West Line of the East Half of said Section 5, a distance of 3,723.94 feet to the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 5;

Westerly Right of Way Line of a public road designated Inlet Road, said point being the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence continuing South 86 degrees 02 minutes 46 seconds West along the Centerline of a Drainage Ditch, a distance of 1280.05 feet to the West Line of the Northeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter; thence South degree 07 minutes 23 seconds East along said West Line, a distance of 259.19 feet to the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 22 minutes 22 seconds East along the South Line of the Northeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 1278.74 feet to a point on the Westerly Right-of-Way Line of said Inlet Road; thence North 1 degree 09 minutes 31 seconds West along said Westerly Right of Way Line, a distance of 333.47 feet to the Point of Beginning," containing 8.698 acres, more or less, subject to all easements, agreements, county codes and/or ordinances of record if any, all situated in the Township of Sublette; the County of Lee and the State of Illinois.

Tax Parcel Identification Number 19-22-02-200-010, ERNST FAMILY TRUST, 88.58 acres mol located approximately 0.50 miles East of Burkhardt Road, south and adjacent to Shady Oaks Road, and approximately 0.5 miles North of Tower Road, The East one-half (1/2) of the Northeast One Quarter, and the Northerly 28 acres of the West One-half (1/2) of the Northeast One-Quarter (excepting the Westerly Forty-seven (47) feet of such Northerly 28 acres of the West one-half (1/2) of such Northeast one-quarter (1/4), all in Section Two, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described tract:

A part of the West Half of Government Lot 2 in the Northeast Fractional Quarter of Section 2, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of said Section 2; thence easterly along north line of said Northeast Fractional Quarter 47.00 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continue along aforementioned line 295.19 feet; thence southerly at an angle of 91 degrees 01 minute 50 seconds measured counterclockwise 295.19 feet; thence westerly at an angle of 88 degrees 58 minutes 10 seconds measured counterclockwise 295.19 feet; thence northerly at an angle of 91 degrees 01 minute 50 seconds measured counterclockwise 295.19 feet to Point of Beginning, containing 2.000 acres of land, more or less, all in Lee County, Illinois.

hereinafter described tract of land; thence Southerly at an angle of 91 degrees 19 minutes 15 seconds, measured counterclockwise from the last described course, 492.00 feet; thence Easterly, parallel with the said North line, at an angle of 91 degrees 19 minutes 15 seconds, measured clockwise from the last described course, 419.00 feet; thence Northerly at an angle of 88 degrees 40 minutes 45 seconds, measured clockwise from the last described course, 492.00 feet to the said North line; thence Westerly, along said North line 419.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, all situated in Sublette Township, the County of Lee and State of Illinois.

Tax Parcel Identification Number 19-22-08-200-010, FPC SERVICES INC, 1973 TOWER RD SUBLETTE IL 61367, Parcel 1:

The Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Nine (9) and that part of the North Half (N ½) of the Northeast (NE) Quarter of Section Eight (8) lying Northeastly of the right of way line or U. S. Highway 52, all situated in Township Nineteen (19) North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, EXCEPTING a parcel of land in the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, and in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; thence Westerly on the North Line of said Northeast Quarter, said line having a bearing of North 88 degrees 38 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 50.104 meters (164.38 feet) to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 2: That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter lying North and East of the Right of Way of the Illinois Central Railroad Company (now abandoned) EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Fractional Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9 and running thence South along the East line of said Fractional Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 9 to the Easterly extension of the Northerly right-of-way line of a highway designated U. S. Route 52, thence Westerly along said Easterly extension and along said Northerly right of way line of Route 52 to a point Westerly of and 90 feet perpendicularly distant from the survey line for a highway designated FAS Route 183; thence Northwesterly to a point Westerly of and 40 feet perpendicularly distant from said survey line opposite Station 628+88 on said survey line; thence Northerly parallel with said survey line to the North line of said Southeast Fractional Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9; thence East along said North line to the point of beginning, all in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, ALSO EXCEPTING Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows:

West, a distance of 58.109 meters (190.65 feet) to a point in the Northeast Line of the premises conveyed to Elroy R. and Kathleen H. Lauer from Elroy R. and Kathleen H. Lauer by Warranty Deed recorded 28 September 1995 as Document No. 1995-00968 in Book 9502 at Page 1588 in the Recorder's Office of Lee County; thence Northeastly on the Northeast Line of said premises so conveyed, said line having a bearing of North 35 degrees 51 minutes 15 seconds East, a distance of 7.620 meters (25.00 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on the Northeast Line of said premises so conveyed, said line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 56.023 meters (183.80 feet) to the Northeast Corner of the premises conveyed to Carla Zimmerman from Carla Zimmerman and Orrin L. Bonnell, Independent Executors and Trustees, by Quitclaim Executor's and Trustee's Deed recorded 17 November 1997 as Document No. 1997-07714 in Book 9711 at Page 1540 in said Recorder's Office; thence Northwesterly on the Northeast Line of said premises so conveyed, said line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 540.706 meters (1773.97 feet) to a point in the North Line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; thence Easterly on the North Line of said Northeast Quarter, said line having a bearing of North 88 degrees 38 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 50.104 meters (164.38 feet) to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 2: That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter lying North and East of the Right of Way of the Illinois Central Railroad Company (now abandoned) EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Fractional Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9 and running thence South along the East line of said Fractional Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 9 to the Easterly extension of the Northerly right-of-way line of a highway designated U. S. Route 52, thence Westerly along said Easterly extension and along said Northerly right of way line of Route 52 to a point Westerly of and 90 feet perpendicularly distant from the survey line for a highway designated FAS Route 183; thence Northwesterly to a point Westerly of and 40 feet perpendicularly distant from said survey line opposite Station 628+88 on said survey line; thence Northerly parallel with said survey line to the North line of said Southeast Fractional Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9; thence East along said North line to the point of beginning, all in Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, ALSO EXCEPTING Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows:

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Commencing at the Southeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 47 seconds West on the South Line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 42.75 feet to a point on the Westerly Right of Way line of a public road designated Inlet Road (F.A.S. Route 183, said point being 40.00 feet perpendicularly distant Westerly from the Survey line of said Inlet Road, as platted and recorded in Book 7618 of Miscellaneous Records on page 235 of 238 in the Office of Lee County, Illinois; thence North 0 degrees 00 minutes 28 seconds East along the Westerly right of way line of said Inlet Road, a distance of 660.00 feet to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land, said point being 43.11 Westerly of the East Line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9, said point being 40.0 feet perpendicularly distant Westerly from the Survey Line of said Inlet Road; thence continuing North 0 degrees 00 minutes 28 seconds East along said Westerly right of way line, a distance of 560.00 feet to a point 43.42 feet Westerly of the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9, said point being 40.0 feet perpendicularly distant Westerly from the survey line of said Inlet Road; thence North 89 degrees 17 minutes 47 seconds West parallel with the South line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 389.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 28 seconds West parallel with said Westerly right of way line, a distance of 560.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 17 minutes 47 seconds East parallel with the South line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 389.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, situated in Township of Sublette, in the County of Lee and State of Illinois, ALSO EXCEPTING Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of Section 9; thence Westerly on the South line of said Northwest Quarter, 42.75 feet to a point on the Westerly right of way line of F.A.S. Route 183 (Lee County Section 76-00189-000GE) Inlet Road, said point being 40.00 feet perpendicularly distant Westerly from the Survey line of said F.A.A. Route 183 as platted and recorded in Book 7618 of Miscellaneous Records on page 235 of 238 in the Office of the Recorder of Lee County, Illinois, said point being the point of beginning of the tract of land being described; thence Northerly parallel with the said survey line, 680.0 feet to a point 40.0 feet perpendicularly distant Westerly from said survey line, said point being 43.11 feet perpendicularly distant Westerly from East line of said Northwest Quarter of Section 9; thence Westerly parallel with the South line of said Northwest Quarter 670.0 feet; thence Southerly parallel with the East line of said Northwest Quarter, 563.48 feet to the former Northeasterly right of way line of the Illinois Central Railroad (now abandoned); thence Southeasterly

on said right of way line 162.89 feet to the South line of said Northwest Quarter of Section 9; thence Easterly on said South line of the Northwest Quarter, 540.27 feet to the said point of beginning. ALSO EXCEPTING A parcel of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the North Quarter corner of said Section 9; thence Southerly on the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9, said line having a bearing of South 1 degree 07 minutes 47 seconds East, a distance of 803.886 meters (2637.42 feet) to the center of said Section 9; thence Westerly on the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9, said line having a bearing of South 89 degrees 26 minutes 26 seconds West, a distance of 179.683 meters (589.88 feet) to a point in the Southwesterly right of way line of a public highway designated F.A. Route 694 (US 52); thence Northwesterly on said Southwesterly right of way line, said line having a bearing on North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 47.294 meters (155.16 feet) to the point of Beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land, said point being the Southwest Corner of the premises conveyed to Sublette Farmers Elevator Company from Dale D. and Mable K. Gleim, Trustees by Trustee Deed recorded 23 May 1997 as Document No. 1997-03270 in Book 9705 at Page 2304 in the Recorder's Office of Lee County; thence Northerly on the West line of said premises so conveyed, said line having a bearing of North 1 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 41.838 meters (137.26 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 34 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West, a distance of 1,930 meters (6.33 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 71 degrees 53 minutes 26 seconds West, a distance of 26.249 meters (86.12 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 75.000 meters (246.06 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 55 degrees 17 minutes 29 seconds West, a distance of 50.010 meters (164.07 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 34 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West, a distance of 47.294 meters (155.16 feet) to the point of Beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land, said point being the Southwest Corner of the premises conveyed to Sublette Farmers Elevator Company from Dale D. and Mable K. Gleim, Trustees by Trustee Deed recorded 23 May 1997 as Document No. 1997-03270 in Book 9705 at Page 2304 in the Recorder's Office of Lee County; thence Northerly on the West line of said premises so conveyed, said line having a bearing of North 1 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 41.838 meters (137.26 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 1,930 meters (6.33 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 71 degrees 53 minutes 26 seconds West, a distance of 26.249 meters (86.12 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 75.000 meters (246.06 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 55 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 135.768 meters (455.43 feet)

to a point in the North line of the Southwest Quarter of said Northwest Quarter said line having a bearing of South 89 degrees 22 minutes 22 seconds West, a distance of 44.307 meters (145.36 feet) to a point in the Southwesterly right of way line of said F.A. Route 694 (US 52); thence Southeasterly on said Southwesterly right of way line, said line having a bearing of South 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 628.355 meters (2061.52 feet) to the Point of Beginning. Parcel 3: That part of the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ lying North and East of the Right of Way of Illinois Central Railroad Company (now abandoned); Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, EXCEPTING: A parcel of land in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the North Quarter corner of said Section 9; thence Southerly on the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9, said line having a bearing of South 1 degree 07 minutes 47 seconds East, a distance of 803.886 meters (2637.42 feet) to the center of said Section 9; thence Westerly on the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9, said line having a bearing of South 89 degrees 28 minutes 28 seconds West, a distance of 179.683 meters (589.88 feet) to a point in the Southwesterly right of way line of a public highway designated F.A. Route 694 (US 52); thence Northwesterly on said Southwesterly right of way line, said line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 47.294 meters (155.16 feet) to the point of Beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land, said point being the Southwest Corner of the premises conveyed to Sublette Farmers Elevator Company from Dale D. and Mable K. Gleim, Trustees by Trustee Deed recorded 23 May 1997 as Document No. 1997-03270 in Book 9705 at Page 2304 in the Recorder's Office of Lee County; thence Northerly on the West line of said premises so conveyed, said line having a bearing of North 1 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 41.838 meters (137.26 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 34 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West, a distance of 1,930 meters (6.33 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 71 degrees 53 minutes 26 seconds West, a distance of 26.249 meters (86.12 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 75.000 meters (246.06 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 55 degrees 17 minutes 29 seconds West, a distance of 50.010 meters (164.07 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 34 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West, a distance of 47.294 meters (155.16 feet) to the point of Beginning of the hereinafter described parcel of land, said point being the Southwest Corner of the premises conveyed to Sublette Farmers Elevator Company from Dale D. and Mable K. Gleim, Trustees by Trustee Deed recorded 23 May 1997 as Document No. 1997-03270 in Book 9705 at Page 2304 in the Recorder's Office of Lee County; thence Northerly on the West line of said premises so conveyed, said line having a bearing of North 1 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 41.838 meters (137.26 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 1,930 meters (6.33 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 71 degrees 53 minutes 26 seconds West, a distance of 26.249 meters (86.12 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 75.000 meters (246.06 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 55 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 135.768 meters (455.43 feet)

North 55 degrees 17 minutes 29 seconds West, a distance of 50.010 meters (164.07 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 50.000 meters (164.04 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 52 degrees 37 minutes 06 seconds West, a distance of 150.053 meters (492.03 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 50.000 meters (164.04 feet) to a point; thence Northwesterly on a line having a bearing of North 55 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 135.768 meters (455.43 feet) to a point in the North line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9; thence Westerly on the North line of the Southwest Quarter of said Northwest Quarter said line having a bearing of South 89 degrees 22 minutes 22 seconds West, a distance of 44.307 meters (145.36 feet) to a point in the Southwesterly right of way line of said F.A. Route 694 (US 52); thence Southeasterly on said Southwesterly right of way line, said line having a bearing of South 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 628.355 meters (2061.52 feet) to the Point of Beginning. SAVE AND EXCEPT that certain parcel described in Instrument No. 2009002635, Official Public Records, Lee County, Illinois described as: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9; thence South 1 degree 07 degrees 07 minutes

47 seconds East along the East Line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 1318.71 feet to the Northeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 22 seconds West along the North Line of the Southeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 43.47 feet to the Westerly Right-of-Way Line of a public road designated Inlet Road, said point being the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence South 1 degree 09 minutes 40 seconds East along said Westerly Right-of-Way Line, a distance of 103.11 feet; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 389.00 feet; thence South 1 degree 09 minutes 40 seconds East parallel with the Westerly Right-of-Way Line of said Inlet Road, a distance of 560.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 32 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 281.13 feet; thence South 1 degree 07 minutes 47 seconds East parallel with the East Line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 427.64 feet to the Northeasterly Right-of-Way Line of a public road designated U.S. Route 52; thence North 34 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West along said Northeasterly Right-of-Way Line, a distance of 98.42 feet; thence North 71 degrees 53 minutes 26 seconds West along said Northeasterly Right-of-Way Line, a distance of 86.12 feet; thence North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West along said Northeasterly Right-of-Way Line,

a distance of 246.06 feet; thence North 55 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds West along said Northeasterly Right-of-Way Line, a distance of 164.07 feet; thence North 54 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West along said Northeasterly Right-of-Way Line, a distance of 164.04 feet; thence North 52 degrees 37 minutes 06 seconds West along said Northeasterly Right-of-Way Line, a distance of 164.04 feet; thence North 55 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds West along said Northeasterly Right-of-Way Line, a distance of 656.32 feet; thence North 37 degrees 26 minutes 48 seconds West along said Northeasterly Right-of-Way Line, a distance of 101.91 feet to the Centerline of a drainage ditch; thence North 86 degrees 32 minutes 17 seconds East along said Centerline, a distance of 1124.95 feet to the East Line of the Northwest Quarter of said Northwest Quarter; thence South 1 degree 07 minutes 23 seconds East along said East Line, a distance of 259.19 feet to the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 89 degrees 22 minutes 22 seconds East along the North Line of the Southeast Quarter of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 1278.74 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 29.791 acres, more or less, subject to all easements, agreements, county codes and/or ordinances of record if any, all situated in the Township of Sublette, the County of Lee and the State of Illinois.

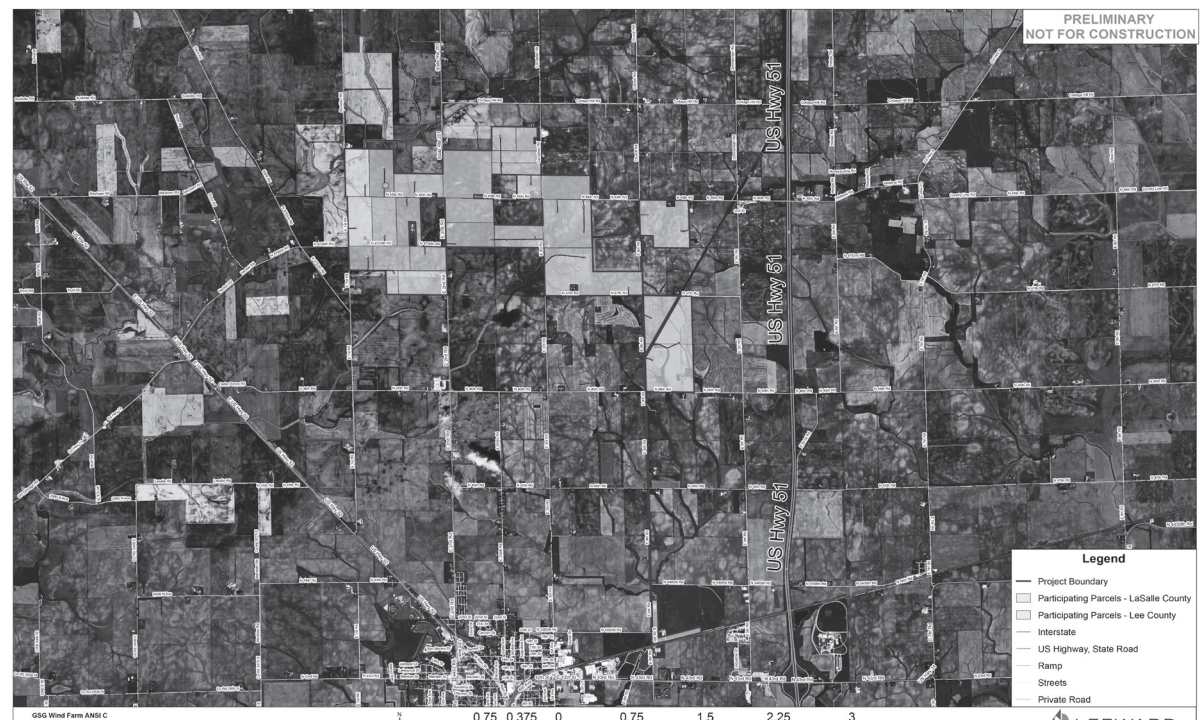
SAVE AND EXCEPT that certain parcel described in Instrument No. 2010003868, Official Public Records, Lee County, Illinois, described as: Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8 and part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter, of said Section 9; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds West along the North Line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 1322.04 feet to the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Northwest Quarter, said point being the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence continuing South 89 degrees 18 minutes 18 seconds West along the North Line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 375.51 feet; thence South 1 degree 07 minutes 23 seconds East parallel with the East Line of the Northwest Quarter of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 1076.10 feet to the Centerline of a Drainage Ditch; thence North 86 degrees 32 minutes 17 seconds East along said Centerline, a distance of 375.81 feet to the East Line of the Northwest Quarter of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 1 degree 07 minutes 23 seconds West along said East Line, a distance of 1057.96 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 9.198 acres, more or less, subject to that land being used for public road purposes and also subject to all easements, agreements, county codes and/or ordinances of record if any, all situated in the Township of Sublette, the County of Lee and State of Illinois. SAVE AND EXCEPT that certain parcel

described in Instrument No. 2013003928, Official Public Records, Lee County, Illinois, described as: Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8 and part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9; thence North 89 degrees 18 minutes 32 seconds East (assumed bearing) on the north line of said Northwest Quarter of Section 9, a distance of 946.32 feet; thence South 1 degree 07 minutes 14 seconds East, a distance of 1075.90 feet to the centerline of a drainage ditch; thence South 86 degrees 34 minutes 02 seconds West on said centerline of drainage ditch, a distance of 748.77 feet, to the northerly right of way line of FA Route 694 (US 52); thence North 37 degrees 26 minutes 23 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 69.36 feet; thence North 54 degrees 54 minutes 23 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 492.17 feet; thence North 55 degrees 51 minutes 34 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 328.23 feet; thence North 53 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 514.62 feet; thence North 1 degree 21 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 259.70 feet to the north line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds East on said north line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, a distance of 917.10 feet, to the Point of Beginning; containing 36.15 acres, more or less, subject to that part

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Tax Parcel Identification Number 19-22-09-100-018, LEFFELMAN TRUST EUGENE A, 36.15 acres mol located approximately 0.39 mi West of Inlet Road, Northeast of U.S. Route 52, and South of Tower Road, Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8 and part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 9; thence North 89 degrees 18 minutes 32 seconds East (assumed bearing) on the north line of said Northwest Quarter of Section 9, a distance of 946.32 feet; thence South 1 degree 07 minutes 14 seconds East, a distance of 1075.90 feet to the centerline of a drainage ditch; thence South 86 degrees 34 minutes 02 seconds West on said centerline of drainage ditch, a distance of 748.77 feet, to the northerly right of way line of FA Route 694 (US 52); thence North 37 degrees 26 minutes 23 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 69.36 feet; thence North 54 degrees 54 minutes 23 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 492.17 feet; thence North 55 degrees 51 minutes 34 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 328.23 feet; thence North 53 degrees 34 minutes 08 seconds West on said right of way line, a distance of 514.62 feet; thence North 1 degree 21 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 259.70 feet to the north line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 8; thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 52 seconds East on said north line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, a distance of 917.10 feet, to the Point of Beginning; containing 36.15 acres, more or less, subject to that part dedicated or taken and used for public road use for Tower Road.

Tax Parcel Identification Number 05-17-16-300-004, GSG, LLC C/O BABCOCK & BROWN, 2612 SHADY OAKS RD WEST BROOKLYN IL 61378, Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Sixteen (16), Township Thirty-Seven (37) North, Range One (1) East of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the South line of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Sixteen (16), said point being 534.84 feet East of the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4); thence Easterly along the South line of said Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), a distance of 220.00 feet; thence Northerly perpendicular to the last described course, a distance of 350.00 feet; thence Southerly perpendicular to the last described course, a distance of 350.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.788 acres more or less.

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the Petition of the WECS at 6:00 p.m., on April 7, 2022, at the Old Lee County Court House Building, 112 East Second Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

The transcripts and minutes of each meeting conducted by the Zoning Board of Appeals will be posted to the Lee County website at www.lee-countyil.com as they are received. The sole member of GSG Wind, LLC is Leeward Renewable Energy, LLC, with its principal place of business located at 6688 N Central Expressway, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75206. The petitioner, GSG Wind, LLC, is acting for itself. The officers and directors of GSG Wind, LLC are Jason Allen (CEO), Christopher Loehr, Andrew Flanagan, Theodore D. Matula, and Jennifer Shears, whose business address is that of the Applicant, as stated above.

Dated this 21st day of March 2022.

Legal 0310 (03-23-2022)

Tax Parcel Identification Number 05-17-16-300-008, ZINKE IRREVOCABLE GIFT TRUST COLLEEN Z & ZINKE FAMILY TRUST HAROLD W, 76.49

acres mol located at the Northeast corner of the intersection of Shady Oaks Road and State Route 251, approximately 0.75 miles West of Carnahan Road, The West Half (W 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), Township Thirty-seven (37) North, Range One (1) East of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following: Beginning at a point on the South line of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Sixteen (16), said point being 534.84 feet East of the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4); thence Easterly along the South line of said Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), a distance of 220.00 feet; thence Northerly perpendicular to the last described course, a distance of 350.00 feet; thence Southerly perpendicular to the last described course, a distance of 350.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.788 acres more or less.

Tax Parcel Identification Number 05-17-16-100-009, SHAW KENNETH L & SHAW SHERMAN M, 2609 SPUR RD WEST BROOKLYN IL 61378, The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) lying North and West of State Route 251, Township Thirty-seven (37) North, Range One (1), East of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois.

Tax Parcel Identification Number 05-17-16-100-010, KROMM ROBERT P, 14.07 acres mol located North and East of State Route 251, and South of Spur Road, approximately 0.8 mi west of Carnahan Road and 1.0 mi East of Brooklyn Road, The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) lying North and West of State Route 251, Township Thirty-seven (37) North, Range One (1), East of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 3, 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 A Moments Notice Services located at 4416 E. 250th Road Mendota, IL 61342.

Dated: March 3, 2022.

Kirk Earp Applicant.

No. 0305 (Mar. 9, 16, 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LASALLE COUNTY IN RE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ROBINSON, Deceased.

Case Number 22 PR 030

INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION PUBLICATION NOTICE TO:

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1. Notice is given of the death of Shirley Robinson, who died on January 31, 2022, a resident of Sheridan, Illinois.

2. The Administrator for the estate and his/her address is: Paralee Perkins, 452 Burr Oak Drive, Oswego, IL 60543; and Ronald Norsworthy, 4105 Walker Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37917.

3. The Attorney for the estate is: Dawn M. Weekly, LEGACY LAW FIRM, LLC, 11 E. Center Street, Sandwich, IL 60548.

4. Claims against the estate may be filed on or before August 9, 2022. Claims against the the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 119 W. Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350, or with the Representative, or both. Any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

5. On February 10, 2022 an Order Appointing the Representative was entered.

6. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order Appointing the Representative, you may file a petition with the Court to contest the appointment as provided under §6-21 of the Probate Act (IL Rev. Stat. Ch. 110 ½, Par. 6-21).

7. Within 6 months after the effective date of the original Order Appointing Legal Representative, you may file a petition with the Court to require formal proof of a Will under §6-21, or contest the admission or denial of the Will to Probate, or the appointment of the Administrator under § 9-3 and § 9-4.

8. The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent administration by filing a petition to terminate under § 28-4 of the Probate Act (IL Rev. Stat. Ch. 110 ½, Par. 28-4).

Legal No. 0306 (3/23, 3/30, 4/6 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annual Town Meeting Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Mendota in the County of LaSalle and Sate of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 being the second Tuesday of said month

at the hour of 6:00 p.m. at 602 S. Main Street, Mendota, Illinois for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Regular Agenda Items.

Dated March 15th, 2022

Linda Corrigan Town Clerk

Legal No. 0307 (3/23 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice

The Mendota Township Board meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

The dates for 2022-2023 are as follows: May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, December 12th, January 9th, February 13th, March 13th, April 10th.

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Legal No. 0308 (3/23 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice

The regularly scheduled Mendota Township Board Meeting April 11, 2022 has been rescheduled to Tuesday April 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Linda Corrigan Town Clerk

Legal No. 0309 (3/23 2022)

101 LEGAL NOTICE

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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